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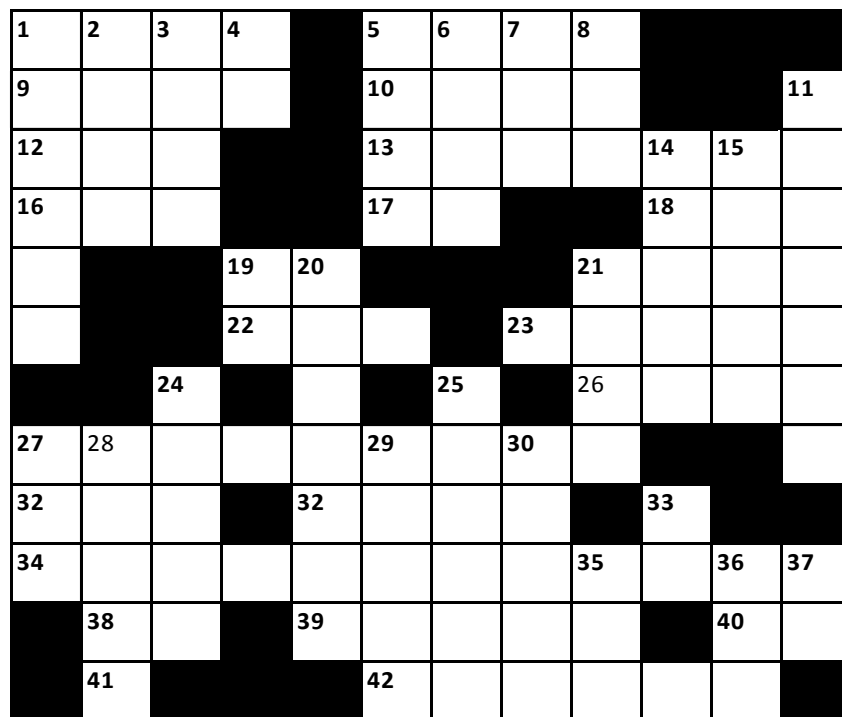
# The Game of Chess is the Clue to Success

## Across

- The great endgame player and author of arguably the best chess bk. ever written.
- Judit's little animal friend at the board, formerly.
- After its birth in India, chess spread further into this continent.
- Like chess and music (according to Tarrasch).
- First Australian GM and best there for 20 years.
- Par exemple: une Marie Antoinette (on the chessboard)
- Seattle, a major Pacific NW \_\_\_\_, (abbr.), is home to the Sluggers and much good chess.
- When the King is in check and has no way out, \_\_\_ ist Matt!
- How not to spell the name of the founder of a flourishing Bellevue chess school.
- Look in Chess Life to find one you'd like to go to.
- Anderssen's famous game is immortal, and thus will never do this.
- Perhaps if they had discovered this in the late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19th century, they could have used it to help solve the mystery of the "chess Turk."
- Russian Marxist who said: "Chess is the gymnasium of the mind."
- In most all tmnts. today, we do not have adjournments, but rather \_\_\_ usual.
- Is Carlsen great?
- Conjugation practice: I \_\_\_\_ (more than like) Karpov's games.
- Morphy's opponent at the opera.
- Current (2014) WCF Tnmt Coordinator who has served many terms.
- Home of the Marshall C.C.
- How children look when they get ice cream or get to play bughouse.
- The FIDE World Cup has used a \_\_\_ format.
- Some like it cool, some like it hot, some like an increment, others like it not. \_\_\_ C.
- 13 yr old winner of 2014 WA Open, complete with title.

## Down

- May she smile upon you.
- When should you mark the result of your game on the pairing sheet?
- Coach's advice: \_\_\_ and win't.
- Soviet émigré becomes World champion in 1927.
- Garry's unlucky shade.
- Was chess here, \_\_\_ ago, only we humans hadn't discovered it yet?
- Hail Caissa, if she were Catholic Christian.
- Some chessboards have such untraditional squares.
- Novel by the Russian writer Nabokov, with Chess GM as main character.



- Recent World Champion from a country rich in chess tradition.
- In the \_\_\_ there is less about chess and more about the marriages, divorces and various love affairs of celebrities.
- Every chess tmnt needs one; he or she knows the score.
- U don't develop,
- See you next June at the National Chess \_\_\_ in L.V.
- In the original meaning (from the Greek which meant contest for victory), all chess games are this, but in the present metamorphosis, only one's painful losses.
- Hungarian chess player and the title he earned at age 14.
- Chesterton: "Poets don't go \_\_\_\_, but chess players do."
- More conjugation practice: they \_\_\_\_ (more than like) Kasparov's games.
- This sister plays and teaches at a high level.
- South European Union cost of tmnt.
- Title of the head of the NW's Chess Academy.
- Some chess teachers might like to read "Review of Research in Education", aka \_\_\_.
- Sometimes these headphones are forbidden in tmnts.
- In time trouble, are you allowed to move the pieces with one hand and hit the clock with the other?

The answers will appear in next month's December issue!

# Washington Chess News

## US Chess League

By Josh Sinanan

Hi Sluggers Fans,

The Sluggers came up short in a couple of close matches that could have gone either way, and we now find ourselves with a 1-3 record in 5th place in the Western Division. We are currently one match point out of playoff contention right behind San Francisco and Arizona. The bright spot of the season so far has been the dominate performance of our fourth board, which now stands as the only undefeated board 4 in the entire league! The Sluggers management continues to try new strategies to generate points from the top boards, a difficulty we have encountered since parting ways with our Super-GMs that we had in previous seasons.



## Week 3: 9-9-2014

**Recap: Seattle Sluggers vs. Philadelphia Inventors**

The Sluggers faced the Eastern Division-leading Philadelphia Inventors in the first of four inter-division matches this season. This was a messy match in which the Sluggers came out on the worse end of a few time scrambles and even mouse-slipped twice in the same game.

