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**Jim Waugh of Spokane celebrates his  
84th birthday at the  
2013 Inland Empire Open**



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## On the cover:

Jim Waugh in action during the Inland Empire Open on April 27, two days before his 84th birthday. Jim has been playing in Spokane chess events as long as anyone can remember – his chess career in Spokane actually predates the modern Spokane Chess Club which was organized in the early 1950s. Jim, who graduated high school in 1947, has been playing chess in the area since that time, and also was a competitive pool and ping pong player into his retirement years.

Jim is a fixture at the club and for a couple of decades was Mr. Coffee – responsible for coffee and cookies at club every week. While never an officer, Jim's long term of quiet service has made him one of the key members of the club. He is one of two people (Dave Griffin is the other) to play in all 21 Dave Collyer Memorial tournaments to date. Although the grind of a tournament weekend usually wears him down, he is still a dangerous competitor in the first couple of rounds and has captured many biggest upset prizes over the last few decades. He continues to play in all Spokane weekend tournaments and club championship events.

Jim is a retired barber who had his own shop in what is now Spokane Valley. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

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# From the Editor's Desk

by Jeff Roland

There have been 785 issues of our publication, spanning 788 consecutive months since starting in November 1947, missing only three months (May 1952, February 2008, and June 2010). The publication went under three different titles over the years: *Washington Chess Letter* (November 1947 through December 1964), *Northwest Chess Letter* (January 1965 through April 1968), and *Northwest Chess* (May 1968 to present).

There have been 31 Editors counting myself since the first issue (which was Volume 1, Number 1, November 1947) and you can even view, print, and/or download that first issue and many others online for free on our website at [nwchess.com](http://nwchess.com).

There is just something different about producing each and every issue of *Northwest Chess*. I have been Editor now for only seven short months (and was Assistant Editor four months before that), but I can honestly say that no two issues have even been close to the same in terms of how it feels to produce them. Each issue is different, fresh, new, exciting, and a challenge.

The biggest reward is seeing the finished product. I hope you enjoy this issue. I still look forward to receiving my copy in the mailbox each month.



*Jeff Roland (Boise) on April 12, 2013 while visiting the Portland Chess Club.  
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*Jeff*

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# Oregon Senior Chess Championship

## July 6-7, 2013

**Site:** Pioneer Adult Community Center, 615 Fifth St., Oregon City, OR  
(enter by basement door on Washington Street). Wheelchair accessible.

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**Rds:**    **Saturday** 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm; **Sunday** 9 am & 3:30 pm

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**Entry Fee:** \$25 if received by June 30; \$30 later

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Previous co-winners, Mike Janniro & Stephen Deeth (2011), as well as Michael Morris & David Rupel (2012) receive free entry this year.

Advance entries to tournament director: Frank Niro, 2265 E. Clifton Drive, Meridian, Idaho 83642; E-mail: fan3@cornell.edu – cell phone: 503-347-0750

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# Oregon Chess News

## Raptis is perfect at 2013 Clark Harmon Memorial

by Frank Niro

The 2013 Clark Harmon Memorial Open was won by FIDE Master Nick Raptis with a perfect 5-0 score. Raptis finished a half point ahead of David Rupel who opted for a bye in round one and then swept his final four games. Matt Zavortink and Jason Cigan tied for third at 4-1. Jerry Sherrard and Scott Levin took the under-2000 prize with the same 4-1 score. For Sherrard, the result allowed him to achieve his first Expert rating.

The 58-player tournament was played in one section at the Lloyd Center Doubletree hotel in Portland on the weekend of April 13-14. Grisha Alpernas directed the event, assisted by Jonathan Fortune, Barbie Fortune, and Mike Janniro. Additional prizes were awarded in the following rating categories:

**Under-1800** 1st, Adam Trattner (3.5-1.5); 2nd-4th Sean O'Connell, David Yoshinaga and Frederick Davis (3 points)

**Under-1600** 1st, Adam Culbreth (3-2); 2nd-4th Andrea Botez, Russell Miller and Clement Falbo (2.5 points)

**Under-1400 & unrated** 1st, Jason Jacobsen (3-2); 2nd-4th Thomas Parrish, Rick Nicoski and Jason Samillano (2 points)

The tournament was dedicated to Clark R. Harmon, who died of cancer on April 12, 2007, at the age of 64 and has been organized each year since his passing by either the Portland Chess Club, where he was a long time member or the Washington Chess Federation. During his chess

career, Harmon lived, played in, and organized events in both Oregon and Washington and was former President of both state federations. He grew up in Portland, graduating from Clackamas High School in 1960. He attended Portland State University, where he earned an accounting degree. A USCF-rated National Master, Harmon was 10-time winner of the Oregon state chess championship.

Harmon lived in Seattle for a short time, working for Boeing. In 1965, while residing in Renton WA, he served as President of the Washington Chess Federation. Two years later he returned to Portland and helped organize the Oregon Chess Federation and served as its first President. That same year Clark worked with the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI) to start a series of Oregon scholastic chess tournaments. He moved to McMinnville OR in 1991 and lived in Amity OR from 1996 until his death. In 2004, he sponsored the Arthur Dake Memorial event.

Clark Harmon was an easygoing, kind and mild-mannered man who was very non-judgmental and took everyone at face value. On the other hand, he was viewed by his opponents as a fierce competitor and challenging opponent. The games played by Nick Raptis in this event exemplified the style of play that certainly would have suited Clark Harmon.

**Jason Cigan (2009) –  
Steven Deeth (2004) [D46]**

Clark Harmon Memorial  
R5, Apr. 14, 2013

*[Notes by Jason Cigan]*

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6  
5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0**

**8.0-0 Qe7**



An interesting sideline, to which I fail to react accurately.

**9.b3?!**

Allowing Black ...e7-e5 easily, if he wants it. The right move was 9.c5! Bc7 10.e4 when White seizes the center. The reason I rejected this line was my fear of the variation 10...dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Nf6, but in fact after 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Rad1± White need not fear Black's bishop pair, because of the sickly light-squared bishop on c8. And therein lies the strength of c4-c5! White is playing for the center and against this bishop. White will bring his other rook to e1 and then set to work finding a good square for the f3-knight. To Black's frustration the freeing ...b6 will not be possible for a long time.

**9...dxc4?!**

This shocked me. Giving up the center with a b-pawn ready to recapture on c4 is rarely acceptable in the Anti-Meran. The best--maybe only--plan is to prepare ...e7-e5. It is playable right away, but I think 9... Re8 is even stronger, as White will no longer be able to meet ...e7-e5 with

cx5, and will be left wondering why his bishop is on the inconvenient d3-square.

### 10.bxc4 e5

Black is fighting to stay in the game already. This thematic pawn break does not provide counter-play without a central foothold on d5, unless Black has already expanded on the queenside with ...b7-b5 and ...Bb7 (which he hasn't).

### 11.Ng5

A typical Meran move. White is not banking on cheaply winning the h7-pawn, but rather controlling the e4-square with tempo. There is no need to take on e5.

### 11...g6?!

11...h6 12.Nge4 is the normal response to the knight lunge. Black has unnecessarily weakened his king position, and the knight remains on g5...

### 12.Bd2

12.f4 right away was also possible.

### 12...Bc7

12...c5 looks more active. White will ignore the pawn breaks and centralize his rooks, after which he stands moderately better.

### 13.f4±

Black faces a difficult defense. Now the merits of kicking the knight with ...h7-h6 become clear. Not only has Black ceded the center, he is also underdeveloped on the queenside and facing a natural kingside attack.

### 13...exd4 14.exd4 Qd6 15.Nf3 a6?

I'm not sure what the text accomplishes--Black needs to either act against White's threats (c4-c5 and f4-f5 loom large), or develop, and quickly. This a-pawn lunge is superfluous. Black misses his last defensive chance. The subtle resource 15...Rd8! keeps Black alive, with the obvious point that 16.c5? loses to 16...Nxc5. White would then push f4-f5 with a promising kingside initiative.

### 16.c5 Qe7 17.Rae1 Qd8 18.f5 Kg7 19.fxg6 fxg6 20.Ng5 Nb8!



The only move, and a wily defensive resource. Black hits the d-pawn, which is hanging with tempo, and coordinates his defensive forces in one go. White's lead in development is still obvious, and Black's king is still vulnerable, but the burden is on White to make progress.

### 21.Kh1!

Of course the d-pawn is

untouchable since it no longer comes with check and White threatens a deadly rook invasion on e7 if the queen leaves its post. My plan was to play a knight to e4 and exchange on f6, after which all of Black's best defenders would leave the board. There is no serious way to prevent this, as Black's pieces are not prepared to meet any more threats than they are currently defending against.

*(Perhaps even stronger is 21.Ncc4!, since 21...Qxd4+ 22.Kb1 only serves to expose the black queen along the long diagonal. – Dubisch)*

### 21...a5

21...b5 22.Nce4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 does not make progress either. Black's queen's rook and knight may as well be off the board.

### 22.Nce4+- Na6 23.Nxf6 Rxf6 24.Rxf6 Qxf6 25.Rf1 Bf5 26.Bxf5 gxf5 27.Rxf5 Qg6 28.Rf7+ Kg8 29.Qc4 1-0

Three things I learned from this game: 1. I have much to learn about the strategic nuances of the Meran and Anti-Meran! I had not seriously considered 9. c5! but shortly after playing 9. b3?! I realized that I must have had a stronger option. Since Black's main lines in the Anti-Meran usually forestall e3-e4, it is easy for a 1. d4 newcomer to forget that it is often the proper reaction against unconventional opening play from Black! 2. When one's opponent commits a strategic oddity or error in the early middlegame, the punishment often involves non-standard maneuvers, rather than simply banging out moves typical to the main lines as if nothing is different! I missed my chance to play the less typical c5! and opted for the stereotyped b3?!, but later redeemed myself by playing the somewhat atypical f4 advance later. I did not see the strength of the f-pawn lunge automatically; I had to examine the

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position closely before moving that pawn (clearly the strongest plan in the position) even entered my head. So the lesson is that, when one does not know what one is doing at the board, it is best to do it carefully! 3. Defensive resources, both played and unplayed, loomed large in this game. Defensive play has a logic of its own--undeveloping with ...Nb8 was strong, and prophylaxis with ...Rd8 was superior to attempting to (slowly) develop Black's dormant queenside. Black's strategic misstep with ...g7-g6?! made itself felt strongly in the game's conclusion. This provided a glaring weakness for White to play against. Conclusion: I need to study defense in depth, and with the same dedication with which I train for tactics, the opening, attacking play, and (recently) the endgame. It is that important. The rarity of defensive talent at sub-GM level makes it all the more valuable of a commodity! I need some work in this phase--even playing an attacking game brought this to my attention--and it will help my attacking play as well. Good study area going forward.

**Yaman Tezcan (2036) –  
Aaron Michael Nicoski (1768)**

[D60]

Clark Harmon Memorial  
R2, Mar. 13, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

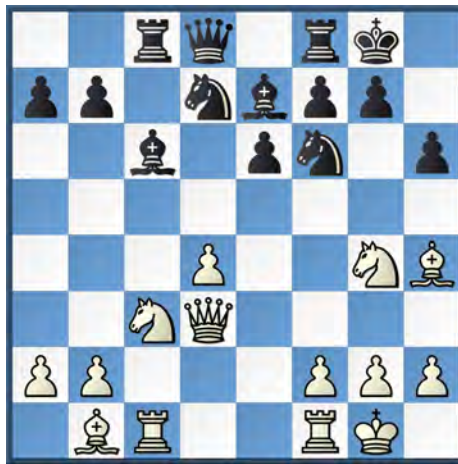
**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e3**

3.e4 immediately sets up the imbalance of big center vs bishop-pair after 3...h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6

**3...d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.c4 c6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bh4 0-0 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nb6**

10...b5!?

