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Full report next issue.*

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Greetings from the Editor

Well, it's that time of year again. I'm off to the U.S. Open to play and to serve as a delegate for Washington. Perhaps I can induce Murlin Varner to write another in his series of excellent reports on the event. I'll, of course, summarize the delegates' meeting. However, you're not off the hook. I still need articles and photos.

So if you go to an event, please consider writing a report and sending some games, perhaps even annotating some. Or take some pictures and send them, identifying the people in the photos.

Best Wishes,

Frederick K. Kleist

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Scholastic News

Denver, CO

The Northwest was well represented at the **National Elementary (K-6) School Championships** which were held in Denver on the weekend of May 12-14. In the 174-player K-6 section, three Washingtonians Sebastian Baker, Darren Wu, and Blake Dixon scored five from seven to tie for 12th-28th. Thirteen other WA students and three from Oregon also took part.

Benjamin Chin (WA) won the K-6 U1000 section with a score of seven. Tristan Sun (WA) tied for 2nd-10th on six points, while Tasha Talbot (WA) and Devin Li (OR) scored 5.5, good for a share of 11th-15th. Eleven others from Washington and seven from Oregon competed among the 202 players.

The Washington contingent in the 94-player K-6 Unrated section numbered eight. Christina Lee placed 2nd-3rd on six points and Loren Egbert was 4th-8th at 5.5.

Michael Wang (6.0, 3rd-7th) and Nathan Lee (5.5, 8th-20th) led the way for eleven other Washingtonians and one Oregonian in the 284-player K-5 section. The K-5 U900 section saw Eryn Cohen score 6.5, tying for 2nd-3rd, and Zamir Birnbach and Ankush Puri came 4th-10th with six. Fifteen other WA kids played in the 319-player section as did one Oregon kid.

Seven WA pupils competed in the 212-player K-3 section. Oregonian **Mason Dirickson** scored a perfect seven in the K-3 U800 section to tie for 1st-2nd. Just behind were William Wu and William Lundgren, both of Washington, with six points apiece (=3rd-14th among 307 players). Twenty others were from Washington. In the K-3 Unrated section, there were 14 Washington kids and one from Oregon. Ian McPherson (WA) scored six (=2nd-4th) and Blair Bejan (WA) scored 5.5 (=5th-6th) in the 85-player section.

Kevin Ma (WA) came 3rd-12th in the 284-player K-1 section. Three Oregonians and seven other Washingtonians participated.

Sebastian Baker (WA) and **Daniel Ho** (WA) won the 66-team Bughouse event with a perfect ten from ten. Sebastian also finished atop the 156-player K-6 Blitz, tying for 1st-4th on 9/10. Brian Hong of Washington was 2nd-3rd in the K-3 Blitz (86 players).

Congratulations to all!

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On the Cover: NM Nat Koons of Kenmore, Washington, winner of the Seattle Seafair. *Photo courtesy of Michal Milczewski*

Collyer Wins Emerald City, Regains Master Title

The Seattle Chess Club's annual Emerald City Open, held June 23-26, attracted 36 players. Expert Curt Collyer of Spokane put up a 4½-½ score, beating and drawing top seeds FMs Nick Raptis and John Readey respectively. Raptis was off-form and suffered losses to Geoff Gale and Josh Sinanan as well. The latter also defeated NM Nat Koons to tie for second with Readey at four points.

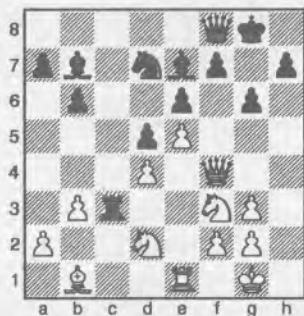
The seventeen-player Reserve (U1700) section was won by Case Kiyonaga, who took a draw in the first round and then won the rest. Tying for second-fourth a point behind were Matthew Yang, William Li, and John Hornickel.

London System

Matthew Yang (1511)
August Piper (1620)

Seattle, Emerald City (1) 2006

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 c5 4.c3 b6 5.♗bd2 ♗bd7 6.e3 e6 7.♗d3 ♗e7 8.O-O ♗h5 9.♗g3 ♗xg3 10.hxg3 ♗d6 11.e4 O-O 12.♗e1 ♗b7 13.e5 ♗e7 14.b3 cxd4 15.cxd4 ♗c8 16.♗c1 ♗b4 17.♗e2 ♗e7 18.♗e3 ♗a3 19.♗c2 ♗xc2 20.♗xc2 ♗c8 21.♗b1 g6 22.♗h6 ♗f8 23.♗h4 ♗e7 24.♗f4 ♗c3



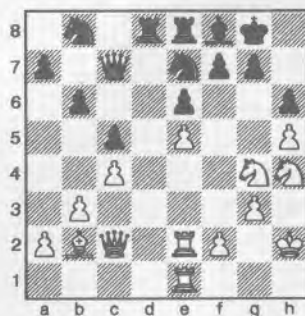
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FM Nick Raptis (2349)
Geoffrey Gale (1987)

Seattle, Emerald City (1) 2006

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.b3 c6 7.♗b2 ♗bd7 8.d3 b6 9.♗bd2 ♗b7 10.♗c2 ♗e8 11.e4 ♗f8 12.♗fd1 ♗g6 13.e5 ♗d7 14.h4 h6 15.♗f1 ♗b8 16.♗e1 ♗b4 17.♗e2 ♗f8 18.♗1h2 c5 19.♗g4 ♗c7 20.♗ae1 ♗ac8 21.h5 ♗e7 22.♗h4 dxc4 23.dxc4 ♗xg2 24.♗xg2 ♗cd8 25.♗h2 ♗b8



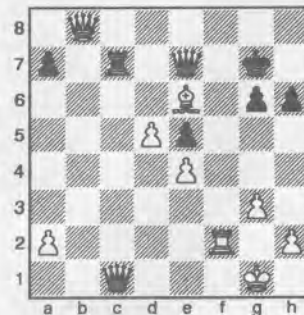
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King's Indian Smyslov

Josh Sinanan (2046)
FM Nick Raptis (2349)

Seattle, Emerald City (2) 2006

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.♗c3 O-O 5.g3 d6 6.♗g2 c6 7.O-O ♗a5 8.d5 cxd5 9.cxd5 ♗d7 10.♗d4 ♗a6 11.♗b3 ♗c7 12.♗e3 ♗fc8 13.♗c1 ♗d8 14.♗d4 ♗c5 15.♗xc5 dxc5 16.♗e5 ♗e8 17.♗xg7 ♗xg7 18.e4 e5 19.f4 ♗e7 20.♗d2 ♗d6 21.♗f2 b5 22.♗e2 f6 23.♗cf1 b4 24.fxe5 fxe5 25.♗c1 ♗b5 26.♗d3 ♗xd3 27.♗xd3 ♗f8 28.♗a6 ♗c7 29.♗e2 c4 30.♗e3 ♗xf2 31.♗xf2 h6 32.♗f3 ♗e7 33.♗e3 ♗c8 34.♗h3 ♗c7 35.♗e6 c3 36.bxc3 bxc3 37.♗d3 ♗b5 38.♗xb5 c2 39.♗b8 c1=♗+



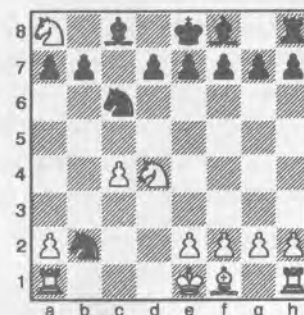
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English

NM Nat Koons (2249)
Josh Sinanan (2046)

Seattle, Emerald City (3) 2006

1.c4 ♗f6 2.♗c3 c5 3.♗f3 ♗c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♗xd4 ♗b6 6.♗e3 ♗g4 7.♗d5 ♗xe3 8.♗xb6 ♗xd1 9.♗xa8 ♗xb2



10.♗b1 ♗xd4 11.♗xb2 ♗d8 12.g3 e5 13.♗g2 ♗b4+ 14.♗d1 ♗a3 15.♗b1 b6 16.f4 d6 17.fxe5 ♗f5 18.e3 ♗xb1 19.exd4 dxe5 20.♗d2 ♗b4+ 21.♗e3 exd4+ 22.♗xd4 ♗g6 23.♗c6 ♗e7 24.♗e3 ♗d6 25.♗f3 ♗e8+ 26.♗f2 ♗c5+ 27.♗g2 ♗e3 28.♗d1+ ♗d3 29.♗e1 ♗d2+ 30.♗h3 h5 31.a4 ♗f5+ 32.♗h4 ♗xh2+ 33.♗g5 g6 34.♗d1+ ♗e7 35.♗c7 ♗e3 mate

Queen's Indian

Curt Collyer (2181)
FM John Readey (2318)

Seattle, Emerald City (3) 2006

1.d4 ♗f6 2.♗f3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.b3 ♗b7 6.♗g2 ♗b4+ 7.♗d2 a5 8.♗c3

♖e4 9.♗xe4 ♘xe4 10.O-O O-O 11.a3
♙e7 Draw

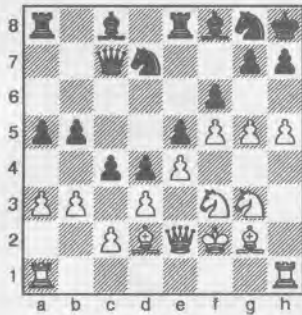
Van't Kruij's Opening

Case Kiyonaga (1595)

Matthew Yang (1511)

Seattle, Emerald City (4) 2006

1.♗c3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.♗c2 e5 4.d3 ♗c6
5.f4 ♗f6 6.h3 ♙c5 7.♗f3 ♗d7 8.a3 a5
9.g3 f6 10.♙g2 O-O 11.f5 ♗e7 12.g4
♗h8 13.♗g3 ♗g8 14.h4 ♙e8 15.g5 ♙f8
16.♙d2 c5 17.♙e2 b5 18.b3 ♙c7 19.
♗f2 c4 20.h5