**Board 1:** GM Emil Anka faced IM Tom Bartell in a rematch of last year's week 4 encounter, in which Bartell won game of the week honors. This time, Emil came much better prepared, sporting his Princess Leia noise-canceling head phones, and steered the game into the calm waters of the Caro-Kann instead of the wild King's Indian. Out of the classical variation main line, White obtained the usual slight edge and castled long. Emil opted for the somewhat rare 14.Qe2, an line he had once analyzed with Ivanchuk. Bartell responded logically by placing his knight on d5 and doubling on the d-file. By move 20, a critical position was reached in which White must decide whether to pursue his expansion on the kingside via g4-f5 or



GM Emil Anka.

Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

try and play against Black's weak pawn on c6. Emil chose the latter, but Bartell muddied the waters considerably with the unexpected zwischenzug 25...Rd4. White could have kept the advantage with the maneuver 26.Qc3 Bxb4 27.Qf3, but Emil was unable to find it in his time pressure and soon Bartell took over the initiative. Emil tried valiantly to defend, but Bartell converted his advantage flawlessly and soon won the game.

**GM Emil Anka (2497) –  
IM Tom Bartell (2448) [B19]**  
USCL Week 3 ICC, September 9, 2014

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5  
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7  
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bf4 Bb4+  
12.c3 Be7 13.0-0 Ngf6 14.Qe2 Nd5  
15.Bd2 b5 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qb6  
18.f4 0-0-0 19.Ne4 Rd7 20.Kb1 Rhd8  
21.Rc1 Kb8 22.c4 bxc4 23.Qxc4 Rb7  
24.Rc2 Nb4 25.Bxb4



Position after 25.Bxb4

25...Rd4 26.Bd6+ Bxd6 27.Qe2 Ba3  
28.Nc3 Rb4 29.Nd1 Rxf4 30.Rh3 Be7  
31.Rhc3 c5 32.Qd2 Rf1 33.a3 a5 34.Ka2  
a4 35.Qe2 Rh1 36.Rc1 Qc6 37.Ka1 Rg1  
38.Qf2 Qxg2 39.Qxf7 Rxd1 0-1

**Board 2:** FM Costin Cozianu defended against FM Dov Gorman's off-beat line in the English opening. His fingers were still sticky after eating one of Eddie's Top Pot donuts and he seemed to have trouble inputting his moves into Dasher, one of the graphical user interfaces for

ICC. Apparently, Costin prefers the point-and-click input method instead of drag-and-drop, which was the default setting in Dasher. On move three, Costin made a mouse-slip with e6 instead of e5, which was promptly dealt with and corrected. The game continued and the players followed Klinger-Minasian 1989 until move 11 when Costin deviated with 11...Qe8 intending Qf7 with counterplay against White's weak c-pawn. Gorman responded aggressively and soon had his knights on b5 and g5 striking at both wings. On move 15, Costin surprised the fans and his opponent with 15...Ne5, after which Gorman went into a long think. Dov missed his best chance for the advantage with 16.fxg4 fxg5 17.e4!, and instead retreated his knights, which gave Costin some time to improve his position. Soon, a Maroczy bind structure was reached which seemed clearly better for White until Costin found 23...g4! undermining the white center pawns. A messy time scramble ensued in which Gorman won the exchange but Costin had a nicely outposted knight and a few extra center pawns. Unfortunately for Costin and the Sluggers, a second mouse-slip happened just as Black was about to recapture the knight on c8. Had the mouse-slip been avoided, play might have continued: 40...Rxc8 41.Rhg1 Qe4 42.Qxe4 dxe4 when White is still better but Black has plenty of chances.



FM Costin Cozianu.

Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

**FM Dov Gorman (2400) –  
FM Costin Cozianu (2466) [A21]**  
USCL Week 3 ICC, September 9, 2014

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.Nf3 e5 4.d4 exd4  
5.Bg5 f6 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qe3+ Nge7 8.Bh6  
0-0 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.0-0-0 d6 11.h4 Qe8  
12.Nb5 Qf7 13.Qc3 Bg4 14.Ng5 Qg8  
15.f3

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15...Ne5 16.Ne4 Bd7 17.Na3 Bc6 18.Nf2  
Qe6 19.e4 Nd7 20.Nc2 Nc5 21.Nd4 Qf7  
22.h5 g5 23.h6+ Kh8 24.Ng4 Bd7 25.Ne3  
a5 26.g3 g4 27.Bg2 gxf3 28.Bxf3 Ng6  
29.Nd5 Bc6 30.Rdf1 Ne5 31.Bh5 Qg8





Position after 15.f3

32.Qc2 Bxd5 33.exd5 Qxg3 34.Ne6 Rg8  
35.Kb1 Ncd7 36.Be2 Rac8 37.Ng7 c6  
38.Nf5 Qg2 39.Ne7 cxd5 40.Nxc8



Position after 40.Nxc8

40...Rd8 41.Rfg1 1-0

**Board 3:** FM Tian Sang fearlessly entered the McCutcheon variation of the French defense against FM Rodion Rubenchik. Prior to the match, Tian went to Subway and ordered a Pastrami *Reuben* sandwich to psych himself up for the game, but in hindsight he should have also ordered some *French* fries. Tian avoided the sharp main line 8.Qg4 and instead played the less ambitious 8.Bd3, which seems to score well for Black. Rubenchik was the first to deviate from theory with 11...0-0, instead of the much more common developing move 11...Nc6. After a liquidation of some of the central pawns, Tian seemed to have some pressure while chasing around Black's unstable queen and knight. On move 17, White missed his chance for a long-term bind with 17.c5! Nd7 18.Qa5, when it is difficult for Black to untangle his queenside. Instead, Tian went astray with 17.cxd5, after which Rubenchik was able to catch up in development and consolidate his position in the center. In a slightly



FM Tian Sang.  
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

worse position, Tian blundered badly with the "aggressive" 27.h4?? instead of the much more sensible h3 and soon found his king under heavy attack. As time pressure approached, Rubenchik missed several clear wins and Tian was lucky to escape with a perpetual.

