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WASHINGTON PRESIDENT'S CUP

FEBRUARY 4-5, 2023

Sites:

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2712 Woodlawn Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115

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4174 148th Ave NE, Building I, Ste. M, Redmond, WA 98052

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Registration and payment deadline: Wed, Feb 1 @ 5pm
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Siva Sankrithi

Week One

Week One (Wednesday November 2, 2022) saw the Washington U1800 team make its debut against fellow NW Chess friends Idaho. In this clash of Northwest titans, team Washington fielded a team of Paul Lazarte, Vihaan Jammalamadaka, Ted Shi, and Siva Sankrithi, yours truly. Idaho fielded a team of Niall McKenzie, *Northwest Chess* editor Jeff Roland, Adam Porth, and Jamie Lang. After the first two rounds, Washington led 5-3, with Ted scoring a point with white against Jeff. Round three proved decisive here with team Washington scoring 3.5-0.5 and ultimately taking the match 10.5-5.5. I think this match saw lots of positives for both Northwest Chess teams moving forward. Idaho board one Niall played brilliantly and got 3.5 points. Paul, Vihaan, and Ted all scored three for team Washington and I got 1.5. Moving forward, this team and this U1800 league as a whole will likely showcase a nice balance of competitive club playing adults and rising young stars who may not

Idaho		Illinois	
Adam Porth	B 0.5	0.5 W	Nikhil Sivakumar
Kaustubh Kodihalli	B 0	1 W	Rishi Narayanan
James Wei	W 1	0 B	NM Aidan Carey
Desmond Porth	W 0	1 B	NM Ankush Moolky
Adam Porth	W 0	1 B	Rishi Narayanan
Kaustubh Kodihalli	W 1	0 B	Nikhil Sivakumar
James Wei	B 0	1 W	NM Ankush Moolky
Desmond Porth	B 0	1 W	NM Aidan Carey
Adam Porth	W 0	1 B	NM Aidan Carey
Kaustubh Kodihalli	W 0.5	0.5 B	NM Ankush Moolky
James Wei	B 1	0 W	Nikhil Sivakumar
Desmond Porth	B 0	1 W	Rishi Narayanan
Adam Porth	B 0	1 W	NM Ankush Moolky
Kaustubh Kodihalli	B 0.5	0.5 W	NM Aidan Carey
James Wei	W 0	1 B	Rishi Narayanan
Desmond Porth	W 0	1 B	Nikhil Sivakumar
	4.5	11.5	

California-South				Oregon
Alex Costello	B	1	0	W Isaac Vega
Gabriel Eidelman	B	0	1	W Havish Sripada
Nirvan Raymond	W	0	1	B Wilson Gibbins
Roger Shi	W	0	1	B Zoey Tang
Alex Costello	W	1	0	B Havish Sripada
Gabriel Eidelman	W	1	0	B Isaac Vega
Nirvan Raymond	B	0	1	W Zoey Tang
Roger Shi	B	0	1	W Wilson Gibbins
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Gabriel Eidelman	B	1	0	W Wilson Gibbins
Nirvan Raymond	W	0	1	B Havish Sripada
Roger Shi	W	0	1	B Isaac Vega
		5	11	

have had a chance to shine in years past in the 2200 format. Stay tuned for more next week, when our U2200 team faces longtime rivals California-South, and our U1800 team faces Nevada.

Josh Quint (NV) (2018) – Michael Omori (WA) (2164) [A39]

2022–2023 SCC U2200

Week 1 WA vs NV

Chess.com (R1.2), November 1, 2022

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5!? 4.Nf3

4.d5 looks like the only real attempt at advantage, but can lead to interesting and complex play, no doubt much more familiar to the well-prepared player of the black pieces. 4...Bxc3+! 5.bxc3 f5!? (5...Nf6 6.Qc2 d6 7.e4±) 6.h4 (or 6.e4 fxe4 7.f3 d6 8.fxe4) 6...Nf6 7.h5 Rg8 8.hxg6 hxg6 9.Qa4!±, but we've only just scratched the surface.

4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.e3

The "principled" 6.Nc2 might run into 6...Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qa5∞.

6...Nf6 7.g3

Now, as far as I know, we're on our own. Theory continues 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 (8...d5!?) 9.b3.

7...0-0

7...d5!?

8.Bg2 a6?!

Apparently played to allow a quick ...Qc7, but it's not at all clear that this is a good post for the queen. There have been opportunities for ...Qa5, for example, and if Black plans ...Bh3 at some point, the queen will certainly need to reposition to d7 after bringing out the c8–bishop. On c7, meanwhile, it is a target for Rc1/Nd5

ideas. 8...d6 seems more sensible.

9.0-0 Qc7 10.b3 d6 11.Bb2 Bg4 12.Qd2 e5?!



Position after 12...e5

If Nd5 was going to be a small candle flame to snuff out before, it now becomes a potential conflagration. Something like 12...Nxd4 13.exd4 Qd7± seems normal.

13.Nc2 Rfd8 14.Rac1 Qd7 15.e4 Rab8 16.a4?

16.Nd5!, since 16...Nxd5 17.cxd5 Ne7 18.f4± is almost overwhelming.

16...Na5!



Position after 16...Na5

U1800 Week One: 11-2-2022

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Washington				Idaho			
Paul Lazarte	B	1	0	W	Adam Porth		
Vihaan Jammalamadaka	B	1	0	W	Jamie Lang		
Ted Shi	W	1	0	B	Jeff Roland		
Siva Sankrithi	W	0	1	B	Niall McKenzie		
Paul Lazarte	W	1	0	B	Jamie Lang		
Vihaan Jammalamadaka	W	1	0	B	Adam Porth		
Ted Shi	B	0	1	W	Niall McKenzie		
Siva Sankrithi	B	0	1	W	Jeff Roland		
Paul Lazarte	W	1	0	B	Jeff Roland		
Vihaan Jammalamadaka	W	0.5	0.5	B	Niall McKenzie		
Ted Shi	B	1	0	W	Adam Porth		
Siva Sankrithi	B	1	0	W	Jamie Lang		
Paul Lazarte	B	0	1	W	Niall McKenzie		
Vihaan Jammalamadaka	B	0.5	0.5	W	Jeff Roland		
Ted Shi	W	1	0	B	Jamie Lang		
Siva Sankrithi	W	0.5	0.5	B	Adam Porth		
		10.5	5.5				

Oregon				New Mexico			
Ishaan Kodarapu	B	1	0	W			0
Austin Tang	B	1	0	W			0
Jonathan Disenhof	W	1	0	B			0
Neev Kodarapu	W	1	0	B			0
Ishaan Kodarapu	W	1	0	B			0
Austin Tang	W	1	0	B			0
Jonathan Disenhof	B	1	0	W			0
Neev Kodarapu	B	1	0	W			0
Ishaan Kodarapu	W	1	0	B			0
Austin Tang	W	1	0	B			0
Jonathan Disenhof	B	1	0	W			0
Neev Kodarapu	B	1	0	W			0
Ishaan Kodarapu	B	1	0	W			0
Austin Tang	B	1	0	W			0
Jonathan Disenhof	W	1	0	B			0
Neev Kodarapu	W	1	0	B			0
		16	0				

The weakness created with 16.a4 is immediately apparent.

17.Na1 b6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Rdc8 20.Bc3?!

Now things are really turning around in Black's favor, as White begins to misplace other pieces in the hope of quickly resurrecting the a1–knight. 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8 21.Rc1∞; 20.Ba3!?

20...Nb7 21.Qb2?

21.Qe3 a5!±; 21.Bb4!±∞

21...Nc5 22.Nc2?

22.Qd7

22...Nd3 23.Qa1

The queen takes the place of the knight on a1, and it only cost an exchange...

23...Nxc1 24.Rxc1 Bh6 25.Ne3

25.Re1 Qc7 26.Ne3 Qxc3 27.Nxg4 Bg7+–

25...Bxe3 26.fxe3 b5 27.Bf1 Bf3 28.Bd3 Qh3 29.Bf1 Qh6 30.Kf2 Bg4

Or 30...Bxe4.

31.h4 g5 32.Bg2 gxh4 33.Rh1 hxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Qxe3+ 35.Kxg4 Rxc3 36.Qf1 Qg3+ 37.Kf5

37.Kh5 suffers a little bit longer.

37...Qg6#

0–1

Jeff Roland (ID) (1700) – Vihaan Jammalamadaka (WA) (1763) [D06] 2022–2023 SCC U1800

Week 1 WA vs ID

Chess.com (R4.2), November 2, 2022

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Bf5?!

Better the mainstream 2...e6; 2...c6; or 2...dxc4.; As surprise weapons, 2...Nc6; and 2...e5 have some theoretical (heretical?) legitimacy.

3.Nc3

There may be a refutation of Black's dubious opening in the line beginning 3.cxd5 Bxb1 4.Qa4+, but it's definitely reasonable to develop and control the center.

3...e6 4.e3

4.Bf4!±; 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Qb3 Nc6! 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bg5 (7.e4 is a possible adventure for the very well-prepared—but why spend your preparation time in such an obscure opening?) 7...Na5 8.Qa4+ c6

9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.e3 Qb6 11.0-0-0 0-0-0 12.Bd3[∞] has been seen.

4...Nc6?!

Black's d5-pawn can come under fire. 4...c6

5.a3 Nf6 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 Ne4 9.0-0 Nxd2 10.Nxd2 Bg6?

10...Bf6 11.g4 Bg6 12.f4± (After 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Qb3, Stockfish suggests the speculative (for a human) piece sacrifice (13.Bf3 Ne7, note the difference between this and the game retreat...Bg6—the e7-square is cleared.) 13...Bxd4!?, though evaluations tend to be slightly in favor of White.)

11.cxd5 exd5 12.f4

This is energetic. White definitely gains space and some kingside play but leaves a long-term potential weakness on e3. Perhaps a more dependable edge is found in 12.Bf3, simply winning the d-pawn. 12...Bd6 13.Bxd5 Ne7 14.Bxb7 Rb8 15.Be4 looks quite good for White.

12...Bf5 13.g4

Or 13.Qb3±.

13...Be6 14.f5 Bc8 15.Bf3 Bg5 16.Re1

16.Nxd5 Ne7 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.e4?! Be3+ 19.Kh1 Bxd4. is definitely not what White wants.

16...Ne7 17.Qe2?!

17.Bg2± intending Nf3.

17...Re8?!

Black should begin breaking up the kingside pawn mass in order to effectively activate the c8-bishop. 17...g6; or 17...h5.

18.Qf2

White plans more kingside expansion—incidentally threatening to win a piece—with h4.

18...f6

Stockfish actually prefers giving up the bishop: 18...c6 19.h4 Bf6 20.g5 Bxg5 21.hxg5 Nxf5, though White's extra piece should still weigh more heavily in this middlegame.

19.Qg2?

