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Esteban Ruiz Proaño, a 17-year-old foreign exchange student from Ecuador wins the 2014 ICA Players Memorial. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

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The chess set of Hank Harris at the Boise Chess Club taken on September 1. With a 6" King even a can of soda pop could be a piece. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

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From The Editor

Editors of this publication have been calling for games, photos, stories, and other various materials to be submitted since the first issue in November 1947 (when it was called Washington Chess Letter.) As we saw in the "STATEMENT OF NEW POLICY," which was the back page of that first issue from 1947 and was reprinted in last month's Issue #800 on page 13, the mission of this publication has pretty much stayed the same all these years.

There is this ongoing clock-work of promoting chess, playing chess, reporting results and showing games... documenting what is happening and featuring articles, games, and photos from those who make chess happen in our little nook of the country. And no sooner than one issue is finished it's time to work on the next one.

This is my 23rd issue as editor, and I can say that each issue is truly an adventure. No two issues are ever the same, and it never gets boring.

I try to make each issue better—sometimes with success, and sometimes not. One thing is for sure though. Issues are always better when people contribute materials.

I encourage everyone to submit materials to editor@nwchess.com.

—Editor

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Idaho Chess News

Chess Rage Day Camp 2014

By Adam Porth

June 16-20, 2014 — Hailey, Idaho

Summer time for eight million kids in the United States includes a plethora of summer camps. Sun Valley, Idaho is no different but includes a rather unique one. The Chess Rage Day Camp is a week-long chess extravaganza that is designed to engage, encourage, and excite young chess players, mostly new to the game. The camp is held every summer at the Community Campus, Hailey, Idaho and is open to players of all levels and skill in elementary or middle school. Over the past few years the camp has increased from four campers to thirty-four campers!

Mr. Adam Porth, Silver Creek High School Science Teacher and Chess Coach, indicates that the purpose of the camp is several fold but the guiding concept is fun! The week-long camp is hosted by the Blaine County School District Chess Club (BCSD) and produces an affordable alternative (\$125/week!) to the numerous athletic-oriented camps around the Wood River Valley. But 'no child is left behind' as the camp accepts players, even if they can only pay a penny! "It surprises many parents that we can provide chess lessons and activities for nearly five hours each day and keep the kids so engaged and craving more afterwards!" describes Coach Porth.

Counselors were players from the high



Hadley Hodges and Hunter Ervin learn how to use the clock.

Photo credit: Adam Porth.

school chess team (current Idaho State Champions) and attend Silver Creek High School or Wood River High School. "Teaching chess is a great way to expand your own abilities," says Coach Porth. Camper-counselor ratios were 4 to 1. The high school counselors become icons to the younger kids and this enhanced counselors' self-esteem as they are the "experts" in the camper's eyes. "This camp makes the counselors feel like grandmasters," says Porth.

A typical day included mate in 1, 2, 3 problems on large display boards (or

chess mazes) as a warm up. Players would then meet with a counselor and work to check off chess skills on a skill sheet (64 beginning skills). During this hour, the counselors also taught openings, traps, and just played with their group. We then came back together as a large group and I taught chess tactics and strategies using "think, pair, share" techniques. Afterwards, a snack break commenced with fruit, cookies, and juices.

After break, campers would play for an hour and the counselors got to "disappear" while I monitored all the games in my classroom. After a catered lunch, we played Memory Boards where I would display a chess position for ten seconds on the promethean display board and then take it away. Campers would then work with a partner to replicate the position. Each counselor was in charge of a station in the afternoon and campers could roam between blitz, bughouse, giant chess, standard chess, chess problems, or snap-on electronics.

The week also included some other fun activities. The Brooklyn Knights movie was shown one afternoon in the Community Campus Theater. A simultaneous exhibition against the BCSD Chess Club Co-Champions was held with Dylan Porth and Tyler Avila each playing 14 campers. Tyler lost one game and Dylan had one draw. And, we even played Kickball chess (a fusion of cricket, baseball, bowling, and chess!). With all this, we never got to do the watermelon hunt!



Adam Porth teaching a lesson. Photo credit: One of Adam Porth's students.



Winners L-R: Holden Archie, Hunter Thompson, Spencer Gaudreau, Connor Manning, Devin Karst, Joe Hill, Jacob Russell, Quentin Van Law, Kaiden Cross, Porter Thompson. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

And what would a chess camp be without a chess tournament? The Chess Rage Day Camp Open Chess Tournament was a cordial affair, as we stressed sportsmanship throughout the camp. We also held the Counselors Tournament concurrently. After the tournament, personalized awards for each camper were presented with proud

parents observing.

Winners included Spencer Gaudreau (5th grade, Alturas Elementary), Joe Hall (8th grade, Community School), and veteran Quentin Van Law (5th grade, Alturas Elementary). Each had 4.0 points and won trophies. Chess books donated by Norman

Friedman, formerly Manhattan Chess Club and the Right Move Co-founder, were distributed to 4th and 5th place winners. Ribbons were presented to 6th and 7th place. In the Counselors tournament, Dylan Porth (9th grade, Wood River High School) won 1st and a book, Keegan Crowson (11th grade, Silver Creek High School) was 2nd place, and Andre Murphy was third place (11th grade, Wood River High School).



Counselors make a successful camp.

L-R: Dylan Porth, Kaden Rinehart, Riley Clark, Desmond Porth, Jordan Pulliam, Keegan Crowson (not pictured Andre Murphy). Photo credit: Adam Porth.

Each camper received a medal and a personalized certificate with a picture of themselves playing chess during the week, but there were other prizes, too. Chess books from Norman Friedman and ribbons were for special prizes. Spencer Gaudreau completed over 200 chess problems during the week, Devin Karst (8th grade, Wood River Middle School) scored the highest grades on the chess tests, and Joe Hall recorded the most games. They each won a book. As part of the camp, all players were provided a rollup chess board and carrier and a camp t-shirt.

It was a great week of mental exhaustion for the campers which had them crying for more by the end, however. The key to hosting a successful camp is 'keep 'em hungry' to play and always have more than you can possibly do.



The only picture taken at the Barnes & Noble August G/10 Rapid tournament. L-R: Gary Dugger plays Quentin Van Law on front board, Fred Bartell plays Desmond Porth on second board, and Aleksandr Vereshchagin plays Riley Clark (hidden) on back board. TD Barry Eacker can be seen watching. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

Barnes & Noble August G/10 Rapid

By Barry Eacker

The August 2014 Barnes & Noble Rapid (G/10) tournament held at Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls, Idaho on August 12 was won by Barry Eacker with a 6.5/7 score. Eacker was helped along during the event by several opponent miscues. A missed flag drop in his game against Fred Bartell ended in checkmate for the latter player. Adam Porth had a drawn game until a late blunder allowed seventh rank issues. Desmond Porth had the advantage at one juncture before he fell victim to a sacrifice on the king-side leading to mate. Fred Bartell, usually the strongest player at local rapid/blitz events, was off his game and suffered three losses. Gary Dugger played strong throughout, finishing with five victories and a 5.0/7 tally which was good for second place. Adam and Desmond Porth shared third place with Fred Bartell at 4.0/7 with Adam gaining the Solkoff tiebreak.

Interestingly, since the tournament was a Swiss format in order to allow players to join the event after the first round, the final

round pairings by WinTD forced a re-pair for players Dugger – A. Porth. Never had that happen before...

Many thanks to Barnes and Noble for the fabulous site and hospitality. Event rated by Rocky Mountain Chess and sponsored by the Idaho Chess Union. Barry Eacker was the Tournament Director.

ICA Players Memorial

29 Players attended the 4th Annual ICA Players Memorial held in Boise, Idaho over the August 23-24 weekend in Boise, Idaho. Jeffrey Roland was the tournament director.

In the Open Section the winner, with 4.5/5 points, was a 17-year-old foreign exchange student now residing in Caldwell, Esteban Ruiz Proaño, who comes to us from Ecuador in South America. Second place was the 2013 Idaho Scholastic Champion, Nathan Jiang of Eagle, with 4/5 points. Third place was top-rated Michael Hosford of Bellevue, Washington, who traveled the farthest to play, scoring 3.5/5 points.

In the Reserve Section the winner was Kevin Yang of Boise with 5/5 points. Second place was Michael Rabadan of Yakima, Washington with 4/5 points who pre-registered for this event way back in May. There was a four-way tie for 3rd-6th place between Daniel Duan, Justin He, Kevin Xu, and

Celeste Hollist, all from Boise and all scoring 3/5 points.

This was the third of three consecutive monthly tournaments by the Idaho Chess Association (ICA) to be held at the same venue of the Library! Plaza Business Mall which is near the corner of Cole & Ustick in Boise. Structurally-speaking, this tournament was the same as the Idaho Open and the ICA Summer Classic. But every tournament, just like every chess game, is unique, special, and different.

To say “a good time was had by all,” while true, doesn’t quite capture everything nor do the many pictures and video taken by Jeffrey Roland. To really appreciate chess and tournaments one really needs to play. At tournaments, there are good times, great memories, and great life experiences.

The tournament was started in 2011 after the death of Glen Buckendorf, Jr. on September 12, 2011. The concept was to have an annual tournament honoring the memory of all Idaho chess players who have passed away but who loved the game, loved Idaho chess, and who would have played in this tournament (with us) if they were alive today. All who played in this tournament have added to the rich history of Idaho chess.

**Esteban Ruiz Proaño –
Kenneth Sanderson (1580) [A11]**
ICA Players Memorial (Open) Boise, ID
(R1), August 23, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7
5.c4 c6 6.Qb3 Nbd7 7.d4 dxc4 8.Qxc4
Nb6 9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qd1 0-0 11.Nc3 Nbd5
12.Ng5 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Bd5 14.e4 Bc4
15.Re1 h6 16.Nf3 Qa5 17.Qc2 Rad8

17...Nd7!?

18.Bb2

18.Rb1!?

18...Rfe8 19.Ne5 Qa6?!

19...Be6 +=

20.f4

20.Nxc4 Qxc4 21.e5!



(Diagram analysis after 21.e5)

21...Nh7 (21...Nd7 22.e6 fxe6 23.Qxg6 with position and attack.; 21...Nd5?? 22.Bf1! Nb4 23.Qa4 wins the piece.) 22.Qb3 Qxb3

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Winners of the 2014 ICA Players Memorial (Open Section). L-R: Michael Hosford (3rd), Esteban Ruiz Proaño (1st), Nathan Jiang (2nd).
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23.axb3 with a clear plus for White.

20...Nd7 21.Nxc4 Qxc4 22.Qb3 Nb6
23.Rad1 Rd6 24.Bf1 Qe6 25.c4 Rdd8
26.c5

26.e5; or 26.a4 keep up the pressure without allowing the exchange of queens.

26...Qxb3 27.axb3 Nd7 28.b4 a6 29.Ba1
Nf6 30.Bg2 e6 31.h3 h5 32.Re3 Kf8
33.Red3 Re7 34.Bf3 Red7 35.g4 h4
36.Kf2 Ne8 37.Ke3 Nc7 38.g5 Ke7?



Position after 38...Ke7

39.Bg2 +=

39.d5! grabs even more space, with the threats of Bxg7 and d6+ looming large.

39...Kf8 40.Kf3 Nb5 41.e5 Nc7 42.Kg4
Nd5 43.Bxd5 Rxd5 44.Kxh4 Ke7 45.Ra3
Rh8+ 46.Kg4 Rdd8 47.Bc3 Kd7 48.h4
Rh5 49.Rda1 Rdh8 50.Be1 Kc7 51.R1a2
Rd8??

51...Kd7 and the maneuvering continues.

52.Rd3?

A missed opportunity. 52.b5! decisively opens up the attacking lines for the white rooks. 52...Rxd4 (52...cxb5 53.Ba5+; 52...Ra8 53.bxa6 bxa6 54.Rxa6 Rxa6 55.Rxa6 Kb7 56.Rb6+ Kc7 57.Ba5 Rh8 58.Rb1+ Kc8 59.Bb6 and 60.Ra1.) 53.bxa6 Rh8 (53...bxa6 54.Rxa6 and the black king is in a ton of trouble.; 53...Bxe5 54.a7 Rxf4+ 55.Kh3 etc.) 54.Ba5+ Kd7 55.Bc3.

52...Rdh8 53.Ra1 Bf8 54.Rda3 Be7
55.Rh3 Kd7 56.Rha3 Kc7 57.Rb3 Kd7
58.Kf3 Kc8 59.Rba3 Rd8 60.Ke4 Rd5
61.R3a2



Position after 61.R3a2

61...Bf8??

61...Rd8! 62.Bf2 (62.b5 axb5! =) 62...Kd7 and White's extra pawn doesn't help.

