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# Portland Chess Club Centennial Open

by Frank Niro

## Two Canadians tie with Orlov & Raptis for Centennial Championship

IM Georgi Orlov of Washington and FM Nick Raptis of Oregon entered the final round of the Portland Chess Club Centennial Open tied atop the leader board with 4 ½ points. They drew with each other in round six allowing two Canadians, FM Bindi Cheng and Canadian Youth Champion Loren Lacleste, to pull even with 5-1 scores. All four players earned \$875 for their efforts.

Daniel Gay was undefeated with three wins and three draws to win the under-2200 class prize, worth \$500. Peter Lessler, Igor Ummel and Nathan Lee, deadlocked at 4 points, shared 2nd through 4th place. All three were awarded \$166.67.

A total of 180 players entered the tournament commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Portland Chess Club. The club celebrated the occasion by staging the tournament August 12-14 at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel in Portland. Contested into two sections, the Championship field of 54 players fought for \$4,500 in prizes while 22 of the 126 players in the Amateur section divided up \$6,000.

The Amateur winners were as follows: Robert Herrera \$1000, with a perfect 6-0 score; Robert Fisette and Jack Cheng, \$550 each; Matt Dalthorp and Nick Figone, \$500 each; James Wang, Mark Hanna and Nathan Jewell, \$333.33; David Hendricks and Jenesis Bugaoan, \$300; Vljako Lakic and Micah Smith, \$200; Luke Robson, Maxwell Sun, Robert Allen and Steven Witt, \$125; Sadrac Chery and Joshua Doknjas, \$100; and Sangeeta Dhingra, Frederick Davis and Dhruva Chatterjee, \$66.67.

There were frequent updates available online each day including tentative round by round pairings posted in advance. The tournament ran smoothly throughout with few problems and no disputes. Mike Morris served as the organizer for the event, supported by tournament directors Frank Niro, Neil Dale and Jeffrey Roland, and by staff members Hazel Monroe and Susan Koenig. The organizing committee for the Portland Chess Club included Grisha

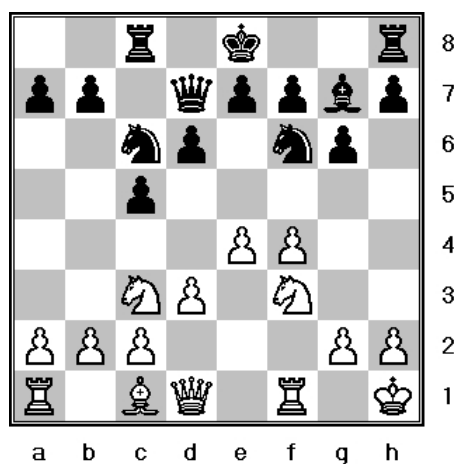
Alpernas, Mike Janniro, Alex Grom and Ted Lundin.

Bindi Cheng defeated National Master Andy Lee in round six to pull into a tie for first place. Following is the decisive last round game.

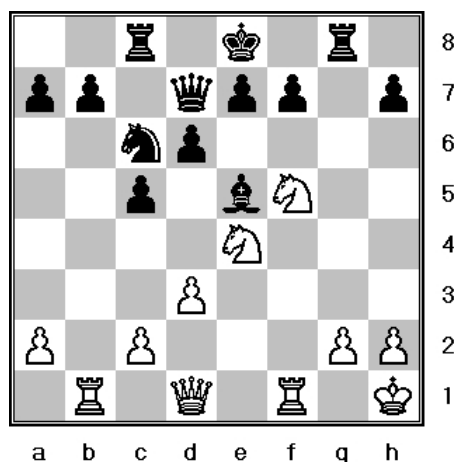
### Andy Lee – Bindi Cheng Portland Centennial, Round 6 Portland, Oregon, August 14, 2011

Notes by Ralph Dubisch.

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. f4 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Bb5+ Bd7 6. Bxd7+ Qxd7 7. 0-0 Nc6 8. d3 Rc8 9. Kh1 Nf6



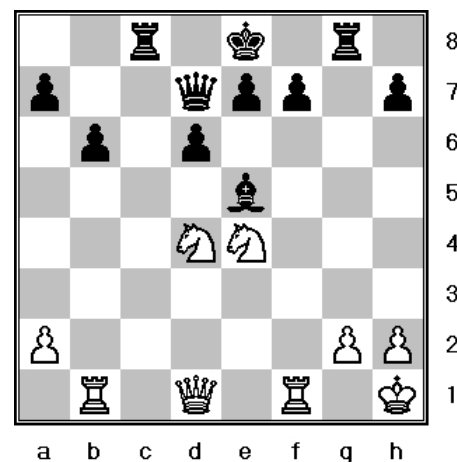
10. f5!? gxf5 11. Nh4 fxe4 12. Nf5 Rg8 13. Bg5 Bh8 14. Bxf6 Bxf6 15. Nxe4 Bxb2 16. Rb1 Be5



17. c3?!

This looks a little slow. 17. Qh5! offers quite a lot of compensation for the material. Then if 17. ...e6?? 18. Nfxd6+ wins (18. ...Bxd6 19. Nf6+, or 18. ...Kd8 19. Nxf7+ Kc7 20. Nxc5).

17. ...b6 18. d4 cxd4 19. cxd4 Nxd4! 20. Nxd4



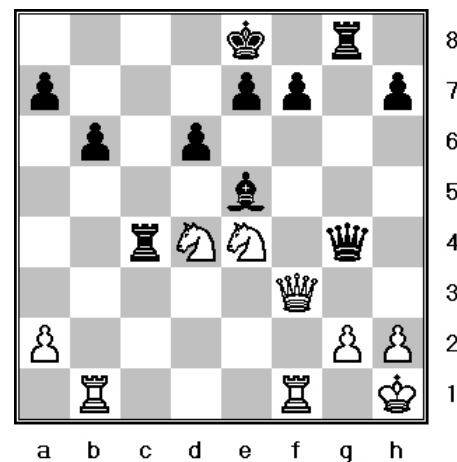
20. ...Rc4?!

Though this was undoubtedly the idea behind the temporary piece sac on d4, it is an error, weakening the back rank and activating the white queen. More precise would be 20. ...Qg4, planning ...Rc4 only after the exchange of queens (if needed). White can complicate a little with 21. Qa4+ Kd8 22. Rf2 (or Rg1), but Black can take advantage of the pin with 22. ...Bxd4 23. Qxd4 f5, and though White's rooks are going to have lots of half-open files to play on, the reason is Black has a bunch of buttons.

21. Qf3

This is actually fine, but 21. Nf3 Rxe4 22. Qd5 Qg4 is also decidedly unclear. After, say, 23. Rf2, the white queen is looking pretty active, and it's hard to see how Black is going to keep all of his queenside pawns.

21. ...Qg4





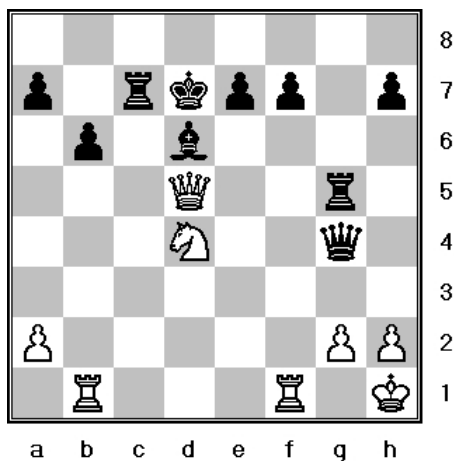
Bindi Cheng. Photo credit: Andrei Botez.

## 22. Nxd6??

Here's where White can show why 20. ...Rc4 was wrong. 22. Nf2!! Qxf3 23. Nxf3, with a piece vs pawns ending that looks tough for both players.

Black can't escape this line with either 22. ...Qxg2+? 23. Qxg2 Rxc2 24. Kxc2 Bxd4, with four pawns for a rook, but the pawns are pretty far back, or 22. ...Qxd4? 23. Qa8+ Kd7 24. Qxg8, when it's only three pawns for the rook.

22. ...Bxd6 23. Qa8+ Kd7 24. Qb7+ Rc7 25. Qd5 Rg5

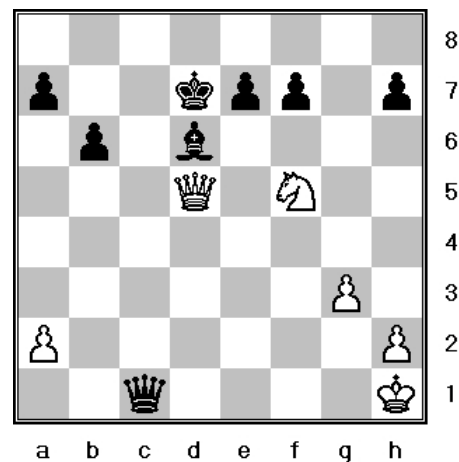


## 26. Rf5

A better try is 26. Nf5, at least avoiding the simplifying combination in the game.

Black probably replies 26. ...Rc6 with a plus.

26. ...Rxf5 27. Nxf5 Qf4 28. g3 Rc1+ 29. Rxc1 Qxc1+



## 30. Kg2 Qc6 0-1

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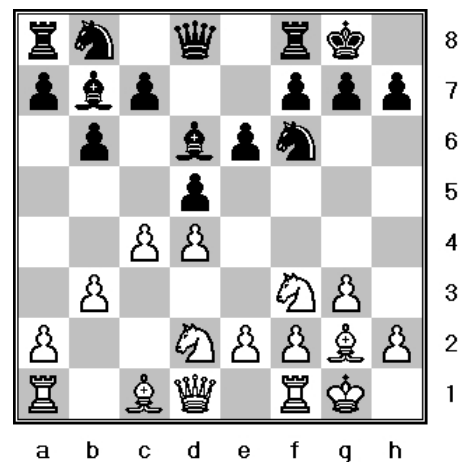
Here's another last round game score for one of the co-winners.

Loren Laceste, originally from the Philippines, will be representing Canada in the World Youth Tournament in Brazil later this year.

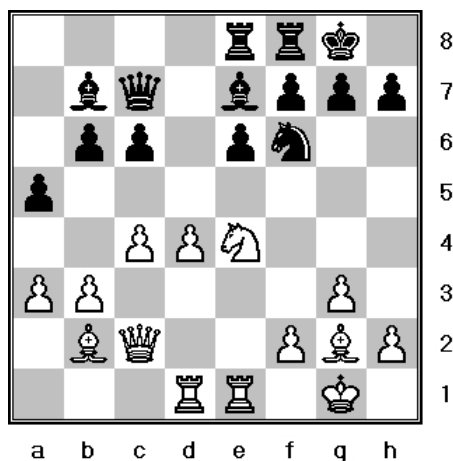
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**Loren Laceste – Steve Breckenridge**  
Portland Centennial, Round 6  
Portland, Oregon, August 14, 2011

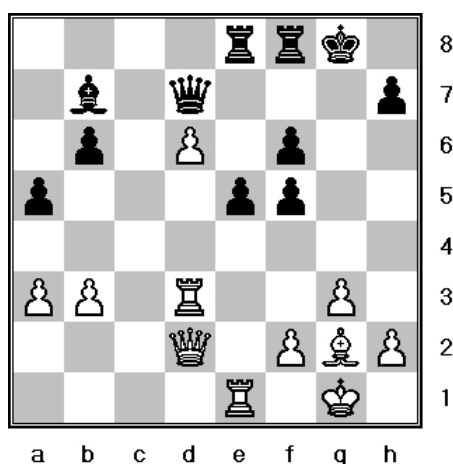
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Ba6 5. Nbd2 d5 6. b3 Bd6 7. Bg2 Bb7 8. 0-0 0-0



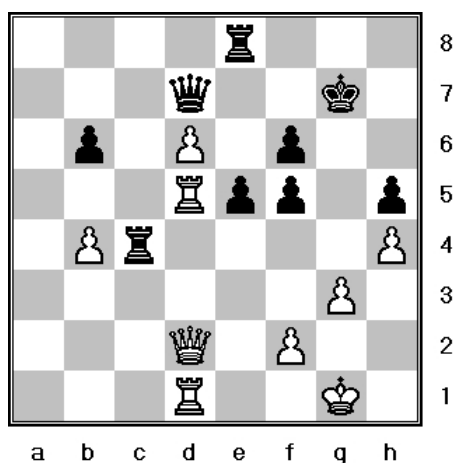
9. e4 dxe4 10. Ng5 Be7 11. Ndxe4 c6 12. Bb2 Nbd7 13. Qc2 Nxe4 14. Nxe4 Qc7 15. Rad1 Rae8 16. a3 a5 17. Rfe1 Nf6



18. d5 cxd5 19. Nxf6+ Bxf6 20. Bxf6 gxf6 21. Rd4 f5 22. Qd2 f6 23. cxd5 e5 24. d6 Qd7 25. Rd3



25. ...Bxg2 26. Kxg2 Rc8 27. Rd1 Kg7 28. Kg1 Rc6 29. Qe3 Re8 30. b4 axb4 31. axb4 Re6 32. Qd2 h5 33. h4 Rc4 34. Rd5 Re8



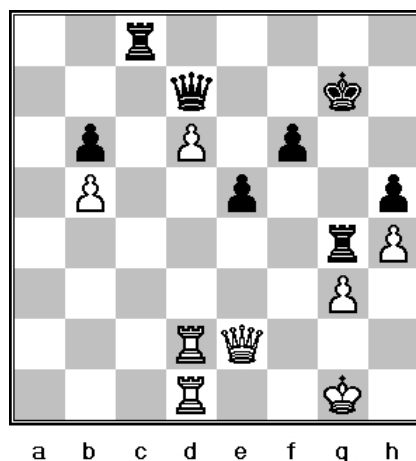
35. b5

[35. Qe2]

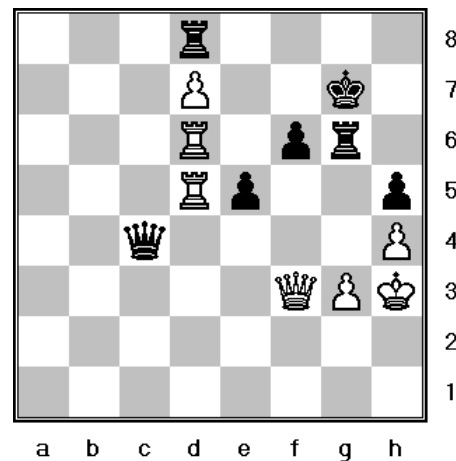
35. ...f4 36. Qe2 Rec8 37. R5d2 fxg3 38. fxg3 Rg4



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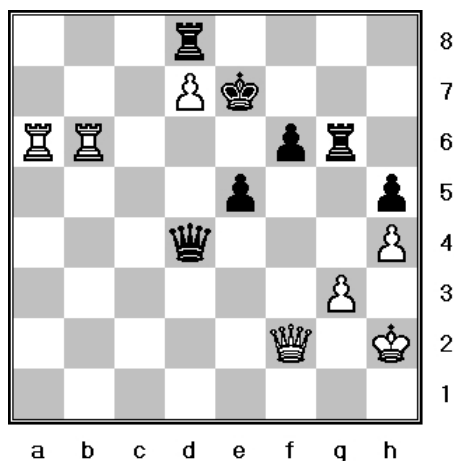
39. Qe3 Qxb5 40. d7 Rd8 41. Rd5 Qa4 42. Kh2 Qe4 43. Qf2 Rg6 44. R5d3 Qc6 45. Rd6 Qc5 46. Qf3 b5 47. R1d5 Qa7 48. Rxb5 Qa2+ 49. Kh3 Qc4 50. Rbd5



50. ...Kf7

[50. ...Qg4+ 51. Kg2 Qxh4=]

51. Kh2 Qg4 52. Qf2 Ke7 53. Rd2 Qb4 54. Rb6 Qa3 55. Ra2 Qd3 56. Raa6 Qd4



57. Re6+ Kxd7 58. Qc2 Rc8 59. Rad6+ Qxd6 60. Rxd6+ Kxd6 61. Qxg6 Ke6 62. Qxh5 Rc2+ 63. Kh3 Rf2 64. Qe8+ Kf5 65. h5 e4 66. h6 Rf1 67. Kg2 Rb1 68. h7 e3 69. h8Q

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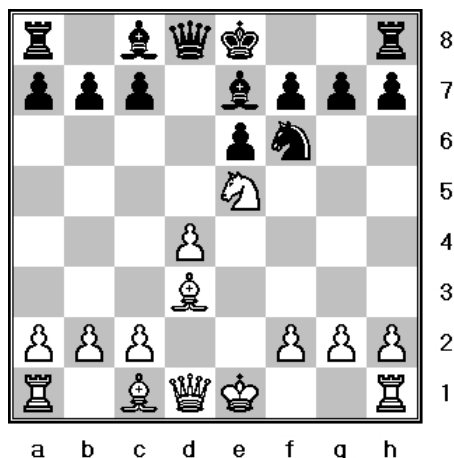
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It is rare to find a score sheet from one of FIDE Master Nick Raptis' games. This is an exciting game that demonstrates the aggressive style of both players. Incredibly, Esler could have turned the tables by playing Kb1 on move 21.

**Brian Esler – Nick Raptis**  
**Portland Centennial, Round 2**  
**Portland, Oregon, August 12, 2011**

(notes by Frank Niro, assisted by Houdini)

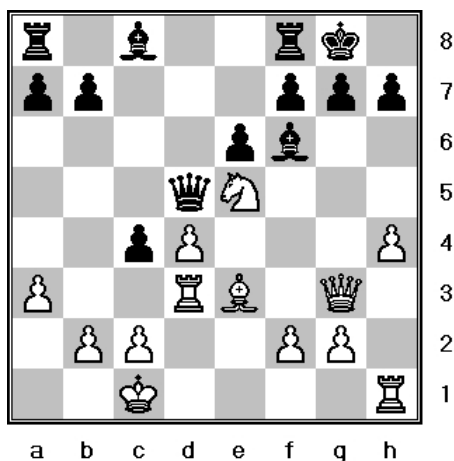
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Nf3 Ngf6 6. Nxf6+ Nxf6 7. Ne5 Be7 8. Bd3



8. ...Nd5

A novelty. More usual is 8...0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.dxc5 and either 10...Bxc5 or 10...Qc7.