**FM Tian Sang (2325) –  
FM Rodion Rubenchik (2329) [C12]  
USCL Week 3 ICC, September 9, 2014**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4  
5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Ne4 8.Bd3  
Nxd2 9.Qxd2 c5 10.Nf3 Qa5 11.0-0 0-0  
12.Rab1 Nd7 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.Rb4 f5  
15.c4 Nb6 16.Rb5 Qc7



Position after 16...Qc7

17.cxd5 Nxd5 18.c4 Ne7 19.Rfb1 Rd8  
20.Qe3 b6 21.Be2 Ba6 22.R5b3 Rac8  
23.Ra3 Bxc4 24.Bxc4 Qxc4 25.Rxa7 Nd5  
26.Qa3 b5



Position after 26...b5

27.h4 b4 28.Qa5 Qg4 29.Qa6 Nf4 30.Ne1  
Ne2+ 31.Kf1 Nc3 32.Rc1 Qxh4 33.Qxe6+  
Kh8 34.Nf3 Qe4 35.Re1 Qd3+ 36.Kg1  
Ne2+



Position after 36...Ne2+

37.Rxe2 Qxe2 38.Rxg7 Kxg7 39.Qf6+  
Kh7 40.Qxf5+ Kg7 41.Qf6+ Kh7 42.Qf7+  
Kh8 43.Qf6+ Kh7 44.Qf7+ Kh8 1/2-1/2

**Board 4:** Newly minted National Master Samuel He made his Sluggers debut against NM Angel Hernandez-Camen. Samuel's identical twin brother Daniel, who is also a master, had to be kept off the premises during the match in order to prevent the "Chinese flip-flop," in which the two brothers switch spots midway through the game without anyone noticing! Samuel chose the solid Slav defense and White played 6.Nh4, a move popularized by GM Boris Avrukh is in 1.d4 Grandmaster Repertoire books. Black was the first to deviate from standard theory with 9.dxc4, after which White seemed to have a pleasant advantage with the bishop pair and more space. A critical position was reached on move 19, when Hernandez-Camen hurried things a bit with 19.d5 instead of the more accurate 19.Qxb4 first. Samuel had a nice opportunity to trade off one of White's bishops with 19...Qxc4 20.Bxc4 Nb6 21.Bxb6 axb6, but instead played the centralizing move 19...Ne5, which allowed White to keep his two Rabbis. Soon an ending was reached in which Samuel was finally able to exchange one of Hernandez-Camen's bishops, and slowly but surely Samuel outplayed him in a R+N vs. R+B endgame. After a trade of rooks, Black's advantage became decisive, and he converted the advantage without too much difficulty. Congratulations to Samuel for his first win as a Slugger!



NM Samuel He.  
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

**NM Angel Hernandez-Camen (2231) –  
NM Samuel He (2207) [D12]  
USCL Week 3 ICC, September 9, 2014**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3  
e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Qb3 Qc7 8.Nxg6 hxg6  
9.g3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nbd7 11.Bd2 Be7  
12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 e5 14.Rac1 Rad8  
15.Rfd1 exd4 16.exd4 Qb6 17.Qc4 Rfe8  
18.Be3 Qb4

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19.d5 Ne5 20.Qxb4 Bxb4 21.dxc6 Nxc6  
22.Bf3 Bxc3 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxc3  
Nd5 25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.Kg2 f6 27.Rb3  
Rd7 28.a3 Kf7 29.Rc3 a6 30.b4 g5 31.g4  
Ne5 32.h3 b5 33.Rc8 Nc4 34.Rc6 Rd6  
35.Rxd6 Nxd6 36.Kf3 Ke6 37.Ke2 Nc4





Position after 18...Qb4

38.Bc1 Kd5 39.Kd3 Ne5+ 40.Ke3 Kc4  
41.Ke4 Kb3 42.f3 Nc4 43.f4 gxf4 44.Bxf4  
Kxa3 45.Kf5 Kxb4 46.Kg6 a5 47.Kxg7 a4  
48.Bc1 Kb3 49.h4 Kc2 50.h5 Kxc1 51.h6  
a3 52.h7 a2 53.h8Q a1Q 54.Qh1+ Kb2  
55.Qd5 Qa6 56.Qd4+ Kc2 57.Qe4+ Kc3  
58.Qe1+ Kd4 59.Qf2+ Kd5 60.Qf3+ Kc5  
61.Qf5+ Kd4 62.Qf4+ Kd3 63.Qf1+ Ke4  
64.Qb1+ Kf4 65.Qf5+ Kg3 66.Qd3+ Kxg4  
67.Qe4+ Kg3 68.Qd3+ Kf2 69.Qd4+ Ke2  
70.Qg4+ Kd3 71.Qf3+ Ne3 0-1

Final score of the match: Philadelphia  
2.5 - Seattle 1.5



## Week 4: 9-16-2014

### Recap: Rio Grande Ospreys vs. Seattle Sluggers

The Sluggers battled the new expansion team from Brownsville TX, the Rio Grande Ospreys, in a top-heavy match in which both teams brought out their "big guns." In a deja vu from week 3, the board results were exactly the same and the Sluggers lost a close match by the narrowest of margins.

**Board 1:** IM Georgi Orlov made his season debut against Canada's top player, GM Anton Kovalyov, who now plays board 1 for the University of Texas at Brownsville. The game started with a Catalan Opening from which Georgi chose the open variation with 6...dxc4, and soon sacrificed a piece for three pawns and a weakened white king. Both players seemed comfortable with the position and Kovalyov continued to play extremely fast as they followed Saric-Perhinig 2005 until Black deviated with 15...Nc5 instead of 15...Bc5. Soon a highly dynamic position was reached in which Black seemed to have a clear edge with his strongly placed knight on d3 and rolling center pawns. In time pressure, just as Georgi was getting ready to cash in his chips, he blundered badly with 26...

c3??, simply missing 28.Qxc5 stopping his passer. Instead, he should have played 26... Bxf3 27.Bxf3 Qxh2 when White has to find 28.Nh5 c3 29.Qxe7 gxh5 and bail out with a perpetual. After this unfortunate blunder, Black's position was lost and White won easily.

