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Frisco Del Rosario at the 2014 Idaho Open during his game versus Cody Gorman.
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Harry Buerer at the Newport June Open in Newport, Oregon. Photo credit: Suzy Buerer

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Washington Chess News

Inland Empire Open

This game from the Inland Empire Open was held over for this issue as it just could not fit into the July issue.—Editor.

**Cameron Leslie (2038) –
Michael Cambareri (1969) [E18]**
Inland Empire Open Spokane, WA
(R4), May 18, 2014
[Cameron Leslie]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2
Be7 6.Nc3 Ne4!**

Here I realized I made a slight mistake. 6.0–0 was better and offered more chances.

7.Nxe4 Bxe4 8.0–0 0–0

Now what? Time for improv.

9.Bh3 f5?!

Slight inaccuracy. Bb7 was better.

10.Nd2?!

10.d5! Much more to the point, bishop is trapped. 10...Qe8 11.Nd2 Qh5 12.Nxe4 Qxh3 13.Nc3=.

10...Bb7 11.d5 Na6

11...exd5 12.Bg2=.

12.Bg2 exd5 13.cxd5 Qe8?

Just a simple blunder.

14.d6 1–0

Paul Bartron wins again

Paul Bartron was the winner of the \$100 dollar prize at the Evergreen Open in Tacoma on June 7, 2014. Though he played with stiff competition, (he played against Arjun Thomas, HG Pitre, and Joe Kiiru), he managed to win all three rounds in the modified tournament. Second place was a tie between HG Pitre, Arjun Thomas, and Joe Kiiru. The last tournament with a \$100 prize was the Puget Sound Open on

July 12 with four rounds. Maybe the \$100 prize can be revived again if there is some interest. Hopefully more players will come to give Paul and the other players more competition. Here is an analysis of the game between Bartron and Pitre by Paul Bartron.

**Paul Bartron (2117) –
H.G. Pitre (1871) [B10]**
Evergreen Empire Open
Tacoma, WA (R2), June 7, 2014
[Paul Bartron]

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d6

Huh? So he didn't like 2...d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 hitting his Q and gaining tempo.

3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6

So now we are in a Pirc.

5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be2

Now according to Neil Salmon this is better for the bishop than d3 because when they have played ...g6 the bishop is biting on granite. It prevents ...Nh5 once the knight on f3 moves.

6...0–0 7.0–0 a6 8.a4 Qc7



Position after 8...Qc7

9.a5!

He wasn't expecting this cramping move.

9...Nbd7 10.Qc2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 dxe5

All these captures on e5 restrict the bishop on g7.

13.Be3 Bg4 14.Bb6 Qc8

Already Black is not a happy camper.

15.Rad1 Re8 16.Rd6

This prevents ...Bf8 but Rd3 would have been better since after the knight moves, the bishop hits the rook on d6.

16...Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Nd7 18.Na4 Bf8



*L-R: Gary Dorfner, Steven Buck, H.G. Pitre, Joseph Kiiru, Paul Bartron.
Photo credit: Vivi Bartron.*

19.Rd3 c5?

I think that ...Be7 is better but all his pieces are on the ropes having nowhere to go.

20.Rfd1 Nxb6?

This is pure desperation.

21.Nxb6 Qc7

Here he was hoping for 22.Nxa8 when he would play ...Qxa5 then ...Rxa8.

22.Rd7

Morality rests on the side with the heaviest artillery.

22...Qc6 23.Nxa8 Rxa8 24.Qf3 f6?

...Qe6 had to be played which of course loses a pawn. Then the threat of 24...Qe6 had to be played which of course loses a pawn. 25.Rxb7 Then the threat of Rdd7 has to be met by ...Re8, but with my rooks on the seventh heaven this game is over. If instead of ...Re8 he took the pawn on c4, then h4 or h3 and then ...Bg7 or ...Bh6 Rd5 would force ...Rf8 then after Rc7, he loses the c-pawn.

25.Qh3 h5

Does this defend his position?

26.R1d6!

Morality rests on the side with the heaviest artillery. Napoleon.

26...Bxd6 27.Qe6+

with mate to follow.

1–0

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H.G. Pitre shares ideas about WCF

by H.G. Pitre

What the Washington Chess Federation (WCF) needs is a new openness, and a participatory structure that gives far more of its members a share and a duty in the processes that enable the WCF to function well.

When there are officers meetings, which should invite members to submit ideas and questions, the dates and times of these meetings should be well publicized and thoroughly reported upon later in a timely manner.

It should use various internet methods to communicate among the membership. It should attempt to spread its tournament chess culture more widely among the regions of the state. It should attempt to attract more seniors to the play, more players of age 20 to 45 years to play, and draw in more women and girls.

Stated another way, one could say there is a boom in scholastic chess, but one that is mainly attracting children of Korean, Chinese, and Indian backgrounds. The WCF should be reaching out to blacks, and whites, and to more girls. This requires connecting personally with members of those groups and identifying the benefits that tournament chess can bring. The tournament chess experience has costs, but these are not as much as other activities such as music and sports. The WCF should be trying to bring chess to the children of the large lower economic strata. This is a societally worthy cause, and it must not be seen as begging to get help in extending chess to more people.

There are, on the other hand, many affluent people who can be found who might want to participate in a program extolling the benefits of chess along the way to prepare children for the jobs of the future. The WCF will give greater focus to finding some of these people and associate with them, and to place them into some of the WCF programs. Think of the City of London Chess in the Schools program.

There are a number of WCF senior adults playing chess regularly, but given the belief that chess offers significant benefits in the efforts against mental decline in aging, can't we draw more elderly participants from the general population who are not currently members?

The WCF also needs to provide chess activity to the middle-aged group that has family life with children at the center of their focus. Can't we get them to play chess occasionally? Start by forming a committee



H.G. Pitre taken at the 2014 Annual Business Meeting of the WCF. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

of members from this group and see where their suggestions lead and try to implement them.

Recognizing that there are already individuals acting as chess instructors and coaches, and with businesses based upon the presence of a healthy scholastic chess tourney structure, the WCF should involve them to use their private resources when possible in a mutually beneficial way.

The WCF will work in planning and informing those in the elementary, middle, and high school chess structure on how to expand their children's focus into the open competitions that the WCF usually offers.

The WCF will develop a plan to increase publicity in the public at-large for tournament chess and the Seattle Sluggers internet chess team. This will use our members who are experts or higher and also the large number of those members who can be cited as evidencing some of the benefits of chess.

It will do this with a better publicity campaign directed by those who have the skills from that field, but with information and stories coming from the lives and achievements of the members.

It will work to develop more members to become skilled tournament directors. It will assist the formation of USCF affiliates in more cities across the state. Clubs can be assisted in various ways. The WCF will think about the ways to help a club using its unique location and opportunities. The WCF should lead along the way to form twenty or more clubs in the Snohomish, King, Pierce, and Kitsap counties

It will survey its members, as well as attempt to get information from non-members who play chess, about what are the current tournament arrangements that would attract a larger number of players to our events. It will create new events where and when they need to be placed. It will attempt to keep costs in line with the beliefs of the players who are willing to support tournament chess.

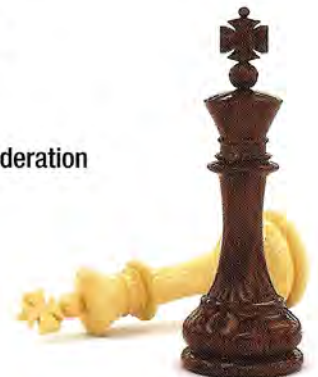
The WCF will attempt to get financial

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support from outside entities, charitable or corporate, or private for these initiatives to spread tournament chess in our region.

It will attempt to recognize those of our chess community who excel in the game by providing a more financially attractive state championship series in a more prestigious or central location, and with wide publicity accompanying the various games or matches.

Clearly, this is work that will need more than six part-time or volunteer people. Maybe thirty or more people are needed right now. Maybe these projects can grow to require one hundred persons steadily involved to keep it going, but why not strive to get to this level?

Now that was going in the direction of the big picture. Here are some small photos of what is wrong currently.

When the annual general meeting is held, and fewer than six members would choose to attend... When that meeting is delayed by a half-hour to give a semblance of organization... When then the officers do not have written reports to give to the attendees... This meeting had been expected for a year. When an elected member is not referred to, or indicated that he had been replaced during some previously unreported officers' meeting... never acknowledged in the meeting... When all the officers' reports were vague summaries... because they were not written...

When the WA Chess Championship is held and the prize fund is as low as it is... when the tourney is complete, and the tourney report is as empty of comment from the players as this year's was... Yes, the games were collected and available through NWChess.com but the spirit of the games was entirely missing... this can only come from the participants. Why is there no effort to instill or express the importance of this?

When the astounding achievement of several young players to the master level is not reported in pages of our magazine, and certainly not reported in the wider general publications of our region...

When the tourneys are offered in only a few locations, everyone knowing that traffic problems regularly make it difficult for many in our region to participate...

When a neighbor is of another country and the WCF does not play a significant role in encouraging its members to compete across the border in events of BC...

When there is only one (non-scholastic) chess club of maybe 100 members in a city of 630,000 people... and only clubs representing fewer than 200 adults in a region of near 3 millions folks...

Knowing what it is like to compete in a chess game, and then not to install procedures in a tournament to increase the opportunities to interact socially in lighter ways... Is a big omission of the organizers...

Did you see the current WCF startled in the flash of those photos? Let's change this picture.

In addition to specifically improving the WCF, some members of the WCF should seek out additional ways to boost participation in chess events. Make an attempt to create carpooling opportunities for getting to tourneys that are farther away: e.g. Vancouver, BC, Newport, OR, Spokane, WA, Tri-Cities, WA...

Create more clubs which could be formed at community centers, or coffee houses, or bars... Use the internet methods like "Meet up" groups.

Can a series of regional Grand Prix be set up in different areas featuring perhaps four to six events in each cycle? Most events would be held on different, non-competing weekends.

Develop community chess league play after forming teams from various clubs or businesses.

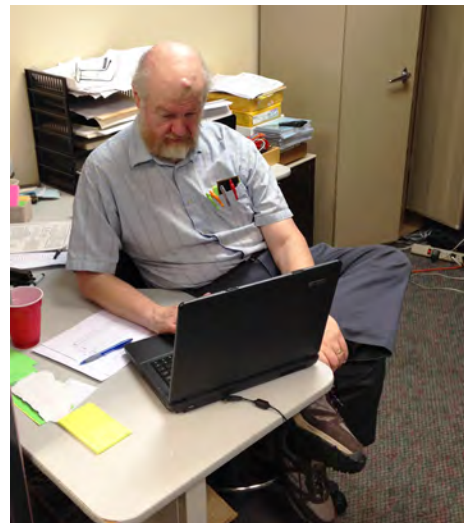
And with regard to the NW Chess magazine: Contribute articles that interview players about chess and explore the artistic, logical, or scientific side of chess, as it might relate to a career field... How about developing a series of articles that are about "My Big Chess Trip Abroad", or what about... "Whatever Happened to So & So?" stories.

Note: The above article was written at the request of Duane Polich and the rest of the WCF Board following the 2014 WCF Annual Business Meeting. —Editor.

Emerald City Open

by Josh Sinanan

Sixty players participated in the Emerald City Open, a two-section five round swiss held on the weekend of June 20-22 at the Seattle Chess Club. For many, the tournament marks the official start of summer vacation and kicks off the summer chess season. This year's field was very strong and included six USCF National Masters: David Golub, Peter Lessler, Roland Feng, Bryce Tiglon, Daniel He, and Viktors Pupols. As usual, Fred Kleist directed the event.



Fred Kleist. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

NM David Golub, an undergraduate student at the University of Washington, won the Open section with 4.5/5. David reached the national master title in 2011 after playing only 29 USCF rated events, an amazingly quick ascent. He has since played in the WA State Championship three years in a row and hopes to raise his rating to 2300 in the near future!



David Golub. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

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The sensation of the tournament, however, had to be Dalton He's tremendous performance in the open section as he defeated two national masters and one expert on his way to winning the U1950 prize. Dalton is a recent graduate of Mercer Island High School and has only played in three USCF rated events in the past four years. This young man clearly has a bright future ahead of him!



Dalton He. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

NM Roland Feng and soon-to-be master Samuel He joined Dalton in a tie for second place with four points apiece.

In the reserve section (U1700), youth continued to prevail as Ishaan Puri topped the field by scoring four points out of five games. Ishaan will be going into sixth grade at the Bear Creek Elementary School in Woodinville and continues to improve rapidly, closing in on 1700 after competing in only 15 USCF rated events. A three-way tie for second between Kerry Van Veen, August Piper, and Pratik Padhi rounded out the overall prize winners. Maneesh Rajagopal took home U1450 honors and a newcomer by the name of Amhet Gurcan took home the unrated prize with four points.

With so many underrated juniors lurking about, upsets were abundant in each and every round. The players who scored the largest upsets in rounds 1-4 (respectively) were: Ethan Hu (443), Ani Barua (702), Andy Tien (632), and Dalton He (662).

Games

**Kyle Haining (2050) -
David Golub (2255) [B90]**

Emerald City Open (R2), June 21, 2014
[David Golub]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7**

9.Qd2 0-0 10.0-0 a5!?

This move was recommended by Daniel King, and was played by Topalov, Grischuk, Karjakin, and many other grandmasters. In retrospect, I should have studied the main ideas more thoroughly before this game. It seems strange to move the a-pawn twice, but the main idea behind this move is to divert White's attention to the queenside and launch an attack before White can.

11.Na4

The idea behind this move is to exploit the holes on the queenside. Although this move is not the best since it relinquishes control over the center, Black has to know what to do!

11...Nbd7

Although the knight usually goes to a6 or c6 in this variation, this move is necessary to prevent White from invading on the dark squares.

12.Bb5 Ne8??

Masters can blunder too! After this move, Black is just utterly lost. I missed a simple tactic 12...d5 This move seems to equalize, as 13.exd5 Nxd5 leaves White in a seriously dangerous position, and the alternative, Nac5, allows Black to push with d4, with an unclear game.



Position after 12...Ne8

13.Bxd7! Bxd7 14.Nb6

After this move White simply has a crushing bind on the queenside. Originally I was planning on playing Ra6. But I missed that after Nxd7 and Nc5 I simply lose an exchange! So I have to play the sorry looking move.

14...Rb8 15.Nxa5

Qxa5 would have been even stronger.

15...Be6 16.g4

While this move is good, it seems to me that the simple c4 crushes any chance for counterplay for Black.

16...Nc7 17.h4 Na8

The only chance Black has is to remove the knight on b6.

18.Nbc4??

[Diagram top of next column]

After this move, amazingly, White is already lost!

18...Qc7



Position after 18.Nbc4

and Black has a crushing attack.

