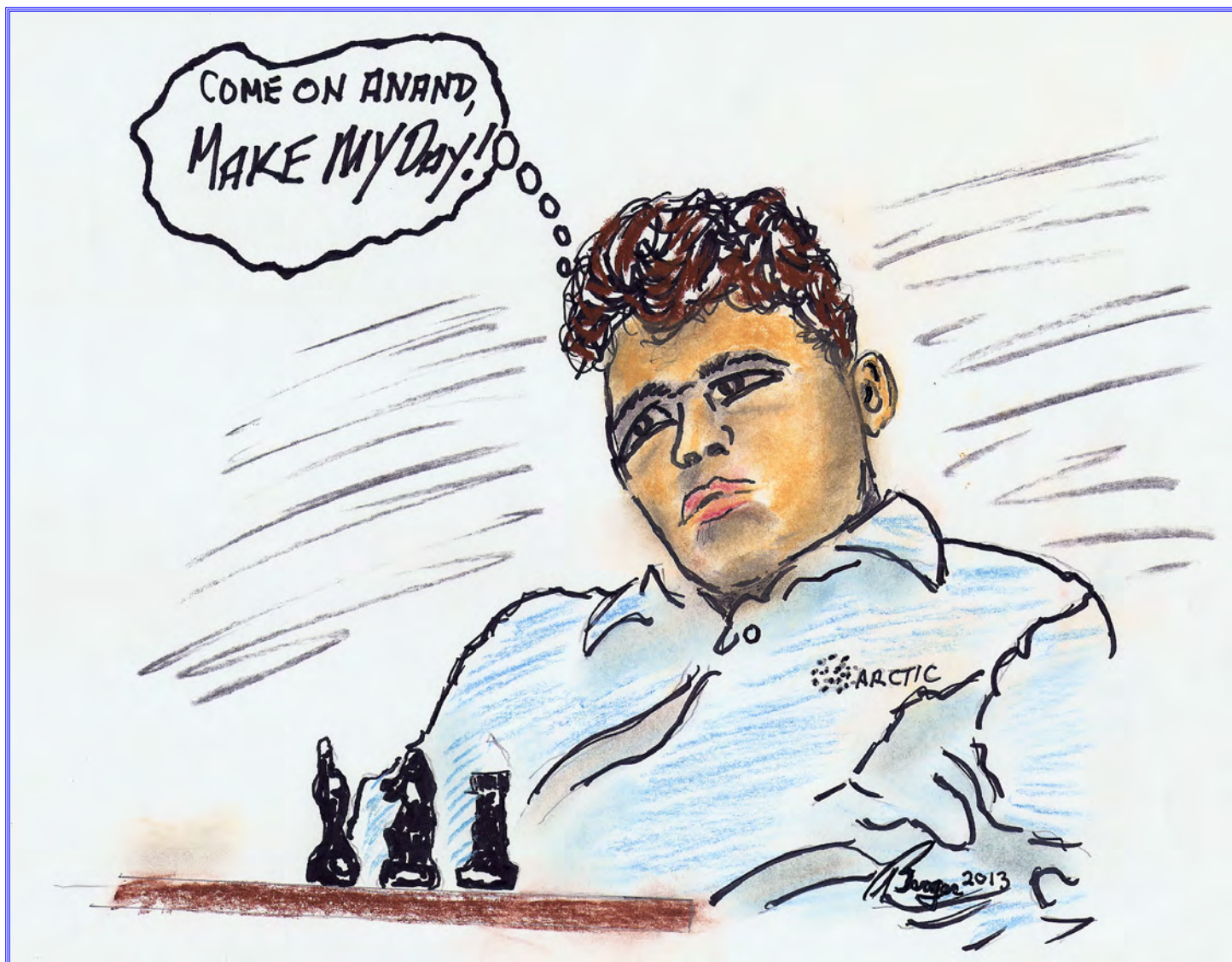


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Magnus Carlsen as drawn by local artist, Brian Berger, and done in color special for this issue. Magnus Carlsen won the World Chess Championship on November 22, 2013 by defeating Viswanathan Anand of India by a score of 6.5-3.5 in a highly visible 10-game match that opened on November 7 in Chennai, India.

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Jacob Stinar, a BSU student who currently resides in Eagle, Idaho juggling chess pieces while balancing a king on his forehead. These three pictures were taken by Jeff Roland with his smart phone on December 11, 2013.

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# From the Editor's Desk

I want to thank everyone who contributes material, gives their time and labor, the Northwest Chess Knights (see list on page 2), and to you, the readers who are interested in this publication. *Northwest Chess* is indeed a wonderful asset.

The Northwest is a great place to live and to play chess. This magazine simply features some of what happens here all the time. This is a fantastic chess community.

I encourage everyone to get out there and play in the events. Compete for those Northwest Chess Grand Prix points. Enjoy over-the-board chess. Make and cherish friends. Contribute games (in PGN if possible), articles, and photos. Share.

This is my 14th issue as your editor. I was assistant editor (in training to become editor) in August 2012 and became your editor in December 2012. I also wrote the Idaho Chess News starting with the October 2011 issue (when Ralph Dubisch was your editor). It is an honor and a delight to work on each issue. Every one of them is unique and special to me.

Enjoy!



Jeff Roland in his front yard in Boise on December 12, 2013 at 4:18 PM holding the freshly printed and designed front and back covers of this issue.  
Photo credit: Jacob Stinar courtesy of Jeff Roland.

# Oregon Chess News

## Oregon Junior Closed

by Dan Dalthorp

The Oregon Jr. Closed Championship was contested at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis on November 16-17. The Jr. Closed is a six-player round-robin featuring the top six Oregon scholastic players. With an average rating of nearly 2000 and the lowest-rated player at 1850, this year's event was the strongest on record. Amazingly, none of the participants were from either the Portland or Salem metropolitan areas.

Aaron Grabinsky (2163) from Coquille was the ratings favorite and eventual winner, scoring 4/5. Going into the last round, Aaron held a half-point lead over Erik Skalnes (1917) of Eugene. Erik had a solid advantage early in his final game against Yogi Saputra (2023) from Corvallis but only managed a draw. That meant that Aaron only needed a draw in his final game to clinch the title. He came out of the opening in his game against David Wen (1886, Corvallis) with an attractive position but had trouble finding a concrete plan to bring home the full point. He kept pressing and ended up in a precarious position. He was eventually able to salvage the draw to be named the 2013 Oregon Junior Champion.

**Aaron Grabinsky (2163) –  
Matt Dalthorp (1850) [B23]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R1), November 16, 2013  
[Matt Dalthorp]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 e6**

5...Nd4 is much better; I didn't know this at the time of the game.

**6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.d3 d5 8.e5 Ne7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Na4 c4 11.dxc4 Ba6**

11...Qa5 The last time we met in this variation, I tried this. He intended to continue with 12.b3 dxc4 13.Bd2 and a probable advantage.

**12.b3 dxc4 13.Qxd8 Rfxd8 14.Nc5 Bc8**

Black stands clearly worse already.

**15.Ba3 Nd5 16.Rfd1 c3**

This protects Black's knight from c4 motifs. I thought I would probably have to lose the pawn at some point, but I hoped that I could activate my pieces before then and have enough play to justify losing it.

**17.Ng5 Bf8**

This serves the threefold purpose of



L-R: Matt Dalthorp, Aaron Grabinsky, Maxwell Sun, David Wen. Photo credit: Nancy Keller

## Crosstable

##	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Aaron Grabinsky	W5	W2	W4	D3	D6	4
2	Erik Skalnes	W6	L1	W5	W4	D3	3.5
3	Yogi Saputra	D4	D5	D6	D1	D2	2.5
3	Maxwell Sun	D3	W6	L1	L2	W5	2.5
5	Matt Dalthorp	L1	D3	L2	W6	L4	1.5
6	David Wen	L2	L4	D3	L5	D1	1

protecting d6, pinning the c5-knight, and creating space so that the king can come to g7 to protect the f6-square.

**18.Nge4 Ba6!**

Black suddenly actually has some activity.

**19.Bc1 Be2 20.Rd4**

The game is nearly equal now, though Black must play carefully to preserve the balance.

**20...Bxc5**

This begins a misguided plan of attack.

**21.Nxc5 Nb6**

21...Ne7 22.Be3 Nf5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Bf2 White is better, but Black still has some play - certainly more than in the text.

**22.Be3**

The knight can't come to f5 to attack the bishop, so White should stand clearly better here.

**22...Nd5**

Hoping for a repetition or perhaps the chance to do something different after Bf2.

**23.Kf2 Nxe3**

This is not good, but there is nothing good really.

**24.Kxe3 Rxd4 25.Kxd4 Rd8+**

I had missed back on move 23 that White can simply take the c3-pawn.

**26.Kxc3**

26.Ke3 Rd2 was what I thought had to happen.

**26...h6 27.Re1 Bh5 28.Ne4 Kg7 29.h3**

Black is incredibly cramped.

**29...g5 30.fxc5 hxc5 31.Nxc5 Kg6 32.Ne4 Kg7 33.g4 Bg6**

This is just no fun at all for Black.

**34.h4 Bxe4 35.Rxe4 Rd5 36.b4 Kg6 37.a4**

a6

I was hoping to set up a blockade.

**38.Kb3 Kh6 39.Rc4 Rxe5 40.Rxc6 a5 41.b5 Re4**

Black's position is hopeless.

**42.Rc4 Re3+ 43.Kb2 Re5 44.b6 Rd5 45.b7 Rd8 46.Rc8 1-0**

**Aaron Grabinsky (2163) – Eric Skalmes (1917) [B23]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R2), November 16, 2013  
[Aaron Grabinsky]

Aaron's second round game against second-place finisher, Erik, was a complicated, double-edged affair. After both players castled kingside in a Grand Prix, Erik deliberately pried open the g-file, hoping to use it as a corridor for attack. But Aaron was quicker in taking advantage of the open lines and applied pressure until Erik eventually cracked in a dominating performance by the Champ.—Dan Dalthorp

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 a6 7.Bd3 d6 8.h3**

8.Nd5 Bg4 9.Be2; 8.Nxd4

**8...e6**

8...Nf6 9.Nxd4 cxd4; 8...Nf6 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Nd7 11.Nxd4 cxd4 12.e6 fxe6 13.Ne4 Nf6

**9.Nxd4 cxd4**

9...Bxd4+ 10.Kh2 Ne7 11.Ne2 Bf6

**10.Ne2 Ne7 11.c3 Nc6**

Erik criticized this move as he said he was planning f5, and the knight was needed on e7. Perhaps Qb6 here?

**12.Qe1 0-0 13.Qf2 dxc3 14.dxc3 f5**

A good move, as otherwise I might eventually play f5 myself; however maybe not right away as Ne5 looks kind of annoying.

**15.exf5**



**15...gxf5 16.Ng3 Qh4 17.Qf3 Bd7**

17...e5 e5 is tempting but after fxe5, then Nxe5, Qd5+ Kh8 Nxf5, and White wins a pawn. 18.fxe5 Nxe5 (18...f4 19.Bxf4 (19.exd6 Qxg3 20.Qe4 Qg6 21.Bc4+ Kh8) 19...dxe5) 19.Qd5+ Kh8 20.Nxf5

**18.Nh5 Bh8 19.Be3 Nd8**

19...Be8 20.Ng3

**20.Bf2 Qe7 21.g4 h6 22.Rae1 Qf7 23.Bh4 Nc6 24.Kh2 Kh7 25.Re2 Rg8 26.Rfe1 Rae8**

Here I realized that I don't have a clear breakthrough, but Black's pieces are all stuck defending my threats so I just decided to hang out for awhile, therefore Bb1!

**27.Bb1**

27.Ng3 Bg7 (27...Kg7 28.gxf5 exf5 29.Bxf5 (29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Rxe8 Qxe8 31.Bxf5 (31.Nxf5+)) 29...Bxf5 30.Nxf5+) 28.gxf5 exf5 29.Rxe8 Rxe8 30.Nxf5 Bxf5 31.Bxf5+ Kh8

**27...Na5**

And my waiting strategy immediately pays off! 27...Ne7 28.Bxe7

**28.gxf5 Bc6**

Erik is lost anyway at this point, so it is hard to criticize this move, as exf5 runs into Re7, winning the queen. This is why Na5 was a blunder. 28...exf5 29.Re7

**29.fxe6+ 1-0**

**Yogi Saputra (2023) – Matt Dalthorp (1850) [B52]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R2), November 16, 2013  
[Matt Dalthorp]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

Unusual choice from a player so well-accustomed to complicated positions. Of course, he didn't seem like he was in a fighting mood all tournament - he ended up drawing all five of his games.

**3...Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c4 g6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bg7 9.Nb3**

Also unusually passive-seeming. From here the knight can no longer support play in the center after the f-pawn is pushed.

**9...Nf6 10.Nc3 0-0 11.f4 Rac8 12.c5**

White has some play and some initiative.

**12...dxc5 13.e5 Qxd1 14.Rxd1 Ng4 15.h3 Nh6 16.Nxc5 Nxe5**

I think this move is necessary to try to eliminate White's advantages.