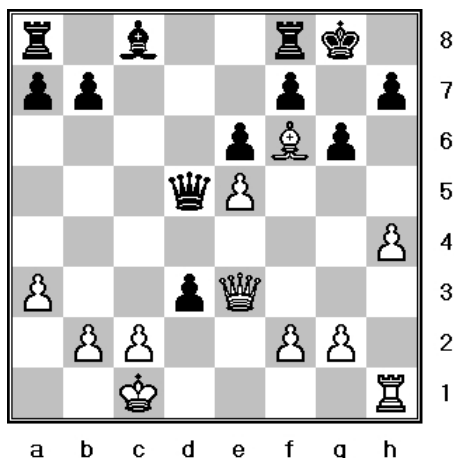
9. Be3 Bf6 10. Qf3 0-0 11. 0-0-0 c5 12. h4 Nb4 13. a3 Nxd3+ 14. Rxd3 Qd5 15. Qg3 c4



16. Bg5

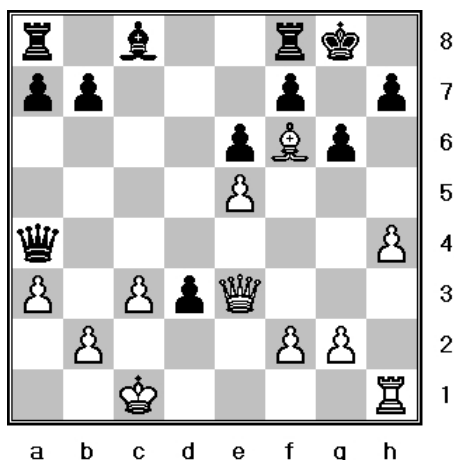
16. Rc3! preserves White's slight edge.

16. ...Bxe5 17. dxe5 cxd3 18. Bf6 g6 19. Qe3



19. ...Qc4

19 ...d2+ 20. Kb1! =; 19. ...Qc6 20. c3 20. c3 Qa4

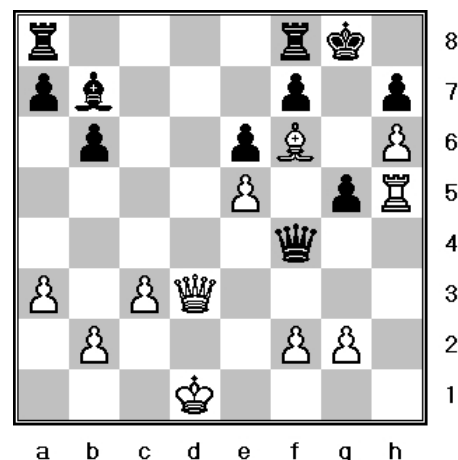


20. ...Qa2! should be played here.

21. Qxd3?

Incredibly, 21. Kb1!! and it is Brian who has a forced mate

21. ...Qf4+ 22. Kd1 b6 23. h5 g5 24. h6 Bb7 25. Rh5



25. ...Be4 26. Bxg5 Bxd3 27. Bxf4 Rad8 0-1

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A first round game submitted with notes by the winner:

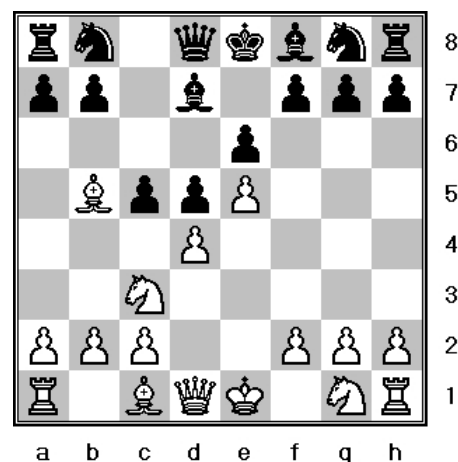
**Jamie Lang – Jason Ellis**  
**Portland Centennial, Round 1**  
**Portland, Oregon, August 12, 2011**

(notes by Jason Ellis)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Bb5+

The usual response for the French Advance variation is 4. c3 followed by Nf3, in order to maintain the central pawn structure. The early Bb5+ gave the initiative to Black, and I was unfamiliar with variation.

4. ...Bd7 5. Nc3



The bishop needed to retreat or take on d7, due to the threat of 5. ...Bxb5 6. Nxb5 Qa4+ 7. Nc3 cxd4 8. Qxd4 Nc6!! and White has to either give up the e-pawn or risk ...d4, winning the pinned knight. Unfortunately I failed to calculate this at the time.

5. ...cxd4 6. Qxd4 a6

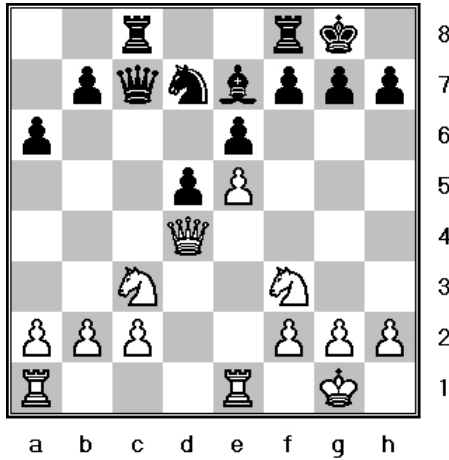
Again, 6. ...Bxb4 7. Nxb4 Qa4+ could

have won a pawn, but I was too focused on developing my pieces quickly, rather than looking for material gains.

**7. Bxd7+ Nxd7 8. Nf3 Ne7 9. Bg5**

Pinning the knight only allows the queen to develop to a good square, 9. ...Qc7, and 10. Bxe7 Bxe7 only gives Black an extra tempo.

**9. ...Qc7 10. Bxe7 Bxe7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. Rfe1 Rac8**



**13. Re2**

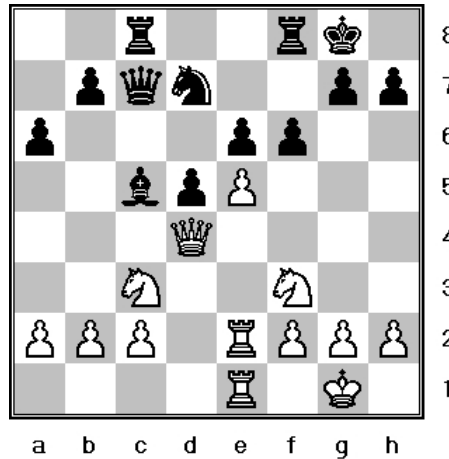
White is trying to prepare for the inevitable f6 by doubling his rooks, and Black is looking for action on the c-file. 13.

...f6 was premature, but still not bad. Perhaps the knight hop to b6-c4 first would have been the right idea.

**13. ...f6 14. Rae1**

Better would have been 14. exf6 Bxf6 then 15. Qg4. Instead, by moving the rook, play could have gone 14. ...Nxe5 15. Nxe5 fxe5 16. Qxe5 Qxe5 17. Rxe5 d4! forcing the knight to a bad square and allowing Rxc2. I didn't see this until later, thought I could pressure the f2 pawn instead. As we'll see, I missed one key in-between move preventing this.

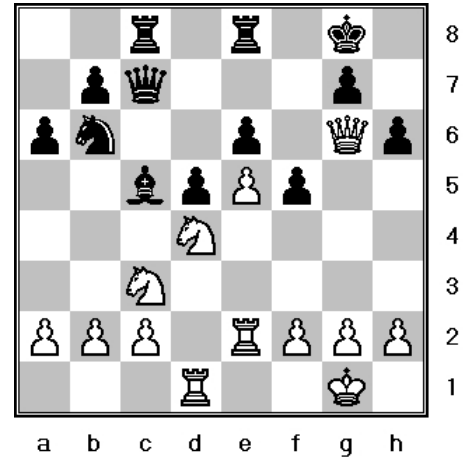
**14. ...Bc5**



**15. Qg4**

Threatening Qxe6+. Had the queen gone anywhere else, 15...fxe5 16 Nxe5 Nxe5 16 Rxe5 Bxf2+!! was my idea, probably winning the exchange. But Qg4 had the advantage of allowing me to stabilize the central pawns and allowed good queenside play.

**15. ...f5 16. Qh5 h6 17. Qg6 Rfe8 18. Rd1 Nb6 19. Nd4**



**19. ...Qf7**

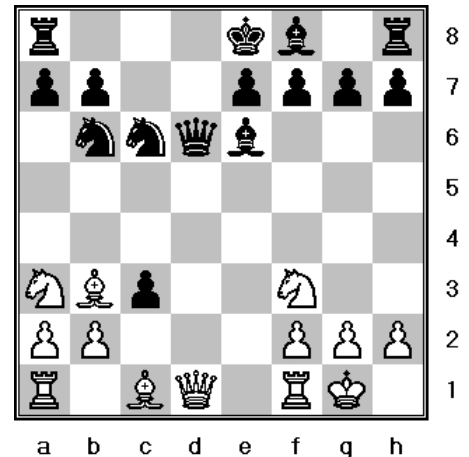
19. ...Bxd4 would have been slightly better, but I didn't mind taking the queens off the board with such nice possibilities on the c-file. Fortunately, he did not trade queens, with 20. Qg3 Nc4, and 21. b3 Nb2!! would have won material, and probably been decisive. Unfortunately for my opponent, he ran out of time.

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**Steve Breckenridge – Andy May  
Portland Centennial, Round 5  
Portland, Oregon, August 14, 2011**

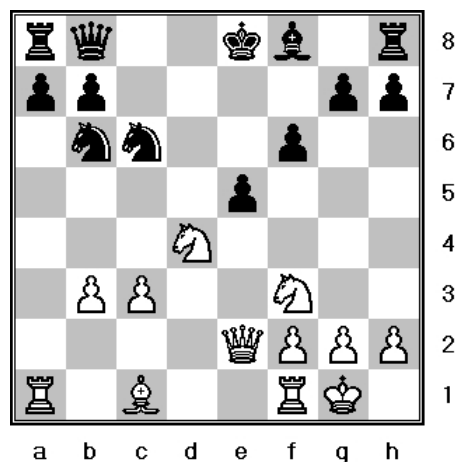
**1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 d5 8. exd6 Qxd6 9. 0-0 Be6 10. Na3 dxc3**



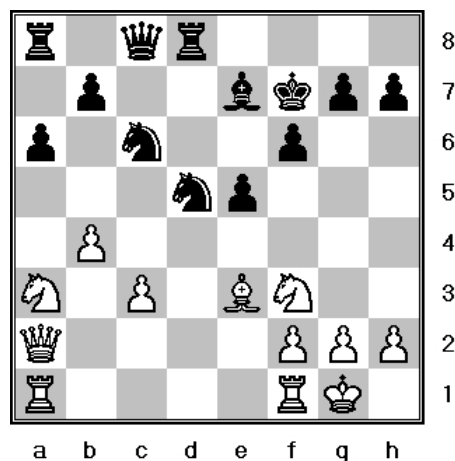
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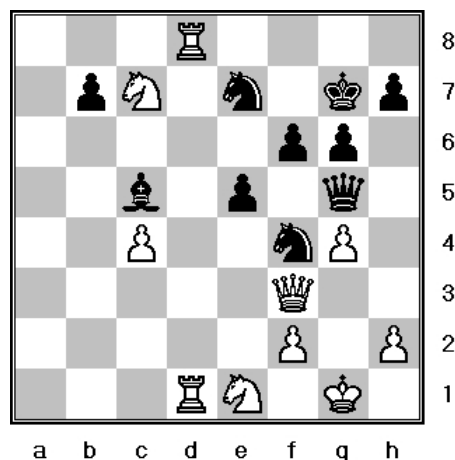
11. Qe2 Bxb3 12. Nb5 Qb8 13. axb3  
e5 14. Nbd4 f6 15. bxc3



15. ...Kf7 16. Nb5 a6 17. Be3 Nd5 18.  
Qa2 Be7 19. b4 Rd8 20. Na3 Qc8



21. Bb6 Qe6 22. Bxd8 Rxd8 23. b5  
axb5 24. Nxb5 Bc5 25. Rad1 g6 26. Rd2  
Nce7 27. Rfd1 Qc6 28. Qb3 Kg7 29. c4  
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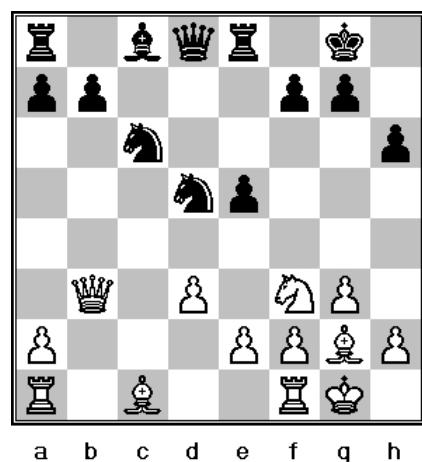


35. Qxf4 Qxf4 36. Ne6+ Kh6 37. Nxf4  
exf4 38. Nf3 f5 39. g5+ Kh5 40. Rh8 Kg4  
41. Kg2 h5 42. h3# 1-0

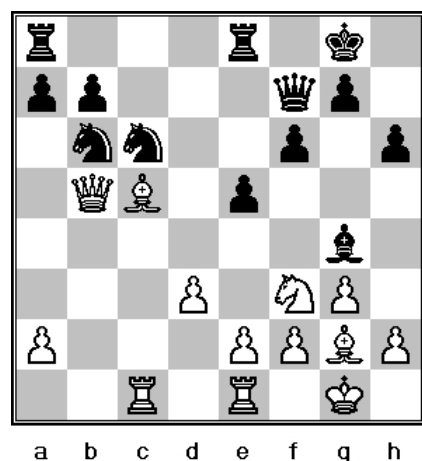
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Mike Janniro – Josh Sinanan  
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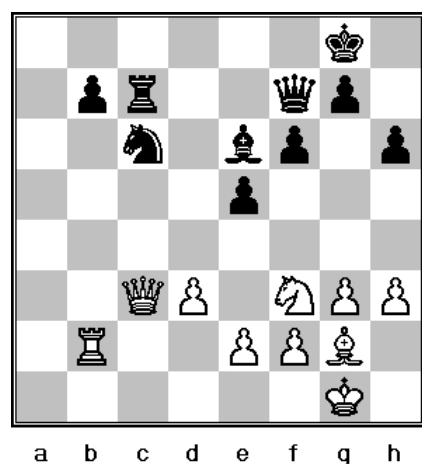
1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 Bb4 4. Bg2  
0-0 5. d3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 c6 7. Nf3 Re8 8.  
0-0 d5 9. cxd5 cxd5 10. Qb3 h6 11. c4 Nc6  
12. cxd5 Nxd5



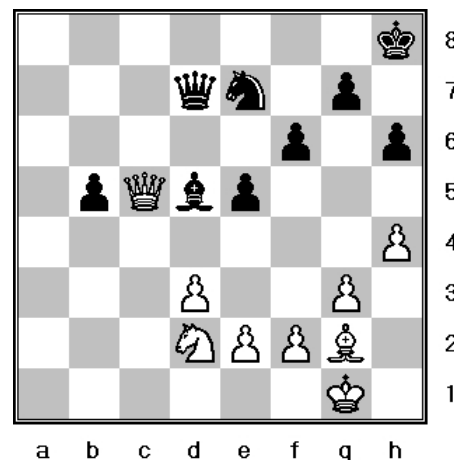
13. Ba3 Nb6 14. Rfe1 Bg4 15. Qb2 Qd7  
16. Rac1 f6 17. Qb5 Qf7 18. Be5



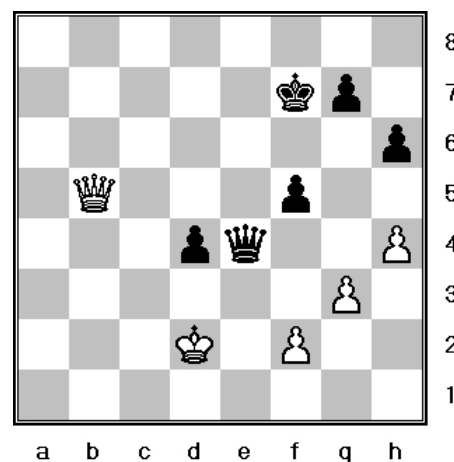
18. ...Qxa2 19. Bxb6 axb6 20. Qxb6  
Qf7 21. Rb1 Re7 22. h3 Be6 23. Rb2 Ra6  
24. Qc5 Ra5 25. Qc3 Ra2 26. Reb1 Rxb2  
27. Rxb2 Rc7



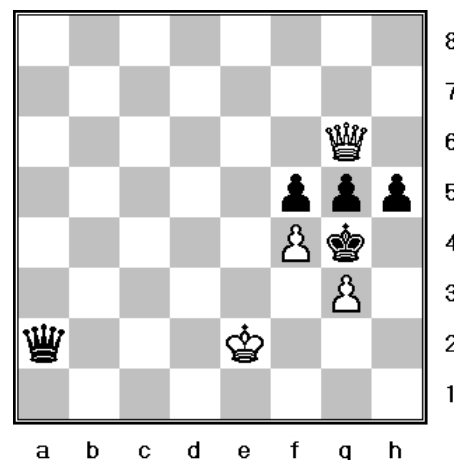
28. Qa3 Qd7 29. h4 Kh7 30. Rc2 Ne7  
31. Qc1 Rxc2 32. Qxc2 Kh8 33. Nd2 b5  
34. Qc5 Bd5



35. Bxd5 Nxd5 36. Nb3 Kg8 37. e4 Nc7  
38. d4 Ne6 39. Qb6 Nxd4 40. Nxd4 exd4  
41. Kf1 Kf7 42. Ke2 Qg4+ 43. Kd2 Qxe4  
44. Qxb5 f5



45. h5 Kg8 46. Qb8+ Kh7 47. Qd6 Qg4  
48. Qe5 Qxh5 49. Qxd4 Qf3 50. Qc5 Kg6  
51. Ke1 Kh5 52. Qf8 g5 53. Qg7 Qh1+ 54.  
Ke2 Kg4 55. Qg6 Qe4+ 56. Kd2 h5 57. f4  
Qg2+ 58. Kd1 Qd5+ 59. Ke2 Qa2+



