October 24, 2015

Ernst Rasmussen's 90th Birthday and Port Townsend Chess Bonanza

Four rounds Swiss system Not rated

Time control: Game in 60 minutes, delay 5 seconds each move.

Prize fund: Based on BDG bonus score One prize per player

1st place: \$225 2nd place: \$175

3rd place: \$150 4th place: \$125

Best result by a player rated below 1700: \$125

Best result by an unrated player: \$100

The Chess Event:

We want to encourage entrants to use Ernst's favorite opening, the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit Accepted:

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 de4 4. f3 ef3.

For each game, as White, where you offer this gambit, you get ¼ point added to your final score after all four rounds. For each game, as Black, where you accept this gambit, you get ¼ point added to your final score after all four rounds. Pairings are always based on your "real" score, not counting any bonus points. You are not required to offer or accept the gambit.

We are asking that at registration you declare whether you wish to play the BDGA, offering as White, or accepting as Black. If so, that will immediately determine that you get the ¼ point bonus in your relevant game. If both paired players will receive the bonus for their pairing, the game immediately moves to the BDGA position above and then awaits White's 5th move. If the undeclared player (or players) in fact do play the BDGA they will get the ¼ point bonus when the result is later recorded.

No memberships required. The tournament report will be submitted to NW Chess, the official chess publication of the NW.

Entry fee: \$10 in advance or at the door. Half-point byes allowed.

Schedule: Rd 1 9AM Rd 2 11:30AM Rd 3 2:30PM Rd 4 5:30PM

At-site registration: 8 to 8:30AM

Location: Towne Point Club House,

2240 Towne Point Avenue, Port Townsend, WA

Capacity: 40 players. Please bring chess set and digital clock.

For the story of ER's 85th B-Day go to http://www.nwchess.com/nwcmag/pdf/NWC_201012_opt.pdf

For more info/clarification contact: Sam Hill (360) 385-5419, or Mike Murray (360) 379-3535 or email smokecreek@gmail.com

For entry by mail:

Please include name, address, and phone #

Indicate: for which round any half-point bye request should apply

Indicate: whether you will offer BDG as White

Indicate: whether you will accept BDG as Black

Indicate: your USCF rating or whether you are unrated

Make check payable to Mike Murray and send to:

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