62.b5! cxb5 63.c6! Kc7

63...bxc6 64.Rxa6 wins, e.g. 64...Rd8 65.Ra8+ Kd7 66.Rxd8+ Kxd8 67.Ra8+ Ke7 68.Bb4+ Kd7 69.Rxf8.

64.cxb7 Kxb7 65.Rxa6 1-0

Chris Amen (1511) –
Caleb Paul Kircher (1890) [A10]
ICA Players Memorial (Open) Boise, ID
(R1), August 23, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nf3 f5 5.Qc2
Nf6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2 e5 9.cxd5
cxd5 10.e4 fxe4 11.dxe4 dxe4?

11...d4 =

12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Nc6 14.Rd1



Position after 14.Rd1

14...Rxf3? 15.Bxf3 Nd4 16.Bg2 Qf6

17.Be3 Bf5 18.Qxb7 Re8 19.Qxa7 Bg4
20.Rxd4! exd4 21.Bxd4 Qg6 22.a3 h5
23.h3 Bf5 24.b4 Re7 25.Qb6 Re2 26.Bc5
Rd2 27.Bxd6 Rxd6 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Re1
Qf6 30.Qe8 Qg5 31.Be4 Rg6 32.h4 Qg4
33.Bxf5 Qxf5 34.Qe5 Qg4 35.a4 Qxh4
36.Re4 Qh3



Position after 36...Qh3

Of course Black is threatening absolutely nothing here, and there is virtually no defense against the advance of the connected passed a- and b-pawns. So White wins, as long as he doesn't hang a rook...

37.Rh4?? Qxh4 38.Qc5 Qg4 39.a5 h4
40.b5 hxg3 41.b6 gxf2+ 42.Kxf2 Qg1+
0-1

Caleb Paul Kircher (1890) –
Paul Edvalson (1620) [A03]

ICA Players Memorial (Open) Boise, ID
(R2), August 23, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.b3 Bg4 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bb2
Nbd7 6.h3 Bh5 7.Be2 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bxe2
9.Qxe2 Ne4 10.Qg4 f5 11.Qh5+

11.Qxg7 Qh4+ 12.g3 Qxg3+ 13.Qxg3
Nxg3 14.Rg1 Rg8 =

11...g6 12.Nxg6 Ndf6 13.Qh4 Rg8 14.Ne5
Rxx2 15.Nf3 Be7 16.Nc3?

[Diagram top of next column]



Position after 16.Nc3

16...Qd7?

16...Nxd2! 17.Nxd2 Rxd2! 18.Ne2 (18.Rc1
d4!) 18...Rxc2 should win for Black.

17.0-0-0 Nf2??

17...Ng3!? 18.Rhg1 Nfh5 (18...Rxxg1
19.Rxxg1 Nfh5 20.Ng5 h6 21.Rxxg3 Nxxg3
22.Qxxg3 (22.Qxxh6 0-0-0 seems unclear.)
22...hxxg5 23.fxxg5 0-0-0 24.Ne2 gives
White compensation.) 19.Qxe7+ Qxe7
20.Rxxg2 0-0-0 =+

18.Rdgl

Now White is winning.

18...Rxxg1+ 19.Rxxg1 N2e4 20.Ne5 Qd6
21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Nc4 Qd8 23.Bxxf6 Bxxf6
24.Rg8+ Ke7 25.Qxxh7+ 1-0

Esteban Ruiz Proaño –
Caleb Paul Kircher (1890) [A07]
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[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 f5 5.d3
Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.e4 dxe4
9.dxe4 Bc5

9...fxe4!? 10.Nxe4 (10.Ng5 e3! 11.fxe3
(11.Rxe3?! Nd5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Ne6
Bxe6 14.Rxe6 Bc5 =) 11...e5 12.Nc4 Qc7
unclear.) 10...Qxd1 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.Rxd1

e5 with perhaps a tiny edge to White in this
queenless middlegame.

10.exf5 exf5 11.Qe2 Kh8 12.Nb3 Re8
13.Qd2?

13.Qd3 Qxd3 14.Rxe8+ Nxe8 15.cxd3 Bb6
16.Be3 and White has a significant lead in
development.



Position after 13.Qd2

13...Rxe1+?

13...Ne4!



Analysis

(Diagram analysis after 13...Ne4)

14.Rxe4 (14.Qxd8 Bxf2+ 15.Kf1 Rxd8
16.Re2 (16.Rxe4 fxe4 17.Kxf2 exf3 -+)
16...Bxxg3 17.hxxg3 Nxxg3+ 18.Kf2 Nxe2
19.Kxe2. Rook and three pawns should
outweigh the two minors here.) 14...fxe4
15.Nxc5 (15.Ng5 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 e3! =+;
15.Qxd8 Rxd8 16.Bg5 Bxf2+! 17.Kxf2 Rf8
should favor Black.) 15...exf3 16.Qxd8
Rxd8 17.Bxf3 Nd7 18.Nd3 Nf6. White has
some compensation for the exchange.

14.Qxe1 Na6 15.Bg5 h6?

15...Bb6 keeps the White advantage on a
possibly manageable scale.

16.Rd1?

Much stronger: 16.Nxc5 Nxc5 17.Rd1 Qe8
(17...Qf8 18.Bxxf6 gxf6 19.Nh4 is starting to
look mighty uncomfortable from the Black
side.) 18.Bxf6 (18.Qxe8+ Nxe8 19.Rd8 is
also clearly good for White.) 18...Qxe1+
19.Rxe1 gxf6 20.Re8+ and Black is busted,
lacking time to defend the loss of material
coming from a maneuver such as Nf3-h4-
f5-d6.

16...Bxf2+! 17.Kxf2

[Diagram top of next page]

17...Ne4+??

17...Qb6+ 18.Kf1 hxxg5 19.Qe7! Qb5+
(19...Bd7 20.Rxd7) 20.c4! eliminates
follow-up checks on the g1-a7 diagonal
and also removes a defender of b7, in case



Idaho State Chess Champion, Caleb Paul Kircher. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland



Position after 17...Kxf2

that c8-bishop ever chooses to develop. 20...Qxc4+ 21.Kg1 Be6 22.Qxb7 Re8 23.Qxa7. White's structure is better, but it's still a game.

18.Kf1 Qb6 19.Be3 c5 20.Nfd2 Be6 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.Bxe4 Qb5+ 23.Kg2 Rf8 24.Rd2 Qb4 25.Bf4 c4 26.Nd4

26.Bd6

26...Be8 27.c3 Qc5 28.Bf3 Qb6 29.Qe7 Rd8 30.Re2

30.Be5 Rg8 31.Bd5

30...Bd7 31.Be5 1-0

Caleb Paul Kircher (1890) – James Inman (1788) [A03]

ICA Players Memorial (Open) Boise, ID (R4), August 24, 2014 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.f4 Nf6 2.b3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Ne5 Bf5 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bb2 e6 7.Be2 Ne4 8.0-0 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 f6 10.Bb2 Qd7 11.d3 Nd6 12.Bf3 Nf7 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4 Bc5+?

14...Bg6 +=

15.Kh1 Qxd1

15...Bg6 16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Rd1+ Ke7 18.f5 is much the same as the game.

16.Rxd1 Bg6 17.f5! exf5 18.exf5 Bxf5



Position after 18...Bxf5

19.Bxb7?

19.Rd5 forks the two loose bishops.

19...Rd8 20.Re1+ Kd7 21.Na3 c6 22.Ba6 Kc7 23.c3?! Ne5 24.b4 Bf2 25.Re2 Bh4 26.c4? Bd3 27.Rxe5 fxe5 28.Bxe5+ Kd7 29.b5 c5 30.Bb7 Bf6 31.Bxf6 gxf6 32.Rd1 Kc7 33.Bd5 Be2 34.Re1 Rhe8 35.h3 Bd3 36.Rc1 Re2 37.Rc3 Be4 38.Bxe4 Rxe4 39.Nc2 Rd2 40.Ne3 Re6 41.Ra3 Kb7 42.Nd5 f5 43.Rg3 Rg6 44.Re3 Rg7 45.a4 Rdxg2 46.Re7+ Rxe7 47.Nxe7 Rf2 48.a5 Rf4 49.b6 axb6 50.axb6 Rxc4 51.Nxf5

Kxb6 0-1

Jamie Lang (1474) – Caleb Paul Kircher (1890) [B01] ICA Players Memorial (Open) Boise, ID (R5), August 24, 2014 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.c4 Nb6 7.Be3 e6 8.Nbd2 Bb4 9.g4 Bg6 10.a3 Bxd2+ 11.Qxd2 Be4 12.Be2?

12.Qd1 is roughly equal.



Position after 12.Be2

12...Nxc4! 13.Qc3 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Bd5 15.0-0 Nc6 16.Rfd1 0-0 17.Ne5 Qh4 18.Rac1 Nxe5 19.dxe5 c6 20.Bc4 Rfe8 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.f4 Rad8 23.Kg2 f6 24.e6 h5 25.e7 Rd6 26.gxh5 Qxh5 27.Qxa7 Rxe7 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Qxd6 Re2+ 30.Kg3 Re3+ 31.Kf2 Qe2+ 32.Kg1 Rg3+ 0-1

Brett Hamilton (1713) – Graeme K. Faulkner (1171) [D15] ICA Players Memorial (Open) Boise, ID (R5), August 24, 2014 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 h6 4.e3 c6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.c5 Nbd7 8.h3 Bf5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Nh4 Bh7 11.f4 g5 12.Nf3 Rg8 13.Ne5 Nxe5? 14.fxe5 Ne4 15.Bh5 Rg7 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.Rf6



Position after 17.Rf6

17...Rh7?

17...g4! Black goes fishing in murky waters, using pawns as bait. 18.Bxg4 (18.Rxe6+ Be7 19.hxg4 0-0-0 20.Rxh6 Bg5 21.Rd6 Rh8 and Black has lots of activity for his three(!) pawns.) 18...h5 19.Bf3 Bf5 and now 20.Rxf5! offers compensation for the exchange.

18.Rxe6+ Be7 19.Qf1 0-0-0 20.Rd6 Bxd6 21.cxd6 Qa5 22.Bxf7 Kb8 23.e6 Rxf7 24.exf7 Rf8 25.Qf2 Qd8 26.Bd2

Qxd6 27.a3 Qe6 28.Rf1 Bg6 29.Qg3+ Kc8 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.dxe5 Rxf7 32.Rf6 Rxf6 33.exf6 Kd7 34.Bb4 Bf7 35.g4 Ke6 36.Be7 b6 37.b4 Ke5 38.Kf2 Ke4 39.Ke2 d4 40.exd4 Kxd4 41.Kf3 Bd5+ 42.Kg3 c5 43.bxc5 bxc5 44.h4?

44.Bf8 Ke5 45.Bxc5 +=

44...c4 45.hxg5 hxg5 46.f7 Bxf7 47.Bxg5 Kd3 48.Kf2 Be6 49.Be3 a5



Position after 49...a5

50.a4??

This should be the losing move. 50.g5 +=

50...Bxg4 51.Bb6? c3 52.Be3 Bd1 53.Ke1 Bxa4 54.Bc1 Bb3 55.Ba3 a4 56.Bc1 Kc2 57.Ba3 Kb1 58.Ke2 Bc4+ 59.Kd1 c2+ 60.Kd2



Position after 60.Kd2

60...Ka2??

60...Bb3 61.Bc1 Bd5 62.Ba3 Ka2 63.Bc5 (63.Bc1 Kb3 64.Kd3 a3 65.Bxa3 (65.Bf4 a2) 65...Be4+ 66.Kxe4 Kxa3 -+) 63...Kb2 64.Ba3+ Kxa3 65.Kxc2 Be4+ and wins.

61.Bc1??

61.Kxc2! Kxa3 62.Kb1 =

61...a3??

61...Kb3! -+

62.Kc3 Kb1 63.Bxa3 1/2-1/2

BCC #4 Tournament

The newly formed Boise Chess Club (BCC) held its fourth tournament, the BCC #4, on September 6, 2014 at All About Games on Overland Road in Boise, Idaho. There was a break of nearly three months after the BCC #3 held on May 10. The time control was Game/45;d5. The format was a four-round Swiss system tournament. Entry was free, and it was USCF-rated. The tournament director (TD) was Jeffrey Roland.



L-R: Jeffrey Roland, Brett Hamilton at BCC #4. Photo credit: Jesse Batten.

Originally, the TD intended only to direct the event and take pictures, but when only seven players showed up he decided to play too so that a full point bye did not have to be given out each round.

As entry to this tournament was free, there was also no financial reward for winning. The incentive in this tournament was the pure joy of chess as well as ratings potential. The competition could undoubtedly be considered close because only one point separated first place from sixth place and nobody ended the event without at least one loss.

