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From the Editor's Desk

by Frank Niro

The 2012 U.S. Open in Vancouver WA, was an outstanding success. This is in large part because of the support of the Northwest chess community. A quick count shows that 294 of the 517 players in the championship reside in the states of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. USCF Executive Director Bill Hall and US Open Committee chair Henry Terrie of New Hampshire went out of their way to acknowledge the local support, especially the tireless efforts of Vancouver resident Russell "Rusty" Miller who led an informal publicity campaign on *Facebook*, on the Internet forums and in the local media.



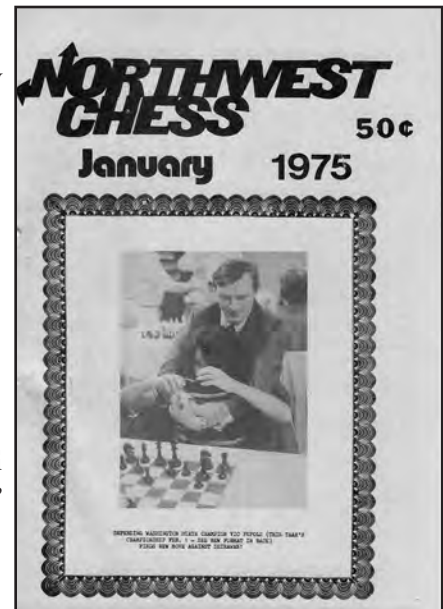
Speaking of *Facebook*, be sure to visit the nwchess.com web site and follow the links to the NWC *Facebook* page, as well as the new NWC blog and the *Northwest Chess* logo store on CafePress.com.

I am pleased to report that the NWC Board of Directors met in Vancouver and confirmed my appointment as Editor through at least the end of 2012. After that, Jeffrey Roland will take over. I assure you that the magazine will remain in capable hands throughout.

Our coverage this month focuses on the U.S. Open and its many side events, including the Denker and Barber tournaments, the Weekend Swiss and daily Quads. Details from the discussions and actions at the USCF delegates' meeting will be added in October. Congratulations to all!

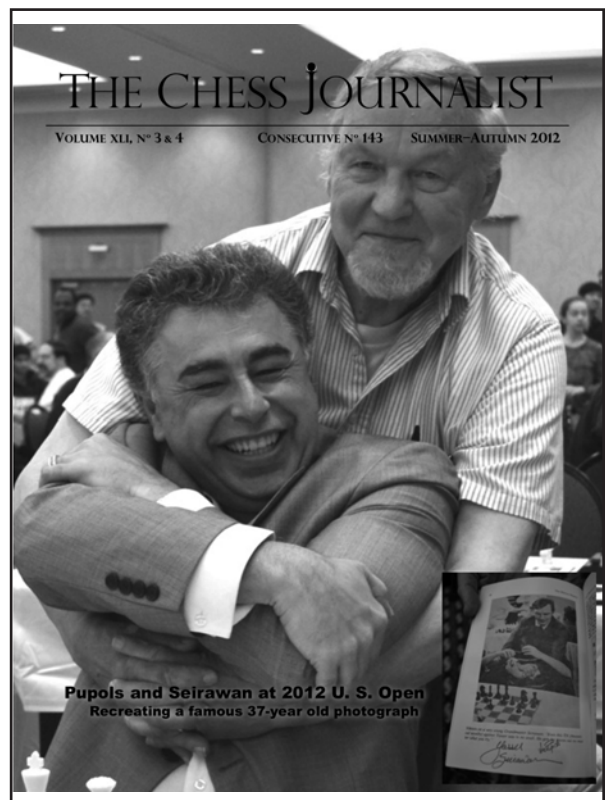


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**Pupols and Seirawan at 2012 U. S. Open
 Recreating a famous 37-year old photograph**

Webster University Freshman Manuel Leon Hoyos wins 2012 U.S. Open Chess Championship

It seemed unlikely to some at the start of the tournament that the reigning champion of Mexico, a 23 year old undergraduate at Webster University in St. Louis, could add the Open Championship of the United States to his impressive list of chess credentials.

True, the wall chart clearly showed the “GM” before his name. And, yes, he carried the highest rating into the event at 2679. But experienced Grandmasters and former champions Yasser Seirawan, Alexander Shabalov and Dmitry Gurevich were in the field. So was GM Alejandro Ramirez who competed in the U.S. Closed Championship held in May at the St. Louis Chess Center. Add three members of the defending national collegiate championship team at Texas Tech including GM Anatoly Bykhovskiy and GM Andre Diamant (former champion of Brazil) who are now his teammates at Webster, as well as a host of IMs and FMs, and it was easy to look elsewhere at the start to predict the eventual winner. Besides that, Manuel Leon Hoyos was not a familiar name - until now!

GM Hoyos started the tournament with seven wins, including a sparkling and energetic win against GM Ramirez in round seven. Draws against Yaacov Norowitz of New Jersey (2569) and Seirawan (2674) accounted for his final 8-1 tally. FM John Bryant of California and Gurevich, finishing with four straight wins after a modest start, also garnered eight points for a three-way tie at the top of the 517 player field.

The first two players on tie-break (Hoyos and Bryant) were seeded into an Armageddon playoff for an extra \$200 in prize money and the championship trophy. An Armageddon playoff is a one game blitz match of 5 minutes vs. 3 minutes (in this case with 5 second delay), black having draw odds. Hoyos had his choice of color by virtue of higher tie-break points (47 vs. 45 for Bryant) using the modified Median system. Hoyos won the playoff in an exciting 54-move game watched by more than a hundred spectators gathered in a semi-circle around the table. A live broadcast of the game on MonRoi.com, delayed for a few minutes by a scorekeeping glitch, allowed thousands of interested chess fans around the world to follow the action in real time.

Hoyos, Manuel (2679) - Bryant, John (2455)

[A16] US Open - Armageddon, August 12, 2012

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nb6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 Nc6 9.Be3 h6 10.Rc1 Be6 11.a3 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.b4 e5 14.b5 Nd4 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.Nd2 a6 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.bxa6 Rxa6 19.Rxc7 Rxa3 20.Qb1 b5 21.Rfc1 Rc3 22.Ne4 Rxc7 23.Rxc7 Rb8 24.Qb4 Qe5 25.Rc6 Bf8 26.Qb3 Kg7 27.Ra6 b4 28.Ra7 Qf5 29.Qb2 Qd5 30.e3 b3 31.Ra4 Bc5 32.Ra5 Rc8 33.Rb5 f5 34.Nxc5 Rxc5 35.Rxb3 Kf7 36.Rb7+ Ke6 37.Rb6+ Kf7 38.exd4 Rc7 39.Rb5 Qf3 40.d5 Qd1+ 41.Kg2 Qxd3 42.Qe5 Qe4+ 43.Qxe4 fxe4 44.h4 Kf6 45.Rb6+ Kf5 46.h5 gxh5 47.Rxh6 Kg5 48.Re6 Kf5 49.Rd6 Rc2 50.Kf1 Ke5 51.Rd8 Rd2 52.Rh8 Rxd5 53.Rxh5+ Kd4 54.Rxd5+ 1-0

It is expected that Bryant, as the first American finisher, will be seeded into the next U.S. Closed Championship, assuming that the current qualifying rules remain unchanged for 2013.

The festivities included a large number of tournaments and side events. The most notable of these were the Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. Both events be-



Roland Feng of WA, rated 2204, finished 4th with 4.5/6 in the Barber K-8. Feng's only loss was to the winner, Tommy He of TX. Photo credit: Philip Peterson

gan with an opening ceremony on Saturday, August 4. All three Northwest states were represented in the Denker and the Barber tournaments with Roland Feng of Washington, already a rated master at 2204, taking fourth place in the six round Barber event with 4.5 points. Feng was awarded a \$300 scholarship and was also presented with the best game prize.

Nathan Jiang (ID) and Aaron Grabinsky (OR) finished with three points each. Mayhul Arora (WA) was the local alternate and gained a win and a draw in two games.

The 28th Annual Denker Tournament of Champions was won by Atulya Shetty of Michigan over Darwin Young of Texas. Shetty won a scholarship to University of Texas at Dallas. Alexandra Botez of Oregon was the highest finisher among the Northwest players with 3.5 points in six games. Michael Omori (WA) had 2.5 points and Adam Jiang (ID) finished with 2 points. Local alternate Cole Hunt (WA) had 1 point.

The notion of college scholarships for chess players is a growing phenomenon in the U. S. Recently, Lindenwood University in St. Charles MO, and Webster University in St. Louis were added to the list of nearly two dozen institutions of higher education that offer at least partial scholarships to chess players. Ten years ago, that number was less than a half dozen.

Webster sponsored a four-player team to the U.S. Open and their investment was immediately rewarded. In addition to the main event winner Hoyos, GM Andre Diamant and IM Vitaly Neimer were co-winners of the G/15 event while Diamant edged out his teammate, GM Anatoly Bykhovsky, by a mere half point to earn the title



Clean Sweep! L to R: GM Andre Diamant (US Open Blitz Champion and US Open g/15 Co-Champion), GM Manuel Leon Hoyos (US Open Champion), and IM Vitaly Neimer (US g/15 Co-Champion). All three are students at Webster University.

Photo credit: Susan Polgar Chess Daily News & Information

U.S. Open Blitz Champion. A sweep of all three titles has not previously been accomplished by any university. The team is coached by GM Susan Polgar, former coach of the two-time national championship Texas Tech University team. Diamant, Neimer and Hoyos were all on campus during the summer taking classes. As a result, they had the opportunity to prepare with each other and GM Polgar for the tournament. GM Bykhovsky was on a financial market internship in New York City for the summer and had less time to work on his chess. Bykhovsky finished with a score of 7-2, losing to the two playoff contenders and winning all of his other games. Congratulations to Webster University President Beth Stroble and



Alexandra Botez of OR vs. the Minnesota champion Kevin Bu in round 4 of the 2012 Denker tournament in Vancouver, WA. Photo Credit: Andrei Botez



Michael Omori of Washington vs. Michael Christianson of Georgia, round 4, 2012 Denker tournament in Vancouver, WA. Photo credit: Andrei Botez

and Provost Julian Schuster (himself a strong chess player) on their team's success.

The fact that the benefits of chess are rooted in the core values of the university were evidenced in remarks made at the opening ceremony of the 2012 Susan Polgar Foundation Girls Invitational in July by Dr. Brenda Fyfe, Dean of the Webster University School of Education. "Chess has many benefits," Dr. Fyfe said, "and among them is the fact that the game teaches you to consider things from the other person's perspective before making an important decision." Here's hoping that many other colleges any universities will follow Webster's lead.

Among the few disappointments of the festivities was the fact that only six players participated in the U.S. Open Women's Championship. Nevertheless, Northwest players took away the top prizes. The winners were: 1st Chouchanik Airapetian from WA, 4.5 points, \$650; 2nd Sarah May (WA), 4 points, \$400; 3rd Sandra Pahl (WI), 2.5, \$275; 1st U2000 Naomi Bashkansky (WA), 2.0, \$225; 1st U1800 Dawn Fields (WA), 1.5, \$225; 1st U1600 Emily Saletan (WA), 1.0, \$225.

The first weekend featured a two-day five round swiss system tournament and a one day scholastic event with over 100 players. The Washington Chess Federation, as the host federation, supplied volunteer result takers for the scholastic (Russell Miller, Jeffrey Roland and others) and, in so doing, earned a few hundred dollars for the WCF and OCF coffers.

The U.S. Open Weekend Swiss, the first side event of the U.S. Open, was won by Nick Raptis of Oregon and

Francisco Guadalupe II of Texas who tied for first with 4.5 points in five rounds. Yogi Saputra and Takum Sato-Duncan, both of Oregon, tied for 3rd-4th with 4-1. Josh Sinanan of Washington, Carl Haessler of Oregon and Michael Goffe of Oregon were the Northwest players in the group tied for 5th through 9th with 3.5 points. 41 Players entered the event including 16 players from Oregon and 13 from Washington.

This final round game between Raptis and Sinanan had a direct impact on the final standings.