Beginning a strange (and unintentional) triangulation. 19.e4! Bxd2 20.Qxd2 dxe4 21.Nxe4± White has space, but the king looks a little airy. Black still needs to solve the c8-bishop.; White's intent, presumably, was 19.Qg3 directly, keeping control of h4. The game tactic

that shows up next move is still unsound for Black (actually it's even more so): 19...Nxf5 20.gxf5 Bxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Rxe3 22.Bxd5+- Black should probably sit tight with 19...c6, when nothing is entirely clear.

19...c6 20.Qg3?

Going back to the defense of the d4-pawn, thus planning the central advance e4, may be White's objectively best plan. 20.Qf2 g6 21.e4 dxe4 22.Ndx4 gxf5 23.Nxg5 fxe5 24.d5[∞]

20...Nxf5?

Black initiates tactics, but has missed the kicker at the end. Time to start undermining those kingside pawns. 20...g6 21.h4 Bh6 22.fxe6 Nxe6 23.Nf1±

21.gxf5



Position after 21.gxf5

21...Bxe3+?

A better chance is 21...Rxe3, although White still has a clear edge after 22.Nf1 (Less clear is 22.Bxd5+ Qxd5!, though there are still some nice tactics: 23.Nxd5 (or 23.Rxe3 Qxd4 24.Nf1±) 23...Rxe3+ 24.hxg3 Bxd2 25.Nc7! Bxe1 26.Rxe1±) 22...Rxe1 23.Rxe1 Bxf5 24.Ne3±.

22.Rxe3! Rxe3 23.Bxd5+! cxd5 24.Qxe3 Bxf5 25.Re1 Qd7 26.Qe7 Qc6 27.Nf3

27.Qc5

27...Bd7 28.Qc5 Re8?

Black should be avoiding exchanges on principle. (When behind material, tend to exchange pawns and not pieces.)

29.Rxe8+ Bxe8
30.Qxd5+ Qxd5
31.Nxd5 Kf7
32.Nc7 Bc6 33.d5
Bd7 34.d6 f5??

34...Kg6 35.Nd4+-



Position after 34...f5

35.Nd4?!

Of course, instantly winning with 35.Ne5+ would be best here.

35...Kf6 36.Kf2?!

Maybe best is going back with 36.Nf3 to maintain the d6-pawn for a bit, at least causing Black to create other weaknesses to capture it. 36...g5 37.Nd5+ Ke6 38.Ne3 g4 (38...h6 39.Nd4+; 38...Kf6 39.Nc4) 39.Nd4+ Kxd6 40.Ndxf5+±

36...Ke5 37.Ke3 a6 38.Na8 f4+ 39.Kd3 Kxd6 40.Ke4 Kc5?

Black should try to hang onto the pawns, as the best source of compensation and counterplay against the awkward knights. 40...g5 41.Nb6 Bh3 42.Nc4+ Kc5 43.b3 b5±, and while White is certainly "better," the knights have yet to demonstrate some kind of coordination.

41.Nc7?

41.b4+ Kd6 42.Kxf4+-

41...Kc4?

41...f3! is tricky: 42.Nd5! (42.Nce6+ Kd6 43.Nxg7 f2 44.Ng5+ Kc7 45.Ne3 Bh3 and White's advantage evaporates.; 42.Nxf3 Kd6 43.Na8 Bc6+ 44.Ke3 b5 45.Nb6 Kc7 46.Ng5 Kxb6 47.Nxh7) 42...f2 43.Ne3 Bh3 44.Nb3+ Kb5 45.Nd2

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Ka4 46.Kd4 f1Q 47.Nexf1 Bxf1 48.Nxf1 Kb3 49.Kc5±. This could still be difficult to convert after 49...b5!, when Black will be able to erase the queenside pawns.

42.Nd5 Kc5 43.Nxf4 g5 44.Nfe6+ Kd6

White wins the races after 44...Bxe6 45.Nxe6+ Kc4 46.Nxg5 h5 47.h4 Kb3 48.Ne6 Kxb2 49.Nf4+-.

45.Nxg5 h5 46.h4 Bg4 47.Nf5+ Kc5 48.Ne3 Bd7 49.Nf7 b5 50.Ne5

50.b4+

50...Be8 51.Nd3+

51.b4+

51...Kb6 52.Nd5+ Kb7 53.Nf6 Bg6+ 54.Ke3 Kc6

54...a5 55.Kd4 Ka6 56.Ne4 Ka7 57.Ne5 Bxe4 58.Kxe4+-

55.Ne5+ Kd6 56.Nxg6 Ke6 57.Nxh5 Kf5 58.Ngf4

58.Nhf4 holds onto the h-pawn.

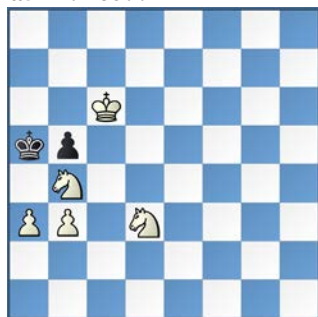
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67.Kc6 Ka4 68.Nc5+ Ka5 69.Nd5 b4 70.axb4#

67...Kb6 68.Kd6 Ka5 69.b3 Kb6 70.Ncd3

70.Nc6 b4 71.axb4 Kb5 72.Na4 Ka6 73.Kc7 Kb5 74.Nc3+ Ka6 75.b5#

70...Ka5 71.Kc6??



Position after 71.Kc6

1/2-1/2

Gabriel Eidelman (CA-S) (2333) – Zoey Tang (OR) (2233) [D30]

2022-2023 SCC U2200

Week 1 CA-S vs OR

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.b3

Nbd7 6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.Bb2 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nc3

10.Nbd2

10...Bd6 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.e4

12.Bc4!? Bxh2+ 13.Nxh2 dxc4 14.bxc4±

12...d4 13.Nb5 Bb8 14.Re1 0-0 15.Qc2

15.Rc1

15...Ng4. 16.h3?

16.b4!? a6 17.bxc5 axb5 18.c6 Bxc6 19.Qxc6 Nde5 20.Nxe5 (20.Qxa8 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Qh4 22.fxg4 Bxh2+ 23.Kg2 Rxa8-) 20...Nxe5 21.Qxb5 (21.Qxa8 Nxd3 22.Qa3 Bxh2+! 23.Kf1 Nxe1 24.Rxe1 Be5?) 21...Qg5∞

16...Nge5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bc1?! Qh4 19.Bf1 Ng4?!

19...a6 20.Na3 f5!

20.Bb2?

20.e5 Bxe5 21.Rxe5 Nxe5 22.Nd6 gets complicated.



Position after 20.Bb2

20...a6?

20...Bh2+ 21.Kh1 Be5 22.g3 Nxf2+ 23.Qxf2 Bxg3 24.Qe2 Rad8 25.Bg2 a6 26.Na3 f5+- Black is winning, despite the extra white piece.; 20...Nxf2 21.e5 (21.Qxf2 Bh2+) 21...Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Nxh3+ 23.gxh3 Qg3+ 24.Bg2 Bxg2 25.Qxg2 Qxe5-+

21.Na3??

21.g3! Qg5 22.hxg4 axb5∞ King safety may favor Black.

21...Ne5?

21...Bh2+! 22.Kh1 is similar to the line in the previous note, and perhaps even stronger for Black.; 21...Nxf2 22.e5 Ne4+ also looks winning.

22.Nc4

22.Qxc5? Qf4?

22...Qf4

22...Re8!?

23.Nxe5 Qxe5 24.g3

Now Black has to win the game all over again.

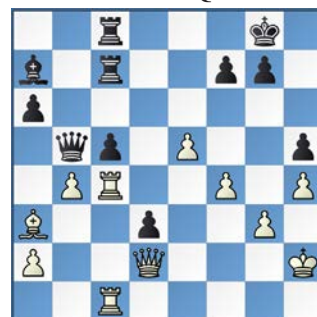
24...Re8 25.Bg2 Ba7 26.Kh2 Rad8 27.Rad1 Qh5 28.Qd3 Qg6 29.f4 Bb8 30.e5 Qb6 31.Bxb7 Qxb7 32.Ba3 Ba7 33.Rc1 Rc8 34.Rc2 Qb6 35.Rec1 Qb5 36.Rc4 h5 37.h4 Rc7?

37...Bb6 38.R1c2 Rc7

38.Qc2?

38.Rxd4 cxd4 39.Qxb5 axb5 40.Rxc7

38...Rec8 39.b4 d3 40.Qd2



Position after 40.Qd2

40...Qa4?

40...a5 41.bxc5 Bxc5 42.Rxc5 Rxc5 43.Bxc5 Rxc5 44.Rxc5 Qxc5 45.Qxd3 Qf2+ 46.Kh3 Qxa2

41.Bb2??

Clearly the pressure from the clock is affecting both players. 41.Qxd3±

41...Qxa2 42.bxc5?

42.f5? is probably objectively good for Black, but it's messy.

42...Rxc5

42...Rb7! 43.Rb4 Rxb4 44.Qxb4 Rb8 45.Ra1 Qxb2+

43.Rxc5 Rxc5 44.Rxc5 Bxc5 45.Qc3 a5?!

45...Ba3! 46.Qxa3 Qxa3 47.Bxa3 d2-+

46.e6 f6 47.Qxc5 Qxb2+ 48.Kh3 d2??

48...Qb7

49.Qc8+??

49.Qxh5! forces the draw.

49...Kh7 50.Qd7 Qc2 51.Qd5

51.e7 d1Q 52.Qxd1 Qxd1 53.e8Q Qh1#

51...d1Q 52.Qxd1 Qxd1

Wild and crazy rapid chess!

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Week Two

Week Two (Wednesday November 9, 2022) saw the Washington U2200 team faceoff against California South, arguably co-favorites in our division led by 2512 IM Robert Shlyakhtenko and NMs Karl Tolentino and Tommy Wen, with Yash Vora on board four. We went with a balanced lineup of our NM veteran leaders from the last two seasons, Kyle Haining and Derek Zhang, with Polgar National Champion NM Daniel Shubin and expert Ananth Gottumukkala on three and four.

We got off to an early lead in round one with Daniel scoring the upset with White against NM Karl. California-South rebounded in round two, with their IM and NMs all winning bringing us to 4-0 at the half. The highlight of round three was Ananth scoring an upset with the black pieces against NM Tommy to give us a 7-5 lead heading into the final round. Ananth finished strong with a second consecutive win to clinch at least a tie for Team Washington. 8-5. Robert then beat Kyle to finish a perfect 4.0/4 for team California-South. 8-6 Washington. Daniel scored another upset to give us the team win! Wow! Incredible stuff from Daniel on board three, scoring victories over two NMs and earning Team Washington 3.0/4 points. Derek scored a final round win too to move to 3.0/4 and close the match with an incredible 10-6 Washington win! Bravo! Next week, on Tuesday, we'll play another very strong historic team, California-North.

