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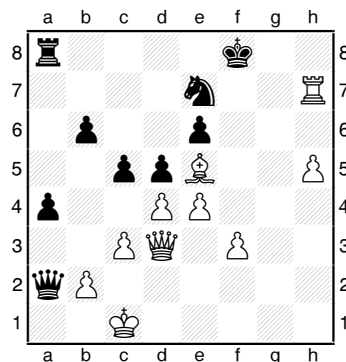
A80 Dutch

Curtis Brooks (1.0)

Mike Pendergast (2.0)

Portland, OR Championship (5) 2012

1.d4 e6 2.♘f3 f5 3.♙g5 ♗e7 4.h4 ♘f6 5.♘bd2 ♘c6 6.e3 O-O 7.♙b5 ♘e4 8.♙f4 ♘xd2 9.♙xd2 ♙f6 10. O-O-O ♘e7 11.♙d3 d5 12.h5 b6 13.♙dg1 c5 14.c3 a5 15.g4 fxg4 16.♘e5 ♙a6 17.♘xg4 ♙xd3 18. ♘xf6+ ♙xf6 19.♙xd3 ♙d7 20. ♙g5 ♘f5 21.♙hg1 ♙f7 22.♙e5 ♘f8 23.f3 ♙a4 24.e4 ♘e7 25.♙xg7 ♙xg7 26.♙xg7 ♙xa2 27.♙xh7 a4



28.♙e3 a3 29.♙h8+ ♘f7 30.♙h7+ ♘e8 31.♙h8+ ♘d7 32.bxa3 ♙xa3 33.♙d3 ♙a1+ 34.♘d2 ♙a2+ 35. ♘e3 ♙c1+ 0-1

B12 Caro-Kann Advance

Mike Montchalin (1.0)

NM Carl Haessler (2.0)

Portland, OR Championship (5) 2012

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♙f5 4.♙d3 ♙xd3 5.♙xd3 ♙b6 6.e6 fxe6 7. ♘f3 ♘a6 8.O-O ♘f6 9.♘c3 g6 10. ♙e2 ♘c7 11.♘a4 ♙b5 12.♙e5 ♙xa4 13.♙xc7 ♙g7 14.♘g5 O-O 15.♘xe6 ♙f7 16.♙xb7 ♙e8 17. ♙b3 ♙a5 18.♙h3 ♘h5 19.c3 ♙b8 20.b4 ♙a4 21.g4 ♘f6 22.♙f4 ♙e8 23.♙e5 ♙c2 24.♘g5 ♙ef8 25.f4 h5 26.gxh5 ♘xh5 27.♘xf7 ♙xf7 28. ♙f2 ♙e4 29.♙xg7 ♘xg7 30. ♙af1

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♘xf4 31.♙g4 ♙e3 32.♘h1 ♙e4+ 33.♙f3 ♘h3 34.♙xe4 ♘xf2+ 35. ♙xf2 dxe4 36.♘g2 ♙f6 37.h4 ♘f7 38.♘g3 ♘e6 39.c4 ♘d6 40.♙f4 ♙e6 41.♘f2 e3+ 42.♘e2 ♘d7 43.a4 a6 44.♙g4 ♘c7 Draw

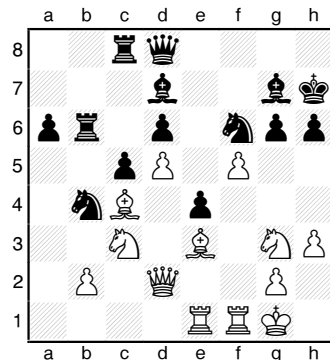
E81 King's Indian Sämisch

Steven Deeth (2.0)

Daniel Gay (1.0)

Portland, OR Championship (5) 2012

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.♙g5 c5 7.d5 e6 8. ♙d2 ♙a5 9.a4 ♘a6 10.♘ge2 ♘b4 11.♘c1 exd5 12.cxd5 ♙d7 13. ♙a3 ♙fc8 14.♙c4 h6 15.♙e3 ♙d8 16.O-O ♘h7 17.♘1e2 a6 18.♘g3 ♘e8 19.♙aa1 ♙ab8 20.a5 b5 21. axb6 ♙xb6 22.f4 f5 23.♙ae1 ♘f6 24.h3 fxe4 25.f5



27...gxf5 26.♘xf5 ♙xf5 27.♙xf5 ♙e7 28.♙f2 ♙d7 29.♙f4 ♙e8 30. ♙h4 e3 31.♙xe3 ♘h5 32.♙xe8 ♙xe8 33.♙f1 ♙g6 34.♙e1 ♙e5 35.♘e4 ♘f4 36.♘h1 ♘bxd5 37.b3 ♘b4 38.♘xc5 ♘c2 39.♘d7 ♘xe1 40.♘f8+ ♘g7 41.♘xg6 ♘xg6 42. ♙xe1 ♙b8 43.♙e3 ♙f8 44.♙c3 a5 45.♙xe5+ ♘xe5 46.♙a7+ ♘g6 47. ♙xa5 1-0

C78 Ruy Lopez Arkhangelsk

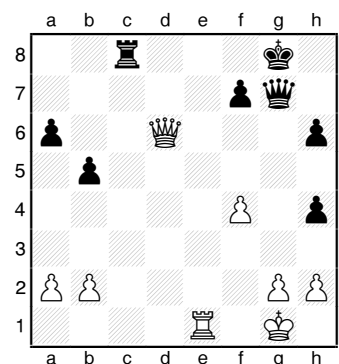
Brian Esler (1.0)

FM Nick Raptis (3.0)

Portland, OR Championship (5) 2012

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.

♙a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♙b3 ♙b7 7. ♙e1 ♙c5 8.c3 O-O 9.d4 ♙b6 10. ♙g5 h6 11.♙h4 d6 12.♙d5 ♙e8 13.♘bd2 exd4 14.♙xc6 ♙xc6 15. ♘xd4 ♙xd4 16.cxd4 g5 17.♙c2 ♙xe4 18.♘xe4 gxh4 19.♙c6 ♘xe4 20.♙xe4 ♙xe4 21.♙xe4 c5 22. ♙e1 cxd4 23.♙xd4 ♙g5 24.♙xd6 ♙c8 25.f4 ♙g7



26.♙d7 ♙c4 27.♙e8+ ♘h7 28. ♙f5+ ♙g6 29.♙xg6+ ♘xg6 30. ♙a8 ♙a4 31.a3 ♘f5 32.♙a7 f6 33. g3 hxg3 34.hxg3 b4 35.axb4 ♙xb4 36.♙xa6 ♙xb2 37.g4+ ♘xf4 38. ♙xf6+ ♘g3 39.♘f1 ♙b1+ 40.♘e2 ♙h1 41.♙g6 ♙h2+ 42.♘e3 ♙h4 43.♘e2 ♘f4 44.♘d3 ♘f3 45.♘d2 ♘f4 46.♘d3 ♙h2 47.♘d4 ♙h3 48.♘c4 ♙h4 49.♘d3 ♙h3+ 50.♘d4 ♙h2 51.♘d3 ♙h4 52.♘c3 ♘g3 53.♘d3 ♘f3 54.♘d2 ♘e4 55.♘c2 ♘d4 56.♙d6+ ♘e3 57.♙e6+ ♘f4 58.♙g6 ♙h2+ 59.♘d3 ♙h3+ 60. ♘d2 ♙h1 61.♘c2 ♙h2+ 62.♘c3 ♘f3 63.♘d3 ♘f4 64.♘c3 Draw

Round Six

D48 Semi-Slav Meran

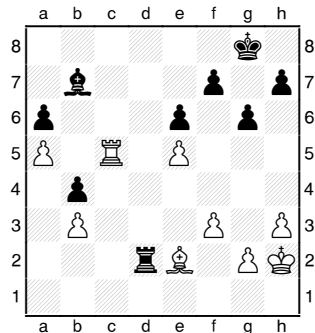
NM Radu Roua (3.5)

Steven Deeth (3.0)

Portland, OR Championship (6) 2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♘c3 e6 5.♘f3 ♘bd7 6.♙d3 dxc4 7.♙xc4 b5 8.♙d3 a6 9.O-O ♙b7 10.a4 b4 11.♘e4 c5 12.♘xc5 ♘xc5 13.

dx5 c5 14. ♖e2 ♗b8 15. e4
 ♘d6 16. ♖e1 ♗g4 17. h3 ♗e5 18.
 ♗xe5 ♘xe5 19. ♘e3 O-O 20. a5
 ♖d8 21. ♖ed1 ♘d4 22. ♘d4 ♖xd4
 23. e5 ♗d8 24. f3 g6 25. ♗e3 ♖c8
 26. ♘c2 ♖xd1+ 27. ♘xd1 ♖c4
 28. ♘e2 ♖d4 29. ♖c1 ♖d5 30. ♖c5
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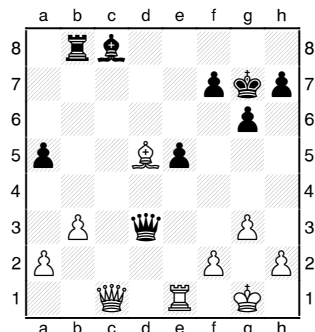
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 h4 h6 42. ♗e3 g5 43. hxg5 hxg5 44.
 ♗d4 ♘d1 45. ♘c8 ♗g6 46. a7 ♘f3
 47. ♘b7 ♖xa7 48. ♘e4+ ♘e4 49.
 ♖xa7 ♘d5 50. ♖a6 g4 51. ♖b6 b3
 52. ♖b8 ♗g7 53. ♗e3 g3 54. ♖b4
 f5 55. exf6+ ♗xf6 56. ♖g4 g2 57.
 ♗f2 ♗f5 58. ♖b4 ♗e5 59. ♖g4
 ♗d6 60. ♗e3 ♗c5 61. ♗d3 ♘f3
 62. ♖g8 b2 63. ♗c2 ♗d4 64. ♗xb2
 e5 65. ♗c2 ♗e3 66. ♗c3 ♗f2 O-1

A30 English

FM Nick Raptis (3.5)
Curtis Brooks (1.0)

Portland, OR Championship (6) 2012

1. ♗f3 ♗f6 2. g3 g6 3. ♘g2 ♘g7 4.
 c4 O-O 5. d4 c5 6. ♗c3 cxd4 7. ♗xd4
 ♗c7 8. ♗a4 ♗c6 9. ♗xc6 bxc6 10.
 O-O ♖b8 11. b3 ♗e4 12. ♘xe4 ♘xc3
 13. ♘f4 e5 14. ♘h6 ♘xa1 15. ♘xf8
 ♗xf8 16. ♖xa1 a5 17. ♖d1 ♗g7 18.
 ♗a3 d5 19. cxd5 cxd5 20. ♘xd5
 ♗c2 21. ♗c1 ♗xe2 22. ♖e1 ♗d3



23. ♗c7 ♗d2 24. ♗xf7+ ♗h6 25.
 ♗f8+ ♗g5 26. ♖xe5+ ♘f5 27.
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 ♖h5+ gxh5 30. ♗f5 mate

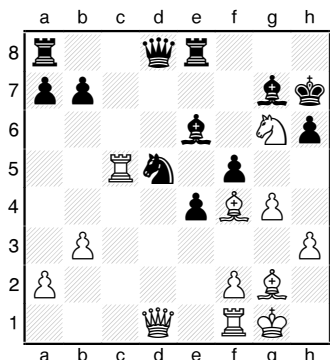
E90 King's Indian Makaganov

Daniel Gay (1.0)

Brian Esler (1.5)

Portland, OR Championship (6) 2012

1. d4 ♗f6 2. c4 g6 3. ♗c3 ♘g7 4. e4
 d6 5. ♗f3 O-O 6. h3 e5 7. d5 ♗h5 8.
 g3 f5 9. exf5 gxf5 10. ♗g5 ♗f6 11.
 ♘g2 c6 12. O-O h6 13. ♗f3 cxd5 14.
 ♗xd5 ♗c6 15. ♘e3 e4 16. ♗h4 ♗e5
 17. b3 ♗d3 18. ♗f4 ♗xf4 19. ♘xf4
 d5 20. ♗g6 ♖e8 21. cxd5 ♗xd5 22.
 ♖c1 ♗h7 23. ♖c5 ♘e6 24. g4



24... ♗xg6 25. gxf5+ ♗h7 26. ♘h6
 ♘h6 27. fxe6 ♗f6 28. ♖e5 ♗xd1
 29. ♖xd1 ♘f4 30. ♖f5 ♗g6 31.
 ♖xf4 ♗g5 32. ♖xe4 ♗xe4 33. ♘xe4
 ♖xe6 34. ♘xb7 ♖ae8 35. ♖d3
 ♖e2 36. a4 ♖f8 37. ♘f3 ♖b2 38.
 ♗g2 ♗f4 39. ♖d4+ ♗e5 40. ♖d5+
 ♗e6 41. ♖d3 a5 42. ♗g3 ♗e5 43. h4
 ♖g8+ 44. ♘g4 ♖b8 45. ♖e3+ ♗f6
 46. ♖e6+ ♗g7 47. ♖a6 ♖8xb3+ 48.
 f3 ♖a3 49. ♖xa5 ♖b4 50. ♘d7
 ♖bb3 51. ♖f5 ♗g6 52. h5+ ♗h6
 53. ♗g4 ♖b4+ 54. f4 ♖bb3 55.
 ♖f6+ ♗g7 56. ♖g6+ ♗h7 57. ♖a6
 ♖g3+ 58. ♗f5 ♖gd3 59. ♘e8
 ♖d5+ 60. ♗g4
 ♖d8 61. ♘g6+
 ♗h8 62. h6 ♖a1
 63. ♗g5 ♖g1+
 64. ♗f6 ♖f8+
 65. ♗e7 ♖b8
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 h7 ♖e1+ 68.
 ♗d7 ♖d1+ 69.
 ♗c7 ♖db1 70.
 ♖e6 ♖1b7+ 71.
 ♗c6 ♖a7 72.