Raptis,Nick - Sinanan,Josh
(2309) (2263)

[E08] US Open - Weekend Swiss
Round 5, August 5, 2012

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.c4
Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 c6 7.Nc3 Nbd7
8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Bb7 10.Qc2 Rc8
11.Rfd1 b5



12.Nd2

Another line is 12.e4 dxc4 13.bxc4
bxc4 14.Qa4 Nb6 15.Qxa7 Qc7
16.Qa5 Ra8 17.Qe5

12...b4 13.Na4 c5 14.Rac1 cxd4
15.Bxd4 Qa5 16.Qb1 Bc6 17.cxd5
exd5 18.Nb2 Nc5 19.Nd3 Nce4
20.Qb2 Bb5 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Nf4
Rfd8 23.Bh3 Rc6

Geographic distribution of players in the U.S. Open Chess Championship held in Vancouver, WA, August 4-12, 2012.

United States:

Washington - 171
Oregon - 112
California - 46
New York - 17
Texas - 14
Idaho - 11
New Jersey - 10
New Mexico - 9
Illinois - 8
Colorado - 7
Florida - 7
Wisconsin - 6
Michigan - 5
Utah - 5
Missouri - 5
Nevada - 5
Louisiana - 4
Tennessee - 4
Hawaii - 4
Massachusetts - 4
Alaska - 3
Pennsylvania - 3
Indiana - 3
North Carolina - 3
Maryland - 3
Iowa - 3
Oklahoma - 2
Ohio - 2
Connecticut - 2
Virginia - 2
Minnesota - 2
Georgia - 2
New Hampshire, Maine,
Kentucky, So. Dakota,
Alabama & No. Dakota - 1

Total: 490 from 38 states

Foreign:

Canada - 21
Other Foreign - 6

Total Players – 517



24. Rxc6 Bxc6 25. Rc1 Bb5 26. e3 h6 27. Bf1 Bxf1 28. Kxf1 Qb5+ 29. Kg2 a5 30. Rc7 Rd7 31. Qc2 Qf5 32. Bxf6 Rxc7 33. Qxc7 Bxf6 34. h3 h5 35. h4 g6 36. Qc4 Kg7 37. Qd5 Be5 38. Qxa5 Bxf4 39. Qxf5 gxf5 40. gxf4 Kf6 41. Kf1 Ke6 42. Ke2 Kd5 43. Kd2 Kc5 44. Kc2 Kb5 45. Kb2 Ka5 46. a4 Kb6 47. Kc2 Kc5 48. Kd2 Kd5 49. Ke2 Kd6 50. f3 Ke6 51. fxe4 fxe4 52. f5+ Kxf5 53. a5 1-0

Sinanan started the Championship event with three straight wins before drawing with Guadalupe (2317) in round 4. Here is his win in round 3.

Sinanan, Josh - Rajasekaran, Vikas (2263) (1950)
 [E00] US Open - Weekend Swiss
 Round 3, August 4, 2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Bxd2+ 5.Qxd2 0-0 6.Nf3 Ne4 7.Qc2 d5 8.Bg2 Nd7 9.0-0 b6 10.cxd5 exd5



Josh Sinanan, as President of the host Washington Chess Federation, had a busy schedule both on and off the chessboard. Besides attending meetings and lugging around banners, he played in the Weekend Swiss, the Game/15, the Tuesday Quad, the US Open Blitz and the main event, finishing with 19 wins, 12 losses and 5 draws, a total of 36 games in 9 days against, for the most part, master level competition.

Photo credit: Russell Miller

11.Qc6 Ba6 12.Qxd5 Bxe2 13.Qxe4 13...Bxf1 14.Kxf1 c5 15.Nc3 Nf6 16.Qh4 Rc8 17.Rd1 cxd4 18.Nxd4 Rc4 19.Kg1 Qc8 20.Bf1 Rb4 21.Rd2 Re8 22.a3 Rxb2 23.Rxb2 Qxc3 24.Rc2 Qa1 25.Nf5 h6 26.Qd4 Qb1 27.Qd3 Qa1 28.Rc7 Qe5 29.Rxa7 Ne4 30.Ne3 Qf6 31.Qc2 Ng5 32.Bg2 Qa1+ 33.Nf1 g6 34.h4 Ne6 35.Bd5 Qe5 1-0

Daily Quads

There were five sets of Quads, beginning each day Monday through Friday at Noon. The following summaries were compiled from Gary Dorfner's

reports on the NWC blog:

The **Monday Quads** were held with 26 players forming six sections. The winners were: Quad #1 Nicholas Karas (CA), 3.0, Quad #2 Michael Goffe (OR), 2.5, Quad #3 Odysseus Rodriguez (WA) and James Mulligan (WA), 2.0, Quad #4 Boas Lee (WA), 2.5, Quad #5 William Allison (OR), and Chris Kim (MD), 2.0, Quad #6 (run as a 6 player swiss) Nagarajan Kanan (FL).

The **Tuesday Quads** were held with 40 players forming 10 sections. The winners were: Quad #1 Kevin Mo (PA), 2.0, Quad #2 Nicholas Karas (CA), 2.5, Quad #3 Michael Goffe (OR), 3.0, Quad #4 Kenneth Truong (WA) and James Wang (WA), 2.5, Quad #5 Connor Riddell (NY), 3.0, Quad #6 Jon Douglas Strohehn (WA), 3.0, Quad #7 Aaron Pikus (OR), 2.5, Quad #8 Jake Winkler (OR), 2.5, Quad #9 Josiah Perkins (OR), 3.0, Quad #10 Geordyn Alyn (OR) and Travis Miller (AK), 2.0. Fourteen states were represented in this event.

The **Wednesday Quads** had only eighteen players in five sections. A player in Quad #4 dropped out and there were only 3 players in Quad #2. The winners were: Quad #1 Nicholas Karas (CA), 3.0; Quad #2 Jon Haskel (FL), 3.0, Quad #3 Boas Lee (WA), 2.5. Boas won the Monday Quad, did poorly in the Tuesday Quad but came back and won the Wed. Quad. Quad #4 Tanish Kothapalle (TN), 3.0, Quad # 5 Jon Eikenberry (OR), 3.0. Eikenberry & Gary Dorfner were paired in round 3. They each had two points and so they were battling it out for the prize money

In the **Thursday Quads**, fifteen players participated in two 4 player

sections and a Mini Swiss. The winners were: Quad #1 Nick Raptis (OR), 3.0, Quad #2 Harry Heublum (NY), 3.0, Mini Swiss: 1st, Jake Winkler (OR), 3.0, 2nd, Adam Culbreth (OR), Tanish Kothapalle (TN) and Nicholas Wong (HI), 2.0.

As with Josh Sinanan, Nick Raptis played 36 games in five events (Weekend Swiss, Game/15, Thursday Quad, Blitz and Main Event). His record was 27 wins, 6 losses and 3 draws, raising his rating from 2309 to 2327.

The **Friday Quads** were the last of the side events. There were sixteen players participating in 4 sections. The winners were: Quad #1 Charles M. Unruh (OK), 3.0, Quad #2 Glen Ossiander III (WA), 2.5, Quad #3 Ethan William Allison (OR), 3.0, Quad #4 Sanford Long (WA) and Nicholas Wong (HI), 2.5.

Open Scholastic Tournament

There was also a 104-player scholastic tournament on the opening weekend. Nine states plus British Columbia were represented.

The following students took top honors in their respective groups:

Grades 1-3

1st place Rowan James (BC), 4.0, 2nd Varvara Okuneva (CA), 3.0, 3rd Dylan Xu (WA), 2.5, 4th Tanish Kothapalle (TN), 2.5, 5th Eric Zhang (WA), 1.5 points.

Grades 4-6

1st place David Talyansky (OR), 4.5, 2nd Toshihiro Nagase (WA), 4.0, 3rd Chi Xu (OR), 3.5, 4th Cristin Botez (OR), 3.5, 5th Simona Nayberg (CA), 3.5 points.

Grades 7-9

1st Nathaniel Yee (WA), 4.0, 2nd Masayuki Nagase (WA), 4.0, 3rd Olga



FIDE Master Nick Raptis of Oregon scored an impressive 28.5 points in 36 combined games at the U.S. Open events against tough competition, raising his rating to 2327. Photo credit: Frank Niro

Cherepakhin (WA), 3.5, 4th Noah Franklin (WA), 3.0, 5th James Cummings (WA), 3.0 points.

Grades 10-12

1st Philip Weiss (OR), 3.0, 2nd Alexander Webb (OR), 2.0 points.

Under 1000

Elementary

1st Ananta Ranganathan (WA), 5.0, 2nd Michael Frias (OR), 5.0, 3rd Liam Reis (WA), 4.0, 4th Aaron Probst (WA), 4.0, 5th Gavin Zhang (OR), 4.0 points.

Primary

1st Michael Klingler (OR), 4.0, 2nd Michael Strigul (NJ), 3.5, 3rd Ryan Clark (WA), 3.0, 4th Zane Godil (OR), 3.0, 5th Ankur Moolky (OR), 3.0 points.

Under 1200

Grades 7-9

1st Preston Fenimore (OR), 4.0, 2nd Daniel Fan (WA), 4.0, 3rd Josiah Perkins (OR), 3.5, 4th Benjamin Kleier (OR), 3.5, 5th Cameron Mckedy (WA), 3.0 points.

Grades 10-12

1st Jonathan Yau (OR), 5.0, 2nd Isaak Jensen (WA), 1.0, 3rd Allan Cavins (WA), 1 point.

There was also a bughouse tournament, of course, with 13 two player teams. It can be said that there was pretty much something for everyone, including fine dining and sightseeing in the beautiful Vancouver weather for the non-chess playing members of the family. The winners of the bughouse tournament were: 1st R. Ritchea-N. Karas, 9.0; 2nd B. Lee-J. Mulligan, 8.0; 3rd-4th J. Sheng-E. Allison and M. Goffe-Sato-Duncan.

In the U.S. Open Game/15 Championship, the Webster University undergraduates made their presence known. 38 players took part in this event. The winners were: 1st-2nd GM Andre Diamant, former champion of Brazil, now living in Missouri and his teammate IM Vitaly Neimer from Israel, 4.5; U2000 Nikolay Bulakh (WA), Yifei Han (BC), Michael Goffe (OR) and Zhaozhi Li (IL), 3.0; U1800 Kristen Dietsch (WA), 3.0; U1500/Unr. David Griffin (WA), Dillon Murray (OR) and Jeremy Harlin (WA), 2.0; Under 1200 Kannan Nagarajan (FL.) and Nicholas Wong (HI), 1.0.

There were 129 players participating in the US Open Blitz Championship. There were 7 rounds of two games, one with each color. The winners were: 1st GM Andre Diamant from Webster University in MO, 12.0 of 14; 2nd Anatoly Bykhovsky also representing Webster University, 11.5; 3rd U2400 Atulya Shetty (MI), Steve Breckenridge (OR) and Nick Raptis (OR), 11.0; 1st U2200 Bryce Tiglon (WA), 11.0, 2nd U2200 Tanraj Sohal (BC), Michael Wang (WA), Andy May (WA), Li Zhaozh (IL), 10.0; 1st U2000 Yifei Han (BC) and Takum Sato-Duncan (OR), 9.0, 2nd U2000 Charles M. Unruh (OK), Tony Kulkavica (CA), Josiah Stearman (CA) and Ethan Neff (WA), 8.5; 1st

U1600 Gabriel Skoro (OR), 8.0, 2nd U1600 Diallo Wilson (WA), 7.0; 1st-2nd U1400 Marc Huang (WA) and Nathan Jewell (OR) 7.0; 1st U1200 Brian Chen (WA), 6.0; 2nd U1200 Nicholas Wong (HI) and Ethan Wu (OR), 5.0; 1st-3rd UNR. David Jensen (WA), Stephen Vance (WA) and Ian Vaughn (WA), 5.0. There were 15 states represented in this tournament, one of the largest U.S. Open Blitz Championships in history.



Grandmaster Andre Diamant of Webster University, former champion of Brazil, won the U.S. Open Blitz Championship and shared first in the Game/15 with his teammate, IM Vitaly Neimer.