**17.Nd7 Nxd7 18.Rxd7 e6**

18...Nf5 19.g4 Bd4+ 20.Kg2 Nd6 21.Rxe7 Rfe8 22.Rd7 Red8 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8

**19.Be3 a6 20.Rxb7 Rb8 21.Rb3**

I was not expecting this at all. I think it gives Black a lot of choices.

**21...Nf5 22.Ba7 Ra8 23.Bf2**

I was hoping for 23.Rb7?? Rxa7 24.Rxa7 Bd4+

**23...Nd4 24.Rb7 Rab8 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Rd1 Nc6 27.Rd6 Nb4**

Black's advantage has all but dissipated.

**28.Ba7 Ra8 29.Bd4 Bxd4+ 30.Rxd4 Nc6 31.Rc4 Ne7 32.Rc7 Kf8 33.Kf2 Rd8 34.Ke2**

White has an advantage, but no inclination to try to exploit it. 1/2-1/2

**Matt Dalthorp (1850) – Eric Skalmes (1917) [B33]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R3), November 16, 2013  
[Matt Dalthorp]

Matt and Erik are long-time rivals and have played many hard-fought, closely-matched games against each other over the years. In the beginning, Erik dominated the match, but recently Matt opened up a lead: 8.5-5.5 in fourteen games. Erik decided to trot out a new opening to spice up their match...and worked beautifully.—Dan Dalthorp

**1.e4 c5**

He had told me before the game that he intended to deviate from his usual Najdorf. I had prepared for it just in case, but I was also anticipating something unusual.

**2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5**

And it's a Sveshnikov. Perfectly reasonable choice.

**6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6**

8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 is evidently more mainline.

**8...gxf6 9.Na3 b5**

9...f5 is supposed to be good here.

**10.Nd5 f5**

And now I'm out of book. I think he was too at this point.

**11.Bd3**

This seemed logical and correct, and is considered mainline. 11.Bxb5 I remembered having looked at this line before, but it was too complicated for me to attempt without considerable preparation. 11...axb5 12.Nxb5 Ra4 13.Nbc7+ (13.b4 is a Shirov innovation that he used very effectively, except against Kasparov, who shredded it.) 13...Kd7 14.0-0 Rxe4 15.Qh5 Nd4 16.c3 Ne2+ 17.Kh1 Kc6 Black's king is, of course, extremely weak and easy to target, but Black will get good play from his pieces, particularly since he has an extra one.

**11...Be6 12.c4**

This has hardly been played, and is not very good. 12.0-0 Bxd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.c3 Bg7 15.Qh5 is more standard.; 12.Qh5 Rg8 13.g3 Rg5 14.Qxh7 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ne7 16.0-0-0 e4 17.Be2 Qb6 is another way the position can be played. Black looks better, despite being down a pawn.

**12...bxc4 13.Nxc4 Bxd5 14.exd5 Nd4 15.Qa4+**

Black allows this move, but he is still quite well off. His king, surprisingly, will be safer than White's, and he can get good kingside play.

**15...Ke7 16.0-0**

16.f4 might be better. It creates a number

of weaknesses and leaves the White king in a bad situation, but White needs to play actively to exploit Black's own shaky king position. For example: 16...e4 17.Ne3 (17.Na5 exd3 18.Qxd4 Qxa5+ 19.b4 Qa4 20.Qxh8 Qxb4+ 21.Kf2 Qd2+ 22.Kg3 Qe3+ 23.Kh4 Qxf4+ 24.Kh3 Qg4#) 17...Bg7 18.Nxf5+ Nxf5 19.Qxe4+ Kf8 20.Qxf5 Qa5+ White is up two pawns, but Black has play and a weak king to play against.

**16...f4 17.Na5**

This may not be the right plan, as it allows Black too much activity and is too slow.

**17...Kf6 18.Nc6 Qd7**

18...Nxc6 19.dxc6 d5 20.Rfc1 leaves Black with attacking chances and a nice pawn-center, but White can get a lot of play out of the passed and advanced c-pawn.

**19.Rfc1**

Again, too slow and ineffectual. White's advantage is beginning to evaporate. 19.f3 is an important defensive resource that I didn't even consider.

**19...Rg8 20.Rc4??**

20.g3 Nf3+ (20...f3 21.Qd1 Qh3 22.Bf1 White is winning.) 21.Kg2 is solid.

**20...Qh3**

The game is over. Fritz gives mate in 9.

**21.Be4 f3 22.Bxf3 Qxf3 23.g3 Ne2+**

23...Rxc3+ 24.hxc3 Ne2+ 25.Kf1 Nxc3+ 26.Ke1 Qe2#

**24.Kf1 Nxc3+ 25.hxc3 Qh1+ 26.Ke2 Qxa1 27.Qc2**

White hopes for some desperation play on the kingside.

**27...Rg6 28.Rf4+ Kg7**

No need to overcomplicate, though Black could win easily by taking the rook.

**29.Rh4 Qxa2 30.Nb4 Qa5 31.Qf5 Rb8 32.Nc6 Rxb2+ 33.Kf1 Qb5+ 34.Kg1 Rb1+ 35.Kh2 Qf1 36.Qe4 Qg1+ 37.Kh3 Qh1+ 38.Qxh1 Rxh1+ 39.Kg2 Rxh4 0-1**

**Matt Dalthorp (1850) –  
David Wen (1886) [B12]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R4), November 17, 2013  
[Matt Dalthorp]

Matt and David have played several very sharp games in the Caro-Kann Advance variation, including in the OSCF state championships in Seaside last spring and in the first round of the 2012 Oregon Jr. Closed.--Dan Dalthorp

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 Bb4**

He's been sticking to this plan as of late.

**7.Bg2**

Probably too quiet.

7.h4 Be4 8.Rh3 The rook is actually quite good here, while the bishop can't hold it's

nice center square.

**7...Ne7 8.h4 h6**

8...h5 is more confrontational.

**9.Be3 Nd7 10.h5 Bh7 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4**

One of the problems for White in this opening is that it is easy for him to get overextended.

**12...Bb6 13.f4**

White must support the e5-pawn in case of a possible c5, though one begins to wonder what he can do with his king.

**13...Qc7 14.Na4 f6 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.bxc5 b6 17.cxb6 Nxb6**

This move gives Black the c4-square, but there is a tradeoff. The knight won't be able to stay forever, as White would like to trade his bad light-squares bishop for it on c4, if possible. Black also can't get as much pressure against the d4-pawn without a pawn on b6 to support a c5 push. The move is not a bad one, however, but it perhaps does not generate enough play to prevent Black from becoming passive.

**18.Bf2**

The bishop will not be subject to attack by the impending Nc4. Also, the h4-d8 diagonal now could have lots of potential targets for a dark-squares bishop.

**18...Nc4 19.Ng3**

This opens f1 for a bishop and prepares a possible future f5-break.

**19...Rb8 20.0-0**

White's king is actually fairly safe here.

**20...fxe5 21.dxe5 0-0**

This gives White all the play he'll need.

**22.Bc5 Rb5 23.Qd4**

All of a sudden White's pieces begin to dominate.

**23...Rf7**

23...Bxc2 24.Rfc1 Bh7 25.Rxc4 dxc4 26.Bd6 Qd7 27.Qxc4 Looks fun for White.

**24.a4 Rb7 25.Rf2 Nb6 26.Bf1**

White's light-squares bishop suddenly becomes a powerful piece as well. 26.a5 is probably even better.

**26...Nd7 27.Bd6 Qb6 28.Qxb6 axb6 29.c4**

The opening of the position can only really favor White, who has both a space advantage and a bishop pair.

**29...Nc5 30.a5**

White should be about winning.

**30...Nb3 31.a6 Ra7 32.Ra3 Na5**

Black seems to have encircled the pawn, but White can protect it and use it as a massive threat to force Black into passive defense.

**33.cxd5**

33.c5! Nc4 34.Bxc4 b5 35.Bf1

**33...Nxd5 34.f5**

Now White will get a second passed pawn on the sixth rank.

**34...Nc7 35.fxe6 Rxf2 36.Kxf2 Nxe6 37.Bb8 Rf7+ 38.Kg1 Nc7**

Desperate measures must be taken to stop the pawn.

**39.a7 Na8 40.Bg2**

White intends to break through on c6, with instant devastation.

**40...Rf8 41.Ne2**

41.Rxa5 bxa5 42.Bxc6 Nb6 43.Bc7 Na8 44.Bxa5 works as well.(44.Bxa8 Rxa8 45.Bb8 a4 46.Ne2 a3 47.Nc3)

**41...Rd8 42.Nf4**

42.Rxa5 bxa5 43.Bxc6 Nb6 44.Bc7 Rd1+ 45.Kf2 and Black loses.

**42...Kf7 43.e6+ Ke7 44.Rc3 Rc8 45.Nd5+ Kd8**

45...Kxe6 46.Nc7+ Nxc7 (46...Rxc7 47.Bxc7 Nxc7 is Black's best shot, but 48.Bxc6 and the game should be over.) 47.Bxc7 Ra8 48.Bxb6

**46.Nb4**

46.Rf3 is more effective.

**1-0**

**Aaron Grabinsky (2163) –  
David Wen (1886) [B13]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R5), November 17, 2013  
[Aaron Grabinsky]

With second place finisher Erik Skalnes' game ending in an early draw, Aaron only needed a draw to clinch clear first. Instead of taking the safe route, though, Aaron kept pressing, sac'd a pawn, and wound up with a dubious position that he was able to hold on for the draw.--Dan Dalthorp

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.Nd2 e6 9.Ngf3 Be7 10.0-0**

10.Ne5 Nxe5 (10...Qc8 11.Nxg4 Nxg4 12.0-0) 11.dxe5 Nh5

**10...0-0 11.Rae1 Bxf3**

11...Bh5

**12.Nxf3 a6 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Ng4 15.Bg3 Bd6 16.Qd1 Nf6 17.Be5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Ne8**

(#Diagram)

Here my position is visually amazing, but it is not so easy to just mate Black.

**19.Re3 g6 20.h4 Ng7 21.Be2 Qc7**

21...Nf5 22.Rh3 Qc7 23.h5 Qxe5 24.Re1 Qf4 25.Bd3

**22.Bg4 h5 23.Bh3 Qe7 24.g3 Rac8 25.f4 Rfd8**

I was pretty disappointed here as Black's queenside play could get annoying, and My kingside attack is stalled.

**26.Rd3 b5 27.Qe1 Rc4 28.b3 Rc6 29.g4**

**Qc5+ 30.Kh2 Kf8 31.f5 hxg4 32.f6**

f6 is my only chance to get things going against his king.

**32...gxh3 33.fxg7+ Kxg7 34.Rxh3 Rh8 35.h5 b4 36.cxb4 Qd4 37.Qg3 Rc2+**

37...Qb2+ 38.Rf2 (38.Kg1 Rc1 39.Qg2 Rxf1+ 40.Qxf1 Qxe5) 38...Rc2 39.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 40.Qg2 Qf5 41.Qe2 d4 42.h6+ Rxh6 43.Rxh6 Qf4+ 44.Kg2 Qxh6 45.a4 Qg5+

**38.Kh1 Qe4+**

38...Rxa2 39.Qg5 Rf2 40.h6+ Kg8 41.Rf3 Rxf1+ 42.Rxf1 Qxb4

**39.Kg1 Qd4+**

39...Rh6

**40.Kh1 Qe4+ ½-½**

**Maxwell Sun (2005) –  
Matt Dalthorp (1850) [B71]**  
Oregon Jr. Closed  
(R5), November 17, 2013  
[Matt Dalthorp]

Max and Matt both play active, creative chess. Whenever they meet, you can expect a wild ride. This year's discussion of the Sicilian Dragon at the Jr Closed was no exception.—Dan Dalthorp

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6**

I would much rather go into a Levenfish than play, for example, the Black side of a Najdorf against unknown preparation.

**6.f4 Nc6**

This or Nbd7 is critical.

**7.Nf3**

I was not expecting this move at all. The last time we played he tried 7. Bb5 and got a good position. This move is unconventional and sacrifices a tempo - and also concedes a weakened g1-a7 diagonal - for the possibility of powerful pawn play in the center.

**7...Qb6**

I thought for nearly five minutes before making this move. It seemed like exploiting the weakened diagonal immediately was the best course of action. From here the queen can also support the Dragon Bishop's play on the queenside. Of course, I must remember to watch out for a possible Nd5.

**8.Bd3 Bg7**

I researched this line a little after the game. Evidently I discovered the accepted plan for Black, though evidently its more conventional to play Bg7 before playing Qb6.

**9.Qe2 Ng4?!**

My intention was to prevent Be3 momentarily. Long-term, I intended to play Nh6 and play for f5 to stop up his central and kingside play. The problem, of course, is that I forgot about Nd5.

**10.Nd5 Qd8 11.0-0 e6**

The dark squares are weak but it's difficult for White to exploit them immediately.

**12.Nc3 0-0 13.h3 Qb6+?!**

This move again exposes the queen to Nd5 threats, and it fails to justify itself through any tactical or positional benefit.

**14.Kh1 Nh6**

I intend to play f5, given the chance, but he preempts me.

**15.f5**

Very complicated.

**15...exf5 16.Nd5**

Of course.