♖e4 ♖ba8 73. ♗b5 ♖a5+ 74. ♗b6
 ♖xa4 75. ♖e1 ♖4a6+ 76. ♗c5
 ♖a5+ 77. ♗d6 ♖8a6+ 78. ♗e7
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 81. ♗e7 ♖a7+ 82. ♗e8 ♖a8+
 Draw

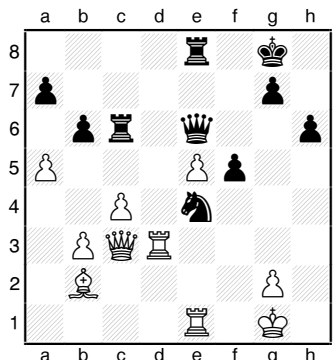
C24 Bishop's Opening

NM Carl Haessler (2.5)

NM Steven Breckenridge (4.5)

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1. e4 e5 2. ♘c4 ♗f6 3. d3 c6 4. ♗f3
 d5 5. exd5 cxd5 6. ♘b3 ♘d6 7. O-O
 e4 8. dxe4 dxe4 9. ♗g5 O-O 10. f3
 ♗c7 11. ♗xe4 ♘xh2+ 12. ♗h1 ♘e5
 13. ♗bc3 ♗xe4 14. fxe4 ♗e7 15.
 ♗e1 ♘xc3 16. ♗xc3 ♗c6 17. ♘f4
 ♘e6 18. ♗g3 ♗f6 19. ♘d6 ♗h6+
 20. ♗g1 ♖fe8 21. e5 ♘xb3 22.
 ♗xb3 ♗d8 23. ♖f3 ♗e6 24. c4 b6
 25. ♗c3 ♖c8 26. b3 f6 27. ♖e1 ♗f7
 28. ♖fe3 ♗d7 29. ♖d3 ♗e6 30.
 ♖de3 ♖ed8 31. ♗b4 f5 32. ♖d3 h6
 33. a4 ♖c5 34. ♗c3 ♖c6 35. ♘a3
 ♖e8 36. ♘b2 ♗g5 37. a5 ♗e4



38. ♖xe4 fxe4 39. ♖d6 ♗c8 40. e6
 ♖c7 41. ♗e5 ♖ce7 42. b4 e3 43. g4
 e2 44. ♘c3 e1=♗+ 45. ♘xe1 ♖xe6
 46. ♗d5 ♗h8 47. ♘c3 ♖xd6 O-1



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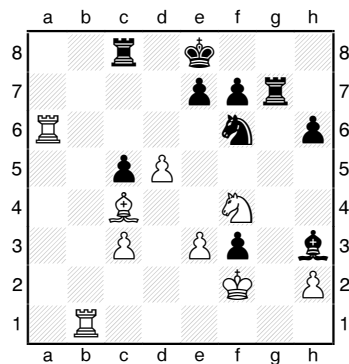
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Mike Pendergast (3.0)

Mike Montchalin (1.5)

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28.♙b5+ ♘f8 29.♙d3 c4 30.♙c2 ♘xd5 31.♘xd5 ♚g2+ 32.♘xf3 ♚xc2 33.♚xh6 ♙g2+ 34.♘f4 ♚c5 35.e4 ♚e2 36.♘b6 ♚xe4+ 37. ♘g3 ♚g5+ 38.♘f2 ♘g7 39.♚c6 ♚f4+ 40.♘e3 ♚f3+ 0-1

Round Seven

E66 King's Indian Fianchetto

NM Radu Roua (3.5)

Daniel Gay (1.5)

Portland, OR Championship (7) 2012

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♙g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♙g2 d6 6.O-O ♘bd7 7.♘c3 e5 8.d5 b6 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 ♚xa5 11.♘d2 ♘c5 12.♙b2 ♘fd7 13. ♘b3 ♚a8 14.♘b5 ♙a6 15.♘xc5 ♘xc5 16.a4 ♙xb5 17.cxb5 ♚a7 18.♚a3 ♚a8 19.♚c2 ♚xa4 20. ♚fa1 ♚xa3 21.♚xa3 ♚b7 22.♙c3 ♚a8 23.♚a2 ♚xa3 24.♚xa3 e4 25.♙xg7 ♘xg7 26.♚a2 ♚c8 27.f3 exf3 28.♙xf3 ♚e8 29.♚a7 ♚e3+ 30.♘g2 ♘e4 31.♚a1+ ♘h6 32. ♘h1 ♘f2+ 33.♘g2 ♘e4 34.♘h1 ♘c3 35.♚b2 ♚c5 36.♚a1 ♚b4 37.♘g2 ♚c5 38.♘h1 ♘g7 39.♘g2 ♚d4 40.♚b2 ♚c5 41.♚a1 ♘f8 42.g4 ♘e7 43.e4 ♘xb5 44.♚g7

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♚c3 45.♚xh7 ♘d4 46.♚h4+ ♘e8

47.♚h8+ ♘d7 48.♚f6 ♚xf3+

49.♚xf3 ♘xf3 50.♘xf3 g5 0-1

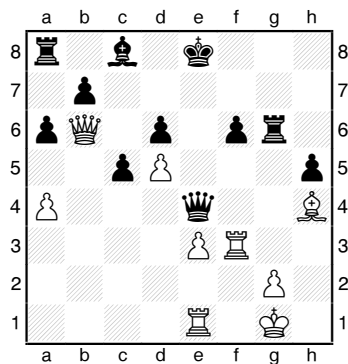
A60 Snake Benoni

Steven Deeth (4.0)

NM Carl Haessler (2.5)

Portland, OR Championship (7) 2012

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♘c3 exd5 5.cxd5 ♙d6 6.♘f3 ♙c7 7. ♙g5 d6 8.e3 a6 9.a4 ♙a5 10.♙e2 h6 11.♙h4 g5 12.♙g3 ♘e4 13. O-O ♙xc3 14.bxc3 ♘xc3 15.♚d3 ♘xe2+ 16.♚xe2 h5 17.♚b2 ♚g8 18.h4 gxh4 19.♙xh4 f6 20.♘d2 ♘d7 21.♘e4 ♚e7 22.f3 ♚g6 23. ♚ae1 ♘e5 24.♚b6 ♘xf3+ 25. ♚xf3 ♚xe4



26.♙g3 h4 27.♚f4 ♚xd5 28.♚xh4 ♚xg3 29.♚h8+ ♚g8 30.♚xg8+ ♚xg8 31.♚xd6 ♙e6 32.♚d1 ♚c8 33.♚b6 ♙d5 34.♚d2 ♚e6 0-1

C04 French Tarrasch

NM Steven Breckenridge (4.5)

Mike Pendergast (3.0)

Portland, OR Championship (7) 2012

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘c6 4. ♘gf3 ♘f6 5.exd5 exd5 6.♙b5 ♙d6 7.♚e2+ ♚e7 8.♘e5 ♙d7 9. ♘xd7 ♚xe2+ 10.♘xe2 ♘xd7 11. c3 ♚ae8+ 12.♘f1 ♚e7 13.♘b3 a6 14.♙d3 h6 15.♙f5+ ♘d8 16.f3 ♚he8 17.♙d2 b6 18.♚d1 a5 19.a4 ♘b8 20.♙d3 c6 21.♘c1 ♚a7 22. ♘e2 ♘a6 23.♘g3 ♘c7 24.♘f5 ♙f8 25.g4 ♘e6 26.h4 ♘g8 27.h5 ♘d7 28.♘f2 ♚aa8 29.f4 ♘f6 30. g5 ♘e4+ 31.♙xe4 dxe4 32.♚de1 ♘c7 33.♘g3 b5 34.♘xe4 ♘d5 35. b3 hxg5 36.fxg5 ♚e6 37.axb5 cxb5 38.h6 gxh6 39.gxh6 f5 40.h7 ♙e7 41.♘c5+ 1-0

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C38 King's Gambit Accepted

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Brian Esler (2.0)

Portland, OR Championship (7) 2012

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♘f3 g5 4.♙c4 ♙g7 5.d4 d6 6.h4 h6 7.c3 g4 8.♘g1 ♙f6 9.♙xf4 ♙xh4+ 10.g3 ♙g5 11.♘e2 c6 12.♚b3 ♚h7 13.a4 ♚e7 14.♙xg5 ♚xg5 15.♘d2 ♘e7 16.♘f4 ♘d7 17.e5 d5 18.♙d3 ♚h8 19.♚h5 ♚g7 20.O-O-O ♘f8 21.♚f1 ♘e6 22.♘xe6 fxe6 23.♚f6 ♘f5 24.♙xf5 exf5 25.♚b4 ♚e7 26.♚hxh6 ♚xh6 27.♚xe7+ ♘xe7 28.♚xh6 ♙e6 29.♚h7+ ♙f7 30.♘f1 ♚g8 31.♘e3 ♚g5 32.♘g2 ♚h5 33.♚xh5 ♙xh5 34.a5 ♙f7 35.♘d2 ♙e6 36.♘e3 ♘f7 37.♘f4 1-0

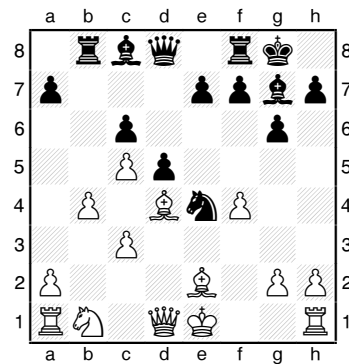
B06 Modern Defense

Mike Montchalin (2.5)

FM Nick Raptis (4.5)

Portland, OR Championship (7) 2012

1.d4 g6 2.e4 ♙g7 3.c3 d5 4.e5 c5 5.dxc5 ♙xe5 6.f4 ♙g7 7.♘f3 ♘f6 8.♘e5 O-O 9.♙e3 ♘c6 10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.♙e2 ♚b8 12.b4 ♘e4 13.♙d4



13...e5 14.fxe5 ♚h4+ 15.g3 ♘xg3 16.♙f2 ♙xe5 17.♚b3 ♚e4 18. ♙xg3 ♚xh1+ 19.♘d2 ♙f5 0-1

Round Eight

A06 Reti

Mike Pendergast (3.0)

Steven Deeth (4.0)

Portland, OR Championship (8) 2012

1.♘f3 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♙b2 a6 5.c4 ♘c6 6.cxd5 ♘xd5 7.a3 ♙g4 8.d3 ♘f6 9.♘bd2 g6 10.♚c2 ♚c8 11.♙e2 b6 12.O-O ♙g7

13. ♖ac1 O-O 14. ♖fd1 ♔d7
 15. ♘c4 ♗b7 16. h3 ♙e6 17. ♗b1
 ♖fd8 18. ♘cd2 h6 19. ♗a1 ♙d5
 20. ♙f1 ♙e6 21. d4 cxd4 22. ♘xd4
 ♘xd4 23. ♙xd4 ♘e8 24. ♙xg7
 ♘xg7 25. b4 ♙d5 26. ♖xc8 ♖xc8
 27. ♖c1 ♖xc1 28. ♗xc1 a5
 29. bxa5 bxa5 30. ♗c5 a4 31. ♗a5
 ♙c6 32. ♗c3 ♘f5 33. ♘c4 ♗b1
 34. ♘d2 ♗b7 35. ♘c4 ♗b1 36. ♘d2
 Draw

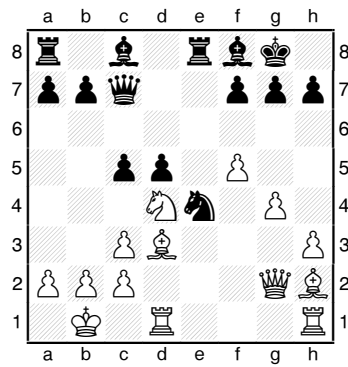
C42 Petroff

Brian Esler (2.0)

Mike Montchalin (2.5)

Portland, OR Championship (8) 2012

1. e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. ♘xe5 d6
 4. ♘f3 ♘xe4 5. ♘c3 ♘xc3 6. dxc3
 ♙e7 7. ♙e3 O-O 8. ♗d2 ♘c6 9. O-O
 O-O ♘e5 10. ♗b1 c6 11. ♘d4 d5 12.
 f4 ♘g4 13. ♙g1 ♘f6 14. ♙d3 ♖e8
 15. h3 ♙f8 16. g4 ♘e4 17. ♗g2 ♗c7
 18. f5 c5 19. ♙h2



19... ♗b6 20. ♘b5 ♙d7 21. ♙xe4
 ♙xb5 22. ♙xd5 ♖ad8 23. c4 ♙c6
 24. ♙xc6 bxc6 25. g5 ♖d4 26. g6
 ♖ed8 27. gxf7+ ♗xf7 28. ♖dg1
 ♗a6 29. ♙e5 ♖d2 30. ♗g4 ♗c8 31.
 ♙xg7 ♙d6 32. ♗h5+ ♗e7 33.
 ♖e1+ ♗d7 1-0

D40 QGD Semi-Tarrasch

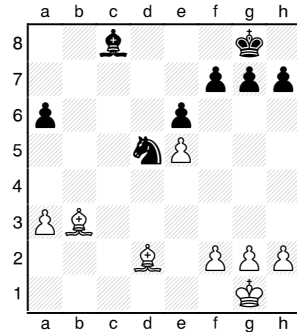
NM Carl Haessler (3.5)

NM Radu Roua (3.5)

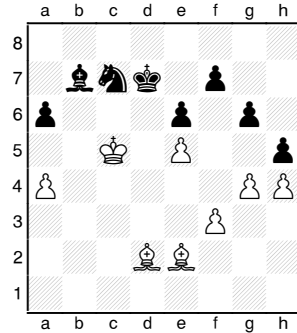
Portland, OR Championship (8) 2012

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4
 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 ♘c6 6. ♘f3 e6 7. ♙d3
 dxc4 8. ♙xc4 ♙e7 9. O-O O-O 10.
 ♖e1 a6 11. a3 b5 12. ♙a2 b4 13.
 ♘e4 ♘xe4 14. ♖xe4 bxa3 15. bxa3
 ♙f6 16. ♙f4 ♘e7 17. ♖b1 ♘d5 18.
 ♙d2 ♙d7 19. ♘e5 ♖c8 20. ♗b3
 ♗c7 21. ♖be1 ♙xe5 22. dxe5 ♗c2
 23. ♖d4 ♗xb3 24. ♙xb3 ♙c6 25.

