



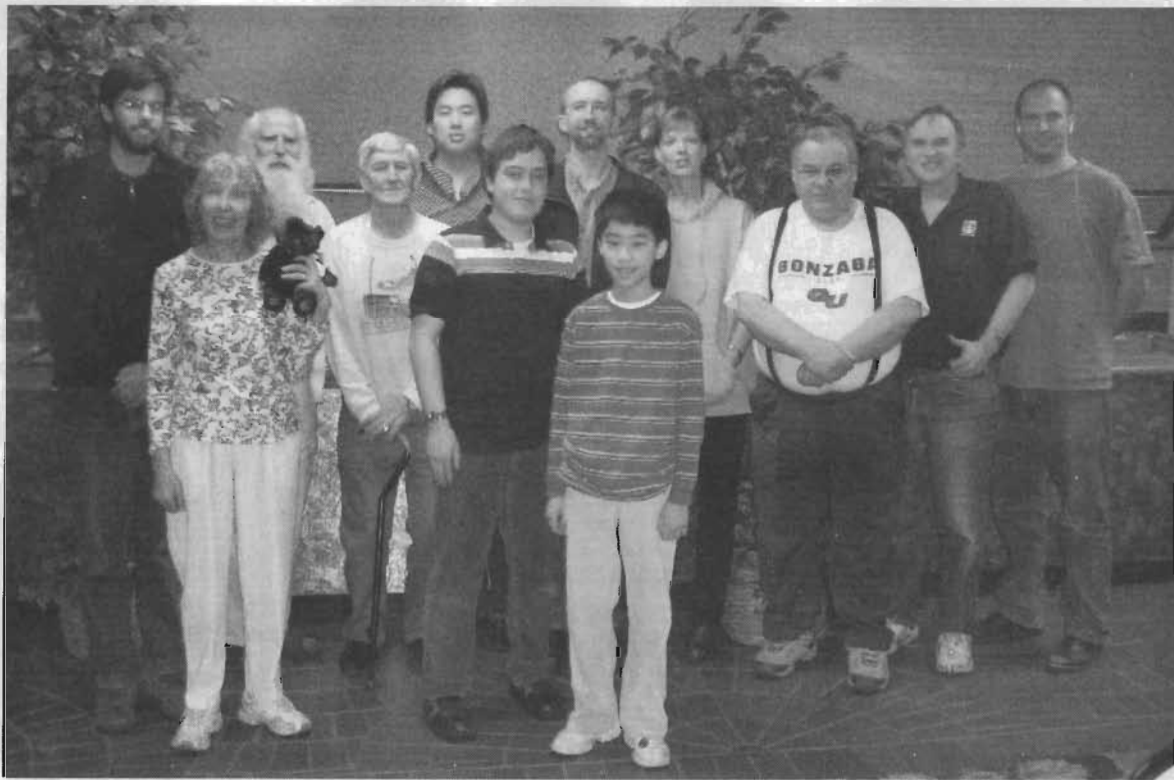
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shorter issues to save  
money. Next issue, featur-  
ing the Oregon Champion-  
ship, will be longer. Also  
in the next issue, the games  
of Oregon Junior Championship and some  
scholastic reports.

Yes, I still will need your input; so keep  
on writing those articles and keep those pic-  
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# Clark Harmon 1942-2007

## Young Clark (to 1960)

by Russell Miller

Clark Randall Harmon was born in Portland, Oregon, on October 18, 1942, to Edwin and L. Rose Harmon. A neighbor, Mr. Parker, taught Clark how to play chess when Clark was about five years old. While a student at Clackamas High School, Clark began to make his mark on Northwest chess. The December 1957 issue of the *Washington Chess Letter* contains the crosstable of the 1957 Oregon Open won by Viktors Pupols, 5-0. Clark scored 2½-2½ and finished twenty-first out of forty-four. On the January 1, 1958, Northwest Rating list, done by Robert A. Karch, Clark is listed as newly rated at 1775.

In January 1958, Clark made his first of many trips to Seattle to play in a Washington Open. Clark scored 3-2, good for eighteenth place in this 38-player event. Clark also played in the 1958 Puget Sound Open held in Seattle. His score of 2½-2½ placed him fifteenth out of thirty-one. Ivars Dahlbergs, also of Portland and a good friend of Clark's for many years, won on tiebreak over Jim McCormick. Clark drew a game with Dr. David Groenig of Spokane who was rated 1952 at the time. The June 1958 rating for Clark was 1795.

Clark's first game with Jim McCormick appears to be in the Golden Rose tournament held in June 1958 in Portland. McCormick won. But Clark was improving and scored 3-2 in this event of 24 players; second best of the Class B rated players. The Oregon Junior of 1958 drew 11 players from Portland and Seattle. Clark took clear second with a 4-1 score, beating Pat Hickey of Seattle in round five. Charles Griffiths of Seattle scored a perfect 5-0 to win the event.

The 1958 56-player Seattle Seafair Open was not so good for Clark, as he scored 2½-3½. In his first game against Viktors Pupols (rd. 5), he suffered a loss. Ivars Dalbergs won the event 5½-½. In November, Clark took second place with 5-1 in the Central Washington Open held in Yakima. He lost only to Olaf Ulvestad, who won the event, and beat Dahlbergs. The December *WCL* also included news of Junior Chess from Portland. Clark played first board for Clackamas High School in a match against Grant HS of Portland. He won both games in the match that ended 7-7. A six-team high school league was about to start play, it was reported "for the first Portland city league in many a moon."

The January 1959 *WCL* reports that Clark was 4-0 in Portland HS league play. Clark took part in the 1958 Northwest Junior held in Yakima in late December and was favored to win. He finished with a 4-2 score, a half-point back of Seattle's Mike Franett, who captured the title on tiebreaks. The story of the Washington Open in the February 1959 *WCL* calls Clark a "strong Portland junior giant-killer." Clark scored 4-2, again losing to Ulvestad, the tournament winner. The crosstable has 50 names on it. The Northwest Rating list this month has Clark, the highest rated junior, at 1990.

Clark, age 16, and John Bell, both Portland junior players, tied for first place with 5-1 in the first Oregon Centennial Open that drew 34 players to

Portland. The event was held in February at the Oregonian Hostess House, subsequently a much-used site for Oregon chess events for many years. Ivars Dahlbergs quipped, "To put it briefly, the tournament resulted in the victory of the local Bobby Fischers against a long list of fish — not to mention some disappointed experts." Clark won the title on tiebreaks. The March *WCL* issue listed Clark sixth on the Portland CC ladder; Dahlbergs was number one.

At the 34-player Pacific Northwest Open, held at the University of Portland Pilot House and rated by USCF, Clark scored 3½-2½ for ninth place. In May, Clark played in the 35-player Puget Sound Open held at the Seattle University Student Union. Olaf Ulvestad won with 5.5-0.5, while Clark, who lost only to Ulvestad, tied with Jim McCormick for second place with five points. Clark was awarded the Class "A" prize. The Ulvestad vs Harmon game without notes from this event is in this issue. John Bell and Clark co-directed and played in the 1959 Oregon Junior which attracted 12 players, including winner Mike Franett from Seattle. Clark scored 3-2 for sixth place.



