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Greetings from the Editor

Okay, so I didn't catch up on my magazine duties. In fact, I fell further behind due to some family responsibilities. If the Business Manager permits, I'll try to get back on track with a 16-page November issue.



Editor's Desk

Meanwhile, 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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I have updated the database for the October ratings supplement, and some of our leaders have moved up a class, causing others to be bumped down or brought up in their respective standings. In Oregon, Taylor Bailey has moved into Class B, giving up her first place spot in class C for a similar spot in her new class. Also in Oregon, Michael Terrill has given up second place in class D for third place in class C. In Washington, Darren Wu has become the third place member in class A, leaving Michael Wang alone in second place for class B.

If you look down through the standings, you will see many close races for the cash. There are still many opportunities to add to your point totals before the end of the year. My standings reflect all events through the middle of September. This means three events have yet to be included from September, one with a multiplier. We have six events on our calendar for October, and seven for November. Of those seven in November, the SCC Extravaganza has a multiplier of 3x and the Washington Class has a multiplier of 4x. Although I have not seen the calendar at this writing, I expect there will be another five or six events during December. You have plenty of opportunities, therefore, to make a move up the standings. Might as well try.

Oregon

- 1 Raptis, Nick
- 2 Roua, Radu
- 3 Haessler, Carl
- 4 Prochaska, Peter
- 5 Brownell, Landon
- 6 Harmon, Clark

Masters

- | | | |
|-------|--------------------|------|
| 152.0 | Collyer, Curt | 98.0 |
| 49.0 | Pupols, Viktors | 75.5 |
| 44.5 | MacGregor, Michael | 71.5 |
| 42.0 | Koons, Nat | 64.0 |
| 24.0 | Readey, John | 62.5 |
| 15.5 | Perez, Ignacio | 45.0 |

Washington

- 1 Daroza, Eduardo
- 2 Phillips, Blake
- 3 Morris, Michael
- 4 Gutman, Richard
- 5 Yu, Corbin
- 6 Alpernas, Gregori

Experts

- | | | |
|------|------------------|-------|
| 84.5 | Bartron, Paul | 103.5 |
| 55.0 | Gale, Geoffrey | 97.5 |
| 52.5 | Sinanan, Joshua | 78.5 |
| 44.5 | Lee, Michael | 65.5 |
| 34.5 | Selzler, Richard | 65.5 |
| 34.0 | Arganian, David | 42.0 |

Class A

- | | | |
|------|-----------------|-------|
| 73.0 | Buck, Stephen | 159.5 |
| 68.5 | Mathews, Dan | 97.5 |
| 68.0 | Wu, Darren | 86.0 |
| 55.5 | O'Gorman, Peter | 82.0 |
| 55.5 | Chen, Howard | 75.5 |
| 46.5 | Guo, Alex | 72.0 |

Class B

- | | | |
|------|---------------------|------|
| 84.5 | Lee, Nathan | 90.0 |
| 79.5 | Wang, Michael | 86.0 |
| 54.5 | Countryman, Zachary | 66.5 |
| 50.0 | Watts, Peter | 56.5 |
| 42.5 | Manber, Devon | 55.0 |
| 39.5 | Fabian, Steve | 50.0 |
| | Griffin, David | 50.0 |

Class C

- | | | |
|------|----------------------|-------|
| 70.0 | Etingher, Constantin | 151.5 |
| 45.5 | Hornickle, John | 102.0 |
| 41.5 | Kolde, Sterling | 66.5 |
| 34.5 | Apacible, Jennifer | 63.5 |
| 29.5 | Monahan, Darby | 63.5 |

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Nick Raptis, Mike MacGregor Tie for First in Gresham

Sebastian Baker, David Breckenridge Take Honors in Reserve

by Neil Dale

Michael MacGregor and Nick Raptis finished at the top of the Oregon Open standings, tied for first/second at five points apiece. It was tough competition, as neither of the winners remained unscathed. MacGregor lost to Andy May in round two, while Raptis drew Richard Gutman and Steve Joplin along the way. Michael Lee and Mike Morris tied for third place honors at four-and-a-half points each. Notice that three of the top four finishers were named Michael. Is there some kind of conspiracy? Do we need a congressional investigation? Just kidding. Five players shared in the U2000 prize at three-and-a-half points: Howard Chen, Raleigh Foster, Daniel Gay, Paul Motta, and Steve Surak. There were a total of 43 players in the top section.

The Reserve section had a great turnout. A total of 72 players competed and, after the dust had settled, two young guys shared first/second with five-and-a-half points apiece. The two winners of the Reserve were Sebastian Baker and David Breckenridge. I would surmise that they will be competing in the Open section next year. The number of other prize-winners in this section was so large that I will skip the listing of their names in the fear that I would omit someone.

Some time near the end of the tournament, Carl Haessler said to me, "I have seen the future of chess and it looks real good!" He was referring to all the young players, without whom the turnout would have been nowhere near as great. Thirteen of the juniors opted for the lower entry fee and competed for non-cash prizes. Megan Lee was the top performer among them with four points. She was followed by Jennifer Apacible and Albert and Brian Hong with three-and-a-half points. They received chess sets as prizes. I should mention that nine female players participated, a new record! Seven of these ladies definitely fall into the junior category. I hope the other two are not mad at me for their exclusion from that category.

The tournament was held at the Vista Dining Room in Mt Hood Community College in Gresham. Unfortunately, we did not have use of the Town and Gown Room for skittles, as it was being remodeled. Thus game analysis, etc. took place outdoors in the covered space next to the Vista. But the weather was good; so this did not cause undue hardship. The tournament was sponsored by the Portland Chess Club and the Oregon Chess Federation. The TD crew consisted of Grisha Alpernas, Neil Dale, and Mike Morris (or the group from MAD if you flip it around: Morris/Alpernas/Dale). The organizers would like to thank everyone who came and helped make this event a success.

According to the 2006 March edition of Northwest Chess, my opponent is the home-schooled teenage sensation that came in second this year in the Oregon State Championship. He won seven games and drew two. His rating went from 2163 to 2237. Only Oleg Zaikov finished better, by a half point, with 8.5/9.0, to win his fourth consecutive championship. Of course I knew none of this;

only that I needed to win to have a chance for the money. When we spoke before the round Landon said he learned chess with his brothers and a Chess for Dummies book, and that he was a junior. I told him he looked more mature than a junior. He seemed more like a college student to me. I should also mention that the Tacoma Chess Club was well represented in this year's Oregon Open, with Neil Salmon

(welcome back!), Viktors Pupols, Paul Bartron, and Mike MacGregor each playing on the top four boards in the fifth round.—MacGregor

Two Knights Defense

NM Landon Brownell (2246)

Michael MacGregor (2188)

Gresham, Oregon Open (5) 2006

Annotations by Michael MacGregor

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♗c4

This game is strangely familiar. Did my opponent know about my third round game, which had these very same moves? It's no secret that opponents will study the games of their opponents to help them prepare for a game. Fortunately, I had analyzed my third round game and found a slight improvement.

4...♗f6 5.e5 d5 6.♗b5 ♗e4 7.♗xd4 ♗c5

With this move Black avoids the mainline continuation 7...♗d7 8.♗xc6 bxc6 9.O-O ♗c5 10.f3, when Black's Knight is forced to retreat (10...♗g5).

8.♗e3

8.♗xc6+ bxc6 9.♗e3 ♗d7 transposes to the game. 8.♗xc6 ♗xf2+ 9.♗f1 bxc6 10.♗xc6+ ♗f8 11.c4 (11.♗xd5?? ♗a6+ 12.c4 ♗xc4+ 13.♗xc4 ♗d1 mate; 11.♗xd5?? ♗a6+ 12.c4 ♗xc4+ 13.♗xc4 ♗xd1 mate) leads to complications with White's King more exposed, e.g., 11...♗c5 12.♗f3 ♗a6 13.♗a3 ♗b8 14.♗b5 ♗b7 15.♗xb7 ♗xb7 16.♗e3 ♗xe3 17.♗xe3 dxc4 (FRITZ):

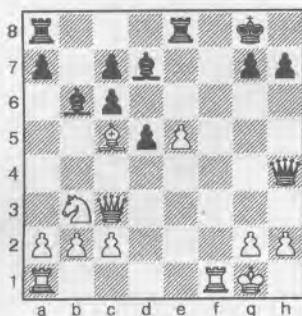
1) 18.♗d4 ♗d5 19.♗e1 ♗c5 20.♗e2 ♗b6 21.♗g1 a6 22.♗f4 ♗d3 23.♗g4 g6 24.e6 h5 25.e7+ ♗g7 26.♗h4 g5 27.♗e4 ♗xe4 28.♗xe4 ♗xb2.

2) 18.♗xe4 ♗xb5 19.b3 ♗d3+ 20.♗xd3 cxd3 21.♗d1 ♗d5 22.♗f2 ♗e7 23.♗d2 ♗e8 24.♗c1

8...♗d7 9.♗xc6 bxc6 10.O-O

10.f3? ♖h4+ 11.g3 ♘xg3 12.♙f2 ♖h3 13.♙xg3 ♖g2 14.♙f1 ♙h3 15. ♖d3 ♙xd4.

The other main continuation is 10. ♘d2 ♘xd2 (10...♖h4 11.♘xe4 ♖xe4 12.O-O O-O 13.♙e1 ♖g6 14.♘e6 ♙xe6 15.♙xc5 ♙fb8 16.b3 ♙h3 17.♖f3 ♙f5 18.♖c3 ♙e4 19.f3 ♙xc2 20.e6 fxe6 21. ♙d4 ♙f5 22.♙ac1 ♙f8 23.♖d2=(23.g4 ♙ae8 24.♙h1 ♙d3)) 11.♖xd2 ♖e7 12.♘b3 ♙b6 13.♖c3 O-O 14.O-O ♙fe8 15.f4 f6 16.♙c5 fxe5 17.fxe5 ♖h4=



Analysis Diagram

10...♖e7

After the game Landon said he had not seen 10...♖e7 before.

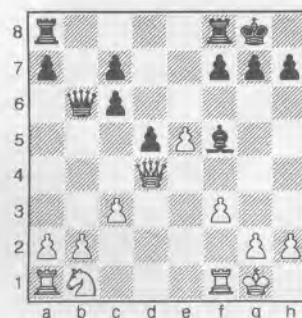
11.f3?!

This is not a bad move. However, it allows the Knight to retreat to d6, which is more favorable than g5, because f5 will be a better square for the Knight. For this reason, the mainline is 11.♙e1 O-O 12.f3 ♘g5 13.♖d2 f6 14.♙h1 ♙b6 15. ♘c3 ♘e6 16.♙f2 ♖f7 17.♘b3 ♖h5 18. ♙g3 f5 19.f4 d4 20.♘e2 ♙ad8 21.a4.

11...♘d6 12.♙f2 ♘f5 13.♘xf5

13.♙e1 ♘xd4 14.♙xd4 O-O 15.♘c3 ♙fb8 16.♙b1 ♙b4 17.♘e2 ♙ab8 18.b3 ♙xd4+ 19.♘xd4 ♖c5 20.c3 ♖xc3 21.♘c2 ♖c5+ 22.♙h1 ♙h4 23.♖d2 ♖e7 24.♖a5 ♙f5 25.♖xa7 (FRITZ).

13...♙xf5 14.c3 O-O 15.♙xc5 ♖xc5+ 16.♖d4 ♖b6



With almost every move Black threatens something, which is annoying. White decides to take the Queen, but this gives Black a good Bishop versus Knight ending with a queenside pawn majority and no weaknesses.

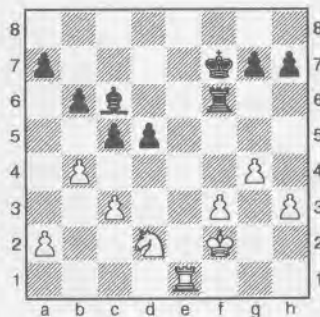
17.♖xb6 cxb6 18.♘d2 c5 19.g4 ♙d7 20.h3 f6

White has the kingside majority. Ideally, he would love nothing more than to have a pawn duo on f5 and e5. Before Black can realize his plan, he must first neutralize this ideal.

21.♙ae1 ♙ae8 22.exf6

After 22.f4 fxe5 23.fxe5 ♙xf1+ 24. ♘xf1, White's pawn majority is reduced to an isolani near Black's King, a positional liability.

22...♙xf6 23.♙xe8+ ♙xe8 24.♙f2 ♙c6 25.♙e1 ♙f7 26.b4



The decisive moment of the game. I spent forty minutes deciding whether I should have an isolated passed queen pawn or give White the isolated passed queen pawn. In the latter continuation, which is the game continuation, I ultimately used positional sense to determine that the doubled b-pawns, creating a three-to-one queenside majority, would be more detrimental to White for the following reasons: (1) the pawns would be further away from White's King and (2) White's lone a-pawn would become a target for my Bishop in an endgame of Bishop versus Knight. Thus White would be unable to exchange Rooks. This would allow my Rook the open file and penetration.

26...d4

26...♙e6 27.bxc5 bxc5 28.♘b3 ♙xe1 29.♙xe1 c4 (29...d4? 30.cxd4 c4 31.♘d2 c3 32.♘e4) 30.♘d4 gives White the good Knight versus bad Bishop. This was the venom contained in 26.b4.

27.cxd4

27.bxc5 dxc3 28.♘e4 ♙xe4 29.♙xe4 b5 (29...♙c6 30.♙e2 (30.cxb6 axb6 31.♙e1 b5 32.a3 ♙f6 33.♙c1 ♙g5 34.♙g3 c2 35.f4+ ♙f6 36.h4 g6 37.♙f3 ♙c4)) 30.♙e3 a5 31.a4 b4 32.♙c4 ♙e6 33.c6 ♙f8 34.f4 ♙c8 35.♙d3 ♙d6 36. ♙d4+ ♙c5 37.♙c4+ (37.♙d7 ♙xc6-+) 37...♙b6-+

27...cxb4 28.♙c1

28.♘e4 ♙xe4 29.♙xe4 ♙c6 30.d5 ♙c2+ 31.♙e3 (31.♙e2 ♙xe2+ 32.♙xe2 ♙e7 33.♙d3 b5 34.f4 ♙d6 35.♙d4 a5 36.f5 a4 37.♙d3 ♙xd5-+) 31...♙xa2 32.d6 ♙a1 33.♙d2 ♙a5 34.♙e7+ ♙f6 35.♙c2 ♙c5+ 36.♙b3 a5 37.h4 b5 38.g5+ ♙g6 39.♙b7 ♙c3+ 40.♙b2 ♙xf3 41.♙xb5 ♙d3 42.♙xa5 ♙xd6 43.♙a7 h5 44.gxh6 ♙xh6 45.♙b7 ♙d4 46.h5 ♙g4 47.♙b5 ♙g5 48.♙xb4 ♙xh5 49.♙b7 ♙g3 50.♙f7 g5 51.♙c2 ♙e3 52.♙d2-+ (FRITZ).