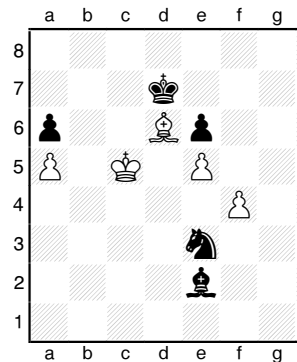
♖c1 ♙b7 26. ♖dc4 ♖xc4 27. ♖xc4
 ♖c8 28. ♖xc8+ ♙xc8



29. ♗f1 ♙d7 30. ♙c4 ♙c8 31. ♗e2
 ♗f8 32. ♗d3 ♗e8 33. ♗d4 ♗d7
 34. ♗c5 ♙b7 35. g3 ♗c7 36. ♙a5+
 ♗d7 37. h4 g6 38. ♙d3 h5 39. ♙c4
 ♘c7 40. ♙e2 ♘d5 41. ♙d2 ♘c7
 42. f3 ♘b5 43. a4 ♘c7 44. g4



44... ♙c6 45. ♙d1 ♘e8 46. gxh5
 gxh5 47. f4 ♘g7 48. ♗b6 ♘f5 49. a5
 ♙b5 50. ♙xh5 ♘xh4 51. ♙xf7 ♙e2
 52. ♙b4 ♘f5 53. ♙c5 ♘h4 54. ♙b4
 ♘f5 55. ♙g6 ♘e3 56. ♗c5 ♘f5
 57. ♙d2 ♙f3 58. ♗b6 ♙e2 59. ♗b7
 ♗d8 60. ♙b4 ♗d7 61. ♙c5 ♗d8
 62. ♙f2 ♗d7 63. ♙b6 ♙d3 64. ♙h5
 ♘e7 65. ♙e3 ♘c6 66. ♙d2 ♘d4
 67. ♙d1 ♙b5 68. ♗b6 ♘e2 69. ♙c2
 ♘d4 70. ♙e4 ♘c6 71. ♙g2 ♘e7
 72. ♗c5 ♗c7 73. ♙e1 ♘f5 74. ♙h3
 ♙d3 75. ♙f2 ♙e2 76. ♗b4 ♗d7
 77. ♙b6 ♘e7 78. ♗c5 ♙b5 79. ♙a7
 ♘f5 80. ♙b8 ♘e3 81. ♙d6 ♙e2



82. ♗b4 ♘d5+ 83. ♗c5 ♘xf4 84.
 ♙xe6+ ♗xe6 85. ♗d4 ♙b5 86.
 ♗c5 ♗d7 87. ♗d4 ♗c6 88. ♙b4
 ♘e6+ 89. ♗e4 ♙c4 90. ♙e1 ♘c5+
 91. ♗d4 ♙e6 92. ♙d2 ♘b3+ 93.
 ♗d3 ♗d5 94. ♙c3 ♙f5+ 95. ♗e3
 ♗c4 96. ♙e1 ♙e6 97. ♗e4 ♘c1
 98. ♗e3 ♘d3 99. ♙g3 ♙g4 100.
 ♗d2 ♗d4 101. ♙h2 ♘b2 102.
 ♙g1+ ♗d5 103. ♗c3 ♘c4 104. ♙b6
 ♘xe5 105. ♗b4 ♘d3+ 106. ♗c3
 ♗c6 107. ♗c4 ♘f4 108. ♗b4 ♘d5+
 109. ♗c4 ♙e6 110. ♗d3 ♗b5 111.
 ♗c2 ♗c4 112. ♗b2 ♘b4 113. ♙d8
 ♘d3+ 114. ♗a3 ♗b5 115. ♙c7
 ♘b4 116. ♗b2 ♘d5 117. ♙d8 ♗b4
 118. ♙b6 ♘f4 119. ♙d8 ♙c4 120.
 ♙b6 ♙b3 121. ♙d8 ♘d3+ 122.
 ♗a1 ♙c2 123. ♗a2 ♙b3+ 124.
 ♗b1 ♗c3 125. ♙f6+ ♗b4 126. ♙d8
 ♙d1 127. ♗a2 ♙f3 128. ♙c7 ♙d5+
 129. ♗b1 ♗b3 130. ♙d8 ♙f3 131.
 ♙g5 ♙d1 132. ♙d2 ♙c2+ 133.
 ♗a1 ♘b2 134. ♙e1 ♘c4 135. ♙d2
 ♙d3 136. ♙e1 ♘a3 137. ♙b4

And Black won in several more moves.

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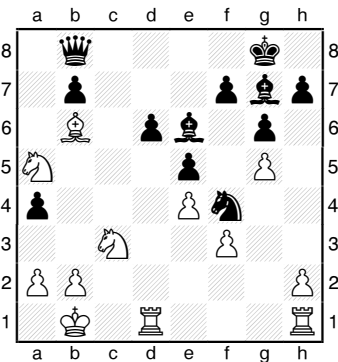
B78 Sicilian Dragon

Daniel Gay (2.5)

Curtis Brooks (2.0)

Portland, OR Championship (8) 2012

1. e4 c5 2. ♘f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♘xd4
 ♘f6 5. ♘c3 g6 6. ♙e3 ♙g7 7. f3
 ♘c6 8. ♗d2 O-O 9. ♙c4 ♙d7 10.
 ♙b3 ♖c8 11. O-O-O ♘e5 12. ♗b1
 ♘c4 13. ♙xc4 ♖xc4 14. g4 ♗b8 15.
 g5 ♘h5 16. ♘d5 e6 17. ♘c3 ♖fc8
 18. ♘ce2 e5 19. ♘b3 ♖xc2 20.
 ♗xc2 ♖xc2 21. ♗xc2 a5 22. ♙b6
 a4 23. ♘a5 ♙e6 24. ♘c3 ♘f4 25.
 ♗b1



25...♙f8 26.♖d2 ♖a8 27.b4 ♖a6
28.♙d8 b6 29.♗c6 ♖c4 30.♖c1
♖xc6 31.♗d5 ♖b5 32.a3 ♗xd5
33.exd5 ♙f5+ 34.♗a2 ♙d3 35.
♖c3 ♖xd5+ 36.♗b2 ♖a8 37.
♙xb6 ♙f5 38.♙c7 e4 39.♖e3 ♖a7
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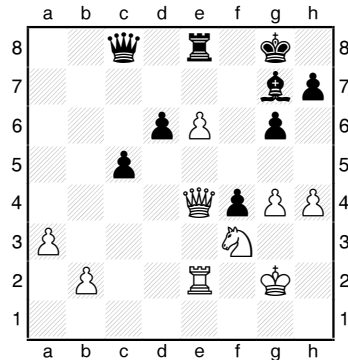
E18 Queen's Indian

FM Nick Raptis (5.5)

NM Steven Breckenridge (6.5)

Portland, OR Championship (8) 2012

1.♗f3 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 b6 4.♙g2
♙b7 5.O-O ♙e7 6.♗c3 O-O 7.d4
♗e4 8.♗xe4 ♙xe4 9.♗e5 ♙xg2
10.♗xg2 d6 11.♗f3 c5 12.d5 e5
13.e4 f5 14.exf5 ♖xf5 15.♖d3 ♖d7
16.♙d2 ♗a6 17.♗g1 ♖af8 18.
♖ae1 ♙g5 19.♙c3 ♖a4 20.h4
♙h6 21.f4 ♗b4 22.♙xb4 ♖xb4 23.
♗f3 g6 24.a3 ♖a5 25.♖e2 exf4 26.
g4 ♖5f7 27.♖e6 ♙g7 28.♖f2 ♖f6
29.♖e4 ♖a4 30.♖e7 b5 31. cxb5
♖xb5 32.♖xa7 ♖b8 33.♖e7 ♖c8
34.♖e6 ♖xe6 35.dxe6 ♖e8 36.
♖e2



36...c4 37.♖d5 ♖c7 38.e7+ ♗h8
39.♖e6 ♖c6 40.h5 gxh5 41.gxh5
h6 42.♖f7 ♙e5 43.♗h2 ♖b8
44.♖f8+ ♗h7 45.♖f5+ ♗h8 46.
♗xe5 dxe5 47.♖xe5+ ♗h7 48.
♖xb8 ♖f3 1-0

Round Nine

C90 Ruy Lopez

NM Steven Breckenridge (6.5)

Brian Esler (3.0)

Portland, OR Championship (9) 2012

1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♙b5 a6 4.
♙a4 ♗f6 5.O-O ♙e7 6.d3 b5 7.
♙b3 O-O 8.♖e1 d6 9.c3 ♙g4 10.
♗bd2 d5 11.exd5 ♗xd5 12.♗e4
♗h8 13.h3 ♙c8 14.♗g3 ♙f6 15.

♗h5 ♙e6 16.♗xf6 ♖xf6 17.♗g5
♖ad8 18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♖e2 ♖d7
20.♙e3 ♖df7 21.♙c5 ♖d8 22. ♖e4
b4 23.♙a4 ♗ce7 24.♖xe5 ♖xe5
25.♖xe5 bxc3 26.bxc3 ♗xc3 27.
♙b3 ♖xd3 28.♖xe6 1-0

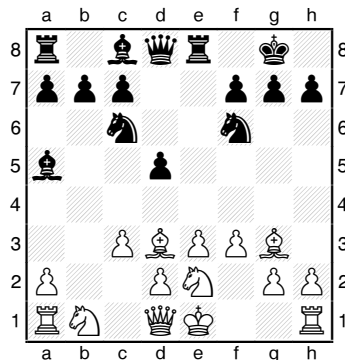
A00 1.g3, 1.b4, ...

NM Carl Haessler (3.5)

Daniel Gay (2.5)

Portland, OR Championship (9) 2012

1.b4 e5 2.♙b2 ♙xb4 3.♙xe5 ♗f6
4.c3 ♙a5 5.e3 O-O 6.♙d3 ♗c6
7.♙g3 d5 8.f3 ♖e8 9.♗e2



9...d4 10.cxd4 ♖xe3 11.♙b5 ♖xd4
12.♗a3 ♙xd2+ 13.♗f1 ♖xf3+ 0-1

E58 Nimzo-Indian Rubinstein

Steven Deeth (4.5)

FM Nick Raptis (6.5)

Portland, OR Championship (9) 2012

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.e3
c5 5.♙d3 O-O 6.♗f3 d5 7.O-O
♗c6 8.a3 ♙xc3 9.bxc3 b6 10.cxd5
exd5 11.c4 cxd4 12.♗xd4 ♗e5 13.
cxd5 ♖xd5 14.♙b2 ♙b7 15.f3
♖fd8 16.♖e2 ♗xd3 17.♖xd3 ♗d7
18.♖ad1 ♗c5 19.♖c2 f6 20.e4
♖f7 21.♖fe1 ♙a6 22.♖e3 ♖d7
23.♗f5 ♖ad8 24.♖xd7 ♖xd7 25.
♖e1 ♖d2 26.♖xd2 ♖xd2 27.♙c3
♖a2 28.♙b4 ♗d3 29.♖d1 ♙c4
30.♙d6 b5 31.♗e3 ♗f7 32.h4 ♗e6
33.♙f8 g6 34.♗h2 f5 35.exf5+
gxf5 36.♖b1 f4 37.♗d1 ♖c2 38.
♙b4 h5 39.♗h3 ♗f6 40.g4 ♙e6
41.♙c3+ ♗g6 42.♖xb5 ♗f2+ 43.
♗xf2 ♖xf2 44.♖g5+ ♗f7 45.♖g7+
♗f8 46.♖g6 ♖xf3+ 47.♗g2 ♙xg4
48.♙b4+ ♗f7 49.♖a6 ♖b3 50.
♖xa7+ ♗e6 51.♙c5 ♙f3+ 52.♗f2
♗d5 53.♖a5 ♗e4 54.♖a4+ ♗f5
55.♙d6 ♙e4 56.♖b4 ♖h3 57.