**11.Bd3 Nfd5 12.Bg3 c5 13.Rc1 cxd4 14.exd4 Bd7 15.Bb1 Nf6 16.Qd3 Bc6 17.Ne5 Rc8 18.Ng4 Nbd7 19.Bh4**



**19...g6?!**

19...Re8! unclear, since 20.Bxf6 Nxf6 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Qh7+ Kf8 doesn't offer White anything.

**20.Nxh6+ Kg7 21.Nxf7?!**

What's the rush? 21.Bg5 keeps a clear advantage. 21...Qa5 22.Nxf7! Only now. 22...Rxf7 23.Qxg6+ Kf8 24.d5! Nxd5 (24...exd5 25.Bf5) 25.Bh6+ Ke8 26.Qg8+ Rf8 (26...Bf8 27.Bg6) 27.Qxe6 with a dangerous continuing attack and rough material equality already restored.

**21...Rxf7 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Bg5 Ng4?**

23...Ng8 24.Bxe7+ Qxe7 is unclear, but certainly not yet lost for Black.

**24.Bxe7+ Qxe7 25.Qxg4 Bxg2**

25...Rg7 26.Qf4+ Kg8 27.Be4 consolidates White's extra material.

**26.Qxg2 Rg7 27.Bg6 Qf6**

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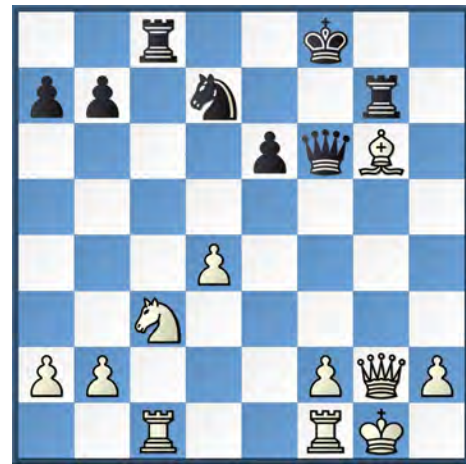
**28.Kh1**

28.Ne4! wins immediately. 28...Qd8 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Qg5

**28...Rxc6**

28...Qxg6 29.Qxb7 Rb8 30.Qf3+

**29.Qxb7**



29.Ne4! Rxc1 30.Nxf6 Rxc2 (30...Rxf1+ 31.Qxf1 Rxf6 32.Qb5) 31.Nxd7+ wins: 31...Ke8 32.Rxc1 Rxf2 33.Ne5

**29...Rb8 30.Qe4 Rxb2 31.Ne2 Nb6**

A better try is 31...Qf5 hoping for a continuation such as 32.Qxf5+ exf5 33.Ng3 Rxa2 34.Nxf5 Rf6 35.Ne3 Rfx2 36.Rxf2+ Rxf2 when the reduced pawn count offers drawing chances.

**32.Nf4 Rh6 33.Rc6 Rxb2+ 34.Kxh2 Qh4+ 35.Kg1 Qg4+ 36.Qg2 Qxf4 37.Rxe6 Rb5 38.Rg6 Qxd4 39.Rg8+ Kf7 40.Qg6+ Ke7 41.Re1+ Kd7 42.Rg7+ Kd8 43.Re8# 1-0**

**Yaman Tezcan (2036) –  
Raptis,Nick (2379) [A41]**

Clark Harmon Memorial  
R4, Apr. 14, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 d6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.h3 f5 5.e3 Nf6 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 e6 8.c4 Qe7 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Nxe4 fxe4 11.Nd2 d5 12.Bh2 c6 13.c5?**

Allows ...e5, freeing the c8-bishop. Better is 13.Qb3 denying ...e5 by putting pressure on the d5-pawn.

**13...e5 14.Rb1 Rf7 15.Nb3 exd4 16.exd4 Nd7 17.Bg4?**

[Diagram next page]



The Northwest Chess Board met at the 2013 Clark Harmon Memorial just before the last round. L-R: David Yoshinaga, Joshua Sinanan, Jeff Roland, Eric Holcomb, Grisha Alpernas, and Duane Polich. Photo credit: Frank Niro using Jeff Roland's camera.



21.Ne2 Bh6 22.b4 b5 23.a4 a6  
24.Ra1 Bf4

Black decides to remove the minors and pound the white kingside with major pieces only. Alternatives include: 24...Qh4; 24...Qd7; and 24...Ng7

25.Nxf4 Nxf4 26.Bxf4 Rxf4  
27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra7 Qf6 29.Qd2  
Rf8 30.Qe3

Well, that's about all the pounding Black can manage on the f-file. Now what?

30...Qe6 31.Rc7 R8f7 32.Rxf7 Rxf7  
33.Ra1 Kg7 34.Ra3 Qf6 35.Ra6 g5

To attempt progress, Black must advance the kingside pawns. However, advancing the pawns leaves his own king even more exposed. The position remains completely balanced.

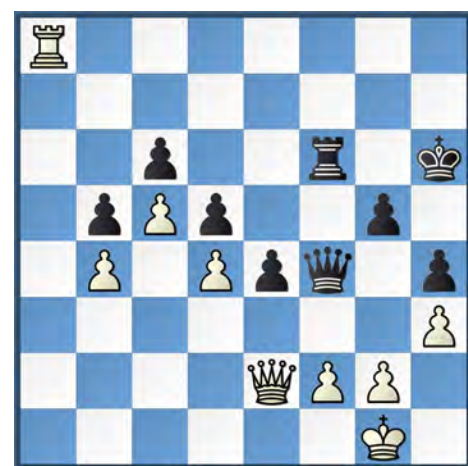
36.Qg3 h5 37.Ra8 =

Or 37.h4 =

37...h4 38.Qe3 Qf5 39.Ra6 Rf6  
40.Ra3 Kg6 41.Ra8 Rf8 42.Ra6

Even 42.Rxf8 still seems to be equal.

42...Qc8 43.Qa3 Rf6 44.Ra8 Qf5  
45.Qe3 Kh6 46.Qe2 Qf4



47.Qe3

The irony here is that the position of the black king is so vulnerable that White can force a draw even giving up a pawn and allowing his own king to suffer checks from Black's queen: 47.Rh8+ Kg7 48.Qh5 Qxf2+ 49.Kh2 and Black has nothing better than to

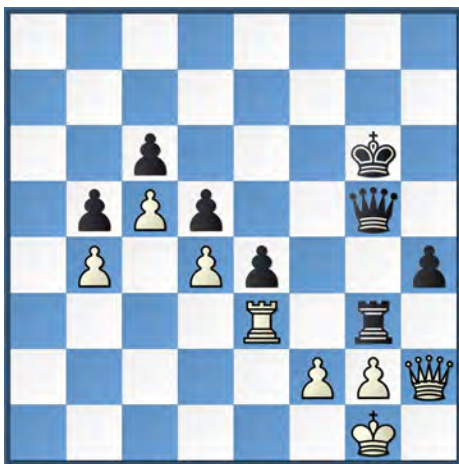


deliver perpetual check.

47...Qf5 48.Ra7 Rg6 49.Rc7 Qf6  
50.Ra7 Rg7 51.Ra6 Kh7 52.Ra3 g4  
53.hxg4 Rxg4 54.Qh3 Qg5 55.Re3  
Kg6 56.Qh2?

Things are starting to get interesting, as White deactivates the queen and creates his own back-rank issues. 56.Ra3 Kh5 (56...Qc1+ 57.Kh2 =) 57.Ra8 =

56...Rg3?!



Flashy, but not actually effective... 56...Rf4! 57.Qh3 (57.Re2 Qf6 58.Rd2?? e3) 57...Qf6 58.Re2 Qxd4 is starting to look like real progress.

57.Re1?

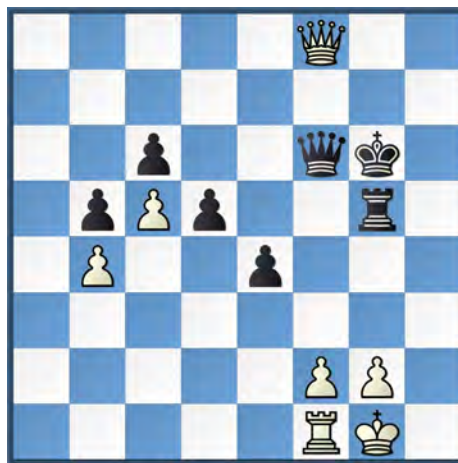
57.Qxg3 hxg3 58.Rxg3 Qxg3 59.fxg3 Kf5 (59...Kg5 60.Kf1 Kf5 61.Ke2 Kg4 62.Kf2 e3+ 63.Ke2!) 60.Kf1!



Distant opposition! Actually, the key is for White to be able to respond to ...Kg4 with Kf2, and if Black arranges the exchange of his e-pawn for the doubled g-pawns, White must be

able to meet ...Kxg3 with Kxe3. (60. Kf2?? Kg4 and wins.) 60...Kg4 (60... e3 61.Ke2 (61.g4+ Kxg4 62.Ke2 Kf4 63.Kd3 e2 64.Kxe2 Ke4 65.Kd2 Kxd4 66.Ke2 Ke4 67.Kd2 is also a draw, despite Black's better king position and protected passed pawn.) 61...Ke4 62.g4 Kxd4 63.g5 Ke5 64.g6 Kf6 65.Kxe3 Kxg6 66.Kf4 Kf6 67.g4 Kg6 68.g5 = 68...d4 69.Ke4 Kxg5 70.Kxd4 Kf4 71.Kd3 and the opposition does Black no good.) 61.Kf2 e3+ 62.Ke2! (62.Kxe3?? Kxg3 wins for Black.) 62... Kxg3 63.Kxe3 holds the draw.

57...Qd2 58.Rf1 Qxd4 59.Qxh4  
Rg5 60.Qf4 Qe5 61.Qf8 Qf6



62.Qxf6+?

With queens on the board White can keep pressure on c6 and maintain threats of perpetual check. 62.Qe8+ Kh6 63.Qc8 A draw seems the most likely result.

62...Kxf6

After the queen exchange, White simply loses the rook ending.

63.Ra1 Ke5 64.Ra8 Kd4 65.Rd8 Kc3  
66.Rd6 d4 67.Rxc6 Kxb4 68.Re6  
Rxc5 69.Rxe4 Kc3 70.f4 b4 71.g4  
b3 72.Kf2 b2 73.Re1 d3 74.Ke3 d2  
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R5, Apr 14, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

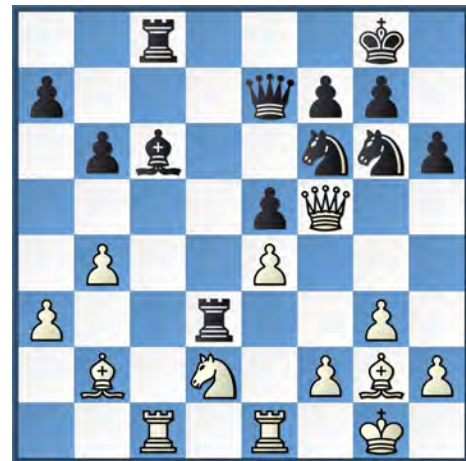
1.d4 b6 2.Nf3 Bb7 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2  
Nf6 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Qe7 7.Nc3  
0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.Rc1 Nbd7 10.Qc2  
c5 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Rac8 13.Qa4  
Bc6 14.Qd1 Rfd8 15.b4 cxd4  
16.Qxd4 e5 17.Qh4 Nf8 18.Nd2  
Ng6 19.Qg5 d5 20.cxd5 Bxd5 21.e4  
Bc6 22.Rfe1?