28...♙e8 29.g5 ♙d6 30.♙e3

30.♘c4 ♙xd4 31.♘xb6 ♙d2+ (31... ♙xf3 32.♙xf3 axb6 33.♙c7 ♙f8 34.♙b7 looks like a draw) 32.♙e3 ♙d6 33.♘c4



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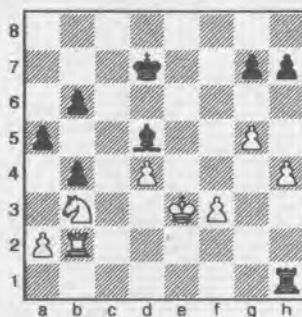


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♖e6+ 34. ♗f4 ♘d5 35. ♗e5 ♖a6 36. ♖c7
 ♖xa2 37. ♗d7 ♘b3! (37... ♗d2 38. ♗e3
 ♗d1 39. ♖xa7 b3 40. ♗d3 ♗f8 41. ♗f4 ♖h1
 42. ♗d4 ♖xh3 43. ♖a5 ♘c6=) 38. ♖b7 a5
 39. ♗e4 ♗f8 40. ♗f4 ♖e2+ 41. ♗d3 ♖c2
 42. ♖b8+ ♗e7 43. ♖b5 ♖c3+ 44. ♗e4 a4
 45. ♖xb4 a3 46. ♖b7+ ♗d8 47. ♗d4 ♖c1
 48. ♖xb3 a2 49. ♖a3 a1=♖+ 50. ♖xa1
 ♖xa1 ♠ (FRITZ).

30... ♘d5 31. ♖c7 ♗d7 32. ♖c8+ ♗d8
 33. ♖c2 ♗d7 34. ♗e4 ♖c8 35. ♖b2 a5
 36. h4 ♖c1 37. ♗d2 ♖a1 38. ♗b3 ♖h1



39. ♗f4 ♖xh4+ 40. ♗e5 ♘xf3

The last move of time control.

41. ♖f2 ♖e4+ 42. ♗d5

No better is 42. ♗f5 g6+ 43. ♗f6 ♖e6+ 44. ♗g7 ♖e7+ 45. ♗f8 ♘d5—+, when the queenside pawns should determine the game, e.g., 46. ♗c1 ♘c4 47. d5 ♘xd5 48. ♗d2 ♖e5.

42... ♖e3+ 43. ♗c4 ♗c6 0-1

In the sixth round five players had four points: John Readey, Nick Raptis, Michael MacGregor, Michael Lee, and Paul Bartron. Nick and Paul played on board two and John and I were on board one. Michael Lee had registered with a sixth-round bye and so would finish with 4.5 points. It was essential to play for the win to be guaranteed prize money.—MacGregor

Pirc Austrian Attack

Michael MacGregor (2188)

FM John Readey (2326)

Gresham, Oregon Open (6) 2006

Annotations by Michael MacGregor

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♗f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.f4 ♘g7 5.♗f3 c5

I cannot remember the last time I played against the Pirc with a traditional time control. However, after this move I was in familiar territory. I studied this

variation some time ago and played a double-edged variation.

6. ♘b5+ ♘d7 7.e5 ♗g4 8.e6 fxe6 9. ♗g5 ♘xb5 10. ♖xg4

10. ♗xb5 ♖a5+ 11.c3 ♖xb5 12. ♗xe6 ♗a6 13. ♗xg7+ ♗f7 14. ♗e6 ♗f6 15. ♗g5+ ♗g7 16. ♗e6+ ♗f7 17. ♗g5+=

10... ♘xd4?

This gives up a piece for two pawns. 10... ♘c4 11.b3 ♘xd4 12. ♘d2 ♘d5 13. ♗xd5 exd5 14.O-O-O ♖d7 15. ♗e6 ♗c6 16.f5 ♘f6 17. ♖he1 ♗d8 18. ♘g5 is another continuation.

11. ♗xb5 ♖a5+ 12.c3 ♖xb5 13.cxd4 ♖b4+ 14. ♗f1 ♖xd4 15. ♗xe6 ♖d3+ 16. ♖e2

16. ♗f2 ♖c2+ 17. ♗g3 h5 18. ♖d1 h4+ 19. ♗f3 ♖xd1+ 20. ♖xd1 ♗a6 21. ♘d2 ♗d7 22. ♖e1 ♖h7 23. ♖e2 ♗c7 24. ♗g5 ♖h5 25. ♖ae1, keeping the Queens on longer, was an alternative.

16... ♖xe2+ 17. ♗xe2 ♗d7 18. ♗g5 ♗c6 19. ♘e3 b6 20. ♖hd1 ♖af8 21. ♖ac1 h6 22. ♗e4 ♗e6 23.a3 d5



24. ♗xc5+

It was time to give back the piece. In exchange, White nets a pawn with the better development and centralization.

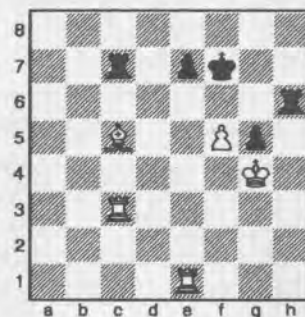
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34... ♖d6 35. ♖xd6+ exd6 36. ♖b1 ♖e8 37. ♗d3 ♗c8 38.b6 ♗e7 39.f5 ♖b8 40.b7 ♗c7 41.f6 ♗c6 42. ♗c4, winning.

35. ♖a1 ♗xb5 36. ♖xb5 ♖c2+ 37. ♗f3 ♖xh2 38. ♘f2 g5 39.f5 ♖c6 40. ♗g3 ♖h4 41. ♘c5 ♖c7 42. ♖e1

42. ♖a8+ ♗f7 43. ♖h8 ♖h1 44. ♘d4 ♖d1 45. ♖h7+ ♗e8 46.f6 ♖xd4 47.f7+ ♗d7 48.f8=♖ was better, e.g., 48... ♖c3+ 49. ♗f2 ♖f4+ 50. ♖xf4 gxf4.

42... ♗f7 43. ♖a5 ♖b7 44. ♖a3 ♖c7 45. ♖c3 h5 46.gxh5 ♖xh5 47. ♗g4 ♖h6



The key moment of the game. I believe 47... ♖h2 48. ♗xg5 ♖g2+ 49. ♗f4 ♖d2 50. ♖h1 ♖d5 51. ♘b4 ♖d4+ 52. ♗e5 ♖xc3 53. ♘xc3 ♖d3 54. ♘d4 would have prolonged the game.

48. ♖ce3!

This is decisive.

48... ♖xc5

This loses quickly; however the alternative 48... ♖hc6 49. ♖xe7+ ♖xe7 50. ♘xe7 ♖c4+ 51. ♗xg5 would also win.

49. ♖xe7+ ♗f8 50. ♗xg5 1-0

And Black is mated in two moves or loses the Rook on h6. Nick won his game against Paul; so Nick Raptis and Mike MacGregor tied for first in the Oregon Open. Michael Lee finished with 4.5 points. There were others playing with 3.5 points who could have tied with Michael, but I did not stay long enough to know who these players were.

Budapest Gambit

Tan Huynh (1300)

Taylor Bailey (1677)

Gresham, Oregon Open (2) 2006

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 ♗g4 4.♖d4 ♘b4+ 5.♗c3 ♘xc3+ 6.♖xc3 ♖e7 7.♘f4 ♗c6 8.e6 fxe6 9.h3 e5 10. ♘g3 ♗f6 11. ♘h2 ♗e4 12. ♖b3 ♗d4 13. ♖a4



13...dxc2+ 14. Wxc2 Wb4+ 15. cxd1
 dxf2+ 16. c1 We1+ 0-1

Sicilian English Attack

Ethan Peake (1795)

Drew Serres (2003)

Gresham, Oregon Open (4) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4 d6
 5.dxc3 a6 6.f3 e7 7. e3 b5 8. Wd2 d7
 9.O-O O-O 10. g4 d8 11. Wf2 b7
 12. d3 c8 13. dce2 d4 14. dxc4
 Wxc4 15. cb1 c8 16. h4 de5 17. Wg1
 dc4 18. d1 19. db3 Wc7 20. exd5
 dxd5 21. d4 b7 22. d3 d6 23. g5
 a5 24. h5 d5 25. We2 a4 26. d4 Wb6
 27. d5 b4 28. dxd6+ dxd6 29. dxb4
 Wxb4 30. Wxd5 O-O 31. d3 b8 32. g6
 dc4 33. gxh7+ c7 34. b3 Wc5
 35. We4+ f5 36. Wd4 Wxd4 37. Wxd4
 de5 38. Wg3 axb3 39. cxb3 Wf7 40. d4
 Wb5 41. dxe5 Wxe5 42. b4 de1+
 43. cb2 de2+ 44. cb3 de3+ 45. dc4
 da3 46. dd6 de7 47. Wg6 e5 48. Wge6
 Wc7+ 49. cb5 Wb7+ 50. Wb6 Wxb6+
 51. cxb6 e4 52. fxe4 fxe4 53. Wxe4 Wxa2
 54. de6 dh2 55. b5 Wxh5 56. dc6 dh1
 57. dc7 dg8 58. b6 dg7 59. Wc6 1-0

Sicilian Dragon

Raleigh Foster (1988)

Ethan Peake (1795)

Gresham, Oregon Open (5) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4 d6
 5.dxc3 g6 6. d3 e7 7. f3 d6 8. Wd2
 O-O 9. d4 d7 10.O-O O-O 11. h4
 b5 12. dxc5 d5 13. de2 a6 14. da3
 Wc7 15. h5 Wb7 16. db3 Wfc8 17. g4
 de6 18. cb1 de7 19. hxg6 f6 20.
 d4 dc5 21. Wdg1 dxb3 22. axb3 a5
 23. g5 dh5 24. dxg7 dxg7 25. db5 Wc5

WCF Board Meeting 9/7/06

Present: Pres.—Geoff Gale, V.P.—Duane Polich,
 Sec.—Gary Dorfner, Treas.—Robert Allen, T.C.—Dan
 Mathews, NWC Rep.—absent, NWC B.M.—Eric
 Holcomb. The meeting was called to order at 7:35
 pm. The reading of the minutes was dispensed
 with.

Old Business:

Discussed the \$1500 owed the WCF by Eric
 Anderson for the 2006 State Championship. Geoff
 to look into it.

Discussed by-law change in regards to state
 championship qualifications for activity require-
 ments. The main change would be to require
 players to have played in 2 instead of 3 tourna-
 ments & that the State Championship itself would
 not count as 1 of the 2 tournaments. Tabled until
 the next meeting so that board members can
 have more time to study it. A committee that was
 formed at the last meeting has not had time to
 look into it.

26. da4 d5 27. Wd4 Wbc8 28. c3 dxe4
 29. fxe4 dxb3 30. da1 dxa4 Draw

King's Gambit Accepted

Mike Morris (2095)

NM Carl Haessler (2200)

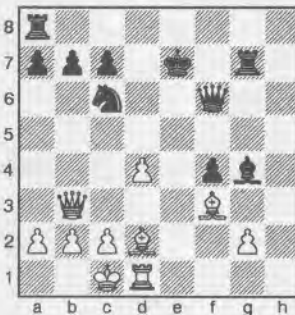
Gresham, Oregon Open (6) 2006

Annotations by FM Chuck Schulien

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.d3 d6 4.dxc3 d5
 5.exd5 dxd5 6. dxd5 Wxd5 7. d4 Wd6?!
 8. de2 de7 9. Wd2 g5 10. h4 f6 11. hxg5
 fxg5 12. Wd3

After 12. de5 O-O 13. Wd3 h6 14.
 dg6 d5 15. Wb3+ de6 16. Wxb7 Wb4+
 17. Wxb4 dxb4+ 18. c3 Wf6 19. d3 c6 20.
 dxf4 gxf4 21. cxb4, White consolidates
 his material advantage.

12...dxc6 13. Wxh7 Wf8 14. Wxe7+ cxe7
 15. Wb7+ Wf7 16. Wg8 Wf6?! 17. d2
 Wg7 18. Wb3 g4 19. O-O O-O gxf3 20. dxf3
 dg4??



Leads to loose pieces dropping off,
 better is 20...d8

21. de1+ d8

21...d7 22. Wd5+ Wd6 23. dxg4+
 Wxg4 (23...d8 24. Wf5 dxd4 25. Wb5
 Wf8 26. Wb4+ de7 27. Wxe7 Wxe7
 28. Wb8+ We8 29. Wxd4+ de7 30. Wg7+

Discussed holding the 2007 WA Open in Spo-
 kane. Robert pointed out that some WCF events
 should be held in Eastern Washington.

Discussed the Detention Center Proposal. It had
 asked the board to help start a chess club there.
 Geoff to ask Nat Koons if he has looked into it.

Discussed the scholastic tournament proposal.
 This was tabled until the next meeting.

Financial report: There is \$3772.64 on hand as
 of 9/7/06.

New Business:

Discussed the WA Class Championship. It was
 decided to do a mailing. The deadline to have it
 done by is 9/21. Gary to do the mailing.

The site still has not been locked in. Dan &
 Geoff are still working on it.

The WA Class Committee consists of Geoff,
 Dan, Dave, Gary & Duane. Robert, Dan & Gary
 will work on the budget. Discussed side events:
 WA Class Blitz Championship on Friday night. A

bd6 31. Wf6+ d5 32. d3 f3+ We4 33. c4+
 dxc4 34. dxe4 24. Wf5+
 22. Wxb7 Wb8 23. dxc6 1-0

Sicilian Paulsen

Michael MacGregor (2188)

Andy May (1942)

Gresham, Oregon Open (2) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4
 Wc7 5. d3 e6 6. de2 a6 7. O-O d6
 8. db3 db4 9. f3 dxc3 10. bxc3 d5
 11. We1 O-O 12. exd5 dxd5 13. d3 e5
 14. We4 d6 15. Wb4 de7 16. da3 de8
 17. Wad1 dg6 18. We1 b5 19. dh1 e4
 20. fxe4 dg4 21. g3 db7 22. dg1 d6
 23. Wxf6 gxf6 24. dd4 Wac8 25. db2
 Wc5 26. Wf2 dxe4 27. Wxf6 We5 28. Wf1
 Wxf6 29. Wxf6 dxd3 30. cxd3 de5
 31. d1 c1 Wxc3 32. d4 Wxd3 33. d5
 de6 34. dxe5 Wxe5 35. dh6+ dg7
 36. Wxa6 dd2 37. df1 Wc5 0-1

Sicilian db5

NM Landon Brownell (2258)

Andy May (1942)

Gresham, Oregon Open (3) 2006

1.e4 c5 2.d3 d6 3. db5 d4 4. d3
 dxb5 5. dxb5 g6 6. d4 dg7 7. e5 Wa5+
 8. d3 cxd4 9. Wxd4 d6 10. Wd5 Wxd5
 11. dxd5 d7 12. exd6 dxd6 13. c4 b5
 14. d4+ e5 15. dg3 bxc4 16. dd1 dc5
 17. dc7 Wb8 18. dxe5 Wxb2 19. dd5+
 cb4 20. Wb5+ dc3 21. dd5+ d4
 22. Wxb2 dxd5 23. dd2+ dc5 24. dxf7
 dh6 25. dxb8 dxh8 26. d4 d7
 27. de3+ cb4 28. dd4 dxd4 29. Wxd4
 dc3 30. Wf4 de5 31. de2 dd3 32. Wf7
 df5 33. de3 db4 34. Wxh7 dc2+
 35. df4 dd4 36. Wxa7 de2+ 37. de3
 dd3 38. de1 dd4 39. Wxa3+ cb4
 40. dxd4 dxa3 41. de3 1-0

bughouse tournament was suggested as well as
 a novice.

It was suggested that the board meet every
 month instead of every 2 or 3 months.

The WA-BC Match will be held on Oct. 28th.
 The site will be the same as last year. There will be
 10 players on a team.

Discussed the WA Jr. Closed. David to do it in
 Dec.