♖b5+ ♗g4 58.♖g5+ ♗xh4 59.
♙e7 ♖f3+ 60.♗e2 ♖e3+ 61.♗f2
♖f3+ 62.♗e2 ♖e3+ 63.♗f2 ♙f5
64.♖xf5+ ♖xe7 65.♖xf4+ ♗h3 66.
♖f3+ ♗h2 67.♖f4 ♗h3 68. ♖f3+
♗g4 69.♗g2 h4 70.♖b3 ♖e2+
71.♗h1 ♖e1+ 72.♗g2 ♖e2+ 73.
♗h1 ♖a2 74.♖c3 h3 75. ♖b3 ♖c2
76.♖d3 h2 77.♖b3 ♗f4 78.♖d3
♗e4 79.♖h3 ♖a2 80.♖xh2 ♖xa3
81.♖h4+ ♗f5 82.♗g2 ♖a2+ 83.
♗f3 ♗g5 84.♖b4 ♖a3+ 85.♗f2
♗f5 86.♗e2 Draw

E40 Nimzo-Indian Rubinstein

Mike Montchalin (2.5)

Curtis Brooks (3.0)

Portland, OR Championship (9) 2012

1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 e6 3.♗c3 ♙b4 4.e3
d5 5.♙d2 O-O 6.a3 ♙e7 7.♖c2
dxc4 8.♙xc4 c5 9.dxc5 ♙xc5
10.♗f3 ♗c6 11.O-O a6 12.♖fd1
♙a7 13.h3 b5 14.♙d3 ♙b7 15.♗e4
♗d5 16.♗eg5 g6 17.♙e1 ♖e7 18.
♖ac1 ♖ac8 19.♖e2 f5 20.h4 ♗f6
21.♙b1 h6 22.♗h3 e5 23.♙a2+
♗h7 24.♙c3 ♗e4 25. ♙e1 ♗c5
26.♖d5 e4 27.♗hg5+ hxg5 28.
♗xg5+ ♗h6 29.♖cd1 ♗d3 30.
♙c3 ♗ce5 31.♖xe5 ♗xe5 32.♗e6
♖xc3 33.bxc3 ♗g4 34. ♗g5 ♖c7
35.g3 ♙xe3 36.♖xg4 ♙xf2+ 37.
♗xf2 fxg4+ 38.♗e3 ♖xc3+ 0-1

A85 Dutch

NM Radu Roua (4.5)

Mike Pendergast (3.5)

Portland, OR Championship (9) 2012

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 ♗f6 4.♙g2
♙b4+ 5.♗c3 ♙xc3+ 6.bxc3 d6
7.♙a3 ♗c6 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 ♗e5
10.♗f3 ♗xf3+ 11.♙xf3 O-O 12.
♙c1 ♗e4 13.♙b2 ♖e7 14.♖d4 b6
15.O-O a5 16.a4 ♙a6 17.♖fe1
♗c5 18.♖a3 ♗d3 19.♖b1 ♗e5
20.c4 ♗xc4 21.♖c3 ♗e5 22.♙g2
♖a7 23.♖bc1 ♖f7 24.♙a3 ♖d8
25.e4 fxe4 26.♖xe4 ♙c8 27.f4 ♙f5
28.♖e2 ♗d7 29.♙xd6 ♗f6 30.
♙a3 ♖d7 31.♖e3 ♙g4 32.♖e1
♖xd5 33.♙xd5+ ♖xd5 34.♖e8+
♗f7 35.♖f8+ ♗g6 36.♖e5 ♖xe5
37.fxe5 ♗d5 38.♖c6+ 1-0

A Fish in Cold Waters: the Reykjavik Open

by Mike Murray

The cover photo on the May, 2012, *Chess Life* shows six American chess players lounging in the volcanic heated waters of Iceland, and the multi-page spread inside discusses the nine American players who competed in the 2012 Reykjavik Open. Occasionally, the author, Macauley Peterson, admits a tenth American player, the guy who actually won the event, Fabiano Caruana, holding dual American and Italian citizenship, but playing under the Italian flag.

But there was an eleventh American, a lowly FIDE 2007, who, like Zelig in the Woody Allen movie, remains unheralded in the article and the various USCF web blurbs. Yours truly, old Mike Murray, was there in stealth mode, disguised as a Canadian. A Canadian? How did this come about?

Well, it was purely by accident. The 2009 Grand Pacific Open was my first FIDE-rated event and they registered me as a Canadian. The next year, I asked the Victoria organizers to put me back in the American camp, and they replied that the receiving national federation (i.e., the USCF) would have to (1) request it, and (2) pay FIDE several hundred dollars. Fat chance of that, I thought, and so have continued my rather sparse international "career" playing under the Maple Leaf.

Late last year, the USCF website had an article about the upcoming Reykjavik Open, and Iceland Air offered a really good package price of \$960, including a non-stop flight from Seattle, hotel, daily breakfast and some ancillary transportation. It was a strong open tournament (average rating about 2120 FIDE) with a long heritage, and my rating got me seeded 120th out of 200. I waffled a bit about going, but, after I mentioned the possibility to my girlfriend, Elizabeth, who doesn't play serious chess, but has always wanted to see Iceland, I got no peace until I'd registered.

Iceland was an easy place to spend ten days. Almost everyone speaks English and prices were reasonable. Reykjavik is a safe, orderly city with plenty to occupy off-hours, especially if one is a party animal. Thermal spas and touristy excursions out into the country are available. Elizabeth spent a couple of days horseback riding through the Icelandic countryside. The tournament took place in the grand new Harpa music performance hall on the harbor. Read the *Chess Life* story for full details and photos.

In the first round, I was paired way up against Icelandic Grandmaster Hedinn Steingrimsen. My opening strategy for this tournament, following the example

of Mike Schemm, was to play for unconventional middlegames against stronger players. Of course, this is unlikely to overcome a 550 point Elo deficit, but the game was interesting.

C02 French Advance

GM Hedinn Steingrimsen (2556)
Mike Murray (2007)

Reykjavik, Reykjavik Open (1) 2012

1.e4 ♘c6 2.♗f3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5
 ♘ge7 5.c3 ♗f5 6.♙d3 ♙e7 7.h4 h5
 8.♞e2 ♙d7 9.g3 a6 10.♙g5 ♗a7
 11.a4 g6 12.♗bd2 ♗c8 13.O-O
 ♙xg5 14.♗xg5 ♞e7 15.♞fc1 ♗b6
 16.b3 ♞c8 17.a5 ♗a8 18.b4 c6 19.
 ♗b3 ♗c7 20.♗c5 ♞b8 21.♙g2
 ♙c8 22.♞h1 ♗b5 23.♞d2 ♙d8 24.
 ♞h3 ♙c7 25.♞ah1 ♙d7 26.f3
 ♞bf8 27.♙e2 ♙c8 28.♗d3 ♙b8
 29.g4 ♗g7 30.♙d1

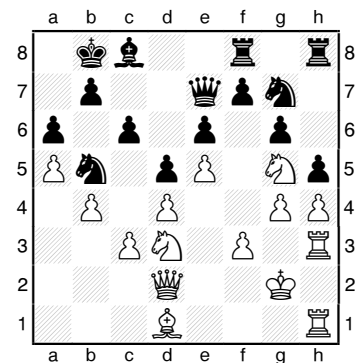


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30...♔a8 31.♚e1 hxg4 32.fxg4 f5
 33.exf6 ♖xf6 34.♗e5 ♘d6 35.
 ♙c2 ♘c4 36.♗xc4 dxc4 37.♚f3
 ♖d8 38.♚xf8 ♚xf8 39.♖e2 ♚f4
 40.♚f1 ♖f8 41.♗h3 ♚xf1 42.♖xf1
 ♖xf1+ 43.♔xf1 e5 44.dxe5 ♙xg4
 45.♗f4 g5 46.hxg5 ♙f5 47.♙xf5
 ♗xf5 48.g6 ♗g7 49. e6 ♔b8 50.e7
 1-0

Steingrimsen made time control on move 40 with 20 seconds to spare, but then broke through quite easily. My 30th move was a mistake. My idea was to tuck the King safely in the corner, away from the coming kingside action. Unfortunately, this left the King hopelessly misplaced when my GM opponent transitioned into the endgame. 30...f6 is about equal.

Well, losing to a GM is no disgrace and I'd felt no trace of the dreaded jet lag. I looked forward to an easier pairing the next round.

The next day, we took the special chess player's version of the Grand Circle Tour, which added a pilgrimage to Fischer's gravesite. It was a beautiful trip, lasting from about 9:00 in the morning until shortly before the second round started at 4:00 p.m. That's when jet lag hit. I was paired with an Icelandic high school girl, rated 1716. The game started to get complicated and my brain felt like it was made of cotton. She offered an early draw. Saved by the rating difference! I snapped it up, and went back to the hotel for a good night's sleep. No such luck. I woke at the usual 6:30 AM Port Townsend time.

When the stores opened, I tried to buy some melatonin to help get my sleep cycle in sync with Reykjavik time, but it



Mike Murray on the Grand Circle Tour photo courtesy of Mike Murray

turns out you can't buy that stuff in Iceland without a prescription. The pharmacist sold me some oat straw tablets which I took diligently for the rest of the trip, hoping at least for a placebo effect.

I was still rummy for Round Three. I had about 300 rating points on my opponent, and we bumbled around until we both got in time pressure and the game evaporated into a draw. In Round Four, my opponent misplayed the opening, dropped a pawn, and I eventually ground him down.

My reward for winning was a 2265 Dutch opponent, Peter Doggers, the publisher of *Chess Vibes*, in the next round. I sacked a pawn for an attack, but misplayed it and lost.

In Round Six, my 1849 opponent fell into a book trap, dropping his Queen.

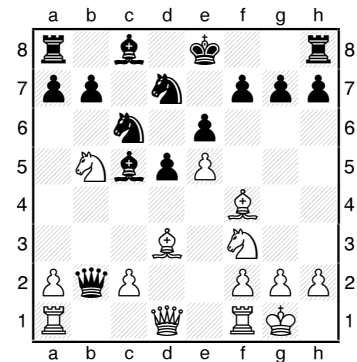
C11 French

Mike Murray (2007)

Atli Antonnson (1849)

Reykjavik, Reykjavik Open (6) 2012

1.e4 e6 2.♗c3 d5 3.♗f3 ♗f6 4.e5
 ♗fd7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 ♙xc5 7.♙d3
 ♗c6 8.♙f4 ♖b6 9.O-O ♖xb2 10.
 ♗b5



Reykjavik



10...♙b6 11.♖b1 ♗xa2 12.♖a1 ♗b2 13.♙d2 d4 14.♗e2 ♘c5 15.♖fb1 ♘xd3 16.♗xd3 ♗xb1+ 17.♖xb1

and 1-0 (29)

Round seven found me playing Black against Gikas, 2219. I played the opening badly, sacrificing a piece for a lost game, but I did get a threatening pawn center as some visual compensation. He played the game too conservatively and ultimately allowed me a winning attack.

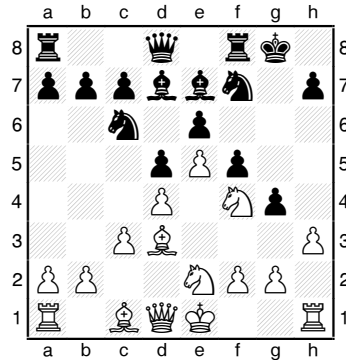
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Andreas Gikas (2219)

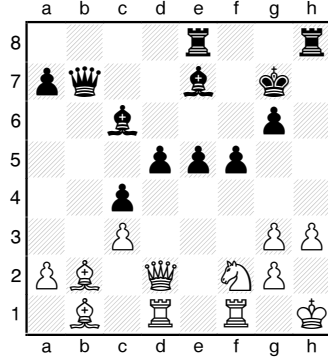
Mike Murray (2007)

Reykjavik, Reykjavik Open (7) 2012

1.e4 ♘c6 2.♘c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.♘f3 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘e4 6.♘e2 ♙e7 7.♘g3 O-O 8.♙d3 f5 9.c3 ♙d7 10.♘e2 g5 11.♘fg1 g4 12.♘f4 ♘g5 13.♘ge2 ♘f7 14.h3



14...♘fxe5 15.dxe5 ♘xe5 16.♙c2 c6 17.♘d3 ♘g6 18.♘ef4 g3 19.fxg3 ♙d6 20.O-O e5 21.♘xg6 hxg6 22.♘h1 ♘g7 23. ♗e2 ♗c7 24.b3 c5 25.♙b2 ♖ae8 26.♖ad1 ♙c6 27.b4 b6 28.bxc5 bxc5 29.♘f2 ♖h8 30.♗d2 ♙e7 31.♙b3 c4 32.♙c2 ♗b7 33.♙b1



33...d4 34.cxd4 ♙xg2+ 35.♘h2 ♙xh3 36.♘h3 ♖xh3+ 37.♘g1 ♖h1+ 38.♘f2 ♖h2+ 39.♙e1 ♖xd2 40.♖xd2 ♙b4 0-1

About this time, the two real Canadians, an IM and an FM, came over and introduced themselves. They didn't recognize me, and asked where in Canada I was from. "About forty miles southeast of Victoria," I replied.

In Round Eight, I had White against another titled player, WGM Lenka Ptacnikova. I had never nicked an opponent whose title included "GM" for as much as half a point, and I played shamelessly for a draw. Okay, WGM isn't GM, but the draw still felt like an accomplishment.

A00 Dunst Opening

Mike Murray (2007)

WGM Lenka Ptacnikova (2289)

Reykjavik, Reykjavik Open (8) 2012

1.e4 d5 2.♘c3 dxe4 3.♘xe4 ♙f5 4. ♗f3 ♙xe4 5.♗xe4 c6 6.♙c4 ♘f6 7. ♗e2 e6 8.♘f3 ♙d6 9.O-O O-O 10.d4 ♗c7 11.♙g5 ♘bd7 12. ♖ae1 ♘d5 13.c3 ♖ae8 14.g3 e5 15.dxe5 ♘xe5 16. ♘xe5 ♖xe5 17. ♗d2 ♘b6 18.♙b3 h6 19.♖xe5 ♙xe5 20.♙e3 ♖d8 21.♗c1 ♘d5 22.♖d1 a6 23.♙d4 ♙xd4 24. ♖xd4 ♘f6 25.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 26.♗e3 ♗d7 27.♘g2 ♘g4 28.♗f4 ♘f6 29.h3 ♗e7 30.♗d2 ♘d7 31.♙c2 ♘f8 32. ♗d3 g6 33. ♗e4 ♗xe4+ 34.♙xe4 ♘e6 35.f4 ♘c5 36.♙c2 ♘f8 37.♘f3 ♘e7 38.♘e3 ♘d7 39.b4 b6 40.♙b3 ♘f6 41.g4 g5 42.a4 ♘d5+ 43.♙xd5 cxd5 44.f5 f6 45.♘d4 ♘d6 46.♘d3 b5 47.axb5 axb5 48.♘d4 ♘c6 49.♘d3 ♘d7 50. ♘e3 ♘c7 51.♘d3 ♘c6 52. ♘e3 ♘d6 53.♘d4 ♘c6 Draw

In the final round, I got ground down by FM Ingvar Per Johanneson. I finished in 95th place with an even score, better than I had expected, gaining 22 rating points.