Brett Hamilton of Eagle and Jeffrey Roland of Boise tied for first-second place with 3 points each. Jarod Buus of Nampa and Tom Booth of Caldwell tied for third-fourth with 2.5 points each. James Inman of Nampa and Corey Longhurst of Boise tied for fifth-sixth place with 2 points each. Jamie Lang of Meridian was seventh place and Jesse Batten of Boise was eighth place.

This game from the ICA Summer Classic was held over for this issue.—Editor.

Cody Austin Gorman (1905) – Paul Edvalson (1604) [A58]

ICA Summer Classic (Open) Boise, ID (R3), July 19, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 d6 9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.Rb1 0-0 11.0-0 Nb6 12.b3 c4?

Although this is common in the Benko Gambit, it is generally linked to gaining activity on the a7-f2 diagonal and control of the d3-square for a knight through the maneuver Nd7-c5-d3.

Since neither of these factors is immediately present, the effect of the move ...c4 is to give away the useful d4-square for a White knight en route to c6, while creating a simple passed pawn on the a- or b-file after an exchange.

Black has little pressure on the queenside files or along the long diagonal, so the opening has not gone well for him.

13.Be3

13.Nd4 is to the point.

13...cxb3 14.axb3 Bb7 15.Nh4 Nfd7 16.Bd4 Nf6 17.e4 Nbd7 18.Qd2 Ba6 19.Rfe1 Ng4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7



Position after 20...Kxg7

21.Qg5

It's hard to argue with the kind of success White has with the queen move, but simply advancing the extra passed pawn is thematic Nimzovich strategy. There's a rook behind it, nothing blockading... the pawn's "lust to expand" shouts out, "Passed pawns must be pushed!" 21.b4.

21...Ndf6?

21...Nde5 introduces some complications based on ...Nxf2 and ...Nd3+ that White will need to take into account at every turn. The position is only += here.

22.Nf5+ Kh8 23.Nd4

The knight finally arrives on d4.

23...Ne5?!

23...Qb6

24.Red1?!

24.Nc6! is an attempt to create a passed c-pawn, which would also help activate the g2-bishop on the long diagonal. 24...Qc7

(24...Nxc6 25.dxc6) 25.b4! Nxc6 26.dxc6 Qxc6 27.e5 Qxc3 28.Bxa8 Rxa8 29.exf6 Bb7 30.Rxe7 Qf3 31.Rxb7 Qxb7 32.b5 is extremely favorable to White.

24...Nd3?!

24...Qb6 25.Nc6!? Nxc6 26.dxc6 Qxc6 27.e5 Qxc3 28.Bxa8 Qxe5 29.Qxe5 dxe5 30.Bc6 is a clear plus for White.

25.Bf1?

One more chance for 25.Nc6 Qb6 26.Rd2 and White is pretty happy.

25...Ne5?

25...Qb6 26.Bxd3 Qxd4 27.Ne2 (27.Bxa6 Qxc3 28.Bd3 Rfb8 =) 27...Qb6 (27...Nxe4 28.Nxd4 Nxe5 +=, despite Black's better-looking pawn structure, due to the passed pawn, c6 outpost, and the awkward g5-knight.) 28.Bxa6 Rxa6 29.Nd4 +=.

26.f4 Ned7 27.e5 dxe5 28.fxe5 Ng8 29.Bxa6 Rxa6 30.Qe3 Qc7 31.Nc6 Qb6 32.Qxb6 Rxb6 33.b4



Position after 33.b4

Center control.

33...f6 34.e6 Nb8 35.b5 Nh6 36.Nxe7 Ng4 37.d6 Ne5 38.Na4 Rb7 39.Nc5 Ra7 40.Ra1 Nf3+ 41.Kg2 Rxa1 42.Rxa1 Nd4 43.Ra8 Nxb5 44.Nxg6+ hxg6 45.e7 Rg8



Position after 45...Rg8

46.Rxb8

Good enough but 46.d7 is instantly crushing: 46...Nxd7 47.Rxg8+ Kxg8 48.e8Q+.

46...Nxd6 47.Rd8

47.Rf8 is a bit more efficient.

47...Ne8 48.Ne6 Kh7 49.Nf8+ Kg7 50.Rxe8 Kf7 51.Rb8 Kxe7 52.Nd7 Rg7 53.Nc5 Kd6 54.Nd3 Ke6 55.Rb5 Rd7? 56.Nc5+ 1-0

Northwest well represented in 2014 SPFGI

By Frank Niro

Four girls from the region participated in this year's Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational held on the campus of Webster University in suburban St. Louis. Olga Cherepakhin of Washington finished with four points to finish in a 7th place tie in the six round 56-player event. Olga lost only to top scholarship winner Kimberly Ding of New Jersey and rising star Natassja Matus of Minnesota. Olga teamed with Katya Davis of New York to tie for first place in the bughouse side event.



Olga Cherepakhin of Washington (left) makes her first moves against Kimberly Ding of New Jersey before the start of their blitz match

Carmen Pemsler of Idaho also finished with a plus score (3.5 – 2.5) while Lauren Mei Calora of Oregon, playing in her first USCF-rated event, scored two points. The other Oregon resident, Andrea Botez, officially represented Canada and finished with an even score. Carmen played solidly throughout, losing only one game in the main event. She was one of the top finishers in the blitz tourney with 8-2, only a point out of clear first and good enough for a second place tie. All for NWC girls fared well in the blitz, finishing with a combined 24.5 – 15.5 record.

More than \$200,000 in scholarships and other prizes were awarded to competitors in the tournament, bringing the total value of college scholarships sponsored by the Susan Polgar Foundation over the past twelve years to more than 3.5 million dollars. Both the main event and the blitz tournament were FIDE rated for the first time this year thanks to the participation of FIDE Arbiter Andre Botez. The Chief Arbiter was former NWC member Frank Niro, assisted again this year by Alise Pemsler of Idaho.

Selected games from the 2014 SPFGI:

Carmen Pemsler (1608) – Talia Buxbaum (913) [D55]
2014 SPFGI (R1), July 12, 2014
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3



Carmen Pemsler of Idaho

0–0 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0–0 Nbd7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qc2 c5 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Rfd1 c4 13.Be2 Nb6 14.Nd4 Rc8 15.Bf3 h6 16.Bh4 Re8 17.Rd2 Qd7 18.Bg3 Rcd8 19.Rad1 Bc5 20.a3 Bxd4 21.Rxd4 a6



Position after 21...a6

22.e4 Qc6 23.e5 Nh7 24.Qd2 Re7 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 26.Bxd5 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Qxd5 28.Qxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Kf8 30.h4 f6 31.Rc5 fxe5 32.Bxe5 Nf6 33.Bd6 Kf7 34.Bxe7 Kxe7 35.Rxc4 Kd7 36.Kf1 g5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.Ke2 Kd6 39.Ra4 Kc5 40.Rxa6 Ne4 41.f3 Ng3+ 42.Kf2 Nh1+ 43.Kg1 Ng3 44.Ra5+ Kc4 45.Rxg5 Ne2+ 46.Kf2 Nc1 47.Ke3 Kb3 48.Rb5+ Ka2 49.Kd2 Nb3+ 50.Rxb3 Kxb3 51.f4 Kc4 52.a4 Kb4 53.f5 Kxa4 54.f6 Kb4 55.f7 Ka4 56.f8Q Kb5 57.Qc8 Kb4 58.Kd3 Kb5 59.Kd4 Kb4 60.Qc4+ Ka5 61.Qb3 Ka6 62.Kc5 Ka7 63.Kc6 Ka8 64.Qb7# 1–0

Andrea Botez (1551) – Lauren Mei Calora (1193) [D02]
2014 SPFGI (R6), July 15, 2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.0–0 Qd7 9.a3 0–0 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Be2 Qe6 12.Ng5 Qf5 13.Bxh5 Qxg5 14.Bf3 Qf5 15.Qb3 Rfd8 16.Qxb7 Qd7 17.Qb3 Na5 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Nxb5 Bd6 20.Nxd6 cxd6 21.b4 Nb3 22.Rb1 Nxc1 23.Rfxc1 h5 24.a4 g5 25.b5 g4 26.hxg4 hxg4 27.Be2 Ne4 28.Bxg4 Nd2 29.Rb4 a5 30.bxa6 Rxa6 31.Rc2 Nc4 32.Bf3 Na3 33.Rc3 Kg7 34.Rxa3 Rc6

35.Ra1 Kf6 36.Bxd5 Rc2 37.a5 Kf5 38.a6 Rdc8 39.a7 Rcl+ 40.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 41.Kh2 Rc2 42.a8Q Rxf2 43.e4+ Kf4 44.Rb3 Rd2 45.Rf3+ Kg4 46.Qg8+ Kh4 47.Rh3# 1–0

Olga Cherepakhin (1687) – Ritika Pandey (1576) [C89]
2014 SPFGI (R6), July 15, 2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0–0 8.c3 d5 9.d3 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Nbd2 dxe4 12.dxe4 Na5 13.Bc2 Bd6 14.Nf1 Qe7 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.Nh4 Rfd8 17.Nhf5 Qe6 18.Qf3 Bf8 19.Bg5 Kh8 20.h4 h6



Position after 20...h6

21.Nxh6 Nc4 22.Bb3 Kh7 23.Bxf6 Qxf6 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Bxc4 Bxh6 26.Bd5 Rac8 27.h5 c6 28.hxg6+ fxg6 29.Bb3 Rd2 30.Re2 Rcd8 31.Rxd2 Rxd2 32.Rd1 Rxb2 33.Rd7+ Bg7 34.Rd3 a5 35.Bf7 c5 36.Nf1 c4 37.Rd2 Rb1 38.g3 Bh6 39.Rc2 Kg7 40.Bd5 f5 41.Kg2 Kf6 42.Nd2 Bxd2 43.Rxd2 Kg5 44.Re2 Kf6 45.f4 fxe4 46.fxe5+ Kxe5 47.Bxe4 Rcl 48.Bxg6+ Kf6 49.Rc2 Re1 50.Bh5 Kg5 51.g4 b4 52.cxb4 axb4 53.Rxc4 Re2+ 54.Kf3 Rxa2 55.Rxb4 Ra3+ 56.Ke4 Ra5 57.Rd4 Kf6 58.Rd6+ Ke7 59.Rd5 Ra4+ 60.Kf5 Ra1 61.g5 Rf1+ 62.Kg6 Rh1 63.Rf5 Ke6 64.Rf2 Ke7 65.Kh6 Rc1 66.g6 Rc6 67.Rf5 Ke8 68.Kh7 Rc7+ 69.Rf7 Rxf7+ 70.gxf7+ Kf8 71.Kg6 Ke7 72.Kg7 Ke6 73.f8Q Ke5 74.Qd8 Ke4 75.Qd6 Kf5 76.Bf3 Kg5 77.Qf6# 1–0



GM Susan Polgar plays an obvious relative of Northwest's Morgan the dog.

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Washington Chess News

Vancouver Open

August 9-10, 2014 — Vancouver, WA

By Brian Berger

The organizers of the Vancouver Open, Dan Mathews, Josh Sinanan, Robert Allen and Norm May, could not have picked a more idyllic spot to hold this first ever tournament. Located at the Red Lion Hotel, overlooking the Columbia River, the view was spectacular: the sun glittering off the small wavelets of the steel-blue waters; sport boats leaving their white foamy wakes in the near calm flow of the river; the whole of the scene towered over by the grand sweep of I-5's Interstate Bridge, that from a distance, presented a lace-like pattern of intricately woven steel girders.

Given the beauty of the scenery, one would not have liked being confined to a closed-off tournament room, and understanding this, the organizers supplied a large room with two huge picture windows that took advantage of the scene outside, adding a serenity that could refresh a player looking to take a breather during a protracted and close game. At the same time, the light streaming in enhanced the visual playing conditions and, for this player, lifted the spirit.

Adding to the well thought-out location of the playing room were the always full water dispensers and the (not always supplied) extra playing boards and pieces, for those who somehow managed to either



David Golub.
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

forget to bring their own boards, or who have yet to purchase them. (Go figure!)

Great food was to be had in the large, nautical-themed dining hall, with panoramic window views which encompassed the whole of the above described scene. Those seeking to sample other fare, could easily walk or take a short drive to a number of the city's other restaurants, some offering a variety of specialized foods; or just choose to unwind by walking and sight-seeing along some of the interesting pathways of this historically significant city.

Considering this was a trial venue for a hoped for annual event, the number of participants would have done justice to a more established tournament, drawing 76 players—one from as far away as British Columbia! Others drove many hours from the farther reaches of Washington and Oregon.