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In June, Clark and *WCL* editor Buz Eddy of Seattle drove to the California Junior Championship. Clark won this 44-player event, scoring 6.5 from seven. His draw was with the second place finisher, USCF Master Gilbert Ramirez. It must have been a bit of adventure, as they were stuck in Lancaster, the tournament site, for several days getting the car repaired because of the lack of oil. First place was a trophy and \$150 in expense money to help the winner attend the U.S. Junior in Omaha. Clark finished 22nd out of forty in Omaha with a 4½-4½ score. He also finished with an even score in the 12-round U.S. Open held in the same city. He was 74th out of 135.

The Oregonian Hostess House was, as usual, the playing site of the 40-player Oregon Open. Clark came fifth, scoring 5-2. He lost to tournament winner Arthur Dake (after two adjournments) and drew with Olaf Ulvestad and Dr. David Groenig. In November, Clark won the Central Washington Open, held in Yakima, on tiebreaks over Olaf Ulvestad when both scored 5½-½. (I remember I saw the tournament announcement for this event in my *Chess Review* and I tried to get my father to let me drive our car to Yakima. He said, "Take the bus." So I did not go and it was the fall of 1960 before I met Clark at the University of Oregon.) By



*Clark at the Arthur Dake Memorial in 2004*

by Clay Kelleher

Clark Harmon had excellent skills as a blindfold chess player. Deane Moore related to me that as a teenager Clark once competently played a series of 5-minute games with the board out of sight against other players close to his ability. (A referee moved Clark's pieces, but Clark punched the clock.)

In the late 1970's Clark had been invited to conduct a blindfold simultaneous exhibition at a Portland area mall. He wasn't sure whether to accept, so he wanted to practice. He had the Portland State University Chess Club invite six players whose average rating was about 1800-1900 to a private blindfold simul. We tried to make it as difficult for him as possible. I observed two side-by-side games in which his opponents were playing nearly the same opening against him, but different enough to try to confuse him. In my game, I started with a book opening, then deliberately threw in some non-thematic moves. Clark was clearly struggling, and on one occasion needed to be refreshed on the position in one of the games.

Nevertheless his play remained steady and after 3 or 4 hours and quite a few cigarettes he finished with three wins, a draw, and two losses. We all discussed it afterwards. Clark decided then that he would NOT try to repeat the performance in public, because he found the effort to be exhausting. Nevertheless, given that most simultaneous exhibitions include a preponderance of weak opponents, we all considered Clark's result to be very impressive.

Clark Harmon was heavily involved in chess organization in the Northwest. In 1965, while living in Renton, he served as President of the Washington Chess Federation. By 1967 he had returned to Portland and helped organize the Oregon Chess Federation and served as its first President. That same year Clark worked with the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI) to start a series of Oregon scholastic chess tournaments that has been an annual event ever since, currently administered by Chess For Success.

December 1959, Clark's Northwest rating had jumped to 2241, Master level. The other top players on this listing were Senior Masters Arthur Dake, Olaf Ulvestad, and Elmars Zemgalis; Masters Dr. Peter Lapiken, James McCormick, and Viktors Pupols.

Clark ended the year by winning the 1959 Northwest Junior on tiebreaks over Gary Feuerberg, also of Portland, when both scored 5-1 in a field of 18 players in the tournament held at the YMCA in Yakima. Clark's USCF rating was listed as 1890. USCF ratings for Northwest players were often much lower than their Northwest ratings, as few Northwest events were USCF rated.

"Harmon wins 3rd Straight," says the February *WCL* as it reports his win of the Willamette Valley with a 5½-½ score. His draw was with second place finisher Jack Strong of Gresham. Thirty players took part in the event held February 6-7 at the YMCA in Salem. It was the first major tournament in Oregon held outside of Portland; ten of the players were new to tournament chess.

Clark had a rough time in the Pacific Northwest Open. The tournament attracted 28 players, including two from California, Arthur Wang and Julius

Loftsson. Clark lost to both of them and drew with S. M. Poulsen of Salem. Clark's score was 3½-2½ for ninth place. James McCormick won the tournament held at Oregonian Hostess House and the Portland YMCA on March 12-13.

Twelve players took part in the Oregon Junior held in Portland. Clark won with 4½-½ a full point ahead of Mike Franett. But the twelve-player Washington Junior was won by John Braley. Clark was third, a point behind, at 3½-1½. He lost to Braley and drew with John Bell in the event held July 9-10 at the Seattle CC. In August, Clark was in Seattle for the Seafair Open. He was unbeaten, but had four drawn games, his 4-2 score placing him ninth out of 52. Viesturs Seglins won the event, scoring 5½-½.

The 1960 Oregon Open was held at the Oregonian Hostess House on the usual Labor Day weekend. Clark directed and did not play in the 32-player event won by James McCormick at 6½-½. Clark also reported on the event for the *WCL*. The October issue had a Northwest Rating list with Clark listed at 2054. In the fall of 1960, Clark was a freshman at the University of Oregon in Eugene; so the pages of the *Washington Chess Letter* don't have much chess play by him to talk about.

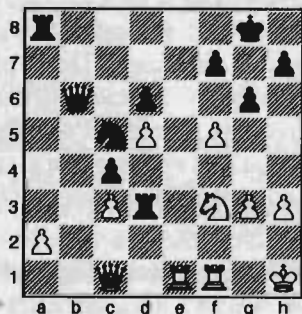
**King's Indian Four Pawns**

NM Clark Harmon (2226)

Thomas Mazuchowski (2129)

*Chicago, U.S. Masters 1997*

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28.♗d1 ♗a7 29.♗xd6 ♖xe7 30.♗d8+ ♖xd8 31.♖xd8+ ♗g7 32.♖d4 ♗e7 33.a4 f6 34.a5 ♗d7 35.♖c5 h5 36.a6 h4 37.a7 ♗d1+ 38.♖g1 ♗d8 39.♖a1 ♗a8 40.♖a5 g5 41.♖c7+ ♗g6 42.♖b8 ♗xb8 43.axb8=♖ ♗f5 44.♖d6 ♗g6 45.♖e6 ♗g7 46.♗g1 1-0

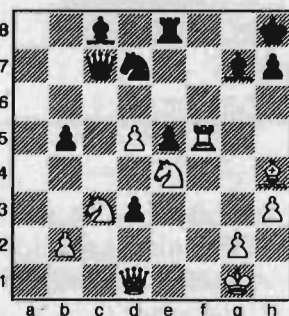
**Modern Benoni Taimanov**

NM Clark Harmon (2226)

IM Enrico Sevillano (2585)

*Chicago, U.S. Masters 1997*

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33.♖h5 ♗f8 34.♗xf8+ ♗xf8 35.b4 d2 36.♖e2 ♗f5 37.♖xd2 ♖c4 38.♗d6 ♖xh4 39.♗xf5 ♖xb4 40.♗xg7 ♗xg7 41.d6 ♗e6 42.d7 ♗f7 43.♖f2+ ♖f4 44.♖xf4+ exf4 45.♗xb5 ♗e7 46.♗f2 ♗xd7 47.♗f3 ♗e7 48.♗e4 ♗f6 Draw

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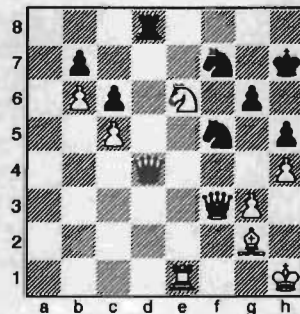
NM Jose Masculo (2373)

