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The three first-place winners of the Open Section of the 2013 Oregon Open, scoring five points each, all taken in the final round of the event. Upper photo: Aaron Grabinsky playing Brian Esler. Lower-left photo: Alexandra Botez in her game versus Kyle Haining. Lower-right photo: Richard Gutman in his game versus John Chernoff. All three photos by Jeff Roland.

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# Oregon Chess News

## Oregon Open

The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Oregon Open was held August 31 to September 2, 2013 at the Lloyd Center Double Tree hotel in beautiful historic downtown Portland. There were 89 players from Oregon, 45 players from Washington, one player from Idaho, one player from California, one player from Tennessee, and two players from British Columbia, Canada for a total of 139 players. This is not an all-time record, but it is the largest turnout in more than two decades. Special thanks to Grisha Alpernas, Chief Tournament Director, and to Jon and Barbara Fortune, Assistant Tournament Directors. This tournament was very well run.

In the Open section, there was a three-way tie for first place between three Oregon players — Aaron Grabinsky, Alexandra Botez, and Richard Gutman. All three had five points out of a possible six. In addition to sharing equally in the prize money, the top Oregon player gets seeded directly into the 2014 Oregon Closed to be held in February, 2014. Tie-breaks award that honor to Aaron Grabinsky.

In the Reserve section, Stephen Buck and Ralph Anthony, both from Washington, James Yu Chen and Abhinav Brahmarouthu, both from Oregon all tied for first place with five points.

The following games were submitted by the players for consideration in this issue.



Grisha Alpernas, Chief TD  
Photo credit: Jeff Roland

Some of the players provided their own notes too. Corey Russell, in fact, submitted all six of his games and annotated them too. We really appreciate it when players share their games here in *Northwest Chess*.

**Michael Goffe (1838) –  
Dennis Hoefler (2039) [B22]**  
Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R1),  
August 31, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Bf5  
5.Qb3 Qxb3 6.axb3 Nc6 7.Bb5 Bd7  
8.Na3 a6 9.Nc2 0–0–0 10.Bc4 e6 11.0–0  
Nf6 12.d4 Bd6?!

12...cxtd4

13.dxc5 Bxc5



14.b4 Bd6 15.b5 axb5 16.Bxb5 Nd5  
17.Ne3 Nb6 18.Ng5 Rhf8 19.Ne4 Be7  
20.f4?!

20.Nc4 Nd5 (20...Nxc4 21.Bxc4 Kc7 22.b4  
looks pretty good for White.) 21.Rd1 Black  
has some problems to solve.

20...f5 21.Nd2



21...g5?!

21...Kc7 intending 22. ... Ra8 is close to  
equality.

22.Ndc4 Nxc4?

22...Kc7 23.Nxb6 Kxb6 24.Be2 and while  
White's advantage is clear, Black is not yet  
lost.

23.Nxc4 Bc5+ 24.Kh1 gxf4?! 25.Bxf4 e5  
26.Bg5 Rde8 27.b4 Be7

[Diagram top of next column]

27...Nxb4 28.Bxd7+ Kxd7 29.cxb4 Bxb4



30.Rab1 offers Black only the illusion of  
hope.

28.Nb6+ Kc7 29.Nd5+ Kd6 30.Nxe7  
Rxe7

30...Nxe7 31.Rfd1+ Nd5 32.Bxd7 Kxd7  
33.Rxd5+

31.Rfd1+ Ke6 32.Bc4# 1–0

**Corey J Russell (2246) –  
Robert Fisette (1953) [E54]**  
Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R1),  
August 31, 2013  
[Corey Russell]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4  
0–0 9.0–0 b6 10.Qe2 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Bb7  
12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Bd3 Qc7 14.c4 Ng4  
15.g3?

Be4 was much better. Not sure what  
possessed me to do a crazy move like g3.

15...Qc6 16.d5 exd5 17.Nd4 Qc5 18.Qxg4  
Ne5 19.Qh5



19...Nxd3?!

This doesn't lose or anything, but ...g6  
would definitely have left Black with a  
clear advantage.

20.Bf6!

Black can't take the bishop: White gets a  
winning attack, with ideas of Nf5 and Qg4+  
or Qh6 depending on what Black does – a  
key line is ...gxf6 21. Nf5 Rfd8 22. Qg4+  
Kf8 23. Rae1! leads to a winning attack.

20...Qd6

A good defensive move – it loses a pawn,  
but Black is clearly fine in the resulting



position.

**21.Bxg7 Rfe8 22.cxd5 Qg6! 23.Qxg6 hxg6**

I personally think ...fxg6 is better so that white's QB can't find safe haven on f6. The resulting structure has possibilities of being mated...

**24.Bf6 Bxd5 25.h3 a6 26.Rfd1 Nc5 27.f3 Ne6 28.Kf2 Rac8 29.Rac1?**

Rybka thinks ... Bxa2 is strong – I agree with the ideas of ....Nc5-d3. So instead I probably had to play 29. g4 Nxd4 30. Rxd4 Rc2+ 31. Kg3 Bxa2 – Black's better but White can make it hard still.

**29...Nxd4?**

Black returns the favor.

**30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Rxd4 Rc6**



**32.Rf4**

I'm not certain why I didn't see this line instead: 32. Be5 f6 33. Rxd5 fxe5 34. Rxe5 Rc2+ 35. Ke3 (or 35. Re2) 35...Rxa2 36. Re6 Rb2 37. Rxg6+. This leaves White with an extra pawn and three connected passers, though whether that outweighs Black's passed pawns on the queen side, I'm not sure.

**32...Bxa2 33.g4**

Idea of g5 and Rh4.

**33...Rc4 34.Bd4 b5 35.Ke3 Bb1 36.Rf6**

I was pretty happy with this move, as now I get my pawn back by force, as well as have the better position.

**36...Rc8 37.Rxa6 Rb8 38.Be5 Re8 39.Kd4**

Of course not 39. Kf4?? g5 -+

**39...Bc2 40.Rb6 Bd1 41.f4 Be2 42.f5 gxf5 43.g5! Re6 44.Rb8+ Kh7 45.h4**

Threatening 46. Rh8+ Kg6 47. Rh6 mate!

**45...f6**



**46.Rb7+?**



Matt Dalthorp getting ready to play a round. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

Instead 46. gxf6 is winning, as f7 is a huge threat. One sample line: 46. ... Bh5 47. Rh8+ Kxh8 48. f7+ Rxe5 49. f8(Q)+ Kh7 50. Kxe5 +-

**46...Kg8 47.gxf6 f4 48.Ke4 f3**

Here is my last chance to get a draw: Rb8+ and Rb7+ forces a perpetual, as anything other than Kg8-f7 and back will allow White to queen first.

**49.Kf5 Rxe5+ 50.Kxe5 f2 51.Rb8+ Kf7 52.Rb7+ Kg6 53.Rg7+ Kh6**

Black of course doesn't fall for 53. ... Kh5?? 54. Rg5+ Kxh4 55 Rf5 +-

**0-1**

**Michael Hosford (1887) –  
Corey J Russell (2246) [B02]**  
Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R2),  
August 31, 2013  
[Corey Russell]

**1.e4 Nf6 2.Bc4**

My wife later pointed out that 2. ... Nxe4 3. Bxf7+ Kxf7 4. Qh5+ Kg8 5. Qd5+ e6 6. Qxe4 d5 is nothing to be afraid of and she's right.

**2...d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Qf3 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nge2 b6 7.d4 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.Qxd5 cxd5 11.c3 Be7 12.Bf4 Kd7 13.0-0**

An odd choice – Kd2 looks pretty reasonable. White will pay later for moving his king so far from the center.

**13...Rhc8 14.Bg3 Nc7 15.Nf4 a5 16.Nd3 f6 17.Bxc7 Rxc7 18.a4 Rb8 19.Rfe1**

[Diagram top of next column]

**19...b5!?**

A pretty risky move – ...Bd6 is probably sounder. I did however, see a way to energize my pieces which is why I did it, even at a cost of a pawn.



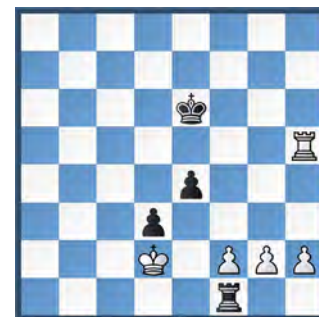
**20.axb5 Rxb5 21.Ra2 Bd6 22.Rea1!?**

A little impatient, the black a-pawn wasn't going anyways. Black's center pawns are soon going to be a big problem, so taking a time-out to slow them down with 22. f4 is probably a better idea.

**22...e5 23.dxe5 fxe5 24.Rxa5 Rcb7! 25.Rxb5 Rxb5 26.Ra7+ Ke6 27.Rxg7 e4 28.Nb4 Bxb4 29.cxb4 Rxb4 30.Rxh7 d4**

Despite White's material advantage, my analysis indicates White is lost here. Instead of eating Black's king-side pawns White can hold his position with 27. Ra2 e4 28. Nc1 Be5 29. Ne2.

**31.Rh5 Rxb2 32.Kf1 Rb1+ 33.Ke2 d3+ 34.Kd2 Rf1**



On 35.Rh6+ I was planning 35...Kf7 36.Rh7+ Kg6, but even better would have been falling in with White's plan by



Yogi Saputra between rounds in the common area. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

centralizing: 35...Ke5 36.Rh5+ Kd4, since 37.Rf5 defending the f-pawn gets hit with 37...Rxf2+! 38.Rxf2 e3+ 39.Ke1 exf2+ 40.Kxf2 Kc3 and Black promotes the d-pawn.

**35.Ke3 Re1+ 36.Kf4**

36. Kd2 Re2+ 37. Kd1 Rxf2 is no better.

**36...d2 37.Rh6+ Kd7!**

It's important to both not allow White's rook access to the d-file AND not allow White to skewer the black king and queen, which would result in R vs. 3 pawns – probably a win, but needlessly difficult as I don't have to allow it if I play it right. Thus, my plan is to stay off the d-file from now on, though control White's rook access to it by advancing from checks up to c4, in which case White has no more moves to resist. White sees my plan and resigns.

**38.Rh7+ Kc6 0-1**

Samuel Fei He (2008) –

Michael J Morris (2033) [A65]

Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R3),

September 1, 2013

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.Nge2 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Ng3

a6 10.a4 e6 11.Be2 exd5 12.cxd5 h5 13.0-0 Nh7 14.h3 h4 15.Nh1 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.exf5



**17...gxf5?!**

17...Bxf5 looks more active.

**18.Qd2 Re8 19.Bf2 Nh6?**

Decentralizing to an even less active post. Is the idea to sacrifice the knight with ...Ng4? We'll see. 19...Bd7 20.Bd3 (20. Bh5 b5! =>) 20...Nf8 21.Rfe1 Qf6 White is having a little piece-coordination issue.

**20.Bh5 Rf8 21.Rfe1 Kh8 22.Rab1**

Another plan is 22.a5 Bd7 23.Na4

**22...Bf6 23.b4 cxb4?**

A little better is 23...b6 24.a5 cxb4 25.Rxb4 b5 26.Bb6 Qd7 but White still has a very clear advantage.

**24.Rxb4 Qc7 25.Ne2 Rg8 26.Nd4 Qg7 27.Bf3 Rb8 28.Rb6 Nf7**

[Diagram top of next column]

Nope, it's not hopping up to g4.

**29.Reb1?!**

29.Ne6! Qg6 (29...



Bxe6 30.dxe6 Bc3 31.Qe3 Bxe1 32.Bxe1 Rge8 33.Bc3 Nf6 34.Bh5 should win: 34... Rg8 35.Bxf6 Qxf6 36.Bxf7 Rg7 37.Kh2) 30.Qb4 White is dominating the board.

**29...Bd8 30.Rxa6**

White can keep a big plus by maintaining the pressure with 30.R6b3.

**30...Bc7**

30...Ne5!? 31.fxe5 Ng5 32.Kf1 is a little unclear, though White must surely still have the better chances.

**31.Ra7 Nf6 32.Qc2 Nh6 33.a5**

33.Nc6!

**33...Ne4 34.Rc1**

34.Nc6! again.

**34...Nxf2 35.Qxf2 Bd8 36.Nc6 Bf6 37.Rd1**

Or 37.Rc4

**37...Bd7 38.Nxb8 Rxb8 39.Kh2 Ba4**



**40.Rd2**

40.Rb1 Bd4 (40...Ng4+ 41.hxg4 fxg4 42.Bxg4 Qxg4 43.Raxb7 and the a-pawn will triumph.) 41.Rbxb7! Rxb7 42.Rxb7 Bxf2 43.Rxg7 Kxg7 44.Nxf2 looks like a straightforward win. 44...Bb5 45.Nd1 Ng8 46.Nc3 Ba6 47.Be2 for example.

**40...Ng4+!?**

Now it gets to g4! Black is losing, so although this may not be objectively sound, it is probably the best chance to muddy the waters.

**41.hxg4 fxg4 42.Be4**

Stronger is 42.a6! g3+ (42...gxf3 43.Qxf3) 43.Nxg3 hxg3+ 44.Qxg3 and White wins.