22.Bh3 seems unclear.

22...Rd3 23.Bb2?

23.Re3 h6 24.Qf5 Bd7 25.Rxd3 Bxf5  
26.exf5 Nf8 and although White's  
compensation for the queen doesn't  
look to be quite enough, this is better  
than what could have happened to  
him in the game line.

23...h6 24.Qf5



24...Bd7?

24...Qd8! Black's threats of ...Rxd2,  
winning a piece, and ...Bd7, trapping  
the queen, force the win of significant  
material. 25.Rxc6 Rxc6 26.Nf3 Rd1  
27.Bxe5 (27.Rf1 Ne7 28.Qxe5 Rc2  
Black threatens ...Rxf2, as well as  
...Ng6 winning the b2-Bishop.) 27...  
Rxe1+ 28.Nxe1 Rc1 is instant death.

25.Rxc8+ Kh7 26.Nf3 Bxf5 27.exf5  
Nf8 28.Bxe5

White has gained a couple moves on  
the line suggested on White's move  
23, and he's converted that extra



Nick Raptis (left) vs. Matt Zavortink (right). Photo credit: Jeff Roland

time into the win of the e-pawn and improved activity for his pieces. Here he has plenty of compensation for the queen.

28...N6d7?

28...Rd8 looks necessary, but still a clear edge to White.

29.f6

29.Bxg7! Qd6 30.Bb2

29...gxf6

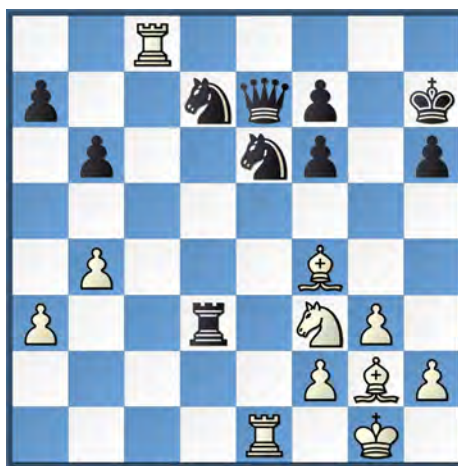
29...Nxf6 30.Bxf6 Qxf6 31.Rxf8 Rxf3  
32.Bxf3 Qxf3 +=

30.Bf4 Ne6

[Diagram next column]

31.Nh4

Threatening both Be4+ and Nf5, which traps the black queen.



31...f5 32.Nxf5 Qf6 33.Be4 Nxf4  
34.gxf4 Qe6 35.Ng3+ 1-0

Andrew Trattner(1582) –  
Mike Janniro (2021) [C02]  
Clark Harmon Memorial  
R1, Apr. 13, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6  
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 f6 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4  
a6 9.Bb2 Bd7 10.Bd3 Be7 11.0-0  
f5 12.Nc3 Nh6 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Na4  
Qc7 15.Qb3 Rfb8?!

15...Rac8 looks more normal, although White has a nice position.

16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Bb1 Qd8 18.a4 Qe8  
19.Rc3



19...g5

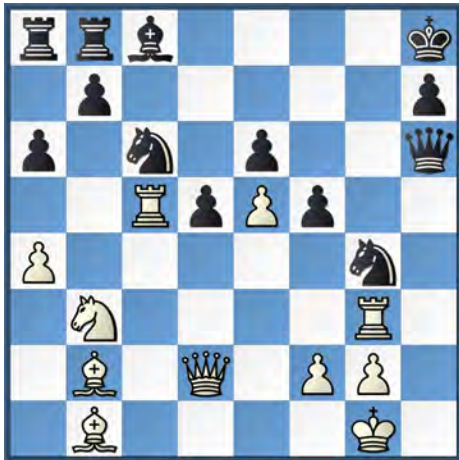
19...Nxb4! offers good confusion value, and has the added benefit of not critically weakening the kingside, unlike the game continuation.

20.Rfc1 g4 21.Nd2 Nxd4 22.Qd1  
Nc6 23.h3 Bxc5 24.Rxc5 Nxb4  
25.Nb3 Nc6 26.Qd2 Qg6 27.R1c3

**Kh8 28.hxg4 Nxg4 29.Rg3**

29.Rh3 is strong. 29...h5 30.f3 Nh6 31.Qf4 with the possibility of Qh2 coming.

**29...Qh6**



**30.Rxd5**

30.Qxh6!? Nxh6 31.Rxd5! f4 32.Rh3! exd5 33.e6+ Kg8 34.Rxh6 and White has excellent compensation despite being down the exchange and a pawn. The extreme compression of black pieces into a small area of the queenside spells trouble, as we see repeatedly throughout the rest of this game. One possible continuation from here: 34...b5 35.Bxh7+ Kf8 36.Bf5 Ke7 37.Ba3+ (to keep the lines closed and the rooks contained) 37...b4 38.Bc1 Rb7 39.Bxf4 Kf8 40.Bd6+ Kg8 41.g4 with more than enough for the small material investment.

**30...Qxd2**

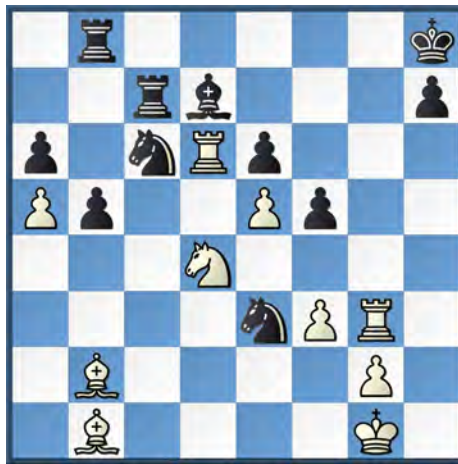
30...Qh2+ 31.Kf1 Qh1+ 32.Ke2 Qxb1 33.Rd8+ Nxd8 34.Qxd8+ Kg7 and White appears to have no more than a perpetual check draw.

**31.Rxd2 b5 32.a5 Ra7 33.f3**

Not bad, but 33.Rd6! Rc7 34.Rc3 Bd7 35.Bxf5 is nice.

**33...Ne3 34.Rd6 Rc7 35.Nd4! Bd7**

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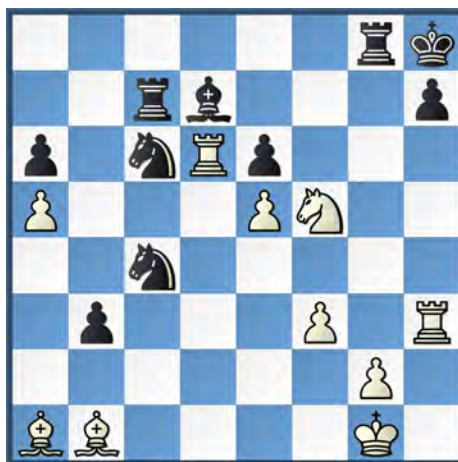


35...Nxd4 36.Rd8#

**36.Nxf5?**

36.Nxc6! Bxc6 (36...Rxc6 37.Rxd7 looks like a win.) 37.Rxe6 and White threatens Re8+ followed by e6+. The Black try 37...Rg8 fails to 38.Rd6!! For example 38...Rxg3? 39.e6+ Kg8 40.Rd8+

**36...Nc4 37.Bc3 b4 38.Ba1 Rg8 39.Rh3 b3?**



Unclear is 39...N6xa5 40.Ne7 Rg7 41.Nd5 Nxd6 42.Nxc7 (42.Rxb7+ Rxb7 43.exd6+ Rc3 44.Nxb4 Rb5 45.Bxc3+ Kg8 46.Nxa6) 42...Ndc4 43.Nxa6 Nb3 44.Ba2 Nxa1 45.Bxc4 b3 46.Kf2 b2 47.Rh1 Nc2

**40.Ne7?**

40.Ne3! wins material with the aid of the mate threat.

**40...Nxe7??**

40...Rg7 and Black is still in the thick of the battle.

**41.Rxh7# 1-0**

## Harmon Memorial Open winners:

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2012 – Seattle WA, Peter Lessler (4.5-0.5); 30 players

2011 – Portland, OR, Nick Raptis, Curtis Brooks & Alexandra Botez (4.5-0.5); 53 players

2010 – Olympia WA, Matthew Edwards (4.5-0.5); 18 players

2009 – Portland, OR, Nick Raptis & Steven Breckenridge (4.5-0.5); 38 players

2008 – Portland, OR, Radu Roua (4.5-0.5); 40 players

2007 – Portland, OR Emil Anka, Nat Koons & Michael Lee (4.5-0.5); 44 players



Pictured here is Clark Harmon, in 2003, engaged in one of his favorite activities: giving a chess simul. to young Northwest players David Rosenbaum and Blake Phillips. Photo courtesy of Chess Odyssey.



*David Rupel (Olympia) at the 2013 Harmon Memorial. He took a half point bye in round one and won all the rest of his games. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*



*Frank Niro (left) presents an autographed picture of former Women's World Champion GM Susan Polgar taken under the Portland Chess Club sign in 2011 to PCC President Mike Janniro at the Clark Harmon Memorial tournament on April 14, 2013. The photo will be added to the famous personalities and events depicted on the wall of the club. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*



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# Idaho Chess News

## 2013 Roland vs. Niro Match



April 4, 2013 - July 18, 2013 \* Treasure Valley, Idaho

Treasure Valley, ID 2013	4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25	5/16	5/23	5/30	6/6	6/27	7/4	7/11	7/18	
# moves	61	42	29	11									
Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Jeff Roland	1	0.5	0	0.5									2
Frank Niro	0	0.5	1	0.5									2

Here are the details and structure of the current match. At the time of this report, we are 1/3 of the way through the match. The time control is game/120 with a five second delay. The match format is best of 12 games, which means 6½ or 7 points wins and ends the match. The match is USCF rated. The Tournament Directors are Frank Niro and Jeff Roland. The match started on April 4, 2013 and will continue through July 18, 2013 (if it goes the full distance) in various towns in the Treasure Valley (which is Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Eagle, etc.). Play starts around 9:00 A.M. Play will be every Thursday for four weeks followed by a two week break, then four more games followed by another two week break, and then the final four games. If the match is tied after 12 games, there will be a series of Game/10 playoff games (2-game

sets) until there is a winner, and those will occur on the same day as game 12 so the match should finish by July 18, 2013.

The winner of the match will receive \$400 and the loser will receive \$100. The winner also earns the right to play Peter Olsoy (winner of a similar match versus Jeff Roland between July 9, 2012 and August 1, 2012 in Boise) for the "Idaho Cup" and another \$400/\$100 stakes USCF-rated match later in 2013. There is some question whether Peter Olsoy will still be living in Idaho by the time the final match takes place. We will cross that bridge when we get to it.

### Game One

Game one started right on schedule on the BSU campus in Boise, Idaho.