**16...Qd8 17.Bg5 Qa5 18.b4!**

Black is in a lot of trouble. His queen is nearly trapped and he will lose a piece if he's not careful.

**18...Nxb4**

Forced.

**19.Bd2 fxe4**

Also forced.

**20.Bxe4**

**20...Qa6**

I was proud of finding this move, though it's sheer luck I stumbled onto it - I had no idea what I'd do when I saw this position from move 18. 20...Nf5 is Fritz's idea. 21.Bxb4 Qxd5 22.Bxd5 Ng3+ 23.Kh2 Nxe2 24.Rae1 Black probably has an advantage, but White's pieces are very well placed and he has all the fun in the position.

**21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Qf2**

White plays actively to preserve the complications. The point of this move is that the queen can now come to d4 - after the removal of Black's dark-squares bishop, of course - and fork the king and the b4 knight.

**22...d5 23.Bxh6**

23.Bxb4?? dxe4

**23...dxe4 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.Qd4+ Qf6**

The choice was between this or f6. I analyzed f6 and decided that while I'd be up a pawn in a less complicated position, White would be left with active pieces and good play. Rather than fight a defensive battle to preserve a small advantage, I chose to play the more risky Qf6 and play for a more decisive advantage, though it's certainly a position Black can lose if he's not very careful.

**26.Ne5 Nxc2?**

26...Bf5! The position looks terrifying for Black. His bishop is pinned, g4 is possible, the queen is stuck where it's at, White's knights seem to dominate, and the b4-knight is hanging. The position is, however, totally winning for Black. 27.Qxb4 (27.g4 Nxc2 28.Qb2 Qxe7 29.Nxg6+ Kxg6

30.gxf5+ Kh6 31.Qxc2 Rac8 Black's king is, incredibly, fairly safe, and now his two-pawn advantage comes into play.) 27... Qxe5 28.Nxf5+ gxf5 29.Qxb7 Rfd8 Black's passed center pawn will be a nasty problem to deal with, and suddenly it is Black who has the activity and the initiative.

**27.Qc3?**

27.Qb2! actually is hugely better.

**27...Bf5 28.Nd5 Rac8**

If Black had played Qb2 on move 27, this would be impossible.

**29.Qb2 Qe6 30.Nxg6+ f6 31.Ndf4**

31.Nxf8 Qxd5 32.Rad1 and White wins the f5-bishop. 32...Qa5 falls to 33.Rd7+ Kg8 34.Qxf6 when mate is unstoppable.

**31...Qb6 32.Qxb6 axb6 33.Nxf8 Nxa1 34.N8e6+ Bxe6 35.Nxe6+ Kf7 36.Ng5+ Kg6 37.Nxe4 f5 38.Nd6 Rc6??**

38...Rd8 39.Nxf5 Ne2 is probably drawn.

**39.Nxf5**

White threatens Ne7+



**39...Rf6**

I was tired and playing too fast here, but this is unjustifiable. 39...Re6 40.Nd4 Rd6 41.Nb5 Rd5 42.Nc7 Rc5 43.Ne6 Re5 44.Nf4+ Kg5 45.h4+ Kg4 46.Nd3 Re3 47.Nb4 Re4 48.Nd5 Kg3 49.Rxa1 is also bad for Black, but he has drawing chances still if White screws up badly enough.

**40.Nh4+ Kg5 41.Nf3+ Kf4 42.Rxa1 Rc6 43.Nd4 Rd6 44.Rf1+ Ke4 45.Nb3 Rd7 46.Rf6 Kd3 47.Rxb6 Ke2 48.Kh2 Kf2 49.Rf6+ Ke2 50.Nc5 Rc7 51.Ne6 Re7 52.a4 Kd3 53.Rh6 Kc4 54.Ng5 Re5 55.Nxh7 Ra5 56.Rb6 Ra7 57.Ng5 Kc5 58.a5 Rxa5 59.Rxb7 Kc6 60.Rg7 Kd6 61.Nf3 Rh5 62.g4 Rh8 63.Rf7 Ke6 64.Rf5 Ke7 65.Kg3 1-0**

## Portland CC G60 November

Portland, OR - November 30, 2013

**By Brian Berger**

The Portland Chess Club's Game 60 for November, drew 22 anxious players. With the phone seeming to ring every few minutes for information and late entries, registries waving their money, and the



*L-R: Alex Barrett, Daniel Gay at the Portland Chess Club G60 November tournament. Photo credit: Brian Berger*



*L-R: Dave Prideaux, Elias Stern-Rodriguez at the Portland Chess Club G60 November tournament. Photo credit: Brian Berger*





*L-R: Yiriy Kamsha, Daniel Gay at the Portland Chess Club G60 November tournament. Photo credit: Brian Berger*



*Tournament Director Kornelij Dale at the Portland Chess Club G60 November tournament. Photo credit: Brian Berger*

need to input all the information in the club's computer, the ever efficient Chief TD, Kornelijns Dale, was a bit harried. But thankfully, Yuriy Kamsha was on hand to give an assist, and all went well thereafter.

Carl Haessler faced little competition in taking the 1st place prize, with a score of 3.5 points. Had Daniel Gay, his stiffest competitor, not drawn his first game to a fiercely competitive and underrated Benjamin Pikus (1664 ->1775), the story might have ended differently. But the field was tough, with six players: Daniel Gay, Clemen Deng, Moshe Rachmuth, Benjamin Pikus, Alexander Barrett and Dylan Mounts, sharing 2nd-7th place with 3.0 points each.

Besides the already mentioned Benjamin Pikus, one other player, Dylan Mounts, dramatically demonstrated his rating did not meet his skill level. Entering with a provisional rating of 1154, Mounts' three wins upped his provisional rating a whopping 250 points to a post 1404 rating. Way to go, Mounts!

The 8th-14th place finish was also highly contested, with Andrew Trattner, Yuriy Kamsha, Elias Stern-Rodriguez, Masakazu Shimada, Ethan Wu, Kian Patel and Jeffery Sun, each with 2.0 points. Adding the six 3.0 point players to this list, this was probably the most diluted prize fund ever for a Game 60.

**Kian Patel (1622) –**

**Moshe Rachmuth (1835) [A25]**

PCC G60 November

Portland, OR (R4), November 30, 2013

[Moshe Rachmuth with help of Houdini 2]

**1.c4 Nc6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 Bb4 5.a3?!**

More common and more logical is 5.Nd5 Bc5 6.e3 0-0 7.Ne2 with very good results for White despite Houdini's assessment of equality.

**5...Bxc3 6.bxc3 0-0 7.d4 Rb8 8.d5?!**

8.Nf3 is better. White invites Black to put pressure on the c4-pawn.

**8...Na5 9.Qa4 b6 10.Rb1?!**

White will pay dearly for the negligence of his king-side development. 10.Nf3 was necessary.

**10...Ba6 11.c5?**

Did anyone say Nf3?

**11...e4?**

11...bxc5 12.Ra1 (12.Rxb8 Qxb8 13.Qxa5 Qb1 is similar to the game.) 12...Nb3 13.Rb1 Nxc1 14.Rxc1 Rb6 wins a health pawn for Black.

**12.Bg5 bxc5?**

Objectively, it would have been better to play 12...h6 13.cxb6 hxc5 14.Qxa5 Qc8 15.Qa4 Rxb6 with a great lead in

development but I was enchanted by the sacrifice of my grim knight on a5.

**13.Rxb8?!**

The rook should not be exchanged -- its role is to defend the first rank. 13.Rd1 c6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Qxe4 cxd5 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Bxd5 would have been roughly equal.

**13...Qxb8 14.Qxa5?**

The losing move. 14.Bxf6 Qb1+ 15.Qd1 Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 gxf6 17.Bxe4 is only slightly inferior for White.

**14...Qb1+ 15.Kd2 Qb2+**

15...Rb8 16.Bxf6 Bxe2 is faster.

**16.Kd1**

In the post-mortem we could not find a win after 16.Ke1 but there are a few of them, for example 16...Qb1+ 17.Kd2 e3+! 18.Bxe3 (18.Kxe3 Qc1+ 19.Kf3 Qxg5 20.Qxc5 Qf5+ 21.Ke3 Qc2 22.Bh3 Re8+ 23.Kf4 Qe4+ 24.Kg5 h6#) 18...Rb8 19.Bxc5 Ng4

**16...Bc4**

The interesting feature of the position is that although Black needs 2-3 more tempi to organize his attack, White cannot do much because his rook is locked behind the knight that, in turn, cannot move because it has to defend e2.

**17.f3 Nxd5 18.Qxc5 e3**

Sacrificing another pawn to let the rook join the party, although 18...Qa1+ and 19...Rb8 would achieve the same goal.

**19.Bxe3**

There is nothing else, as 19...Qb1# was threatened.

**19...Re8 20.Bd2 Qb1+ 21.Bc1 Ne3+**

White is mated. For example 22.Kd2 Qc2+ 23.Ke1 Qxc1+ 24.Kf2 Nd1+ 25.Ke1 Nb2+ 26.Kf2 Nd3+ 27.exd3 Qe1#.

**0-1**

## Games from the 2013 Oregon Class Championship

Last month we reported on this event, but we didn't have any games to present at that time. The following two games are from the Oregon Class Championship Expert/Master Section.

**Jason Cigan (2015) –**

**Lennart Bjorksten (2181) [D20]**

Oregon Class (R1), November 2, 2013

[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.0-0 Be6 7.Bb5**

Another try is 7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.Ng5 0-0-0 10.Nxe6 Re8 (10...Na5 11.Qd5 Nf6 12.Qxa5 Qxe6 13.Qxa7 Qxe4 14.Nd2 with a slight edge to White.) 11.Nxf8 Rxf8 which looks pretty even.

**7...Bc5 8.b4?!**

8.Qc2 suggests a repetition: 8...Bb6 (8...Qd6?! 9.Bf4 Qxf4 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.Qxc5 Qxe4 12.Nxd4 and White has good targets.) 9.Bxc6+ bxc6 10.Qxc6+ Bd7 11.Qc4 Be6 12.Qc6+

**8...Bb6**

8...Bxb4? 9.Qa4 and White should regain both pawns (one on d4 and one on c6) with the better position to boot.

**9.a4 a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.a5 Ba7 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.Nxd4**



**13...c5?!**

13...Bxd4 14.Bxd4 Rb8 15.f3 Rxb4 16.Bc3 Rb3; 13...Qd6 14.Nxe6 Qxe6 15.Nd2; Some wild, semi-forcing complications are available, too: 13...Nxe4!? 14.Nxe6 Qxd1 15.Nxg7+ Kf8 16.Rxd1 Nxf2 17.Rf1! (17.Rd7!? Nd3+ 18.Bd4 Ne5 19.Bxa7 Rxa7 (19...Nxd7 20.Bd4 is looking good for White.) 20.Ne6+ fxe6 21.Rd4 with excellent compensation for the pawn in view of the shattered Black pawn structure.) 17...Nd3+ 18.Kh1 Nxb2 19.Ne6+ Ke7 20.Nxc7 and White snags the a-pawn, though Black does get a little activity in compensation.

**14.Nxe6** 14.bxc5 0-0 (14...Bxc5 15.Nxe6 fxe6 looks equally poor.) 15.Qc2 and White actually has extra material to go with a positional edge.

**14...fxe6 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.bxc5 Rb8 17.c6** 17.Qc2 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Rxb2 19.Qa8+ Bb8 20.Qxa6 looks good for White.

**17...Qd3 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Na3 Rb2**

19...Rg8 seems to promise plenty of compensation: 20.Kh1 Rg4! 21.Qd1 (21.Rae1 Kf7 22.Nc4 Rbg8; 21.f3? Rxc2! 22.Kxc2 Qe2+ 23.Kh3 Rb2) 21...Qxd1 22.Raxd1 Rb2

**20.e5?**

20.Qd1 looks all right for White.

**20...Rg8 21.Qd1 Rd2 22.Qh5+ Rg6 23.exf6 Kf8?**

23...Qe4 24.g3 Bxf2+ (24...Rd5!?) 25.Rxf2 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Qd4+ turns out pretty well for Black.

**24.Rad1 Bxf2+**

24...Rxf6

**25.Kh1 Bd4??**

25...Rxf6 leads to a draw: 26.Qg5 Rxd1

27.Qxf6+ Ke8 28.Qxe6+ Kd8 29.Qg8+ Ke7 30.Qg7+ Ke8 (30...Ke6?? 31.Qg4+)



26.Rb1??

26.Qxh7 Rxf6 (26...Bxf6 27.Rb1 Rb2 28.Rxf6+ Rxf6 29.Qxd3) 27.Qxd3 wins instantly for White.

26...h6?!

26...Rxf6! 27.Qh6+ (27.Rb8+ Kg7 28.Qg5+ Qg6 Black is thriving in the complications: 29.Qxg6+ hxg6 30.Rbb1 Ra2 31.Nc4 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Rc2; 27.Rxf6+ Bxf6 28.Rg1 Rb2) 27...Kf7 28.Rxf6+ Bxf6 and Black is happy.

27.f7?

Objectively best is 27.Nc4! Rdxg2 28.Rb8+ Kf7 29.Nd6+! cxd6 30.Rb7+ Kf8 31.Rb8+ ... with a draw!