**GM Anton Kovalyov (2717) –  
IM Georgi Orlov (2528) [E05]**  
USCL Week 4 ICC, September 16, 2014

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0  
0-0 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6 8.a4 Bd7 9.Rd1  
Bc6 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.e4 b5 12.d5 exd5  
13.e5 Ng4 14.Qf5 Nxf2 15.Kxf2



Position after 15.Kxf2

15...Nc5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Rxa8 Bxa8  
18.Nxb5 Nd3+ 19.Kf1 c6 20.Nbd4 c5  
21.Ne2 g6 22.Qh3 d4 23.Nf4 Nxc1  
24.Rxc1 Qb6 25.Qd7 Qxb2 26.Re1



Position after 26.Re1

26...c3 27.Qxe7 c2 28.Qxc5 Bb7 29.Nxd4  
Rc8 30.Nc6 Ba6+ 31.Kg1 Qb1 32.Qe3  
1-0

**Board 2:** GM Emil Anka faced the league MVP points leader, GM Andrey Stukopin, in what was to be the Sluggers' first GM vs. GM game of the season. Play began with a Sicilian Richter-Rauzer in which Stukopin used the tricky move-order 9...Bd7-Qc7-b5 to keep flexibility and not commit his king too early in the game. Emil responded well by adopting an English-attack set-up and castling long, a choice he has made in most of his white games. A theoretical battle continued for 15 moves until Emil deviated with 16.Ng3 instead of closing the center with 16.e5, which was played in Korneev-Leminski 2004. In the next few moves, White chose a slow plan and Black was able to seize the initiative on the queenside simply by advancing his a and b pawns down the board. Emil did everything he could to create chances on the kingside with 23.g5, but Stukopin's

strong response 23...h5 sealed the g and h files and guaranteed Black the superior game with his bishop pair and safer king. As time pressure approached, White's position became untenable as he faced pins on the 4th rank, d-file, and b1-h7 diagonal. Stukopin landed the decisive blow with 32...Bxa3!, after which Emil appropriately resigned facing heavy material loss.

**GM Emil Anka (2497) –  
GM Andrey Stukopin (2631) [B66]**  
USCL Week 4 ICC, September 16, 2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0 h6  
9.Be3 Bd7 10.f3 Qc7 11.Kb1 b5 12.Bd3  
Be7 13.g4 b4 14.Nce2 d5 15.Nxc6 Bxc6



Position after 15...Bxc6

16.Ng3 a5 17.Qg2 a4 18.h4 dxe4 19.Bxe4  
Nxe4 20.Nxe4 b3 21.cxb3 axb3 22.a3 0-0  
23.g5



Position after 23.g5

23...h5 24.Rd3 Qe5 25.Bd4 Qb5 26.Rhd1  
Rfd8 27.R3d2 Qf5 28.Rd3 Ra4 29.Ka1 e5  
30.Ng3 Qg6 31.Qe2



Position after 31.Qe2

31...Bxa3 32.bxa3 Rxa3+ 33.Kb2 Ra2+  
0-1

**Board 3:** NM Roland Feng decided to switch it up and played the Rubinstein Variation of the French against WGM Katerina Nemcova, a long-lost relative of

former Slugger WGM Katerina Rohonyan. Both sides castled short and White obtained the usual advantage of slightly better activity and some kingside attacking chances. Roland was the first to deviate from theory with 12...Bd6 instead of the neutralizing 12...Bd5, and soon found himself under pressure after the inaccurate 15...Be4 instead of the more principled pawn exchange 15...cxd4, leading the equal chances. Nemcova's rook lift looked ominous for Roland, and it was soon clear after 18.g4! that Black was in serious trouble. In an attempt to confuse matters, Roland tried 18...Bxe5, expecting 19.gxf5 and fxe6, when White stands clearly better. Instead, Nemcova recaptured on e5 and started a menacing attack down the newly opened g-file. Despite a lot of extra time on the clock, there was little Roland could do but defend tenaciously in a lost position and hope that his opponent missed something converting her advantage. Amazingly, Roland's efforts were rewarded on move 37 when Nemcova moved her king to the wrong square! Had she played the correct 37.Kh1, play might have continued 37...Rd1+ 38.Kg2 Qg7 39.e7+ Qxe7 40.Rxf6+ winning easily for White. Instead, she played 37.Kg2, which leads to a drawn B+3P vs. R ending. A fantastic escape by Roland!

**WGM Katerina Nemcova (2362) –  
NM Roland Feng (2305) [C10]**  
USCL Week 4 ICC, September 16, 2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7  
5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.Bg5 Be7  
8.Bc4 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rad1  
h6 12.Bc1 Bd6 13.Ne5 Qe7 14.c3 c5  
15.Rd3 Be4 16.Rg3 Kh7 17.Rh3 Bf5



Position after 17...Bf5

18.g4 Bxe5 19.dxe5 Nxd4 20.Rg3 h5 21.h3  
Nh6 22.Qxh5 Rh8 23.Kh2 Bg6 24.Rfg1  
Kg8 25.Rxg6 fxe6 26.Qxg6 Kf8 27.Bxe6  
Qc7 28.Bf4 Rd8 29.Rg3 Qb7 30.Bb3 b5  
31.e6 c4 32.Bc2 Ng8 33.Be4 Qe7 34.Be5  
Nf6 35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Rf3 Qc7+

[Diagram top of next column]

37.Kg2 Rg8 38.Rxf6+ Ke7 39.Rf7+ Kd6  
40.Rxc7 Kxc7 41.Kf3 Rxc7 42.Bxc7 Rf8+  
43.Bf7 Kd6 44.h4 a5 45.Ke4 Ke7 46.Kd5  
Rd8+ 47.Kc5 Rd2 48.Kxb5 Rxb2+  
49.Kxa5 Rxa2+ 50.Kb4 Rxf2 51.h5 Rf4  
52.Kc5 Rh4 53.Kd5 Rg4 54.Kc5 Rh4  
55.Kd5 Rg4 56.Kc5 Rh4 1/2-1/2