The colors were not known in advance. Jeff Roland offered a choice of pawns to Frank Niro. Frank chose the pawn in Jeff's right hand, which was black, so Jeff Roland was White in game one. The first game was very interesting. The opening was the Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation. The game had back and forth moments. Black at one point clearly had at least a slight if not clear advantage, and later White had an advantage but through much of the game it seemed pretty even. White used up all his time and in fact at the end had less than two minutes for the entire game, and Black had less than 10 minutes left at the end of the game. While the game was not perfect, it was very exciting and worthy of a rated match between two experienced players.

Jeffrey T. Roland (1724) –  
Frank A. Niro III (1700) [B24]  
G1, April 4, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2  
Nf6 5.d3 a6 6.f4 d5

If Black plans ...d5, it could have been played a move earlier. 5...a6 is not a necessary preparation for it, nor is White's 6.f4 a weakening needed to justify the central break.

7.Nh3?!

7.e5 leads to interesting, roughly equal, strategic play.

7...d4 =+

Now the c3-knight has some trouble finding a comfortable development.

8.e5!?

So White chooses to gambit a pawn instead of trying to solve the awkward knight.

8...dxc3 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.bxc3

10.Rb1!? offers some compensation for the pawn. White can consider Bxc6 as a confusion creator along the way as well. 10...c4!? 11.dxc4 Bb4 (11...Bc5 12.Ng5 Qd4 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Qxd4 Bxd4 15.bxc3 Bxc3+ 16.Kf2 and the bishop-pair is not a big factor, with the c8-bishop still seeking a way to get into play.) 12.0-0 unclear.

10...Qxc3+ 11.Bd2 Qd4 12.Ng5

12.Nf2 Be7 13.c3 seems a better way to achieve the c3 advance, saving a tempo, avoiding the queen exchange, and preparing castling. Even here, Black should have an edge.

12...Bd7 13.Nf3 Qa4 14.c3

I'm not sure whether to call this move dubious. Offering to exchange

queens when down material is backward, strategically, but White does have some issues with the b4- and d4-squares, as well as the f6-a1 diagonal. Even after the queen exchange, White will still have a little compensation for the pawn, though probably not enough. It isn't clear that he has anything dramatically better than this idea, or that he can avoid playing it in a move or two in any case. I probably would have tried 14.0-0 since 14...Nb4 (Maybe better is something like 14...Rb8 preempting some of the tactics aimed at b7 in some lines.) 15.Ne5! Qxc2 (15...Be7 16.Rb1 with more complications offering plenty of practical chances for White.) 16.Qe2 Be7 gives White several promising options, including 17.Nxd7 (17.a3 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Qxd3 19.Nxd3 Bb5 20.Ne5 Bxf1 21.Kxf1 is a fun material imbalance and active white pieces.) 17...Kxd7 18.f5 Qxd3 19.Qg4 Qd4+ 20.Qxd4+ cxd4 21.fxe6+ fxe6 and despite a three-pawn deficit, I rather fancy White's chances after 22.Rab1 a5 23.a3

14...Qxd1+ 15.Rxd1 g6

15...Rd8 Black should start putting pressure on the d3-pawn.; Or 15...0-0-0!? 16.Ng5 Be8 17.Be3 a) 17.Ke2 Kc7 and any compensation White had for the pawn is quickly dissipating.; b) 17.Bxc6 Bxc6 18.Nxf7 (18.0-0 Rd7) 18...Bxh1 19.Nxh8 Rd7! 20.Ke2 Bc6 21.c4 g6 22.Bc3 Bg7 23.Be5 Kd8 and it sure looks like the black king is just going to march over there and pick up an extra piece.; 17...Kc7 18.0-0 =+

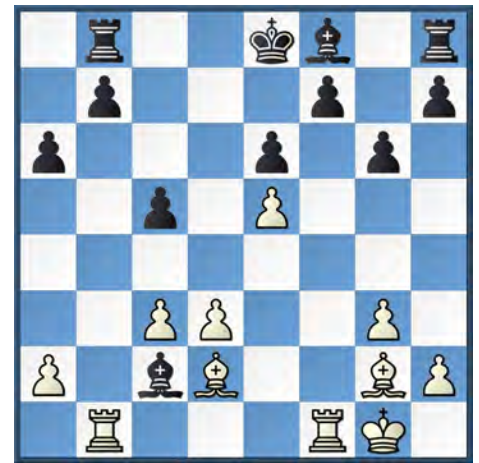
16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Rb8 18.0-0 Ba4

Better is 18...Bg7 This either distracts a white piece to the defense of the e-pawn, or in the case of d3-d4, allows the other bishop access to b5, from where it attacks the f1-square. This is important because White's current plan of choice is to pressure the f7-pawn by doubling rooks.

19.Rb1

Suddenly White's piece coordination is starting to look like sufficient compensation for the material. Black must be careful.

19...Bc2?



20.Rb2

20.Bc6+! Kd8 (20...Ke7 21.Bg5+ wins.; 20...bxc6 21.Rxb8+ Kd7 22.Rxf7+) 21.Rb2 Bxd3 22.Rxf7 with a clear plus for White.

20...Ba4

20...Bxd3 21.Bc6+ transposes into the previous note.

21.Rxb7 +=

21.Bxb7 Bd7 but with a clear advantage to White now.(21...Rd8? 22.Bxa6)

21...Rxb7 22.Bxb7 a5

22...Bg7 +=

23.c4?!

23.d4 cxd4 (23...Bg7 24.dxc5 Bxe5 25.Bf4 Bxc3 26.c6 Ke7 27.Kg2 with a clear plus.) 24.cxd4 with advantage. 23...Bg7 24.Re1 0-0 25.Bxa5 Bc2

25...Rb8! 26.Bf3 Rb2 =

26.Bc7 Bxd3 27.Bd6

27.a4! Bxc4 28.a5 Bd5 29.a6 c4 30.Kf2 Bh6 31.Ke2 looks complicated, but should win for White. For example: 31...c3 32.Kd3 Bd2 33.Rb1

**27...Rd8 28.Rc1?!**

28.a4 works again.

**28...Bf8**



Black needs to activate the dark-bound bishop, so as well as the text, both 28...f6 ; and 28...Bh6 look like candidates, leaving White with only a fairly small edge in the still-complex ending.

**29.Bxf8?!**

29.a4! Bxd6?! 30.exd6 Rxd6? 31.a5 and wins.

**29...Rxf8?!**

29...Kxf8 is evidently better. What important function does the king serve on g8? **a)** 30.a4 Rb8 31.Bc6 (31.Rc3!?) 31...Rb2; **b)** 30.Bc6 Rd4; and **c)** 30.Rd1 Ke7 all look fine for Black.

**30.Bc6 Rc8 31.Bb5 Be4 32.a4 Rd8**

32...Ra8 +=

**33.Re1! Ba8 34.Re2**

Or 34.Kf2! Rd2+ 35.Re2 Rxe2+ 36.Kxe2 better for White.

**34...Rd3**

34...Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Ra1 Rooks belong behind passed pawns... 36.Rd2 Kg7 37.Rd8 +=

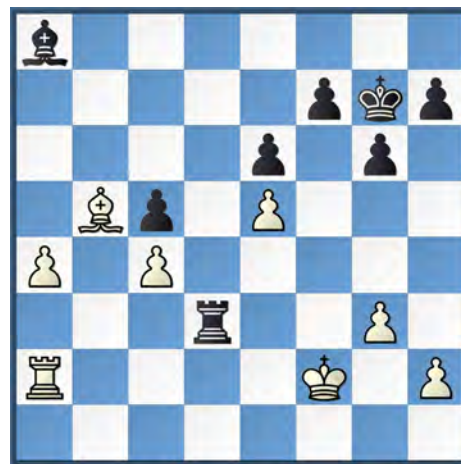
**35.Kf2**

35.a5 You remember reading about a pawn's "lust to expand?" 35...Kf8 (35...Ra3 36.a6 Kg7 37.Rd2 and White's chances are improving.) 36.a6 Ke7 37.Ra2 looks like at least a little progress.

**35...Kg7**

35...Ra3 36.Rd2 Kg7 with a position similar to the note to Black's 34th.

**36.Ra2**



Or 36.a5

**36...Kh6**

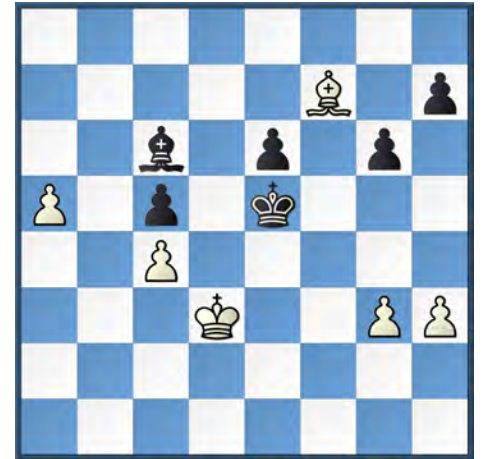
36...Rf3+! when White must choose between abandoning the plan of putting the rook behind the passed a-pawn, or sacrifice the e-pawn in order to advance the a-pawn to the seventh, at which point he will need to find a plan to break the blockade by the bishop on a8. Let's call the results of either choice unclear, tending toward equality. 37.Ke1 (37.Kg1 Re3; 37.Ke2 Rf5) 37...Re3+ 38.Re2 Ra3

**37.Ke2 Rd4 38.Ra3 Kg5 39.h3 Kf5 40.Re3 Re4 41.Rxe4 Kxe4 42.Be8 Kxe5 43.Bxf7 Bc6 44.a5 Bb7**

44...Kf6! 45.Bg8 Bb7 when a draw

looks likely.

**45.Kd3 Bc8 46.Be8 Bb7 47.Bf7 Bc6?!**



Oops. This is not a repetition, because it's White's move here.

**48.a6 Kf6 49.Bg8 h5 50.a7 Ba8 51.Ke3 Ke7 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.h4 Bb7 54.Ke3**

54.g4! wins quickly. 54...hxg4 55.Kxg4 Ba8 56.Kf4 Bb7 57.h5 gxh5 58.Bh7 – 59.Be4

**54...Kf5**

White manages the rest very nicely to earn the full point. 54...Bc6 55.g4 hxg4 56.Kf4 Bf3 57.h5 This ending is all about maneuvering the white bishop to a protected square on the long h1–a8 diagonal.

**55.Bf7 Bc6 56.Be8 Ba8 57.Ba4 e5 58.Bc2+ e4 59.Ba4 Ke5 60.Be8 Kf5 61.Bf7 1–0**

## Game Two

Game two started at about 9:10 A.M. on the BSU campus in Boise, Idaho. White opened with 1.e4 and Black played 1...e6 to get to a French Defense. Black played the Rubinstein Variation. Both sides tried to play for a win to a point, but neither player was willing to take unnecessary risks. On move 26 Black exchanged his bishop for white's knight on g2, leaving the game with an opposite-



colored-bishop ending. On move 42, Roland made the first draw offer of the match, and it was immediately accepted.

Both players were happy with this result. Niro was glad to stop Roland's winning streak (not that one game constitutes a "streak"), and Roland was happy not to lose with his first Black.

**Frank A. Niro III (1700) –  
Jeffrey T. Roland (1724) [C10]**  
G2, April 11, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.c4 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bd3 c5 9.Be3**

9.dxc5 +=

**9...cxd4**

9...Ng4!? 10.Bf4 cxd4 with some fun complications that are probably slightly in White's favor: 11.0-0 0-0 (11...f6 12.b3 e5 13.bxg4 exf4 14.Nxd4 0-0 15.Re1 Bc5 unclear.) 12.h3 f5!?

