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The six Northwest girls plus Susan Polgar (founder and organizer) and Jeff Roland (floor TD and NWC Editor) at the closing ceremonies of the 10th Annual Susan Polgar Foundation Girls Invitational on July 25, 2013. L-R: Carmen Pemsler, Alexandra Botez, Andrea Botez, Susan Polgar, Olga Cherepakhin, Jessica Ross, Jeff Roland, Becca Lampman. Photo taken by Paul Truong and courtesy of the Susan Polgar Foundation.

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Six Northwest girls at the Susan Polgar Foundation Girls Invitational



This was taken on a tour of St. Louis under the Gateway Arch. Photo courtesy of Susan Polgar Foundation and Paul Truong.

Six girls — Becca Lampman (Washington), Alexandra Botez (Canada), Andrea Botez (Canada), Jessica Ross (Oregon), Olga Cherepakhin (Washington), and Carmen Pemsler (Idaho) — represented the Pacific Northwest at the Tenth Annual Susan Polgar Foundation Girls Invitational chess tournament, held July 21-25, 2013, at Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri. Idaho's Jeff Roland and Alise Pemsler were Assistant Tournament Directors at the event, and former Idaho chess player and resident, Frank Niro, was the Chief Tournament Director. The Northwest had a big impact on the event.

Martha Underwood of Southern Arizona was the other Assistant Tournament Director; Susan Polgar and Paul Truong were the chief organizers who have been running this event every year since 2004.

59 Girls (60 if you count a house player) were in attendance, and this year the event was expanded to include some international players from Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Puerto Rico, and Canada. The prize fund was valued at \$250,000, largely consisting of scholarships, which is almost certainly the largest prize fund for an all-girls tournament anywhere. Becca Lampman was the top U.S. finisher with five points,



On stage during the tournament. Photo courtesy of Susan Polgar Foundation

winning a four-year scholarship to Webster University valued at \$56,500, and in addition Becca won a \$1,000 special cash prize donated by the Susan Polgar Foundation.

There were other events interspersed in the five days of girls' chess too, such as a Puzzle Solving Championship, a Bughouse Championship, a Blitz Championship, a Friends and Family Event. Eight Grandmasters attend Webster University and several of them were on hand to give free instruction and analysis with the girls after their games. GM Yasser Seirawan dropped in more than once to show his support for the event as well. Susan Polgar and Paul Truong instructed a daylong interactive class for the girls, their coaches, and family members, consisting of material you just cannot find in any book. There were free meals together, socializing, swimming, touring the city, and lots of new friendships were made.

A good time was had by all.



Becca Lampman. Photo courtesy of Susan Polgar Foundation



Susan Polgar. Photo courtesy of Susan Polgar Foundation



*This was taken on a tour of St. Louis at the World Chess Hall of Fame (which is across the street from the St. Louis Chess Club).
Photo courtesy of Susan Polgar Foundation and Paul Truong.*



L-R: Frank Niro, Susan Polgar, Jeff Roland, Alise Pemsler, and Martha Underwood. Photo courtesy of Susan Polgar Foundation and Paul Truong.

Sheena Zeng (KS) (1375) –
Becca Lampman (WA) (2065) [E94]
SPFGI St. Louis (R1), July 22, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0–0
5.e4 d6 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 a5 8.0–0 Na6 9.h3
Nc5 10.Qc2 Nh5 11.Be3 b6 12.Bd3 Nxd3
13.Qxd3 f5 14.Bd2 f4 15.a3 a4 16.Qc2
Bd7 17.Rfb1 g5 18.b4 axb3 19.Rxb3 g4
20.hxg4 Bxg4 21.Qd3 Rf7 22.Ne2 Bf8
23.a4 Nf6 24.a5



24.Ne1 =+

24...Nxe4! 25.Rba3

25.Qxe4 Bf5 -+

25...Nc5 26.Qc2 e4 27.Nfd4 f3 28.Ng3
Qh4 29.gxf3 exf3 30.Kf1 Re8! 31.Re3
Rxe3

31...Qh2!! 32.Rxe8 (32.Ke1 Qg1+ 33.Nf1
Bh3) 32...Bh3+ 33.Ke1 Qg1+ 34.Nf1
Qxf1#

32.Bxe3 bxa5

32...Re7! 33.axb6 Rxe3 34.fxe3 Qxg3
and Black wins quickly, i.e.: 35.Qf2 Bh3+
36.Ke1 Nd3+

33.Rxa5 Qf6

Again 33...Re7! threatening ...Rxe3 is very
strong: 34.Ne6 (34.Ra3 Ne4!) 34...Bxe6
35.dxe6 Rxe6 and Black still has the attack
as well as two extra pawns.

34.Ra7 h5 35.Nb3 Nxb3 36.Qxb3 h4
37.Nh1 Bh3+ 38.Ke1 Bg2 39.Kd2 Bxh1
40.Qb8 Qg7 41.Qd8 h3 42.Qh4 Bg2
43.Rb7 Qg6 44.Bd4 Qh6+ 0–1

Becca Lampman (WA) (2065) –
Saithanusri Avirneni (GA) (1818) [D24]
SPFGI St. Louis (R4), July 24, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.e3
dxc4 6.a4 b6 7.Bxc4 Bb7 8.0–0 Be7 9.Qe2
0–0

9...c5 +=

10.e4 Re8 11.Rd1 Nc6 12.e5

12.d5! is the more obvious central advance,
trying to utilize the opposition of rook vs
queen, and should offer a clear advantage.

12...Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Bd3 Nb4

15.Bb1 a5

15...Qd7 +=

16.e6! Bf6 17.exf7+ Kxf7



18.Ne5+!

Perhaps even stronger is 18.Ng5+! Bxg5
(18...Kf8 19.Qh5 Qe7 20.Nxh7+ Kg8
21.Nxf6+ gxf6 22.Bd2 and Black is helpless
against the rook lift.) 19.Qh5+ g6 (19...
Kf8 20.Bxg5 Qd6 21.Ra3) 20.Qxh7+ Kf8
21.Bxg6 Qf6 22.Bxg5

18...Bxe5 19.Qh5+ Kf8 20.dxe5 Qe7
21.Ra3 d4 22.Re1 h6 23.Rg3 Red8
24.Bxh6! gxh6 25.Qxh6+ Ke8 26.e6 Qf8
27.Qh7 d3 28.e7 1–0

Jessica Ross (OR) (1224) –
Shayna Provine (IL) (1656) [B08]
SPFGI St. Louis (R6), July 25, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bf4 d6 5.e4
0–0 6.Bc4 Nbd7 7.0–0 c5 8.dxc5 Nxc5
9.Re1 Qb6 10.Rb1 Qb4 11.Qe2 Bg4?!

11...Be6 12.Bxe6 (12.Nd5? Bxd5 13.Bxd5
(13.exd5 b5 14.Bxb5 Qxf4) 13...Nxd5
14.Bd2 Qxe4 15.Qxe4 Nxe4 16.Rxe4 b5 is
very good for Black.) 12...Nxe6 approaches
equality.

12.a3 Qb6

12...Bxf3 13.axb4 Bxe2 14.Rxe2 is a little
better for White.

13.h3 Bd7

Now 13...Be6 14.Nd5 works out better for
White. +=

14.Nd5

14.e5! dxe5 15.Nxe5 increases White's
activity.

14...Nxd5 15.Bxd5

This is roughly equal.

15...Na4?! 16.Be3 Qc7 17.c3 a6 18.Bd4
Bh6 19.e5 Bf5 20.Be4 Be6 21.exd6 exd6
22.Qc2 Nc5 23.Nd2?!

23.b4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4

[Diagram top of next column]

White stands at least a little better here due
to piece activity. It's worth comparing this



analysis diagram with the one in the next
note. In both, Black has the bishop-pair,
and the pawn structure seems similar, but
here White stands better, and in the next
note, Black is clearly better. The difference
is in piece activity, and the fact that Black's
important dark-bound bishop here can
really only look forward to exchanging
for its d4-counterpart, thus weakening the
kingside dark squares. 24...Qe7 (24...Bf5?!
25.Qh4) 25.Rb2 (or 25.c4)

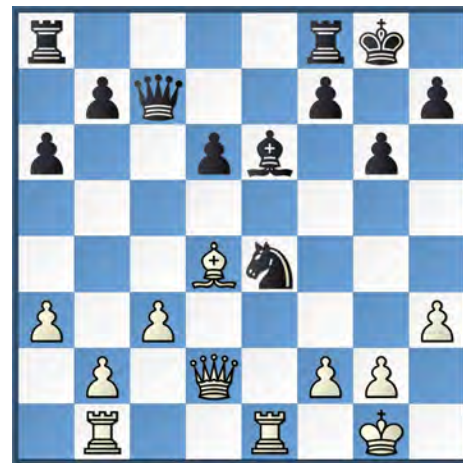
23...Bxd2?!

23...d5! 24.Bxc5 (24.Bf3 Bf5 wins a little
material for Black.) 24...Qxc5 25.Bd3



Black's bishop-pair, space, and activity
more than compensate for any weakness
associated with the isolated pawn.

24.Qxd2 Nxe4



25.Qf4?

25.Rxe4! Bf5 Black has nothing
significantly better; White threatens Bf6
with a mating net, and all defenses to
this lose at least the e6-bishop. (25...Qe7
26.Qh6 f6 27.Rbe1 Rae8 28.Rxe6 Qxe6
29.Rxe6 Rxe6 may be Black's best, for
what it's worth.) 26.Bf6! Bxe4 (The only



Luisa Mercado Mendoza (left), TD, Jeff Roland (center), and Becca Lampman (right) during the final round on Board one. Photo courtesy of the Susan Polgar Foundation and Paul Truong.

way to avoid mate in a few moves by Qd2-h6-g7 is to give up the queen for a rook: 26...Qd8 27.Bxd8 Raxd8 28.Rbe1 and of course White is winning.) 27.Qh6 Bxb1 28.Qg7#

25...Bd5?

25...f5! ends all of the mate threats and protects the extra material. 26.f3 doesn't regain the piece because 26...Nc5 27.Bxc5 Qxc5+ is now check.

26.Rxe4 f5

Obviously 26...Bxe4 27.Qf6 doesn't help.

27.Re3 Rfe8?

27...Rae8 seems a bit better. After a sequence similar to that in the game, Black will start with a rook already on f8 instead of back on a8.

28.Rbe1 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Rc8 30.Qg5 Qb8 31.Qf6 Rc7 32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.Qxb8

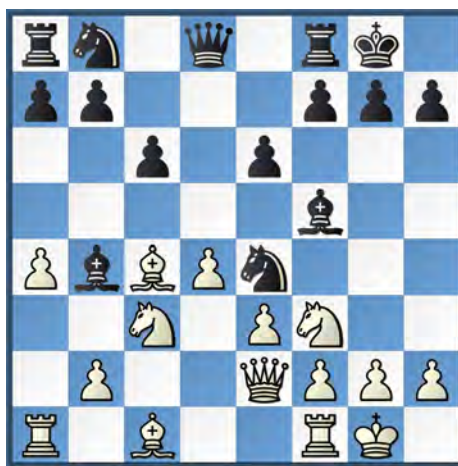
It's hard to argue with a move that forces resignation, but more incisive is 33.Qg7#

1-0

Becca Lampman (WA) (2065) – Luisa Mercado Mendoza (KY) (2049) [D19]
SPFGI St. Louis (R6), July 25, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4

Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Ne4



10.Ne5

10.Bd3 Bxc3 (10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bxd3 (11...Bxc3 12.Bxf5 exf5 (12...Bxa1 13.Bc2 and it's hard to extract the bishop.) 13.Rb1 looks awkward for Black.) 12.Qxd3 Be7 13.Rb1) 11.bxc3 Nxc3 12.Qc2 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nd5 14.Rb1 with generous compensation.

10...Nd6?!

10...Nd7 looks safe: 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd2 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 c5

=; 10...Nxc3?! 11.bxc3 Bxc3 12.Ra3 Bb4 13.Rb3 (13.e4!?) 13...a5 14.e4 again offers White compensation for the pawn.; 10...Bxc3? 11.bxc3 Nxc3 12.Qb2 is simply good for White.

11.Bd3

11.Ba2 +=

11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.e4 Rad8 15.Be3 Nc8 16.Qc4 Ba5 17.Rfd1 Rfe8 18.b4 Bc7



19.Rac1 Qe7 20.d5 exd5 21.exd5 Nb6 22.Qb3 Nxd5 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Bb6 26.Qd2 Bxe3 27.Qxe3

Qxe3 28.fxe3 Kf8 29.Rc7 Re7 30.Rc8+ Re8 31.Rc7 1/2-1/2

**Carmen Pemsler (ID) (1635) –
Sheena Zeng (KS) (1375) [A25]**
SPFGI St. Louis (R6), July 25, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 Nc6
5.e3 0-0 6.Nge2 d6 7.0-0 Bf5 8.d4 exd4
9.exd4 Bb6 10.a3 a6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3
Qd7 13.Re1 Rfe8**



14.Qd2?

14.b4 Ba7 15.Qd2 Ng4 looks balanced.

14...Rad8?

14...Na5! snags material by threatening both the d4-pawn and the b3-fork.

**15.b4 Rb8 16.Rad1 Red8 17.Qc1 Qc8
18.Bf4 Rd7 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Qf8
21.c5**



21...dxc5??

Black's planless major piece maneuvers on the back rank have lead to a clear advantage for White, but after this capture Black is clearly lost; opening the d-file leads to the exchange of rooks and the loss of the c-pawn. Better is 21...Ne7 22.Bf3 Ba7 when White still stands much better, but Black is holding onto the material balance and can hope to extricate the a7-bishop someday via the b8-h2 diagonal.

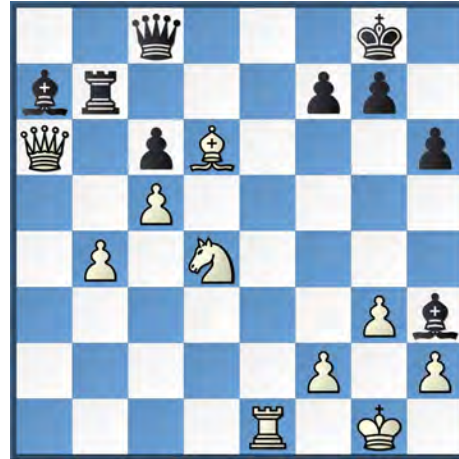
22.dxc5 Ba7

Now 22...Ne7 doesn't solve many problems, due to 23.Bf3 Ba7 24.Rxd7 Bxd7 25.Bxc7

23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Rxd7

24.Nd4 is also strong.

**24...Bxd7 25.Bxc7 Rb7 26.Bd6 Qc8
27.Qc4 a5 28.Nd4 axb4 29.axb4 Bh3
30.Qa6!**



30...Rxb4?

30...Bd7 offers some chance to hold if White presses the complications: 31.b5!? (31.Re7! is safer, maximizing White's

pieces.) 31...cxb5 32.c6?! (32.Ra1!?) 32... Bxd4! 33.Qxb7 (33.cxb7 Qc2!! 34.b8Q+ Kh7



when 35.Rf1 (Or 35.Qg8+ Kxg8 36.Qa8+ Kh7 37.Qe4+ Qxe4 38.Rxe4 leaving a difficult ending.) 35...Bxf2+! 36.Rxf2 Qd1+ 37.Kg2 Qd5+ 38.Rf3 Qd2+ and there is no escape from the checks.) 33... Qxc6 34.Qxc6 Bxc6 and the ending again is far from a clear win for White.