Position after 36...Qc7+

**Board 4:** NM David Golub had a blind date on the bottom board with WIM Alejandra Guererro, who is 20 years his senior. They seemed to start off on the wrong foot however when David unexpectedly played 2.e4 and offered to enter the Sicilian, which likely caught Guererro by surprise. The game transposed into the main line of the Accelerate Dragon, when Guererro tried to return the favor with a rather dubious looking pawn sac 9.b5, a gift which David graciously accepted. After the somewhat inaccurate retreat 11.Nd4 instead of the superior 11.a4, Black seemed to obtain strong compensation for the pawn with Benko-style play on the queenside. David provocatively attempted manual castling with 14.Kf2, after which Guererro could have punished him with the thematic combination 14...Neg4!+ 15.fxe4 Rxc3, when it appears that the best White has 16.Kg1 with a shaky position. After this missed opportunity, the momentum shifted David's way and he was able to consolidate his extra pawn. By move 25, Guererro inexplicably got her rook trapped on b4, and David converted up the exchange with nice technique. Considering how this one went, a second date does not seem likely.

**NM David Golub (2270) –  
WIM Alejandra Guerrero (2110) [B35]**  
USCL Week 4 ICC, September 16, 2014  
1.Nf3 c5 2.e4 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7  
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3  
Qa5 9.f3 b5 10.Ndxb5 Ba6 11.Nd4 Ne5  
12.Qd2 Rab8 13.Rd1 Rfc8 14.Kf2



Position after 14.Kf2

14...Nc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Nb3 Bxb3  
17.axb3 Rb7 18.Rhe1 d6 19.Kg1 Qh5  
20.Ra1 a5 21.Bd4 Bh6 22.Be3 Bg7 23.Ne2  
Rb4 24.Nf4 Qb5

[Diagram top of next column]

25.Nd3 Nd7 26.c4 Qb7 27.Nxb4 Qxb4



Position after 24...Qb5

28.Qxb4 axb4 29.Ra7 Nc5 30.Bxc5 dxc5  
31.e5 f6 32.Rxe7 fxe5 33.Rd1 Bf6 34.Ra7  
e4 35.Rda1 exf3 36.gxf3 Bxb2 37.Ra8  
Rxa8 38.Rxa8+ Kg7 39.Ra7+ Kh6 40.f4  
Be1 41.Rf7 Kh5 42.Kg2 h6 43.Kg3  
Be3 44.h3 Bd4 45.Rd7 Be3 46.Rd3 g5  
47.Rxe3 1-0

**Final score of the match: Rio Grande 2.5  
- Seattle 1.5**

The Sluggers rebounded nicely in weeks 5 and 6 with a smooth win over the Atlanta Kings and a draw against the Los Angeles Vibe. At the midpoint of the season, we find ourselves with a 2.5-3.5 record tied for fourth place with Arizona in the tough Western Division.



## Week 5: 9-24-2014

**Recap: Seattle Sluggers vs. Atlanta Kings**

The Sluggers brought out a balanced triple FM line-up to take on the Atlanta Kings, one of the League's new expansion teams. In his season debut, FM Marcel Milat came through in a huge way on the top board by scoring an upset win. This set the tone for the match and after a draw by Tian and a win by David, the match was ours!

**Board 1:** FM Marcel Milat unleashed one of his favorite weapons, the Belgrade Gambit, against SM Deepak Aaron. Black opted for the sideline 5...Nb4, a move which was once thought to be a near refutation of the Belgrade but has since fallen out of fashion. Soon a position was reached in which Marcel sacrificed his d-pawn for a lead in development and a more secure king. On move 15, Aaron made a strange decision to keep his own king in the center with 15...Kd7 instead of the more natural 15...g6, and White seemed to have a strong initiative with his queen,



rook and bishop operating freely on the open board. By move 17, Marcel had built up a significant time advantage and thought for over 10 minutes about whether to win the pawn back and head into a slightly better ending with B vs. N or keep all of the pieces on the board and try to exploit the weakness of the black king. Given the match situation, he chose the safer option and liquidated into a better minor piece ending thanks to his healthy kingside pawn majority and Black's weak doubled c-pawns. Soon White declared zugzwang with 49.Kf4! and Marcel won with little difficulty. Congratulations!



FM Marcel Milat.  
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

FM Marcel Milat (2357) –  
SM Deepak Aaron (2446) [C47]  
USCL Week 5 ICC, September 24, 2014  
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4  
5.Nd5 Nb4 6.Nxd4 Nfxd5 7.exd5 Bc5  
8.Nb3 Qe7+ 9.Be2 c6 10.0-0 Nxd5 11.Re1  
d6 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.Bg4 Be6 14.Bxe6  
fxe6 15.Qh5+



Position after 15.Qh5+

15...Kd7 16.c4 Nf6 17.Qe5 Ke8 18.Qxe6  
Qxe6 19.Rxe6+ Kf7 20.Re1 Rhe8 21.Rxe8  
Rxe8 22.Be3 b6 23.Rd1 Re7 24.h3 Rd7  
25.Rxd7+ Nxd7 26.Kf1 a6 27.Ke2 b5  
28.Kd2 Ke6 29.b3 a5 30.Kc3 Ke5 31.Kd3  
a4 32.bxa4 bxa4 33.g4 Kd6 34.Bf4+ Ke6  
35.Bc7 Nf6 36.f4 g6 37.Bd8 Ne8 38.Ba5  
h5 39.Bc3 hxc4 40.hxc4 Nd6 41.Be5  
Nf7 42.Ke4 Nh6 43.Kf3 Nf7 44.Bb8 Nd8  
45.Ke4 Nb7 46.f5+ gxf5+ 47.gxf5+ Kf6  
48.Bc7 a3

[Diagram top of next column]

49.Kf4 Ke7 50.Kg4 Kf6 51.Kf4 Ke7  
52.Ke5 Kd7 53.f6 Kxc7 54.f7 Nd6 55.f8Q  
Nxc4+ 56.Ke6 1-0