20...h6 21.♗h4 fxg5 22.♗g6+ ♗h7
23.♗f1 ♗e7 24.♗h2 ♗g8 25.♙g4 ♗f6
26.♙h3 ♗xg6 27.hxg6 ♙d6 28.♙xg5
♙e7 29.♗f3 ♙b7 30.♙h2 cxd3 31.cxd3
♙ac8 32.♙ah1 ♙xa3 33.♗g1 ♙c1
34.♙f1 ♙xg5 35.♗xg5 ♙a8 36.♗e6
♙c3 37.♙g3 ♙xe4 38.♙xh6 gxh6
39.♙xh6 ♗h5 40.♙xh5 ♙f6 41.g7 ♗f7
42.♗g5+ ♗e7 43.♗xe4 ♙f7 44.♙xe5+
♗d7 45.♙xd4+ 1-0

King's Indian Fianchetto

Josh Sinanan (2046)

FM John Readey (2318)

Seattle, Emerald City (4) 2006

1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♙g7 3.♗c3 d6 4.♗f3 ♗f6
5.♙g5 h6 6.♙h4 O-O 7.e3 c6 8.♙e2 a6
9.♙c2 b5 10.a3 ♙f5 11.e4 ♗xe4 12.
♗xe4 d5 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.♙d3 dxe4
15.♙xe4 ♙xe4 16.♙xe4 ♗d7 17.O-O
♗f6 18.♙d3 ♗d5 19.♙g3 ♙c8 20.♙ac1
♙d7 21.b4 ♗b6 22.h3 ♙xc1 23.♙xc1
♙c8 24.♙c5 ♗a4 25.♙xc8+ ♙xc8
26.♙e4 e6 27.♗h2 ♗b6 28.♙e5 ♗c4
29.♙xg7 ♗xg7 30.♗e5 ♗d6 31.♙f4 g5
32.♙e3 ♗f5 33.♙d3 ♙c7 34.g3 f6
35.♗f3 ♙c4 36.♙e4 ♙f1 37.♙c2 ♙c4
38.♙e4 ♗d6 39.♙e3 ♙d5 40.♗g2 h5
41.♗g1 ♗c4 42.♙d3

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42..♗e5 43.♗xe5 fxe5 44.♙c3 exd4
45.♙c7+ ♗g6 46.♙e7 d3 47.♙e8+ ♗f5
48.♙xh5 d2 49.♙g4+ ♗f6 50.♙d1 ♙d3
51.♗g2 e5 52.f3 ♙e3 53.♗f1 ♗e6
54.h4 ♙d3+ 55.♗f2 g4 56.fxg4 e4 0-1

Van't Kruij's Opening

FM Nick Raptis (2349)

Curt Collyer (2181)

Seattle, Emerald City (4) 2006

1.e4 d5 2.♗c3 dxe4 3.♗xe4 ♙d5 4.♙f3
♗c6 5.d3 e5 6.♙d2 ♗d4 7.♙d1 ♙f5
8.♗g3 ♙g6 9.c3 ♗c6 10.♙b3 O-O-O
11.♙xd5 ♙xd5 12.♗e4 ♗f6 13.f3 ♙e7
14.O-O-O ♗b8 15.♗h3 h6 16.♙e2 ♙d7
17.♙he1 ♙hd8 18.♙f1 ♗xe4 19.dxe4
♙c5 20.♙b5 f6 21.♙e2 ♙f7 22.b3 ♙d6
23.♙de1 ♗e7 24.b4 ♙b6



25.c4 ♙xc4 26.♙xc4 ♙c6 27.♗f2
♙xc4+ 28.♗b1 ♗c6 29.♙c1 ♙xd2
30.♙xd2 ♙xb4+ 31.♗c2 ♙c4+ 32.♗d1
♙xc1+ 33.♗xc1 ♙e3 0-1

French Winawer

Geoffrey Gale (1987)

Curt Collyer (2181)

Seattle, Emerald City (5) 2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.a3 ♙xc3+
5.bxc3 dxe4 6.♙g4 ♗f6 7.♙xg7 ♙g8
8.♙h6 ♗bd7 9.♗h3 b6 10.♗g5 ♙g6
11.♙h4 ♙b7 12.♗xh7 ♗xh7 13.♙xh7
♙f6



14.h4 O-O-O 15.♙g5 ♙h8 16.♙xf6
♙xh7 17.♙e5 ♗xe5 18.dxe5 ♙g4 19.g3
♙g5 20.♙h2 ♙xe5 21.O-O-O ♙c5
22.♗b2 f5 23.♗b3 ♙d5 24.♙d4 ♗d8
25.♙c4 c5 26.♙xd5+ exd5 27.♙e2 ♙c8
28.♗b2 ♗e7 29.♗c1 ♗f6 30.♗d2 ♗e5
31.♙b5 ♙h8 32.f4+ ♗d6 33.♙e2 ♗e7
34.♗e3 ♗f6 35.♙b5 ♙b7 36.♙f1 ♙c6
37.♙h3 ♙g8 38.♙g2 ♙d7 39.♙g1 ♙g7
40.♙f1 ♙a4 41.♙g2 ♙c6 42.♙e2 ♙d7
43.♙g1 d4+ 44.cxd4 cxd4+ 45.♗d2 e3+
46.♗c1 ♙e4 47.♗b2 ♙c7 48.♙c1 ♗e6
49.♙h5 ♗f6 50.♙e2 ♙c6 51.♙a6 b5
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WA Open Scholastic

by David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Director

The WA Open Scholastic Chess Tournament was held May 27, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Everett. There were 62 players, somewhat lower than other tournaments, but probably due to the fact that the state and national scholastic tournaments are over for the year, and many kids take a chess break at this time. But not these dedicated 62! Some kids can never get enough chess – or maybe it’s just that they like the competition. For 17 kids, this was their first nationally-rated tournament – a great opportunity to establish national ratings, which can be used at nationals and in all USCF adult tournaments.

This tournament was dual rated – updating both the NWSRS regional rating and the USCF national rating. We used the USCF ratings for the pairings. That can be disconcerting to some kids, since most local scholastic events use NWSRS; so the USCF rating, many times, is not accurate and does not reflect the actual playing strength. By the way, dual rating used to be a real pain

for the TD, because he had to manually copy and paste the rating and ID fields for each player before submitting to two different rating agencies. I asked Thad Suites, who wrote the Swiss Sys software, to add a feature to swap the two rating and ID fields, and now it is much easier. He said I was the first

K-3 Winners	
1 st	Jack Sather
2 nd	Lukas Joswiak
3 rd	Menaka Narayanan
4 th	Ian McPherson
5 th	Janak Awatramani
6 th	Joe Chen
7 th	Chloe Smith
Top K	Ryan Park
Top 1 st	Amith Vanmane
Top 2 nd	Fred Davis
Top 3 rd	Mitchell Frimodt
Top Team	Open Window

one to request such a feature – apparently other states are not dual rating this way? TDs, you need Swiss Sys Version 6.09 or later for this feature. If you already have Swiss Sys, the update is free. Click on Players, Switch ratings/ids. Thanks Thad!

Our K-3 sections are always the biggest where enthusiasm for chess runs deep. Jack Sather took top honors there with a perfect 5.0 score, with Lukas Joswiak

and Menaka Narayana in close second, all 3rd graders. It’s nice to see some of our girls score well, and Menaka is holding up her gender’s reputation very well.

Our 4-6 section was again led by Nicholas Orlov. Yes, I know he’s only a 3rd grader – he was playing up a section, but chess genes run strong in his family, and his young age didn’t slow him down at all. It was interesting to note that 2nd place

was also won by a 3rd grader playing up – we’ve got some strong young players coming along – watch out you older guys and gals! Frank Qu rounded out the leaders with 3rd place.

In the 7-12 section, Christian Lee took top honors with a perfect 5.0 score. I’ve played with Christian’s father On Lee, a strong, over-2000-rated player at the Microsoft Chess Club over many years – I can only assume his dad is teaching him well. Max Slivka and Jerry Ling rounded out the top three spots.

We handed out many upset medals at the start of each round. One round, even a draw qualified for the top upset award. In addition to overall trophies, we gave out top grade level trophies – sometimes if you are lucky and no one in your grade level scored higher, you can get a trophy even

with a very low score. I think I will rework that system next time to reward everyone with a 3.0 score or higher. We had great help from many volunteer judges and helpers, and the venue was roomy and very nice. ■

4-6 Winners	
1 st	Nicholas Orlov
2 nd	Donovan Zhao
3 rd	Frank Qu
4 th	Edward Strong
5 th	Ethan Gottlieb
6 th	Matthew Song
Top 4 th	Dennis Ling
Top 5 th	Madhavi Narayanan
Top Team	Lowell ES

7-12 Winners	
1 st	Christian Lee
2 nd	Max Slivka
3 rd	Jerry Ling
4 th	Puneet Dewan
5 th	Jimmy Manion
Top 7 th	David Parkinson
Top 8 th	Jason Zhou
Top 9 th	Alex Bertles
Top Team	Odle MS



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Another Annotated WAO Game from Premier (U2000) Section Co-Winner David Ellinger

French

Michael Mulford (1793)

David Ellinger (1977)

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Annotations by David Ellinger

1.e4

Woohoo! I get to play a French.

1...e6 2.b3

A weird French, but a French.

2...d5 3.♗b2 dxe4 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.g4

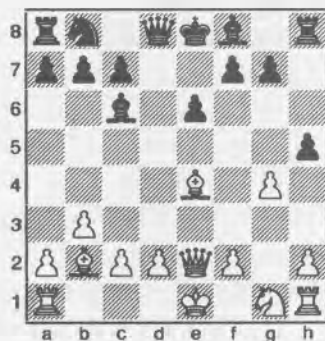
Okay, now I'm REALLY on my own. What's going on? I take some time to figure it out: "OH! He threatens both g4-g5 and ♗g2. I'm not likely to keep the pawn, and have to figure out the best way to let it go. My idea is to trade off light-squared Bishops and possibly Queens. May not be exciting, but I'm not getting blown off the board.

Looking back at the tournament, I find that this was a priority for me: "Just don't get wiped out; just don't get wiped out." Clint Ballard would probably call me a wuss, but, since I didn't draw any games, he'll forgive me.

