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From the Business Manager's Desk

by Eric Holcomb

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38th Annual Keres Memorial

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Victoria Day Weekend, May 18-20, 2013

Location: Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, 7311 Westminster Hwy. Richmond, BC.

Round Times: Sat. 12:00 noon, 5:00pm, Sun. 10:00am, 5:00pm, Mon. 10:00am, 3:00pm.

Time Control: Game in 80 minutes plus 60 second per move increment.

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Dave Collyer Memorial

by Kevin Korsmo, Tournament Director

Tournament Report

The 21st Dave Collyer Memorial tournament was played in Spokane on February 23-24, with the outcome the same as last year's event – IM John Donaldson claimed the title with a perfect 5.0 score. It was the sixth perfect score in the tourney's history and the fourth recorded by Donaldson.

The first round generally played to form, with only upsets being a pair of draws, although three of the stronger players were saddled with first round byes due to travel problems and a funeral. Sandpoint, Idaho, high school sophomore Savanna Naccarato (who represented Idaho at the Polgar tourney in the past) did draw a player 678 points higher than she, an effort that turned out to be the third largest upset of the event.

Unrated Xioaman Chu showed in the second round that he was to be taken seriously when he downed veteran Mika Mitchell (1877). Chu would end up at 3.5 for the tourney. His performance rating for the tourney was over 2000! There was one other upset that round, which otherwise saw the top boards prevail. Tacoma youngster Noah Fields put up a good fight on board one against Donaldson, but the IM simplified the game and made his extra pawns stand up despite the presence of opposite-colored bishops.

As typical, a large number of players took a third round bye, including several Missoula players with their standing reservations for fine Italian food and wine at Luigi's. Still, there were quite a few good games. Expert John Julian handed Chu his only loss of the event on



Jeremy Krasin (Spokane) in the final round on board one. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

board two, while Donaldson put up a nice attack against Michael Cambareri. Michael, a talented tactical player, kept throwing up good moves to fend off the IM, but eventually Donaldson broke through for the win. Jeremy Krasin scored a nice victory over veteran Dave Rowles on board three to join Donaldson and Julian with the only perfect scores at the end of the first day's action.



John Hay (Missoula, MT) in round four. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

Round four saw Julian with white against Donaldson on board one for the second consecutive year. The IM took Julian's best shot before claiming the point. Meanwhile, Krasin defeated James Stripes, last year's runner-up, to set up a final round encounter on board one. There were a half-dozen draws in the fourth round – equal to the tally of the first three rounds combined – as equally matched players found themselves paired against each other.

The fifth round saw Donaldson stop Krasin, a very active 1900-rated player whose first rated event was the 2010



Harold Wetmur (Coeur d'Alene) describing his first round loss. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.



Romie Carpenter (Missoula, MT) in round two. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

Collyer. Draws on the next three boards settled most of the remaining top prizes. When the smoke cleared, Mark Havrilla and Jon Middaugh joined Krasin at 4.0 to claim the second and third place prizes, as well as the top prize in class A. Consistent with last year, a score of 3.5 was the magic number for most of the remaining prize winners: the expert prize shared by John Julian and Steve Merwin (who drew in their round five game); second place in class A, which was shared by Nikolay Bulakh, Dave Rowles, and James Stripes; and the first and second prizes in class B which were shared by Adam Attwood and Steve Fabian. That tally also was good enough for Chu to win first place in the E/unrated category.

As with last year, the field had a large number of first time attendees, and 18 of the 53 entrants were in their first or second Collyer. Several of them did quite well. Eastern Oregon veteran Clem Falbo could not attend this year's event due to a cruise "down under," but he sent a couple of younger folk to represent Enterprise, Oregon – Jacob Beverly and Jose Chavarri. Jose, an exchange student from Chile, finished with 2.0 in his first USCF event. Jacob claimed the biggest upset prize of \$100 with a final round victory over a class A opponent 412 points



John Frostad (Spokane) in round four. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

higher. His score of 3.0 also won first place in class D, sending him home with the second largest prize check of the tourney!

The class C prizes were shared by Missoula veteran Bill McBroom and Ron Weyland (2.5), while Jim Burney claimed second in class D with the same score. Second place in the E/unrated category went to Savanna Naccarato (also 2.5), while Arlene Hiatt won the second largest upset with her second round draw against a player 749 points above her. A special prize of a large magnetic wooden travel set donated by John Dill, coach of the Northwest Christian chess program, went to third grader Alex Popescu who scored 1.5 in his very first event.



Kevin Korsmo (Spokane), the Tournament Director during the last round. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

In all, \$1800 in cash prizes was awarded. Dave Griffin also donated three gift certificates to Luigi's which were awarded via drawings to out-of-town players. Several players donated their winnings back to the Spokane Chess Club or to the Gary Younker Foundation, the sponsors of the event.

The tournament was started in 1993 to honor the late Dave Collyer, the primary chess organizer in Spokane during the 1980s. Gary Younker, who started the event and patterned it after the old Harvest Open in Yakima, himself died young in 2001. Gary's friends started a foundation in his name that is devoted to backing the Collyer tourney and sponsoring youth chess in Eastern Washington. Many of the participants come back to the event every year to honor Dave or Gary (or both) and enjoy the comradeship of old friends. The event is the highlight of the Spokane chess year and the personal highlight (whatever the results) for many of us old-timers.

For the 12th consecutive year, the Collyer weekend was kicked off by a free Friday night lecture from John Donaldson. He spoke about the U.S. Team qualifying for the world team championship next year and shared two games from the team's triumphant event in Brazil. After

the lecture, the IM then defeated 17 players in a simul that took just two hours to play.

Crosstable in Standings Order

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	John Donaldson	2408	W43	W30	W15	W5	W2	5
2	Jeremy Krasin	1900	W42	W16	W6	W10	L1	4
3	Mark Havrilla	1935	W37	W26	H---	W21	D4	4
4	Jon Middaugh	1917	W53	W19	H---	W24	D3	4
5	John Julian	2054	W32	W38	W7	L1	D9	3.5
6	David Rowles	1964	W31	W18	L2	D27	W24	3.5
7	Xiaoman Chu	unr.	W45	W14	L5	W15	D11	3.5
8	Nikolay Bulakh	1947	D22	L13	W31	W28	W27	3.5
9	Steve Merwin	2011	H---	W34	D13	W17	D5	3.5
10	James Stripes	1970	W41	W11	H---	L2	W19	3.5
11	Steve Fabian	1751	W51	L10	W33	W16	D7	3.5
12	Adam Attwood	1693	H---	D22	W43	D14	W23	3.5
13	Ted Catton	1804	D25	W8	D9	L19	W33	3
14	Mika Mitchell	1877	W20	L7	W32	D12	D18	3
15	Michael Cambareri	1909	W28	W27	L1	L7	W32	3
16	Glenn Griggs	1653	W39	L2	W20	L11	W40	3
17	Brad Bodie	1722	W47	W23	L21	L9	W34	3
18	Jeremy Younker	1709	W40	L6	H---	W22	D14	3
19	John Dill	1660	W54	L4	W49	W13	L10	3
20	Jacob Beverly	1388	L14	X54	L16	W43	W38	3
21	Dan McCourt	1814	H---	W25	W17	L3	U---	2.5
22	Bill McBroom	1558	D8	D12	H---	L18	W42	2.5
23	Cameron Leslie	1949	W33	L17	H---	W26	L12	2.5
24	Loyd Willaford	1646	W36	W29	H---	L4	L6	2.5
25	Savanna Naccarato	1126	D13	L21	W36	L29	W49	2.5
26	Jeff Roland	1700	W44	L3	D28	L23	W46	2.5
27	Jerry Morton	1656	W50	L15	W42	D6	L8	2.5
28	Ron Weyland	1523	L15	W45	D26	L8	W44	2.5
29	H.G. Pitre	1895	W49	L24	U---	W25	H---	2.5
30	Noah Fields	1865	W35	L1	W41	H---	U---	2.5
31	Jim Burney	1354	L6	W53	L8	H---	W41	2.5
32	Batao Shan	1644	L5	W35	L14	W49	L15	2
33	Ted Baker	1610	L23	W52	L11	W35	L13	2
34	Dawn Fields	1339	W46	L9	H---	D38	L17	2
35	Bjorn Handeen	1222	L30	L32	W45	L33	W50	2

36	Jose Chavarri	unr.	L24	D39	L25	W51	D37	2
37	Jim Wierson	1541	L3	D51	H---	D44	D36	2
38	Romie Carpenter	1800	W52	L5	H---	D34	L20	2
39	Rory Peterson	1250	L16	D36	W51	H---	U---	2
40	Harold Wetmur	655	L18	L48	W47	X52	L16	2
41	Dave Griffin	1640	L10	W46	L30	D42	L31	1.5
42	Patrick Kirlin	1436	L2	W44	L27	D41	L22	1.5
43	Murray Strong	1480	L1	W47	L12	L20	H---	1.5
44	Gavin Iverson	unr.	L26	L42	W53	D37	L28	1.5
45	Alex Popescu	unr.	L7	L28	L35	D47	W51	1.5
46	Jim Waugh	1157	L34	L41	W50	H---	L26	1.5
47	John Frostad	728	L17	L43	L40	D45	B---	1.5
48	Louis Blair	1523	U---	W40	U---	U---	U---	1
49	John Hay	1405	L29	W50	L19	L32	L25	1
50	David Sposito	unr.	L27	L49	L46	W53	L35	1
51	Arlene Hiatt	792	L11	D37	L39	L36	L45	0.5
52	Nick Seleski	929	L38	L33	H---	F40	U---	0.5
53	Corey Newkirk	unr.	L4	L31	L44	L50	H---	0.5
54	Connor Haugen	unr.	L19	F20	U---	U---	U---	0



The Plaque of winners presented to Spokane Chess Club by the Montana Chess Players in 2010 was on display throughout the tournament. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

Luck in Chess

by IM John Donaldson

Chess is considered to be a game of skill and not chance, and I would never dispute that, but the fact remains that sometimes a little luck creeps into the equation. How else to explain the situation when an opponent stumbles into a line you haven't prepared for them but just happened to have studied recently. Ditto when they fall headlong into a well-known trap.

During the weekend of the recent David Collyer Memorial in Spokane I was twice the recipient of such good fortune. The first occurred in a simul I gave the evening before.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bd7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1



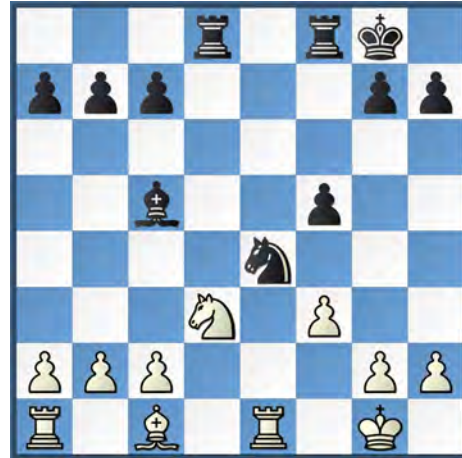
Black blundered with

7...0-0??

7...exd4 is forced and has been known since Tarrasch-Marco, Germany 1892, but that hasn't stopped over two dozen Masters and Experts from falling into the following trap in the subsequent 120 years. What follows explains why 3...a6 4.Ba4 d6, which enables Black to hold his e5 strongpoint, is decidedly more popular today than 3...d6 today.

8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8

Raxd8 11.Nxe5 Bxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Nd3 f5 14.f3 Bc5+



15.Nxc5!

White sidesteps 15.Kh1 Nf2+ and 15.Kf1 Bb6 which allow Black to escape.

15...Nxc5 16.Bg5

White wins the exchange and the game.

If that felt like good fortune after the following game from round two of the Collyer I felt that Caissa must really be shining on me.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5

This variation has a very specific point – to avoid the Yugoslav Attack where White castles queenside and throws his kingside pawns forward with abandon. The drawback of this older line is that Black's queen can be become slightly misplaced.

8.f3?

This misses the point as does 8.Nb3 Qb4.

[See the following analysis diagram]



Not just amateur players have forgotten that 7...Qa5 forces White to castle kingside.

One recent example is 9.Bd3 (Or 9.Nd2 Qxb2 10.Nb5 Qe5 11.f4 Qb8 12.e5 Nxe5! 13.fxe5 Qxe5 14.Kf2 a6 15.Nd4 b5 16.Bb3 Bh6 17.Bxh6 Qxd4+ 18.Kf1 Ng4 19.Bxf7+ Kxf7 20.Qf3+ Qf6 winning) 9...Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxe4 and Black was a solid pawn up in Nakamura-Ljubojevic, Amsterdam 2009. Note that 8.Qd2 Nxe4! 9.Nxc6 Qxc3! also leaves Black a pawn ahead.

8...Qb4 9.Bb3?

White could have bailed out with 9.Nxc6 and avoided material loss.

9...Nxe4 10.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 Qxc3+ 12.Ke2 dxc6



13.Re1

Black's last move made the capture

of the knight impossible. At this stage many victims in the 1960s and 1970s capitulated with the obvious 13.Bd4? running into 13...e5 which effectively ends the game as Black is two pawns up with no mitigating factors for White. The situation need not be this dire for the first player. Admittedly the situation is not great but after 13.Qd4 Qxd4 14.Bxd4 White has enough play for one pawn but not enough for two.

13...Qxb3?

More precise was 13...0-0 14.Kf1 Nc5 15.Bd4 Qb4.

14.axb3 Nc3+



15.Kf2 Nxd1+ 16.Rexd1

This was the game continuation and left White two pawns down but 15.Kd2 Nxd1 16.Rxa7! Rxa7 17.Bxa7 would have recovered some of the material as the knight has nowhere to go. Black would still be better but nothing like the game itself.

John Julian (2054) -
IM John Donaldson (2408) [E20]
 Dave Collyer Memorial Spokane
 (R4), Feb. 24, 2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3

This anti-Nimzo Indian line has become popular the past decade and helped GM Sam Shankland take third place in the 2011 US Championship.

4...0-0 5.e4



IM John Donaldson (left) vs. John Julian (right) during round four of the 2013 Dave Collyer Memorial. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

White has a serious alternative in transposing into the Samisch with 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3. I would have met this with the flexible 6...Ne8 shown to me by Bruce Harper over thirty years ago and a line I have always wanted to try.