Week Two (Wednesday November 9, 2022) saw the Washington U1800 team faceoff against Nevada, the same state we faced in the 2200 division in week

one. We ran a super strong lineup led by experts Advaith Vijayakumar and Alec Beck, who played boards three and four for the 2200 team last week. Young up and comers Wade Suess and Kai Pisan played on three and four. Nevada played 1900 players Eric Wilson and Jonathan Zavala on one and two, and Menachem Dorfman and Aidan Monaghan on three and four. Washington got off to a huge 3.5-0.5 start with Wade scoring the upset with White and Kai scoring a draw. Round two saw continued good form, with Wade scoring another upset with Black this time, giving us a 6.5-1.5 lead. In round three, Wade and Kai both drew and our experts continued their perfect scores, giving us a 9.5-2.5 lead headed into the final round, ensuring we win the match. Advaith and Alec both win again to finish the day 4.0/4 on boards one and two! Bravo! Wade and Kai finished with impressive 2.5/4 and 2.0/4 results on boards three and four. Overall the team scored a strong 12.5-3.5 victory. Bravo! Next week, on Wednesday, we'll play our fellow Northwest Chess friends from Oregon! Stay tuned!

**Tommy Wen (CA-S) (2218) –
Ananth Gottumukkala (WA) (2013)**
[E71]

2022-2023 SCC U2200

Week 2 WA vs CA-S

Chess.com (R3.4), November 9, 2022

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3

5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 is the most common line here. (6.h3 is also occasionally played in this position, when 6...Nc6 7.d5 Nb4 is quite different from the game.)

5...0-0 6.Be3 Nc6!?

6...e5 7.d5; 6...Na6 7.Nf3 e5; 6...c6 7.Nf3
a6!? 8.c5!

7.d5 Ne5 8.f4 Ned7 9.Nf3 e5!? 10.fxe5?!

10.dxe6 fxe6[∞]

10...Nh5!

Black offers material for dark square activity.

11.exd6

11.g4 Ng3 12.Rg1 Nxf1 13.Rxf1 Nxe5
14.Qe2 a6.

11...Ne5?!

11...Ng3 12.Rg1 (*12.dxc7 Qxc7 13.Rg1 Re8* gives good compensation for two pawns.) 12...cxd6^{oo} The weakened dark squares and backward e-pawn are excellent commodity for the pawn.

12.dxc7 Qxc7 13.Nxe5?!

13.c5!

13...Qxe5

13...Bxe5!?

14.Qc2?!

White is leaving pieces loose. 14.Qd2 f5
15.0-0-0 probably favors White.

14...Ng3 15.Rg1 Bf5 16.Bd3 b5



U2200 Week Two: 11-9-2022

Washington					California-S	
Kyle Haining	B	1	0	W	Yash Vora	
Derek Zhang	B	1	0	W	Tommy Wen	
Daniel Shubin	W	1	0	B	Karl Tolentino	
Ananth Gottumukkala	W	0	1	B	Robert Shlyakhtenko	
Kyle Haining	W	0	1	B	Tommy Wen	
Derek Zhang	W	1	0	B	Yash Vora	
Daniel Shubin	B	0	1	W	Robert Shlyakhtenko	
Ananth Gottumukkala	B	0	1	W	Karl Tolentino	
Kyle Haining	W	1	0	B	Karl Tolentino	
Derek Zhang	W	0	1	B	Robert Shlyakhtenko	
Daniel Shubin	B	1	0	W	Yash Vora	
Ananth Gottumukkala	B	1	0	W	Tommy Wen	
Kyle Haining	B	0	1	W	Robert Shlyakhtenko	
Derek Zhang	B	1	0	W	Karl Tolentino	
Daniel Shubin	W	1	0	B	Tommy Wen	
Ananth Gottumukkala	W	1	0	B	Yash Vora	
		10	6			

U2200 Week Two: 11-8-2022

Oregon		California-North	
Jason Cigan	B	0	1 W
Havish Sripada	B	1	0 W
Ishaan Kodarapu	W	0	1 B
Austin Tang	W	0	1 B
Jason Cigan	W	0	1 B
Havish Sripada	W	1	0 B
Ishaan Kodarapu	B	0	1 W
Austin Tang	B	0.5	0.5 W
Jason Cigan	W	1	0 B
Havish Sripada	W	0	1 B
Ishaan Kodarapu	B	0.5	0.5 W
Austin Tang	B	0	1 W
Jason Cigan	B	0	1 W
Havish Sripada	B	1	0 W
Ishaan Kodarapu	W	0.5	0.5 B
Austin Tang	W	1	0 B

U2200 Week Two: 11-8-2022

G2200 WEEK 1 TWO: 11-0-2022									
Nebraska					Idaho				
JJ Lang	B	1	0	W	Niall McKenzie				
Nick Lacroix	B	1	0	W	James Wei				
Steven Cusumano	W	0.5	0.5	B	Kaustubh Kodihalli				
Mike Mills	W	0	1	B	NM Eric Hon				
JJ Lang	W	1	0	B	James Wei				
Nick Lacroix	W	1	0	B	Niall McKenzie				
Steven Cusumano	B	0	1	W	NM Eric Hon				
Mike Mills	B	0	1	W	Kaustubh Kodihalli				
JJ Lang	W	1	0	B	Kaustubh Kodihalli				
Nick Lacroix	W	1	0	B	NM Eric Hon				
Steven Cusumano	B	0	1	W	Niall McKenzie				
Mike Mills	B	0	1	W	James Wei				
JJ Lang	B	0	1	W	NM Eric Hon				
Nick Lacroix	B	0	1	W	Kaustubh Kodihalli				
Steven Cusumano	W	0	1	B	James Wei				
Mike Mills	W	0.5	0.5	B	Niall McKenzie				
					7 9				

Position after 16...b5

17.Kf2??

White cracks under the pressure. 17.Nxb5 Bxe4 18.Bxe4 (18.Bd4 Qh5 19.Bxg7 Rfe8! 20.Kd2! Forced. 20...Qg5+ 21.Kd1 a6! 22.Bxe4 (22.Nc7? Qe3+) 22...axb5 Black's activity against the vulnerable white king more than compensates for the pawns invested.) 18...Rac8! 17.c5 b4 18.Ne2 Bxe4.

17...bxc4 18.exf5 cxd3 19.Qxd3 Rab8 20.Rab1



Position after 20.Rab1

20...Bf6?

A brief bobble in an otherwise nearly flawless attacking performance. 20...Nxf5 maintains the initiative.

21.Rgd1??

The decisive mistake. White had better defensive chances in the murky lines following 21.Rge1 Nxf5 (21...Bh4 22.Kg1) 22.Bg5.

21...Nxf5 22.Bc5 Qh2 23.Ne4 Bh4+ 24.Kf1?

Into the net, but 24.Kf3 Rfe8 is still a vicious attack for Black.

24...Rfe8 25.Re1

25.Bg1 Qf4+ 26.Qf3 Qxe4+, among other lines.

U1800 Week Two: 11-9-2022

Washington				Nevada			
Advaita Vijayakumar	B	1	0	W	Monaghan, Aidan		
Alec Beck	B	1	0	W	Dorfman, Menachem		
Wade Suess	W	1	0	B	Zavala, Jonathan		
Kai Pisan	W	0.5	0.5	B	Wilson, Eric		
Advaita Vijayakumar	W	1	0	B	Dorfman, Menachem		
Alec Beck	W	1	0	B	Monaghan, Aidan		
Wade Suess	B	1	0	W	Wilson, Eric		
Kai Pisan	B	0	1	W	Zavala, Jonathan		
Advaita Vijayakumar	W	1	0	B	Zavala, Jonathan		
Alec Beck	W	1	0	B	Wilson, Eric		
Wade Suess	B	0.5	0.5	W	Monaghan, Aidan		
Kai Pisan	B	0.5	0.5	W	Dorfman, Menachem		
Advaita Vijayakumar	B	1	0	W	Wilson, Eric		
Alec Beck	B	1	0	W	Zavala, Jonathan		
Wade Suess	W	0	1	B	Dorfman, Menachem		
Kai Pisan	W	1	0	B	Monaghan, Aidan		
		12.5	3.5				

25...Rxe4 26.Rxe4 Ng3+ 27.Qxg3 Qxg3 28.d6 Qd3+



Position after 28...Qd3+

Very nice job, scoring the 200 rating-point upset in strong attacking style.

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Daniel Shubin (WA) (2196) –
Tommy Wen (CA-S) (2218) [B41]
2022-2023 SCC U2200
Week 2 WA vs CA-S

Chess.com (R4.3), November 9, 2022
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Qc7 7.Qd3

7.a3 b6 8.Be3 Bb7 9.f3 d6± White has a little more space.

7...Nc6 8.Be2 b6 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.f4 e5 11.0-0 Bd6?!

11...Bc5+±

12.Qg3

12.f5 0-0 13.g4±

12...0-0 13.f5 Kh8 14.Rf3 Be7 15.Bg5 Ng8 16.Be3 Bc5?!

16...b5±

U1800 Week Two: 11-9-2022

Hawaii				Oregon			
Akash Deb	B	0	1	W	Jonathan Disenhof		
Chris Tyau	B	1	0	W	Jaden Marx		
Evan Zheng	W	1	0	B	Dave Murray		
Micaiah White	W	0	1	B	Isaac Vega		
Akash Deb	W	1	0	B	Jaden Marx		
Chris Tyau	W	1	0	B	Jonathan Disenhof		
Evan Zheng	B	0	1	W	Isaac Vega		
Micaiah White	B	0	1	W	Dave Murray		
Akash Deb	W	1	0	B	Dave Murray		
Chris Tyau	W	1	0	B	Isaac Vega		
Evan Zheng	B	1	0	W	Jonathan Disenhof		
Micaiah White	B	0	1	W	Jaden Marx		
Akash Deb	B	1	0	W	Isaac Vega		
Chris Tyau	B	1	0	W	Dave Murray		
Evan Zheng	W	1	0	B	Jaden Marx		
Micaiah White	W	0	1	B	Jonathan Disenhof		
		10	6				

17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.Qh4

18.Qf2 Qe7 19.Na4±

18...f6 19.Qf2 Qa5 20.b3 Rd8 21.Rd1 Rd4 22.g4 Bb7 23.h4 Rad8 24.Qe3 Nh6?!

24...Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Bc8 26.Rg3±

25.Rg3 Nf7 26.g5 Rg8 27.Bh5 Qc7 28.Kh2

28.Rf1



Position after 28.Kh2

28...Qe7

28...fxg5 29.hxg5 g6 (29...Rxd1 30.Bxf7! Qxf7 (30...Rd7 31.Bxg8 Kxg8 32.Qxc5; 30...Rdd8 31.g6!) 31.Nxd1) 30.Rf1 gxh5 31.g6! Nd6 32.Qh6+-

29.Rdg1 Nd6 30.Qf3 Bc8 31.Bg6 h6 32.Qh5 Qf8 33.Bh7 Kxh7 34.gxh6 Rd2+ 35.Kh1 g5 36.fxg6+ Rxg6 37.Qxg6+ Kh8 38.h7 Be6 39.Qg8+

39.Qh5 threatening 40.Rg8+ is faster.