Photo credit: Philip Peterson

The Traditional Schedule in the main event, one of three schedules that merged at the end of round six, started on Saturday with 205 players. After three rounds, there were 11 perfect scores: 1 GM Seirawan, Yasser (WA) 2674; 2 Norowitz, Yaacov (NJ) 2569; 3 IM Mulyar, Michael A (CO) 2456; 4 IM Kaufman, Raymond (CA) 2420; 5 Breckenridge, Steven (OR) 2349; 6 FM Raptis, Nick (OR) 2330; 7 WFM Labeledz, Patrycja Anna (TX) 2329; 8 Sinanan, Joshua (WA) 2259; 9 Mac Farland, James (CA) 2215; 10 Cheng, Kun Jack (BC) 2156; and, 11 Gustafsson, Alexander (UT) 2060.

Among the players a point behind with two points was Harley Greninger of Washington who defeated Troy Pendergraft of Oregon in round 3.

Greninger,H (2197)-Pendergraft,T (1853)

[B06] US Open

Round 3, August 6, 2012

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Be3 b5 6.Qd2 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nd7 8.a4 b4 9.Ne2 c5 10.c3 a5 11.Ng3 Rc8 12.cxb4 cxb4 13.0-0 Ngf6 14.e5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.e6

{see diagram, next column}

16...Nf8?



16...fxe6 17.Ng5 with better prospects for Black than in the game.

17.Bb5+ Bc6 18.exf7+

18.Rfc1!. For example, if 18... Bxb5 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Qxd5+ e6 22.Ne5+ Kg8 23.Qxb5

18...Kxf7 19.Ng5+ Kg8 20.Rac1 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Bxb5 22.axb5 h6 23.Qb3+ e6 24.Nxe6 Nxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kh7 26.Rc6 Qe8 27.Qc4 Bxb2 28.Rc7+ Bg7 29.b6 Qd8 30.h4 Rxc7 31.bxc7 Qd7



32.h5 Rc8 33.hxg6+ Kh8 34.Re1 Rxc7 35.Qxc7 Qxc7 36.Re8+ Bf8 37.Rxf8+ Kg7 38.Rf7+ Qxf7 39.gxf7 b3 40.Ne4 a4 41.Nd2 Kxf7 42.f4 Kf6 43.Kf2 Kf5 44.Kf3 h5 45.g3 b2 46.Nb1 Kf6 47.Ke4 Ke6 48.f5+ Kf6 49.Kf4 1-0

The next three rounds were difficult to follow as the six-day schedule got underway with its 187 players and the four-day schedule added another 127 combatants plus a handful of re-entries.

At the end of round 6, the schedules merged with GM Manuel Leon Hoyos posting the only perfect score. He had beaten both of his Grandmaster teammates, Diamant and Bykhovskiy, in rounds four and five.

There was a hungry pack of chasers a half point behind including Yasser Seirawan, Yaacov Norowitz, Salvijus Bercys and Oregon champion Steven Breckenridge from the traditional schedule, GM Alejandro Ramirez and Denker H.S. Champion Atulya Shetty from the six-day schedule, and Jarad Pamatmant from the four-day schedule.

GM Leon Hoyos drew the Black pieces against GM Ramirez in what turned out to be the key game of the tournament.

W: GM Alejandro Ramirez (2643)
B: GM Manuel LeonHoyos (2679)
 [A59] US Open, Vancouver WA
 Round 7, August 10, 2012
 (Notes by GM Manuel Leon Hoyos)

This was the seventh round of the tournament and my 4th game of the day as I chose the 4 day schedule. At this point after the merge I was the only player with 6 points and I had at least half a dozen a half-point distance behind.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 b5

The Benko Gambit. I started to play the Benko when I was very little. It is one of my favorite weapons because it offers unbalanced positions where Black, in exchange for the pawn, develops very fast and seeks dynamic counterplay on the queen side. In contrast with other openings, the theory of the Benko Gambit is not thoroughly developed.

5.cxb5 a6 6.bxa6 Bxa6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.e4 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 d6 10.g3 0-0 11.Kg2 Nbd7

Here white has many set ups to play. The most popular are 12.Re1 and 12.h3.



12.Qe2 Qa5



GM Alejandro Ramirez of Texas was 5.5 out of 6 going into his 7th round game with GM Hoyos, after drawing with GM Shabalov in round 5. Photo credit: Andrei Botez

A natural move. The ideas to follow are development of the king's rook by ...Rfb8 and to press on the queen-side.

13.a4 Rfb8 14.Bd2

Aiming for Nb5 and Bc3



14...Rxb2!

I calculated for some time and I felt there was more than enough com-

pensation for the exchange.

15.Nd1 Rxd2 16.Nxd2 Nxe4 17.Nc4

17.Ra2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 (18.Rxd2 Nb6 Also a nice position for black) 18... Qxd2 19.Rxd2 Rxa4 with a really nice position for black.

17...Qb4



18.Ndb2?

I was expecting the more natural move 18.Ra2 where 18...Bd4 and 18... Ne5 offer good chances to pursue the attack.

18...Nc3! 19.Qxe7

Perhaps my opponent missed the strength of my next move. If instead 19.Qd3, then Bd4 also favors Black.



19...Ne5!

After this move white's position completely collapses as all his pieces are clumsily displayed.

20.Qxd6

20.Nxe5 Bxe5;
20.Qh4 g5!;
20.Nxd6 Qxb2

20...Nxc4 21.Qc6



21...Ne3+!

It was a nice way to finish the game taking advantage of the exposed king.

22.fxe3 Qe4+ 23.Kh3 Qf5+ 24.Kg2 Rb8 25.Nc4 Qe4+ 26.Kh3 Qxc4 27.Raf1 Nxd5 28.Rb1 Rd8 29.Rhc1 Qe4 30.Qxc5 Nxe3 0-1

Following this round, 14 players were within one point of the lead with two games to go:

- 1 GM Leon Hoyos, MEX 2679 7.0
- 2 GM Seirawan, Yasser WA 2674 6.5
- 3 Norowitz, Yaacov NJ 2569 6.5
- 4 IM Bercys, Salvijus NY 2479 6.5
- 5 GM Bykhovskiy, Tolik ISR 2653 6.0
- 6 GM Diamant, Andre BRA 2573 6.0
- 7 GM Gurevich, Dmitry IL 2539 6.0
- 8 IM Sarkar, Justin NY 2483 6.0
- 9 IM Mulyar, Michael A CO 2456 6.0



GM Yasser Seirawan (white pieces) faces off against GM Manuel Leon Hoyos in Round 9 of the 2012 U.S. Open in Vancouver, Washington, August 12, 2012.
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- 10 FM Bryant, John CA 2455 6.0
- 11 Shvartsman, Andrew NJ 2343 6.0
- 12 Mo, Kevin PA 2325 6/0
- 13 Sinanan, Joshua WA 2259 6.0
- 14 Sheng, Joshua CA 2079 6.0

Grandmaster Manuel Leon Hoyos, while relatively unknown in the United States, has been playing top level chess for a long time. Leon Hoyos became a FIDE Master in 2000 at age 11, an IM at age 15 in 2004 and a Grandmaster at age 19 in 2008. He is the highest FIDE rated player in the history of Mexico.

The leader drew with Norowitz in round 8 and Seirawan in round 9 to set up the Armageddon playoff described at the beginning of this article.

Leon Hoyos, M - Norowitz, Y
(2679) (2569)

[A13] US Open, Vancouver WA
Round 8, August 11, 2012

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Nbd7 5.b3 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bb2 b6

- 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.e3 dxc4 10.bxc4 Nc5
- 11.d4 Nce4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Qe2 Qc8 14.Bh3 Qa6 15.Nd2 Bb7 16.e4 c5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.e5 Nd7 19.Rfd1 Ba3 20.Bxa3 Qxa3 21.Bg2 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Qb2 23.f4 Nc5 24.Kf1 Rac8 25.Nf3 Na4 26.Rac1 Rc7 27.Rc2 Qb4 28.Ng5 Nc5 29.Kg2 Qa4 30.Nf3 h6 31.h4 Nb7 32.Rd4 Rfc8 33.h5 Qc6 34.Kh2 Na5 35.Nd2 Qa4 36.Ne4 Rxc4 37.Rcxc4

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Rxc4 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Nd2 Rd4
 40.Rxd4 Qxd4 41.Kg2 Kg8 42.Kh3
 b5 43.Qxb5 Qxd2 44.Qe8+ Kh7
 45.Qxf7 Qd3 46.Qxe6 Nc4 47.Qc6
 Ne3 48.Qf3 a5 49.a4 Qf1+ 50.Qxf1
 Nxf1 51.g4 Ne3 52.f5 Kg8 53.Kg3
 Kf7 54.Kf3 Nc4 55.Kf4 Nb6 56.g5
 Nxa4 57.e6+ Kf8 58.f6 Nb6 59.e7+
 Kf7 60.fgx7 Nd5+ 61.Ke4 Nxe7
 62.gxh6 Ng8 63.Kd5 Nxh6 1/2-1/2



Seirawan,Y - Leon Hoyos, M
(2674) (2679)

[A57] US Open, Vancouver WA
 Round 9, August 12, 2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5
 a6 5.b6 d6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.e4 g6
 8.Nf3 Rb8 9.h3 Bg7 10.Bd3 0-0
 11.0-0 Qxb6 12.Qc2 a5 13.Na4 Qa7
 14.Bd2 Ba6 15.Bc3 Nb6 16.Nxb6
 Rxb6 17.Nd2 Nd7 18.Bxg7 1/2-1/2

One of the opinions voiced regularly by players and coaches in the Pacific Northwest is relative ratings. National Master Carl Haessler, among others, has stated that players in this region are underrated compared to the rest of the country. This is the first time in many years that there has been a large enough sample to test that theory.

The result? Of the 294 Northwest players in the main event, 60 of those with established ratings gained 30 or more points in the tournament,

Most Rating Points Gained - Northwest Players 2012 U.S. Open Championship, Vancouver WA

(Ed. Note: "Pre" ratings differ, in some cases, from the published ratings used on the tournament wall charts due to intervening tournament activity. Take, for example #34 below, Sean Tobin. His published rating used for the tournament wall charts was 2025. However, he played in the Portland Summer Open, which occurred after the cut-off date for the August published ratings, and dipped to 1997. Therefore, his "Pre" rating for purposes of this comparison was 1997. I hope this explains any discrepancies you may notice between wall chart ratings and the ratings to compile this list.)

Name	(State)	Gain	Pre/New	Score
1 Valentin Molchanov	(OR)	+217	1315/1532	(4.5)
2 Edward Strong	(WA)	+195	1190/1385	(4.5)
3 Wesley Esko	(WA)	+189	1363/1552	(5)
4 Audrey Whitmer	(WA)	+187	980/1167	(3.5)
5 Kevin Chen	(WA)	+177	1412/1589	(4.5)
6 John Ornes	(OR)	+172	1117/1289	(3.5)
7 Dave Prideaux	(OR)	+161	894/1055	(3)
8 Abinav Brahmarouthu	(WA)	+160	1333/1493	(4)
9 Terrance Li	(WA)	+160	1165/1325	(3.5)
10 Jonathan Yau	(OR)	+149	1255/1404	(3.5)
11 Aaron Grabinsky	(OR)	+140	1687/1827	(5.5)
12 Richard Yang	(WA)	+133	1295/1428	(3.5)
13 Brian Chen	(WA)	+129	1102/1231	(3.5)
14 Jeremy Coste	(OR)	+127	1451/1578	(4)
15 Rahul Sehgal	(WA)	+126	840/966	(2.5)
16 Brian Liou	(WA)	+116	1520/1636	(5)
17 Jonathan Gamble	(WA)	+116	1357/1473	(4)
18 Josiah Perkins	(OR)	+113	1123/1236	(3)
19 Dillon Murray	(OR)	+112	1617/1729	(4.5)
20 Gary Dorfner	(WA)	+106	1086/1192	(2.5)
21 Joseph Tucker	(WA)	+103	808/911	(3)
22 Jiangyu Li	(WA)	+91	1339/1440	(3.5)
23 Phillip Carson	(OR)	+90	1501/1591	(4)
24 Dan Dathorp	(OR)	+89	1608/1697	(4)
25 Zachary Zhang	(WA)	+86	1273/1359	(3.5)
26 Jay Simonson	(ID)	+86	644/730	(1.5)
27 Pavel Buzek	(WA)	+85	1147/1232	(3.5)
28 Alexander Barrett	(WA)	+85	1390/1475	(3)
29 Jimmy Tucker	(WA)	+83	1105/1188	(3)
30 Jeffrey Yan	(WA)	+82	1396/1478	(4)
31 Murlin Varner	(WA)	+81	1661/1742	(4.5)
32 Krishnan Warriier	(WA)	+78	1864/1942	(6)
33 David Yoshinaga	(OR)	+78	1700/1778	(4.5)
34 Sean Tobin	(OR)	+74	1997/2071	(6.5)
35 Neil Chowdhury	(WA)	+72	1183/1255	(2.5)
36 Brendan Zhang	(WA)	+67	1573/1640	(4.5)
37 Siva Sankrithi	(WA)	+65	1531/1596	(4.5)
38 Frederick Davis	(WA)	+64	1636/1700	(4)
39 Kenneth Truong	(WA)	+63	1752/1815	(5)
40 Gary Robinson	(OR)	+61	1894/1955	(5.5)
41 Bert Rutgers	(WA)	+55	1517/1572	(5)