5...d5 6.cxd5

Trading on d5 is the right decision. One example of the pitfalls that face White if he does not make this trade are seen in the line 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 dxc4 9.Bxc4? Nxe5.

6...exd5 7.e5 Nfd7 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 f6



10.exf6

Correctly avoiding 10.f4? which is met by 10...fxe5 11.dxe5 Nxe5! 12.fxe5 Qh4+.

10...Qxf6 11.Ne2!?

John wants to make it harder for Black to solve the problem of how to develop his bishop. On the routine 11.Bd3 Black has 11...Nb6 12.Ne2 Bf5. The trade of light-squared bishops blunts White's attacking ambitions and may enable a Black knight to find a good home on c4. Ideally the second player would like to establish a good knight versus bad bishop situation (...Nc4 versus Bc1). Of course this is a very long way off and much can happen in between!

11...Nb6 12.Ng3 Nc6

Black might have better in 12...c5, meeting 13.Bd3 with 13...cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6.

13.Bd3 Ne7

Black can force White to lose the castling privilege with 13...Re8+ but after 14.Kf2 White's king is comfortably placed and the rook may be better on f8.

14.0-0

[Diagram top of next page]



14...Qf7?!

This is an over finesse. I avoided 14...Nf5 because of 15.Nh5 but after 15...Qf7 16.g4 there are good options in 16...Nd6 and 16...Nc4.

15.a4

More direct was 15.Qc2 Nf5 16.Re1 h6 17.Re5 and Black cannot find a way to make the bishop trade. This line is a good indication that Black's 14th move was not the best.

15...a5



16.Ba3

Another interesting option was 16.Qc2 h6 (16...Nf5 17.Ba3 Ne3 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Qd3 Nxf1 20.Rxf1 Rd8 21.Bg6 Qe6 22.f4 offers White excellent compensation for the exchange) 17.Re1 Bd7 18.Ba3 Rfe8 19.Bc5 Nc4 with equal chances.

16...Re8 17.Qc2 g6 18.Rab1 Nf5



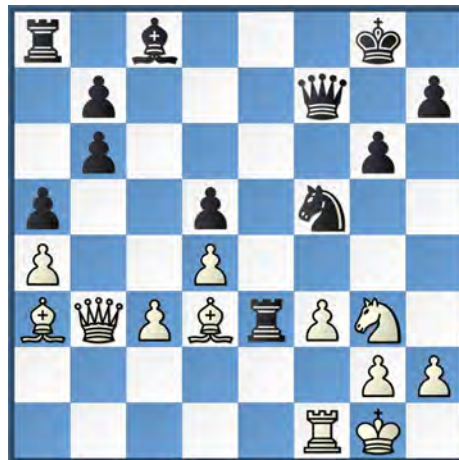
19.Rxb6?

This enterprising move was played by John after a long thought but objectively better was 19.Nxf5 Bxf5 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Bc1 f4 22.Bd2 with equal chances. Note that if 21...Re6 then 22.Bf4. If White gets his bishop to e5 it transforms itself into a powerhouse. Better was 20...Qxf5 heading to an ending. After 21.Qxf5 gxf5 22.Bc5 Nxa4 23.Rxb7 Nxc3 24.Rxc7 a4 Black has somewhat better chances but a full fight is still ahead.

19...cxb6 20.Qb3

White tries to tie Black down to defending weak pawns on d5 and b6. If he can find a way to get his bishop to e5 via d6 or f4 he can stand quite well despite the sacrificed exchange as Black's rooks would have limited ability.

20...Re3?!



Black does not react in the right way. With 20...Ne3 21.Rb1 Re6 he

protects his pawns, but looks very awkward. More natural is 20...Bd7 21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.Bxf5 Qxf5 23.Qxb6 Qd7 returning one pawn to complete development.

21.Rd1?

White should have grabbed his chances with 21.Qxb6. After the forcing line 21...Rxd3 (21...Nxc3 22.hxg3 Bf5 23.Bxf5 gxf5 was also possible) 22.Qd8+ Kg7 23.Nxf5+ Qxf5 (23...gxf5 24.Re1 Rxc3 25.Qg5+) 24.Re1 Rxc3 25.Bf8+ Qxf8 26.Re7+ Kg8 27.Qxd5+ Kh8 28.Qe5+ White draws.

21...Nxc3 22.hxc3 Bf5 23.Bf1 Rc8 24.Qxb6 Rxc3 25.Bc5 Qc7 26.Qxc7

A more stubborn try was 26.Qb2 although after 26...Re3 (26...Rc2 27.Qb3) 27.Kf2 Re6 28.Rc1 b6 29.Ba6 Rd8 30.Ba3 Rc6 Black is on his way to victory.

26...Rxc7 27.Bb5 Bd7



28.Bxd7

Black's point is that the seemingly strong 28.Rb1 is met by 28...b6! The justification is 29.Bxb6 is met by 29...Rc1+ 30.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 31.Kf2 Bxb5 32.axb5 a4 winning.

28...Rxd7 29.Bb6 Ra3 30.Bxa5 Rxa4 31.Bb6 Rb4 32.Bc5 Rb2 33.Ba3 Rb3 34.Bc1 Rb1 0-1

As usual the Collyer Memorial was a very well-run event and one I can recommend to all players in the Northwest.

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State Championship Games

Part II: Oregon State Championship conclusion (Rounds 5-9), plus selected games from the Idaho Closed State Championship

Part I of the State Championship Games for Oregon and Washington (rounds 1-4, the first weekend) was covered in the March 2013 issue.

We originally intended to publish the remaining games from the Oregon and Washington State Championships in this issue. However, due to space considerations, we have decided to publish the remaining Oregon State Championship games (rounds 5-9, the final weekend) plus a selection of games from the Idaho Closed State Championship here in this issue. And the third installment of the series, the conclusion, to follow in the May issue for the remaining games of the Washington State Championship (rounds 5-9). All notes in this section are by Ralph Dubisch with the exception that one situation-clarifying comment in the Idaho games is by Jeff Roland.

Oregon Games

Steven Deeth –

Corey Russell [A57]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nf3 g6
5.cxb5 d6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Nd2 a6
8.b6 Qxb6 9.a4 a5 10.e4 0-0 11.Bb5
Na6 12.Nc4 Qd8 13.0-0 Nb4
14.h3 Nd7 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Ne5
17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.f4 Bd4+ 19.Bf2
Bg7 20.Qe2 Ba6



It is very difficult for Black to find any activity. White's central pawn mass has less trouble demonstrating its mobility.

21.Rad1 Qc8 22.Kh1 Qb7 23.Rd2
Rfc8 24.Qg4 h5

24...c4 25.f5 g5 26.h4±

25.Qf3 c4 26.Bd4 Bxd4 27.Rxd4
Qb6 28.Rd2 Kg7?!

28...Bxb5 29.Nxb5 Qd8 30.f5 Qe8
31.fxg6 fxg6 32.e5 dxe5 33.Qe4
Nd3 34.b3±; 28...Rf8± seems an
improvement on the game line,
though White retains a serious
advantage.

29.f5 Rf8 30.f6+ exf6 31.Qxf6+ Kg8
32.e5 Qd8 33.exd6 Qxf6 34.Rxf6
Bxb5 35.Nxb5 Rfc8 36.Nc7 Rab8
37.Re2 Kg7 38.Rf4 Rd8 39.Re7
Rxd6 40.Rxf7+ Kh6 41.h4 Rh8
42.Re6

42.Ne8 Rb6 43.d6+

42...Rdd8

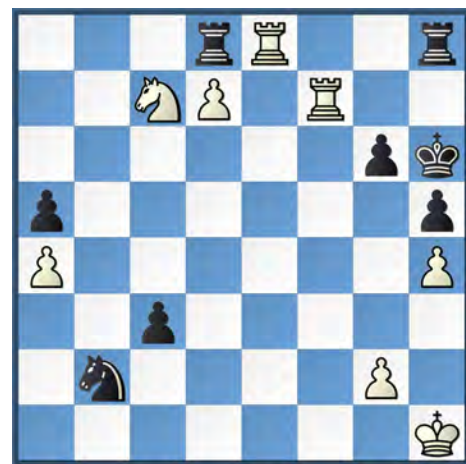
42...Rhd8 43.Rxd6 Rxd6 44.g4! g5
(44...hxxg4 45.Ne8 Rd8 46.Nf6 Rb8
47.d6 Nc6 48.d7 Nd8 49.Re7 g5 50.b5
Nc6 51.Re8 Kg7 52.Kg2+-) 45.Ne6
Kg6 46.Rg7+ Kf6 47.hxg5+ Ke5
48.gxh5+-

43.d6 Nd3 44.d7 Nxb2 45.Re8 c3

[Diagram next column]

46.Rf2

46.Rxh8+ Rxh8 47.Ne8 c2 48.d8Q
c1Q+ 49.Kh2 mates quickly for
White.



46...Nd3 47.Rc2 Nc5 48.Rxc3
Nxd7 49.Rxd8 Rxd8 50.Rd3 Rb8
51.Rxd7 Rb4 52.g3 g5 53.Rd6+
Kh7 54.Rd5 Rxa4 55.Rxg5 Ra1+
56.Kg2 Kh6 57.Ne6 a4 58.Nf8 1-0

Carl Haessler –

Richard Gutman [B44]

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1.c4 e6 2.e4 c5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3
Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bb4 7.Nc2
Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 0-0 9.Bd3 d5 10.exd5
exd5 11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Ne3 Qc5
13.0-0 Ne5

13...Qxc3 14.Rb1 Rd8 15.Rb3 Qd4
16.Bb2 Qf4∞

14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Be2 Rd8 16.Qa4 Bd7
17.Qf4 Rac8 18.c4 Ng6 19.Qxc7
Rxc7 20.Rd1 Re8 21.Bf3 Ne5
22.Bd5 Ba4 23.Rd4 Nc6 24.Rh4

Rd7 25.h3±



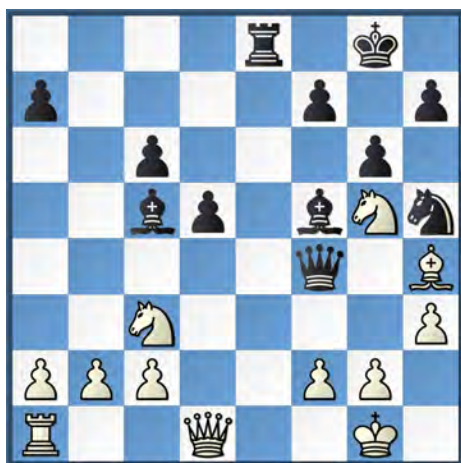
25.Bb2!?

25...Nxd5?? 26.cxd5 1-0

Daniel Gay –
Nick Raptis [C01]

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.exd5
exd5 5.Bd3 c5 6.Qe2+ Be7 7.Bb5+
Nc6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.dxc5 Bg4
10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Bxc5 12.Qd3
Re8 13.Bg5 Qd6 14.Rfe1 Rab8
15.Rxe8+ Rxe8 16.Bh4 Nh5
17.Ng5 g6 18.h3 Bf5 19.Qd1 Qf4



20.g4

20.Nf3 Be4 21.Qe1 (21.Nxe4 dxe4
22.Qd7 Rb8 23.Bg5 Bxf2+) 21...Qb8!
22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Nh2 e3!-+

20...h6 21.Ne2 Rxe2 22.Qxe2

hxg5 23.gxf5 Qxf5 24.Qe8+ Kg7
25.Qxc6 Bd4 26.Rd1 Nf4 27.Rxd4
Ne2+ 28.Kf1 Nxd4 29.Qc3 Qe4
30.f3 Qxh4 0-1

Brian Esler –
Sean Tobin [B79]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6
8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 Ne5
11.Bb3 Qa5 12.0-0-0 Rfc8 13.Kb1
b5 14.Ncxb5 Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Rab8
16.a4 a6 17.Na3 h5 18.Ka2 Be8
19.c3 Nfd7 20.Bg5 Kf8 21.f4 Nc6

21...Ng4 22.f5 Nc5

22.Nxc6 Rxc6 23.f5 gxf5 24.exf5
Rc5 25.Rf1 Rc7 26.Bd1 Nc5



26...Nf6

27.f6! exf6?!