NM Clark Harmon (2299)

*USA 1990*

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♗f3 ♗f6 24.♗b2 ♗gh6 25.d4 f4 26.dxe5 dxe5 27.exf4 exf4 28.O-O ♗xb2 29.♗xb2 ♖f6 30.♗d2 ♗g4 31.c5 ♗fd8 32.♗xd8 ♗xd8 33.♗e1 fxe3 34.fxe3 ♗xf3 35.♖xf3 ♖d4+ 36.♗h1 ♗f5 37.♗e6



37... ♖d2 38.♗g1 ♗e5 39.♖f4 ♖xf4 40.gxf4 ♗g4 41.♗f3 ♗f2+ 42.♗h2 ♗d2 43.♗f8+ ♗g7 44.♗xg6+ ♗h8 45.♗xh5 ♗xh4 46.♗d6 ♗b2 47.♗g6+ ♗xg6 48.♗xg6 ♗d3+ 49.♗g2 ♗xg2+ 50.♗xg2 ♗xf4+ 51.♗f3 ♗xh5 52.♗e4 ♗g7 53.♗e5 ♗g3 54.♗f4 ♗f6 0-1

**King's Indian Four Pawns**

NM Clark Harmon (2244)

Carl Boor (2116)

*Philadelphia, World Open 1998*

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 O-O 6.♗f3 c5 7.d5 b5 8.cxb5 a6 9.a4 e6 10.dxe6 ♗xe6 11.♗e2 ♖a5 12.♗d2 ♖b4 13.♖b1 ♗h8 14.O-O c4 15.♗d5 ♖c5+ 16.♗e3 ♖c8 17.♗b6 ♖b7 18.♗xa8 ♖xa8 19.♗g5 ♖g4 20.♗xc4 1-0

**London System**

NM Clark Harmon (2283)

IM Tom O'Donnell (2489)

*Vancouver, Canadian Open 1999*

1.d4 d5 2.♗f3 e6 3.♗f4 ♗f6 4.e3 ♗e7 5.♗d3 O-O 6.♗bd2 c5 7.c3 b6 8.♗e5 ♗b7 9.♖f3 ♗bd7 10.h4 cxd4 11.exd4 ♗xe5 12.dxe5 ♗d7



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*Ruy Lopez Classical*

Sean McLaren (2066)

NM Clark Harmon (2283)

*Vancouver, Canadian Open 1999*

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 41.  $\text{c2}$   $\text{xf2}$  42.  $\text{f1}$   $\text{d3+}$  43.  $\text{d3}$   
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*Budapest*

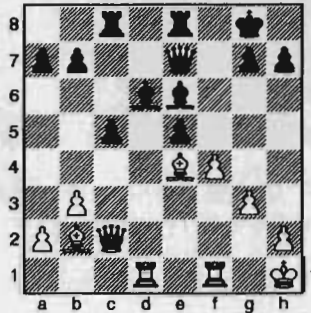
GM Walter Browne (2538)

NM Clark Harmon (2239)

*Reno, Western States Open 1999*

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 23.  $\text{e5}$   $\text{fxe5}$  24.  $\text{e4}$



24...  $\text{c4}$  25.  $\text{hxh7+}$   $\text{h8}$  26.  $\text{g6}$   $\text{g4}$   
 27.  $\text{de1}$   $\text{cxb3}$  28.  $\text{wb3}$   $\text{f8}$  29.  $\text{fxe5}$   
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*London System*

NM Clark Harmon (2300)

IM Attila Schneider (2290)

*Budapest 2003*

1.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{d6}$  2.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{e6}$  3.  $\text{f4}$   $\text{c5}$  4.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{cxd4}$   
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 $\text{d6}$  9.  $\text{O-O}$   $\text{bd7}$  10.  $\text{h2}$   $\text{a6}$  11.  $\text{a4 O-O}$   
 12.  $\text{e2}$   $\text{e8}$  13.  $\text{fd1}$   $\text{f8}$  14.  $\text{c3}$   $\text{c7}$   
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 53.  $\text{e2+}$   $\text{f7}$  54.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{a3}$  55.  $\text{d5}$   
 $\text{xe3}$  56.  $\text{xe3}$   $\text{d7}$  57.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{c5}$   
 58.  $\text{c3}$   $\text{g6}$  59.  $\text{e7+}$   $\text{f6}$  60.  $\text{d5+}$   
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*Catalan*

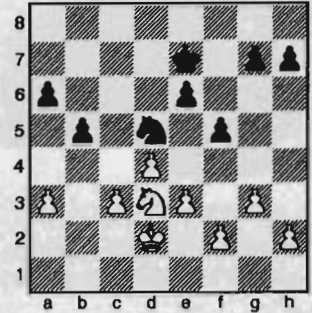
NM Clark Harmon (2300)

FM Laszlo Gonda (2288)

*Budapest 2003*

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32.  $\text{b4}$   $\text{c7}$  33.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{d6}$  34.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{bxc4+}$   
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 41.  $\text{c5+}$   $\text{b6}$  42.  $\text{b3}$   $\text{b5}$  43.  $\text{a4+}$   
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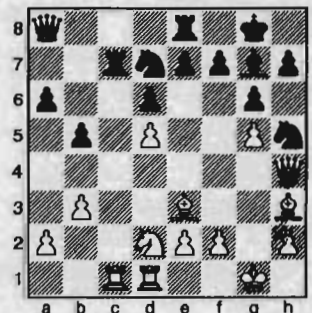
*English*

NM Serkan Yeke (2292)

NM Clark Harmon (2300)

*Budapest 2003*

1.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{d6}$  2.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{b6}$  3.  $\text{g3}$   $\text{c5}$  4.  $\text{g2}$   $\text{b7}$   
 5.  $\text{O-O}$   $\text{g6}$  6.  $\text{d4}$   $\text{cxd4}$  7.  $\text{xd4}$   $\text{g7}$  8.  $\text{c3}$   
 $\text{d6}$  9.  $\text{d1}$   $\text{bd7}$  10.  $\text{e3}$   $\text{O-O}$  11.  $\text{h4}$   
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 $\text{a8}$  15.  $\text{d2}$   $\text{e8}$  16.  $\text{g4}$   $\text{b5}$  17.  $\text{g5}$   $\text{d5}$   
 18.  $\text{d5}$   $\text{xd5}$  19.  $\text{cxd5}$



19...  $\text{ec8}$  20.  $\text{xc7}$   $\text{xc7}$  21.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{c5}$   
 22.  $\text{f3}$   $\text{b2}$  23.  $\text{b1}$   $\text{e5}$  24.  $\text{f1}$   $\text{a5}$   
 25.  $\text{d3}$   $\text{d3}$  26.  $\text{hxg3}$   $\text{b4}$  27.  $\text{c1}$   $\text{c3}$   
 28.  $\text{xc5}$   $\text{xc5}$  29.  $\text{e4}$   $\text{a4}$  30.  $\text{f1}$   $\text{axb3}$   
 31.  $\text{axb3}$   $\text{a2}$  32.  $\text{c4}$   $\text{d2}$  33.  $\text{d1}$   
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# WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION

## Washington Open Chess Tournament May 26-28, 2007

### WA Open Sections/Entry Fees (by April 15 / May 15 / on site)

#### OPEN

EF \$79 / \$89 / \$99

#### PREMIER (U2000)

EF \$69 / \$79 / \$89

#### RESERVE (U1700)

EF \$59 / \$69 / \$79

#### BOOSTER (U1400)

EF \$49 / \$59 / \$69

Canadians may pay entry fee +\$1  
in C\$ at par (no coins, please).