Discussed the WA Action Championship.
 Duane will look into doing it at Elliott Neff's Chess
 4 Life Center or Crossroads Mall in Bellevue in Dec.

Discussed the WA Challengers' Cup. The Spo-
 kane Chess Club has expressed interest in doing
 it. It was decided that it would be awarded to
 them. Gary to contact Dave Griffin & let him
 know.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Oct.
 5th at 6:45 pm at Zoopa. The meeting adjourned
 at 9:12 pm.

Gary J. Dorfner Sec

WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION

Washington Class Championships

A Franett NW Grand Prix Event

November 24-26, 2006

Prize Fund
\$4,000 Guaranteed by the
Washington Chess Federation

Master	Expert	Class A
\$500	\$400	\$300
\$300	\$250	\$175
U2300	U2100	U1900
\$200	\$150	\$125
Class B	Class C	Class D/E/etc.
\$300	\$300	\$150
\$175	\$175	\$100
U1700	U1500	U1300
\$125	\$125	\$75
		U1200
		\$75

WA Class Entry Fees
(by Oct 31/ by Nov 18/ at site)

Master:	\$65 / \$70 / \$80
Expert:	\$60 / \$65 / \$75
Class A, B, C:	\$55 / \$60 / \$70
Class D & Under:	\$50 / \$55 / \$65

Advance entries must be received by November 18. Add \$25 to play up one class. Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs. Juniors (u21) may play for medals only for an advance EF of \$25. Canadians may pay entry fee in C\$ at par (no coins, please). Memberships (including USCF) must be current or paid fully.

Entries:

Gary Dorfner
8423 E 'B' St.
Tacoma WA 98445-2223
253-535-2536

Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation (WCF).

North Seattle Community College
9600 College Way N, Seattle WA 98103

Registration: Friday 8:30-10:00 a.m. for 3-day, or Saturday 8:30-9:30 a.m. if entering with two half-point byes. Up to two half-point byes available only at registration. Play any two days, if taking two half-point byes. Reentry available on Saturday morning by paying additional "at site" entry fee less \$10.

Format: Six class sections as shown at left, six round Swiss system, USCF rated. Master/Expert section is also FIDE rated.

Time Controls: 40/2, SD/1.

Rounds: Friday 11-5:30, Saturday 10-4:30, Sunday 9:30-4.

Miscellaneous: USCF and WCF/OCF membership required in all sections. OSA. Sections may be combined if fewer than twelve players in a section.

Entries/Prizes/Info: See bar at left. Entry form will be posted on NWC website.

Hotel Info/Rates: Will be posted on www.nwchess.com.

Information: Contact Dan Mathews, WCF Tournament Coordinator, 425-778-7482. Also see www.nwchess.com.

Side Events:

Class Blitz – One section, five-round Swiss (not USCF rated). Option for second section if 16 or more players. TC: G/5. EF: \$15. Reg: Saturday 8-8:45 p.m., or earlier at main registration times. Rds: Sat. 9-9:15-9:30-9:45-10 p.m. Byes available for rounds one and two if late due to main tournament game. Prizes: approx. 70% of entry fees.

Washington Class Scholastic: A separate flyer appears on the NWC website for this event, scheduled for Friday, November 24. Contact:

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DavidCHendricks@comcast.net

Seattle Sluggers Win First Four Matches in U.S. Chess League Play

Ed.—Notes to the games are extracted from Clint Ballard's running commentary to the matches which appears on the Slugfest website.

Only two teams have begun the USCL season by going 4-0 in match play and both of them did it this season! The Seattle Sluggers, an expansion team formed by Clint Ballard and the Boston Boston Blitz, led by GMs Larry Christiansen and Eugene Perelshteyn, took the early lead in the five-team Western and Eastern Divisions respectively. The Sluggers defeated the Tennessee Tempo twice, 4-0 in Week One and 3½-½ in Week Four, the Carolina Cobras 3-1 in Week Two and the Dallas Destiny 2½-1½ in Week Three. (Current standings, as of October 11, can be found on page 13.)

Round 1 (28 Aug.)

Tennessee Tempo (White on Bds. 1 & 3) vs. Sluggers

Sicilian Richter-Rauzer

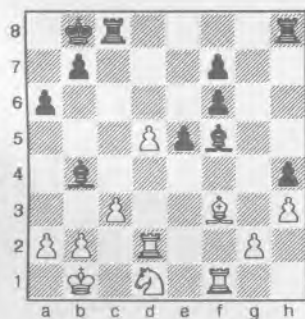
IM Ron Burnett (2449)

GM Gregory Serper (2570)

US Chess League (1.1) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♞d2 h6 8.♗xf6 gxf6 9.O-O-O a6 10.f4 ♞b6 11.♘b3 ♗d7 12.♗e2 h5 13.♞hf1 O-O-O 14.♗b1 ♗b8 15.f5 ♗e7 16.♘d4 ♘xd4 17.♞xd4 ♞xd4 18.♞xd4 ♗dg8 19.♗f3 h4 20.h3 ♞c8 21.♘d1 d5 22.exd5 e5 23.♗d2 ♗b4 24.c3 ♗xf5+



Serper has managed to get a protected passed pawn, but at the cost of opening up the f-file that his doubled pawns are on. His back-and-forth maneuver with his a-Rook now makes sense. Could he have seen this endgame before he traded Queens?

25.♗c1 ♗c5 26.♗g4 ♗xg4 27.hxg4 ♞cg8 28.♞xf6 ♗e7 29.♞xf7 ♗g5

What do you do with hard to defend doubled pawns? Give them away! Serper convinced his opponent to spend two precious moves to take his doubled f-pawns. He gets the Exchange in return.

30.♘f2 ♞f8 31.♞xf8+ ♞xf8 32.♘h3 ♞f1+ 33.♗c2 ♗xd2 34.♗xd2 ♞b1 35.♗e3 ♞xb2 36.♘f2 ♞xa2 37.g5

Serper's opponent sacrificed two pawns in hopes of queening one of his passers. After analyzing it, Serper took the a-pawn, so that dangerous looking g-pawn must not be able to queen.

37... ♞c2 38.g6 ♞xc3+ 39.♗e4 a5 40.♗f5 a4 41.d6 ♞c8 42.♘d3 a3 43.♘b4 ♞g8 44.♗f6 e4 45.♗f7 ♞xg6 46.♗xg6 ♗c8 47.♗f5 e3 48.♗e6 e2 49.♘d3 ♗d8 0-1

English

IM Eric Tangborn (2465)

FM Todd Andrews (2360)

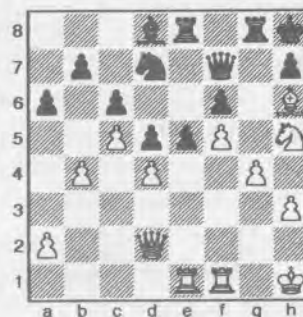
US Chess League (1.2) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.♗g2 ♘f6 4.♘c3 g6 5.d3 ♗g7 6.e4 O-O 7.♘ge2 ♘c6 8.O-O ♘d7 9.♗e3 ♘c5 10.f4 ♗g4 11.f5 f6 12.♗f3 gxf5 13.exf5 ♗xf3 14.♞xf3 ♗h8 15.♞f1 ♞g8 16.♞d2 ♞e8 17.♘d5 ♞c8 18.g4 ♘e7 19.♘xe7 ♞xe7 20.♘g3 c6 21.d4 ♘d7 22.♞ac1 ♞cd8 23.h3 d5 24.c5

Now that he has expanded all he could on the kingside, Eric decides to expand on the queenside. If he can support both fronts, it should be a matter of time before some tactic will arise in his favor. Black does have the center though.

24... ♞de8 25.b4 a6 26.♞ce1 ♞f7 27.♗h1 ♗f8 28.♘h5 ♗e7 29.♗h6 ♗d8



Eric has gotten into the real estate business, seems like two thirds of the board is his. If space could be cashed in for a win, he should have no problems, but you can't do that. He has to find a way to convert the space into something a bit more valuable.

30.dxe5 fxe5 31.f6 ♞g6 32.♗g7+ ♗g8 33.♞f5 ♗c7 34.♞ef1 ♘f8 35.♞g5 ♘e6 36.♞xg6 hxg6 37.♞h6 ♘xg7 38.♘xg7 ♞f8 39.♘e6 ♞c8 40.♘g5 1-0

"Who was the first Seattle Slugger to win a USCL game." Answer: IM Eric Tangborn! Congratulations Eric! This is our first win ever and we just need one more win on any of the remaining boards to be assured of at least a tie. The Slugfest credo is to play for a win every game. Before the match, the Commissioner made a special point of informing me that winning the match 2.5 to 1.5 is what is important. Getting any more than that is only good for tiebreak points.

Nimzo-Indian Fianchetto

FM Peter Bereolos (2319)

FM John Readey (2331)

US Chess League (1.3) 2006

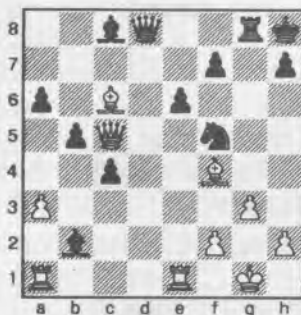
Comments by Clint Ballard

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.g3 d5 5.♗g2 O-O 6.♘f3 dxc4 7.O-O ♘c6 8.♞e1 ♞b8 9.e4 b5 10.a3 ♗e7 11.d5 ♘a5 12.♘d4 a6 13.e5 ♘e8 14.♗d2 c5 15.♘c6 ♘xc6 16.dxc6 ♞b6 17.♘e4 ♞xc6 18.♘f6+

John's opponent has decided to "win" the Exchange and also get an attack. Good thing John has three pawns in his pocket.

18...gxf6 19.♗xc6 fxe5 20.♖g4+ ♔h8 21.♗h6 ♖g8 22.♖h5 ♘d6 23.♖xe5+ ♗f6 24.♖xc5 ♘f5 25.♗f4 ♗xb2

Black's strategy was to munch a pawn, defend the attack, and win in the endgame. But why did White sacrifice a pawn and then take time to "win" the Exchange, unless there was a forceful attack. However, the attack was two pieces short of even making any serious threats. All of a sudden there was this "waka-waka-waka" sound. It was PacMan! Black takes a pawn, White takes a pawn. Both sides are taking pawns as fast as they can. This is really good for John, as he has a head start on this PacMan thing.



26. ♖ad1 ♖f8 27. ♖xf8 ♖xf8 28. ♗e4 ♗xa3 29. ♗xf5 exf5 30. ♗h6 ♖g8 31. ♗d2 ♗b2 32. ♖b1 ♗f6 33. ♗a5 ♗e6 34. ♖ed1 ♖c8 35. ♖bc1 ♖c6 36. ♗b4 ♔g7

John has been getting ready to start pushing his pawns.

37. ♖d6 ♖xd6 38. ♗xd6 a5 39. ♗c7 a4 40. ♗d6 ♗b2 41. ♖c2 a3

Sure enough, the three pawns started rolling and usually two connected passed pawns are like a full piece. Three is a monster. White had no choice to sacrifice the Exchange back.

42. ♖xb2 axb2 43. ♗e5+ ♔g6 44. ♗xb2 b4 45. ♗d4 f4

John gains a few moves threatening to trap White's King permanently. This lets the Black King walk right over to his passed pawns.

46. ♗c5 b3 47. ♗d4 f3 48. ♔f1 ♔f5 49. ♔e1 ♔e4 50. ♗f6 ♔d3 51. ♔d1 c3 52. ♔c1 ♗f5 53. g4 ♗g4 0-1

OK, there's our second win!!

Sicilian Hyper-Accelerated Dragon

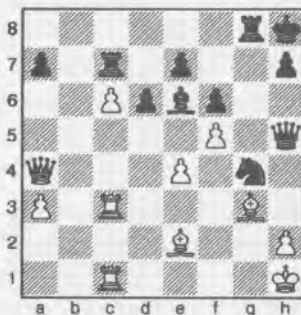
NM Nat Koons (2223)

NM Jerry Wheeler (2200)

US Chess League (1.4) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. ♘f3 c5 2. e4 g6 3. c4 ♗g7 4. d4 ♖b6 5. dxc5 ♖xc5 6. ♗e2 ♘c6 7. O-O d6 8. a3 ♖b6 9. ♖a2 ♗g4 10. ♗e3 ♖d8 11. b4 ♘f6 12. ♘c3 O-O 13. ♖b3 ♖c8 14. ♖d1 ♖e8 15. ♖c2 ♘d7 16. ♘d5 ♘de5 17. ♗g5 ♘xf3+ 18. gxf3 ♗e6 19. ♖e3 f6 20. ♗h4 b6 21. c5 bxc5 22. bxc5 ♘e5 23. f4 ♗h6 24. ♖b3 ♘f7 25. c6 ♔h8 26. ♖a4 g5 27. ♗g3 gxf4 28. ♘xf4 ♗xf4 29. ♗xf4 ♖g8+ 30. ♔h1 ♘e5 31. ♖dc1 ♖c7 32. ♗g3 ♖f7 33. ♖c3 ♖g6 34. f4 ♘g4 35. f5 ♖h5



36. fxe6??

Nat has 30 seconds to decide if he should take the piece on e6. I have a very bad feeling about this. With the enemy Rook on g8, Knight on g4, and Queen on h5 my sense of danger went to high alert. It sure seems better to take that Knight. Maybe there is no time to take the Bishop on e6? Tick, tick. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 seconds left and Nat does take the Bishop.

36... ♘f2+??

After the match was finished, the Commissioner called to congratulate us on our victory, but said that Nat was mated in two moves, right after he took that Bishop on e6!! It was a cleverly poisoned Bishop, as Black had a Queen sac on h2 with check. White is forced to take with the Bishop and, with the Black Rook on g8 controlling the g-file, 37... ♘f2 would have been a checkmate.

37. ♗xf2 ♖xe2 38. ♗g3 ♖g4 39. ♖c2 ♖a6 40. ♖d3 ♖a5 41. ♖b1 1-0

Round 2 (6 Sept.)