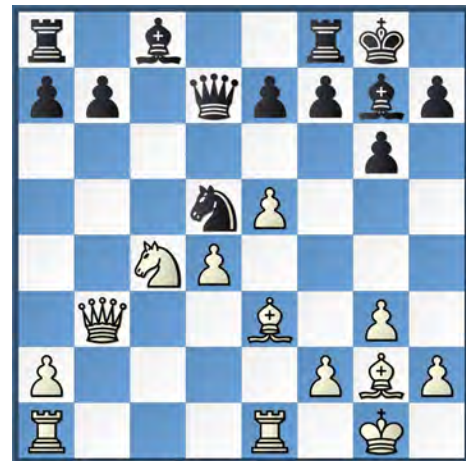
27...Bxf6 28.Bxf6 exf6 29.Rxd6
Nxa4 30.Bxa4 Bxa4 31.Rxa6 Bb3+
32.Ka1±

28.Bf4+- Rd7 29.Bxd6+ Rxd6
30.Rxd6 f5 31.Rxf5 Nxa4 32.Bxa4
Bxa4 33.Rxa6 Bb3+ 34.Kb1 Bxc3
35.Rb5 Rxb5 36.Nxb5 Be1 37.Nd4
Bd5 38.Nf3 Be4+ 39.Kc1 Bxf3
40.gxf3 Bxh4 41.Ra5 1-0

Robert Herrera –
David Wen [D74]

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5
4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 c6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.0-0
Nd7 8.d4 0-0 9.e4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 c5
11.Bg5 cxd4 12.cxd4 Nf6 13.Ne5
Ne8 14.Bf4 Nd6 15.Re1 Nb5
16.Be3 Qd6 17.Nc4 Qd7 18.e5 Nc3
19.Qb3 Nd5



20.a4

20.Bxd5! Qxd5 21.Nb6! Qf3 (21...
Qxb3 22.axb3 Rb8 23.Rxa7) 22.Bg5
Qf5 23.Nxa8 Qxg5 24.Qa3+-

20...Nxe3 21.fxe3 Rb8 22.a5 b5
23.axb6 axb6 24.Na5 Qe6 25.Bd5
Qh3 26.Nc6 Rb7 27.Bg2 Qg4
28.Rf1 Bh6 29.Nb4 Rc7 30.Nd5
Be6 31.Qxb6 Rd7 32.Nf4 Rc8
33.d5 Bxd5 34.Nxd5 Rcd8 35.Nf4
Rd2 36.Bf3 Qd7 37.e6 fxe6 38.Bg4
Rd6 39.Qb3 Bxf4 40.exf4 Kf7 41.f5
Kg8 42.fxg6 Qc6 43.gxh7+ Kxh7
44.Rae1 Rd2 45.Qf3 Qb6+ 46.Kh1
Rg8 47.Qf7+ Rg7 48.Qh5+ 1-0

Corey Russell –
Robert Herrera [B44]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.a3 Nf6 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3
d5 8.Nd2 Bd6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.h3 Bb7
11.c4 h5?! 12.Re1 0-0-0 13.Qe2 Bc5

13...dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bh2+ (14...Nxe4 15.Bxe4±) 15.Kh1 c5 16.Bg5±

14.e5 dxc4 15.Bxc4

15.Nxc4 Nd5 16.Bd2±

15...Nd7

15...Nd5 16.Nf3±

16.Nf3 Nb6 17.Bg5 Rd7 18.Rac1 Nd5 19.b4 Bb6 20.Ba6



20...Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 Bxa6 22.Nd4 Bb7 23.b5 c5 24.Nxe6! Qb6 25.Nxc5 Rc7 26.a4 Re8 27.Kh1 Kb8



28.a5

Or 28.e6 fxe6 29.Rxe6 Rxe6 30.Nd7+ Rxd7 31.Qf8+ Qd8 32.Bxd8 Bc8 33.Ba5 Nc7 (33...Ne7 34.Bb4) 34.Rxc7 Rxc7 35.Bxc7+ Kxc7 36.Qxg7+-

28...Qg6

28...Qxa5 29.Nxb7 Rxb7 30.Red1, Qb6 31.Qf3 Nc7 32.Bd8 Qe6 (32...Rxe5 33.Bxc7+ Qxc7 34.Rxc7; 32...Qxb5 33.Bxc7+ Rxc7 34.Rb1+) 33.Rd6 Qxe5 34.Rd7+-; 28...Qxb5 29.a6 Bc6 30.Rb1+-

29.Na6+ Bxa6 30.bxa6 Qxa6

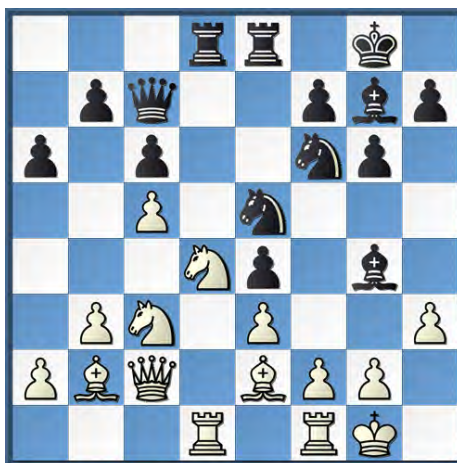
30...Qxg5 31.Rxc7 Nxc7 (31...Kxc7 32.Qc5+) 32.Qf3 Kc8 33.Rd1+-

31.Rxc7 Nxc7 32.Rb1+ Kc8 33.Rc1 Qxa5 34.Qxf7 Rxe5 35.Bd2 Qb6 36.Bf4 Rc5 37.Qf8+ 1-0

David Wen –
Brian Esler [E61]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qc2 c6 10.b3 e4 11.Nd4 Re8 12.Bb2 a6 13.Qd2 Ne5 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.h3 Bd7 16.c5 Rad8 17.Qc2 Bg4



18.Nxe4

18.hxg4 Nexg4 19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.g3 Nxe3, good for at least a draw.

18...Nxe4 19.hxg4 Nf6 20.g5 Nd5 21.a3

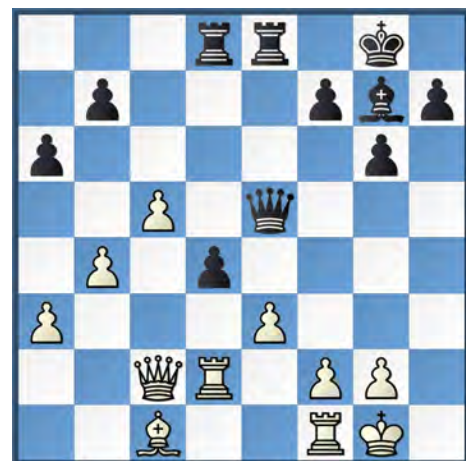
21.Nf3 Nxf3+ 22.Bxf3 Bxb2 23.Qxb2 Qe7 24.Bxd5 cxd5 25.Qc3 Qxg5 26.Rd4±

21...Qe7 22.Bc1 Nd7 23.b4 Qxg5

24.Nf3 Qe7 25.Bc4 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 27.Bxd5 cxd5

27...Rxd5 28.Rxd5 Qxd5 29.Rd1 Qh5 30.Rd7 Be5 31.g3 Qg4 32.Rxb7 (32.Qd1 Qxd1+ 33.Rxd1 Kf8 34.Rd7 Re7=) 32...Rd8

28.Rd2 d4



29.exd4

29.Bb2! d3?! 30.Qc4 Qd5 31.Qxd5 Rxd5 32.Bd4! Bxd4 33.Rxd3!±

29...Rxd4 30.Rxd4 Qxd4 31.Rd1 Qh4 32.Bb2 Bxb2 33.Qxb2 Qc4 34.Qd4 Re1+ 35.Kh2 Qe6 36.Qd8+ Kg7 37.Qd4+ Kg8 38.Qd8+ Kg7 39.Qd4+ Kg8

39...Kg8 40.Rxe1 Qxe1 41.a4±

1/2-1/2

Sean Tobin –
Daniel Gay [B22]

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1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 d6 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Na3 dxc3 11.Qe2

11.Nb5 Qxd1 12.Rxd1 Rc8 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.Nxc3

11...Bxb3 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.axb3 e5

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14.Nxe5

14.bxc3 Be7 15.Rd1∞

14...Nxe5 15.f4 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 0-0
17.fxe5 a6 18.Nxc3 Qe8 19.Bg5
Nd7 20.Rae1 Qe6 21.Qf3 Nxe5
22.Qg3 f6 23.Bh6

23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Rxf6 Qxf6 25.Qxe5
Qxe5 26.Rxe5 Rf8†

23...Rf7

23...Qg4+-

24.h3 Kh8 25.Bf4 Bd4 26.Bxe5
Bxe5 27.Qf3 Rc8 28.b4 Rfc7 29.b5
Qb3 30.bxa6 bxa6 31.Qh5 Qxb2
32.Nd5 Rb7 33.Nf4 Kg8 34.Nd3
Qb5 35.Qg4 Re8 36.Nxe5 fxe5
37.Rb1 Qxb1 38.Rxb1 Rxb1+
39.Kh2 e4 40.Qd7 Rbb8 41.h4 e3
42.h5 h6 0-1

Nick Raptis –

Carl Haessler [A40]

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1.d4 b6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.g3
Bxf3 5.exf3 Nf6 6.Bg2 c6 7.Nc3
d5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Bf4 Qd7 10.Rc1
Be7 11.Bf1 0-0 12.Bb5 Qb7 13.Na4
Bb4+ 14.Ke2 Qe7 15.Rc7 Nfd7
16.Qb3 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Rc2
a6 19.Bxd7 Nxd7 20.Rhc1 b5
21.Nc5 Nb6 22.Qc3 Nc4 23.f4 a5
24.Kf1 b4 25.Qd3 g6 26.Na4 Qa6
27.Ke2 Nd6 28.Qxa6 Rxa6 29.Kd3
h5 30.Rc6 Rxc6

30...Rfa8 31.Rxa6 Rxa6 32.Rc7 looks
about level.

31.Rxc6 Nf5 32.Ra6 Rb8 33.Nc5
Rb5 34.Nb3 a4 35.Rxa4 h4 36.g4
Nd6 37.Nc5 h3 38.b3 Nb7 39.Na6
Rb6 40.Nxb4 Nd6 41.Ra6 Rxa6
42.Nxa6 Ne4 43.Ke3 1-0

Richard Gutman –

Steven Deeth [D43]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3
e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7
8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.0-0 0-0
11.a3 Re8 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Qe7
14.Re1 Qf8 15.Bc4 Nf6 16.Nxf6+
gxf6 17.Qb3 Kg7 18.Rxe8 Qxe8
19.Re1 Qf8 20.d5 c5 21.Bb5 Bf5
22.Qe3 Rd8 23.Nh4 Bg6 24.Nxg6
fxg6 25.Qe6 a6 26.Bc4 b5 27.Ba2
Qf7 28.g3 c4 29.b3 cxb3 30.Bxb3
Rd7 31.a4 bxa4 32.Bxa4 Re7
33.Qxf7+ 1/2-1/2

Richard Gutman –

Corey Russell [A14]

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1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nf3
Be7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nbd2
d4= 8.b4?! cxb4 9.a3 Nc6 10.Nb3
e5 11.axb4 Bxb4† 12.Ba3 Bxa3
13.Rxa3 Bd7 14.Nc5 Qe7 15.Nxd7
Qxa3 16.Nxf8 Rxf8 17.Qb1 b6
18.Qb5 Qd6 19.Ra1 Rc8 20.Nd2
Na5 21.Bh3 Rc5 22.Qb4 g6 23.Nb1
e4 24.Na3 Nc6 25.Qb2 Rh5 26.Bg2
Ng4 27.dxe4 Rxh2 28.f4 Rxc2+
29.Kxc2 Qe6 30.Kf3 f5 31.e5

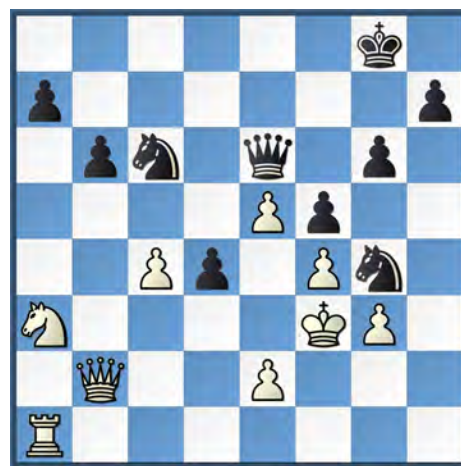
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31...Nxe5+ 32.fxe5 Qc6+ 33.Kf4
Qe4+ 0-1

Steven Deeth –

Nick Raptis [A41]

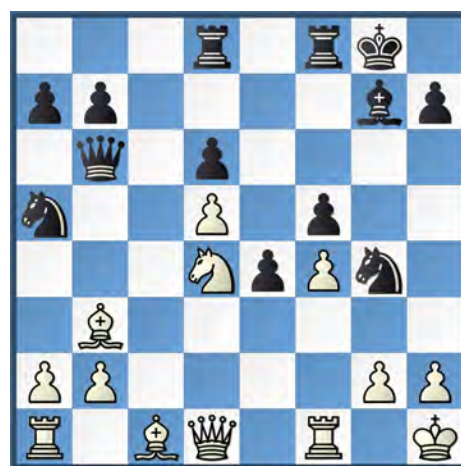
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1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.d5 f5 4.e4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.Nge2
0-0 8.exf5 gxf5 9.f4 e4 10.Bc2 c5
11.dxc6 Nxc6 12.0-0 Be6 13.Bb3
Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Rad8 15.Nd5 Bxd5
16.cxd5 Na5

16...Nb4 17.Qd4 Nd7 18.Qxb6 Nxb6
19.Be3 Rc8 20.Rac1 Bxb2 21.Rxc8
Rxc8 22.Ng3 Rf8†

17.Nd4 Ng4



18.Ne6

18.Nxf5! Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qxf2
20.Nxg7 Kxg7 21.Bd2 Nxb3 22.Bc3+
Kf7 23.Qh5+ Ke7 24.Qxh7+
Rf7 25.Qxe4+ Kf8 26.axb3 Rxf4
27.Qd3∞

18...Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qxf2 20.Bd2
Nxb3 21.axb3 Bxb2 22.Rb1 Bf6
23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Qc1 Bd4 0-1

Carl Haessler –
Sean Tobin [A20]

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1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.e4
Bc5 5.Ne2 d6 6.0–0 0–0 7.d3 h6
8.h3 Nh7 9.Kh2 g5!?

9...f5

10.Nbc3 a6 11.f4 f6 12.a3 Ba7
13.b4 Kh8 14.Bd2 Be6 15.Qc1 gxf4
16.gxf4 f5 17.Be3

17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Bxh6±

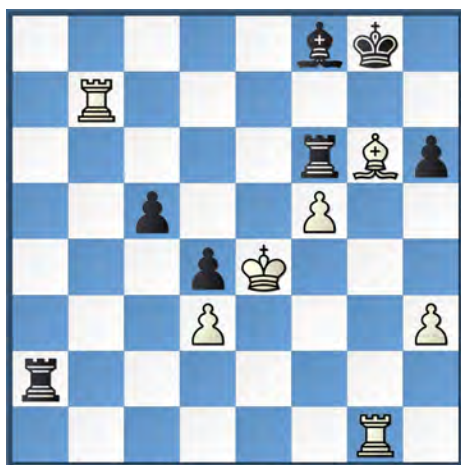
17...Nd4 18.Bxd4 exd4 19.exf5 Bxf5
20.Ne4 Qh4 21.Qe1 Qxe1

21...Qe7±

22.Raxe1 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 c6 24.Bg6
Rf6 25.f5 Nf8 26.Bh5 Nd7 27.Nf4
Ne5 28.Ng6+ Kg7 29.c5 Nxc6
30.Bxc6 dxc5 31.Re7+ Kf8 32.Rxb7
Bb8+ 33.Kg2 Bd6 34.Re1 cxb4
35.axb4 c5 36.b5 axb5 37.Rxb5
Ra2+ 38.Kf3 Kg7

38...Ra7

39.Rb7+ Kg8 40.Ke4 Bf8 41.Rg1



41.Kd5

41...Bg7?