Making the drive worthwhile for many were the number of prizes awarded, starting with the overall winner of the Open Section, David Golub, who, with a near perfect 4.5 out of 5 points, more than paid for his gas money, by collecting \$300. The always dangerous Nick Raptis had to settle for a tie for 2nd place and \$150, registering two wins and two draws, while gaining another full point by forfeit when Jason Cigan failed to show in the fourth round. Sharing 2nd place with 4.0 points was Kevin Gafni, who took the U2100 prize of \$150. Finally, with 3.5 points, Vikram Ramasamy pocketed \$100 for highest score in the U1900 category.

The Reserve Section saw David Yoshinaga picking himself off his 1700 floor, displaying some of the talent that (he is always lamenting that he once had), made him a class A player in the "old" days, by scoring 4.5 points—taking home \$230 and 1st place. (David, you can now buy that lobster and prime rib meal you have been badgering me about).

Second place was shared by Robert Allen,



Organizers (L) Norm May, Josh Sinanan, Robert Allen and Daniel Mathews. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

Daniel Mathews and Stephen Buck, each posting 4.0 points, and each, \$43.33 richer. In the U1600's, Kian Patel, Ari Bluffstone, Andrea Botez and Jake Winkler, with 3.5 points, divvied up the \$80 prize to the tune of \$20 each. And splitting the U1400 prize fund were Maneesh Rajagopal and Aaron Probst, posting a respectable 3.0 points and sharing half of the \$80 as their reward. Lastly, Marcus Leung took the whole of the \$80, U1200 prize, finishing with 2.0 points.

Considering their choice of a great scenic location, with an ample playing area, together with a fine restaurant on the premises, the more than competent organizers of this tournament will undoubtedly have an avid and large playing field returning for next year's Vancouver Open—I know that I will be there!

**Viktors Pupols (2200) –
Sean O'Connell (1841) [A41]**
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R1), August 9, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 e5?!
5.Bg5**

Probably 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 is the right way to handle this, as the bishop on g7 is not optimally placed for this kind of queen-less middle game. However, one must assume that any home preparation Black has made was in this obvious line.

5...f6 6.Bh4

The bishop definitely risks relegation to the sidelines after this retreat, and Black can try ...g5 and a general kingside advance along here, too.

6...Nc6



L-R: Viktors Pupols, Sean O'Connell. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

6...g5!? 7.Bg3 f5

7.e4 Nh6

7...g5

8.h3

8.dxe5!, since 8...dxe5 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8? 10.Nd5 forks c7 and f6. Instead, Black would have to recapture on d8 with the king and interpose the bishop on d7 following a d-file check, which can't be the position he was hoping for with 4...e5.

8...0-0

8...exd4 9.Nxd4 0-0 unclear.

9.d5 Ne7

9...Nd4!? 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.Qd2 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 fxe4 is again unclear.

10.g4 Nf7 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Nd2 c6 13.Qb3 cxd5 14.cxd5

Position after 14.cxd5



14...b5! 15.Bxb5 Rb8 16.Qa4 Bxb5 17.Nxb5 Qb6 18.Na3 Qxb2 19.Rb1 Qc3

19...Qxa2 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.Qxa7 is unclear.

20.Rxb8?

20.Nb5! Rxb5! 21.Qxb5 Bh6 with compensation:

Analysis



(Diagram analysis after 21...Bh6)

22.Qe2 Now Black can force a draw with the lengthy sequence (Not 22.Qb2? Qd3!, which ends up winning material for Black, the threat being ...Bxd2+, followed as needed by ...Qxe4+, when the white rooks are hanging.) 22...Bxd2+ (Roughly equal/ unclear alternatives are available, such as 22...Kg7; or 22...Bf4.) 23.Qxd2 Qf3 24.0-0 Qxh3 25.Bxf6 Qxg4+ 26.Kh2 Qh5+ 27.Kg3 Nh6 28.Qg5 Rxf6 29.Qxf6 Qg4+ 30.Kh2 Qh5+.

20...Rxb8



Position after 20...Rxb8

21.Qxa7??

21.Ke2 is unclear.

21...Rb2 22.Nac4?

22.Qa8+ Bf8 23.0-0 loses a little slower.

22...Rb1+

22...Qc1+! 23.Ke2 Qxc4+ 24.Kf3 Rxd2 25.Qxe7? Ng5+ and mate soon.

23.Ke2 Rxd1 24.Qxe7 Rxd3 25.Bg3 Qb4 26.Qe8+ Bf8 27.a4 Rh1



Position after 27...Rh1

28.a5

28.Qb5!? Qc3 (28...Qxb5 29.axb5 Nd8 30.Na5 Ra1 31.Ndc4 Rb1 32.b6 Kf7 and although Black has the edge, clarity is less than crystal.) 29.Qb2!? Qxb2 30.Nxb2 Ra1 31.Ndc4

28...Rc1 29.Nb6

29.a6 might offer some cheapo potential: 29...Rxc4? a) Better 29...Rc2 30.Kf1 (30.a7 Qxc4+ 31.Kf3 Qd3+ 32.Kg2 Ra2) 30...Ra2; b) or 29...Ra1 right away.; 30.a7 Rc2! 31.a8Q Qxd2+ 32.Kf1 Rc1+ 33.Kg2 Qh6

Analysis



(Diagram analysis after 33...Qh6)

This still looks to favor Black, with his well coordinated attack on the white king (...Ng5), but at least the preponderance of queens adds confusion value. 34.Bh4 (34.Bh2 Rc3! (34...Ng5?! 35.Qa3! lets White hang on for awhile.) 35.Bg3 Ng5 36.Bh4 Rc1 reaches the same position on a different move number.) 34...Ng5 35.Qe7

(35.Qa3? Qxh4 36.Qxc1 Qh3+ 37.Kg1 Nf3#)

Analysis



(Diagram analysis after 35.Qe7)

35...Rh1! 36.Qaxf8+ Qxf8 37.Qxf8+ Kxf8
38.Kxh1 (38.Bxg5 Re1) 38...Nxe4 39.f3
Nc3 is a prosaic win with two extra pawns.;
29.Qc6 is more easily dealt with: 29...Rc2
30.a6 Nd8! 31.Qc8 Qxd2+.

29...Rc2 30.Nd7 Qxd2+ 31.Kf1 Rc1+
32.Kg2 Qh6 33.Bh2 Qg7 34.a6 Ng5 35.a7
Ra1 36.a8Q Rxa8 37.Qxa8 Qxd7 38.f3
Qb5 39.Qa2 Qd3 40.Qf2 Be7 41.Bg3
Bd8 42.Bh4 Bb6 43.Qxb6 Qxf3+ 44.Kg1
Qxg4+ 45.Kf1 Qxh4 46.Qxd6 0-1



Robert Allen.
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**Robert Allen (1760) –
Nathaniel Yee (1796) [D53]**
Vancouver Open Vancouver, WA
(R4), August 10, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7

5.Nf3 c6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5
9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 a6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Qe2

12.a4!? White tries to pressure b5 to
prevent or delay the important ...c5 freeing
move. 12...b4 13.Ne4 c5 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6
15.Qe2 is +=. 15...Bxf3? rebounds after
16.gxf3 cxd4 17.Bxa6.

12...0-0 13.Rfd1 Re8?!

13...c5! is close to equal.

14.a3?!

14.a4!?!; or 14.e4!?! +=

14...a5?

Contrary to first appearances, 14...c5! is
possible, because 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.dxc5
Rxc5 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18.Qd3+ Kg8
19.Qxd7 Qa8! at the very least regains the
pawn with a slight edge for Black.

15.e4 Nb6



Position after 15...Nb6

16.Bxf6!

Similar, and perhaps even a shade better, is
16.e5! Nfd5 17.Ne4, a standard negotiation
in these types of position. White offers the
d5 point in order to swing forces toward the
kingside battleground.



Analysis

(Diagram analysis after 17.Ne4)

Black does not succeed in eliminating
all the attackers with 17...Bxg5? (17...
f5 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Bh6 is quite a clear
advantage to White, but not yet mate.)
18.Nfxg5! Nf4 19.Qg4! Nxd3 (19...Nbd5
20.Nxh7!) 20.Qh5 and White wins: 20...Nf4
21.Nf6+!! Qxf6 22.Qxh7+ Kf8 23.exf6.

16...Bxf6 17.e5 Be7 18.Qe4 g6 19.Nxb5
Na4 20.Na7 Ra8 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6
Nxb2 23.Ra1

[Diagram next page]

23...Rc8?

23...Nxd3! 24.Qxd3 Qd7 is only +=, as

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Position after 23.Ra1

Black's pieces are comfortable and that extra white pawn isn't going anywhere.

24.Bb5 Rb8?

The alternative 24...Qd5 25.Qxd5 exd5 26.Ra6 Ra8 27.Rxa5 Rxa5 28.Bxe8 ends up down two pawns.

25.a4 Qd5 26.Qxd5 exd5 27.Rc2 Rxb5 28.axb5 Nc4 29.Nd2 Nxd2 30.Rxd2 Bb4 31.Rc2 Rb8 32.Kf1 Rxb5 33.Ke2 Kg7 34.Rc7 Rb6 35.Rd7 Bc3 36.Ra4 Re6 37.Rxd5 Bb4 38.Kd3 g5 39.Ke4 1-0

Spokane Falls Open

Spokane, WA — August 16/17, 2014
Source: www.spokanechessclub.org.

This year's edition of the Spokane Falls Open drew 28 players to a competition at Gonzaga's Schoenberg Center played in

conjunction with the City Championship match. For the third year in a row, a 4.5 score put Jeremy Krasin on top of the heap. He defeated David Dussome on board one in the final round. David and Michael Muff (a Minnesota resident), tied for second with 4.0.

David Dussome claimed the class B prize, while Mark Anderson (Montana) and Ron Kirsch (Tacoma) were second in the class with 3.5 scores. Walter van Heemstede Obelt (3.0) took the class C prize, with Dan Hochee and Ron Weyland second in the class at 2.5. Young Alex Popescu (3.5), who played on board one in round 3, won the Under 1400 prize and claimed the biggest upset with a 565 point upset in round 1. Alex was seeded 21st in the 28 player field and will start fifth grade next month. The second prize in the class was shared by Logan Faulkner, Jeff Jaroski, and Pat Kirlin with 2.5 scores.

City Championship Match

Spokane, WA — August 16/17, 2014
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Nikolay Bulakh was under pressure after trailing 2-0. He managed to win game three, however, to force the match to a fourth and final standard game. He won

again! Michael Cambareri and Nikolay the squared off for a series of ten minute games. First one to score 3.0 wins the event. Michael with the White pieces won the first game. Then, Nikolay won with White. Two more White wins and the score was tied at 2.0. The fifth game was drawn. Nikolay won the sixth game to retain his title as Spokane City Champion.

US Chess League

By Josh Sinanan

Below is a summary of the first two Sluggers matches. Both matches were held at the Orlov Chess Academy in Redmond under the supervision of our TD Bert Rutgers. All games were played on the Internet Chess Club (ICC) at a time control of G/75+ 30 sec. increment.

Week 1: 8-27-14



The Sluggers started off the 2014 season, well—"sluggishly," against the Arizona

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Scorpions. The main culprits for the Sluggers' difficulties were poor time management and bad pawn structures on nearly every board. The bright spot of the match was FM Bill Schill's smooth victory on board 4 in his USCL debut!

Board 1: GM Emil Anka faced the solid FM Joel Banawa, who seems to be replacing Arizona's long-time MVP IM Altounian, and the game entered a main line of the classical Nimzo-Indian defense. Banawa played the somewhat off-beat queen transfer 8.Qf3, but Anka seemed well prepared in this variation looked to be almost equalizing. The game followed Seirawan-Yuhua 2003 for 12 moves until Banawa deviated with 13.b4 grabbing space on the queenside, instead of 13.Ne2, which was played by Yasser. In a slightly worse position, Emil chose to open the center files with 18...d5?!, when perhaps a sit-and-wait approach with d6 was more prudent. Soon a R+B vs. R+N endgame was reached in which Banawa obtained a decisive advantage with fewer pawn islands and better coordination between his pieces. With both players low on time, white missed a clear win with 44. a6 and instead nearly allowed black to escape! Had Emil played 44...Rxa5 instead of Ra4+, he could have secured a draw by liquidating all of the pawns except for white's h-pawn. After this missed opportunity, Banawa was back in control and soon won piece, and with it, the game.



GM Emil Anka.
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

Board 2: Costin Cozianu played Arizona's veteran IM Mark Ginsburg and entered his trademark "closing" against the Sicilian.