**42...Qh6 43.Kg1 Rc8**

[Diagram top of next page]

**44.Bc2?**

44.Qf1 Bb5! Black is developing some unpleasant activity to compensate for the







rook deficit. 45.Qd1 (45.Qe1 Qxf4 46.Rxb7 g3 47.Rxb5 Qxe4 48.Qd1 Kg8! unclear. White was threatening Qh5+ in some critical lines.) 45...Qxf4 46.Rxb7.



Analysis

46...Be2!! 47.Qxe2 (47.Rxe2 Rc1 unclear.) 47...Rc1+ 48.Rd1 (48.Qd1 Qxd2!!) 48...Bd4+ 49.Nf2 Qxf2+! (49...Bxf2+ 50.Kh1) 50.Kh1! (50.Qxf2?? Rxd1+ 51.Kh2 Bxf2 when White's only escape from the mating net is 52.Rh7+ Kg8 53.Rxh4 but Black still wins.) 50...Qxe2 51.Rxc1.



Analysis

51... Bc5 52.Re7 which looks to favor White somewhat, though obviously the complications to reach this position would be daunting in over-the-board play.

44...g3 45.Nxg3 hxg3 46.Qxg3 Bxc2 47.Qh3?

47.Qh2 is better, not so much because it keeps the pawns connected (as they're going to get split later anyway), but because the exchange of queens takes the white king off the dangerous g1-a7 diagonal. 47...Bh4 (47...Qxh2+ 48.Kxh2 Be4 49.Rxb7 White has the better chances.) 48.g3 Rg8 49.Ra8! (49.Rxc2 Qh5!; 49.Rg2? Be4) 49...Rxa8 50.Rxc2 Rxa5 (50...Rg8 51.Rg2) 51.Qh3! Threatening mayhem by infiltrating major pieces is stronger than taking the bishop. (51.Qxh4 Qxh4 52.gxh4 Rxd5 is a theoretical draw – even if Black loses both pawns!) 51...Ra8 52.Rc8+ (52.Qxh4 is also worth a look.) 52...Rxc8 53.Qxc8+ Kg7



Michael Morris. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

54.Qg4+ Kf7 55.gxh4 and White is doing well.(55.Qxh4 Qg6 lets the black queen get active.)

47...Qxh3 48.gxh3



48...Be4?

48...Bc3! 49.Rxc2 Otherwise ...Bd4+ picks up the a7-rook. 49...Bd4+ 50.Kh1 Rxc2 51.Rxb7 Ra2 Black has winning chances, though with so few pawns on the board he'll need to be very careful and accurate to convert the point.

49.Rxb7 Bh4 50.Kh2 Rc1 51.Rg2 Bxd5 52.Rd7 1/2-1/2

Corey J Russell (2246) –  
Noah Dennis Fields (1924) [B42]  
Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R3),  
September 1, 2013  
[Corey Russell]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.c4 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.h3 Nc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.f4 d6 13.Rc1 c5 14.f5 Bb7 15.Bg5 Qc6

[Diagram top of next column]

This threatens to win a pawn with the hidden threat on g2, but it's easily parried.

16.Rc2 Rad8?? 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Rcf2 Nh5 19.Bxd8 Rxd8

I may have won the exchange, but Black still has some play left, mostly on dark



squares – time to increase my own control of said squares or negate the enemy's.

20.Rf3 Qc7 21.Qe1 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Qe7 23.Ne2!



Note that White's b-pawn is immune – if Bxb2 then Rf7! and after wholesale exchanges Qb1 picks up an extra bishop in the deal.

23...Be5 24.Qf2 Rd7 25.g4

Winning yet more material. The critical line I had to analyze was 25. ... d5 26. cxd5 exd5 27. gxh5 dxe4 28. Bc4+ Kg7 29. Rf7+ Kh6 30. Qe3+ decisive, +-

25...Nf6 26.Rxf6 Bxf6 27.Qxf6 Qxf6 28.Rxf6 d5 29.Rxe6 Kf7 30.cxd5 Rxd5 31.exd5 Bxd5+ 32.Re4 c4 33.Be2

Technically Bxc4 is far superior – but considering my opponent resigned



immediately after the text, it's of little difference, here anyways.

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**Becca Lampman (2045) –  
Kyle Haining (1948) [A76]**

Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R3),  
September 1, 2013  
*[Ralph Dubisch]*

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3  
0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.cxd5  
Re8 10.Qc2 a6 11.a4 Nbd7 12.h3 Ne5  
13.Nd2

13.Nxe5 Rxe5 14.Bf4 Re8 += is also possible.

13...Rb8 14.f4 Ned7 15.Nc4 Qc7 16.a5 b5  
17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Na5 Bd7!? 19.Bxa6



Posting the bishop on f3 to solidify the pawn center makes sense here.

19...c4

19...Nxe4! 20.Nxe4 Nxd5! threatens ...Nb4 and leaves White with many hanging pieces: 21.Bc4 (21.Bd2 Rxb2) 21...Nb4 22.Qb3 Rxe4 23.Bxf7+ Kh8 may look like material equality, but White's forces do not coordinate well.

20.Kh2 Ra8 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.Bxb5 Nbd7  
23.Bd2 Rab8 24.Bxd7 Qxd7 25.Nc6



25.Bc3 Nxe4 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Nc6 still offers White decent chances.

25...Rxb2! 26.Qc1 Nxe4 27.Ra7 Qxa7  
28.Nxa7 Nxd2 29.Rf2 c3 30.Nc6 Nb3  
31.Qg1 c2 32.Rf1 Re2 33.Kh1 Bc3  
34.Qb6 Rb1 0-1

**Kyle Haining (1948) –  
Nick Raptis (2375) [C06]**

Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R4),  
September 1, 2013  
*[Ralph Dubisch]*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.c3



*Kyle Haining after beating both Becca Lampman and Nick Raptis in the same day. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*

c5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6  
Nxf6 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Bf4 Bxf4  
13.Nxf4 Ne4 14.Nh5 g6 15.Ng3 Nxc3  
16.hxg3 Qb6 17.Ng5?

17.Qa4 a6 18.Rab1 Bd7 19.Be2 Ne5  
20.Qd1 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 =

17...Qxd4 18.Rc1?!

18.Qb3!? perhaps.

18...Bd7?

Black should try the greedy grab 18... Qxb2 and it isn't clear how White is going to drum up compensation for two pawns. 19.Nxh7? (19.Rb1 is better, but a queen retreat along the diagonal still leaves White with no obvious compensation: 19...Qf6 20.f4 a6) 19...Kxh7 20.Qh5+ Kg8 21.Bxg6 (21.Qxg6+ Qg7) 21...Qh8 22.Qg5 Qg7 and White has significantly less than nothing for the piece.

19.Nxh7! Rf7 20.Ng5 Rf6 21.Qe2 e5?



21...Raf8 22.Nf3 Qb6 23.Qd2 Kg7 24.Bb1 +=

22.Be4! Raf8 23.Rcd1 Rxf2 24.Rxd4 Rxe2

24...Rxf1+ 25.Kh2 exd4 26.Bxd5+ Kg7 27.Bxc6 wins also.

25.Bxd5+ Kg7 26.Rh4 Bf5

[Diagram top of next page]

26...Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 doesn't help much.





27.Rh7+

27.g4 looks really strong, too: 27...Nd4  
28.Rh7+ Kf6 29.Ne4+ Rxe4 30.Bxe4

27...Kf6 28.Ne4+ Rxe4 29.Bxe4 Ke6  
30.g4 Bxe4 31.Rxf8 Nd4 32.g5 Kd5  
33.Rxb7 Bd3 34.Rxa7 e4 35.Rd7+ Ke5  
36.Re8+ Ne6 37.Rde7 Bc4 38.Rxe6+ 1-0

Daniel He (2175) –

Aaron Grabinsky (2087) [A13]

Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R4),  
September 1, 2013

[Daniel He]

This is a game from the Oregon Open that was held over the Labor Day weekend in Portland, Oregon. Entering the fourth round, Aaron and I were among the four players with a perfect score of 3.0. So it was a critical round.

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 Be7 4.Bb2 0-0 5.e3  
b6 6.Be2 Bb7 7.0-0 d6

7...d5 is a more popular move.

8.Nc3 Nbd7 9.d4 Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4  
11.Nd2 Bb7 12.e4 e5 13.d5 g6 14.Bg4 Nc5  
15.Qc2 Bc8 16.Bxc8 Qxc8 17.f4

Opening up the a1–h8 diagonal to make my bishop at b2 active.

17...Nd7

I thought this move was the best defense for Black. 17...f6 is too passive, and if 17...exf4 18.Qc3 forces 18...f6 blocking in Black's bishop.

18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Nf3 f6



In this position Black's f6-pawn was vulnerable on the open f-file. My plan was to attack the f6-pawn and put pressure on the e5-pawn at the same time.

20.Ne1 a5 21.a3 Qb7 22.Qe2

22.a4 is playable, but isn't forced. I am waiting for Black to put a rook on b8 so that way I can play a4 without wasting a



By some terrible quirk of fate, Gerald had been paired to the "Magician," for his first ever tournament.

move.

22...Rfb8?

22...Nc5 23.Rf3 c6!? must be close to equality. – Dubisch

23.a4?

This move stops all of Black's queenside play. The dark squares on the queenside are weak, but I am not worried about that because my play will be all on the kingside. If Black ever plays Nc5, Rf3 protects the b3-pawn while also preparing to double rooks on the f-file.

23.Qg4! strongly suggests 23...Nf8 when 24.Nd3 seems a clear plus for White. – Dubisch

23...Rf8 24.Rf3 Rf7 25.Nd3 Nc5 26.Nf2

I do not want to trade knights as his knight has no good squares, while my knight is headed for g4, where it is threatening both Nh6+ and attacking the f6-pawn.

26...Qc8 27.Rf1 Qd7 28.h3 Rff8

Black doesn't really have a good plan here. His pieces are badly placed and locked out.

29.Kh1

I played Kh1 to make sure my king is safe and to stop any threats of pins with Bc5. Black can't do anything, so why not bring the king to a safer square?

29...Qd8 30.Bc1

This threatens Bh6, where the rook will have to move. Rf7 lets me play Ng4 and Bg5, putting a lot of pressure on the f6-pawn. If Re8, the f6-pawn will be weaker.

30...Nd7 31.Ng4 g5?



31...Kh8!? – Dubisch

32.Nh6+

This is a very tricky move.

32...Kg7

Forced. Many players would play 32...Kh8? but there is a trap. 33.Bxg5!! Black cannot capture the bishop as 33...fxg5 34.Rxf8+ wins the queen.

33.Nf5+ Kg6?

33...Kh8 is relatively better. – Dubisch





Nick Raptis in his game versus Viktors Pupols. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

**34.h4 h6 35.Rh3**

My threat is hxg5 and then Qh5+.

**35...Rh8 36.Qg4 Qe8 37.Ng3 Rh7 38.Nh5**

Black's position is very hard to defend from here. None of Black's pieces can move! Now, my threat is 39.Qf5+, when 39...Kxh5 40.g4 is checkmate.

**38...Nf8 39.Qf5+ Kf7 40.Nxf6 Bxf6 41.Qxf6+ Kg8 42.hxg5 h5 43.Ba3 Ng6 44.g3 Nh8 45.Qe6+ Qxe6 46.dxe6 Re8 47.Rf6 c5 48.Bb2 Rhe7 49.Bxe5**

I calculated and concluded these exchanges lead to a winning rook endgame for me.

**49...Rxe6 50.Rxe6 Rxe6 51.Bxh8 Kxh8 52.Rxh5+ Kg7 53.Rh6!**

This is the winning move. Black definitely cannot trade rooks, but then he loses the b6-pawn and eventually a5 or c5.

**53...Rxe4 54.Rxb6 Rg4 55.Kg2 Rxc6 56.Rb5**

Despite the loss, Aaron won both Round 5 and Round 6, and ended up winning the Oregon Open with a total score of 5.0.

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**Reed Sorensen (1998) – Corey J Russell (2246) [A58]**  
Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R4),  
September 1, 2013  
[Corey Russell]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5**

The Benko Gambit – used to be a very potent weapon, but few white players are fazed by it anymore. It's often necessary to adopt a very rigid structure, unless I want my position to collapse. But the drawback to this is that also means there ends up to be less winning chances. That's not such a big deal when playing against 2600's, but it ends up being quite a problem vs. 1900's when I am paired down, such as here.

**4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.g3 Bg7 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Bxa6 10.Re1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 Qb8**

If 11. ... Qb6, it can get tempoed with Na4 in some lines and if position allows it even gives White a tempo with a4-a5 too, and even can fall to Rb1, Be3 and b4. No thanks to all the above.

**12.Rb1 Ng4**

Rybka recommends Bg5 here, and that's probably a good idea as that would have prevented Black's text move to mix up the position.

**13.Bd2 Bd4 14.Ne4**

Much better than 14. e3? Bg7 and the hole at d3 would become a huge problem for White.

**14...Bc4 15.Nxd4 cxd4 16.h3**

[Diagram top of next column]



For a long time here, I looked at 16. ... Ngf6 17. Nxf6+ Nxf6 18. Bh6 Rc8 19. Qxd4 Bxa2 20. Rbc1, but in my opinion, White has a good advantage – I need an alternative! Interestingly, Rybka recommends something similar to what I played but better: 16. ... Nge5! 17. f4 (not b3? Bxd5 =+) 17. ... Bxa2 18. fxe5 Bxb1 19. Qxb1 Nxe5, Black would get an extra pawn as well as a strong knight.