5...h6 6.♗g2 ♗d7 7.♘xe4 ♘xe4 8.♗xe4 ♗c6 9.♞e2

Nice move. I could play 9...♗xe4 10. ♞xe4 ♞d5, but that looks REALLY boring. I also want to make his b2-Bishop less imposing, but, if I play ...f7-f6, that gives him a great spot to attack with a g5-pawn push. So I come up with an idea to give me some play: the open h-file.

9...h5!



The computer takes awhile to like this better than just straight 9...♗xe4, but eventually it likes it okay. I give the exclaim, because I'm coming up with a way to get play. I always try to find a move that gives me some kind of plan. Better than just sitting around hoping a plan comes to me!

10.O-O-O hxg4 11.♞xg4 ♞h4 12. ♗xc6+ ♘xc6 13.♞g3

Of course, taking on g3 would help his pawn structure. My plan is to keep pressure on his weak pawns to keep him from doing much constructive. My biggest problems are his great b2-Bishop and my weak g7-pawn. If, at some point, I play ...g7-g6 to take everything off the diagonal, I lose the chance to have a Rook on h8 to pressure the file. Hmmm.

13...O-O-O 14.♘f3 ♞h5 15.♘e5 ♘xe5?

Much better is 15...♗d6, ...

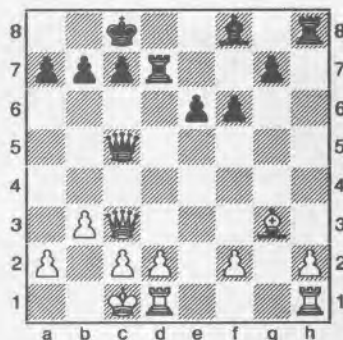
16.♗xe5 ♗d7

... because now White has 17.♗xg7! I had thought I could play 17...♗g8 and win a piece, but 18.♞e5 keeps the piece and I'm down a pawn. Michael missed it.

17.♞c3? f6

Now I've got the pawn on f6. If I can solve the problem of my g7-pawn on an open file, I'm in good shape. His bishop is losing its importance.

18.♗g3 ♞c5



This moment is my big learning one for this game. I knew I had a decent position, but couldn't figure out what to do

next. I decided that only his Queen was doing anything, so I decided to trade queens. This turns out to be fair, at best. I plugged the position into the computer, and the computer played 18...♞d5.

What does that do? It doesn't have any targets. What it does is cover the light squares, prepare ...♗c5 followed by ...e6-e5 or ...♗d4, and really cut down on any counterplay. What follows is a sample line: 18...♞d5 19.♗he1 ♗c5 20. f4 ♗d6 21.♗e2.

19.♞xc5 ♗xc5 20.♗de1?!

This was Michael's moment to play f2-f4. He needed it to prevent ...e6-e5 which will shut down his Bishop.

20...e5!

Learning players, take note: sometimes a Bishop can be shut down by pawns on the SAME color. Now he desperately needs to play f4 or something to prevent his Bishop from becoming useless.

21.d3?! g5!

h4! play h4!

22.♗e2 b5 23.f3 ♗dh7

Now he's running low on play.

24.♗e1?

Drops a pawn.

24...♗h3 25.♗g2 ♗xf3 26.h4 gxh4 27.♗xh4 ♗xh4 28.♗xh4 ♗f4 29.♗h2 ♘d7 30.♘d2 ♗e6 31.♗e2 b4

Now he's got weak pawns and zero play. The rest of the game is a slow squeeze.

32.♗e1 a5 33.♗h7 ♗b6 34.♗h5 ♗g4 35.♗h2 ♗g1 36.♘d2 ♗d4 37.♗e2 c6 38.♗h8 ♗g2+ 39.♘d1 f5 40.♗a8 f4 41.♗f8 ♗e7 42.♗f5 ♗e6 43.♗f8 ♗h2 0-1

Michael gave up here. He's running out of moves and, after ...♗c5, the Rook will have to leave the file and the f-pawn rolls. ■

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12 McGeary, Bill	2215	2215	H	H	F	U	U	1.0
13 MacGregor, Logan	1107	1066	B	L6	L10	L9	L8	1.0

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Open								
1 Raptis, Nick	2279	2281	W8	D3	W7	D2	W5	4.0
2 Phillips, Blake	2014	2036	W16	W12	W5	D1	D3	4.0
3 Serres, Drew	1979	2003	W17	D1	W8	D4	D2	3.5
4 Morris, Michael	2096	2095	D9	W6	H	D3	D7	3.0
5 Foster, Raleigh	1966	1969	W18	W11	L2	X	L1	3.0
6 Herrera, Robert	1941	1949	H	L4	W16	W14	D8	3.0
7 Roua, Radu	2189	2172	D13	W15	L1	D12	D4	2.5
8 Yu, Corbin	2076	2063	L1	W17	L3	W13	D6	2.5
9 Banner, Richard	1800	1808	D4	D13	D14	D11	D10	2.5
10 Becker, Brett	1620	1642	L12	D16	W18	H	D9	2.5
11 Alpermas, Gregori	2021	2010	W14	L5	H	D9	U	2.0
12 Dickert, Stephan	1922	1926	W10	L2	H	D7	U	2.0
13 Robinson, Marcus	1766	1762	D7	D9	L15	L8	B	2.0
14 Jacobi, Gunther	1798	1789	L11	W18	D9	L6	D16	2.0
15 Esler, Brian	1735	1781	W19	L7	W13	F	U	2.0
16 Holler, Robert	1705	1708	L2	D10	L6	W17	D14	2.0
17 Levin, Scott	1638	1633	L3	L8	B	L16	W18	2.0
18 Avila, Thomas WA	1659	1617	L5	L14	L10	B	L17	1.0
19 Gutman, Richard	2014	2000	L15	U	U	U	U	0.0

Reserve								
1 Smigel, Ezekiel	1682	1714	W18	W9	W8	W3	D4	4.5
2 Buck, Stephen WA	1737	1751	H	W12	W5	D4	W8	4.0
3 Sinclair, Paris	1649	1667	W14	W11	W6	L1	W10	4.0
4 Encke, Michael	1552	1596	W20	W23	W10	D2	D1	4.0
5 Ward, H H	1630	1627	H	W27	L2	W18	W15	3.5
6 Porter, Nathan	1518	1539	W25	W16	L3	D15	W9	3.5
7 Gagnon, William	1616	1600	W15	L10	H	D12	W23	3.0
8 Breckenridge, David	1556	1549	W19	W22	L1	W17	L2	3.0
9 Bailey, Taylor	1550	1537	W21	L1	W19	W23	L6	3.0
10 Ehrenfreund, Max	1430	1482	W26	W7	L4	W16	L3	3.0
11 Kudva, Vikram	1563	1523	W28	L3	L15	W20	D12	2.5
12 Hornicke, John WA	1389	1404	H	L2	W21	D7	D11	2.5
13 Terrill, Michael	1374	1343	L23	L19	W29	H	W17	2.5
14 Diamond, Noah	1317	1285	L3	W28	L23	D25	W26	2.5
15 Petersen, Dennis	1251	1317	L7	W26	W11	D6	L5	2.5
16 Yoshinaga, David	1700	1700	W17	L6	W25	L10	U	2.0
17 Cohen, David	1333	1304	L16	W20	X	L8	L13	2.0
18 Porter, Joel	1282	1260	L1	D21	W27	L5	D19	2.0
19 Holler, Bruce	1216	1225	L8	W13	L9	D26	D18	2.0
20 Petersen, Alexander	922	928	L4	L17	B	L11	W28	2.0
21 Lou, Jingwei	927	957	L9	D18	L12	D27	W25	2.0
22 Fillmore, Greg	725	734	B	L8	F	L28	W27	2.0
23 Frias, Nazer	1306	1324	W13	L4	W14	L9	L7	2.0
24 Fortune, Jonathan WY	1501	1500	D27	W29	U	U	U	1.5
25 O'Sullivan, Conor	848	876	L6	B	L16	D14	L21	1.5
26 Cigan, Jason	842	1040	L10	L15	W28	D19	L14	1.5
27 Supathanasinkasae	875	844	D24	L5	L18	D21	L22	1.0
28 Elder, Isaiah	581	756	L11	L14	L26	W22	L20	1.0
29 Kudva, Lisa	697	694	H	L24	L13	U	U	0.5

Seattle Seafair 7/28-30 TD: Fred Kleist

1 Koons, Nat	2258	2274	W37	W11	W5	W8	W7	5.0
2 Collyer, Curt	2210	2223	W28	W18	W15	D7	W6	4.5
3 Bartron, Paul	2130	2137	W55	W20	D6	D12	W16	4.0
4 Arganian, David	2037	2039	W29	W14	L7	W26	W19	4.0
5 Calpo, Benjamin CA	2016	2017	W39	B	L1	W35	W18	4.0
6 Raptis, Nick OR	2281	2271	W31	W25	D3	W9	L2	3.5
7 Roper, David CA	2250	2247	W36	W10	W4	D2	L1	3.5
8 Selzler, Ricky	2126	2119	W42	W35	W16	L1	D12	3.5
9 Ballard, Clint	1914	1918	H	W54	W38	L6	W20	3.5
10 Guo, Alex	1831	1840	W30	L7	W37	H	W27	3.5
11 Buck, Stephen	1751	1760	W48	L1	H	W42	W26	3.5
12 Wu, Darren	1786	1825	W40	H	W13	D3	D8	3.5
13 Lee, Nathan	1700	1714	H	W43	L12	W40	W24	3.5
14 Watts, Peter	1668	1688	W52	L4	W32	D24	W25	3.5
15 Hayami, Marvin	1870	1858	W44	W27	L2	L20	W29	3.0
16 O'Gorman, Peter	1809	1811	W50	W21	L8	W22	L3	3.0
17 Milner, Arie BC	1548	1552	W22	L38	L26	W41	W36	3.0
18 Hubbell, Larry	1745	1753	W47	L2	W28	W21	L5	3.0
19 Omori, Michael	1640	1646	H	W53	H	W38	L4	3.0
20 Kelly, Brian	1678	1698	W49	L3	W41	W15	L9	3.0
21 Fan, George	1524	1534	W46	L16	W53	L18	W38	3.0
22 Li, William	1485	1525	L17	W33	W34	L16	W35	3.0
23 Smith, Allen	1897	1870	L36	D41	W43	H	H	2.5