Position after 48...a3

**Board 2:** FM Tian Sang played the Dutch against NM Damir Studen, a known blitz expert, in what was easily the most up-and-down game of the match. Studen sidestepped mainline theory with 4. a3 and prevented the stonewall structure by playing 5.d5 himself, a move for which Tian was not well prepared. Black attempted to close the center and clarify the pawn structure in the next few moves, but missed 7.e4! and soon Tian was on the ropes with his king running around on f7, weak light squares, and only one piece developed. White missed a clear win with the brilliant 15.Bh5!! and instead played the “normal” 15.Be3, after which Tian was able to untangle his pieces and establish control over the dark squares. By move 20, Tian had succeeded in outplaying Studen in the middle game and stood clearly better, prompting white to trade down into a worse pawn-down knight ending. In a mutual time scramble, Tian made a few slips in the endgame and allowed Studen to escape with a draw.



FM Tian Sang.  
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.

NM Damir Studen (2372) –  
FM Tian Sang (2325) [A85]  
USCL Week 5 ICC, September 24, 2014  
1.d4 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.a3 c6 5.d5  
cxd5 6.cxd5 e5



Position after 6...e5

7.e4 f4 8.Nf3 d6 9.Bb5+ Kf7 10.g3 a6  
11.Be2 fxc3 12.fxc3 h6 13.0-0 Be7  
14.Nh4 g6



Position after 14...g6

15.Be3 Kg7 16.Bf3 Nbd7 17.Qe2 Rf8  
18.Rac1 Nh7 19.Qd2 Bg5 20.Ng2 Nc5  
21.Qc2 Bh3 22.Rce1 Re8 23.Bxc5 Rxc5  
24.Qe2 Qd7 25.Rf2 Bd8 26.Ne3 Bb6  
27.Bg2 Rcc8 28.Ref1 Rxf2 29.Qxf2 Rf8



Position after 29...Rf8

30.Nf5+ Qxf5 31.exf5 Bxf2+ 32.Rxf2  
Bxg2 33.fxc6 Rxf2 34.Kxf2 Bxd5 35.Nxd5  
Kxg6 36.Kf3 Nf6 37.Ne7+ Kh7 38.Nf5 d5  
39.Nd6 b6 40.Nc8 b5 41.Ne7 Kg7 42.Nc6  
e4+ 43.Kf4 Kf7 44.Kf5 Nd7 45.Nb4 Nb6  
46.Nxa6 Nc4 47.Kf4 Ke6 48.Nc7+ Kd6  
49.Nxb5+ Kc5 50.Nc3 Nxb2



Position after 50...Nxb2

51.Nxe4+ dxe4 52.Kxe4 Kd6 53.Kf5 Nc4  
54.Kg6 Nxa3 55.Kxh6 Nc4 56.Kg6 Ke6  
57.h4 Ne5+ 58.Kg7 Kf5 59.h5 Ng4 60.h6  
Nxb6 61.Kxh6 Kg4 62.Kg6 Kxg3 1/2-1/2

**Board 3:** Coming off his huge win against GM Kraai from week 2, FM Curt Collyer was eager to reenter the ring and faced NM Leo Martinez, Atlanta's assistant manager. Originally, Curt was scheduled to play NM Richard Francisco, but an emergency came up that prevented him from playing. Due to this late line-up change, Curt began the game with 14 extra minutes. Martinez surprised everyone by playing the Chigorin





L-R: Team Manager Josh Sinanan, Curt Collyer, David Golub, Marcel Milat, Tian Sang.  
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Defense instead of his usual Modern Benoni, to which Curt responded with a reverse French set-up used by Steinitz on a few occasions. The main point of White's plan was to create pressure down the c-file, and maneuver his knight to occupy key dark squares such as c5 and e5. Martinez responded well by overprotecting his c-pawn with 15...Rfc8 and redeploying his knight to d8, which covers the b7 square and heads to e6 later. On move 21, Curt missed his only opportunity to open the position in his favor with 21.e4!, which is possible because of Black's weak back rank. Instead, he retreated his queen back to her starting square, never a good sign in the chess league games, and proceeded to swap knights and light-square bishops. Martinez soon took over space on the kingside and launched a strong attack that Curt just came short of defending. After a harmless looking queen trade, Black found

the strong breakthrough 33...f4!, after which White's position starts to collapse. Martinez converted his extra pawn cleanly.

**FM Curt Collyer (2302) –  
NM Leo Martinez (2266) [D07]**  
USCL Week 5 ICC, September 24, 2014  
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nf6 6.a3 a6 7.Bd2 Be7 8.Rc1 0-0 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 Ne4 11.Qc2 Nxc3 12.Qxc3 Qd7 13.h3 Bf5 14.Bd1 Be4 15.0-0 Rfc8 16.Ne1 Nd8 17.Nd3 Bf5 18.Bf3 c6 19.Qb3 Bd6 20.Nc5 Qe7



Position after 20...Qe7

21.Qd1 Ne6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Bg4 Bxg4 24.Qxg4 f5 25.Qd1 Rf8 26.Qb3 Rf7 27.Rce1 Re8 28.Qd3 Bb8 29.g3 Qg6 30.Kh2 Re6 31.Rg1 Qh5 32.Qe2 Qxe2 33.Rxe2

[Diagram top of next column]

33...f4 34.gxf4 Rxf4 35.Kg2 Rxd4 36.Bc3 Rde4 37.Kf1 g6 38.Rg4 Kf7 39.Rxe4 Rxe4 40.Kg2 Ba7 41.Rd2 Ke6 42.Kf3 Kf5 43.Rd1 h5 44.Kg2 g5 45.Rd3 Bc5 46.Rd1 Rc4 47.Rd3 Ke4 48.Rd1 Bxa3 49.Bf6 Kf5 50.Bg7 Bc5 51.Rd2 a5 52.Kf1 Rc1+ 53.Kg2 a4 54.Bc3 b5 55.Bg7 b4 56.Re2 b3 57.Kf3 Bd6 58.e4+ dxe4+ 59.Rxe4 a3



FM Curt Collyer.  
Photo credit: Josh Sinanan.