Sluggers vs. Carolina Cobras

QGD Slav

IM Georgi Orlov (2580)

IM Lev Milman (2523)

US Chess League (2.1) 2006

1. d4 d5 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. c4 c6 4. ♘c3 dxc4 5. a4 ♗f5 6. e3 e6 7. ♗xc4 ♗b4 8. O-O ♘bd7 9. ♘h4 ♗g6 10. ♗e2 ♗xc3 11. ♘xg6 hxg6 12. bxc3 ♖c7 13. h3 O-O 14. ♗a3 ♖fd8 15. ♖b3 c5 16. ♗f3 ♖ab8 17. ♖fd1 b6 18. ♖b5 e5 19. ♖c6 ♖xc6 20. ♗xc6 ♖bc8 21. ♗b7 ♖c7 22. ♗a6 exd4 23. cxd4 ♘b8 24. ♗b5



24... a6 25. dxc5 ♖xd1+ 26. ♖xd1 ♖c8 27. ♗c4 ♘f7 28. ♖d6 ♘xc5 29. ♗xc5 ♖xc5 30. ♖d8+ ♔h7 31. ♗xf7 ♘c6 32. ♖d6 ♘e5 33. ♗d5 ♘c4 34. ♖d8 ♘b2 35. h4 ♖c1+ 36. ♔h2 ♖d1 37. g4 b5 38. axb5 axb5 39. g5 b4 40. ♗g8+ ♔h8 41. ♖b8 ♖d2 42. ♔g3 ♖d6 43. ♗f7+ ♔h7 44. ♖xb4 ♖d2 45. ♖b6 1-0

Trompowsky

FM Matthew Hoekstra (2401)

IM Eric Tangborn (2465)

US Chess League (2.2) 2006

1. d4 ♘f6 2. ♗g5 c5 3. ♗xf6 exf6 4. d5 f5 5. e3 d6 6. g3 g6 7. ♗g2 ♗g7 8. c3 ♘d7 9. ♘e2 ♘e5 10. ♘f4 ♗d7 11. O-O b5 12. ♘d2 O-O 13. ♖c1 a5 14. h4 ♖e8 15. a3 ♖b6 16. b4 axb4 17. axb4 c4 18. ♖a1 ♘g4 19. ♖xa8 ♖xa8 20. ♘e2 ♖a2 21. ♘d4 ♖a6 22. ♘2f3 ♖a3



23. ♖e1 ♖b2 24. ♗h3 ♖f6 25. ♖g5 h6
 26. ♖gf3 ♖e4 27. h5 ♖xc3 28. hxg6 fxg6
 29. ♖e6 ♖e4 30. ♖xg7 ♖xg7 31. ♖g2 g5
 32. ♗xf5 ♗xf5 33. ♖d4 ♗d7 0-1

QGD Tarrasch

FM John Readey (2331)

FM Oleg Zaikov (2325)

US Chess League (2.3) 2006

1. ♖f3 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. ♗g2 ♗e7
 5. O-O O-O 6. d4 c5 7. cxd5 exd5 8. ♖c3
 cxd4 9. ♖xd4 ♖c6 10. ♗e3 ♗e8 11. ♖b3
 ♖a5 12. ♖c2 ♖c4 13. ♗g5 ♖b6



14. ♖xd5 ♖xd4 15. ♗fd1 ♖c5 16. ♖xe7+
 ♗xe7 17. ♗d8+ ♗e8 18. ♗xf6 ♗xd8
 19. ♗xd8 ♗f5 20. ♗e7 ♖xe7 21. ♖xf5
 ♖xe2 22. ♗c1 ♖d6 23. ♖d7 ♖d2 24.
 ♗c7 ♖d1+ 25. ♗f1 ♗e8 26. ♗xb7 g6
 27. ♗b3 ♗e1 28. ♖h3 ♖f5 29. g4 ♖d4
 30. ♗e3 ♖e2+ 31. ♗xe2 ♖xe2 32. ♖g2
 ♖xb2 33. ♖a8+ ♖g7 34. ♖g2 ♖a1 35.
 ♗a6 ♗g1+ 36. ♖h3 ♖c3+ 37. f3 ♖f6
 38. ♗b7 ♖f4 39. ♖c8 ♖h6 mate

King's Indian Classical

NM Craig Jones (2280)

Michael Lee (2102)

US Chess League (2.4) 2006

1. ♖f3 ♖f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♖c3 ♗g7 4. e4 d6
 5. d4 O-O 6. ♗e2 e5 7. O-O ♖c6 8. d5 ♖e7
 9. ♗g5 ♖h5 10. ♖e1 ♖f4 11. ♖d3
 ♖xe2+ 12. ♖xe2 h6 13. ♗xe7 ♖xe7
 14. b4 f5 15. c5 f4 16. f3 g5 17. a4 h5 18. c6
 bxc6 19. dxc6 ♗e6 20. ♖f2 ♖h8 21. ♖d5
 ♖f7 22. ♗ad1 ♗g8 23. ♗d3 ♗h6 24. h3
 ♗g6 25. b5 ♗ag8 26. a5 g4 27. fxg4 hxg4
 28. ♖xg4 ♗xg4 29. hxg4 ♗xg4 30. ♗h3
 ♖g6 31. ♗f2 ♗g3 32. ♗xg3 fxg3 33. ♗f5
 ♗g5 34. ♖f3 ♖h6 35. ♖f1 ♖h1+ 36. ♖e2
 ♖c1 37. ♗xg5 ♖c2+ 38. ♖e1 ♖c1+
 39. ♖e2 ♖c2+ 40. ♖e1 ♖c1+ 41. ♖d1
 ♖xg5 42. ♖d2 ♖h4 43. ♖e2 ♗f8 44. b6
 axb6 45. axb6 ♖h1+ 46. ♖d2 ♗f2 47.
 bxc7 ♗xe2+ 48. ♖xe2 ♖xg2+ 49. ♖d3
 ♖f1+ 50. ♖e3 ♖f2+ 51. ♖d3 ♖f1+
 52. ♖e3 ♖a6 53. ♖f3 ♖xc6 54. ♖xa3

♖g7 55. ♖g4 ♖f7 56. ♖f5 ♖c5 57. ♖g5
 ♖e6 58. ♖g4 ♖d7 59. ♖f5 ♖xd5 0-1

Round 3 (11 Sept.)

Sluggers vs. Dallas Destiny

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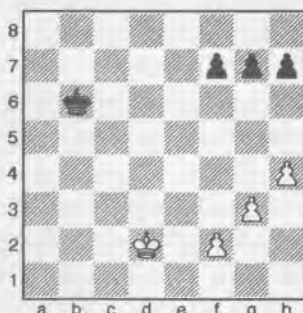
GM Gregory Serper (2570)

GM Magesh Panchanathan (2530)

US Chess League (3.1) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. ♖f3 ♖f6 2. c4 e6 3. g3 d5 4. b3 ♗e7
 5. ♗g2 O-O 6. O-O c5 7. cxd5 ♖xd5 8.
 ♗b2 ♗f6 9. ♖c3 ♖c6 10. ♖c1 b6 11.
 ♖xd5 exd5 12. d4 ♗a6 13. ♗e1 ♗c8 14.
 dxc5 ♗xb2 15. ♖xb2 bxc5 16. ♗ed1 d4
 17. e3 ♖f6 18. exd4 ♖xd4 19. ♖xd4 ♗fd8
 20. b4 ♗xd4 21. ♗xd4 ♖xd4 22. ♖xd4
 cxd4 23. ♗f1 ♗xf1 24. ♖xf1 ♖f8 25. b5
 ♖e7 26. a4 ♖d6 27. ♗b1 ♗c2 28. a5 ♖c7
 29. ♗d1 ♗c4 30. ♗b1 ♗a4 31. b6+ axb6
 32. axb6+ ♖b7 33. ♖e2 ♗a2+ 34. ♖f3 d3
 35. h4 d2 36. ♖e3 ♗c2 37. ♗d1 ♖xb6
 38. ♗xd2 ♗xd2 39. ♖xd2



Serper's tenuous advantage had been nurtured all the way to a Rook-and-pawn endgame; then a King-and-three-pawns-vs.-King-and-three-pawns endgame. Both sides with f-, g-, and h-pawns and Serper's only advantage was that he had a pawn on h4 and a slightly better King position due to having temporarily achieving an outside passed pawn.

39... ♖c5 40. ♖e3 ♖d5 41. ♖f4 ♖d4
 42. h5 ♖d3 43. g4 ♖e2 44. g5

Now I know GMs are really good at endgames, but I was pleasantly surprised when they kept playing. After all, there was no way Serper could lose this, was there? Whoa! He sacs one third of all his material for a tempo. OK, so it was only a pawn, but I still didn't see how he would win this. He was finally able to convert his "temporary" advantage that he had

from the opening into an extra pawn! Alas, it was the h-pawn.

44... ♖xf2 45. h6 gxh6 46. gxh6 ♖e2
 47. ♖f5 ♖e3 48. ♖f6 ♖e4 49. ♖xf7 ♖e5
 50. ♖g7 ♖e6 51. ♖xh7 ♖f7 52. ♖h8 ♖f8
 53. ♖h7 ♖f7 Draw

Eric's opponent won a pawn on move 25 and Eric didn't really have any compensation. Even though it got down to a Rook-and-pawn endgame with pawns on the same side, the King position was way in White's favor. After putting up a tremendous resistance, Eric finally had to resign, as the extra pawn was going to cost him his Rook. Ouch!

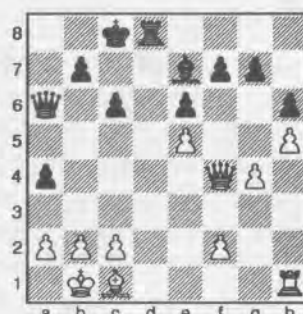
Caro-Kann Classical

IM Jacek Stopa (2512)

IM Eric Tangborn (2465)

US Chess League (3.2) 2006

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. ♖d2 dxe4 4. ♖xe4 ♗f5
 5. ♖g3 ♗g6 6. h4 h6 7. ♖f3 ♖d7 8. h5
 ♗h7 9. ♗d3 ♗xd3 10. ♖xd3 ♖gf6
 11. ♗d2 e6 12. O-O-O ♗e7 13. ♖b1 a5
 14. ♖e4 a4 15. ♖xf6+ ♗xf6 16. g4 ♖b6
 17. ♗c1 ♖a6 18. ♖e4 O-O-O 19. ♖e5
 ♖xe5 20. dxe5 ♗e7 21. ♗xd8+ ♗xd8
 22. ♖f4



22... f6 23. ♖e4 ♖b5 24. exf6 ♗xf6
 25. ♖xe6+ ♖b8 26. f4 ♗d5 27. ♖e8+
 ♗d8 28. ♖e3 ♗d4 29. ♖f3 ♗e8 30. ♗d1
 ♗e3 31. ♖f1 ♖xf1 32. ♗xf1 ♗g3 33. g5
 ♗h3 34. gxh6 gxh6 35. f5 ♗f6 36. ♗xh6
 ♗xh5 37. ♗c1 ♖c7 38. b3 axb3 39. axb3
 ♖d7 40. ♗d2 ♖e7 41. ♗b4+ ♖f7 42.
 ♖c1 ♗e5 43. ♗a5 ♗h2 44. ♗f3 ♗g2 45.
 ♗b6 ♗h2 46. ♖d1 ♗g2 47. ♗f2 ♗h2
 48. c4 ♖f6 49. ♗b6 ♖f7 50. ♗e3 ♗h1+
 51. ♖c2 ♖f6 52. ♗f3 ♗h5 53. ♗d8+ ♖f7
 54. ♖d3 ♗h1 55. ♖e4 ♗f6 56. ♗b6
 ♗h4+ 57. ♖d3 ♗h1 58. ♗c7 ♗b1 59.
 ♖e4 ♗e1+ 60. ♗e3 ♗h1 61. ♗f4 ♗h4
 62. ♖f3 ♗h5 63. ♖e4 ♗h4 64. ♗g3 ♗d8
 65. ♗f3 ♗c7 66. ♖e3 ♗b6+ 67. ♖d3 ♖f6
 68. ♗d2 ♗d4+ 69. ♖c2 ♗b4 70. ♗c1

♖g4 71. ♗c3+ ♗d4 72. ♗xd4+ ♗xd4
 73. ♗c3 ♗e4 74. ♗b4 ♗e5 75. ♗f1 ♗e3
 76. ♗f2 ♗h3 77. c5 ♗e3 78. ♗a4 ♗e5
 79. b4 ♗e4 80. ♗a5 ♗h4 81. ♗f1 ♗g4
 82. ♗h1 ♗xf5 83. ♗h7 ♗e5 84. ♗xb7
 ♗d5 85. ♗d7+ ♗c4 86. ♗d6 ♗g1 87.
 ♗xc6 ♗a1+ 88. ♗b6 ♗xb4 89. ♗g6 ♗c4
 90. c6 ♗d5 91. c7 ♗b1+ 92. ♗a7 1-0

Slava hasn't played in a few months, and one sign of rust is getting into time pressure. Granted, he got into the time pressure spending so much time looking for a win, but still time pressure is time pressure regardless of how you got there.

QGD Slav Exchange

FM Slava Mikhailuk (2438)
FM Andrei Zaremba (2354)

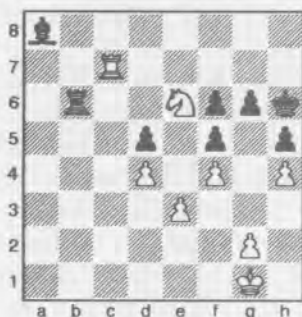
US Chess League (3.3) 2006

Comments by Clint Ballard

1. c4 c6 2. ♗c3 d5 3. cxd5 cxd5 4. d4 ♗c6
 5. ♗f4 ♗f6 6. e3 e6 7. ♗d3 ♗d6 8. ♗xd6
 ♗xd6 9. f4 a6 10. ♗f3 b5 11. O-O ♗b7
 12. ♗e5 O-O 13. ♗f3 ♗e7 14. ♗h3 g6
 15. ♗e1 h5 16. ♗e2 ♗g7 17. ♗c1 ♗e4
 18. ♗b3 f6 19. ♗f3 ♗ac8 20. a4 bxa4
 21. ♗xa4 ♗f5 22. ♗fd2 ♗f7 23. ♗f3 ♗b6
 24. ♗a3 ♗b4 25. ♗f1 ♗xd2 26. ♗xf5
 exf5 27. ♗xd2 ♗xd2 28. ♗xd2 ♗c2
 29. ♗b3 ♗xb2

Slava gets a lot of piece activity as compensation and it seems to be significantly more than a pawn's worth. In fact, it looks like he could just win it back and still have better pieces, but, of course, that is more conducive to drawing than to winning and we like to win here in Seattle!

30. ♗c5 ♗e7 31. ♗fa1 ♗c6 32. ♗xa6
 ♗b5 33. ♗a7 ♗xa7 34. ♗xa7+ ♗h6
 35. h4 ♗c6 36. ♗c7 ♗b6 37. ♗e6 ♗a8



38. ♗g5!?

This is the type of move that I don't instantly see. You know, where you put a piece on a square that is attacked by a

pawn. Of course, it is immune, as taking it would lead to mate, but Black plays 38... ♗b7 anyway and now Slava has to trade off his really powerful Knight for Black's pathetic a8-Bishop.

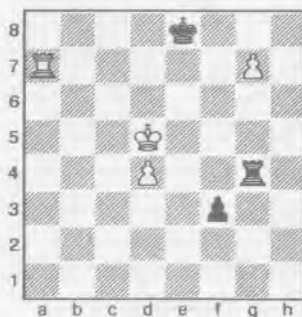
38... ♗b7 39. ♗c8 fxc5

All Slava has to do now is recapture the pawn on g5 with his f-pawn and march his King and Pac-Man the enemy pawns. Hmmmmmm... he recaptured with the h-pawn. Looks strange, there must be a good reason. I hope.

40. hxg5+

Indeed there was a good reason, Slava's clock was getting down to single digits. Single digit seconds! Yikes. He has his eyes closed? I know strong players like to analyze in their heads, but geesh, with 12, 11, 10, 9 seconds left?? It got so close that, with four seconds left he moved his Rook, but the electronic board didn't record the move, because the Rook was a bit off center. Good thing Slava noticed immediately and adjusted the Rook and wow, he was down to two seconds! We just came within two seconds of losing the match.