41...Re2+ 42.Kd5 Re7±

42.Bh7+ Kh8 43.Rbxg7 Ra8

44.Rd7 Re8+ 45.Kf4 1–0

Daniel Gay –
David Wen [B13]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 dxc4 7.d5 Ne5
8.Qd4 Nfd7 9.Bxc4 Qb6 10.Qxb6
Nxb6 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7
13.0–0–0 Rc8 14.Nge2 g6 15.Be3
Nec4 16.Bd4 Bh6+ 17.Kb1 Rhd8
18.b3 Nd6 19.Rd3 Bg5 20.f4 Bf6
21.Bxb6 axb6 22.Na4 Kc7 23.Rc1+
Kb8 24.Nxb6



Daniel Gay (left) vs. David Wen (right).
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24.Rxc8+ Nxc8 25.Nac3 Nd6
26.Nd4±

24...Rxc1+ 25.Kxc1 Ka7 26.Na4

26.Nc4 Rc8

26...b5 27.Nac3 b4 28.Na4 Nb5
29.Rd2 Nc7 30.Nd4 Bxd4 31.Rxd4
Nxd5 32.Nb2 Rc8+ 33.Kd2 e6
34.Nd3 Rb8 35.Ne5 Rb6

35...Rb7=

36.Kc1

36.Nxf7 Ra6=

36...Rb7 37.Kb2 Kb6 38.Rc4 Rc7

38...f6=

39.g3 f6 40.Nd3 Kb5?

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40...Ka5= 41.Nxb4?! Rxc4 42.Nxd5
Rd4 43.Nxf6 Rd2+ 44.Kc3 Rxh2

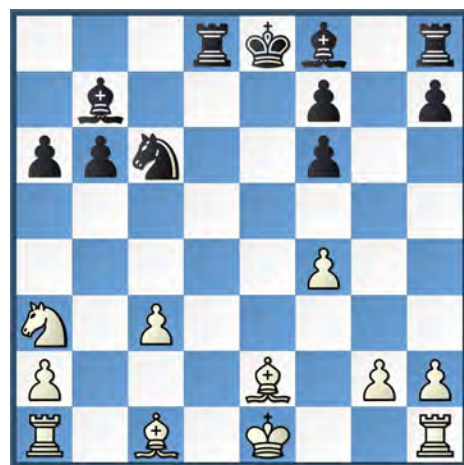
41.Nxb4! Rxc4 42.bxc4+ Kxc4
43.Nxd5 Kxd5 44.Kc3 g5 45.fgx5
fxg5 46.Kd3

The outside passed pawn rules. 1–0

Brian Esler –
Robert Herrera [B44]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3
a6 8.Na3 b6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.f4?! d5!
11.cxd5 exd5 12.e5 d4 13.exf6 dxc3
14.Qxd8+ Rxd8 15.bxc3 gxf6



16.0–0?!

16.Nc2∞ but roughly equal.

16...Bc5+ 17.Kh1 Ne7 18.Nc4

18.Nc2 Rg8 19.Ne1

18...Rg8 19.Bf3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rd3
21.Nd2 f5 22.c4 Rg6 23.Rb1 Kd7
24.Nb3 Bd6 25.a4 Nc6 26.Bd2 a5
27.Rf2 Be7 28.Nc1 Ra3 29.Rg2 Kc7
30.Ne2 Ra2 31.Ng3 Bc5 32.Be3
Rxc2 33.Bxc5 Rc2 34.Bxb6+ Kc8
35.Rb5 Re6 0-1

Corey Russell –
Brian Esler [C90]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4
Nf6 5.Qe2 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.c3 0-0
8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Na5 10.Bc2 c5
11.d3 Nc6 12.Nbd2 Re8 13.Nf1
Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.h3 Bg7 16.Be3
h6 17.d4 Nd7 18.Rad1 Qc7 19.dxc5
dxc5 20.Qd2 Kh7 21.Qd5 Nd8



21...Nb6 22.Qd6± (22.Qxc5 Nc4±
when White's queen finds itself in a
bit of bother.)

22.Qxa8?!

22.Nf5!? gxf5 23.exf5 Nf6! 24.Qxa8
Bb7±; Probably best is something
normal, like 22.a4 Rb8 23.Qd6±

22...Nb6

White may have been counting on
22...Bb7?? 23.Rxd7 Qxd7 24.Qa7+-

23.Qd5

23.Qxc8 Qxc8 24.Bb3±

23...Nxd5 24.Rxd5 Nb7± 25.h4 Be6

26.Rd2 Rd8 27.h5 Rxd2 28.Bxd2
c4 29.hxg6+ fxg6 30.Be3 a5 31.a3
Bf8 32.Rd1 Bc5 33.Nf1 b4 34.axb4
axb4 35.Bxc5 Qxc5 36.cxb4 Qxb4
37.Ne3 Qb5 38.Ra1 h5?

38...Kg7 should still offer Black good
winning chances.

39.Ng5+ 1/2-1/2

Robert Herrera –
Daniel Gay [E63]

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2
0-0 5.d4 d6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 a6
8.b3 Rb8 9.Nd5 e6 10.Nxf6+ Qxf6
11.Bb2 e5 12.d5 Nd8 13.c5 Qe7
14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Rc1 f5 16.Qc2 Nf7
17.Qc7 Bd7 18.Nd2 Rfc8 19.Qb6
Bb5 20.Nc4 Qc7 21.e4 Bh6 22.Qxc7
Rxc7 23.Ne3 Rbc8 24.Rxc7
Rxc7 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Bxc1 fxe4
27.Bxe4 Kf8 28.h4 Bd7 29.Kf1 Kg7
30.Ke2 Kf6 31.Bb2 Ke7 32.Kd3
Bxe3 33.Kxe3 Nh6 34.f4 Ng4+
35.Kf3 exf4 36.Kxf4 Nf6 37.Bf3
Nh5+ 38.Bxh5 gxh5 39.Ke4 Bh3
40.Bc1 Bg2+ 41.Kd4 1/2-1/2



Daniel Gay (left) vs. Robert Herrera (right). David
Wen (White) vs. Carl Haessler (Black) on next board.
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David Wen –
Carl Haessler [A32]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.e3 Bb4 7.Bd2
0-0 8.a3 Be7 9.Be2 Nxd4 10.exd4
d5 11.c5 Ne4 12.Bf4 g5 13.Bg3 f5
14.Be5 Bf6 15.Nxe4 Bxe5 16.Nc3
Bg7 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.0-0 Qf6

19.Rad1 Qg6 20.Nb5 g4 21.f4 gxf3
22.Rxf3 Kh8 23.Nd6 Bh6 24.Qc3
Bc6 25.b4 a6 26.Qb3 Rg8 27.Rg3
Qf6 28.Bh5 Raf8 29.Rxg8+ Kxg8
30.Qg3+ Bg7 31.Bf3 Rd8 32.Rd2
Kf8 33.Rd3 Rd7 34.Bh5 Bh6
35.Qf2 Rg7 36.Kf1 Qg5 37.Qf3 Ba4
38.Qe2 Qc1+ 39.Kf2 Re7 40.Nc8
Bb5 41.Nxe7 Kxe7 42.Qe5 Qc2+
43.Be2 Bxd3 44.Qc7+ Kf8 45.Qd8+
Kf7 46.Qd7+ Kf6 47.Qd8+ Kg6
48.Qe8+ Kf6 1/2-1/2

Sean Tobin –
Steven Deeth [B22]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5
Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4
Nb6 8.Bb3 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nc6
10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nc3 Ba6 12.Qf3
Rc8 13.Bd2 Be7 14.0-0-0 Bc4
15.Bc2 Bd5 16.Qg3 Bf6 17.h4 Qe7
18.Bf4 Rd8 19.Kb1 Rd7 20.Ka1
0-0 21.Bh6 Rfd8 22.h5 g6 23.hxg6
fxg6 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Qxg6+ Bg7
26.Bg5 Qe8 27.Qh7+ Kf8 28.Nxd5
Nxd5 29.Rd3 Nf6 30.Rf3 Rf7
31.Qg6 Qe7 32.Rh7 Rxd4 33.a3
Rg4 34.Rxg7 Rxg7 35.Qxf6+
Qxf6 36.Rxf6+ Rf7 37.Bh6+ Ke7
38.Rxf7+ Kxf7 39.g3 Kf6 40.Kb1
a6 41.Kc2 Rd4 42.Kc3 Rd5 43.Be3
Ke5 44.g4 Ke4 45.g5 Kf5 46.a4 Kg6
47.b4 Kf5 48.Kc4 Kg6 49.Kc3 Kf5
50.Kc4 Kg6 51.Kc3 Kf5 1/2-1/2

Nick Raptis –
Richard Gutman [E08]

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.c4 e6
5.d4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Qc2 0-0
8.0-0 Ne4 9.Bf4 Nd7 10.Rd1 b5

10...f5 looks like a normal transposition
into the Stonewall Dutch structure.

11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Nbd2 Nxd2
13.Qxd2 Nb6 14.b3 a5 15.Rac1 Ra7
16.Ne5 Bd7 17.Qd3 Qe8 18.Rc2
Ba3 19.Qc3 Bb4 20.Qb2 a4 21.Nd3



Richard Gutman (left) vs. Nick Raptis (right).
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axb3 22.axb3 Ba3 23.Qc3 Qe7
24.Qd2 Rc8 25.Nc5 Be8 26.Nd3
Rxc2 27.Qxc2 f6 28.Qc3 g5 29.Be3
Qc7 30.Nc5 Nd7 31.b4 Nb6 32.Bh3
Bf7 33.f4 h6 34.Qd3 Bxb4



34...Nc4 35.Bxe6 Bxe6 36.Nxe6 (36.
Qg6+?! Qg7 37.Qe8+ Kh7 38.Qxe6
Re7 39.Qf5+ Qg6 40.Qxg6+ Kxg6) 36...Qf7
37.f5 Bxb4 (37...Nb2 38.Qxb5 Nxd1
(38...Rb7 39.Qa5+-) 39.Qb8+ Kh7 40.Nf8+
Kg7 (40... Qxf8 41.Qxf8 Nxe3 42.Qxf6+-)
41.Ng6+-) 38.Qb3=

35.Bxe6

35.Qxb5 Nc4 36.Bxe6 is even more
complicated than the game, i.e. 36...
Nxe3? (36...Bxe6 37.Nxe6 Qe8 38.Bc1
Ra5 39.Qxb4 Qxe6∞; 36...Bxc5
37.dxc5 Qe7 38.Bxf7+ Kxf7 39.Bf2
Ne3∞) 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Bxf7 Qxf7
39.Qxe3±

35...Bxe6 36.Nxe6

36.Qg6+ Qg7 37.Qe8+ Kh7
38.Qxe6∞

36...Qf7 37.f5 Nc4 38.Bf2

38.Qb3=

38...Ra3

38...Nb2

39.Qb1 Qe7

Presumably a time forfeit; the
position is pretty close to equal. 1-0

Nick Raptis –

Corey Russell [E69]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2
0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nc3
e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 exd4 10.Nxd4 a5
11.Be3 Nc5 12.Qc2 Re8 13.Rad1
Qe7 14.Rfe1 a4 15.Bf4 Nh5

15...Nfd7=

16.Nf5 gxf5 17.Bxd6 Qg5 18.Bxc5 f4
19.Bd6 fxg3 20.fxg3 Nxc3 21.Nxa4
Re6 22.Bc7 Rxa4 23.Rd8+ Qxd8
24.Bxd8 Rxa2 25.Bc7 Nf5 26.Qd1
Ne7 27.Qd8+ Bf8 28.Bd6 Ra8

28...Rxd6 29.Qxd6 Rxb2

29.e5 b6 30.Re3 Ng6 31.Rg3 Bb7
32.Qc7 1-0

Richard Gutman –

Sean Tobin [A01]

2013 Oregon Invitational
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(R9), Feb. 18, 2013

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 g6 4.Bb5
Nge7 5.f4 Bg7 6.Nf3 f6 7.fxe5 fxe5
8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 h6 10.Nc3 d6 11.Qe2
Bg4 12.h3 Nd4 13.Qc4+ Be6

[Diagram top of next column]

14.Nxd4!? Bxc4 15.Bxc4+ Kh8
16.Ne6 Qd7 17.Nxf8 Bxf8

17...Rxf8 18.Rxf8+ Bxf8 19.Rf1 Bg7
20.Rf7 c6



18.Rf7 c6 19.Raf1 Bg7 20.a4 Qd8
21.Be6 Qe8 22.Ne2 Rd8 23.d4 Ng8
24.d5 Ne7 25.h4

25.c4!?

25...cxd5 26.exd5 h5?! 27.Nf4!?

27.Ng3! Rb8 28.Ne4 Nf5 29.R1xf5!
gxf5 30.Nxd6 Qd8 31.Nxf5 and Black
has some very serious problems to
solve.

27...Kh7

27...Qxf7 28.Bxf7 exf4 29.Bxg7+
Kxg7 30.Be6 Rf8 is at most a small
advantage to White.

28.Nh3 Nf5 29.Ng5+ Kh8 30.Rxb7
Rb8 31.Rxa7 Ra8 32.Rd7 Qb8
33.Bxf5

33.Rd8+! Qxd8 34.Nf7+ pretty much
ends the discussion in White's favor.

33...Qb6+ 34.Kh2 gxf5 35.Rxf5
Qb4 36.Nf3

36.c4+-

36...Rf8 37.Rxh5+ Kg8 38.Rg5
Rxf3?

38...Rf7 and perhaps White is slightly
less winning than in the game.

39.Rgxf7+ Kf8 40.gxf3 Qxh4+
41.Kg2 Qh6 42.Ba3

42.Rdf7+ Ke8 43.Bc3+-

42...Qd2+ 43.Kh3 Qh6+ 44.Kg4 Qf4+ 45.Kh5 Qf5+

45...Qh2+ 46.Kg6 Qg3+ 47.Kf6 Qf4+ 48.Ke6 Qh6+ 49.Kf5 Qf4+ is the accurate way to deliver perpetual check.