27...Ba7??

27...Rb2! 28.Qh3 (28.Rbd1? Qe4; 28.Qd1 Qxd1 29.Rfxd1 Rxb1 30.Nxb1 e5) 28...Qxh3 29.gxh3 Rxb1 (Or 29...Rgg2 30.Rxb2 Rxb2) 30.Nxb1 e5 Black is definitely much better here; White's king is cut off and all of his pawns are vulnerable.



28.Nc4

Or 28.Qe5!

28...Rdxg2

28...Qe4 29.Qxg6 Qxg6 30.Nxd2 and Black is helpless against the threat of Rb7.

29.Rb8+ Bxb8 30.Qc5+ 1-0

Carl Haessler (2200) –

Richard Gutman (2061) [D34]

Oregon Class (R1), November 2, 2013

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.c4 e6 5.0-0 Nc6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Bg5 c4 10.b3 Qa5 11.Rc1 h6

11...Be6 12.Ne5 Ba3 offers rough equality in the complications. For example, 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Bxf6 Bxc1 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qxc1

when White threatens a perpetual check as well as bxc4.

12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.bxc4 dxc4 14.Ne4 Be7 15.Rxc4 Qxa2 16.Ra4 Qb2 17.Qd3

17.Ne1 Rd8 18.Nd3 Qb6 19.e3 looks all right for White.

17...Nb4 18.Qb5 a6 19.Qe5 Nc6



20.Qc7?

20.Qf4 b5 21.Raa1 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qxd4 23.Rfd1 and though Black has an extra pawn, the bishop-pair, and connected passed pawns, his advantage is actually pretty small due to the activity of the white major pieces and threats to the a8-rook.

20...Qc2 21.Rfa1 Qxe4 22.Ne5 Bd8 23.Qd6

23.Qxc6 Qxc6 24.Bxc6 bxc6 This may be White's best, but his compensation for the piece is minimal.

23...Qxe2 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Bxc6 Ra7 26.Qb8 Rc7 27.d5 Bh3 0-1

## Coffee Time Chess

By Galen Pyle

Portland Chess Shop hosts monthly chess tournaments at Coffee Time at 712 NW 21st Ave in Portland, Oregon. This beloved chess tradition has continued for almost one year now. Luke Robson is the lead tournament director at the events while Galen Pyle manages event orchestration. Portland Chess Shop is a USCF chess tournament event affiliate and Galen Pyle is a FIDE international chess arbiter. Chess players enjoy the rapid chess games and fun atmosphere at Coffee Time each first Saturday of the month at 7:00 pm. See you there!

Have you heard about Portland Chess Shop's booming online chess business? Launched in August 2011, Portland Chess Shop has sold thousands of chess piece game sets and chess clocks. This holiday season produced record sales. The company specializes in chess game sets on eBay and chess clocks on



Galen Pyle taken at the Hilton Portland Executive Tower on December 6, 2013. Photo credit: PDX Photo Lounge

Amazon. Galen Pyle, president of Portland Chess Shop, designed and developed the new website <http://www.chesspdx.com>. Every item on all sales channels ships with free, fast shipping! Furthermore, Portland Chess Shop launched new free online correspondence chess tournaments on chess.com. Galen Pyle plans to host free online chess events for 10,000 people in 2014. Let's play chess!

## Why?

By Dave Prideaux

Why do you continue to play chess? Is your game primarily an ego trip? A victor is easily stoked up by winning. But perhaps one's ego boost is a sly trap. Gaining a point (a win) need not be the point. Maybe you see it's "how you play the game" that matters more. How many good sports are amongst us, those who win or lose or draw with grace? Can we be honest here? How about me – am I always a good sport?

Or do you basically love the game of chess? Maybe that's enough motivation right there. As I learn, I get better. That's satisfying.



Searching for the truth takes energy and determination. Therefore, it is not something many people normally do.

As for me, I want to get at deeper and more profound truths: the why of chess — or the “Tao of Chess” as Peter Kursdorf (2004) puts it.

Through understanding, we can achieve peace of mind ... [and] simplicity and selflessness are necessary.

I’ve discovered much of my personal psychology comes into play on a competitive board. That’s the big pay-off for me, a chance to objectively “observe myself.” Each position, challenge, and move tells me something about my character — who I am. Perhaps I’m feeling impatient / creative / clear-minded / foolish / crest-fallen, etc.

In a recent game at the Portland Chess Club – G60 – my opponent (Mike Hasuike) told me simply, “You out-clevered me.” He was a good sport.

Sure, we treasure those special moments when we put together a quality combination in our heads. But it’s our heart and soul, and the dynamic of an excellent game — that capture my greatest awe and wonder.

Jeff Roland recently wrote [*Northwest Chess, December 2013*] that his opponent made “a deliberate psychological statement” [by handling a queen]. Later in the game, he [Jeff] surprised himself by doing the same. “I did something I have NEVER done ... picked up a queen and plopped it down loudly.” It was a tough-

fought game. Jeff’s moral to the story was to hang in there...that’s fine advice. “Don’t withdraw...keep playing to the very end.”

Here I see drama — raw emotion on the board.

Do I feel personal involvement? Face myself? Am I candid and true to who I am? That’s the key for me – to put myself up for scrutiny.

Playing for USCF rating points has exposed me to “discovered attack” on my private weaknesses.

I don’t like losing to (or beating) ego-driven players. It embarrasses. But I’m better for it.

## Oregon Masters Assess World Chess Championship Match

by Mike Lilly

At the Portland Chess Club on the evening of December 4, Life Masters Nick Raptis and Carl Haessler, presented a recap of the World Championship Match between Anand and Carlsen. Club Members and the public were invited, and about twenty-five people attended.

Raptis started the program with concise commentary on games one through eight and ten—focusing on the critical positions and moves. Haessler spent his part of the program focusing on Carlsen’s win in game nine, and providing perspective on that game by going through two related games, Botvinnik-Capablanca Avro 1938

and Anand-Kramnik World Championship 2008.

The games were displayed on a large screen television connected to a laptop computer supplied by club member Mike Lilly, who organized the event and ran the display system while Raptis and Haessler talked through the games. The display system enabled the masters to go through the games and variations faster than if they had used the traditional felt board, but they were able to slow down and replay key positions as needed. The program started at 7:00 pm and the audience watched intently and asked questions for the next two and a half hours.



L-R (standing): Carl Haessler, Nick Raptis, and Mike Lilly (seated).  
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Spectators watch the monitor. Photo credit: Russell Miller



*L-R: Nick Raptis and Carl Haessler. Photo credit: Russell Miller*



*Mike Lilly, the event organizer. Photo credit: Russell Miller*

# Idaho Chess News

## Chess Turkey Shoot Tournament

Hailey, November 16, 2013

by Adam Porth

With the World Chess Championship in Chennai, India between Magnus Carlsen and Viswanathan Anand dominating recent chess news, small tournaments like the 2013 Turkey Shoot might not seem as glamorous but the games can be just as intense. On November 16 beginning at 1:00 pm, thirty players were separated into two sections (K-5th grade, and 6th grade-Adult) in games that allowed each to use up to 20 minutes against their opponents. Most games finished earlier, however and the younger section was able to play five rounds while the older section played four rounds.

The tournament was more of a chess party with popcorn and hot chocolate but as the first matches commenced and mind met mind, the room quieted to intense games that sometimes went to full term. Deborah Van Law played Jacob Stinar (from Eagle) to the bitter end and Jacob won with only two seconds on the clock. In a later round, with little time on the clock for each player, Jacob was able to declare an illegal move from his opponent, without claiming his two minute penalty bonus, but won anyway. Many, like Vishy Anand, fell to an endgame blunder.

The action in the younger sections produced some draws (ties) and some sharp games where touch-move was called. Touch-move is a rule that demands the player that touched a piece with the intention of moving it, has to move that piece. It also holds true if you touch an opponent's piece - if you touch their piece, you must take it. Despite the competitiveness of the games, the younger kids could be heard whispering to help their opponent make a better move. Or, they were sometimes quite brutal for bad moves. Thankfully, the older kids from the Wood River High School (WRHS) and Silver Creek High School (SCHS) Chess Clubs were on hand to help answer questions or to remind players to have good sportsmanship.

What would be a Turkey Shoot without a turkey? In fact, the whole prize list featured Thanksgiving treats. Owen Stouffer (3rd grade) won a 1st Place turkey, Quentin Van Law (4th grade) won stuffing for 2nd place, and Darwin Porth (3rd grade) won 3rd place and a yam! In the older section,

Jeff Roland of Boise won the 1st place turkey with a perfect tournament score. Andre Murphy won 2nd place and Dylan Porth won 3rd place.

## Crosstables

6-12 & Adult Section						
##	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Score
1	Jeff Roland	W8	W11	W6	W2	4
2	Andre Murphy	W16	W7	W3	L1	3
3	Adam Porth	W12	W14	L2	W6	3
4	Dylan Porth	W5	L6	W11	W9	3
5	Tyler Avila	L4	W8	-X-	W11	3
6	Jacob Stinar	W10	W4	L1	L3	2
7	Nathan Stouffer	W13	L2	L10	W12	2
8	Doug Stouffer	L1	L5	-B-	W13	2
9	Wesley Brimstein	L14	W13	W12	L4	2
10	Deb Van Law	L6	W16	W7	---	2
11	Heidi Mungall	-B-	L1	L4	L5	1
12	Garrett Stouffer	L3	W15	L9	L7	1
13	Levi Catangatang	L7	L9	W15	L8	1
14	Desmond Porth	W9	L3	-F-	-N-	1
15	Tucker Van Law	-H-	L12	L13	---	½
16	Lisa Hart	L2	L10	---	---	0

K-5 Section							
##	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Score
1	Owen Stouffer	W9	W5	D3	W2	W8	4½
2	Quentin Van Law	W4	W6	W11	L1	W3	4
3	Darwin Porth	W10	W8	D1	W7	L2	3½
4	Jefferson Hidalgo	L2	W9	D12	W11	W5	3½
5	Hunter Thompson	W12	L1	W6	W8	L4	3
6	Porter Thompson	W14	L2	L5	W9	W10	3
7	Emmett Stouffer	D11	D12	W13	L3	W14	3
8	Asher Stouffer	-B-	L3	W10	L5	L1	2
9	Bayro Llantoy	L1	L4	W14	L6	W11	2
10	Leam Van Law	L3	-B-	L8	W14	L6	2
11	Richard Samaniego	D7	W14	L2	L4	L9	1½
12	Wyatt VanDedier	L5	D7	D4	---	---	1
13	Marco Hidalgo	---	-B-	L7	---	---	1
14	Carter Thompson	L6	L11	L9	L10	L7	0

**Doug Stouffer –  
Jeffrey T Roland (1707) [A46]**  
Chess Turkey Shoot Hailey, ID  
(R1), November 16, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.c3 cxd4  
5.cxd4 =**

On positional principles White should prefer to recapture with the e-pawn: 5.exd4 when White's c1-bishop problem is easily solved. White would have a minimal opening edge.

**5...Nc6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bd2 d5  
9.Bc3**

A rather artificial maneuver that doesn't do much for the bad bishop while denying the b1-knight its natural square. The symmetrical blocked pawn structure prevents it from being a serious error, however.

**9...Bd7**

9...Ne4 =+

**10.Nbd2 Rc8 11.Qb3 Ne4?!**

11...Qc7 and; 11...Na5 both offer complete equality.

**12.Qxb7**

12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Nd2 Na5 14.Bxa5 Qxa5 15.Nxe4 Black has only partial compensation for the pawn (bishop-pair).

**12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 Rc7**

13...Na5 14.Qb2 Qc7 15.Rac1 Rb8 16.Qc2 looks more logical... but still must favor White.

**14.Qb3?!**

14.Qb2 is better, denying the knight a free tempo en route to covering c4. 14...Na5 15.Rac1 for example.

**14...Na5 15.Qc2 Qc8**



Now Black has definite compensation, and that ...Rc7 to double with the rook in front is looking brilliant.

**16.Rac1?!**

16.c4 Bb5 (16...Nxc4 17.Nxc4 dxc4 18.Ne5 Bb5) 17.Ne5 Nxc4 18.Ndxc4 Bxc4 19.Nxc4 dxc4 is all roughly even.

**16...Ba3 17.Red1?!**

With the offer of the exchange 17.Bd3 g6 18.e4 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 White keeps the disadvantage in potentially manageable range.



Doug Stouffer (left) vs. Jeffrey Roland (right) in round one of the Chess Turkey Shoot. Photo courtesy of Adam Porth.

**17...Rxc3 18.Qb1 Qc7 19.Nb3 Rb8  
20.Ne5?!**

20.Rd3 is marginally better.

**20...Ba4 21.Rd3 Rc2 22.Bh5 g6 23.Bd1**



**23...Rc1 24.Qxc1 Bxc1 25.Nxa5 Bb5  
26.Nac4**

Better to try 26.Nb3 Bxd3 27.Nxd3 Ba3 28.Nbc5 Bxc5 29.Nxc5 though White is, of course, lost in either case.