**16...Bxa2 17.hxg4 Bxb1 18.Qxb1 Qb3 19.Bg5 f6?!**

During the game I thought ...f6 was forced, but looking at it now I like ...Rfe8 instead. It's okay for him to do this, as the black knight, QR and Queen can get the counterplay I need without his help for now.

**20.Bh6 Rfb8 21.Nd2 Qxb2 22.Qe4 Ne5 23.Nf1**

Of course not 23. f4?? Qxd2 -+

**23...Ra1 24.Rxa1 Qxa1 25.f4 Nf7 26.g5 Qa7**



**27.e3**

In the post mortem, my opponent mentioned the black d-pawn was really bugging him and he wanted to get rid of it, even if it meant trading queens – I was happy to see that, as my chances to win are better in the endgame – Rybka recommends Qe6 here instead for White.

**27...dxe3 28.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 29.Nxe3 fxe5 30.fxe5 Nxh6 31.gxh6 Kf7 32.Nc2**

While this move does have some ideas, I thought 33. Ng4 (preventing Black's king from escaping) 33. ... Rb4 34. Bf3 looked rock solid to me, holds everything. I was actually intending to repeat with 34. ... Rb2 35. Be4 Rb4 36. Bf3, etc. I need to get a center passer immediately while I can so waste no time in trading for White's pesky d-pawn.

**32...e6 33.dxe6+ Kxe6 34.Nd4+ Kf6**

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35.Nf3 g5 36.g4 Rb4! 37.Bh3 Kg6 38.Kf2 Kxh6 39.Kg3 Kg6 40.Bg2 h5 41.gxh5+ Kxh5 42.Nh2 g4! 43.Bd5 Rd4 44.Be6 Rd3+



45.Kf4??

White's impatience (he made this move in literally 3 seconds) got the better of him. Instead 45. Kg2 Kh4 (45 ... g3 46. Nf3=) 46. Nxc4 Rg3+ 47. Kf2 Rxc4 48. Bxc4 Kxc4 49. Ke3 Kf5 50. Kd4 Ke6 51. Ke4 is a book draw.

45...g3 46.Bg4+ Kh6 47.Nf3 g2 48.Ng1 Ra3 49.Kf5 Ra1 50.Nh3 g1Q 51.Nxc4 Rxc4 52.Be2 Re1

White resigns. Black's plan is march his king to g7-f8 and get to c7, finally march up the c-file and force the white bishop to sac itself for the d-pawn and finally mate with his rook.

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Corey Russell (2246) –  
Kyle Haining (1948) [B08]

Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R5),  
September 2, 2013  
[Corey Russell]

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Nxe4

Chessbase 11 says this move has 55% success rate, and Bd3 53% in tourney practice.

8...dxe4 9.Ng5 c5 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qd5 12.Qc2

This move does several things: 1) attacks Black's e-pawn 2) Allows development of Bc4 with tempo 3) Sets up a trap if Black isn't careful, based on the hanging c8 bishop.

12...h6 13.Bc4 Qa5+ 14.Bd2

14.b4 Qxb4+ 15.Bd2 Qb6 16.Nxf7 Kh7±

14...Qd8!

Definitely the right move, White has no time to take the e-pawn with his knight, like he would like to. White is forced to trade his N and B for 2 pawns and a rook.

15.Nxf7 Rxf7 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qxe4 Nc6 18.Bc3 Bf5 19.Qf4 Qd5 20.0-0 Kg8

[Diagram top of next column]

Time to take stock of the position. I consider a bishop worth about 3.5 pawns so that means materially I'm up 1/2 a pawn. I'm sure Black has compensation here



Ralph Anthony getting set up for a game. Ralph is currently in first place for Northwest Grand Prix for the state of Washington. Photo credit: Jeff Roland



though. While the white QB does a critical function, it can't help in attacking. It will be a long time until white rooks have an avenue of attack. White does have more pawns on the kingside, though so decide that needs to be my plan to mobilize them – I notice though I need to use my king to assist them.

21.f3 Rf8 22.Qe3 Kh7 23.g4 Be6 24.Kh2

Of course, not 24. Kg2? g5=+, as the coming ...Rf4 blockade will be horrible. White can't play f4 if Kg2 because of the pin on the long diagonal.

24...h5 25.Kg3 Bh6 26.f4 Qd7

I knew Black would try something like this. I also knew that if I was forced to play g5, Black will cause lots of grief with the f5 square. So instead, I use indirect defense of g4.

27.Rae1

If Black takes g4 with his B, then the intermezzo e6! first wins the bishop. Rybka says Black can take the a2-pawn and I agree. I wasn't certain what I would do if he did.

27...Bd5

My Master Sense was tingling after that move – what is he up to? Unfortunately I failed to take my own advice – always look

at forcing moves! Many combos are based on such.

28.Qd3?

I believe a much better plan is 28. b3, with the idea of Re2-f2, THEN Qd3. The text weakens defense of f4 and Black correctly takes advantage of it.

28...h4+! 29.Kxh4 Bxf4



If 29. ... Rxf4 then 30. Kg3.

30.Rxf4! Rxf4 31.Kg5! =

It's rare you see an attack led by the king in the middle game – in this case, White's king is double-attacking the pawn on a6 and the black rook. Black can't really defend both.

31...Rf8 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Qh6+ Kg8 34.Qg6+ Kh8 35.Qh6+

There's no mate here. Technically material is even three pawns for the knight. However Black's pieces are better than White's, so draw by perpetual check seemed like a reasonable outcome considering the circumstances.

1/2-1/2



David Rupel (2069) –  
 Corey J Russell (2246) [A31]  
 Oregon Open (Open) Portland, OR (R6),  
 September 2, 2013  
 [Corey Russell]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5  
 5.Nc2

Extremely solid – and also extremely drawish. This isn't a problem for me when playing against a 2600, but it's a big issue when I'm paired down in a Swiss. I believe every game in my entire LIFE in this exact variation has ended in a draw in slow time controls, regardless of opposition. Might be time to either find something different vs. 3. Nf3, or even drop 2. ... c5.

5...d5 6.cxd5 Qxd5 7.Qxd5 Nxd5 8.e4  
 Nb4

As a higher rated player, I'd prefer to keep pieces on if I could, but Nc3 and Ne3-d5 is too big of a strategic threat to allow.

9.Nxb4 Bxb4+ 10.Bd2 Nc6 11.Nc3 Be6  
 12.Bb5 0-0-0

White can weaken Black's queen-side which is relevant. I thought I might be better here, because if he does that I get the 2 bishops and the d-file. I wasn't able to get anything out of it, though, so now I think this position is dead even.

13.a3 Bc5 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nd1!



15...Kb7

I didn't like the time-out needed to do this, but letting White win the black c-pawn with Rc1 can't be right.

Maybe this is the improvement Black is looking for to revitalize this opening: 15... Rd4! winning a tempo on the e-pawn, with ideas of possible interposition on c4 against c-file attacks. 16.f3 (16.Nc3 Rd3 17.Nd1 Rhd8 18.Be3 Bd4) 16...Rhd8 with a clear advantage. – Dubisch

16.Rc1 Bd4 17.Be3

The plan I chose in the game was fruitless. What gave me the most trouble (by far!) was the white knight on e3, it was huge on both defense and offense. Therefore, in hindsight perhaps ...g6 is the better plan, with the idea of f5-f4 pushing the white knight around. Example: 17. ... g6 18. Bxe3 Rxd4 19. f3 f5 20. exf5 gxf5 21. Ne3 f4 22. Nc2 Rd3 looks decent for Black, and definitely has winning chances there, unlike the game.

17...Bxe3 18.Nxe3 Rd4 19.f3 Rhd8



L-R: Kian Patel, Ari Bluffstone, James Yu Chen analyzing a completed game between rounds. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

20.Rd1 Rxd1+ 21.Nxd1 Bb3



Rybka thinks this is wrong – now that I finished my game, I agree. The bishop is badly needed to stay at e6 to limit any useful knight moves, so ...Kb6 looks better.

22.Ne3 Ba4?

Black was trying to prevent the white rook from entering the game, but this is a mistake, as it doesn't work. Thus admitting my mistake with ...Bb3-e6 is better.

23.Rf1! f6 24.Rf2 Rd3?! 25.Nf5 g6  
 26.Nh6 Rd1+ 27.Ke2 Kb6 28.Ke3 Bb3

My idea is that an immediate rook trade I then do ... Be6=. However, I think White is slightly better with 29. Ng4 Re6 30. Rd2 Re6 (forced). I don't see me winning this so offered the draw, and it seemed like a good idea to my opponent as well. Hmm, Rybka says white has a clear advantage in the final position if he does the line I mention above, so guess I should be happy I dodged a bullet...

1/2-1/2

Venkat Sriteja Doddapaneni (1521) –  
 Tai Pruce-Zimmerman (1256) [C78]  
 Oregon Open (Reserve) Portland, OR  
 (R2), August 31, 2013  
 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 b5

5.Bb3 Nf6 6.d3 Bc5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bd5 Bb7

Probably best is 8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Nb4

9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Nxe5 Bb7 11.d4

11.Nf3 gives White excellent chances to keep the extra pawn.

11...Bb6



12.f3

12.Bg5! gives back the pawn to catch up in development. It seems to be a mistake for Black to take it right away: 12...Bxe4?! (12...h6 starts some serious complications, but the forcing line seems to favor White: 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Nxd7 Qxd4 15.Qxd4 (15.Nxb6 Qxe4! 16.f3 Qe3+ 17.Kh1 Qxb6 Black's rooks get active very quickly here.; 15.Nxf8 Qxb2 16.Nd2 Rxf8 and Black seems to have good compensation for the exchange.) 15...Bxd4 16.c3 Rfd8 17.cxd4 Rxd7

Analysis





Tai Pruce-Zimmerman having a great tournament in the Reserve section.  
Photo credit: Jeff Roland

18.Nd2! (18.d5 f5 19.f3 fxe4 20.fxe4 c6! =)  
18...Rxd4 19.Nb3 Rd6 (19...Rxe4 20.Nc5)  
20.f3 White's knight is better than Black's  
bishop, and the backward c-pawn is cause  
for concern.) 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Ng4.

12...d6 13.Nd3 Bxd4+ 14.Kh1 Nh5!  
15.Bd2 f5! 16.exf5 Rxf5 17.c3



17...Ng3+ 18.hxg3 Rh5# 0-1

Gavin Zhang –  
Andrea Botez [B09]

August Open North Clackamas, OR,  
August 17, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3  
0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5

7...Qa5 is the preferred way to handle the  
dxc5 capture in the Pirc/Modern Defense.  
By pinning the knight Black threatens  
...Nxe4, which in turn would put intolerable  
pressure on c3. When White defends the  
e-pawn, Black will likely recapture on c5  
with the queen, leading to Sicilian Dragon  
positions but avoiding lines such as the  
Yugoslav Attack, among other things.

Black's extra center pawn and play along  
the half-open c-file, along with White's  
weakening of the g1-a7 diagonal with f2-  
f4, should give Black fairly easy immediate  
equality and good long-term chances.

Not good for White is the attempt to grab  
material with 8.cxd6 Nxe4 9.dxe7 Re8  
when there is no chance of keeping the  
extra pawns and White will be left with  
persistent weaknesses and an unstable king  
position – at best.

8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3?!



Slightly dubious, as there's no retreat to  
g1 when the bishop comes under attack  
from a knight on g4. Here or on one of the  
previous two moves e4-e5 was possible.

10...b6

10...Nd4! takes advantage of the awkwardly  
placed white pieces, and gives Black at  
least a slight advantage.

11.Rad1 Bb7 12.e5 Ng4 13.Bf2

13.Bc1 Nb4 14.Rxd8+ Rxd8 15.Rd1  
Rxd1+ 16.Bxd1 looks fairly equal.

13...Nxf2

13...Bh6!?

14.Kxf2 Rac8 15.Rxd8+ Rxd8 16.Rd1  
Rxd1 17.Bxd1 f6 18.exf6 exf6

18...Bxf6 =+ due to the bishop-pair in an  
open position. The e7-pawn is not a real  
weakness.

19.Nb5 f5 20.c3

By releasing the pressure on the long  
diagonal for just one move (18...exf6),

Black allowed White to activate the c3-  
knight, shorten the range of the dark-square  
bishop, and prevent ...Nd4 with c2-c3.  
Now +=.

20...Kf8?



20...Bf6

21.Bb3

21.Ng5! forces Black to part with the h7-  
pawn, since 21...h6 (21...Kg8 22.Bb3+  
wins at least a piece.) 22.Ne6+ Kf7 23.Nxc5  
bxc5 24.Nd6+ wins material.

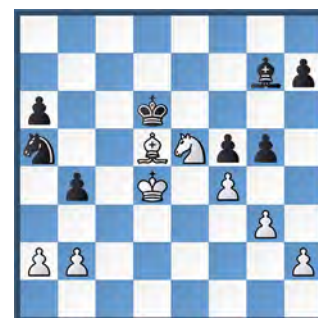
21...Ke7 22.Ke3 a6 23.Nc7 Na5

23...b5 =

24.Nd5+ Bxd5 25.Bxd5 b5 26.Kd3 b4  
27.cxb4 cxb4 28.Ne5

28.b3 keeps the plus. The h7-f5 pawn chain  
is vulnerable.

28...Kd6 29.Kd4 g5 30.g3



30...Bxe5+?