46.Kh6?

46.Kh4 Qf4+ (46...Qf6+ 47.Rg5) 47.Rg4+-

46...Qf6+ 47.Kh7 Qh4+ 48.Kg6 Qg3+ 49.Kf5 Qf4+ 50.Kg6 Qg3+ 51.Kh6 Qh4+ 52.Kg6 Qg3+ 53.Kf5 Qf4+ 1/2-1/2

Steven Deeth –
David Wen [E46]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.Ng3 Nbd7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.e4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 c5 11.Be2 Bf6 12.0-0 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nb6 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Qd2 Bc6 16.f4 Bh4 17.d5



17...Bxg3?

17...exd5 18.Nf5 dxe4

18.dxc6 Bh4 19.cxb7 Rb8 20.Ba6 Qxd2 21.Bxd2 Rfd8 22.Bb4 Rd7 23.Rfd1 Bd8 24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.Rc1 1-0

Carl Haessler –
Robert Herrera [A04]

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1.Nf3 c5 2.b3 d6 3.e3 e5 4.d4 cxd4 5.exd4 e4 6.Nfd2 f5 7.d5 Qf6 8.c3 Qg6 9.Na3 a6 10.Ndc4 Nd7 11.Be3 Ngf6 12.Nc2 Be7 13.Qd2 0-0 14.0-0 b5 15.Na5 Ne5 16.h3 Bd7 17.Nb4 Rac8 18.Kb2 Bd8

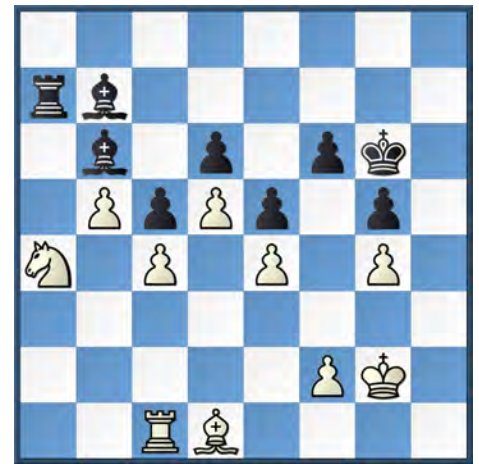


19.Nac6 a5 20.Nxe5 dxe5 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.dxc6 b4 23.cxb4 axb4 24.Bc5 Re8 25.Qxb4 f4 26.Ba6 Ra8 27.Bb7 Ra5 28.Rxd8 1-0

Daniel Gay –
Brian Esler [E90]

2013 Oregon Invitational
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(R9), Feb. 18, 2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 Na6 9.a3 Bd7 10.b3 Qe8 11.g4 Nc5 12.Nd2 c6 13.b4 Na6 14.Qb3 axb4 15.axb4 c5 16.b5 Nb4 17.Rxa8 Qxa8 18.Qb2 Qa7 19.Be2 Ra8 20.0-0 Qa3 21.Rb1 Na2 22.Qxa3 Rxa3 23.Ra1 h6 24.Bxf6 Rxc3 25.Rxa2 Bxf6 26.Ra8+ Kg7 27.Nf3 Rc2 28.Bf1 Rc3 29.Kg2 g5 30.Rb8 h5 31.Nh2 hxg4 32.hxg4 Ra3 33.Rxb7 Be8 34.Nf3 Ra8 35.Ng1 Kf8 36.Ne2 Be7 37.Ng3 Rd8 38.Nf5 Bd7 39.Ne3 Ke8 40.Ra7 Rb8 41.Be2 Bd8 42.Ra6 Bb6 43.Nf1 Bc8 44.Ra1 f6 45.Ng3 Kf7 46.Bf3 Kg6 47.Ne2 Bb7 48.Rh1 Kg7 49.Nc3 Ra8 50.Rc1 Ra7 51.Bd1 Kg6 52.Na4



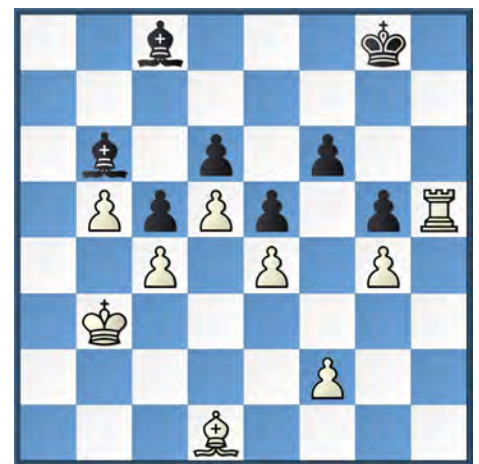
52...Rxa4!?

Black tries to build a fortress, based on control of the a- and h-file entry points and White's bad bishop. 52...Ba5 and White still has to prove a winning plan.

53.Bxa4 Kg7 54.Bc2 Kf7 55.Ra1 Kf8 56.Kf3 Kf7 57.Ke3 Kf8 58.Kd2 Kf7 59.Kc3 Kf8 60.Kb3 Kf7 61.Rh1

Not good enough is 61.Ra6? Bxa6 62.bxa6 Ke7 63.Ka4 Kd7 64.Kb5 Ba7=

61...Kg7 62.Rh5 Bc8 63.Bd1 Kg8



64.f4! exf4

64...gxf4 65.Rh6 Kg7 66.g5 Bd8 67.Bh5+; 64...Bd8 65.fxg5 fxg5 66.Rh6 Be7 67.Rh2 and Black can't get the bishops back into formation in time to prevent an a-file infiltration.

65.Kc3 Kg7 66.Kd3 Kg8 67.Bf3 Kg7

68.Ke2 Kg8 69.Kf2 Kg7 70.Be2 Kg8
71.Kf3 Kg7 72.Bd3 Kg8 73.Bc2

White has been preparing extremely methodically, but the final breakthrough is already good enough without further ado. 73.e5

73...Bd8 74.Rh1 Bb6 75.Ra1 Bb7
76.e5 dxe5

76...fxe5 77.Bf5 Kg7 78.Rh1
Kg8 79.Rh6 is not much of an improvement.

77.Bf5 Kf8 78.Rh1 Kg8 79.Ke4 Bd8
80.Rh7 Bc8 81.Ra7 Bxf5+ 82.Kxf5
Kf8 83.d6 Ke8 84.Rh7

84.Ke6 Kf8 (84...f3 85.Rf7 Ba5 86.d7+
Kd8 87.Rf8+ Kc7 88.d8Q+) 85.Ra8
f3 86.Rxd8+ Kg7 87.d7 f2 88.Rg8+
Kxg8 89.d8Q+ Kg7 90.Qxf6+

84...f3 85.Ke6 Kf8 86.Kd5 f5
87.gxf5 f2 88.Rh1 g4 89.Ke4 g3
90.Kf3 Bh4 91.b6 e4+ 92.Kg2 e3
93.b7 e2 94.b8Q+ Kf7 95.Qa7+
Kf8 96.Qb8+ Kf7 97.Qc7+ Kf8
98.Qc8+ Kf7 99.Qe6+ 1-0

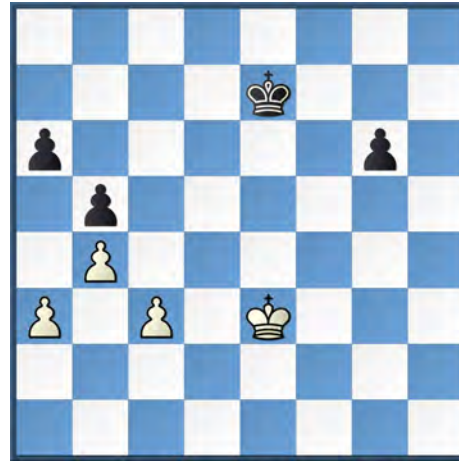
And so... Nick Raptis became the 2013 Oregon State Chess Champion with 7.5 points.



*Nick Raptis holding the State Championship trophy.
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Errata

We printed the wrong diagram at the top of page 14 in the printed version of the March 2013 issue in the Richard Gutman vs. Daniel Gay game. Here is the correct diagram with the conclusion of the game the way it should have been presented.

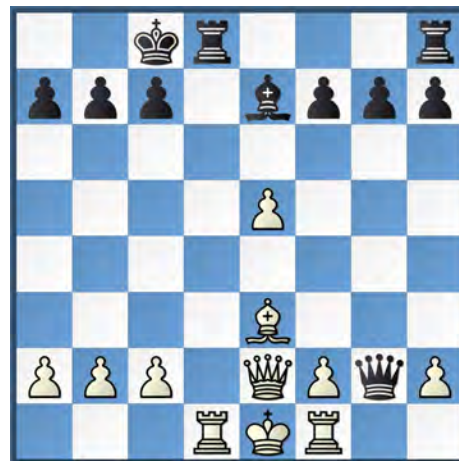


36.Kf3?

36.Kd4 g5 37.c4=

36...Ke6 37.Kg4 Kd5 0-1

We also put the wrong diagram in the first game from the Oregon Games in the Daniel Gay vs. Corey Russell game on page 7 of the printed version of the March 2013 issue. Here is the correct diagram.



These diagrams will be correct in the color online version in two months. Our apologies for the errors.

Idaho Games

All 60 games from the event are available to view online at <http://www.idahochessassociation.org/idaboclosed2013games.asp>. Java is required to view them. We present a sample here.

**Lucas Knoll (1060) –
Kurt Douglas (1751) [B50]**
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R1), Feb. 16, 2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3
Nc6 5.d3

5.d4 transposes into more normal-looking Sicilian lines, and is probably White's best.

5...Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Bb5 Bd7
8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0

9.Bxc6

9...a6

9...Nd4! 10.Bxf6 (Or 10.Bxd7 Nxf3+
11.gxf3 Nxd7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7; Very bad for White is 10.Nxd4 cxd4 11.Bxd7 dxc3-+) 10...Nxf3+ 11.gxf3 Bxf6 12.Bxd7 Qxd7 gives Black an edge.

10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Rfe1 h6 12.Bxf6
Bxf6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bd7
15.Rad1 Rc8 16.Nf3

16.Nde2 Rc6=; 16.Nce2 Qb6 17.c3=

16...Bxc3 17.bxc3 Bb5 18.Re3

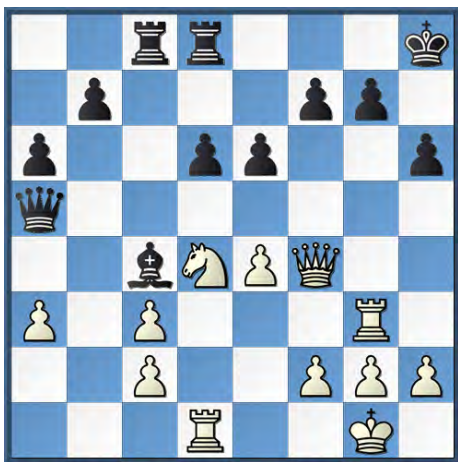
18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Rxc3=

18...Qa5 19.a3 Rfd8 20.Nd4 Bc4
21.Rg3 Kh8 22.Qf4

[Diagram top of next page]

22...Qe5?

22...e5?! 23.Qg4 Rg8 (23...g6 24.Nf5
Be6 25.Qb4+-) 24.Qh5 Be6 (24...
Qd8 25.Nf5±) 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Rg6
and White still has attacking chances,
for example: 26...Rgf8? (26...Rc7 is



37.Rxd6 Rb1+ 38.Kh2 Rc5
39.Rd8+ 1-0

Larry Parsons (2000) –
John Carr (1700) [A20]
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R2), Feb. 16, 2013

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.d4
Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 exd4
7.Qxd4 d5 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 dxc4
10.Qxc4 Nbd7 11.Nc3 Nb6 12.Qc5
Re8 13.Rfd1 Qe7 14.Qxe7 Rxe7
15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Nc2 Kf8 17.e4 Rae8
18.Ne3

better, but White can choose between taking the immediate draw or playing on with a small edge: 27.Rxh6+ (27.Rxe6±) 27...gxh6 28.Qxh6+ Rh7 29.Qf6+ Rgg7 30.Qf8+ Rg8 31.Qf6+) 27.Rxh6+! gxh6 28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 (29...Kg7 30.Rxd6 Qc7 31.Qb6+) 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Rxd6 Rc6 32.Qg5+ Kh8 33.Rd7+; A better system of defense is to protect the kingside with rooks right away: 22...Rd7 23.Qg4 Rg8 at least retaining the better pawn structure.

23.Qxf7± Rf8 24.Qxb7 Rb8 25.Qc7 Rbc8 26.Qe7 Rce8 27.Qc7 Rc8 28.Qd7 Rcd8 29.Qa4 Bb5 30.Qb4

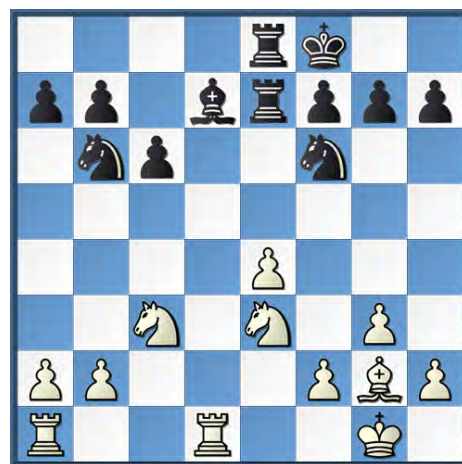
30.Nxb5 axb5 31.Qd4 is simple and strong.

30...Qc5

Time to get one of the pawns back with 30...Qxe4 31.Re3 (31.c4 Bd7 32.Re3 can lead to similar positions.) 31...Qf4 32.Rf3 Qe5 since in the ending after 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Nxb5 axb5 35.Qxd6 Qxd6 36.Rxd6 Ra8 Black has time to gobble the a-pawn. If he can liquidate the a-pawn and both c-pawns in exchange for the e- and b-pawns, the resulting 3 vs 2 rook ending is a theoretical draw.