### \$8,000 Prizes Guaranteed by the Washington Chess Federation!

Open	Prem.	Res.	Boos.
\$1,000	\$400	\$350	\$300
\$600	\$300	\$250	\$150
\$400	\$250	\$200	\$100
\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100
\$200	\$150	\$100	\$100
U2150	U1850	U1550	U1100
\$400	\$250	\$200	\$120
\$250	\$150	\$100	\$80
\$150	\$100	\$100	\$120(*)
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80(*)

(\*) Prizes for unrated players.

All prizes will be mailed by 6/1.

#### Entries/Information:

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Tacoma, WA 98445-2223  
Phone (253) 535-2536  
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WCF Tournament Coordinator  
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Checks payable to Washington  
Chess Federation (WCF).

Also see [www.nwchess.com](http://www.nwchess.com).

North Seattle Community College, 9600 College Way North,  
Seattle, WA 98103-3514

**Registration:** Saturday 8:30-9:30AM for 3-day, or 3:30-4:00 PM if entering with one half-point bye. Sunday 9:00-9:30 AM for 2-day, or 9:00-9:45 AM if entering 3-day event with two half-point byes. Two half-point byes available.

**Format:** Four sections (see bar at left), six round Swiss system, USCF rated. The Open Section is also FIDE rated.

**Time Controls:** 3-day schedule: 40/2 Hrs., SD/1 Hr. 2-day schedule: Rounds 1-3: Game/60 minutes. (Rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule.) Both schedules: Digital clocks preferred. 5-second time delay used from start of game.

**Rounds:** 3-day schedule: Saturday: 10:00AM, 5:00PM, Sunday: 10:00AM, 5:00PM, Monday: 9:00AM, 3:00PM. 2-day schedule: Sunday: 9:30AM, 11:45AM, 2:30PM, then join 3-day schedule for rest of tourney. WCF annual meeting: 3:30 PM Sunday.

**Memberships:** USCF and WCF or OCF memberships required in all sections, OSA. Memberships (including USCF) must be current or paid fully.

**Miscellaneous:** 2007 Chess Cafe Grand Prix event, Mike Franett Memorial NW Grand Prix event. Please bring set, board and clock. No smoking. No computers. Please use entry form (available soon) for a list of all discounts and fees, and to indicate schedule, section, side events and byes requested.

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

#### Side Events:

**May 26 Washington Open Scholastic:** A separate flyer is available on the NWC website for this event, scheduled for Saturday, May 26. Contact: David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Director, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074, ph. 425-868-3881, e-mail: [DavidCHendricks@comcast.net](mailto:DavidCHendricks@comcast.net).

**May 26 Bughouse Championship.** 5 Round Swiss (2 games per round) in two sections: Open and K-6 (scholastic). EF: \$25 per two-player team. TC: G/5. Register by 5:00 PM; first round starts at 5:30 PM. No memberships required. Prizes: to be announced; trophies for 1st to 6th in scholastic section.

**New Date! May 27 Blitz Championship.** 6 Round Swiss in two sections: Open & Under 1700. EF: \$25 until 5/15, \$30 at site, \$10 discount if playing in main tourney. Not USCF rated; WCF/OCF required, other states OK. TC: G/5 minutes (no delays or increments). Register by 9:00 PM. Games: 9:30, 9:45, 10:00, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45 PM; 11:00 PM play-off only if tie for first in a division. Prizes to be announced.

Revised 4/27/2007.



# Washington Elementary Championship

## 1304 players!

by Norm May

**W**OW, chess is a very popular sport in Washington! How can you tell? By the 1304 kids that participated in the 2007 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships and the "I Love Chess, Too" tournaments held at the Clark County Fairgrounds on April 21<sup>st</sup>. This historic event broke the previous record of 1124 players at the state tournament in Lynden in 2005!

The focus this year was on making a pleasing tournament that was family friendly! The Cornerstone Christian Chess Club volunteers took the vision and expanded on it to create (as our attendees have said) the best tournament ever! Not only did we have great chess play, we had a throne along with costumes for kids to dress up in, big bouncy toys for running off energy, giant chess sets, a giant video screen, Mad Science demonstrations all day; blindfold simulms by NM Elliott Neff, regular simulms by WGM Elena Donaldson and FM Chuck Schulien; a coffee/espresso cart (with a long line most of the day), and more! Oh yeah, this was all under one roof!

To accommodate families, we held the "I Love Chess Too" tournament at the same time. This was for players who did not qualify during the year, but love the game, for out-of-state players, and for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade players who need more opportunities to play! These players were grouped in six-player round robin groups that were really competitive. Sudhakar Kudva headed up this section with ease!

The tournament started Friday night with a bughouse competition! We had some issues with registration which caused a late start. But our head TD, Alan Svehaug, got the kids playing for fun until the tournament got underway! The kids were still having a good time when it was time to begin the tournament. Kirk Winges did some heroic

pairing feats to get the tournament started. Then the staff ran an efficient competition so that we finished up on time!

I was a little nervous about Saturday's competition. My nerves calmed down when we only had 12 people not checked into the tournament by the time we finished Friday night's bughouse, which was an amazing accomplishment for over 1300 players! Jon Licht and Kirk were able to pair the first round before leaving that night!

Alan Svehaug was the head TD and kept the tournament running smoothly on Saturday. Rick Jorgensen and Loren Schmidt were the section TDs in the second- through sixth-grade sections. This year we grouped kindergarten and first grade together and Kate Taylor did a wonderful job encouraging those players! I really enjoy seeing kids play slow, thoughtful games, except when I expect the K-1 section to finish BEFORE the other sections. With both sections playing at the same pace, the award ceremonies would be at the same time, something I was trying to avoid. Overlapped ceremonies are difficult for parents with players in both sections, because they want to share in the magic moment when their players receive their awards!

Our planning started with an estimated crowd of 1200 players. About three weeks before the tournament, we started to consider increasing our projection since most of our 400 hotel rooms were booked! We started to scramble to increase the number of awards, hotel rooms, tables, chairs, and chess boards. But the number of people actually registered was still under 1000! In the last week, the flow started! Yes, there is a common trait for chess families - we are procrastinators!

Congratulations to the winners of the tournaments!