Position after 33.Rxe2

60.bxa3 Bxa3 61.Re2 Rc2 62.Re3 Bc5 63.Re2 g4+ 64.hxg4+ hxg4+ 0-1

**Board 4:** NM David Golub continues to impress on Board 4, this time playing the Najdorf Sicilian against NM Sanjay Ghatti. One of the secrets to David's success is his strong opening preparation and uncanny ability to predict exactly what his opponents are going to play! Before the game, David informed me that it was most likely going to be a 6.Be2 Najdorf, which of course it was as both players blitzed out the opening. Ghatti chose a somewhat drawish line in which he trades his dark square bishop in return for absolute control of the d5 square. White was the first to deviate from theory with 11.0-0 instead of the much more popular 11.0-0-0 or 11.Rd1 to pressure Black's backward d-pawn. By move 15, a roughly equal middle game was reached in which White's pressure down the d-file and control of the light squares was compensated for by Black's queenside minority attack and more mobile knight. Ghatti seemed to have trouble finding a concrete plan and soon David broke through on the queenside with 28...Nxb2!, not fearing the discovered attack on his queen. Soon the queens were swapped and David found himself up a clear pawn in R+N vs. R+B ending. In his time pressure, Ghatti was unable to defend accurately and he soon lost another pawn heading into a rook ending which David won flawlessly.

**NM Sanjay Ghatti (2245) –  
NM David Golub (2270) [B92]**  
USCL Week 5 ICC, September 24, 2014  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Qd3 0-0



Position after 10...0-0

11.0-0 Qc7 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.Qxd5 Nd7





FM David Golub.  
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14.Rad1 Be7 15.c3 b5 16.Kh1 Rfd8  
17.Bf3 Nb6 18.Qd3 Bg5 19.g3 Qc4  
20.Be2 Na4 21.f4 Bf6 22.Qc2 Qc6 23.Na5  
Qc7 24.Nc4 exf4 25.gxf4 d5 26.Ne3 dxe4  
27.Nd5 Qd6 28.Qxe4



Position after 28.Qxe4

28...Nxb2 29.Rd2 Na4 30.Rfd1 Re8  
31.Qf5 Nb6 32.Nxf6+ Qxf6 33.Qxf6 gxf6  
34.Bf3 Rab8 35.Rd6 Re6 36.f5 Rxd6  
37.Rxd6 Kg7 38.Bd1 a5 39.Be2 Na4  
40.Rd3 Rb7 41.Rg3+ Kf8 42.Kg2 Rc7  
43.Bxb5 Nxc3 44.a4 Nxb5 45.axb5 Rc2+  
46.Kh3 Rb2 47.Kg4 Rxb5 48.Ra3 Kg7  
49.Kf4 Rb4+ 50.Kg3 a4 51.Kg2 h5 52.Kf2  
Kh6 53.Rg3 Rf4+ 54.Ke3 Rxf5 55.Rg8  
Ra5 56.Rh8+ Kg7 57.Rd8 a3 58.Rd1 a2  
59.Ra1 Kg6 60.Kf4 Ra4+ 61.Kf3 Kf5  
62.Ke3 h4 63.Kf3 Ra3+ 64.Kg2 Kg4  
65.h3+ Kg5 66.Kh2 f5 67.Kg2 f4 68.Kh2  
Kf5 69.Kg2 Ke4 0-1

Final score of the match: Seattle 2.5 -  
Atlanta 1.5



## Week 6: 9-30-2014

### Recap: Seattle Sluggers vs. Los Angeles Vibe

The Sluggers fought to a draw against the Los Angeles Vibe in a tight match in which White was victorious in every game. The Vibe have historically given us lots of trouble with a 5-1 lifetime score in match points. This time the Sluggers hoped to turn things around by bringing out our two highest rated players on the top boards.

**Board 1:** IM Georgi Orlov played GM Melik Khachiyani in a rematch from last season's week 2 encounter in which Georgi's two knights outplayed Melik's queen in a complicated game. This time, colors were reversed and Georgi chose the solid fianchetto line against the Grunfeld, one of Khachiyani's favorite defenses. The game followed Johansson-Nithander 2010 for 13 moves until Black deviated with 13...Qb6 instead of 13...Rd8. Georgi responded aggressively in the center with the pawn advance e4-e5, and soon had created strong pressure against Black's light square pawn chain. The position reached its critical point on move 20 when the Georgi decided to sacrifice a knight for two pawns with 20.Nxd5!!, which prompted Khachiyani to sacrifice back the exchange Petrosian style with 21...Nd8?! After the smoke had cleared, White had a rook and two pawns for two minors and stood clearly better thanks to his strong central pawn duo the passive positions of Black's knights on the eighth rank. After some complicated maneuvering, White succeeded in trading off a set of rooks, and the weakness of Black's back rank began to haunt him. Soon Georgi won another pawn and it was only a matter of time before he broke through with his two passed pawns and rook vs. the two knights. The final move of the game,

64.Re8+, attacked both black knights and the king, a beautiful geometric finish! For his efforts, Georgi was awarded third place in the game of the week contest.

IM Georgi Orlov (2528) –  
GM Melikset Khachiyani (2633) [D79]  
USCL Week 6 ICC, September 30, 2014  
[IM Georgi Orlov]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2  
d5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne5

I remember watching countless Karpov-Kasparov games on this line, like a déjà vu. The overall impression was it's hard to win, but there are possibilities.

8...e6 9.Nc3 Nfd7 10.Nf3 Nc6



Position after 10...Nc6

11.b3

Another possibility was 11.Bf4 but after ... 11...Qb6 12.Na4 Qb5 13.Rc1 Nb6 Black looks OK.