40... ♗g7 41. ♗xa8 ♗b2 42. ♗a7+ ♗g8
 43. ♗f1 ♗b1+ 44. ♗f2 ♗b2+ 45. ♗f3
 ♗b5 46. g3 ♗f8 47. ♗c7 ♗b6 48. ♗c5
 ♗d6 49. ♗e2 ♗e7 50. ♗d3 ♗f7 51.
 ♗c7+ ♗f8 52. ♗a7 ♗b6 53. ♗c7 ♗b3+
 54. ♗c3 ♗b6 55. ♗c5 ♗d6 56. ♗a5 ♗f7
 57. ♗a3 ♗c6 58. ♗a7+ ♗e8 59. ♗a5
 ♗d6 60. ♗c3 ♗e6 61. ♗b4 ♗xe3 62.
 ♗a3 ♗e4 63. ♗c5 h4 64. gxf4 65.
 ♗xd5 ♗xh4 66. ♗a8+ ♗e7 67. ♗a7+
 ♗e8 68. ♗g7 ♗g4 69. ♗xg6 ♗e7 70.
 ♗e6+ ♗d7 71. ♗d6+ ♗e7 72. g6 f4 73.
 ♗e6+ ♗d7 74. ♗a6 f3 75. ♗a7+ ♗e8 76.
 ♗a8+ ♗e7 77. ♗a7+ ♗e8 78. g7



Zaremba could draw pretty easily with 78... f2, eventually trading the f-pawn for the g-pawn and forcing a drawn

match. However, in a moment of insanity, Zaremba played ...

78... ♗xg7??

This untimely blunder gave Seattle the match by the score of 2.5-1.5.

79. ♗xg7 f2 80. ♗e6 1-0

Sicilian Moscow

Nelson Lopez (2087)
Michael Lee (2102)

US Chess League (3.4) 2006

1. e4 c5 2. ♗f3 d6 3. ♗b5+ ♗d7 4. ♗xd7+
 ♗xd7 5. c4 ♗c6 6. ♗c3 g6 7. d4 cxd4 8.
 ♗xd4 ♗g7 9. ♗e3 ♗f6 10. f3 O-O 11. O-O
 ♗ac8 12. b3 ♗fd8 13. ♗d2 e6 14. ♗fd1
 d5 15. cxd5 exd5 16. ♗xc6 bxc6 17. e5
 ♗e8 18. ♗d4 ♗e6



19. ♗xa7 ♗xe5 20. ♗d4 ♗a8 21. ♗c5
 ♗d6 22. ♗b6 ♗db8 23. ♗e1 ♗d7
 24. ♗xd5 cxd5 25. ♗xe8+ ♗xe8 0-1

Round 4 (20 Sept.)

Seattle Slingers vs. Tennessee Tempo

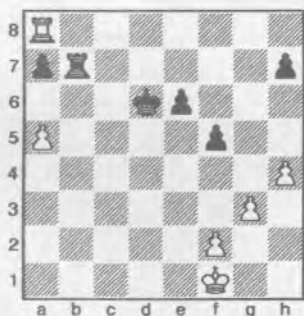
I had a feeling that Tennessee would play us tough and this match could have easily been tied 2-2 and for a while I thought that it would. We were 6 seconds away from losing the match 1.5 to 2.5! Both Nat and Greg's clock was down below 20 seconds and we only had one computer to relay through. Greg made his move at about the same time Nat did, but either Eddie didn't notice that Nat had moved or just wanted to make sure we didn't lose a promising board, he made Serper's move. Nat's clock was down to 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.1 seconds. At least there was only a few minutes of such crazy time pressure, but the logistics made this week a lot worse, even though there wasn't the one-hour-plus of time pressure like last week.

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GM Gregory Serper (2570)
IM Ron Burnett (2449)

US Chess League (4.1) 2006

1. d4 f3 g6 2. e4 g7 3. d4 d6 4. e4 c6
5. O-O d6 f6 6. d5 b8 7. e5 dxe5 8. dxe5
O-O 9. dxc3 dbd7 10. dxd7 e7 11.
e5 g5 c6 12. d6 exd6 13. e7 d6 e5 14.
f4 h5 15. f5 g6 16. e7 d8 e8 17.
f1 d1 e3 c3 18. bxc3 g7 19. f1
fe8 20. d3 e3 d3 21. cxd3 b5 22. e3
d4 23. d4 f6 24. a4 b4 25. cxb4 e8
26. e1 e3 27. e3 c6+ e7 28. e3
d6 29. a5 e4 30. g3 e6 31. e8
b4 32. e6 fxe6 33. e8 e7 34. h4



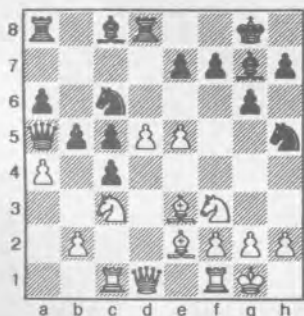
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37. e6 e4 38. e6 f7 39. e2 e5
40. e1 a5 41. d3 a4 42. c3 e7+
43. d4 e7 44. e1+ e5 45. e8
e2 46. f3 a3 47. c4 e2+ 48. d3
e2 49. e2 axb2 50. c2 e5 51. g4
1-0

Grünfeld

FM Todd Andrews (2360)
FM Slava Mikhailuk (2438)

US Chess League (4.2) 2006

1. d4 d6 2. c4 g6 3. d3 d5 4. d3 e7
5. e4 O-O 6. e1 dxc4 7. e4 c5 8. d5 b5
9. e5 d5 10. e3 e5 11. a4 a6 12. e2
d8 13. O-O d6



14. e2 d4 15. h3 e6 16. g4 d5
17. d5 e5 18. gxh5 e3 19. e1
e8 20. c2 e6 21. e4 e5 22. c3
e3 23. d1 e5 24. e3 e6 25. d4

Northwest Chess

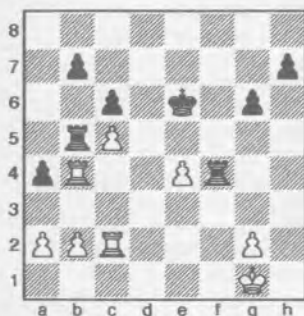
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King's Indian Classical

FM John Readey (2331)
FM Peter Bereolos (2319)

US Chess League (4.3) 2006

1. d4 f6 2. c4 g6 3. d3 e7 4. e4 d6
5. d4 O-O 6. e2 e5 7. O-O e6 8. e1
c6 9. e1 exd4 10. d4 d4 11. h3 e6
12. hxg4 e7 13. g5 e6 14. e1
e5 15. e3 d5 16. f3 a5 17. e1 a4
18. e2 f6 19. gxh6 e6 20. d2 d6
21. f4 e4 22. e4 e4 23. e4
e4 24. e6 g4 25. d3 f7 26. c5
e7 27. d4 e6 28. e4 e5 29.
e6 e6 30. e4 e5



31. e5 e6 32. c6 bxc6 33. e6+
d7 Draw

Catalan

NM Jerry Wheeler (2200)
NM Nat Koons (2223)

US Chess League (4.4) 2006

1. d4 f6 2. d4 d5 3. c4 e6 4. g3 dxc4
5. e4 c6 6. e4 b5 7. e2 e7 8.
g2 d7 9. O-O c5 10. dxc5 e3 11.
d3 e8 12. e3 a6 13. a3 O-O 14. e5
e6 15. e1 h6 16. e4 e5 17. dxe5
dxe5 18. e5 d4 19. e5 e2+ 20.
e2 d3 21. e4 d2



22. e4 f6 23. e4 d6 24. e3 e3
25. e3 e6 26. f1 e8 27. e2
e8 28. d1 d1 29. d1 e2+
30. f1 e6 31. e4 e4 32. e8+
e8 33. d3 e1+ 34. e2 d5 35. b3
e4 36. e2 d5 37. e3 e6 0-1
{Time}

U.S. Chess League Standings 10/11/06

Division	Team	W	L	Pts.
Eastern Division	Boston	6.0	1.0	19.0
	Baltimore	3.5	3.5	15.0
	New York	3.0	4.0	12.5
	Carolina	2.5	4.5	12.0
	Philadelphia	2.0	5.0	12.5
Western Division	San Francisco	6.0	1.0	18.0
	Seattle	5.5	1.5	19.5
	Miami	3.5	3.5	13.0
	Dallas	2.5	4.5	13.0
	Tennessee	0.5	6.5	5.5

Eckstein Friday Night		Seattle	7/28	TD: Siva Narayanan
1 Gottlieb, Ethan	1311(1204)	1330(1226)	W6 W4 W2	3.0
2 McPoland, Devin	1132(1070)	1124(1059)	W7 W5 L1	2.0
3 Chiriac, Francis	945(874)	936(861)	L4 W6 W7	2.0
4 McPoland, Gary	349(393)	599(592)	W3 L1 D5	1.5
5 Fenbert, Tarish	640(543)	632(546)	B L2 D4	1.5
6 Strong, Edward	1092(921)	1045(878)	L1 L3 B	1.0
7 Austin, Dylan	497(497)	497(458)	L2 B L3	1.0

Firecracker Quick		Seattle	6/30	TD: Carol Kleist
1 Hubbell, Larry	(1706)	(1729)	W4 W3 W6	3.0
2 Fan, George	(1426)	(1474)	W5 W6 W3	3.0
3 Baxter, Cecil	(1749)	(1715)	W6 L1 L2	1.0
4 Babcock, Chris	(891)	(842)	L1 L5 B	1.0
5 Bravman, Vladislav	(443)	(602)	L2 W4 U	1.0
6 Poyneer, Thomas	(1006)	(1001)	L3 L2 L1	0.0

Soccer Season Quads		Portland	9/17	TD: Sudhakar Kudva
1 Kudva, Vikram	1559(1439)	1553(1427)	- W L W	2.0
2 Porter, Nathan	1610(1404)	1598(1397)	L - W W	2.0
3 Li, Devin	1154(1061)	1223(1117)	W L - D	1.5
4 Piatski, Alex	1266(1083)	1251(1072)	L L D -	0.5
1 Pikus, Benjamin	1095(1004)	1147(1030)	- W D W	2.5
2 Porter, Joel	1220(1119)	1209(1098)	L - W W	2.0
3 Dirickson, Mason	1082(771)	1077(801)	D L - W	1.5
4 Kelly, Connor	775(605)	755(581)	L L L -	0.0
1 Pikus, Aaron	994(935)	1051(994)	- W W W	3.0
2 Mitasev, Michael	716(640)	728(657)	L - W L	1.0
3 Harnsberger, Ephr	906(848)	869(810)	L L - W	1.0
4 Kudva, Priya	817(770)	802(751)	L W L -	1.0
1 Mitchell, Allison	400(341)	584(432)	- W L W W	3.0
2 Thakkar, Pavan	638(609)	665(604)	L - W W W	3.0
3 Harnsberger, Alex	566(474)	640(528)	W L - W W	3.0
4 Quiring, Benjamin	656(369)	568(329)	L L L - W	1.0
5 Aditya, Neal	322(322)	271(212)	L L L L -	0.0

Tacoma City Championship		8/19-20	TD: Gary Dorfner	
1 McGeary, Bill	2215(2189)	2210(2176)	D6 W16 W13 W4 D2	4.0
2 MacGregor, Michael	2188(2193)	2196(2198)	W17 W8 W3 H D1	4.0
3 Gale, Geoffrey	2022(1859)	2019(1865)	B W5 L2 D6 W11	3.5
4 Guo, Alex	1841(1302)	1862(1438)	W14 D10 W7 L1 W12	3.5
5 O'Gorman, Peter	1812(1696)	1829(1722)	W19 L3 W9 D11 W10	3.5
6 Breckenridge, Steve	OR1719(1617)	1794(1704)	D1 W15 W10 D3 D8	3.5
7 Smith, Allen	1863(1586)	1842(1566)	W9 L13 L4 W16 W14	3.0
8 Lowther, Jeff	1873(1873)	1866(1834)	W18 L2 D12 W17 D6	3.0
9 VanWyk, Daniel	1539(1453)	1554(1472)	L7 W20 L5 W21 W13	3.0
10 Sinanan, Joshua	2112(1989)	2083(1950)	W12 D4 L6 W13 L5	2.5
11 Buck, Stephen	1754(1713)	1733(1684)	L16 W14 W21 D5 L3	2.5
12 Wang, Michael	1612(1001)	1624(1153)	L10 W19 D8 W15 L4	2.5
13 Pettijohn, Benjamin	1686(1710)	1683(1689)	W20 W7 L1 L10 L9	2.0
14 Delaitre, Nicole	1369(1369)	1382(1347)	L4 L11 W19 X L7	2.0
15 Sun, Tristan	1273(1085)	1303(1132)	H L6 W18 L12 D19	2.0
16 Guo, Anthony	1256(833)	1308(965)	W11 L1 L17 L7 W21	2.0
17 Warrior, Krishnan	1636(1307)	1623(1317)	L2 D18 W16 L8 U	1.5
18 Etingher, Constantin	1419(1489)	1400(1424)	L8 D17 L15 L19 B	1.5
19 Hornickle, John	1383(1367)	1369(1320)	L5 L12 L14 W18 D15	1.5
20 Manion, Jimmy	1069(1032)	1063(1032)	L13 L9 B F U	1.0
21 Olson, Jerry	986(986)	976(949)	H H L11 L9 L16	1.0

Oregon Open		Gresham, OR	9/2-4	TD: Korneljs Dale
1 Raptis, Nick	WA 2296	2299	W29 D27 D19 W13 W8 W9	5.0
2 MacGregor, Michael	WA 2196	2209	W34 L20 W39 W19 W6 W5	5.0
3 Lee, Michael	WA 2151	2163	W31 L5 W34 W16 W7 H	4.5
4 Morris, Michael	2095	2098	D21 D30 W33 D15 W18 W11	4.5
5 Readey, John	WA 2332	2326	W16 W3 D11 W6 D9 L2	4.0
6 Brownell, Landon	2246	2242	W17 W10 W20 L5 L2 W15	4.0
7 Pupols, Viktors	WA 2202	2203	H H W37 W27 L3 W20	4.0
8 Salmon, Neil	WA 2200	2200	W18 D13 D15 W20 L1 W22	4.0
9 Bartron, Paul	WA 2131	2140	D30 W21 W22 W11 D5 L1	4.0
10 Daroza, Eduardo	2047	2050	W32 L6 W40 W36 L11 W23	4.0
11 Haessler, Carl	2200	2200	W39 W14 D5 L9 W10 L4	3.5
12 Prochaska, Peter	2200	2200	H D36 L16 W34 W30 D14	3.5
13 Phillips, Blake	2055	2052	W35 D8 D36 L1 D17 W30	3.5
14 Foster, Raleigh	1988	1990	W43 L11 D30 W21 D23 D12	3.5
15 Surak, Steve	1929	1946	D38 W25 D8 D4 W27 L6	3.5
16 Motta, Paul	1900	1928	L5 W31 W12 L3 D26 W33	3.5
17 Chen, Howard	WA 1872	1898	L6 W32 H D22 D13 W26	3.5
18 Gay, Daniel	1839	1867	L8 D35 W25 W24 L4 W27	3.5
19 Joplin, Steven	2000	2000	D25 W38 D1 L2 L22 W37	3.0
20 May, Andy	WA 1942	1952	W41 W2 L6 L8 W36 L7	3.0
21 Prentice, Gregory	WA 1819	1836	D4 L9 W38 L14 D37 W31	3.0
22 Jacobi, Gunther	1808	1852	D26 W28 L9 D17 W19 L8	3.0
23 Peake, Ethan	1795	1829	L27 W29 D26 W28 D14 L10	3.0
24 Wu, Darren	WA 1825	1841	H W26 L27 L18 W28 H	3.0
25 Robinson, Marcus	1738	1761	D19 L15 L18 W35 D29 W36	3.0
26 Alpernas, Gregori	2007	1979	D22 L24 D23 W32 D16 L17	2.5
27 Gutman, Richard	2000	2000	W23 D1 W24 L7 L15 L18	2.5
28 Serres, Drew	2003	1971	D37 L22 W35 L23 L24 W40	2.5
29 Smith, Allen	WA 1842	1830	L1 L23 W43 D33 D25 H	2.5
30 Guo, Alex	WA 1862	1881	D9 D4 D14 W37 L12 L13	2.5
31 Whipple, Evan	1832	1817	L3 L16 X H W40 L21	2.5
32 Addis, Edward	1814	1822	L10 L17 W42 L26 D34 W39	2.5
33 Pendergraft, Troy	1749	1758	H H L4 D29 W39 L16	2.5
34 Hartley, Alan	1831	1825	L2 W41 L3 L12 D32 D35	2.0
35 Banner, Richard	1839	1821	L13 D18 L28 L25 W43 D34	2.0
36 Chang, Eddie	WA 1679	1705	W42 D12 D13 L10 L20 L25	2.0
37 Breckenridge, Steve	1898	1889	D28 W42 L7 L30 D21 L19	2.0
38 Becker, Brett	1627	1633	D15 L19 L21 L42 D41 W43	2.0
39 Hosford, Michael	WA 1857	1829	L11 W43 L2 D40 L33 L32	1.5
40 Lundin, Robert	1711	1698	H H L10 D39 L31 L28	1.5
41 Anderson, Michael	1089	1442	L20 L34 F L43 D38 B	1.5
42 Smyth, Scott	1976	1939	L36 L37 L32 W38 U U	1.0
43 Holler, Robert	1708	1669	L14 L39 L29 W41 L35 L38	1.0