30...Nc6+ 31.Bxc6 Bxe5+ 32.fxe5+ Kxc6  
holds.; 30...Bf6 is also reasonable.

31.fxe5+ Kc7 32.e6

The obvious 32.Kc5 is also quite good.

32...Nc6+

Or 32...Kd6 when 33.b3 tends to lead to  
winning K+P endings or the loss of the  
knight on the rim, for example 33...h6 (3  
3...f4 34.gxf4 gxf4 35.Ke4 f3 36.Kxf3 Nc6  
37.Bxc6 Kxc6 38.Ke4 Kd6 39.Kf5; 33...g4  
34.e7 Kxe7 35.Ke5) 34.e7 Kxe7 35.Kc5.

33.Bxc6 Kxc6 34.Ke5 Kc7 35.Kxf5

35.Kf6 promotes quickly.

35...Kd8 36.Kf6 Ke8 37.e7 g4 38.a3 b3  
39.a4 a5 40.Ke6 h5 41.Kf6 h4 42.Kf5  
hxg3 43.hxg3 Kxe7 44.Kxg4 Kf6 45.Kh5  
Kg7 46.Kg5 1-0



# National Chess Day Portland Chess Club Fall Open October 12-13, 2013 \$1000 Guaranteed

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**Location:** Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97219

**Information:** check [www.pdxchess.org](http://www.pdxchess.org) for info and directions

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# Oregon Class Championships

## November 2-3, 2013

### Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel

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Entry Fee: \$50; \$45 if received by October 30

Time control: rounds 1-3 40/90, SD 30, d5; rounds 4-5 40/120, SD 60, d5  
Rounds: Saturday, 10, 2:15, 6:30; Sunday 10, ASAP

*The top Oregon finisher in the Master-Expert section is seeded into the 2014 Oregon Closed Championship.*

Site: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel  
1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR (free parking)

Registration: Saturday 9:00 am- 9:45 am. Other: OCF/WCF & USCF memberships required in all sections. OSA. NW Grand Prix. Classes may be combined if less than 8 in a section. One half-point bye allowed if requested before round 1. Official November ratings will be used.

Information: [www.pdxchess.org](http://www.pdxchess.org)

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# Idaho Chess News

## ICA Summer Classic

Thirty-seven players played in the 5<sup>th</sup> ICA Summer Classic held at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho August 17-18, 2013. This tournament was FIDE-rated in addition to be USCF-rated. It was also a 3x multiplier Northwest Chess Grand Prix event, as well as USCF Grand Prix event. George Lundy (Boise), Jon Fortune (Tualatin, OR who came several hundred miles just to assist), and Jeff Roland (Boise) were the main TD's, and further assistance was provided by Alise Pemsler (Eagle, ID) and Adam Porth (Bellevue, ID).

Viktors Pupols (Kingston, WA) and Caleb Kircher (Nampa, ID) tied for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> place overall with 4.5 points each. Michael Hosford (Bellevue, WA) and Hanniegn Pitre (Seattle) tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place overall with 3.5 points each. Cody Gorman (Eagle) took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the lower half of the open section with 3.5 points. George Lundy and Alex Machin (Boise) tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place in the lower half of the open section with 3 points each. Adam Porth was 1<sup>st</sup> place in the reserve (U1400) section with 4.5 points. Kyle Schwab (Boise) was 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the reserve (U1400) section with 4 points. Desmond Porth (Bellevue, ID) was 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the reserve (U1400) section with 3.5 points.

Out of the 37 players, 25 players were from the Treasure Valley – Boise, ID (16); Nampa, ID (2); Meridian, ID (1); Eagle, ID (5); and Nyssa, OR (1). But 12 players traveled substantial distances too. Kingston, WA (1); Bellevue, WA (1); Seattle, WA (1); Eugene, OR (1); San Pablo, CA (1); Mukilteo, WA (1); Genesee, ID (1); Bozeman, MT (1); Corvallis, OR (1); Bellevue, ID (2); and Tualatin, OR (1).

24 players were in the open section and 13 players made up the reserve (U1400) section. The spacious playing facilities, provided courtesy of the BSU Chess Club and Boise State University, were fantastic and gave all the players lots of room to stretch and walk around.

It was very nice to see the great representation of players from out-of-state. Not only was it good for the Idaho players to play new and different players, it was evident from comments made by the out-of-state players, that they too enjoyed the different playing styles and games of the Idaho players as well.

The ICA thanks everyone who came, played, and made this a most memorable and enjoyable event.



Peter Olsoy (left) vs. Viktors Pupols (right). Viktors did not get off board one the entire tournament. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

**Viktors Pupols (2214) –  
Peter John Olsoy (1745) [D55]**  
ICA Summer Classic (Open) Boise, ID  
(R2), August 17, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7  
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Qc2 b6  
9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.0-0 c5 12.b3  
Re8 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.Qb2 Bb4 15.Ne2  
Be7 16.Ned4



**16...Ne4?**

Black's choice loses the exchange by force. The white knight is eyeing the critical f5-square, and something like 16...Nc5 17.Bf5 Ra8 18.Ne5 still leaves White with a serious advantage.; 16...g6!? certainly looks like a nasty weakening of the kingside, but it's also the only way to dissuade White from occupying that f5-nexus. With ...Ne4 and piece exchanges coming up, Black may be able to manage the weakened king position and keep any White edge to a relative minimum.

17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Nf5 Qf6 19.Qxf6 Ndx6  
20.Ne7+ Kh8 21.Nxc8 Bxc8 22.Nd4 Nc5

23.Be2 Bd7 24.Rac1 a5 25.Rfd1 Be6  
26.h3 Nfe4 27.f3 Ng3 28.Bd3 h5 29.h4 g5  
30.hxg5 h4 31.Bb1 Rg8 32.g6 Kg7 33.Kf2  
Bc8 34.gxf7 Kxf7 35.a3 Re8 36.b4 axb4  
37.axb4 Na4 38.Nb5 Rd8 39.Rxc8 Rxc8  
40.Nd6+ Ke6 41.Nxc8 Nb2 42.Rd4 1-0

**Kenneth Sanderson (1700) –  
Michael E Vaughn (1754) [B00]**  
ICA Summer Classic (Open) Boise, ID  
(R2), August 17, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 Qd7  
5.Bb5 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 Na5 8.0-0 Nxb3  
9.axb3 h6 10.b4 e6 11.c3 Ne7 12.Nbd2  
Bd3 13.Re1 g5?!



13...Nc6 14.Nb3 Bh7 15.Qe2 Be7 16.Be3  
0-0 +=

**14.Re3**

Attacks the bishop, but is the rook improved by being on the third rank? Its retreat to e1 in two moves suggests not. Instead, White can improve the d2-knight to c5 with tempo: 14.Nb3 Bf5 15.Nc5 Qc6 16.Nd2 with a serious plus for White, who





*Kenneth Sanderson (Idaho State Champion in 1974) has not been seen at a tournament in many years. This picture was taken during round 5. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*

is going to hop all over the c5/a5 outposts.

**14...Bg6 15.Nb3 Nf5 16.Re1 Bh5 17.Re2 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Rg8 19.Re1 h5 20.h3 Be7 21.Be3 Rg6 22.Nd2 g4?**

22...Qc6 23.Nb3 0-0-0 24.Kh1 Nxe3 25.Rxe3 Rdg8 with interesting play for both sides.

**23.fgx4 hxg4 24.hxg4 Qc6 25.Nf1 Kd7 26.f3 Bh4 27.Re2**

27.Bf2

**27...Rh8 28.Rg2?!**

28.Bf4 looks complicated, but Black's actual compensation for the pawn is pretty nebulous.

**28...Nxe3 29.Nxe3 Bg5!**

Repositioning to f4 is a strong idea.

**30.Kf2 Bf4**

30...f6 here is possible.

**31.Qd3 Rgh6 32.Rag1 Bh2?! 33.Re1 f6?**

[Diagram next column]

33...Bf4 admits the sortie into h2 just cost a little time (hoping for the blunder of material 33.Rh1? no doubt), but retains some compensation for the single pawn.

**34.Nf1?**

34.exf6 Rxf6 (34...Qd6 35.g5 Rh3



36.Ke2 Bg3 37.Ra1 leaves White with a decisive mass of extra connected passed pawns.) 35.g5 Rf7 36.Qg6 and White has few worries, with a nice path via g4 for the knight to land on e5 or f6.

**34...Bf4 35.Ng3?**

35.exf6 Rxf6 36.g5 is still a superior choice.

**35...fxe5 36.Nh5 e4?**

36...Qd6 37.dxe5 Bxe5 38.Qe3 Bf6 39.Nxf6+ Rxf6 looks roughly even.

**37.fxe4 Bg5 38.e5?**

38.exd5 is possible, since 38...Bh4+ 39.Kg1 Qxd5 (39...exd5 40.Qf5+ Kd8 41.Re5) 40.Re5 Qa2 41.d5 is not healthy for Black.

**38...Bh4+ 39.Ng3 Rf8+ 40.Kg1 Rg8**

**41.Qf3 Rhg6 42.Qf7+ Kc8**



**43.Rf1??**

Too many guys are floating on the g-file. Necessary was 43.Ree2 Qc4 (43...Rxc4 44.Nh5) 44.Nh5 Qd3 45.Kh2 Kb7 46.Rd2 when things are far from completely clear.

**43...Rxc4 44.Rff2?**

44.Rf4 R4g7 45.Qxc7 Rxc7 46.Rxc4 Qc4 doesn't really offer much more hope.

**44...Rxc3**

Or 44...Bxc3 45.Rd2 R4g7

**45.Qxc8+ Rxc8 46.Rxc8+ Kb7 47.Rff8 Qd7 48.Rb8+ Kc6 49.Ra8 Qf7 50.Raf8 Qh5 51.Rg2 Qh6 52.Rf3 Qc1+ 53.Kh2 Bg5 54.Rgf2 Be3 55.Rg2 Bf4+ 0-1**





Seven-year-old Paul Sawyer (a week before his eighth birthday) recording his move in his game against Alise Pemsler from round 5. Photo credit: Jeff Roland



Alex Machin. Photo credit: Jeff Roland



L-R: Adam Porth, Kyle Schwab. Photo credit: Jeff Roland

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# WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION



## 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

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Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1900 \$100, \$75

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Prizes \$300, \$200, \$150, U1100 \$100, \$75

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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](mailto:eelco1972@hotmail.com)  
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Phone (425) 775-2500**

**Online Registration at [www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration](http://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 6:00 PM, Sat 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM, Sun 9:00 AM and 3:30 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, except Master and Expert sections will use 40/2, SD/1, d/5 for FIDE compliance. 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](mailto:DavidCHendricks@comcast.net).

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# Washington Chess News

## Seattle Sluggers

by Josh Sinanan

Here is our roster, which is available on the [www.chessleague.com](http://www.chessleague.com) website.

1	GM Timur Gareev	2768
2	IM Georgi Orlov	2533
3	GM Emil Anka	2497
4	FM Costin Cozianu	2478
5	FM Tian Sang	2324
6	NM Roland Feng	2268
7	FM Curt Collyer	2266
8	NM Joshua Sinanan	2246
9	Michael Omori	2179
10	WFM Megan Lee	2127

## Week 1: 8-27-2013



*Editor's Note: Play has a time control of game/75 with an increment of 30 seconds.*

The Sluggers held the Arizona Scorpions to a 2-2 tie in the opening match despite being outrated on every board! After starting down 1.5/2 on the upper boards, the match situation was looking grim since Curt Collyer had to play for a win against FM Atoufi in a roughly equal position. In the end Curt prevailed and mated his opponent on the 88th move with a King, Knight, and Rook!

The match was played at Seattle Chess Club under the supervision of Fred Kleist.

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## 2013 Schedule

Week	Date	Color	Opponent	Result
1	8/27/2013	W	Arizona Scorpions	tie, 2-2
2	9/4/2013	B	Los Angeles Vibe	lost, 1.5-2.5
3	9/10/2013	B	St. Louis Arch Bishops	lost, 1.5-2.5
4	9/17/2013	W	Philadelphia Inventors	
5	9/24/2013	W	San Francisco Mechanics	
6	10/2/2013	W	Dallas Destiny	
7	10/8/2013	B	Baltimore Kingfishers	
8	10/16/2013	W	Los Angeles Vibe	
9	10/22/2013	B	Arizona Scorpions	
10	10/30/2013	B	San Francisco Mechanics	

All games were played on chess.com, which seems to have a few more bugs than ICC, such as Megan's rooks disappearing from time to time.

Costin's game was the first to finish after he and IM Molner agreed to a draw in a level knight and rook ending. Costin played one of his favorite "closings" in the Ruy Lopez exchange variation and seemed to hold the advantage for most of the game. He went for an interesting piece sacrifice with 24.Bxf6, which Molner must have felt was poisonous to accept. The secret to Costin's success in this game was the Mexican food he had from the truck next to Starbucks prior to the match.

Tian made his Sluggers debut on board two against the very strong IM Levon Altonian. The game was delayed for nearly 40 minutes because Altonian thought the match started at 7 P.M. instead of 6 P.M., so Tian got to start with a significant time advantage. Tian got to play his preparation in the opening and reached a quite playable endgame with knight+bishop vs. bishop pair in a mostly closed position. Given Altonian's time pressure, it seemed like a

draw was imminent once the rooks were swapped on move 30. A few moves later, Tian decided to sack his knight for two pawns to create a fortress and entomb Levon's light square bishop for the rest of the game. Unfortunately for Tian, White was able to invade on the queenside with his King and force

zugzwang, after which Tian had to part with his extra pawns and enter a lost ending down a piece.