31.Qxc8+ Bxc8 32.Nxc6 Rb7

32...Bxc5 33.Bxc5 Rc4 34.Re8+ Kh7 35.Rxc8 Rxc5 limits the damage to one piece, but that should be sufficient.

**33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Rxc8 Rd7 35.Ra8 Bxc5
36.Bxc5 Rc7 37.Ra6 1-0**

Happy
Birthday!



On July 23, your Editor celebrated his birthday in St. Louis, and somehow the six Northwest girls found out about it. I believe Andrea Botez actually did the artwork here but it was from all six girls. Thank you, girls!—Editor.

A Nice Time in the Middle of the Country

by Murlin Varner

Middleton, Wisconsin, a suburb of Madison, proved to be almost as good a location for the U. S. Open as was Vancouver, Washington, last year, with very nice weather and only a couple less participants (515). Obviously not as many players from the Northwest, but a good number were present nonetheless. In the main event, Oregon was represented by five players, Idaho had six, and Washington 12. Three of our friends from up north were also present: Jofrel Landingin (4.5), Severo Caluza (4) and Douglas Sly (3.5). The site was pleasant, with many restaurants and stores within reasonable walking distance, and good walking weather (had we been a week earlier, temperatures would have been 10-15 degrees higher and walking would have been much less pleasant). Many other hotels were within reasonable distance as well. The most notable lack in the host hotel was not having a Starbucks or similar coffee outlet. This was a great disappointment to the many caffeine addicts attending (including your reporter).

There were an abundance of GMs, IMs, and FMs in attendance. As usual, they dominated the top positions in the final standings. After leading for most of the tournament (the only perfect score after seven rounds), GM Aleksander Lenderman (NY) went into the final round a half point ahead of the field at 7.5/8, only to lose to GM Julio Sadorra (TX). Sadorra, IM Mackenzie Molner (AZ) and GM Joshua Friedel (WI) finished tied for first at 8/9, while Lenderman settled in a four way tie for fourth with GM Fidel Jimenez (MO), GM Ioan Chirila (TX) and GM Robert Hungaski (NY). Friedel won the overall championship in a speed playoff.

The top finishing Northwest players were Roland Feng (WA) and Bryce Tiglon (WA) at 6.5 points each, tying for 22nd overall. The only people who could beat this intrepid duo were Grandmasters, with Feng losing to GMs Jimenez and Alexander Ivanov (MA), while Tiglon lost to GMs Ehsan Maghami (CA) and John Fedorowicz (NY). Tiglon shared the prize for 2-4 expert, winning \$135.

Coming in at six points were three Oregonians, good enough to finish tied for 47th overall. Carl Haessler suffered only one loss, to FM John Bryant (CA), and

took two draws and two half point byes. Aaron Grabinsky played in the six-day schedule following his participation in the Denker (see below). Aaron defeated Idaho player Carmen Pemsler in round one (one of only two games this year featuring two Northwest players) and Masters Craig Hilby (CA) and Dale Sharp (NY) in rounds five and eight. Grabinsky's three losses were against players with an average rating of 2265. Corbin Yu rounds out our trio of Oregonians, scoring his six while losing only once, to LM Okechukwu Iwu (MN), while drawing four times.

At 5.5 points, we find Washingtonians Patrick Van Dyke and Dakota Dixon. Van Dyke dropped three games, including one to GM Fedorowicz. Dixon only lost once, to LM Dipro Chakraborty (AZ), and secured five draws.

Scoring five points were Andrew Trattner (OR), and Fred Kleist (WA). Trattner, a class B player finished the last five rounds of the tournament with a steady diet of upper class A opponents, scoring two wins and two draws. This performance was good enough to share 3rd-4th Class B, winning \$101. Kleist's best game may have been his draw with LM Denis Stenzwilk (MD). Perhaps Fred will have a different opinion, should you venture to ask.

Five Northwest players broke even at 4.5. For Wesley Esko (WA), this was enough for a share of 3rd-4th Class C and a check for \$103. To gain that check, Wesley had to win three of his final four games. Brendan Zhang (WA) also gained an even score, pulling 1.5 of those points from higher rated Class A players. Noah Fields (WA) defeated expert David Huang (MS) in round two and played in the only other game featuring Northwest players on both sides, losing to Yu in round three. Michael Murray (WA) gained his even score in the most perfect way, with three wins, three draws and three losses. One of those draws, in round eight, was with former Northwest player, now of Georgia, Michael Mulford. Finally, at 4.5, was our editor, Jeffrey Roland of Idaho. He started out a little rough scoring only one in the first four rounds, but finished much stronger with 3.5 in the final five rounds.

Carmen Pemsler (ID) and your reporter, Murlin Varner (WA), both finished at 4.

Carmen played in the six day schedule after playing in the NGIT. She reached four by winning her final two rounds. I performed basically as one would expect, facing four players rated below and finishing with four points. The only blip to that is I drew with a class E player and then drew in the next round with a class A player.

Carol Kleist (WA) and Tim Campbell (WA) both scored 3.5, but in much different ways. Campbell defeated Expert Barry Endsley (MI) in round three, but only scored 1.5 in the final six. Kleist, on the other hand, lost her first four before going undefeated in her final five, with two wins and three draws.

Four players finished with three points. Sarai Perkins, Oregon's NGIT representative, had a rough start, losing the first five, before winning three of the final four. Charles Hughes (ID) started out his tournament on board three against GM Friedel, but faced struggles throughout most of the event. His score was out of eight, as he withdrew before the final round. The Idaho father-son team of Adam and Desmond Porth both scored 3 points, and in much the same way. Both faced only one opponent rated below them, each winning, and scoring four draws against higher rated players. Father Adam drew with four B class players, while son Desmond drew with two class B and two class C opponents.

Finally, we have the Idaho delegate, Frank Niro. Frank was even after four rounds, with a win, a loss and two draws. He then withdrew for reasons I never asked him about, finishing at 2 points. Frank, being a bit of a nomad in recent years, just recently moved from Idaho to Kentucky so his wife can work on a graduate degree. I imagine we will see him again next year in St. Louis.

The U. S. Open is much more than just a single tournament. Many players were involved in additional events, the best known of which is the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. This year, Idaho was represented by Nathan Jiang who scored 2/6. The Oregon (Aaron Grabinsky) and Washington (Xiaoman Chu) representatives both had even scores of 3/6. The event was won by Michael Brown (CA), Kapil Chandran (CT) and Safal Bora (MI), with 5/6.

For younger state champions, there is the Barber Tournament. A four way tie for first occurred at 5/6, between Andrew Liu (MA), Andrew Tang (MN), Vignesh Panchanathan (CA) and Craig Hilby (CA). Alone in fifth with 4.5/6 was Washington's Roland Feng. Maxwell Sun of Oregon was right behind at 4/6, in a tie for fourth. Idahoan Jacob Nathan finished with one point.

The newest event in the set was the National Girls Invitational Tournament (NGIT). Apurva Virkud (MI) and Akshita Gorti (VA) tied for first with 5/6. Washington representative Olga Cherepakhin and Idaho representative Carmen Pemsler both finished even at 3/6, while Sarai Perkins of Oregon scored 2/6. Perkins won a \$100 Gift Certificate to the chess store by recording the top upset (+905) in the NGIT.

There were over 100 entrants into the U. S. Open Blitz tournament, including nine from the Northwest. Feng finished the highest, in a tie for 12th at 9.5/14. Also participating were (in order of finish) Grabinsky, Tiglon (\$14, 2nd U2200), Van Dyke, Fields, Trattner, D. Porth, Perkins, and A. Porth. Two Northwesterners played in the Weekend Swiss. Your author scored three points gaining a share of top U1800 and \$28. A. Porth scored 2/5. Only one of a weeklong series of quads involved a Northwest player, but in that one Noah Fields earned \$50 winning his quad on Tuesday. A new twist in the U. S. Open was the mixed doubles, where teams of one male and one female with an average rating below 1800 signed up to compete for cash prizes with no additional entry fee. The top teams scored 10 points. At 9.5 points, tying for third, was the team of Pemsler and Arthur Tang (NH), earning \$60 each.

A scholastic event is also held the first weekend of the USO, in a number of sections. The Northwest was represented there as well. Darwin Porth (ID) scored 2/4 in the Elementary Championship section. In the Jr-Sr High U1200 section, Sophia Dossin (OR) scored 3/4, Dylan Porth (ID) finished 2.5/4 and Desmond Porth went 0.5/4. In the Elementary U100 section, Nikhil Samudrala (OR) went 2.5/4 and in the Elementary U600 section, Victor Dossin (OR) took home the second place trophy with a 3.5/4 score.

Next year, meet me in St. Louis. See you there!

Editor's Note: We tried to orchestrate a photo opportunity of all the Northwest players in the Denker, Barber, and National Girls Invitational Tournaments, but that did not happen. Here are three pictures of the Idaho players that your Editor took before the opening ceremonies started. There is also a nice picture of the three Oregon players on page 21, courtesy of Nancy Keller.



Carmen Pemsler (left), Idaho's representative to the National Girls Invitational Tournament and Alise Pemsler (right). Photo by Jeff Roland



Nathan Jiang, Idaho's Representative to the Denker tournament of High School Champions. Photo by Jeff Roland



Jacob Nathan, Idaho's representative to the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. Photo by Jeff Roland

Some Games from the U.S. Open

John R Phythyon Sr. (ME) (1901) – Carol Mayer-Kleist (WA) (1400) [B34]
U.S. Open Madison (R1), July 27, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 0–0 8.Qd2 d5!

Black is already at least equal.

9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxc6 Bxc3?!

The simple recapture 10...bxc6 seems preferable. =+

11.bxc3?!

Better is 11.Nxd8 Bxd2+ 12.Bxd2 Rxd8 leaving White with the bishop-pair and a mobile queenside pawn majority, which should be good for a slight edge.

11...bxc6 12.Bh6 Re8 13.c4 Nf6 14.Bd3 Qd4 15.c3 Qe5+

15...Qh4+!? 16.g3 Qh3 interferes a bit with White's development.

16.Kf2 Qd6 17.Rad1 Bb7?!

Unnecessarily passive placement. This piece might prefer to land on e6 in the near future. 17...Rb8 18.Rhe1 Qa3 looks interesting, too. (But not 18...Qxh2?? 19.Bf4)

18.Qb2

18.Rhe1 +=

18...Qc7

The position now offers fairly balanced chances.

19.c5 Qc8?!

19...Rad8 =

20.h4

20.Rhe1 Ba6 21.c4 +=

20...Ba6 21.h5?

21.c4 +=

21...Bxd3 22.Rxd3 Qf5 23.Qd2??



23.Rd4 seems necessary, though Black has some advantage.

23...Qxc5+?

Black has missed or forgotten one of the key points of ...Qf5, namely that the f-pawn is pinned. 23...Ne4+ would lead to a much happier outcome for Black.

24.Be3 Qa5 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Bd4? Rad8

Or 26...e5! 27.Be3 e4 with a clear advantage for Black.

27.Re1 Qa6

27...Qf5 is pretty close to winning.

28.Re6 Nd5?

28...Qc4 =+

29.Qh6 Kf7 30.Re2?!

30.Re4! Qxa2+ 31.Rd2 and White is winning.

30...Nf6

30...e5! complicates.

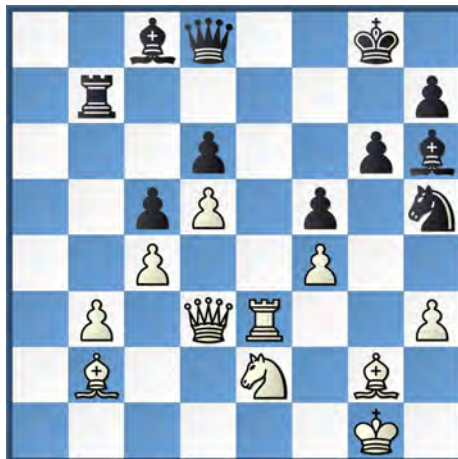
31.Bxf6 Kxf6 32.Qf4+ Kg7 33.Rxd8 Qb6+ 34.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 35.Rxd4 1–0

Michael A Murray (WA) (2037) – Daniel E Shapiro (NY) (2307) [B25]
U.S. Open Madison (R3), July 29, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nge2 e6 7.Be3 Nd4 8.f4 Ne7 9.0–0 10.g4 f5 11.gxf5 exf5 12.Ng3 Rb8 13.Qd2 Kh8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 Nb5 16.c3 Nc7 17.Rad1 b5 18.b3 Ne8 19.c4 bxc4 20.dxc4 Nf6 21.h3 Re8 22.Rde1 a5

22...Ne4 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Qg2 Bf5 =+

23.Bf2 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 a4 25.Qd3 Rb4 26.Re3 Bh6 27.Ne2 Nh5 28.Be1 Rb7 29.Bc3+ Kg8 30.Bb2 axb3 31.axb3



31...Re7

Why not take the pawn now? 31...Nxf4 32.Nxf4 Bxf4 33.Re2 Bh6 34.Qc3 Bg7

35.Qe1 Kf8 looks a decent try.

32.Rxe7 Qxe7 33.Qf3 Qh4

33...Nf6

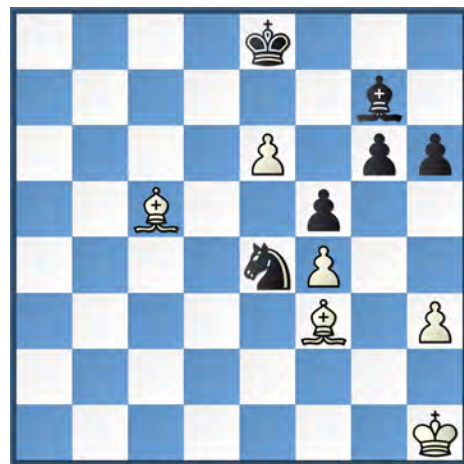
34.Bc1 Qe1+ 35.Kh2 Bg7 36.Qe3 Kf7 37.Bd2 Qh4 38.Kh1 h6 39.b4 cxb4 40.Bxb4 Qe7 41.Qxe7+ Kxe7 42.c5?

42.Bf3 first is close to equal. 42...Bb2 (42...Ba6 43.Bxh5 gxh5 44.Ng3) 43.c5

42...dxc5

42...Ba6!

43.Bxc5+ Kd7 44.Bf3 Nf6 45.Nd4 Ke8 46.Ne6 Bxe6 47.dxe6 Ne4



48.Bb4?

White misses the last good chance for complete equality: 48.Bxe4 fxe4 49.Kg2 for example 49...Bf8 50.Bxf8 Kxf8 51.Kf2 Ke7 52.Ke3 Kxe6 53.Kxe4 when there's nothing left for either side to try.

It's possible that White thought he stood better due to having the bishop-pair, but with all the pawns on one side of the board and the white pawns all isolated, this is not the case.

48...Bf8 49.Ba5 Bd6 50.Bxe4

Too late.

50...fxe4 51.Bd2 h5 52.Kg2 Ke7 53.h4 Bc5 54.Ba5 Kxe6 55.Kg3 Kd5 56.Be1 Kc4 57.Ba5 Kd3 58.Bc7 Be3 59.Bd8 Bd2 60.Bb6 Be1+ 61.Kh3 e3 62.Bd8 e2 63.Bb6 Bxh4 64.Ba5 e1Q 65.Bxe1 Bxe1 0–1

Frank A Niro III (KY) (1700) – Jakob E Foss (WI) (1218) [C68]
U.S. Open Madison (R3), July 29, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.Nc3 Bg4

Really?