Reserve	
1 Baker, Sebastian	WA 1666 1719 W64 W34 W23 D13 W17 W6 5.5
2 Breckenridge, David	1633 1722 W29 W26 D44 W10 W12 W4 5.5
3 Smigel, Ezekiel	1714 1720 D37 W63 W24 W44 D6 X 5.0
4 Stevens, Daniel	1704 1706 D38 W37 W48 W31 W13 L2 4.5
5 Sinclair, Paris	1667 1675 W41 L17 W42 W25 D9 W14 4.5
6 Wang, Michael	WA 1624 1659 W49 W25 W27 W9 D3 L1 4.5
7 Gagnon, William	1600 1624 W28 W36 L9 D27 W46 W23 4.5
8 Huynh, Tan	1300 1708 W47 L23 D26 W37 W31 W20 4.5
9 Bannon, David	1760 1756 W18 W33 W7 L6 D5 H 4.0
10 Buck, Stephen	WA 1733 1718 W68 L14 W38 L2 W27 W36 4.0

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Class C cont'd

6 Hannibal, Carson	24.0	Lee, Megan	62.0
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Class D and Below

1 Cohen, David	55.5	Wu, Darryl	67.5
2 Porter, Joel	36.5	Kirlin, Patrick	59.0
3 Petersen, George	26.0	Sun, Tristan	59.0
4 Supathanasinkasaem, S	21.0	King, Ryan	51.5
5 Ashby, Stephen	20.0	Waugh, James	51.0
Fillmore, Greg	20.0	Chen, Irving	45.5
Harry, Ken	20.0		

Overall Leaders

1 Raptis, Nick	152.0	Buck, Stephen	159.5
2 Bailey, Taylor	84.5	Etingher, Constantin	151.5
3 Daroza, Eduardo	84.5	Bartron, Paul	103.5
4 Becker, Brett	79.5	Hornickle, John	102.0
5 Gay, Daniel	73.0	Collyer, Curt	98.0
6 Midson, Tony	70.0	Gale, Geoffrey	97.5
7 Foster, Raleigh	68.5	Mathews, Dan	97.5
8 Serres, Drew	68.0	Lee, Nathan	90.0
9 Banner, Richard	55.5	Wang, Michael	86.0
10 Cohen, David	55.5	Wu, Darren	86.0
11 Peake, Ethan	55.5	O'Gorman, Peter	82.0
12 Phillips, Blake	55.0	Sinanan, Joshua	78.5
13 Breckenridge, David	54.5	Chen, Howard	75.5
14 Morris, Michael	52.5	Pupols, Viktors	75.5
15 Porter, Nathan	50.0	Guo, Alex	72.0

Players from Other Places

1 Weyland, Ronald	D	1540	58.5
2 Weyland, Phillip	D	1887	43.5
3 Milner, Arie	CAN	1552	37.5
4 Anderson, Mark	D	1750	36.0
5 Martin, Robert	MT	1764	34.5
6 Carpenter, Romie	MT	1825	33.5
7 McBroom, William	MT	1589	32.5
8 Mulford, Michael	GA	1808	30.0
9 Monkhouse, Neale	CAN	1741	27.5
10 Pechisker, Alfred	CAN	2222	27.5
11 Brewster, Robert	CAN	2014	25.0
12 Milner, Aviv	CAN	1418	25.0
13 Zhao, Donovan	CAN	1209	25.0

11 Lee, Nathan	WA 1714	1712	L48	W65	W40	W32	W21	F	4.0	14 Lucas, Robert	FL 1725	1732	W26	D20	W8	L2	U	2.5
12 Smith, Micah	WA 1664	1666	W40	W35	W14	D17	L2	D13	4.0	15 Attwood, Adam	1709	1708	W30	L13	H	W18	L6	2.5
13 Kudva, Vikram	1516	1559	W53	W61	W52	D1	L4	D12	4.0	16 Countryman, Zach	1659	1656	W32	L2	W12	D6	L8	2.5
14 Porter, Nathan	1554	1610	W73	W10	L12	W52	W44	L5	4.0	17 Chow, Alex	1653	1645	W33	L5	H	W19	L102.5	
15 Wentz, Dale	1506	1503	H	L38	W43	D50	W41	W39	4.0	18 Stripes, James	1646	1628	W28	L7	H	L15	W272.5	
16 Taylor, Michael	1505	1500	W66	L44	D50	D26	W42	W38	4.0	19 Erickson, Kenneth	ID1594	1586	L1	W31	H	L17	W302.5	
17 Lee, Megan	WA 1490	1565	W51	W5	W21	D12	L1	H	4.0	20 Desmarais, Cyrus	1633	1584	W35	D14	L3	L24	D222.0	
18 Hannibal, Carson	1445	1459	L9	L53	W70	W65	W57	W30	4.0	21 McBroom, William	MT 1589	1578	L13	W30	H	L8	D232.0	
19 Terrill, Michael	1338	1415	L52	D73	H	W54	W33	W35	4.0	22 Mangiaracina, Mark	1526	1501	L4	L27	H	W35	D202.0	
20 Olson, Michael	1682	1659	L26	W55	W41	W34	D23	L8	3.5	23 Griffin, David	1519	1503	D3	L9	L27	X	D212.0	
21 Levin, Scott	1633	1621	W42	W46	L17	W36	L11	H	3.5	24 Baker, Ted	1503	1493	L5	W33	L6	W20	L122.0	
22 Ward, H H	1627	1596	L27	D29	W64	W48	D35	D24	3.5	25 Engelhard, David	1486	1536	W6	L3	L10	W26	L112.0	
23 Bailey, Taylor	1677	1669	W54	W8	L1	W28	D20	L7	3.5	26 Kirlin, Patrick	1299	1296	L14	W35	L11	L25	W312.0	
24 Craig, Ron	WA 1457	1473	D59	W43	L3	W56	D30	D22	3.5	27 Ackerman, Ryan	SC1180	1286	L8	W22	W23	L7	L182.0	
25 Apacible, Jennifer	WA 1477	1467	W71	L6	W61	L5	W55	H	3.5	28 Coles, Chad	1300	994	L18	L12	L30	W33	W322.0	
26 Midson, Tony	1324	1424	W20	L2	D8	D16	D45	W51	3.5	29 Chow, Ward	1387	1391	D9	L6	H	D31	U 1.5	
27 Hong, Albert	WA 1278	1450	W22	W32	L6	D7	L10	W44	3.5	30 Waugh, James	1256	1250	L15	L21	W28	H	L191.5	
28 Hong, Brian	WA 1267	1365	L7	W67	W33	L23	D34	W45	3.5	31 Thomas-Dejongh, MT1203	1186	L10	L19	W33	D29	L261.5		
29 Guo, Anthony	WA 1308	1357	L2	D22	L45	W64	W59	W46	3.5	32 Engelhard, Raymond	856	624	L16	L11	W35	L12	L281.0	
30 Stump, Karl	WA 1619	1585	D43	W69	H	H	D24	L18	3.0	33 Spencer, William	MT 522	523	L17	L24	L31	L28	W351.0	
31 Tanner, Steve	1586	1560	W65	D48	W59	L4	L8	D43	3.0	34 Eggleston, Richard	1494	1494	H	U	U	F	U 0.5	
32 Duron, Ritchie	1542	1508	W55	L27	W49	L11	L39	W53	3.0	35 Coles, Taylor	659	137	L20	L26	L32	L22	L330.0	
33 Maxwell, Wray	1544	1510	W50	L9	L28	W49	L19	W54	3.0									
34 Monahan, Darby	WA 1511	1500	W70	L1	W54	L20	D28	H	3.0									
35 Addis, Sean	1491	1461	W58	L12	D56	W51	D22	L19	3.0									
36 Ehrenfreund, Max	1482	1465	W67	L7	W71	L21	W53	L10	3.0									
37 Jiang, Adam	ID 1418	1422	D3	L4	W69	L8	D56	W55	3.0									
38 Carlson, David	1385	1406	D4	W15	L10	D57	W50	L16	3.0									
39 Harry, Ken	1335	1325	L44	L56	W58	W66	W32	L15	3.0									
40 Cohen, David	1304	1292	L12	W66	L11	L55	W60	W56	3.0									
41 Ashby, Stephen	1297	1295	L5	W70	L20	W61	L15	W57	3.0									
42 Porter, Joel	1222	1220	L21	W58	L5	W60	L16	W61	3.0									
43 Petersen, George	1334	1386	D30	L24	L15	W63	W62	D31	3.0									
44 Hendricks, David	WA 1679	1644	W39	W16	D2	L3	L14	L27	2.5									
45 Dietz, Arliss	1500	1500	D69	L59	W29	D53	D26	L28	2.5									
46 Hooker, Justin	1440	1394	W60	L21	D57	W59	L7	L29	2.5									
47 Etingher, Constantin	WA 1402	1400	L8	L54	L55	W69	W66	D50	2.5									
48 Spera, Bernard	1385	1393	W11	D31	L4	L22	L51	W64	2.5									
49 Marcjan, Cezary	WA 1271	1255	L6	W60	L32	L33	W71	H	2.5									
50 Hannibal, Dana	1238	1279	L33	W68	D16	D15	L38	D47	2.5									
51 Supathanasinkasae	844	1103	L17	D64	W63	L35	W48	L26	2.5									
52 Yoshinaga, David	1700	1700	W19	W62	L13	L14	U	U	2.0									
53 Buckley, Timothy	WA 1260	1284	L13	W18	D62	D45	L36	L32	2.0									
54 Wang, Eddie	1136	1193	L23	W47	L34	L19	W68	L33	2.0									
55 Harmon, Luke	ID 1195	1229	L32	L20	W47	W40	L25	L37	2.0									
56 Harmon, Carl	ID 1106	1165	L62	W39	D35	L24	D37	L40	2.0									
57 Sen, Samir	WA 1117	1130	H	H	D46	D38	L18	L41	2.0									
58 Aberhalden, Rich	ID 787	903	L35	L42	L39	L68	W70	W69	2.0									
59 Fillmore, Greg	734	857	D24	W45	L31	L46	L29	H	2.0									
60 Aberhalden, Kathy	ID 703	817	L46	L49	B	L42	L40	W68	2.0									
61 Hong, Katie	WA 680	752	B	L13	L25	L41	W65	L42	2.0									
62 Fortune, Jonathan	WY 1502	1500	W56	L52	D53	U	L43	U	1.5									
63 Wu, Darryl	WA 1355	1291	H	L3	L51	L43	D69	H	1.5									
64 Petersen, Dennis	1317	1272	L1	D51	L22	L29	W67	L48	1.5									
65 Marcjan, Karen	WA 1448	1384	L31	L11	W67	L18	L61	H	1.5									
66 Jiang, Robert	ID 870	910	L16	L40	W68	L39	L47	D70	1.5									
67 Dickey, Brian	1300	878	L36	L28	L65	D70	L64	B	1.5									
68 Lauinger, Christabel	1395	1283	L10	L50	L66	W58	L54	L60	1.0									
69 Cigan, Jason	1040	1037	D45	L30	L37	L47	D63	L58	1.0									
70 Petersen, Alexander	928	893	L34	L41	L18	D67	L58	D66	1.0									
71 Fortune, Barbara	WY 697	693	L25	B	L36	U	L49	U	1.0									
72 May, Sarah	WA 1263	1263	H	U	U	U	U	U	0.5									
73 Hanlan, William	1163	1205	L14	D19	U	U	U	U	0.5									

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1 Collyer, Curt	2213	2217	W19	W10	W5	W13	D2	4.5
2 Julian, John	2029	2040	W11	W16	D13	W14	D1	4.0
3 Weyland, Phil	ID 1885	1894	D23	W25	W20	W4	D5	4.0
4 Kalina, Chris	1982	1974	W22	D8	W7	L3	W9	3.5
5 Rowles, David	1840	1854	W24	W17	L1	W10	D3	3.5
6 Cambareri, Michael	1829	1817	L25	W29	W24	D16	W15	3.5
7 Martin, Robert	MT 1728	1737	W12	W18	L4	W27	H	3.5
8 Desmarais, Niles	1668	1741	W27	D4	L14	W21	W16	3.5
9 Carpenter, Romie	MT 1800	1800	D29	W23	H	W11	L4	3.0
10 Walton, John	1694	1705	W31	L1	W25	L5	W17	3.0
11 Baker, Kevin	1589	1621	L2	W32	W26	L9	W25	3.0
12 Weyland, Ronald	ID 1360	1381	L7	W28	L16	W32	W24	3.0
13 Merwin, Steven	2068	2065	W21	W15	D2	L1	U	2.5

Northwesterners ALL Win at U.S. Senior

by Carol Kleist

The U.S. Senior Open is the equivalent of the U.S. Open, i.e., one big section where a "C" player can be paired with an Expert and an Expert can be playing titled players. In other words, a grand shuffle ensues from top to bottom and back again. One slight difference is that the Senior Open is reserved for players who are fifty years of age or more. This results in a smaller tournament with a more relaxed atmosphere: no multiple schedules, no hectic moving to different rooms when the schedules merge.

The tournament was held August 27th through September 1st at the Grand Ol' Opry Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. The famous hotel provided its own scenery with trees and fountains, birds and flowers, and tempted country music fans with concerts in the nearby theater. This year the tournament was especially pleasant for the players, roomy and quiet, but perhaps not so encouraging for the organizers, for attendance was down from previous years. My guess is that it could be in good part due to the Senior's following right on the heels of the regular U.S. Open. In any case, it was a fine event, with a non-stressed and friendly NTD Carol Jarecki, who had only 43 players to pair and supervise. She did have to admonish one player from one of the top boards for writing himself chess notes and for keeping his scoresheet on the board while conducting a winning endgame. In the losing battle of teaching chess etiquette to some, the player responded, "But there aren't any pieces on that side of the board!"