19.Na3 b5 20.Nb3 b4 21.Nb1 Qc6

Black can calmly improve the position of his pieces, as White's attack is just too slow.

22.g5 Qa4

This crude plan of taking the a2 pawn is unstoppable.

23.Qd3 Qxa2 24.N1d2 Rfc8 25.Rdg1 Nb6 26.Bxb6 Rxb6 27.Rf1 Bd7 28.Rf2 Bb5 29.Qe3 Rbc6 30.Nb1



Position after 30.Nb1

30...Bd8

Every Sicilian player's dream. There is simply no way to prevent Bb6

31.Rg2 Bb6 32.Qd2 Qxb3

And I won. The moral of the story is that winning won games is harder than it looks! It is important to be aware that people are prone to blunder in a winning position, and to know when the critical moment strikes. Thanks for reading.

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**Roland Feng (2307) -
Samuel He (2173) [D13]**

Emerald City Open (R3), June 21, 2014
[Samuel He]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6

The last time I played Roland, I decided to play the Kings Indian, and got in a position which was completely losing, but was able to win from a lucky desperate attack! This time, I decided to play something much more solid.

3.Nf3 d5 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Nh5!?

This is a very rarely played move, introduced to me by Slav expert Micah Smith, has the intention of making the bishop move to a worse square.

7.Bg3!?

This move looks the most natural, but it is not the best move in this position as it gives Black the two bishops and equality. The better move is Bd2. Even though it brings the bishop to a worse square, the knight on h5 is also misplaced.

7...Nxb3 8.hxb3 e6 9.e3 Bd6 10.Bd3 h6 11.Rc1 Bd7

I am trying to delay castling as long as possible as in some cases, after White castles, I can get a quick attack with g5 and f5. On the other hand, White also wants to delay castling since if I castle first, the g5 + f5 attack wouldn't work as the h6 pawn is unguarded.

12.a3 0-0

There were no more useful waiting moves, so I decided to castle here.

13.Bb1?!

I was surprised to see this move played, as there were no real threats with this move. I would've played 0-0, and try to attack on the queenside with b4, Qb3 and Na4.

13...f5!?

I felt it seemed right for Black to start an attack here. My future moves would be something like Qf6 and g5, continuing the attack.

14.Qd3 Qf6 15.Nd2 Rac8 16.f4?



Position after 16.f4

While this move stops e5 and much of Black's play, it should be played after O-O to prevent my next move.

16...b5!

This move gives Black good play on the queenside. Nxb5 doesn't work because of Nb4? and both the queen and rook on c1 are being attacked. This wouldn't work if White had castled earlier. Qxb5 also is not good for White as Rb8 wins back the pawn on b2 with a strong rook on the 7th rank.

17.0-0 b4 18.axb4 Nxb4 19.Qe2

At this point, I knew I was a bit better, but I was unsure of a plan. I decided to get the rooks on the open c- and b- files, and bring my bishop to a6, which covers a lot of squares.

19...Rb8 20.Nf3 Bc8 21.Rfd1 Ba6 22.Qf2 Rfc8 23.g4!

This move starts a dangerous-looking attack on the kingside. The best move –

according to the engine - is to capture the pawn, but I don't think humans would play such a move, especially as it opens up the diagonal for the b1-bishop.

23...g6 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Qe7

Here, I have lost my slight advantage due to White's potential attack on the kingside. While my pieces are actively placed on the queenside, it is very hard to find any plan. White also has a potential attack with gxf5 gxf5 and g4, but it also weakens his own king. My plan here was to wait to see what White would do first.

26.gxf5 gxf5 27.Ne2?!

This move has the correct plan of getting the knight to d4, in which White would have a very big advantage.



Position after 27.Ne2

27...Bxe2!

Correctly trading the bishop for the potentially active knight. After this move, Black's knight would be stronger than the currently useless bishop on b1.

28.Qxe2 Nc6?!

Since my knight wasn't doing much on b4, my plan was to bring the knight to a5 with future squares of b3 and c4. However, this move is inaccurate because of Rc3! This move threatens to bring the other rook to c1. In addition, in some cases, e4? works, bringing the rook to g3.

29.Bd3 Nb4

I was a bit low on time, so I decided to waste a move to see if he would want to repeat.

30.Ba6?

I am not sure what this move accomplishes, as now, the white queen would have to stay on e2 to defend the bishop.

30...Rc5!

This move gets full control of the c-file, which would be eventually useful to breakthrough.

31.Rxc5 Qxc5 32.Bd3 Kg7!?

Nxd3 wins a pawn, but I felt that White could probably get a draw. Kg7 surprisingly prevents any possible draws from White.

33.Bb1 Nc6 34.g4 fxe4!

While this looks losing at first, White's attack with his bishop and queen against my king doesn't work!



Samuel He. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

35.Qxg4+ Kf7 36.Qg6+ Ke7 37.Kf2!

This move has the idea of bringing the king to the safe square of f3, which surprisingly, cannot be attacked in any way!

37...Rxb2+ 38.Kf3 Kd7

Here, my plan is just to try to get the queens traded, and I would be up a pawn in the endgame.

39.Qg7+?! Qe7

Setting a trap...

40.Qxb6?

This looks like the most natural move – to win back the pawn—but it loses to a tricky tactic!



Position after 40.Qxb6

40...Nxe5+!!

This move works since the b2 rook keeps the king trapped in the middle of the board as well as the d5 pawn. If fxe5, Qf7+ and either Qf4 or Qf6 would lead to Qh5+, with mate in a few moves. If Kg3 after Qf7+, then Qf2+ and mate in a few moves.

41.Kg3 Nc4 42.Bd3 Qc5!

The black pieces are so well-placed that even here, if Qxe3 is allowed, White either gets mated or loses his queen.

43.Qg7+ Kc6

No more checks!

44.Qd4 Nxe3!

White's best option here is to trade into a two-pawn-down endgame, which is lost.

45.Qxc5+ Kxc5 46.Re1 Kd4 47.Bh7 Rb3 48.Kf2 a5

My plan here was to keep advancing the a pawn while making sure I don't lose any of the other pawns.

49.Bg8 e5 50.fxe5 Ng4+ 51.Kg2 Nxe5 52.Ra1 Nc4 53.Rd1+ Rd3 54.Ra1 Kc3 55.Kf2 Kb2 56.Ra4 Kb3 57.Ra1 a4 0-1

Viktors Pupols (2207) – Dalton He (1595) [A84]

Emerald City Open (R2), June 21, 2014 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.Bd3 f5 8.Bd2 a6 9.a4 b6 10.h3 Ngf6 11.g4! fxd4?!

11...g6 12.Rg1 Ne4 13.gxf5 gxf5 +=

12.hxg4 Nxg4



Position after 12...Nxg4

13.Bg6+?!

13.e4! dxe4 14.Nxe4, with Nfg5 coming, looks like a very strong attack for White.

13...Kf8

13...Ke7 14.Rxh7 (Or 14.Bd3 with compensation.) 14...Rxh7 15.Bxh7 +=

14.Bh5

14.e4! introduces very favorable complications.

14...Ngf6?

14...Ndf6 15.Ng5 Nh6 16.e4 Be7 17.Bf3 +=

15.Ng5 Qe7



Position after 15...Qe7

16.Nf7?

White loses the thread. 16.Qf3! increases the pressure with a strong bind, easily

worth more than the invested pawn.

16...Nxb5 17.Nxd6 Nhf6 18.Nxc8 Rxc8 19.a5 b5 20.Na2 Ke8

20...Kf7 21.Bb4 Qd8 also looks decent for Black.

21.Bb4 Qf7 22.Rc1 Rxc1 23.Qxc1

23.Nxc1!? starts the migration to the kingside a little faster.

23...Qg6! 24.Nc3?!

24.Bd6!? Kf7 25.Nb4, though White does not have quite enough for the pawn anymore.

24...Kf7 25.Ne2 Qf5

25...Qd3!?

26.Ng3 Qd3 27.f3 h5

27...Qc4

28.Kf2 h4 29.Ne2 Qf5 30.Qc7 g5 31.Ke1

31.Rg1 h3 32.Ng3 Qd3! with clear advantage.

31...Kg6 32.Rf1 h3 33.Bd6 Qb1+ 34.Kf2 Qxb2 35.Bh2 g4 36.Rg1 Rf8 37.Bf4??



Position after 37.Bf4

Bad, but White is quite lost now in any case.

37...h2! 38.Rf1

38.Re1 g3+ 39.Kg2 Rh8

38...g3+! 39.Bxg3

39.Ke1 g2

39...Ne4+ 40.Kg2 Qxe2+ 0-1



Viktors Pupols. Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

Petar Spasic (1410) –

Kerry Van Veen (1660) [D04]

Emerald City Open (R2), June 21, 2014

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Be2 Bf5 5.0-0 e6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Bd6 8.Nc3 h6 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 0-0 11.Bd2 Nbd7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Re8 14.Bc3 Qc7 15.h3 e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Qf4 Qe7 20.Rfd1 g5 21.Qd4 Rd5 22.Qc3 Rad8 23.Qc2 R8d6 24.Rxd5 Rxd5 25.Rd1 Qd7 26.Rxd5 Qxd5 27.a3 a6 28.Kf1 Kg7 29.Qc3+ f6 30.Qd4

The isolated d-pawn that results from this is not really sufficient to cause White to lose the game... but it does offer Black some hope.

30.f3 keeps solid equality in the queen ending. White has no weaknesses to attack. 30...Qd1+ 31.Kf2 with not much going on.; 30.Ke2 Qxg2 31.Qb4 is also a draw, for example after 31...Qxh3 32.Qe7+ Kg6 33.Qe8+ when Black can't very well even try the run to the center with 33...Kf5?? due to the skewer 34.Qd7+.

30...Qxd4 31.exd4 Kf7 32.Ke2 Ke6 33.Ke3 Kd5 34.Kd3 a5 35.b4 axb4 36.axb4 f5



Position after 36...f5

37.g3??

37.g4! is the simplest draw, guaranteeing f3 can't be undermined: 37...f4 38.f3 and the white king shuffles between c3 and d3 (unless allowed to advance, of course); 37.f3 is also adequate to hold.

The reason 37.g3 loses is that it weakens f3, which in turn weakens e4 when the f3-pawn is undermined by ...g4. Eventually, the white king must give way, and since the black king has access to e4, White can't play Kc3, so instead will allow ...Kc4, when Black munches the queenside and promotes more quickly than White can muster on the other wing.

37...h5 38.f3 b6 39.g4

39.Kc3 g4 and wins, as advertised.

39...fxg4 40.fxg4 hxg4 41.hxg4 b5 42.Ke3 Kc4 43.Ke4 Kxb4 44.Kf5 Kc3 45.Kxg5 b4 46.Kf4 b3 47.g5 b2 48.g6 b1Q 49.g7 Qg6 0-1

Music and Chess

By Carol Kleist

In accordance with the famous quote from Tarrasch, “Chess, like love, like music, has the power to make men happy,” and Nietzsche’s philosophical observation that “Without music, life would be a mistake,” the Seattle Chess Club recently held a celebration of the two: music and chess.

On the afternoon and evening of May 31st, at the Creative Music Adventures (CMA) theatre in North Seattle’s Wallingford district, eight young music-playing chess players performed on their instruments to the delight of the audience and the benefit of fund raising for the Seattle Chess Club. The music ranged from the High Baroque of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) represented by a viola concerto played by Ryan Cho, and accompanied by Dan Kramlich, to the contemporary compositions of the rock band Chicago, performed by WA Open winner NM Roland Feng, entitled “Hard to Say I’m Sorry” and “You’re the Inspiration.”

The program opened with Mozart’s vigorous “Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” played by two young ten- and twelve-year-old talented violinists, Jared and Ethan Huan, each playing also a solo thereafter. We experienced more Bach, this time on the trumpet, played by Benjamin Brusniak, followed by his performance of Haydn. Suja Chalasani gave us a strong performance of the “Medallion” and “The Pirates of the Caribbean” as unaccompanied violin solos. Tony Jiang contributed the rich sounds of the sax from transcribed Telemann, contemporary with, but quite different from Bach, and, to conclude, we were privileged to hear a masterful, virtuoso performance of Chopin Scherzos no.2 and no.1, performed by NM and Young-Artist-award-winner David Golub.

In a festive mood, we then enjoyed intermission with roll-ups, pizza, punch, pop, and a large white cake topped with a chessboard and pieces drizzled from chocolate, thanks to Keytharine and Wei of the Feng family. Keytharine also furnished the programs. This intermission was the transition to the Quick Chess part of the occasion. Here the format was designed as G/15 hexes, but redesigned by necessity to a G/10, eight-player round-robin, directed by Fred Kleist, and USCF Blitz rated.

Taking part in the event were the chess-playing music performers Suja, Ryan, Tony, Roland, and David. They were joined by SCC President Dr. August Piper, along with music instructor and keyboard artist Dan Kramlich who had generously agreed to help with piano accompaniment, and WCF Tournament Coordinator Dan



10-year-old Jared Huang (left), 12-year-old Ethan Huang (right).
Photo credit: Shinjau Huang.

Mathews, who supported the fundraiser by helping with essential transportation of tables and set up. Let the G/10 fun begin! The evening culminated in an exciting contest which David Golub won, winning all his games. Roland Feng followed closely as second, winning all his games except the one with David. Suja Chalasani and Dan Mathew tied for third.

Hopefully we can continue to celebrate music and chess again next year. Please consider volunteering to play your instrument. You do not have to be a virtuoso! Music, again like chess, can be enjoyable at many levels. And whether you play an instrument or not, do come and applaud your fellow chess players and/or play the chess event. All proceeds go toward helping to keep the Seattle Chess Club alive and strong!

Tacoma News

By Gary Dorfner

The 2014 Pierce County League was held at the club on the four Fridays in February with four 3-player teams. The first place team was the Crusaders with Paul Bartron, Larry Anderson and Gary Dorfner - 12.5 points. The second place team was the Warriors with Steve Buck, Rich Raymond and Mike Mellott - 9.5 points. Top Boards: Board 1 Tom Walker 3.5, Board 2 Rich Raymond 2.5, Board 3 Gary Dorfner 1.5. Prizes were certificates. TD was Gary Dorfner.

Two tournaments were organized and run by H.G. Pitre on the 2nd and 3rd weekends in March at the Tacoma Chess Club. The Saturday event was the Tacoma CC Semi-Class and had eleven players. Winners were; 1st Paul Bartron 3.5 \$150.00, 2nd

-3rd Mike MacGregor, Viktors Pupols & Alan Bishop 2.5 \$70.00 each, 1st U1800 Robin Tu 2.5 \$90.00, 2nd U1800 Mike Hasuike 2.0 \$90.00, 3rd U1800 Stephen Buck and Ralph Anthony 1.5 \$30.00 each.