Black's compensation for the slightly weakened pawn structure is possession of

the bishop-pair, so this plan to exchange bishop for knight announces his intention to prove that the weakness is not important. Good luck with that.

Black was probably familiar with the pin line beginning 5.O-O Bg4 6.h3 h5!, when 7.hxg4?? hxg4 offers Black a huge attack on the h-file. This doesn't work so well when White has yet to castle, however.

Incidentally, what is this structural weakness created by 4.Bxc6? Is it the doubled pawns? Not so much. The weakness is actually the fact that Black's d-pawn can no longer support e5, and is not available for potential advances to d5 and beyond.

6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Qf6 8.Qg3!

Targeting the e5-pawn, and planning pressure along the f- and g-files as well. White already has a comfortable edge.

8...Bb4 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.d3 h6 11.Be3

As a general policy completing development first is a good idea, but here 11.f4! is strong immediately: 11...Bd6 (11...exf4 12.Bxf4 Rd7 13.e5 Qg6 14.Qxg6 fxe6 15.Ne4 with obvious advantage to White.) 12.fxe5 Qxe5 (12...Bxe5 13.Rxf6 Bxg3 14.Rxf7) 13.Qxe5 Bxe5 14.Rxf7

11...Ne7 12.f4 Qg6 13.Qf2 f6 14.Na4

Again the preparatory move is not absolutely necessary: 14.Bc5! Bxc3 15.bxc3 Rhe8 16.fxe5 fxe5 17.Bxe7 Rxe7 18.Qa7 wins material.

14...Kb8



15.Bc5! Bxc5 16.Qxc5 Rhe8 17.fxe5 fxe5 18.Qxe5 Nd5 19.Qf5 Qxf5 20.Rxf5 Nf6 21.Raf1 Rf8 22.Nc5 Nh7

22...Rfe8 is probably best, but losing anyway.

23.Rxf8 Nxf8 24.Rxf8

And with the nice little fork trick, the game is for all practical purposes over.

24...Rxf8 25.Nd7+ Kc8 26.Nxf8 g5 27.Kf2 Kd8 28.Kf3 Ke7 29.Nh7 Kf7 30.e5 Ke6 31.Ke4 c5 32.Nf6 c6 33.g4 b5 34.Ng8 a5 35.Nxh6 c4 36.dxc4 bxc4 37.Nf5 c5 38.c3 a4 39.a3 Kd7 40.Kd5 Ke8 41.e6 Kd8 42.Kd6 Ke8 43.Ng7+ Kf8 44.e7+ Kxg7

45.e8Q Kf6 46.Qe5+ Kf7 47.Qxg5 Kf8 48.Ke6 Ke8 49.Qg8# 1-0

**Adam Dreuth (WI) (1743) –
Desmond Porth (ID) (1036) [C80]**
U.S. Open Madison (R3), July 31, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

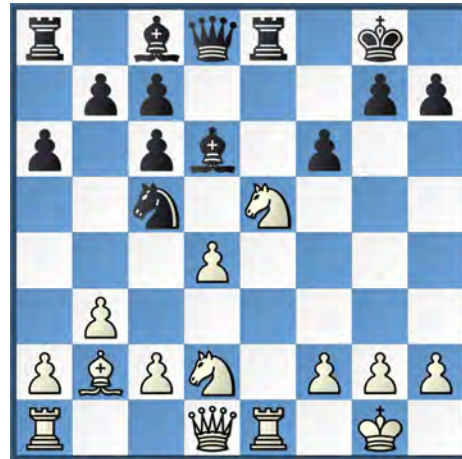
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1

6.d4 is the main line.

6...Nc5 7.Bxc6 dxc6 8.Nxe5 Be7 9.d3

9.d4 is more aggressive and forces the black knight to a slightly awkward post.

9...0-0 10.b3 Bd6 11.Bb2 Re8 12.Nd2 f6 13.d4



Introducing the one major tactical skirmish of the game, which Black handles well.

13...fxe5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Rxe5 Rxe5 16.Bxe5 Qe7 17.Bg3 Bf5 18.Nf3 Rd8 19.Qc1 Ba3

More active is 19...Qe2 =+

20.Qe1?!

20.Qf4 is roughly equal.

20...Bxc2 21.Qxe7 Bxe7 22.Bxc7 Rd1+

It's understandable that Black wants to exchange rooks into the safe ending with bishop-pair and queenside pawn majority, but the black rook is better than its counterpart. So somewhat preferable is 22...Rd5 with a clear advantage.

23.Rxd1 Bxd1 24.Bb6?



White can minimize the disadvantage with 24.Nd4 =+

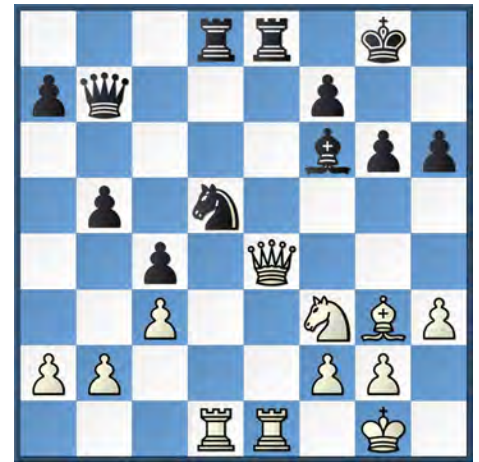
24...Bc2

After having outplayed his higher-rated opponent for the whole game, now is Black's chance to trade in the bishop-pair to create a concrete weakness. After 24...Bxf3 25.gxf3 Kf7 Black has the healthy queenside pawn majority and White's kingside pawns are crippled, unable to create a passed pawn without considerable assistance from the opponent. King and pawn endings are winning for Black. The position with bishops still on may not be completely winning yet, but it's getting close, and it can be played with virtually no risk.

25.Nd2 =+ 1/2-1/2

**Charles Evans Hughes (ID) (1740) –
Haoyu Cai (WI) (1415) [D02]**
U. S. Open Madison (R3), July 29, 2013
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.h3 Be7 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.c3 0-0 9.Nbd2 Ne4 10.Rc1 c5 11.Qc2 Ndf6 12.Ng5 Nxe5 13.Bxg5 h6 14.Bh4 c4 15.Be2 b5 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.e4 e5 18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Bg3 Qe6 20.exd5 Bxd5 21.Rfe1 Qd7 22.Rcd1 Qb7 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Nf3 Rad8 25.Qf5 g6 26.Qe5 Bf6 27.Qe4 Rfe8?!



27...a6 28.Ne5 Rfe8 29.Qf3 Bg7 +=

28.Qxe8+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Kg7 30.Rb8 Qc6 31.Nd4 Bxd4 32.Rxd4 a6

32...f6 33.Rd8 Nb6 34.Bf4

33.Rd8 Nf6 34.R8d6?

34.Be5! Qc5 35.R4d5 Qe7 36.R8d6

34...Qe8 35.Rd8

35.f3 Qe3+ 36.Kh2

35...Qe1+ 36.Kh2 b4?!

36...Qe2 37.Rd2 Qe7 38.f3

37.Rxc4 bxc3 38.Rxc3 Qb1 39.Be5 Qxb2 40.Rd6 Kh7 41.Rxf6 Qxa2 42.Rc8 Qd5 43.Rxf7+ 1-0

Idaho Chess News



Frank Niro (left) vs. Jeff Roland (right) during game 11 in St. Louis, Missouri.
Photo credit: Susan Polgar Foundation, and Paul Truong.

Niro wins match, but Roland advances

On August 3, 2013 in Middleton, Wisconsin, Frank Niro won the match between himself and Jeff Roland that began on April 4, 2013 in Boise, Idaho.

The regular match ended in a 6-6 tie on August 2. Due to scheduling considerations, it was deemed better to play the two-game Game/10 (no delay) playoff games on August 3, 2013 in Middleton at 1:30 P.M. during the lunch break of the Delegates meeting held at the U.S. Open (originally, the schedule would have had these games played immediately after game 12). Niro was white in Game one of the playoffs and the opening was a Ruy Lopez. After lively play and an interesting rook and pawn endgame, the game was a draw by a series of checks that seemed at the time to both players to be perpetual check.

In Game two of the playoffs, Roland was

white in a Dutch Defense. The result of the second game was a win for Niro when Roland resigned what seemed to him a hopeless position. After the game, however, Frank Niro suggested a possible solution involving giving back the exchange, but it is not clear that would have changed the result, and it hadn't occurred to Jeff to try that line anyway. The Game/10 playoff games were not recorded, however, they were actually pretty interesting.

Frank Niro would normally now advance to play Peter Olsoy in the final match for the first-ever Idaho Cup, however, a couple months ago, Frank Niro moved to Kentucky. So it will actually be Jeff Roland who advances to play Peter Olsoy later this year (November or December) for the Idaho Cup after all.

In an awards ceremony held on August 4 2013, ICA Vice President, Adam Porth, presented the prize checks to the two players. \$400 went to Frank Niro, and \$100 went to Jeff Roland.

9.f3 e5 10.Nb3 Nb6 Black now resigned.
1-0

Niro forfeited himself for "trash talking" his opponent during the game (he said he was trying a new kind of psychological warfare that didn't work), and also resigned because he said his position was already inferior.

**Frank A Niro III (1700) –
Jeffrey T Roland T (1731) [A03]**
Match G12, August 2, 2013

Played on Board 808 in an empty hall of 808 Boards at the U.S. Open in Middleton, WI. 1.g3 d5 2.f4 g6 3.Nf3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 Bg7 6.c3 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Qb6 9.Kh1 Nd7 10.e4 dxe4 11.dxe4 Nf6 12.Na3 a6 13.Nh4 Nh5 14.f5 Ne5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Qe2 Bd7 17.Rad1 Bc6 18.g4 Nf6 19.g5 Nxe4 20.Bf4 gxf5 21.Nxf5 1-0

ICA Website Wins Prestigious Award

On August 2, 2013, Chess Journalists of America (CJA) awarded the Idaho Chess Association (ICA) website the award for Best [USCF] State Chapter website.

Jeff Roland became the webmaster of the ICA website on November 14, 2006. At that time, Jeff completely threw out everything that was there before and started all over from scratch. Jeff got some help designing the first few pages of the new website from Nathan Barry, who was very young (a teenager, about 15 years old) and obviously very talented and who back then started a company called Sparrowhawk Creative Studios.

Initially the website was very simple, basic, and only had a few pages which were templates for future pages. Jeff then "took the ball" and ran with it!

The success of the website is undoubtedly due to Jeff's vision, organization skills, time investment, attention to detail, and tender loving care. The more you dig into the site, the more "golden nuggets" you will find. Be sure Java is enabled on your computer to enjoy all the features such as playing through the games with the PGN game viewer.

If you haven't gotten a chance to see it yet, visit www.idahochessassociation.org.

CJA does not give out awards like this unless they are truly deserved. The judges were anonymous and all around the country. It is a huge honor for Idaho to win this award for the ICA website.

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**Jeffrey T Roland T (1731) –
Frank A Niro III (1700) [B84]**
Match G11, July 25, 2013

Played on stage at the SPFGI just before the 6th round of that event started, in St. Louis, MO. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Be3 Qc7

Oregon Chess News

Syttende Mai Invitational

(Continued from the August 2013 issue of *Northwest Chess* pages 22-24)

By Dan Dalthorp

Andy Trattner (1745) –
Sugianto Saputra [C56]

Syttende Mai Invitational Corvallis, OR
(R2), May 18, 2013
[Andy Trattner]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.0-0 Bc5 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+
Be6 9.fxg7 Rg8 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7



11...Kxe7!

This is the line I remember reading somewhere. I was surprised when Black played it since all the moves up to here seemed improvised, but this one I would not have seen had I not read about it. Interestingly, running this position through the engine says that Qxe7 is better. Either way, it is roughly equal.

12.Re4 f5 13.Rh4 Rxe7?

...Kf7 is likely better here.

14.Nxd4 Qd5 15.Nxc6+ bxc6

Instead of Nxc6+, the computer likes g3. I missed that, but I saw that this endgame is pleasant enough for white.

16.Qxd5 cxd5 17.Nc3 c6 18.Re1 Rf8
Defensive. 19.Ne2 Rf6 20.Nd4 Kd6

Nf4 was better, according to the computer.

21.Rxe6+ Rxe6 22.Nxe6 Kxe6 23.Rh6+
Kd7

Ke5 was better.

24.Rf6 Re7 25.Kf1 Re5 26.Rf7+ Ke6
27.Rxa7 d4!

A good defense, which I spent at least 15

minutes trying to figure out.

28.Ra8 Kd7?

an inaccuracy which allows White a much easier time, since d3 can be met with a check after capturing on the d file.

29.Ra4 Rc5 30.Ke2 Kd6 31.Ra7 Re5+
32.Kd2 Rb5 33.b3 c3+ 34.Kd3 Kc5
35.Ra4 1-0

One of the last games to finish was a tense affair between Erik and Aaron. It was largely a war of maneuvering behind virtually unbreachable pawn walls. White was able to prevent Black from castling by forcing him to play Kf8. But the position was so locked up that Black was able to play Kf8 to Ke8-Kd8-Kc8-Kb8 in succession with little danger of White putting together serious attack. Black was prying open the g-file to aim at the White king, but it looked like it was descending into a draw when White blinked and left his knight en pris. Black wins.

Erik Skalmes (1904) –

Aaron Grabinsky (1980) [E41]

Syttende Mai Invitational Corvallis, OR
(R3), May 18, 2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3
Nc6 6.Nge2 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 b6 8.e4 d6 9.0-0
e5 10.d5 Na5 11.Ng3 Qd7 12.h3 Ng8
13.f4 f6 14.f5 Ba6 15.Qe2 Qa4 16.Nh5
Kf8 17.Qg4 Qd7 18.Qe2 Rc8 19.a4 Qe8
20.g4 Rc7 21.Be3 Qf7 22.Kh1 Ke8 23.Rf2
Kd8 24.Rg2 Kc8 25.Ng3 Kb8 26.Nf1 g6
27.Ng3 Ne7 28.Rf2 Qg7 29.Raf1 Bc8
30.Rh2 h5 31.gxh5 gxh5 32.exf5 Qxg3 0-1

Andy Trattner (1745) –

Matt Dalthorp (1794) [B21]

Syttende Mai Invitational Corvallis, OR
(R3), May 18, 2013
[Andy Trattner]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 Nf6

Interesting opening, and not one I usually try.

5.e5 Ng4 6.exd6 Qxd6 7.Bb5+ Nc6 8.cxd4
Bd7 9.0-0 g6

Now we made it out of the opening alright, and I like my chances.

10.d5 Nce5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxd7+
Nxd7 13.Qd4 Nf6

I was expecting Qe5 with play against the isolated pawn.

14.Nc3 Qd7 15.Re1 Bg7 16.d6 0-0

d6 was probably not best here.

17.Rxe7 Rfe8 18.Rxe8+ Nxe8 19.Qd5
Qxd6

With Qd5 I missed Qxd6 followed by Bxc3 if Qxb7, but I also missed with my next

move that after Bxc3, Bf4 and White stands better.