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<i>Name</i>	<i>(State)</i>	<i>Gain</i>	<i>Pre/New</i>	<i>Score</i>
42 Jan Buzek	(OR)	+53	1587/1640	(4)
43 Tony Midson	(OR)	+53	1459/1512	(3.5)
44 Benjamin Brusniak	(WA)	+52	1618/1670	(5)
45 Marcus Robinson	(OR)	+51	1880/1931	(6)
46 Alex Vaschillo	(WA)	+51	1299/1350	(3)
47 Michael Quan	(WA)	+52	1645/1697	(4)
48 James Colasurdo	(WA)	+50	1903/1953	(5.5)
49 Nicholas Brown	(ID)	+50	1405/1455	(4.5)
50 Michael Hosford	(WA)	+48	1821/1869	(5)
51 Tim Campbell	(WA)	+47	1720/1767	(5)
52 Gabriel Skoro	(OR)	+45	1461/1506	(4)
53 Yogi Saputra	(OR)	+43	2030/2073	(6.5)
54 Frederick Smolak	(WA)	+43	1218/1261	(3)
55 Geoffrey Wyatt	(OR)	+39	1826/1865	(5.5)
56 Hector Reyes	(OR)	+39	1516/1555	(4)
57 Toshihiro Nagase	(WA)	+35	1635/1770	(5)
58 Ethan Neff	(WA)	+33	1724/1757	(5.5)
59 Bryce Tiglon	(WA)	+30	1829/1859	(4.5)
60 Christopher Burris	(OR)	+30	1736/1766	(5.5)

The most impressive performances by unrated players in the NW were John Dimick (WA) 1839/9 (5) and Eric Pacini (OR) who took a half point bye in the first round and finished at 4.5 (1856/8). The highest gain for a provisional rated player was Geoffrey Kenway (OR) who went from 1136/10 to 1392/19 (4 pts), a gain of 256 points.

The oldest participants from each state were:

Idaho - Daniel Mayers of Sun Valley, born 1922, age 90
 Washington - James Schroeder of Vancouver, born 1927, age 85
 Oregon - Clement Falbo of Joseph, born 1931, age 81



47 gained more than 50 points, and 21 players climbed more than 100 points. Those are remarkable numbers! Readers can come to their own conclusions concerning what it all means.

Meanwhile, here are a few more games, without notes or diagrams.

Bykhovsky,A - Pamatmat,J (2652) (2233)

[D18] US Open, Vancouver WA
 Round 9, August 12, 2012

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nh4 Nbd7 10.h3 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nbd5 12.Bd2 Qa5 13.Rc1 Ne4 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Bxd5 Bxd2 17.Rc5 Qd8 18.Bxf7+ Rxf7 19.Qxd2 Re7 20.b4 Qd6 21.b5 Rd8 22.Qa2+ Qe6 23.Qxe6+ Rxe6 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.Rfc1 Rdd6 26.Ra5 Re7 27.Rb1 Kf7 28.Rb8 Rc7 29.Re5 Re7 30.Rxe7+ Kxe7 31.Rb7+ Rd7 32.Rxd7+ Kxd7 33.f3 exf3 34.gxf3 c5 35.d5 Kd6 36.e4 g5 37.Kf2 h5 38.Ke3 Ke5 39.Kd3 1-0

Zurybida,P - Campbell,T (2001) (1718)

[B31] US Open, Vancouver WA
 Round 9, August 12, 2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bb5 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.Be3 d6 8.a4 Qc7 9.h3 a6 10.Bc4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.f4 Nd8 14.Qe1 Nf7 15.Nxf7 Rxf7 16.d4 Qc6 17.e5 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Nd5 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Rf2 Raf8 21.g3 Rf5 22.Re2 dxe5 23.Bxe5 Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Qb6+ 25.Kh1 Qxb2 26.Rxe7 d4 27.Rb1 Qxc2 28.Rbxb7 Qc6+ 29.Kh2 R5f7 30.Rbc7 Qf6 31.Re6 Rxc7 32.Rxf6

At left is 2012 U.S. Open Women's Champion, Chouchanik Aïrapetian from Washington.
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Rxf6 33.Qe8+ Kg7 34.Qe5 Rd7
 35.g4 Kf7 36.f5 d3 37.fxcg6+ hxg6
 38.g5 Rf5 39.Qh8 d2 40.Qh7+
 Ke8 41.Qxcg6+ Kd8 42.Qb6+ Ke7
 43.Qe3+ Kf7 44.g6+ Kf6 45.Qc3+
 Ke7 46.Qe3+ Kf6 47.Qc3+ Re5
 48.Qf3+ Kg7 49.Qc3 Rdd5
 50.Qc7+ Kxcg6 51.Qb6+ Kf5
 52.Qf2+ Kg6 53.Qg1+ Kh6 54.Qd1
 Re1 55.Qf3 d1Q 56.Qf6+ Kh5
 57.Qf7+ Kg5 58.h4+ Kxh4 59.Qf4+
 Qg4 60.Qh6+ Rh5 61.Qf6+
 Rg5 62.Qh8+ Rh5 63.Qf6+
 Qg5 64.Qd4+ Qg4 65.Qf6+
 Rg5 66.Qh8+ Qh5 67.Qd4+
 Rg4 68.Qf6+ Rg5 69.Qf4+ Qg4
 70.Qf2+ Qg3+ 0-1

Haining, K - Nagase, M
 (1900) (1714)

[B38] US Open, Vancouver WA
 Round 6, August 19, 2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nh6 7.Be2 0-0
 8.0-0 f5 9.f3 d6 10.Qd2 f4 11.Bf2
 Ne5 12.Nc3 g5 13.g3 Bd7 14.Rac1
 Rc8 15.b3 Ng6 16.Nd5 a6 17.Qb4
 e6 18.Nb6 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Rc6 20.c5
 fxg3 21.hxcg3 dxc5 22.Bxc5 Qc7
 23.Kg2 Rc8 24.Nxc8 Bxc8 25.Be3
 Nh4+ 26.Kf2 Qf7 27.e5 a5 28.Qe4
 Ng6 29.Rxc6 bxc6 30.Bxc5 Nf5

31.Rd1 h6 32.Rd8+ Kh7 33.Bf6
 Qc7 34.g4 Ng7 35.Bd3 1-0

Varner, M - Neyndorff, L
 (1663) (1904)

[A15] US Open, Vancouver WA
 Round 3, August 6, 2012

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nf3
 0-0 5.Nc3 c6 6.e4 d6 7.0-0 Be6 8.d3
 Qc8 9.Rb1 a5 10.Ne2 Bh3 11.Bxh3
 Qxh3 12.Nf4 Qc8 13.b3 Na6
 14.Bb2 e5 15.Ng2 Qd7 16.Qe2 b5
 17.d4 exd4 18.Bxd4 Rfe8 19.Bxf6
 Bxf6 20.cxb5 cxb5 21.Rbd1 Nc5
 22.Nd2 Qb7 23.Qf3 Bg5 24.Rfe1
 Bxd2 25.Rxd2 Nxe4 26.Rde2 d5
 27.Nf4 f5 28.Qd3 Re5 ?! 29.Qd4
 Ng5 30.Kg2 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Rd8
 32.h4 Ne4 33.f3 Nd6 34.Nxd5
 Nf7 35.Nf6+ Kh8 ? 36.Nh5+ [with
 mate in three ways: if Kg8 then Qg7,
 if Rxd4 then Re8, and if Ne5 then
 Qxd8 - Varner] 1-0

Thanks to all who contributed to this article, especially Gary Dorfner, Murlin Varner and Grandmaster Manuel Leon Hoyos. And a very special thanks to all the great photographers out there who are willing to share their best shots with *Northwest Chess* readers.

Northwest Players with 6 or more points in the 2012 U.S. Open Championship, Vancouver WA

GM Seirawan, Yasser WA 2674 7.5
 Breckenridge, Steven OR 2349 7.0
 FM Raptis, Nick OR 2330 7.0
 Sohal, Tanraj S BC 2199 7.0
 FM Roper, David WA 2288 6.5
 Lee, Nathan Y WA 2123 6.5
 May, Andy P WA 2121 6.5
 Erichsen, Dan BC 2104 6.5
 Lee, Megan WA 2101 6.5
 Esler, Brian John OR 2060 6.5
 Zavortink, Matt WA 2051 6.5
 Tobin, Sean OR 2025 6.5
 Saputra, Yogi OR 1990 6.5
 Sinanan, Joshua WA 2259 6.0
 Gay, Daniel OR 2212 6.0
 Pupols, Viktors WA 2200 6.0
 Greninger, Harley G WA 2197 6.0
 Lessler, Peter WA 2177 6.0
 Patterson, Roger BC 2165 6.0
 Edwards, Derek WA 2163 6.0
 Yu, Corbin OR 2150 6.0
 Wang, Michael WA 2148 6.0
 Sellers, Matthew B OR 2128 6.0
 Rupel, David WA 2109 6.0
 Dixon, Dakota WA 2108 6.0
 Kleist, Frederick K WA 2098 6.0
 FM Bartron, Paul R WA 2096 6.0
 Herrera, Robert OR 2044 6.0
 He, Daniel Ming WA 2030 6.0
 Arganian, David G WA 2002 6.0
 Rowles, David WA 1939 6.0
 Robinson, Marcus OR 1898 6.0
 Warrior, Krishnan V WA 1885 6.0
 Kiiru, Joseph K WA 1833 6.0



Players with 8 points in 9 rounds at the 2012 U.S. Open. Left to right, GM Dmitry Gurevich, GM Manuel Leon Hoyos and FM John Bryant.

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Idaho Chess News

by Jeff Roland

Southeast Idaho Senior Games

submitted by Jay Simonson

At 9:00 AM on Thursday, July 12, 2012, five chess competitors gathered for the chess event of the senior games in Pocatello, Idaho. This is the fourth year that chess has been an event in the Senior Games multi-sports competition.

Six people, including the Tournament Director (TD), Idaho Chess Association President Jay Simonson, signed up for the event. But on the day of competition, only five actually arrived to participate. The TD was not going to compete, but all the other participants talked him into playing. After the round robin pairings were made, and after the first round had started, two players declared that they had to leave at 1 PM.

Even though chess clocks were in use, the players on one board kept playing way beyond the time expiration. The TD finally ended the game so that the competition could continue. The players completed three rounds.

The National Senior Games organization specifies that there must be prizes (medals, ribbons) in several age group categories.

All five players received 1st place blue ribbons. Janet McDougall for 1st place in the 65-69 beginner category, Joe Avila for 1st place in the 65-69 intermediate category, Jay Simonson for 1st place in the 65-69 advanced category, Robert Walker for 1st place in the 70-74 beginner category, and Steve Rowlands for 1st place in the 80-84 beginner category.