31.Rd2 Qc4 32.Qxc4 Bxc4 33.Nc6 Rd7 34.Ne5 Rb7 35.Ng6+ Kg8 36.h3 Rc8

36...Rd8 holding onto the pawn offers a little more hope of survival.



18...Ng4

Although Black manages to hold the draw with a tough-minded defense based on rook activity, an easier route to equality is 18...Be6=

19.Rxd7 Rxd7 20.Nxg4 Rd2 21.Nd1 Nc4 22.b3 Nd6 23.Nc3 Rc2 24.e5 Rxc3 25.exd6 Rd3 26.Ne3 Rxd6 27.Kf1 Rd2 28.Nc4 Rc2 29.Ne3 Rd2 30.Nc4 Rc2 31.Bf3 Re6 32.Bd1 Rc3 33.Rb1 Ke7 34.Rb2 Rd3 35.Be2 Rd8 36.Rd2 Rxd2 37.Nxd2 Kd6 38.a3 Kc5 39.Bc4 Re7 40.Nf3 1/2-1/2

Gary Hollingsworth (1407) –
Jeff Roland (1700) [C45]
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R3), Feb. 17, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4
4.Nxd4 Qh4 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Be2
Qxe4 7.Ndb5 Kd8

7...Bxc3+ should probably be played first, reaching the same position as in the actual game, but without offering White the option of recapturing on c3 with the knight on move 9. 8.bxc3 Kd8 9.0-0 transposes to the game.

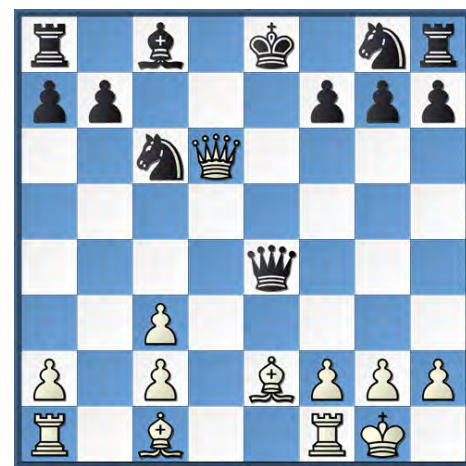
8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3

9.Nxc3 looks pretty good. The knight on b5 did its job, inducing ...Kd8 to strand the black king in the center. Now it can return to harass the black queen and find greener pastures elsewhere. 9...Qe5 10.Re1 Nf6 11.Bf3 White has enough compensation for the pawn that we can just say he stands better.

9...d6 10.Nxd6!?

Before this, White had plenty of compensation for his pawn and structural defects in the form of activity and king safety, but investing a piece (or two!) requires far more concrete returns – and accurate attacking play.

10...cxd6 11.Qxd6+ Ke8



11...Bd7 12.Bf4 Qe6 13.Qc7+ Ke8 14.Rad1 Nge7 15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.Qxb7±

12.Bh6?

12.Ba3! makes more sense, when Black has great difficulties: 12...Qe7 (12...Nge7 13.Rfe1 Qe6 14.Qc7 etc.) 13.Qg3 Qxa3!? a) 13...Qf6 14.Bb5

Nge7 15.Qc7 Bd7 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.Rfe1 and Black, feeling the lack of castling rights, is getting crushed.; **b)** 13...Qe5 is a little finesse intended to block the white queen from the c7-square. 14.f4 Qf6 15.Bb5 Qg6 (15...Bd7 16.Rad1 Nge7 17.Rfe1 is too much pressure for the Black position to survive.) 16.Rfe1+ Be6 17.Qf3 Nge7 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 and now 19.f5 shows the down-side of the strategy; 14.Qxg7 Be6 15.Rab1 Qe7 16.Qxh8 Kf8 With material restored to near equivalence, the situation is not quite so clearly disastrous for Black.

12...Qg6

A good practical refutation. One extra piece is enough. Also possible is 12...Nxb6 13.Rfe1 Nf5 (13...Qe7? 14.Bh5 Be6? (14...Nf5 15.Rxe7+ Nfxe7 still offers Black enough material for the queen.) 15.Rxe6 Qxe6 16.Qxe6+-) 14.Qc7 Qe7 15.Bf3 Be6 16.Bxc6+ Kf8 and White doesn't have nearly enough for the piece.

13.Qxg6 hxc6 14.Bxg7 Rh7 15.Bd4 Be6 16.Rab1 b6 17.Bb5 Rc8 18.Rfe1 Kf8 19.a4 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Nf6 21.Bd3 Kg7 22.Rbc1 Rc3 23.Re3 Nd5 24.Rg3 Nf4 25.Bxg6 Ne2+ 0-1

**Fred Bartell (1711) –
Cody Gorman (1712) [E73]
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R4), Feb. 17, 2013**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.Be2 e5? 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Nd5

9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 similarly wins material.

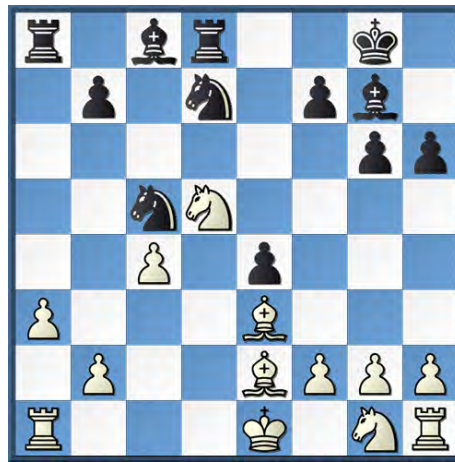
9...Nbd7 10.Nxc7

10.Rd1 first may be even better.

10...Rb8 11.Nd5 h6 12.Be3

12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Bd3±

12...Nxe4 13.Bxa7 Ra8 14.Be3 Nec5 15.a3 e4



16.Rd1

16.0-0-0!± Na4?! 17.Bd4

16...Na4?!

16...Bxb2 17.Bxh6 (17.Ne7+ Kf8 18.Nxg6+ (18.Bxc5 Nxc5 19.Rxd8+ Kxe7 20.Rd1 Rxa3) 18...fxg6 19.Bxc5+∞) 17...Rxa3=

17.b3?!

17.Nc7! Ra5 (17...Rb8 18.Ba7) 18.b4 Rf5 19.Nd5±

17...Nb2 18.Rb1

18.Rd4!? Rxa3! (18...Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Nd3+ 20.Bxd3 exd3 21.a4) 19.Rxe4 Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6

18...Rxa3 19.Bxh6?

19.f3 Rxb3 (19...Nd3+ 20.Kf1 f5) 20.fxe4 Re8; 19.b4 Ra2

19...Rxb3?!

19...Bxh6! 20.Rxb2 Ra1+ 21.Bd1 Nc5+

20.Bxg7

20.Bg5

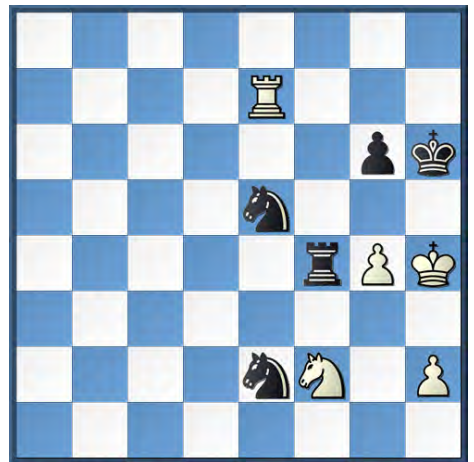
20...Kxg7 21.Kf1

21.f3 Nc5 22.fxe4 (22.Ra1 b5) 22...Nbd3+ 23.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 24.Kd2 Rxb1 25.Kxd3 f5+

21...Nc5 22.f3 Nxc4 23.Rxb3 Nd2+ 24.Kf2 Ndx3 25.Ne3 Nc1 26.Bb5 Bd7 27.Bxd7 Rxd7 28.Nh3 N5d3+ 29.Kg3 Ne2+ 30.Kh4 exf3 31.gxf3 Rd4+ 32.Ng4 f5

32...Rd8 weaves a mating net.

33.Rb1 fxg4 34.Rxb7+ Kh6 35.fxg4 Ne5 36.Nf2 Rf4 37.Re7



37...Rxf2??

37...Nf3+ 38.Kh3 Ne1! 39.g5+ (39.Rxe2 Rf3+ 40.Kb4 g5# is an ironic echo of the game checkmate.; 39.Re3 Rxf2+) 39...Kh5 40.Rh7+ Kxg5 41.Ne4+ Rxe4 42.Rh5+ Kf6! and of course Black wins.

38.g5# 1-0

**Shane Taylor (1389) –
Adam Porth (1308) [C01]
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R4), Feb. 17, 2013**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Be3 dxe4 4.f3 Nf6 5.c4 c5 6.Nc3 exf3 7.Nxf3 Nc6 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Qa4 Qxa4 10.Nxa4 Nb4 11.Kd1 Bd7 12.Nc3 Ng4 13.Bg1 Rd8 14.Kc1 Bc6 15.Ne1 Be7 16.h4 e5 17.a3 Na6 18.b4 Nc7 19.Be2 f5 20.Bxg4 fxg4 21.b5 Bd7 22.Ne4 Be6 23.c6 bxc6 24.Bxa7 cxb5 25.Bb6 Rc8 26.c5 Na6 27.Nd3 Bf5 28.Re1 Bxe4 29.Rxe4 Nxc5 30.Nxc5 Bxc5?!

30...0-0

31.Rxe5+ Be7+ 32.Kb2

32.Kd2∞

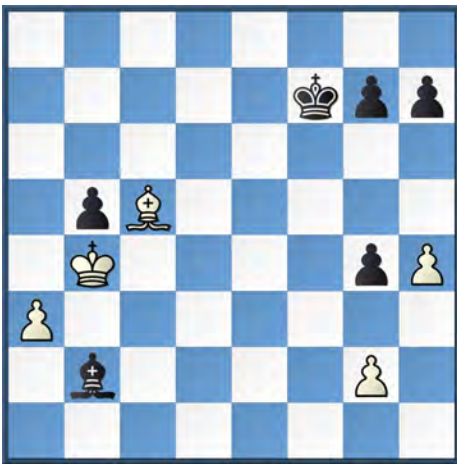
32...Kf7 33.Rf1+ Bf6 34.Kb3 Rhe8
35.Rxe8 Rxe8 36.Rf5 Re5

36...Re2 37.Rf2 Re4 38.h5 g3

37.Rxe5 Bxe5 38.Kb4 Bb2

38...Bd6+! 39.Kxb5 (39.Bc5? Bxc5+
40.Kxc5 h5 41.Kxb5 g5! 42.a4 gxb4
43.a5 h3 44.a6 bxc2 45.a7 g1Q 46.a8Q
Qf1+ and Black is winning.) 39...
Bxa3

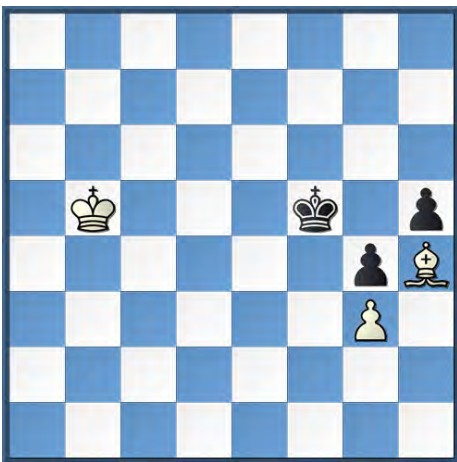
39.Bc5



39...Bxa3+?

39...h5! 40.Kxb5 g5! 41.hxg5 (41.a4
gxb4 42.a5 h3) 41...Bxa3! 42.Bxa3 h4
43.Bd6 h3 44.gxh3 gxh3 45.Kc4 Kg6
46.Bf4 h2 47.Bxh2 Kxg5 and Black
achieves his draw.

40.Kxa3 Ke6 41.Kb4 Kf5 42.g3 g5
43.hxg5 Kxg5 44.Be7+ Kf5 45.Bh4
h5 46.Kxb5

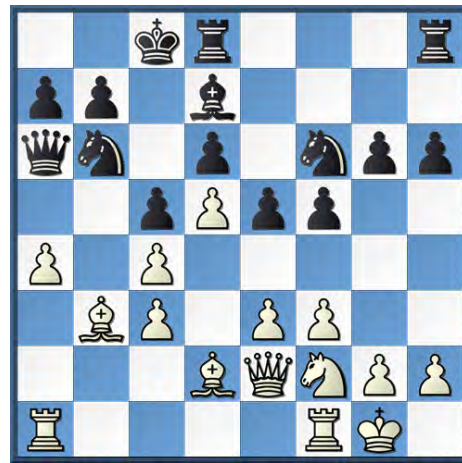


Here the players shook hands, which caused
an incident. Black "thought" he had
achieved a draw. White "thought" he had
achieved a win. But no words were spoken,
just a handshake. There was no draw
offer, and there was no resignation either.
A handshake is just a handshake if the
players don't agree on what it means. And
so the TD correctly said that the game must
go on... – Jeff Roland.

46...Ke5 47.Kc4 Ke4 48.Kc5 Ke5
49.Kc6 Ke6 50.Kc7 Kf7 51.Kd7 Kg6
52.Ke6 Kh6 53.Kf5 Kh7 54.Kg5 Kg7
55.Kxh5 Kh7 56.Kxg4 Kg6 57.Bd8
Kg7 58.Kg5 Kf7 59.Kh6 Kg8 60.Bf6
Kf7 61.Bc3 Ke6 62.g4 1–0

John Carr (1700) –
Alex Machin [A40]
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R5), Feb. 18, 2013

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 f5 6.e3 d6 7.Bd3
Nf6 8.f3 e5 9.Bc2 Nbd7 10.Nh3
h6 11.Nf2 Qa5 12.Bd2 Nb6 13.Bb3
Bd7 14.0–0 0–0–0 15.Qe2 Qa6 16.a4



16...Qa5

16...Nbx d5

17.Qd1 g5 18.Qe2 Rde8 19.Rfb1 f4
20.e4?