**26...f6**

Or 26...dxc4 27.Rc3 Bd2 28.Rc2 c3

**27.Rc3 fxe5 28.Rxc1 Bxc4 29.Be2 Qa5  
30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.Rxc4 Qxa2 32.Rc7 Rb1  
33.h3 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 exd4 35.exd4 Qa1+  
36.Ke2 Qxd4 37.Re7 Qc4+ 38.Kf3 Qd3+  
39.Kg4 h5+ 40.Kg5 Qf5+ 0-1**



L-R: Darwin Porth, Emmett Stouffer, Owen Stouffer. Photo courtesy of Adam Porth.



*Bill Brubaker at the Nampa Chess Club Meeting at the Flying M Coffee Garage in Nampa on December 1, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*



*L-R: Peter Olsoy, Jim Inman, Katie Sorensen (watching) at the Nampa Chess Club Meeting at the Flying M Coffee Garage in Nampa on December 1, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*





*Jim Berezow at the Boise Chess Club Meeting at All About Games in Boise on December 2, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*



*Brett Hamilton at the Boise Chess Club Meeting at All About Games in Boise on December 2, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*

# BSU Chess Club

The Boise State University Chess Club meets on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at the Student Union Building of BSU in Boise, Idaho. Play usually lasts several hours, and these informal meetings are open to the public. The following casual club game was played between two students just before finals — a stressful and busy time for most students.

**Jacob Stinar (1627) –  
Shane Taylor (1454) [E61]**

Casual Game BSU Chess Club Boise  
December 12, 2013  
*[Ralph Dubisch]*

**1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Nf3  
d6 6.Be2 Bf5 7.Bd2 c6 8.Ng5 h6 9.e4 Bc8  
10.Nf3 a6 11.h3 b5 12.Qc1 Kh7**

12...b4 13.Na4 Nxe4 14.Bxh6 looks unclear, but is perhaps a little better for White.



**13.g4?**

This is a serious weakening of the long diagonal. 13.e5! dxe5 14.dxe5 Nfd7 15.0-0 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxh6 Re8 White has a useful lead in development.

**13...b4! 14.Na4 Nxe4 15.Bxb4 c5! 16.Bc3?**

Necessary is 16.dxc5 Nc6 17.a3 a5 18.Bc3 Nxc3 19.bxc3 but Black has the bishop-pair and structural superiority that should prove generous compensation for the pawn.

**16...Bb7**

16...Nxc3! causes White headaches. 17.Nxc3 (17.Qxc3 Bd7 18.b3 Nc6 also wins material and position.; 17.bxc3 Qa5 attacks the loose knight and the d4-pawn by pinning c3.) 17...cxd4 18.Ne4 Bb7 19.Qc2 Nc6 and White has negative compensation for the material.

**17.Qe3?**



17.d5 Nxc3 18.Nxc3 e6 favors Black, but



*Jacob Stinar taken at the BSU Chess Club on December 12, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland*

avoids stranding the knight on a4.

**17...f5?**

17...Nxc3! wins due to the various pins and forks: 18.bxc3 (18.Nxc3 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Bxh1; 18.Qxc3 Bc6! 19.Bd1 cxd4 20.Qb4 e5 when the attempt to rescue the knight with 21.Nb6? could lead to some amusing tempo play on the queen:

Analysis



21...a5 22.Qb3 a4 23.Qb4 Na6 24.Qa5 Nc5 25.Qb4 Nd3+) 18...Qa5! 19.Nxc5 (19.Qxe7 Bc6 20.0-0 Bxa4 21.Qxd6 Qxc3 22.Qxc5 Nc6 also leaves nothing for White.; 19.Bd1 cxd4 20.Qd3 Bc6 21.Nb2 dxc3) 19...dxc5 20.0-0 e6 Of course White does not have any compensation for the lost piece.

**18.Rh2?**

An attempt to get out of the long-diagonal pin, but it would be better to close the line and relieve the pressure on d4 at the same time. 18.d5! gets out of trouble, when things are unclear.

**18...fxg4??**

A disastrous opening of the h-file, allowing White's attacking play to shine. 18...Nxc3! is still good, if a little more subtle than last move: 19.Nxc3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 Nd7 (20...cxd4 21.Qxa8 dxc3 is a powerful exchange sacrifice as well.) 21.d5 (21.dxc5 Nxc5)

21...Rb8 All of Black's pieces are working with fantastic coordination, while White is a mess.

**19.hxg4**



**19...Nd7?**

An epic fail would be 19...Nxc3? 20.Ng5+! Kh8 21.Rxh6+!! Bxh6 22.Qh3!; A glimmer of hope can be found in the creative defense 19...Rxf3!? 20.Bxf3 Nxc3 21.Bxb7 (21.bxc3 cxd4 22.cxd4 Qa5+ 23.Kf1 Bxf3 24.Qxf3 Qxa4!?) Black's best chance to survive appears to be the double exchange sac. (24...Ra7 25.Kg2! offers White a huge attack.) 25.Qxa8 Qxc4+ This almost certainly favors White, but the material imbalance makes things a bit murky.) 21...cxd4 22.Qf3 Nxa4 White should now avoid the greedy and unclear 23.Bxa8 Nd7 and instead continue the attack with 23.Qf7!

**20.0-0-0**

20.d5! is again strong.

**20...h5??**

20...cxd4 21.Nxd4 (21.Rxd4!?) 21...Nxc3 22.Nxc3 Nc5 23.f4 likely favors White, but not by decisive margins.

**21.d5!**

Or 21.gxh5 since 21...Bh6?? 22.hxg6+

**21...Bh6 22.g5 Nxc3**

22...Rxf3 doesn't quite work: 23.Bxf3 Bxg5

Analysis



24.Rxh5+!! gxh5 (24...Kg8 25.Rxg5) 25.Bxe4+ Kh6 26.Bg7+! Kxg7 27.Qxg5+ and mates shortly.

**23.Nxc3 Bg7 24.Qe4 Ne5**

24...Kg8 25.Nh4 Ne5 26.f4 looks hopeless, too.

**25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Rxh5+ Kg7 27.Bd3**

27.Rh6! Rf5 28.Rdh1 Qf8 29.Rh7+ Kg8 30.Qh4 — intending 31.Rh8+ Bxh8 32.Qh7#

**27...Qe8 28.Rh6**

Or 28.Rdh1!

**28...Rf5 29.Kb1**

Not really necessary. Faster 29.Rdh1; or 29.Qh4 since 29...Bf4+ 30.Kb1 Bxg5 loses to 31.Rh7+ Kf6 32.Ne4+ Ke5 33.Nxg5

**29...Rb8 30.Qh4 Bxd5**

Fancy mutual attacks make this a fun game for both players, but White ends up holding all of the trumps.

**31.b3**

31.Nxd5 Rxb2+ 32.Kc1 looks horrifically risky, but in fact it is the black king who quickly perishes: 32...Qa4 (32...Rxf2 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Nf6+!! Bxf6 35.gxf6 Rh2 36.Rh8+ Kf7 37.Bxg6+ Kxg6 38.Rg1+ Kf7 39.Rg7+ Ke6 40.Qg4+ Kxf6 41.Qg5+ Ke6 42.Rxe8 Rhc2+ 43.Kd1 Rd2+ 44.Qxd2) 33.Rxg6+ Kxg6 34.Bxf5+ Kxf5 35.Qh7+ Ke6 36.Qxe7+ Kf5 37.Qf7+ Kxg5 38.Rg1+ is one line.

**31...Be6 32.Rh1**

Faster is 32.Rh7+! Kg8 33.Rh1 Bg7 (33...Bxc3 34.Rh8+ Kf7 (34...Bxh8 35.Qxh8+ Kf7 36.Rh7#) 35.Qh7+ Bg7 36.Qxg7+! Kxg7 37.R1h7#) 34.Rh8+ Kf7 35.Rxe8

**32...Qg8 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.cxd5**



**34...Qxd5**

34...Kf8 35.Bxf5 gxf5 36.g6! (Also fun is 36.Qh3 Qxg5 37.f4!) 36...Bf6

Analysis



37.Qh5 (Or 37.Qf4 Qxd5? 38.Rh8+ Bxh8 39.Rxh8+ Kg7 40.Qh6+ Kf6 41.g7+ Ke5 42.Rxb8 and the white king escapes checks by hiding on a3: 42...Qd1+ 43.Kb2 Qd4+ 44.Ka3) 37...c4 (37...Qxd5 38.Rh8+ Bxh8 39.Qxh8+ Qg8 40.Rh7! with the deadly threat of 41.Rf7+.; 37...Ke8 38.Rh8! Bxh8 39.g7+!) 38.Qxf5 Ke8

Analysis



(38...cxb3 39.Rh8! bxa2+ 40.Kxa2 Rb2+

41.Ka3) 39.Qxf6! (Or the simple 39.Qe6 for those who don't like flashy.) 39...exf6 40.Rh8 Kf8 (40...Ke7 41.R1h7+) 41.R1h7! Once again, the thematically decisive crusher.

**35.Bc4 Qd4 36.Rxg6+**

An exciting, dynamic game in which both sides had great chances! 1-0



L-R: Zane Roberts (club Vice President) and Zoe Boldon also taken at the BSU Chess Club meeting on December 12, 2013. Photo credit: Jeff Roland



**Gerald had fallen asleep, while waiting for his opponent's opening move.**

# Washington Chess News

## Many Schools At Winter Solstice

December 7, 2013 — Spokane, WA

by Dr. James Stripes courtesy of <http://www.spokanechessclub.org/>

The Winter Solstice revealed continuing growth in scholastic chess in the Spokane area. Our largest local tournament since spring 2009 had 79 players representing 22 schools. Saint George's School again captured the Elementary team trophy with 15 points earned by the school's top four players. For the first time in the past few years, there were several viable mini-teams (three player) in MS/HS. Northwest Christian edged out Coeur d'Alene Charter Academy 9 to 8.5 and won the trophy.

In the K-3 section, Evelyn Arquette won all five games against solid competitors to earn the Grand Champion title. Gabrielle Lee (4.5) won first in third grade. Aditya Bandyopadhyay (4.0) was first in second grade, edging out Katherine Gunn (4.0) on tie-breaks. Kelly Cunningham (3.0) was the top first grader. Per Sande (2.0) was first in kindergarten.

In K-6, Suhang Liu (5.0) was Grand Champion, followed by Shohom Bandyopadhyay (4.0) as the top sixth grader. Tariq Ravasia (4.0) was first in fourth grade. A.J. Stenbeck took home the trophy for top fifth grader.

The top players in K-12 earned cash prizes. Ken McGuire was first with 5.0. Alex Popescu (4.5) used his lone king to stalemate Jack Harris (3.5) in a round four battle that drew spectators. Alex placed second, and Jack third.

The event featured a second parent/child competition won by the Bandyopadhyay family. Dad was second among the parents,

and the strong performance of his sons earned their family a nice chess set.

## Washington Class Championship

by Russell Miller

The 2013 Washington Class Championships were held at the Embassy Suites Seattle North/Lynnwood on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

Fred Kleist of the Seattle Chess Club was the chief TD with assistance from Gary Dorfner of the Tacoma Chess Club. Mostly players from Washington but several from British Columbia. The event was open to all.

149 players in 10 sections including reentered players took part.

The Master Section with 20 players was won by Nick Raptis of Portland with a 5.5-.5 score. Roland Feng, Bryce Tiglon and Daniel He scored 4-2.

The Expert Section with 17 players had a three-way tie for first place by Ethan Bashkansky, Sarah May of Vancouver WA and John Donjas of British Columbia with 4.5-1.5 scores.

The Class A Section of 25 players had a two-way tie for first place between Micah Smith of Vancouver WA and Skylor Fryberg at 5-1.

The Class B Section of 30 players had a clear winner, Travis Olson, at 5.5-.5 points. Dan Mathews and Naomi Bashkansky scored 4.5-1.5.

The Class C Section drew 15 players. Two players scored 5-1: Trevor Jung and Robin Li-Yang Tu. Only one player, Howard Hare, scored 4-2.

The Class D Section had 32 players and another 5.5-.5 score. That score was by Neil Doknjas of British Columbia. Three players had 4.5-1.5: Jason Yu, Andreas Farny and Nate Getz.

The 14 player Class E Section was topped by Emily Saletan with 5-1. Jed McCaw

Cohen, Alexius Buntaran and Alexander Popescu scored 4-2.

Nine players took part in a Under 1000 rating section. Another 5.5-.5 score won this section—George Michailov. Only one 4-2 score by Ethan Huang happened in this section.

A BLITZ tournament of 10 players was won by Yaman Tezcan with 9.5-.5. In second place at 6.5-3.5 was Luke Pulfer.

## Games...

David Roper (2228) –  
Joshua Sinanan (2256) [B22]

WA Class Championship Lynnwood, WA  
(R6), December 1, 2013  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.d4 d6 6.cxd6 cxd6 7.Nf3 e6 8.a3**

It's not clear whether it is more accurate to say that this Alekhine's Defense has transposed into the c3-Sicilian, or that the c3-Sicilian often transposes into the Alekhine.

**8...Bd7 9.Bd3 Bc6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Nbd2 Nf4 12.Bc2 dxe5 13.Ne4!?**

Something like this is necessary, since 13.dxe5 Nxe5! 14.Nxe5 Qg5 clearly favors Black.