39...Bxg8 40.hxg8Q+ Qxg8 41.Rxg8+ Kh7 42.R1g7+ Kh6 43.Rg6+ Kh5 44.Rxf6 Rd3 45.Rd8 Rxc3 46.Rdxd6 Rc1+ 47.Kg2 Kxh4 48.Rxc6 Rc2+ 49.Rf2 Rxa2 50.Rxa2

Very smooth.

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U1800 Week Two: 11-9-2022

Idaho				New Mexico			
Jeff Roland	B		W				0
Adam Porth	B		W				0
Brian Lange	W		B				0
Jamie Lang	W		B				0
Jeff Roland	W		B				0
Adam Porth	W		B				0
Brian Lange	B		W				0
Jamie Lang	B		W				0
Jeff Roland	W		B				0
Adam Porth	W		B				0
Brian Lange	B		W				0
Jamie Lang	B		W				0
Jeff Roland	B		W				0
Adam Porth	B		W				0
Brian Lange	W		B				0
Jamie Lang	W		B				0
		0	0				

Washington Winter Classic



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Reserve U1600 (in Redmond): NWSRS & US Chess Dual-Rated.

Max 30 players in Open section, max 25 players in Reserve (U1600) – please register early! In case of a tie for 1st place, follow-up playoff matches will determine the seeds for the Premier and Challengers sections of the 2023 WA State Championship.

Schedule: Sat 12/17 10 AM, 2:30 PM, 6:30 PM;
Sun 12/18 10 AM, 2:30 PM, 6:30 PM. Games that go long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: G/90; +30. Late default: 60 min.

Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request before end of round 2.

Prize Fund: \$1,100 (based on 30 total paid entries)

Open: 1st \$200, 2nd \$140, 3rd \$100
1st U2000/U1800: \$60

Reserve: 1st \$140, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$60
1st U1400/U1200/U1000: \$50; 1st Unrated: \$50

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Entry Fee: \$70 by 12/10, \$80 after. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs. \$40 play-up fee if rated under 1600 and playing in Open section.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership/Northwest Chess subscription required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

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Registration: nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration
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Health/Safety Protocols: All players and parents (if U18) are required to sign the WCF Health / Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability form prior to the start of the tournament.

Norman Friedman Memorial And National Chess Day

Adam Porth

Memorable tournaments are a staple with the Idaho Chess Association, and this was what we produced for the 2022 Norman Friedman Memorial Tournament. Organizers decided to begin rotating the NFM to different regions so that all of Idaho can benefit from high caliber chess. This year, it was held in Coeur d'Alene with 30 people playing chess, 28 competitively in the US Chess rated section.

The CDA Library is an excellent venue, however library hours are stringent and not very accommodating, so the tournament was actually held in two different venues, the library and Holiday Inn Express. I am always pleased to have flexible chess players that don't complain at a whim! Rating the tournament was held up as I waited for a birthday to update for one of the players — US Chess database had one player born in 1900! Again, chess players patience prevails as we finally got this rated by Thursday.

NM Jason Cigan traveled to play and enjoyed the tournament format which I believe was a first for everyone. The tournament progressed from blitz rounds to long classic rounds. Round one was a double round G/5, Round two G/10, Round three G/30, Round four G/45, Round five G/60, and Round six was G/90. Gregory Callen said, "this is the first time I've played at two different venues and the first time I have played in a tournament with different time controls."

The Norman Friedman Memorial is in its sixth year and is sponsored by family and friends of Norman. Norman was an avid chess player and represented the United States in a Russian Tournament for Senior Masters. He was also Vice President of the Manhattan Chess Club, Co-founder of *The Right Move*, and has supported chess for at-risk youth, prison chess, and many chess clubs, including the Wood River High School Chess Club where this tournament has its roots. Mr. Friedman was a veteran paratrooper, marathon runner, and an amazing entrepreneur and person. This memorial tournament has provided a boost to many chess players and lots of prize money over the years and has kept the memory of the thousands of players he has impacted alive.

Winners include:

First-third place: Ryan Ackerman, Brian Lee, NM Jason Cigan (\$200 each)

First place B: Anand Widaker and Dakota Wickel (\$50 each)

First place C: Nick Hunt and Owen McDevitt (\$50 each)

First place D: Chancie Wagner (\$100)

First place E: David Johnson and Scotty Hohman (\$50 each)



Gregory Callen. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

First place Unr.: Buster Wagner and Ethan Rowe (\$50 each)

Scholastic first place trophy: Anderson Dank

Scholastic second place trophy: Micah Miller

Scholastic third place trophy: Evan Schroedle

DeWayne Derryberry prize: Kenneth Erickson

**Jason Cigan (2213) –
Brian Lee (1947) [B81]**
Norman Friedman Memorial
Coeur d'Alene, ID (R5), October 9, 2022
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.g4 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.g5
9.Be3

9...Nfd7 10.h4 Nc6 11.Be3 Nce5 12.Qe2
Qc7 13.h5

13.0-0-0, and if 13...b5 14.Nf5! Now one
fantasy line might go 14...exf5? 15.Nd5
Qd8 16.exf5 Rb8 17.f4 Nc6 18.f6 gxf6
19.Be4 with mighty threats.

13...Nc4 14.Bc1 Rb8

14...b5 15.g6 Bb7∞

15.g6

Maybe there's no need to rush. 15.a4!?
Qc5 16.Nb3±

15...Bf6 16.gxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qd1?!

17.e5! Ndxe5 18.h6 g6 19.Ne4∞ White
has cleared the decks and centralized
knights, likely offering at least some
compensation for the pawn.

17...b5

17...Qb6!?



Position after 17...b5

18.Nxe6??

It's hard to know if this sacrifice was
rooted in a miscalculation, frustration,

optimism, or just impatience. Whichever,
it's not sound, and Black quickly escapes
any threats and turns the game into a
referendum on the white king instead.
More prudent is 18.h6 g6 19.0-0 Bb7
20.b3 Nce5 21.Bb2., but Black is still to
be preferred, with safer king and good
coordination.

18...Kxe6 19.Bh3+ Kf7 20.Qd5+ Ke8
21.0-0 Ndb6 22.Qd3 Ne5 23.Qg3 Bh4
24.Qg2 Nf3+ 25.Kh1 Bxh3 26.Qxh3
Qe7 27.a3 Na4 28.Be3 Nxc3 29.bxc3
Qxe4 30.Qg2 Bf6 31.Qg3 Be5 32.Qh3
Ng5+ 33.f3 Qxe3 34.Rae1 Qxe1 35.Rxe1
Nxh3

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The playing hall. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

2022 Norman Friedman Memorial Standings

#	Place	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	1-3	Ryan Ackerman	1925	W18	W18	W6	W10	W8	W2	L3	6.0
2		Brian Lee	1947	W17	W17	W12	W4	W3	L1	W7	6.0
3		Jason Cigan	2213	W16	W16	W11	W5	L2	W9	W1	6.0
4	4-6	Nick Hunt	1491	W22	W22	W7	L2	L9	W10	W12	5.0
5		Kenneth Erickson	1860	W27	W27	W13	L3	W14	D7	D8	5.0
6		Owen McDevitt	1502	W21	W21	L1	L8	W15	W11	W9	5.0
7	7-8	Cody Austi Gorman	1913	W24	W24	L4	W12	W10	D5	L2	4.5
8		Michael Cambareri	2024	W23	W23	L10	W6	L1	W14	D5	4.5
9	9-11	Dakota Wickel	1637	W14	L14	W27	W13	W4	L3	L6	4.0
10		Jeremy Cl Burnett	1574	W28	W28	W8	L1	L7	L4	W14	4.0
11		Anand Radhakrishna Wadikar	1695	W25	W25	L3	L14	W13	L6	W16	4.0
12	12-13	Caleb Ja Courtney	1514	W15	W15	L2	L7	W23	H---	L4	3.5
13		Shancie Je Wagner	1287	W26	W26	L5	L9	L11	D20	W17	3.5
14	14-19	Buster Wagner	Unr.	L9	W9	W16	W11	L5	L8	L10	3.0
15		Ethan Rowe	Unr.	L12	L12	W17	W19	L6	L16	W20	3.0
16		Steven Dahlstrom	1229	L3	L3	L14	W25	W24	W15	L11	3.0
17		David Ant Johnson	1048	L2	L2	L15	W22	W21	W18	L13	3.0
18		Scotty Bri Hohman	1029	L1	L1	L21	W28	W26	L17	W25	3.0
19		Adam Porth	1487	H---	H---	U---	L15	U---	W22	W21	3.0
20	20	Gregory De Callen	806	H---	H---	U---	U---	W25	D13	L15	2.5
21	21-24	Micah Mathison Miller	Unr.	L6	L6	W18	L23	L17	W26	L19	2.0
22		Andersen Dank	1049	L4	L4	L24	L17	W28	L19	W26	2.0
23		Alexander James Brown	887	L8	L8	W28	W21	L12	U---	U---	2.0
24		Darwin Albe Porth	Unr.	L7	L7	W22	W26	L16	U---	U---	2.0
25	25-27	Coleton Lundwall	Unr.	L11	L11	L26	L16	L20	X28	L18	1.0
26		Evan Schroedle	Unr.	L13	L13	W25	L24	L18	L21	L22	1.0
27		Lynnet Porth	127	L5	L5	L9	H---	H---	U---	U---	1.0
28	28	John Munoz	Unr.	L10	L10	L23	L18	L22	F25	U---	0.0

Detective Cookie Chess Park Grand Opening

Josh Sinanan



Saturday September 24 marked the highly anticipated Grand Opening of the Detective Cookie Chess Park in the Rainier Beach community of South Seattle. Several hundred people from all walks of life gathered to celebrate the momentous event, which has been years in the making.

It all began back in 2006, when Seattle Police Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin started a chess club for the Rainier Beach youth. It was and continues to be her belief that the game of chess serves well as a metaphor for life’s important decisions. Over the years, Detective Cookie’s Chess Club has provided a haven and created opportunities for neighbors of all ages to interact and build community through chess. September 24’s grand opening honors Detective Cookie’s vision to carry forth the positive momentum of her work. Community leaders and volunteers formed the Friends of Detective Cookie Chess Park (FDCCP). Thanks to their dedicated work, we celebrate this permanent chess park and community gathering space, the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

The mission of the Detective Cookie Chess Park is to improve the health and wellbeing of children and families in Rainier Beach through the game of chess.