24 Mathews, Dan	1764	1746	B	H	H	D14	L13	2.5
25 Hickey, Patrick	1734	1726	W51	L6	H	W30	L14	2.5
26 Piper, August	1532	1546	W45	H	W17	L4	L11	2.5
27 Charleston, Scott	1515	1516	W54	L15	H	W46	L10	2.5
28 Monahan, Darby	1500	1511	L2	W47	L18	H	W45	2.5
29 VanVeen, Kerry	1402	1436	L4	H	W44	W45	L15	2.5
30 Kolde, Sterling	1540	1545	L10	H	W49	L25	W43	2.5
31 Lessler, Peter	1472	1482	L6	W50	L35	D34	W46	2.5
32 Omori, Jeffrey	1233	1314	H	H	L14	W37	D34	2.5
33 Guo, Anthony	1213	1256	L35	L22	W54	H	W42	2.5
34 Baxter, Cecil	1600	1600	D41	H	L22	D31	D32	2.0
35 Warrior, Krishnan	1649	1636	W33	L8	W31	L5	L22	2.0
36 Kleist, Carol	1532	1521	L7	H	H	W48	L17	2.0
37 Yang, Matthew	1574	1552	L1	W48	L10	L32	W50	2.0
38 Apacible, Jennifer	1436	1475	W23	W17	L9	L19	L21	2.0
39 Hornicke, John	1404	1383	L5	L45	L46	W49	W48	2.0
40 Milener, Gene	1407	1406	L12	W52	H	L13	H	2.0
41 Kelly, David	1375	1389	D34	D23	L20	L17	W53	2.0
42 Inglis, David	1428	1405	L8	W51	H	L11	L33	1.5
43 Etingher, Constantin	1412	1400	H	L13	L23	W53	L30	1.5
44 Thongmee, Thomas TX	1446	1425	L15	D46	L29	W52	U	1.5
45 Charleston, Jay	1261	1264	L26	W39	H	L29	L28	1.5
46 Nichols, Peter	1300	1309	L21	D44	W39	L27	L31	1.5
47 Thongmee, Sansern	1381	1374	L18	L28	W50	U	U	1.0
48 Sun, Tristan	1289	1273	L11	L37	W51	L36	L39	1.0
49 Wu, Darryl	1396	1353	L20	H	L30	L39	D51	1.0
50 Weller, Stephen	1251	1221	L16	L31	L47	X	L37	1.0
51 Chen, Irving	1250	1222	L25	L42	L48	H	D49	1.0
52 James, Mark	1222	1187	L14	L40	H	L44	D54	1.0
53 Yu, Justin	926	917	B	L19	L21	L43	L41	1.0
54 Milczewski, Michal	995	1002	L27	L9	L33	F	D52	0.5
55 Gale, Geoffrey	2036	2029	L3	U	U	U	U	0.0

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The Art of Bisguier

Volume One: 1945-1960

by GM Arthur Bisguier and Newton Berry
published by 3rd Millennium Press in 2003
pb., 208 pages, \$22.95.

by NM James Schroeder

Publisher Newton Berry makes several mistakes in the format of this book, but is forgiven, because he does many more things that are great: large-size (8½x11) pages, very good printing, easy-to-read, large type for the game moves and italic type for notes, the best indices I have seen, many photographs, and the best diagrams I have seen—380 of them.

Born October 8, 1929, in the Bronx, New York, Art loved to play chess and soon became an International Master by winning the Vienna 1952-53 International Tournament. Bisguier was an amateur who worked for a living and played in only a few inter-

Anyone asking a simple question of Art, expecting a simple answer, will recognize that "The Snake is philosopher, political wizard, wily financier, and the deepest thinker of the Chinese cycle. Graceful and soft-spoken, loves good books, theatre, food, music, and will gravitate toward the finer things of life."

national events. He says he received the Grandmaster title in 1957. My guess is that there were only twenty to thirty GMs in the world at that time. At the Leipzig Olympiad in 1960, he had nine wins, two losses and five draws on Board Four, occasionally playing up.

While continuing the great attacking tradition of Frank Marshall, Art's style was radically different. Frank lacked patience and made anti-positional moves; Bisguier was a Classical player and his attacks flowed naturally from his straight-forward moves. Frank was serious about chess, but Art, who hated to lose, had panache and would not let a loss affect him for long. His secret was that there was always a pretty girl to console him.

All the Grandmasters I have met have been friendly, but Bisguier is especially genial, unassuming, courteous and unfailingly pleasant, not just to me, but to every person he meets. He is America's most respected player.

Art loves chess so much, he claims to have played more games than anyone in history, because of simultaneous exhibitions, and on more different styles of "wierd" sets.

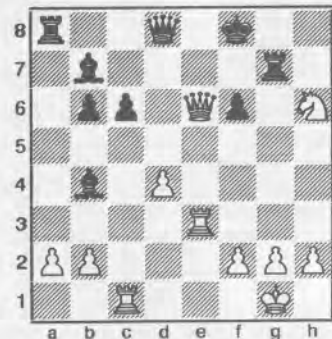
Long have I admired Art's games and it is a great pleasure to play them over again—and again. There is no deceit in his play; so it is easy to follow.

The notes are superb, better than Emanuel Lasker's. They do not tell too much, Yet explain the "nut" of the position so clearly that even patzrers can understand. Bisguier's best game is his defeat of Boris Spassky with the Schliemann Defense: 1.e4 e5 2.♟f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 f5!

Written with love, this book is full of puns, jokes, trivia, and chess history, accurately reflecting the esteemed personality of the author.

Chess is a game of knowledge, not logic. The logic can be learned only after acquiring knowledge. By playing over Bisguier's games and reading his excellent notes, one gains important knowledge as if by osmosis.

Please write to Grandmaster Bisguier and ask him to publish Volume two of *The Art of Bisguier*.



Euwe-Bisguier
New York 1948-49

In the third round, Bisguier had Black against Euwe, who has played 25.♙e3, threatening ♖f3. First Principle: Use more pieces, thus 25...c5! Second Principle: Counterattack. Surprise! Black threatens White's g-pawn.

[Euwe was the best attacking player of his time (I mean attack on the King), better than Alekhine. Partly because Euwe would make unsound sacrifices and then win.]

Analysis: 2. ♖g3 ♙d5 3. ♗h3 ♖aa7 and Black should win, but only with careful play.

Being young, 19 years old, and foolish, Bisguier played 25...♙d2? 26. ♖f3 ♙g5 27. ♘f5 ♙xc1? 28. ♖h3 ♖xg2+ 29. ♗xg2 ♗d5+ 30. ♗xd5 cxd5 31. ♖h7 (Now 31...♙c8 draws.) 31...♖xa2? 32. ♖xb7 ♖xb2 33.h4! and White won in seven more moves. ■

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the Business
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Sample copies of Northwest Chess magazine will be available at the Oregon Open, and you can renew your membership at the site if needed.

May, Raptis, and Readey Qualify for October's GM Slugfest

Eighteen players arrived on Bainbridge Island to battle for three seeds into the GM Slugfest to be held in October. The participants in the six-round Slugfest Qualifier were divided into three age groups—under 21, 21-40, and over 40. Within each group, contenders, defined as no more than five BAP behind the leader(s), played each other in the second half, while in the first half intragroup pairings were to be shunned. Non-contenders constituted a “B” group during the second half and could agree on time controls differing from the event's 40/2 and SD/1.

FM John Readey, in the Over-40 age group was the first to qualify by virtue of his fifth round defeat of Michael Schemm, giving him four wins and a bye.

In the 21-40 age group, only four contenders—NM Nat Koons (8.0/10), FM Nick Raptis (8.0), NM Ignacio Perez (7.0), and Josh Sinanan (6.0)—were left by the start of the third day. As this group was the largest, these four had already played each other. In lieu of the final two rounds, the four agreed to play a G/120 round-robin. An added twist was that the two eight-pointers were allowed to choose whether to have two Whites or two Blacks in the three games. Koons opted for two Blacks and the possibility of scoring eight points in the round-robin. Raptis plumped for the traditional two Whites, though this permitted a maximum of only seven points. Raptis won the first two games against Perez and Sinanan, scoring five points, while Koons split his two against them, scoring two points. As White against Koons, Raptis could be satisfied with a draw, even though his score would not change. Koons was unable to do more than draw; so Nick qualified from the middle age group.

All seven of the Under-21 crowd had managed to remain in contention in the fifth round. Michael Lee had scored seven, Ricky Selzler and Andy May stood at five, while the other four were on three. TD Clint Ballard was unable to get the players to agree to play an additional round; so there were possibilities of a four-way tie. However, none of the “nightmare scenarios” ensued and only a three-way tie was achieved with Lee, Selzler, and May each having 8.0/15. A quick chess (G/10 + 10 s/m) playoff saw Selzler beat May and May beat Lee in the first two rounds. Because BAP was being used, Selzler needed to defeat Lee to qualify. A draw would necessitate a blitz playoff with May.

A draw was indeed the result, because, in a Lucena position in mutual time pressure, Selzler failed to drive Lee's King two files away from the passed pawn. His bridge, having been built, turned out to have a shaky foundation—the King merely sidled up to the pawn and took it. Another playoff began, this time a two-game match between May and Selzler, employing

the same time control. The first game reached a blocked position wherein Selzler could have, according to NM Koons, broken through for a win with a Bishop sacrifice. Unable to discover this variation, Selzler acquiesced to a draw with less than a minute left on his clock. In the second game, he hung a Bishop in a much better position. Thus, in the words of TD Ballard: “Andy May is the junior qualifier to the GM Slugfest. While his rating might make you think that he somehow got lucky, . . . in the first round Nat Koons was against the ropes against Andy with a Queen versus Rook, Knight, and Bishop and needed to work very hard to get the win. I think that was Andy's only loss at the tournament time control. For a 15-year-old, he is very calm at the board and, if this tournament was any indication, he will be an expert very soon.”

Thanks to Clint Ballard and his internet forum for the reports from which this article was abstracted. Games from the event may appear in the next issue.