In typical Romanian style, Costin tried to confuse his lower-rated opponent by moving his pawns eight times in the first nine moves of the game. After seeing Costin's opening, Orlov casually remarked that Costin might benefit from sitting in on one of his classes! Ginsburg opted for a reverse Botvinnik English set-up and play continued normally until 10...c4, which offers to change the pawn structure in black's favor. Costin accepted the challenge and soon had three pawn islands to Ginsburg's two, handing black the initiative. Despite his pawn weaknesses, Costin was able to find some creative maneuvers such as Rb1-b5 that maintained the balance. The game heated up on move 23 when Ginsburg initiated a tactical sequence starting with 23...Nxd4. After black's ambitious 24...Nf3, Costin missed his chance to obtain a clear edge with 24.Nxf3 and instead played Bxd7, entering a level double-rook endgame. After some further inaccuracies resulting from time pressure, Ginsburg's two passed kingside pawns became too much for Costin to handle.



FM Costin Cozianu.
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

Board 3: Tian Sang faced Catalina Foothills coach FM Adamson in a rematch from week 9 last season. Adamson deviated early and surprised Tian with the relatively rare Ponziani opening instead of his usual Italian or Evan's gambit, as was played in their last match. Unfortunately for the Sluggers, Tian was not well prepared for this opening since he had last studied it over 20 years ago. As early as move 4, black already had a critical decision and perhaps Tian chose an inferior line

with 4...dxe4. After a few exchanges, Tian was left with a clearly weakened pawn structure consisting of three pawn islands and doubled-isolated c-pawns, a common problem for the Sluggers in this match. On move 18, a critical position arose in which Tian spent considerable time calculating the consequences of launching a king-side attack with 18...Ng4. It appears to be winning after the computer-like continuation 19. h3 Bh2+ 20. Kh1 Ne3!!, which was discovered by Tian soon after the game. Instead, Tian played the second-best move and seemed to be well on his way to equality with his more active pieces. Adamson wisely exchanged black's dangerous dark-square bishop and proceeded to apply pressure to Tian's backwards d-pawn with his bishop pair. In a tough position, Tian was unable to find the correct plan and soon sacrificed a piece to open Adamson's king. Unfortunately, there was not enough compensation and white converted without too much trouble.



FM Tian Sang
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Board 4: FM Bill Schill, who recently drew against Carlsen in a simul game, made his Sluggers debut against FM Atoufi. Black chose the somewhat rare Nimzowitsch defense, and soon Bill had a nice space advantage in the center. Unlike the other Sluggers in this match, he did not allow any weaknesses in his pawn structure. Atoufi implicitly offered a draw when he repeated moves with Nf6-g4, but it turned out he was only posturing. After 11...c5, the game took on a Benoni structure with white several tempi ahead in development. Bill then sacrificed a pawn to activate all of his

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pieces, only to have Atoufi return it a few moves later. The queens were exchanged and an equal ending was reached with black having the slightly better chances. Had Atoufi played 36... Rxa5, a draw would have been the most likely result. Instead, Atoufi had a moment of chess blindness in severe time pressure and blundered with 36... Rd8, allowing the winning fork 37.Nc5. Bill converted his extra piece without too much trouble and scored his first win as a Slugger. Congrats Bill!



FM William Schill.
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan

Final score of the match: Arizona 3.0 - Seattle 1.0

Week 2: 9-2-14



The Sluggers rebounded nicely from our week 1 loss to Arizona with a fantastic victory over our long-time rivals, the San Francisco Mechanics. San Fran's double-GM line-up was no match for Seattle's double-FM line-up, with the FM's outscoring the GM's 1.5-0.5! Wins by Curt, Roland, and David led the Sluggers team to our first win of the season and reminded the fans that these matches are not decided on paper!

Board 1: Costin Cozianu graciously accepted the role of sacrificial lamb by playing black against GM Bhat on board 1. The game started out as a queen's gambit declined and Bhat opted for a sideline with 5.Nbd2, a favorite set-up of Capablanca's, instead of the more standard Nc3. Costin took Orlov's advice about excessive pawn moves to heart and made only two pawn moves in the opening stage of the game. By move 7, the players had already left theory and Costin accurately played 8...c5 to open the center after a long think. This resulted in the doubling of his f-pawns and a slight weakness to his kingside pawn shield, but



(L-R) TD Bert Rutgers, David Golub, Curt Collyer, Roland Feng, Josh Sinanan, Costin Cozianu.
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Costin did not seem worried since he now had the bishop pair a some initiative on the queenside.. After a few exchanges, it was clear that Bhat had nothing better than to force a draw with 17.Bxh7, which he reluctantly did.

Board 2: Curt Collyer faced GM Kraai on board 2 in what was the Slugger's toughest pairing in this match. Out of an f3-Nimzo, Kraai opted for the side-line 5... Be7 and Curt was soon able to lock up the queenside with 8.b4, preventing Black's typical counterplay that arises after the pawn break c5. The position soon became locked, so Curt decided to take some space on the kingside with the thrust 13.g4, which was reminiscent of Anand and Carlsen's 9th round World Championship game. A strange maneuvering game ensued with the GM seeming to get the upper hand as Curt's knights struggled to get in the game. After a few exchanges, the a1-h8 diagonal finally opened and it seemed that Curt might be getting some chances near Kraai's king with a possible queen invasion. Kraai defended these threats without too much difficulty and soon collapsed the far advanced pawns in front of white's king. In severe time pressure, Curt defended well and managed to eliminate black's dangerous passed c-pawn, only to lose all of his pawns in the process! With his extra pawns and white's exposed king, it seemed like only matter of technique for the strong GM. Just as most of the fans had announced that black is winning, Kraai inexplicably marched his king out to e6 in front of his bishop and had to find the only move to keep the advantage, 51...Qa2+. Instead, he blundered with 51...Qb4?? and dropped his bishop with check. Kraai's remaining five

pawns were no match for Curt's rook and the Slugger's had just pulled off a huge upset!

Board 3: Roland Feng was eager to play some chess after returning from a family trip to China and played FM Lee on board 3. Lee surprised his younger opponent with the Trompowski opening, and soon a Benoni-structure was reached. White was the first to deviate from theory with the rare 6.h3, designed to keep the black pieces off g4. Lee's plan soon backfired as he was forced to play f3 as well, which weakened the g3 square. Roland capitalized on this opportunity nicely with 11...Nh5 and soon Lee had to make further concessions on the dark squares. The open white king and undefended b2 pawn soon became the targets of a double attack, and Roland wasted no time cashing in and collecting a free piece. A simplifying sequence ensued in which the bishops and queens were exchanged, leaving black with an easily winning endgame. Lee resigned in a hopeless position.

Board 4: David Golub played his first Sluggers game since 2011 against the young Hans Niemann on board 4. Given his rating advantage and the white pieces, the Sluggers were looking to go 2/2 on the bottom board and continue the winning streak that Schill started last week. Out of an English opening with David's preferred 1.Nf3, the game soon entered a typical variation of the QGD. David saw what Curt did with his g-pawn and decided to lumber forward as well with 11.g4, signalling his aggressive intentions. White was the first to deviate from theory with 13.a3 instead of 13.0-0-0 as played in Stoeck-Lechtynsky



Manager, Josh Sinanan
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2008. Niemann missed his chance to equalize with 15...Qf6 or Nh4, pressuring the knight on f3. Instead, David obtained a strong initiative on the kingside and almost trapped Niemann's queen. With a better position and lots of extra time on the clock, white seemed to have excellent winning chances. However, as is often the case in the US chess league games, things were not so simple. Niemann defended well and responded with a strong counterattack on the queenside. Now in a mutual time scramble, a complicated opposite-color bishop ending with two rooks each was reached. David is an excellent blitz player and soon reached a position where he was playing for two results with an extra two pawns. After a misstep by Niemann, David found 56.e6! threatening a deadly bishop fork and winning on the spot. Niemann resigned a few moves later.

Final score of the match:
Seattle 3.5 - San Francisco 0.5

Next week we face the Philadelphia Inventors, whom we defeated in the Championship match two years ago, with white on boards 1 and 3. The match will take place on Tuesday evening at 6:00 pm at the Orlov Chess Academy in Redmond. Please note that the time control for this match will be G/60 + 30 sec. increment since we are playing across time zones.

Tian Sang annotated this game special for this October issue.—Editor.

**Roland Feng (2245) –
Tian Sang (2330) [E32]**
2014 WA championship
(R3), February 2, 2014
[Tian Sang]

Here I want to present one of my own games from the 2014 Washington State Championship, which won the brilliancy prize. I really appreciate the recognition. The game was between the young star Roland Feng (who won the 2014 Washington Open 6–0!) and me. My annotations are relatively thorough and I tried to illustrate the subtleness and the key ideas in the game in a simple way; I do hope readers can enjoy and learn from it.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2

The Classical Variation, Roland's favorite weapon against Nimzo Indian defense.

4...0–0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Nf3

Not the most popular line but definitely playable. 7.Bg5 Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.f3 Nbd7=

7...Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.Bd3

A rare move, not afraid of having double pawns; Be2 is a more solid line instead. 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0–0 (10.b4 Ne4 11.Qc2 Ng5! 12.Qd1 Qf6±) 10...Ne4 11.Qc2 f5 12.b4 Rf6 13.d5 exd5 14.Bb2 Rg6 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Bc4 Bxc4 17.Qxc4+ Kh8 18.Qd5 Ndf6 19.Qc6±

9...Nbd7

Black can trade on f3, 9...Bxf3 10.gxf3 c5 11.Rg1 Nbd7 with a balanced game, but I don't like to give White an open g-file, which could be dangerous in some cases.

10.b4 Qe7

Preparing for the typical e5 breakthrough. It is worth considering e5 immediately. 10...e5!? 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Bf5 e4 13.Nd2 Re8 14.Bb2 Ne5∞

11.Bb2 Ne4?!



Position after 11...Ne4

Dis-coordination: Black's knight should not block his own bishop. There are better options. 11...Bxf3 12.gxf3 e5 13.Qc2 Rfe8∞; 11...c5 12.dxc5 (12.0–0–0? cxb4 13.axb4 Rfc8→; 12.0–0 Bxf3 13.gxf3 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Ne5 15.Be2 Rac8 16.Rac1 Ng6!∞) 12...bxc5 13.Be2 Rfd8 (13...Nb6 14.bxc5 dxc5 15.a4!±) 14.0–0 Nb6 15.Qc2±; 11...Rfe8 12.0–0 Bxf3 13.gxf3 e5 14.d5 Nf8 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.Rg1 a5∞

12.Qc2 f5 13.0–0 a5

13...Ng5 14.Ne1!±

14.Nd2!±

It is important to trade Black's most active piece.

14...Nxd2 15.Qxd2 e5?!

Probably Black should not make the committal move; instead, 15...Qg5!? 16.f3 axb4 17.axb4 Rxa1 18.Bxa1 Ra8 19.Bb2 Nf6 with a roughly equal game.

16.d5

White closes the center almost without thinking, even though he has many other good options like 16. Bc3, 16. Rfc1, or 16. Qc2 etc.

16...c6

Black tries to break White's center at the cost of permanently weakening Black's pawn structure. Another interesting line is 16...axb4 17.axb4 b5!? Brand mark move of local FM Perez. I considered it seriously but concluded that I could not play like him.

17.f4!?



Position after 17.f4

This is a critical moment for Black. The task is challenging: Black must open the center and find counterplay, but White's bishops will be dangerous if the center is cleared. I took a deep thought here; by "deep" I mean really deep: how many moves do you usually calculate? I am amazed that in this special circumstance I was able to analyze the complicated lines many moves ahead and correctly predict Roland's choices. The fact is that Roland's next 11(!) moves all fall in my calculation from here.

17...cxd5 18.cxd5 axb4

18...Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.b5 Raa8 22.Rac1±

19.axb4 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 exf4?!

20...Bxd5 21.Bxf5! Nf6 22.Rd1 Re8 23.Qd3±

21.exf4

After a series of exchanges, Black targets White's weak d5 pawn, while Black's b6 and f5 pawns are weak too.

21...Nf6

Of course not 21...Bxd5? 22.Bb5! Be6 23.Ra7! Black is paralyzed.

22.Ra7!

Controlling 7th rank by rook is a strong textbook move.

22...Ra8!

[Diagram top of next page]



Position after 22...Ra8

Black's counter trick, planned five moves back! Black's rook must be activated; anything else loses on the spot.

23.Bxf6

Did Black miss something? Obviously 23...gxf6 does not work, while 23...Qxf6 leaves the bishop hanging.

23...Qxf6!

Black is offering the bishop for counterplay!

24.Rxb7?