Over the course of the four-hour celebration starting around 12 noon, chess players and supporters of the Detective Cookie Chess Park gathered on the corner of South Barton Place and Rainier Avenue in South Seattle to officially open the chess park to the community! The event featured free food (including a McDonald’s food truck!), good company, and of course plenty of chess! VIP speakers included Maia Segura (Community Activist & Originator of Chess Park Idea), Erin Lau (Chair of Friends of Detective Cookie Chess Park Steering Committee), Jabril Hassan (Chess Club Alum), Adrian Diaz (Seattle Chief of Police), Bruce Harrell (Mayor of Seattle), and Denise Bouldin (Detective Cookie). The official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony kicked off the Grand Opening following remarks from the VIP speakers, a performance by the Northwest Tap Connection, and a special visit from the Buffalo Soldiers on horseback!

Chess players had a choice between playing on the chess park concrete tables, chess booth tables under a tent, and a giant chess board located in the middle of the park. Complimentary food and refreshments were served to all attendees, courtesy of McDonalds and the Seattle Police Department. Local chess organizers in attendance included

Seattle Chess Club President John Selsky, and WCF officers Chouhanik Airapetian (Women’s and Girls Director), Ani Barua (Member-at-Large), Valentin Razmov (Tournament Coordinator), Gabriel Razmov (Junior Liaison), and Josh Sinanan (President). Photographer and videographer extraordinaires Meiling Cheng and Otis Smith captured a plethora of amazing photos and videos of the festivities throughout the afternoon.

The Detective Cookie Chess Park has succeeded in large part due to the efforts of the Steering Committee members Erin Lau (Chair), Yvette Dinish, Virginia Fullwood, Jo’Ana Fry, Dave Merrill, Patricia Killam, and Cinda Lium. Many thanks to the sponsors of the Detective Cookie Chess Park Grand Opening for their generous support: Buffalo Soldiers, McDonalds, Seattle Police Department, and Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT).

Several news outlets (CNN, King5 News, *Seattle Medium*, *Seattle SDOT Blog*, *Seattle Times*, *South Seattle Emerald*) were present at site and covered the Grand Opening extensively.

Detective Cookie Chess Park Website:

<https://detectivecookiechesspark.org/>

Detective Cookie delivers her speech during the Grand Opening of The Detective Cookie Chess Park in sunny Seattle.

Misganaw Chekole (l) vs Karsten Foltz as Josh Sinanan looks on.

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The Razmov fellas, Valentin (l) and his son Gabriel, at the Opening of the Detective Cookie Chess Park.



Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell initiates the countdown to the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the Park.



Dedication plaque sits below the podium, provided courtesy of the Seattle Police Department. Photo Credit: Otis Smith.



Kids of all ages and levels enjoyed playing chess on the chess tables encircling the Detective Cookie Chess Park.



Otis Smith (l) and Josh Sinanan.



A young chess player plays on the large chess board.

Gary Dorfner

(1947-2022)

Bill Rogers

The Tacoma Chess Club regrets to announce the death of Gary Dorfner (1947-2022)—a long-time chess player, tournament director, and resident of Tacoma Washington, passed away in his home September 28, 2022 of natural causes.

In 1978 I was assigned to McChord Air Force Base Washington. With the assistance of a taxicab driver, I found the location of the Tacoma Chess Club. At the time, there were about ten chess players all deeply involved in their games. I remember being greeted by a guy with a full scruffy beard. He was wearing a grey vest, and on his back read Tacoma Chess Club in bold white letters. This was my first encounter with Gary, and the first of many more years to come.

Over the years, I learned he went to elementary school at Briscoe Memorial School in Kent Washington, which operated as a Catholic orphanage and boarding school for boys around the Puget Sound region (1909-1970). Gary had said that Robert A Karch (former editor of *Northwest Chess* for many years) also went to the same school as he did, but Robert was three or four years older than Gary and was in higher grades. Most likely Gary went on to Lincoln High School as did Robert. I think this is where he learned to play chess and developed a love for the game.

I am not sure when Gary joined the Tacoma Chess Club, but his enthusiasm to help the club by volunteering must have been received with open arms. Gary recognized the need for club players to have competitive tournaments, but the club didn't have a tournament director. It seems everyone likes to play chess, but no one wants to run a chess tournament. So, Gary studied chess rules for a couple of weeks, and took the US Chess tournament director test. He passed and found his calling. Now, with Gary's

help future chess tournament players in the club would be paired up according to their rating, and tie breakers would be determined among winners. All this was accomplished without the use of computers. Gary continued this position for the next 50 years. In addition, Gary assisted other TD's in Seattle like Fred Kleist.

Gary was the driving force for having a chess booth in the hobby hall at the Western Washington State Fair in Puyallup. Often it was hard to get club members to help man the booth, so he was stuck doing it by himself. One time he fell asleep, and that was the end of the club's chess booth. About five years later, I spoke to the staff at the hobby hall about The Tacoma Chess Club having a gaming booth every day for fair goers. They agreed, but our chess booth was very small and only space for one large plastic set. It drew a crowd and the following year the Tacoma Chess Club had a booth large enough to accommodate four chess sets. Again, we were a hit drawing in a crowd. This went on for twelve years with my wife and me setting up the booth and for the most part manning the booth every day of the fair. As with Gary, I too found a lack of club members willing to volunteer their time to play chess games with the fair goers. Gary was the exception. He always helped at the Tacoma Chess Club booth as often as he was able.

Many times, while at the fair, Gary would go over to the cribbage club and play cribbage with them. I think he must have been pretty good at it, as he often returned to the chess booth with a certificate indicating he beat one of their club players. Gary played many other card games such as Pinochle, and Dungeons and Dragons. Gary had a love for baseball. He collected baseball cards for years. His favorite baseball team is of course the Seattle Mariners. I guess you

would say Gary was always first to step up to the plate and help the chess club. In the years that I knew him he had been a continuous board member in the Tacoma Chess Club; he held the position as club librarian, he maintained a log as to when your club dues were due, gave out a membership card when you were in good standing—when you paid. Chess books which were donated to the club were sold by him and money was turned over to the club's treasurer. Gary was appointed the club historian, primarily because he was the oldest member of the club. I had seen this conglomeration, and I am sorry to say much history had been lost because it was not maintained. Nevertheless, it was maintained to the best of his ability. Gary was often the greeter when someone new came into the club. Before COVID, he made coffee in the club's coffee pot for the club. As it turns out, Gary was an icon for the Tacoma Chess Club. He was highly recognizable as the guy with the beard and Tacoma Chess Club vest. For the many years Gary contributed to our club, the board members unanimously voted to make him an honorary member (free membership for life).

Most club members don't know Gary was quite religious. He was a member of the Saint Ann Catholic Church now named The Pope John Paul 23 in Tacoma. Gary would tell you faith is the victory that overcomes this world. In addition, he was a member of The Knights of Columbus. This is a fraternal society for catholic men.

Gary is survived by his cousin Chris and Dennis Holmstrom of Puyallup, and I think he also has another cousin who lives in Gig Harbor Washington. Two cats named Penny and Sylvester also shared their house with Gary.

Who will keep the Tacoma Chess Club going? It's hard to imagine the club functioning without his dedicated help.



Remembering Gary

I remember my first tournament in the fall of 1972 at the Tacoma Chess Club. Gary was there, but as a player, not a director. At the time I had no inkling he would continue to be involved with chess for another 50 years.

To my knowledge Gary never drove and attended WCF meetings by using public transportation, often having to make long journeys. He was a dedicated servant of chess who put in long hours. The Tacoma Chess Club will not be the same without him.

—John Donaldson



"Twins" used on the cover of the October 2009 issue. Photo credit: Philip Peterson.

2023 PanAmerican Team Chess Championship

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Seattle New Years Open

January 5 - 8, 2023



Hotel Info & Rates: Westin Seattle (1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98101). \$149 one King or two Queen - Beds. Call (206) 728-1000 (request PanAm rate) or visit the tournament website for online booking.

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6 round Swiss; G/90+30
USCF + FIDE rated

One Section 3 player team event
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unrated

Two sections individual event
(Open / U1700)
5 round Swiss; G/90+30
USCF + Open section FIDE rated

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Rounds Thu 5 PM, Fri 10 AM & 5 PM,
Sat 10 AM & 5 PM, Sun 9 AM

1/7: 7-9 am Onsite Registration
Rounds Sat 10 AM & 2 PM & 5 PM,
Sun 9 AM & 12 PM

1/6: 1-4 pm Onsite Registration
Rounds Fri 5 PM, Sat 10 AM & 5 PM,
Sun 10 AM & 3:30PM

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Sat 3:00pm Chess Streamer Workshop
(chess.com)
Sat 8:00pm Networking Mixer



More information and additional side events at <https://cea.gg/panam> or email organizer Florian Helff at chess@cea.gg

2022 Washington G/60 Championship

Josh Sinanan

The 2022 Washington G/60 Championship took place at the Orlov Chess Academy in Seattle on National Chess Day, Saturday, October 8. Chess players from throughout Washington State, including the cities of Redmond, Sammamish, Bothell, Seattle, Snoqualmie, Brier, Mountlake Terrace, Bellevue, Zillah, Kirkland, and Fall City were represented in the 30-player field! Legendary Senior tournament director Fred Kleist directed the one-day, four-round Swiss tournament. The field featured a youthful mix of just nine adults and 21 scholastic chess players.

US Chess Expert Tim Moroney from Mountlake Terrace and Seattle Chess Club wizard Leonid Gavrish from Brier emerged victorious, each with a perfect four points from four games! Along the way, Moroney scored victories against youngsters Arnav Gadde and Gabriel Razmov, before facing the adult ringer Akiva Notkin in the final round. Gavrish faced a similar slate of up-and-coming junior players, scoring the full point against Vladimir Fedorov and Odbayar Yondon in rounds one and three, respectively.

Three players shared third U2000/U1800 honors, each with three points: Saiya Karamali from Seattle, Odbayar Yondon from Redmond, and Akiva Notkin from Seattle. Chad Fondren from Sammamish and Leonardo Wang from Fall City split the U1600 prize a half-point back with 2.5 points. Newcomers Roberto Bojorquez and Alejandro Plancarte, both from Bothell, shared the Unrated prize also with 2.5 points. Lakeside Middle School student Soham Sharma from Seattle and high school chess stud Luke Dale from Snoqualmie took home the first U1400/U1200 prize with two points apiece.