Other Slugfest Goings On

Clint Ballard was awarded an expansion team in the U. S. Chess League in March. The Seattle Sluggers will play in the Western Division of the ten-team league. Currently, the team has signed five players and must add three more before August 20 to form a complete squad. The Sluggers will play at the Chess4Life Center at 13555 Bel-Red Road in Bellevue. Each match consists of four boards with an average rating under 2401.

Current Roster:

1. GM Gregory Serper	2570
2. IM Georgi Orlov	2580
3. IM Eric Tangborn	2465
4. Michael Lee	2102
5. Ricky Selzler	2049

Schedule

August 28	Tennessee Tempo	6:00 p.m.
September 6	Carolina Cobras	6:00 p.m.
September 11	Dallas Destiny	6:00 p.m.
September 20	Tennessee Tempo	6:00 p.m.
September 25	New York Knights	6:00 p.m.
October 4	Miami Sharks	6:00 p.m.
October 11	San Francisco Mechanics	6:00 p.m.
October 18	Miami Sharks	6:00 p.m.
October 23	San Francisco Mechanics	6:00 p.m.
November 1	Dallas Destiny	6:00 p.m.

Bold print indicates that the Sluggers have White on Boards 1 and 3. Otherwise, the team has White on Boards 2 and 4. ■

King Walks

26...♔a4

By IM Eric Tangborn

Grandmasters from this area knew how and when to use their Kings. Yasser was especially famous for using his King in creative ways. He wrote in his excellent book, *Winning Chess Strategies*, "Though you will usually want to castle quickly to get the King to safety (and also get the Rook into the center), I must admit that once in awhile I enjoy throwing caution to the wind and making use of my King. When people express wonder at my nerve, I ask 'Why should I have to pamper the lazy thing? If it wants to eat, then let it work like all my other men!'"

Duncan Suttles and Peter Biyiasas also displayed imagination with their Kings. The following is one example.

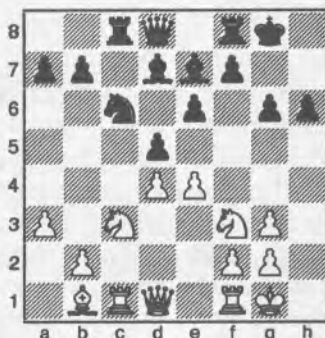
Slav Exchange

IMC Jonathan Berry
GM Peter Biyiasas

Olympia, Cedar Knight Open 1974

Annotations by IM Eric Tangborn

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.♘c3 ♘f6
5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.♙f4 e6 7.e3 ♙e7 8.♞c1
♘h5 9.♙g3 ♙d7 10.♙d3 ♞c8 11.a3
♘xg3 12.hxg3 h6 13.O-O O-O 14.♙b1
g6 15.e4



Now the game starts getting exciting, as White aims his pieces at the Black King.

15...dxe4 16.♘xe4 ♗b6

Threatening to win a pawn with 17...♘xd4.

17.♗d2 ♔g7 18.♞fd1 ♞fd8 19.b4 ♙e8
20.♗b2 ♔h7

Again threatening to win a pawn with 21...♘xd4.

21.♞c2 ♘b8?

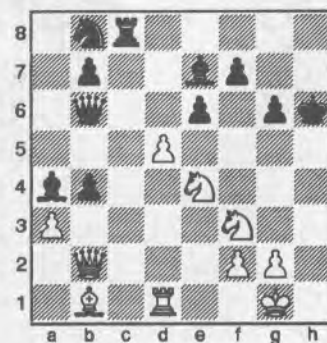
Planning to reposition the Knight with ...♘d7-f6. However, this is a bit slow.

22.♞xc8 ♞xc8 23.g4!

White will open up the kingside.

23...a5 24.g5 axb4 25.gxh6 ♔xh6 26.d5

Threatening 27.♗h8 mate.



27.♞c1?

White overlooks 27.♘e5!! ♙xd1 28.♘xf7+ ♔h7 29.♘f6+ ♙xf6 30.♗xf6
♙h5 31.♘g5+ ♔h6 32.♘xe6, winning.

27...♞xc1+ 28.♗xc1+

The Black King is very exposed on the kingside and it soon starts a journey to find a safer home

28...♔g7 29.♗b2+ ♔g8 30.d6 ♙xd6
31.♘f6+ ♔f8 32.♘h7+ ♔e8 33.♗h8+
♔d7 34.♘f6+ ♔c7 35.axb4 ♗xb4
36.♙d3 ♗a3 37.♙f1 ♙c6 38.♗g8 ♔b6
39.♘d4 ♗c3 40.♗xf7??

A blunder in time pressure. Correct was 40.♘e2.

40...♗xd4 41.♗xe6 ♙c5 42.♗b3+
♔a7

After the long excursion, the Black King has found shelter, protected by its pieces.

43.♗a2+ ♗a4 44.♗b1 g5 45.♙d3
♗d4 46.♗a2+ ♘a6 47.♙xa6 bxa6
48.♗f7+ ♙b7 0-1

King's Indian Sämisch

GM Boris Spassky
NM Robert Zuk

Vancouver, Canadian Open 1971

Annotations by IM Eric Tangborn

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6
5.f3 O-O 6.♙e3 b6 7.♙d3 ♙b7 8.♘ge2
c5 9.d5 e6 10.♙g5 h6 11.♙h4 exd5
12.cxd5 ♘bd7 13.O-O a6 14.a4 ♘e5
15.f4 ♘xd3 16.♗xd3 ♗c7 17.♞ad1
♞ae8 18.♙xf6 ♙xf6 19.e5 dxe5 20.
♘e4 ♙g7 21.f5 ♞d8 22.♘2c3 gxf5
23.♞xf5 f6 24.♞df1 ♗e7 25.♗g3 ♔h8
26.♗h4 ♙xd5 27.♘xf6 ♙b7?!

27...♙f7 28.♗g3 ♗d6 is good for Black.

A World Champion plays in the Northwest

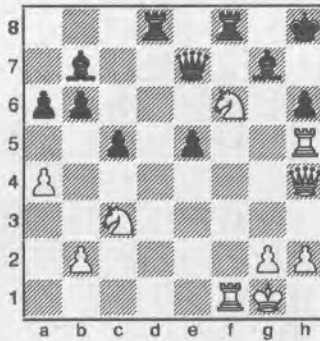
By Eric Tangborn

The Canadian Open in Vancouver in 1971 may have been the strongest event ever held in the Northwest. Besides current World Champion Spassky, other Grandmasters included Kavalek, Benko, Browne and Ree. In addition,

Suttles and Biyiasas were soon to become GMs.

Robert Zuk may have been the hottest local player at that time, winning just about every tournament he participated in. Here he nearly holds his own in a complicated middlegame where the World Champion excelled.

28. ♖h5



28... ♖xf6?

28... ♖xf6 29. ♖xh6+ ♘g7 30. ♖xf6 ♗xf6 31. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 is about equal.

29. ♖xh6+ ♘g8

If 29... ♖xh6 30. ♗xe7, there is a double attack on the Rook and Bishop.

30. ♖xf6 ♖xf6 31. ♖xf6 ♗g7

The only move.

32. ♗c4+ ♘h8 33. ♖f3!

If 33... ♖xf3, then 34. ♗h4+ followed by 35. ♗xd8+.

33... ♖d6

33... ♖xf3 34. ♗h4+ ♘g8 35. ♗xd8+ ♘h7 36. ♗d3+ e4 37. ♗c2

34. ♗h4+ ♘g8 35. ♗c4+

35. ♖e4 might be a better way to keep the advantage.

35... ♘h8 36. ♖e4 ♖g6 37. ♖h3+ ♖h6 38. ♖d3



38... ♖f6?

38... ♗e7 and Black should be fine. For example, 39. ♖g3 ♖h4 40. ♖d7 ♖xc4 41. ♖xe7 ♖c1+ 42. ♘f2 ♖c2+.

39. ♖g3

Now White has a very big advantage.

39... ♖g6

If 39... ♗f7, then 40. ♖h3+ ♘g7 41. ♖h7+ ♘h7 42. ♖g5+.

40. ♖g5! ♖c8

If 40... ♖xg5, then 41. ♗h4+ ♗h7 42. ♗xh7+ ♘h7 43. ♖xg5.

41. ♖f7+ ♘h7?

41... ♘g8 would have held out much longer. After 42. ♖xe5+ ♖e6 43. ♖xg6 ♖xc4 44. ♖e7+ ♘f7 45. ♖xg7+ ♘xg7 46. ♖c8 b5 47. ♖d6, White has a big advantage.

42. ♗h4+ ♘g8 43. ♖h6+ 1-0

This was not the only world-class event held in Vancouver that year. A few months earlier, there was the Fischer-Taimanov match. While he was in Vancouver, Fischer saw a copy of *Northwest Chess*. He was so impressed with the magazine that he wrote out a check to subscribe. The reason the magazine was so good was because of the contributions from players from British Columbia. Hats off to our chess friends from up North! ■

Annotated Game from the National Open

In lieu of a report on the National Open, Northwest Chess presents one annotated game. The person who was asked to do a report foisted the task off on a friend and the report did not get done.—ed.

King's Indian Sämisch

Billy Slupik (1750)

Larry Hubbell (1697)

Las Vegas, National Open 2006

Annotations by Larry Hubbell

1. d4 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♖g7

I believe this is the first time that I've played the King's Indian in a rated game.

4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. ♖g5 ♖bd7 7. ♖h3 e5 8. d5 a5 9. ♖f2 ♖c5 10. ♖e2 h6 11. ♖e3 ♖h5 12. ♗d2 g5 13. ♖d3 ♖xd3+ 14. ♖xd3 ♖f4 15. O-O f5 16. ♖ac1 ♖xd3

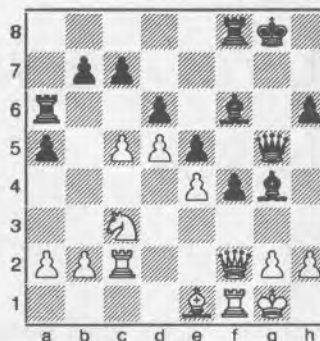
It felt silly to trade my Knight for the bad Bishop, but I was planning to activate my good, light-squared Bishop.