60. Kd1 Qb1+ 61. Kd2 Qb4+ 62. Kd1

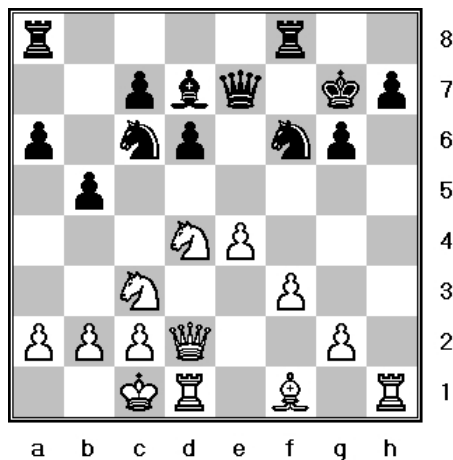
Qd4+ 63. Ke2 Qb2+

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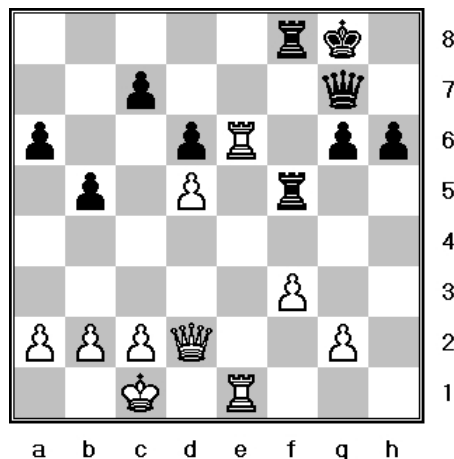
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Georgi Orlov – Carl Haessler  
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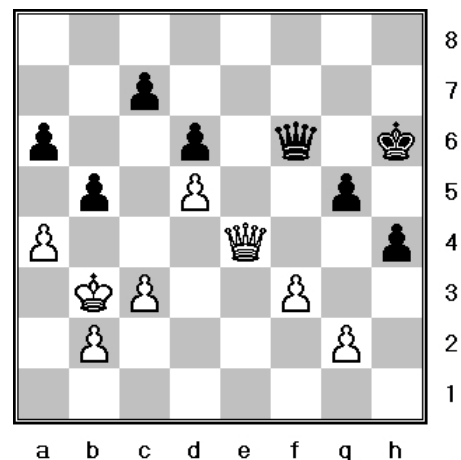
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4  
g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Qd2 0-0 8.  
0-0-0 a6 9. f3 b5 10. h4 Bd7 11. Bh6 Nc6  
12. Bxg7 Kxg7 13. h5 Qe7 14. hxg6 fxg6



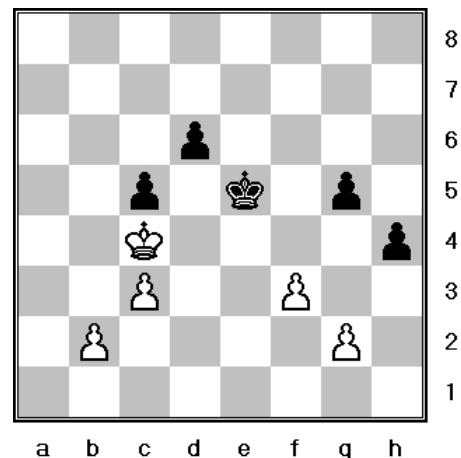
15. Nd5 Nxd5 16. Nxc6 Bxc6 17. exd5  
Bd7 18. Bd3 Kg8 19. Rde1 Qg7 20. Be4  
Bf5 21. Bxf5 Rxf5 22. Re6 Raf8 23. Rhe1  
h6 24. Re7 R5f7 25. R7e6 Rf5



26. R1e4 Kh7 27. Re7 R8f7 28. Re8  
Rf8 29. Rxf8 Qxf8 30. Qe3 h5 31. Re7+  
Rf7 32. Re8 Qg7 33. c3 Rf8 34. Re6 Rf7  
35. Re8 Rf8 36. Kc2 Qf6 37. Kb3 Rxe8  
38. Qxe8 Kh6 39. Qe4 g5 40. a4 h4



41. axb5 axb5 42. Qe6 Kg6 43. Kb4  
Qxe6 44. dxe6 c6 45. Ka5 Kf6 46. Kb6 c5  
47. Kxb5 Kxe6 48. Kc4 Ke5



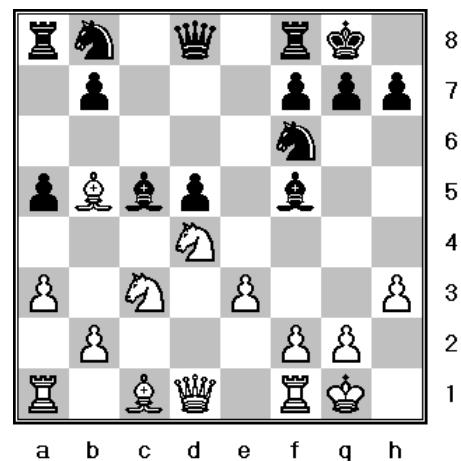
49. b4 cxb4 50. cxb4 Kf4 51. b5 Kg3  
52. b6 Kxg2 53. b7 h3 54. b8Q h2 55. Qb2+  
Kg3 56. Qc1 Kxf3 57. Qh1+ Kg3 58. Kd5  
g4 59. Kxd6 Kh3 60. Qf1+

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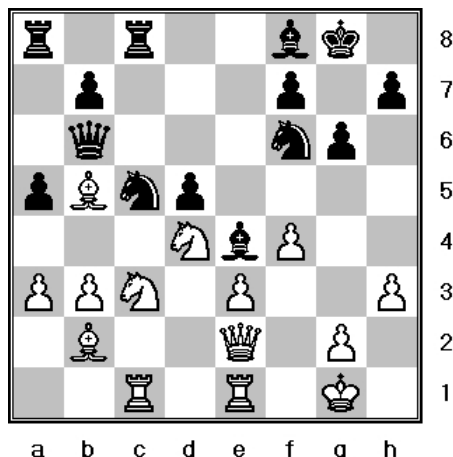
Radu Roua – Loren Laceste  
Portland Centennial, Round 3  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Be7  
5. e3 c5 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. a3 a5 8. cxd5 exd5  
9. Bb5+ Bd7 10. 0-0 0-0 11. h3 Bf5 12. Nd4

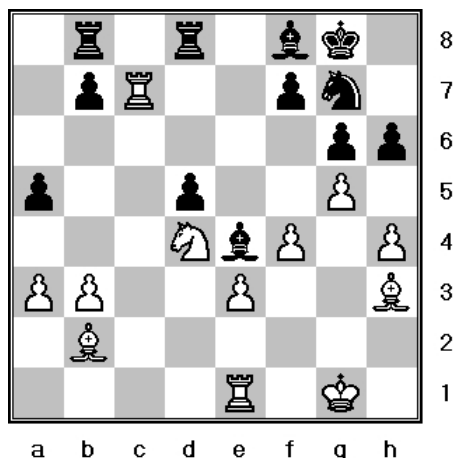


Georgi Orlov. Photo credit: Andrei Botez.

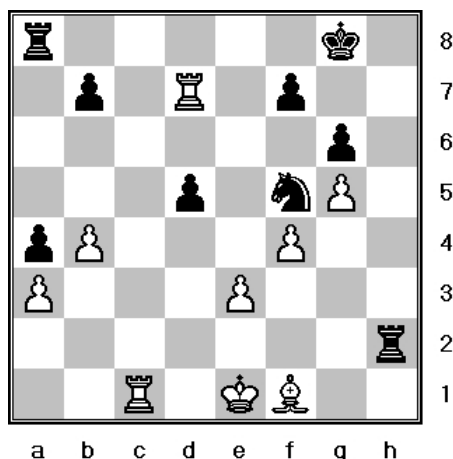
12. ...Bg6 13. f4 Be4 14. b3 Na6 15. Na4  
Be7 16. Bb2 Nc5 17. Nc3 Qb6 18. Rc1 Rfc8  
19. Re1 Bf8 20. Qe2 g6



21. Na4 Nxa4 22. Bxa4 Nh5 23. g4 Ng7  
24. Qb5 Qd8 25. g5 h6 26. h4 Qe7 27. Qd7  
Qxd7 28. Bxd7 Rd8 29. Rc7 Rab8 30. Bh3



30. ...Ne8 31. Rcc1 Bg7 32. Bc3 hgx5  
33. hxg5 Ra8 34. Nb5 Bxc3 35. Rxc3 Kf8  
36. Rd1 Ra6 37. Rdc1 Nd6 38. Nd4 a4 39.  
b4 Raa8 40. Bf1 Kg7 41. Rc7 Rh8 42.  
Ne6+ Kg8 43. Nc5 Rh1+ 44. Kf2 Rh2+ 45.  
Ke1 Bf5 46. Nd7 Bxd7 47. Rxd7 Nf5

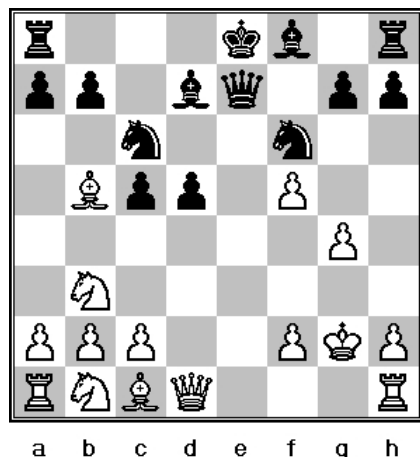


48. Rxd5? Nxe3 49. Re5 Nxf1 0-1

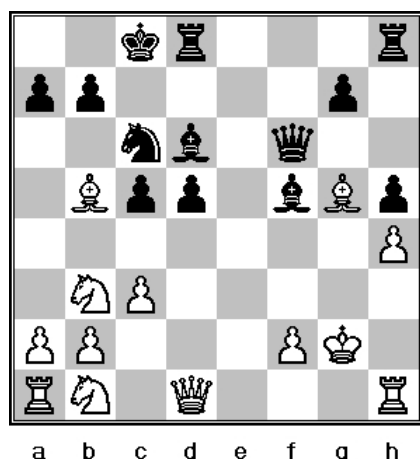
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Megan Lee – Carl Haessler  
Portland Centennial, Round 6  
Portland, Oregon, August 14, 2011

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 f5 3. exf5 e4 4. Nd4 Nf6  
5. d3 c5 6. Nb3 exd3 7. Bxd3 d5 8. Bb5+  
Nc6 9. g4 Qe7+ 10. Kf1 Bd7 11. Kg2



11. ...0-0-0 12. c3 h5 13. g5 Bxf5 14.  
gxf6 Qxf6 15. h4 Bd6 16. Bg5

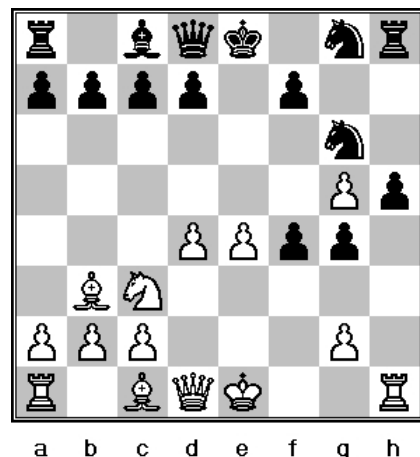


16. ...Be4+ 17. Kg1 Qf5 18. Bf1 Ne5  
19. Bg2? Nf3+  
0-1

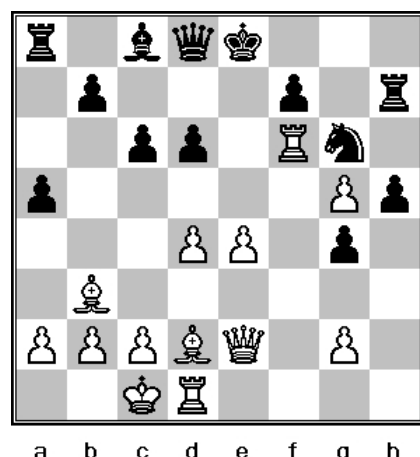
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Igor Ummel – Radu Roua  
Portland Centennial, Round 6  
Portland, Oregon, August 14, 2011

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nc3 e5 3. f4 exf4 4. Nf3 g5  
5. h4 g4 6. Ng5 h5 7. Bc4 Ne5 8. Bb3 Be7  
9. d4 Bxg5 10. hxg5 Ng6



11. Nd5 d6 12. Nxf4 Nxf4 13. Bxf4 Ne7  
14. Qe2 Ng6 15. Bd2 c6 16. Rf1 Rh7 17.  
Rf6 a5 18. 0-0-0



18. ...Nh8 19. Rdf1 Qe7 20. Bf4 Be6  
21. d5 cxd5 22. exd5 Bd7 23. Qd3

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## Side events and activities

Saturday's 16-round blitz tournament was won by Nick Raptis with 13 points, 1/2 point ahead of Bindi Cheng. John Donaldson was third in the 24-player side event.

Oregon co-champion Steven Breckenridge received the \$100 "most interesting game" prize for his effort against Steven Deeth at the 2011 Oregon Closed Championship which was held at the Portland Chess Club this past February.

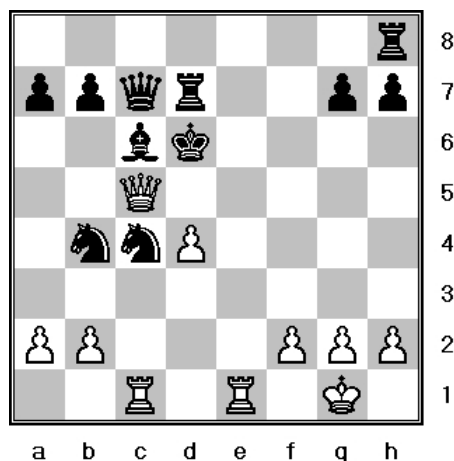
The game was selected by GM Susan Polgar from among the six best games nominated by the players themselves. Susan analyzed the game on a demonstration board during her well-attended breakfast meeting before the start of round five. Breckenridge checkmated his opponent in the middle of the board despite being three pieces down. (See the game score at the top of page 12.)

Steven Breckenridge – Steven Deeth  
Oregon Closed Championship, Round 6  
Portland, Oregon, February 20, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4  
5. Nf3 e6 6. Bc4 Nb6 7. Bb3 d6 8. exd6  
Nc6 9. cxd4 Qxd6 10. 0-0 Nb4 11. Nc3 Bd7  
12. Ne4 Qc7 13. Bg5 Bc6 14. Rc1 Be7 15.  
Ne5 Rd8 16. Qg4 Bxg5 17. Nxb5 Rd7 18.  
Bxe6 fxe6 19. Qh5+ Ke7 20. Nxe6 Kxe6  
21. Rfe1 Kd6 22. Nc4+ Nxc4 23. Qc5#

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Final position:



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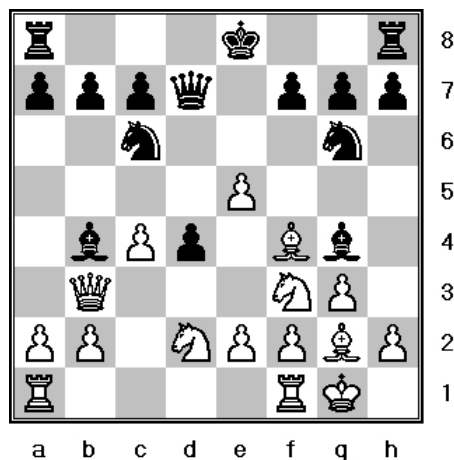
GM Susan Polgar defeated National Masters Karl Schoffstoll and Steven Breckenridge as well as Oregon co-champion Brian Esler during a 10-0-0 sweep of her clock simultaneous exhibition.

Susan Polgar – Karl Schoffstoll  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
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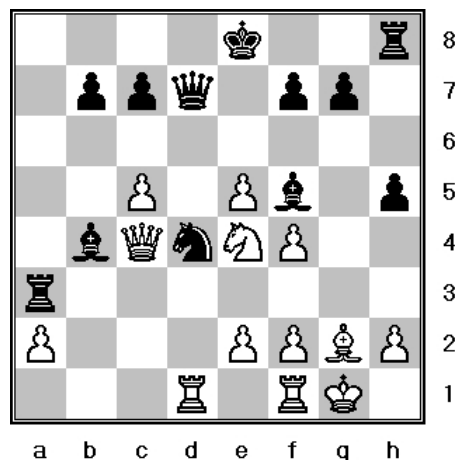
1. d4 d5 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 d4 4. Nf3 Nc6  
5. g3 Nge7

Morozevich's move, which led to a small comeback for this opening. – Schulien

6. Bg2 Ng6 7. Bf4 Bg4 8. Nbd2 Qd7 9.  
Qb3 Bb4 10. 0-0



10. ...a5 11. c5 a4 12. Qc2 h5 13. Ne4  
a3 14. Rad1 Bf5 15. bxa3 Rxa3 16. Nxd4  
Nxd4 17. Qc4 Nxf4 18. gxf4



18. ...Nxe2+ 19. Qxe2 Qa4 20. Rd4  
Rxa2 21. Rxb4 Qxb4 22. Qxa2 0-0 23. Qb1

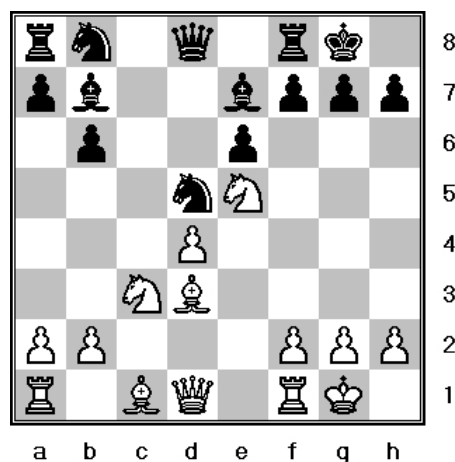
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*[I think GM Seirawan made a comment  
by e-mail on Karl's play – something about  
not being too sure about the plan of ...a5-  
a4-a3, etc. – editor]*

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Susan Polgar – Steven Breckenridge  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 b6 4. Bd3 Bb7  
5. c4 c5 6. 0-0 Be7 7. Nc3 cxd4 8. exd4 d5  
9. cxd5 Nxd5 10. Ne5 0-0



Rather bad luck led Steven to this position. Susan has played it at least five times in tournaments, including a win against Karpov in the Amber blindfold event, and a draw with Jan Timman.