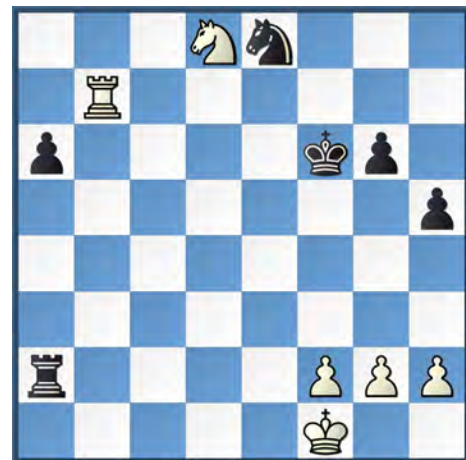
20.Be3 Qxd5

Qxb7 was best instead of Be3.

21.Nxd5 Bxb2 22.Rb1 Rd8 23.Ne7+ Kg7
24.Kf1 Bd4 25.Bxd4+ Rxd4 26.Rxb7 Ra4

I offered a draw here, but Black declined.

27.Nc6 a6 28.Nd8 Rxa2 29.Nxf7 Kf6
30.Nd8 h5??



It is uncertain whether or not this immediately loses, but it certainly makes Black the one who is fighting for the draw now.

31.Rf7+ Kg5 32.Ne6+ Kh6 33.Rf8 Ra1+
34.Ke2 Ra2+ 35.Kd3 g5 36.Rxe8 Rxf2
37.h4? gxh4 38.Ke3 Ra2 39.Rh8+ Kg6
40.Nf4+ Kg5 41.Rxh5+?

Ke4 would have been much better.

41...Kg4 42.Rd5 Ra3+

Because White's endgame play was poor, the advantage dropped from at least 3 points a few moves ago to less than 0.3 now, according to the computer.

43.Nd3 Kg3 44.Rg5+ Kh2 45.Rg4 h3

Instead of Rg4, a friend pointed out that Rg8 with the idea of pushing the g-pawn might have preserved winning chances. The computer says otherwise, and it seems that allowing the black king assisting the h-pawn even gives Black the advantage.

46.gxh3 Kxh3 47.Rb4 a5 48.Rb8 Kg4
49.Ke4 Ra4+ 50.Kd5 Ra3 51.Ne5+ Kg3
52.Kc4 Ra1 53.Nc6 a4 54.Nd4 a3 55.Nc2
Rc1 56.Kd3 a2 57.Rg8+ Kf4 58.Ra8 a1Q
59.Nxa1

We both had adequate time on the clock, and we were the last game of the tournament. With a theoretical draw, and everyone ready to leave, myself included, I settled for my previous request of a draw after

an exciting game right from the opening. Looking up examples of this endgame piece composition, a few grandmasters (Polgar, Onischuk, and others perhaps) have actually blundered into mating nets with rook and knight versus rook endgames. These positions can get quite subtle, and I might not have spotted such a win anyway. However, continuing may have been a wiser choice, with the possibility of a slip-up from Black.

In any case, it was a fun tournament which I enjoyed immensely. Having obtained good positions against higher rated opponents, I am happy with my performance and happy that I still have a lot to learn and improve upon. Go chess!

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Cedar Hills Crossing

by Steven Breckenridge

Cedar Hills Crossing Chess Club is located at Cedar Hills Crossing in Beaverton, Oregon. This is one of the best places to play chess in the Northwest! Every Monday and Friday, expert and tournament director, Sean Tobin, hosts tournament games starting at 6:30 P.M. (opens normally at 5:00 P.M. for practice). Each week Sean gives lectures to kids who come for free. He also hosts simultaneous exhibitions and blindfold games. This would be a great opportunity to improve each week.

On Friday, August 2nd, I came to play the tournament, and Sean ordered me to play current Oregon Champion, Nick Raptis, a one-game FIDE time control match! Nick and I warmed up with some blitz before the match, and then did the coin toss for who gets to choose the color. I called tails in the air and it was; so I chose white. Onto the French!

**Steven Breckenridge (2390) –
Nick Raptis (2375) [C06]**

Cedar Hills Match (R1), August 2, 2013
[Steven Breckenridge]

I think what happened in this game, was my opponent's computer analysis of opening theory was a little off, where the computer scores given were for short-term positions instead of long term. That's what computers are known for: playing weird moves in the opening that Grandmasters reject in their theory. I think computer analysis should be done for only clear middle game positions that are critical and tactical, where there aren't so many ways to go. The computer doesn't always find the way that would make it hardest for the opponent, or fit your style the best. Also, no one is a computer at the end of the day, and if we play some of their moves, we wouldn't always play their continuation after, which may get us into more trouble.

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6**

In a couple blitz games I played Nf4, as well as the G/15 we played the following

day at Coffee Time.

9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0



11...0-0

This is how Nick played at our G/60 game the previous weekend 11...Qb6 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nc3 Bd7 14.Bg5 Ng4 15.Bh4 Qxb2!? computer line 16.Nb5 I offered a draw on this move and he accepted. I thought he would play Be7, then I would play Rb1-Ra1 etc. But I can play Bg3 and have a decent game. I guess I should have just played, but I was down to around 25 minutes with him only a few minutes used in a G/60 which would be very difficult for me. Here is the continuation 16...Bxh2+?!



Piece sacrifice! He was already up one pawn from taking b2. 17.Nxh2 Nxf2 18.Qb1 (18.Bxf2 Qxf2+ 19.Kh1 Qg3 20.Qb3 threatening Bxh7 20...Qh4 21.Rf1 and computer's evaluation has us to complete equality, though I think I am in a slight advantage with the extra piece. However he does have many pawns that are nicely structured, mine being all isolated, with a strong queen pinning my extra piece. So it probably would be a long battle of me trying to trade down and make my pieces more active.) 18...Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Nb4 20.Qa3 (20.Qb1 Qd2 21.Rd1 Qe3+ 22.Kh1 Bxb5 23.Qxb4 Ba6) 20...Qxa3 21.Nxa3 and I think I may hold an advantage.

12.Bg5 Bd7

This quick bishop move is to attempt to activate it to e8-h5 quickly, and in the event of Bb1-Qd3 having a nice Bg6 defense. Most players play Qc7 or Qb6 instead, even before castling to aim quickly for the weak pawns and wait on White's decision.

13.Re1

Rc1, Bh4, Nc3, and a3 all have been played 13.a3 Be8 14.Ng3 h6 15.Be3 Nh5 16.Re1 Nxc3 17.hxc3 Bh5 18.Rc1 Qf6 19.Be2 Which ended in 1/2-1/2 Hracek,Z (2650)-Kindermann,S (2575)/ Nussloch 1996/CBM.

13...h6

I wasn't really expecting this move, I thought Be8 immediately or Qb6 like our game from the G/60 the previous weekend. This weakens the white color complexes, and allows my future attacking chances to be greater on his king 13...Be8 14.Ng3 h6 with Nh5 coming.

14.Bf4

14.Bh4 I didn't like that much, because of his quick Be8-h5, to where I cannot play Ng3 without getting hit with g7-g5 on my bishop 14...Be8.

14...Be8 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Ng3 Bh5?!

Giving up his bishop to put the knight on f4. This also surprised me. 16...Nh5 17.Rc1 Nxc3 18.hxc3 Bh5 19.Bb1 I thought was his plan.

**17.Nxh5 Nxh5 18.Rc1 Nf4 19.Bb1 Rf6
20.Ne5**

Taking away knight squares, attacking c6 twice, opening up more light squares and controlling f7 for my attack.

20...Raf8 21.Qc2

21.Kh1 was seemingly better slightly, with some strange computer lines.

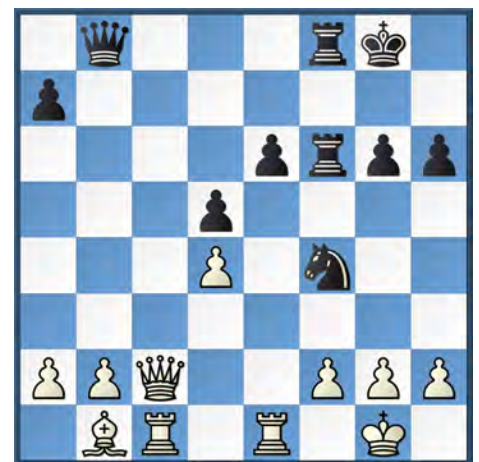
21...g6

21...Rf5 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Qxc6 Qxc6 24.Rxc6 Rg5 25.g3 Nh3+ 26.Kh1 (26.Kg2 Rxf2+! 27.Kxh3 Rh5+ 28.Kg4 Rg5+ 29.Kh3=) 26...Nxf2+ 27.Kg2 Ne4 28.Bxe4 dxe4 29.Rxe4±.

22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Qxc6 Qb8

Aiming for the h2 square, with Nxg2 threat. Also e5 is a threat 23...Qb4 24.Qc3.

24.Qc2



24...Nxg2

He played a little quickly, hoping for a future perpetual 24...Rf5 I thought he would play, aiming for Rg5 quickly, but

computer shows defense. 25.Kh1 is one of the ways to defend, I was thinking(25.Qc7? Rg5 26.Qxb8 Rxc2+)

25.Kxg2 Rxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qf4+

Zwischenzug! Or wanting to capture d4.

28.Ke2 Qxd4 29.Bxg6

Tempting Black to fork my piece, but cannot recapture because of the pin on g1!

29...Qxb2+ 30.Rc2 Qd4 31.Rd2?

Missing his next move. The best move was Kf1, but I wasn't sure how to respond against 31...e5.

31...Qf4!

No way to save my pawn! Oops.

32.Bc2

32.Kd1? Qg4+ 33.Ree2 Qg1+ Capturing the bishop with check, or stopping connected rooks to pin; 32.Kd3? Qg4 33.Be8 Qc4+ 34.Ke3 Qe4+ 35.Kf2 Qf4+ 36.Ke2 Qe4+ Perpetual; 32.Rh1? Qg4+ 33.Kf1 Qh3+ 34.Kg1 Qe3+ 35.Rf2 Qg5+ 36.Kf1 Qc1+ 37.Kg2 Qg5+ 38.Kh3 Qe3+ 39.Kg2 Qg5+ Perpetual.

32...Qxh2+ 33.Kd1

This position is easy for White to play, yet Black still has tricks up his sleeve. He will try everything in his power to force a repetition, or distract other pieces.

33...Qh3 34.Rde2 Qf3 35.Kc1 Qa3+ 36.Kb1 Qb4+ 37.Kc1

37.Bb3! a5 I was a little scared of 38.Rxe6 a4 39.R6e4! I probably should have seen 39...Qb6 (39...Qa5? keeping pawn 40.Rg4+ Kf7 41.Rf4+ Kg6 42.Rg1+ Kh7 43.Bc2+ Kh8 44.Rf8#) 40.Rxa4.

37...Qa3+ 38.Kd1 Qf3 39.Bb3

Blocking any Qa3+.

39...Qd3+

39...Kf7 40.Kc1 Qc3+ 41.Kb1 Qd3+ 42.Bc2 Qb5+ 43.Kc1 Qc6 44.Rxe6 Qxe6 45.Rxe6 Kxe6 with a winning endgame (Right colored bishop with a-pawn) 46.Kd2 Ke5 47.Kd3 h5 48.Bd1 h4 49.Bg4 My king will be too fast capturing his pawns while he queens his h-pawn 49...d4 50.Bf3.

40.Kc1 a5

Aiming for a4-Qa3 40...Qc3+ 41.Kb1 Qd3+ 42.Bc2 Qb5+ 43.Kc1 stopping perpetual 43...Qa6 44.Rxe6 Qxa2 45.R6e3 Qa1+ 46.Bb1+- was his best chance.

41.Rxe6 a4 42.R6e3 Qd4

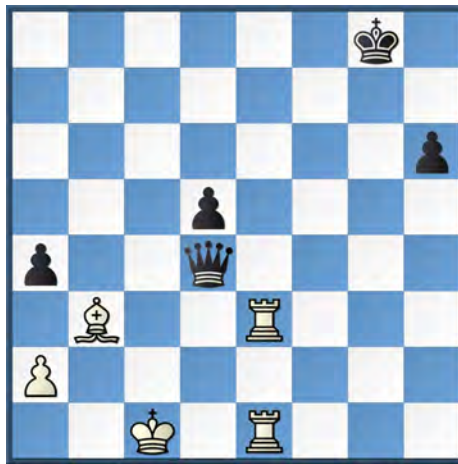
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Missing the checkmate combination! 42... Qf5 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.R1e7+ Kf6 (44...Kg6 45.Bc2) 45.Rf8+.

43.Rg1+!

The other rook does not work, hence the queen's control key g1-square.

43...Kf8



Going to h7 or h8 will lead to a quick checkmate with Bc2-Re8 43...Kf7 44.Rf1+ Kg6 45.Rg3+ Kh5 46.Rh1+ Qh4 47.Bd1#.

44.Rf1+

Black resigned, with the continuation... 44...Kg8 45. Rg3+ Kh8 (Qg7) 46. Rf8+ Kh7 47. Bc2+ with only Qe4 to stop immediate checkmate.

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Coffee Time monthly G/15 Tournament

by Jason Cigan

The undeniable highlight of this month's Coffee Time g/15 was the return of 2011 Oregon co-champion and 2012 Oregon undisputed champion Steven Breckenridge—and a temporary renewal of his friendly rivalry with 2013 Oregon champion Nick Raptis. Breckenridge now plays for college chess powerhouse Texas Tech and is knocking on the door of a 2400 USCF rating, a height attained, to my knowledge, by no other Oregonian player from Breckenridge's generation of 80s-and-90s-born youth stars. Before the Coffee Time event, Breckenridge tied for first (with Raptis, of course) at Portland Chess Club's g/60 tournament, beat Raptis in a highly anticipated rated game at Cedar Hills Chess Club, and even gave a blindfold simul to a very strong group of five players, scoring one win, two draws, and two losses. Breckenridge left Oregon the day after playing at Coffee Time to teach chess camps in California, and afterward will return for his second year at Texas Tech.

The main event at Coffee Time did not disappoint. Out of an unprecedented crop of twenty-seven players, FM Raptis, expert Dennis Hoefler, and Class A players Vljako Lakic, Galen Pyle, and Gunther Jacobi finished in a tie for third place with three points out of four. There was a two-way tie for first at the top—between Breckenridge and the author of this article! Breckenridge defeated Raptis in their fourth-round showdown to finish with a perfect four-point score, and, by some sort of Swiss miracle, I avoided playing either of the two masters in the main tournament, and won

all four of my games as well. There was a consensus among tournament organizer Pyle, director Luke Robson, and the players that the tie would have to be broken—by an Armageddon blitz match, in which White receives five minutes for the game, but Black receives four minutes and draw odds (i.e., a draw counts as a win for black).

Breckenridge, having chosen the black pieces, defeated me in the Armageddon match to break the tie and win the August Coffee Time g/15. I have included some photos from the event, taken by Pyle, and some light annotations to two the key game: Breckenridge-Raptis. I hope readers will enjoy the chess and come out to support local chess and Coffee Time at the next event—let's try to set a new attendance record!



FM Nick Raptis and NM Steven Breckenridge renew their rivalry; Breckenridge prevailed in the game shown below and ultimately won the event. Photo credit: Galen Pyle.