**10.Bxd4 0-0**

Perhaps more challenging is 10...Bb4+ 11.Kf1 with an unclear position. (11.Bc3?! Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 +=)

**11.0-0 Kh8?!**

This seems to waste a move on the off chance that White is planning to hang the d4-bishop. There are better things to do with a tempo, such as 11...b6 intending 12...Bb7

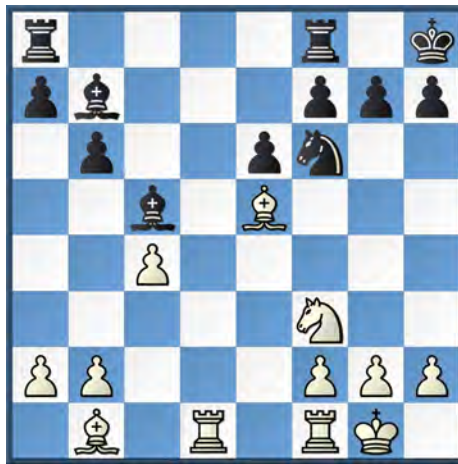
**12.Rc1 b6 13.Bb1 Bc5**

13...Bb7 14.Ne5 Qc7

**14.Be5**

14.Bxc5 bxc5 15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Ne5 Kg8 17.Rcd1 Bb7 18.f3 +=

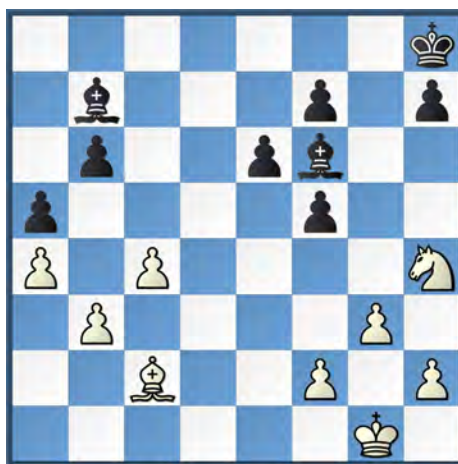
**14...Qxd1 15.Rcxd1 Bb7**



**16.Bxf6?!**

Black's doubled pawns and isolated h-pawn are hard to exploit, so White is just giving away the bishop-pair without creating a serious weakness in the black position. 16.Bc3 Bxf3 17.gxf3. In contrast, the doubled white f-pawns look weaker than their black counterparts in the game continuation, so Black is justified in parting with the bishop-pair to create this structure. The position is still pretty balanced, and may even favor White slightly.

**16...gxf6 += 17.Nh4 Rad8 18.a3 a5 19.Bc2 Rg8 20.Rxd8 Rxd8 21.Rd1 Rd4 22.Rxd4 Bxd4 23.b3 f5 24.a4 Bf6 25.g3**



**25...Kg7**

25...Bxh4 26.gxh4 Bf3 27.Kf1 Kg7 and Black's chances look better.; 25...f4!?

**26.Ng2 Bxg2?**

This leads to a standard bishops of opposite color ending in which neither side has any realistic chance to win. Black's bishop-pair confers a significant advantage, and there's no reason to exchange it away without gaining something in exchange.

**27.Kxg2 h6 28.f4 Kf8 29.Kf3 Kg7 30.h3 Bc3 31.g4 fxg4+ 32.hxg4 Kf6 33.Ke4 Ke7 34.Kd3 Bb4 35.Ke4 f6 36.f5 Kd6 37.fxe6 Kxe6 38.Bd1 Bd2 39.Kd4 Kd6 40.Bf3 Bg5 41.Be4 Bc1 42.Bf5 Bb2+ 1/2-1/2**

## Game Three

Game three started at about 9:00 A.M. at Frank Niro's residence in Meridian, Idaho. White played 1.d4 and Black played 1...f5, the Dutch Defense, no surprise here. Black chose the Leningrad Variation and White played the Karlsbad Variation developing his Knight via h3, again, this was no surprise to either player.

After the game, Frank Niro said that he was well prepared for this opening as only weeks before in St. Louis, he got the same exact position after the first 11 moves in a game there, and only a few days prior to our current match game Frank looked over this line with GM Alex Yermolinsky, so it was all very fresh in his mind.

This was a very nice game for Frank. He played well, didn't make any noticeable mistakes, and got the upper hand in material and position leaving White with a hopeless position on move 29.

**Jeffrey T. Roland (1724) –  
Frank A. Niro III (1700) [A81]**  
G3, April 18, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nh3 Bg7 5.Nf4 d6 6.0-0 c6 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3**

8.d5 e5 9.dxe6 Na6 10.Nc3 Nc5 Black

recovers the e-pawn, but is left with a slightly mushy d-pawn on the half-open file. It is not, however, a trivial matter to pile unlimited pressure onto d6, so we can safely call this position... unclear.

8...e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8 11.Nd3 Nh5 12.Bg5 Re8 13.e4 f4 14.gxf4 h6 15.Bh4 Nxf4 16.Nxf4

16.Rfd1 =+

16...exf4 17.f3

Unfortunate. The h4-bishop needs some room to run away, but g2 is reduced to the status of big pawn.

17...Bxc3

17...Nd7 causes White serious problems without allowing much counterplay; 17...Be6 is also very good, and has the advantage of picking up a pawn right away. White might feel it is worthwhile, though, to give a pawn in order to activate the bishop on the h3-c8 diagonal.

18.bxc3 Be6 19.Rfb1 b6



20.Bf1

20.c5 keeps the Black edge pretty small. 20...Nd7 21.cxb6 axb6 22.a4 =+ This was White's last chance to stay in the game. From here on out, Black doesn't allow any slack in the reins.

20...c5 21.Rd1 g5 22.Bf2 Nd7 23.a4

Ne5 24.Be2 Rad8 25.a5 Bxc4 26.Bxc4+ Nxc4 27.axb6 axb6 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Be1 Rd3 0-1

## Game Four

Game four started at about 9:10 A.M. at Frank Niro's residence in Meridian. White played 1.e4 and Black played 1...e6. Play soon got into the Rubenstein Variation of the French Defense again. This time, however, White played a different 5th move with 5.Nf3 (as opposed to 5.c4 in game two). Black offered a draw on move 11 which was immediately accepted. Both players needed to pack to go out of town so a short draw in this game was beneficial to both players.

The next game is scheduled for May 16, resuming another 4-week playing streak. Game five will be in Nampa. The match is now tied at two points each.

**Frank A. Niro III (1700) –  
Jeffrey T. Roland (1700) [C10]**  
G4, April 25, 2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.c4 c5 10.Re1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 1/2-1/2

## 2013 Meridian Invitational

The 2013 Meridian Invitational was held in Meridian on April 20, 2013. This was the third invitational event held in the home of Frank and Natasha Niro since the first event held in 2011. The time control of the four round Swiss System tournament was Game/30; d5.

The event ran from about 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. with a very nice lunch provided by the Niro's after the second round.

The event was very enjoyable and gave the players a chance to play a USCF-rated event on a lazy Saturday

morning-afternoon, affecting both Regular and Quick ratings at the same time. Prizes were some very nice chess books from Frank's collection with first place getting first choice and going down the line.

Frank Niro was the Chief Tournament Director and Jeff Roland was the Assistant Tournament Director. No computer was used for the pairings, simply 3"x5" blank index cards were used to run this tournament.



*The main playing room (there were two).  
Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*

Brett Hamilton of Meridian won the event with 3-1 points, followed by Jeff Roland of Boise in second place with 2½-1½ points. Frank Niro of Meridian, Alex Machin of Boise, and Shane Taylor of Boise each finished in a tie for 3rd-5th place with 2-2 points. Other players were Jamie Lang of Meridian, George Lundy of Boise, and Corey Longhurst of Nampa.

It should be noted that Carmen Pemsler of Eagle was not able to attend due to illness. Peter Olsoy of Boise was invited and a spot held open for him, but he could not attend because he was out of state. Corey Longhurst did not show up for unknown reason(s), so he was scored with a first-round half point bye and then subsequently not paired after that.

## 2013 Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament

The 2013 Mountain Home Spring



2013 Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament. First prize was to get in this picture. L-R: Alex Machin, Tom Winchell, Jeff Roland, and Hank Harris. Photo taken by the manager of Stagecoach Espresso (his name is not known) with Jeff Roland's camera.

Chess Tournament was held at the Stagecoach Espresso at 790 North 10th East in Mountain Home, Idaho on May 4, 2013. Jeff Roland was the Tournament Director.

The event was sponsored by Idaho Chess Union (ICU) and Stagecoach Espresso. It was rated by Rocky Mountain Chess.

This was the third tournament of this kind held at this venue. The 2012 Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament and the 2012 Mountain Home Summer Chess Tournament were the other two.

Play was open to everyone and completely free in every way (nothing to join and no fees of any kind). No monetary or substantive prizes were given out either. First prize was simply to get your picture taken and for that picture to be posted or printed

somewhere (like in Northwest Chess magazine and/or on the Idaho Chess Association website) so that was quite a nice prize indeed. The point of the tournament was to have a good time and to play chess.

There were ten players who came to this event. There was a wide range of experience and levels of play, but all players had a great time. Four players were from Mountain Home and six players were from Boise. This was just a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

The time control was game/45 with no time delay and no insufficient losing chances rule. Rapid Ratings were the only ratings affected with this time control.

There was a 4-way tie for first place with three points each between Hank Harris, Jeff Roland, Tom Winchell,

and Alex Machin. There were no tie-breakers used (and this was understood by everyone before the event began). Ties were simply ties, so these four players share equal first place, which means they all got in the official prize photograph.



Even old issues of Northwest Chess make great gifts. Here is Marcus Anthony with a copy of the August 2012 issue, which was given to him on May 4, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.



L-R: Tom Winchell (Mountain Home) vs. Nathanael Winchell (Mountain Home) at the 2013 Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament. Photo credit: Jeff Roland



Stan Lidback (Mountain Home) at the 2013 Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament. Photo credit: Jeff Roland



Nathan Arnold (Boise) at the 2013 Mountain Home Spring Chess Tournament. Nathan is the youngest player in the tourney. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

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# Washington Chess News

## Inland Empire Open

by Kevin Korsmo

John Julian won this year's Inland Empire Open (IEO) which was held at Gonzaga University on April 27-28. His 4.5 score topped the field of 32 players. It was the fifth time John had at least shared the IEO crown.

After the first round ran true to form, the top players (three Experts and nine Class A) started matching up in round two. Julian, the top seed, had a long game with Michael Cambareri before securing a win, while second seed Xioman Chu was being soundly defeated by Cameron Leslie before pulling off a stalemate in a lost position. Third seed Steve Merwin was downed by Jeremy Younker in what became the largest upset of the tourney. Younker, whose play is typically limited to the annual Collyer Memorial started by his late father, is underrated from lack of regular activity. He showed himself in fine form in this event, however. Nikolay Bulakh and Montana road warrior Dan McCourt fought to a long draw on board 4, leaving only four perfect

scores after two rounds.

There was a brief celebration of Jim Waugh's 84th birthday just before the second round on Saturday, with the competitors singing happy birthday to the grand old man of Spokane chess and sharing in some birthday cake.

A large number of byes in round three left included the other two perfect scores and left Jeff Roland to take a crack at Julian. The top seed prevailed and had the event lead after the first day's action, but five players were sitting a mere .5 off the lead.