Oh well, to come to the players, results and games. There were three Northwesterners who took part: myself, Carol Kleist, husband Fred Kleist, and our nephew, David Rupel. My brother, David's father, was also there as spectator and vacationer. We all went to the special Zoo (no, I do not refer to the tournament of chess players) of which Nashville is justly proud, and sometimes

sighted animals among the acres of savannahs and lush jungle growth. The elephant show featured elephants picking up dimes with their trunks and kicking footballs with precision.

The tournament was won by SM Joseph Bradford, who has returned to chess with his rating of 2517, earning 5.5 of the possible six points. IM Walter Shipman finished second with five, and Fred Kleist tied for third with 4.5. David Rupel was fifth with four points, while Carol tied for 1st under 1600 with three points. As if this were not enough in family prizes, both Experts Fred and David won first place plaques for their age groups and Carol won second (must beat Dan Meyers, healthy businessman "A" player who travels the world playing tournaments, age 81!)

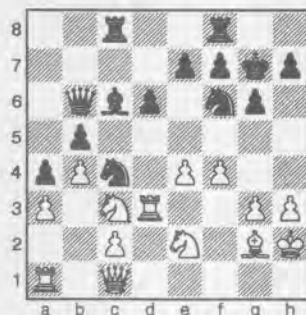
We come now to two games to be shared: a fascinating game ending in a draw by David Rupel against Master Lester Van Meter and Fred Kleist's last round win over Master Denis Strenzwilk. Hurry and turn 50 to join the fun!

Sicilian Dragon

FM Lester VanMeter
David Rupel

Nashville, US Senior Open (4), 2006
Annotations by David Rupel

1. d4 f3 c5 2. e4 g6 3. d4 cxd4 4. dxd4 d6 5. dxc3 dxc6 6. g3 g7 7. dde2 d6 8. g2 O-O 9. O-O d7 10. h3 c8 11. e3 b6 12. c1 e5 13. h6 b5 14. xg7 xg7 15. a3 a5 16. b4 a4 17. f4 d4 18. h2 b6 19. f3 c6 20. d3



On first blush, this seems to blunder a pawn, but . . .

20... dxe4 21. d4!

. . . and there are a multitude of complications.

21... f5 22. e1 b2 23. dxe4 dxd3 24. de6+ f7 25. d4g5+ e8 26. dg7+ d7 27. e6+ d8 28. cxd3 xg2 29. e1 e4 30. a2 d5 31. d5e6+ xe6 32. dxe6+ e8 33. dg7+ d8 34. de6+ e8 35. dg7+ d8 Draw

Short of time, I allowed the three-fold repetition that occurs with 36. de6 But it is Black who has all the chances, e.g., 33... d7 34. e6+ c6 35. d4 b7 36. xe7 xe7 37. xe7 b6 38. d7 fd7 (Tiger 12.0).

Sicilian Hyper-Accelerated Dragon

Fred Kleist (1985)

NM Denis Strenzwilk (2212)

Nashville, US Senior Open (6) 2006

1. e4 c5 2. d3 g6 3. c3 g7 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 d5 6. e5 g4 7. b5+ d7 8. O-O a6 9. xd7+ xd7 10. bd2 e6 11. h3 xf3 12. dxf3 de7 13. g5 O-O 14. c1 ac8 15. d2 d6 16. c2 d7 17. fc1 xc2 18. xc2 c8 19. c1 xc2 20. xc2 h6 21. d2 c6 22. xc6 dxc6 23. f1 f8 24. e2 e8 25. d3 d7



26. dg1 c7 27. g4 b5 28. f4 b6 29. de2 a5 30. dg3 b4 31. f5 c7 32. h4 d7 33. f6 f8 34. h5 a4 35. de2 gxh5? 36. gxh5 d5 37. d4 d4 38. c1 e8 39. d3 d5 40. d2 d4 41. dg4 d6 42. dxh6 b3 43. axb3 axb3 44. c3 d7

Annotated Games from August's PCC Game-in-60

FM Chuck Schulien's student Steven Breckenridge, rated 1646, scored a surprising 4-0 in the August PCC Game-in-60, tying with NM Nick Raptis for first-second. Schulien looks at three of Breckenridge's games from the event.

Caro-Kann Classical

Steven Breckenridge (1646)
Radu Roua (2189)

August PCC Game-in-60 (2) 2006

Annotations by FM Chuck Schulien

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♙f5 5.♗g3 ♙g6 6.♗f3 ♗d7 7.♙d3 ♙xd3 8.♞xd3 ♞c7 9.O-O e6 10.c4 ♗g6 11.♙g5 ♙d6 12.♙xf6 ♗xf6 13.♗e4 ♙e7 14.d5 O-O-O 15.d6 ♗e5 16.♗xe5



16...fxe5?

16...♙xd6 17.♗xd6+ ♙xd6 was necessary, with chances for both sides. Perhaps White's best chance is to further simplify the game 18.♞xd6 ♞xd6 19.♗xf7 ♞f8 20.♗xh8 ♞xh8 21.♙ad1 with two Rooks for the Queen.

17.c5

White has achieved a winning bind.

17...♞a5 18.♞f3 ♙f8 19.♞xf7 ♙d7 20.♞xe6 ♙g7 21.♙fe1 ♙f8 22.♙e3 ♞d8 23.b4 ♞h4 24.♙a3 ♞xe4 25.♙xa7 ♗b8 26.♞xd7 ♗xa7 27.♞xg7 ♙f4 28.h3 ♞xb4 29.♞xe5 ♙d4 30.♙c1 ♞b2 31.♞e3 ♙d5 32.♙c3 ♞b1+ 33.♗h2 ♞g6 34.♙a3+ ♗b8 35.♞e7

♞xg2+ 36.♗xg2 ♙g5+ 37.♞xg5 ♗c8 38.♞e7 1-0

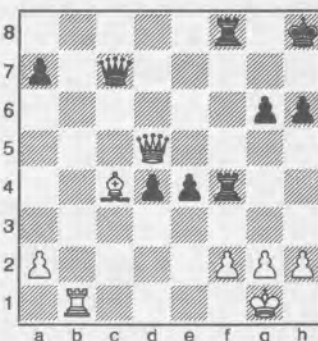
King's Indian Classical

NM Peter Prochaska (2200)
Steven Breckenridge (1646)

August PCC Game-in-60 (3) 2006

Annotations by FM Chuck Schulien

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗f3 O-O 6.♙e2 e5 7.O-O ♗c6 8.d5 ♗e7 9.b4 ♗d7 10.♙e1 f5 11.c5 dxc5 12.d6 cxd6 13.♞b3+ d5 14.♗xd5 ♗h8 15.♙d1 ♗xd5 16.♞xd5 ♞e7 17.bxc5 ♞xc5 18.♞b3 ♞c7 19.♙a3 ♗c5 20.♞d5 b6 21.♙xc5 bxc5 22.♗g5 ♙b8 23.♙c4 h6 24.♗e6 ♙xe6 25.♞xe6 ♙f6 26.♞d5 fxe4 27.♞xe4 ♙bf8 28.♙d2 ♙f4 29.♞d5 e4 30.♙b1 ♙d4 31.♙xd4 cxd4



32.♞xd4+?

White should play 32.♙b7! ♞d8 33.♙d7 ♞b6 34.♙b7 ♞d8 (but not 34...♞f6? 35.♞d7) with repetition of moves.

32...♙f6 33.♞xe4 ♙f4 34.♞xg6 ♙xc4 35.♞xh6+ ♗g8 36.♞g6+ ♞g7 37.♞e6+ ♞f7 0-1

French Exchange

Steven Breckenridge (1646)
Ben Lin (2117)

August PCC Game-in-60 (4) 2006

Annotations by FM Chuck Schulien

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5 exd5

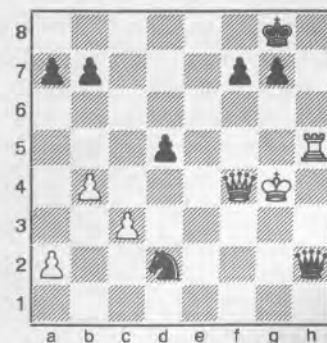
5.♙f4 ♗c6 6.♗f3 ♗f6 7.h3 ♙e7 8.♙d3 O-O 9.O-O ♞b6 10.b3 cxd4 11.♗xd4 ♗xd4 12.♙e3! ♙d7 13.♙xd4 ♞d6 14.f4? ♙fe8 15.b4? ♗e4 16.♞f3 ♙f6 17.♙e5 ♞b6+ 18.♗h2 ♙xe5! 19.fxe5 ♙xe5+ 20.g3 ♙xg3+ 21.♗h1 ♗f2+?

Natural, but not the best. Better is 21...♞e6.

22.♗g2 ♙xh3+ 23.♗xg3 ♙xf1 24.♙xf1 ♗e4+ 25.♗h2 ♞d6+

25...♞h6+ 26.♙h3 (26.♗g1 ♞c1! plans ...♞b2, winning the White Rook.) 26...♙e8 plans ...♙e6, attacking.

26.♗g2 ♞g6+ 27.♗h2 ♙e8 28.♞f4 ♞h5+ 29.♗g1 ♙e5 30.♗d2 ♗g3? 31.♙e1 ♞h1+ 32.♗f2 ♞h2+ 33.♗f3 ♗xf1 34.♙xe5 ♗xd2+ 35.♗g4 h5+ 36.♙xh5



36...♞e2+?

It was difficult to pick out the proper sequence of checks with the clock ticking down. The right way is 36...♞g2+ 37.♞g3 ♞e2+ 38.♗h4 ♗f3+ 39.♗h3 ♗g1+ 40.♗h4 ♞e7+ 41.♗g4 ♞e4+ 42.♞f4 g6! and Black is calling the shots.

37.♗h4 ♗f3+ 38.♗g3 ♞e1+ 39.♗g4 ♞g1+ 40.♞g3 f5+ 41.♙xf5 ♗h2+ 42.♗h3 ♗f3 43.♙xf3 1-0

Around here Black lost on time. ■

Starting Out, 1.e4!

by GM Neil McDonald
published by Everyman Chess, pb., 200 pages,
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by Robert A. Karch

This book is intended to give you a repertoire from White's point of view. There are twelve chapters: Open Games, 1.e4 e5: 2.♘f3 vs Latvian Gambit, Elephant Gambit, Philidor, Petroff and Scotch (he recommends in lieu of the Ruy Lopez). The Sicilian (Chapters 2-7): Sicilian – Introduction and Classical, Scheveningen, Najdorf, Dragon, Sveshnikov and Kalashnikov, Taimanov (and other Sicilian variations). Black's Other Defenses: Alekhine, Caro-Kann, Scandinavian (and ...Nc6), Pirc and other Fianchetto Defenses, and French Defense. Plus two indices: variations and 56 complete games. Numerous additional games included inside the annotations do not appear in the index. This omission, along with the failure to include ECO codes, detracts slightly from this book and others in the *Starting Out* series.

In his introduction, GM McDonald states, "There are no variations in this book that are based on crude tricks or primitive attacks that would only work against weak opponents. The suggestions here will help you fulfill your potential as a player, no matter how high you rise up the chess ladder." I have personal experience with most of his recommendations, and the claim seems to be valid!

The basic strategic aims for both sides in the Sicilian are explained very well, in terms of the weakness of squares, and the activity of the pieces. The insights gained should significantly aid players in the choice of a variation which suits their personal style.

In conclusion, I, speaking as a former league director and high school team coach, would recommend that any high school coach purchase about a dozen copies, and use them to prepare his team for the league matches. ■

It's now scholastic chess season. Contact the business manager to request sample copies of *Northwest Chess* for a scholastic event. Six-month scholastic WCF/OCF memberships are available for only \$10.00.

Starting Out, 1.d4!

by IM John Cox
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by Robert A. Karch

This volume provides a repertoire from White's point of view. There are eleven chapters: The Indian Defenses (Chapters 1-4): King's Indian, Gruenfeld, Nimzo-Indian, Benoni and Benko, The Queen's Gambit (Chapters 5-9): QG Declined, QG Accepted, Slav, Semi-Slav, Albin and Chigorin, Black's Other Defenses (Chapters 10-11): Dutch and Rare but Tricky Tries. Plus an Index of Variations and an Index of Completed Games.

In the introduction, IM Cox does not promise variations that will guarantee a win for White. "In most Black openings I've given the absolute main lines: I've tried to show where the world's best are presently fighting it out to establish whether White can obtain real winning chances in the opening."

For example, he chooses the Bayonet Attack in the KID 1. d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘f3 0-0 6.♗e2 e5 7.0-0 ♘c6 (other Black options are also considered) 8.d5 ♘e7 9.b4. The dreaded Bayonet Attack is, according to the author, a favorite of GM Vladimir Kramnik. Will we see this line in the upcoming Unification Match—Kramnik vs. Topalov—being played even as these pages of *NWC* are in preparation? The author's analysis of the main variations and numerous sidelines goes into great detail, with particular emphasis on the middlegame attack and defensive ideas.

And there is the fashionable 7.0-0 ♘a6 and other lines. Sparkling games by GMs Alexey Shirov and Anatoly Karpov as well as Kramnik round out the KID Chapter.

The remaining chapters are equally challenging. For instance, the Semi-Slav includes the Botvinnik Variation, Anti-Moscow Gambit, Cambridge Springs and Marshall Gambit plus the usual illustrative games, annotated in depth.

For the learning player, this book is more challenging than the companion volume, *Starting Out 1.e4!* However, for the experienced tournament player who wants to make the switch from 1.e4 to 1.d4 this can be a really handy manual! ■



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ChessTheatre 1.0

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by Jay Zhao

Have you ever thought about putting your games on the Internet to share with your fellow players or the public? Or are you a chess organizer who wants to have the games of a just-finished tournament on the Internet for people to peruse? A newly released free program by DGT Projects called *ChessTheatre* can make the task easy and enjoyable.

DGT is a manufacturer whose products include digital chess clocks, electronic chess boards, and TOMA, tournament broadcasting software. You may have watched some of the live games on the Internet made possible by DGT. On DGT's website (www.dgtprojects.com/chestheatre.htm) it states the following: "*ChessTheatre* is a free program to view & publish PGN chess databases. You can use it to view your chess games on your own PC, but also share them with others on the internet by using the integrated publishing function."

1. Installing *ChessTheatre*

The program works only on PCs running *Windows 98* through *Windows XP*. The graphical interface is made with *Macromedia* (now *Adobe*) *Flash*; so the latest *Flash* player is needed. According to the DGT website: "When executing *ChessTheatre* for the first time, the required *Flash ActiveX* component (*Flash8.ocx*) is installed automatically on your system. If this procedure somehow fails, please make sure you have administrator rights during the setup procedure or install the latest *Flash* player."

When you click the link on the DGT web page, an executable file of about 2 MB will be downloaded and installation starts. After you agree to the license terms, *ChessTheatre* opens up with a pre-loaded PGN database.

2. Viewing PGN files

After installation, you will notice that all PGN files on your PC are automatically associated with *ChessTheatre*, which has become your default chess-viewing program. If you click on any PGN file stored on your PC, *ChessTheatre* will open a database view. If you click on one of the games, a viewer window opens, showing the end of the game and highlighting the last move.

3. Publishing games on the Internet

There are many free programs, e.g., *Winboard*, which allow you to view PGN chess games on your PC. However, publishing games on the Internet usually requires more work. *ChessTheatre* shines when

doing this task. After clicking on "Publish," a dialogue box opens. All you need do is fill in the FTP host, user, and password. Depending on the size of the database and connection speed to the website, it may take a few minutes or more to upload the PGN file and convert it to an HTML file. At the end of the process, the published HTML file name or URL will be shown. You can send this link via e-mail or post it on your website so that people can start watching those games.