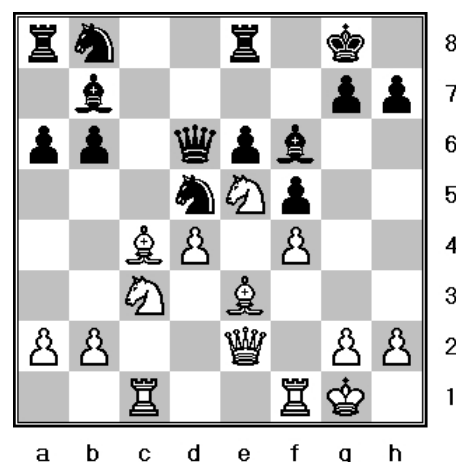
No wonder she makes this game look easy, despite facing a strong young master in a simul! – Schulien

11. Qg4 f5 12. Qe2 Bf6 13. Bd2 a6 14.  
Rac1 Re8 15. Bc4 Nd7 16. f4 Nb8 17. Be3



Susan Polgar. Photo credit: Frank Niro.

Qd6



18. Nxd5 Bxd5 19. Bxd5 Qxd5 20. Rc7  
Bd8 21. Qh5 Rf8 22. Rf7 Qd6 23. Rc1 Bf6  
24. Rcc7 Qd8 25. Rxf8+ Qxf8 26. Qf3

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Susan Polgar – Maxwell Sun  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011

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**Susan Polgar – Brian Esler  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011**

Diagram 1: Chessboard position after White's move 1. e4. The board shows White pieces at e4, d3, c2, and b1. Black pieces are at a7, b7, c6, f6, g5, h4, and h3.

56. Rd7+ Kg6 57. Rg7+ Kh6 58. Rg8  
Re1+ 59. Kf5 Rf1+ 60. Ke6 Re1+ 61. Kf7  
h4 62. Rh8+ Kg5 63. Kg7 Rf1 64. f7 Kg4  
65. f8Q Rxf8 66. Kxf8 h3 67. Ke7 Kg3 68.  
Kd6 Kg2 69. Kc7

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**Susan Polgar – Venkat Doddapaneni**  
**Clock Simul, PCC Centennial**  
**Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011**

*{White misses the neat 18. f5! Bxf5 19. Nc5! with an overload of the black queen. — editor}*

**18. ...Qc7 19. Bd4 Be7 20. Nxe6 fxe6**

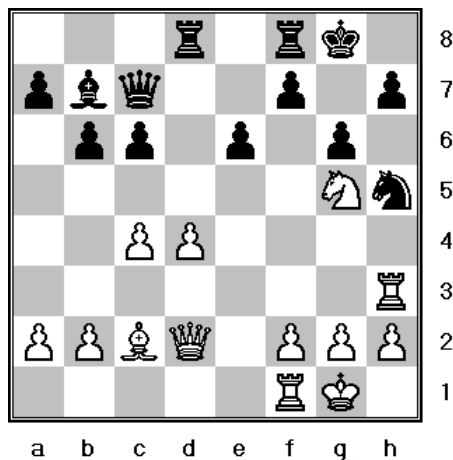
21. Rxe6 Bd6 22. Qe2 Qf7 23. Re1 Rxe6  
24. Qxe6 Rd8 25. f5 Rd7 26. g4 c5 27. Bf2  
Kf8 28. Qxf7+ Kxf7 29. Kg2 c4 30. Bd4  
Re7 31. Rxe7+ Bxe7 32. Kf3 Bf6 33. Bxf6  
Kxf6 34. Kf4 g5+ 35. fxg6 hxg6 36. h4 a5  
37. c3 a4 38. a3 Ke6 39. h5

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Susan Polgar – Dillan Murray  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
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1. Nf3 d5 2. d4 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 c6  
5. e3 Bd6 6. Bd3 0-0 7. 0-0 Nbd7 8. e4 dxe4  
9. Nxe4 Nxe4 10. Bxe4 Nf6 11. Bc2 b6 12.  
Bg5 Be7 13. Qd3 g6 14. Rad1 Bb7 15. Qe3  
Ng4 16. Qf4 Bxg5 17. Nxc5 Nf6 18. Rd3  
Nh5 19. Qd2 Qc7 20. Rh3 Rad8



21. Rxh5 gxh5 22. Qd3 f5 23. Nxe6 Qe7  
24. Qg3+ Kh8 25. Nxf8 Rxf8 26. Qf4 Qg7  
27. Qe5 Qxe5 28. dxe5 f4 29. Rd1 Re8 30.  
h4 Re7 31. b3 c5 32. a3 Rg7 33. Rd8+

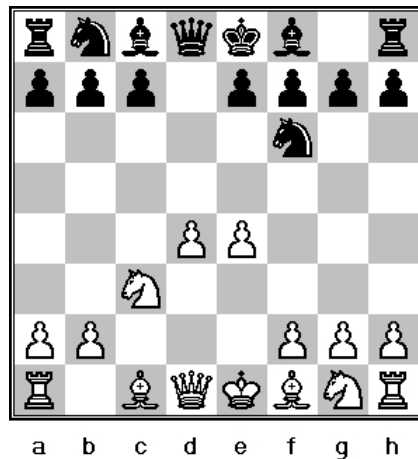
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Susan Polgar – George Lundy  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. cxd5 Qxd5 4. Nc3  
Qd8 5. e4

*{Interesting point: Frank Marshall  
“invented” 2. ...Nf6?! intending to meet 3.  
cxd5 with 3. ...Nxd5, and 4. e4 Nf6 5. Nc3?!  
with 5. ...e5!, more or less equalizing on the  
spot. White can get a solid plus earlier in a  
couple of ways, though, including 5. f3 in  
the above move order. The queen capture  
and retreat, however, has reached the exact  
position Marshall wanted – but Black  
doesn't find ...e5, so we don't know if the  
GM has some new theory here, or if she just  
walked into this by accident. – editor}*



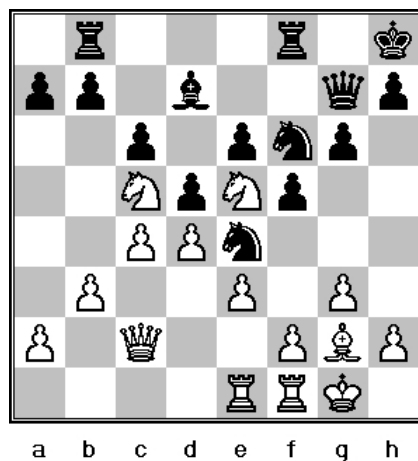
5. ...e6 6. Nf3 Bb4 7. Bd3 0-0 8. Bg5  
Be7 9. 0-0 Bd7 10. Qe2 h6 11. Bh4 Be8 12.  
e5 Nd5 13. Qe4 g6 14. Bxe7 Nxe7 15. Qf4  
Kh7 16. Ne4 Ng8 17. h4 Nd7 18. h5 Qe7  
19. Qg4 f5 20. exf6 Ndx6 21. Nxf6+ Rxf6  
22. Ne5 Qg7 23. hxg6+ Kh8 24. Rae1 Ne7  
25. Re3 Nxc6 26. Rg3 Kh7 27. Re1 Rd8  
28. Re3 Bf7 29. Ref3 Rc8 30. Rxf6 Qxf6  
31. Rf3

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Susan Polgar – Ethan Allison  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011

1. d4 f5 2. g3 e6 3. Bg2 d5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5.  
0-0 Bd6 6. b3 0-0 7. c4 c6 8. Ba3 Bxa3 9.  
Nxa3 Qe7 10. Nc2 Nbd7 11. Nce1 Ne4 12.  
Nd3 Ndf6 13. Nfe5 Bd7 14. e3 g6 15. Qc2  
Kh8 16. Rae1 Qg7 17. Nc5 Rab8



18. f3

*{Oddly, White didn't go for the win of  
major material with 18. Nxd7 Nxd7 19.  
Nxe6. – editor}*

18. ...Ng5

*{And of course 18. ...Nxc5 is now  
necessary, with only a moderate  
disadvantage. – editor}*

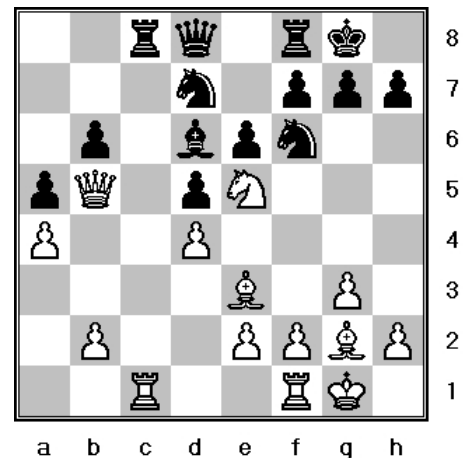
19. h4 Nxf3+ 20. Bxf3 Qe7 21. b4 a6  
22. a4 b5 23. axb5 axb5 24. cxd5 exd5 25.  
Nxd7 Nxd7 26. Nxc6 Qd6 27. Nxb8  
Qxg3+ 28. Qg2 Qxb8 29. Bxd5 Qd6 30.  
Bf3 Qxb4 31. Rb1 Qe7 32. Qf2 Rb8 33.  
Rb3 b4 34. Rfb1 Kg7 35. Qe1 Kf6 36.  
Rxb4 Rc8 37. e4 fxe4 38. Qxe4 Qd6 39.  
R4b2 Kf7 40. Rf1 Kg7 41. Bg2 Rf8 42.  
Rxf8 Nxf8 43. Qe5+ Qxe5 44. dxe5 Ne6  
45. Rb7+ Kh6 46. Bd5 Nd4 47. e6 Nf5 48.  
e7 Nxe7 49. Rxe7 Kh5 50. Rxh7+ Kg4 51.  
Be4 g5 52. hxg5 Kxg5 53. Rf7 Kg4 54. Kg2  
Kg5 55. Kg3 Kh6 56. Kf4 Kh5 57. Rh7#

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Susan Polgar – Chris Burris  
Clock Simul, PCC Centennial  
Portland, Oregon, August 13, 2011

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 e6 3. c4 b6 4. g3 Bb7  
5. Bg2 d5 6. Nc3 Be7 7. 0-0 0-0 8. Ne5 c6  
9. cxd5 cxd5 10. Bf4 Nh5 11. Be3 Nf6 12.  
Qa4 a6 13. Qb3 Nbd7 14. Nd3 Rc8 15. a4  
a5 16. Nb5 Ba6 17. Rac1 Bxb5 18. Qxb5  
Bd6 19. Ne5



19. ...Nxe5

*{19. ...Bxe5!? dxe5 20. Ng4 – editor}*

20. dxe5 Bxe5 21. Bxb6 Bc7 22. Bxa5  
Bxa5 23. Rxc8 Qxc8 24. Qxa5 Qc6 25.  
Qb4

*{Another idea is to fall into Black's  
“trap”: 25. b4 Ra8 26. b5 Rxa5 27. bxc6  
Rxa4? 28. Rb1! Black improves with 27.  
Rc5, however. – editor}*

25. ...Qc2 26. e3 Nd7 27. a5 Nc5 28.  
Qa3 Qc4 29. b4 Na6 30. Rb1 Qc7 31. b5  
Qb7 32. Qd6 Nc7 33. a6

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A special ceremony was held prior to  
round four to present 2011 Oregon Senior  
co-champions, Mike Janniro and Steven



*Steven Deeth, Mrs. Irene Hall, and Mike Janniro. Photo credit: Andrei Botez.*

Deeth, with their trophies. Mrs. Irene Hall, widow of Dr. Ralph L. Hall, who died earlier this year, made the presentations.

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Local artist Steve Pettengill shared his work. Pettengill, an experienced chess player, also competed in the tournament. He is the maker of giant chess sets including a full 32-piece set made of Port Orford Cedar, a rare type of Cedar native to Japan and Southern Oregon. The pieces were hand-carved from a stand of timber burned in a forest fire, so no trees were harmed to build it. The king is over 4'3" tall. He also brought part of a recycled metal set as a display in the book store to enliven the celebration.

Addition from Mike Morris:

The one thing I would like to note is that Daniel Gay has now gone 34 games without a loss. This includes the Oregon Championship. Quite a remarkable feat.

### **Sidebar:**

In an interview with Ralph Ginzburg nearly 50 years ago, Bobby Fischer famously said, "They're all weak, all women...there isn't a woman player in the

world I can't give knight-odds to and still beat." Bobby was 18 at the time. I have not seen or heard anything to indicate that he ever felt any differently...until this past weekend.

Grandmaster Susan Polgar entertained and enlightened a packed house at a breakfast meeting held before round 5 of the Portland Chess Club Centennial on Sunday morning. She shared previously untold stories about the eight years from 1993 to 2001 when Bobby Fischer lived in her home city of Budapest, Hungary. The title of her 30 minute lecture was The Bobby Fischer I Knew.

The former woman's world champion answered questions for an additional 30 minutes before analyzing the "most interesting game" from the 2011 Portland Closed Championship, a flashy encounter won by Steven Breckenridge when he mated his opponent in the middle of the board despite being three pieces down.

The period after Bobby Fischer's 1992 rematch with Boris Spassky in Yugoslavia has been referred to as his "lost years." In

the movie *Searching for Bobby Fischer*, Josh Waitzin is heard lamenting that Bobby came out of retirement in 1992 and then disappeared again. In the recently released HBO documentary, *Bobby Fischer Against the World*, there is little mention of the gap between his rematch with Spassky and his unfortunate remarks following the 9-11-2001 terrorist attacks.

So, to the delight of the crowd assembled at the Doubletree Hotel in Lloyd Center this past weekend, Susan Polgar filled in some of that gap. Fischer crossed the Hungarian border with Yugoslavia in 1993 and moved to a neighborhood near Susan's family. Susan played chess frequently with Bobby until she relocated to the United States in 1994. Fischer remained in Budapest where he was apparently quite happy surrounded by his Yugoslavian bodyguard and his closest friends. These included Grandmasters Eugenio Torre (who was almost always with him), Pal Benko (he lived half the year in Budapest and the other half in New Jersey) and Lajos Portisch. In addition, Fischer saw his Hungarian girlfriend and, of course, the Polgar sisters

and their parents. Spassky, who remained close friends with Fischer, visited from France from time to time.

Susan and Bobby played dozens of Fischer Random chess games, a variant with 960 different starting positions (now referred to by FIDE and USCF as Fischer 960). When asked about her results, Susan said, "I won several games and he won several. I'd say we were fairly even." That prompted a question from the audience about his knight odds remark. Susan laughed and said, "I did ask him about it once. He told me 'yes I said it, yes I believed it, and yes I've changed my mind.' After that, we never discussed the issue again."

Besides studying and playing chess, Bobby kept busy in Hungary developing what tournament players now take for granted: digital clocks with time delays and increments. Fischer worked with a German company during this period. He spent many hours testing and making recommendations for improvements to these new devices. He gave one of his three clock prototypes to the Polgar family, a treasured gift that remains in their home in Budapest. In addition, Fischer spent much of his time maintaining his level of physical fitness by attending at least four different health spas around the city. It was later revealed that Paul Nemenyi, a Hungarian Jewish physicist, was Fischer's

biological father. Although Susan didn't know it at the time, she speculates that Bobby was aware and spent some time in Hungary probing his own genealogical roots.

When Susan Polgar moved to the U.S., Fischer stayed in touch with the family, and also with her, via periodic phone calls to New York. But she never saw him again. When asked whether she thought the recent HBO documentary about Fischer was a fair reflection on his life, she said: "Yes, in general it was. However, they missed an opportunity to highlight his creative genius and not just his problems. They could have summarized his life in a more positive way at the end of the movie."

"Bobby was a brilliant man," she said, "who discovered many new ideas over the board and created rules for a whole new way to play the game with Fischer Random so that future world championship matches might not be awarded to the player who best utilizes his computer in preparation of openings. Fischer developed a dramatic new way of keeping time for the game that is officially adopted by FIDE as a way of making the game more exciting and avoiding adjournments, and he increased the financial rewards available to chess players so that now many of them can make a good living. Bobby Fischer deserves credit for

these things and the documentary missed the punch line that would have made it more complete. That said, I believe it was an accurate portrayal of his life."

Later, she founded the Susan Polgar Foundation with the expressed mission to promote chess, with all its educational, social, and competitive benefits throughout the United States, for young people of all ages, especially girls. In 2004, Susan came out of retirement to play for the U.S. in the Chess Olympiad where she and her teammates won the Silver Medal and became role models for young girls interested in chess. Shortly thereafter, she created the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls, now in its eighth year. It is significant to note that ALL of the U.S. Women's Chess Champions crowned since that time were members of the 2004 Olympiad Team.

All one had to do at the Portland Chess Club Centennial tournament was look around the room where Susan Polgar's impact on girls in chess was clearly in evidence. Not only did Susan play dozens of smiling children in two simultaneous exhibitions sponsored by Chess for Success, but many of the competitors in both the Championship and Amateur sections were young ladies.

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*PCC Centennial organizers and directors: Jeff Roland, Frank Niro, Neil Dale, Mike Morris. Photo credit: Andrei Botez.*



# Idaho Chess News

By Jeff Roland

## An Introduction...

My name is Jeff Roland. I have been Idaho Chess Association (ICA) President on numerous occasions as far back as 1984 and as recently as 2008. I am currently on the ICA Board of Directors as Trustee for Website Development and Maintenance as well as Webmaster for [www.idahochessassociation.org](http://www.idahochessassociation.org). I am also very active in Idaho Scholastics. Being active as an organizer, ICA Board Member, chess player, tournament director, and all around chess enthusiast, I like to think I have my finger on the pulse of Idaho Chess. Frank Niro, likewise, is very involved in Northwest Chess. Wherever he goes, Frank Niro is a mover, shaker, and just an overall great chess leader... and now, to my delight, a friend!