The Sunday event was the Tacoma CC March Open. This event drew ten players, seven of whom were also in the Saturday event. The winners were; 1st Paul Bartron, Alan Bishop and Naomi Bashkansky 3.0 \$120.00 each, 1st U1800 Stephen Buck 2.5 \$90.00, 1st U1400 Ron Taylor 1.0 \$90.00, and best game prize by a non-prize winner Travis Olson \$60.

The Spring Championship G/15 event was held on March 28 with twelve players. The winners were; 1st Paul Bartron 4.0, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Tom Walker, Mike Mellott & Archie Escobido 3.0 each.

The Daffodil Open was held on Saturday, April 19th with ten players. The winners were; 1st Paul Bartron 4 \$44.00, 2nd Arjun Thomas 3.0 \$24.00, U2000 James Nelson \$30.00, and U1700 Ralph Anthony, Boas Lee & Rich Sewell 2.0 \$10.00 each. TD for both events was Gary Dorfner.

A Membership Blitz was started last January. Letters were sent to a large number of former members and followed up with emails and phone calls.

Miscellaneous Games

Naomi Bashkansky (1716) –
Viktors Pupols (2200) [E61]
TCC March Open Sundays
(R3), March 16, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d6 3.Bd3 g6 4.c4 Bg7 5.Nc3
c6 6.Nge2 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2
b4 10.Ne4 0-0 11.f4 d5 12.N4g3 c5 13.Rc1

Bb7 14.Qd2 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4



Position after 15...dxe4

16.dxc5

16.f5! helps artificially isolate the e-pawn, while aiding play on the f-file and on the kingside, and importantly, it does not release the central tension.

16...Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Nxc5 18.Rcd1 Qb6 19.f5 Nd3 20.Qd4 Qxd4 21.exd4 a5?!

21...e6!? 22.fxe6 fxe6 23.Nc1 Nf4 24.Nge2 +=

22.Nf4

Or 22.d5 Nc5 23.Rf4 (23.Nd4!?) 23...e6 24.fxe6 fxe6 25.Nxe4 Rxf4 (25...Nxe4 26.Rxe4 exd5 27.cxd5 looks like a solid pawn plus for White.) 26.Nxc5 Rf7 27.d6 with plenty of compensation for the exchange.

22...Nxf4 23.Rxf4 a4

23...e6 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.Rxe4 gxf5

26.Re5 White will play d5, with or without Rb5 first, and show a clear advantage. 26...a4 (26...Rfb8 27.d5 Rd8 28.d6 Ra6 29.c5) 27.Rb5 axb3 28.axb3 Rfb8 29.Rxb8+ Rxb8 30.d5

24.Nxe4 axb3 25.axb3 Ra2

25...gxf5 26.Nc5 Bc8 27.Nd3 and Black has to scramble to hold onto material. White has a serious edge.

26.d5 Rfa8



Position after 26...Rfa8

27.fxg6?!

27.f6! exf6 28.Nxf6+ Kg7 29.Nxh7!; Or 27.Nc5 Bc8 28.f6 exf6 29.d6

27...hxg6 28.Rdf1 f5 29.Nc5 Bc8 30.R4f2 R2a3 31.Re2 R8a5 32.Ne6

32.Na4!? Rxb3 33.Nb6 with favorable complications.

32...Bxe6?!

32...Rxb3 33.Nd4 Rc3 34.Nc6 Ra8 is somewhat less clear, though likely still favoring White.

33.Rxe6 Kf7 34.Re3 Rc5 35.Rfe1 Ra7 36.Rf3

Another way to enforce g4 is to advance the king: 36.h4 Rca5 37.Kf2 Ra2+ 38.Kf3 Rd2 39.g4.

36...Rca5 37.g4 Ra1 38.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 39.Kg2 e6



Position after 39...e6

40.dxe6+

40.gxf5 looks more reliable: 40...gxf5 41.h4 Ra2+ 42.Kg3.

40...Kxe6 41.gxf5+ gxf5 42.Kg3?!

White keeps a small edge with 42.h4 Kf6 43.Rd3 Rc1 44.Rd6+ Ke5 45.Rb6 Rc2+ 46.Kf1 but 46...Ke4! and Black is holding. For example 47.Rxb4 (Or 47.h5 Rb2 when White has nothing: 48.c5 Rxb3 49.h6 Kd5!

2014 Washington Speed Chess Championships

August 23, 2014

Site: Crossroads Bellevue (right next to "Uncle's Games," corner of NE 8th and 156th Ave south mall entrance--NE 8th St)

Schedule: Check-in begins at 11:30am with the first round beginning at approximately 12:15pm. Estimated finish time 3:30pm.

Eligible: OPEN section requires WCF membership. (Tournament membership available on-site for \$5.00 extra.) Rating used will be the higher of either USCF or NWRS. Unrated players must play in overall section. SCHOLASTIC section does not require membership.

Format: G/5 (Game in 5 minutes), 7-round double-round Swiss (14 games/player), USCF Blitz rules. Scholastic sections may be combined for pairings purposes.

Awards: GUARANTEED 1st Place - NO LESS than \$100!! Open section ONLY--cash prizes: Prizes \$100-\$65-\$45 U2100-\$45, U1700-\$45, U1300-\$35, Top Junior-\$35. K-12 section: trophies/gift cards.

Entry Fee: \$20 per person, \$27 on-site/day of. Masters (2200+) play FREE! (entry fee deducted from any prize won.)

Concessions: Available on-site from Crossroads Mall. (Note: no food/drinks except water allowed on the chess tables.)

Miscellaneous: Please bring a clock if you have one. Chess sets are provided.

Registration: Register online at chess4life.com or by calling the Bellevue center at 425-283-0549.

More information: Email tournaments@chess4life.com or call 425-283-0549.

50.Kg2 Kxc5 51.h7 Rb2+ 52.Kg3 f4+!
53.Kxf4 Rh2 54.Rb7 =) 47...Kf3 48.Ke1
Ke3 49.Kd1 Rd2+ 50.Kc1 f4 =.

42...Ke5?

42...Rg1+! 43.Kf4 Rg4+ 44.Ke3 Rh4 45.h3
(45.c5 Rxh2 46.Kd3 Rh4 =) 45...Ke5 and
White is simply too defensively placed to
capitalize on the extra pawn.

43.Re3+ Kd4??



Position after 43...Kd4

43...Kf6 leaves White with at most a tiny
edge.

44.Kf4! Rh1 45.h3 Rc1

45...Rg1 46.Rf3 Rg8 47.Kxf5 allows Black
to harass the white king a bit, though White
should still manage to win.

46.Rf3 Rc3 47.h4 Kc5 48.h5 Kd6 49.h6 Rc1 50.Rh3 Ra1 51.h7 1-0

**David Golub (2259) –
Peter Lessler (2266) [A17]**
Washington Open (R6), May 26, 2014
[David Golub]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4

Although it is possible to transpose into a
mainline Nimzo-Indian after 4.d4, White
has another move at his disposal...

4.g4!?

Originally introduced by Zviagintsev and
Krasenkow, this audacious move intends
to quickly drive Black's knight away from
the center and gain space on the kingside. I
don't think Black should have any problems
after this move, but its main advantage lies
in the fact that it's easier to play as White.

4...h6

The main move in the position. The
alternatives are castles and 4...d5. In
my opinion 4...d5 is the strongest reply,
countering in the center in response to a
flank attack, in classical fashion. However,
4...h6 is a perfectly valid reply.

5.Rg1 b6 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.a3 Bxc3

Even though this move is quite playable,
in my opinion this is a slight inaccuracy,
because now Black's dark squares are
weaker and White has the two bishops,
which may show their power if the position
opens up. 7...Be7 or 7...Bf8 would have
been slightly better. Black's plan is to
quickly close the position with d6 and e5.

8.Qxc3 d6 9.h4 e5 10.g5 hxg5 11.hxg5 Ne4 12.Qe3

The dust has settled and White has a very
comfortable position, as Black's knight
looks a little uncomfortable in the center,
White has the two bishops, and may break
in the center soon. However, it's not so easy
to convert this into a material advantage.

12...Qe7

The main point of this move was preventing
13.d3 Nc5 14.d4 and dxe5. However, after

13.b4

Black's position looks critical, as the knight
seems to be trapped. However,

13...a5

the only move, saves the piece. However,
white still retains the advantage after

14.d3 Nc3



Position after 14...Nc3

15.bxa5!

A strong move, forcing positional
concessions from Black. Now after Rxa5
Bd2 wins the exchange, so Black is forced
to recapture with the pawn.

15...bxa5 16.Bd2 Na4 17.Rb1 Nc5

Here I thought for a while. If Black can
somehow complete development and
consolidate, the c5 knight can become
quite strong. However,

18.Bc3

is a move aimed directly against that, by
setting threats against the center.

18...Nbd7 19.Rb5

A critical move, setting Black a choice,
sacrifice the a-pawn, or advance it?

19...a4??



Position after 19...a4

Surprisingly, this is the decisive mistake!
19...Bc6! was a better move, after which
Black is only slightly worse. 20.Rxa5 Rb6

21.Bb4 Ne6! and White's king looks a little
drafty. Black is going to invade with Nf4
and has quite good counterplay for the
pawn.

20.Nxe5!!

I was very proud of this move. White
throws a piece into Black's strongest point,
after which all captures lose.

20...Nxe5

20...dxe5 21.Bb4 and White wins the
knight on c5, with a winning position.

21.Bxe5 Bc6 22.Bxg7 Qxe3 23.fxe3

During the game I was not sure about the
evaluation of this endgame. If Black could
somehow penetrate along the b-file, White
would be in serious trouble. However,
White is in time to protect the b5 pawn.

23...Rh7 24.Bf6 Bxb5 25.cxb5

White has two pawns for the exchange and
two terribly strong bishops. However, there
are some technical difficulties to overcome.
I saw that after ...Rb8 I could play Bg2, and
...Rxb5 would be met by Bc6+ and taking
the rook. However, I missed ...Kf8.

25...Kf8 26.Bg2 Re8 27.Kf2 Nd7 28.Rc1

This is the correct plan. The bishop (pawn)
on f6 cramps Black's king, and White can
push the far-advanced b5 pawn.

28...Nxf6 29.gxf6 Rh6 30.Rxc7 Rxf6+



Position after 30...Rxf6+

A critical moment. I wanted to play it
"safe" and protect my clump of pawns, but
the move

31.Bf3??

I moved too quickly and did not calculate
well enough at the critical moment. I think
this is because I became too excited near
the finish line. 31.Ke1! Black has no way
to stop White's pawns from advancing.
31...Rxe3 32.b6 Rfe6 33.Be4 and White
queens.

31...Rb8

Now White can't defend the b5 pawn and it
should be a draw.

32.Ra7 Rxb5 33.Rxa4 Rbf5 34.Rd4 Ke7 35.a4 Ra5 36.Ke1

And we agreed to a draw here. All in all, a
very fun game, with lots of creative ideas
involved. I think it illustrates some of the
main ideas in the g4 variation for both sides
and the dangers it can harbor for Black.

1/2-1/2

Idaho Chess News

Idaho Open

We open this story with the first two paragraphs (and change) from the “*Idaho Chess History*,” First Edition, published by the Idaho Chess Association in 1997 (this section, three paragraphs, was written by the late Glen Buckendorf):

Fifty Years of Idaho Chess

Buhl chess players met weekly, mostly during the fall and winter months, in individuals’ homes during the mid 1940’s. Dr. Melvin Drake was the strongest player in the club, but never did play in organized tournaments. Other players participating were Mr. and Mrs. Orr of Orr Orchard, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, farmers, George Likeness, Superintendent of Buhl Schools, Mr. Ripplinger, music teacher, Bob Coad, photographer, and Everett Martin, Conoco Oil distributor. High school students attending were Dean Blair and Glen Buckendorf.

In the summer of 1946 Dean Blair and Glen Buckendorf were attracted by a picture in the *Times-News* showing people playing chess in a basement room of the old Rogerson Hotel. Mel Schubert had returned to Twin Falls and pumped new life into the Twin Falls Chess Club. Organized chess was brought to Idaho by Mel in 1947. It was through his inspiration and effort that the Idaho Chess Association was created. He was responsible for the Idaho Chess Association being sanctioned by the United States Chess Federation. Mr. Schubert was educated at Twin Falls High School and at the University of Southern California. Mel returned to Twin Falls for a short time before continuing on in 1947 to Pocatello, where he had accepted a position as an instructor in speech and drama at what was then Idaho State College. Many owe their interest in chess to him – he made it fun to play.

Mel directed and played in the first Idaho State Chess Tournament held in 1947. It was won by C.H. Stewart of Boise. In 1948 Mel Schubert won the Idaho State chess crown. As his college responsibility increased, Mel did not play in every state tournament. However, he continued to play a very strong chess game. C.H. Stewart of Boise won the 1949 Idaho Chess Tournament. ...

The complete publication is available on the Idaho Chess Association website at www.idahocheessassociation.org in the History section.

From 1947-1957, the Idaho Open (then called “The Idaho Tournament”) was also used to determine the Idaho State Chess Champion the highest Idaho player was awarded the title. In 1958 the Idaho Tournament was renamed the Idaho Open and a separate Idaho Closed (open to all players in Idaho) was created to determine the Idaho State Chess Champion. And in 1968-1969 the Idaho Open was also used to determine the Idaho State Chess Champion (chess being in somewhat of a slump at that time, there were no Idaho Closed tournaments held those two years). From 1952-1976 tie-breaks were used to award titles and recognize champions. In 1977, the ICA began a policy of awarding titles in all events to tied players based on score and not on tie-breaks.

There are some interesting statistical facts about the past winners of the Idaho Open. Three players have won four times: Gaston Chappuis, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1966; IM John Donaldson, 1982, 1997, 1998, 2005; and Hans M. Morrow, 2001, 2008, 2010, 2013. Only one player has managed to win the Idaho Open three consecutive years, Viktors Pupols, 1984, 1985, and 1986.

Historical List of Winners

Note: The number in brackets following a name indicates a multiple winner and how many times they won to that point.