### Top Finishers

K-3 Team			4-6 Team		
Evergreen School	Shoreline	22.5	West Mercer ES	Mercer Island	22.0
Stevenson ES	Bellevue	21.0	Lakeside MS	Seattle	21.0
Open Window School	Bellevue	21.0	Stevenson ES	Bellevue	21.0
Charles Wright Academy	Tacoma	20.0	Evergreen School	Shoreline	20.5
Univ. Child Development School	Seattle	19.0	King's Way Christian	Vancouver	20.0
<b>Kindergarten (91 players)</b>			<b>Grade Four (227 players)</b>		
Feng, Roland	Wedgewood ES, Seattle	5.0	Gelb, Nicolo	Whittier ES, Seattle	5.0
Doughty, Jack	Marvista ES	4.5	Puri, Ankush	Evergreen	5.0
<b>Grade One (122 players)</b>			<b>Grade Five (186 players)</b>		
Yee, Nathaniel	UCDS	5.0	Lee, Nathan	Apollo ES, Issaquah	5.0
Moy, Chandler	Evergreen	5.0	Thongmee, Thomas	Lakeside	5.0
Puri, Kanish	Evergreen	5.0	Sun, Tristan	West Mercer	5.0
<b>Grade Two (185 players)</b>			<b>Grade Six (144 players)</b>		
Threlkeld, Bryson	Home Choice Ac., Van.	5.0	Ho, Daniel	King's Way	5.0
Yu, Justin	Open Window	5.0	Inglis, David	Lakeside	5.0
Whitlock, Henry	Whittier ES, Seattle	5.0	Omori, Michael	Evergreen	5.0
Chou, Nathan	Stevenson	4.5	Hou, Darren	Odle MS, Bellevue	4.5
<b>Grade Three (276 players)</b>					
Yu, Wesley	Lowell, Seattle	5.0			
Arthurs, Nathan	Jefferson ES, Pullman	5.0			
Meisner, Samuel	Kings ES, Shoreline	5.0			
Na, Giebien	West Mercer	5.0			
Sanchez, Alexander	Charles Wright	4.5			
Hu, Jiayi	Stevenson	4.5			
Wilson, Diall	TT Minor, Seattle	4.5			
Birnbach, Zamir	Evergreen	4.5			

# Seattle CC Takes Second at Far West Open

by Josh Sinanan

The 2007 Far West Open in Reno attracted 184 chess players primarily from California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and Texas. The six-round swiss tournament took place over Easter Weekend at the Sands Regency Hotel and was organized by the Reno Chess Club. Top players GM Alex Yermolinsky, IM Enrico Sevillano, GM Melikset Khachiyanyan, and IM Dmitry Zilberstein shared first place in the open section with 4.5 points. The championship was decided by an exciting blitz playoff which GM Khachiyanyan won.

The Seattle Chess Club team consisting of Michael Lee, Ricky Selzler, Josh Sinanan, Sterling Kolde, Geoff Gale, Eddie Chang, Mike Hosford, Dan Mathews, August Piper, Connie Etingher, Kerry Van Veen, and John Mead took second place in the team competition behind the San Francisco Mechanics Institute. This was quite a notable achievement, as SCC was in third/fourth place up until the last round of the tournament.

The 32-player Open section contained six Washington players, including GM Gregory Serper and NM Michael Lee. In the first round, GM Serper drew against California's Daniel Schwarz in a long Rook ending. I was fortunate enough to draw against sixth seed IM Dmitry Zilberstein on the White side of a Grünfeld. This led to an all-Washington pairing of Serper-Sinanan for the second round, which also ended in a draw after 30 moves. Having drawn against two titled players, I just about collapsed when I saw that I was playing top seed GM Kudrin in the third round. In a game that lasted almost 7 hours, I was able to hold a pawn-down Knight ending and split the point. I lost momentum in the fourth round, when I misplayed a Botvinnik English against Michael Aigner's Dutch Defense. The fifth round saw a youngsters showdown between Washington's Michael Lee and California's Daniel Naroditsky, a 12-year-old rated about 2130. Michael was better for most of the game on the Black side of a Kalashnikov Sicilian, but failed to capitalize on Naroditsky's inaccuracies, and a draw was the eventual result. GM Serper upheld his solid reputation by drawing four games and winning two, which put him in five-way tie for second. Ricky Selzler put serious pressure on IM Sevillano's Svesknikov Sicilian in the first round, but missed the winning variation in time pressure. Both he and Allen Smith played well to finish with three points in a very strong open section. Sterling Kolde chose to challenge himself by playing up in the open section and finished with two points.

Five players represented Washington and Oregon in the 32-player A section: Geoff Gale, Eddie Chang, Mike Hosford, Howard Chen, and Edward Addis. Eddie finished very strong with 4.5 points, which put him in a two-way tie for second. Geoff and Mike each finished with four points to tie for third place. Oregon's Edward Addis finished right behind them with 3.5, and the rapidly-improving Howard Chen brought up the rear with 2.5.

Michael Taylor tied for third in the B section with 4.5 points. Thanks to Michael's big hair, he was the easiest player to locate in the whole tournament. Right behind was Dan Mathews with 4 points, followed by Richard Golden and Ewald Hopfenzitz, each with one point.

The 29-player C section was almost one-fourth comprised of Northwest players. Carol Kleist finished strongly with four points and tied for third along with Ritchie Duron. Fred Kleist, who normally scores very well in the Expert section, was busy playing in the larger Foxwoods Open tournament in Connecticut. As a result, the 16-player Expert section had no representation by Northwest players, all of whom chose to swim with the sharks in the open section. Speaking of sharks, the ever-dangerous August Piper attacked his prey 3.5 times, followed by Jim Fety and David Wagner, each with three points. Tacoma's Constantin Etingher and Seattle's Kerry VanVeen each scored two points.

In the D section, Bernard Spera led the Northwest with 3.5 points in a 25-player field. He was followed by John Mead and Thomas Craig, who each scored 2.5 points. James Smith, the only player from the Northwest in the E/unrated section, scored 2.5 points.

Three Northwest players participated in the five-round Quick tournament, which took place on Easter Sunday. Sterling Kolde took second with four points, while Constantin Etingher finished with 1.5, and Bernard Spera with 1. The Thursday night lecture by GM Larry Evans was well attended, as Evans reminisced about the old Bobby Fischer he used to know. Later on Thursday night, GM Kudrin gave a simul while several Northwest players took part in the Blitz tournament. Eddie, Sterling, Dan, and I all played in the 15-player Blitz tournament, which I won with a score of 7.5/8. In the simul, Allen Smith made GM Kudrin work in a Sicilian Kan that featured opposite-side castling. In the end, Kudrin proved too strong and won all the games in a 20-0 sweep.



The following game was my first time ever facing a GM in OTB chess. Though I have played countless numbers of blitz games against titled players on the Internet Chess Club, I was

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absolutely stoked to have this opportunity. As luck would have it, I found myself paired against fellow Washingtonian GM Gregory Serper, a superstrong player with a solid, positional style. I very much looked forward to testing my skills against such a high calibre player. It is also worth noting that April 6th was my birthday, which made this game even more special to me.

**Modern Benoni**

**GM Gregory Serper (2576)  
Joshua Sinanan (2111)**

*Reno, Far West Open (2) 2007*

Annotations by Joshua Sinanan

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.♗ge2

Serper chooses a line that keeps a small, but steady advantage. To avoid getting squeezed, I realized that I must play creatively and accurately to keep balance in the position.

7...♗g7 8.♗g3 O-O 9.♗e2 ♘a6 10. O-O ♗e8 11.♗f4 ♗c7 12.a4 h5!?

Black seeks play on the kingside and tries to show that White's Knight is misplaced on g3.

13.♗g5 ♖d7 14.♖d2 ♗h7 15.♗h4 b6 16.f4 ♗h6

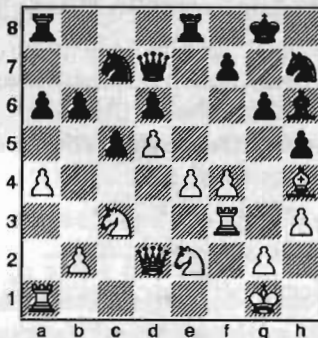
Played in an attempt to delay White from playing f4-f5.