Steven Breckenridge (2391) – Nick Raptis (2375) [C06]

Coffee Time g/15 (R4), August 3, 2013
[Jason Cigan]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.Nf4

A sharp alternative to the standard exf6.

9...Nxd4

9...Qe7 is Black's main alternative.

10.Qh5+ Ke7 11.exf6+ Nxf6 12.Ng6+ hxg6 13.Qxh8 Kf7 14.0-0

This theoretical position is, quite simply, a mess. Black has a pawn for the exchange, and his king is actually quite reasonably placed on f7, where it cannot soon be attacked. Black's central pawn duo could be dangerous, but if it moves too rashly then his king could feel the heat. The score from this position in Chessgames.com database is dead even after 24 games. All in all there are mutual chances in this imbalanced position.

14...e5 15.Nb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 Be6

More conventional is 16...Bf5, but there is nothing terribly wrong with trying to keep pieces on the board and hold the center together. One possible issue is that Black's light-square bishop may lack good

prospects, caged in behind pawns.

17.Bg5 Bc5 18.Qh4 e4 19.Be2 Rc8

19...Bd4± making a piece be tied down to b2 and heading to the better e5 square <Steven Breckenridge>.

20.Rac1 Bb6?!

It is hard for me to suggest a more constructive plan for Black, but waiting with a move like 20...a5 would have put the onus on White to find a way forward.

21.Rxc8 Bxc8 22.Rc1 Bf5 23.Qf4

Controlling c7 and aiming for g4.

23...Qd7 24.Bh4 Qe6 25.h3 e3 26.g4! exf2+ 27.Kf1 g5

Stopping an immediate re-capture to f2. Hoping for Qxg5 Qe4.

28.gxf5 Qxe2+

28...Qe4! Trapping the bishop after Queen trade and Knight re-capture. With a more active Knight now <Steven Breckenridge>.

29.Kxe2 gxf4 30.Bxf2 d4 31.Kd3 g5 32.Bxd4 Nd5 33.Bxb6 axb6 34.Ke4 Nf6+ 35.Kd4 Ne8 36.Ke5 b5 37.Rc5 f3 38.Rc3 Nf6 39.Rxf3 1-0

I'm a little reluctant showing this game, though I've been asked to, because all the games I've seen in this magazine lately have been games where Nick has been upset by another player. To Nick's credit this doesn't happen much at all, and he has beaten me nicely quite a number of times, and probably will more in the future. After all, he has won the Oregon Championship countless years, and beat me the same year I won it. I'd like to see more of his stronger games with his wins over strong titled players <Steven Breckenridge>.

More on the Coffee Time G/15 Event

by Steven Breckenridge

The chess hot-spot in Portland on the weekends... Tournament director, Luke Robson, and host, Galen Pyle, worked together to make an awesome tournament on the first Saturday of each month. Galen was also known for his monthly and weekly tournament events he would host at the Portland Chess Shop which was located in Portal Games off Broadway in downtown Portland. This is now known as Time Vault Games, where he now sells a number of chess sets per month that are triple and quadruple weighted! Along with new chess clocks at the same location! His website is www.chesspdx.com.

Before the tournament on Saturday, August 3rd, Galen hosted me a blindfolded simul at Coffee Time, where I faced five players all at once. The five were: three experts/high class A --Becca Lampan, Galen Pyle, and Jerry Sherard or high Class A: Becca Lampan, Galen Pyle, and Jerry Sherrard,

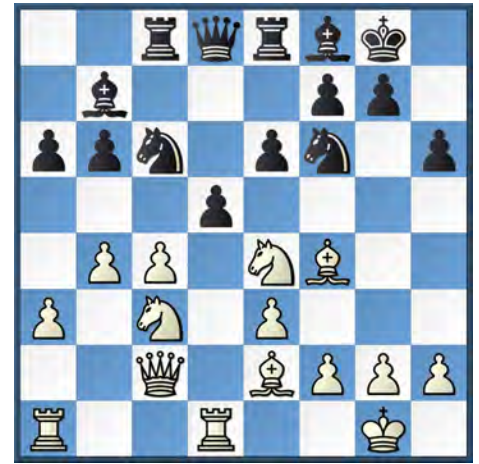
one class B: Adam Culbreth, and one regular Coffee Time player: Kurt Boesch. This field was not what I had prepared for at all for my blindfolded simul. I must have not made it clear enough that I wanted to play only below class B players (U1600) for blindfolded. These players I may have trouble one on one with in a fast time control. So I kind of got spanked by a couple of them, namely Becca and Jerry. Galen gave me a mercy-draw to cut the game short though the game was quite equal, and I forced a perpetual against Adam, and had a resignation from Kurt after winning a piece. So with 2/5 I don't think I did too badly, but it was definitely hard to play such strong players, but I'm glad it was successful. I also want to thank Steven Witt for being my runner, who made my moves for me while telling me what they did. Maybe next time I will just do a regular simul!

The chess tournament was also quite a hit in number and caliber. A lot of well-known strong blitz players played, as well as the OR Champ, Nick Raptis. I faced Scott Levin my first round, and he played quite a game. I was quite fatigued from the blindfold games, and our game got quite tactical, and then finished with a rook and pawn endgame where I was up just a pawn, and converted. The next game I faced Mike Goffe in an interesting French line, and I ended up winning after taking two pieces for my rook and picking up some pawns. The third game I played Dennis Hoefler who had just defeated Becca Lampan, and told me before the tournament that he came here to play against me. It became quite an interesting and positional game, originating from a Bishop's opening. At the very end, I did some strange piece sacrifices for lots of different threats when we were both low on time. It seemed to work, but possibly there was defense that we couldn't see. I later promoted a pawn after giving up my queen, allowing him to take my promoted Queen that would allow me to checkmate him in an unusual way. So I basically became a rook up, and won. The last round I played Nick for the final. I thought it was just us that were tied for first, but I found out after that Jason Cigan also had three wins! I got white again for the third tournament game we played that week... The third French arose, as Jason Cigan will analyze in his article.

Here is my game from memory vs Jason Cigan in the Armageddon match:

Jason Cigan (2007) – Steven Breckenridge (2390) [E12]
G/5 vs G/4 Coffee Time Armageddon!,
August 3, 2013
[Steven Breckenridge]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Ba6 5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Nc3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.e3 9.Rd1 Ivanchuk 2004
9...Rc8 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 a6 12.Rfd1 Re8 13.b4 Bf8 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nge4 d5?!



I surprisingly saw this combination pretty fast, noticing the c3 knight would be left unprotected once I play Nxe4 with his c3 knight pinned, and forcing him to take the e4 knight with the Queen.

16.cxd5 Nxb4 17.Nxf6+

17.axb4 is strongest, now leaving him with the initiative after Rxc3 17...Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Rxc3 19.Qe5 Qc8± (19...Rc2 20.dxe6 Qc8 21.exf7+ Kxf7 22.Qh5+ g6 23.Qg4 Qxg4 24.Bxg4 Bxb4 25.Bxh6 b5±) 20.d6 f6 21.Qh5 Rd8±.

17...Qxf6= 18.axb4 Rxc3 19.Qe4 Rcc8 20.Be5? exd5 21.Bxf6 dxe4 22.Bd4 b5 23.Rab1 Rc2 24.Bg4 Bc8 25.h3 Bxg4 26.hxg4 Rc4 27.Ra1 Ra8 28.Bc5 Bxc5 29.bxc5 Rxc5 30.Rd4 a5 31.Rxe4 Rc4 32.Rxc4 bxc4 33.Kf1 a4 34.Ke2 a3 35.Kd2 Kf8 36.Kc3 Ra4 37.Ra2 Ke7 38.e4 Kd6 39.f3 Kc5 40.g3 Ra8 41.f4 f6

Down to about 20–30 seconds.

42.g5 hxg5 43.fxg5 fxg5 44.g4 Rd8 45.Rxa3 Rd3+ 46.Kb2 Rxa3 47.Kxa3 Kd4 48.Kb4 Kxe4 49.Kxc4 Kf4 50.Kd3 Kxg4 51.Ke2 Kg3 52.Kf1 g4 53.Kg1 g6 54.Kh1 Kf2 55.Kh2 g3+

And White resigned, with just less than 10 seconds on my clock. The last five moves or so may not have been in order or completely accurate, but basically this position happened. 0-1



NM Steven Breckenridge and expert Jason Cigan, who tied for first after four rounds, settle the tie in an Armageddon blitz match. Breckenridge prevailed, dominating from a better rook ending and closing a mating net around the author with eight seconds left on his clock! Photo credit: Galen Pyle.



Class A player Gunther Jacobi (left) faces rising expert Becca Lampman (right). Jacobi finished in a tie for third place at 3/4.
Photo credit: Galen Pyle.



This edition of Coffee Time g/15 featured some brand new faces! Here JamesMichael Sherman-Lewis, who finished with a strong 2.5/4, plays an offhand game with Adam Culbreth (2/4). Photo credit: Galen Pyle.



Class A players Vlako Lakic and Scott Levin square off in the fourth round of the tournament. Lakic won and finished in a large third-place tie at 3/4. Photo credit: Galen Pyle.

The Rise and Return

by Steven Breckenridge

After another school term and long grueling weeks of chess camps in all of July, I finally was able to make it back home for the last week. During that week I really had a wonderful time with my family, and though it was short, I still spent as much time as I could with them. I stayed with my brother David a little while at his house in Portland. He is a former Class A chess player, but I believe he is close to expert strength. We only played one game after church the same day he was baptized for the first time. It was really an incredible day and a joyful experience I think for all who were able to see it.

In our chess game he actually played an unusual line in the Ruy Lopez that was first being developed in the mid-1800s by people like Paul Morphy. I had actually never studied it, or seen someone play it before, nor had David in doing it.

**David Breckenridge –
Steven Breckenridge [C84]**
Skittles, July 28, 2013
[Steven Breckenridge]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6

I used to play Nge7 a lot, but am learning more classical with help of my coach.

5.d4

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Diverting more mainline theory! Surprising choice by my brother.

5...exd4 6.e5

I thought was best, but much more GM games with castling 6.0-0 Be7 (6...Nxe4 7.Re1 d5 8.Nxd4 Bd6 9.Nxc6 Bxh2+ 10.Kh1 Qh4 11.Rxe4+ dxe4 12.Qd8+ Qxd8 13.Nxd8+ Kxd8 14.Kxh2 – a game that was first played by Lasker with the white pieces in 1908, where he won. And later



played in 1915 with Lasker playing Black against Capablanca! Capablanca won that one in a long tough endgame 14...Be6) 7.e5 (7.Re1 b5 8.e5 Nxe5 9.Rxe5 d6 10.Re1 bxa4 11.Nxd4 Bd7 12.Qf3 0-0 13.Nc6 Bxc6 14.Qxc6 Nd7 is some interesting theory.) 7...Ne4 Transposing to our position.

6...Ne4 7.0-0 Be7

7...Nc5 8.Bxc6 dxc6 9.Nxd4 In this line there are two games in my database with Paul Morphy, one as White, and one as Black, and both he won.

8.Nxd4 Nc5

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Now out of book, possibly considered a mistake because of White's next move. But still have quite a few games in the database with some GMs. 8...0-0; 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc5 10.Nc3 0-0 also has lots of classical games from players like Lasker and Janowski.

9.Nf5!

Great find from my brother, with the idea after Nxa4...

9...Bf8

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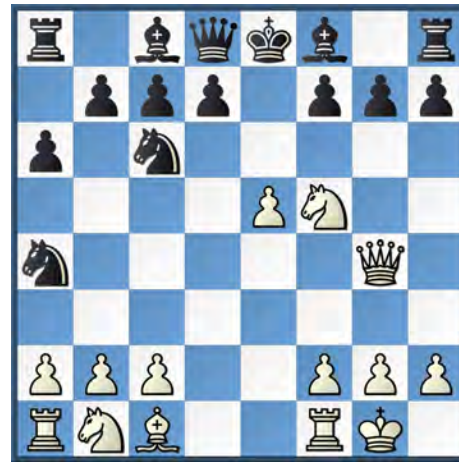
I played a little quickly, I thought about castling, and after Qg4 I was thinking Ne6 and I saw Bh6, but g6 has been played before and black is doing reasonably well still 9... Nxa4 10.Nxg7+ Kf8 11.Bh6 and Ne6++ threat 11...Kg8 (11...Nxb2 12.Nh5+ Ke8 13.Qe2+-) 12.Qg4 Attacking the Knight and threatening discover on my queen 12... Nxe5 and Houdini gives White just slightly better after 13.Qxa4 Bf8 14.Nf5 d6 15.Bxf8 Bxf5 16.Bh6 Qf6 though the computer found defense with Nxa4. I still wouldn't recommend playing this way because no one is a computer and we can't always find defense in every position. And even if there is defense, we may get into a weaker position that theoretically is better for the opponent where the computer just sees as equal or slightly worse.; 9...0-0 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bxc6 dxc6 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qg3 games with Rubinstein vs Romanovsky, and Chigorin vs Janowski, among other modern strong players.

10.Qg4

Continuing his kingside pressure 10.Re1 was played by GM Milos 20+ years ago, and went on to win...offering again the sacrifice of the bishop 10...Nxa4 11.Qg4 Nc5 12.Nxg7+ Bxg7 13.Qxg7 Rf8 14.Nc3 Ne6 (14...Ne7 15.Bg5 Ne6 16.Ne4! Ng8! 17.Nf6+! Nxf6 18.exf6 d6 19.Bh6 Kd7 20.Rxe6! Kxe6 21.Re1+ Kd5?! computer's line (21...Kd7 22.Qxf8 Qxf8 23.Bxf8 Kc6 24.Re8 (24.Re7 Be6) 24...Kd7 25.Re7+ Kd8 26.Rxf7! Ke8 27.Rxh7 Kxf8 28.g4+- Kg8 29.Rxc7 Be6 30.Rxb7) 22.Re7 (22.Qxf8 Qxf8 23.Bxf8 Be6 and most likely a draw)) 15.Qxh7 d5 16.exd6 cxd6 17.Bh6

Qh4 18.Nd5 Ne5 19.Re4 Qd8 20.Rd1 Bd7 21.Bxf8 Nxf8 22.Qh8 Qc8 23.Qf6 Nfg6 24.Rh4 1-0 Milos,G (2485)-Paglilla,C (2390)/Santiago de Chile 1987/EXT 2002.

10...Nxa4



I told him, "Bring it on" 10...g6 11.Nh6 Nxe5 12.Re1 Qe7 13.Qe2 Bg7 14.Bb3 Nxb3 15.cxb3 d6 is the computer defense where Black is better.

11.Nxg7+

11.Bg5 h5! (11...Nxe5? 12.Re1 f6 13.Rxe5+; 11...Ne7 12.Bxe7! Bxe7 13.Qxg7! Rf8 14.Qg4! with Ng7# threat! 14...Rh8 15.Qxa4+-) 12.Qh4 Be7 13.Nxe7 Nxe7 14.Qxa4±.

11...Bxg7 12.Qxg7 Rf8 13.Bh6 Qe7 14.Re1

He doesn't want to capture the rook just yet, but keep applying pressure and get other pieces active 14.Qxh7 f5.

14...Nd4

I got very ambitious, hoping to complicate the game. Both d5 and f5 were stronger.

15.Qxh7

15.Qg4 is an interesting line we both were calculating 15...Nxc2 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qxa4 (17.Rc1+ Houdini) 17...Nxe1 18.Qe4 Nxg2 19.Kxg2 Qg5+ 20.Kf3 (20.Kf1 Qc1+) 20...d6 21.exd6 cxd6 and Black is winning.