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17. ♗xd3 f4 18. ♖f2 g4 19. ♖e1 ♗g5 20. ♖c2 gxf3

I was a bit nervous about having my Queen and King on the same semi-open file.

21. ♗xf3 ♖g4 22. ♗f2 ♖f6 23. c5 ♖a6

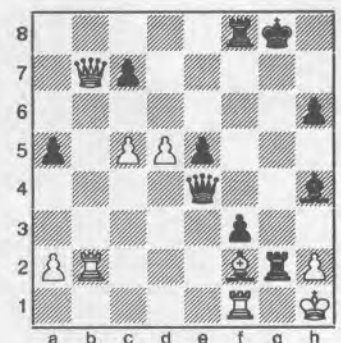


Seems like a strange square for the Rook, but it turns out to be just a temporary stop.

24. ♖b5 ♖d8 25. b4 ♖d7 26. ♗e2 dxc5 27. bxc5 f3 28. ♗d3

28. ♖xf3 ♖xf3 29. ♗xf3 ♖xb5

28... ♖xb5 29. ♗xb5 ♗e3+ 30. ♖f2 ♗xe4 31. ♗xb7 ♖g6 32. ♖b2 ♖xg2+ 33. ♘h1 ♖h4



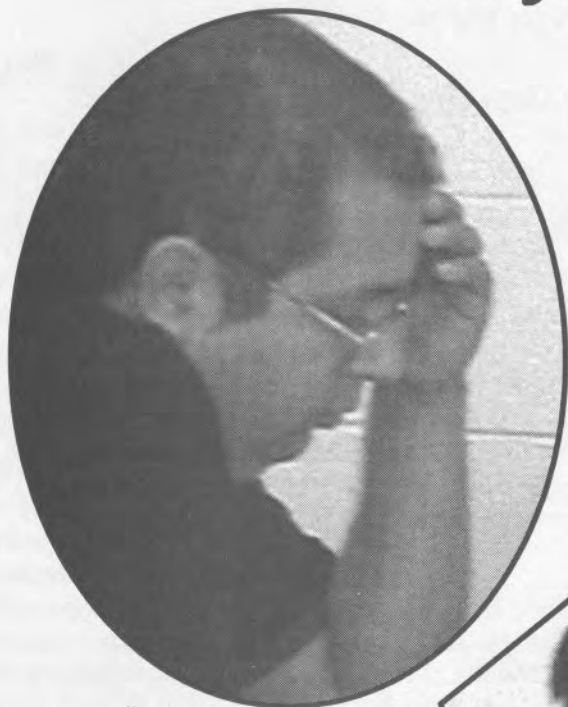
This may seem like an obvious move, but I spent a fair amount of time on it and still couldn't be certain with the time I had. I just had to go with my intuition.

34. ♖g1

34. d6 was my biggest concern, but, as my son pointed out, 34... c6 works, e.g., 35. d7 ♖xf2 36. ♖bx2 ♖xf2 37. ♗c8 ♖h4!

34... ♖xb2 35. ♗xb2 f2 mate ■

Seafair Collage



Clockwise from upper left: Allen Smith, Peter Watts, Michael Omori (center), Pat Hickey, and Sterling Kolde

Photos by Michal Milczewski

Running a Scholastic Tournament

by Jon Licht

So you think you want to put on an elementary school tournament? This is great!!! Elementary school chess needs people and clubs like you to continue to grow this wonderful sport for our children. Though putting on a tournament is fairly easy to do, it does take an enormous amount of planning and coordination. There are pitfalls to be avoided. However, with proper planning, you can make your event an immediate classic.

Before we go on, consider this. Every year, we lose 70-90% of all sixth graders from the chess community. Although there are some tournaments for middle schools and high schools, there could certainly be more. If you have room at your tournament site for 10-40 additional players, it would be easy and great to have one additional 7-12, or 7-8 section. Keep in mind to check the schedule so that you do not conflict with the tournaments sponsored by WHSCA. These tournaments are well attended and you will find it difficult to compete with the state level tournaments.

The information listed below comes from eight years and 32 tournaments of experience.

Site and Date Selection

- ◆ This should occur 6-12 months prior to the tournament.
- ◆ The scholastic chess season in Washington, generally runs from mid-October through the end of March, culminating in the State Championships. The latest you can schedule a tournament and still have it be a qualifier for the State Tournament is two weeks prior.
- ◆ Tournaments on holiday weekends tend to not do well.
- ◆ Check the existing calendar in *Northwest Chess* and on www.whsca.org and www.nwchess.com to make sure you are not competing with another tournament within a five mile radius.
- ◆ Once you determine the date, start calling the governing bodies of the site(s) you prefer.

- ◆ In general, school districts start determining facilities' schedules between May and August. Preference will be given to school sports teams and clubs.
- ◆ If you are dealing with a public facility, you will most likely have to pay either a site fee or a custodial fee (or both).
- ◆ If at all possible, try to get full use of the kitchen. (We will get into concessions later.)
- ◆ Remember, you need to obtain the facility for the night before your event for setup.
- ◆ Are tables and chairs part of the deal? Who will be responsible for set up and tear down?
- ◆ Measure the facility to figure out the number of players you can accommodate. You will need a slightly larger area than the game area to accommodate players and parents between games.
- ◆ Arrange to have a microphone system available.
- ◆ Advertise! Advertise! Advertise! Get the word out to other chess coaches and to the major chess calendars to let people know about your tournament.

Tournament Format

- ◆ Determine what sections you will have in the tournament. There are many possibilities. The standard format is K-3, 4-6, 7-8 and 9-12. Another option is K-1, 2-3, 4-6, etc. If you have enough players, you can hold a grade level tournament. If you don't have enough players for a separate playing section, you can combine sections, but still present the grade level awards.
- ◆ Another option is to group the sections by rating. The combination of an over-900 section and an under-1000 section has been used successfully. Or you could have one over-900 section (all grades), a K-3 U1000, and a 4-6 U1000 section.
- ◆ Quads are another popular format and provide very competitive games in a short amount of time. Players are divided into groups of four based on rating and separating teammates and siblings as much as possible.

sible. Then they play a round robin. Each quad runs at its own pace.

- ◆ Another factor in tournaments is the time control. Especially for better players (and some older players,) the longer time controls are appreciated. G/45 or G/60 with fewer rounds works well.
- ◆ To be a Washington State Elementary Chess Championship qualifier, there are rules about section size and number of rounds. Please see these rules for more details.

Tournament Committee

As the tournament coordinator, unless you have a lot of experience, the ability to be in multiple locations at once, or a death wish, you will need to form a committee of dedicated people that will be totally in charge of their selected duties. Do not try to do everything yourself or micro-manage the various activities. Instead, consider yourself as the President with a cabinet. Each cabinet chief has the actual duties. Your job is to advise and coordinate to achieve the central goal. However, the final strategy must be up to you.

Once you determine your committee chairs, task them with filling their own personnel needs.

Listed are the various committees you may want to create: Facilities, Awards, Concessions, Entertainment, Security, Floor Director, and Tournament Statistician. We will examine their responsibilities as we discuss each function.

Facilities

- ◆ Work with the site staff to assure that the facility will be opened/closed on schedule.
- ◆ Should monitor trash cans, bathrooms, etc. during setup and the day of the tournament.
- ◆ If you are in a carpeted facility, it might be wise to have a carpet shampooer and cleaner to immediately attack potential stains.
- ◆ Should have a direct line to the site facilities manager for emergencies.
- ◆ Setup/teardown, boards/pieces/clocks, tables/chairs etc.)

Awards

- ◆ You should begin shopping awards companies as soon as you decide to put on a tournament. You should place your order
- ◆ Awards should be ordered based on a 30-40% ratio to the number of entries.

- ◆ You have the option of giving awards for overall, grade, team, and sportsmanship. Most tournaments will give them all.
- ◆ If you put a trophy out on display, you should give it out.

Here is a sample breakdown for a 200-person tournament with a K-3 and 4-6 division:

K/3 Overall	First through Fifth Place	5
4/6 Overall	First through Fifth Place	5
Grade Trophies	First through Fifth Place	35
K/3 Team	First through Fifth Place	5
4/6 Team	First through Fifth Place	5
K/3	Sportsmanship Awards	2
4/6	Sportsmanship Awards	2

Medals are awarded to players who did not receive a trophy, but qualified for state with a plus score (three points out of five). In addition, I would have 20 additional trophies in the back room available with "Outstanding Performance" instead of a place, grade, or division on the plate. These are trophies that you can award to players to avoid tiebreakers from determining trophy distribution.

Do you want to give out participation awards? These could be medals, certificates, or small trophies.

Most tournaments want to give trophies away to all Kindergarten players. This is a great way to motivate them to continue on to a life of chess.

Before trophy presentation begins, make sure that all trophies are physically in the exact order in which they are given out

Concessions

If done properly, concessions will be a positive memory from your tournaments and your largest profit center. If your tournament is large enough, there may be chess vendors that will want to rent space from you. You can either charge them a percent of sales, a flat fee, or negotiate for equipment for your club. The most important concession you will do is food service for the tournament players and their families. When you negotiate for the site, try to get full use of the kitchen so that you can cook simple things. If at all possible, someone on your kitchen staff should have a food handler's card. Although cooking requires a little more work, you will produce higher quality food and a higher profit margin.

Choosing food to sell

- ◆ Most Important – Stick to basics and keep the selection down.

- ◆ For the morning serve coffee, milk, and juice to drink. Also keep a stock of soft drinks. Have a limited supply of doughnuts, muffins, and/or bagels and cream cheese.
- ◆ For the balance of the day, stick to pizza and hot dogs. You may also want a limited number of salads (Caesar, Chinese Chicken, Antipasto, etc)
- ◆ You will also want to have snacks. You can have bananas, pears, and apples for fruit. Although we can argue the merits of selling candy, face it, it is what sells. Keep the selection small and stick to the major brands. I would suggest Milky Way, Skittles, Red Vines, Gummies, and Hershey Bars. You may want to have chips also but again, keep it simple.
- ◆ Watch your inventory through the day. If you are over-inventoried on an item, discount it immediately so you do not take a loss on it.
- ◆ If you have control of the kitchen, purchase pizzas from "take and bake" vendors such as Papa Murphy's. Check with the school and see if it already has an account that you can use to get a discount. In this way, you will increase your margins.
- ◆ Check with local wholesalers, and stores for your food and soft drinks. You might be surprised at what they might donate if you hang one of their banners in the tournament area.