I heartily recommend this tournament to Northwest players, especially if the organizers continue to offer bargain travel packages. Seven of the rounds were game a day, two games were played on Sunday. Next year, they propose to have ten rounds. Time control was a brisk 40 moves in 90 minutes, then Sudden Death in 30 (all with a 30-second increment). They typically have many titled players from many countries, but a lot of class players also show up. My most critical advice: go two or three days early and get your sleep patterns in order before the event starts! ■



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Idaho Chess News

By Jeff Roland

On April 4, Harold Wetmur kicked off a reconstituted Coeur d'Alene Chess Club, the former having been shut down since October 11. Harold also created a new website (www.cdachessclub.com) for the club. I'll let Harold give his report on the opening event for the new Coeur d'Alene CC:

Checking For Champions

[P]layers who showed up [at Strategy Games in the Silver Lake mall] received private lessons from club President Harold Wetmur and [Blitz Champion] Cory Sturgis . . . , [who has] perhaps as high a rating as 1700 right now. Danny Niemann, age 13, took home the Beginners Trophy prize of a gold-plated half-dollar. . . .

One of the prizes of the evening was a gold plated half dollar given to the owner of the best chess set. There were some very unique pieces such as hand carved chessmen and beautiful marble boards. It was hard to pick a winner for

the best chessboard and men, but the Renaissance chessmen won out, with . . . a close runner-up [being] a very unusual marble chessboard and pieces. . . . Our Blitz Tournament winners received antique silver dollars for taking home first and second place.

If you know of any [people who] would like to learn critical thinking skills and improve their minds by playing chess, while having fun and, possibly, winning prizes, please spread the word.

Blitz & Bughouse

Former Idaho Scholastic Girls Champion, Erica Barkell, held a Blitz & Bughouse Chess Tournament on April 14 at Capital Christian Center in Meridian. Results were as follows:

Blitz Tournament:

Open Section	
1st-2nd	John Nahlen 9.0 Caleb Kircher
3rd	Cody Gorman 6.0
K-6 Section	
1st	Faolan Pridemore 9.0
2nd	Elena Yang 8.0
3rd	Kaleb VanderSys 7.0

Bughouse Tournament:

Open Section	
1st	Kircher-Nahlen 10.0 Caleb Kircher
2nd	Barkell 8.0
K-6 Section	
1st	VanderSys-Yang 5.0
2nd	Hanson-Pridemore 4.0
3rd	Mahin-Paulson 4.0

Wood River Elementary School Championship

The event drew 20 players and was played at Wood River Elementary School in Hailey on April 14. Adam Porth directed and was assisted by his

son, Desmond Porth, President of the Wood River Chess Club.

Last year, Nick Bruck came up with a senior project—to hold a Wood River Championship! The club decided to have it again, making it an annual event.

Wood River Valley Chess Champions:

Kindergarten	Emmitt Stouffer
1st Grade	Owen Stouffer
2nd Grade	Quentin Van Law
3rd Grade	none
4th Grade	Alex Baker
5th Grade	Garrett Stouffer

Adam Porth Resigns from ICA Board

Adam Porth of Bellevue resigned his position of Secretary/Treasurer on the ICA Board of Directors on April 16. Adam had served in that capacity since being elected in 2009. He was responsible for and inspired many positive changes in the way the ICA does things. Adam is beloved by almost everyone in the ICA, and is especially esteemed by most of us on the ICA Board of Directors. Adam is a friend, a fellow chess organizer and tournament director, and an active participant in chess events in Idaho both locally and statewide.

2012 Idaho Open

The 2012 Idaho Open was played in Pocatello at Idaho State University (ISU) Student Union Building on April 21-22. The event was co-sponsored by the ICA and ISU. Jay Simonson was the tournament director.

This tournament had the distinction of being the first-ever Northwest Chess Grand Prix tournament ever played in Idaho (the first of many to come!), and brought players from California, Montana, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming. Although only nineteen players attended the tournament, it was a huge success. The tournament was the first ever tournament for Kerry Shirts (aka the Backyard Professor), who last August 1 started a series

Wood River Elementary School Championship

#	Player	Gr.	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1	Owen Stouffer	1	W5	W11	W6	W9	W2	5
2	Alex Baker	4	D13	W19	W4	W12	L1	3½
3	Luke Baker	1	L1	W17	D18	W20	W9	3½
4	Marquez Rigoberto	5	W16	D9	L2	W17	W11	3½
5	Darwin Porth	1	W14	L6	D17	W10	W12	3½
6	Garrett Stouffer	5	W7	W5	L1	D11	W14	3½
7	Zoe Simon	4	L6	W8	L11	W19	W13	3
8	Quentin Van Law	2	L9	L7	W20	W15	W17	3
9	Devin Karst	5	W8	D4	W10	L1	L3	2½
10	Connor Manning	5	D12	W13	L9	L5	W18	2½
11	Otto Olsen	2	W15	L1	W7	D6	L4	2½
12	Jake Simon	2	D10	W20	W15	L2	L5	2½
13	Zane Barckholtz	4	D2	L10	W16	D14	L7	2
14	Kevin Montes	5	L5	D16	W19	D13	L6	2
15	Ethan Zerba	2	L11	W18	L12	L8	W20	2
16	Aiden Durdle	2	L4	D14	L13	D18	D19	1½
17	Collin Young	2	-B-	L3	D5	L4	L8	1½
18	Gabriel Rogers	2	-U-	L15	D3	D16	L10	1
19	Emmett Stouffer	K	D20	L2	L14	L7	D16	1
20	Keyle Potts	2	D19	L12	L8	L3	L15	½



Photo by Jeff Roland
Idaho Open winner Ted Belanoff

of chess videos on YouTube. He made a video of the tournament which I think captured the spirit and fun of the event perfectly. You can see that video on the ICA website, which links to the YouTube video.

First place, with a perfect 5-0 score, was Ted Belanoff from Woodside, California. Second place was last year's champion, Greg Nowak (a.k.a. "the Octopus") from Missoula, Montana, with 3½ points. There was a tie for 3rd-5th place among Caleb Kircher from Nampa, George Lundy, III, from Boise, and Barry Eacker from Twin Falls, each with 3-2. The Buckendorf Award¹ was won by Jeff Roland (Boise) in the Open Section and Kevin Patterson in the Reserve. The Upset Prize² was won by Isaac Blake (Boise) for his fine win against Patterson in Round Four, a difference of 582 points.

This was the first time we had the MonRoi at an ICA event, and we had a difficult time figuring out the balance between the ease and convenience enjoyed by the players in inputting the moves during play versus the need of the ICA to have a record of every game from every



Photo by Jeff Roland

Idaho Open participants (L-R): Kerry Shirts, Steven Black, George Lundy, Gary Owen, Fred Bartell, Adam Porth, Caleb Kircher (back row), Isaac Blake, Gatlin Scott Black, Clancey Black, Ted Belanoff, Jacob Nathan, Jay Simonson, Gregory Nowak, Barry Eacker, Jeffrey Roland, Kory Puderbaugh, Katie Patterson, Lloyd Blake, Kevin Patterson

player in the event, which we are entitled to have as the organizer of the event. Our solution (this time) was a bit of a strain to the players and to the ICA as well. But the lessons learned here have given us insight to improve this for the future. In next month's 2nd Annual ICA Players Memorial, and the ICA Summer Classic in July, I will be the Chief TD, and I plan to accept a PGN file from the MonRoi either e-mailed to me at the end of the game (there is free Internet at BSU) or given to me via the SD card (I

will also accept print-outs or allow the players to copy the moves and get signatures on the score sheet, if they desire).

Here is the game that decided the tournament:

C41 Philidor

Ted Belanoff (2077)

Gregory Nowak (2109)

Pocatello, Idaho Open (4) 2012

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.♙xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♗e7 6.♗g5 O-O 7. O-O-O ♘c6 8. ♙d2 a6 9.♗d3 ♗e6

10.h4 ♘h8 11. ♖dg1 ♘b4 12.a3 ♘xd3+ 13.♙xd3 ♘g4 14.♙d2 f6 15.♗e3 ♘e5 16. ♘d4 ♗g8 17.f4 ♘c4 18.♙d3 d5 19.exd5 ♗xd5 20.♖d1 ♘xe3 21. ♙xe3 ♗c5 22. ♙g3 ♙d7 23. ♘b3 ♗d6 24. ♖xd5 ♖fe8 25. ♖hd1 ♙e7 26. ♘d4 g6 27.♘b3 ♖ad8 28.♖5d3 ♙e6 29.♘c5 ♙f5 30.♖xd6 ♖xd6 31.♖xd6 cxd6 32. ♘xb7 ♙d7 33. ♘a5 ♙a7 34. ♘b1 ♙c5 35.

Idaho Open										
Open Section										
Player	Residence	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Prize	
1 Ted Belanoff	Woodside, CA	2139	W4	W7	W3	W2	W6	5	\$105.00	
2 Gregory Nowak	Missoula, MT	2109	W9	W6	-H-	L1	W3	3½	51.00	
3 Caleb Kircher	Nampa, ID	1777	W8	W5	L1	W9	L2	3	13.00	
4 George Lundy, III	Boise, ID	1562	L1	W11	-H-	D8	W9	3	13.00	
5 Barry Eacker	Twin Falls, ID	1616	W12	L3	L6	W10	W7	3	13.00	
6 Jeffrey Roland	Boise, ID	1700	W10	L2	W5	D7	L1	2½	Buckendorf Award	
7 Fred Bartell	Twin Falls, ID	1682	W11	L1	W8	D6	L5	2½		
8 Clancey Black	Farmington, UT	1561	L3	W10	L7	D4	W12	2½		
9 Gary Owen	Evanston, WY	1608	L2	W12	W11	L3	L4	2		
10 Kory Puderbaugh	Eagle, ID	1288	L6	L8	W12	L5	L11	1		
11 Stephen Black	Farmington, UT	1119	L7	L4	L9	L12	W10	1		
12 Gatlin Black	Farmington, UT	1017	L5	L9	L10	W11	L8	1		
Reserve Section (U1400)										
Player	Residence	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Prize	
1 Adam Porth	Bellevue, ID	1286	W3	W2	D5	W4	W6	4½	\$45.00	
2 Katie Patterson	Meridian, ID	936	W4	L1	W3	-B-	W5	4	30.00	
3 Isaac Blake	Boise, ID	599	L1	-B-	L2	W5	W7	3	10.50 + Book	
4 Lloyd Blake	Boise, ID	Unr.	L2	W6	W7	L1	-B-	3	10.50	
5 Kevin Patterson	Meridian, ID	1181	W6	W7	D1	L3	L2	2½	Buckendorf Award	
6 Kerry Shirts	Idaho Falls, ID	Unr.	L5	L4	-B-	W7	L1	2		
7 Jacob Nathan	Idaho Falls, ID	449	-B-	L5	L4	L6	L3	1		

Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament

Player	Residence	Pre-	Post	1	2	3	4	Score
1 Corey Longhurst	Meridian	1586	1607	W14	W8	W13	W4	4
2 Shane Taylor	Boise	1400	1429	W7	W6	D4	W5	3½
3 Jeffrey T. Roland	Boise	1692	1690	W16	D5	D6	W9	3
4 Paul Edvalson	Eagle	1598	1583	W12	W11	D2	L1	2½
5 Christopher Pentico	Mtn. Home	1456	1455	W9	D3	W8	L2	2½
6 Peter Olsoy	Boise	1700	1692	W10	L2	D3	W7	2½
7 Nathanael Winchell	Mtn. Home	1000	1015	L2	W12	W11	L6	2
8 Kory Puderbaugh	Eagle	1389	1380	W17	L1	L5	W15	2
9 Max Mihalic	Hailey	1000	1011	L5	W14	W15	L3	2
10 Desmond Porth	Bellevue	1045	1058	L6	L13	W18	W17	2
11 Adam Porth	Bellevue	1265	1262	W15	L4	L7	W14	2
12 Thomas Westcott	Mtn. Home	1000	1013	L4	L7	W16	W18	2
13 Scott Featherston	Boise	1000	1006	-B-	W10	L1	-U-	2
14 Kalen Moffett	Hailey	1000	1000	L1	L9	W17	L11	1
15 Tyler Avila	Hailey	1000	1000	L11	-B-	L9	L8	1
16 Riley Clark	Hailey	1000	1000	L3	L17	L12	-B-	1
17 Martin Felix	Hailey	1000	1000	L8	W16	L14	L10	1
18 Adam Hagensen	Mtn. Home	1000	1000	-U-	-U-	L10	L12	0

♠b3 ♖c4 36.♗f3 a5 37.a4 ♜e1+
38.♔a2 ♜f1 39. ♖a8+ ♔g7 40.g3
♙h6 41.g4 ♗f7 42.♗e4 ♜f2 43.♙d5
f5 44.g5+ ♔h5 45.♗e3 ♜xc2
46.♙f6+ ♔xh4 47. ♖e1+ ♔h3 48.
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53.♗e1+ ♔h2 54. ♙e3 ♜g4 55.
♙xg4+ 1-0

What stands out most to me about the 2012 Idaho Open tournament was the atmosphere and spirit of fun that was had by all. I attribute this to the quality of character of all the players in the tournament. Clearly everyone came to this event to have a good time and to play good chess. Everyone showed the utmost respect for one another, and I cannot remember a tournament I enjoyed more in over 30 years of ICA tournaments!