15...d5

With unprotected rook to checkmate if "En Passant" capture 15... f5 is much stronger, with the forcing of the queen trade 16.Qxe7+ Kxe7 17.Bxf8+ Kxf8 18.Na3 b5² (18... Nxb2? 19.Rab1 Na4 20.Rb4 I showed him in analysis after.

16.Bxf8 Qxf8 17.Qh4

Computer liked c3 better, because of my next move.

17...Qb4!

Only move.

18.Qh8+

He almost played c3, and then saw the discovered Nf3+ on his queen.

18...Qf8

Wondering if he will not go for a three-move.

19.Qh4 Qb4 20.Qh8+ Kd7

He's gotta earn it, I thought to myself.

21.c3

21.Nc3 was his first impulse, but missed the computer's follow-up 21...Nxc3 22.bxc3 Qxc3 23.Rad1 e6+ threat 23... Kc6 24.Re3 Qxc2 25.Ree1! Nf3+! 26.gxf3 Qg6+ 27.Kf1! (27.Kh1 Bg4 28.Qf6+ Qxf6 29.Rc1+ Kd7 30.exf6 Bxf3+ 31.Kg1 Rg8+ 32.Kf1 Bg2+ 33.Ke2 Rh8=) 27... b6 28.Rxd5?! Kxd5 29.e6 (29.Qd8+ Ke6 30.Rd1 c6 31.Qxb6 Kf5 32.Rd4 Kg5 33.Qd8+ f6 and computer gives six different forced draws for White somehow) 29...Kc6 30.e7 Bh3+ 31.Qxh3 Qd3+ 32.Kg2 Re8±.

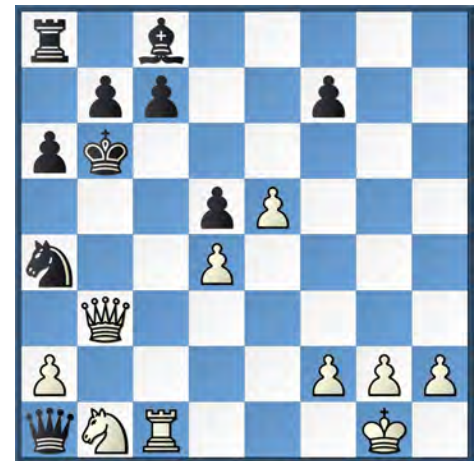
21...Qxb2 22.cxd4 Qxa1

Now all lines show dead equal or forced draw.

23.Qh3+

23.Qf6 I thought was the most forced draw 23...Ke8 24.Qh8+ Kd7 25.Qf6.

23...Kc6?! 24.Rc1+ Kb6 25.Qb3+



25...Ka5!

25...Ka7 26.Qxa4 c6 27.a3 Qb2 28.Qd1 is pretty unpleasant for Black.

26.Qxd5+ c5!

Stopping immediate check and getting my queen back into play next.

27.dxc5

27.Qd8+ b6 28.dxc5 Qb2; 27.Rd1 Bg4 28.f3 Bf5 29.dxc5 Nc3 30.Nxc3 Qxc3=.

27...Qb2 28.c6+ b5

Following my plan 28...Kb6= was first choice! I missed it, but I think b5 may be just as good.

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NM Steven Breckenridge (left) and David Breckenridge (right). Photo courtesy of Steven Breckenridge.

29.Qd8+ Nb6 30.Rd1?

30.Qd1 he missed; also 30.Qd2+ Qxd2
31.Nxd2 isn't so bad.

30...Bg4!

30...Bf5 31.c7!=

31.Qd2+

31.Qd4 Qxd4 32.Rxd4 Be6

31...Qxd2 32.Rxd2 Rc8 33.f3 Bf5 34.Nc3 Rxc6 35.Ne2 Nc4

And White resigned. Great game from my brother. I was very surprised this whole game by his understanding and tactical vision. 0-1

This was just a fun game I played with my brother at his house, with my Dad (Michael) watching us. David is two years older than I am, but had quit playing tournament chess the same time I took a break for two years in 2004; his USCF rating was just under 1800. The reason we quit at the time was because of the pressure and stress we had to get better. He has not played a tournament since, but still studies the game and has a mature approach. I came back to chess in 2006 and rose very quickly from my 1500 rating to around 1900. I tied for first in 2007 at Junior High Nationals in Sacramento, among other tournament victories.

Our Dad I would still consider my coach, he trained us from when we are little, until around where I made expert, yet still would

always tell me things that would help my game. Such as: "Pride comes before a fall!" "Play every game like you are playing a GM" Or like I am playing Nakamura he would say...probably because of my one-time online blitz win against him on the ICC.

He was never a tournament player, but played for his team on the second board at Portland Christian High School. He was considered a class C, yet his understanding grew more and more as he was mentored by a local retired master, James Schroeder. Who would help my dad to teach at a high level. He got us a book by Jeremy Silman, "How to Reassess Your Chess", which we didn't read much at the time, but now I would recommend it for any person below expert level; as I've used some of the material for teaching.

He also always gave my brother and me many chess puzzles. He bought us a book with over 5000 puzzles by Lazlo Polgar, and would make us go through each one! He wanted us to especially go over the combination puzzles in the back after the mate in 3's.

After finishing it at a young age, I moved onto TrainingBot on the ICC(Internet Chess Club), and then to CT-ART 3.0(Chess Tactics Art). CT-ART is similar to Trainingbot, but makes it timed and more pressured with nice point systems. I think it was a little inaccurate because it gave my tactical ELO rating above 3000. Right now, for tactics I have a book called, "Perfect Your Chess" by Volokitin and Grabinsky, full of puzzles ranging from FM to GM level that expert Robert Herrera gave me.

If you are a member at chess.com they have a thing called Tactics Trainer, which is similar to CT-Art, but is a little better because it stays at your level of puzzles; my tactic rating there is over 2800. Again, this may just be a tad high.



Oregon Scholastics

by Nancy Keller

In April, Coquille, a tiny town in Southwest Oregon, challenged the top Oregon chess players, many from big cities, some groomed by chess masters. The Oregon State Scholastic Chess Championships was an invitational event held in Seaside. Coos County sent nineteen players who qualified, seventeen of them from Coquille. Coquille was able to snare three of the top four invitational slots to become Oregon's representatives for four prestigious national and international events. For the last two weeks, those three players have traveled to the midwest to partipate in these tough events.

July 21 through July 25, Jessica Ross, a recent graduate of Winter Lakes participated in the Susan Polgar Girls' Invitational that invited one representative from each state and country of the American continents. A full ride scholarship to Webster University and becoming a qualifier to participate in the World Youth Chess Championships were awarded to first place. The event was held in St. Louis, Missouri.

To travel to another state, Coach Keller made sure to take the opportunity to do some sight seeing to get to know St Paul. They visited the art museum, zoo, museum of history, Forest Park and, of course, the Gateway Arch.

After two days of training sessions which was a bonus for this tournament, Jessica Ross placed fourteenth out of the sixty invited state and country qualifiers. Not only was it a true honor to qualify for the event, it was a wonderful end of her scholastic chess years to place so highly among the best scholastic girl chess players of the American continent.

The following week, Aaron Grabinsky and Sarai Perkins flew to Middleton, Wisconsin. Aaron participated in the 27th annual Denker tournament of high school champions and Sarai participated in the first annual National Girl's Invitational. Over the course of four days and with games lasting up to five hours, Aaron placed twenty seventh and Sarai placed thirty first. Aaron, being a recent freshman, has three more opportunities to qualify and potentially play in the yearly Denker tournament. Sarai has two more opportunities. Both are motivated to get better.

Sarai did receive some additional honors such as causing the biggest upset by getting a draw against a player rated over 600 points above her and being the best player rated under 1200 in the National Girls' Invitational. As a result she won over \$100 of chess books.

The only other Oregon representative,



*The Oregon representatives for the Barber K-8 Championship, Denker High School--Maxwell Sun from Corvallis and Aaron Grabinsky and Sarai Perkins from Coquille.
Photo courtesy of Nancy Keller.*

Maxwell Sun playing in the Barber K-8 Championships placed eleventh. Next year, he will be competing against Aaron for the Denker Oregon qualifier.

Since Aaron and Sarai were already in Middleton, they stayed an additional five days to play in the US Open Chess tournament where grandmasters and international masters played. Most of the players at the US Open were rated over 2000. Aaron rated 2053 was able to win six of the nine rounds, half a point from winning a cash prize. Sarai rated 905 won an astounding three games but not enough

to place in the under 1200 section. Aaron's goal is to make 2200 during the next year which will put him at Master level. Later this week, he will find out how much closer he is to his goal.

Aaron and Sarai also played in the National Blitz Championships (speed chess) where Aaron retained his status as Blitz Master. The opportunities for sightseeing were a bit limited in Middleton but they did get the opportunity to attend the National Mustard Day festivities at the National Mustard Museum, visit the Middleton Train Depot museum and hike some nearby trails.



*Jessica Ross at the old St. Louis Capitol building and Gateway Arch.
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Washington Chess News

**Daniel He (2178) –
Tian Sang (2324) [A14]**
Seafair Open (R5), July 21, 2013

Before the last round of the Seafair Open 2013, six players were tied at 3.5 points and paired against each other to fight for the title. Josh Sinanan and I were able to win our games and shared first place. My opponent, Daniel He, has been on the rise fast this year, so I paid extra attention to the game.

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0–0 6.b3

Daniel likes the double fianchetto and has good results with it. Alternatively, White can play 6. d4, the very popular Catalan.

6...c5 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.e3 d4

Pushing the d-pawn naturally blocks White's dark-square bishop and prevents White playing d4.

9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3

10.Re1 Qb6 11.d3 Rd8 12.Nbd2 a5=

10...Re8



The idea is not to commit to ...e5 immediately; flexibility can be useful.

11.Na3?!

Knight heading to c2 sounds like a dubious plan. 11. Nbd2 or 11. Re1 would maintain equality.

11...e5

Now Black should protect the d4 pawn with ...e5.

12.Nc2 a5 13.Re1 Bd6

This is the reverse Benoni, with Black down two tempos because of moving e-pawn and the dark-square bishop twice each, which would be a disaster to Black in normal circumstances. Surprisingly Black is indeed slightly better, thanks to White's passive pieces on the queenside.

14.Ng5 Bg4!?



Playing such a testing move is always pleasant, for it leaves White with many options to calculate.

15.Bf3

After thinking for a long time, White chose to trade his most active piece; other options are not better either. 15.Qd2 Bf5 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 f5 19.Re2 Rf8; 15.f3 Bd7 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.fxex4 Qe7

15...Bxf3 16.Qxf3



16...a4!?

White's crowded queen side cannot deter Black's attack! Why is White's knight allowed to stay at g5? Because it is not threatening anything there and I do not want to waste a tempo like h6.

17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.dxe4?!

Probably White did not sort out everything after 18. Qe4, which is complicated and White would have to find "only" moves. On the other hand, the "safe" text move is a positional suicide: a supported passer at d4 will be decisive in almost any endgame. 18.Qxe4! axb3 19.axb3 Qb6 20.Ba3! Bxa3

21.Nxa3 Qxb3 22.Reb1 Qc3 23.Nb5!?

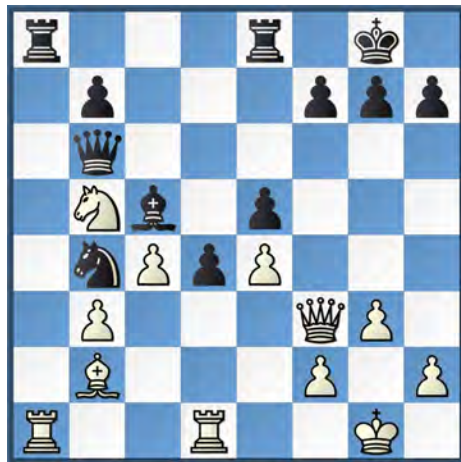
18...axb3?!

An inaccuracy, which eliminates Black's options like ...a3 and White's potential weakness at a2. It is also not the best time to open a-file. 18...Re6!? 19.Red1 Qb6 20.Ne1 Rf6 21.Qe2 axb3

19.axb3 Qb6 20.Na3 Nb4

Not easy to find 20...Nd8! 21.Nb5 Ne6 Black has play on both sides.

21.Nb5 Bc5 22.Red1



22...Rad8

I felt that a-file is not very useful and my rook should be behind my passed d-pawn for the possible push, but I missed a subtle maneuver. 22...Ra6! 23.h4 Qc6 24.h5 Qc8! Black threatens to transfer the rook to the kingside to attack, and White has no good way to stop it because trading rooks on a6 hurts White's good knight on b5.

23.Kg2 Re6!

Rook attack is coming.

24.Rd2 Qc6

Objectively it is a strong move to put pressure on e4 pawn and the main diagonal. However, White's response was clever and unexpected!

25.Nc3!?

[Diagram top of next page]

Here comes a critical moment for Black. If White's knight goes to d5 and stays there, Black's advantage will be minimal.

25...Rf6

Without too much time on the clock, I chose a reasonable variation, but not best. I seriously considered an aggressive idea and almost went for that. It is so complicated that I was not able to calculate and evaluate all the subsequent lines fast enough, otherwise, I would have played the



following: 25...f5!! 26.Re1

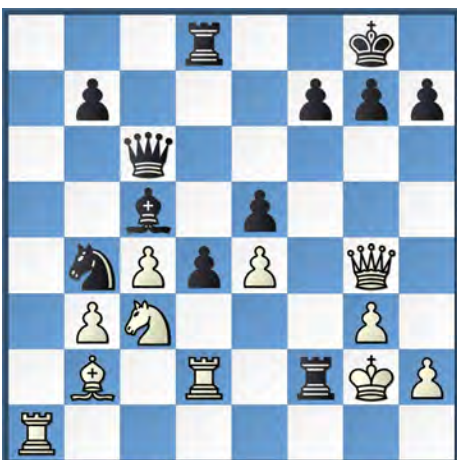


That is the position that puzzled me: I could not precisely analyze so many variations within the given time, so I could not make up my mind and then just chose a simpler option. It turns out all the lines give Black a plus. (26.Qxf5? Rf8-+; 26.exf5? e4+ 27.Qf4) 26...f4!? (26...Rh6!? 27.Na4 Bd6 28.Ba3 b6±; 26...Rf8 27.Nd5 f4 28.g4 Ra8! 29.h3 Qd7±; 26...g6!? 27.Kg1 Bb6 28.Ba3 Ba5 29.Qd1 Qc8±) 27.Nd5 Rg6 28.Ba3 Qd6 29.Rh1 Rf8 30.g4 h5 31.h3±

26.Qg4

26.Qd1 Rh6! 27.Nd5 Qe6 28.Kg1 Qh3 29.f3 d3+ 30.Kh1 Nc2!→; 26.Qe2!? Rh6 27.Nd5 Qd7 28.h4 f5 29.Ba3 d3 30.Qe1 Nxd5 31.exd5 Bd4 32.Bb2 Bxb2 33.Rxb2 e4∞

26...Rxf2+!