The hero of the match was unquestionably Curt Collyer, who eventually defeated FM Atoufi on board three in a topsy-turvy encounter. Curt tried to play his new favorite weapon, the Veresov Opening, which he has learned by watching Andrew Martin DVDs. Atoufi preferred to going into a Benoni structure and played c5 on the second move, after which Curt gained a comfortable space advantage. Black was holding to balance until he blundered on the 31st move with b5, which dropped a pawn and allowed Curt's knight to land on c6. In time pressure complications, Curt had to give the pawn back and the game entered a rook and knight ending with two pawns for both sides. Curt took advantage of the better placement of his king to create mating threats, which Atoufi met by advancing his passed h-pawn. In the end, Curt landed the final blow by allowing promotion but mating Atoufi anyway in the corner. Congrats to Curt for his clutch match-saving performance!

Megan also made her Sluggers debut on board four, facing off with black against NM Marmont. No doubt her brother Michael, a five-year Sluggers veteran himself, gave her some tips prior to the game! Megan responded to Marmont's Reti Opening with the always solid London/New York system, a set-up she is quite familiar with as a Slav specialist. The pawn structure changed on the 11th move, when Megan chose c5 instead of the more standard plan of Bh7, Qb6-a6. Marmont took on d5 and entered an isolated queen's pawn position, but he didn't really get sufficient pressure and Megan was able to reach a slightly better ending due to her control of the c-file. A



draw was agreed on the 43rd move in an equal position. Well done Megan!

Final score of the match: Seattle 2 - Arizona 2.

FM Costin Cozianu-SEA -  
IM Mackenzie Molner-ARZ [C85]  
USCL-Week 1, August 28, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Qe1 Nd7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Bd6 10.d3 Re8 11.Nbd2 b5 12.Qe3 Nf8 13.a4 Qe7 14.Rfe1 Bd7 15.Nf1 Ng6 16.Ng3 Bc5 17.d4 Bb6 18.Qc3 exd4 19.Nxd4 Qe5 20.Ndf5 Qxc3 21.Bxc3 f6 22.Nh5 Bxf5 23.exf5 Ne7 24.Bxf6 Nxf5 25.Bb2 Nd4 26.Kf1 Rf8 27.Re7 Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Nf5+ 29.Kf3 Nxe7 30.Bxg7 Nf5 31.Be5 Kf7 32.Rd1 Re8 33.Kf4 Nd6 34.Ng3 Be3+ 35.Kxe3 Rxe5+ 36.Kd2 bxa4 37.Rf1+ Ke6 38.bxa4 Nc4+ 39.Kc3 Ne3 40.Rf8 Nxc2 41.Rh8 Ne3 42.Rxh7 Nd5+ 43.Kd4 c5+ 44.Kc4 Nb6+ 45.Kd3 c4+ 46.Kd4 c5+ 47.Kc3 Nxa4+ 48.Kxc4 Nb6+ 49.Kd3 Kd5 50.Ra7 a5 51.Ne2 Rf5 52.c4+ Kc6 53.Rxa5 Rf3+ 54.Ke4 Rh3 55.Ra2 Nxc4 56.Nf4 Re3+ 57.Kf5 Nd6+ 58.Kg4 ½-½

FM Curt Collyer-SEA -  
FM Pedram Atoufi-ARZ [A43]  
USCL-Week 1, August 28, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.d5 g6 4.e4 d6 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.f3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bc4 e5?! 9...Qa5!?

10.Nge2 Qe8 11.0-0 Nfd7 12.Ng3 h5 13.Bd3 Kh7 14.Qe2 b6 15.Rae1 Ra7 16.Bd2 Qe7 17.Nd1 Nf6 18.Bg5 Qe8 19.b3 Ng8 20.Nb2 Bh6 21.Bxh6 Nxh6 22.Qd2 Nd7 23.h3 Qe7 24.Nc4 h4 25.Nh1 g5 26.Nf2 Rb7 27.Ng4 Rg8 28.Nce3 Nb8 29.Qe2 Ra7 30.Nc4 Nd7 31.Nge3 b5?

This gives up c6, not to mention losing a pawn.

32.Na5 Rc7 33.axb5 axb5 34.Bxb5 Nf6 35.Nc6 Qf8 36.Ng4

36.Qd2 Nh5 37.Qa5 has potential.

36...Nh5 37.Qd2 f5 38.exf5 Nxf5 39.Bd3 Kh8 40.Ra1

40.Bxf5 Bxf5 41.Ne3 Ng3 42.Rf2 Bg6 43.Nc4 looks pretty good for White.; 40.Qa5!?

40...Nfg3 41.Rfe1 Nf4 42.Ra8 Nxd5

43.Bc4 Nb6 44.Bxg8 Nxa8 45.Bd5

Or 45.Qxg5 Nf5 (45...Rxc6 46.Bd5) 46.Bd5 Rg7 47.Qd2 Nc7 48.Be4

45...Nb6 46.Na5?!

46.Qxg5! again favors White: 46...Bxg4 (46...Nxd5 47.Qxh4+ Rh7 (47...Kg8 48.Qxg3 Qg7 49.Na5) 48.Qxg3) 47.Qxg4 Nxd5 48.Qxh4+ Rh7 49.Qxg3

46...Nxd5?!

46...Qf4! 47.Ne3 (47.Qd1? Bxg4 48.hxg4 Qb4 49.Nc6 Qc3 White appears to be

losing a piece.) 47...Qd4 is starting to look good for Black.

47.Qxd5 Bxg4 48.hxg4 Rh7

White maintains the initiative after 48... Rd7 49.Nc4 as well.

49.Nc4 Rh6

49...h3 50.gxh3 e4 51.Nxd6 Qxf3 52.Qe5+ Rg7 53.Nxe4 is also good for White.

50.Ra1 Ne2+ 51.Kf2 Nf4



52.Qa8?

52.Qb7! Qg7 53.Ra8+ Kh7 54.Qe4+ Qg6 (54...Rg6 55.Nxd6) 55.Ra7+ Kh8 56.Nxe5! Qxe4 (56...dxe5 57.Qxe5+ Qf6 58.Qb8+) 57.Nf7+ Kg7 58.Nxh6+ Kxh6 59.fxe4 White wins.

52...Qxa8 53.Rxa8+ Kg7 54.Ne3 Re6 55.Nf5+ Kf7 56.Ra7+ Kf6 57.Rd7

57.g3!? hxg3+ 58.Nxg3 d5 is similar to the game, but with subtle differences.

57...d5

Or 57...e4!? with complications that tend toward equality.

58.Rc7 d4?



58...Ra6 59.Rxc5 Ra2 (threatening ...Nd3+) 60.Rc6+ Kf7 and it's hard to find a way for White to progress, despite the extra pawn.

59.Rxc5?

59.g3! hxg3+ (59...Ng6 60.Rxc5) 60.Nxg3 Kg6 61.Ne4 is the point. White goes after c5 with the knight instead of putting the king and rook into condition to be forked on d3.

59...d3 60.Rc8 dxc2 61.Rxc2 Rb6

61...e4! =

62.Rc3 Ra6 63.Ne3 Ra2+ 64.Rc2 Ra3 65.Rc6+ Kf7 66.Rc3 Ra2+ 67.Rc2 Ra3 68.Rc3

68.Nc4 Rxb3 (68...Nd3+ may be an improvement.) 69.Nxe5+ Ke6 70.Nc4

Nd3+ 71.Kg1 White has some chances.

68...Ra2+ 69.Rc2 Ra3

69...Nd3+ has a point: 70.Ke2 Rxc2+ 71.Nxc2 Nc1+

70.Nc4 Nd3+ 71.Ke3 Rxb3 72.Ke4 Ke6 73.Ne3??



73.Na5 Ra3 74.Nb7 still looks drawish.

73...Nf4?

Black misses a huge opportunity for an interference/decoy tactic. Notice that the white rook is protecting against checkmate by the knight from both c5 and f2 — and that the black rook isn't needed for either of those mates... 73...Rc3!! The only way to avoid checkmate is 74.f4 when (74.Rxc3 Nf2#) 74...Nc5+ 75.Kf3 e4+! 76.Ke2 Rxc2+ 77.Nxc2 gxf4 has really changed the complexion of the game. White can resign.

74.Rc6+ Kf7?!

74...Ke7 See the note to Black's move 78.

75.Rc2

75.Nc4! See the note to White's move 79.

75...Ke6 76.Rc6+ Kf7?!

76...Ke7 See the note to Black's move 78.

77.Rc5

77.Nc4! See the note to White's move 79.

77...Kf6 78.Rc6+ Kf7

78...Ke7 is a little safer, at least avoiding a later Ne5 with check, though of course 78... Kf7 is also a three-fold repetition, so Black could claim a draw.

79.Ra6?!

79.Nc4! goes on the offensive: 79...Nxg2 (79...Ne6 80.Nxe5+ Ke7 81.Rc4 offers White something to play with.) 80.Nxe5+ with the initiative.

79...Rb2?

79...Rc3 ties down the white king to defense of the knight for awhile. The position is unclear, but probably about equal.

80.Kf5 Re2

80...e4!?

81.Nc4 Nxg2 82.Ra7+

82.Nxe5+ Kg8 83.Kg6 Nf4+ (83...Kf8 84.Kf6 Kg8 85.Ra8+ Kh7 86.Ra7+ Kg8 87.Ng6 is the same mating net we see a few moves later in the game, only the black h-pawn is less dangerous.) 84.Kxg5 looks

good.

82...Kg8 83.Nxe5 h3



84.Ng6?

84.Kf6 Nf4 (84...h2 85.Ra8+ Kh7 86.Nf7 wins for White.) 85.Rg7+ Kf8 86.Rd7 Ke8 87.Rh7 may not yet be completely winning, but White appears to have chances.

84...h2 85.Ra8+??

White should play 85.Kf6 here, and is lucky to get another chance at it in two moves.

85...Kg7??

Now Black could win rather easily with 85...Kf7 86.Ra1 (86.Ra7+ Ke8 87.Rh7 Nh4+) 86...Re1 87.Ra7+ Ke8 88.Ra8+ Kd7

86.Ra7+ Kg8 87.Kf6!



87...Re8??

87...Re6+!! 88.Kxe6 Nf4+! (88...h1Q?? 89.Kf6) 89.Nxf4 h1Q 90.Nd5 Kh8! 91.Nf6 Qe1+ 92.Kf5 Qe6+! (92...Qe5+?? 93.Kg6 Qf5+ 94.gxf5 g4 95.Rh7#) 93.Kg6 (93.Kxg5?? Qe3+ 94.f4 Qxa7) 93...Qf7+! 94.Rxf7 stalemate.

88.Rg7# 1-0

IM Levon Altounian-ARZ –  
FM Tian Sang-SEA [A07]  
USCL-Week 1, August 28, 2013

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Bd6 4.0-0 e5 5.c4 dxc4 6.Qa4+ Nd7 7.Na3 Ngf6 8.Nxc4 0-0 9.d4 e4 10.Nfd2 Re8 11.Qc2 Qe7 12.Nxd6 cxd6 13.Nc4 d5 14.Ne3 Nb6 15.Bd2 Ng4 16.Qc5 Nxe3 17.Bxe3 Bg4 18.Rfe1 Rac8 19.Qxe7 Rxe7 20.h3 Bf5 21.g4 Be6 22.Bf4 Rc2 23.b3 Re8 24.Re1 Rec8 25.Kf1 f5 26.g5 Bf7 27.Ke1 Kf8

27...Bh5!?

28.Kd1 Rxc1+ 29.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 30.Kxc1 Ke7 31.Be5 g6 32.f4 Be8 33.a4

[Diagram top of next column]



33...Nxa4? 34.bxa4 Bxa4 35.e3 Bb5 36.h4 Kd7 37.Bh3 Ke6 38.Kb2 Be2 39.Kc3 a5 40.Bc7 a4 41.Kb4 b5 42.Bb6 Bd3 43.Bc5 Be2 44.Ka5 Kd7 45.h5 Ke6 46.h6 Bc4 47.Kb6 Be2 48.Kc7 b4 49.Bxb4 Bb5 50.Kb6 Be2 51.Ka5 Bd3 52.Kxa4 Bc4 53.Ka5 Be2 54.Kb6 Bd3 55.Kc6 Bc4 56.Bc5 Ba6 57.Kb6 Bc4 58.Ka5 Bd3 59.Kb4 Ba6 60.Kc3 Bc4 61.Kd2 Bd3 62.Ke1 Bc4 63.Bf1 Bxf1 64.Kxf1 Kd7 65.Ke2 Kc6 66.Kd2 Kb5 67.Kc3 Ka5 68.Kb3 Kb5 69.Bb4 Ka6 70.Ka4 Kb6 71.Ba3 Kc6 72.Ka5 1-0

NM Ben Marmont-ARZ –  
WFM Megan Lee-SEA [A12]  
USCL-Week 1, August 28, 2013

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.d3 h6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.a3 a5 11.Ra2 c5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.d4 Qb6 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.e3 Rfc8 16.Nd4 Bh7 17.N2f3 Bd6 18.Bh3 Re8 19.Nh4 Bf8 20.a4 Nc5 21.Bf5 g6 22.Bb1 Rac8 23.Nb5 Red8 24.Nf3 Na6 25.Qd4 Qxd4 26.Bxd4 Nd7 27.Bc3 Bb4 28.Bxb4 Nxb4 29.Rd2 Nc5 30.Nfd4 Ne4 31.Rdd1 Nc3 32.Nxc3 Rxc3 33.Rc1 Rdc8 34.Rxc3 Rxc3 35.Rd1



35...g5 36.Bxh7+ Kxh7 37.Kf1 Kg6 38.Ke2 f5 39.Kd2 Rd3+ 40.Ke2 Rc3 41.Kd2 Rd3+ 42.Ke2 Rc3 43.Kd2 Rc8 1/2-1/2

## Week 2: 9-4-2013



The Sluggers lost a close match against the Los Angeles Vibe. After a promising start on the bottom boards, the match seemed to turn against us and the results were anything but clear.