4. Comparing *ChessTheatre* to other online PGN viewers

I have been using *Lt-PGN-Viewer 3.4*, a free Javascript program. It has more options when converting PGN files to HTML files, e.g., flipping the board, searching the games by player name, etc. Search capability is particularly useful when you are dealing with hundreds of games. However, to publish games as I have been doing, I have to install some other files on the web server in order to enable online viewing. In this respect, *ChessTheatre* is much easier to use.

To test *ChessTheatre*, I have combined all the BC games compiled by Stephen Wright into one big PGN file, more than 10 MB in size. *ChessTheatre* handled this huge database with ease. You can find all 14,600 BC games at www.bjdy.com/all_games/. For a database of this size, a search function would certainly help.

In conclusion, *ChessTheatre 1.0* is an easy-to-use, free PGN viewing program which makes publishing games on the Internet a breeze. If you've wanted to put games on the Internet, but didn't know how, this is the tool for you!

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Spokane Chess News

by Kevin Korsmo

Julian New City Champion

Contender John Julian won the final game of the city championship match to defeat defending city champion David Sprenkle by a 2.5-1.5 score in the four game match held at Aunties Bookstore August 25-27. Sprenkle had held the crown the past two years by defeating Curt Collyer.

Collyer Wins Aunties Open

Curt Collyer topped the 27-player field in the 3rd Great Aunties Open with a 4.5 score in the five-round event. He received \$125 for his efforts. Michael Cambareri, returning from a six-month chess break, scored 4.0 to finish second. Michael received \$75 for second place.

The \$75 U2000 prize was shared by Mark Havrilla of Moscow and Phil Weyland, who each scored 3.5. Zach Countryman captured the \$75 U1700 prize with a 3.5 score. Unrated Kevin Baker, top board for Mead High School's GSL championship team, won the U1400 prize with his 3-2 showing. David Engelhard scored 2.5 to win the \$30 unrated prize. Missoula's Bill McBroom won the \$60 biggest upset with his first round victory over a player rated 350 points above him.

Qualchan Quads Draw Well

An all-time record 18 players entered the Qualchan Quads, which were held on August 12 in conjunction with the first round of the Contenders tourney. There were three traditional quads and one six-player mini-Swiss three round event.

Wilson Barredo of Moscow and Kevin Korsmo scored two points to split the \$50 prize in Quad A. John Walton of Pullman had the only perfect score of the entire event, winning Quad B and its \$50 prize. Ron Weyland scored 2.5 to capture first in Quad C. The "Quad D" mini-Swiss saw a four-way tie for the \$75 in first and second prizes. Three youngsters—Ben and David Blue, and Pullman's Peter Schumaker—tied with old club veteran Jim Waugh (age 77!) with 2-1 scores.

August Ajeeb Quads Complete

The August Ajeeb Quads, a fixture in the August club calendar for the last decade, were held at club between August 3 and August 17. There were 16 contestants this year, resulting in four quads. Three of the quads were won with perfect scores, while the other quad was tightly contested.

Top seed John Julian was perfect with a 3.0 score in Quad A. Alton Blue rallied to win quad B with 2.0, half a point ahead of Ted Baker and Clint Fait. Ben Blue was the winner in Quad C with a perfect three points. Newcomer Jose Pajarillo likewise was perfect in winning Quad D. Each of the winners received \$50 for his efforts. ■

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1st SCC Extravaganza

November 3-5, 2006

A three-section, seven-round Swiss with a time control of **G/90**. The prize fund of **\$1000** is guaranteed.

<u>Open</u>		<u>Reserve (U2000)</u>	
First	\$200	First	\$120
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2 nd	\$20
U1200/Unr	\$30

Entry Fee: \$40 by 11/1 (\$30 for SCC members, \$35 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC), \$48 at site (\$36 for SCC members, \$42 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC).

Registration: Friday 7-7:45 p.m.

Rounds: Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11-2:30-6, Sunday 11-2:30-6.

Byes: 3 available; 1 for rounds 5-7, must commit before round 3.

Miscellaneous: USCF & W/OCF membership required. OSA. NC, NS.

Side Event: Blitz (G/5) tournament. Starts at 9:30 p.m., Saturday. EF: \$5.

Ent/Info: SCC Tnmt Dir, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); cfkleist@cs.com.

2007 Weekends

Novice: Feb. 3, May 5, Aug. 25, Nov. 4

Quads: Jan. 20, Feb. 24, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 8

Tornados: Jan. 7, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, Apr. 1, Apr. 29, June 3, July 1, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9

Seattle City Ch—January 12-14. Seattle Spring Open—March 23-25. Plus-Score Swiss—May 12-13. Emerald City—June 22-24. Seafair Open—August 10-12. Seattle Fall Open—September 21-23. Extravaganza—November 9-10.

⌘ Nov. 11

SCC Saturday Quads⌘

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$6 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for 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.

⌘ Oct. 29, Nov. 19

SCC Sunday Tornado⌘

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$15 (+\$5 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 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.

November 18 SCC Novice

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **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.

Future Events

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

♣October 28

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.

♣November 2, 9 & 16

Turkey Quads♣

Site: *Herak (Rm 121)*, Gonzaga U. **Format:** 3RR. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$16. **Reg:** 6:45-7:15 p.m. **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. **Info:** David Griffin 509-928-3260; dbgriffin@hotmail.com

♣November 11

Third Spokane G/10♣

Site: *Spokane Valley Library*, 12004 E Main, Spokane WA 99206. **Format:** Single- or double-RR. **TC:** G/10. **EF:** \$11 (can be paid at club or on day of tmnt). **Prize Fund:** \$\$100 b/10. **Prizes:** \$100. **Reg:** Sat. 10-10:30 a.m. **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. Coffee and snacks provided. **Info:** Dave Griffin 509-928-3260; dbgriffin@hotmail.com.

♣Nov 11-12

Tacoma Open♣

Site: *Tacoma CC*, Rm. 11 (2nd floor), 409 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma WA. **Format:** 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** 40/90, SD/60. **EF:** \$30 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. **Prize Fund:** 67% of full-paying EFs. **Prizes:** 25%, U2000 15%, U1700 14%, U1400 13%. Econ. winner: certificate and free econ. entry to future event. **Reg:** Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-2:30-7, Sun 10-3 (or ASAP). **Byes:** Two ½-pt. byes avail. if requested in advance. **Misc:** USCF and WCF/OCF membership req'd. NS, NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445 (make checks payable to TCC); 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣December 2

TCC G/60 #4♣

Site: *Tacoma CC*, Rm. 11 (2nd floor), 409 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma WA. **Format:** 4-rd. Swiss. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20. **Prize Fund:** \$\$300 b/20. **Prizes:** \$80-70, U2000 60, U1700 50, U1500 40. **Reg:** Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Sat 10-12:30-3-5:30, Sun 10-3 (or ASAP). **Misc:** USCF and WCF/OCF membership req'd. NS, NC. **Ent/Info:** Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445 (make checks payable to TCC); 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣Dec 16-17 Washington Challengers' Cup♣

Site: *Schoenberg Center*, Room 201, Gonzaga U., N 900 Pearl St, Spokane WA (SW corner of campus - 1 blk E of Division/Ruby couplet off DeSmet Ave). **Format:** Two Sections: *Open* - 4-rd. Swiss. **TC:** 40/2, SD/1. *Reserve (U1800):* 5-rd. Swiss, **TC:** G/2. **EF:** *Open:* \$30; \$40 if U1800. *Reserve:* \$25 if rec'd by 12/15, \$30 at site; u18 - \$5 less. **Prize Fund:** \$\$1,000 gtd. **Prizes:** *Open:* \$250-150, U2000 100. The highest finishing WA resident who meets WCF activity requirements will be seeded into the 2007 Washington Closed Championship in February. Ties for Championship seed will be broken in following order: (1) head-to-head result; (2) G/10 playoff. *Reserve:* \$140-100, C 70-40, D/E/UNR 70-40, Biggest Upset (estab. rtgs only) 40. Class prizes b/5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if fewer than 5 class entries. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** *Open:* 10-5, 9-4 (or ASAP); *Reserve:* 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 (or ASAP). **Byes:** *Open:* One ½-point bye avail. for rounds 1-3 if declared at reg. *Reserve:* One ½-point bye avail. if requested by end of preceding rd. Sunday bye must be requested by end of rd 3. **Misc:** WCF/Ocf req'd. OSA. NS, NC, W. **Entries:** Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo, N 9923 Moore, Spokane WA 99208-9339. **Info:** 509-466-0530 evenings or weekends; 509-477-2871 days. www.spokanechessclub.org.

♣Jan 18,25; Feb 1,8,15 Spokane Winter Champ.♣

Site: *Herak (Rm 121)*, Gonzaga U, Spokane WA. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$16. **Reg:** 6:30-7:15 p.m. **Rds:** 7:15 p.m. **Misc:** USCF membership req'd. **Info:** David Griffin 509-928-3260; dbgriffin@hotmail.com

More Scholastic Events

December 2006

9	WHSCA Mini Teams (9-12?)	http://www.whsca.org/tournannounce.html	TBA WA
16	♣ Hillsboro Holiday Classic (K-12)	Helen 503-628-7305 hnoonanharns@comcast.net www.oscf.org	Hillsboro OR
16	Skagit Chessfest (K-4,5-8)	Randy Walther randywalther@msn.com http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/	
16	Ridgefield Holiday Extravaganza (K-12)	Steve 360-887-8315, seymours@pacifier.com	Ridgefield WA
20	TCC Wed. Kids Night (K-12)	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Tacoma WA

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6	Ollie LaFraniere Memorial (K-8)	Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net	Olympia WA
13	State Qualifier (K-6)	Elliott Neff 425-283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com	Tacoma WA
13	Meridian Park (K, K-3, K-6)	www.chessplayer.com/mrp.htm	Shoreline WA
13	Chess Pentathlon (9-12?)	http://www.whsca.org/tournannounce.html	Lynnwood WA
15	♣ Martin Luther King Jr. Classic (K-12)	Helen 503-628-7305 hnoonanharns@comcast.net www.oscf.org	Hillsboro OR
20	♣ Mystery Scholastic	Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com	Clatskanie OR
20	Purdy Elementary	Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com	Purdy WA
20	Medina Elementary Tmt (K,1-3,4-6)	Marianne Mowat mgmowat@msn.com	Medina WA

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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
Mar. 30-Apr. 1	Nat'l Junior High (K-9) Championship	Sacramento CA
April 13-15	Nat'l High School (K-12) Championship	Kansas City MO
May 11-13	Nat'l Elementary (K-6) Championship	Madisonville TN

Open Events

October 2006

Feb 28 § PCC Game-in-60 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
Feb 29 SCC Sunday Tornado SCC Infoline 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA

November

1 Seattle Sluggers vs Dallas Destiny Clint Ballard clint@slugfest.org Bellevue WA
2,9,16 Turkey Quads **D. Griffin** 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org ... Spokane WA
 3,10 TCC Quick Championship G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com . Tacoma WA
 3,10,17,24 Eckstein MS Friday Weekly Quads Siva 206-963-1841 siva@shakthi.net Seattle WA
Feb 3-5 SCC Extravaganza **SCC Infoline** (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
 7 PCC Tuesday Quads begin 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
Feb 11 SCC Saturday Quads **SCC Infoline** (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
Feb 11 3rd Spokane G/10 **D. Griffin** 509-928-3260 dbgrffn@hotmail.com www.spokanechessclub.org ... Spokane WA
Feb 11-12 Tacoma Open G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
18 SCC Novice **SCC Infoline** (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
Feb 18 § PCC Game-in-60 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
Feb 19 SCC Sunday Tornado **SCC Infoline** 206-417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
Feb 24-26 Washington Class **Dan Mathews** dtmathews@hotmail.com www.nwchess.com Seattle WA

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1,8,15 TCC Christmas Swiss G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com . Tacoma WA
 1,8,15 Eckstein MS Friday Weekly Quads Siva 206-963-1841 siva@shakthi.net Seattle WA
Feb 2 TCC Game in 60 Tmt #4 **G. Dorfner** 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com . Tacoma WA
Feb 3 Seattle CC Sunday Tornado SCC Infoline (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
 5 Portland CC Tuesday Quad Tmt Begins 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
Feb 9 Seattle CC Saturday Quads SCC Infoline (206) 417-5405 cfkleist@cs.com www.seattlechessclub.org Seattle WA
Feb 9-10 Portland CC Winter Open 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland OR
Feb 16-17 Tacoma CC Christmas Congress G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com . Tacoma WA
 29 Tacoma CC G/15 Championship G. Dorfner 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com . Tacoma WA
Feb 30 § PCC Game-in-60 503-246-2978 portlandchessclub@gmail.com www.pdxchess.com Portland, OR

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28 2006 St. Michael U1000 (K-8) Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net Olympia WA
 28 2006 St. Michael Over 900 (K-12) Jon Licht 360-754-6472 jonjerrie@comcast.net Olympia WA
 28 Palouse Chess Challenge (K-3,4-6,7-8) Jeff Joireman 509-338-3919 jetjoirman@verizon.net Pullman WA
 28 Pasco Pawn Power (K-12) Tino Barrera tbarrera@psd1.org www.chesschampions.org Pasco WA
 29 Bishops Boooooanza! Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://clatskaniechessclub.tripod.com Clatskanie OR
 30 Kickoff Tournament (2-12) Randy Kaech kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech Bellingham WA

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§ St. Louis State Qualifier (K-3,4-6,7-12) Elliott Neff (425)283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com Bellevue WA
 § Lower Valley Chess Inv (K-12) Alan arivertop@earthlink.net www.chesschampions.org Prosser WA
 10 § ISB Youth Action (K-3,K-6,K-12) Sudhakar Kudva 503-430-5744 smkudva@comcast.net Aloha OR
 10 Blitz Extravaganza (K-12) David dsommers@libertychristian.net www.chesschampions.org Richland WA
 11 WHSCA Action (9-12?) David Sommers dsommers@libertychristian.net http://whsca.org Richland WA
 11 Terrace Park Kickoff (K-6) www.signup4chess.com Mountlake Terrace WA
 13 Alpha Tournament (2-12) Randy Kaech kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech Lynden WA
 19 § Mod Quads - Episode 2 Kate Taylor katetaylor@clatskanie.com http://www.oscf.org Portland OR
 20 Beta Tournament (2-12) Randy Kaech kaech@verizon.net http://mysite.verizon.net/kaech/ Burlington WA
 22 TCC Wed. Kids Night (K-12) Gary 253-535-2536 ggarychess@aol.com www.tacomachessclub.netfirms.com Tacoma WA
 24 Thanksgiving Sch. (K-3,4-6,7-12) 425-868-3881 DavidCHendricks@comcast.net www.whsca.org/Thanksgiving06.doc Seattle WA

December 2006

2 Internat 2006 (Annual WA-BC K-12 match) Karen Dixon karen@dixonshome.com Bellevue WA
 2 Bryant Fall Classic (K, 1-3, 4-6) jroseto@nbbj.com Seattle WA
 2 Sunny Hills State Qualifier (K-6) Elliott Neff (425)283-0549 kids@chess4life.com www.chess4life.com Sammamish WA
 2 Richland Rook Roundup Cathy.Kuwamoto@rsd.edu www.chesschampions.org Richland WA
 3 § Soccer Season Quad #4 Sudhakar president@oscf.org www.oscf.org Portland OR
 9 Lakeridge Elementary (K,1-3,4-6) www.lakeridgechess.com Mercer Island WA

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