Year	Winner	Residence
1947	Charles H. Stewart	Boise, ID
1948	William F. Taber	Reno, NV
1949	Charles H. Stewart (2)	Boise, ID
1950	William F. Taber (2)	Reno, NV
1951	Herman Dittman	Salt Lake City, UT
1952	LaVerl Kimpton	Filer, ID
1953	Oscar W. Manney	Seattle, WA
1954	Maurice Gedance	Las Vegas, NV
1955	William F. Taber (3)	Reno, NV
1956	Glen Buckendorf	Buhl, ID
1957	Kenneth R. Jones	Reno, NV
1958	Dr. Peter Lapiken	Missoula, MT
1959	Gaston Chappuis	Salt Lake City, UT
1960	Michael J. Franett	Seattle, WA
1961	Gaston Chappuis (2)	Salt Lake City, UT
1962	Donald Turner	The Dalles, OR
1963	Donald Turner (2)	The Dalles, OR
1964	Gaston Chappuis (3)	Salt Lake City, UT

1965	Dick Vandenburg	Boise, ID
1966	Gaston Chappuis (4)	Salt Lake City, UT
1967	Robert Mitchell	Klamath Falls, OR
1968	Sief Poulson	Salem, OR
1969	Wolfgang Freese	Pocatello, ID
1970	Mitch Montchalin	Happy Valley, OR
1971	Glen Buckendorf (2)	Buhl, ID
1972	Donald Arnow	Salt Lake City, UT
1973	Sam Barr	Seattle, WA
1974	Leo Stefurak	Seattle, WA
1975	Robert Stephenson	Portland, OR
1976	Michael Schemm	Portland, OR
1977	Yasser Seirawan	Seattle, WA
1978	Todd Q. Miller	Salt Lake City, UT
1979	Jerome V. Weikel	Reno, NV
1980	Todd Q. Miller (2)	Salt Lake City, UT
1981	Eric Tangborn	Tacoma, WA
1982	IM John Donaldson	Seattle, WA
Tie	Craig Madsen	Salt Lake City, UT
1983	Craig Madsen (2)	Salt Lake City, UT
1984	Viktors Pupols	Bremerton, WA
1985	Viktors Pupols (2)	Bremerton, WA
1986	Viktors Pupols (3)	Bremerton, WA
1987	Fred M. Nelson	Murray, UT
Tie	Stewart Q. Sutton	Caldwell, ID
1988	Kevin D. Johnson	West Valley City, UT
1989	Joseph Kennedy	Star, ID
1990	Larry R. Parsons	Boise, ID
1991	Larry R. Parsons (2)	Boise, ID
1992	Michael A. Henderson	Boise, ID
1993	Joseph Kennedy (2)	Star, ID
1994	Leslie R. Colin	Boise, ID
1995	No Tournament	
1996	GM Walter S. Browne	Berkeley, CA
1997	IM John Donaldson (2)	San Francisco, CA
1998	IM John Donaldson (3)	San Francisco, CA
1999	Garrett Reynolds	Twin Falls, ID
2000	No Tournament	
2001	Hans M. Morrow	Pocatello, ID
2002	Robert Keough	Boise, ID
Tie	David J. Eacker	Moscow, ID
2003	No Tournament	
2004	Gregory W. Nowak	Missoula, MT

2005	IM John Donaldson (4)	San Francisco, CA
2006	Patrick M. Flynn	Boise, ID
2007	Randy Zumbrunnen	Salt Lake City, UT
2008	Hans M. Morrow (2)	Farmington, UT
2009	Gregory W. Nowak (2)	Missoula, MT
2010	Katie Abderhalden	Boise, ID
Tie	Hans M. Morrow (3)	Farmington, UT
2011	Gregory W. Nowak (3)	Missoula, MT
2012	Ted Belanoff	Woodside, CA
2013	Hans M. Morrow (4)	Farmington, UT
2014	Frisco Del Rosario	San Mateo, CA

This year's event:

In 2014 the ICA held the 65th Idaho Open chess tournament in Boise, Idaho at the Library! Plaza Business Mall at 3085 N. Cole Rd. in Boise. We haven't compiled information on the statistics of where the events are held (that is something we should research and produce later). But this year's event came back to Boise after several years of it being held in Pocatello. As a result, the tournament attracted the most players in an ICA tournament since the 2013 ICA Summer Classic (excluding Scholastic events in the calculation). The tournament director was Jeffrey Roland of Boise.

Of the 26 players in the event, 24 were from Idaho and two were from out of state (San Mateo, CA and Salem, OR). Fourteen players were rated below 1400. One would have thought these players would have played in the Reserve U1400 section, however only about four players wanted to play in the Reserve Section. The rest all wanted to "play up" and get those tough games. So by unanimous vote, it was decided to change the tournament format to a single section tournament. And it was further decided by unanimous vote that the players rated below 1400 and the eight unrated players were eligible for the Reserve Prizes regardless of their previous indication to play up (this breaks from precedent of several events held by the ICA in Eastern Idaho in recent years, and thus it was an important clarification before the tournament even started).

Candidate Master Frisco Del Rosario of San Mateo, CA won the event with 4.5 points while Cody Gorman of Eagle, James Inman of Nampa, and Brett Hamilton of Eagle tied for 2nd-4th place with 4 points each.

David Zaklan of Twin Falls, Matthew White of Boise, Elijah Hill of Boise and James Liu of Boise tied for 1st-4th for the Reserve U1400 Prize with 3 points each.

This tournament marks the first of three ICA tournaments that will be held in Boise



Prize Winners in the Open Section. L-R: Cody Gorman, Frisco Del Rosario, James Inman, not pictured is Brett Hamilton who had to leave before this picture was taken. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland



Prize Winners in the Reserve Section. Matthew White. Not pictured are David Zaklan, Elijah Hill, and James Liu who had to leave before the picture was taken. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

during the summer.

Games

Frisco Del Rosario (2070) – Paul Edvaldson (1604) [A45]
Idaho Open Boise, ID (R3), June 28, 2014
[Frisco Del Rosario]

1.d4 Nf6 2.g4 Nxg4 3.e4

White will get better center control – plus whatever development he gains by chasing the knight around – but Black has the option to steer the position to his liking: 3...d6 4. Be2 Nf6 5. Nc3 is like a Pirc; 3...d5 often takes on a French character, and 3...h5 could lead to something like a Gurgendize System. Sometimes Black

feels a bit insulted that White gave him a pawn, and bolts for an open game with 3...e5, and then 4. Qxg4 1–0 has happened.

3...Nf6

Giving the game an Alekhine's feel.

4.e5 Ng8?

Black is a tempo behind the dubious Alekhine's line 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8 3.d4, where Pillsbury-Chatard, Paris 1900, finished quickly: 3...Nc6 4.f4 d5 5.c4 Bf5 6.Nc3 Nb4? 7.Qa4+ 1–0 in 16.

5.Bd3 e6

Black's queen bishop becomes a spectator, but 5...d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Rg1 could be even worse for the bishop (though more

promising for Black on the whole).

6.Nf3 g6

...g6 is a most common move for shortening the white rook's reach on the g-file, and ...Bg7 plus ...d6 cooperate against e5. But after Black has played ...e6, ...g6 makes Swiss cheese of his kingside.

7.Bg5 Be7 8.Rg1 b6 9.Nbd2 Bb7 10.Ne4?

10. Qe2 is better, preparing castling and in case of ...Bxe4 in the future, then Qxe4 brings more pressure to bear on g6. Further, 10...d5 would be embarrassing for White – 11.exd6 restores some balance in the center, while it's too early for 11.Nf6+, and none of the knight's retreats is likeable.

10...Nc6 11.c3 Bxg5 12.Nfxg5 Qe7

Computers are weird. Fruit 2.2.1 recommends 12...f5, even though it further weakens g6: 13.exf6 Nxf6 is what White wants.

13.Qf3 h6?



Position after 13...h6

Completing the suicidal e6-f7-g6-h6 pawn formation. White should go ahead with the thematic combination 14.Nxf7! Qxf7 15.Nd6+ plus 16.Bxg6.

14.Nf6+? Nxf6 15.exf6 Qf8?

On 15 ...Qd6, White plays 16.Nxf7 Kxf7 17.Bxg6+ Kf8 18.0-0-0 and hopes for the best.

16.Nxf7 Rg8?

16...Ne5 17.Qxb7 Nxd3+ 18.Kd2 Kxf7 19.Kxd3 is an even game, another disappointing consequence of 14.Nf6+?

17.Nxh6 0-0-0?

Black must lose material, but after 17...Qxh6 18.f7+ Ke7 19.fxg8Q Rxg8, Black is fully mobile.

18.Nxg8 Qxg8 19.Qf4

Another inexact move. Black's tricks with ...Nxd4 have been ruled out, but the knight is still working on 19...e5 20.dxe5 Nxe5 21.0-0-0 Nxd3+ 22.Rxd3 Bd5, where White should still win, but Black has been livelier than White should have allowed.

19...d6 20.f7

Now it's resignable.

20...Qf8 21.Rxg6 e5 22.Qf5+ Kb8 23.Rg8 Qe7 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.f8Q exd4+ 26.Qxe7 1-0



Cody Gorman waits for his opponent in the final round. Cody went into this round a half point ahead of the field and a draw or win would have given him sole first place.

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Frisco Del Rosario (2070) – Cody Gorman (1905) [A45]
Idaho Open Boise, ID (R5), June 29, 2014
[Frisco Del Rosario]

1.d4 Nf6 2.g4 Nxg4 3.e4 d6 4.Be2 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6

Black's most common setup after 2.g4 Nxg4.

6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6

If Black pushes his e-pawn, the favorite pawn structure arises again.

8.Bh4 a6?

Black doesn't have time for this wing demonstration when he's in danger of being run over in the center.

9.f4 b5 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 b4

The tactics to follow are in White's favor, but if the f6-knight moves, White can play Nc3-e4 with a comfortable game.

12.exf6 bxc3 13.Qe3! cxb2 14.Rb1 Bf8 15.Bf3 c6



Position after 15...c6

The only useful interposition, but Black's queenside is a wreck. The knight is tied to the defense of c6, while the rook is tied to the defense of the knight. The bishop hasn't a useful development, but at least it

prevents Rb2-b7.

16.Rxb2

Both sides must be alert to the combination Rxb8 plus Bxc6+.

16...e6

The favorite pawn structure. Black's 11 pawn moves partly explain why he's in this mess. His queenside is in a snarl, and his kingside can't unfold because of the weak h6-pawn.

17.Ne2 Qa5+ 18.c3 Ba3 19.Rb3 Bd6 20.0-0

Overly cautious, maybe. White should trust his center control and development, and leave his king in the center so the rook can develop to g1, its best square. On the other hand, after 20.0-0, White's rooks can double on the other knight file.

20...Qc7 21.Bg3 Nd7 22.Be4

Bringing Bxg6 into the picture.

22...Bxg3 23.Nxg3

A little too automatic. 23.hxg3 enables the knight to develop to f4 where it bears on e6 and g6.

23...Nb6 24.Qf3 Bd7 25.Rfb1 Rb8



Position after 25...Rb8

Black's mobility suggests that he's close to zugzwang. Black knight is pinned, queen and rook are tied to its defense. Black bishop is buried, king rook tied to the h6-pawn.

26.Qd3 Bc8 27.c4

27.Bxg6 was probably winning, but White needn't hurry. Cracking the position open while the black king is in the center will suffice, and Bxg6 is still there in case of ...0-0.

27...c5 28.d5 exd5 29.Bxd5 Bf5

Desperate to deploy his king rook, but Black's game is beyond help.

30.Nxf5 gxf5 31.Qe3+ Kd7

31...Kf8 32. Rxb6!

32.Bxf7

A useful move. e6 is freed as a square for White's pieces, while ...Rg8+ is thwarted, and the f6-pawn is clear to go. Amazing how the position comes to its head with the collapse of the e6-f7-g6 chain.

32...Kd8 33.Qe6 Nd7 34.Qe7+ Kc8 35.Rxb8+ Nxb8 36.Be6+ Nd7 37.f7 Qd8 38.Qxc5+ Qc7 39.f8Q+ Rxf8 40.Qxf8+ Qd8

Now 41. Rb8+ is most efficient, with mate in a few.

41.Qxd8+ 1-0

GP Fishbowl #3

by Mark Havrilla

The Moscow/Pullman Fishbowl series is working! Every other month four local players meet for two rated games. In the past we had to drive out of town to play rated chess! My planned BBQ for the players was cancelled due to rain.

Cam Leslie was the only one with a perfect score. He beat Haluk Beynal with the black pieces via the Nimzo-Indian, and beat Tim Moroney's Benoni with the white pieces. I hope one of them submitted the game with analysis because I arrived when Tim had like 8 seconds left on his clock. Tim is in time trouble so much, I asked the USCF if they would spell his name the following way: Tim(e) Moroney.

Tim played the English against me. I survived the opening only to lose in the late middle game by overlooking some tactics. I hate it when that happens. I got a point from Haluk though... from the same formula! I played the Grunfeld horribly, but he missed a tactic in the middle game as well.

Next Fishbowl is in August! Unfortunately for the local chess scene, Cam Leslie is supposed to move to Seattle by then.



Cameron Leslie. Photo credit: Mark Havrilla

Cameron Leslie (2072) – Timothy M Moroney (2050) [A70]
GP Fishbowl #3 Moscow, ID
(R2), June 14, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Bd3 b5 10.Nxb5 Re8 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 Rxe4 13.Nc3 Re8 =

13...Rb4!?

14.Bg5 Qb6 15.Qd2 Nd7 16.Rfe1 Ba6 17.Ne4 Qxb2

17...f5 18.Nc3 (18.Ng3? Qxb2 and White has no compensation.) 18...Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 =+

18.Qf4



Position after 18.Qf4

18...Rxe4!?

An alternative is entering dangerous-looking complications such as 18...Bc4 19.Rab1! (19.Nxd6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Bxd5 21.Re7 Nf6 is the idea behind Black's play, but even this is far from clear.) 19...Qxa2 (Maybe Black could try the exchange sacrifice here: 19...Rxe4 20.Qxe4 Qxa2 but 21.Qe7! seems to guarantee White an edge.) 20.Rb7! Now 20...Rxe4 (20...

Bxd5 21.Rxd7 is no better.) 21.Rxe4 Bxd5 22.Rxd7 is just bad for Black.

19.Qxe4 Ne5 20.Nxe5

20.Rad1

20...Bxe5 21.Bf4 Bd4 22.Qf3 Rd8 23.Qg3



Position after 23.Qg3

Superficially this looks all right for Black, who has the requisite bishop-pair and a pawn for the exchange -- generally sufficient compensation. White's pawns on a2 and d5 are weak, too.

However, there are danger signs on the horizon. In addition to the d6-pawn hanging, White has ideas involving the elimination of the dark-square bishop (Rad1xd4) followed by invasion on the kingside dark squares. This is especially effective if Black has been forced to recapture on d4 with the c-pawn. See the next note for an example.

23...Bc4

23...Qc2?! 24.Rad1! Qxa2? (24...Qc4 is somewhat better.) 25.Rxd4! cxd4 26.Qh4! and it's hard to defend against the threatened Qf6 and Bh6 (not to mention Re7). Best seems 26...Qa5 27.Re7 Qxd5 28.Rxa7 when Black pitches a piece. Another try

to take advantage of the discovery on the a1-rook is 23...Qb7 24.Rad1 Qxd5, but 25.Be3 turns those two connected passed pawns into doubled isolated weaknesses, while removing Black's bishop-pair from the equation. Call it +=.