The match was played at Orlov Chess Academy in Greenlake under the supervision of our loyal TD Bert Rutgers. All games were again played on chess.com.

Georgi made his season debut on board one as black against the strong Armenian GM Melikset Kachiyan. He went for his favorite Pirc Defense, which Melikset countered with the sharp Austrian Attack. A typical Benoni structure developed with White controlling more central space, so Georgi responded by doubling on the c-file to pressure Melikset's backward pawn. A series of tactics ensued that saw Orlov sacrifice the exchange to break up the white pawn center, and Orlov soon was forced to give up his queen for two knights. As a seasoned Tango player, this did not seem to bother him too much, and Melikset was surprisingly unable to make progress despite having the queen. After a few more inaccuracies by White, Georgi was virtually winning and soon forced resignation with his unstoppable passed g-pawn. Way to go Georgi!

Board two featured a battle of the "Amas" when Amazon's Costin Cozianu took on L.A.'s Zhanibek Amanov. Costin chose the solid 5. d3 line against Zhanibek's archangel set-up, but soon found himself in a passive position with Black pressing forward on the kingside. Amanov soon penetrated on the f-file and won the exchange, for which Costin did not get enough compensation despite his extra pawn. He was forced to resign on move 36 facing the loss of one of his knights.

I was paired against the always dangerous WGM Tatev Abrahamyan on board three. I had prepared for an English attack, but she deviated on move 6 with f4, which is not considered to be as critical. After only 12 moves, I won a pawn with Bxa3 and had what I thought should be an easily winning position. To my opponent's credit, she defended well by using her rook along the d-file, and I soon went astray trying to figure out the best way to proceed. After my inaccuracy 14. b4?, I allowed her knight to penetrate on the queenside, the strength of which I had underestimated. I was soon forced to give back the pawn I had won and enter an inferior Q+minor piece ending. After the loss of my f-pawn, I tried unsuccessfully to sacrifice my knight for a perpetual, which Tatev easily parried and then converted her extra piece into a full point.

NM Roland Feng faced off against the somewhat unknown NM Mike Zaloznyy on board four. Black went for the Neo-Lasker Defense against Roland's Queen's Gambit, and Roland cleverly avoided any preparation by playing 8. Bg3 instead of trading on e7. Zaloznyy seemed a bit



confused by Roland's play and decided to give up a piece for two pawns. Roland graciously accepted his opponent's gift and traded down into a R, N, + 4 vs. R + 6 ending. At first glance it seemed that Roland would be able to convert his advantage by stopping the two invaders until black found the neat trick 38...d4, after which the task was no longer quite as simple. A series of trades resulted and soon a balanced rook ending was reached, but Roland had to press for the win given the match situation. A suspenseful finale ensued, when Roland's queen attempted to tie down Zaloznyy's rook and pawn. Slugger's fans had their fingers crossed on move 78, when Black has to find the tricky underpromotion 78...g1=N+! in order to save the game, since promoting to a queen would have allowed mate in 3. A drawn position was reached a few moves later.

Final score of the match: Los Angeles 2.5 - Seattle 1.5

**FM Costin Cozianu-SEA –  
IM Zhanibek Amanov-LA [C77]**  
USCL-Week 2, September 4, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.a4 Rb8 8.axb5 axb5 9.0-0? d6 10.c3 0-0? 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Nbd2 Qd7 16.Qc1 Bg6 17.Re1 Rfe8 18.Nf1 Kg7 19.Qd2 Bb6 20.h4 g4 21.N3h2 Nh5 22.Bd1 f5 23.exf5 Bxf5 24.Kh1 Rf8 25.f3 Qe7 26.fxg4 Nxc3+ 27.Nxc3 Bg6



28.g5?

28.Nf3!?! unclear.

28...Bf2 29.Ne4 Bxh4 30.gxh6+ Kh8 31.Bb3 Bxe1 32.Qxe1 Bf7 33.Bxf7 Rxf7 34.Nf3 Rg8 35.Qe3 Rf5 36.Nf2 Qf7 0-1

**GM Melikset Khachiyan-LA –  
IM Georgi Orlov-SEA [B09]**  
USCL-Week 2, September 4, 2013  
*[Ralph Dubisch]*

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Na6 7.0-0 c5 8.d5 Bg4 9.Be3 Rb8 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Rxf3 Nc7 12.a4 a6 13.a5 b5 14.axb6 Rxb6 15.Ra2 Rb4 16.Nb1?!

16.b3

16...Qb8 17.Bc1 c4

17...Rxe4!?! 18.Bxe4 (18.c3!?! Qb7 19.Bxe4 Nxe4) 18...Nxe4 19.Qd3 f5 20.Nd2 Nf6 21.c4 Re8 Black has some compensation for the exchange.

18.c3 exd3 19.cxb4 Nxe4 20.Rxd3 Qxb4?

20...Qb7 21.Be3 Rb8 is unclear.

21.Ra4 Qb6+ 22.Be3 Nc5 23.b4



It would be interesting to know if Georgi blundered into this position (20...Qxb4?) or actually chose the queen sacrifice intentionally. Either way, it's more tricky than good for Black.

23...Nxa4 24.Bxb6 Nxb6 25.Qb3 Nb5 26.Qa2 Ra8 27.Kh2 h5 28.Nd2 h4 29.Nc4 Nd7 30.Qf2 Rc8 31.Ne3

Superficially, it looks like White can pick up more material with 31.Nb6 Nxb6 32.Qxb6 Bh6 33.Rf3 Rc4 34.Qxa6 Rxb4 35.Qa5 Bxf4+ (35...Rb1 36.f5) 36.Rxf4 Rxf4 37.Qxb5 but 37...Re4 would be a hard fortress to break.

31...Bf6 32.Ng4 Rc4 33.Qa2

Perhaps it looked too obvious to be good, but 33.Nxf6+ Nxf6 34.Qxh4 could be quite strong: 34...Nc7 (34...Kg7!?! to keep the queen from the dangerous h6-square is worth a look.) 35.Qh6 Ncxd5 36.f5 and Black is in serious trouble.

33...Rxb4 34.Qxa6 Nc5



35.Nxf6+ exf6 36.Qc8+ Kg7 37.Re3 Ne4? 37...Re4 38.Rxe4 Nxe4 is still interesting.

38.Qc1?

38.Qb8! f5 (38...g5 39.Rxe4 Rxe4 40.Qxb5 gxf4 41.Qa6 hits d6 while keeping an eye on the e2-square.) 39.Ra3! and with the penetration of White's major pieces to the back rank, Black is thoroughly busted.

38...Ng3 39.Re8?

39.Re1 Guarding the first rank is much better. White should go exploring with the queen instead of the rook.

39...Nc7 40.Rd8 Nxd5

The position is suddenly (and temporarily) completely equal.

41.Qc8

41.Rxd6 Ne3! threatens 42...Nef1+ 43.Kg1 Ne2+ forking. 42.Qa1! Rxf4 43.Rd7! and after 43...Rf1 44.Rxf7+ Kxf7 45.Qa7+ Kf8 46.Qf7+ Kxf7 the evaluation of equality becomes clear.

41...Ne7 42.Qc1 d5?!

42...Nd5 43.Qe1 Re4 44.Qa1 Rxf4 45.Qa8 Ne3! 46.Rg8+ Kh6

Analysis



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Between Black's threat of perpetual check (...Nef1+, ...Ne2+, etc.) and stalemate themes if the black rook goes to f1, the game really has no choice but to end in a draw.

**43.Rd7 Re4?!**

43...Nef5 =

**44.Qb1 Re2**

44...Nef5 45.Rxd5 Ne3 46.Rd8 Rxf4 =  
47.Qb6 Rf1 48.Rg8+ Kxg8 49.Qd8+ Kg7  
50.Qh8+ Kxh8 stalemate.

**45.Qb4 Ngf5?!**

45...Nc6! 46.Qb7 Nd8!! 47.Qb4 Ne6!



Analysis

48.Rxd5 (48.Qb7 Nxf4 49.Rxf7+ Kh6  
50.Rh7+ Kg5 and wins.) 48...Rf2 and  
Black may actually stand better.

**46.Rd8 d4?**

46...Ne3 =

**47.Qb8 Nh6?**



47...g5

**48.Rxd4?**

48.Qb5! Re4 49.Qe8 It's getting hard for  
Black to hold the position together.

**48...Nc6 49.Qd6 Nxd4 50.Qxd4 Nf5  
51.Qd7?**

51.Qc3 Rf2 52.Qd3 Ng3 53.Kg1 Rxf4  
54.Kh2 Black is no doubt better, but still  
needs to prove this can be converted.

**51...Re1 52.g4 hxg3+ 53.Kg2 Re2+  
54.Kf1 g2+ 55.Kg1 Ne3 0-1**

NM Roland Feng-SEA –  
NM Mike Zaloznyy-LA [D56]  
USCL-Week 2, September 4, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6  
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.e3 Ne4 8.Bg3 Nxc3  
9.hxc3 c6 10.Qc2 Na6 11.c5 b6 12.Qa4  
bxc5?

12...Nb8

**13.Bxa6 Qb6 14.Bxc8 Qxb2 15.0-0!  
Rfxc8 16.Qb3**

16.Rfc1 White has a sound lead in material.

**16...Rab8**

16...Qxb3 17.axb3 cxd4 is still good for  
White, but Black has chances to eliminate  
the queenside and defend on just one side  
of the board: 18.Nxd4 (18.exd4 c5) 18...c5  
19.Nf3 Rab8 20.Nd2 (20.Rxa7 Bf6 21.Rc1  
Rxb3) 20...Bf6 21.Rac1 a5

**17.Qxb2 Rxb2 18.Na4 Rb5 19.Nxc5  
Bxc5 20.dxc5 Rxc5 21.Rfb1 Ra5 22.a4 c5  
23.Kf1 Rc6 24.Ne5 Rca6 25.Rb8+ Kh7  
26.Nxf7 Rxa4 27.Rxa4 Rxa4**



**28.Rc8 c4 29.Rc6 Ra1+ 30.Ke2 Ra2+  
31.Kf3 a5 32.Rxe6 a4 33.Ne5**

33.g4! threatens g4-g5-g6+. 33...g6 34.Re7  
Kg7 (34...Kg8 35.Nxh6+) 35.Nd8+ Kf6  
36.Re6+ Kg7 (36...Kg5 37.g3) 37.Ra6  
and White is better positioned to battle the  
queenside passers, with the knight about to  
swing up to d4 via e6+.

**33...a3 34.Ra6 c3 35.Nd3 c2 36.Rc6 Rb2  
37.Rc3 a2 38.Ra3 d4 39.Ke4 dxe3 40.fxe3  
h5**



**41.Nc1 Rb1 42.Rxa2 Rxc1 43.Kd3 Rd1+  
44.Kxc2 Rd5 45.Ra4 Rg5 46.g4 Kh6  
47.Kd3 hxg4 48.Ke4 g6 49.Kf4 Kh5 50.e4  
Rb5 51.Ra3 =**

51.e5!?

**51...Rb2 52.e5 Rxg2 53.e6 g5+ 54.Ke5  
Re2+ 55.Kf6 Kh4 56.Ra4 Kh3 57.Ra5  
Kh4 58.Ra4 Rf2+ 59.Kg6 Re2 60.Kf7  
Kh3 61.Ra3+ g3 62.e7 Kh2 63.Ra2 Rf2+  
64.Kg6 Rxa2 65.e8Q g2 66.Qe5+ Kh1  
67.Qh8+ Kg1 68.Kxg5 Kf1 69.Qh3 Rf2  
70.Kg4 Re2 71.Qf3+ Ke1 72.Qc3+ Kf1  
73.Qf3+ Ke1 74.Qg3+ Kf1 75.Qf4+ Ke1  
76.Qc1+ Kf2 77.Qc5+ Kf1 78.Kf3**

[Diagram top of next column]

78...g1N+ 79.Qxg1+ Kxg1 80.Kxe2 1/2-1/2



WGM Tatev Abrahamyan-LA –  
NM Joshua Sinanan-SEA [B47]  
USCL-Week 2, September 4, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6  
5.Nc3 Qc7 6.f4 a6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 b5  
9.Be3 Bb7 10.0-0 Rc8 11.a3 Nf6 12.Bf3  
Bxa3 13.Rd3 Be7 14.Rd2 b4 15.Na4 0-0  
16.Nb6 Rcd8



17.e5 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Nh5 19.Nxd7 b3  
20.Rhd1 Qa5 21.cxb3 Bb4



**22.Kb1**

22.Nf6+ Nxf6 (22...gxf6 23.Qxd8 Bxd2+  
(23...Rxd8 24.Rxd8+ Bf8 25.exf6 Nxf6??  
26.Rg1+) 24.Qxd2) 23.Qxd8 Bxd2+ (23...  
Rxd8 24.Rxd8+ Bf8 25.exf6) 24.Qxd2  
Qa1+ 25.Kc2 Re8+ 26.Kd3 Qa2 27.Ke2  
Nd5

**22...Bxd2 23.Rxd2 Qb5**

23...Rfe8 looks necessary to keep the  
material.