¹ The Buckendorf Award–Book Prizes, donated by the late Glen Buckendorf, Jr., which go to the top players who did not otherwise win an award. {*The Closed Sicilian*, by Daniel King (Roland); *The Slav*, by Matthew Sadler (Patterson)}

² Upset Prize–*Romantic Chess Openings* by Vladimir Zagorovsky, donated as a prize by Christopher Pentico.

Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament

The Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament was played on April 28 at the Mountain Home Public Library (790 North 10th East). The event, sponsored by Idaho Chess Union (ICU) and Stagecoach Espresso, was rated by Rocky Mountain Chess. Entry was free and

open to everyone! Time limit was G/45. Jeff Roland directed.

Corey Longhurst of Meridian was first place with a perfect score of four points, followed by Shane Taylor of Boise in second place with 3½ points. Plaques made by Masons Trophy in Twin Falls, Idaho, were given to the top two finishers.

We are very grateful to Stagecoach Espresso and the Mountain Home Public Library for hosting the event. We are also grateful to all the players who came to play the fantastic game of chess!

We look forward to future events held at this venue and hope that the Mountain Home chess club really takes off!

Wood River Spring Simul

On May 2, 2012, I got my camera fired up, the ICA laptop computer packed, and even called up a friend, Corey Longhurst, to go see the 2012 Wood River High School Championship tournament, which was going to be held in Hailey! We arrived in Hailey several hours early and as I was showing Corey the really cool bulletin boards in the hall (and there were posters all over the place saying “beware of chess”), we saw Adam Porth in the hall, who said, “Oh, didn't you get my e-mail? The tournament has been rescheduled.” Of course, I thought he was joking! There was NO WAY this was being rescheduled. I have been looking forward to seeing this for weeks. But, as it turns out, he wasn't joking! So there we were, Corey and myself. We had driven 153 miles to see a chess tournament that wasn't happening!

So what to do? Well, Adam Porth quickly organized a pair of Simultaneous Exhibitions in his upcoming class! It is a compliment to Adam's quick thinking and fantastic organizational abilities that he was able to put this together so quickly and efficiently. He put a sign in the middle of the hall, “Chess Today,” and that is a signal to the entire school that something is happening! So everyone came in, knowing something was up. And I don't mind saying that Corey and I were both a little nervous. We came to watch the players play each other, not to clobber us!



Photo by Jeff Roland

Mtn. Home participants (L-R): Riley Clark, Kalen Moffett, Max Mahalic, Martin Felix, Tyler Avila, Shane Taylor, Kory Puderbaugh, Nathanael Winchell, Thomas Westcott (in back), Scott Featherston, Jeff Roland, Desmond Porth, Corey Longhurst, Adam Porth, Peter Olsoy, Paul Edvalson, and Christopher Pentico.

Adam divided the room into two halves. I was to do a simul on one side, and Corey Longhurst would do a simul on the other side. Each of us would have nine opponents. After a very nice introduction by Adam and his lesson on what a Simultaneous Exhibition was and how they came to be, we were all set to start. And that's exactly what happened. We started!!! Results: Jeff Roland won eight games and drew one (vs. Adam Porth). Corey Longhurst won all nine games, but nearly lost to Christoffer Mouritzen, a foreign exchange student from Denmark.

It was a fantastic experience, not only for the students, but also for Corey and me. These students were easy-going, fun-loving, wonderful people who made us feel right at home and like honored guests. By the end of the simul, I was sure we had made many new friends! I look forward to whatever the future holds for our new friends at Wood River High School!

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Amsterdam, Netherlands

Private donations have raised enough money to take care of airfare and an appearance fee for **GM Yasser Seirawan**. He will play in the traditional, nine-day schedule at the **2012 U.S. Open** in Vancouver, August 4-12.

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Oregon City, OR

Since its grand reopening on February 11, the **Museum of the Oregon Territory** has displayed three glass cases full of **Ralph Hall's** chess sets and memorabilia. The museum hopes to make the exhibit permanent.

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Vancouver, WA

The **Cornerstone Last Chance Tournament** attracted 72 players. **Carson Hoel** won the 22-player K-3 Section with a 5-0 score. **Jeffrey Sun** likewise scored 5-0 in the ten-player Gr. 4-6 Section. A tie at four points led to a shared victory by Taylor Coulam and Jayden Murphy in the 17-player Gr. 4-6 U800 Section. **Frederick Davis** was the winner of the ten-player Gr. 7-12 Section, scoring 3.5/4. Tyler Collins and Tra Friesen topped the five-player Gr. 7-12 U900 Section with 3-1 scores. Andy May (4-0) won an eight-player adult section.

Courtesy of Micah Smith

Redmond, WA

The **Washington State Girls' Championship** was held at the Redmond Library. Nine girls showed up to participate in this event. The winners were: 1st **Becca Lampman** 3.5, 2nd Sarah May 3.0, 3rd Sangeeta Dhingra 2.5. They each received a trophy. Becca plans to play in the All Girls National Championship in Chicago. TD David Hendricks.

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Tacoma, WA

The **Daffodil Open** was held at the club on March 31. There were eight players in all. **Joseph Kiiru** scored 3.5/4 in winning the Top Half and Steve Buck won the Bottom Half with three points. TD Gary Dorfner.

Courtesy of Gary Dorfner

Portland, OR

Micah Smith of Vancouver, WA, and FM **Nick Raptis** of Portland shared top placing with 4-0 scores at the March 31 **Portland CC G/60** event. Twenty-six players took part under the direction of Neil Dale of Portland.

Courtesy of Rusty Miller

Seattle, WA

Elena Donaldson's **Tournament of Champions and Challengers** was held at the Seattle CC on April 7. There were eleven players in the K-3 Section and 21 in the Gr. 4-6 Section. The winners were: K-3, 1st **Andreas Farny** 4-0, Leschi ES; 2nd George Michailov 3-1, Audubon ES. 4-6, 1st **Kyle Haining** 4-0, Ridgecrest ES; 2nd Jan Buzek 3-1, Lowell ES.

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Seattle, WA

The **Clark Harmon Memorial** was held at the Seattle CC, April 13-15. Twenty-nine players showed up to participate in this event. **Peter Lessler** won the 12-player Open section, scoring 4.5/5. Samuel He and LM Viktors Pupols tied for 2nd/U2100 on 3.5. Gary Edwards and Joseph Kiiru scored 2.5 to share U1900 honors. Alan Walk topped the Reserve with 4.5, while Steve Buck came 2nd on four points. Davey Jones and Jothi Ramesh tied for U1600 on 3.5, while Josh Yokela captured the U1400 prize with the same score. Aditya Kannan won the U1200 prize with 2.5 points.

Courtesy of Gary Dorfner

Spokane, WA

Thirty players took part in the **Inland Empire Open** on April 21-22. **John Julian** of Spokane Valley and **Cameron Leslie** of Idaho topped the chart with their 4.5-.5 scores. They did not play each other. Kevin Korsmo handled the TD tasks.

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Memories of the Boulevard

by Dan Bailey

A warm hello to all chessplayers of the Northwest and to their diaspora! Which includes me. Your *Northwest Chess* Editor of 1975 has been resident in Caracas, Venezuela, since late December of 1990.

I moved in with my lady friend (previously met in Seattle—four years later to become my wife, continuing) plus her folks and 11-year-old daughter from her first marriage. The latter three spoke no English and I, little Spanish. In some twelve hours, I'd exchanged a snowstorm on Seattle's Capitol Hill for a heat wave on the valley floor of east-central Caracas.

Exploring on foot my third day, I chanced on Sabana Grande, Caracas's pedestrian boulevard which, with its westward extension through Central University, is said to be the longest in the world. Stores lined it, and banks, and fast-food places. People, though no longer the high society of previous decades, were strolling. I joined a great mix of humanity moving through peddlers, past a few cross-legged beggars, by a fire-breather and a scarves-disappearing act, then a Peruvian panpipe band. "Café!" called out a man toting a thermos and little plastic cups. But I later learned if you wanted your java with a booze backstop, you cocked your ear for "Toddy!" That first walk in the boulevard, I could not help but acknowledge the renowned beauty of Venezuelan women (which is real, because so many Venezuelan women themselves believe it is real). I once encountered a young woman in form-fitting jeans and snug black t-shirt coming my way down the boulevard. She was lovely head to toe and hardly needed the rather small white lettering across her breasts to attract any further attention, but there it was. At the last millisecond of socially acceptable street observational distance I was able to read: "But is it art?" Her consummate loveliness plus this delightful query persuaded me to turn and take in her receding form. On her back: "Does it matter?"

As if this moveable feast were not enough, I soon came upon—could it be?—a chess-playing area! Consisting of eight pairs of rickety tables in a row bearing four vinyl mats per pair under sagging weathered canvas perched on tent poles: room for 64 players engaged in blitz and skittles with gaggles kibbitzing or conversing nearby. Wow! And just a 15-minute walk from my new South American home! I soon learned I had only to pay a ridiculously cheap hourly rate, sit down, set up grimly battered, though simultaneously indestructible, Staunton chessmen of adaman-

tine plastic, and hope for a challenger. The hard-bitten fellow who ran the place, though largely silent about how life had turned out for him, in those early days would ask round for a game for the stranger from the North. I hardly had to wait at all.

In retrospect chess and its generous embrace had a huge amount to do with smoothing my switch of Americas. If I knew no more than a smidgeon of Spanish, at least I could speak chess on the green and white squares. My USCF low Class-A chops were generally enough to launch me into a tenable game. Before too long and as my Spanish improved (also as others' English limbered up), I met some kindred spirits.

This was all far too long ago. Recently, I heard this chess area no longer exists. For sixteen of my more than 22 years here in Caracas, I didn't own a car. Part of the upside of that long period of buses, the subway and walking, was, while home-ward-bound of an afternoon, I'd pass through the boulevard for some chess and conversation. All that ended when I bought a small blue Ford. We've moved a few times, too, with the result that my urban circuits no longer take me anywhere near the boulevard. A loss! But memories remain.

I gravitated to the stronger players. They were out to win, but loved chess more, and this distinguished them from a fair number of their weaker brethren. One not uncommon tactic in the boulevard was casually sloughing a piece three-quarters onto one square and a quarter onto another . . . then by degrees two-thirds onto one and a third onto the other . . . at last achieving 55%-45% dual occupancy. And then the slougher—slumped back in his chair, one arm hanging behind, eyes half-closed—would suddenly lunge forward to slam down a killer (but illegal) move, blowing your King out of its tub (as Yasser Seirawan put it once). This shot he'd instantly back up with a vehement defense of the piece in question's supposed square of origin. I learned to enjoy this stratagem a lot

more standing as a spectator than sitting as an opponent. But the serious players didn't go in for this sort of thing. As always and everywhere, what attracts their kind to the boulevards (and to the lectures, the simuls, the clubs and the tournaments) is the sub-



lime and mysterious heart of chess. Here's hoping their wisdom in the following is instructive.

John the Canadian

One such player was John. See a Canadian with a scuffed briefcase, in his mid-60s: lantern-jawed, gray-haired, bald pate, erect, tall, dignified. He always wore the same blue blazer, which showed it. John worked for himself, giving English classes in companies. But the more we saw of him in the boulevard, the worse we knew business was—and we saw him more and more. The two of us played half a dozen games, blitz and skittles. He won them all. Three or four were Wilkes-Barre (a.k.a. Traxler) Variations of the Two Knights' Defense with John playing Black. He delayed a move my quaintly old opening materials said he should make at a given point. It saved him a key tempo, it seemed to me, giving him raging initiatives in the sharp line. To wit: 1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘f6 4.♘g5 c5 5.♙xf7+ ♗e7 6.♙d5 ♖f8 7.O-O. Now comes 7...d6 (say my ancient screeds); but John would play 7...♙e8. Or we'd go 6...h6 7.♘f3 and again instead of 7...d6, 7...♙e8 with the idea ...♙h5. Whatever the value of accelerating the Queen transfer, his results vs. his fellow North American were 100%.

One day a National Master told me John had been diagnosed with cancer. From there, I saw the solemn Canadian every time I visited the boulevard, playing and playing, looking worse and worse. The only conversation I recall having with him turned at one point to my work. I said I'd just gotten a job in the languages department of a university. New light suddenly shone in his weary eyes, a late, but wild, hope surged up and all but spoke—"Maybe I can get in there, too!" Then reality pressed down its heavy mantle; hope subsided as fast as it had taken wing. After a moment he looked up again and said, "I am happy for you. I am happy for you." Soon after, John disappeared from the boulevard. The NM told me he'd gone into a public hospital (pitiable places in Venezuela) where the end had come fast.

Jorge the Master

That NM was slim Jorge Guerra, at the time perhaps in his mid-30s; no greater gentleman has graced (may he still be gracing) Venezuelan chess. The person introducing us made our divergent strengths clear to Jorge so it was kind of him to sit down for a game. He played a Pirc and I got a big center. Then a bigger center. The play was all mine. I pressed, did some damage, and achieved a winning Rook-and-pawn ending. Which I botched: draw. But I left the boulevard feeling cocky, and wondering just a little about Jorge's supposed rank. The next time I saw him and asked what he'd been doing, he said humbly, "Studying the Pirc Defense." We sat down for three games. He played circles around me. It was clear who was the NM.