**13...Ng6 14.Bg5**



**14...Qb8**

14...f6 15.Be3 Be7 16.dxe5 Ndx5 17.Nd4 gives White some compensation, with plenty of excitement to come.; 14...Be7!? 15.Bxe7 (15.Nd6+ Kf8 16.Bxe7+ Qxe7 17.Nc4 Rd8 18.Re1 exd4 19.Nxd4 Nc5 20.Nxc6 Rxd1 21.Nxe7 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Kxe7 when White doesn't seem to have quite enough for the material.) 15... Qxe7 16.Nxe5! Ngxe5 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Qd4! f6 19.Nd6+ Kf8 20.f4 White has compensation for the pawn.

**15.h4?!**

15.dxe5 Ndx5 16.Nd4 gives White good play.

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15...h6 16.h5?!

16.Be3 f5! 17.d5! makes some interesting complications.

Analysis



17...exd5 (17...Bxd5 18.Nc3 Bc6 (18...Bc4 19.Bb3! Bxf1 (19...Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Kf7 21.h5 Ne7 White has a strong attack for the two pawns invested.) 20.Qxf1 e4

Analysis



21.Bxe6 (21.Qc4!? exf3? (21...Qd6 22.Rd1 Qc6 (22...Nb6? 23.Bxb6 Qxb6 24.Nd5! exd5 25.Qxd5 Bd6 26.Qf7+ Kd8 27.Qxg6

Qxb3 28.Qxd6+ Ke8 29.Ne5) 23.Qxc6 bxc6 24.Bxe6 exf3 25.Bxd7+ Kf7 26.Bxc6 The bishops continue the attack in the open position despite the queen exchange.) 22.Qxe6+ Ne7 23.Ba4 with too much pressure on d7.) 21...Nge5 22.Nd4 looks good for White.) 19.Bb3 f4 20.Qc2! e4 21.Bd4 e5 22.Nxe4! exd4 23.Nf6+ gxf6! 24.Qxg6+ Kd8 25.Nxd4 unclear.) 18.Ng3 e4 (18...d4 19.Bxd4 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 exd4 21.Rfe1+ and White gets good play for the piece: 21...Nge5 22.Bxf5 Bd6 23.Bxd7+ Kxd7 24.Qd5 Re8 25.Rad1 Nc6 26.Nf5 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Qf8 28.Re6) 19.Nd4 f4 20.Qh5 Qd6 21.Bxf4 Qxf4 22.Qxg6+ Qf7 23.Qxf7+ Kxf7 24.b4 may be a bit better for Black.

16...hgx5 17.hgx6 f6 18.Re1 g4 19.Nfg5

19.Nfd2!? exd4 20.Ng3 Ne5 (20...Qd6!?) 21.Nc4! Nxc4 22.Rxe6+ offers White attacking chances for the piece:

Analysis



22...Kd7 (22...Be7 23.Qxd4 Ne5 24.Rxe7+!

Kxe7 25.Nf5+ Ke8 26.Nxg7+ Kf8 27.Nf5 favors White even after 27...Nf3+ 28.gxf3 Qh2+ 29.Kf1 Qh1+ 30.Ke2 Qxf3+ 31.Kd2 Kg8 32.Bd3! b5 33.Re1) 23.Qxd4+ Nd6 (23...Kxe6 24.Re1+ Ne5? 25.Bb3+ Ke7 26.Nf5+ Ke8 27.Bf7#) 24.Bf5 Kc7 25.Rd1 with a bind.

Analysis



25...Qd8 (25...b5 26.Be4!! strips the king's cover. 26...Nxe4 (26...Bxe4 27.Nxe4 Qb6 28.Rc1+ Kd8 29.Qd5! is also winning for White.) 27.Rxc6+! Kxc6 28.Qxe4+ for example.) 26.Qf4 Kb8 27.Rxd6 Bxd6 28.Rxd6 Qc7 doesn't work due to 29.Nh5! planning 30.Nxg7! and likely 31.Ne6, when Black must take drastic measures to rescue his king, and has little time to deal with the new passed g6-pawn.

19...exd4

[Diagram top of next page]

19...fxg5! It is not clear how White can punish the materialistic grab here.

## Washington President's Cup

February 15-16, 2014

Open Winner seeded into the 2015 Washington Premier Championship

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

Two Sections: Open and Reserve (under 1600).

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: \$1,200 (based on 40 paid entries).

Open: FIDE rated 1st \$225, 2nd \$150, 1st U2000 \$125, 1st U1800 \$125

Reserve: 1st \$175, 2nd \$150, 1st U1400 \$125, 1st U1200/Unrated \$125

Entry Fee: \$50 if postmarked or online by 02/12, \$60 after 02/12 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

Registration: Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 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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20.Nxf6+?!

20.Nh7!? avoids immediate material loss while blocking the h-file.

20...Nxf6 21.Rxe6+ Be7 22.Rxe7+ Kxe7 23.Qe1+ Ne4 24.g3 Qe5 25.Nxe4

25.Bxe4 Kf6 and it looks as if Black has weathered the attack.

25...Bxe4?

25...Qh5! announces the impotence of White's coming checks: 26.Qb4+ Ke8



Analysis

27.Kf1 (27.Nd6+ Kd7 28.Bf5+ Qxf5; 27.Nf6+ gxf6 28.Re1+ Kd8 29.Qd6+ Kc8 30.Qe6+ Bd7 31.Qc4+ Kb8 32.Be4 Bb5!) 27...Qh1+ 28.Ke2 Qxa1 29.Qxd4 Qc1 with a few checks left for White, but no real threat.

26.Bxe4 Kf6

26...Rae8 27.Qb4+ Kf6 28.Re1 b6 Black is relatively safe and has extra material.

27.Qb1

27.Qe2 Rae8 28.Re1 Qh5 29.Qc4 Qh2+ 30.Kf1 Rxe4! 31.Qf7+ Kg5 32.Qd5+ Kh6 33.Qxe4 Rf8 34.Qg2 Qxg2+ 35.Kxg2 d3 36.Rd1 Rd8 Black has good winning chances.

27...Rae8 28.Bxb7 Rb8

28...Qe2! 29.Qa2 Kxg6 30.Qd5 d3 31.Ba6 Rd8 and Black makes progress.

29.Bg2 Qf5 30.Qe1?!

30.Be4 or; 30.Qa2 Kxg6 31.Qc4 offer slightly better chances.

30...Rxb2 31.Rc1 Rc8

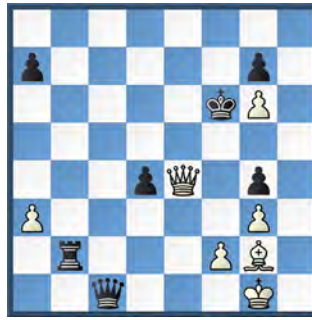
31...Rc2 32.Rxc2 Qxc2 33.Bf1 Rb8 looks strong.

32.Rxc8 Qxc8 33.Qe4 Qc1+?

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33...Qf5 34.Qxd4+ Qe5 35.Qd1 Kg5!? still gives Black some initiative.

34.Kh2??



34.Bf1! Qc5 (34...Qd2 35.Qc6+ Kg5 36.Qd5+ Kh6 37.Qh1+ shows the difference with the game — the check on the h-file takes away the safe hideaway for the black king on h6. 37...Kxg6 38.Qc6+ and White has a perpetual check.; 34...Rb1 35.Qxd4+ and again White should have no problem finding unlimited checks.) 35.Qf4+ Qf5 36.Qxd4+ Qe5 37.Qd8+ Kxg6 38.Bd3+ Kf7 39.Bc4+ and draws.

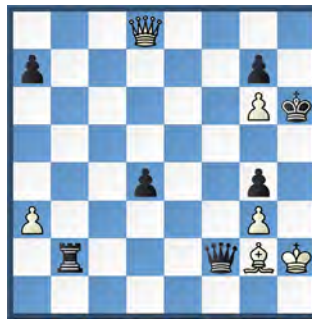
34...Qh6+ 35.Kg1 Qc1+?

35...Qd2! 36.Qc6+ Kg5 37.Qc5+ Kh6 38.Qf5 Qg5 39.Qe4 Qf6 and wins.

36.Kh2??

36.Bf1! =

36...Qd2! 37.Qc6+ Kg5 38.Qd5+ Kh6 39.Qd8 Qxf2



Presumably time has been an issue for the last several moves. After 39...Qxf2 Black eventually escapes the checks: 40.Qh4+ Kxg6 41.Qxg4+ Kf6 42.Qh4+ Ke6 43.Qe4+ Kf7 44.Qd5+ Kf6 45.Qc6+ Kg5 46.Qd5+ Kh6 47.Qc6+ g6 48.Qa8 Qxg2+ and can finally transpose to the winning king and pawn ending. A titanic struggle!

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Michael Oshiro (2101) – David Bragg (2200) [A57]

WA Class Championship Lynnwood, WA (R2), November 30, 2013

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3 axb5 6.e4 b4 7.Nb5 d6 8.Bc4 g6

8...Nxe4 is just too greedy. One possible line: 9.Qe2 Nf6 10.Bf4 Ra6 11.Nxd6+ Rxd6 12.Bb5+ Rd7 13.Bxb8

9.e5! dxe5 10.d6! exd6 11.Bg5

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White cleared away the deadwood — also known as his center pawns — to open lines of attack. He now has ideas of Qb3 (double attack on f7), Qf3 (forking f6 and a8), or Bxf6 and Nc7+ (winning a rook). But it's Black's move, and he's up two pawns!

11...Ra5!?

11...Nbd7 12.Qb3 (12.Nxd6+ Bxd6 13.Qxd6 h6! (13...Qe7!? 14.Qc6 Rb8 15.Rd1 0-0 (Or 15...Bb7 16.Qc7 Bxg2 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Rxd7 0-0 19.Rxf7! Rxf7 20.Bxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qxb8+ Qf8 22.Qxe5 Bxh1 =) 16.Rxd7! Bxd7 17.Qxf6 Qxf6 18.Bxf6 unclear.) 14.Be3 Qb6! 15.Qxb6 Nxb6 is pretty good for Black, i.e. 16.Bb5+ Bd7



Analysis

17.Bxc5?! (17.Bf1 Ra5; 17.Be2 Bc6 18.Nf3 Nbd7) 17...Bxb5 18.Bxb6 0-0 when Black is fully developed and the white king has not found safe haven. A truly disastrous continuation for White is the further pawn grab 19.Bc5? Rfc8 20.Bxb4 Ne4 21.f3? Rxa2!) 12...Qa5 13.Bxf7+ Kd8



Analysis

(13...Ke7?? 14.Qe6+ Kd8 15.Qe8#) 14.Qf3 (14.Qe6? Qxb5! 15.Bxf6+ Nxf6 16.Qxf6+ Kc7 Black is escaping, since 17.Qxh8?? (17.Nf3 Qd3! 18.Rd1 Qe4+ 19.Kf1 Qf4! 20.Qxh8 Qxf7 21.Ng5 (21.Nxe5 dxe5 (21... Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Bxg7 23.Nc4 Rxa2 is quieter but no less effective for Black.) 22.Qxe5+ Kb6 leaves the black king looking pretty safe.) 21...Qf5 22.Qxh7+ Kb6 23.h4 Rxa2 wins.) 17...Ba6 and suddenly Black has all the threats.) 14...b3+



Overview of some of the action at the 2013 Washington Class Championship. Photo credit: Duane Polich

Analysis



15.Nc3 (15.Bd2?! Qa6 16.Qxb3 d5! when the mobile center pawns favor Black. White can't delete them with 17.Bxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 due to 18...Bb7 which wins at least a piece for nothing.) 15...Be7 16.Nge2 unclear.

**12.Nf3?!**

12.Qb3 Rxb5 (12...Bg7 13.Rd1 with compensation.) 13.Bxb5+ Nbd7 +=

**12...Be6?!**

12...h6!? 13.Nxe5!? hxg5 14.Nxf7 Qe7+ 15.Kf1 Rxb5 (or 15...d5 with obscure complications that probably favor Black.) 16.Nxh8 (16.Qa4 is complicated, but ultimately in Black's favor.) 16...Ra5 will eventually reach R+P vs two minors ending that should favor Black.

**13.Bxe6 fxe6**

[Diagram top of next column]

**14.Nxd6+**

More accurate is first 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 then 15.Nxd6+ Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Nd7 17.0-0-0 with a plus for White.

**14...Bxd6**



14...Qxd6 15.Bxf6 Qxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Rg8 17.Nxe5 is roughly level.

**15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qxd6 Nd7 17.Rd1 Ra7 18.Qc6**

18.0-0 is fine, again with rough equality.

**18...e4 19.Rd6?**



19.Qxe4 0-0 20.0-0 Rf7 = (or 20...Qf5 21.Qc4 Ne5 22.Nxe5 Qxe5 =)

**19...0-0! 20.Qxe4 Qf5 21.Qxf5?!**

21.Qe2 offers drawing hopes. 21...Nf6! 22.0-0 Nd5! may be a path to an edge for Black. That a2 pawn is a problem for White.; 21.Qc4? Ne5! 22.Qxe6+ Qxe6 23.Rxe6 Nxf3+ 24.gxf3 Rxa2 and wins.