Standings

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1	Timothy Moroney	2230	W21	W7	W13	W5	4
2	Leonid Gavrish	1994	W17	W8	W4	W3	4
3	Saiya Karamali	1656	W22	W16	W10	L2	3
4	Odbayar Yondon	1572	W25	W12	L2	W13	3
5	Akiva Notkin	1460	W30	W6	W12	L1	3
6	Emerson Wong-Godfrey	1653	W18	L5	W21	H---	2.5
7	Arnav Gadde	1605	W29	L1	W25	D10	2.5
8	Chad Fondren	1587	W24	L2	W23	D11	2.5
9	Leonardo Wang	1434	W11	L13	W28	D14	2.5
10	Roberto Bojorquez	unr.	W20	W14	L3	D7	2.5
11	Alejandro Plancarte	unr.	L9	W17	W20	D8	2.5
12	Kiann Skkandann	1692	W26	L4	L5	W24	2
13	Gabriel Razmov	1639	W27	W9	L1	L4	2
14	Darsh Verma	1632	W23	L10	D18	D9	2
15	Jan Lorenz Bartminn	1462	L19	L24	W29	W26	2
16	Haituka Anandkumar	1446	W28	L3	D24	D18	2
17	Vladimir Fedorov	1403	L2	L11	W19	W28	2
18	Soham Sharma	1367	L6	W27	D14	D16	2
19	Luke Dale	1135	W15	L20	L17	W29	2
20	Miranda Meng	1443	L10	W19	L11	D23	1.5
21	Laya Mohan	1409	L1	W29	L6	D25	1.5
22	Laurion Burchall	1377	L3	L28	W30	H---	1.5
23	Zoe Xu	1293	L14	W30	L8	D20	1.5
24	Abhinav Mishra	1251	L8	W15	D16	L12	1.5
25	Vishnu Vijeyanandh	1242	L4	W26	L7	D21	1.5
26	Vishnu Mohan	1390	L12	L25	W27	L15	1
27	Aakash Mishra	880	L13	L18	L26	W30	1
28	Andres Flores Uriegas	unr.	L16	W22	L9	L17	1
29	Devansh Sharma	1262	L7	L21	L15	L19	0
30	Amanda Panell	unr.	L5	L23	L22	L27	0

2022 Washington G/15 Championship

By Josh Sinanan

The Washington G/15 Championship was held on Sunday, October 9 at the Orlov Chess Academy in Seattle. A total of 19 chess gladiators competed in the six-round US Chess Quick Rated tournament under the direction of Senior TD Fred Kleist. The format consisted of a single Open section featuring a diverse roster of players ranging in level from unrated to master.

Local speed chess specialist Leonid Gavrish, originally from Ukraine but now based in Brier, swept the tournament with a perfect six points from six games! Gavrish impressively finished two full points ahead of the field and defeated his nearest rivals National Master Daniel Shubin and WCF Tournament Coordinator Valentin Razmov on his way to the title. A quintuplet of players shared second/third/U2000/U1800/U1600 honors, each with four points: NM Daniel Shubin from Redmond, Valentin Razmov from Seattle, Edward Cheng from Seattle, Kai Pisan from Woodinville, and Leonardo Wang from Fall City.

Bellevue chess phenom Kenneth Yuodelis earned the U1400 prize a half-point back after a tense fourth round draw against Leonardo Wang. Five players tied for the first U1200 prize with an even three points from six games: Ani Barua from Capitol Hill, Balbir Singh from Seatac, Zachary Chao from Seattle, Selina Cheng from Seattle, and Luke Dale from Snoqualmie. Newcomer Kiann Skkandann from Bellevue scanned the board well and captured the unrated prize also with three points. Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fun event!

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Leonid Gavrish	1978	W11	W9	W7	W2	W5	W3	6
2	Daniel Shubin	2022	W10	W6	W5	L1	L3	W7	4
3	Valentin Razmov	1732	W16	D14	D4	W10	W2	L1	4
4	Edward Cheng	1440	W17	L7	D3	W14	D6	W11	4
5	Kai Pisan	1480	W13	W18	L2	W9	L1	W10	4
6	Leonardo Wang	1459	W19	L2	W11	D7	D4	W13	4
7	Kenneth Yuodelis	799	W15	W4	L1	D6	W8	L2	3.5
8	Aniruddha Barua	1154	H---	H---	L10	W15	L7	W17	3
9	Nathan Tan	1384	X---	L1	W16	L5	L13	W15	3
10	Kiann Skkandann	unr.	L2	W17	W8	L3	W16	L5	3
11	Balbir Singh	1076	L1	W13	L6	W18	W14	L4	3
12	Zachary Chao	1164	L14	L15	W18	L13	W19	W16	3
13	Selina Cheng	1063	L5	L11	B---	W12	W9	L6	3
14	Luke Dale	1050	W12	D3	D15	L4	L11	B---	3
15	Gabriel Razmov	1102	L7	W12	D14	L8	W18	L9	2.5
16	Ivan Shneerson	unr.	L3	W19	L9	W17	L10	L12	2
17	Philip Borthwick	1277	L4	L10	W19	L16	B---	L8	2
18	Deeksha Shankaranand	679	B---	L5	L12	L11	L15	W19	2
19	Amanda Panell	unr.	L6	L16	L17	B---	L12	L18	1

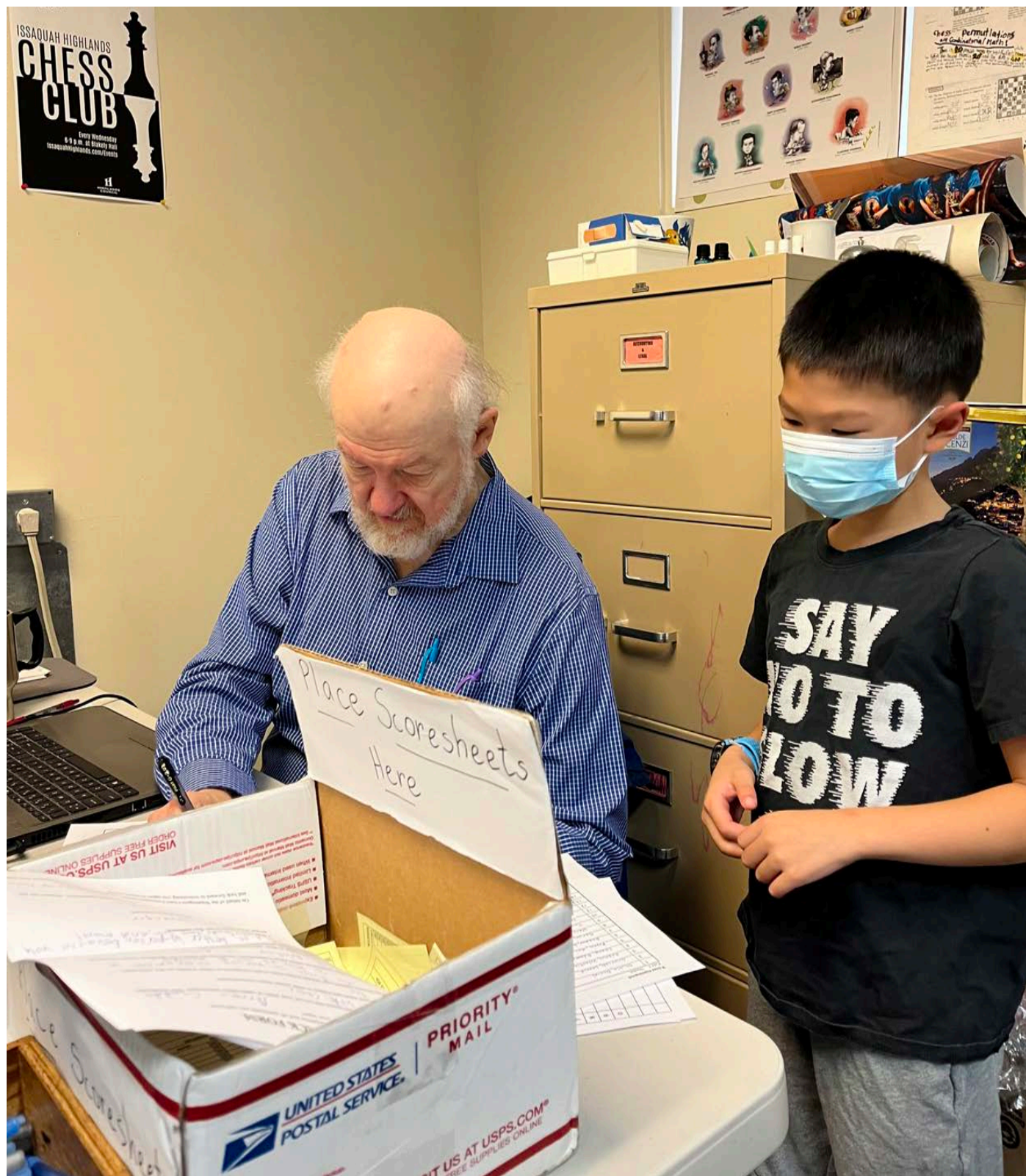
2022 Washington Blitz Championship

By Josh Sinanan

The Washington Blitz Championship took place on the evening of Sunday, October 9 at the Orlov Chess Academy in Seattle in the wake of the WA G/15 Championship. A diverse coterie of players was represented in the 19-player field, from cities including Seattle, Bellevue, Snoqualmie, Brier, Redmond, Edmonds, Seatac, Fall City, and Medina. The seven-round double Swiss tournament lasted just over three hours and featured players with blitz ratings ranging from unrated to expert level. The chess action was fast and furious, with numerous exciting and entertaining games throughout the evening!

Redmond speed chess wizard and blitz aficionado Vihaan Jammalamadaka emerged victorious with an impressive 12.5 points from 14 games. Vihaan split only one match with Leonid Gavrish and allowed a last-round draw against Gabriel Razmov to secure the tournament victory. Leonid Gavrish from Brier, a small suburb next to Lynnwood, and Edward Cheng from Detective Cookie's Chess School in Seattle tied for second/third place with ten points after splitting their head-to-head match in the third round. A trio of Seattleites shared first U2000/U1800/U1600 honors with eight points apiece: Valentin Razmov, Saiya Karamali, and young Selina Cheng. Gabriel Razmov, Valentin's son, captured the first U1400 prize with 7.5 points. Michelle Zhang from Medina earned the first U1200 prize with 6.5 points despite being paired "up" in nearly every round. Salyh Saryyev from Redmond won the unrated prize with an impressive eight points and finished the tournament without dropping a single two-game match! Thanks to the players who came out and competed in these fun events!