Peter Olsoy (left) and Jeff Roland (right) in post mortem analysis after the 2nd game of the match. This was taken on the 2nd floor in the hallway to the south-east of the Hatch Ballroom at BSU, which became the players' favorite spot. Photo credit: Katie Sorenson & Jeff Roland

2012 Roland vs. Olsoy Match

Peter Olsoy, Boise, and Jeff Roland, Boise, played a best of 12 games USCF rated chess match between July 9, 2012 and August 1, 2012. The playing schedule was a rigorous and demanding one for both players. Play was every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the hot afternoon and evening hours plus one additional game was played on Sunday morning, July 22. This schedule also allowed each

player the ability to play in two additional local chess tournaments during the course of the 3 ½ week match (the ICA Summer Classic on July 14-15 and the Mountain Home Summer Chess Tournament on July 28). The games were played at various locations in the Student Union Building at Boise State University with two exceptions. Game 7 was played at the Flying-M Coffee Garage in Nampa ID, and Game 8 was played at the home of Jeff Roland in Boise. No

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“time outs” were allowed because the match needed to be completed before Roland left for the U.S. Open in Vancouver, WA, on August 3rd, as neither player wanted a large 10-day gap in the continuity and flow of the match.

The match was won by Peter Olsoy by a score of 7 to 5 (or 4 wins, 2 losses, and 6 draws) and went the full distance of 12 games before the result could be determined. The most interesting games of the match were games 5 (win for Roland), 8 (draw) and 12 (win for Olsoy). All three of those games achieved positions that both players considered incredibly complicated, challenging, and interesting. There was no financial or other stake in the match. The match was played solely for the love of the game, the official rating, and the training benefit.

Both players wanted to share the match as it was happening, so the games, results, story write-ups, and photos were posted on the www.idaho-chessassociation.org web site within two hours of the completion of each game. The players donated their original white top copies of the game score sheets so as to better present the games on the website and to better preserve the history of the event.

It was hoped that prompt, comprehensive and quality web coverage of the match would encourage and inspire other players. We also hoped it would give ourselves a greater sense of responsibility and incentive to play better knowing that everyone could see what we were doing.

The photos were all taken with Jeff Roland’s camera, and he did the *Photoshop* work himself to correct lighting and cropping when needed. Katie

Sorensen actually took the pictures during play in Games 1-9, except for Game 8, which was taken by Jamie Lang who came by for a few minutes during that game to watch.

I would like to thank both Katie and Jamie for doing that as without their willingness to take pictures, we would not have a visual record of the event. The last three games had no pictures taken because by that time, it was felt that we just had enough pictures of ourselves and of the match.

White: Jeffrey T. Roland

Black: Peter J. Olsoy

[B33] Boise, ID

Match Game 8, July 23, 2012

(Notes by Frank Niro)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6

5...d6 or 5...e5 are preferred here with the Black knight already on c6.



6.Bc4

Best in this variation is 6.Nxc6 with less than 10% of the master games in my databases winning for Black with either 6...dxc6 7.Qxd8+ or 6...bxc6 7.e5.

6...g6

Only 6...e6 has been played in top

level games and after 7.0-0 Qc7 the game transposes to more normal lines. After the text move, this hybrid Najdorf/Dragon is actually neither. White can seize an advantage after 7.Nxc6. After 6...e6, instead of 6...g6, 7.0-0 Qc7 looks natural.

7.Be3

Transposing to the Dragon Variation. Still 7.Nxc6! bxc6 (7...dxc6?? 8.Bxf7+) 8.e5.

7...Bg7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 d6 10.f3

The game has returned to book lines as a Yugoslav Variation of the Sicilian Dragon. Both players seemingly back in their comfort zones.

10...Bd7 11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4



12...b5

12...h5 would transpose to the well known Soltis Variation, except that the Black rook is usually on c8 and the a-pawn still at home on a7.

13.Bh6 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.h5± Rh8

I found three games in the databases with 16..Rb8 where Black won all three and two additional games with 16...Nxb5 where White won both. 16...Rh8 appears to be a new move.

17.h6+ Kf8 18.g4 Qb6 19.g5 Ne8
20.Nd5 Qb7 21.Qc3+- e5 22.Ne2
Be6 23.f4 Bxd5 24.exd5 Qe7
25.Ng3 f6



26.Rhf1?!

26.gxf6 Nxf6 27.Rhf1+-

26...f5 27.Qxc4 Nc7



28.Kb1?!

White fears 28.fxe5 Qxg5+, but he can get fancy here: 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.fxe5 Qxg5+ 30.Kb1 Nb5 31.Qc6 Re8 32.Qd7 Rxe5 33.Qc8+ Kf7 34.Qxh8+- with some complications along the way. 28.Ne4 looks interesting also. This might be a good place to give your tactical skills a workout.

28...e4 29.Rfe1 Kf7



30.Re3

30.Nxe4! fxe4 31.Rxe4 Qd8 32.Qd4 Rg8 33.Rde1+-

30...Rhc8 31.Nxe4

Winning if played a move earlier, but now it's too late.

31...fxe4 32.Rxe4 Qd7 33.Qd4 Kg8 34.Rde1 Re8 35.Qf6 Rxe4 36.Rxe4 Re8

36...Nxd5!? 37.Qd4 Nc7

37.Rxe8+ Nxe8 38.Qd4 Qh3 39.c4 Qf5+ 40.Kc1 Qf7 41.Kc2 Nc7 42.Qa7 [42.b4±] 42...Qf5+



43.Kb3?

I could be mistaken, but this king move appears to be the difference be-

tween a win and a draw for White, at least my computer engine thinks so. 43.Kc3!± (Houdini).

43...Qd3+ 44.Kb4 Qd2+

44...a5+!?! seems to close the door on any hidden funny business.

45.Kb3

45.Ka3 Qa5+ 46.Kb3 Qc5 47.Qxc5 (47.Qb8+ Kf7) 47...dxc5 48.Ka4

45...Qd3+ 46.Kb4 Qd2+ 47.Kb3 Qd3+



Now it's a draw because White can only return to b4. After 48.Ka4 he would be in a mating net following 48...Qxc4+. If 49.Ka3 Nb5#; 49.Qa5 Qb5#; 49. b4 Qxa2#.

An interesting and exciting game between two evenly matched opponents.

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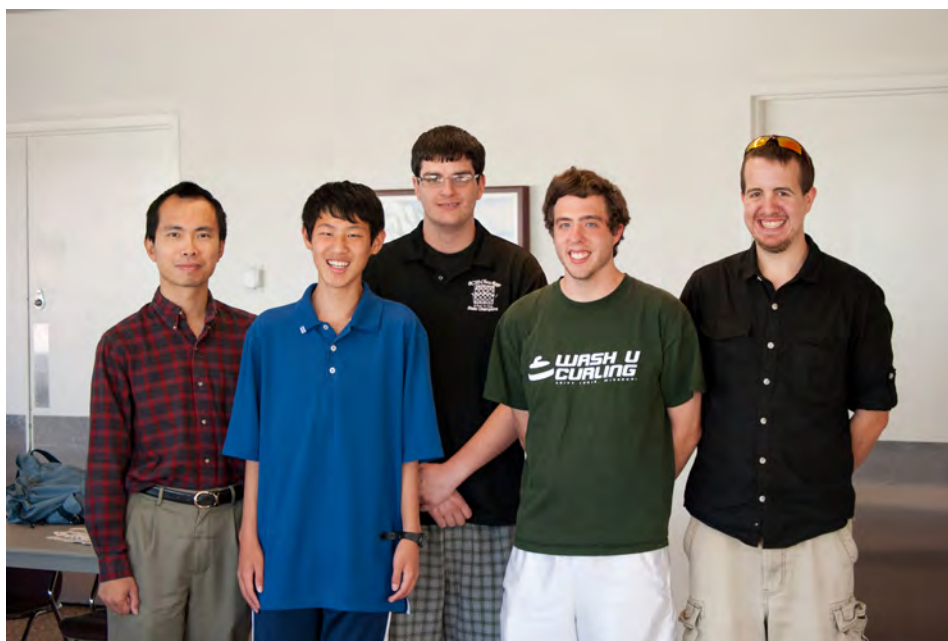
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2012 ICA Summer Classic



Prize Winners of the Open Section (left-right): Chong-Jin Ong, Nathan Jiang, Nick Bruck, Tom Morrell, Caleb Kircher. Not pictured is Frank Niro who did not play in the final round.

Photo credit: Jeff Roland

The 2012 ICA Summer Classic was held at Boise State University, Student Union Building, Lookout Room, in Boise over the July 14-15, 2012 weekend. Fourteen players played in the Open Section and six players played in the Reserve (U1400) Section. All were from Idaho except one from Missouri. Jeff Roland was the Tournament Director.

The Open Section was won by Tom Morrell, a very friendly 21 year old student who just happened to be in the area for another two weeks before returning home to St. Louis, MO, where he lives. He had 4 points for clear first place. Second place went to Chong-Jin Ong, Boise, with 3½ points. There was a 4-way tie for 3rd-6th place between Caleb Paul Kircher (Nampa), Nathan Jiang (Eagle), Nick Jon Bruck (Boise), and Frank Niro (Meridian), each with 3 points.

The Reserve (U1400) Section was won by Cody Austin Gorman, Eagle, with 5 points. There was a two-way

tie for 2nd-3rd place between Jarod Buus (Nampa), and Lloyd Blake (Boise), each with 3 points. Gary Hollingsworth (Pocatello), rated 1301, played up into the Open Section and scored a very impressive 2½ points.

The quality of play seemed to be very good with most of the players in excellent form. The low turnout was probably due to the event being held in the summer. But summer chess tournaments are important and useful to chess players to stay in form and to improve as players.

The Lookout Room at the BSU Student Union Building once again (just as it was at the ICA Players Memorial in May) proved an excellent venue for a chess tournament. Again, every game had its own table, and there was plenty of space, and as we discovered in the final round when we opened up the blinds, an excellent view of the University grounds outside. We appreciate Phil Weyland and the BSU Chess Club for securing the free play-

ing site, and to BSU staff for treating us so well.

We also wish to thank every player who played in the tournament and made this such a good and memorable event.

Mountain Home Summer Chess Tournament

The 2012 Mountain Home Summer Chess Tournament was played on July 28, 2012 at the Mountain Home Public Library, 790 North 10th East, Mountain Home, ID. The event was sponsored by Idaho Chess Union (ICU) and Stagecoach Espresso. It was rated by Rocky Mountain Chess. The time control was Game/45 with no time delay.

Timothy Stewart (Meridian) was first place with 4 points, and Cody Gorman (Eagle) was second place with 3 points.

This was a free tournament, open to everyone, nothing to join, started at 9:00 AM and ended at 4:00 PM on Saturday only (so it didn't take up the whole weekend), well advertised and promoted (had been on the ICA website for several months, posters at the Stagecoach Espresso, and e-mail campaigns were sent out), and was directed and organized by Jeff Roland.

This event was just like the Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament held April 28, 2012, in every way except one -- the name of the event! In all other ways, it was set up exactly the same. The playing site is located about half-way between Boise and Twin Falls, so it makes a great place to attract players from both areas--possibly even a location for a future

Boise versus Twin Falls club match!

Since no entry fee was collected, and the last event held in April collected absolutely no donations, we decided this time we would give out a simple printed plain piece of paper with the tournament name and “1st Place” and “2nd Place” written on it. The winners would, as their prizes, get their picture taken with that piece of paper for inclusion in *Northwest Chess* magazine (a subtle way, perhaps, of building up the member/subscriber base in Idaho).

In the ICU, it’s not about money, ratings (we have them, but it’s not emphasized), or politics. It’s simply about chess, a good time, awesome chess friendships, and memories that last for years and years. The motto of the ICU is “Play the game”. That is exactly what happened at this very enjoyable event! Thank you, all who came, for playing.

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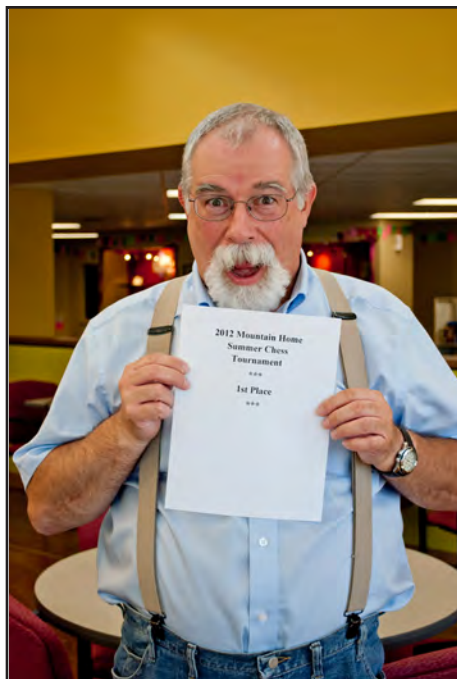
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Timothy Stewart (Meridian) - 1st Place, Mountain Home Summer Chess Tournament.