17.h3

White maintains control over g4 in anticipation of the exchange of light-squared Bishops.

17...♗a6 18.♗f3 ♗xe2 19.♗gxe2 a6

Black proceeds with the thematic b5-break on the queenside.



20.♗b1 b5 21.axb5 axb5 22.b4 cxb4 23.♗xb4 ♗a6 24.♗xb5 ♗xe4 25. ♗xe4 ♖xb5 26.♗c2c3 ♖d7 27.♖a2

If 27.♖d4, then 27...♗g7 28.♗f6+ ♗xf6 29.♗xf6 ♗xf6 30.♖xf6 ♖d8 is slightly better for White, according to FRITZ.

27...f5 28.♗f6+

No better is 28.♗f2 ♗c7 29.♖c4 ♗g7, with equality.

28...♗xf6 29.♗xf6 ♖b7 30.♖e2 Draw

After this move, Serper offered a draw, which I readily accepted. Though White was better throughout the entire game, he has no more targets to attack.

The following game was voted best "Tal-like King hunt" in the bulletin.

**Sicilian Taimanov**

**NM Robert Akopian (2220)  
Joshua Sinanan (2111)**

*Reno, Far West Open (5) 2007*

Annotations by Joshua Sinanan

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗c6 5.♗c3 a6 6.♗xc6

This move is the reason many Taimanov players have given up the early ...a7-a6 move order. In the resulting position, the a6-pawn serves no useful purpose, and White gains a lead in development.

6...bxc6 7.♗d3 d5 8.O-O ♗f6 9.♗e1 ♗e7 10.e5 ♗d7 11.♖g4 g6 12.♗d2

The recommended move here is 12.♗h6, after which Black untangles with 12...♗b8 13.♗d1 ♗b4 14.♖e2 ♗g5. 12...♗b8 13.♗a4 O-O 14.♗ad1 c5 15. c4 d4 16.f4

16.♗h6 f5 17.exf6 ♗xf6 keeps a small advantage for White.

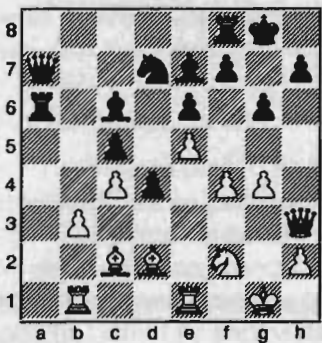
16...♖c7 17.♖h3 ♗b7 18.b3 ♗c6 19. ♗b2 a5 20.♗b1 a4 21.♗d1

A much better try was 21.♗xa4 ♖a7 22.♗c2, where the White Bishops also exert influence on the queenside.

21...axb3 22.axb3 ♖a7 23.♗c2 ♗b6 24.♗f2 ♗a6 25.g4?

Far too weakening. After seeing this move, my Tal-like instincts take over, and the King hunt officially begins!

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25...♗a2 26.♖d3 ♗h4 27.♗e2 ♗xf2+

Black's attack is even stronger after 27...f6 28.exf6 ♗xf6 29.♗f1.

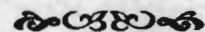
28.♗xf2 ♗a8 29.♗f1 ♖b7 30.♗g3 f6 31.exf6 ♗xf6 32.h3 e5!

With the unstoppable threat of 33...e4; White is lost.

33.♗xe5

If 33.fxe5, then 33...♗h5+ is crushing.

33...♖g2+ 34.♗h4 ♗xc2! 35.♖xc2 ♖xf1 36.b4 ♖f2+ 37.♗g5 ♗g7 38. ♗e7+ ♗f7 39.♗xf7+ ♗xf7 O-1



In the first round, I found myself on board four against IM Sevillano. I played him several months ago in the U.S. Open. I was beaten there and wanted revenge in this game. It was pretty cool that my game was being shown on a demonstration board. It was more soothing to analyze a position on the demonstration board than the actual board. Despite the loss, this was undeniably my most enjoyable game.—RS

**Sicilian Sveshnikov**

**Ricky Selzler (2148)**

**IM Enrico Sevillano (2562)**

*Reno, Far West Open (1) 2007*

Annotations by Ricky Selzler

1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♗xd4 ♗f6 5.♗c3 e5 6.♗db5 d6 7.♗g5 a6 8.♗a3 b5 9.♗xf6 gxf6 10.♗d5 f5 11.c3 ♗g7 12.♗c2

This move could be a slight inaccuracy, because Black could now take on e4. This invites the question: Why didn't Black play 11...fxe4? According to *Modern Chess Openings*, the downside of that move is it allows 12.♗xb5! axb5 13. ♗xb5. This is supposed to be a winning

sacrifice (although this would not be the first time that MCO would be wrong). With the Knight on c2, it may have been possible to get away with taking on e4.

12...O-O 13.exf5 ♖xf5 14.♘ce3 ♗e6 15.g3

White takes up the beautiful long diagonal. It might seem that White is limited to a positional type game with the Bishop pointing toward the queenside. The attacking potential of the light-squared Bishop is what my opponent may have overlooked.

15...b4?!

Black is getting distracted over on the queenside. A much more thematic idea is to play ...f7-f5, which tries to get an attack on the kingside.

16.♗g2

I happily accept the extra move to develop my Bishop. If I play 16.cxb4, 16...♘d4 could get annoying. 16.♘xb4 is even worse, as it allows 16...♘xb4 17.cxb4 d5! with the initiative for a pawn.

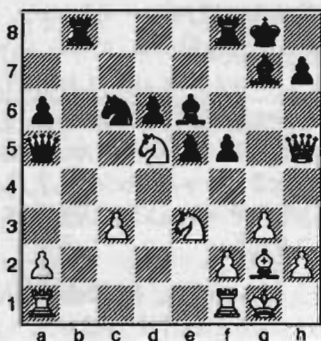
16...bxc3 17.bxc3 ♖a5?!

This dangerously misplaces the Queen. In many cases, the Queen is needed to defend the King against an attack by White. Furthermore, I don't see how this move creates any new threats. My d5-Knight firmly guards my c3-pawn. This Queen is going to be out of play for the rest of the middlegame.

18.O-O ♖ab8 19.♖h5!

Meanwhile, I'm attacking a place that actually has a target: the Black King.

19...f5



20.♖ad1?!

Although your business manager will not be able to attend the Washington Open this year, there should still be extra copies of the magazine available, and enough WCF officers on hand to take your membership payment!

Probably 20.g4 is more accurate. To be honest, I was still focusing on plans involving ♗h3; so I thought I needed more protection for my Knight on d5. Now he has the defensive plan of ...♗h8 and ...♗g8.

20...♗h8 21.g4! fxc4 22.♗e4

This square is the ultimate outpost for a Bishop in this kind of position. I attack the queenside and the kingside at the same time, which creates room for tactics involving the c6-Knight and the h7-pawn. Now he has to guard against mate with a pathetic-looking move.

22...♗g8 23.♘xg4

This is a great square for the Knight as well, because it guards f2 from future attacks and prevents ...h7-h6. In the future, it also may have the option of attacking on f6.