I bet most people would not take the risk, but Roland followed his always-aggressive style, so I was forced to show why this is not bluffing. There is a computer line good for White, very difficult for humans to find: 24.Rxa8+! Bxa8 25.Bb5! Bb7 26.Bd7! White holds an edge by restricting Black's bishop.

24...Qd4+! 25.Kf1



Position after 25.Kf1

25...Ra1+!

The seemingly attractive wrong way must be avoided, 25...Ra3? 26.Ke2 Qxd5.



Analysis

Diagram Analysis after 26...Qxd5

Black has triple threats: Qg2, Qb7, and Ra2, exciting, but...? 27.Rxg7+!! Fantastic defense! Black is busted because White's

rook is untouchable. 27...Kh8 (27...Kxg7 28.Qb2+-) 28.Rg5 Ra2 29.Bc2 Qc4+ 30.Ke3 Rxc2 31.Qd4+-+. White enters a winning endgame.

26.Ke2 Rg1!

Black attacks White's weakest spot. For the same reason, 26...Qd5 won't work.

27.Rb8+ Q Kf7 28.Kf3 Q

White must defend g2 pawn.

28...g5!



Position after 28...g5

Black finds the only way to keep the attack alive! All White's pieces, except the rook, are tied up.

29.Rb7+

29.Qe3? g4+ 30.Kf2 Rxc2+ -+; 29.fxg5? Qg4+ -+

29...Kg8

Black cannot escape from the perpetual check, because the king cannot be on the 6th rank nor on the e-file.

30.Re7?

Fearless! I have no other word for this move and Roland's uncompromising style. He was playing for a win, ignoring the potential danger.

30...Rf1+!



Position after 30...Rf1+

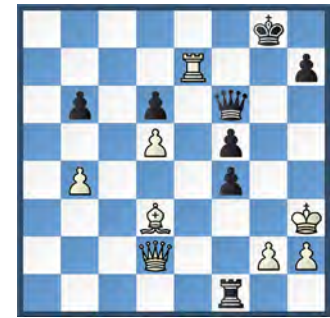
The point of Black's plan. From now on, Black's rook keeps hanging but untouchable, and Black's attack is decisive.

31.Kg3 gxf4+!?

Objectively, the simpler way to win is 31...Rd1!! -+ but I was looking for a checkmate.

32.Kh3 Qf6!

[Diagram top of next column]



Position after 32...Qf6

Threatening Qh6#.

33.Re8+

33.g3 Qh6+ 34.Kg2 f3+! -+

33...Kf7 34.Re6

White guards h6, but that is not nearly enough.

34...Qg5!

Now Black has even more mating threats, impossible for White to defend.

35.Qe2



Position after 35.Qe2

Interestingly, after playing this move Roland offered a draw. However, I would never miss such a thrilling finish. The most tenacious resistance is 35.g3 Rf3!! 36.Kg2 Rxc3+! 37.hxc3 f3+ Black wins the queen.

35...Qg3+!!

Truly spectacular! White resigns in the wake of 36.hxc3 Rh1#. Black delivers the checkmate using the only remaining piece, which itself has been hanging for a while. It is indeed a rare mating pattern, easily overlooked. I love this game not only because of the exciting tactics but also because of the high fighting spirits showed by both players.

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William J Schill II (2200) – Megan Lee (2114) [C95]

2014 WA Championship (Premier)
Seattle, WA (R2), February 8, 2014
[Bill Schill]

Megan Lee was my last opponent in the 2014 Washington Premier. I prepared some new moves in the Moller variation of the Ruy Lopez, which was what I had seen her play. Still, I was not surprised when she played an entirely different line. The Breyer line with Nc6-b8 was very popular

when I was in high school and this is the line she chose. The first dozen moves went very quickly indeed. I remembered that 15.b3 was annoying when I had played the Black side FORTY years ago! Megan was out of her 'book' and replied Rc8, which seems inaccurate to me. White will nearly always play a4 and then a Rook on a8 is well placed. Time to find an idea for the early middle game. I recalled fragments of three different plans for White: 1.) Play Bg5 to provoke h6, follow up with Knight maneuvers on the Kingside and finally attack down the f-file.; 2.) Post the Black squared bishop on a7 or a5, double rooks behind it and squeeze out a space advantage.; 3.) Keep the pawns fluid and attack the White squares with c3-c4. I chose plan number three because I thought I could avoid tactics and would do less calculating. Boy, was I wrong. Despite the errors I think this game is entertaining and I hope you think so too.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 d6 9.c3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.b3 Rc8 16.a4 c6 17.Bb2 Bg7 18.Qd2 Qe7 19.Bd3 h6 20.c4 exd4 21.axb5 axb5 22.Ra7 bxc4 23.Bxc4 Ne5 24.Nxd4 Nxc4 25.bxc4 Rc7 26.Ra3

[Diagram top of next column]

I analyzed the sac without getting the rook ready but I was unconvinced that it is



Position after 26.Ra3

impossible to save the f8-knight. 26.Ndf5 gxf5 27.Nxf5 Qe6 28.Nxg7 Kxg7 29.Qf4.

26...Qf8

26...Bc8 is the only move anywhere near equal.

27.Ngf5?

Truth in annotation, I had looked at the sac on the previous move - when which knight moves first does not matter because the queen is taken with check - and when I played it on this move I just blanked and moved the wrong one!! 27.Ndf5! gxf5 28.Nxf5 Nh5 29.Bxg7 Nxg7 30.Rg3 will win quickly.

27...Nxe4

On the bright side, we now get to watch some unusual tactics - and another miss by me too.

28.Nxg7?!

28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Nxg7 Qxg7 30.Nf5 all over.

28...Nxd2 29.Rxe8?!

I really wish I had noticed this move, it would have been quite an original game. Despite giving up a half point I am still pleased to finally be playing interesting chess again. 29.Nxe8 Nxc4 30.Nf6+ a very busy little horse.

29...Nxc4 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Nge6+ fxe6 32.Nxe6+

32.Rc3



Analysis

Diagram Analysis after 32.Rc3

a computer move I never considered at all - it does keep a small edge for White.

32...Ke7 33.Nxc7 Nxa3 34.Bxa3 Kd7

Megan played some defense I must say!

35.Ne8 Kxe8 36.Bxd6 1/2-1/2

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Oregon Chess News

Oregon Open

By Brian Berger

Once again the Oregon Open was held at what is becoming a popular venue for big name tournaments in the Portland area--the plush surroundings of the Double Tree Hotel, next to Lloyd Center. Remembrance of last year's 63rd Oregon Open, for the first time played at this location, probably heavily influenced many of this year's 131 participants to spend the Labor Day weekend playing what could be two marathon games (up to 6 hours each) per day, over a three day period.

Adding to this already heavily attended gathering, were the 24 players in the one day Oregon Open Scholastic Tournament, held in an adjoining room. A 4 round Swiss, Game in 45, 5 second delay, would determine the winners; those with a plus score being awarded USCF or NW memberships.

The job of looking after this large crowd fell to Chief TD Grisha Alpernas, assisted on opening day by Chief Asst. TD Mike Morris, Mike Janniro, Carl Haessler, and that famous world traveler Neil Dale, whose recent encounters with some of the most legendary creatures of the wild, has inured him to the mishaps and misbehaviors of the tournament room.

Tournaments with time controls as ample as 6 hours tend to be overmuch for many of the players not used to such long controls, and sometimes, still not enough for others, who are still scrambling with only seconds left on the clock. Such was the latter case, when in the final game of the Open Section, between the young Master, Daniel He from Washington, and Oregon's own strong Master, and State Champion, Nick Raptis, only seconds were left on both their clocks, with Daniel executing moves which Nick later described as "miracle moves," in his attempt to stop some advanced passed pawns, that seemed to this reporter, and others looking on, as unstoppable!

Miracle moves they were! It was if Daniel could find a way to be at two places at the same time (a phenomena only recently acknowledged in the world of physics), forcing Nick to offer a draw with only 3 seconds left on his clock. Not only was it amazing that Daniel could find just the right moves to counter Nick's seemingly winning continuation, but that they were moves one would find hard to calculate even if one had an hour left on his clock. It was a bravura performance by a strong young talent, one to watch closely in future tournaments.

Although Raptis seemed at the top of his game during most of the course of this tournament, he also was played to an earlier draw by the "old lion" of the chessboard,



Micah Smith. Photo credit: Russell Miller.

Viktors Pupols, who showed himself to still be a dangerous opponent for many of the stronger, younger players. Coming off two wins in the first two rounds, and then the draw with Raptis, Pupols looked to be in fine form. But alas, chess is not always kind, even to the seemingly well prepared, and Pupols strength failed him in the two losses he suffered later, to much lower rated players.

One of those losses came at the hands of Micah Smith (2038--2085), who, like Nick Raptis and Daniel He, ended the tournament with four wins and two draws, and shared the 1st and 3rd prize money, amounting to \$400 for each player. The other loss was to Becca Lampman (2073--2127), who finished the tournament unbeaten, and in the process, drew three Masters: Daniel He, Aaron Grabinsky and Carl Haessler!! A great showing by a strong woman player, who shows she has what it takes to play with the big boys! But such was the strength of much of her competition, that even her impressive 4.5 points was not enough to garner a prize.

Tying for 1st and 2nd in the U2000, were Nikolay Bulakh and E Stern-rodriguez with 4.0 points each, earning both the tidy sum of \$237.50. Finally, five players qualified for the U2000, 3rd place money: Toshihiro Nagase, Derek Zhang, Michael Goffe, Eric Zhang and Jeff Austin, meriting each \$25.00 in walking-around change. It must be added that, Jeff Austin, with a starting rating of 1691, gained a lot more in this tournament than the modest dollar amount, by drawing a 1983 player, and beating three other players with ratings of 1948, 1900 and 1883, giving him a post-



(L) Daniel He vs Nick Raptis. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



Main room. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

tournament rating of 1815! And for the record, Jeff's only losses were to a Master and a near Master!

The Reserve Section saw its own excitement, with 64 players hoping to see some part of the \$1800, guaranteed prize fund, and the possibility of taking the lion's share of \$425 for the overall winner. That honor fell to Abhinav Brahmarouthu, who also felled his six opponents in a clean sweep for 1st place; and as a bonus, added 122 points to his previous rating of 1719. And the 2nd place prize of \$250 was also captured by one player, Venkat Doddapaneni (1605--1713), with four wins and two draws.

Tied for 3rd were Stephen Buck and Stephen Burgoon with 4.5 points, good enough to earn each, \$75 for splitting the prize. And in the U1600, 1st and 2nd were split between Gavin Zhang and Mark Ethen, giving each \$130, and adding 90 points to Ethen's pre-tournament rating of 1553.

There was also a three-way tie for 3rd in the U1600, with Jason Hill, Jeremi Dennehy Jr and John Frostad, being paid \$21.67 for spending three days and untold hours doing what they like best. And the ties continued in the U1400, seeing Maneesh Rajagopal, Andrew Chamberlain and Jerrold Richards (owner? of the famous, or is that infamous, Morgan the Dog), managing 3.5 points, and peppering their palms with 50 smackers.

Lastly, there was also a three-way tie for 1st and 3rd in the U1200, with 3.0 points and \$108.33 going to Karl Wallulis, Robert Lamb and Rushaan Mahajan, all players who entered the tournament with provisional ratings, and who increased those ratings by 150 or more points!

The one day Scholastic Tournament enticed an enthusiastic gathering of anxious youngsters, who seemed to have as much fun playing skittles in between games, as in the games themselves. Thus, the outer hallways were filled with squirming bodies and rapidly moving chess pieces. Aaron Probst, who this reporter has

had the privilege of playing in some past tournaments (with mixed results), and displays rapid-fire analytic skills, came in the overall winner, with a perfect 4.0. Owen McCoy placed 2nd, with 3.5 points, and Gavin Zang, Rohit Gupta, Trevor Allison and Jason Zang, each finished with a respectable 3.0.

Also finishing with plus scores were Ethan Allison and Raj Kodithyala, with 2.5 points, which entitles them, and all of the players mentioned above, to their choice of a USCF or NW membership.

As efficiently run as this tournament was, a few errors did find their way into the well-oiled works, namely in the cross-checking of asked for byes, and in the re-checking of pairing changes. Chief TD Grisha Alpernas admitted to some overlooks on the requests for byes, but emphasized that he had made it clear that each bye request be checked to make sure it had been properly recorded for the round in which it had been requested. Not to do so could lead to changes in the pairings, and frustration all around.