These are foods and drinks you might think are good choices but you may regret:

- ◆ Any drinks that have a bright color base such as red, purple and orange sodas. Remember, things get spilled. These colors stain carpets, even if you clean them quickly. Your contract with the site may include money for damages after the event.
- ◆ Popcorn – if spilled, this is a royal pain to clean up.
- ◆ Product with nuts such as candy bars, granola, peanut butter, etc. Nut allergies are a major concern nowadays. Nuts don't have to be eaten by the person with the allergy. If someone eats a product with nuts and touches chess pieces that someone who is allergic to then touches, the child can still get a very serious reaction.

Entertainment

If you have the room, you may want to have organized activities for players and siblings. You

will want to have dedicated people monitoring these areas. Listed below are suggestions:

- ◆ A video room where you can play movies for the kids
- ◆ Monitored and organized outside activities and games for the kids to play (weather permitting)
- ◆ A craft area. You can set up a table or two using scraps of cloth, construction paper, glue, glitter, and tape. If a volunteer is gifted and wants to help kids that would be an additional bonus. If you do this, try to have it on a non-carpeted floor. You may also want to lay disposable tarps or plastic under the table. At the end of the day, you can just roll up the tarp and throw away the mess.
- ◆ A face painter
- ◆ A Story Teller/Reader
- ◆ An area where kids can be noisy and listen to music without bugging adults.
- ◆ If you have a high caliber player associated with your club, you may want to do "simuls."

Security

Keep in mind that you are ultimately responsible for the health and safety of the children at your event. When you negotiate for the site, you must be aware of any insurance required by the site coordinator. There is normally coverage already in place, but you must make sure. It is wise to have parents/staff either posted outside or at least occasionally making the rounds of your area, especially if the general public has access to your site. You will need to focus on strangers that may be coming close to, or are making contact with, the children. You also want to make sure that the children are not doing anything that is potentially dangerous or destructive. You cannot rely on parents to monitor their own children. If you are using a facility that has a skittles area in a different building from the chess playing area, you might also want to post a volunteer in the walkway to make sure children get to where they are supposed to go.

Floor Director

The floor director takes the responsibility of all tournament play. This person needs to know the rules of chess, as he will be the final arbiter for any decisions regarding tournament play. The director, along with the judges, must also be able to handle the emotional meltdowns that occur

along the way. Finally, you will need to handle parents, ranging from confused to irate, in an understanding and diplomatic fashion.

If no one at your club has these skills, there are directors available for hire.

Check-In

It is highly recommended that you do not pre-pair the tournament. You should allow for one hour of check-in, ending one-half hour prior to the beginning of the tournament. All players not checked in should receive either a zero- or ½-point bye at the discretion of the floor director. Those who do not arrive by the end of round one should be withdrawn from the tournament. There is also the option of hand-pairing players whose opponents have not yet arrived at the beginning of round.

Coaches Meeting

Approximately, 30 minutes prior to the start of the tournament, the floor director will hold a meeting for all coaches and concerned parents. He will go over the rules and ask for volunteers for judges. Smart tournament coordinators will have made enough phone calls prior to the tournament to get volunteer judges.

Basic Tournament Rules

Listed below is a sample of rules and judges' instructions used in most elementary school events.

- ◆ The tournament will be five games, G/30 on an analog clock or G/25 with a five second delay on a digital clock.
- ◆ Touch Move, Touch Take will be in effect. If a player touches a piece with his fingers, he must move that piece unless it results in an illegal move. If she touches an opponent's piece with her own piece, she must take that piece unless it results in an illegal move. If a player moves a piece and releases that piece on a legal square, the move is final.

Are you involved in **scholastic chess**? Northwest Chess currently offers a \$10 introductory "scholastic" membership/magazine subscription, which is good for six months. **Please help spread the word at the school or other location where you're involved.** We need to increase our memberships, and the kids will benefit from the chess information and scholastic chess news in the magazine! Perhaps they'll even see their names in print!!

- ◆ Clock usage – If a K-3 player brings a clock to a table, both players must agree to use it or it may not be used. If a 4-6 player brings a clock to the table, the clock will be used. If both players bring a clock, the player of Black chooses which clock will be used. In all cases of clock usage, the Black player will choose the side of the board to place the clock on.
- ◆ We want the players to make all of their own decisions. Therefore, judges may not interfere in any game without a child raising a hand to request the judge come to the game. The only exception to this is if there is obvious cheating, if the players begin arguing out loud, or if a physical or emotional situation occurs.
- ◆ If a judge is called for a ruling, clocks should be stopped. The judge may only advise on what the rules are. Again, we want the children to make their own decisions based on the rules. For instance, if a judge is asked, "Is this a stalemate?" the judge should only explain the stalemate rule to the children.
- ◆ At the end of the game, the children raise their hands for the judge to come over to record the game. Both players must agree on the outcome of the game. The judge may not correct the children if their agreement is incorrect. At this point, the judge writes down the result on the his sheet. The judge should show the written result to the players and have them verify that the result is correct.

Tournament Statistician

In order to get the tournament rated and to accurately do pairings and standings, it is suggested that you use the Swiss-Sys computer program. It is recommended that a club purchase the program and train people to use it. However, you have the option to hire a qualified computer operator to do the tournament.

The commonly used tie-breaks are Solkoff, Cumulative, and Opposition Cumulative and should be entered in that order (SCO). It will save you a lot of grief and questions if you do not enter these until after you post the fourth round standings.

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Adult: \$25/year (12 issues). Residents of OR and WA receive a 1-year membership in the OCF or WCF. Members receive *Northwest Chess* via periodicals mail each month.

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Trial: \$13 (membership and subscription, expires in 3 months). By paying the balance of dues for an Adult membership, this option can be extended to 12 months. The balance must be paid before the trial status is expired.

For general information, Eric Holcomb (253) 850-2996, e-mail: Eric@Holcomb.com

OCF/WCF Membership Application/Renewal Form

Name _____ If Junior, give date of birth _____
E-Mail (if you want to subscribe to the *Northwest Chess* e-mail mailing list) _____
Phone Number (optional, will not be used for telemarketing) (____) _____
Street or P.O. Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Country (if not USA) _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Make check or money order (USA \$ only) out to Northwest Chess and mail to:

Credit this membership to:

Eric Holcomb
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The statistician will also be responsible for submitting the final results to the appropriate rating service. A nominal fee is charged by WHSCA to cover the rating expenses.

Trophy Presentation

After the last game of the last round finishes, recruit people to help do the bulk of the clean up. Sometimes the tables in the playing area need to be put away before the awards ceremony. Announcing that the quicker this happens, the faster we will finish is a good motivator.

The person who will do the trophy presentation should be a comfortable public speaker with the ability to quickly read a name and phonetically say it. Before you proceed with the trophies, honor your committee chairs and judges. This event would not have happened without them. Finally, ask the children to thank their parents for bringing them to the tournament.

Now, on to the trophies. Start with the sportsmanship awards. Then, proceed with the Grade awards for one of the sections. Next come the Overall awards for the same section and then fin-

ish with the Team awards for that section. Then do the same for the other section(s)

Once trophy presentation is over, gently encourage people to leave and finish the clean-up task. Once you are done, go out, or go home, and relax, you have earned it!!!

I am sure that everyone who reads this might think that they have a better way. If you do, share it with everyone, especially new clubs that are looking to put tournaments on in the future. If we all help each other, chess will continue to grow. ■



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SCC Championship

Sept. 8, 15, 29, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 3

A one-section, seven-round Swiss held on Friday evenings with a time control of 35/100 and 25/60. The prize fund is 75% of the entry fees.

First	23%
Second	16%
U2000	9%
U1800	8%
U1600	7%
U1400	6%
Unrated	3%
Endurance	3%

SCC CHAMPIONS 1986-2005

1986 Bruce Morris & Russ Ridderbusch
 1987 John Braley, Russ Ridderbusch & Eric Tangborn
 1988 John Braley & Dan Marshall
 1989 Dan Marshall
 1990 Michael Oshiro
 1991 Fred Kleist
 1992 Dan Marshall
 1993 Dave Weinstock
 1994 Dan Marshall
 1995 Jeff Nomura
 1996 Slava Mikhailuk
 1997 Ignacio Perez
 1998 Huso Hadzic
 1999 Fred Kleist
 2000 Nat Koons
 2001 Bobby Ferguson
 2002 Huso Hadzic
 2003 Fred Kleist & Adam Weissbarth
 2004 Geoff Gale
 2005 Michael Darby

Entry Fees: \$25 if rec'd by 9/6, \$30 thereafter. **SCC membership** req'd — special \$24 tournament membership.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rounds:** Fridays 8 p.m.

Byes: 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/18). **Miscellaneous:** USCF memb. req'd. No smoking. No computers.

Seattle Fall Open

September 22-24 or September 23-24

A 2-section, 5-round Swiss chess tournament with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (except Rd 1 of the 2-day option — G/64) with a prize fund of \$1000 based on 58 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

A Christopher Memorial Grand Prix event

Open: \$180 gtd-\$120 gtd, U2200 \$100,
U2000 \$95, U1800 \$90

Reserve (U1700): \$110-\$80, U1550 \$70, U1450
\$65, U1350 \$60, UNR \$30

Entry Fees: \$32 by 9/20, \$40 at site. 25% discount to SCC members or 12.5% discount to members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr USCF & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

Registration: Fri. 9/24 7-7:45 pm or Sat. 9/25 9-9:45 am.

Rounds: Fri. 8 pm, Sat. (10@G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

Byes: 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration.

Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF required. No smoking. No computers.

Seattle Chess Club

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17517 15 Ave NE
Seattle WA 98155

Infoline

206-417-5405
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Address for Entries

SCC Tnmt Dir
2420 S 137 St
Seattle WA 98168

☞ Aug. 26

SCC Saturday Quads ☞

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr seating by rating.
TC: G/120. **EF:** \$6 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC).
Prizes: Free entry to future quad. **Reg:**
9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-ASAP.
Misc: USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd,
OSA, NS, NC.