24.Bxd6 Qc3 25.Rac1

The white queen is a useful part of potential kingside threats, so perhaps better is 25.Qf4 first. 25...Bxd5 26.Rac1 Qb4 27.Red1 with pressure.

25...Qxg3 26.Bxg3 Bxd5 27.Red1 Re8 28.Bd6 Bxa2 29.Bxc5 Bb2 30.Re1! Rc8 31.Rc2



Position after 31.Rc2

31...Ba3?

Losing more slowly is 31...Be6 32.Rxb2 Rxc5 33.Rb8+ Kg7 34.Rb7 Kf6 35.Rxa7

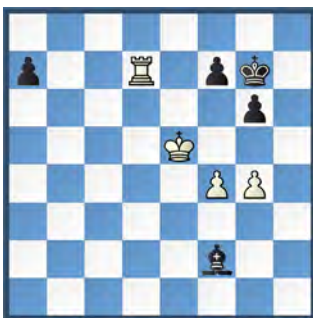
32.Rxa2 Bxc5 33.Kf1?

Simply 33.Rc2 and it's all over. White wins the piece and emerges with an extra rook.

33...Bb6 34.g4 Rc5 35.Kg2 h5 36.gxh5 Rxh5 37.Re4 Rg5+ 38.Rg4 Rxg4+?

Black should definitely keep the rooks on the board and White's pawns separated.

39.hxg4 Kg7 40.f4 Kf6 41.Rc2 Bd4 42.Rc6+ Kg7 43.Kf3 Bb6 44.Ke4 Bd8 45.Rd6 Be7 46.Rd7 Bc5 47.Ke5 Bf2?



Position after 47...Bf2

47...a5 leaves White with something left to prove, in any case.

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48.g5! Be3 49.Ke4 Bc5 50.f5! and White is winning again. Alternately, Black can give up the a-pawn and try to prevent the immediate advance of the white pawns, but long term prospects for this strategy are dim at best.

A simpler solution: call Black's flag.

1-0



Final position of Leslie vs. Moroney game. Note that Black's time has run out yet it's White's move. Photo credit: Mark Havrilla.



L-R: Cameron Leslie, Timothy Moroney. Photo credit: Mark Havrilla



Haluk Beynal. Photo credit: Mark Havrilla



L-R: Haluk Beynal, Cameron leslie, Timothy Moroney. Photo credit: Mark Havrilla.

Oregon Chess News

Newport June Open

by H.G. Pitre

Nowadays, as tournament organizers, we have a tall order to complete. How do we push someone up out of their cushy chair, with beer or pop in hand, hair unkempt, eyes glued to the computer screen facing zlot, or pwnkrshr, or whomever, on ICC or similar site, and get him to drive several miles (Did I say hundred miles?) to play in our event? It's in the numbers, my friend; and repetition, word of mouth, history, and finally luck.

Bad luck maybe was going our way at first. Early on, PCC scarfs up the first weekend of Summer. So it looks like Father's Day again for us. And then the mighty one from the south, the National Open, barges onto that date as well. They lost ten players in total attendance this year, and yet we battled them and got more players than we had last year. Was that bad luck?

Well, we did place many a low percentage bets before we got here. We did make an email pitch to some very important chess people in OR to donate to our worthwhile cause. They must have sat on their hands and yawned. We never heard a peep from

them, and certainly saw not a dollar.

In person, on site, we urged players in Victoria and Vancouver, BC, to come, but how can you justify a trek of greater than eight hours to see some sand, ocean waves and chess pieces that look pretty much the same at home. That effort went nowhere, but I do recommend to you the tourneys there in BC.

We pressed on at the WA Girls Championship held in Carnation, WA; the Harmon Memorial at the Seattle CC, and at tourneys at the Tacoma CC, and the large WA Open, saying "Please come.. and Look! Look at the ocean waves." We tried to saturate the NW Chess website with notice of our event, and we were the biggest thing listed in OR for a few months on the USCF website for tournament announcements. There probably aren't a lot of people out there to discover us and act on it solely because of the USCF.

Sent a few emails to active Portland, OR players, but they seemed to stay home. They have it so easy with the Portland CC just a short drive away.

It probably comes down to history and word of mouth, and that's what we have to build

on again for next year. And we are going to do that. We had a delightful tourney, and heard many complimentary greetings about how competitive the environment that we had created was. We also managed to squeeze in a productive fifteen minute meeting that many of the players attended that bodes well for improving next year's event, and developing other open tournament chess events in the coming year in the region south of Albany, OR.

Of the many who were there, I want to make special mention of chess organizers past, present, and future: Mike Landolfi, who is forming a club in the Astoria area; John Acken, of Vancouver, WA, who brings a wide chess experience from the great OK state; Alex Mueller-Warrant of Corvallis, Tai Pruce-Zimmerman of Klamath Falls; and Paul Shannon of Reedsport, who is a NTD with years of significant experience in MN, CA and OR.

Saturday, I went to the ocean shore a little before 9AM. I learned that this is already about the end of the clamming day for the serious. They had their tools, shovels, and sacks of some clam meat, and they are returning to their cars. It's a great time to walk on the shore and dare the waves to wet you. I return to my room after being



Corey Russell (left) is playing Greg Freeze (right). Next board, Aaron Grabinsky (left) is playing John Chung (right). Next board is Eric Zhang playing unseen Mikeal Davis. Photo credit: Amy Lewis

chased and chastised by those waves. I head over to the Lincoln County PUD site just before 11AM. I first met some players from Klamath Falls, which is a good five hours drive away. They were eager to play. I remade acquaintance with Tai D. Pruce-Zimmerman, the chief instigator for this group. He was especially ready to go, having played here last year. Then the host party shows up, Bill Barrese and others, and we are setting up.

Here, I must report how many miles and an estimate of the time some of our players traveled to be with us.

For example:

Mukilteo, WA 333 miles 333 minutes
 Bellevue, WA 311 miles 321 minutes
 Klamath Falls, OR 268 miles 300 minutes
 Tacoma, WA 272 miles 273 minutes
 Medford, OR 262 miles 256 minutes
 Astoria, OR 134 miles 182 minutes
 Coquille, OR 115 miles 151 minutes

That is true dedication in coming to our tourney either because of our sales pitch, or because they had a good time last year, or for the NWCGP points. We are truly grateful.

To tell you precisely about the next part would be like the reporting of paint drying, but it is also about my making a few bad decisions in response to problems that came up, and before you know it, I am hearing the din in the place rise, and we are not ready to go on time. We make some of our opening announcements and greetings, try to patch up what needs to be corrected, apologize for the late start, and finally we are underway 20 to 25 minutes late. I did not deliver on the key promise I made.

Things can go wrong with best intentions. I have to be prepared with a good plan for more unexpected developments, but I should ask others as well, to adhere to the conditions made presumably for a good reason with their best intentions in mind.

After that unfortunate start, the schedule went well. No forfeits occurred. Everyone who wanted to did play a game in each



Photo credit: Amy Lewis

round. I heard only one occasion when a spectator's phone went off during the round. And yes, one friend/player eating at the board when he should not have done so, did push the TD to the limit.

Even the weather co-operated. I believe it rained only late Saturday night into early Sunday morning, and for the rest of the time it was warm and cloudy with sun breaks.

A player did remark about the limited space in the skittles area, and we are going to work on a remedy for that.

We squeezed forty players onto the rated page of the event. The two co-organizers present played games even when it was safer not to. We thank the generous donation by William P. Davis of Missoula, MT and Harry Demarest of Corvallis of their entry fees to the club and tourney, when each was unable to attend because of either family or personal health reasons. We were especially excited that someone would come to our event from so far away as Montana. We hope both Harry and William will be able to attend next year.

We are thankful that we are able to use the site: the meeting rooms at the Lincoln County PUD, as we have been doing so since 1991 through close cooperation of the Central Coast Chess Club led by Bill Barrese and the PUD. That is an impressive record.

We had a crew led by Michael Copp, a new CCCC member, return the room to the condition exactly as we found it. We took the pains to keep restroom facilities clean and adequate

for all during the weekend. It was a willing, working home team that made this come together so well. Bill and I left the site Sunday at 630PM.

The front office work fell upon me, and it was a challenge to do it, but we got it done. The rating report was done by me by Monday night. Next year, who knows? Making it better may lead to changes.

We paid out 75% of the based-on 52 players, \$1500 prize fund and rounded up the prize amount in some cases for a total prizes paid of \$1130. The event is also a NWCGP event with a multiplier of three. That fee was covered by Russell Miller of our group.

The rating report can be found at <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201406151722>

We had three former champions of the event playing in the Open section and surely one of the future masters of WA chess was playing as well, thanks to his desire to play up for the experience to be gained. There were eight players in all. It was won by Aaron Grabsky of Coquille and Greg Freeze of Florence with 3.0. Corey Russell of Medford was third with 2.5.

In the Premier section there were ten players. There was a four-way tie for first with a score of 3.0, which meant they shared all three prizes. Winners: Jazon Samillano of Portland; John Acker of Vancouver, WA;



"Morgon the dog." Photo credit: Amy Lewis



Michael Hosford of Bellevue, WA; and Ralph Anthony of Mukilteo, WA.

The Reserve section had eleven players, and it was won solely by Joshua Grabinsky, of Coquille with a score of 4.0. Tai Pruce-Zimmerman of Klamath Falls had 3.0; and Josiah Perkins also of Coquille had 2.5.

In the Booster section there were ten players, and it was won by Harry Buerer, 4.0 of Portland. Martin Van Order was second with 2.5; and there was a big tie for third.

Let us now regale you with some annotated games and comments on the event. Also we hope to have pictures of some of the players, and some of Newport, OR.

Your respectful writer, TD and Co-organizer, NJO 2014

H. G. Pitre

Games

**Eric M Zhang (1706) –
John David Chung (2013) [D18]**
Newport June Open Newport, OR
(R1), June 14, 2014
[John Chung]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4
Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Nbd7 8.0–0 Be7 9.Re1
0–0 10.e4 Bg6**



Position after 10...Bg6

11.e5?

11.e5 is much too early since Black can not stop White from playing e5. It is much better for White to maintain fluid center pawns serving to restrict and cramp Black's play. Fluid center pawns also keep White's options open allowing for a d5 break or a kingside attack depending on Black's play. Fixing the center pawns is just what Black desires.

11...Nd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5 Rc8

White should play 13. Bd3 and save a tempo.

14.Bd3 Nb8

The knight is heading for c6 where it can exert pressure on the dark square b4. White will not allow the knight to post on c4 since the simple b3 denies this square and firms up the head queenside pawns.

15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Bd2 Nc6 17.Bc3 Qb6

17. Bc3 seems unnecessarily passive. 17.Qb3 seems better and would be met by 17...Qb6

18.a5??

The position seems even but after a5, Black has a very slight advantage. The white queenside pawns are now endgame targets. Also the b4 hole is a pain. I played my queen to b6 to apply further pressure on the b4 square hoping that the seven-year old, relatively inexperienced Eric might be tempted to "kick" my queen.

18...Qb5 19.Qa4?

With White's weakened queenside, the endgame should be avoided.

19...Qxa4 20.Rxa4 a6!

White's queenside pawns are now locked.

21.h3 Na7 22.Bb4??

White correctly realizes that an exchange of bishops would free his game, but he becomes careless and hangs material.



Position after 22.Bb4

22...Rc4 23.Bxe7 Rxa4 24.b4!

White realizes that the exchange will cost him his a-pawn with the b and d pawns as target thus being doomed to a passive and lost endgame. It will only be a matter of time before the black king penetrates the holes on the queenside way of c6- b5. A very mature positional assessment for the 7-year old player! He correctly opts for more active play and to build a fortress.

**24...Rc8 25.Bc5 Nc6 26.Rb1 Nb8 27.Ne1
Nd7 28.Nd3 Ra3 29.Rd1 f6 30.f4 Kf7?**

Rd2 is better now that f4 has been played. Kf7 can be played at any time

**31.Rd2! Rb3 32.Kf2 Rc6 33.Ke2 b6
34.axb6 Nxb6**



Position after 34...Nxb6

35.Nc1?

White should make things harder on Black by guarding against the exchange of rooks keep control of the second rank. The knight on d3 guards the b2 square. Rc2 seems better.

**35...Rb1 36.Na2 Nc4 37.Rc2 Rb2 38.Rxb2
Nxb2 39.Nc3 Nc4 40.h4 Rc8 41.b5 axb5
42.Nxb5 Ke8 43.g4**

43...g3 is probably better keeping the h-file dead allowing for a more central king but it is only a matter of time before Black breaks through.

**43...Kd7 44.Kf2 Rb8 45.Nd6 Rh8 46.Kg3
Nxd6 47.Bxd6 f5 48.gxf5 gxf5 49.Bc5
Kc6 50.Be7 Kb5 51.Bd6 Kc4 52.Bc5 g6
0–1**

**John David Chung (2013) –
Corey J Russell (2245) [D37]**

Newport June Open Newport, OR
(R2), June 14, 2014

[John Chung]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5
exd5 6.Bg5 c6 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0–0
Ne4**

I played 9 0–0 with the idea of keeping the queen on the d1–h5 diagonal for possible complication if Black gets ambitious with a kingside pawn storm following ...Ne4 and ...g5.

10.Bf4



Position after 10.Bf4

10...g5?!

Black had hoped that following that 10...g5 11.Bg3 h5 would force White to play 12.h3 after which 12...Nxc3 would destroy Whites kingside and center pawn structure with weak pawns and a irreparable "hole" on e4. However, he overlooked the escape square on d6. Following 11...h5, play resumes as 12.Bxe4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 and 13... h4 is met by 14.Bd6.

11.Bg3 f5 12.Bxe4 dxe4

12...dxe4 seems forced since fxe4 allows the complication potential dangerous complications with 13.Nxc3!? followed by 14.Qh5+ and 15.f3. This potential complication is possible due to the keeping the white queen on the di-h5 diagonal with 9.0–0 instead of 9.Qc2.

**13.Ne5 0–0 14.Qb3+ Kg7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7
16.Be5+**

16.Na4 was suggested which leads to complicated play.

16...Bf6 17.Bxf6+ Rxf6 18.Rad1 Qd6 19.Ne2 f4



Position after 19...f4

...f4 is too early since Black has not completed his development. 19...b5 is probably better.

20.Nc3 Qe7

The knight returns to c3 but now attacking the weakened e5 square.

21.d5 f3

White attacks the center and gets strong passed pawns since 21...cxd5 is clearly bad.

22.d6 Qd7 23.Nxe4 Qg4 24.Ng3 fxe2 25.Rfe1 b5 26.e4 Be6 27.Qc3 Rf8 28.d7 Bxd7 29.Rxd7+

I was in time trouble and overlooked the intermediate move 29.Nh5+ which after 29...Qxh5 30.Rxd7+ appears to be better given Black's decentralized queen.