Round four saw Chu take on Julian in a rematch from this year's Collyer Memorial where Julian had handed the high school exchange student his only defeat of that event. In this encounter the youngster managed to hold a draw in another lengthy game. Meanwhile, James Stripes and Cameron Leslie secured wins to stand tied with Julian after four rounds. Four others remained .5 behind.

Julian dropped Stripes in the final round and then received help when Merwin drew with Leslie. Cambareri dropped Chu to gain revenge for a loss in this year's Collyer and tied Leslie for second at 4.0; they also shared the top Class A prize. A score of 3.5 gave Stripes and Mark Havrilla second



John Julian getting ready for round 5. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

place in Class A, while the same score gave Loyd Willaford the first Class B prize. Second in B was shared by Jeff Roland, Murlin Varner, and Jeremy Younker with 3.0 scores. That same score gave Walter Van Heemstede Obelt first place in Class C.

Second place in Class C, with a score of 2.5, went to Ted Baker. Savanna Naccarato won the Class D first prize with a 2.5 score, while second in that category was shared by John Frostad, Patrick Kirlin, and Alexander Popescu with scores of 2.0.

Dave Griffin once again directed the tournament. Players came from Tacoma, Boise, Missoula, and points in between, with Idaho contributing a quarter of the playing field.

The Inland Empire Open was first played in 1954 and is Spokane's oldest event.



Jim Waugh blowing out the candles on his 84th birthday cake. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.



Alexander Popescu, the youngest player in the tournament. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.

## Crosstable in tie-break order

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	John Julian	2063	W26	W3	W10	D8	W5	4.5
2	Cameron Leslie	1926	W23	D8	W9	W12	D4	4
3	Michael Cambareri	1916	W32	L1	W19	W20	W8	4
4	Steve Merwin	2011	W11	L12	W23	W7	D2	3.5
5	James Stripes	1949	W19	W15	H---	W13	L1	3.5
6	Mark Havrilla	1947	W18	L10	W11	W15	H---	3.5
7	Loyd Willaford	1661	W28	W25	H---	L4	W16	3.5
8	Xiaolan Chu	2031	W27	D2	W20	D1	L3	3
9	Nikolay Bulakh	1980	W14	D13	L2	W17	D12	3
10	Jeff Roland	1700	W31	W6	L1	D16	D15	3
11	Walter Van Heemstede Obelt	1516	L4	W32	L6	W18	W19	3
12	Jeremy Younker	1718	W30	W4	H---	L2	D9	3
13	Dan Mc Court	1806	W21	D9	W17	L5	H---	3
14	Ron Weyland	1488	L9	W21	L16	W29	W20	3
15	Stephen Buck	1704	W22	L5	W24	L6	D10	2.5
16	Jeremy Krasin	1928	W24	L20	W14	D10	L7	2.5
17	Ted Baker	1550	H---	W27	L13	L9	W22	2.5
18	Savana Naccarato	1337	L6	W28	H---	L11	W27	2.5
19	Pat Kirlin	1391	L5	W22	L3	W23	L11	2
20	Murlin Varner	1684	W29	W16	L8	L3	L14	2
21	Alexander Popescu	887	L13	L14	H---	D31	W29	2
22	John Frostad	734	L15	L19	W28	W27	L17	2
23	Murray Strong	1480	L2	W30	L4	L19	H---	1.5
24	Rory Peterson	1244	L16	W29	L15	H---	U---	1.5
25	Kevin Korsmo	1762	H---	L7	W26	U---	U---	1.5
26	David Griffin	1600	L1	H---	L25	U---	W28	1.5
27	Steve Wallace	1568	L8	L17	W31	L22	L18	1
28	Jack Harris	unr.	L7	L18	L22	W30	L26	1
29	Levi Goris	251	L20	L24	W30	L14	L21	1
30	Harold Wetmur	832	L12	L23	L29	L28	W31	1
31	Cecelia Valeriotte	497	L10	H---	L27	D21	L30	1
32	Jim Waugh	1177	L3	L11	H---	U---	U---	0.5



*Cameron Leslie. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*



*Jack Harris. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*



*Jeremy Younker. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*



*James Stripes. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*



*The main playing room during round one. Photo credit: Jeff Roland.*

**Jeff Roland (1700) –  
Mark Havrilla (1947) [B14]**  
Inland Empire Open  
R2, Apr. 27, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.cxd5 Bg7 7.Bc4  
0–0 8.Qb3 Nbd7 9.Nge2 Nb6  
10.0–0 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 b6 12.Bg5  
Bb7 13.Nf4 Rc8 14.Qb3 h6 15.Bxf6  
Bxf6 16.Rfd1?!

16.Rad1 looks a little more natural,  
with the other rook heading to e1.  
White has managed to hold onto the  
extra d-pawn longer than usual in this  
opening, but at the cost of yielding  
the bishop-pair. Once Black has  
arranged for one more attacker (say,  
with ...Qd7 and ...Rfd8), he'll need  
to boot the defending f4-knight to  
regain the forward d-pawn, leaving  
White with an isolated d4-pawn.  
However, this will cost Black the  
bishop-pair at least, and it isn't clear  
exactly how to go about giving the  
f4-horse the boot without creating  
compensating weaknesses. Let's call  
this position equal/unclear.

16...Qd7 17.Ne4 Bg5 18.Qh3?!

White's problem, which started to  
appear with 16.Rfd1, is that he's  
going to lose the d5-pawn without  
creating a meaningful weakness in  
compensation. That will leave the  
d4-pawn as the only obvious target.  
If White needs to pitch the d5-pawn  
(and he does, eventually), it is far  
better to get rid of the light-square  
bishop, since that is the one that will  
become active on the long diagonal  
from the lovely blockading square.  
So the plan of creating some tactical  
complications starting with 17.Ne4  
looks faulty, since that knight needs  
to be on c3 in order to take a bishop  
on d5 later.

18...Qb5

18...Rfd8 Black has a fairly clear

advantage here.

19.Qd3 Qd7?

19...Qxd3 20.Nxd3 Bxd5 =+

20.Nxg5 hxg5



21.Nxg6 =

21...Rfe8?

Objectively inferior to accepting  
the draw with 21...fxg6 22.Qxg6+  
Kh8 23.Qh6+ (23.Rd3 g4) 23...Kg8  
24.Qxg5+ Kf7 25.Qh5+ Kf6 and,  
despite the exposed black king and  
the available rook lift, there does not  
seem to be any way for White to bring  
that extra little bit of force to bear.

22.Ne5 Qxd5 23.f3 e6 24.Ng4 Kg7  
25.Rac1 f6

25...Qxa2 26.Qe3 Qd5 27.h4! with a  
nice plus.

26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.Qa3! Qd7  
28.Qxa7 Rc6 29.Qb8 Rd6

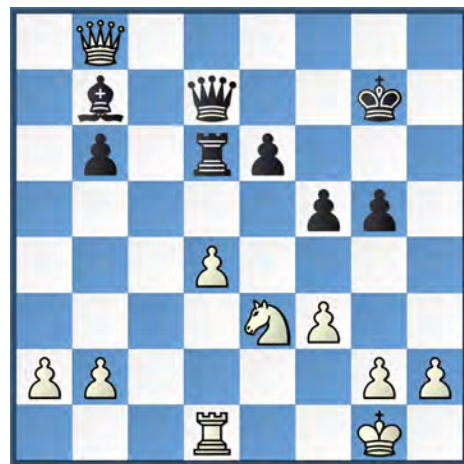
White was hoping to get in the tactic  
29...-- 30.Qg8+ Kxg8 31.Nxf6+ but  
Black keeps his queen guarded.

30.Rc1 Rc6 31.Rd1 Rd6 32.Ne3 f5?

[Diagram top of next column]

33.Rc1

Perhaps it is silly to look for



improvements when White's play  
is entirely sufficient to win, but of  
course 33.Nc4! leads to the win of at  
least the exchange: 33...Rc6 (33...Rd5  
34.Nxb6; 33...Rxd4 34.Qe5+) 34.Ne5  
Qc7 35.Nxc6

33...Rc6 34.Qe5+ Kh7 35.Rc3 Rxc3  
36.bxc3 Qc6 37.c4 Bc8 38.Qf6  
g4 39.Nxf5 Qd7 40.Qe7+ Kg8  
41.Qxd7 Bxd7 42.Nh6+ 1–0

**Jeremy Krasin (1928) –  
Jeff Roland (1700) [C02]**  
Inland Empire Open  
R4, Apr. 28, 2013

[Notes by Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6  
5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7  
8.b4 Bd7 9.Be2 Nf5 10.Bb2 Rc8  
11.g4 Nfe7 12.0–0 Ng6 13.Qd2 Be7  
14.Nc3 0–0 15.Rac1 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6  
17.Na4 Qd8 18.Nc5 b6 19.Nxd7  
Qxd7 20.Bb5

Better is 20.Qe3 with a small edge for  
White.

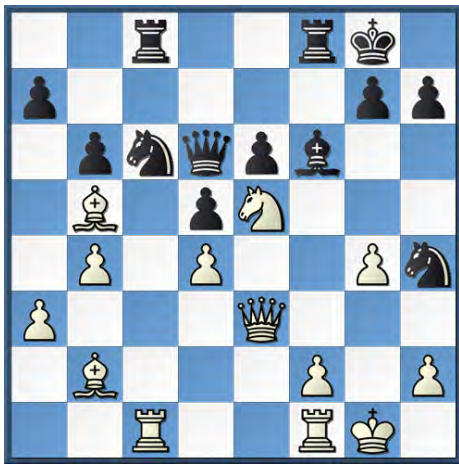
20...Qd6

20...e5! gives Black a slight edge.  
21.h3 e4

21.Qe3 Nh4 22.Ne5?!

[Diagram top of next page]

Now we enter a lengthy tactical  
sequence.



22.Nxh4 Bxh4 23.f4 gives White a decent plus.

22...Nxe5

22...Bxe5 and; 22...Nxd4 lead to similar tactics: 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Bxd4 Bxe5 25.Bxe5 Qxe5

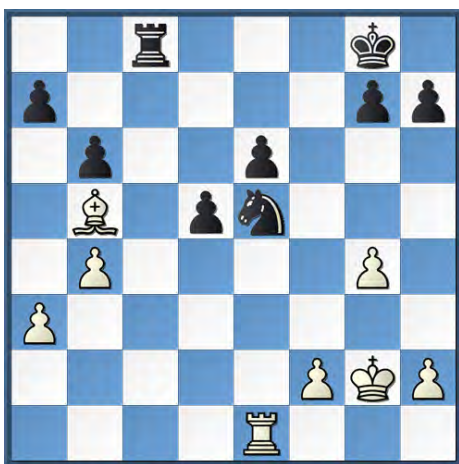
23.dxe5 Bxe5 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Qxe5

Slightly easier for White is 26.Bd7 Rc3 27.Bxe6+ Kf8 28.Qxe5 Nf3+ 29.Kg2 Nxe5 with a position similar to the game. Black enjoys a tiny edge. 30.Rd1

26...Nf3+ 27.Kg2?!

27.Kh1 Nxe5 28.f4 Nxg4 29.Bd7 Ne3 30.Bxc8 Nxf1 31.Bxe6+ Kf8 32.Bxd5 Ne3 and Black's edge is pretty minimal.