20.Bc2=

20...Reg8 21.h3 h5 22.Bc2 g4 23.h4
gxf3 24.Qxf3 Rg3 25.Qe2 Rhg8
26.Nd3 f3 27.Qf2 Rxcg2+ 28.Qxcg2
Rxcg2+ 0–1

Barry Eacker (1645) –
Jacob Nathan (963) [A40]
Idaho Closed Twin Falls, ID
(R5), Feb. 18, 2013

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 h6
4.Bxf6 exf6 5.e4 Bb4 6.Nf3 d5
7.exd5 Qxd5 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3
Bg4 10.Be2 0–0–0 11.0–0 Rhe8
12.h3 Bh5 13.Re1 Re6 14.c4 Qa5
15.d5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Ne5 17.Bg4
Nxc4 18.Qxc4 f5 19.Qd1 Qc3
20.Rb1 Qxc4?



20...Rxe1+ 21.Qxe1 Qxc4

21.Qh5

21.dxe6!! Rxd1 22.e7+- Rd8?
23.exd8Q+ Kxd8 24.Rbd1+ Kc8
25.Re8#

21...Qxd5 22.Rbd1 Qa5

22...g6 23.Qxh6 (23.Rxd5?? Rxe1+
24.Kh2 gxb5) 23...Qxd1 24.Rxd1
Rxd1+ 25.Kh2 is a material plus for
Black as well.

23.Rxd8+ Kxd8 24.Rd1+ Ke8
25.Qf3 Re1+ 26.Rxe1+ Qxe1+
27.Kh2 Qc1

Centralizing the queen is best: 27...
Qe5+ 28.g3 c6 and Black keeps two
extra pawns in the queen ending.

28.Qxf5 Qxa3 29.Qc8+ Ke7
30.Qxc7+ Kf6 31.Qxb7 Qc5
32.Qf3+ Kg6 33.Qd3+ Qf5
34.Qa6+ 1/2–1/2

Idaho Chess News

Larry Parsons, State Champion for the 18th time

by Barry Eacker, TD



*Larry Parsons with his Championship Plaque.
Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*

Eighteen; 18; 8-teen; ate-teen.

Any way you slice it, Larry Parsons winning the Idaho Closed State Chess Championship for the eighteenth time over President's weekend 2013 in Twin Falls, Idaho is an amazing accomplishment in the annals of Idaho chess history. Parsons solidified his position as the all-time leader in championship victories with a very workmanlike performance, winning four games and giving up draws in round two to former Idaho champion John Carr and in round four to the eventual number two finisher Jeff Roland. Parsons' 5.0/6 score made his claim to the crown undisputed.

Roland's 4.5/6 tally assured him clear second place, and left him the only other undefeated player in the tournament. Roland led at the halfway point with a perfect 3.0/3 score before having to settle for draws in the final three rounds. Cody Gorman shared a 4.0/6 score with Caleb Kircher, Alex Machin and Nedzad Imamovic but came out on top via the Solkoff tiebreak to claim the third place prize. Gorman very well could have been on board one in the final round had he not overlooked a brutal checkmate in a winning position in round four against Fred Bartell. Alex Machin grabbed the top unrated plaque.

One of the things that was really apparent at the event (besides Jeff Roland's lack of electrical prowess as he attempted to activate the video camera with a power strip that was not plugged in) was the influx of a very young and talented group of chess players who made their presence known early on and throughout the tournament with strong games against many of the established players. Upsets were commonplace as the youngsters stepped in and played at a higher level than is usually expected. A few examples were Lucas Knoll's victory over Kurt Douglas in round one and his draw with John Carr in round four, Carmen Pemsler's victory over class-A player Caleb Kircher also in round four and unrated Alex Machin's four wins (one against John Carr in round five) while playing Parsons for all the marbles in round six on board one. Jacob Nathan (rated 963) outplayed your TD in round four and only a positional error late in the game allowed me to equalize and draw. Lots of stuff happened in round four. There were four unrated players in the 21-player field. This is very encouraging to see and bodes

well for the future of Idaho chess.

Two of the unrated players were identical twin brothers, Alex and Drew Machin from Boise. I observed on Sunday evening that Alex prepared well for his final two rounds with soup and salad and ended up on board one in round six. Drew ate the meal that I am going to try, but maybe not during a chess tournament: Chicken and waffles. He was not on board one.....I'm just sayin'...

Monday was Adam Porth's birthday. He, along with his family, treated everyone to chess cake in the final round.

The venue was the Shilo Inn in Twin Falls, Idaho. Many thanks to the Shilo staff for providing a superior playing site and comfortable rooms for the players. Thanks to Jay Simonson for being my Assistant TD, and a very special thanks to all the players who took the time to participate in this historical event.

WINNERS:

Larry Parsons (Boise) - Champion
Jeff Roland (Boise) - Second Overall
Cody Gorman (Eagle) - Third Overall
Caleb Kircher (Nampa) - Top Class A
Fred Bartell (Twin Falls) - Top Class B
Barry Eacker (Twin Falls) - Second Class B
Carmen Pemsler (Eagle) - First Class C
Gary Hollingsworth (Pocatello) - Second Class C
Shane Taylor (Boise) - First Class D
Adam Porth (Bellevue) - Second Class D
Desmond Porth (Bellevue) - First Class E
Jacob Nathan (Idaho Falls) - Second Class E
Alex Machin (Boise) - Top Unrated
John Carr (Victor) - Top Senior
Lucas Knoll (Boise) - Top Junior
Alise Pemsler (Eagle) - Top Woman

Washington Chess News

Seattle Chess Club March Tornado

March 3, 2013

Frederick K. Kleist, Tournament Director

	Player	Rating	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Roland Feng	2215	W15	W12	W11	W4	4
2	Kevin Lee	1795	W5	W21	W9	W10	4
3	Viktors Pupols	2200	W26	W14	W10	U	3
4	David R Bragg	2200	W22	W8	W6	L1	3
5	Peter J O'Gorman	1845	L2	W18	W26	W14	3
6	Jothi Norio Ramesh	1738	W25	W13	L4	W12	3
7	Joel M Taylor	1692	W20	L10	W21	W13	3
8	Toshihiro Nagase	1838	W16	L4	D15	W23	2.5
9	Kenneth Truong	1810	D19	W24	L2	W22	2.5
10	Masayuki Nagase	1821	W18	W7	L3	L2	2
11	Abinav Viswanathan	1807	W27	W29	L1	U	2
12	Matthew Leroy Nill	1791	W31	L1	W16	L6	2
13	Kristen S Dietsch	1784	W28	L6	W20	L7	2
14	Faris Gulamali	1777	W17	L3	W29	L5	2
15	Michael Quan	1688	L1	W31	D8	D19	2
16	Gabriel Tafalla	1673	L8	W28	L12	W29	2
17	Neil Chowdhury	1566	L14	D22	W24	D21	2
18	Olga Cherepakhin	1545	L10	L5	W31	W28	2
19	Aaryan Deshpande	1538	D9	L23	W32	D15	2
20	Quentin Chi	1877	L7	W32	L13	H	1.5
21	Trey Michaels	1828	W30	L23	L7	D17	1.5
22	Sangeeta Dhingra	1688	L4	D17	W25	L9	1.5
23	Boas Lee	1610	H	W19	U	L8	1.5
24	Asher Thakur	1242	H	L9	L17	W32	1.5
25	Freya Gulamali	1115	L6	30	L22	H	1.5
26	Anthony Bi He	1725	L3	W27	L5	U	1
27	Jan Buzek	1507	L11	L26	W30	U	1
28	Thomas Michaels Jr.	1245	L13	L16	B	L18	1
29	Brian Chen	1227	B	L11	L14	L16	1
30	Naomi Bashkansky	1555	L21	L25	L27	H	0.5
31	Eric M. Zhang	1455	L12	L15	L18	H	0.5
32	Eamon Thakur	1111	H	L20	L19	L24	0.5

Uncle's g/30

Source: Spokane Chess Club website

Nikolay Bulakh defeated James Stripes to win the 10-player unrated g/30 tourney held at Uncle's Games at the Valley Mall on February 16. Nikolay finished 3.0 to claim first prize, while James finished (2.0) and claimed the second place prize on tie-break over Glenn Griggs, Walter Van Hemstede Obelt, and newcomer Steven Walton. Walton, a West Valley High School student, won the prizes for top-junior and best non-USCF member.

Ground Day Mini Swiss

Tacoma, WA, Feb. 2, 2013

Gary Dorfner, Tournament Director

	Player	Rating	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Paul R. Bartron	2127	W3	W2	W5	3
2	Joseph K. Kiru	1870	W6	L1	W3	2
3	Eric Leon Woodlief	1721	L1	W4	L2	1
4	James Wang	1714	D5	L3	D6	1
5	Murlin E. Varner Jr.	1684	D4	D6	L1	1
6	Ralph J. Anthony	1641	L2	D5	D4	1

Presidents U2000 Open

Tacoma, WA, Feb. 16, 2013

Gary Dorfner, Tournament Director

	Player	Rating	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Ralph J. Anthony	1639	W4	D2	W3	2.5
2	Stephen J. Buck	1722	D3	D1	W4	2
3	Nevin G. Ramanujan	1510	D2	W4	L1	1.5
4	Lebron Sims	970	L1	L3	L2	0

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OPEN

EF \$100 / \$110 / \$125

PREMIER (U2000)

EF \$90 / \$100 / \$115

RESERVE (U1700)

EF \$80 / \$90 / \$105

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\$7,000 Prizes based on 170 entries

(medal only counts as ½ an entry)

Open	Premier	Reserve	Booster
\$700	\$300	\$250	\$200
\$550	\$250	\$200	\$150
\$350	\$225	\$175	\$125
\$250	\$200	\$150	\$100
\$200	\$150	\$100	\$75
U2150	U1850	U1550	U1100
\$350	\$200	\$150	\$120
\$250	\$150	\$125	\$80
\$150	\$125	\$100	\$120(*)
\$100	\$100	\$100	\$80 (*)

(*) Prizes for unrated players.

All prizes will be mailed starting 6/1/2013.

Entries/Information:

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

Format: Four sections as shown at left, six-round Swiss system. Late registrations may receive half-point byes for first round.

Ratings: USCF rated. Open Section also FIDE rated (except G/60 games if applicable). *USCF May 2013 rating supplement will be used to determine section eligibility.* Higher of USCF or FIDE/foreign rating used at TD discretion. Unrated players may only win the top five prizes in the Open Section, or the unrated prizes in the Booster Section.

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

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

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Saturday: 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Monday 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. 2-day schedule: Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM and 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule with round 4. WCF annual meeting and elections: 4:00-5:00 PM Sunday, May 26, 2013.

Memberships: Current USCF membership and WCF or OCF membership required in all sections. Other States Accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration.

Miscellaneous: Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10. Chess Magnet School JGP. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring set, board and clock.

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

Side Events:

Please see separate flyer for details on the following WA Open Side Events:

- May 25 WA Open Scholastic
- May 25 WA Open Blitz Championship
- May 26 WA Open Novice
- May 27 WA Open Game/10 Championship

Scholastics

Chess is Big at Nyssa Middle School

by Roger Hunter

At Nyssa Middle School in Eastern Oregon, on the Idaho border, about 10% of the students compete in the annual chess competition. For the final rounds of the tournament the tiled floor of the school's commons is turned into a chess board and students play their matches at lunch times using a giant chess set made by teacher Roger Hunter. This raises the profile of the game and gives players a chance to compete in front of a crowd just like the other school sports.



*The picture shows overall winner, Boston Payne, pushing a pawn during one of his semi-final games.
Photo credit: Roger Hunter.*

Xiaoman Chu wins Washington State High School Championship



*Xiaoman Chu with the Championship trophy.
Photo credit: Joshua Sinanan.*

by Josh Sinanan (NW Chess Blog)

Congratulations to Xiaoman Chu, a freshman from St. George School in Spokane, for winning the 2013 Washington State High School Individual Championship! He tied for 1st with 4/5 along with Megan Lee and David Inglis. For his victory, Xiaoman is invited to represent Washington in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, held concurrently with the U.S. Open in Madison, Wisconsin in August.

The playoff games were played at the Seattle Chess Club on March 2. Colors were drawn at random and the following games were played at a time control of G/90 + 30 sec. increment.

Schedule for the playoff (first person listed had white):

9:30 David – Megan. Result: 0-1

2:00 Xiaoman – David Result: .5-.5

6:30 Megan – Xiaoman. Result: 0-1

Excitement at March Madness Tournament in Spokane

by James Stripes

The March Madness scholastic chess tournament finished with an exciting battle on the top board in K-7. Alex Popescu had won all four previous games, and was playing Shawn Lewis who had lost one game in an early round. A crowd gathered as Shawn nursed his initiative in a position with equal material, including opposite colored bishops, and had a bit over two minutes to just over one for Alex. The players maneuvered quickly, looking for tactics, and a few pawns were exchanged. Alex tried to trade queens, while Shawn kept up checks and threats against the remaining pawns. Shawn had five seconds left when Alex reached zero and Shawn claimed victory. That left third-grader Alex in a tie for first with Shawn and Shohom Bandyopadhyay (4.0 each). Alex, by playing up, was not eligible for first place in his grade, but placed second overall in his section. Shawn took home the Grand Champion trophy and Shohom was first place in fifth grade. One-half point behind the leaders were the top seventh grader, Trevor Murphy, and another third-grader, Tariq Ravasia. Ray Johnson, Reo Reyes, Ethan Wu, Merrick Bonar, and top fourth-grader, A.J. Stenbeck finished with 3.0.

In the K-3 section, James Gunn won all five games and took home his





*This is a picture of the playing room of the March Madness Scholastic Tournament in Spokane.
Photo credit: James Stripes.*

third Grand Champion trophy for the 2012-2013 school year. Second place went to the top second-grader, Seth Arthurs, with 4.0, losing only to James. Andre Vivier was third with 3.5 and won the trophy for top third-grader. They were followed by Jack Morris, Isabella Rigutto, Ryan Eaton, Gabe Gustafson, and top first-grader, Sam Morris. Isabella won biggest upset, due to her win over a player rated 127 points above her.