My first introduction to Frank Niro earlier this year was actually at a local tournament that I helped organize with another friend of mine, Jamie Lang. We called it the Lang Invitational #4, which we held at Jamie's house in Meridian, Idaho on April 30, 2011. It was just a little get together, with no entry, no prizes, and no ratings. It was just plain old chess for the love of the game! Jamie had the tables, and I had the know-how to put on a tournament. At this Lang Invitational #4 tournament, I decided to "dazzle" the players by showing how a tournament could be run *without* the aid of a computer. For some reason, many of the newer players find this concept amazing! I tried this at the Lang Invitational #3 too, only a month earlier, and it was a smash! On this occasion, it was also quite a sensation, and Frank Niro also seemed impressed. And it was a lot of fun. I had no idea of the caliber of tournament director Frank was, or how much of a "VIP" Frank was in Northwest Chess, or even that he was a former Executive Director at USCF, and I believe he is the only living life-time Senior TD in the USCF too. I knew none of that at the time of the Lang Invitational #4! I also did not realize at the time that Frank Niro was instrumental in writing the official rulebook that we TD's all use to run tournaments to this day. Suffice it to say, that I ran the tournament very well, and everyone seemed to have a great time, which is what I think chess is all about, having fun, playing good chess, and making/renewing chess friendships.

On August 6, 2011, Frank met with me at Rembrandt's Coffee House at 93 S. Eagle Road in Eagle, Idaho. This meeting was very fruitful to both of us, as we discussed many topics and issues dealing with Idaho Chess, Northwest Chess, and other matters of interest to Frank and me. We discussed things like the recent Susan Polgar Girls Invitational tournament held in Lubbock, Texas, and in particular, the ICA website coverage of that event (and in particular, the crosstable that I re-typed into html code, and made it better). Frank even presented me with a commemorative chessboard that was used by the girls at that tournament and a personally autographed magazine, "Hall of Fame Legends of Chess, Volume 1" featuring 100 columns written by Harold B. Dondis. And we discussed the possibility of Idaho joining Northwest Chess, which was the most important thing we discussed at this meeting.

Honestly, during all those years I was ICA President I wanted Idaho to be part of Northwest Chess, and I had no idea why we weren't! Frank enlightened me as to the history and circumstances of why Idaho was not in Northwest Chess anymore. And that those reasons no longer exist!!! A year or so ago, I wrote an e-mail to Northwest Chess asking to put one of our tournament announcements on the Northwest Chess Website, and much to my delight, it was done! I think the folks at Northwest Chess were surprised and glad to hear from Idaho after all those years of hearing nothing! Frank asked me how I felt about Idaho reunifying with Northwest Chess. Of course, I was and still am all for it! And this set the stage for me to be introduced to the Northwest Chess Policy Board who was to meet at the Portland Chess Club Centennial Open August 14, 2011. And here lies the genius of Frank Niro as an organizer and chess leader! He made it *possible* for me to play at the PCC Centennial Open chess tournament, and even to assist him in directing this tournament. Frank said, "By the way, Jeff, you must attend the Northwest Chess Policy Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. on August 14, 2011, you've been invited." I actually love meetings like that, so I said something like, "Of course. I wouldn't miss it!" And ICA President, Jay Simonson, who couldn't make it to the tournament, officially gave me authority to represent the ICA

at this meeting. Now I haven't seen the official minutes to this meeting yet, but my recollection is that the Northwest Chess Policy Board did in fact vote to approve Idaho's reunification into Northwest Chess. And the official publication of the ICA is now Northwest Chess!

This is great news for Idaho Chess and for Northwest Chess alike. And as it turns out, that meeting was the high point of the tournament for me.

But there were other high points for me too. One very big high point was being a tournament director in my first really big tournament outside of Idaho and working with such TD greats as Neil Dale (a living legend as far as I'm concerned), Mike Morris (who is fantastic, and I had never heard of him before this tournament), and Frank Niro, who did some amazing things at the start of the tournament regarding getting all those walk-in people registered into the tournament (there were more than 70 signed up at the door) and we still started on time! I think we made a great team, and I was even able to figure out how to get SwissSys (which I hadn't used before) to do things that according to the man who wrote the program had never been tried before, resulting in round-by-round coverage of the pairings and results in Frank's Blog (This Week's Chess Safari) and on the ICA Website. During the event pairings were often able to be seen before they were posted on the wall. The players didn't have to leave their hotel rooms to know who they would play, which is a nice thing to be able to offer the players at a tournament. Two of the four TD's at the PCC Centennial Tournament were actually from Idaho! So Idaho is already showing that we can indeed be an important part of Northwest Chess.

Also, at the PCC Centennial I saw many people I hadn't seen in years, met many new people, and made new chess friends which is one of the best things about going to over-the-board chess tournaments as far as I am concerned. And yet, while I would not describe myself as having an outgoing personality, when it comes to chess somehow it is different. I seem to love to meet people and make new chess friends when going to a chess tournament.

So I am very pleased to introduce myself to all of you, and I look forward to Idaho being a true and valuable partner in Northwest Chess. Final details of the reunification are pending official ratification at the ICA Annual Business Meeting coming up in February, but the Northwest Chess Policy Board has spoken! I sincerely hope to see you all at Northwest Chess tournaments which should now include Idaho events as well.

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## 2011 Meridian Invitational

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Corey Longhurst	14457415	1287	W7	W5	L4	W2	3
2	Jeffrey Roland	12171990	1700	W6	W4	H---	L1	2½
3	Paul Edvalson	12650098	1508	L4	W6	D5	W7	2½
4	Caleb Paul Kircher	13150402	1753	W3	L2	W1	L5	2
5	Frank A Niro III	10007658	1703	H---	L1	D3	W4	2
6	Jamie Lang	12850864	1321	L2	L3	W7	H---	1½
7	Hugh S. Myers	10413338	1600	L1	H---	L6	L3	½

Frank Niro is now teaching at Cornell University in New York. He left around August 23, 2011. To celebrate and to thank his Idaho chess friends for a great year, Frank wanted to have a going away party -- a small tournament at his home in Meridian, much in the style of the Lang Invitational tournaments that were held earlier in the year. This one, however, would be rated by USCF, have a time control of Game/30, and for prizes, Frank donated 1-year subscriptions to Northwest Chess for everyone in the tournament. Frank was Chief TD, and I was Assistant TD. This tournament happened on the weekend following the highly successful Portland Chess Club Centennial Open chess tournament. The tournament started on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., and was finished by 4:00 p.m. Seven (7) players were able to attend, but one player had to cancel due to illness.

First Prize, a bundle of ‘Inside Chess’ for the year of 1996 went to Corey Longhurst. Second Prize, a bundle of ‘Inside Chess’ for the year 1991 went to Jeff Roland, and Third Prize, also a bundle of ‘Inside Chess’ for the year 1991 went to Paul Edvalson. Thank you, Russell “Rusty” Miller for donating those complete annual sets of this fine magazine as prizes!

Corey Longhurst was the lowest rated player in the tournament, causing Frank Niro to joke that, “Barry Eacker is right. USCF ratings don’t mean a damn!” Of course, Frank was just joking, and it was funny when he said it. He and Barry Eacker apparently had some words about USCF ratings at the Idaho Open in April. I have actually seen many times when the lowest rated player actually wins a tournament. It happens more often than one might think. In Idaho, I don’t think USCF ratings really do mean that much. Ratings are merely an “indicator”, not the tell-tale end-all be-all measurement that so many people make them out to be. Nevertheless, in this simple little 4-round tournament, Corey Longhurst went from 1297 to 1524 regular rating, and 1297 to 1547 quick rating. So hopefully, his rating will be more realistic in the future.

Here are the three games from Round 2, which is a nice representation of the tournament. Remember, these were Game/30, so they are far from perfect! Hugh Myers had a half-point bye in this round.

### **Jeff Roland (1700) – Caleb Kircher (1753) [E61]**

Meridian Invitational Meridian, ID (2.1), 20.08.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.e3 e5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.0-0 Re8 9.d5 Ne7 10.e4 Nd7 11.f4 a5 12.Be3 b6 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Rf2 Rf8 16.Bh6 Bg7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qf4 Nd7 19.Nd4 Ne5 20.Qf6+ Kg8 21.Raf1 Nxc4 22.Ne6 Bxe6 23.dxe6 Ne5 24.exf7+ Nxf7 25.e5 Rb8 26.Qe6 Qe8 27.Ne4 Kg7 28.Qf6+ Kg8 29.Qh4 Nd5 30.Ng5 Nxg5 31.Rxf8+ Qxf8 32.Rxf8+ Kxf8 33.Bxd5 Nf7 34.Qf6 1-0

### **Corey Longhurst (1287) – Frank Niro III (1703) [A88]**

Meridian Invitational Meridian, ID (2.2), 20.08.2011

1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Na6 9.Bb2 Nc7 10.e3 Kh8 11.Re1 Be6 12.Ng5 Bg8 13.e4 f4 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Nf3 Ne6 17.Qd2 Ndc5 18.Rad1 fxe3 19.hxe3 Qc7 20.Qe3 b6 21.Ba1 Rad8 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Nc5 24.Qe2 e6 25.Nd4 Rd7 26.Nxc6 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Bf7 28.Rd6 Nb7 29.Rd1 Nd8 30.Nxd8 Rxd8 31.Rxd8+ Qxd8 32.Qf3 Bg8 33.Kh2 Qd2 34.a4 Qe1 35.Bc3 Qb1 36.Bd4 Qf5 37.Qxf5 gxf5 38.c5 bxc5 39.Bxc5 Bxe5 40.Bxa7 Bf7 41.b4 Bc3 42.b5 Be8 43.b6 Bd4 44.a5 Bxf2 45.Bb8 Bb5 46.Be5+ Kg8 47.b7 Ba7 48.b8Q+ Bxb8 49.Bxb8 Kf7 50.Bb7 Kf6 51.Kg2 1-0

### **Paul Edvalson (1508) – Jamie Lang (1321) [C29]**

Meridian Invitational Meridian, ID (2.3), 20.08.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 exf4 5.d4 Bg4 6.Bxf4 Be7 7.h3 Bh5 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.Bb5 a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0-0 a5 13.g4 Bg6 14.Rdg1 Nd7 15.h4 f6 16.h5 Bf7 17.Nh4 d5 18.Nf5 Bb4 19.Nd1 dxe4 20.Qxe4 Bd5 21.Qd3 Bxh1 22.Rxh1 Nb6 23.h6 g6 24.Nfe3 Nd5 25.Bg3 Bd6 26.Bf2 Bf4 27.Qc4 Qd6 28.Kb1 Kh8 29.c3 Rfe8 30.Nc2 Nb6 31.Qd3 Red8 32.Re1 Bxh6 33.Rh1 Bg5 34.Qxg6 Qd7 35.Nde3 Rg8 36.Qh5 Nd5 37.Nf5 Rad8 38.Nh6 Bxh6 39.Qxh6 Qxg4 1-0

## **Upcoming Tournaments**

Wood River Weekend Progressive, Hailey, Idaho, October 8, 2011

Southern Idaho Open, Twin Falls, Idaho, November 12, 2011

Western Idaho Open, Boise, Idaho, December 10-11, 2011

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# Western Idaho Open

Boise, Idaho  
December 10-11, 2011

**Format:** 5 Round Swiss System

**Time Control:** Game/90 Rd 1; Game/120 Rds 2-5

**2 Sections:** OPEN and U1400 Reserve

**Site:** Boise State University, Student Union Building, Hatch Ballroom, 1910 University Drive, Boise, Idaho 83706.

**Entry Fee:** \$30 (\$25 if Under 18 or 60+ years old, BSU Chess Club members entry \$10) if registered by December 5, 2011. \$5 more for all if received after December 5, 2011. E-mail entry will lock in advance entry rate.

Current USCF Membership is required, available at site or online at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org)

Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association.

**Register & check in:** 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Saturday, December 10, 2011

## Round Times:

Round 1: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2011

Round 2: 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 10, 2011

Round 3: 6:00 p.m., Saturday, December 10, 2011

Round 4: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, December 11, 2011

Round 5: 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 11, 2011

**1/2 point bye** (Maximum 1), Rounds 1-4 only. 1st round, must notify TD before round is paired; all others, before round 2 is paired.

**Prizes (Based on 30 non-BSU entries):** Open: \$200, \$100, \$75. Reserve: \$100, \$75, \$50.

**Entries:** Jeff Roland, 1511 S. Leadville Ave., Boise, ID 83706, 208-424-9847 or E-mail: [jroland@cablone.net](mailto:jroland@cablone.net), [www.idahochessassociation.org](http://www.idahochessassociation.org)

**No Computers, No Smoking, Wheelchair access**

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Entries: Payable to ICA; mail to Jeff Roland, 1511 S. Leadville Ave., Boise, ID 83706

# SPNI and Other Girls-Only National Tournaments

## by Howard Hwa

Girls-only chess tournaments are still few and far between. The debate of whether there should be any girls-only (or women-only) chess tournaments aside, the past few years have seen a growing number of national events created specifically catering to young female players. The Kasparov Chess Foundation has been a sponsor of the All-Girls National Championships held annually since 2004. The Susan Polgar Foundation has organized many girls-only tournaments, including those at the Las Vegas International Chess Festivals for the last five years to coincide with the National Open, only moving to Chicago suburb starting this year.

The most notable young ladies chess tournament over the past eight years has been GM Susan Polgar's National Invitational (SPNI) for Girls. Originally promoted as a tournament of girls champions from each state, it achieved certain prestige as well as success. For example, Abby Marshall, a past SPNI winner representing Virginia, went on to win the Denker tournament of high school champions in 2009. Girls from the Northwest have also received sizable college scholarships at these tournaments.

However, since Polgar's public split from USCF, the SPNI tournament has moved away from co-locating with the annual US Open and the Denker tournament to the relatively remote campus of Texas Tech University, where Polgar runs a slew of international tournaments (e.g., The SPICE Cup Invitational) and an upstart college chess program. In the meantime, USCF has started its own annual Girls Junior Open tournaments at the same site as the US Open. It will be interesting to see how each program develops in the future.

List of past Northwest state girls representatives at SPNI,  
together with their scores, tournament location and year of participation:

**Katherine Abderhalden, ID (4.0/6, Lubbock, TX, 2010)**  
**Taylor Bailey, OR (3.0/6, Phoenix, AZ, 2005; 3.5/6, Cherry Hill, NJ, 2007; 3.5/6, Lubbock, TX, 2008)**  
**Erica Barkell, ID (3.0/6, Cherry Hill, NJ, 2007)**  
**Alexandra Botez, WA (4.0/6, Lubbock, TX, 2009)**  
**Dana Hannibal, OR (2.5/6, Oakbrook, IL, 2006; 4.0/6, Lubbock, TX, 2009)**  
**Leanne Hwa, WA (3.5/6, Lubbock, TX, 2008)**  
**Megan Lee, WA (4.5/6, Cherry Hill, NJ, 2007)**  
**Karen Marcjan, WA (3.0/6, Oakbrook, IL, 2006)**  
**Sarah May, WA (3.0/6, Cherry Hill, NJ, 2007)**  
**Mackenzie Mical, OR (1.5/6, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 2004)**  
**Savanna Naccarato, ID (4.0/6, Lubbock, TX, 2011)**  
**Emily Nichols, ID (3.0/6, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 2004; 2.0/6, Phoenix, AZ, 2005)**  
**Emily Patterson, ID (3.0/6, Lubbock, TX, 2009)**  
**Gabriella Rader, WA (2.5/6, Phoenix, AZ, 2005)**  
**Heather Young, WA (3.0/6, Lubbock, TX, 2011)**



*Rachelle Naccarato, Savanna Naccarato, Susan Polgar. Photo credit: courtesy of the Susan Polgar Foundation.*

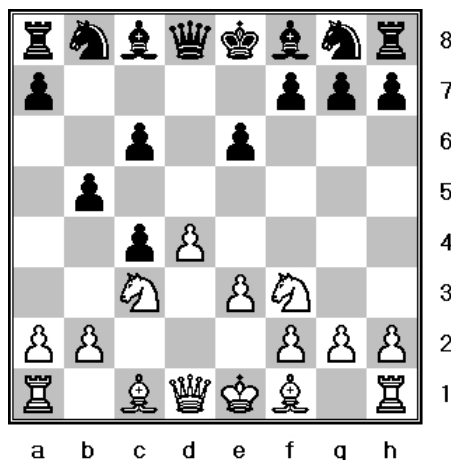
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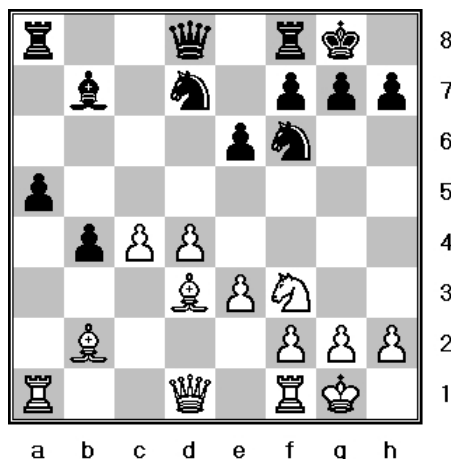
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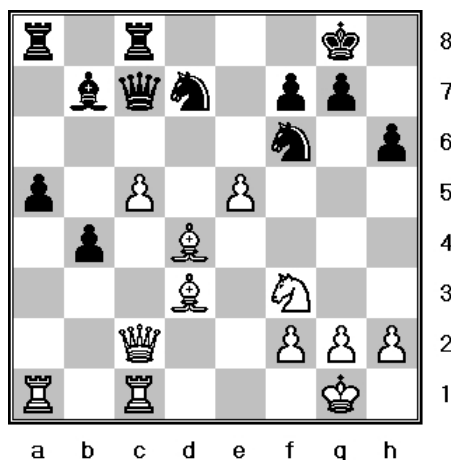
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5. e3 b5



6. a4 Bb4 7. Bd2 a5 8. axb5 Bxc3 9.  
Bxc3 cxb5 10. b3 Bb7 11. bxc4 b4 12. Bb2  
Nf6 13. Bd3 Nbd7 14. 0-0 0-0



15. Qc2 Qc7 16. Rfc1 Rfc8 17. e4 e5  
18. c5 exd4 19. Bxd4 h6 20. e5



## Two Games

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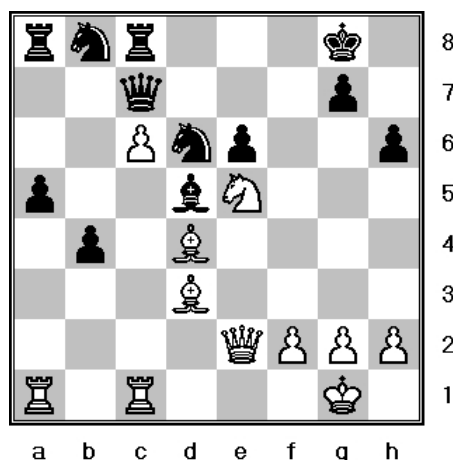
20. ...Nd5!?