29...Qxd7 30.Nh5+ Kg6 31.Nxf6

Given my time trouble, and my higher rated opponent, I offered the draw.

1/2-1/2

Aaron Grabinsky (2245) –
Mikeal Davis (2028) [B19]
Newport June Open Newport, OR
(R2), June 14, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.Nf3 Nd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bf4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.0-0-0 Ngf6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe2 Bd6 17.Ne5 0-0-0 18.f4 c5 19.dxc5 Bxc5 20.Rh3



Position after 20.Rh3

20...Nd5

20...Rd4! is more active, with equality.

21.Kb1 Rhe8 22.Rd3 Kb8 23.Bc1

23.c4!? +=

23...f6 24.Nf3

24.Ng6!? +=

24...a6

24...Bb6 =

25.a3 Rc8 26.g3 b5?! 27.Nd4



Position after 27.Nd4

27...Qb6?

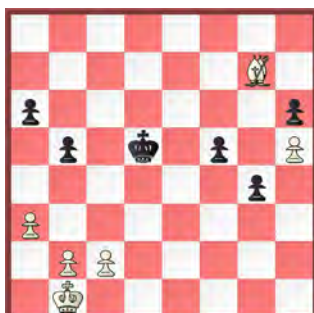
27...Bxd4 28.Rxd4 f5!? is an attempt to contain the white bishop, but 29.g4! fxe4 30.f5! exf5 31.Qd3 breaks the bind and appears to win material:



Analysis

(Diagram-analysis) after 31.Qd3

31...Nf6 32.Bf4 Re5 Forced. 33.Rd7!? (33.Rd6 Rd5 34.Rxd5 Qxf4 35.Rxf5 Qc7 could be technically tricky, as Black has a passed pawn for the exchange.) 33...Nxd7 34.Qxd7 Rce8 (34...Qxc2+ 35.Ka1 Qc7 36.Qd4 (36.Qxc7+ Kxc7 37.Bxe5+ is less clear.) 36...Rce8 37.Rc1 Qxc1+ (37...Qb7 38.Bxe5+ Ka8 39.Rc7 wins.) 38.Bxc1 Re1 39.Qb6+ Kc8 40.Qxa6+ Kc7 41.Qa5+ Kc6 42.Qc3+ Kd5 43.Ka2 should be winning for White.) 35.Qxc7+ Kxc7 36.Rd5 Kc6 37.Rxe5 Rxe5 38.Bxe5 Kd5 39.Bxg7



Analysis

(Diagram-analysis) after 39.Bxg7

The white king and bishop have little difficulty in stopping the passed pawns here: 39...g3 (39...f4 40.Kc1 g3 41.c3

Ke6 42.Kd2 Kf5 43.Ke2 Kg4 44.Bxh6 f3+ 45.Kf1 Kxh5 46.Bg7 wins. One continuation: 46...Kg4 47.Be5 g2+ 48.Kf2 Kf5 49.Bd4 Kf4 50.b4 Ke4 (50...Kg4 51.Be3 Kh3 52.Kxf3 Kh2 53.Bd4 g1Q (53...Kh3 54.Bg1) 54.Bxg1+ Kxg1 55.c4 bxc4 56.a4 Kf1 57.b5 c3 58.Ke3 Ke1 59.Kd3) 51.Kg3 Kd3 52.Kxf3 g1Q 53.Bxg1 Kxc3 54.Ke4 Kb3 55.Bf2 Kxa3 56.Be1 .) 40.Bxh6 Ke4 41.Bf8 f4 42.Kc1 f3 43.Kd2 and the pawns are stopped.

28.Nb3



Position after 28.Nb3

28.f5! exf5 29.Qf3 Qb7 30.Nxf5 Nb6 31.Bf4+ White is fully mobilized and preparing to enter the endgame with an extra (g7) pawn.

28...Bxa3

After 28...f5!? a computer as White would probably grab pawns: 29.Qe5+ Ka8 30.Qxg7 Rg8 31.Qxh6, but whether a human would want to risk such an imprisoned queen is another matter. 31...Bf8 32.Qh7 Rg7 33.Qh8 Qc7 doesn't quite win the white queen, though, since 34.Nd4 Bc5 (34...Nf6 35.Rc3 Bc5 36.Qh6 Qe7 37.Be3 and the Stockfish engine, at

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least, claims White is winning.) 35.Nxe6 Rxh8 36.Nxc7+ Nxc7 37.b4! Bb6 38.Bb2 skewers with decisive effect.

29.bxa3

White could also try 29.f5!? Bf8 30.fxe6 Rxe6 31.Qf3 Nc7 32.Nd4 when Black's weakening pawn advances on the queenside come back to haunt him.

29...Nc3+ 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.g4 Rec8 32.Rd2 a5?!

32...Rg3!? or 32...R3c4, perhaps.

33.Bb2 R3c4 34.Bd4 Qc7 35.c3 b4 36.axb4

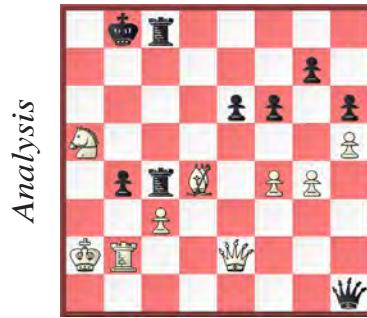
Or 36.Rb2 bxc3 37.Nc5+ Ka8 (37...cxb2 38.Na6+ Kb7 39.Nxc7 R8xc7 40.Qe4+ R7c6 41.Kxb2 is surely winning for White as well.) 38.Qxc4 cxb2 39.Qa6+ Kb8 40.Qxe6 Qc6 41.Kxb2 and the ending should be fairly straightforward for White.

36...axb4 37.Ra2?!

37.Rb2! Qc6 38.Na5 Qh1+ 39.Ka2

[Analysis Diagram next column]

39...Qa8 (39...Qd5 40.Nxc4 Rxc4 41.Rb3 To misquote a line from "The Princess Bride," life is pin.) 40.Be5+! (40.Rxb4+ Rxb4 41.cxb4 Qd5+ 42.Nb3 also favors White.) 40...fxe5 41.Qxe5+ R8c7 42.Qb5+ Rb7 (42...Kc8 43.Qe8#; 42...Ka7 43.Nxc4) 43.Qxb7+ Qxb7 44.Nxb7 Kxb7 45.Rxb4+ Rxb4 46.cxb4 is a complicated way to reach a won pawn ending.



(Diagram-analysis) after 39.Ka2

37...Rxd4?

37...Qc6! enters somewhat unclear complications: 38.Ba7+ Kc7 39.Nd4! Qh1+ 40.Kb2 bxc3+ 41.Kc2 Qd5 and White's win is not entirely certain.

38.cxd4 Qc6 39.Ra6 Qh1+ 40.Kb2 Qd5 41.Rb6+ Kc7 42.Rb5 Qd6 43.Rc5+ Kd7 44.Qb5+ 1-0

Stewart Bradley Taylor (1880) – Gregory Freeze (1938) [C01] Newport June Open Newport, OR (R2), June 14, 2014 [Stewart Taylor]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4!

The only way to play for the advantage in the French Exchange.

4...Bd6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne4 Be7 11.a3



Position after 11.a3

11...b6?!

Terrible. Does nothing but create weak squares on the queenside.

12.Qc2 Na5 13.b4 Nb7

Was wary of 13. Nb3?, but as Mikeal Davis pointed out in the post-mortem — White has nothing to fear because I can give up my queen for three pieces and a clear advantage. 13...Nb3? 14.Qxb3 Ne3 15.Qxe6! fxe6 16.Bxe3

14.Bd2 Rc8 15.b5

Preventing any Black counterplay on the queenside.

15...h6

Getting ready to play 16...Nd6.

16.f4

The cookie-cutter plan of the French Exchange. f4...f5...f6.

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16...f5!

Black cannot allow f5 from White, so he plays it himself.



Position after 16...f5

17.Qc6!

An important zwischenzug that gives Black some problems to solve. Greg told me during analysis that he missed this move.

17...Nd6

17...fxe4? 18.Qxe6+; 17...Bd7 18.Qxd5+

18.N4g3 Rf6?

The rook is sadly misplaced here. Not to mention, invites tactical moves as we will see later in the game.

19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Bxc3 Bd7 21.Qd5+ Be6 22.Qc6 Bd7 23.Qd5+ Kh8

I was glad to see this move as I did not want a draw, but could not see anything that didn't worsen my position. Thankfully, Black solved this problem for me.

24.Rae1

Developing my last piece. White has a slight advantage.

24...c6 25.bxc6 Rxc6?!

I was pleasantly surprised by this move. Thought for sure Black would take back with the bishop. 25...Bxc6 26.Qb3 Bd5 27.Qxd5 Rxc3

26.Bb2 Ne8?

Tactical mistake.

27.Bxf5 Rxf5

27...Bxf5?? 28.Qxd8 Bxd8 29.Rxe8+

28.Nxf5 Nf6?

I think 28.Bf6 is more tenacious.

29.Qf7 Bf8 30.Nh4?

Chess blindness. The natural 30.Ne7 and Black can resign.

30...Kh7 31.d5 Ng4!

A cute trick that I cannot believe I missed. In fact, I was outside when he made this move (checking to see if my ride had shown up). I knew the game would be over quickly, but I did not expect to be the one on the losing end.

[Diagram next column]

32.dxc6??

Just about anything else wins. Of course,



Position after 31...Ng4

it seems I was more interested in solving a helpmate instead of winning the game. Funny since I saw 31.Ng4 and thought that was his way of resigning (throwing pieces at me). Did a quick calculation, but completely missed the queen sacrifice until it was too late. 32.Bxg7! Bxg7 33.Re7

32...Qxh4 33.h3 Bc5+

This is when I saw the queen sacrifice. I knew I wasn't going to be able to sleep that night and thought about withdrawing from the tournament. No way I could recover from this.

34.Kh1 Qxh3+!

I immediately tipped my king when he sac'd his queen. Greg gave me a powerful handshake and let out the biggest sigh of relief I've seen in person. He must have repeated "Wow" half a dozen times. Greg humbly noted how lucky he was, but little-did-he-know he would end up sharing first in the tournament on a "lucky" blunder by FM Corey Russell.

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Corey Russell (2245) –
Aaron Grabinsky (2240) [C00]
Newport June Open Newport, OR
(R3), June 15, 2014
[Corey Russel]

1.e4 e6 2.d3

I rarely play this line. However, Aaron and I have played before (last year in this very same tourney), and he got an OK position. I decided to take advantage of his youth - it's not likely he has extensive experience in this opening. I haven't played White much either, but I have faced it many times as Black so know the ideas.

2...d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Ngf3 b6

This prepares to deploy the black QB but it really doesn't do much of anything here. It really would have been more useful defending the e6 pawn. Therefore a more sensible plan might be instead: ...c5, ...Nc6, ...Bd7 and when White does e5 play ...Ne8 and break the center with ...f6. Incidentally this plan is also MUCH faster than the one chosen by Black in the game.

7.0-0 Bb7 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Re1 c5 10.h4 Nc6 11.Nf1

So far this game is exactly like one I had

against a young master when I played in the U.S Junior Open in 1993/4 (I was 18 at the time). I played Black and White destroyed me. So it was easy to play many of these moves as I had seen them before, but from the other side. Therefore, I am playing pretty fast, and so far so is Aaron.

11...Re8 12.N1h2 Qc7

The text move does make sense. However both Aaron and I in the post-mortem agreed that ...f6 was probably a better plan and certainly more energetic than the text.

13.Bf4 b5 14.h5 Bf8 15.Ng4 Qd8 16.h6



Position after 16.h6

In the post-mortem Aaron mentioned he thought this was a mistake. I disagree. Creating weaknesses in the enemy king's position is rarely wrong, and this pawn proved to be a pivotal part White's attack — even well into the end-game! It's true that LONG-TERM Black might be able to pick off the pawn — but black has to get the end-game first!

16...g6 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Qd2 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 Qe7?!

In the post-mortem, Aaron and I thought perhaps ...Nd4 and ...Nf5 would offer more resistance. However, looking at it now, I can see that 19...Nd4 20.Qf4 Nf5 21.c4! and White's attack continues...

20.c3

I realized that perhaps a ...Nd4 would be annoying so took a time out to stop it.

20...Rec8 21.Qf4 a5?!

Black is completely oblivious to White's next move, a "bolt from the blue" as it were, a typical Corey Russell staple move. If Black had realized the coming danger, he would have instead tried 21...Rf8!



Position after 21...a5

22.Bxd5!!

Aaron has a good poker face, but I could

tell he was rattled by this unexpected move. Perhaps the best response is 22. ...Nd8 23. Bxb7 Nxb7 24. Ne4, but clearly White is having all the fun in that position.

22...Rd8

Black declines the bishop. There's lots of lines but one line is 22...exd5 23.e6 fxe6 24.Rxe6 Qf8 25.Nf6+ Nxf6 26.Rxf6 Qxh6 27.Rf7 Rf8 (White was threatening Rxb7 and Rxh7) 28.Qc7! wins.

23.Nf6+ Nxf6 24.exf6 Qd6 25.Bxe6

White's bishop keeps chomping pawns. Black can't take this time, since 25...fxe6 26.f7+ Kf8 27.Qf6 and Black is helpless to Nxb7 mate next.

25...Qxf4 26.Bxf7+

This intermezzo saves the white bishop.

26...Kxh8 27.gxf4 Rf8 28.Re7

White's attack hasn't stopped with the queens off. Besides threatening Black's QB, White also would like a chance to play Rxh7 mate. Black unsurprisingly doesn't let this rook stay around, but that does give White a passed pawn on the 7th rank...

28...Nxe7 29.fxe7 Rxf7?

Black's last mistake. From a psychological stand-point, I can understand his desire to rid himself of this pesky bishop once and for all — but the problem is it brings White's knight into the game to a decisive effect. ...Rfe8! allows him to play on, though clearly White still has a large advantage, but there's no immediate knock-out, unlike the text.

30.Nxf7+ Kg8 31.Nd6 Bc6 32.Re1 Be8 33.Re6

There's a lot of lines where White can force a mate — the only way for Black to prevent the immediate mate is to keep his bishop on the a2-g8 diagonal and sacrifice his rook for a pawn. Aaron decided he'd seen enough and threw in the towel here.

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**Greg Freeze (1938) –
Corey Russell (2245) [A31]**
Newport June Open Newport, OR
(R4), June 15, 2014
[Corey Russell]

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 b6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bb7 6.Qc2 a6

Depending on what White does, I may play ...e6. If I do that, then d6 will be an obvious target for White. I play this to keep my options open.

7.e4 d6 8.Be2 g6

So now we've transposed to what amounts to the Maroczy Bind vs. the Accelerated Dragon. I would have to give this as a minor victory to Freeze, as I don't play accelerated dragons, and thus used a lot of time this game. This is a bit different than usual variations, with ...a6 being thrown in early, and early Qc2 by White and no ...Nc6

by Black.