Three memories of Jorge stand out. First, his philosophy of chess. "I don't like the classical pawn center if it's just to exploit space," he said after I'd tried to do exactly that out of a Rossolimo Sicilian. "That way maybe you can, maybe you can't, win a pawn someday; and even if you do, maybe you can, maybe you can't win the game with the pawn someday." He preferred openings holding a pawn lever or two in reserve [the Czech Benoni (*c4-d5-e4 vs. c5-d6-e5 pawn chains*) with P-KB4 and P-QN4 in the air for both players comes to mind]. Second, Jorge told me that while working for the central telephone exchange in what must have been the mid-70s, it was his task one night to connect a thrilling call: negotiations for a Fischer-Karpov match in Caracas! Jorge confessed he simply could not resist quietly staying on the line listening. Of course, we all know such efforts (including with Viktor Kortchnoi, who met with Fischer in a park as Yasser recounted in these pages in 1975) failed until the second Spassky match. The third memory: one day in the boulevard not far from the chess tables as Jorge and I were walking along, two young kick-boxers squared off. It was no show. Had to do with a woman, murmured a man in an expensive suit, his eyes fixed intently on the circling foes. Many Venezuelans fasten rapt on physical mayhem; rubber-neckers clog traffic at car wrecks. And now a quick crowd instantly ringed the pair as first one, then the other, tried 360-degree spin kicks aimed at the other's head. An appreciative roar went up as the moist schwock! of a foot smashing a face was heard. Jorge had seen enough. He stepped in to stop the violence, prompting boos. As he remonstrated with the combatants, people drifted off, some grumbling. Finally, the kick-boxers also left in different directions. It was impressive: one man of peace overcoming a large throng plus two martial artists hungry for violence. And that man? A Master of a game of war!

Laszlo the Champion

Returning to the theme of chess philosophy, I recall another strong player in the boulevard, a silver-thatched Hungarian in his 60s. He said he had once lost to Tigran Petrosian—"I had a draw"—in an Olympiad. After he'd established his bona fides by beating me in three games I found very odd, he explained his modus operandi. Once the opening has put in place the board's architecture, he stops and makes a careful assessment. What is the maximum expression of his opponent's position and of his? What piece is key to the

success of his opponent's future attack? Or to put it another way: the elimination of which one of his opponent's pieces causes his future attack to fall short? Finally: how can I exchange off that piece? These questions answered, he embarks on sometimes quite extended maneuvers to remove that one piece. This explained our games.

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In each, I seemed to be holding my own for a good while. True, I hadn't a clue what he was doing. He'd pick up the piece I least expected him to move and put it somewhere I hardly expected it to go. He seemed to be feinting, retrenching, waiting. For what? But I was happy: playing a lot of moves at even material with this fellow who had a big rep in the boulevard? Not bad! Then an exchange or two would transpire and things would get grim in a hurry. He'd concentrate fire on a point in my position; I soon discovered couldn't take the heat. And I couldn't, for some reason, make my own play amount to anything. All along, I'd never had a chance—at least, not one that I'd come anywhere close to understanding.

Thanks to IM John Donaldson's thorough research, I can now identify this man as Laszlo Tapaszto (b. 1930) who left Hungary after the Soviets crushed the uprising of 1956. He then settled in Venezuela where over 31 years he would become National Champion six times. Previously he'd played in two Hungarian Championships; in the New World he competed in a FIDE Zonal and on three Venezuelan Olympiad teams. The loss in the latter venue to Petrosian came in 1964 in Tel Aviv. As an aside and as noted in Yasser's engrossing *Chess Duels*, the then-reigning World Champion would go on to compile one of the truly astonishing marks in chess history. On ten Soviet Olympiad teams over twenty years, the Armenian played 130 games winning 79 (Hooper and Whyld, 1992).

He lost: one (to Robert Hübner)—a losing percentage of 0.77 often against the best the world could offer. In any case, the Hungarian, after a good start in a Center-Counter Defense, would be out-waited, as Petrosian kept the position move after move. "Sometimes it's better to let the other Master taste the joy of the initiative" is how the 12th World Champion once put it. Now at 82, the tri-continental silver-thatched man I met in the boulevard plays out of Rochester, New York—at this writing rated 2318. My hat is certainly off to Mr. Laszlo Tapaszto.

El Cuchillo

A fourth regular in the boulevard was the one I played the most. Of indeterminate age with Amerindian features, jet-black unkempt hair and something in his eyes that made you feel suddenly less comfortable, a man of few words and those not friendly, he was known in the boulevard as El Cuchillo—The Knife. How he got that name I never learned, but whispers said he was not stable. And, indeed, one day I saw him emotionally complaining with startling force to someone about something that hardly seemed to matter: a chess table with a slightly too-short leg. But when I'd arrive at his board, El Cuchillo would calmly nod me into the empty chair. His style was like a dragon's breath or a bull on methamphetamines the picadors had been too scared to pick. One day, I watched him take apart IM Juan Rohl at speed chess three games in a row,

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when I left. A look of significant dejection had begun to steal across the titled player's face. Someone told me El Cuchillo could have been National Champion but for his "state."

A digression on Juan: I deeply regret being too slow to edit an article that polite young man had given me for submission to *Inside Chess* magazine. The late Mike Franett, with copious more recent good material on his hands, in the end did not quite run Juan's piece. It would have showcased a fine win the IM had had in an international tournament—the likes of which tournament subsequently seemed to dry up for Juan. I happened to see a piece of his in one of the two major Caracas dailies taking the Venezuelan Chess Association to task for an uncaring attitude towards helping Venezuelans compete abroad. The Association's response was to impose an age limit on the next edition of the Venezuelan championship which, by about a week, screened out Juan (about 30 at the time). I'm not happy to see online that his FIDE rating of 2411 has been unchanged since 2008. But I am happy to note that, at 39, Juan still is ranked as high as number three in his country and is Coordinator of the Petare Sports Project. Emphasis soccer. Petare, on Caracas's eastern edge, is South America's largest hilltop shantytown with a population of 370,000.

In about half our twelve to fifteen games, El Cuchillo rushed across the board and summarily gored me to death. He'd use any gambit, sound or unsound, and otherwise probe my suspect grasp of theory with antique debuts like the Center Game. Once, as Black, he played 1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6

3.♙c4 ♘d4 no doubt to see if I knew about 4.♗xe5 ♙g5 5.♘xf7 ♙xg7 (no comment on that, thank you very much). In the other half of the games, I'd manage to side-step his initial charge, matador-style, and endeavor to make him pay for his ultra-aggressiveness. Emphasis on "endeavor" as opposed to "make him." For he was maddeningly resourceful! Time and again, I thought I was on the verge of turning the tables, making him fall back to defend a dodgy structure or try to scrounge a draw, his sacrificial attack exhausted. But uncannily, time and again, El Cuchillo would pull yet one more tactical rabbit out of his hat, setting me on fire all over again. Perhaps I managed not to lose one, or at most two games—while my chess intuition was telling me I ought to be winning most. Perhaps even he agreed with that assessment, but noting how I struggled to cope, was engaged, like Lasker, in playing the man, not the board. Or perhaps he was shouldering the aesthetic burden formulated in a recent quotation on the Mechanics' Institute site: "When we play someone weaker, we have a responsibility to win beautifully."

El Cuchillo never treated me ill. Two or three adoring sycophants generally hovered close by. They were poor players who deferred to El Cuchillo's superior knowledge not only of chess but—they seemed to believe—most everything. A "pow!" would sound in the middle distance and they'd look at him. "Firecracker," El Cuchillo would say, contemplating the board. "Gunshot," he'd say the next time. They would nod. Indeed the boulevard was not considered the safest of areas. Strong-arm robberies of pedestrians occurred; my chess colleagues sternly warned me to keep my briefcase not beside, but under, my table, pressed between my feet. And the bank opposite the chess area was once robbed amid gunplay. I

wasn't there that day, but heard about it. Yes, it was best to keep your wits about you in the boulevard. Yet somehow that felt acceptable. After all, wasn't that what we were supposed to be doing at the board?

One day, I moved a Bishop far down a diagonal. El Cuchillo's quick response sent me into a long think (though he played fast, he never complained about my slowness). At long last, I put the Bishop back where it had been. "Ha!" derisively chortled his principal acolyte at this apparent idiocy. El Cuchillo sat up straight, turned, and told him severely, "That was a good move and he's a good player." I tell you, my friends in chess: those words, coming from El Cuchillo, made me feel as honored as have any others in my 61 years.

Giuseppi the Jeweler

Then there was Giuseppi the Italian. About 40 always, somehow, with a six-day growth of beard, Giuseppi made jewelry trinkets. Our unspoken agreement was that if I bought one or two, we could have a game. I considered the deal very reasonable for chess



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lessons. Giuseppi's style reminded me of Gene Fullmer the boxer: nothing elegant, just bruising roughness coming at you all the time. He could be out-danced, but if he got inside, you were in for a grueling experience. One day,, playing Jorge Guerra he brought to mind something else—African nature footage I'd seen as a kid. Jorge's stylish leopard had numerous claws and teeth into him. But Giuseppi's wart-hog finally shook loose and, far from running away, went after the feline, slashing with his tusks and, at last, driving the exhausted cat from the clearing. When you thought you were getting Giuseppi, you were only getting him mad.

Thus the gods had evidently awakened in a good mood the afternoon I got play, stymied Giuseppi's, and pressed a kingside attack. No canvas protected us from the east wind which sprayed small raindrops onto the vinyl mat as well as our heads. It was his move; he remained preternaturally still for a very long time; small puddles expanded on the mat. For my part, I was not about to abandon a rare favorable position against such a good player even come the Flood. Finally, Giuseppi tipped over his King! Only one thing marred the moment: I didn't know why! He had to explain it to me. Thus concluded my finest-ever game in the boulevard: playing the right moves for the wrong reasons, I had backed into the full point unawares. Giuseppi congratulated me with full dignity and never failed to praise that win in our subsequent meetings, which helped him sell me a lot more trinkets.

Lucio Grande

At the eastern end of the boulevard in Plaza Brion, as opposed to its western terminus at Plaza Venezuela, there was, for a time, another chess area run by a short Argentine in his 60s named Lucio Grande. Lucio was a doctrinaire classicist, our Tarrasch, and the strongest player among us. In contrast with the other tables a fast 20-minute walk away where the

Chess on Sabana Grande



photo by Michael Stravato for the New York Times (2007)

strong players g a t h e r e d , Lucio's operation attracted journeymen; so there your writer was on the chess map. Lucio set up his tables not in a row, but as a square Roman phalanx with narrow internal passageways. He strung little lights overhead between three trees for evening play when there was no way you were going to eke out your

pawn-down draw in merely the daylight hours. Lucio had a son in Miami he spoke of infrequently; at those moments his eyes would seem to hope, just a little, that he might join his boy there some day. For old age had begun to gather over him. In the meantime, he ran his operation, including organizing a few tournaments, for any passersby who wanted to give chess a try.

In the final round of one such event, I found myself a half-point off the pace. I needed a win plus two or three other specific results; all this came to pass. So on to a two-game playoff for the tournament. I won the first with Black. Spotting an opportunity to kill all play in the second I leapt on it, entering dead-drawn territory. My non-tournament-playing middle-aged opponent (and good for him—he tied for first on his first try!), seeing this unfold, found it morally indefensible and took umbrage. “Look what he’s doing!” he protested to a spectator. “Well, yeah,” replied the guy. “That’s what you do.”

Lucio had been trying for weeks, confidently, to get some little winner's prize out of any of the nearby merchants for his modest event. In the end, under the little lights strung between the trees when everyone else had gone home, Lucio could only offer me his solemn handshake. I cherish it. He was a fine, hard-working man. When last I saw him, he was walking on a poorer street in another part of the city. He looked older. He mentioned his son, but his eyes were sad.

Epilogue

By that time his chess area had long since bit the dust. There had been dark rumors that sub-district officials were going to do away Lucio's operation. But there'd also been rumors that the district mayor was going to save us. This was none other than tall, blonde and stunning Irene Saez, former Miss Universe and presidential candidate. Her campaign got off to a great start, the main opponent way behind in the polls. But as time passed, speaking powerfully about *corruptos* and *oligarcas*, he closed the gap. The numerous poor were flocking to him and the minority rich were too few to hold up Irene. People began to scoff at the notion that the country could be saved by a Faerie Queene. (Venezuela always believes it needs saving, bringing to mind an exchange from Brecht's *Galileo*: “Pity the country without heroes.” – “No. Pity the country that needs heroes.”). In a late desperate move, Saez restyled her hair to look as much as possible like Eva Perón, but it didn't help. Hugo Chavez swept into power in 1998 by a landslide. I'm no fan of his—if only he'd proved to be a competent democratic man of the left like Brazil's Lula da Silva—but he carved up Irene like El Cuchillo carved up me. It turned out the Faerie Queene did not save the country. Nor even Lucio's chess area. She moved to Miami.

Thus my memories of the boulevard. Now I want to walk its entire length to see if it could possibly be true there's no longer any chess there. Will I find Giuseppe selling his trinkets? I know Jorge got a good job, had his bad teeth out and dentures in; he looked great last time I saw him. It's nice to see online what Juan Rohl is doing. Play on, Laszlo Tapaszto!—who just may have learned a great deal from that loss to Petrosian. Where is my friend (I do think of him that way) El Cuchillo? Lucio, may you be well either here, in Argentina, or in Miami.