21. e6 fxe6 22. Qe2 Bd5 23. c6 Nb8?!

23. ...Ndf6 24. Ba6 Rd8 25. Bb7 Rab8  
26. Ba7 Rxb7 27. cxb7 Qxb7 28. Rxa5 b3  
with compensation.

24. Ne5 Nd6??

24. ...Nf6.



25. Qg4 Nf5 26. Qg6! h5

26. ...Nxd4 27. Qh7+ Kf8 28. Qh8+ Ke7  
29. Qxg7+ Kd6 30. Nf7+ Ke7 31. Nd8+  
winning.

27. Bxf5 exf5 28. Nd7

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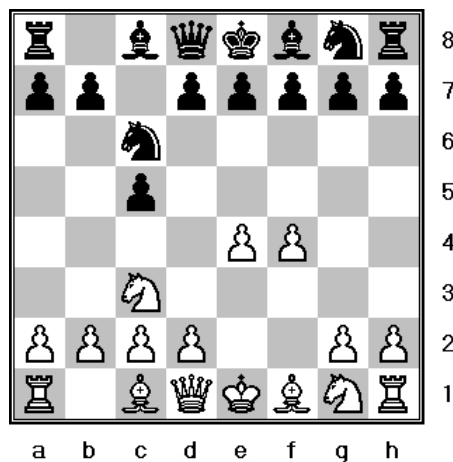
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Here is a good game I played at the 2011  
EWO. I hope to see it in NW Chess.

- Kairav

Adam Attwood – Kairav Joshi  
Eastern Washington Open, Round 2  
Spokane, Washington, October 2, 2011

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4



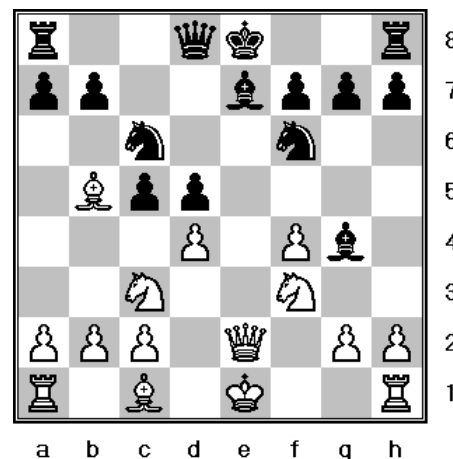
## Kairav Joshi

Sicilian Grand Prix Attack.

3. ...e6 4. Nf3 d5 5. exd5 exd5

It is clear that Black has equalized.

6. d4 Nf6 7. Bb5 Bg4 8. Qe2+ Be7



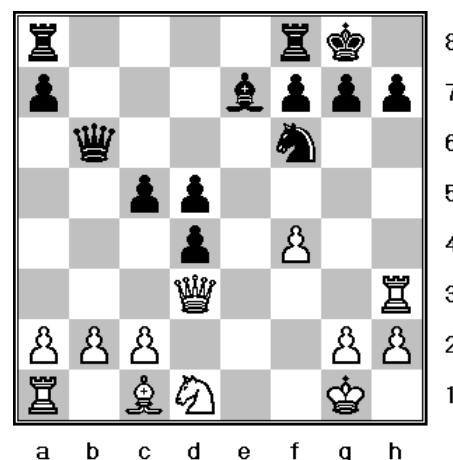
9. 0-0

9. 0-0 surprised me because White needs  
to resolve central problems immediately. 9.  
Bxc6 made more sense.

9. ...cxd4 10. Nd1 0-0 11. Bxc6 bxc6  
12. Qa6 Bxf3 13. Rxf3 Qb6 14. Qd3

I knew I had a positional and material  
advantage here but wasn't sure how to  
continue. I decided to get aggressive in the  
center and try to exploit White's weaknesses.

14. ...c5 15. Rh3?



15. ...c4!

Black has achieved a winning position.

16. Qf5 d3+ 17. Kf1

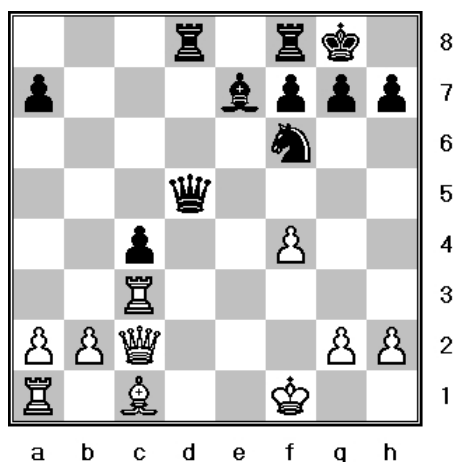
I had also considered 17. ...g6 but  
decided to not push the pawn and just take  
on c2. However, Rybka clearly prefers 17.  
...g6 18. Qe5 dxc2 where it gives Black a

six-point advantage.

**17. ...dxc2 18. Ne3 Qe6 19. Nxd5??**

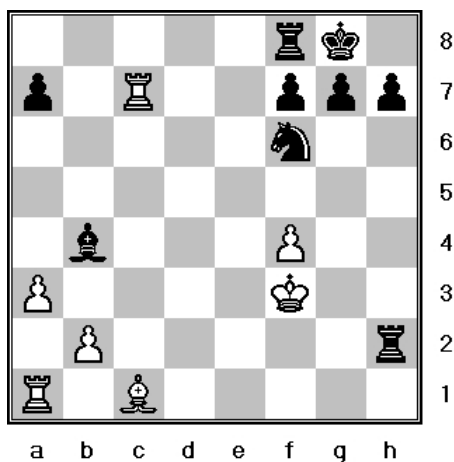
On top of already being in a lost position, White made a tactical blunder and hung his knight!

**19. ...Qxd5 20. Qxc2 Rad8 21. Rc3**



**21. ...Qd1+ 22. Qxd1 Rxd1+ 23. Ke2 Rg1 24. Rxc4 Rxc4+ 25. Kf3 Rxh2 26. Rc7 Bb4 27. a3**

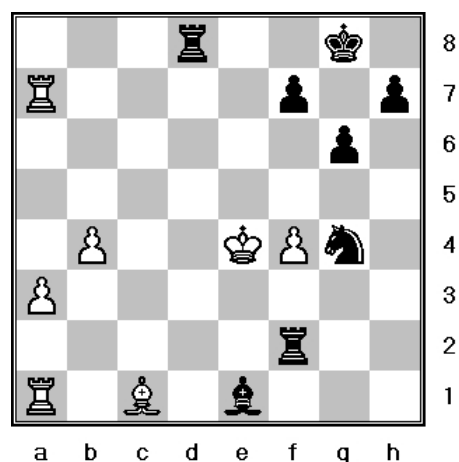
Black is clearly won but that isn't enough! The win ought to be beautiful!



**27. ...Be1 28. Rxa7 Rf2+ 29. Ke3 Rd8!**

His king is closed in.

**30. b4 Ng4+ 31. Ke4 g6**



Realizing that 32. ...f5 will utterly finish White, Adam resigned.

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Dear friends,

I messed up. The October issue of NWC is very late (as you obviously already know!). This happened because I added one more commitment to my schedule (a college language class), and the timing coincided with my son starting to walk extensively. I'm now on duty with the baby full time, and struggling to find time for everything else. Most weekdays I don't even manage to turn on my computer (though I do sometimes get to do e-mail on my phone, a wonderful innovation), and most weekends are filled with chores and studying. The magazine suffers.

In order to get the issues out more or less on time, the NWC board has decided to ask Fred Kleist to serve as editor again – a very smart move on their part, as I don't see my situation getting much better until Roy Peter is in school. So now that you're holding your October issue, you'll probably see a November issue in your mail almost immediately.

But that's not the main reason I'm writing this. The main reason is that I encouraged Philip McCready to send a letter to the editor to ask for submissions of birthday wishes, reminiscences, and words of support for IM Nikolay Minev's 80th birthday party, to be held in early November. The party quickly approaches, but the magazine with the letter is late, late, late!

So please, read his letter (reproduced at right), and send your thought and birthday wishes as soon as you can to Philip at one of the addresses he supplies.

With many thanks, and sincere apologies,

Ralph Dubisch  
Outgoing editor, NWC magazine

P.S. If you have the weekend free, please consider playing in the Washington Challengers Cup next weekend. That ad in the magazine may be a bit late, too.

Dear Editor:

Shhhhhh! It's a secret!

Our own International Master, Doctor Nikolay Minev, turns 80 on November 8th this year. After a long career in international competition and various contributions to the betterment of chess, Dr. Minev and his wife Elena chose to make their home in the Seattle area in 1983. As surely all local chess players are aware, Nikolay was the champion of his native Bulgaria many times over, competed extensively in international tournaments (including being a World Championship candidate at the Zonal Tournament level), was a trainer of the Greek national team, was a major contributor to early editions of ECO and ECE, wrote popular columns on Tactics for many years for Yasser Seirawan's Inside Chess magazine, edited our own Northwest Chess briefly, and has generally devoted his life to chess and chess players.

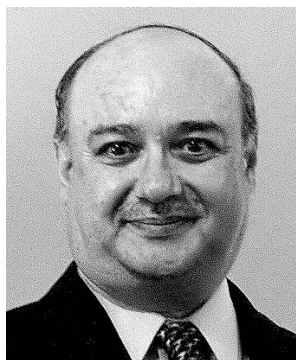
Now it's time to give something back.

I'm asking that local chess players send birthday wishes, fond remembrances, or other words of support to Nikolay for his 80th birthday. Contributions can be sent to me by whatever method - US mail, email, phone message, pony express, or any other means - via the contact information below. I will collect the various contributions, collate them into a package, and present them to Nikolay at a private birthday celebration to be held in his honor in early November.

So please, get those contributions to me as soon as possible at:

Philip McCready  
pkmccready@yahoo.com  
12615 SW 297th Way  
Vashon, WA 98070  
(206) 463-1495 h.

But don't tell Nikolay – it's our secret!



## Publisher's Desk by Duane Polich

Once upon a time...

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia all lived together in harmony and were united as one by declaring *Northwest Chess* as their official state/province chess publication.

Then as time went by, BCCF drifted away, caught in the ever upward spiraling costs of the Canada Postes (okay, Canadian Postal Service).

Meanwhile the lords that ran the Idaho Chess Federation and the *Northwest Chess* magazine had a falling out, and *Northwest Chess* was reduced to two remaining compadres who got along fabulously, Washington and Oregon, and so it was for many, many years.

One day along came a knight in shining armor who declared, "Why can't Idaho be part of *Northwest Chess*?" Soon others were asking that question as well and no one came up with a good answer to why this could not be. In fact, all of the people who even remembered what the original disagreement was all about had gone the way of the dodo and the dinosaur.

So we welcome Idaho once again as a member of the *Northwest Chess* family.

This is a good thing. Not only do Idaho chess players have access to one of the few remaining monthly state/regional chess publications in the country, they will now be able to read news about the events in their state and see some of their games published. Jeffrey Roland has offered to create Idaho related content for the magazine. *Northwest Chess* hopes to gain some additional subscribers, which will help with the operating costs of the magazine. It would be nice if every chess player in the State of Idaho would subscribe or at least tell their friends to subscribe; heck, it would be nice if we had additional subscribers in Washington and Oregon. The fact is the more subscribers we have, the healthier the magazine, and with a healthier magazine we are in a better position to absorb increasing costs.

It would be nice to have a thousand subscribers. We could do a lot more with the magazine if that were the case, we could increase the number of pages printed in each issue, we could pay our editor above minimum wage for the time he invests each month in putting together a high-quality magazine, we could attract additional advertisers... Yes, it would be nice. Right now we are bouncing around 500-550 subscribers per month. Idaho is just a start; it would be nice if British Columbia were part of the family again (hint, hint).

I even tried to simply decree Northern California part of *Northwest Chess*; they don't have a printed monthly chess publication. In fact, looking on their website, they are happy to have published the latest issue of *CalChess* which covers the winter of 2010/11.

I tried, but Ralph kept nixing this idea. Oh well, this is my fairy tale. Thanks to Frank Niro for being the shining knight, and to Jeffrey Roland for being the enthusiastic volunteer who actually has to work to make this happen. We look forward to a long relationship with Idaho. Now if only I could figure out a way to get Montana, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, etc. to join... but I guess I can't do that to Ralph.

Play On!

Press Release, September 24, 2011

### Idaho Chess Association joins *Northwest Chess*

*Northwest Chess*, a non-profit organization which currently publishes *Northwest Chess* magazine representing the Washington Chess Federation (WCF) and the Oregon Chess Federation (OCF), is pleased to announce that the Idaho Chess Association (ICA) is joining *Northwest Chess* (NWC) effectively immediately. As part of a deal worked out in Portland, Oregon on August 14, 2011, the ICA is now represented on the NWC board of directors, and *Northwest Chess* is now the official state publication of the ICA.

ICA past president and current board member and webmaster Jeff Roland was instrumental in bringing ICA onboard with NWC, and will write a monthly article for the magazine about the Idaho chess scene. Jeff will also continue to maintain the ICA's website at [www.idahochessassociation.org](http://www.idahochessassociation.org), while NWC Business Manager Eric Holcomb will update the NWC website at [www.nwchess.com](http://www.nwchess.com) to include Idaho.

Beginning in January 2012, Idaho tournament organizers will have the option of participating in the NWC Grand Prix, in which players can earn points to compete for annual prizes in six different classes from Master down to Class D. Each of the three states (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) has a separate competition and prize fund, although players can earn points in any of the three states. See the NWC website for more information.

Because of differences in how the ICA treats memberships, NWC will not initially collect membership dues for ICA like it does for WCF and OCF. Instead, memberships and magazine subscriptions will be collected at certain Idaho chess events, with agreed-upon amounts retained by ICA and remitted to NWC. The current total cost for a membership and monthly magazine subscription is \$25 per year. Idaho residents may subscribe directly to NWC via the NWC website, however subscriptions purchased in that manner will not include an ICA membership.

Some back issues of *Northwest Chess* magazine are available as PDF files for free on the NWC website.

For questions, please contact NWC or the ICA via the respective websites.



# Theoretically Speaking

## by Bill McGeary

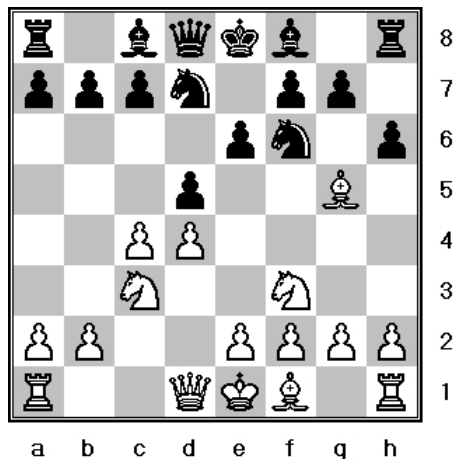


### Andersson QGD, Part 1

I have another defense in the Queen's Gambit to explore. There are two reasons I present this line. First, with the increase in speed of analysis it seems that opening preparation is extended now past move 15 or 20. So, when I spot something in the first five moves that is different I feel as if it deserves some accolade. Second, the thing that makes it different is so simple it seems comical. This just seems like a good path for some research.

Previously I presented a defense in the QGD based on the ideas of GM Peter Wells. That approach used an early imbalance in the position to create counter chances. There is inherent risk in this approach, something that doesn't work for everyone's style. Consequently, I offer an alternative that is more solid.

The line I am thinking of is **1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Nc3 Nbd7 5. Bg5 h6!**



How simple an idea is that?

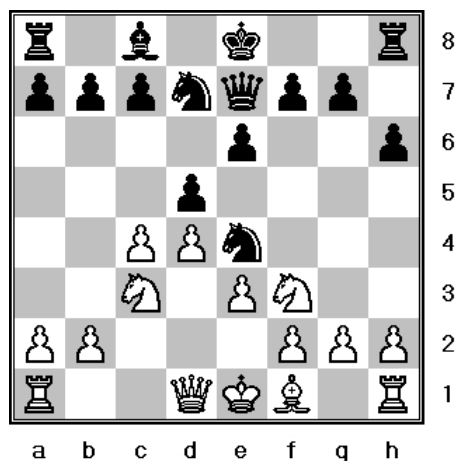
For decades Black would play ...h6 on the fifth move, but that was with ...Be7 played instead of ...Nbd7. How is it different? Well, with 4. ...Be7 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bxf6, White can seek to utilize the slightly misplaced bishop on f6 to create play in the center and queenside. This idea was used by Kasparov in the 1986 match with Karpov. The active style that best facilitates the bishop recapture on f6 isn't everyone's cup of tea.

In our line Black has ...Nbd7 instead of ...Be7 to recapture on f6. This keeps the d5 square solid, the Bf8 can go to any of its normal squares, and Black has not conceded anything more than in standard lines. So, after 5. ...h6 White is not likely to exchange and 6. Bh4 is standard.

Ok, what has this done for Black? The answer appears after the sequence **6. Bh4 Be7 7. e3 Ne4**, a move from the famous Lasker variation. Black seeks exchanges to ease the cramp, but with ...Nbd7 played instead of castling. With the exchanges on hand an ending is not far off and Black wants the king closer to the center. This is all pretty straight-forward, yet it wasn't put into a systemic form until the 1980s when Ulf Andersson started using it against the world's best. Other GM's that have adopted this approach are Kiriakov and Short.