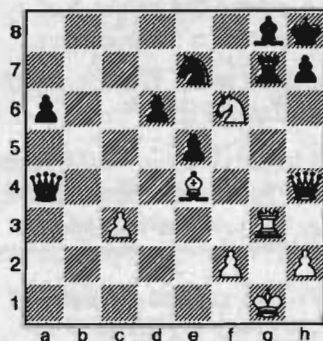
23...♖a4 24.♖fe1 ♖b2 25.♖d3 ♖b1?!

An interesting moment. One must consider that he had 28 minutes versus my 52. A more materialistic player would have played 26.♖xb1 ♖xe4 27.♖bd1, trying to keep the Exchange. Seeing how the game was going, I wanted to win spectacularly with a finishing blow on the kingside. Also, it is more difficult for an IM, with 28 minutes on his clock, to defend against a kingside attack than it is to play the Exchange down. One must make these kind of practical choices in the heat of battle.

26.♖de3 ♖xe1+ 27.♖xe1 ♖f7 28.♖h4

Changing focus; now I want to use the f6-square for my Knight. Again notice how hopeless an attack would be if his Queen was on d8.

28...♖xa2 29.♖e3 ♖a4 30.♘df6 ♗xf6 31.♘xf6 ♘e7 32.♖g3 ♖g7?



The most obvious move when you have two minutes left on your clock, but it is the losing move. I felt during the game that this was the critical point in the attack. I had 19 minutes to play seven more moves. I used 15 minutes on this one move! There were many moves I was considering: ♘xg8, ♘xh7, ♖h6, ♘h5, and finally ♖xg7. However, there was only one winning path and I went down the wrong one.

33.♖xg7?

This move throws away the win. 33.♖h6 was the right move. It is always hard when you have so many enticing solutions in front of you, and at the same time you know that if you go down the wrong one, it could mean the end. However, 33.♖h6 now seems the most logical, because it gets rid of the annoying Rook no matter what. If 33...♖f7, then 34.♖g5! decides with the threat of ♖xg8+! If 33...♖xg3, then simply 34.hxg3, when the assault on h7 is impossible to stop. I found the solution in five to ten minutes while casually analyzing in my room; my jaw dropped. The feeling of coming that close to beating an IM is heartbreaking, but it is something everyone must deal with if they play chess.

33...♗xg7 34.♘xh7 ♘d5 35.♖g5+?

Another mistake hands the advantage over to Black. 35.h3 is better, since it creates another space for my King. This keeps an approximately equal game. However, I was still being carried by the inertia of the attack. Also, I now had 50 seconds to complete my last moves.

35...♗h8 36.♖h4 ♖d1+

This check, combined with the one on f4, is murderous.

37.♗g2 ♘f4+ 38.♗g3 ♖g1+ 39.♗f3 ♖d1+?

We were both in extreme time pressure, but this allows a three-time repetition, which I did not see. 39.♖h1+ like in the game wins.

40.♗g3 ♘h5+ 41.♗g2 ♘f4+ 42.♗g3?

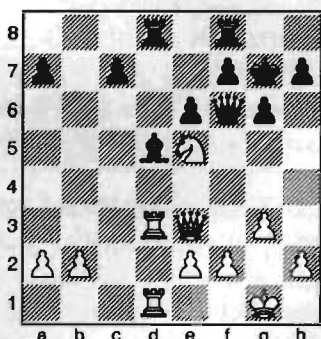
This is not a bad move in chess terms, but as far as the game goes, I believe this is the third time this position has been repeated; so I could have claimed a draw. However, I was so disgusted with myself that I completely missed this fact.

42... ♖g1+ 43. ♜f3 ♖h1+ 44. ♜e3  
 ♖c1+ 45. ♜f3 ♖xc3+ 46. ♜g4 ♜e6+  
 47. ♜g5 ♖h3 0-1

*English*

GM Gregory Serper (2576)  
 FM Batchimeg Tuvshintugs (2259)  
 Reno, Far West Open (5) 2007

1. c4 ♜f6 2. ♜c3 d5 3. cxd5 ♜xd5 4. g3  
 ♜b6 5. ♜g2 g6 6. d3 ♜g7 7. ♜e3 O-O  
 8. ♖d2 ♜c6 9. ♜xc6 bxc6 10. ♜h6 c5  
 11. ♜f3 ♜b7 12. ♜xg7 ♜xg7 13. ♖e3 e6  
 14. O-O c4 15. ♜fd1 ♖f6 16. ♜e5 cxd3  
 17. ♜xd3 ♜ad8 18. ♜ad1 ♜d5 19. ♜xd5  
 ♜xd5



20. ♜g4 ♖xb2 21. ♜3d2 1-0

*Sicilian Kalashnikov*

Daniel Naroditsky (2145)  
 NM Michael Lee (2230)  
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1. e4 c5 2. ♜f3 ♜c6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♜xd4  
 e5 5. ♜b5 d6 6. ♜1c3 a6 7. ♜a3 b5 8.  
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 29. ♜c6 ♜xc6 30. dxc6 ♖xc6 31. ♜d3 e4  
 32. ♜b1 ♜g7 33. ♜xg7 ♜xg7 34. ♜a2  
 ♜c4 35. a4 ♜xa4 36. ♖xf7+ ♜h6 37. ♜c1  
 ♖a8 38. ♜d5 ♜a7 39. ♜xa8 ♜xf7 40. ♜c6  
 ♜e5 41. ♜xe4 ♜c7 42. ♜xe5 dxe5  
 43. ♜c3 ♜d4 44. ♜d5 ♜d7 45. ♜e4 ♜a7  
 46. ♜a3 ♜c7 47. g3 ♜c4 48. ♜d3 ♜b4  
 49. ♜a2 ♜b3 50. ♜e4 ♜g5 51. ♜g2 ♜b4  
 Draw

# Portland CC Tops Organizer GP

by Eric Holcomb

On October 26, 2003, *Northwest Chess* board members decided to initiate an "Organizer Grand Prix" to reward chess promoters and organizers who sign up a large number of WCF and OCF members. The rules were a little vague, so I adopted the following scoring system:

Memberships of more than \$10 (adult, full-year junior) count as a full point regardless of whether it's a new membership or a renewal.

Family, tournament and part-year junior memberships count as ½ point. (Since there were very few \$5 3-month junior memberships in 2006, I did not reduce the value of those memberships to ¼ point like I did in 2005.)

Credit goes to the primary club or organization sponsoring the event (where applicable), but I also report below the name of the primary organizer(s)/promoter(s) for each club, who also deserve a great deal of the credit.

I do not take credit for memberships/renewals obtained as part of my job as business manager, although I am now reporting memberships obtained through PayPal and other subscription services separately. These are not eligible for awards.

The results below are for calendar year 2006 events, with banking account deposits up to January 14, 2007.

The Portland Chess Club was the big winner for 2006, scoring a very impressive 85 points, and that doesn't even include the 35 points that the PCC scored for the OCF at the Oregon Open! The Seattle Chess Club was the second place local club with 44 points. All others were further behind, although all efforts are greatly appreciated. Unlike the previous two years, the PCC even outscored the WCF, which came in second overall with 55.5 points.

The introduction of online membership payments with PayPal was successful; 44 points the first year, with nearly \$1,000 collected!

*Northwest Chess* will award the following prizes: Portland Chess Club – one free \$25 membership, and one free \$20 event ad. Washington Chess Federation – one free \$25 membership. Seattle Chess Club – one free \$17 junior membership. It is up to the individual clubs how to use the membership awards.