**24.Qb6 Rfe8**

24...Qxb6 25.Bxb6 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 Nxf4 =

**25.Nf6+ Nxf6 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Qxd8+  
Ne8**

27...Qe8

**28.Bc5 h6**

28...Qxc5 29.Qxe8+ Qf8 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8  
31.Ka2 wins for White, i.e.: 31...Ke7  
32.Ka3 Kd7 33.Ka4 Kc6 34.Ka5 Kb7 35.b4



29.Ba3 Kh7 30.Qe7 Kg6 31.h4 Qc6 32.h5+ Kxh5 33.Qxf7+ g6 34.Bf8 Qxf3 35.Qxe8 Qxb3 36.Qd8 Qc4 37.Qd1+ Kh4 38.Bxh6 a5 39.Bg5+ Kg3 40.Qe1+ Kg4 41.Qxa5 Qf1+ 42.Ka2 Qc4+ 43.Ka3 Qd3+ 44.b3 1-0

## Week 3: 9-10-2013



The Sluggers lost a nail-biter against the St. Louis Arch Bishops. Strangely, Black pressed for the win in nearly every game, scoring an amazing 3.5/4 total points in the match.

The event was held at the Orlov Chess Academy in Redmond under the supervision of our special guest TD Dan Mathews. All games were again played on chess.com.

Georgi continued his hot streak on board one with a win over young GM Anatoly Bykhovsky from Israel, his second GM scalp in two games with the black pieces! Out of a Queen's Gambit Declined, Georgi was able to take the initiative with 10...f6! after a few inaccurate moves by White. A brief tactical skirmish followed in which White's queenside disappeared and his bishop got trapped on h4. Georgi may have had a faster win with 21...f5 followed by b5!, after which White must part with his bishop. Instead, he found a way to create a dangerous outside passed pawn and quickly liquidated into a winning endgame. Bykhovsky desperately sacked his bishop for some brief counter-play, which Orlov easily handled, and was forced to resign a few moves later with no way to stop the runaway passer. With this tremendous result, Georgi is now the MVP points leader after three weeks with a score of 10 points from two games! <http://uschessleague.com/league-leaders-2013.php>

GM Emil Anka made his Sluggers debut on board two against last year's league MVP, IM Kannappan. Out of a Qb6 Sicilian, Emil chose an aggressive set-up with 7. Qe2 followed by storming the kingside with his f- and g-pawns. A critical position occurred on the 18th move, when it may have been more prudent for Emil to recapture with knight on d4 so as to avoid the pin that resulted. A flurry of exchanges ensued and when the dust settled, Emil was down a pawn trying to defend a worse 2R+minor piece ending against his underrated opponent. In time pressure, the minor pieces were traded and White's king got trapped in a mating net on the first rank, from which there was no escape.

Tian played his favorite Dutch Stonewall Defense on board 3 against FM Kavutskiy, who formerly played for L.A. but now plays for St. Louis. Black seemed to equalize easily out of the opening by placing his knight on b4 and activating the notoriously passive light-squared stonewall bishop on the f1-a6 diagonal. A doubling on the open c-file brought Tian a pleasant advantage, and he seemed to be outplaying his young opponent with an active rook on c2 and better coordination amongst his pieces. Kavutskiy lashed out with 26. g4 in hopes of creating counterplay, to which Tian replied with opening the f-file and going for a mating attack. Just as he was about to land the decisive blow, White found a lucky knight sacrifice to force a perpetual and save the game.

Megan faced off against the quite underrated Jacob Wilkins on board four, in what was to be the most lopsided pairing of the match in terms of rating. Megan opted for a somewhat rare line against the advance French with 5. Be3, which Georgi helped her to prepare. Wilkins replied in turn with Ne7-f5, which is usually met by Bd3-xf5, damaging the black pawn structure. An interesting middle game position was reached with both sides castling short and Megan chose the plan of 12. Qc2, b3, and Nbd2 to active the rest of her pieces, when perhaps the faster developing moves 12. Na3 followed by e4 would have been preferred. Wilkins soon won the bishop pair and sacrificed the exchange to create two strong passed pawns on the queenside. Megan may have missed a chance to force a draw with 36. Rf1+, chasing the king away from defending the rook, and then returning to c1 to attack the weak c2 pawn. The B+2P ending that resulted was close to holding was it not for the time discrepancy, but Wilkins had amassed a serious time advantage and Megan was down to playing on the increment. Wilkins soon forced a breakthrough to queen one of his passers, and the resulting ending was winning for Black.

Final score of the match: St. Louis 2.5 - Seattle 1.5

### FM Konstantin Kavutskiy-STL – FM Tian Sang-SEA [A90] USCL-Week 3, September 10, 2013

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5 5.0-0 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.b3 Qe7 8.a4 0-0 9.Ba3 b6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Qc2 Na6 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Qb2 a5 14.Rac1 Ba6 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Ne5 Rac8 17.Qd2 Rc7 18.h3 Rfc8 19.Rfd1 Ne4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.axb5 Rc2 23.Rxc2 Rxc2 24.Qg5 h6 25.Qh5 Qe7 26.g4 ffg4 27.Nxg4 Qf7 28.Qe5 Rxc2 29.Rc1 Nc2 30.Kf1 Qf3 31.Qxe6+ Kh7 32.Nf6+ gxf6 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.Qf8+ Kh7 35.Qf7+ Kh8 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.Qf7+ 1/2-1/2

### GM Emil Anka-SEA – IM Priyadharshan Kannappan-ST [B32]

USCL-Week 3, September 10, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 e6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Qe2 Qc7 8.f4 b5 9.g4 d6 10.Be3 Nf6 11.g5 Nd7 12.Bg2 b4 13.Nd1 a5 14.c4 bxc3 15.Nxc3 a4

16.Nb5

16.Nd4 unclear.

16...Qb8 17.N3d4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4

18.Nxd4 Ba6 19.Qc2

18...Ba6 19.Bf1 Qb7



20.0-0-0 Rb8 21.Nxd6+ Bxd6 22.Qxa6 Bxf4+ 23.Kb1 Qxe4+ 24.Qd3 Qxd3+ 25.Rxd3 Bxg5 26.Bxg7 Rg8 27.Bd4 Bf6 28.Bxf6 Nxf6 29.Rd4 a3 30.b4 e5 31.Rh4 Ng4 32.Rg1 Rxb4+ 33.Kc1 Ke7 34.Bd3 Rc8+ 35.Bc2 Rb2 36.Rgxg4 Rxc2+ 37.Kd1 Rf2 0-1

### GM Anatoly Bykhovsky-STL – IM Georgi Orlov-SEA [D61] USCL-Week 3, September 10, 2013 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Rc1 f6 11.Bh4 Nxc5 12.a3 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qa4 14.Nd4?!

Leaving the h4-bishop loose along the rank is tactically risky. 14.Be2 is about equal.

14...e5 15.Bc4+ Kh8



16.Nb5? Be6

16...Bd7! wins material. Though there appear to be complications, they all favor Black:

a) 17.b3 Nxb3! 18.Qxb3 (18.Bxb3 Qxb5) 18...Qxb3 19.Bxb3 Bxb5

b) 17.b4 Rfc8 (or 17...Bxb5 18.bxc5 (18.Bxb5 Qxb5 19.bxc5 Rac8) 18...Rac8)

18.bxc5 Rxc5 19.0-0 Bxb5 20.Bxb5 Qxb5;  
c) 17.Nc7 Ne4 (or 17...b5 18.Nxa8 bxc4  
19.Nc7 Nd3+) 18.Bb3 Nxc3 19.Bxa4 Nxa4  
20.Nxa8 Rxa8 21.Rc7 Nb6.

**17.0-0**

17.Bxe6 Nxe6 18.Qc4 is only a small  
advantage to Black: 18...Qxc4 19.Rxc4 a6  
20.Nc3 Rfd8 21.Ke2

**17...Ne4**

17...Rac8! 18.Bxe6 Nxe6 19.Qxc8 Rxc8  
20.Rxc8+ Bf8 and Black is forking the two  
unprotected pieces. 21.Nc7 Qd7 doesn't  
help, and 22.Re8 Qxc7 23.Rxe6 Qf7 makes  
things even worse.

**18.Qd3 Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Qxb5 20.Qxe4  
Qxb2 21.Rc7?**

**21...Qxa3**

21...f5! discovers a diagonal attack on  
that loose h4-bishop. 22.Qc4 (22.Rb1 fxe4  
23.Rxb2 Bxb4) 22...b5!

**22.Qxb7 Rfb8 23.Qc6 Qd6 24.Qc2 Rd8  
25.h3 a5 26.Rb1**

26.Rc4 may extend the game by trying to  
blockade that extra passed pawn.

**26...a4 27.Rbb7 Qd1+ 28.Qxd1 Rxd1+  
29.Kh2**



**Bf8 30.Bxf6**

This doesn't work, but there isn't really  
anything better.

**30...gxf6 31.Rxh7+ Kg8 32.Rh4 f5 33.Rh5  
Rd6 34.Rg5+ Kh8 35.Rh5+ Bh6 36.Rb2  
a3 37.Ra2 Rb6 38.g4 Kg8 39.Rxf5 Rb2  
40.Ra1 Bxe3 0-1**

**WFM Megan Lee-SEA –**

**Jacob Wilkins-STL [C02]**

USCL-Week 3, September 10, 2013

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3  
Nge7 6.Nf3 Nf5 7.Qd2 Nxe3 8.fxe3 Qb6  
9.Bd3 c4 10.Be2 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Qc2  
f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.b3 cxb3 15.axb3  
e5 16.Kh1 Be6 17.Nbd2 Rac8 18.dxe5  
Nxe5 19.Nd4 Bf7 20.Qb2 Bg6 21.b4 a6  
22.N2b3 Nc4 23.Qc1 Rfe8 24.Bxc4 dxc4  
25.Nc5 Rxc5 26.bxc5 Qxc5 27.Qb2 Be4  
28.Rf4 Qd5 29.Rf2 Bg5 30.Qb6 Bxe3  
31.Rb2 Bxd4 32.Qxd4 Qxd4 33.cxd4 c3  
34.Re2 c2 35.Rc1 Kf7**

[Diagram top of next column]

**36.d5**

36.Rf1+ Kg6 37.Rc1 suggests a repetition.



**36...Bf5 37.Rf2 Kg6 38.Kg1 Rd8 39.Rd2  
a5 40.Kf2 a4 41.Rd4 b5 42.g4 Be6 43.Ke3  
Rxd5 44.Rxd5 Bxd5 45.Rxc2 b4 46.Rc5  
a3 47.Kd2 b3 48.Rxd5 a2 49.Rd6+ Kg5  
50.Rd5+ Kxg4 51.Rd4+ Kf5 52.Rd5+  
Ke4 53.Ra5 b2 54.Ra4+ Kd5 55.Ra5+  
Kc4 56.Rxa2 b1Q 57.Rc2+ Kd4 58.Rc7  
Qd3+ 59.Kc1 Qe3+ 60.Kb2 Qd2+ 61.Rc2  
Qb4+ 62.Kc1 Kd3 63.Rc8 Qf4+ 64.Kb2  
Qxh2+ 65.Kb3 Qd6 66.Rc1 Qb6+ 67.Ka4  
h5 0-1**

## 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.

**David Bragg –**

**Paul Bartron [D02]**

Olympia Open (R3), August 3, 2013

[Ralph Dubsich]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Bf5  
5.0-0 Nbd7 6.b3 e6 7.Nh4 Bg4 8.c4 Be7  
9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Nc3  
Qc7 13.f4 Bb4 14.Qd3 0-0-0 15.Bd2 Ba3  
16.g5 Ne4?**

16...Nh5 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5  
19.Rac1 (19.b4 Nb6 20.Qxa3 Nc4 21.Qd3  
is also interesting.) 19...Nc5 (19...Bxc1  
20.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 21.Bxc1 is much better  
for White than the game line: the bishop-  
pair and knight on the rim are in his favor.)  
20.Qf3 Kb8 (20...Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Kb8  
22.Rxc5 Qe7 23.e3 with more than enough  
for the exchange.) 21.b4 Bxc1 22.Rxc1 is  
a slight improvement for Black, though  
White's compensation is still adequate.

**17.cxd5?**

17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 seems a simple win  
of a pawn.

**17...exd5?**

17...Nxd2 18.Qxd2 exd5 19.Nxd5 cxd5  
20.Rac1 Nc5 looks about equal -- certainly  
better for Black than the previous note.  
21.Rc2 Kb8 22.b4 Ne4 23.Bxe4 Qd6  
24.Bg2 Bxb4 for example.