27...Nxe5 28.Re1



28...Nxg4

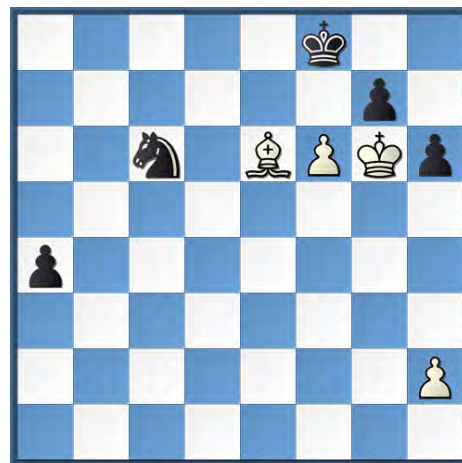
28...Ng6! 29.Bd7 Rc3 30.Bxe6+ Kf8 gives Black a significant advantage.

29.Bd7 Rc4  
30.Bxe6+ Kf8  
31.Bxd5 Rd4  
32.Bf3 Nf6

33.Rc1 Rd7 =  
34.Rc4 Kf7 35.a4 Re7 36.a5 bxa5  
37.bxa5 Kg6 38.a6 Ne8 39.Rc8 Kf6  
40.Bd5 Ke5 41.Bb7 Nc7 42.Kg3  
Kd6 43.Rd8+ Rd7 44.Rxd7+ Kxd7  
45.Kf4?! Ne6+ 46.Ke5 Nc5 47.Bd5  
Nxa6 Black is ahead again. 48.Bg8  
h6 49.Kf5 Ke7 50.f4 Nb4

Perhaps 50...Nc5 is a tiny bit more accurate, since the knight may swing back to the kingside for defense as needed.

51.Kg6 Kf8 52.Bc4 a5 53.f5 Nc6  
54.Be6 a4 55.f6



55...gxf6?!

55...Ne5+! 56.Kf5 Nf3 57.fxg7+ Kxg7 poses some interesting technical problems for White to try to solve.

56.Kxf6 a3 57.Kg6 Ke7 58.Ba2 Ne5+ 59.Kxh6 Ng4+?!

Now the winning chances are gone.

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60.Kg5 Nxh2 61.Kf4 Kd6 62.Ke3 Kc5 63.Kd3 Kb4 64.Bg8 Ng4 65.Kd4 Nf2 66.Ke3 Nd1+ 67.Kd2 Nb2 68.Kc1 Kc3 69.Kb1 1/2-1/2

*The following game is a contribution from our reader, Daniel He.*

**Daniel He (2066) – Chouchanik  
Airapetian (2131) [C41]**  
WA State Championship (Premier)  
R6, Feb. 16, 2013

[Notes by Daniel He]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7  
4.Nf3 e5

The Philidor Defense.

5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 c6 8.a4 Qc7

I thought 8...Nxe4 was a better move for Black. After 9.Nxe4 d5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 dxe4, the position is still balanced.

9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Ne1

White's plan was to push the f and g pawns and place the pieces behind them. I will eventually put my knight on f5.

10...Nc5 11.Qf3 Ne6 12.Ne2 Bd7  
13.c3 b5 14.axb5 cxb5 15.Bxe6 fxe6

...fxe6 came as a surprise to me. I was expecting ...Bxe6, in which case I'll use the weak squares d5 and f5 for my knights. Maybe this is why Black did not like Bxe6. However ...fxe6 did



create doubled pawns on the e-file, which turned out to be a problem for Black.

**16.Qd3 Bc6 17.Ng3 a5**

Because of the weak doubled e-pawns, Black must play more actively in the center and kingside. Therefore, although ...Rad8 and ...Bc5 look aggressive, it is worth consideration.

**18.Nf3 h6 19.b3**

I'm going to put the bishop on the a1-h8 diagonal to put pressure on the e5 pawn and keep Black's pieces tied up to defend the pawn.

**19...Rfd8 20.Qc2 Be8 21.Bb2 Bd6 22.c4 bxc4 23.bxc4 a4 24.Rac1**

If I can safely advance my pawn to c5, I would be winning. In the next

few moves, many of Black's pieces are defending the c5 square.

**24...a3 25.Ba1 Qc5 26.Qc3 Ra5 27.Ne1 Nd7 28.Kh2**

This is a very tricky move. Nd3 seems obvious but I wanted to wait and see Black's response first. If the queen moves, f4 and then Nf3 looks challenging for Black to play against.

**28...Qa7 29.f4 Nb6 30.f5 Na4**

My pieces are ready to attack on the kingside, and Black's are awkwardly positioned on the queenside.

**31.Qf3 Bf7 32.Nd3 Rc8 33.Qg4 Qd7 34.Rfd1**

Putting even more pressure on Black.

**34...Qe8**



**35.Nf4 Nb2 36.Nfh5 Bxh5 37.Nxh5 Qe7 38.Rxd6**

The queen cannot defend both d6 and g7 at the same time.

**38...Rf8 39.Rxe6 Qd7 40.Rg6 Rf7 41.Nf6+ Rxf6 42.Rxf6 1-0**



*Stephen Buck of Tacoma (left) and Dave Griffin of Veradale (right) at the 2013 Inland Empire Open. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*

# Scholastic Events in Vancouver, Washington April 19, 20, and 21, 2013

by Russell Miller

The Annual Washington State Elementary (K-6) Championship was held in Ridgefield (near Vancouver), Washington at the Clark County Fairgrounds Exhibition Hall. Norm May, of Vancouver, was one of the main workers and did the computer work. Lots of other people helped Lori Davis, of Vancouver and the organizer, setup the event. The Tournament Director was Alan Svehaug of Vancouver. The host group was the Cornerstone Chess Club. The website of the event is <http://playingfortheeking.com/2013State/>

Your reporter was there to hand out copies of *Northwest Chess* and take some pictures, 86 of which can be found here: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/27748810@N03/sets/72157633286697656/>. My wife and I helped set up chess sets on Friday. There were lots of others there doing the same thing.

The K grade section had 67 players. One perfect 5-0 score by Robert Michailov. At 4.5-.5 were: Ethan Kuzin and Christopher Soetedjo.

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade section had 90 players. Two players scored the perfect 5-0, Alvin Zhang and Jason Yu. The only one to score 4.5-.5 was Vsevolod

Cherepennikov. Jason was the top rated player in this section at 1520.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade section had 138 kids. 5-0 scorers were: Ryan Tang, Jason Zhang and Alec Beck. Jason was the top rated player in the section at 1461.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade section had 192 players. Three of them scored 5-0: Neil Chowdhury, Andrew Yeh and Everett Wang. Neil was the top rated player in the section at 1577.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade section 4 players score the perfect 5-0 score. They were Naomi Bashkansky, Brian Chen, Aaron Probst and James Lai. Naomi was the top rated player among the 197 players in the section at 1682.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade section had three players score the perfect 5-0 score. They were: Derek Zhang, Vikram Ramasamy and Kevin Song. Derek was the top rated player of the 168 players in the section at 1840.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade section of 83 players had only one 5-0 perfect scorer, Ryan Cho. Three scored 4.5-.5: Blake Hunt, Rohan Skariah and Lionel Chang.

The ratings mentioned are the starting ratings for the players done by Chess Northwest Ratings. The full crosstables for the event can be found at <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/report12-13/StateElementary.html>

A Middle School Championship in three sections was also held. The Open Section was won by

4-1 was Ryan Wong. 10 players were in this section. The under 1000 rating section had 10 players and ended in two 4-1 scorers: Ellis Patrick and William Sponburgh. Mr. Jorgensen was the tournament director for these sections. Full crosstables here: <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/report12-13/MSChanp.html>

For those not playing in the above groups there was I Love Chess Too played in 9 sections mostly 6 player sections. I believe for some of the players it was their first tournament.

Section A was won by Tiarnan Babcock with 4.5-.5. Section B was won by Ashley Patriarca with 5-0. Section C was won by Tyler Smith 5-0. A score of 4.5-.5 was the winning score for section D by Jonathan Xu. Section E winner was Akash Prasad with 4-1. Section F was won with a 4.5-.5 score by Owen Onstad-Hargrave. Section G was a 4 player double round robin won by Jeannine Brokaw with 6 – 0. There were a couple of adults in this section. Jeannine was not one of them. Section H had one adult but she did not win as two other players scored 4-1: Kyler Earp and Asha Helmstetter. Section I was mostly adults and won with a 5-0 score by an adult, Abhishikt Jain. Full crosstables for these events can be found here: <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/report12-13/IloveChessToo.html>

Sponsors of the event were: Dick Hannah Kia in Vancouver, Chess4Life of Bellevue, Steve Davis of Vancouver, Einsteinwise of Vancouver Burgerville of Vancouver and Thad Suit and SwissSys pairing program. There was a very nice booklet about the tournament handed out which included several coupons plus tournament rules and pages to record games. Bughouse at G/5 was played on the Friday evening before the Saturday event.

Next year the event will be in Seattle and then in Spokane for 2015.

## Joshua C. Sinanan

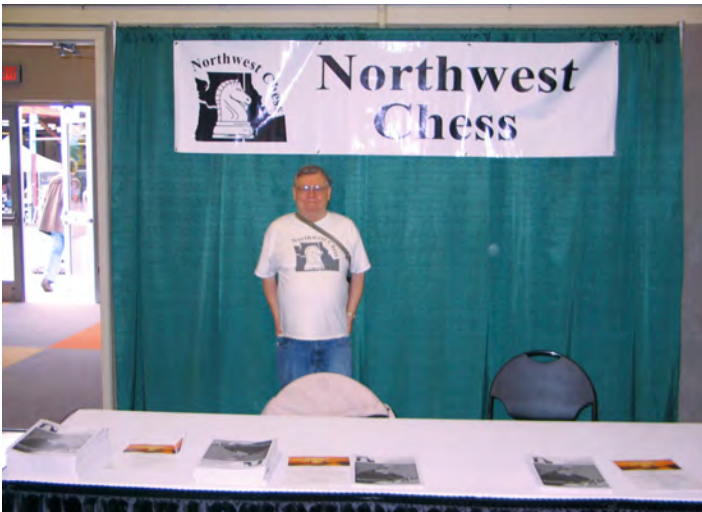
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Roland Feng with 5-0. At 3.5-1.5 was Kyle Haining. 14 players were in this section. Roland has a CNR rating of 2226. The under 1300 rating section was won by another perfect scorer: Jonah Kolar. At



*Russell Miller handing out copies of Northwest Chess.  
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*A close-up of the medals that were used as prizes.  
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*Very interesting looking Bughouse trophies.  
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*An overview of the playing hall showing players and tournament staff.  
Photo credit: Russell Miller.*

# The Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial

## Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, Excel Master

The month of April saw six GP events, including one of the major ones, the Clark Harmon Memorial, a 4x multiplier event, in Portland, OR. Even though there were no GP events held in Idaho over the month, a number of Idaho players, including all five class leaders, gained points by attending the Harmon Memorial and/or the Inland Empire Open in Spokane, WA. Many players from all three states gained 20 or more points at the Harmon Memorial due to the 4x multiplier, topped by Nick Raptis' 28 points for going 5-0.

Remember, the multiplier is applied after all the points of an event are tallied. Nick's 28 came from five wins, plus two points for completing the schedule, times four. In such an event as this, you could lose all five games (not a course of action I'd recommend, but stuff does happen sometimes) and still come away with eight GP points. That's one more point than the maximum possible at the IEO, where there was no multiplier. I say all this to remind you that your next opportunity at a 4x multiplier is the Washington Open, Memorial Day weekend. Unless, of course, you didn't get this magazine in time, in which case the WA Open has just become the most recent 4x event you missed. But do not fret, because the Newport Open on June 15-16 has a \$1,500 prize fund with \$1,050 guaranteed, making it a 3x event that I know you still have time to attend. And please visit the Hatfield Aquarium while you are there. Take it from an aquatic biologist, it is worth a visit.