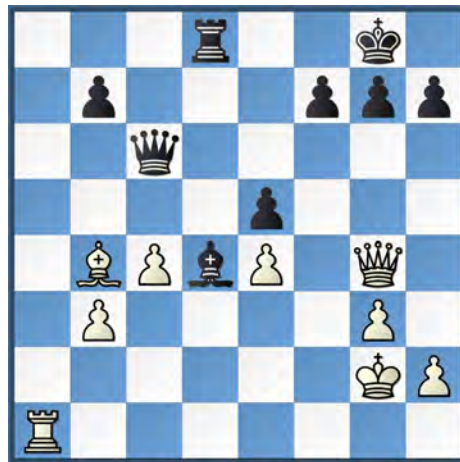
Cute! Rook sac is the only way to fight for the advantage. Black will gain back the

material through the next several forced moves.

27.Rxf2 dxc3 28.Bxc3™ Bxf2 29.Bxb4

29.Kxf2? Qb6+! 30.Kg2 Nc2-+

29...Bd4



30.Rf1?

It is hard to criticize such a natural move: it clearly targets Black's kingside, but giving up the important a-file is a mistake. 30.Ra5! b6 31.Rd5! Ra8 32.h4 g6 33.Be7 Ra2+ 34.Kh1 h5 35.Qd7 Black is only slightly better, with no winning chance in sight.

30...Ra8! 31.Be7

Trying to make something out of nothing. 31.Qe2 Qb6 32.Qd2□ h5 33.h4 Ra6!± Black has a big initiative.

31...Qg6?!

I responded with a typical "safe move" or a so-called "human move," despite that White does not have any dangerous attack. [Computer suggests: 31...Ra2+! 32.Kh1 g6! 33.Bg5 f5 34.Qf3 h5±

32.Qxg6

32.Qe2 Qb6 33.b4 Qc7 34.Bg5 h6 35.Bd2 Ra2±

32...hxc6 33.h4 Ra2+±

Black's rook and bishop are much more active than their counterparts, and White also has several weak pawns. With all these added up, White has little chance to hold the endgame.

34.Kh3

34.Kf3 Rc2!±

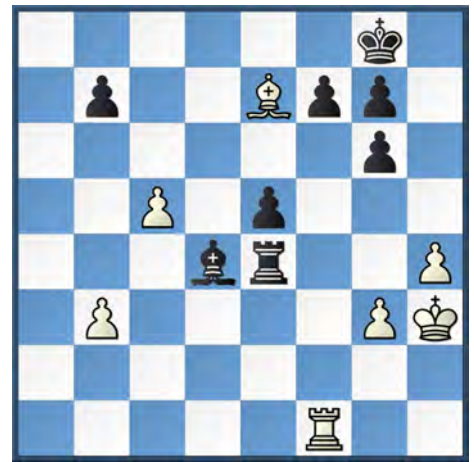
34...Re2 35.c5 Rxe4

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Now Black is up a pawn and the central bishop is incredibly powerful. I was confident to convert the endgame.

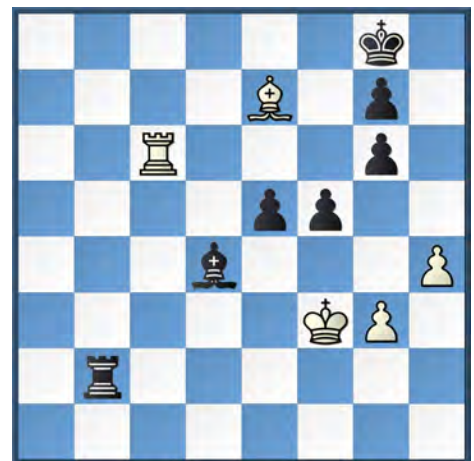
36.Rc1 Re3 37.b4 Rb3 38.Kg2?

White blundered a



pawn in time trouble, but the position is very tough to defend anyway. 38.c6 bxc6 39.Rxc6 Bf2 40.Kg2 Bxg3 41.b5 f5 42.b6 f4±

38...Rxb4+ 39.c6 Rb2+ 40.Kf3 bxc6 41.Rxc6 f5!



Black's mating net is ready.

42.g4 e4+ 43.Kf4 Rf2+ 44.Kg5 Kf7

I really enjoyed this game that has plenty of subtleties. 0-1

Spokane Falls Open: Krasin Wins!!

by Dave Griffin

This year's edition of the Spokane Falls Open was won by Jeremy Krasin with a 4.5

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score. Second place was shared by Michael Cambareri and Mark Havrilla at 4.0.

The event was played at Gonzaga's Schoenberg Center July 13-14 in conjunction with the City Championship Match. After the first day's action, Havrilla and Krasin were the only perfect 3.0 scores in the field of 20 players. They drew in their fourth round encounter Sunday morning. Mark took a fifth round bye to return to Moscow, while Jeremy defeated John Dill to claim first place outright.

There were a host of other winners. The u/1800 section was shared by Dill and Pullman's Nicholas Wolff with 3.0 scores. That same score gave Walter van Heemstede Obelt first in the u/1600 section; Jim Burney and Dave Griffin finished second in that section with 2.5 scores. A score of 2.0 claimed the u/1400 prize for John Frostad and Steve Wallace. John also claimed the biggest upset prize with a 672 shocker in the first round!



Spokane City Champion, Nikolay Bulakh.
Photo Credit: David Griffin

Bulakh Wins City Championship

by Dave Griffin

Nikolay Bulakh is the new city champion, defeating James Stripes 2.5.-.5 in their match played July 13-14 in conjunction with the Spokane Falls Open. Nikolay won both games played on July 13 to put him

on the verge of the title, and then fought to a king v. king draw in the third game on July 14 to win the crown. Nikolay Bulakh became only the fourth different City Champion since 2001.

Olympia Open

Paul Bartron of Tacoma scored a 3-0 perfect score in the Olympia Open held August 3, 2013 in Olympia Washington. 18 players took part under the direction of Gary Dorfner of Tacoma. The Washington Chess Federation was the sponsoring affiliate.



Paul Bartron, photo provided by Gary Dorfner

Naomi Bashkansky at Pan-American Youth Festival

by Guy Bashkansky

July 25-August 1, 2013. Naomi Bashkansky (a 10-year-old girl from Bellevue, WA) becomes Pan-American Youth Co-Champion and gets WCM title.

At the 2013 Pan-American Youth Chess Championship in Pocos de Caldas, Brazil, in the Girls Under 10 category, Naomi Bashkansky tied for first place with a Bolivian girl with 8 points out of 9, and got second place by the first tie-break (while all 3 other tie-breaks were in Naomi's favor).



Naomi Bashkansky at Pan-American Youth Festival. Photo courtesy of Guy Bashkansky

Thus, Naomi becomes Pan-American Youth Co-Champion and gets the Women Candidate Master FIDE title.

And here are Naomi's other achievements in 2013, just this year:

US National Champion at the All Girls Nationals Under 10 category

Second Place Under 18 (being 9, the youngest) at the Washington State Girls Championship

Washington State Champion in the 4th grade section at the Washington State Elementary championship

Seattle Chess Meetup Tournament Report

by Michael Egbert

On July 14th in Seattle, WA the Seattle Chess Meetup held what is hoped to be the first of many informal tournaments.

If you are unfamiliar with the Seattle Chess Meetup, we are a group of chess players of all levels from beginner to master who enjoy meeting over the board in coffee shops, bars, and other venues throughout the week. The meetup is an opportunity to experiment with new openings and approaches in casual games without rating on the line. The meetup in its current format was founded in 2008. NM Bruce Kovalsky was one of the first organizers. In December 2008, Stephen Schnack joined the meetup and soon after became an assistant organizer. Early meetups alternated between Kirkland and North Seattle. In the fall of 2009, Bruce asked Stephen to take over as the head organizer. In 2010, Matthew Tedesco joined the meetup and began organizing meetups in

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July 14, 2013 Seattle Meetup Tournament.
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Downtown/Belltown, and Matt took over as head organizer in late 2010. Today the meetup organizers include Matt Tedesco, Sophia ???, and Stephen Schnack. Our most active meetups are in Greenlake and Seattle Center. But we have occasional meetups elsewhere including the Rosehill Starbucks in Kirkland. If you are interested in learning more visit www.seattlechessmeetup.org where you can register, or email matt@seattlechessmeetup.org. We also have a Seattle Chess Meetup group on Chess.Com where we hold correspondence tournaments.

Our recent over the board tournament had a time control of Game in 15 minutes with an option to record the game if the players chose to. Tournament Organizers Ender and Sophia held the five-round Swiss style tourney in the Club Room at the Circa Condominiums in the Green Lake neighborhood. The quiet, comfortable Club Room was room a real treat for the 14 participants.

While the room was very nice, nobody was there to relax. Everyone was there to play chess and play chess they did.



July 14, 2013 Seattle Meetup Tournament.
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Hans Kehl – Ani Barua [C37]
Chess Meetup G/15
Tourney (R4),
July 14, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4
3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 g4
5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Be6
7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Ne1 e5
9.Qxg4 Nf6 10.Qe6+
Qe7 11.Qxe7+ Bxe7
12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nc3
Bc5+ 14.Kh1 c6
15.Nd3 Bd6 16.b3
Nbd7 17.Bb2 h5
18.Rae1 0-0-0
19.Nd1 h4 20.h3
Nh5 21.Rf3 Rh6
22.N1f2 Nhf6 23.a3

Rg8 24.Rg1 Kd8 25.b4 Rh5 26.c4 e5
27.Bc3 Rhg5 28.Ne1 Nb6 29.Rd3 Kc7
30.Nf3 Rh5 31.Rgd1 Nxc4 32.Rxd6 Nxd6
33.Bxe5 Rxe5 34.Nxe5 Re8 35.bxc5
Ndx4 36.Nfg4 Nxc4 37.Nxc4 Ng3+
38.Kg1 Re4 39.Kf2 Ra4 40.Kf3 Rxa3+
41.Kxf4 Rc3 42.Kg5 Ne4+ 43.Kxh4 Nxc5
1-0

Bazel – Joshua Yokela [C47]
Chess Meetup G/15 Tourney (R1),
July 14, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.a3 Bc5 5.h3
0-0 6.Bb5 Re8 7.0-0 Nd4 8.Ba4 c6 9.Re1
b5 10.Bb3 Nxb3 11.cxb3 b4 12.axb4 Bxb4
13.d3 a5 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 d6 16.Qc2 Ra6
17.Re2 Be6 18.d4 g5 19.Bg3 Nh5 20.Bh2
f6 21.Rd1 Qc7 22.dxe5 dxe5 23.Na4 Rb8
24.Nc3 Bxc3 25.Qxc3 Rxb3 26.Qc5 Rb5
27.Qe3 Rab6 28.h4 Nf4 29.hxg5 Nxe2+
30.Qxe2 hxg5 31.Nxc5 fxc5 32.Qh5 Rb7
33.Qxg5+ Qg7 34.Rd8+ Kf7 35.Qh5+ Kf6
36.Bxe5+ Rxe5 37.Qh4+ Rg5 38.Qf4+
Ke7 39.Qd6+ Kf6 40.Qf4+ Kg6 41.Rd6
Re7 0-1

Tacoma Chess Championship

by Joseph Lazarus

The 49th Annual Tacoma Chess Championship ran from June 7 through July 3. There were 17 players participating in the tournament. As has been customary for the past 15 years or longer, one of the strongest in the field was long time FM Paul Bartron, affectionately nicknamed by the Tacoma Chess Club members as “The Bartonator.” And with good reason, as Paul is Washington’s recent Senior Chess Champion and has a long list of Masters and Experts who have succumbed to his methodical attacking style of play.

Playing Black, it was with great trepidation that in the final round of the tournament I sat opposite Paul to determine this year’s title. I have played Paul on a number of occasions before as Black and usually, he would begin with 1.e4 and I would use the Caro-Kann my favorite defense to meet the opening challenge. On several occasions I would manage to eke out a draw with him; and once again, the Classical variation would be the order of the day.

Paul Bartron – Joseph Lazarus [B19]
Tacoma Chess Championship
Tacoma (R4), July 3, 2013

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.Bd3
Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.Bd2 Ngf6 11.0-0-0
Be7 12.Rde1 Qc7 13.Re2 0-0 14.Nf5
Rfe8 15.Nxe7+ Rxe7 16.Ne5 c5 17.Bf4
Qa5 18.a3 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Qd5 20.Qxd5
Nxd5 21.Bd2 Nxe5 22.Rxe5 f6 23.Re2 e5
24.Rhe1 Rc8 25.f4 Rec7 26.c3 exf4 27.h5
Kf7 28.Re4 g5 29.hxg6+ Kxg6 30.Bxf4
Nxf4 31.Rxf4 Rc5 32.Re1 f5 33.Kc2
Re5 34.R1f2 Kg5 35.b4 b5 36.Kb3 h5
37.R2f3 h4 38.Rd4 Rc6 39.a4 a6 40.axb5
axb5 41.c4 bxc4+ 42.Rxc4 Rxc4 43.Kxc4
Re2 44.b5 Rxc2 45.b6 Rc2+ 46.Rc3
Rb2 47.Rb3 Rxb3 48.Kxb3 h3 49.b7 h2
50.b8Q h1Q 51.Qg8+ Kf6 52.Qf8+ Kg6
53.Qe8+ Kf6 54.Qd8+ Ke5 55.Qe8+ Kd4
56.Qa4+ Kc5 57.Qa5+ Kd6 58.Qxf5 Kc7
1/2-1/2



Paul Bartron and Joseph Lazarus.
Photo provided to us by Joseph Lazarus.

Washington Challenger's Cup

October 26-27, 2013

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

Two Sections: Open and Reserve (under 1800).

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

Reserve: 5 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** Saturday 40/90, SD/30, D/5; Sunday 40/2, SD/1, D/5.

Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating. Higher of USCF or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Prize Fund: \$1,000 (based on 40 paid entries). Medal only entry fee count as half entries.

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

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

Entry Fee: \$50 if postmarked or online by 10/23, \$60 after 10/23 or at site.

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

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

Rounds: Open: Saturday 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

Reserve: Saturday 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

Byes: One half-point byes available (Open Section), two half-point byes available (Reserve Section). Request before end of round 2. USCF and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted.

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

Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Eelco Van Ruth, 415 Williams Avenue South, Unit 205, Renton, WA 98057-2747.

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100, U2000 \$75, U1700 \$75, U1400 \$75. Foreign
ratings used for players with no USCF rating. EF:
\$30 if postmarked or online by 11/6, \$40 at site.
Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs. Registration:
8-9:30am. Rds.: Sat. 10am, 2:30pm, 7pm, Sun.
10am & 3pm. Bye: limit 2, request before end of
Rd. 2. Memb. Req'd: \$25 (\$19 juniors). OSA. ENT:
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Washington Class Championships A NW Grand Prix Event Nov. 29-30 & Dec. 1, 2013

**Washington Class Championships
Entry Fees and Prize Fund
\$7,000 based on 170 players
Medal-only entry fees count as
half entries.**

**Entry fees listed as: Postmarked by
Oct 25 / By Nov 22 / At site**

Master (2200+) EF \$100/\$110/\$125
Prizes \$500, \$350, \$200, U2300 \$100, \$75

Expert (2000-2199) EF \$90/\$100/\$115
Prizes \$400, \$275, \$175, U2100 \$100, \$75

Class A (1800-1999) EF \$80/\$90/\$105
Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1900 \$100, \$75

Class B (1600-1799) EF \$80/\$90/\$105
Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1700 \$100, \$75

Class C (1400-1599) EF \$80/\$90/\$105
Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1500 \$100, \$75

Class D (1200-1399) EF \$80/\$90/\$105
Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1300 \$100, \$75

Class E (1000-1199) EF \$80/\$90/\$105
Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1100 \$100, \$75

Under 1000/Unrated EF \$70/\$80/\$95
Prizes \$200, \$150, \$125, U800 \$75, Unrated \$75

Advance entries must be received by Nov. 22. Reentry 1/2 of your entry fee. Rated players add \$25 to play up one class only (can't play up two classes). Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs. Juniors (U21) may play for medals only for an advance EF of \$45. (Medals awarded for top two in each class.) Canadians may pay C\$ at par (no coins) for entry fee only.