Good John of Canada: Rest in Peace. ■

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By the time you read this, it will be outdated. The Washington Open, along with six other May events, will have added many points to players' totals (the first event of May, the Oregon Class, is already included in these stats). The WA Open had a 4x multiplier this year, due to a smaller guarantee. It still will likely be the most impactful event of the year to GP standings. Many of next month's leaders will have been in attendance.

This is not to say that there aren't more opportunities to gain points, just that you'll have to work harder to catch up. Looking ahead to June and July, fifteen events are being held in Boise (1), Portland (3), Seattle (6), Spokane (2) and Tacoma (3). Everyone should be able to find a place to play on the weekend of July 14 and 15, when events will be held in Boise, Portland, Spokane and (on Sunday only) Seattle. Everyone should plan to play somewhere that weekend; it'll be good warm up for the U.S. Open in Vancouver. (Not a GP event, but go ahead and play there anyway. I'll be taking attendance.)

Idaho

Oregon

Washington

Masters

Raptis, Nick	71.0	Pupols, Viktors	21.5
Breckenridge, Steven	26.0		
Haessler, Carl	2.0		

Experts

Gay, Daniel	30.5	Bartron, Paul	49.0
Esler, Brian	24.0	Julian, John	30.5
Morris, Michael	19.0	Moroney, Timothy	28.0
Heywood, Bill	18.0	Merwin, Steven	24.0
Janniro, Mike	16.0	Lee, Megan	20.0

Class A

Leslie, Cameron	28.5	Sherrard, Jerry	34.0	Buck, Stephen	78.0
Joshi, Kairav	27.5	Cigan, Jason	28.5	Szabo, Marcell	51.0
Havrilla, Mark	15.5	Levin, Scott	25.0	Lampman, Becca	34.5
		Sun, Maxwell	16.0	Smith, Micah	31.0
		Witt, Steven	15.0	Bulakh, Nikolay	27.0

Class B

Williams, Richard	22.0	Gaikwad, Dagadu	41.0	Zhang, Derek	42.0
Bodie, Brad	16.0	Saputra, Yogi	37.5	Nagase, Masayuki	28.0
Kircher, Caleb	5.0	Hasuike, Mike	19.5	Nagase, Toshihiro	26.5
Eacker, Barry	5.0	Burris, Christopher	15.0	Fabian, Steve	22.0
Two tied at	4.5	Dalthorp, Matt	13.0	Davis, Frederick	22.0

Class C

Weyland, Ronald	24.0	Sato-Duncan, Takuma	30.5	Ramesh, Jothi	30.5
Lundy, III, George	5.0	Doddapaneni, Venkat	29.0	Piper, August	29.0
		Sharan, Pranav	22.0	Burney, James	22.5
		Falbo, Clement	18.0	Thomas, Arjun	22.5
		Dietz, Arliss	17.0	Jones, Davey	19.5

Class D and Below

Jaroski, Jeffrey	19.0	Buerer, Harry	25.0	Richards, Jerrold	46.5
Porth, Adam	6.5	Sharan, Praveer	24.5	Kirlin, Patrick	19.0
Patterson, Katie	6.0	Murphy, Dmitri	23.0	Schumaker, Peter	18.0
Blake, Lloyd	5.0	Brahmarouthu, Abhinav	17.5	Three tied at	16.0
Blake, Isa	5.0	Svetal, Scott	17.0		

Overall Leaders, by State

Leslie, Cameron	28.5	Raptis, Nick	71.0	Buck, Stephen	78.0
Joshi, Kairav	27.5	Gaikwad, Dagadu	41.0	Szabo, Marcell	51.0
Weyland, Ronald	24.0	Saputra, Yogi	37.5	Bartron, Paul	49.0
Williams, Richard	22.0	Sherrard, Jerry	34.0	Richards, Jerrold	46.5
Jaroski, Jeffrey	19.0	Gay, Daniel	30.5	Zhang, Derek	42.0
Brodie, Brad	16.0	Sato-Duncan, Takuma	30.5	Lampman, Becca	34.5
Havrilla, Mark	15.5	Doddapaneni, Venkat	29.0	Smith, Micah	31.0
Porth, Adam	6.5	Cigan, Jason	28.5	Julian, John	30.5
Patterson, Katie	6.0	Breckenridge, Steven	26.0	Ramesh, Jothi	30.5
Five tied at	5.0	Levin, Scott	25.0	Piper, August	29.0
		Buerer, Harry	25.0	Moroney, Timothy	28.0
		Sharan, Praveer	24.5	Nagase, Masayuki	28.0

Players from Other Places

Donaldson, John	CA	2408	28.0
McCourt, Daniel	MT	1797	27.0
Hay, John	MT	1537	22.0
Kennedy, Tim	MT	1432	21.0
Carpenter, Romie	MT	1839	20.0
Phillips, Robert	MT	1820	20.0
Belanoff, Ted	CA	2127	19.0
Martin, Robert	MT	1737	18.0
Wierson, Jim	MT	1537	18.0
Caffrey, Colin	MT	1436	16.0
McBroom, William	MT	1639	14.0
Miller, Frank	MT	1473	14.0

Most active GP players

Buck, Stephen	WA	1805	13
Szabo, Marcell	WA	1936	11
Raptis, Nick	OR	2323	8
Piper, August	WA	1548	8
Gaikwad, Dagadu	OR	1601	7
Richards, Jerrold	WA	1387	7
O'Gorman, Peter	WA	1868	7
Sherrard, Jerry	OR	1947	6
Buerer, Harry	OR	1286	6
Ramesh, Jothi	WA	1582	6

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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.

Attendance at 2012's events

G/15 Ch. (3/2)–6; *Insanity* (12/31-1/1)–7; *Novice* (1/21)–9, (3/18)–5; *Quads* (1/28)–14, (2/25)–19, (3/17)–23, (5/14)–19; *Tornados* (1/8)–14, (2/5)–5, (3/4)–14, (4/1)–14, (4/30)–14, (5/19)–19; **Seattle City Championship** (1/13-15)–30; **Seattle Spring Open** (3/23-25)–51; **SCC Team in Reno** (4/6-8)–6; **SCC Adult Swiss** (5/5-6)–9.

Attendance at 2011's events

Novice (4)–ave. 4; *Quads* (12)–ave. 22.75; *Tornados* (12)–ave. 19; *3-Day Wknd Tnmts* (5)–ave. 50.6; **Yaz Lecture/Book-signing** (4/10)–60, **Adult Swiss** (4/30-5/1)–10.

June 17, July 15

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/64. **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

Sunday Tornado

July 7, August 18

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.

Saturday Quads

July 21

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$11 by 1/5, \$16 at site. (-\$2 for SCC mem., -\$1 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4–commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

SCC Novice

Darby Monahan Memorial Grand Prix

Winners 10/1-5/31

August Piper finished in first place with 219.5 points, while **Fred Kleist** edged out **Jothi Ramesh** 200.9 to 197.1 by buying a t-shirt on the penultimate day. 241 people racked up points in the Monahan Memorial GP. Eighty-two participated in the full weekend events, eighty on Wednesdays, seventy in the Sunday Tornados, sixty-six in the Saturday Quads, and fifty in Friday rated games.

Thanks to all who participated!

Emerald City Open

June 22-24

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/64 or G/60;d5). The prize fund of \$800 is based on forty-four entries.

a Northwest Grand Prix event

Open		Reserve (U1700)	
First	\$200	First	\$140
Second	\$130	Second	\$90
U1950	\$95	U1450	\$65
		Unr	\$20

Upset (rds 1-4) \$15

Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 6/20, \$42 at site. SCC members–subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, and WA–subtract \$4. Unr–free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m.

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

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

Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF membership req'd. No smoking. No computers.

Upcoming Events

June 16-17

Newport Open

Site: Central Lincoln PUD, 219 N Coast Highway (south of Walmart), Newport OR. **Format:** 5-SS. **TC:** Rds 1-2 G/90; Rds 3-5 40/90, SD/30. **EF:** \$35 if rec'd by 6/15. \$40 at site. **Prize Fund:** \$\$1000 (b/35). **Prizes:** \$150-90, U2000 90-60, U1800 90-60, U1600 90-60, U1400 90-60, U1200 60, U1000 60, UNR 40. **Reg:** 10:15-10:45 a.m. **Rds:** 11-2:30-6, 9:30-2. **Misc:** NC. NS. **Ent/Info:** Bill Barrese 541-563-7033; blbrs2020@yahoo.com.

♣ **June 23**

Qualchan Quads ♣

Site: Spokane Valley Library, E 12004 E Main, Spokane WA. **EF:** \$16. **Format:** 3RR. **TC:** G/120. **Reg:** 8:30-9:45 a.m. **Misc:** USCF req'd. NC. **Ent/Info:** Dave Griffin, PO Box 631, Spokane Valley WA 99037, 509-994-9739, dbgrffin@hotmail.com, www.spokanechessclub.org.

♣ **June 30**

Portland Chess Club G/60 ♣

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

♣ **June 30**

Evergreen Empire Open ♣

Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave E, 2nd floor, Room 11 in the DTI Soccer Store Building across from Alfred's Café (two blocks downhill from Tacoma Dome). **Format:** 4SS. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20. **Prize Fund:** \$\$135 (b/10). **Prizes:** Top Half 50-25, Bottom Half 35-25. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:30-3-5:30 or ASAP. **Byes:** Avail. **Misc:** ICA/OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd. NS. NC. NW. **Entries/Info:** Gary J. Dorfner 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445; 253-535-2536; 253-306-7137 (club); ggarychess@aol.com.

July 7-8

Oregon Senior Championship

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July 8-13

Canadian Open

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♣ **July 14**

Northwest Open ♣

Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave E, 2nd floor, Room 11 in the DTI Soccer Store Building across from Alfred's Café (two blocks downhill from Tacoma Dome). **Format:** 4SS. **TC:** G/60. **EF:** \$20. **Prize Fund:** \$\$135 (b/10). **Prizes:** Top Half 50-25, Bottom Half 35-25. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:30-3-5:30 or ASAP. **Byes:** Avail. **Misc:** ICA/OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd. NS. NC. NW. **Entries/Info:** Gary J. Dorfner 8423 E 'B' St, Tacoma WA 98445; 253-535-2536; 253-306-7137 (club); ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **July 14-15**

Portland Summer Open ♣

Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24 Ave, Portland OR. **Format:** 5SS, 2 sec.—Open & U1800. **TC:** 40/90, SD/30. **EF:** \$35, \$10 discount for PCC Members. No advance entries. **Prize Fund:** \$\$650 (b/40) **Prizes:** Open \$150-100, U2000 75; Reserve \$100-75 U1600 50, U1400 50, U1200/UNR 50. **Reg:** begins at 9:00. **Misc:** ICA/OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd, OSA. **Info:** portlandchessclub@gmail.com, 503-246-2978, www.pdxchess.com.

♣ **July 14-15**

ICA Summer Classic ♣

Site: Boise State University (BSU) Student Union Bldg, 1910 University Dr, Boise, ID. **Format:** 5SS, 2 sec.—Open and Reserve (U1400). **TC:** Rd 1—G/90, d5; Rds 2-5—G/120, d5. **EF:** \$30 by 7/9 (U18 & 60+ \$25; \$10 for BSU Club Members, Family Rate of \$60). \$5 more for all if rec'd after 7/16. E-mail entries rec'd by 7/9 will lock in adv rate. OK. **Prize Fund:** \$\$600 (b/30 non-BSU). **Prizes:** Open \$200-100-75, Reserve 100-75-50. **Reg & check in:** 8-8:30 a.m. **Rds:** 9-1-6, 9-2. **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye in Rds 1-4 only, commit by end Rd 2. **Misc:** USCF mem. req. NC, NS, W. **Ent/Info:** www.idaho-chess-association.org; Jeff Roland, 1514 S Longmont Ave, Boise ID 83706; jroland@cableone.net; chks payable to Idaho Chess Ass'n.

♣ **July 14-15**

Spokane Falls Open ♣

Site: Gonzaga University (Schoenberg Center) Rm. 201, N 800 Pearl St, Spokane WA. **Format:** 5SS. **TC:** G/120. **EF:** \$18 if rec'd by 7/29 (u18 \$15), \$25 at site. Unrated in first event—FREE. Phone entries accepted. **Prize Fund:** \$\$500 (b/25, 4/prz gp). **Prizes:** \$120-80, U1800 60-30, U1600 60-30, U1400 60-30, Biggest Upset 30 (no prov. rtgs). **Reg:** 8:30-9:30 a.m. **Rds:** 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. **Byes:** One ½-pt. bye allowed, if req'd before preceding rd; Sunday byes must be req'd before end of Rd 3. **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NC. Spokane City Championship match [G/120 + G/10 (if needed)] held concurrently. John Julian vs. ??? **Entries:** David B Griffin, PO Box 631, Spokane Valley WA 99037. **Info:** 509-994-9739.

♣ **July 28**

Portland Chess Club G/60 ♣

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

July 28

Run/Chess Championship

Sites: for timed mile—Newport Middle School Track, 825 NE 7 St, Newport OR 97365; for chess—Lincoln County PUD Bldg, 2129 N Coast Hwy, Newport OR 97365 (just s. of Walmart) **Format:** Run, jog, or walk a timed mile after reg. Your time for the mile will be your opponents' time for the 5-SS. **TC:** variable. **EF:** \$5. **Prizes:** Championship trophy; additional age/group trophies as participation allows. **Reg:** 11:30-11:45 a.m. at the track. **Rds:** noon—timed mile, Rd. 1—1:00 p.m. **Info:** Bill Barrese blbrs2020@yahoo.com; 541-563-7033; 3599 E Alsea Hwy, Waldport OR 97394.

August 4-12, 7-12, or 9-12

U.S. Open

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