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	Vihaan Jammalamadaka	2030	WW14	WW5	WW4	WL2	WW3	WW10	WD8	12.5
2	Leonid Gavrish	unr.	WW9	WW10	WL3	WL1	WW4	WL5	WL7	10
3	Edward Cheng	1790	WW11	WW17	WL2	WL4	LL1	WW14	WW12	10
4	Valentin Razmov	1833	WW6	WW8	LL1	WL3	LL2	WW15	WL9	8
5	Saiya Karamali	1469	WW15	LL1	WW12	WL7	WL10	WL2	H---	8
6	Selina Cheng	1426	LL4	WL18	WL13	WW9	WL15	WL12	WW14	8
7	Salyh Saryyev	unr.	WL12	WW13	WL10	WL5	WL14	WL8	WL2	8
8	Gabriel Razmov	1309	WW18	LL4	WD9	WD12	WL16	WL7	DL1	7.5
9	Aniruddha Barua	unr.	LL2	WW19	DL8	LL6	WW18	WW13	WL4	7.5
10	Dave Juchau	1594	WW19	LL2	WL7	WW18	WL5	LL1	WL11	7
11	Steve Shuman	unr.	LL3	LL14	B---	LL15	WW19	WW18	WL10	7
12	Michelle Zhang	992	WL7	WW16	LL5	DL8	WW17	WL6	LL3	6.5
13	Balbir Singh	unr.	DL16	LL7	WL6	WL17	B---	LL9	WW19	6.5
14	Leonardo Wang	1469	LL1	WW11	WW15	WL16	WL7	LL3	LL6	6
15	Michael M Zhang	1049	LL5	B---	LL14	WW11	WL6	LL4	WL17	6
16	Daniel Mathews	1772	WD13	LL12	WW17	WL14	WL8	U---	U---	5.5
17	Luke Dale	unr.	B---	LL3	LL16	WL13	LL12	WL19	WL15	5
18	Kenny Hulpach	unr.	LL8	WL6	WW19	LL10	LL9	LL11	B---	5
19	Alan Cheng	unr.	LL10	LL9	LL18	B---	LL11	WL17	LL13	3



*Tournament Director Fred Kleist (L) and Nathan Tan at the Washington G/15 Championship.
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*Philip Borthwick ponders his next move in his first round game against Edward Cheng.
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A 4-round G/50; +5 Swiss in two sections. Longer time control for Intermediate to Advanced players. Dual NWSRS and US Chess Rated; US Chess membership required. Rounds: 9:15am, 11:15am, lunch, 1:30pm, 3:30pm. Awards ceremony ~ 5:45pm. Armageddon playoff if needed to break tie for 1st Place in Open section immediately following the last round: G/10 white, G/8 black with draw odds.

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A 5-round G/25; d5 Swiss in five sections. Shorter time control for players of all levels. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45am, lunch, 12:45pm, 2:15pm, 3:45pm. Awards ceremony ~ 5:15pm.

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NWSRS Rated. Open, U1500, U1300, and U1200 sections are also US Chess rated, which requires clocks, notation, and US Chess membership. **Please bring a digital clock if you have one**, a limited number will be available to borrow. The U800 and U900 sections don't require clocks or notation, but a clock set for 10 minutes will be placed in the game after 40 minutes of play.

ELIGIBILITY:

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1st \$30, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20, 4th \$15, 5th \$10.

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100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Sun. Jan 15th @ 5:00pm. No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players by the deadline will be withdrawn from the tournament.

Highest finishing WA resident in the Open section seeds into the Premier section of the 2023 WA State Championship, and the 2024 WA Junior Closed.

This event is a qualifier for the WA State Elementary Tournament in April in Tacoma. Players scoring 2.5+ points in the 4-round sections or 3.0+ points in the 5-round sections will qualify for State.

Pizza lunch and other concessions will be available for purchase on site.

Questions? Contact Rekha Sagar, WCF Scholastic Director at 425.496.9160 or rekha4chess@gmail.com

Took The Train To Spokane

“A Blast From The Past!”

Karen Schmidt

I have recently given up playing in Novice (U1200) tournaments in Seattle because there seemingly are no more novices. As my US Chess rating went down and down over the past few months, I realized that UNR (unrated) players now average about a 1600 skill level. Most of the guys I have played took up chess during COVID and have spent countless hours playing chess on [chess.com](https://www.chess.com) and [Lichess](https://lichess.org), as well as watching online tutorials, and taking private Zoom chess lessons from Masters! Not to mention that half the players in Seattle are seven-to-12-year-olds who have master-level private coaches, US chess ratings of 600, but scholastic ratings of 1650. My new plan became playing in larger one- or two-day tournaments, with a goal of beating some 1300-1500-rated players and boosting my rating over time. (Instead of losing to “unrateds” and watching my rating continue to plummet.)

So, I recently planned a train trip to Spokane to visit chess friends there, and also to play in the Eastern Washington Open on September 24-25. I have been a Seattleite since leaving Yakima to attend the University of Washington at the age of 18. I have been wanting to visit Spokane again for years. When I was a kid my family went to Spokane every summer on our way to Lake Coeur d’Alene, where friends of my parents had a cabin on the lake. My cousins, aunt, and uncle lived on Grand Avenue in Spokane, and we visited them on the way to the lake every summer.

Some of my early and favorite memories of Spokane are Natatorium Park (especially the roller coaster and the carousel), Manito Park, and lots of sun and pine trees. On the Friday before and the Monday after the tournament, we had time to do some sightseeing around Spokane: the Spokane River and Falls;

downtown; Gonzaga; the Valley; Manito Park (Rose Garden, Japanese Garden and Conservatory) and drives through various neighborhoods. We even drove by my cousins’ former home on Grand Avenue — still red, and in great condition.

My Spokane chess friends, John and Cecelia, run “The Inland Chess Academy” — a non-profit which provides chess coaches in many public and private elementary schools in and around Spokane. I was able to observe two after-school chess clubs while I was there and learn a bit about how The Inland Chess Academy works. (I am coaching three after-school chess clubs in Seattle this fall for ChessMates, so I was eager to compare notes and observe a couple chess club sessions.)

I was quite interested to see what a tournament in Spokane would be like. We arrived at the charming tournament venue Saturday morning — the West Central Abbey in the north end. The tournament took place in a church fellowship hall in an older residential neighborhood. According to a neighbor (who chatted my ear off), the church is the second oldest in Spokane.

This was a five-round Swiss tournament over two days, with a time control of G/120;d5. As we arrived Saturday morning, everyone in the tournament hall was super friendly. There was free coffee and cookies for all. Also, much to my surprise, there were no kids playing! NOT to my surprise, Cecelia and

I were the only females in a field of 20.

My games were all challenging and long—the longest being four hours in round two. My 1600-rated opponent got a checkmate with 28 seconds to spare on his clock. I had about three minutes left on my clock. I only came away with one win (in round one against a 1500-rated player), but it resulted in the “biggest upset” prize worth \$30! Although all my opponents were rated several hundred points above me, I found all of them to have good sportsmanship as well as being excellent players. The overall atmosphere was very friendly and welcoming. It was a nice change of pace from large and intense tournaments in Seattle.

I hope to return to Spokane soon for another visit and tournament. I know that several Seattle players travel to Spokane each year for the annual Collyer Tournament. My visit felt like a “blast from the past,” and I had a great time in sunny Spokane. I hope I will see some of the Spokane, Idaho, and Montana players at Seattle tournaments in the future.



*West Central Abbey.
Photo credit: Karen Schmidt.*

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLASTIC **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

President's Day Monday, February 20, 2023

Chinook Middle School

2001 98th Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98004

OPEN SECTIONS:

K-5 Open, K-12 Open

A 5-round G/25; +5 Swiss. For advanced beginner to advanced players.

Dual Northwest and US Chess Rated. US Chess membership required. **Clocks and notation required – Please bring a digital clock if you have one**, a limited number will be available to borrow.

RESERVE SECTIONS:

Kindergarten, K-2 U800, K-5 U900, K-12 U1200:

A 5-round G/30 Swiss. For novice to intermediate players. Northwest rated only. US Chess membership not required. No clocks used from the start, but a 10-minute clock will be placed into the game after 40 minutes.

SCHEDULE:

Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45am, lunch, 12:30pm, 1:45pm, 3:00pm. Awards presentation ~ 4:30pm.

**WA State Elementary
Qualifier!**

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all students registered in grades K-12. Out-of-state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE:

\$45 by Feb. 13th, \$55 after. Room for 200 players.

AWARDS:

Section Prizes: Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each section:

1st \$80, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$60, 4th \$50, 5th \$40

Team Prizes: Trophies awarded to the top 5 finishing teams (top 4 scores from same school comprise team score) across all sections.

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-time players, best female player (by TPR), and biggest upset.

RATING:

Highest of February supplement US Chess Regular/US Chess Online, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.



THE DETAILS

Health/Safety Protocols: All players and spectators are required to sign the [WCF Health/Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability](#) form prior to the start of the tournament.

100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Sun. Feb. 19th @ 5:00pm. Unpaid players by the deadline will be withdrawn from the tournament.

This event is a **qualifier for the WA State Elementary Championship** on April 29 in Tacoma. Players scoring 3.0+ points will qualify for State.

Online Registration:
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2022 Eastern Idaho Open

(Unrated Jeremy Thomas Wins)

Jay Simonson

In the best-attended Eastern Idaho Open chess tournament in several years, 34 players vied for top honors in this annual tournament on September 24, 2022, at ISU's Student Union Building, Salmon River Suites, in Pocatello Idaho, under the tournament direction of ICA's Jay Simonson. They came from several cities in Idaho, two came from Utah, one came all the way from Virginia, and one even came from Canada.

Going into the final round four, there were four players tied with three points each: Our current Idaho State Chess Champion, Kaustubh Kodihalli, of Boise, Idaho; winner of the Top Unrated Prize at the 2022 Idaho Open Chess Championship, Raul Villacorta, of Rexburg, Idaho; former Eastern Idaho Open winner, Gary Owen, of Preston, Idaho; and Unrated Jeremy Thomas, of Pocatello, Idaho. This set up the penultimate matchup of Raul vs Kaustubh, and Jeremy vs Gary. Raul, a Class C player, and Kaustubh, the reigning Idaho Chess Champion fought a tough battle that ended in a draw.

All eyes were then focused on the battle between Jeremy Thomas and Gary Owen. Toward the end of the game, for a time, it looked like it might end up as a draw as well, which would have resulted in a four-way tie for first place. But Jeremy was able to promote to a queen, and after some very challenging and tough play was able to convert his advantage to a win.

Congratulations and Well Done to Jeremy! He collected the first prize of \$100. Kaustubh won second place on tie breaks and collected \$50. Raul Villacorta won \$50 for claiming top honors of Class C. Despite his super-strong play and giving the winner a real run for his money, Gary Owen finished just out of the prizes.

The top players in Class B, C, D, E, and Unrated each won \$50 for their efforts. Dewayne Derryberry, of Pocatello, Idaho, was Top Class B. As noted above, Raul Villacorta won Top Class C. Tilly Backstrom, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and currently attending the College of Idaho, in Caldwell, Idaho, was the Class D winner. Class E winner was William Miller, of Rexburg, Idaho, and the Top Unrated honors (besides the clear winner of the tournament) went to Silvino Balderama Prieto, of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

This was a great tournament, with a very fine outcome, even though it started out rather rocky. First, uncharacteristically, the tournament director was late getting to the tournament location. Then, there were no less than ten people who were either not US Chess members, or there was a problem with their US Chess membership. The TD and the players were able to work through most all of these challenges, but one player who now lives in Idaho Falls, but formerly lived in New Mexico, slipped through the cracks with a US Chess membership which expired in 2010. For a few days, the TD could not connect with the player to resolve the matter. When the connection was finally accomplished, the TD discovered that the reason for the lack of response was the player was in the hospital with his wife who was giving birth to a new baby. All is well now!