In K-12, four players shared first and split the prizes for first through third, taking home \$40 each. They were David Blue, Jacob Gray, Kevin Eaton, and Levi Goris. Tristan Udby won a book for his position in fifth place (3.5). At 3.0, Matt Mackinney and Steven Walton each won \$30 for biggest upset and best unrated, respectively.

Saint George's School won the team trophy in K-6 with 17 points for the top five players. Medals were awarded to Northwest Christian and Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy for each scoring a 9.5 with teams of three in K-12. This was the first event in several years with three viable mini-teams in the HS/MS section.

School Spring Warm-up Tournament

On March 9, 2013 in Hailey, Idaho, the Blaine County School District Chess Rage held a Spring Warm-up Tournament to prepare the students of Wood River High School/Middle School for the upcoming Idaho Scholastic Championship tournament (which happens on Saturday, March 16, 2013 in Boise).



*These are the players at the Spring Warm-up in Hailey, Idaho on March 9, 2013. Left to right front Colby Castle, Darwin Porth, Dylan Porth, Shane Kelsey, unknown brother, Zane Barckholtz, Sarah Hattula, Luke Baker, Jefferson Hidalgo. Left to right back & middle Andre Murphy, Anna Murphy, Adam Porth, Victor Vallejo, Lydia Morgan, Tyler Avila, Alex Baker, Noah Sorenson, Desmond Porth, Junior Hidalgo.
Photo courtesy of Adam Porth.*

Desmond Porth won the 6-12 grade section with a perfect 5-0 score, and Zane Barckholtz won the K-5 section with a perfect 6-0 score.



*Tyler Avila holding his door prize. Note the signatures (board is rotated 90 degrees). On d3 is Alex Yermolinsky, and on e4 is Nick Raptis. Both signatures were obtained at the 2012 Western Idaho Open.
Photo courtesy of Adam Porth.*



*Sarah Hattula (left) is playing Avery Anderson (right).
Photo courtesy of Adam Porth.*

Oregon Chess News

Nick Raptis Chess Festival

by Sean Tobin

On March 3rd, 2013 the first ever Nick Raptis Chess Festival was held at Cedar Hills Crossing in Beaverton, Oregon. The event kicked off at noon and was hosted by the Cedar Hills Crossing Chess Club. The festival was composed of two events: a Simultaneous Exhibition chess match and a Blitz chess tournament. The Blitz tournament was composed of rated and non-rated sections - the rated section using the newly created USCF Blitz rating system.

The event was well attended and attracted the attention of many shoppers who were no doubt impressed by the man playing 26 other people all at once. And who was that man? The current Oregon State Chess Champion, Nick Raptis!



*Nick Raptis giving a 26-board simul on March 3, 2013.
Photo credit: Sean Tobin.*

Nick achieved a score of +22, -2 and =2 out of 26 simul boards. However the number 26 is not in actuality the number of simultaneous games played as Nick was extremely generous allowing quickly defeated opponents to play an additional game or even two against him in successive fashion. Nick played a very tough crowd - no contracts with an U2000 clause for this crowd! Nick played one master, two experts and the rest of the boards were composed of rough and tumble tournament players and die hard chess enthusiasts. Nick got a good workout during this event - both physical and mental.

There were four players who managed to avoid defeat. Two players started off in the pack of hunted but then revealed themselves to be hunters who then poached victories off of the champ. Congratulations to Ben Johnson and Grant Yul! Two other players distinguished themselves by avoiding defeat and sharing the point with the champ - Karl Schoffstoll and Sadrac Chery. Congratulations

gentlemen!

After a short break the blitz tournament kicked into high gear. This was the first USCF blitz rated only event held by the Cedar Hills Crossing Chess Club - Blitz games only got their own separate rating system two short days before the festival on March 1st. See the crosstable down below for full results. However it

should come as no surprise to see that the champ topped that list as well!

In the unrated section Ben Johnson took first place with 9 points, Christina Parmley took second place with 6, Dean Dipietrantonio and Eugene Bely finished with 4 points each and young Aadhi Siva finished the event with 2 hard fought for points.

I want to thank each and every person who came out to support Nick and chess by attending this event. I know Nick was very happy to see each and every one of you. Thank you for voting with your feet, hearts and minds on Sunday March 3rd, 2013. You all came out in support of Nick Raptis and helped celebrate chess with class and style.

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The 2013 Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, Grand Prixian

Welcome to the April edition of the Grand Prix column where I discuss events from February and look forward to events that have already happened by the time you read this. If you want more current news, you'll just have to read my blog, except I don't have one. On with the news...

Fifty-four players attended the Dave Collyer Memorial in Spokane at the end of February. Of those, thirty-two of them can be seen in the standings below. This is the virtue of a high prize fund event so early in the year, for many of those players, this was their first event. As the year goes on, multitudes of other events will tend to dilute the effect of a triple point tournament. Just not in March, where we had six events, none with multipliers. (The first of those March events, the SCC Tornado, is included in the stats below.) Take heart, you GP competitors, because multiplier events are in your future in April and May. (And remember, many little events can overwhelm one big one.) Our winners are usually the players who attend all sorts of events, large and small.)

April 13 and 14 are the dates for this year's Clark Harmon Memorial tournament, being held near the Lloyd Center in Portland. Thanks to a donation from the Plaid Pantry Stores, they are able to offer a \$2300 guaranteed prize fund, which earns them a 4x multiplier! Then, the end of May, dedicated GP competitors from all over will be trooping to Seattle for the Washington Open, which will have a 4x or 5x multiplier. Come join the fun.

The standings below are current through March 5.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Masters								
			1 Haessler	Carl A	11	1 Pupols	Viktors	15.5
			2 Raptis	Nick	6	2 Bragg	David R	8.5
			2 Gay	Daniel Z	6	3 Feng	Roland	6
M/X/Class A								
1 Leslie	Cameron D	23.5	1 Morris	Michael J	12	1 Bartron	Paul R	19
2 Havrilla	Mark A	18	1 Saputra	Yogi	12	2 Tiglon	Bryce	17
3 Parsons	Larry R	7	3 Herrera	Robert	11	3 Julian	John	16.5
4 Kircher	Caleb P	6	3 Tezcan	Yaman	11	3 Merwin	Steven E	16.5
			5 Botez	Alexandra V	9.5	5 Szabo	Marcell	14
Class B								
1 Roland	Jeffrey T	20	1 Eagles	Roland	14	1 Smith	Micah	21.5
2 Bodie	Brad	15	2 Cigan	Jason	12	2 Middaugh	Jon S	18
2 Griggs	Glenn	15	3 Skalnes	Erik	11	2 Krasin	Jeremy	18
4 Gorman	Cody A	6	3 Murray	Dillon T	11	4 Nagase	Masayuki	17
5 Douglas	Kurt P	5.5	5 Salisbury	Blake	10	5	Three tied at	16.5
Class C								
1 Weyland	Ronald M	13.5	1 Donchenko	Peter	13	1 Anthony	Ralph J	25.5
2 Pemsler	Carmen	5	2 Burris	Christopher E	10	2 Ramesh	Jothi N	24.5
2 Hollingsworth	Gary M	5	3 Tache	Corey	9	3 Lee	Kevin	24
			4 Sato-Duncan	Takuma	8	4 He	Anthony B	21.5
						5 Kramlich	Dan	18

Class D			Class C					
1 Handeen	Bjorn J	12	1 Berger	Brian F	15	1 Zhang	Eric M	23.5
2 Taylor	Shane	5	2 Wu	Ethan	14.5	2 Piper	August	23
3 Porth	Adam	4.5	3 Lian	Hansen	8.5	3 Chowdhury	Neil	21
			4 Botez	Andrea C C	8	4 Baker	Ted	12
			4 Culbreth	Adam	8	5 Kirlin	Patrick M	10.5
Class E and Below			Class D and Below					
1 Naccarato	Savanna	13.5	1 Beverly	Jacob P	15	1 Chu	Xiaoman	16.5
2 Wetmur	Harold R	12	2 Chairet	Tim	12.5	2 Richards	Jerrold	15
3 Hiatt	Arlene	7.5	3 Uan-Zo-Li	Sean A	12	3 Burney	James L	13.5
4 Imamovic	Nedzad	6	3 Buerer	Harry F	12	3 Bryant	David G	13.5
4 Machin	Alex J	6	3 Chavarri	Jose	12	5 Fields	Dawn E	12
Overall Leaders, by State								
1 Leslie	Cameron D	23.5	1 Berger	Brian F	15	1 Anthony	Ralph J	25.5
2 Roland	Jeffrey T	20	1 Beverly	Jacob P	15	2 Ramesh	Jothi N	24.5
3 Havrilla	Mark A	18	3 Wu	Ethan	14.5	3 Lee	Kevin	24
4 Bodie	Brad	15	4 Eagles	Roland	14	4 Zhang	Eric M	23.5
4 Griggs	Glenn	15	5 Donchenko	Peter	13	5 Piper	August	23
6 Weyland	Ronald M	13.5	6 Chairet	Tim	12.5	6 Smith	Micah	21.5
6 Naccarato	Savanna	13.5	7 Morris	Michael J	12	6 He	Anthony B	21.5
8 Handeen	Bjorn J	12	7 Saputra	Yogi	12	8 Chowdhury	Neil	21
8 Wetmur	Harold R	12	7 Cigan	Jason	12	9 Bartron	Paul R	19
10 Hiatt	Arlene	7.5	7 Uan-Zo-Li	Sean A	12	10 Middaugh	Jon S	18
11 Parsons	Larry R	7	7 Buerer	Harry F	12	10 Krasin	Jeremy	18
12	Four tied at	6	7 Chavarri	Jose	12	10 Kramlich	Dan	18

Errata

On page 24 of the March 2013 issue in the story about the **Portland Chess Club Annual Meeting** by Mike Lilly, there were some facts that need clarification/correction. Sean Tobin says that he has been living in the Portland area since 2011 and that he had lived in Central Oregon from 2003 until 2008. He had moved back here from Phoenix, Arizona in 2011. He also had not volunteered for the board position but was honored to receive Mike Janniro's nomination and then accepted the nomination.

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Attendance at 2013's events

G/15 Ch. (3/1)-12; Novice (1/19)-2; Quads (1/26)-11, (2/23)-26; Tornados (1/6)-25, (2/3)-10, (3/3)-32; Seattle City Championship (1/11-13)--30.

Attendance at 2012's events

3-Day Wknd Tnmts (6)-ave. 44.3; Tornados (13)-ave. 19.2; Quads (10)-ave. 16.6; 2-Day Wknd Tnmts (2)--11.5; Octagonals (1)-9; Novice (4)-ave. 7.

April 7

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 4/3, \$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.

April 13, May 11

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120; d5. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 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.

April 14, May 5

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5 (or G/64; d0). **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.

May 3

Format: SCC Annual Membership Meeting
Election of SCC Board & Officers' Reports. Before the start of Friday's rated game in the Close Ratings tournament.

May 15

Format: SCC Dues Rise ~20%
Sign up for another year before the SCC's membership dues rise on May 15, 2013!

SCC Novice

Saturday Quads

Sunday Tornado

SCC Adult Swiss

April 20-21, 2013

A four-round Swiss open to those born before 4/21/1992 with a prize fund of \$375 based on twenty paid entrants (five per prize group).

First	\$105
Second	\$60
U2000	\$55
U1800	\$55
U1600	\$50
U1400/Unr	\$50

Time Control: G/150; d5.

Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 4/17, \$42 at site. *SCC members*-subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, and WA-subtract \$4. *GMs, IMs, WGMs*—Free. *Unr*-free with purchase of 1-year USCF plus 1-year WCF/OCF/ICA.


Registration: Sat. 10-10:45 a.m. **Rounds:** 11-4:30, 11-4:30.

Byes: 1 (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).


Miscellaneous: USCF & WCF/OCF/ICA membership req'd (OSA). No smoking. No computers.


Upcoming Events


 denotes 2013 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 31


 **Apr 6-7** Daffodil Open, **Tacoma, WA**. See Tacoma Chess Club at <http://tacomachess.org/> for more details.

 **Apr 13-14** Clark Harmon Memorial Open, **Portland, OR**. See full-page ad on page 10.

 **Apr 27, May 18** Portland CC Game in 60. **Portland, OR**. 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.

 **New Dates! Apr 27-28** Inland Empire Open, **Spokane, WA**. Gonzaga University (Schoenberg Center) Rm. 201 & 202 N. 800 Pearl Street Spokane, WA 99258. Registration: Sat. 8:30am-9:30am. Rounds: Sat. 10:00-2:30-7:00, Sun: 9:00-1:30 or ASAP. Time Control: G/115 (with 5 second delay). E.F. \$23 if received by 4/26, \$28 at the door; 18 and under \$5 less. Telephone entries accepted. USCF rated. \$600 prize fund based on 30, Class prizes based on at least five per section. Only one prize per person (excluding biggest upset - both players must have established ratings). NS, NC, W. One 1/2 point bye if requested before proceeding round; Sunday byes must be requested before the end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in the final round. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$150, 2nd Overall: \$115; Class Prizes: 1st (A; B; C; D/E/unrated) \$55, 2nd (B; C; D/E/unrated) \$25, Biggest Upset: \$40 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, PO Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. For information: (509) 928-3260 or cell (509) 994-9739.

 **May 18-19** Idaho Open Chess Championship, **Pocatello, ID**. 5SS, G/120; d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: ISU, Student Union Bldg, Salmon River Suites, 1065 S. 8th St., Pocatello, Idaho. EF: USCF mem req., \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), by 05/15/13. \$5 more (all) after. Reg & Ck in: 7:30-8:30 AM 05/18/13. Those not paid & ck'd in by 8:30 AM may not be paired in 1st rnd. RDS.: 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; 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, <http://www.idahocheessassociation.org>. NC, NS, W.

 **May 18-19** Pierce County Open, **Tacoma, WA**. See Tacoma Chess Club at <http://tacomachess.org/> for more details.

May 18-20 38th Annual Paul Keres Memorial, **Richmond, BC**. See half-page ad on page 3.

 **May 25-27** Washington Open, **Seattle, WA**. See full-page ad on page 25.

 **June 15-16** 2013 Newport Summer Open, **Newport, OR**. (details unavailable at present time)