Let's do an even better job this year than last! As you know, many people don't renew or join until they play in a tournament, so memberships gathered by organizers at events are extremely important.

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## ♣ June 16, July 21

**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.

## ♣ June 3, July 1

**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.

## August 25

**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$10 by 8/22, \$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.

## ♣ SCC Saturday Quads ♣

## ♣ SCC Sunday Tornado ♣

## ♣ SCC Novice

## 2007 Weekends

**Novice:** Aug. 25, Nov. 4

**Quads:** June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 3, Dec. 8

**Tornados:** June 3, July 1, July 29, Aug. 26, Sept. 30, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9

**Emerald City—June 22-24.**

**Seafair Open—August 10-12.**

**Seattle Fall Open—Sept. 21-23.**

**Extravaganza—November 9-11.**

## Coming in October!

### Ben Delson Thematic

Play Sicilian Dragon, Nimzo-Indian, and English in a fun event celebrating long-time SCC member Ben Delson. Details in a later issue.

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June 22-24

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/64). The prize fund of \$800 is based on forty entries.

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**Byes:** 2 (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

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# Future Events

OSA. Info: portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.org.

♣ indicates a Christopher Memorial NW Grand Prix event

## ♣ June 2 WA Quick Chess Championship ♣

Site: Freighthouse Square, 430 E 25 St, Tacoma WA. 2 blks up the hill from the TCC & 1 blk down the hill from the Tacoma Dome.  
 Format: 5-rd Swiss. TC: G/29. EF: \$20 adults, \$15 juniors.  
 Prize Fund: \$\$300 gtd. Prizes: \$80+plaque-70, U2000 50, U1700 50, U1400 50. Reg: 9-9:45. Rds: 10-11:30-1-2:30-4. Byes: One ½-pt. bye avail. Misc: USCF/WCF memberships req'd. Ent/Info: Gary Dorfner, 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445; 253-535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

## ♣ May 19

## 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,

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| July 2-6   | grades K-8 ..... Bellevue WA  |
| 9-13   | grades K-8 ..... Sammamish WA |
| 16-20  | grades K-8 ..... Seattle WA   |
| 23-27  | grades K-8 ..... Bellevue WA  |
| July 30-Aug 3  | grades K-8 ..... Tacoma WA    |
| Aug 6-9  | grades K-6 ..... Richland WA  |
| 13-17  | grades K-8 ..... Sammamish WA |
| 20-24  | grades K-8 ..... Bellevue WA  |

## Evergreen School

www.evergreenschool.org/summer/index.shtml

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|---------------|--------------------------|
| June 25-29    | Novice (ages 5-8)        |
| July 2-3,5-6  | Beginner (ages 5-9)      |
| 9-13          | Siamese (ages 6-15)      |
| 16-20         | Beginner (ages 5-9)      |
| 23-27         | Intermediate (ages 8-13) |
| July 30-Aug 3 | Advanced (ages 9-15)     |
| Aug 6-10      | Siamese (ages 6-15)      |

## Shoreline WA

## Chess Odyssey

## various sites OR

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 503-504-5756 pete@chessodyssey.com www.chessodyssey.com |                                      |
| June 11-15  | ..... Tillamook OR                   |
| 18-22   | ..... Beaverton OR                   |
| 25-29   | GM Workshop ..... Portland OR        |
| July 9-13   | for grades 2-5 ..... Portland OR     |
| 16-20   | Half-Day Novice ..... Lake Oswego OR |
| 23-27   | for grades 2-5 ..... Portland OR     |
| Aug 6-10  | ..... Portland OR                    |
| 20-24   | ..... Beaverton OR                   |

## WGM Elena Donaldson & IM Georgi Orlov various sites WA

206-363-6511 chess64@comcast.net www.chessplayer.com/camps2007.htm

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| June 25-29    | grades K-6 ..... Everett WA           |
| July 9-13     | Elena grades K-6 ..... Bellevue WA    |
| 9-13          | Georgi grades K-8 ..... Seattle WA    |
| 16-20         | Elena grades K-6 ..... Redmond WA     |
| 16-20         | Georgi grades K-8 ..... Seattle WA    |
| 16-20         | Half-Day Camp ..... Seattle WA        |
| 23-27         | Elena grades K-6 ..... Bellevue WA    |
| 23-27         | Georgi grades K-8 ..... Seattle WA    |
| July 30-Aug 3 | Georgi grades K-8 ..... Shoreline WA  |
| July 30-Aug 3 | grades K-6 ..... Everett WA           |
| Aug 6-10      | Elena grades K-6 ..... Seattle WA     |
| 6-10          | Elena grades K-6 ..... Woodinville WA |
| 13-17         | Georgi grades K-8 ..... Seattle WA    |
| 20-24         | grades K-6 ..... Everett WA           |
| 20-24         | grades K-8 ..... Bothell WA           |

## Chess Vision

## various sites OR

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|--|----------------------------|
| Tony Hann 503-880-0581 www.chessvision.net |                            |
| June 25-29                                 | ..... Beaverton OR         |
| July 9-13                                  | ..... Lake Oswego OR       |
| 16-20                                      | ..... North Wilsonville OR |
| 23-27                                      | ..... Portland OR          |
| Aug 6-10                                   | ..... Portland OR          |
| 13-17                                      | ..... North Wilsonville OR |

# Open Events

## May 2007

18-21(19-21) Paul Keres Memorial  
 ♯19 ⚡ PCC Game-in-60  
 26-28 Washington Open

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## June 2007

1,8 TCC Quick (G/30)  
 ♯2 **WA Quick Chess Championship**  
 ♯3 **SCC Sunday Tornado**  
 5 PCC Tuesday Quads begin  
 ♯16 **SCC Saturday Quads**  
 22 TCC 10-Second Tmt  
 ♯22-24 **Emerald City Open**  
 28 Chessmates Rally  
 29 TCC Quick (G/15)  
 ♯30 ⚡ PCC Game-in-60  
 30 TCC Girls' & Women's Fun Chess

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## July 2007

♯1 **SCC Sunday Tornado**  
 6,13,20 TCC Quads  
 ♯7 TCC Quick (G/29)  
 ♯7-8 Portland Summer Open  
 10 PCC Tuesday Quads begin  
 ♯14-15 Evergreen Open  
 ♯21 **SCC Saturday Quads**  
 ♯21 ⚡ PCC Game-in-60  
 27 TCC Quick (G/15)  
 ♯27 Summer Lightning  
 ♯29 SCC Sunday Tornado

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## August 2007

3,10,17,24,31 TCC Summer Championship  
 4 TCC Novice  
 7 PCC Tuesday Quads begin  
 ♯10-12 Seattle Seafair Open  
 ♯18 **SCC Saturday Quads**  
 ♯18 ⚡ Portland CC Game-in-60  
 ♯18-19 Tacoma City Championship  
**25 SCC Novice**  
 ♯26 SCC Sunday Tornado

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## September 2007

♯1-3 Oregon Open  
 7,14 TCC Gambit Tmt  
 ♯8 TCC Tornado  
 11 PCC Tuesday Quads begin  
 ♯15 **SCC Saturday Quads**  
 ♯21-23 Seattle CC Seattle Fall Open  
 21,28 TCC Championship  
 ♯29 Pierce County Quick Championship  
 ♯29 ⚡ PCC Game-in-60  
 ♯30 Seattle CC Sunday Tornado

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