Secondly, when pairings need to undergo changes due to withdraws or missing players, it is imperative that each player check the new pairings to see if the changes affect him/her. One such case struck close to home, when Jazon Samillano and I were paired for the 5th round, but due to a last minute change of pairings, we needed to make sure we had not been paired with someone else. This we did--at least one of us did. Unfortunately, one of us (I'm not naming names) did not notice that the names had been shifted one line apart, so at a quick glance it still looked as if we were paired. Satisfied, we commenced our game.

The moral of this story is--glance less quickly! Our game finished, we were informed that our new opponents had waited an hour at their boards, and that we were no-shows, and thus were forfeited. Although it was true we had misread the pairing changes, I would like to raise a modest defense in this case, and that is that my opponent (the new one) who should have been on board 47, which should have been next to board 48, on which Jazon and I were playing, had taken it on himself to move the board to another part of the room. Had he not done so, I would have noticed that there was a player sitting next to me with no opponent, and being the curious reporter that I am, would have inquired about his missing opponent, and would have found it to be ME. I do not know the official ruling on placement of tournament boards, but I think moving them should be



Handshakes before the match. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

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Also (and this is the very last thing I shall say on this subject), It would not hurt for the waiting player to approach the TD and inform him of the matter, perhaps inquiring if he might know the whereabouts of his missing opponent. If this had been done, there is an outside chance that someone would have heard of me and said, "Ah yes; I believe it is that older gentleman on the far side of the room. The one with the strange sense of humor."

We have the last four moves of the Daniel He vs. Nick Raptis game of the final round thanks to video footage taken by Daniel He's father.—Editor



Position after White played 1.Kd6

1...Rb4 2.Ra8+ Kb6 3.Rxa3 Nd4 4.Ra8 Kb5



Final Position

Black offered draw. Black had 3 seconds. White had 27 seconds left. 1/2-1/2

**Daniel He (2221) –
Becca Lampman (2073) [A21]**
Oregon Open Portland, OR
(R3), August 31, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 f5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.a3 c6 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Qe7 12.b5 e4 13.Ne1 13.Nd4 +=

13...Be6 14.Nc2 d5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Nd4 Bf7 17.Bb2 Nbd7 18.Ra1?

18.Qb3 =+

18...Qb4 19.Na4

Position after 19.Na4

19...Rfc8?

19...Rxa4 20.Qxa4 Qxb2 is a big plus for Black.



Position after 19.Na4

20.Qb3 Qxb3 21.Nxb3 Ne8 22.Bxg7 –

22...Kxg7 followed by ...Nd6 with a fair edge to Black, who has better coordination and a b-pawn target, despite the technically bad light-square bishop.

1/2-1/2

**Aaron Grabinsky (2269) –
Becca Lampman (2073) [B02]**
Oregon Open Portland, OR
(R6), September 1, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 a6 4.g3 d5 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.d3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Re1 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ne5 Nd4 14.Qd1 Bd6 15.Ne2 Nxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Qc7 17.c3 Bxe5 18.Qxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 Bd7 20.Bd2 Rac8 21.Rae1 c4 22.d4 Kf7 23.Bf3 Bc6 24.g4 Ne4 25.Re2 g6 26.Be1 Kg7 27.h4 Kf7 28.Rg2 Nd6 29.Bd1 Rg8 30.Rh2 Rge8 31.h5 Rh8 32.Bc2 Ne4 33.Kg2 Rcg8 34.Kf3 Nf6 35.h6 Re8 36.Bh4 Ne4 37.Kg2 Rhf8 38.Kh3 Kg8 39.Bg3 Kf7 40.Rh1 Kg8 41.Rf1 Nd2 42.Rf2 Ne4 43.Bxe4 dxe4 44.b3 cxb3 45.axb3 Rf7 46.c4 Rd8 47.Rd2 Rfd7 48.Bf2 Kf7 49.Be3 Rd6 50.Kh4 Re8 51.Rf2 Rdd8 52.Kg3 Rd6 53.Kg2 Rdd8 54.Kf1 b5 55.Rc5 Rc8 56.Ra2 bxc4 57.Rxa6 Bd5 58.Ra7+ Kg8 59.bxc4 Bxc4+ 60.Kf2 Bd5 61.Kg3 Rf8 62.Rg7+ Kh8



Position after 62...Kh8

63.f5! gxf5

63...Rxc5 doesn't offer much more: 64.dxc5 e5 65.Rd7 Bc6 66.Rd6 gxf5 (66... Be8 67.c6; 66...Rc8 67.fxg6) 67.Rxc6 f4+ 68.Kf2 fxe3+ 69.Kxe3 wins.

64.Bf4 Rxc5 65.dxc5?

65.Be5! Rc3+ 66.Kh4 and mate follows.

65...Rg8 66.Rc7?

66.Rg5 =

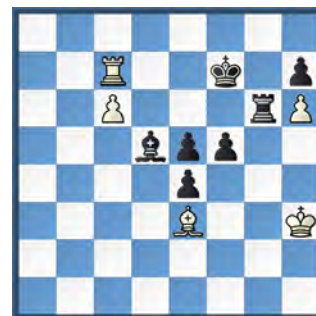


(L) Greg Markowski vs David Yoshinaga. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

66...Rxc4+ 67.Kh3 Kg8 68.Be3 e5 69.c6?

69.Re7 =+

69...Rg6 70.Rc8+ Kf7! 71.Rc7+



Position after 71.Rc7+

71... Kf6 72. Rxh7 f4 73. Bc5 (73.c7 Be6+ 74.Kh2 fxe3) 73...Bxc6 and Black wins. 1/2-1/2

**Severo Caluza (1883) –
Jeff Jack Austin (1691) [A00]**
Oregon Open Portland, OR
(R5), September 1, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

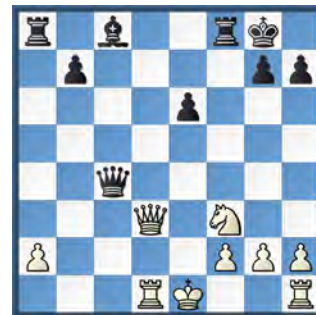
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bf4 c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Nb5 0-0 9.c3 Qa5 10.dxc5 f6 11.b4 Qd8 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Bd3 Ne4 14.Bc7 Qd7 15.Bxe4 a6?

15...dxe4 is about even.

16.Qc2?

16.Ne5 Nxe5 (16...Qe8 17.Nd6 wins.) 17.Bxe5 Qxb5 (17...dxe4 18.Nd6) 18.Bd3 is good for White.

16...dxe4 17.Rd1 Nxb4 18.cxb4 Qxb5 19.Qxe4 a5 20.Bxa5 Bxc5 21.Qd3 Bxb4+ 22.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 23.Qd2 Qc4 24.Qd3



Position after 24.Qd3

24...Qxa2

24...Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Rxa2 seems a safer alternative.

25.0-0 Qb2 26.Ng5 g6 27.Rde1 Qf6
28.Ne4 Qf5 29.Qd2 Qd5 30.Qh6 b6
31.Ng5 Ra7 32.Rd1 Qf5 33.Rd2 Qf4
34.Rfd1 Qxd2 0-1

Steve S Surak (1900) -
Jeff Jack Austin (1691) [A00]
Oregon Open Portland, OR
(R6), September 1, 2014

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 Be7 3.Nf3 d5 4.d3 c5 5.g3
Nf6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.c4
b6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e6 Nf6 12.exf7+ Rxf7
13.Ng5 Nd4 14.Qd1 Rf8 15.Be3 Ng4
16.Nf3 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Bh3
19.Re1 Bg5 20.Bg4



Position after 20.Bg4

20...Bxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Rf1+ 22.Qxf1 Bxf1
23.Kxf1 Qf6+ 24.Ke2 Qxb2+ 25.Nd2
Qxa1 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bxd5 Rf8 28.Nf3
h6 29.Re7 Qb2+ 30.Ke3 Rxf3+ 31.Bxf3
Qxh2 32.Re8+ Kh7 33.Be4+ g6 34.Re7+
Kg8 35.Kf4 Qf2+ 36.Kg4 Qxa2 37.Bxg6
Qd2 38.Bh7+ Kh8 39.Rxa7 Qg5+ 40.Kf3
b5 41.Be4 b4 42.Rb7 Kg8 43.g4 Kf8
44.Rb6 Qc1 45.Bf5 b3 46.Rc6 Qh1+ 0-1

Becca Lampman (2073) –
Viktors Pupols (2200) [D35]
Oregon Open Portland, OR
(R4), August 31, 2014
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Qc2 Bg4 8.Bd3 Bh5
9.Nge2 Bg6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.f3 Bxd3
12.Qxd3 0-0 13.Rad1 Ne8 14.Bxe7 Qxe7
15.e4 Nb6

Black's knight heads off to the queenside. Despite the exchange of light-squared bishops, Black has not fully solved the problems associated with White's big pawn center and coming kingside aggression. 15...Nc7 (+) similarly guards d5 while connecting the rooks.

16.b3 Nc7 17.Ng3 Rfd8?!



Position after 17...Rfd8

This feels like a further abandonment of the kingside, and White correctly chooses to release the central tension to begin expansion with her mobile e- and f-pawns.

18.e5! c5!?

Black chooses a rather radical central action, as his kingside defense will be quickly overwhelmed after more passive play.

19.Nf5 Qf8 20.Nd6 cxd4 21.Qxd4 Ne6
22.Qg4?!

22.Qd3 keeps pressure on the d-pawn, making both the exchange sacrifice and advancing ...d4 less appealing. The queen on g4 is potentially vulnerable to a knight fork on e3.

22...Rxd6

22...d4!/? is another way to introduce unclear complications, allowing the black knight to swing toward e3 via d5.

23.exd6 Qxd6 24.Kh1 Qe5 25.Na4

25.Nb5 makes it clear that Black does not have enough for the exchange. One pawn, yes, at least for the moment. But White's pieces are more active and better coordinated.

25...h5 26.Qb4 Nxa4

Whatever compensation Black does have resides in the passed d-pawn. So 26...d4 is a principled try, though the complications likely still favor White.

27.Qxa4

27.bxa4!/?

27...d4 28.Qd7

28.f4!/?

28...b6 29.Rfe1 Qf6 30.Qd5 Rc8 31.Qxh5
Rc2



Position after 31...Rc2

White has played quite well, and Black has little for the exchange.

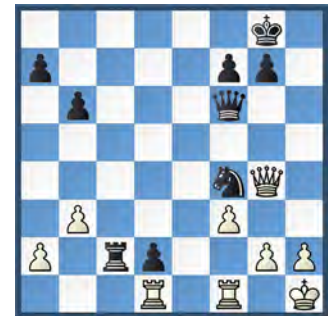
32.Rc1?

32.a4

32...d3! 33.Rcd1

33.Rxc2?? dxc2 and the advanced c-pawn will soon cost White a rook.

33...d2 34.Rf1 Nf4 35.Qg4



Position after 35.Qg4

35...Rxa2?

After 35...Qe5 (or 35...Nd3, or even a pass such as 35...g6) 36.Qd7 Nd5 the most likely result is a draw by perpetual check: 37.Qd8+ Kh7 38.Qh4+ Kg8 (38...Kg6? 39.f4! Qf5? 40.Rf3 wins.) 39.Qd8+ =.

36.Qd7!

Now the d-pawn is again a weakness instead of a powerhouse, and the game is under White's control, with no more drama.

36...Ne6 37.Rxd2 Ra1 38.Rxa1 Qxa1+
39.Rd1 Qa3 40.Qe8+ Nf8 41.Qa4 Qe7
42.h3 g6 43.Ra1 a5 44.Qc6 Qd8 45.Re1

45.b4 axb4 46.Rb1 Qd4 47.Qa4

45...Ne6 46.f4 Qd2 47.Rf1 Nd4 48.Qxb6
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Qb4 52.Ra1 Kh7 53.Ra2 a4 54.Qf2 Kg7
55.Qb2+ Qxb2 56.Rxb2 Ne3 57.Ra2
Nd5 58.Rxa4 Kf6 59.g4 Nc3 60.Ra6+
Ke7 61.Kg2 Nd5 62.Kf3 Kf8 63.h4 Kg7
64.Rd6 Nf6 65.Rxf6 Kxf6 66.Ke4 Ke6
67.f5+ Kf6 68.g5+ Kg7 69.Ke5 gxf5
70.Kxf5 Kg8 71.Kf6 Kf8 72.h5 Kg8 73.h6
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Oregon Class Championships

November 1-2, 2014

Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel

Sponsored by Oregon Chess Federation

5-round Swiss in 5 sections—All players must play within their class

M/X (2000+); Class A (U2000); Class B (U1800); Class C (U1600); Under 1400

Prizes in each class: \$200-100-50, based on 10 entries in that class

Entry Fee: \$50; \$45 if received by October 29

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

The top Oregon finisher in the Master-Expert section is seeded into the 2015 Oregon Closed Championship.