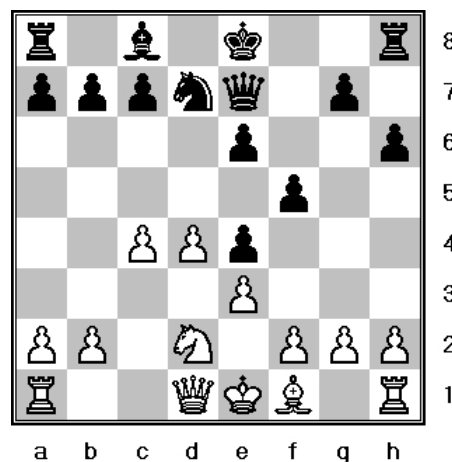
With the framework in mind, we now settle to the details.

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 d5 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. Nc3 h6 6. Bh4 Be7 7. e3 Ne4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7**



This is the starting position. Notice that instead of 8. Bxe7 White doesn't have much in the way of alternatives: 8. Bg3 Nxg3 is easy for Black because of the two bishops and strong central presence.

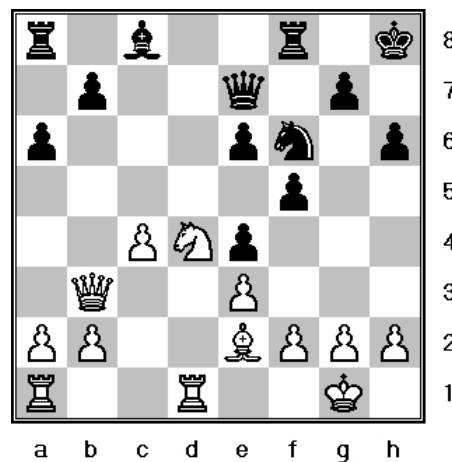
At move nine White's most obvious choice is **9. Nxe4 dxe4 10. Nd2 f5**.



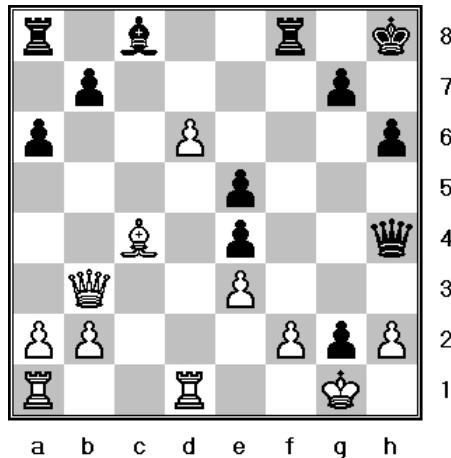
At clubs or weekend events this is likely the most common position you will get as Black in this line. The pawn triangle on the same color squares as the Bc8 might look a bit ugly, but the situation is likely to change when Black gets in the move e6-e5. Conversely, White doesn't have as easy a way to change the pawn structure; pushing c4-c5 will concede the d5-square to Black, while playing f2-f3 is going to be met by exf3 and then e6-e5 when White will have some weaknesses down the e-file.

Here are a few examples:

**11. Be2 0-0 12. 0-0 c5 13. Nb3 cxd4 14. Nxd4 Nf6 15. Qb3 Kh8 16. Rfd1 a6**

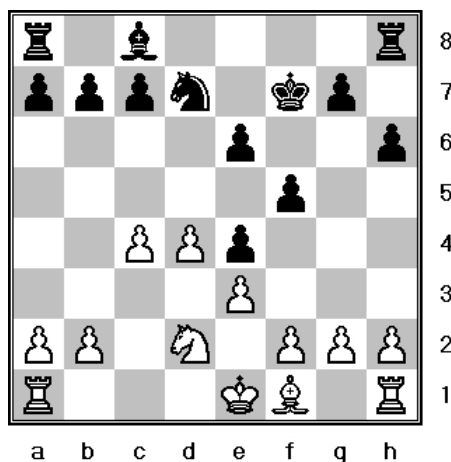


17. Nc2 e5 18. Nb4 f4 19. Nd5 Nxd5 20. exd5 f3 21. d6 Qg5 22. Bf1 fxg2 23. Bc4 Qh4



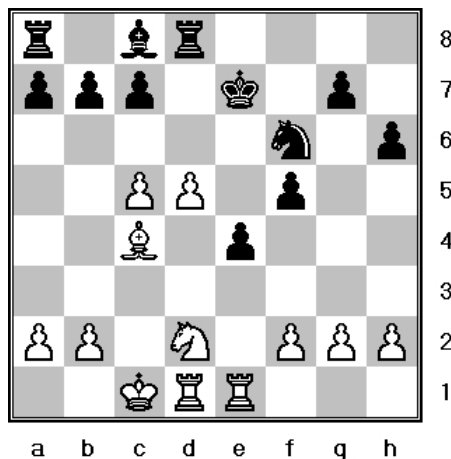
24. Qc2 Rf5 25. d7 Bxd7 26. Rxd7 Rh5 0-1, Karolyfalvi – Ligart, Miskolc Open 2001.

11. Qh5+ Qf7 12. Qxf7+ Kxf7 has been the most common continuation.



Andersson has seen this position three times himself in international play.

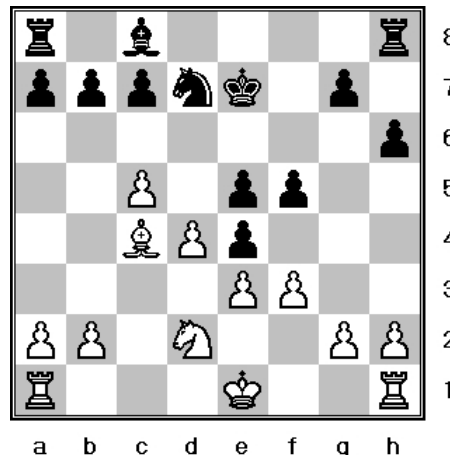
13. c5 e5 14. Bc4+ Ke7 15. 0-0-0 exd4 16. exd4 Nf6 17. Rhe1 Rd8 18. d5



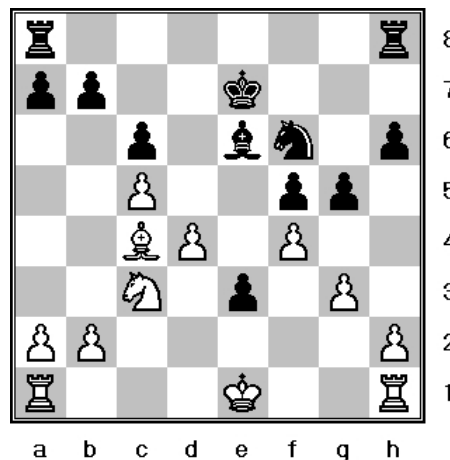
18. ...b5! 19. Bb3 a5 20. a3 Nd7 21. c6 Nc5 with huge advantage, Korchnoi – Andersson, Brussels 1988.

This line is usually dependent on its resiliency, but in this game the counterattacking possibilities were displayed. After 18. d5 White seemed to be cruising, yet after 18. ...b5 White was faced with either the central pawns falling off or Black obtaining a good initiative on the queenside.

13. c5 e5 14. Bc4+ Ke7 15. f3 looks quite natural, with Black's king in the center as a target to open lines in the center.

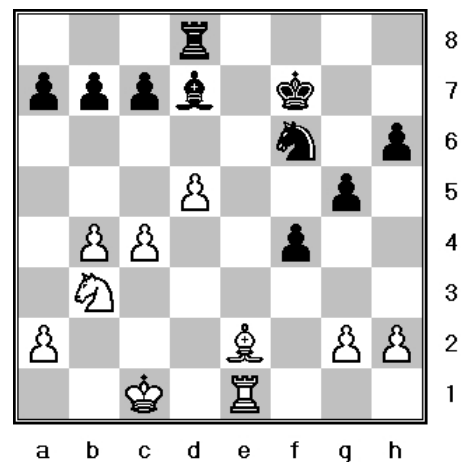


But watch how Black responds: 15. ...exd4 16. exd4 e3 17. Nb1 Nf6 18. Nc3 c6 19. g3 g5 20. f4 Be6



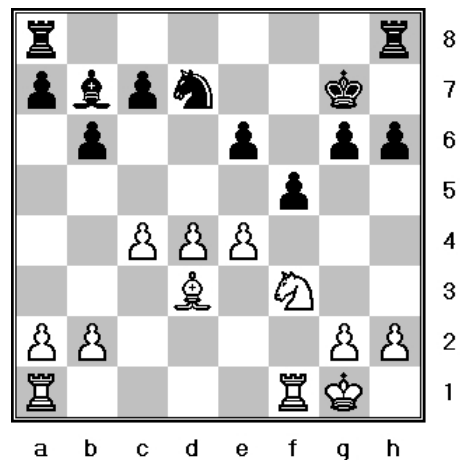
21. Bxe6 Kxe6 22. 0-0 Rae8 23. Rf3 Nd5 24. Rae1 g4 25. Nxd5 gxf3 26. Nxe3 Kf6, when Black's material advantage proved enough to win in Timman – Andersson, Belfort 1988.

13. b4 e5 14. Be2 exd4 15. exd4 Nf6 16. Nb3 f4 17. 0-0-0 Re8 18. d5 Bd7 19. Rd4 Rad8 20. f3 g5 21. fxe4 Rxe4 22. Rxe4 Nxe4 23. Re1 Nf6 =, Gaule – Andersson, Lausanne 2006.



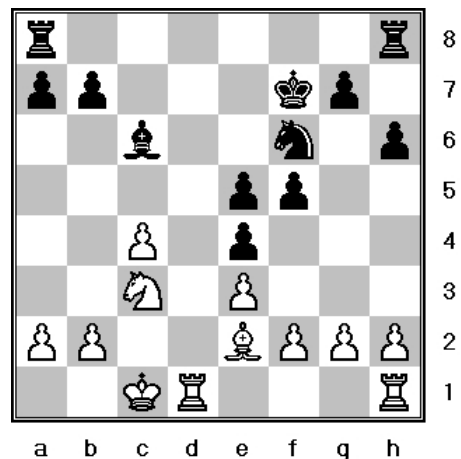
Black actually won a long game from this position.

13. f3 exf3 14. Nxf3 b6 15. Bd3 Bb7 16. 0-0 g6 17. e4 Kg7



18. exf5 exf5 19. d5 c6 was fine for Black in Sadler – Short, Torquay 1998.

13. Be2 e5 14. d5 Nf6 15. 0-0-0 Bd7 16. Nb1 c5 17. dxc6 Bxc6 18. Nc3



18. ...Rhd8 19. b4 b6 20. Rxd8 Rxd8 21. Rd1 Rxd1+ 22. Bxd1 f4 23. Kd2 f3 24. g3, Eingorn – Noguieras, Moscow 1990. White has a sizable advantage. Black can play ...Ng4xh2 at the cost of losing the front e-pawn and probably the f3 pawn as well.



## Russell Enterprises

The number of American companies publishing chess books that have gone out of business the past twenty years is large. David McKay, RHM, Chess Enterprises and Hypermodern Press are but four well-known firms that are no longer around. Fortunately some newcomers have stepped into the breach. One such firm, that already has a substantial catalog with offerings on all aspects of the game, is Connecticut based Russell Enterprises Inc.. Owned by Hanon Russell, the founder and owner of Chess Cafe, Russell Enterprises Inc. ([www.russell-enterprises.com](http://www.russell-enterprises.com)) has three new offerings.

### 212 Surprising Checkmates

*212 Surprising Checkmates* (2011, 152 pages, paperback, \$9.95) by Bruce Albertson and Fred Wilson and *Chess Movies 2: The Means and Ends* (2011, 200 pages, algebraic notation, \$19.95) by Bruce Pandolfini are both aimed at the scholastic and lower end of the club player market. *212 Surprising Checkmates* is an updated and expanded version of

the two author's 202 *Surprising Checkmates* published by Dover in 1998. The new work starts with a ten page introduction and is followed by 100 exercises concerning one move checkmate with the remainder focusing on checkmate in two and three moves. Two positions to solve per page are offered with solutions (including a diagram with the final checkmate) in the back of the book. The price of \$9.95 is a good value in 2011.

### Chess Movies 2: The Means and Ends

Bruce Pandolfini's *Chess Movies 2: The Means and Ends* is aimed at a slightly more advanced level of player and offers 64 "chess movies" ranging from Philidor vs. Wilson, 1789, to Carlsen vs. Shirov, 2008. The "chess movies" are not entire games. Instead Pandolfini presents their conclusions, terminating his move by move commentary when checkmate is imminent. The term "chess movie" is applicable as a diagram is given after each move enabling less experienced players to follow the game without the use of a board making it ideal for travel or late night reading before going to bed. *Chess Movies 2: The Means and Ends* concludes with a useful summary of endgame advice and three indexes (type of checkmate or principal force, player and concept theme).

### Tragicomdy in the Endgame: Instructive Mistakes of the Masters

Light years away in terms of its target audience is *Tragicomedy in the Endgame: Instructive Mistakes of the Masters* (2011, 264 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$29.95) by Mark Dvoretsky with a foreword by Karsten Muller. This followup to the reference work *Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual* (also published by Russell Enterprises) the present book is aimed at 2000+ rated players and up who wish to learn the principles of endgame play with an emphasis on thinking about why fundamental mistakes are made in this phases of the game by players of all levels.

Like all of Dvoretsky's books, *Tragicomedy in the Endgame: Instructive Mistakes of the Masters*, is not light reading. This is a dense book packed with demanding material which will richly reward those who are willing to invest serious time in studying it. The price of \$29.95 represents good value as this book will keep one busy for several months.

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## *Tactimania*

*Tactimania* (Quality Chess 2011, [www.qualitychess.co.uk](http://www.qualitychess.co.uk), 264 pages, paperback, figurine algebraic, \$27.95) by Glenn Flear is a tactics book with several twists. First all of the examples are drawn exclusively from the play of Grandmaster Flear or his wife Christine, a five-time French women's champion. This husband and wife combination must be a first and to make it a real family affair their eldest son James has done the illustrations featured throughout this work.

Having the combinations coming exclusively from the Flear's practice avoids the familiarity problem that plagues many tactics books. While pattern recognition is critical to chess mastery and solving tactics is a time honored training method the benefit is lost if the positions (and solutions) have been seen before.

Two other important requirements for a successful book on tactics are that the positions become progressively more difficult and that complete solutions are given. *Tactimania* passes both these tests. Glen Flear has been writing solid, well-received books for close to three decades and has a great deal of experience as a chess trainer. Not surprisingly he knows how to organize his material to maximum effect.

For those that want to chart their progress and compare it with others *Tactimania* offers points for each exercise and a scoring table at the end. The numerous illustrations throughout this work give it a more light-hearted feel than the average tactic book and likely will make it more user friendly for younger readers.

Recommended

# WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION



## Washington Class Championships A NW Grand Prix Event November 25-27, 2011

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**Format:** Seven class sections as shown at left, six round Swiss system. Sections may be combined if less than 12 players in a section. Late registrations may receive half-point byes for first round.

**Rating:** USCF rated. Master/Expert sections also FIDE rated. USCF November supplement will be used. Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating. Unrated players may only win 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes in Master section, or unrated prize in class E.

**Registration:** Friday 8:00-9:00 AM for 3-day schedule, or 3:00-3:30 PM if entering with one half-point bye. Saturday 8:00-9:00 AM for 2-day schedule, or 8:30-9:00 AM if entering 3-day schedule with two half-point byes. Two half-point byes available at registration or before end of round 2. Play any two days, if taking two half-point byes.

**Rounds:** 3-day schedule: Fri: 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Sat 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM, Sun 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. 2-day schedule: Sat 9:30 AM, 12:00 noon, 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule with round 4 at 5:30 PM.

**Time Controls:** 3-day schedule: 30/90 and SD/1 with 5-second delay. 2-day schedule: G/60 with 5-second delay (rounds 1-3), rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule. Please bring tournament chess set, board and digital clock.

**Miscellaneous:** Current USCF membership and WCF or OCF membership required in all sections. Other States Accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration. NW Grand Prix event. National Grand Prix Points: 20. Chess Magnet School JGP. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible.

**Entries/Prizes/Info:** See left column. Please use entry form (available on NWC website) for a list of all discounts and fees, and to indicate schedule, section, side events and byes requested – or use online registration.

**Hotel Info/Rates:** \$95.00 for single, double, triple or quad. Reservation link is available on Northwest Chess website ([www.nwchess.com](http://www.nwchess.com)). Group code CHECHEA. The cut-off date for reservations at the discount is November 13th.

**Side Event: Washington Class Blitz Championship,** Friday 11/25 at 8:00 pm. Format: 5 round double Swiss System in one section. Registration: 7:30-8:00 PM. Rounds: approximately 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45 and 10:15 PM. TC: G/5 (no delay). EF: \$25. Prizes: Based on 19 entries. 1st \$120, 2nd \$80, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400 \$60. Miscellaneous: Not USCF rated. Memberships not required.

**Washington Class Scholastic (Nov 25):** A separate flyer/entry form/online registration link will be published on the NWC website for this event, or contact: David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Coordinator, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6418, phone 425-868-3881, e-mail: [DavidCHendricks@comcast.net](mailto:DavidCHendricks@comcast.net).

Revised 9/12/2011.

# The 2011 Robert Karch Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

## Murlin Varner, button pusher

Well, with two large Oregon events within less than a month, with 6x and 4x multipliers, the standings have changed a lot. Most of the people on this month's lists attended at least one of those events, with the biggest moves by those who attended both. A few other people moved up a class this month, so the standings have taken a real shuffling. If you have been shuffled right off, or haven't quite made it on, do not fear, many more chances remain before the end of the year.

The largest remaining event for the 2011 contest is the Washington Class Championships over Thanksgiving weekend. This event, set to be held in beautiful downtown SeaTac City, WA, will have a 5x multiplier and be played in seven class sections, giving everyone a chance to maximize their GP point gain.