**21...exf5 22.0-0 Rf6 23.Rxf6 Nxf6 24.Ra1 c4 25.a4 Ne4**



**26.Nd4**

A better try is 26.Ne5 c3 27.bxc3 b3 28.Nc4 Rc7 29.Nb2 Rxc3 30.a5 Nc5 31.g3 Rc2 32.a6 Nxa6 33.Rxa6 Rxb2 34.Rb6 Now we need an endgame book (or Dana Muller) to determine if Black is winning or if White can hold — let me know when you find out. In practical play, one would obviously prefer to play the black side of this.

**26...Rd7 27.Nc6?**

27.f3!? Nc5! (27...Rxd4 28.fxe4 Rd2 29.a5 c3 30.bxc3 bxc3 31.Kf1 c2 32.Ke1 Rxc2 33.Rc1 fxe4 34.a6 Rg5 35.Rxc2 Ra5 36.Rc6 looks drawable.) 28.Nb5 Rd5 29.Kf1 Kf7 30.Ke2 is still a struggle, but clearly favors Black.; Or 27.Nb5!? Rd2 28.f3 Nc5

**27...c3 28.—**

28.bxc3 b3 29.Ne5 b2 30.Rb1 Nxc3 31.Nxd7 Nxb1 32.Nf6+ Kf7 33.Nd5 Nd2 34.Nc3 Ke6 etc.

**0-1**



*L-R: David Roper, Michael Omori at the 2013 Washington Class Championship. Photo credit: Duane Polich*



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# World Chess Championship Games

In honor of our cover drawn by local artist, Brian Berger, and the exciting match for the World Championship that was followed by everyone so closely all around the world in November, we present all ten games, unannotated, from the World Chess Championship held in Chennai, India.

**Magnus Carlsen (2870) –  
Viswanathan Anand (2775) [A07]**  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G1), November 9, 2013

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4  
c6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 Bf5  
8.c4 Nbd7 9.Nc3 dxc4 10.bxc4 Nb6  
11.c5 Nc4 12.Bc1 Nd5 13.Qb3 Na5  
14.Qa3 Nc4 15.Qb3 Na5 16.Qa3  
Nc4 1/2-1/2

**Viswanathan Anand (2775) –  
Magnus Carlsen (2870) [B18]**  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G2), November 10, 2013

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4  
Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 e6  
8.Ne5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3  
Nd7 11.f4 Bb4+ 12.c3 Be7 13.Bd2  
Ngf6 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Ne4 Nxe4  
16.Qxe4 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Qd5 18.Qxd5  
cxd5 19.h5 b5 20.Rh3 a5 21.Rf1  
Rac8 22.Rg3 Kh7 23.Rgf3 Kg8  
24.Rg3 Kh7 25.Rgf3 Kg8 1/2-1/2

**Magnus Carlsen (2870) –  
Viswanathan Anand (2775) [A07]**  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G3), November 12, 2013

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4+  
Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nc3 e5 7.Qxc4  
Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d3 h6 10.Bd2 Nd4  
11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Ne4 c6 13.Bb4 Be6

14.Qc1 Bd5 15.a4 b6 16.Bxe7 Qxe7  
17.a5 Rab8 18.Re1 Rfc8 19.axb6  
axb6 20.Qf4 Rd8 21.h4 Kh7 22.Nd2  
Be5 23.Qg4 h5 24.Qh3 Be6 25.Qh1  
c5 26.Ne4 Kg7 27.Ng5 b5 28.e3 dxe3  
29.Rxe3 Bd4 30.Re2 c4 31.Nxe6+  
fxe6 32.Be4 cxd3 33.Rd2 Qb4  
34.Rad1 Bxb2 35.Qf3 Bf6 36.Rxd3  
Rxd3 37.Rxd3 Rd8 38.Rxd8 Bxd8  
39.Bd3 Qd4 40.Bxb5 Qf6 41.Qb7+  
Be7 42.Kg2 g5 43.hxg5 Qxg5 44.Bc4  
h4 45.Qc7 hxg3 46.Qxg3 e5 47.Kf3  
Qxg3+ 48.fxg3 Bc5 49.Ke4 Bd4  
50.Kf5 Bf2 51.Kxe5 Bxg3+ 1/2-1/2

**Viswanathan Anand (2775) –  
Magnus Carlsen (2870) [C67]**  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G4), November 13, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0  
Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5  
Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.h3 Bd7 10.Rd1  
Be7 11.Nc3 Kc8 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxe7  
Nxe7 14.Rd2 c5 15.Rad1 Be6 16.Ne1  
Ng6 17.Nd3 b6 18.Ne2 Bxa2 19.b3  
c4 20.Ndcl cxb3 21.cxb3 Bb1 22.f4  
Kb7 23.Nc3 Bf5 24.g4 Bc8 25.Nd3  
h5 26.f5 Ne7 27.Nb5 hxg4 28.hxg4  
Rh4 29.Nf2 Nc6 30.Rc2 a5 31.Rc4  
g6 32.Rdc1 Bd7 33.e6 fxe6 34.fxe6  
Be8 35.Ne4 Rxg4+ 36.Kf2 Rf4+  
37.Ke3 Rf8 38.Nd4 Nxd4 39.Rxc7+  
Ka6 40.Kxd4 Rd8+ 41.Kc3 Rf3+  
42.Kb2 Re3 43.Rc8 Rdd3 44.Ra8+  
Kb7 45.Rxe8 Rxe4 46.e7 Rg3  
47.Rc3 Re2+ 48.Rc2 Ree3 49.Ka2 g5  
50.Rd2 Re5 51.Rd7+ Kc6 52.Red8  
Rge3 53.Rd6+ Kb7 54.R8d7+ Ka6  
55.Rd5 Re2+ 56.Ka3 Re6 57.Rd8  
g4 58.Rg5 Rxe7 59.Ra8+ Kb7  
60.Rag8 a4 61.Rxg4 axb3 62.R8g7  
Ka6 63.Rxe7 Rxe7 64.Kxb3 1/2-1/2

**Magnus Carlsen (2870) –  
Viswanathan Anand (2775) [D31]**  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G5), November 15, 2013

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 dxe4  
5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 c5 7.a3 Ba5  
8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qd3 cxd4  
11.Nxd4 Ng4 12.0-0-0 Nxe3 13.fxe3  
Bc7 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qxd8+ Bxd8  
16.Be2 Ke7 17.Bf3 Bd7 18.Ne4 Bb6  
19.c5 f5 20.cxb6 fxe4 21.b7 Rab8  
22.Bxe4 Rxb7 23.Rhf1 Rb5 24.Rf4  
g5 25.Rf3 h5 26.Rdf1 Be8 27.Bc2  
Rc5 28.Rf6 h4 29.e4 a5 30.Kd2 Rb5  
31.b3 Bh5 32.Kc3 Rc5+ 33.Kb2 Rd8  
34.R1f2 Rd4 35.Rh6 Bd1 36.Bb1  
Rb5 37.Kc3 c5 38.Rb2 e5 39.Rg6  
a4 40.Rxg5 Rxb3+ 41.Rxb3 Bxb3  
42.Rxe5+ Kd6 43.Rh5 Rd1 44.e5+  
Kd5 45.Bh7 Rc1+ 46.Kb2 Rg1  
47.Bg8+ Kc6 48.Rh6+ Kd7 49.Bxb3  
axb3 50.Kxb3 Rxg2 51.Rxh4 Ke6  
52.a4 Kxe5 53.a5 Kd6 54.Rh7 Kd5  
55.a6 c4+ 56.Kc3 Ra2 57.a7 Kc5  
58.h4 1-0

**Viswanathan Anand (2775) –  
Magnus Carlsen (2870) [C65]**  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G6), November 16, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3  
Bc5 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 Re8 7.Re1 a6  
8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 d6 10.Bg5 Be6  
11.Nbd2 h6 12.Bh4 Bxb3 13.axb3  
Nb8 14.h3 Nbd7 15.Nh2 Qe7  
16.Ndf1 Bb6 17.Ne3 Qe6 18.b4 a5  
19.bxa5 Bxa5 20.Nhg4 Bb6 21.Bxf6  
Nxf6 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Qg4 Bxe3  
24.fxe3 Qe7 25.Rf1 c5 26.Kh2 c4  
27.d4 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 Qb7 29.Rd1  
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32.Qf3 Qc7 33.Kh1 Qe7 34.Qg4

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f6 43.h4 Kf7 44.h5 gxh5 45.Rd5 Kg6  
46.Kg3 Rb6 47.Rc5 f5 48.Kh4 Re6  
49.Rxb5 Re4+ 50.Kh3 Kg5 51.Rb8  
h4 52.Rg8+ Kh5 53.Rf8 Rf4 54.Rc8  
Rg4 55.Rf8 Rg3+ 56.Kh2 Kg5  
57.Rg8+ Kf4 58.Rc8 Ke3 59.Rxc4  
f4 60.Ra4 h3 61.gxh3 Rg6 62.c4 f3  
63.Ra3+ Ke2 64.b4 f2 65.Ra2+ Kf3  
66.Ra3+ Kf4 67.Ra8 Rg1 0-1

Viswanathan Anand (2775) –  
Magnus Carlsen (2870) [C65]  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G7), November 18, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3  
Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.h3  
Bh5 8.Nf1 Nd7 9.Ng3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3  
g6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.0-0 0-0  
13.Ne2 Rhe8 14.Kb1 b6 15.h4 Kb7  
16.h5 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Nc5 18.hxg6  
hxg6 19.g3 a5 20.Rh7 Rh8 21.Rdh1  
Rxh7 22.Rxh7 Qf6 23.f4 Rh8  
24.Rxh8 Qxh8 25.fxe5 Qxe5 26.Qf3  
f5 27.exf5 gxf5 28.c3 Ne6 29.Kc2  
Ng5 30.Qf2 Ne6 31.Qf3 Ng5 32.Qf2  
Ne6 1/2-1/2

Magnus Carlsen (2870) –  
Viswanathan Anand (2775) [C67]  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G8), November 19, 2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0  
Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1  
Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1  
Re8 11.c3 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8 13.Bf4  
d5 14.Bd3 g6 15.Nd2 Ng7 16.Qe2  
c6 17.Re1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Nf3  
Ng7 20.Be5 Ne6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6  
22.Ne5 Re8 23.Ng4 Qd8 24.Qe5  
Ng7 25.Qxe8+ Nxe8 26.Rxe8+ Qxe8  
27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Nxe8 Kxe8 29.f4 f5  
30.Kf2 b5 31.b4 Kf7 32.h3 h6 33.h4  
h5 1/2-1/2

Viswanathan Anand (2775) –  
Magnus Carlsen (2870) [E25]  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G9), November 21, 2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5  
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5  
8.e3 c4 9.Ne2 Nc6 10.g4 0-0 11.Bg2  
Na5 12.0-0 Nb3 13.Ra2 b5 14.Ng3  
a5 15.g5 Ne8 16.e4 Nxc1 17.Qxc1  
Ra6 18.e5 Nc7 19.f4 b4 20.axb4  
axb4 21.Rxa6 Nxa6 22.f5 b3 23.Qf4  
Nc7 24.f6 g6 25.Qh4 Ne8 26.Qh6 b2

27.Rf4 b1Q+ 28.Nf1 Qe1 0-1

Magnus Carlsen (2870) –  
Viswanathan Anand (2775) [B51]  
WCh 2013 Chennai IND  
(G10), November 22, 2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.d4  
cxd4 5.Qxd4 a6 6.Bxd7+ Bxd7 7.c4  
Nf6 8.Bg5 e6 9.Nc3 Be7 10.0-0  
Bc6 11.Qd3 0-0 12.Nd4 Rc8 13.b3  
Qc7 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Rac1 h6  
16.Be3 Nd7 17.Bd4 Rfd8 18.h3 Qc7  
19.Rfd1 Qa5 20.Qd2 Kf8 21.Qb2  
Kg8 22.a4 Qh5 23.Ne2 Bf6 24.Rc3  
Bxd4 25.Rxd4 Qe5 26.Qd2 Nf6  
27.Re3 Rd7 28.a5 Qg5 29.e5 Ne8  
30.exd6 Rc6 31.f4 Qd8 32.Red3  
Rxd6 33.Rxd6 Rxd6 34.Rxd6  
Qxd6 35.Qxd6 Nxd6 36.Kf2 Kf8  
37.Ke3 Ke7 38.Kd4 Kd7 39.Kc5  
Kc7 40.Nc3 Nf5 41.Ne4 Ne3 42.g3  
f5 43.Nd6 g5 44.Ne8+ Kd7 45.Nf6+  
Ke7 46.Ng8+ Kf8 47.Nxh6 gxf4  
48.gxf4 Kg7 49.Nxf5+ exf5 50.Kb6  
Ng2 51.Kxb7 Nxf4 52.Kxa6 Ne6  
53.Kb6 f4 54.a6 f3 55.a7 f2 56.a8Q  
f1Q 57.Qd5 Qe1 58.Qd6 Qe3+  
59.Ka6 Nc5+ 60.Kb5 Nxb3 61.Qc7+  
Kh6 62.Qb6+ Qxb6+ 63.Kxb6 Kh5  
64.h4 Kxh4 65.c5 Nxc5 1/2-1/2

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# The 2013 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Statologist

We're almost done for another year, and still many prizes are up for grabs. During the month of December there will be (have been) nine additional events to be included in our totals. They are all single multiplier events, but the points available will still make a difference, as many of the cash prizes are hanging on as little as a half point. Of course, by the time this article gets into your hands, all but the last few will already be history. That said, it is time to look ahead to the 2014 contest.