9.Be3 Bg7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rfd1 Rc8

The astute player may have noticed Black hasn't castled yet - why? His next move explains it.

12.f3 h5

It depends on what White does, but Black's general idea is things like ...h4, ...Nh5 and ...Be5 to get play on the dark squares. It should be noted that I would not have chosen this plan had White done a more aggressive move like f4.

13.b3??



Position after 13.b3

Overlooking a critical detail — namely with White's last move, now the d4 knight has no moves!

13...e5 14.Ne6!

White's still lost, but certainly this is White's best attempt to make it hard for Black.

14...fxe6 15.Rxd6 Qc7!

Black's e-pawn is untouchable — if White takes it, his rook is dead.

16.Rad1 Bf8 17.R6d2 Bc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 19.Kh1

This was a key moment. Up to now, Black's moves has been fine. I have the extra piece, but what now? The blockaded nature of the position is problematic. I spent a lot of time here, and was a little fuzzy thinking (I had literally zero sleep the night before, I often have trouble sleeping at hotels unfortunately). I chose a "pretty" idea of ...h4, ...Nh5 and ...Ng3+ wins. Problem? White can defend this easily with just h3. Instead the right idea is an IMMEDIATE trade of White's rooks — without the d-file pressure White has nothing. Therefore, should have played ...Ke7, ...Rcd8, ...Qc7, ...Nb8, trade rooks (and queens if White will let me) and then the extra piece will be felt. The next few moves shows Black has lost the thread.

19...Bc6 20.Rd6 Ke7 21.Qd2 h4? 22.h3 g5

Another move with a "pretty" idea behind it but problem is White can just leave it alone. I have a forced win if White does 23.Qxg5: e.g., 23.Qxg5 Rcg8 24.Qd2 Rxc2! 25.Kxg2 Rg8+ 26.Kh1 Qf2 27.Bd3 Qxf3+ 28.Kh2 Qg3+ 29.Kh1 Qxh3+ 30.Qh2 Qf3+ 31.Qg2 Qxg2 mate. White moved very fast and

declined, so guess he must have believed me that he couldn't take it.

23.Bf1 Rhg8 24.Rd3 Nb8 25.Qb2 Nh5 26.Ne2 Kf6 27.Kh2 Qf2 28.R3d2



Position after 28.R3d2

28...Bxe4?

A move born out partly due to my frustration in finding a good plan in this position. Planning is usually my strength, so it's odd I was having trouble. This move is totally unsound. Rybka came up with a move MUCH better namely 28...g4! If White takes f-pawn then of course the e4 pawn can be taken for free (after ...Ng3 of course), but hxg4 allows ...Ng3 Nxc3 Qxc3+ and now the h-pawn can move, which makes a huge difference.

29.fxe4 g4 30.Qc3! Nf4 31.Ng1 Qg3+ 32.Qxg3 hxg3+ 33.Kxg3 gxh3+ 34.Kh2 hxg2 35.Bxg2 Nc6

Emotionally, I was starting to feel a bit better here — maybe I can win this after all, I have excellent pieces — but is it enough?

36.Nf3 Rh8+ 37.Kg1 Rcg8 38.Kf1



Position after 38.Kf1

38...Rg3?

Instead, 38...Nd4! was much stronger. The point is White can't win a pawn due to the pressure on g2. White also doesn't want to trade as the resulting pawn structure is much better for Black. And finally, if 38...Nd4 39. Ne1 Nxc2 40. Rxc2 Rh1+ 41. Kf2 Rxc2+ 42. Kxc2 Rh4 wins a pawn. There are other lines but they all lead to a Black advantage.

39.Ne1 Rhg8 40.Rf2! Ke7 41.Rdd2 Nxc2 42.Rxc2 Rxc2 43.Rxc2 Rxc2 44.Kxc2 =

[Diagram top of next page]

I think the best plan for Black is to set up a fortress, e.g. keep his pawns and knight where (except to push past to blockade)



Position after 44.Kxg2

and move his king to the kingside, trying to infiltrate if he can, which White can only stop with his own king. But if White does that, he can't break through on the queenside and a likely draw as a result. However, what actually happened is my "mind" thought White had played Nxc2 rather than Kxg2 — this turned out to be fatal.

44...Nb4 45.a3 Nc2?? 46.Nxc2 1-0

Hailey Riley (1350) –

Harry Forrest Buerer (1246) [C42]

Newport June Open Booster Newport, OR (R2), June 14, 2014

[Ralph Dubisch [RD], otherwise Harry Buerer]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.d3

More common here is 4.Nxe5 or 4.Bc4

4...d5 5.Bd2 d4 6.Nb1 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 Nc6 8.Nc4 Bg4 9.Be2 Qe7 10.c3 0-0-0



Position after 10...0-0-0

11.Qc2

RD 11.Nxd4! exd4 (11...Bxe2? 12.Nxc6; 11...Nxd4 12.Bxg4+ Nxc4 13.Qxg4+ Ne6 14.Nxe5 f6 15.Nc4 Rxd3 16.0-0 is a healthy extra pawn for White.) 12.Bxg4+ Nxc4 13.Qxg4+ Kb8 14.Qe2 +=. Black has partial compensation.

11...Kb8 12.0-0 Nd7 13.a4

The race is on.

RD 13.Nxd4! Nxd4 14.cxd4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 exd4 offers White a useful half-open c-file and f2-f4 for extra center control, while also exchanging the bad bishop on e2. +=

13...f5 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 f4 16.a5 a6 17.Rfb1 g5 18.b4 Na7 19.Na3 h5 20.b5 Nc5 21.c4

[Diagram top of next column]

21...Qh7



Position after 21.c4

To take advantage of a potentially opened h-file. Better would have been 21...g4.

22.bxa6 Nxa6

RD 22...g4, while not as strong as last move, still favors Black.

23.g4?

RD 23.Bxh5! completely kills Black's attack, setting up a light-square blockade while incidentally winning a pawn. The tactical justification is 23...Qxh5 24.Qb2 Nc5 25.Qb4 regaining the piece with a continuing attack. 25...g4 only appears threatening, since after 26.Qxc5 Black must immediately revert to defense against the queenside attack: 26...gxh3? 27.a6 b6 28.Rxb6+

23...fxg3 24.fxc3 g4 25.Qb2 c5 26.Nb5?

Not sure why.

26...gxf3 27.Nxa7 Kxa7 28.Qb6+ Ka8 29.Rf1 Rdf8 30.Rf2 Qh6 31.Qb5 Qe3 32.Rb1 Rf7 33.Qb3 Rg8 34.g4 hxg4 35.Kf1 g3 36.Rbb2 gxf2 0-1

Tai D Pruce-Zimmerman (1484) -

Joshua Grabinsky (1631) [D20]

Newport June Open Reserve Newport, OR (R2), June 14, 2014

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 dxc4?! 5.Bxc4 Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg4?

This pin is often a tactical mistake in open games, and this is no exception. 6...Be7 or 6...Bd6 are safer choices, with White somewhat better.

7.Qb3

7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Ne5+ and 9.Nxc4 is more incisive.

7...Qe7+ 8.Ne5 Qb4+ 9.Bd2?!

9.Nc3 Qxb3 10.Bxb3 Bh5 11.0-0 gives White a clear advantage in development. Black must exchange queens on move nine, so White doesn't need Bd2 to encourage it. The knight development is much more useful.

9...Qxb3 10.Bxb3 Bh5?!

Now 10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc3 Nbd7 is only a relatively small edge to White.

11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc4 0-0 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.Nc3 Nc6 15.Be3 Ng4 16.Nd5 Na5?!

16...Nxe3 17.fxe3 +=

17.Ne7+ Kh8



Position after 17...Kh8

18.Bd5

18.Rfc1 aims for c7 with advantage: 18...Nxe3 19.fxe3 Nxb3 20.axb3 a6 21.Rc7.

18...Nf6 19.b4 Rfe8

19...Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Nc4 +=

20.bxa5 Rxe7 21.Bc4

21.Bb3

21...Rc8 22.Rac1 Rec7 23.Bb3 Rxc1?!

23...Be2 24.Rfe1 Bc4 25.Bf4 Bxb3 26.Rxc7 Rxc7 27.axb3 is still a plus for White.

24.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 25.Bxc1 Kg8 26.f3

26.Bf4 Ne8 27.Bd5 b6 28.axb6 axb6 looks good for White, but he probably doesn't want to win a pawn now with 29.Bc6 Kf8 30.Bxe8?! Kxe8 31.Bxd6 due to the opposite bishops.

26...Kf8 27.g4 Bg6 28.g5

28.Kf2 +=

28...Nd7 29.Bd5 b6 30.axb6 Nxb6 31.Bb3 a5?!

31...Bd3 32.Kf2 Bc4 =

32.a4 Bf5 33.Bd2 Bd7

33...Be6!?

34.Bxa5 Bxa4



Position after 34...Bxa4

35.Bxa4? JG If he had taken the knight, it would have been a draw. He must have been trying to win!

RD Faced with two obvious piece captures, both players probably forgot there were other possibilities.

There are four candidates in this position, and the two less obvious moves are the better choices. An improvement is 35.Bxf7, winning a pawn but ending up with just the better half of the opposite bishop draw.

Best, however, is the retreat 35.Ba2 keeping the bishop-pair and pressure.

35...Nxa4 36.Bb4 Ke7 37.Kf2 Ke6 38.Ke3 Nb6 39.Ke4 Nd5 40.Bd2 Ne7 41.h4

JG -- Oops!

41...d5+ 42.Kf4

42.Kd3 offers stiffer resistance.

42...Nf5 43.Be3?

43.Be1 doesn't hold much hope, but White can struggle on for awhile.

43...Nxe3

Black shows excellent judgment in heading into the pawn ending rather than grabbing the h-pawn.

44.Kxe3 Kf5 45.Kf2 Kf4 46.Ke2 h6 47.gxh6 gxh6 48.Kf2 h5 49.Ke2 f6

49...Kg3 immediately is also fine.

50.Kf2 f5 51.Ke2 Kg3 52.Ke3 f4+ 53.Ke2 Kg2 0-1

June Game 60

Portland, OR — June 28, 2014

By Brian Berger

With still a threat of showers looming on the day of the Portland Chess Club's Game 60, 18 resolute chess aficionados decided to spend their Saturday in over-the-board combat, TD'd by the recently returned world traveler (see the July issue of Northwest Chess) Neil Dale.

With help once again from Jerrold Richards and "Morgan the Dog," (see another article in this issue for Morgan's other aka) who willingly assume some of the duties of an Asst. TD's, the tournament started at the appointed hour. Following chess tournament protocol, Morgan the Dog, unlike in his earlier meanderings to greet and investigate incoming registries, located a comfortable spot to curl up and observe the proceedings.

What Morgan the Dog would have noticed (many people think Morgan is indifferent to chess, but I have seen him peeking at certain games which interest him), is the upset win over yours truly (Brian Berger), by 955 rated Michael Gellings, costing this 1630 player some recent, hard earned rating points. Add to that his win over unrated Spinidhi Gubba, and he upped his post game rating by a nice 85 points, sharing the U-1500 prize (\$16 each) with Jack woo McClain.

While noting my game with Gellings, Morgan also kept an eye on Jason Cigan, who at 2101 was at least 250 rating points above his highest competition. Not unexpectedly, he walked away the clear winner, taking all four games and the \$54 1st place prize. And sharing 2nd and U-1800 prizes (\$34) with 3.0 points each

were Masakazu Shimada and Ethan Wu.

Although the loss to Gellings smarted, I did get to share in the 3rd place prize money by being one of four players to make 2 1/2 points--the others being Dagadu Gaikwad, Alex Grom and Dale Wentz--each of us taking home a whopping \$7. Somehow, even that winning windfall failed to lessen the impact of my whom-ping.

A big hand goes out to Neil Dale, for a fun and efficiently run tournament!

PCC Summer Open

Portland, OR — June 21-22, 2014

By Brian Berger

Preregistration numbers for the Portland Chess Club's Summer Open tournament gave the first hint that a full house could be expected. And a full house it was, as 42 players gathered to test their playing skills--many of them new faces to this reporter.

On hand to oversee a smooth transition from registration to game one, were Chief TD Neil Dale, and Assistant TD Mike Morris, backed by a semi-trusty computer and Morgan the Dog (owned by Jerrold Richards of Washington), who has become the official club greeter, and is affectionately known as (at least by this writer) "The Smoocher Moocher," — a moniker his owner hotly rejects.

Oregon's young Seth Talyansky showed himself to be the dark horse of the Open section, by scoring 4.5 points (upping his rating of 1895, to 1995) and taking 1st place, which included an upset win against 2394 rated, Nick Raptis--Oregon's State Champion. On further scrutiny, if one were to have handicapped this event like a horse race, available performance figures compiled on Talyansky by the U.S. Chess Federation, would have shown his potential to be a money winner (\$300 for 1st place), with a record of 5 wins against 1900 players, 2 against 2100 players, and one recent win against a 2300 player. Coming events are likely to show that what was seen as an upset in this tournament, could well be what is awaiting future opponents.

Helping to assuage his loss to Talyansky, was the \$200 Raptis pocketed for winning 2nd place with 4.0 points. And in the U-2000 category, the \$150 prize was split evenly amongst Michael Goffe, Matt Dalthorp and Jeff Austin, each with 3.0 points.

Clear 1st in the Reserve section was the young player, Sean Alexander Uan-zo-li, another dark horse, who with a pre-tournament rating of 1184, scored 4.5 points, winning \$200 and raising his rating (post 1517) a whopping 333 points! He obviously comes from good stock, as his father, Alexander Uan-zo-li, came into the Open section as an unrated player, and although not winning a prize, managed to gain a provisional rating of 1786!

Tied for 2nd and 3rd were Abhinav Brahmarouthu and Alexander Barrett, each richer by \$75 for their 4.0 points. The U-1600, \$100 prize went to Ryan Walch, who boosted his provisional rating over 180 points (1282-1464) by securing 4 wins. And Michael Strigul, always the energetic young lad who promises one day to fully expose his potential for this game, captured the U-1400, \$100 prize money with his 2 1/2 points. Finally, Jerid Joseph Harlin took the U-1200, \$100 prize, ending with 1 1/2 points.

A couple photos taken by Brian Berger from the June Game 60 and the PCC Summer Open could not be presented here because of space, but can be found on the Northwest Chess Blog at <http://www.nwchess.com/blog/> — Editor



Whether having the black pieces or the white, Felix approached all his chess games in the same way--total bewilderment!

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Entry: \$60; \$10 discount for **all** who register and pay by August 27

Juniors (under 19) may play for FREE in Reserve Section (not eligible for prizes) if they have purchased USCF and OCF/WCF/ICA memberships through Aug. 31, 2015

Other: USCF and OCF/WCF/ICA required (OSA) A USCF & NW Grand Prix event.