☞ Aug. 27

SCC Sunday Tornado ☞

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$5 (+\$5
fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd
27%, Bottom Half 1st 20%, 2nd 16% (\$10
from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:**
10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-
6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb.
req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

September 9

SCC Novice

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and un-
rated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 9/7, \$15 at
site. (20% disc. for SCC mem., 10% mem.
of other dues-req'd CCs in WA, OR, &
BC). **Prizes:** Memberships (SCC, WCF,
USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a. **Rds:** 10-12:45-
3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3 or 4—commit at
reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

August 19 **SCC Monthly Blitz**

Format: Prelim & final RRs, 12-24 rds.
TC: G/5. **EF:** \$10 (non-SCC mem. add
\$1 tnmt mem. fee). **Prizes:** 80% (EFs
minus \$15). **Reg:** Noon-12:45. **1st Rd:**
1:00 p.m. **Misc:** NS, NC.

Future Events

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

July-15, Aug 5, Aug 12

UW Chess960 Frolics

Site: Gould Hall, UW Campus, NE 40 St btw University Way NE & 15 Ave NE. **Format:** 4-rd Swiss. 3 separate, but linked events, prizes for total score. **TC:** G/15+15s/m. **Series EF:** \$20 by 7/12 (\$14 students), \$25 at site on 7/15; \$16 by 8/2 (\$12 students), \$21 at site on 8/5; \$10 by 8/9, \$15 at site on 8/12. \$2 discount for each entry, if 2 or more in one envelope. **Prize Fund:** \$275 gtd. **Prizes:** \$100-75, U1800 60, U1400/unr 40. **Reg:** 10:30-10:45 a.m. **Rds:** each Sat. 11-12-2-3. **Byes:** Five ½-pt. byes avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** No memb. req'd to play, but winners must be (come) WCF members. USCF, NWSRS rtps used for pairings/prizes. Rules at www.chess960.com. **Ent/Info:** H.G. Pitre, 700 Crockett Street #105, Seattle WA 98109, 206-284-9314. Make checks payable to: H.G. Pitre/Chess960

♣**Aug 19-20 Tacoma City Championship**♣

Site: Freighthouse Square, 430 E 25th St, Tacoma WA. 2 blks up the hill from the Tacoma CC and 1 blk down the hill from the Tacoma Dome. Playing room is at the E end of bldg. **Format:** 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$25 adv., \$35 at site; jrs \$20 adv., \$25 at site; Economy (no prize money) \$10, free for UNR; UNR may play for 1st w/regular EF. Entries may be limited to 25 players. **Prize Fund:** 67% of full-paying EFs. **Prizes:** 25%, U2000 (3 equal grps) 15%, 14%, 13%. Econ. winner: certificate and free econ. entry to future event. **Reg:** Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-1-3:30, Sun 11-2. **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye avail. if requested in advance. **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. NS, NC, W. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445 (make checks payable to TCC); 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com. www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com.

♣**August 26**

PCC Game-in-60♣

Site: Portland CC, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland OR 97219. **Format:** 4-rd Swiss. **TC:** G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. **EF:** \$20, \$5 discount for PCC members.

No advance entries. **Prize Fund:** \$\$200/b20. **Prizes:** \$60-40-30, U1800 35, U1500 35. **Reg:** 9-9:30 am. **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye avail. if requested at reg. **Misc:** USCF & OCF/WCF membership req'd, OSA. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.org.

♣**Aug 26-27 Auntie's Open & Spokane City Ch**♣

Site: Auntie's Bookstore, W 402 Main, Spokane WA. 509-838-0206. **Format:** 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** G/90. **EF:** \$18 by 8/17, \$25 at site. \$18 by 8/17 for u18. UNR - free. **Prize Fund:** \$400 b/20, 4/prz grp. **Prizes:** \$100-60, U2000 60, U1700 60, U1400 60, Biggest Upset (estab. rtps) 60. Add'l classes/prizes poss. if entries exceed 30. Class prizes b/5 per class; classes/prizes may be reconfigured if less than 5 class entries. **Reg:** Sat. 9-9:40 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-1:30-5:30, Sun 11-2:30 (or ASAP). **Byes:** One ½-pt. byes avail. if requested by end of preceding rd (rd 3 for a Sunday bye). **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. If less than 16 players, the event will be a 4-rd. Swiss with rounds at 9:45-1:45-5:45, 9:45. **Ent/Info:** Dave Griffin, PO Box 631, Veradale WA 99037; 509-928-3260; dbgrffn@hotmail.com; www.spokanechessclub.org. **Spokane City Championship Match:** Aug 25-27. Defending champion FM David Sprengle will play the winner of a 6-player RR held 8/12-13. **TC:** G/2. **Rds:** 4:30, 9:45-3, 9:30 (if necessary).

♣**Sept 16-17**

Eastern Washington Open♣

Site: Schoenberg Ctr (Rm 201), Gonzaga U., N 900 Pearl St, Spokane (SW corner of campus - 1 blk E of Division/Ruby off DeSmet Ave). **Format:** 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$21 by 9/15, \$26 at site. \$5 discount for u18. **Prize Fund:** \$800 gtd. **Prizes:** \$150-120-80, A 65-35, B 65-35, C 65-35, D/E/unr 65-35, Upset 50. Add'l classes/prizes poss. if entries exceed 30. Class prizes b/5 per class; classes/prizes may be reconfigured if less than 5 class entries. **Reg:** Sat. 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 9-1:30 (or ASAP). **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye avail. if requested by end of preceding rd (rd 3 for a Sunday bye). **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. TD reserves right to use class pairings in final rd. **Info:** 509-466-0530 eve. or wknd; 509-477-2871 days; www.spokanechessclub.org. **Entries:** Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo N. 9923 Moore, Spokane, WA 99208-9339

Scholastic Summer Chess Camps

Chess Odyssey

various sites OR

pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com

Aug 7-11 for ages 7-19Portland OR
21-25 for ages 7-19Beaverton OR

WGM Elena Donaldson

various sites WA

chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/elena_camp.htm

Aug 7-11 Elena's Summer Chess Camp ..Woodinville WA
14-18 Elena's Summer Chess CampSeattle WA

Chess4Life

Bellevue WA

Elliott Neff 425-283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com

Aug 7-11 for K-6
Aug 14-18 for K-6



David Hendricks Chess & Sports

Sammamish WA

David Hendricks 425-868-3881 davidhendricks@comcast.net

Aug 14-18 Intermediate (>700)

Evergreen School

Shoreline WA

Danielle 206-957-1533 dlarway@evergreenschool.org www.evergreenschool.org

Aug 7-11 Advanced (ages 9-15)

Open Events

August 2006

♣10,17	August Adjeeb (rds 2-3)	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
11	Eckstein Quads (sch. plyrs welcome)	Siva 206-963-1841 siva@shakthi.net	Seattle WA
11,18,25	Tacoma Summer Championship	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
♣12	Qualchan Quads	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
12-13	Rod Planas Memorial	Grant Rice 250-979-0009 ridebike@okanagan.net www.ches.bc.ca	Kelowna BC
12-13	Spokane City Ch Contenders (Inv.)	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
18	Eckstein Quads (sch. plyrs welcome)	Siva 206-963-1841 siva@shakthi.net	Seattle WA
19	SCC Monthly Blitz (G/5)	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣19-20	Tacoma City Championship	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
25	Eckstein Quads (sch. plyrs welcome)	Siva 206-963-1841 siva@shakthi.net	Seattle WA
♣26	♠ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
♣26	SCC Saturday Quads Cancelled	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣26-27	Auntie's Open	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
26-27	Spokane City Championship	David Griffin 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
♣27	SCC Sunday Tornado Cancelled	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA

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♣2-4	Oregon Open	Mike Morris mikejmorris@earthlink.net www.pdxchess.org	Gresham OR
2-4	Labour Day Langley Club Open	Hugh Long 604-530-4693 hughraine@telus.net www.chess.bc.ca	Langley BC
8,15	Tacoma CC Gambit Tmt	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
9	Seattle CC Novice	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣10	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
12	PCC Tuesday Quads begin	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
♣16	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣16-17	Eastern Washington Open	Kevin Korsmo kmkorsmo@comcast.net com www.spokanechessclub.org	Spokane WA
17	SCC Monthly Blitz (G/5)	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
22,29	TCC Championship (Rds 1-2)	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
♣22-24	Seattle Fall Open	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣30	♠ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.org	Portland OR
30	Tacoma/Pierce County Action Ch	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA

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3	PCC Tuesday Quads begin	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com	Portland OR
6-8	Western States Open	Jerry Weikel 775-747-1405 wackykl@aol.com	Reno NV
6,13,20,27	TCC Championship	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
7	SCC Monthly Blitz (G/5)	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣8	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣14	SCC Saturday Quads	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA
♣14-15	Portland CC Fall Open	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.aboutchess.org	Portland OR
14-16	GM Slugfest (Invitational)	Clint Ballard clint@slugfest.org www.gmslugfest.org	Poulsbo WA
♣21-22	84th Puget Sound Open	G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA
♣28	♠ PCC Game-in-60	503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com	Portland OR
♣29	SCC Sunday Tornado	SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org	Seattle WA

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Scholastic Events

August 2006

19	Cornerstone Jump Start	Norm May nmay@pacifier.com www.playingforthekeing.com	Vancouver WA
22	Hot Summer Chess IV (K-12)	Randy Kaech 360-384-2792 kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech	Bellingham WA

October 2006

7	St. Charles Scholastic (1-3,4-6)	Larry Clark lc_nc7_ch@yahoo.com www.harbornet.com/~rab/sco2006.html	Tacoma WA
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November 2006

4	St.Louise State Qualifier (K-6,7-12)	Elliott Neff (425)283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com	Bellevue WA
10	♠ ISB Youth Action (K-3,K-6,K-12)	Sudhakar Kudva 503-430-5744 smkudva@comcast.net	Aloha OR

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USCF NATIONAL Scholastics

For information on any national event, contact Diane Reese at events@uschess.org.

Dec. 8-10

Nat'l Scholastic (K-12)/Collegiate Ch

Orlando FL

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