Our traditional first event of the year is the Annual Gresham Open, January 4-5, this year offering a 2x multiplier. The Seattle City Championship on January 10-12 is also a 2x event. Attending these two can give you a good jump start on the new year. There are four additional 1x events during January, in Seattle, Spokane and Portland.

2013 will end holding a number of Grand Prix records, including most individual points, where Ralph Anthony will soon eclipse 300. This year already has the most players involved, the most entries into GP events, the most GP events and the most events with multipliers. It does not, however, hold the record for the most points awarded. That is still held by 2011, a year when we had two events with 5x multipliers and one with a 6x. That record, too, will fall should we get good turn-outs at the final events of the 2013.

The data below is current through December 3rd. The ratings used reflect the peak rating throughout 2013 and is final for this year's contest.

## Northwest Chess Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
			<b>Masters</b>					
			1 Raptis	Nick	175	1 Pupols	Viktors	184
			2 Haessler	Carl A	71.5	2 He	Daniel M	133
			3 Russell	Corey J	42	3 Bragg	David R	125
			4 Gay	Daniel Z	39	4 Feng	Roland	112
			5 Prochaska	Peter	18	5 Sinanan	Joshua C	93.5
<b>M/X/Class A</b>			<b>Experts</b>					
1 Leslie	Cameron D	85.5	1 Cigan	Jason	84	1 Haining	Kyle	141.5
2 Kircher	Caleb P	41	2 Bjorksten	Lennart	79.5	2 Tiglon	Bryce	140
3 Havrilla	Mark A	34.5	3 Sun	Maxwell S	78	3 Smith	Micah	135.5
4 Parsons	Larry R	7	4 Sherrard	Jerry	77.5	4 Szabo	Marcell	130.5
			5 Tezcan	Yaman	72.5	5 Nagase	Masayuki	125.5
<b>Class B</b>			<b>Class A</b>					
1 Roland	Jeffrey T	121.5	1 Goffe	Michael P	61	1 He	Anthony B	125.5
2 Gorman	Cody A	36.5	2 Trattner	Andrew L	58.5	2 Davis	Frederick A	122
3 Bodie	Brad	35.5	3 Yoshinaga	David K	58	3 Zhang	Brendan	112
4 Machin	Alex J	25	4 Deng	Clemen	47	4 Nagase	Toshihiro	107.5
5 Griggs	Glenn	22	5 Eagles	Roland	42.5	5 Dhingra	Sangeeta	104

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
<b>Class C</b>			<b>Class B</b>								
1	Weyland	Ronald M	39	1	Berger	Brian F	104	1	Anthony	Ralph J	289
2	Harris	Hank	14.5	2	Burris	Christopher E	92	2	Buck	Stephen J	190.5
3	Gallivan	Ryan O	13	3	Culbreth	Adam	84.5	3	Piper	August	167
4	Imamovic	Nedzad	6	4	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	73.5	4	Chowdhury	Neil	121
5	Two tied at		5	5	Shimada	Masakazu	72	5	Olson	Travis J	107
<b>Class D</b>			<b>Class C</b>								
1	Porth	Adam	33.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	117	1	Richards	Jerrold	131
2	Porth	Desmond	32	2	Wu	Ethan	71	2	Zhang	Eric M	130.5
3	Lang	Jamie	21	3	Markowski	Gregory A	68	3	Haining	Breck	116.5
3	Smit	Paul A	21	4	Sharan	Praveer	65.5	4	Chalasanani	Sujatha D	105.5
5	Roberts	Zane A	18.5	5	Botez	Andrea C C	63.5	5	Sehgal	Rahul	104.5
<b>Class E and Below</b>			<b>Class D and Below</b>								
1	Wetmur	Harold R	30.5	1	Buerer	Harry F	81.5	1	Gulamali	Freya	120.5
2	Hiatt	Arlene	26.5	2	Prideaux	Dave	52	2	Yu	Jason	81
3	Blake	Isaac R	20	3	Jacobsen	Jason	50	2	Chen	Brian	81
4	Schwab	Kyle J	18	4	Bluffstone	Ari J	43.5	4	Ruan	Evan	72.5
5	Pemsler	Alise B	16	5	Mounts	Dylan	26.5	5	Zhang	Cheyenne	68
<b>Overall Leaders, by State</b>											
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	121.5	1	Raptis	Nick	175	1	Anthony	Ralph J	289
2	Leslie	Cameron D	85.5	2	Hasuike	Mike L	117	2	Buck	Stephen J	190.5
3	Kircher	Caleb P	41	3	Berger	Brian F	104	3	Pupols	Viktors	184
4	Weyland	Ronald M	39	4	Burris	Christopher E	92	4	Piper	August	167
5	Gorman	Cody A	36.5	5	Culbreth	Adam	84.5	5	Haining	Kyle	141.5
6	Bodie	Brad	35.5	6	Cigan	Jason	84	6	Tiglon	Bryce	140
7	Havrilla	Mark A	34.5	7	Buerer	Harry F	81.5	7	Smith	Micah	135.5
8	Porth	Adam	33.5	8	Bjorksten	Lennart	79.5	8	He	Daniel M	133
9	Porth	Desmond	32	9	Sun	Maxwell S	78	9	Richards	Jerrold	131
10	Wetmur	Harold R	30.5	10	Sherrard	Jerry	77.5	10	Zhang	Eric M	130.5
11	Hiatt	Arlene	26.5	11	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	73.5	10	Szabo	Marcell	130.5
12	Machin	Alex J	25	12	Tezcan	Yaman	72.5	12	He	Anthony B	125.5

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

### Attendance at 2013's events

G/15 Ch. (3/1)-12; Novice (1/19)-2, (4/7)-6, (7/13)-6; Quads (1/26)-11, (2/23)-26, (3/16)-20, (4/13)-16, (5/11)-25, (6/8)-16, (7/6)-16, (8/10)-19, (9/14)-20, (10/5)-24, (11/2)-7; Tornados (1/6)-25, (2/3)-10, (3/3)-32, (4/14)-19, (5/5)-21, (6/2)-18, (6/30)-29, (8/11)-30, (10/13)-23; Seattle City Championship (1/11-13)-30; Seattle Spring Open (3/22-24)-60; Adult Swiss (4/21-22)-13; Emerald City Open (6/14-16)-44; SeaFair Open (7/19-21)-81; Seattle Fall Open (9/20-22)-74.

## SCC 2014 Weekend Schedule

- Novice:** Jan 5, Apr 27, July 6, Oct 25.
- Quads:** Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 1 & 29, Apr 26, May 17, June 7, July 5, Aug 9, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6.
- Tornado:** Jan 19, Feb 23, Mar 16, Apr 13, May 4, Jun 1 & 29, Jul 27, Aug 24, Sep 28, Oct 25, Nov 23, Dec 21.
- Seattle City Championship** 10-12 January.      **Seattle Spring Open** 21-23 March.
- SCC Adult Swiss** 5-6 April.      **Emerald City Open** 20-22 June.
- Seafair Open** 18-20 July.      **Seattle Fall Open** 19-21 September.
- SCC Extravaganza** 7-9 November.

### Jan. 4

**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

### Jan. 19

**Format:** 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5 (or G/64; d0). **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

### Sunday Tornado

### January 5

**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 1/1, \$16 at site. (-\$2 for SCC mem., -\$1 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4-commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

### SCC Novice

### Jan. 10-12

**Format:** 2-sec., 5-rd. Swiss. **TC:** 40/2, SD/1 (Rd.1 2-day option - G/60); d5. **EF:** *Championship* \$42 (\$33 for SCC mem., \$38 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs) by 1/8, \$50 (\$39, \$44) at site; GMs, IMs, WGMs free. *Reserve (U1800)* \$33 (\$24 for SCC mem., \$29 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs) by 1/8, \$42 (\$33, \$38) at site. *Unrateds* free w/ purch. 1-yr USCF & WCF. *Add* \$1 for 2-day schedule (Rd 1-Sat. 10 a.m., G/64). **Prize Fund:** \$1000 (b/52, 5/prz gp). **Prizes:** *Championship* \$225-140, X 90, A 70; *Reserve (U1800)* \$125-80, C 60, D 50, E & under 40, Unr. 20. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. or Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:30, Sun. 11-5. **Byes:** 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

### Seattle City Championship

## SCC Fridays

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

**January Thaw:**

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24.

**SCC G/15 Championship:**

Jan. 31.

# Upcoming Events

*♣ denotes 2013 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30*

♣ **Jan 4-5 Gresham Open Gresham, OR.** See full-page ad on page 3 of December 2013 issue or <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>.

♣ **Jan 16 to Feb 13 Spokane Winter Championship, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University (Herak Rm 121). Registration: 6:30-7:15, Jan. 16. Rounds: 1/16-2/13 (one per week). E.F. \$16. USCF rated. Format: 5 round Swiss. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). Contact: David Griffin, [dbgrffin@hotmail.com](mailto:dbgrffin@hotmail.com).

♣ **Jan 25/Feb 22 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 membership required, 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](mailto:portlandchessclub@gmail.com), phone 503-246-2978, website [www.pdxchess.com](http://www.pdxchess.com).

♣ **Jan 25 Northwest Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Tacoma Chess Club, 409 Puyallup Ave. E. in the DTI Soccer Store building across the street from Alfred's Cafe. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00, Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees, 1st 25%, 2nd 15%, U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half-point bye available. USCF/WCF memberships required, OSA. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445. Ph. 253-535-2536, [ggarychess@aol.com](mailto:ggarychess@aol.com).

♣ **Feb 15-17 A State Championship Event! Idaho Closed State Championship. Twin Falls, ID.** IDAHO RESIDENTS ONLY! Chief TD: Barry Eacker. Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd No., Twin Falls, ID 83301. 6SS, 30/120;d5, SD/60;d5. Annual ICA Business mtg beginning at 8:30 AM prior to rnd 3. Rounds: 9, 4, 10, 4:30, 8, 3. One ½ pt Bye, Rounds 1-5. One zero-point bye available in last round. Must Notify TD before rnd 2 pairing. Reg & Ck in: 7:30 -8:30 Sat Feb 15. One Section: Open. EF: \$25 if registered by February 9, 2014. \$20 for Seniors (60+) and Juniors (under 18) if registered by February 9, 2014. \$30 for EVERYONE if registered after February 9, 2014. Current USCF and ICA membership required (ICA rates posted online at [www.idahocheessassociation.org](http://www.idahocheessassociation.org).) Prizes: Trophies or plaques, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall – 1St ,X; 1st-2nd, A thru F; 1st Junior; 1st Senior; 1st Unrated. HR: call Darlene and mention chess tournament at 208-737-6280. Do not register for hotel online. Calling Darlene gives ICA credit and allows us to have the event at this site. Contact: Barry Eacker, [mol@q.com](mailto:mol@q.com), 208-733-6186, 963 Delmar Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301. NC,NS, W.

♣ **Feb 15-16 Washington President's Cup, Seattle, WA.** See half-page ad on page 21.

♣ **Feb 22-23 22nd DAVE COLLYER MEMORIAL, Spokane, WA.** The Spokane Chess Club and the Gary Younker Foundation, in memory of former presidents Dave Collyer and Gary Younker, proudly present the Twenty-Second Dave Collyer Memorial tournament. Location: Basement Conference Room, St. Anne's Children's Center, 25 W. Fifth Ave., Spokane. A computer-paired, five-round Swiss System event. Registration: 8:30-9:30, Feb. 22. Mandatory player meeting at 9:45 (except for sleep in). Rounds: 10 (or 12)-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. Time control: Game/115. Entry fee: \$27 if received by 2/21, \$33 at the door; under 19 \$5 less. Telephone entries accepted. All registrants must check in by 9:30 unless a first-round bye was granted or player is playing in the "sleep in" section. Late arrivals might not be paired in first round. Special "Sleep In" option: Anyone interested in sleeping in can play their round one game commencing at noon under G/60 time control and join the regular event for round two. Registration for this option ends at 11:40 a.m. Feb. 22. \$1,800 GUARANTEED prize fund. Class prizes based on at least 5 per class; classes may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. Only one prize per player (excluding biggest upset). NS, NC, W. One ½-point bye available if requested by end of prior round; Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in final round. There will be a special door prize for every entrant. PRIZES: FIRST \$350, SECOND \$225, THIRD \$125. Class Prizes: Top Expert \$100; \$100 first, \$70 second in A, B, C, D, E/unrated. Biggest Upsets: \$100 & \$50 (non-provisional ratings). Entries: Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo, N. 9923 Moore, Spokane, WA 99208-9339. For information please call (509) 270-1772. Check website for updates & directions: [www.spokanechessclub.org](http://www.spokanechessclub.org)

**Apr 18-21 8th Annual Grand Pacific Open, Victoria, BC.** See half-page ad on page 27.