Oregon Open Scholastic Tournament

Saturday, August 30. 4 round Swiss; Game in 45, 5 second delay (G/45;d5)

Entry: \$15 Every player with a plus score will win a prize (USCF or NW membership)

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Sec. "D"/under - (1399-below) EF: \$144; \$800-500-400-300-200-(1199-below) \$300

2014 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, still counting on his fingers

The points are piling up. We now have four players who have surpassed the 100 point mark (Anthony, Buck, Raptis, and Pupols), with many more who will follow by the end of August. July will add some to the mix, with five events remaining to add to the standings, including the 2x Seafair Open, but August looks to be the more impactful month.

In August, we will see a total of eight events in six different cities, two of which carry multipliers. First on tap will be the 2x Vancouver Open, sponsored by the Washington Chess Federation. This new event will be held the weekend of August 9 and 10, and has a \$1300 prize fund, based on 50 entrants. At the end of the month is the traditional Oregon Open, being held this year at the lovely Lloyd Center Doubletree Inn. This major event boasts a guaranteed prize fund of \$3600, and has a 4x multiplier! In addition to these two attractive events, there are six others being held in Boise, Portland, Seattle (2), Spokane and Tacoma. Make plans to visit a few of these in August.

None of our overall leaders are running away with it this year. All (Bodie, Raptis, Anthony) have players close behind, breathing down their necks (metaphorically speaking). Multiplier events are important to hold a lead and/or to cut into someone else's lead. I would encourage you to attend as many events as possible to compete for the prizes, but especially the multiplier events. Support your local chess promoters!

Your magazine is also in need of your support. Without the magazine, you would have a harder time knowing where the tournaments are or how you are doing in the Grand Prix (since I don't get the web site updated very often). Right now, the magazine is running low on operating funds, so making sure you keep your memberships up to date is important. And, if you feel the urge, donations are always accepted. There is always a list of the NWC patrons on the inside front cover of the magazine. It would be nice to increase the size of that list.

The statistics below are current through July 5th.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington				
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.		
Masters										
			1	Raptis	Nick	105	1	Pupols	Viktors	102
			2	Grabinsky	Aaron	28	2	Feng	Roland	87.5
			3	Russell	Corey J	13.5	3	Lessler	Peter	76.5
			4	Haessler	Carl A	10	4	Golub	David	42
			5	Gay	Daniel Z	5	5	Perez	Ignacio	28
Experts										
			1	Bjorksten	Lennart	39.5	1	Bartron	Paul R	90.5
			2	Trattner	Andrew L	22	2	Nagase	Toshihiro	62
			3	Gutman	Richard G	20	3	Smith	Micah	53.5
			4	Parnon	Calvin J	18	4	Haining	Kyle	39.5
			5	Heywood	Bill	17	5	Bishop	Alan	38
Class A										
			1	Talyansky	Seth D	48	1	Buck	Stephen J	107
			2	Gaikwad	Dagadu B	45.5	2	Olson	Travis J	89.5
			2	Carr	John B	6	3	He	Anthony B	76.5
			2	Hamilton	Brett B	6	4	Zhang	Brendan	56.5
			5	Two tied at		5.5	5	Hosford	Michael J	52
Class B										
			1	Berger	Brian F	37.5	1	Anthony	Ralph J	130.5
			2	Wu	Ethan	31.5	2	Zhang	Eric M	80.5
			3	Grabinsky	Joshua	29	3	Thomas	Arjun	74
			3	Porth	Adam	6.5	4	Puri	Ishaan	62
			5	Imamovic	Nedzad	5.5	5	Raffel	Brian	61

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Class D			Class C					
1	Jaroski Jeffrey A	18	1	Hasuike Mike L	93	1	Piper August	82.5
2	Handeen Bjorn J	10.5	2	Austin Jeff J	35	2	Spasic Petar	47
3	Knoll Lucas	5.5	3	Harry Ken	18.5	3	Zhang Jason C	42.5
4	Five tied at	5	4	Sharan Praveer	16	4	Verdiyan Artem	41
			5	Pruce-Zimmerman Tai D	15	5	Lai James J	39.5
Class E and Below			Class D and Below					
1	Hiatt Arlene	25	1	Gellings Michael	39	1	Richards Jerrold	55
2	Wetmur Harold R	10.5	2	Buerer Harry F	36.5	2	Guo Raymond	52.5
3	Liu James	5	3	Prideaux Dave	27.5	3	Hu Ethan	42
4	Murphy Andre R	4.5	4	McClain Jack W	14.5	4	Pothukuchi Revanth V	39
4	Batten Jesse	4.5	5	Two tied at	13.5	5	Kang Christopher T	37
Overall Leaders, by State								
1	Bodie Brad	34	1	Raptis Nick	105	1	Anthony Ralph J	130.5
2	Roland Jeffrey T	33	2	Hasuike Mike L	93	2	Buck Stephen J	107
3	Leslie Cameron D	25	3	Talyansky Seth D	48	3	Pupols Viktors	102
3	Hiatt Arlene	25	4	Gaikwad Dagadu B	45.5	4	Bartron Paul R	90.5
5	Weyland Ronald M	24	5	Bjorksten Lennart	39.5	5	Olson Travis J	89.5
6	Havrilla Mark A	18.5	6	Gellings Michael	39	6	Feng Roland	87.5
7	Jaroski Jeffrey A	18	7	Berger Brian F	37.5	7	Piper August	82.5
8	Lombardi George	13.5	8	Buerer Harry F	36.5	8	Zhang Eric M	80.5
9	Kircher Caleb P	12.5	9	Austin Jeff J	35	9	Lessler Peter	76.5
10	Gorman Cody A	11.5	10	Wu Ethan	31.5	9	He Anthony B	76.5
11	Handeen Bjorn J	10.5	11	Grabinsky Joshua	29	11	Thomas Arjun	74
11	Wetmur Harold R	10.5	12	Goffe Michael P	28	12	Two tied at	62

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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!

Dog Days: 8/1, 8, 15, 22.
Workingman's Qds. (G/24): 8/29.
Autumn Leaves: 9/5, 12, 19, 26.
Close Ratings 2: 10/3, 10, 17, 24.

SCC Championship

Sept. 5, 12, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31

Format: 7-rd Swiss held on Friday evenings.
TC: 35/100 and 25/60. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by 9/3, \$37 thereafter. SCC memb. req'd—\$25 special tnmt memb. **Prize fund:** 75% of EFs. **Prizes:** 23%-16%, U2000 9%, U1800 8%, U1600 7%, U1400 6%, Unrated 3%, Endurance 3%. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:** Fridays 8 p.m. **Make-up Games for Rds 1-4:** G/75;d5 make-ups may be scheduled for any Wednesday 9/10 through 10/8. **Byes:** 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/8). **Misc:** SCC/USCF memb. req'd. NS. NC.

☞ Aug. 9, Sept. 6

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

☞ Aug. 24, Sept. 28

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 ☞

October 25

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/22, \$16 at site. (-\$2 for SCC mem., -\$1 for mem. of other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, USCF). **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.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

How to Find the SCC

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

Attendance at 2014's events

Novice (1/5)–4, (4/29)–10, (7/6)–7; *Quads* (1/5)–22, (2/1)–14, (3/1)–16, (3/29)–24, (4/26)–21, (5/17)–12, (6/7)–22, (7/5)–20; *Tornados* (1/19)–10, (2/23)–18, (3/16)–18, (4/13)–16, (5/5)–21, (6/1)–18, (6/29)–21; **Seattle City Championship** (1/10-12)–26; **Seattle Spring Open** (3/21-23)–66; **Adult Swiss** (4/5-6)–18; **ChessKids Play Music [G/10 RR]** (5/31)–8; **Emerald City Open** (6/14-16)–57.

Seattle Fall Open

September 19-21 or September 20-21

A 2-section, 5-round Swiss chess tournament with a time control of 40/120 & SD/60 and a 5-second delay (except Rd 1 of 2-day option — G/60;d5) with a prize fund of \$1000 based on 62 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

A Northwest Grand Prix event

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

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

Entry Fees: \$33 by 9/17, \$42 at site. SCC members—subtract \$9. Members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA—subtract \$4. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr USCF & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

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

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

Upcoming Events

♣ denotes 2014 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

Aug 2 Run/Chess Championship (Healthy Body/Healthy Mind), **Newport, OR.** (See <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>)

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

♣ **Aug 9-10** Vancouver Open, **Vancouver, WA.** (see half-page ad on page 21)

Aug 16 Washington Senior Adult Championship, **Tacoma, WA.** Site: Tacoma Chess Club, DTI Soccer Store Building, 409 Puyallup Ave., Across from Alfred's Cafe. Format: 4 round Swiss, for those aged 50+. Time Control: G/75;d5. Reg: 9:00-9:45AM. Rounds: Sat. 10:00, 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 or A.S.A.P. Entry Fee: \$30.00. Prize Fund (B/16): \$290.00; 1st \$75.00 + Plaque, 2nd \$65.00, 1st U2000, U1700, U1400 \$50.00. One half-point bye available. NS, NW, NC. USCF & NW (state) Memberships required. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445. (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com. Make checks payable to Gary Dorfner.

♣ **Aug 16-17** Spokane Falls Open, **Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University (Schoenberg Center) Rm. 201 & 202, N. 800 Pearl Street, Spokane, WA 99258. Registration: Sat. 8:30am-9:30am. Rounds: Sat. 10:00-2:30-7:00 Sun: 9:00-1:30 or ASAP. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). E.F. \$18; if received by 8/15, \$3 less. Telephone entries accepted. USCF rated and a NWGP event. \$500 prize fund based on 25. Class prizes based on at least four per section. Only one prize per person (excluding biggest upset - both players must have established ratings). NS, NC, W. One ½ point bye if requested before proceeding round; Sunday byes must be requested before the end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in the final round. Special Event: Spokane Falls Open will be held concurrently with the Spokane City Championship on August 16-17. Nikolay Bulakh will take on one of six players who are now playing in a round-robin. Two rounds are scheduled for Saturday while rounds three and four will be scheduled for Sunday. The time control will be G/2Hr with a 5 second delay. If needed there will be a G/10 playoff with the first to three points wins. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$120, 2nd Overall: \$80. Class Prizes: 1st (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$60, 2nd (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$30, Biggest Upset: \$30 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. For information: cell (509) 994-9739, email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

Aug 23 Washington Speed Chess Championships, **Bellevue, WA.** (see half-page ad on page 10)

♣ **Aug 23/Sep 27** 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, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

♣ **Aug 23-24** ICA Players Memorial, **Boise, ID.** Site: Library! Plaza Business Mall, 3085 N. Cole Road, Boise, ID 83704. 5SS. Game/120;d5. 2 Sections: "Open" and "U1400 Reserve". Prizes (based on 30): Open: \$200, \$100, \$75. Reserve \$100, \$75, \$50. Entry Fee: \$30 (\$25 if under 18 or 60+ years old) if registered by August 18, 2014. Special Family Rate of \$60. \$5 more for all if received after August 18, 2014. E-mail entry will lock in advance entry rate. USCF Membership required. Register & check in: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Saturday, August 23, 2014. Those not paid and checked in by 8:45 a.m. may not be paired in first round. Players arriving for round 2 may take a retroactive first round bye as long as they arrive before 1:15 p.m. Round Times: Saturday 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. Half-point bye (maximum 1) available in any round. Must notify TD before round 2 is paired. Entries: Jeffrey Roland, 1514 S. Longmont Ave., Boise, ID 83706, E-mail: jroland@cablone.net, www.idahocheessassociation.org. Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association. No Computer, No Smoking, Wheelchair access.

♣ **Aug 30-Sep 1** Oregon Open, **Portland, OR.** (see full-page ad on page 26)

♣ **Sep 13** Autumn Equinox Open, **Tacoma, WA.** Site: The Tacoma Chess Club in the DTI Soccer Store Building on the second floor at 409 Puyallup Ave across the street from Alfred's Cafe. Registration: 9 – 9:45. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry Fee: \$25.00. Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees. 1st 25%; 2nd 15%; U2000, U1700, U1400 20% each. Rounds: 10:00, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 or A.S.A.P. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC NW. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E B St, Tacoma, WA 98445, phone (253) 535-2536, email ggarychess@aol.com.

♣ **Sep 20-21** Eastern Idaho Open, **Pocatello, ID.** Site: Idaho State University (ISU), Pond Student Union (Building 14), 3rd Floor, 1065 S 8th Ave, Pocatello, Idaho. 5SS. Game/120;d5. 2 Sections: "Open" and "U1400 Reserve". Prizes (based on 30): Open: \$175, \$85, \$65. Reserve \$75, \$50, \$35. Entry Fee: \$30 (\$25 if under 18 or 60+ years old) if registered by September 15, 2014. Special Family Rate of \$60. \$5 more for all if received after September 15, 2014 and at door. E-mail entry will lock in advance entry rate. USCF Membership required. Register & check in: 7:30-8:30 a.m. Saturday, September 20, 2014. Those not paid and checked in by 8:30 a.m. may not be paired in first round. Round Times: Saturday 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. Half-point bye (maximum 1) Rounds 1-4 only. Must commit by end of Round 2. 0-point bye available for round 5. Entries: Jay Simonson, 391 Carol Ave., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, 208-206-7667. E-mail: rooknjay@yahoo.com, www.idahocheessassociation.org. Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association. No Computer, No Smoking, Wheelchair access.

♣ **Oct 4-5** Oyster Bay Inn Classic, **Bremerton, WA.** Site: Oyster Bay Inn, 4412 Kitsap Way, Bremerton, WA 98312. Format: 4SS, 3 sections. Time control: G/90 + 30 seconds/move increment. Registration: 10:00-11:30 AM. Rounds: Sat. 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sun. 9:45 AM, 3:00 PM. Prize fund: \$800 b/40 (\$100 donation will be added after entries): Open section >= 1900 USCF \$160, \$80, \$80; Premiere section: U1900 \$80, \$56, \$44 plus top score U1700 \$60; Reserve U1400/unr. \$80, \$56, \$44 plus top Unrated score \$60. Entry fee: \$40 if received by 9/24, \$50 after and on-site; OCF/WCF and USCF memb. req'd. OSA. Half-point bye: must be requested at registration, max. of one. Entries, checks payable to: Kris Dietsch, Apt. C-102, 2251 High View Ln. NW, Bremerton, WA 98312-5345 (please use a separate line for Apt C-102); cash/checks at site. You may also register online at <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>. Info: Kris (360) 479-0847, mrkrisyawho@yahoo.com, Hotel: bay view tournament, skittles and guest rooms (360) 377-5510, 1-800-393-3862, site photo gallery and info.: www.oysterbayinnbremerton.com.

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