Site: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel
1000 NE Multnomah, Portland, OR 97232; Free parking

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

Information: mikejmorris@earthlink.net

Name _____

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2014 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, GP Guy

August was a good month for the Grand Prix. We gained 69 additional GP players in the month. Most came from the ICA Players Memorial in Boise and the Oregon Open in Portland. We are now over 600 for 2014, with a third of the year to go.

Thanks to the 4x multiplier for the Oregon Open, there have also been many changes among the leaders. In Idaho, Jeff Roland still leads the state contest, but only by 4.5 points over Brad Bodie. Mike Hasuike still holds the lead in Oregon, but Nick Raptis is only 13 points back, having closed the gap by tying for first at the Oregon Open. And, in the Washington race, Stephen Buck parlayed a good performance in Portland to edge ahead of year-long leader Ralph Anthony by a single point. All three state overall championships will probably go down to the last few weeks of the year.

While some class level competitions have a leader running away from the field, the second place is usually still up for grabs. Other classes are close top to bottom, and a few class leaders have changed since last month. With all the chess left to play this year, you have plenty of time to shake up the standings in your class.

September's first event, the SCC Quads in Seattle is already in the standings. The rest of the month will add another five events, including the 2x Fall Open in Seattle. Coming in October will be another wealth of point opportunities. The first weekend features three choices, with Quads in Seattle, the Oyster Bay Classic in Bremerton, and the Eastern Washington Open (2x) in Spokane. The next weekend features the Wood River Progressive in Hailey and the Fall Open (3x) in Portland. The final weekend of October offers the monthly G/60 in Portland and the Washington Challengers' Cup (2x) in Seattle. There is also going to be a Tornado in Seattle, although the date is unclear. (I'd advocate the third weekend, since there are no other GP events that weekend.) Eight GP events, three of which have multipliers, make October a very nice month for all those close races I mentioned above. (The GP record for events with multipliers is 16 in 2009. Right now, we have 18 such events scheduled through the end of October, so this is going to be a record setting-year in at least one category.)

The statistics below are complete through September 7, 2014.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Masters								
			1	Raptis Nick	145	1	Pupols Viktors	136.5
			2	Grabinsky Aaron	54	2	Lessler Peter	124.5
			3	Haessler Carl A	36	3	Feng Roland	98.5
			4	Russell Corey J	13.5	4	Golub David	67
			5	Gay Daniel Z	5	5	Sinanan Joshua C	47
Experts								
			1	Bjorksten Lennart	61.5	1	Bartron Paul R	120.5
			2	Heywood Bill	46	2	Nagase Toshihiro	115
			3	Cigan Jason	39.5	3	He Anthony B	98.5
			4	Roring Tres	24	4	Smith Micah	96.5
			5	Three tied at	22	5	Haining Kyle	63.5
Class A								
			1	Gaikwad Dagadu B	56.5	1	Buck Stephen J	179.5
			2	Goffe Michael P	55	2	Zhang Eric M	117
			3	Talyansky Seth D	48	3	Olson Travis J	100.5
			4	Murray David E	43.5	4	Ramasamy Vikram	99
			5	O'Connell Sean R	40.5	5	Zhang Brendan	96.5
M/X/Class A								
1	Bodie Brad	39						
2	Leslie Cameron D	25						
3	Kircher Caleb P	23						
4	Havrilla Mark A	18.5						
5	Gorman Cody A	17.5						
Class B								
1	Roland Jeffrey T	43.5						
2	Inman James	16						
3	Hamilton Brett B	15.5						
3	Edvalson Paul	15.5						
5	Carr John B	6						

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
Class C			Class B								
1	Weyland	Ronald M	28.5	1	Berger	Brian F	81	1	Anthony	Ralph J	178.5
2	Buus	Jarod N	15.5	2	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	65	2	Thomas	Arjun	91
3	Lombardi	George	13.5	3	Wu	Ethan	63.5	3	Jones	Davey V	78
4	Zaklan	David A	12.5	4	Austin	Jeff J	61.5	4	Raffel	Brian	74
5	Amen	Chris	12	5	Brahmarouthu	Abhinav	61	5	Padhi	Pratik	71
Class D			Class C								
1	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	22.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	158	1	Piper	August	101
2	Handeen	Bjorn J	10.5	2	Zhang	Gavin	60	2	Rajagopal	Maneesh	63
3	Batten	Jesse	9.5	3	Dietz	Arliss	47	3	Ruan	Evan	54
4	White	Matthew W	9	4	Patel	Kian	43.5	4	Tan	Alan	51
5	Nathan	Jacob A	8	5	Ethen	Mark M	39.5	5	Zhang	Jason C	50.5
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Hiatt	Arlene	28.5	1	Buerer	Harry F	56.5	1	Richards	Jerrold	102.5
2	Duan	Daniel L	15.5	2	Gellings	Michael	39	2	Mahajan	Rushaan	56
3	Wetmur	Harold R	13.5	3	Strigul	Michael	36.5	3	Hu	Ethan	53
4	Faulkner	Graeme K	11	4	Prideaux	Dave	31	4	Guo	Raymond	52.5
5	Siek	Justin	9	5	Riley	Hailey	28	5	Nicoski	Rick	49
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	43.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	158	1	Buck	Stephen J	179.5
2	Bodie	Brad	39	2	Raptis	Nick	145	2	Anthony	Ralph J	178.5
3	Weyland	Ronald M	28.5	3	Berger	Brian F	81	3	Pupols	Viktors	136.5
3	Hiatt	Arlene	28.5	4	Doddapaneni	Venkat S	65	4	Lessler	Peter	124.5
5	Leslie	Cameron D	25	5	Wu	Ethan	63.5	5	Bartron	Paul R	120.5
6	Kircher	Caleb P	23	6	Bjorksten	Lennart	61.5	6	Zhang	Eric M	117
7	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	22.5	6	Austin	Jeff J	61.5	7	Nagase	Toshihiro	115
8	Havrilla	Mark A	18.5	8	Brahmarouthu	Abhinav	61	8	Richards	Jerrold	102.5
9	Gorman	Cody A	17.5	9	Zhang	Gavin	60	9	Piper	August	101
10	Inman	James	16	10	Gaikwad	Dagadu B	56.5	10	Olson	Travis J	100.5
11	Four tied at		15.5	10	Buerer	Harry F	56.5	11	Ramasamy	Vikram	99
				12	Goffe	Michael P	55	12	Two tied at		98.5

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♣ **Oct. 4 CANCELLED, Nov. 1** **Saturday Quads** ♣
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.

♣ **Oct. 12 NEW DATE, Nov. 23** **Sunday Tornado** ♣
Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5 (or G/64; d0). **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF/OCF memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

November 2 NEW DATE **SCC Novice**
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:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4-commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF memb. req'd. NS, NC.

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, (8/9)-21, (9/6)-20; *Tornados* (1/19)-10, (2/23)-18, (3/16)-18, (4/13)-16, (5/5)-21, (6/1)-18, (6/29)-21, (7/27)-30, (8/24)-20; **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; **Seafair Open** (7/18-20)-64.

7th SCC Extravaganza!!

November 7-9, 2014

A two-section, seven-round Swiss with a time control of **G/90** (Two-day option – rounds 1 & 2 @ G/45). The prize fund of **\$1000** is based on **56**.

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

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

Entry Fee: \$40 by 11/5 (\$30 for SCC members, \$35 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC), \$48 at site (\$36 for SCC members, \$42 for members of other dues-required CCs in WA, OR, & BC).

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

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

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

♣ **Sep 18 to Oct 16** Spokane Fall Championship, **Spokane, WA**. Site: Gonzaga University (Herak Rm 121). Registration: 6:30-7:15, Sept. 18. Rounds: 9/18-10/16 (weekly). E.F.: \$16. USCF rated. Format: 5 round Swiss. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). Contact: David Griffin, dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

♣ **Oct 4-5** Eastern Washington Open, **Spokane, WA**. Location: Schoenberg Center, Room 201, Gonzaga University, N. 900 Pearl St., Spokane (southwest corner of GU campus – one block east of Division/Ruby couplet off DeSmet Ave.). Format: 5 round Swiss System. Registration: 8:30-9:30, Oct. 4. Rounds: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. Time control: Game/120 + 5 second delay. Entry fee: \$21 if received by 10/3, \$26 at the door; under 18 \$5 less. \$615 prize fund GUARANTEED. Additional classes and class prizes may be created if entries exceed 30 players. Class prizes based on at least five per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. Only one prize per player (except biggest upset). NS, NC, W. One 1/2 point bye available if requested by end of preceding round; Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round. PRIZES: FIRST \$125; Class Prizes: \$75 first, \$35 second: A; B; C; D/E/unrated; Biggest Upset (non-provisional) \$50. Entries: Kevin Korsmo, 9923 N. Moore St., Spokane, WA 99208. For information please call (509) 270-1772 (cell). Club website: www.spokanechessclub.org.

♣ **Oct 4-5** Oyster Bay Inn Classic, **Bremerton, WA**. <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>

Oct 11 Washington Speed Chess Championships, **Bellevue, WA**. (see half-page ad on page 14)

♣ **Oct 11** Wood River Weekend Progressive Open Chess Tournament & National Chess Day Celebration, **Hailey, ID**. Site: Community Campus, Hailey, Idaho. 4SS. Game/30, Game/45, Game/60, Game/90. Everyone/All Levels welcome to play in tournament! Prizes: Open (based on 15): \$100, \$75, \$50. Reserve (based on 15): \$75, \$50, \$25, and student trophies, 1st-3rd place. Entry Fee: \$30 (\$25 if under 18 or 60+ years old) (K-12 students \$10 in either section) if registered by October 8, 2014. E-mail entry will lock in advance entry rate. USCF Membership required. Boards and clocks provided. Tie-break order: Head-to-head, Solkoff, Cumulative Opposition, Modified Median, Cumulative. Half-point byes: Rounds 1-3, Maximum 1, commit by round 2, (0-point bye available for round 4). Pre-registration preferred. Mr. Adam Porth, Silver Creek High School, 1060 Fox Acres Rd., Hailey, Idaho 83333 (208) 450-9048 or email aporth1@cox.net. Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association. www.idahocheessassociation.org, No Computer, No Smoking, Wheelchair access.

♣ **Oct 11-12** National Chess Day Portland Fall Open, **Portland, OR**. (see full-page ad on page 26)

Oct 17-19 32nd Annual Sands Regency Reno-Western States Open, **Reno, NV**. <https://sites.google.com/site/renochessclub/>

♣ **Oct 25/Nov 22** Portland CC Game in 60. **Portland, OR**. 4SS, G/60. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45 if more than 25 entries. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF and USCF membership required, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9-9:30. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Prizes: (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30 U1800, U1500 \$35 each. Info: e-mail portlandchessclub@gmail.com, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.com.

♣ **Oct 25-26** Washington Challengers Cup, **Seattle, WA**. (see half-page ad on page 15)

♣ **Nov 1-2** Oregon Class Championships, **Portland, OR**. (see full-page ad on page 27)

♣ **Nov 6, 13, 20** Turkey Quads, **Spokane, WA**. Location: Gonzaga University (Herak Rm 121). Registration: 6:30-7:15 Nov. 6. Rounds: Nov. 6, 13, 20. E.F.: \$16. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). USCF rated. Contact: Dave Griffin, (509) 994-9739, email dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

♣ **Nov 8** Southern Idaho Open, **Twin Falls, ID**. Site: Best Western Twin Falls, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd N, Twin Falls, Idaho. Contact Amy Perkins for room rates, 208-736-8000. DO NOT RESERVE ROOMS ONLINE OR NO ROOM RATE DISCOUNT. 4SS. Game/60;d5. 2 Sections: "Open" and "U1400 Reserve" (Sections may be combined based on entries). Prizes (based on 30): Open: \$150, \$125, \$100, \$75. U1400 Reserve \$100, \$75, \$50. Entry Fee: \$30 (\$25 if under 18 or 60+ years old) if registered by November 2, 2014. Special Family Rate of \$60. \$5 more for all if received after November 2, 2014. E-mail entry will lock in advance entry rate. USCF Membership required. Registration: 8:00-8:30 a.m. Saturday, November 8, 2014. Round Times: Saturday 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. Half-point bye (maximum 1) available rounds 1-3 only. First round byes must notify TD before round is paired, all others, before round 2 is paired. Entries: Barry Eacker, 963 Delmar Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301. 208-733-6186 or email: mol64@cableone.net, www.idahocheessassociation.org. Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association. No Computer, No Smoking, Wheelchair access.

♣ **Nov 28-30** Washington Class Championship, **Lynnwood, WA**. (see full-page ad on page 21)