By the time you read this, the 2x Seattle Fall Open (Sept. 23-25) will have concluded, and depending on the publication schedule, possibly the 2x Eastern Washington Open and the equally 2x Oyster Bay Inn Classic will have, too. If you went to any of those, you have taken good advantage of the point multipliers. If not, there are still other opportunities other than the WA Class mentioned above. Although I do not have all the prize fund details yet, possible future multiplier events may include the Portland Fall Open in October; the SCC Extravaganza and Oregon Class Championships in November; and the Portland Winter Open in December. Even if some of these events end up as 1x events, they will still add up in your point totals. Play in these and other events (available somewhere most weekends) and you can still move up in the standings.

The following statistics include all events through September 11, except the WA G/60 Championship (9/10/11). Ratings used are peak official through October.

### Oregon Washington Masters

1 Breckenridge, Steven . 146	1 Bragg, David R ..... 129
2 Raptis, Nick ..... 139	2 Golub, David ..... 90.5
3 Haessler, Carl A ..... 89.5	3 Pupols, Viktors ..... 86.5
4 Roua, Radu ..... 44	4 Orlov, Georgi ..... 79.5
5 Russell, Corey J ..... 15	5 Sinanan, Joshua C .... 77.5
	6 Chen, Howard J ..... 67.5

### Experts

1 Botez, V Alexandra .... 114	1 Bartron, Paul R ..... 131.5
2 Esler, Brian J ..... 113	2 Ummel, Igor ..... 111.5
3 Gay, Daniel Z ..... 104.5	3 Sen, Samir ..... 93.5
4 Brooks, Curtis ..... 78.5	4 Lessler, Peter ..... 92
5 Janniro, Mike E ..... 78	5 Lee, Nathan Y ..... 76.5
6 Heywood, Bill ..... 56.5	6 Feng, Roland ..... 71

### Class A

1 Sherrard, Jerry ..... 118	1 Buck, Stephen J ..... 143.5
2 Wen, David ..... 113.5	2 Fields, Noah ..... 143
3 Cigan, Jason ..... 104	3 McAleer, James L .... 127
4 Fisette, Robert A ..... 89.5	4 Haining, Kyle ..... 119
5 Bannon, David T ..... 82.5	5 Kiiru, Joseph K ..... 111
5 Witt, Steven A ..... 82.5	6 May, Sarah R ..... 105

### Class B

1 Sun, Maxwell S ..... 83	1 Kramlich, Dan ..... 152.5
2 Shimada, Masakazu .... 80.5	2 Lampman, Becca ..... 122
3 Robson, Luke J ..... 70	3 Walk, Alan ..... 121.5
4 Terrill, Michael ..... 67	4 Davis, Frederick A .. 108.5
5 Dalthorp, Matt ..... 55	5 Nicoski, Aaron M .... 105
6 Burris, Christopher E ... 51	6 Palmer, Aaron ..... 71.5

### Class C

1 Murray, Dillon T ..... 100.5	1 Hanna, Mark S ..... 96
2 Chatterjee, Dhruva ..... 63	2 Monahan, Darby P .... 89.5
3 Gaikwad, Dagadu B ..... 55	3 Dhingra, Sangeeta .... 84.5
4 Pettengill, Stephen ..... 49	4 Piper, August ..... 81
5 Midson, Tony ..... 48.5	5 Varner, Murlin E ..... 74.5
6 Stevens, Matthew ..... 47	6 Zhang, Derek ..... 65

### Class D and Below

1 Cohen, David S ..... 73	1 Richards, Jerrold .... 119.5
2 Sharan, Praveer ..... 57.5	2 Haining, Breck ..... 62.5
3 Jewell, Nathan ..... 56	3 Thomas, Arjun ..... 56.5
4 Sharan, Pranav ..... 55	4 Jones, Davey V ..... 56
5 Booth, Liam K ..... 51	5 Cherepakhin, Olga .... 46.5
5 Skoro, Gabriel J ..... 51	6 Nicoski, Rick ..... 46

### Overall Leaders, by State

1 Breckenridge, Steven . 146	1 Kramlich, Dan ..... 152.5
2 Raptis, Nick ..... 139	2 Buck, Stephen J ..... 143.5
3 Sherrard, Jerry ..... 118	3 Fields, Noah ..... 143
4 Botez, V Alexandra .... 114	4 Bartron, Paul R ..... 131.5
5 Wen, David ..... 113.5	5 Bragg, David R ..... 129
6 Esler, Brian J ..... 113	6 McAleer, James L .... 127
7 Gay, Daniel Z ..... 104.5	7 Lampman, Becca ..... 122
8 Cigan, Jason ..... 104	8 Walk, Alan ..... 121.5
9 Murray, Dillon T ..... 100.5	9 Richards, Jerrold .... 119.5
10 Fisette, Robert A ..... 89.5	10 Haining, Kyle ..... 119
10 Haessler, Carl A ..... 89.5	11 Ummel, Igor ..... 111.5
12 Sun, Maxwell S ..... 83	12 Kiiru, Joseph K ..... 111
13 Witt, Steven A ..... 82.5	13 Davis, Frederick A .. 108.5
13 Bannon, David T ..... 82.5	14 May, Sarah R ..... 105
15 Shimada, Masakazu .... 80.5	14 Nicoski, Aaron M .... 105

### Players in Database 2011

Oregon	Washington	Other	Total
159	313	54	526

# USCF Delegates' Meeting

Report by Fred Kleist

Unlike recent meetings, the one in Orlando, Florida, proceeded rather calmly with just minor uproars about the seating of Sam Sloan and the change, for the most part an increase, in membership dues. It began, as usual, with a moment of silence for noted members, including Darby Monahan, who had died since the previous meeting before moving on to reports.

Executive Director Bill Hall praised the gradual move towards "less divisive politics" and announced that rated online play and club leagues would begin in January. He also indicated that the USCF was working on getting involved with the "social media" and looking into affinity programs as an additional revenue source. He also turned over the floor for an extended period to Jerry Nash who was instrumental in getting the Boy Scouts to establish a chess merit badge and helped establish a "presence and credibility among educators" for national and international youth chess tournaments. Outgoing V.P. of Finance Randy Bauer pointed to a \$192,000 surplus in last year's budget, but stressed that it was achieved through "extraordinary methods," e.g., cost-cutting measures focused on the staff. With "erosion" in adult membership, this year's budget will require dues increases in "non-price-sensitive categories." Director of Publications Daniel Lucas talked about putting more content online, especially for smart phones, while admitting that, of the 16,000 with only online access to Chess Life, just a small percentage uses the electronic version of the magazine. The Chess Trust noted that the Hall of Fame would finally reopen in September in Saint Louis.

The FIDE reports from delegate Michael Khodarkovsky, Zonal President Francisco Guadalupe, and FIDE V.P. Beatriz Marinello stressed that, despite being on the losing side of a suit against FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov (the suit alleged that members of his slate were improperly nominated), USCF would not need to pay any of the court costs nor would it be liable for damages, if sought. Khodarkovsky said, "Karpov will pay!" There were questions about FIDE's Commission of Modernization--e.g., draws to be eliminated by rapid/blitz playoffs?--but Marinello stressed that no recommendations had yet been made. Guadalupe blamed FIDE's erratic scheduling for failure to get three slots in the FIDE Women's Championship and for the fact that the 2011 US Championship and the 2011 American Continental Championship were held concurrently.

Just before the Saturday morning recess, after the pro forma election of "delegate-appointed committees," there was a brief discussion of promotional memberships. The group scholastic membership, on trial for three to five years, has been offered in packages of 100 and 300 individual memberships to selected low-income districts, chiefly in the South. Some wondered why it couldn't be extended to other areas, but Hall noted that its fiscal effect was, as yet, undetermined.

When we reconvened some thirty minutes late, we tackled the recommendations of the Governance Task Force. In a straw vote, the delegates approved of the idea of designating the Executive Board (EB) as the Corporation's Board of Directors (currently the delegates constitute the Board of Directors). Also approved was the restyling the Life Member Assets Committee as a separate corporation. The Task Force and the Bylaws Committee will continue working on making the USCF's structure less unwieldy.

Sam Sloan, perennial gadfly and frequent candidate for an EB position, had not been elected as a delegate from his home state of New York; so he wangled an invitation from the treasurer of the New Jersey state association to be sit as a delegate from that state. USCF bylaws require an appointment by a state president, but the rules were suspended to consider seating Sloan. Twenty-five minutes later, the answer was no!

Following this divertimento, the delegates raced through a number of bylaws amendments concerning delegates, US Open scheduling, rating lists, etc., culminating in a ten-minute discussion of the merits of requiring a two-thirds majority for rules changes. We adopted the two-thirds

requirement, effective immediately! We then wasted another twenty or so minutes on a proposal to reduce dues for "active duty military personnel." The proponents argued that the USCF could "look good," while not incurring much cost, as most of the military chess players qualify as "young adults." The anti-crowd focused on the difficulty of implementation, e.g., how is a tournament director to recognize active-duty member of the military? The proposal was referred to the USCF office and the Military Chess Committee for further study.

At 5:00, when we were due to recess, the EB's suggested dues changes were brought up. The delegates, however, demanded that a table of the changes be presented before a voting. With that, we recessed at 5:10 p.m.

## Sunday

Naturally, the first issue on the table was the revised dues structure. In essence, dues are to rise across the board, with adults (+\$4), seniors (+\$4), and those members opting to forego Chess Life (+\$6 for adults, +\$2 for U25) subject to larger increases. However, adults and seniors who pay their dues through their local chess clubs, by mail, or by phone may see a decrease (NB--only 60-65% of memberships are sold via the internet). Discussion initially centered around the large increases for adults and the relatively small difference in dues between non-Chess Life (\$40) and Chess Life (\$46) categories. An attempt to raise the latter and lower the former failed, as did an attempt to reinstate the Sustaining Membership category (ten years of double or more dues culminating in a life membership). After nearly an hour, the EB proposal passed intact.

The budget, which was based on the new dues structure, passed with little discussion. It called for revenues to go up slightly and for the staff to receive a long-overdue increase in wages. The bottom line---a \$75,000 surplus. We then passed a couple of minor clarifications to the rules, but declined to insert an explicit statement that draw agreements could be limited by tournament organizers, though that is, in fact, the case under current rules, if announced in advance. A proposal for an individual/team tournament scoring system was referred to the Rules Committee. The first substantial rule change involved adding 60 moves worth of delay or increment to the basic time control in order to decide whether Quick, dual, or regular ratings should apply. Since G/60 + 5 s/d has been considered dual ratable, the upper limit for dual rating is now G/65 (as opposed to G/60). This passed after a brief discussion. Also passed was an addition to the rule which allows tournament directors to intervene when they see illegal moves being played. The addition states that this need not be announced in advance. A proposal to make it even harder to change rules than the two-thirds majority approved earlier in the meeting failed.

At this point, another resolution was introduced to seat Sam Sloan. Apparently, the president of the New Jersey state association had been located at a wedding in Missouri and he had appointed Sloan as a delegate. It took nearly a quarter of an hour to accept the inevitable. Sloan was seated as a delegate "from the Great State of New Jersey."

A rule change to permit a late arriving player to change to a delay- or increment-capable clock before making his first move was approved readily. One final rule change came up for consideration. In blitz, a player promoting a pawn must find a piece and place it on the promotion square before starting his opponent's clock. The player may stop both clocks while seaching for an appropriate piece. Also passed were two resolutions mandating a new e-book edition of Official Rules of Chess. After the failure of a proposal to limit the EB's power to initiate lawsuits, the delegates approved a measure requiring an annual report from the Players Health and Benefits Fund.

Having dealt with all the advance motions, the delegates considered several additional motions. One of these was another attempt to reinstate Sustaining Memberships under the guise of installment payments for Life Memberships. It failed. The only motion of any impact referred the issue of "smart phones" to the Rules Committee.

Your delegates were Carl Haessler (OR), Fred Kleist (WA), and Murlin Varner (WA).

# Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

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## How to Find the SCC

Look for the Northway Square East Building, just across I-5 from Northgate Mall, with large signs proclaiming "Northwest Kidney Centers" and "City University." The main entrance is reached by turning east on N. 107th Street from Meridian Ave. N. The club is on the lower level.

☞ Oct 9, Nov 20

Sunday Tornado☞

**Format:** 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prize Fund:** \$10 from each EF. **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16%. **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.

☞ Oct 15, Nov 12

Saturday Quads☞

**Format:** 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 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.

October 21-23

SCC Team in Reno!!

Join the SCC Team(s) in Reno at the **Western States Open**. We will be competing against four or five teams from San Francisco's Mechanics' Institute CC as well as teams from Reno, Sacramento, and elsewhere.

October 30

SCC Novice

**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$11 by 1/27, \$16 at site. (-\$2 for SCC mem., -\$1 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

## Attendance at 2011's events

*Novice* (1/8)--2, (4/16)--3, (7/30)--5; *Quads* (1/22)--17, (2/5)--19, (3/19)--32, (4/16)--22, (5/14)--24, (6/11)--26, (7/9)--29, (8/20)--23, (9/17)--28; *Tornados* (1/2)--16, (1/30)--19, (2/27)--26, (3/27)--24, (4/17)--22, (5/8)--10, (6/5)--9, (7/17)--24, (8/7)--20, (9/11)--20; **City Championship** (1/14-16)--33; **Spring Open** (4/1-3)--56, **Yaz Lecture/Book-signing** (4/10)--60, **Adult Swiss** (4/30-5/1)--10, **Emerald City Open** (6/24-26)--50, **Seattle Seafair** (7/22-24)--64.

## SCC Darby Monahan Memorial Grand Prix

Prizes—free EFs to 2012 U.S. Open or 2012 Canadian Open. Details at SCC in October

## 6<sup>th</sup> SCC Extravaganza!!

Q Karch Memorial  
Grand Prix event

November 4-6, 2011

A two-section, seven-round Swiss with a time control of **G/90** (Two-day option – rounds 1 & 2 @ G/45). The prize fund of **\$1000** is based on **52**.

**Open: \$200-140, U2200 100, U2000 100**

**Reserve (U1800): First \$140-100, U1600 70, U1400 70, U1200 60, UNR 20**

**Entry Fee:** \$40 by 11/4 (\$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. Saturday 9-9:45 a.m. **Rounds:** Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11-2:30-6, Sunday 11-2:30-6.

**Two-Day Option:** Rounds 1 & 2 Saturday 10-12. **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: \$8. Prize Fund: at least 80% of EFs.

**EntlInfo:** SCC Tnmt Dir, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); kleistcf@aol.com.

# Future Events

⌘ indicates a NW Grand Prix event ⌘

## ⌘ October 29

4SS, G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9-9:30. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Prizes: (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30 U1800, U1500 \$35 each. Info: portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.com.

## ⌘ October 29-30

Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133. 206-417-5405. 2 Sections. Open: 4SS, 40/2, SD/1. Reserve (U1800): 5SS, Sat. 40/90, SD/30, Sun. 40/2, SD/1. \$800/b40: Open, FIDE Rated, \$150-100 (U2100: \$75, U1900: \$75). Reserve (U1800), \$120-100 (U1600: \$60, U1400: \$60, U1200: \$60). Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating. EF: \$35 if postmarked or online by 10/24, \$45 after 10/24 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs. Registration: Sat. 8-9am. Rds.: Open: Sat 10am & 5pm, Sun 9am & 3:30pm. Reserve: Sat. 10am, 2:30pm, 7pm, Sun. 9am & 3:30pm. Bye: limit 1, request before end of Rd. 2. Memb. Req'd: \$25 (\$17 juniors). OSA. ENT: Checks payable to Washington Chess Federation. Mail to: Eddie Chang, 2523 Lynnwood Ave NE, Renton, WA 98056-2448. Enter online: www.nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Info: wcf.tournaments@gmail.com, 425-922-7136. NS. NC. W. Chess Magnet School JGP. The highest finishing WA resident will be seeded into the 2012 State Championship (subject to activity requirements).

## ⌘ November 11-12

Portland Chess Club, Portland, OR.

See display advertisement on this page.

## November 12

4SS, Time Control: G/60. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400) (Sections may be combined based on entries). Site: Obenchain Insurance Building, Community Room – Rear Entrance, 260 South Main, Twin Falls, ID. USCF mem req., EF by 11/6 \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25) \$5 more for all if after 11/6. Email entries OK to lock in lower rate. Register & check in: 8-8:30am 11/12. Rd times: Sat 9am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm. 1/2 pt bye: Max 1, Rds 1-3 only. 1st rd, must notify TD before rd is paired; all others, before rd 2 is paired. Prizes: \$\$ b/30; Open: \$150-125-100-75; Reserve: \$100-75-50. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA, Contact: Barry Eacker, 963 Delmar Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301. 208-733-6186 or email: mol@q.com, www.idahocheessassociation.org. NC, NS, W.

## ⌘ November 25-27

Seattle Airport Marriott, Seattle, WA.

See display advertisement on page 28.

## December 10-11

### Western Idaho Open

Boise State University, Boise, ID.

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## Portland Chess Club G/60 ⌘

## Washington Challenger's Cup ⌘

## Oregon Class Championships ⌘

## Southern Idaho Open

## Washington Class Championships ⌘

### 2011 OREGON CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11-12, 2011

#### SITE: PORTLAND CHESS CLUB

4R SS in 4 SECTIONS: M/X, A, B and C (MAY BE COMBINED IF INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES). ENTRY FEE: \$40. 80% PAID OUT IN PRIZES WITHIN EACH CLASS, NUMBER OF PRIZES DETERMINED BY NUMBER OF ENTRIES (6 OR FEWER 1ST PLACE ONLY, 7-11 1ST AND 2ND, 12 OR MORE 1ST-2ND-3RD).

TC: GAME/90, 30 SECOND DELAY (IF CLOCK CAN BE SET FOR IT), OTHERWISE GAME IN 110 MINUTES.

REGISTRATION: 5:00-6:00 PM FRIDAY OR 9:00-9:30 AM SATURDAY. LATE REGISTRANTS GIVEN ½-POINT BYE IN FIRST ROUND. ROUNDS: FRIDAY 6:30 PM, SATURDAY 10:00, 2:15 & ASAP.

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2011 EVENTS


UNDER 1400 4R SS G/60, ENTRY \$30, PRIZES AS ABOVE.

UNDER 1200 4R SS G/60, ENTRY \$10, TROPHIES 1<sup>ST</sup>-3<sup>RD</sup>.

REGISTRATION: 9:00-9:30 AM.

ROUNDS: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30 & ASAP.


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