**18.Nxd5?**

18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Qc3 is at least a slight  
advantage. Black has problems with the  
bishop and e-pawn, and it's hard to see  
solving both of them.

**18...cxd5 19.Rac1 Bxc1 20.Rxc1 Nxd2?**

20...Ndc5 21.dxc5 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 and here  
White probably does not have quite enough  
for the exchange.

**21.Rxc7+ Kxc7 22.Bxd5 Nb6 23.Bg2?**

23.Bxf7! Rhf8 24.Qxg6! is winning by  
the simple expedient of lopping off black  
kingside pawns and promoting some of the  
white ones. 24...Rd7 25.Be6 Re7 26.Qc2+  
Kb8 27.f5 and once again the advanced  
knight is trapped, but the rest of the position  
has changed very much in favor of White.  
27...Nf1 doesn't escape, either: 28.Qc5!  
Ree8 29.Kxf1

**23...Nxb3 24.axb3 Kb8**

Not much better is 24...Rhe8 25.Qf3 Rd7  
26.Qxb7+ Kd8 27.Qb8+ Ke7

**25.d5**

Also 25.Qe4! Nd5 (25...Rd5 26.Qe7 Rd7  
27.Qe5+) 26.Qe5+ Nc7 27.Qxg7 should  
win for White.

**25...f5 26.gxf6 gxf6 27.e4 Rhe8**



27...Nd7 28.Qg3

**28.Qg3?**

28.d6! Re6 (28...Rd7 29.e5 fxe5 30.Qxg6)  
29.e5 fxe5 30.fxe5 Rd7 (30...Rxe5 31.Qc3!)  
31.Qe4 intending, among other things, to  
break the blockade with Bg2-f3-g4.

**28...f5! 29.Kf2 fxe4 30.f5+ Ka8 31.fxg6  
Nxd5 32.g7?!**

32.Ke1 first: 32...Nb4! 33.Qg5! Nc2+  
34.Ke2 e3 35.Bxb7+ Kxb7 36.Qb5+ Kc7  
37.Qc5+ and draws by repetition.

**32...e3+ 33.Ke1 Nc3**



**34.Bf3?**

34.Qf3! Rd1+ 35.Qxd1 Nxd1 36.Bd5! Nf2  
37.g8Q Rxg8 38.Bxg8 Nxb3 39.Ke2 puts  
White on the worse side of a likely draw.

**34...e2 35.Bxb7+ Kxb7 36.Qf3+ Kb6  
37.Qf6+ Kb5 38.Qf5+ Rd5 0-1**



# 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.

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**Entries:** Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

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## Tri-Cities Open

November 9-10, 2013

**Site:** Red Lion Richland Hanford House, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352. (509) 946-7611.

**HR:** \$89.95 until 11/9. 1-800-RED-LION, mention Chess Tournament.

5 Round Swiss, One Section.

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

Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating.

**Prize Fund:** \$450 (based on 30 paid entries).

1st \$125, 2nd \$100, U2000 \$75, U1700 \$75, U1400 \$75

**Entry Fee:** \$30 if postmarked or online by 11/6, \$40 after 11/6 or at site.

Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

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

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

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

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# The 2013 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskiaia Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, Point Purveyor

Well, that was nicely done in Portland. The Oregon Open, a 4x multiplier, drew 139 players, an increase of 50 players from last year! That is the highest Oregon Open turnout in the 11 years I've been tabulating the Grand Prix. It was very pleasing to see such good support of a premier Northwest event.

That was the first of two multiplier events in September. The other was the Seattle Fall Open, which was held the weekend of September 20. That event will be in the standings next month. Looking on to October, there are three (!) events with multipliers, but you can't play in them all. On the weekend of October 12, you will have to choose between the Portland Fall Open (3x) or the Eastern Washington Open in Spokane (2x). The third event, you are all invited to, the Washington Challengers' Cup in Seattle (2x), the last weekend of October. In addition to all of this are five more events being held during October in Idaho Falls, Portland, Seattle (2), Spokane, and Tacoma.

The end of August marked the two-thirds point in this year's contest. We appear to be on pace to set a few records this year, or at least come close. As of September 3, 599 players have taken part in one or more Grand Prix events. The record is the 651 who showed up for GP events last year. We will probably equal the record for events with multipliers, as we will have had 14 by the end of October, with the Washington Class coming up the end of November. We just need one more in December to tie the record of 16 set in 2009. The record for the total number of GP events in a year is 80, set in 2006 and 2009. As of October 31, we will be only 13 behind that mark, so a good last two months could bring this year close to that record.

The individual high point mark is in reach for Ralph Anthony of Washington, who has 194 points as of September 3, and should be well over 200 by the time you read this. The current record is held by Geoff Gale, who scored 279.5 back in 2005. Dennis Ambler came close to that record in 2010, with 276.

The standings below are complete through September 3.

## Northwest Chess Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
<b>Masters</b>								
			1 Raptis	Nick	118	1 Pupols	Viktors	133.5
			2 Haessler	Carl A	55	2 Bragg	David R	73
			3 Russell	Corey J	42	3 Feng	Roland	66.5
			4 Gay	Daniel Z	34	4 Collyer	Curt D	47
			5 Prochaska	Peter	18	5 Sinanan	Joshua C	45.5
<b>Experts</b>								
<b>M/X/Class A</b>			1 Cigan	Jason	74	1 Bartron	Paul R	98.5
1 Leslie	Cameron D	51.5	2 Tezcan	Yaman	72.5	2 Lampman	Becca	95
2 Kircher	Caleb P	30.5	3 Sherrard	Jerry	62.5	3 Nagase	Masayuki	89
3 Havrilla	Mark A	29.5	4 Botez	Alexandra V	59.5	4 He	Daniel M	88
4 Parsons	Larry R	7	5 Saputra	Yogi	52	5 Tiglon	Bryce	81
<b>Class A</b>								
<b>Class B</b>			1 Sun	Maxwell S	78	1 Smith	Micah	82
1 Roland	Jeffrey T	105.5	2 Yoshinaga	David K	50	2 Davis	Frederick A	81.5
2 Gorman	Cody A	26.5	3 Goffe	Michael P	47	3 Nagase	Toshihiro	81
3 Machin	Alex J	25	4 Trattner	Andrew L	45.5	4 Haining	Kyle	80
4 Douglas	Kurt P	17.5	5 Eagles	Roland	42.5	5 Fields	Noah D	76
5 Pemsler	Carmen	17						



Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
<b>Class C</b>			<b>Class B</b>								
1	Weyland	Ronald M	20	1	Berger	Brian F	67.5	1	Anthony	Ralph J	194
2	Gallivan	Ryan O	12	2	Burris	Christopher E	64	2	Buck	Stephen J	140.5
3	Edvalson	Paul	10.5	3	Culbreth	Adam	53.5	3	Piper	August	104.5
3	Harris	Hank	10.5	4	Zlatnik	Sean D	44.5	4	He	Anthony B	77.5
5	Imamovic	Nedzad	6	4	Vaughn	Michael E	42.5	5	Ramesh	Jothi N	63.5
<b>Class D</b>			<b>Class C</b>								
1	Porth	Adam	24	1	Hasuike	Mike L	84	1	Zhang	Eric M	95
2	Naccarato	Savanna	18	2	Sharan	Praveer	59.5	2	Chowdhury	Neil	74.5
3	Lang	Jamie	15	3	Shimada	Masakazu	56	3	Sehgal	Rahul	73.5
4	Roberts	Zane A	13.5	4	Samillano	Jazon	54	4	Haining	Breck	66
5	Two tied at		12	5	Wu	Ethan	52	5	Ramasamy	Vikram	55
<b>Class E and Below</b>			<b>Class D and Below</b>								
1	Porth	Desmond	21.5	1	Buerer	Harry F	61.5	1	Richards	Jerrold	101
2	Schwab	Kyle J	18	2	Jacobsen	Jason	50	2	Gulamali	Freya	58
3	Wetmur	Harold R	17	3	Grabinsky	Joshua	46	2	Chen	Brian	58
4	Blake	Isaac R	15	4	Markowski	Gregory A	44	4	Dixon	Max L	46
4	Pemslar	Alise B	15	5	Prideaux	Dave	40	5	Nicoski	Rick	42.5
<b>Overall Leaders, by State</b>											
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	105.5	1	Raptis	Nick	118	1	Anthony	Ralph J	194
2	Leslie	Cameron D	51.5	2	Hasuike	Mike L	84	2	Buck	Stephen J	140.5
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10	Schwab	Kyle J	18	10	Sharan	Praveer	59.5	11	Smith	Micah	82
12	Douglas	Kurt P	17.5	12	Shimada	Masakazu	56	12	Davis	Frederick A	81.5

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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.

☞ **Oct. 5, Nov. 2**

**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**

**SCC Novice**

**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.

☞ **Oct. 13, Nov. 10**

**Sunday Tornado**☞

**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.

**October 18-20**

**SCC Team in Reno!!**

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

## National Chess Day, Oct. 12

**100-bd. simul by NM Elliott Neff**

at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue

seeks to raise money to provide chess equipment for  
Huaheng Elementary School in Nanning, China

see [www.chess4life.com](http://www.chess4life.com) for details

or call 425-283-0549

## 7<sup>th</sup> SCC Extravaganza!!

November 15-17, 2012

A two-section, seven-round Swiss with a time control of **G/90** (Two-day option – rounds 1 & 2 @ G/45). The prize fund of **\$1000** is based on 54.

**Open: \$200-140, U2200 100, U2000 100**

**Reserve (U1800): First \$140-100, U1600 70, U1400 70, U1200 60, UNR 20**

Entry Fee: \$40 by 11/13 (\$30 for SCC members, \$35 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC), \$48 at site (\$36 for SCC members, \$42 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC).

Registration: Friday 7-7:45 p.m. Saturday 9-9:45 a.m. Rounds: Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 11-2:30-6, Sunday 11-2:30-6.

Two-Day Option: Rounds 1 & 2 Saturday 10-12. Byes: 3 available; 1 for rounds 5-7, must commit before round 3.

Miscellaneous: USCF & ICA/OCF/WCF membership required. OSA. NC, NS.

Ent/Info: SCC Tnmt Dir, 2420 S 137 St, Seattle WA 98168. 206-417-5405 (recorded message); [kleistcf@aol.com](mailto:kleistcf@aol.com).



## Upcoming Events

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

- ♣ **Oct 12-13** National Chess Day Portland Chess Club Fall Open, **Portland, OR**. See full-page ad on page 15
- ♣ **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. Registration: 9-9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00, Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees. 1st 25%, 2nd \$15%, U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.
- ♣ **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.idahocheessassociation.org. NC, NS, W.
- ♣ **Oct 26-27** Washington Challenger's Cup, **Seattle, WA**. See half-page ad on page 28
- Oct 26** Spokane G/10, **Spokane, WA**. Site: Spokane Valley Library, E. 12004 E. Main, Spokane, WA 99206. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45, E.F. \$11, T/C: G/10 (with 3 second delay), Format: round-robin (single or double depends on entries). Prizes: \$100 added to prize fund with at least 10 players competing. (Section and other prizes TBD.) USCF membership required & USCF rated, n/c. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, (509) 994-9739, Email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, www.spokanechessclub.org.
- ♣ **Oct 26/Nov 30** 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.
- ♣ **Nov 2-3** Oregon Class Championships, **Portland, OR**. See full-page ad on page 16
- ♣ **Nov 2** Southern Idaho Open, **Twin Falls, ID**. USCF membership required. 4SS, G/60;d5. In two sections Open/U1400. HUB (formerly Obenchain) Insurance Building, Community Room – rear entrance, 260 South Main, Twin Falls, ID. EF: \$30; (\$25 if Under 18 or 60+ years old) by 10/27. \$5 more for EVERYONE at site. Reg.: 8 am-8:30 am. Rds.: 9 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 5 pm. Prizes (based on 30): Open: \$150, \$125, \$100, \$75. U 1400: \$100, \$75, \$50. (1) half point bye for rounds 1-3 only. First round byes must notify TD before round is paired; all others, before round 2 is paired. Info: Barry Eacker, 208 733-6186 mol@q.com, or www.idahocheessassociation.org. NC. NS. W.
- ♣ **Nov 7, 14, 21** Turkey Quads, **Spokane, WA**. Gonzaga University (Herak Rm 121), Registration: 6:30-7:15 p.m. on Nov 7. One round per week. E.F. \$16. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay).
- ♣ **Nov. 9-10** Tri-Cities Open **Richland, WA**. See half-page ad on page 28
- ♣ **Nov 9** Washington G/60 Championship, **Tacoma, WA**. Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave E., Tacoma, which is located in the DTI Soccer Store Building across the street from Alfred's Café and four blocks down from the Tacoma Dome. Format: Four Round Swiss. Time Control: G60 +5 second delay. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 3:00, and 5:30 or ASAP. Entry Fee: \$30.00, Prize Fund: \$290.00 B16, 1st \$75 + Plaque, 2nd \$65, and 1st U 1800, 1600, 1400 \$50 each. One half-point bye will be available. NS NW NC. Entries / Information: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E B ST, TACOMA, WA 98445, (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com. Make checks payable to Gary J. Dorfner. USCF/WCF (or other state) membership required.
- ♣ **Nov 29-Dec 1** Washington Class Championship, **Lynnwood, WA**. See full-page ad on page 20