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Cody Gorman (Eagle) - 2nd Place, Mountain Home Summer Chess Tournament.

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A Conversation with the Editor, Frank Niro - Part II

Jeff Roland: Last month we were discussing the prospects for a talented young Idaho player, Savannah Naccarato, to win a chess scholarship. She’s an automatic qualifier to next year’s SPGI, is that right?

Frank Niro: Yes, that’s correct. As an alumna of the 2011 Susan Polgar Foundation Girls Invitational she gets an automatic invitation in 2013. Room & board for the week is covered for the reigning state champion. But if she can’t make the eight hour trip to the 2013 Idaho H.S. scholastic tournament, or if one of the other girls wins the title, there has already been a donor who has agreed to fund

the dormitory and meal fees for Savannah and one of her parents in St. Louis next July. I saw that she upset a 1767 player in round 1 of the Spokane Falls Open held in July, so she continues to improve steadily. I believe she is just a sophomore.

By the way, both Michaela Abernathy and Carmen Pemsler attended the 2012 Susan Polgar Foundation Invitational and did well. They both finished with 3.5-2.5 scores in a really tough field and, unfortunately, they had to play each other in round 5. On top of that, they were co-champions in the SPGI Bughouse event. There

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were three full scholarships to Webster University worth \$52,000 each given to the winners. It's such a good thing that more prestigious colleges are offering scholarships to chess players each year. And next year I understand that there may be a trip to play in a tournament in Europe added to the SPGI prize list.

Jeff Roland: I just read your two-part interview from December, 2002 & January, 2003 *Chess Life*. It seems that you had vision, clarity of thought, and the right leadership skills to turn things around for a struggling USCF. I realize that you were merely the "team leader" as you put it, and did not do much on your own, but still, you were instrumental, as a leader, in some very positive changes. What are some of your most notable achievements when you were Executive Director at USCF?

Frank Niro: Truthfully, I wasn't there long enough to accumulate a list of impressive achievements. I kept my finger in the dike, so to speak, and created a common vision for the organization that I presented at the U.S. Open in Cherry Hill, NJ, in 2002. In that sense, I planted a lot of seeds - to use a trite metaphor. Some of my ideas were eventually implemented, such as online submission of tournament reports for immediate ratings, and some were tossed out by those in power who followed me.

But if I had to pick a few things where I left a permanent mark, they would be the Sydney Samole World Chess Hall of Fame and Museum in Miami (now moved to St. Louis), plus the establishment and funding of the so-called "Dream Team" that won the Silver Medal at the 2004 Women's Chess Olympiad in Majorca and, as a



NWC Editor Frank Niro at the closing ceremony of the 2012 Susan Polgar Foundation Girls Invitational in St. Louis with GM Susan Polgar.

result, fostered the growth of chess among woman and young girls in the U.S. In addition, I had a lot of influence on the decision to relocate the USCF offices to Crossville, TN.

With respect to the Hall of Fame and Museum, most of the planning was done while I was President of the U.S. Chess Trust, which is the organization that owns most of the artifacts, but it became a reality when I was Executive Director. It was great to be part of that and, along the way, I collected some treasured memories and gained many important friends.

As far as the "Dream Team" is concerned, and this relates back to my friendship with Susan Polgar that we discussed last month, the intensive training that the women on the team received over the course of more than a year has paid immense dividends. Besides earning the overall Silver Medal, the first medal of any kind in the history of U.S. Women's chess, every Women's Champion of

the United States since 2004, up to and including 2012, was on that team.

A journalist by the name of Jeannette Cooperman wrote in the August 2012 *St. Louis Magazine* that, in 2003 I, as "U.S. Chess Federation's executive director begged Susan to come out of retirement." It made me laugh because I thought that I persuaded her to come out of retirement. But I guess begging was my method of persuasion.

It was a big decision for her. She received threats to kill her if she played against her native Hungary. In any case, the increase in chess related scholarships and women's chess activities as a result of Susan's efforts, together with the strong visionary support of the McCrary Board at USCF, is still providing benefits today. Unfortunately, for political reasons, her impact is neither well understood nor appreciated beyond those who take the time to analyze what has really happened in American chess during the past ten years.

Jeff Roland: The link to the article mentioned above can be found on the Idaho Chess Association web site. Coming next month, or as space permits: reasons that the USCF moved to Crossville TN. Also, Frank shares the story behind the SPICE program's move from Texas Tech to Webster University (short version), Al Lawrence and GM Alexander Onischuk recently moving to Texas Tech to preserve the chess program, and Steven Breckenridge's scholarship offer to attend Texas Tech, as well as Frank's upcoming memoir and - as he puts it - a "coup" a other things." Please visit the NWC web site if you wish to see Part I of this interview.

Rupel vs. Pupols - Deciding Game from the 2012 Oregon Senior

The 2012 Oregon Senior Championship, won by Michael Morris and David Rupel, was covered in the August issue (pages 38-41). Below is the deciding final round game that allowed Rupel to earn a share of the title.

Rupel,D (2109) - Pupols,V (2200)
Oregon City, OR (5), July 8, 2012
[D03] (Notes by David Rupel)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nbd2

More common are 4.e3 and 4.c4, but Kasparov has played the text on at least one occasion.

4...Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 b6



7.e4!?

The most common choice for White is 7.Ne5, attempting to exploit Black's light square weaknesses. The text is quite playable, however.

7...Ba6 8.Qe2 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 Nf6 14.Qe2 c5 15.c4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Rac8 17.b3 Rfd8 18.Rad1 Qc5 19.Nc2 h6 20.Rd3 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 b5 22.Ne3 bxc4 23.Qxc4



23...Qf8!?

A tribute to Vik's unrelenting fighting spirit. Even with a half-point lead in the final round, he rightly decides that prospects for a win are dim with queens off.

24.Qa4 Qe7 25.Rd1 Qc7 26.h3 Nd5?!

Everyone in this event had "senior moments." After 27.Nxd5 exd5 28.Rxd5 Qxc1+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ is not possible because the white lady guards the square.

27.Nxd5 exd5 28.Rxd5 Qe7 29.Qf4 Rc2 30.Re5 Qd8 31.Qe4±



31...Rc1+ 32.Kh2 Rc8 33.f4 Qf6

34.Re8+ Rxe8 35.Qxe8+ Kh7 36.Qe4+ g6 37.Qe5 Qb6 38.Qd5 Kg8 39.Qc4 h5 40.Qc8+ Kg7 41.Qc3+ Kg8 42.Qe5 Qf2 43.f5 Qxa2 44.f6 Qf2 45.Qe8+ Kh7 46.Qxf7+ Kh6 47.Qc7

47.Qe7 would hold the pawn, but it's not clear that the White monarch can safely escape the perpetual after 47... Qf4+ 48.Kg1 Qc1+ as the b-pawn hangs in some lines.

47...Qxf6 48.Qxa7



48...Qf4+?

48...Qd6+! as Viktors pointed out after the game 49.Kh1 Qd1+ picks up the b-pawn and we can declare a truce.

49.Kh1 Qf1+ 50.Qg1 Qb5 51.Qc1+ Kg7 52.Qc3+ Kf8 53.Qf6+ Ke8 54.Qxg6+ Kd7 55.Qf7+ Kd6 56.Qf4+ Ke7 57.Qc7+ Ke8 58.Qc4 Qe5

My score is incomplete in sudden death but I managed to force queens off in a few moves.

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Side Event: Washington Class Blitz Championship: Friday 11/23 at 8:15 PM. Format: 5 round Double Swiss in one section. Registration: 7:30-8:00 PM. Rounds: 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45 and 10:15 PM. TC: G/5 (no delay). EF: \$25. Prize Fund: \$400 based on 20 entries. 1st \$130, 2nd \$90, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400 \$60. Miscellaneous: USCF Quick rated. WCF/OCF membership required.

Washington Class Scholastic (Nov 23): 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.

Washington Chess News

by Russell "Rusty" Miller

Editors Note: We received no games scores or commentary from the organizers or players in these events. We at NWC know that it is a busy time for everyone, but we prefer to provide more extensive coverage of all NW Grand Prix tournaments, especially those with such a rich tradition as the Seafair Open. Please send more game scores, preferably with notes, to Editor@nwchess.com or to the Washington Chess News correspondent Rusty Miller (russellmiller22@comcast.net), so that we can expand our regional coverage. Thank you in advance.

July 27-29 Seattle Seafair Open

The top score in this annual event hosted by the Seattle Chess Club was 4.5-.5, by Peter Lessler of Seattle and Igor Ummel of Arlington, WA. 57 players took part in the event directed by Fred and Carol Kleist. Crosstables for all of the rated events reported here are available on the USCF website, www.uschess.org.

Also that same week a two-game match was held between 2400+ rated players Howard Chen of Monroe and Michael Lee of Bellevue. Chen won 1.5-.5.

Seattle Chess Club

The Seattle CC also held a 27-player event called Seattle Chess Club Hot-As-Hades (July 6-27). The top score was 3.5-.5 by Raul Torres of Seattle. Fred and Carol Kleist performed the TD duties.

Seattle Chess Club Novice (Jul 21) 4-way tie for first place between Eric M. Zhang, Asher Thakur, Audrey Whitmer, and Jason Yu, each scoring 3-1.



The host federation banner, provided by WCF President Joshua Sinanan, was on prominent display decorating the NWC table throughout the entire nine days of the 2012 U.S. Open in Vancouver.

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Seattle CC Sunday Tornado (Jul 15) – Dereque Kelley of Seattle won this event with a score of 4-0. Fred Kleist of Seattle directed the 34-player event. Time control was G/60 with 5 second delay.

Chess4Life

Washington Speed Chess Championships (Chess4Life hosted on Jul 21) in Bellevue, WA. Congratulations to Roland Feng, the clear winner with 12.5 of 14 points in the 7-round event (with each round consisting of two games). Karthik Ramachandran finished second out of the 35-player open-section field with 11.5 points.

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Tacoma Chess Club

Northwest Open (Jul 14) – Paul Barton of Tacoma won this event held at the Tacoma CC under the direction of Gary Dorfner. 9 players took part. Paul's score was a perfect 4-0.

2012 U.S. Senior Open Houston, Texas

Three players from the Pacific Northwest took part in the 2012 U.S. Senior Open (Jul 9-14) in Houston, Texas. All three scored 4-2 and were tied for 8th place in the 61-player event. Carl Haessler of Lake Oswego, OR, lost only to the number 1 and 2 place finishers, GMs Alexander Ivanov (5.5-.5) and Sergey Kudrin (5-1). He handed NM Yefim Treger,

the 5th place finisher, his only defeat. H.G. Pitre of Seattle and Dan Mayers of Idaho were the other two NW players. Mayers, nearing age 90, was declared the United States over-75 Champion.

Spokane Chess Club

Spokane Falls Open (Jul 14-15) – This event was held guess where ... Spokane ... and had 27 players taking part. Jeremy Krasin of Spokane won the event with 4.5-.5. David Griffin handled the TD duties. At the same time a match for the Spokane City Championship was held. John Julian of Spokane Valley retained his title with a 2.5-.5 score over James Stripes.



Robert Allen of Tacoma, WA, took several shifts at the NWC table as did Gary Dorfner, Kathy Miller, Jeff Roland and others during the nine days of U.S. Open in Vancouver.

Photo credit: Russell Miller

Taste of the Harvest Open

September 15-16, 2012

Site: Wenatchee Convention Center, 121 North Wenatchee Avenue, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Two Sections: Open and Reserve (under 1800)

Format: 5 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** 40/90, SD/30, D/5

Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating

Prize Fund: \$1,000 (based on 60 paid entries)

Open: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 1st U1900 \$80

Reserve: 1st \$150, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$90, U1600 \$60, 1st U1300 \$50

Entry Fee: \$50 if postmarked or online by 9/12, \$60 after 9/12 or at site

Special Medal Only Entry Fee: \$25 for Juniors under age 21. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs

Registration: Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Rounds: Saturday 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM

Byes: Two half-point byes available, request before end of round 2

USCF and WCF/OCF memberships required, other states accepted

Ralph Hall Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. Chess Magnet School JGP. NS. NC. W.

Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation

Mail To: Dan Mathews, 930 NE High Street, Unit F412, Issaquah, WA 98029-7423

Phone: (425) 218-7529. E-mail: dthmathews@aol.com

Online Registration: www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration

Oregon Chess News

by Frank Niro

Portland Summer Open

The 2012 Portland Summer Open was won by Brian Esler who finished a half point ahead of John Chernoff with 4.5 points in the 5-round annual event held July 14-15 at the Portland Chess Club. Esler drew with Robert Herrera in round 4 and defeated Mike Janniro in the last round to secure the victory.

Perennial winner FM Nick Raptis was upset in the first round by Roland Eagles, then closed with three wins and a draw to tie Kameron Gregson, who beat Peter Prochaska in the last round, for third place honors. 20 players competed in the Open section.

The Reserve (U1800) section, also with 20 players, ended in a three-way tie between Patrick Gay, Clemen Deng and Matthew Stevens. All three finished with 4-1 records, though they were not paired with each other. As with the Open section, there were many upsets. The complete crosstables can be viewed on the USCF web site: www.uschess.org.

Nick Raptis vs. Roland Eagles

(2330) (1926)

[D70] Portland OR, July 14, 2012

(Notes by Frank Niro)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 g6 4.f3
Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3
0-0 8.Qd2 e5

8...Nc6 is more common but Black's results with the text at the master level are comparable.

9.d5 c6 10.h4 cxd5 11.exd5 h5



12.0-0-0

12.Be2 and 12.g4 have also been played here.

12...Na6 13.g4 hxg4 14.h5 Bf5
15.hxg6 Bxg6 16.Bh6 Qf6 17.Ne4?!

The computer search engine Houdini recommends 17.fxg4 or 17.Bxa6 as playable options.

17...Rac8+ 18.Kb1 Nc4 19.Bxc4
Rxc4



20.Qd3?

20.Ka1 is necessary so that after 20... Bxe4 21.Bxg7 Qxg7 22.fxe4 Nc5 23.Ne2 and White will still be in the game. After the text move, the pin

along the b2-h7 diagonal is deadly.

20...Bxe4

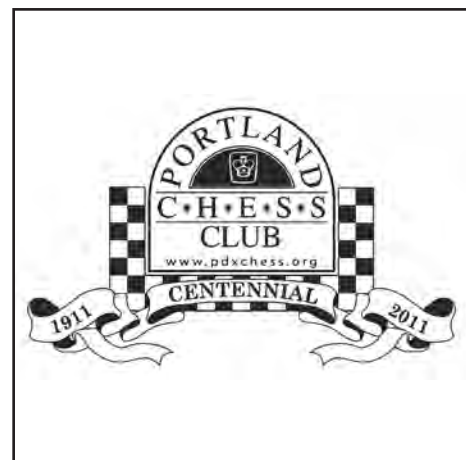
20...Rxe4!? 21.fxe4 (21.Bxg7 Rd4??
22.Bxf6 Bxd3+ 23.Rxd3 Rxd3
24.Rh8#) 21...Nc5-+

21.fxe4 Rd4 22.Bxg7 Qxg7 23.Qe2
Rxd1+ 24.Qxd1 Qg6 25.Ne2
Qxe4+ 26.Ka1 Nb4 27.Nc3 Qg6
28.a3 Nc2+ 29.Ka2 Nd4-+



30.Qe1 Nf3 31.Qe3 Qg5 32.Qd3
f5 33.d6 Qf6 34.Qc4+ Qf7 35.Nd5
Kg7 36.Qc7 g3

I'm not certain that the moves are accurate after this as the score sheet became less legible as the time shortened. In any case, Black should have the game well in hand at this point.

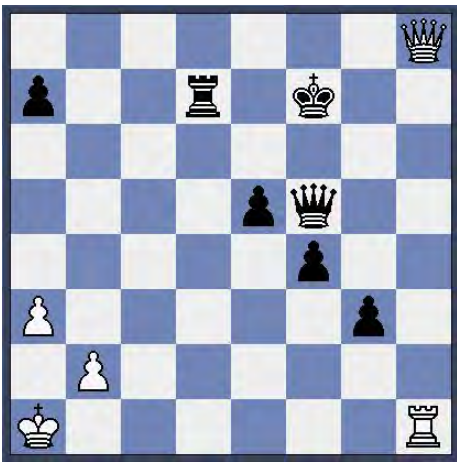




37.d7 Qxd5+ 38.Ka1 Kg6 39.Qc8 Qd6

39...g2! because 40.Qxf8 is not possible due to gxh1Q#

40.Qe8+ Kg7 41.Qh5 Qg6 42.Qxf3 f4 43.Qxb7 Rd8 44.Qd5 Qf5 45.Qd6 Rxd7 46.Qh6+ Kf7 47.Qh8



I can't say for sure because I didn't have a chance to ask the players, but I'm guessing there was a time scramble going on around here.

47...Ke6 48.Qe8+ Kd5 49.Rd1+ Ke4 50.Rxd7 f3 51.Rd1

51.Rf7!

51...f2 52.Qc6+ Kf4 53.Qc4+ Qe4 54.Qf7+ Ke3 55.Qb3+ and White's time expired 0-1



Portland July Game/60

In the July Game/60, held at the Portland Chess Club on July 28, Nick Raptis and John Chernoff drew with each other in the last round to share first place with 3.5-0.5 scores. Andy May, Yogi Saputra, Yaman Tezcan, Robert Fisette and Maxwell Sun all finished a half point behind at 3-1. 22 players participated.



Gerald L. ("Jerry") Reiner, pictured above, one of the founding members of the Oregon City Chess Club, was among the 517 players in the 2012 U.S. Open Chess Championship in Vancouver WA. Next to Jerry's board is one of the NWC packets handed out to all of the players at the event. Ironically, as described in last month's tribute to Dr. Ralph Hall (see August *Northwest Chess*, pages 10-16, which can now be viewed in full color on the NWC web site), Jerry supervised the stuffing of the packets given to each of the players 25 years ago at the 1987 U.S. Open in Portland OR.

Photo credit: Brian Berger

REMINDER

61st Oregon Open
September 1, 2 & 3, 2012
Mount Hood Community College, Gresham OR
\$3,000 Guaranteed!
 See details, page 32

The 2012 Ralph Hall Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, data entry specialist III

If all goes according to plan, this magazine will be in your hands by August 31, which means you still have time to get to Gresham for the Oregon Open, with its 4x multiplier! And that's not all! The month of September also offers two more events with 2x multipliers, the Taste of the Harvest Open in Wenatchee, WA (15th-16th), and the SCC Fall Open in Seattle (21st-23rd). There are five additional single value events in September in Pocatello, Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for your point earning pleasure. Go play, the year is rapidly drawing to a close and many prize contests are very close. An extra appearance at some quad or another could spell the difference between earning a cash prize and being just outside, looking in.

Five events were held in August between the time I wrote this piece and you read it. They were all single value events and probably ranged between ten and forty players each, based on historical records. Some of the close races could have been affected by those points. The most significant impact on the charts below from July's play has got to be the new leader in Oregon's expert class, Yogi Saputra, who moves from leadership of Class A to the leadership of the Expert Class, probably much to the joy of the remaining Oregon Class A players. A few other players moved up a class with the September official ratings, but I do not believe that any were on the leaderboard. However, looking at the crosstable from the U. S. Open (sadly, not a GP event) it looks as though well over half the 294 northwest players in attendance left with more rating points than they arrived, many going up by more than 100 points (see main US Open article for details)! Expect more class changes next month. A fine showing we had, indeed. Look for more details on that tournament elsewhere in this issue.

A third of the year remains. With a little effort and attendance at some of our larger events, a person could easily go from nowhere to a contender in many of our class races. You just have to get out there and play. And check out the new digs for the Tacoma Chess Club. It's in the same building, but with more space, better lighting and a lot less train noise. A nice improvement, I'd say.

Idaho			Oregon			Washington				
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.		
			Masters							
			1	Raptis	Nick	120	1	Pupols	Viktors	62
			2	Gay	Daniel Z	35.5	2	Feng	Roland	42.5
			3	Breckenridge	Steven J	26	3	Bragg	David R	40
			4	Prochaska	Peter	4.5	4	Sinanan	Joshua C	38
			5	Haessler	Carl A	2	5	Collyer	Curt D	35
			Experts							
			1	Saputra	Yogi	87.5	1	Bartron	Paul R	82
			2	Esler	Brian J	50.5	2	He	Daniel M	44.5
			3	Fisette	Robert A	38	3	Lee	Megan	44
			4	Janniro	Mike E	21	3	Lee	Nathan Y	44
			5	Morris	Michael J	19	3	Ummel	Igor	44
			Class A							
			1	Cigan	Jason	37.5	1	Buck	Stephen J	117
			2	Sherrard	Jerry	34	2	Szabo	Marcell	82
M/X/Class A										
1	Leslie	Cameron D	32							
2	Joshi	Kairav	27.5							
3	Havrilla	Mark A	21							
4	Kircher	Caleb P	15.5							
5	Johnson	Paul M.	5.5							
Class B										
1	Bodie	Brad	25							
2	Williams	Richard R	22							

3	Roland	Jeffrey T	13	3	Bannon	David T	26	3	Ackerman	Ryan S	59
4	Jiang	Nathan	10.5	4	Levin	Scott A	25	4	Lampman	Becca	58.5
5	Olsoy	Peter J	9.5	5	Sun	Maxwell S	21	5	Smith	Micah	57.5
Class C				Class B							
1	Weyland	Ronald M	31.5	1	Gaikwad	Dagadu B	58	1	Ramesh	Jothi N	85
2	Bruck	Nick J	8.5	2	Sato-Duncan	Takuma	34.5	2	Zhang	Derek	81.5
3	Pemsler	Carmen	4	3	Hasuike	Mike L	23	3	Nagase	Toshihiro	70.5
4	Myers	Hugh	3.5	4	Burris	Christopher E	19.5	4	Nagase	Masayuki	69
				5	Deng	Clemen	16.5	5	Wang	James	68.5
Class D				Class C							
1	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	26	1	Murphy	Dmitri M	34.5	1	Piper	August	60
2	Patterson	Kevin R	14.5	2	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	33	2	Jones	Davey V	56
3	Gorman	Cody A	13	3	Sharan	Praveer	32.5	3	Thomas	Arjun	55.5
4	Porth	Adam	6.5	4	Stevens	Matthew	25	3	Zhang	Brendan	55.5
5	Lang	Jamie		5	Two tied at		22	5	Bashkansky	Naomi	52
Class E and Below				Class D and Below							
1	Blake	Lloyd	14	1	Buerer	Harry F	34.5	1	Richards	Jerrold	75.5
2	Blake	Isaac R	11.5	2	Svetal	Scott M	25.5	2	Haining	Breck	42
3	Wetmur	Harold R	10	2	Brahmarouthu	Abhinav	17.5	3	Dixon	Max L	38
4	Buus	Jarod N	9.5	4	Jewell	Nathan	16	4	Thakur	Eamon	37.5
4	Chaney	Alethia J	9.5	5	Botez	Andrea	14.5	5	Chalasanani	Sujatha D	36
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Leslie	Cameron D	32	1	Raptis	Nick	120	1	Buck	Stephen J	117
2	Weyland	Ronald M	31.5	2	Saputra	Yogi	87.5	2	Ramesh	Jothi N	85
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7	Havrilla	Mark A	21	7	Gay	Daniel Z	35.5	7	Nagase	Toshihiro	70.5
8	Kircher	Caleb P	15.5	8	Sato-Duncan	Takuma	34.5	8	Nagase	Masayuki	69
9	Patterson	Kevin R	14.5	9	Murphy	Dmitri M	34.5	9	Wang	James	68.5
10	Blake	Lloyd	14	9	Buerer	Harry F	34.5	10	Pupols	Viktors	62
11	Roland	Jeffrey T	13	11	Sherrard	Jerry	34	11	Piper	August	60
11	Gorman	Cody A	13	12	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	33	12	Ackerman	Ryan S	59