Congratulations and *thank you* to all the players.



Jeremy Thomas (L) and Jay Simonson. Courtesy of Jay Simonson.

Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

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www.seattlechess.club

Dec. 4 **SCC G/20 Hexes**
Format: 5-RR in 6- or 5-player sections. **TC:** G/20;+8.
EF: \$12 (+\$6 fee for non-SCC). **Prize Fund:** \$\$\$54 b/6.
Prizes: \$36-18. **Reg:** 12-12:45 p.m. **Time Frame:** 1 to ~6:30 p.m. **Byes:** 0. **Misc:** US Chess. NS, NC.

Dec. 10 **Saturday Quads** ♣
Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sec. by rtg. **TC:** G/120;d5. **EF:** \$9(+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free quad entry. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF; OSA. NS, NC.

Dec. 11 **SCC Novice**
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$15 by 12/5, \$20 at site. (-\$2 SCC mem., -\$1 mem. other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** SCC membership(s). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Tentative SCC 2023 Weekend Schedule

G/20 Hexes: Feb 26, Apr 8, May 21, Jul2, Aug 19, Oct 1, Nov 12, Dec 17.

Novice: Jan 15, Mar 5, Apr 15, Jun 4, Jul16, Sep 3, Oct 14, Dec 3.

Quads: Jan 14, Feb 4, Mar 4, Apr 2, May 6, Jun 3, Jul 1 & 29, Sep 2 & 30, Oct 28, Dec 2&30.

Tornado: Jan 29, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14, Jun11, Jul 9, Aug 6, Sep 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10.

Seattle City Championship	21-22 January	Seattle Spring Open	18-19 March
SCC Adult Swiss	22-23 April	Emerald City Open	24-25 June
Seafair Open	22-23 July	SCC Extravaganza	25-27 August
Seattle Fall Open	23-24 Sept.	SCC Insanity?	31 Dec.-1 Jan.

4th SCC Insanity

Four linked events: **High-Roller Octagonals** (3-SS in 8-player sections, G/95;+9, Rds 9:58-1:37-5:13), **Regressive Quads** (3-RR, Rd 1—G/50;d7 @ 9:55 p.m., Rd 2—G/28;+5 @ 12:04 a.m., Rd 3—G/12;d4 @ 1:21 a.m.), **Medieval Chess Quads** {3-RR (not rated), G/15;+5, Rds 2:55-3:41-4:26}, **Your First Classical Chess Game of 2023** (1 close-rated game, G/75;+15 @ 5:55)

Entry Fees: *Insanity* (all 4 events): \$43.06 for SCC members (\$40 if rec'd by 12/26), \$55.22 all others (\$52 if rec'd by 12/26). *Octos*: \$25/\$32. *Regressive*: \$15/\$20. *Medieval*: \$9/\$13. *First*: \$0/\$2.

Prizes: *Octos*: 1st-\$75, 2nd-\$50. *Regressive*: (b/10) 1st-\$40. *Medieval*: 1st-\$24.32.

Registration: *Insanity* & *Octos*: 9-9:41 a.m. *Regressive*: 8:57-9:39 p.m. *Medieval*: 2:02-2:41 a.m. *First* of 2023: 5:10-5:40 a.m.

All **Insanity players** who are still awake after the final round are invited to breakfast at a restaurant yet to be determined (free or reduced cost, depending on remaining funds & number of diners).

The 2022 Ignacio Perez Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Counting the Days

The standings this month contain results from seven new tournaments. There were two sets of quads, a tornado, an every-Monday event, the Washington G/60 Championship, and the annual Norman Friedman Memorial. That last one had a 3x multiplier, which helped shuffle the Idaho and "other" lists. Also included in these stats are the results from the Washington Challengers' Cup, with a 2x multiplier, which helped shuffle the Washington standings.

In addition to the above-mentioned Challengers' Cup, November had four other events, with one in Boise and three in the Seattle area. That included the annual Thanksgiving weekend event, the Washington Class Championships, this year with a 5x multiplier. This should give the standings one more good shuffle before the year ends. But wait, there's more!

December has two more multiplier events to finish off the year. Sadly, you have to pick one, because they are both on the same weekend. The Washington Winter Classic is being held in Seattle and Redmond, WA, on December 17 and 18. This event has a 2x multiplier due to its \$1100 based-on prize fund. Meanwhile, in Boise, the MexInsurance.com FIDE Open will be conducted December 16-18, with \$10,000 guaranteed in the upper section and \$5725 in the lower section, based on entries. With that large prize fund, we get to see one last 6x event before the end of the annual Grand Prix contests. December will also have the every-Monday event in Boise and (possibly) the monthly quads and tornado in Seattle.

I have just one more column to write for the Grand Prix, early next year. After 20 years, I am hanging up my eye shade and sleeve garters. Since there were no volunteers to take over, the Grand Prix will end with the end of 2022.

In our hearts, however, we will always think of 2023 as the year of the Gary Dorfner Memorial Grand Prix.

Over the past 20 years, many people have been honored on this page. They include the following: Stephen Christopher (2003-2005), Mike Franett (2006), Clark Harmon (2007-2009), Robert Karch (2010-2011), Ralph Hall (2012), Elena Donaldson (2013-2014), Elmars Zemgalis (2015), Richard

Gutman (2016), Neil Dale (2017), John Braley (2018), Glen Buckendorf and Buz Eddy (2019), Mike Neeley (2020), Rusty Miller (the originator of this program) (2021), and Ignacio Perez (2022).

Data below current through November 6.

Washington			Idaho			Other Places			
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts	last	first	state pts.	
Masters			Masters			Masters			
1	Pupols	Viktors	86.5			1	Donaldson	W. John CA 21.0	
2	Lee	Megan	35.0			2	Cigan	Jason OR 21.0	
2	Orlov	Georgi	35.0			3	Tang	Zoe OR 9.0	
2	Ready	John L	35.0			4	Bartochowski	Nicholas IL 6	
5	Haining	Kyle	30.0						
Experts			Experts			Experts			
1	Jiang	Brandon	69.5	1	Cambareri	Michael E 39.5	1	Sripada	Havish OR 32.5
2	Gottumukkala	Ananth S	53.0	2	Parsons	Larry R 5.5	2	Tang	Austin OR 30.5
3	Liu	Austin	52.0	3	Gorman	Cody A M 16.5	3	Zhang	Brendan MN 30.0
4	Arganian	David G	48.0				4	Sherrard	Jerry OR 15.0
5	Gavrish	Leonid	46.5				5	Yu	Peter C CA 10.0
Class A			Class A			Class A			
1	Lee	Brian	94.0	1	Kircher	Caleb 32.0	1	Merwin	Steven E NV 18.0
2	Wang	Ted	92.0	2	Erickson	Kenneth 18.0	2	Murray	David E OR 15.0
3	Tessiore	Luca G	71.0	3	Gorman	Cody A M 16.5	3	Naziev	Rasul MT 15.0
4	Collinge	Maxwell C	63.5	4	Bodie	Brad R 6.0	4	Walthall	Thomas K MT 12.0
5	Razmov	Valentin N	56.5				5	Aiello	Roberto OR 11.0
Class B			Class B			Class B			
1	Li	Edward S	66.5	1	Herr	Griffin G 16.5	1	Ravid	Orren NJ 40.0
2	Chowdhery	Evan M	65.5	1	McKenzie	Niall 16.5	2	Yang	Arnold T OR 27.5
2	Zhang	Michelle	65.5	3	Barrett	Evan 11.5	3	Lykins	Pace OR 22.5
4	Lin	Michael	63.5	4	Presutti	Michael J 0.0	4	Rankin	Andrew J MT 16.5
5	Garine	Ujwal	58.0				5	Skovron	James J MT 15.0
Class C			Class C			Class C			
1	McDevitt	Owen	83.0	1	Lundy	George 87.0	1	Sripada	Anisha OR 39.0
1	Wong-Godfrey	Emerson P	83.0	2	Longhurst	Corey K 19.5	2	Lim	Hayul OR 25.0
3	Sankar	Abhay	60.0	3	Hunt	Nick 18.0	3	Morehouse	Ethan OR 22.5
4	Li	Emma S	59.0	4	Semancik	Zackary T 17.5	4	Vasey	Daniel OR 16.5
5	Ramkumar	Nikhil	58.5	5	Minichiello	Anthony J 16.5	5	Driscoll	Jesse MT 15.0
Class D and below			Class D and below			Class D and below			
1	Han	Shuyi	86.5	1	Widdifield	Tristen A 17.5	1	Deshusses	Simon M MO 39.0
2	Vijayanandh	Vishnu	83.0	2	Nosarev	Vladislav 15.0	2	Hack	Don CAN 27.5
3	Xu	Zoe Y	81.0	2	Hohman	Scotty B 15.0	3	Kodarapu	Neev OR 25.0
3	Burchall	Laurion	75.5	4	Roberts	Liam 14.0	3	Yang	Arthur T OR 25.0
5	Saloranta	Leo	64.0	5	Blue-Day	Alexander P 13.0	5	Stephenson	Phil OR 16.5
Overall standings									
1	Lee	Brian	94.0	1	Lundy	George 87.0	1	Ravid	Orren NJ 40.0
2	Wang	Ted	92.0	2	Cambareri	Michael E 39.5	2	Deshusses	Simon M MO 39.0
3	Han	Shuyi	86.5	3	Kircher	Caleb 32.0	2	Sripada	Anisha OR 39.0
3	Pupols	Viktors	86.5	4	Longhurst	Corey K 19.5	4	Sripada	Havish OR 32.5
5	McDevitt	Owen	83.0	5	Erickson	Kenneth 18.0	5	Tang	Austin OR 30.5
5	Vijayanandh	Vishnu	83.0	5	Hunt	Nick 18.0	6	Zhang	Brendan MN 30.0
5	Wong-Godfrey	Emerson P	83.0	7	Semancik	Zackary T 17.5	7	Hack	Don CAN 27.5
8	Xu	Zoe Y	81.0	7	Widdifield	Tristen A 17.5	7	Yang	Arnold T OR 27.5
9	Burchall	Laurion	75.5	9	Gorman	Cody A M 16.5	8	Kodarapu	Neev OR 25.0
10	Tessiore	Luca G	71.0	9	McKenzie	Niall 16.5	9	Lim	Hayul OR 25.0
11	Jiang	Brandon	69.5	9	Herr	Griffin G 16.5	9	Yang	Arthur T OR 25.0
12	Li	Edward S	66.5	9	Minichiello	Anthony J 16.5	12	Lykins	Pace OR 22.5
13	Chowdhery	Evan M	65.5	13	Nosarev	Vladislav 15.0	12	Morehouse	Ethan OR 22.5
13	Zhang	Michelle	65.5	13	Hohman	Scotty B 15.0	14	Donaldson	W. John CA 21.0
15	Saloranta	Leo	64.0	15	Roberts	Liam 14.0	15	Merwin	Steven E NV 18.0