**ALL PRIZES WILL BE MAILED
starting December 6, 2013.**

Entries/Information:

Send entries to: Eelco Van Ruth,
WCF Tournament Coordinator
415 Williams Avenue South, Unit 205
Renton, WA 98057-2747
Phone: (425) 761-0298

E-mail: eelco1972@hotmail.com

Make checks payable to
Washington Chess Federation.

**Embassy Suites Seattle North/Lynnwood
20610 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood, WA 98036-7701
Phone (425) 775-2500**

**Online Registration at www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration
Pay by credit/debit or PayPal.**

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

Rating: USCF rated. Master/Expert sections also FIDE rated (except G/60 games if applicable). USCF November rating supplement will be used to determine class sections. Higher of USCF or foreign ratings used at TD discretion. Higher of USCF or FIDE rating used for pairings and prizes in Master and Expert sections. Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating. Unrated players may only win 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes in Master section, or unrated prize in Under 1000/Unrated.

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

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Fri: 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM, Sat 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM, Sun 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. 2-day schedule: Sat 9:00 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule with round 4 at 6:00 PM.

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

Miscellaneous: Current USCF membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required in all sections. Other States Accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration. NW Grand Prix event. Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 10. Chess Magnet School JGP. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible.

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

Hotel Info/Rates: \$124.00 king room, single or double occupancy. Call (425) 775-2500 and request the Washington Chess Federation block. The cut-off date for reservations at the discount is November 13, 2013 at 5:00 PM.

Side Event: Washington Class Blitz Championship: Friday 11/29 at 8:30 PM. Format: 5 round Double Swiss in one section. Registration: 7:30-8:15 PM. Rounds: 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 and 10:30 PM. TC: G/5 (no delay). EF: \$25. Prize Fund: \$400 based on 20 entries. 1st \$130, 2nd \$90, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400 \$60. Miscellaneous: USCF Quick rated. WCF/OCF/ICA membership required.

Washington Class Scholastic (Nov 29): A separate flyer/entry form/online registration link will be published on the NWC website for this event, or contact: David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Coordinator, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6418, phone: (425) 868-3881, e-mail: DavidCHendricks@comcast.net.

The 2013 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Chief Calculating Officer

I just love close races for the money, and some very interesting ones are shaping up. In Idaho, outside the leaders of the first two groups, those globetrotting players Cameron Leslie and Jeff Roland, everything is a close race, since so few events are in the books. The big ICA Summer Classic, with its 3x multiplier, should serve to shake up the state's standings for next month.

Elsewhere, competitive races occur in most classes, for second if not for both cash-winning places. The Oregon Masters class may have a run-away at the top, but second-place is quite up for grabs with Carl Haessler leading Daniel Gay by only one point. Among the Experts, Yaman Tezcan has a nice lead, but nothing insurmountable. Look on down the list and you will see single digit leads in most cases. Other than Nick Raptis (51 point lead), no player has opened up a lead of 20 or more points. The upcoming Oregon Open, with a 4x multiplier, should stir up most Oregon classes quite nicely.

In Washington, we see some of the more strikingly competitive races, such as in the Expert class, where first place Bryce Tiglon is only 6.5 points ahead of number five Daniel He. Next class down, Class A, Toshihiro Nagase is only 9 points ahead of number five Kyle Haining. And then there is Class B, which has the state's top three points earners, with Ralph Anthony leading Stephen Buck by 37 points, with August Piper just another 10 points back. Jerrold Richards has a comfortable 26.5 point lead over second place Freya Gulamali, but with Jerrold having a rating on the cusp at 1399, the class C leaders should be looking over their shoulders.

On the radar for September, we see the Oregon Open (4x) starting out the first weekend. Following that, we have Quads at SCC on the 14th, the Spokane Fall Championship beginning on the 19th, the Seattle Fall Open (2x) Sept, 20-22, the ICA Players Memorial in Boise the 21st and 22nd, and the PCC G/60 and Tacoma Autumn Equinox Open, both on the 28th.

The standings below are complete through August 3rd.

Northwest Chess Grand Prix Standings

Idaho				Oregon				Washington			
	last	first	pts.		last	first	pts.		last	first	pts.
Masters											
				1	Raptis	Nick	86	1	Pupols	Viktors	83.5
				2	Haessler	Carl A	35	2	Bragg	David R	73
				3	Gay	Daniel Z	34	3	Feng	Roland	66.5
				4	Russell	Corey J	18	4	Collyer	Curt D	47
								5	Sinanan	Joshua C	45.5
M/X/Class A				Experts							
1	Leslie	Cameron D	51.5	1	Tezcan	Yaman	72.5	1	Tiglon	Bryce	76.5
2	Havrilla	Mark A	29.5	2	Cigan	Jason	54	2	Lampman	Becca	75
3	Kircher	Caleb P	11	3	Sherrard	Jerry	44.5	3	Nagase	Masayuki	73
4	Parsons	Larry R	7	4	Botez	Alexandra V	31.5	4	Bartron	Paul R	71
				5	Herrera	Robert	31	5	He	Daniel M	70
Class B				Class A							
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	75.5	1	Sun	Maxwell S	54	1	Nagase	Toshihiro	65
2	Bodie	Brad	15	2	Eagles	Roland	42.5	2	Smith	Micah	62
2	Griggs	Glenn	15	3	Murray	Dillon T	30	3	Davis	Frederick A	61.5
4	Gorman	Cody A	10	4	Levin	Scott A	29	4	Lee	Kevin	58
4	Machin	Alex J	10	5	Yoshinaga	David K	28	5	Haining	Kyle	56

Idaho				Oregon			Washington				
Class C				Class B							
1	Weyland	Ronald M	17.5	1	Berger	Brian F	52.5	1	Anthony	Ralph J	142.5
2	Imamovic	Nedzad	6	2	Burris	Christopher E	44	2	Buck	Stephen J	105.5
3	Hollingsworth	Gary M	5	3	Trattner	Andrew L	40.5	3	Piper	August	96
3	Taylor	Shane	5	4	O'Connell	Sean R	33.5	4	Ramesh	Jothi N	63.5
				4	Culbreth	Adam	33.5	5	Gulamali	Faris	56.5
Class D				Class C							
1	Naccarato	Savanna	18	1	Hasuike	Mike L	57	1	Zhang	Eric M	70.5
2	Handeen	Bjorn J	12	2	Slavik	Jacob	43	2	Chowdhury	Neil	67
3	Porth	Adam	4.5	3	Sharan	Praveer	41.5	3	Chalasanani	Sujatha D	54
				4	Samillano	Jazon	32	4	Sehgal	Rahul	53.5
				5	Botez	Andrea C C	30.5	5	Ramasamy	Vikram	51
Class E and Below				Class D and Below							
1	Wetmur	Harold R	15	1	Buerer	Harry F	43.5	1	Richards	Jerrold	81
2	Calza	Paula	12	2	Jacobsen	Jason	34	2	Gulamali	Freya	55.5
3	Nathan	Jacob A	9	3	Prideaux	Dave	24.5	3	Haining	Breck	46
4	Hiatt	Arlene	7.5	4	Grabinsky	Joshua	24	3	Dixon	Max L	46
5	Porth	Desmond	5	5	Markowski	Gregory A	22	5	Yeo	Joey	39
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	75.5	1	Raptis	Nick	86	1	Anthony	Ralph J	142.5
2	Leslie	Cameron D	51.5	2	Tezcan	Yaman	72.5	2	Buck	Stephen J	105.5
3	Havrilla	Mark A	29.5	3	Hasuike	Mike L	57	3	Piper	August	96
4	Naccarato	Savanna	18	4	Cigan	Jason	54	4	Pupols	Viktors	83.5
5	Weyland	Ronald M	17.5	4	Sun	Maxwell S	54	5	Richards	Jerrold	81
6	Bodie	Brad	15	6	Berger	Brian F	52.5	6	Tiglon	Bryce	76.5
6	Griggs	Glenn	15	7	Sherrard	Jerry	44.5	7	Lampman	Becca	75
6	Wetmur	Harold R	15	8	Burris	Christopher E	44	8	Bragg	David R	73
9	Handeen	Bjorn J	12	9	Buerer	Harry F	43.5	8	Nagase	Masayuki	73
9	Calza	Paula	12	10	Slavik	Jacob	43	10	Bartron	Paul R	71
11	Kircher	Caleb P	11	11	Eagles	Roland	42.5	11	Zhang	Eric M	70.5
12	Two tied at		10	12	Sharan	Praveer	41.5	12	He	Daniel M	70

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 kleistcf@aol.com
 Address for Entries
 SCC Tnmt Dir
 2420 S 137 St
 Seattle WA 98168

How to Find the SCC

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

FM Bill Schill will give a lecture on the upcoming World Championship match from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. on Fri. Sept 20. 

SCC Championship

Sept. 6, 13, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 25, Nov. 8

Format: 7-rd Swiss held on Friday evenings.
TC: 35/100 and 25/60. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 9/5, \$37 thereafter. SCC memb. req'd — special \$25 tnmt memb. **Prize fund:** 75% of EFs. **Prizes:** 23%-16%, U2000 9%, U1800 8%, U1600 7%, U1400 6%, Unrated 3%, Endurance 3%. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:** Fridays 8 p.m. **Make-up Games for Rds 1-4:** 8 p.m. Wed. Sept. 18—1 make-up (G/75) game; 8 p.m. Wed. Oct. 2—1 make-up (G/75) game. **Byes:** 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/7). **Misc:** SCC/USCF memb. req'd. NS. NC.

Sept. 14 **NEW DATE, Oct. 5**

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

October 12

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and unrated. **TC:** G/75. **EF:** \$11 by 10/9, \$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

Sept. 8 **CANCELLED, Oct. 13**

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

Tandem Simul

by FM Michael Lee and WFM Megan Lee
Saturday, September 7—1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

To Participate: Send a check payable to "Seattle Chess Club" with a minimum suggested entry fee of \$25, or register at www.nwchess.com. All proceeds go to the SCC. Prizes: Players who draw or win will receive a chess book from Michael and Megan's collection.

FM Michael Lee is a seven-time member of the All-American Chess Team, and a three-time National Champion. He currently studies at Princeton.

WFM Megan Lee is the top FIDE-ranked girl for her age group in the country. She currently attends Newport High School in Bellevue.

Seattle Fall Open

September 20-22 or September 21-22

A 2-section, 5-round Swiss chess tournament with a time control of 40/120 & SD/60 and a 5-second delay (except Rd 1 of 2-day option — G/60;d5) with a prize fund of \$1000 based on 60 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

A Northwest Grand Prix event

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

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

Entry Fees: \$33 by 9/18, \$42 at site. SCC members—subtract \$9. Members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA—subtract \$4. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr USCF & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 pm or Sat. 9-9:45 am. **Rounds:** Fri. 8 pm, Sat. (10@G/60;d5)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

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

Upcoming Events

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

♣ **Sep 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 17** Spokane Fall Championship, **Spokane, WA**. Site: Gonzaga University (Herak Rm 121). Registration: 6:30-7:15, Sept. 19. Format: 5 round Swiss, weekly rounds 9/19 to 10/17. E.F.: \$16. USCF rated. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). Contact: David Griffin, dbgrffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **Sep 21-22** 3rd Annual ICA Players Memorial, **Boise, ID**. 5SS, Time Control: G/120,d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: Boise State University (BSU) Student Union Bldg., 1910 University Dr., Boise, ID. USCF mem. req., EF by 9/16 \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), Special Family Rate of \$60. \$5 more for all if received after 9/16. Email entries OK. Register & check in: 8-8:45am 9/21. Rd times: Sat 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm; Sun 9am, 1:30pm. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, any round. Must commit before Rd 2 pairing. Players arriving for round 2 may take a retroactive R1 1/2 pt bye as long as they arrive by 1:15pm. Prizes: \$\$ b/30; Open: \$200-100-75; Reserve: \$100-75-50. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA, www.idahochessassociation.org. Contact: George Lundy, 9533 Caraway Dr., Boise, ID 83704. tdmlundy@juno.com. NC, NS, W.

♣ **Sep 28/Oct 26** 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.

♣ **Sep 28** Autumn Equinox 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 memberships required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **Oct 12** National Chess Day Open, **Tacoma, WA**. Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave E, in the DTI Soccer Store building across the street from Alfred's Cafe. 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/WCF memberships required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **Oct 12-13** National Chess Day Portland Chess Club Fall Open, **Portland, OR**. See full-page ad on page 22

♣ **Oct 12-13** Eastern Washington Open, **Spokane, WA**. Location: Schoenberg Center, Room 201, Gonzaga University, N. 900 Pearl St., Spokane (southwest corner of GU campus – one block east of Division/Ruby couplet off DeSmet Ave.). 5 round Swiss System. Registration: 8:30-9:30, Oct. 12. Rounds: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. Time control: Game/120 + 5 sec. Entry fee: \$21 if received by 10/11, \$26 at the door; under 18 \$5 less. \$615 prize fund GUARANTEED. Additional classes and class prizes may be created if entries exceed 30 players. Class prizes based on at least 5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. Only one prize per player (except biggest upset). NS, NC, W. One 1/2 point bye available if requested by end of preceding round; Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round. PRIZES: FIRST -- \$125; Class Prizes: \$75 first, \$35 second: A; B; C; D/E/unrated Biggest Upset (non-provisional) -- \$50. Entries: Loyd Willaford, 107 N. Helstrom St., Deer Park, WA 99006. For information please call (509) 723-9037 (cell). Club website: www.spokanechessclub.org.

Oct 18-20 Western States Open, **Reno, NV**. See full-page ad on page 3

♣ **Oct 19-20** Eastern Idaho Open, **Idaho Falls, ID**. 5SS, G/120;d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: Residence Inn by Marriott, 635 W. Broadway St., Idaho Falls, Idaho. EF: USCF mem req., \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), by 10/16/13. \$5 more (all) after. Reg & Ck in: 7:30-8:30 AM 10/19/13. Those not paid & ck'd in by 8:30 AM may not be paired in 1st rnd. RNDS: 9,2,7,9,2. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, Rd 1-4 only. 0 pt bye avail rnd 5. Commit by end of rd 2. Prizes: \$\$ b/30; Open: \$175-85-65; Reserve: \$75-50-35. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA % Jay Simonson, 391 Carol Ave. Idaho Falls, ID, 83401, 208-206-7667, rooknjay@yahoo.com, <http://www.idahochessassociation.org>. NC, NS, W.

♣ **Oct 26-27** Washington Challenger's Cup, **Seattle, WA**. See half-page ad on page 27

♣ **Nov 9-10** Columbia Cup/Tri-Cities Open, **Richland, WA**. See quarter-page ad on page 27

♣ **Nov 29-Dec 1** Washington Class Championship, **Lynnwood, WA**. See full-page ad on page 28