Players from Other Places						Most active GP players					
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>pts.</i>	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>events</i>	
1	Donaldson	John	CA	2408	28	Buck	Stephen J	WA	1828	19	
2	McCourt	Daniel J	MT	1803	27	Piper	August	WA	1548	15	
3	Kennedy	Tim	MT	1496	26	Ramesh	Jothi N	WA	1737	14	
4	Doknjas	Neil	CAN	1095	24	Szabo	Marcell	WA	1942	14	
5	Doknjas	Joshua	CAN	1676	22	O'Gorman	Peter J	WA	1868	13	
5	Hay	John G	MT	1537	22	Raptis	Nick	OR	2335	13	
7	Doknjas	John	CAN	1940	20	Six tied at 11					
7	Carpenter	Romie G	MT	1839	20	See Back Cover for Upcoming Grand Prix ♣ Events					
7	Phillips	Robert L	MT	1820	20						
10	Belanoff	Ted	CA	2176	19						
11	Martin	Robert A	MT	1737	18						
11	Wierson	Jim C	MT	1537	18						



Upcoming Events

(continued from page 32)

♣ **Oct 6-7 Eastern Washington Open, Spokane, WA.** Location: Schoenberg Center, Room 201, Gonzaga University, N. 900 Pearl Street, **Spokane, WA** (southwest corner of GU campus – one block east of Division/Ruby couplet off DeSmet Ave.). 5-round Swiss System. Registration: 8:30-9:30, October 6. Rounds: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. Time control: Game/120. Entry fee: \$21 if received by 10/05, \$26 at the door; under 18 \$5 less. \$600 prize fund GUARANTEED. Additional classes and class prizes may be created if entries exceed 30 players. Class prizes based on at least 5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. Only one prize per player (except biggest upset). NS, NC, W. One 1/2 point bye available if requested by end of preceding round; Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round. PRIZES: FIRST -- \$130. Class Prizes: \$70 first, \$35 second: A; B; C; D/E/unrated. Biggest Upset (non-provisional) -- \$50. Entries: Loyd Willaford, E. 1340 Forest #6, Colville, WA 99114. For information please call (509) 723-9037 (cell). Club website: www.spokanechessclub.org.

Oct 13 National Chess Day. Organize an event at your local library, school or community center and let us know how it goes. Let's all promote the game we love!

♣ **Oct 27-28 Washington Challengers Cup, Seattle, WA.** Format: two sections - open 4 rounds and reserve under 1800 5 rounds. Both sections USCF rated, open section FIDE rated. Seed: Highest Washington player score in open section is seeded into the 2013 Washington state championship. Info: Mail entries to Dan Mathews, WCF Tournament Coordinator, 930 NE High St Apt F412, Issaquah, WA 98029-7423. Cell phone 425-218-7529. See ad below for further details. Email Dthmathews@aol.com. Make checks payable to WCF. Register at www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration.

♣ **Nov 3 Southern Idaho Open, Twin Falls, ID.** Details next issue, or at www.idahochessassociation.org.

♣ **Nov 23-25 Washington Class Championships, Redmond, WA.** See PDF ad/flyer on page 23.

♣ **Dec 8-9 Western Idaho Open Boise, ID,** Details next issue, or at www.idahochessassociation.org.

Washington Challenger's Cup October 27-28, 2012

Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133. (206) 417-5405

Two Sections: Open and Reserve (under 1800)

Open: 4 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** 40/2, SD/1, D/5

Reserve: 5 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** Saturday 40/90, SD/30, D/5; Sunday 40/2, SD/1, D/5
Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating

Prize Fund: \$1,000 (based on 40 paid entries)

Open: FIDE rated 1st \$200, 2nd \$125, 1st U2100 \$100, 1st U1900 \$100

Reserve: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 1st U1600 \$75, 1st U1400 \$75, 1st U1200 \$75

Entry Fee: \$50 if postmarked or online by 10/24, \$60 after 10/24 or at site

Special Medal Only Entry Fee: \$25 for Juniors under age 21. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs

Registration: Saturday 8:00 - 9:30 AM.

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Byes: Two half-point byes available (Reserve Section), request before end of round 2.

USCF and WCF/OCF memberships required, other states accepted.

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 2420 S 137 St
 Seattle WA 98168

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.

SCC Championship

Sept. 7, 14, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 26, Nov. 9

Format: 7-rd Swiss held on Friday evenings.
TC: 35/100;d0 and 25/60;d0. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 9/5, \$37 thereafter. SCC memb. req'd — special \$25 tmtt memb. **Prize fund:** 75% of EFs. **Prizes:** 23%-16%, U2000 9%, U1800 8%, U1600 7%, U1400 6%, Unrated 3%, Endurance 3%. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:** Fridays 8 p.m. **Make-up Games for Rds 1-4:** 8 p.m. Wed. Sept. 19—1 make-up (G/75) game; 8 p.m. Wed. Oct. 3—1 make-up (G/75) game. **Byes:** 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/7). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS. NC.

Sept. 30, Oct. 7 **New Date!** **Sunday Tornado!**

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/64;d0 or G/60;d5. **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/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

Oct. 13, Nov. 10 **Saturday Quads!**

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120;d5. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-2:15-6:30 **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

October 14 **New Date!** **SCC Novice**

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75;d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/24, \$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.

October 19-21 **SCC Team in Reno!!**

Join the SCC Team(s) in Reno at the **Western States Open**. We will be competing against six to ten teams from other clubs in Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, etc. The tournament is multi-section (Open, U2200, U2000, . . .) and teams consist of ten players from a club.

Seattle Fall Open

September 21-23 or September 22-23

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

A Northwest Grand Prix event

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

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

Entry Fees: \$33 by 9/19, \$42 at site. SCC members — subtract \$9. Members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA — subtract \$4. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr USCF & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 pm or Sat. 9-9:45 am. **Rounds:** Fri. 8 pm, Sat. (10@G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

Byes: 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration. **Misc.:** USCF & WCF required. NS. NC.

WCF Events at the SCC

Sept. 8 WA Senior Adult Championship
 Sept. 8 WA Women's Championship
 Oct. 27-28 WA Challengers' Cup
 Nov. 17 WA G/60 Championship

Upcoming Events

♣ denotes 2012 Ralph Hall Memorial Northwest Grand Prix event - see page 28 for details; for Seattle Chess Club events, see page 31

♣ **Sep 1-3 Oregon Open, Gresham, OR** Sep 1-3 6-round Swiss: 2 sect: Open & Reserve (U1800) Time Control: 40 moves in 2 hrs, sudden death in 1 hr, 5 sec. delay (40/2; SD/1; d5) Register: Saturday 9-10:45 am. Bring sets & clocks (none provided) Rounds: Saturday 11 & 5:30; Sunday 9:30 & 5:30; Monday 9 & 3 Location: Mt. Hood Community College, Vista Room; 26000 SE Stark, Gresham Check www.pdxchess.org for directions to playing site Organizer: Portland Chess Club Byes: 2 Byes available, request before Rd 1. See entry form on NWC web site or in August magazine.

Sep 8 Washington Women's Championship. Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 N. 107 St. B85, **Seattle, WA** 98133. Format: 4 round Swiss. (For Women & Girls) Time Control: G/75;d5. Reg.: 9:00-9:45 am. Rounds: Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 or A.S.A.P. Entry Fee: \$30.00. Prize Fund: (B/16) \$290, 1st \$75.00 + Plaque, 2nd \$65.00, 1st U2000, U1700, U1400 \$50.00. One half point bye available. NS NW NC. USCF & NW Memberships required. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445. (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com. Checks payable to Gary Dorfner. Also **Washington Senior Adult Championship**, same day, same site, Format: 4 round Swiss. (For those ages 50+), other details same as Women's event.

♣ **Sep 15-16 Taste of the Harvest Open, Wenatchee, WA.** - see ad on page 25

♣ **Sep 22-23 Eastern Idaho Open Chess Tournament.** 5SS, G/120; d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: ISU, Student Un Bldg, Salmon River Suites, 1065 S. 8th St., **Pocatello, Idaho.** EF: USCF mem req., \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), by 9/19/12. \$5 more (all) after. Reg & Ck in: 7:30-8:30 AM 9/22/12. Those not paid & ck'd in by 8:30 AM may not be paired in 1st rnd. RNDS: 9,2,7,9,2. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, Rd 1-4 only. 0 pt bye avail rnd 5. Commit by end of rd 2. Prizes: \$\$ b/30 non ISU; Open: \$175-85-65; Reserve: \$75-50-35. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA c/o Jay Simonson, 391 Carol Ave. Idaho Falls, ID, 83401, 208-206-7667, rooknjay@yahoo.com, www.idahochessassociation.org. NC, NS, W. See flyer on ICA website.

♣ **Sep 29 Portland CC Game in 60.** 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: e-mail portlandchessclub@gmail.com, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

♣ **Sep 29 Autumn Equinox, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave., across the street from Alfred's Café & 2 blocks down the hill from the Tacoma Dome. Format: 4 round Swiss. Time Control: G/60. Rounds: Sat. 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, A.S.A.P. Entry Fee: \$20.00. Registration: 9:00-9:45 am. Prize Fund: \$135.00 b/10, Top Half 1st \$50.00, 2nd \$25.00, Bottom Half 1st \$35.00, 2nd \$25.00. NS NC NW. USCF & WCF/OCF memberships required. OSA. Entries/info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445 or call (253) 535-2536 or (253) 306-7137 (club); e-mail ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **Oct 6 Wood River Weekend Progressive.** 4SS, Time Control: G/30 Rd 1, G/45 Rd 2, G/60 Rd 3, G/90 Rd 4. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: Wood River High School, 1250 Fox Acres Rd., **Hailey, ID.** USCF mem req., EF by 10/3 \$30 (\$25 if 60+ or under 18), K-12 students \$10, \$40 entry for all after 10/03. Email entries OK. Register & check in: 8-8:30am 10/06. Rd. times: Sat 9am, 10am, 1pm; 3pm. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, Rds 1-3 only. Commit by end of Rd 2. Prizes: \$\$ b/15; Open: \$100-75-50; Reserve: \$75-50-25, Student: trophies 1st-3rd pl. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA, Contact: Adam Porth, 212 N. 3rd St., Bellevue, ID 83313. 208-450-9048. aporth1@cox.net, www.idahochessassociation.org. NC, NS, W. Chess Magnet School JGP. See flyer on ICA website.

♣ **Oct 6-7 Oyster Bay Inn Classic.** Site: Oyster Bay Inn, 4412 Kitsap Way, **Bremerton, WA** 98312. Format: 4SS, 3 sections. Time control: G/90 + 30 seconds/move increment. Registration: 10:00-11:30 AM. Rounds: Sat. 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sun. 9:45 AM, 3:00 PM. Prize fund: \$800-same as last year but b/40: Open section >= 1900 USCF \$160, \$80, \$80; Premiere section: U1900 \$80, \$56, \$44 plus top score U1700 \$60; Reserve U1400/unr. \$80, \$56, \$44 plus top Unrated score \$60. Entry fee: \$40 if received by 9/24, \$50 after and on-site; OCF/WCF and USCF memb req'd. OSA. Half-point bye: must be requested at registration, max. of one. Entries, checks payable to: Kris Dietsch, Apt. C-102, 2251 High View Ln. NW, Bremerton, WA 98312-5345 (please use a separate line for Apt C-102); cash/checks at site. You may also register online at <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>. Info: Kris (360) 479-0847, mrkrisyawho@yahoo.com, Joe Eversole, joeversole@q.com. Hotel: view tournament, skittles and guest rooms-Refurbished since last year!; players \$60 single/dbl. in advance, mention Kitsap County Chess Club: (360) 377-5510, 1-800-393-3862, site photo gallery and info.: www.oysterbayinnbremerton.com. See Dec. 2011 NWC issue for article on last year's Classic. NM Bill McGeary will be giving entrants a complimentary SIMUL Sat 10 AM (others \$10), and will return with complimentary coaching/lecture for entrants after rd. 2 and between rds. 3 and 4.

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