In addition, the Emerald City Open in Seattle, on June 14-16, is a 2x multiplier event. Altogether, there are five weekends in June and at least one opportunity to play in each, in Seattle (3), Newport, Portland, Spokane, and Tacoma. No excuses, start your summer off right, playing chess (which almost never requires sunscreen).

As of the end of June, we will have had seven events with multipliers, and the other half of the year still to go, with events such as the Seafair Open, the ICA Summer Classic, the Oregon Open, the Oregon Class, the Washington Class, the SCC Extravaganza, and the Washington Challengers' Cup all expected to have multipliers as well. (I am probably forgetting a couple, but I promise to mention them as the year progresses.)

Finally, a big "welcome back" goes out to Bill Schill. We missed you.

## NW Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
<b>Masters</b>								
			1 Raptis	Nick	47	1 Pupols	Viktors	33.5
			2 Gay	Daniel Z	34	2 Bragg	David R	12.5
			3 Haessler	Carl A	11	3 Feng	Roland	10.5
						4 Schill	William J	5.5
						5 Sang	Tian	5
<b>M/X/Class A</b>								
			1 Tezcan	Yaman	44.5	1 Lampman	Becca	40
1 Leslie	Cameron D	29.5	2 Sherrard	Jerry	39	2 Zavortink	Matt	36
2 Havrilla	Mark A	23.5	3 Cigan	Jason	36	3 Bartron	Paul R	29
3 Parsons	Larry R	7	4 Botez	Alexandra V	31.5	4 Tiglon	Bryce	27
4 Kircher	Caleb P	6	5 Deeth	Steven B	24.5	5 Rupel	David	26

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
<b>Class B</b>			<b>Class A</b>					
1 Roland	Jeffrey T	43	1 Eagles	Roland	34	1 Smith	Micah	52
2 Bodie	Brad	15	2 Levin	Scott A	29	2 Lee	Kevin	34
2 Griggs	Glenn	15	3 Yoshinaga	David K	28	3 Pitre	H G	31.5
4 Niro	Frank A	14	4 Goffe	Michael P	22	4 Nagase	Masayuki	26
5 Gorman	Cody A	6	5 Murray	Dillon T	16	5 O'Gorman	Peter J	25
<b>Class C</b>			<b>Class B</b>					
1 Weyland	Ronald M	17.5	1 Burris	Christopher E	33	1 Anthony	Ralph J	70
2 Imamovic	Nedzad	6	2 Trattner	Andrew L	31.5	2 Buck	Stephen J	47
3 Pemsler	Carmen	5	3 O'Connell	Sean R	25.5	3 Ramesh	Jothi N	40.5
3 Hollingsworth	Gary M	5	4 Donchenko	Peter	19	4 He	Anthony B	36
<b>Class D</b>			5 Tache	Corey	9	5 Davis	Frederick A	33
1 Naccarato	Savanna	18	<b>Class C</b>					
2 Handeen	Bjorn J	12	1 Berger	Brian F	43	1 Piper	August	44
3 Taylor	Shane	5	2 Hasuike	Mike L	32	2 Zhang	Eric M	37.5
4 Porth	Adam	4.5	3 Culbreth	Adam	28	3 Chowdhury	Neil	31.5
<b>Class E and Below</b>			4 Shimada	Masakazu	27	4 Cherepakhin	Olga	19
1 Wetmur	Harold R	15	4 Beverly	Jacob P	27	5 Miller	Russell W	18
2 Hiatt	Arlene	7.5	<b>Class D and Below</b>					
3 Porth	Desmond	5	1 Jacobsen	Jason	30	1 Richards	Jerrold	39.5
4 Knoll	Lucas	4.5	2 Buerer	Harry F	27.5	2 Nicoski	Rick	22
4 Nathan	Jacob A	4.5	3 Slavik	Jacob	25	3 Parrish	Thomas A	16
			4 Markowski	Gregory A	22	4 Harlin	Jeremy C	15.5
			5 Butson	Jeffrey C	19.5	5	Two tied at	14.5
<b>Overall Leaders, by State</b>								
1 Roland	Jeffrey T	43	1 Raptis	Nick	47	1 Anthony	Ralph J	70
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6 Wetmur	Harold R	15	8 Burris	Christopher E	33	8 Zhang	Eric M	37.5
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12 Parsons	Larry R	7	12 Jacobsen	Jason	30	10 Pupols	Viktors	33.5

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# National Chess Day

## Saturday October 12, 2013

Celebrate National Chess Day!  
Deadline for TLA submission to USCF:

June 10, 2013

for two issues of Chess Life or July 10, 2013 for one issue.

Organizers!!! Plan a tournament or an event of any kind to promote chess on  
National Chess Day!

1. Any Rated Beginner Open that includes "National Chess Day" in its TLA title and falls on October 12, 2013 gets both a complimentary TLA and free rating fees. Event must include October 12, 2013, but could include shoulder days.

Rated Beginner Open or RBOs are Open to Under 1200/Unr or Under 1000/Unr.  
Tournament name must include 'Rated Beginners Open' or 'RBO'

2. Any 1-day event for October 12, 2013 which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title gets a complimentary TLA and free rating fees.

3. Any 2-3 day event held over a period which encompasses Oct 12-13, 2013 which has "National Chess Day" in its TLA title, will get a complimentary TLA and free rating fees.

**Organizers/affiliates, In the TLA, be sure to mention National Chess Day in the title and that it actually happens on Saturday October 12, 2013 and then expect to receive an e-mail from the office explaining how to get the free rating fee.**

Submit your articles and photos for possible publication in *Chess Life* magazine and/or Chess Life Online! Photos for *Chess Life* magazine must be high resolution. Any Washington, Oregon or Idaho rated event on National Chess Day will also receive a free TLA and coverage of the event in *Northwest Chess*.

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## How to Find the SCC

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

### Attendance at 2013's events

*G/15 Ch.* (3/1)–12; *Novice* (1/19)–2, (4/7)–6;  
*Quads* (1/26)–11, (2/23)–26, (3/16)–20,  
 (4/13)–16, (5/11)–25; *Tornados* (1/6)–25,  
 (2/3)–10, (3/3)–32, (4/14)–19, (5/5)–21;  
**Seattle City Championship** (1/11-13)–30;  
**Seattle Spring Open** (3/22-24)–60.

### 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.

## June 2, June 30

**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.

## Sunday Tornado

## June 8, July 6

**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.

## Saturday Quads

## July 13

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

## SCC Novice

## SCC Fridays

Typical Friday fare is one round of an ongoing tournament (free to SCC members, no prizes) played at a rate of 40/90 followed by 30/60. Drop in for any round!

**It's Summertime:** June 7, 14, 21, 28.  
**Firecracker Hexes (G/17):** July 5.  
**Hot as Hades:** July 12, 19, 26.  
**Dog Days:** August 2, 9, 16, 23.  
**Workingman's Quads (G/24):** August 30.  
**Autumn Leaves:** Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27.  
**SCC Championship (35/100, 25/60):**  
 Sept. 6, 13, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 25; Nov. 8.

## Emerald City Open

June 14-16

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/2 & SD/1 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/64 or G/60;d5). The prize fund of \$1000 is based on fifty-five entries.

*a Northwest Grand Prix event*

	Open	Reserve (U1700)
First	\$250	First \$175
Second	\$160	Second \$110
U1950	\$120	U1450 \$80
		Unr \$25

### Upset (rds 1-4) \$20

Entry Fees: \$33 if rec'd by 6/12, \$42 at site. SCC members–subtract \$9. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, and WA–subtract \$4. Unr–free with purchase of 1-year USCF and WCF. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.

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

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

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

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

# Upcoming Events

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

♣ **June 15-16** 2013 Newport June Open, **Newport, OR**. See quarter-page ad on page 3.

♣ **June 15** Qualchan Quads, **Spokane, WA**. Site: Spokane Valley Library, E. 12004 E. Main, Spokane, WA 99206. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45, E.F. \$16, Format: 3 Rds, G/2Hr with 5 second delay. USCF membership required n/c (USCF rated), coffee & snacks provided. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, (509) 994-9739, Email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, www.spokanechessclub.org. Note: Chess downstairs - take elevator.

♣ **June 22, July 17** 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 reqd, 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.

♣ **Jun 29** Evergreen Empire Open, **Tacoma, WA**. Site: The Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. Registration: 9 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees. 1st 25%; 2nd 15%; U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, phone (253) 535-2536, email ggarychess@aol.com.

**July 6-7** Oregon Senior Chess Championship, **Oregon City, OR**. See full page ad on page 4.

♣ **Jul 13-14** Portland Summer Open, **Portland, OR**. (Details tentative based on Spring Open.) Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR. This USCF-rated, two-day tournament is played in two sections (Open and U1800), has five rounds, and offers long time controls and lots of cash prizes: Time Control: 40/90 SD/30, 5 second delay if clock allows. Two half point byes available for Rounds 1-4 if requested at registration. Entry Fee: \$35; members of the Club get \$10 discount. Memberships: USCF and OCF/WCF required and can be purchased/renewed at registration (other state memberships OK for out-of-area players). Registration: 9:00-9:45am on Saturday. Rounds at 10, 2 and ASAP on Saturday, 10 and ASAP on Sunday. Prizes: based on 40 entries and adjusted proportionally if different number of players, total prize fund is \$650 (each section's prize fund \$325). Open section: 1st place - \$150, 2nd place - \$100, best result for rated under 2000 - \$75. Reserve section: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, best results for rated under 1600, under 1400, and under 1200 or unrated - \$50 each. No tiebreakers used, prizes split between players with the same results.

♣ **Jul 13-14** Spokane Falls Open, **Spokane, WA**. Site: Schoenberg Center, Room 201, GU Campus 800 Pearl St. Spokane, WA 99258. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45, E.F. \$18 by 7/12 (U/18) \$15, \$25 at the site for all, T/C: 1Hr 55 minutes, with 5 second delay. Sat Rds: 10:00, 2:30, 7:00, Sun 9:00 & 1:30 or ASAP. USCF membership required. n/c, USCF rated, Unrated USCF members play in first event free. Prizes: \$500 based on 25 entries, 1st Overall: \$120, 2nd Overall: \$80, B/U/1800: \$60, 2nd/U/1800 \$30, B/U/1600: \$60, 2nd/U/1600 \$30, B/U/1400: \$60, 2nd/U/1400 \$30, Biggest Upset: \$30 (both players must have established ratings). All section prizes based on at least four players per section. Prizes may be adjusted otherwise, only one prize per player, excluding biggest upset. Byes: One ½ point bye if requested before previous rounds. Requested byes for rounds four and five must be made before the end of round three. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, (509) 994-9739, email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, web www.spokanechessclub.org. Special Event: Spokane Fall Open will be held concurrently with the Spokane City Championship on July 13-14. James Stripes will take on one of six players who are now playing in a round-robin. Two rounds are scheduled for Saturday while rounds three and four will take place on Sunday. The time control will be G/2hr with a 5 second delay. If needed, there will be a G/10 playoff with the first to get three points wins.

♣ **Jul 27** Puget Sound Open, **Tacoma, WA**. Site: Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. Registration: 9:00 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees. 1st 25%; 2nd 15%; U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half-point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.