11...Qa5

11...Qb6 12.Na4 Qb5

12.Bb2 b5

12...Nf6 13.a3 Bd7 14.b4 Qd8 15.Rc1±

13.a3 Qb6

13...b4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Ba3 Qxc3 16.Rc1 Qa5 17.Bxf8 Bxf8 18.Rxc6

14.e4 Nf6

In case of 14...Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.exd5 Rb8 17.dxe6 fxe6 18.Qe2 Qe5 19.Rab1± White has an edge since e6-pawn is weak.; 14...dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bb7 (15...Ne7 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bb7 18.Bd4 Qc7 19.Rc1) 16.Rc1

15.e5 Nd7 16.Ne2 b4 17.Nf4 Ba6 18.Re1 Rfc8

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Position after 18...Rfc8

18...Rac8 19.Bh3 (19.h4)

**19.Ng5!?**

When your opponent shifts his pieces away from the King, look to strike the King!  
19.h4± h6 20.Bh3

**19...Nf8**

19...bxa3 20.Rxa3 Bf8 21.Ra1 Bb4 (21...Bh6 22.h4 (22.Nxd5 exd5 23.Nxf7 Kxf7 24.e6+)) 22.Re3 Ne7 23.Rf3 Rf8 (23...Nf5 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 25.g4±) 24.Bh3±

**20.Nxd5! exd5 21.Bxd5 Nd8**

21...Rc7 22.Nxf7 Rxf7 23.Qf3

**22.Bxa8 Rxa8 23.d5**

Now White has two strong pawns and plans Ne4. Additionally, Black must keep an eye on e6.

**23...Bb7 24.axb4 Qb5 25.Ra5 Qxb4 26.Qa1!?**

The Queen protects a5 and b2 and after Ra4 White may push e5-e6.

**26...Rc8**

26...Qxb3 27.Ne4 Bxd5 28.Re3 Qc4 29.Nd6 Qc6 30.Rc3+-

**27.Ne4 Rc2**

27...Qxb3 28.Re3 Qc2 29.Bd4± Qc1+ 30.Re1 Qxa1 31.Bxa1; 27...Nd7 28.Re3 Bh6 29.f4±

**28.Bd4!**

Now Bc5 or Nc5 may be a threat at some point.

**28...a6**

28...Qxb3 29.Re3 Qc4 30.Rc5 Qa2 31.Rxc2 Qxc2 32.e6 Bxd4 33.Qxd4±

**29.Re3!**

Now both Black top pieces face a prospect of entrapment!

**29...Rc1+**

Other possibilities were: 29...Qe7 30.Bc3 Qd7 31.Qd1 Rxc3 32.Nxc3+-; 29...Nd7 30.Ra4 Qb5 31.Qd1 Rc8 32.Nc3 Rxc3 33.Bxc3 Bxd5 34.Rb4 Qc6 35.Rd3 Be6 36.Rc4+-

**30.Qxc1 Qxa5**

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**31.e6!+- Ndx6**

31...Bxd4 32.e7! Qxd5 (32...Bxe3 33.Qxe3



Position after 30...Qxa5

Qa1+ 34.Kg2+-) 33.e8Q Bxe3 34.Nf6+ Kg7 35.Nxd5 Bxc1 36.Qe5+ Kh6 37.Ne7 f6 38.Qxf6 Bg5 39.Qxf8+-

**32.Bxg7**

32.dxe6 Bxd4 33.e7 Bxe3 34.Qxe3 Qa1+ 35.Kg2 Qe5

**32...Nxc7 33.Nf6+ Kh8**



Position after 33...Kh8

**34.Qb2!**

Now both Re8 and Ne8 are strong threats.

**34...Qd8 35.Ne8**

35.Re8 Nxe8 36.Nxe8+ f6 37.Nxf6 Qe7

**35...f6 36.Nxf6 Nfe6 37.Qe5**

37.dxe6?? Qd1+ 38.Re1 Qxe1#, 37.Rxe6 Nxe6

**37...Nc7 38.d6 Nce6 39.d7 Bc6 40.Qd6**

40.Rd3

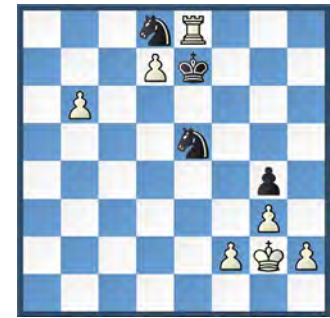
**40...Qxf6 41.Qxc6 Kg8 42.Qc8+ Kf7**

**43.Qxa6 g5 44.Qb7 Kg6**



Position after 44...Kg6

45.Qd5 g4 46.b4 h5 47.Re5 Nd8 48.b5 Nge6 49.Qe4+ Kh6 50.Qe3+ Kg6 51.Qd3+ Kh6 52.Qd6 Kg6 53.b6 Ng5 54.Qxf6+ Kxf6 55.Rb5 Nb7 56.Rc5 Nf7 57.Rxh5 Ke6 58.Rh7 Nbd8 59.Rg7 Ne5 60.Kg2 Kf6 61.Rh7 Ke6 62.Rg7 Kf6 63.Rg8 Ke7 64.Re8+



Position after 64.Re8+

**1-0**

**Board 2:** GM Emil Anka came out swinging in his final game of the season and played the hyper-aggressive Modern Benoni against FM Kostya Kavutskiy, one of GM Akobian's top students. They followed Anand-Nakamura, Tal Memorial 2011, for 11 moves until White deviated with 12.Be2 instead of 12.Qd2 as played by Anand. After confidently blitzing out the opening, Emil developed a bad headache, perhaps caused by some stinky chinese food that Georgi was eating for dinner at the start of the match. Needless to say, playing well with a headache is no easy task, and Emil tried several times to "walk it off", yet the pain persisted. By move 20, Emil stood slightly better and offered a draw, which was declined, since he was clearly in no condition to finish the game. The game continued and after a few inaccuracies by both sides, Emil had a chance to obtain a concrete material advantage on move 27 with either Bh3 or Bxg3. Instead, he played the safer-looking but probably weaker 27...Bf5, which allowed Kavutskiy to sidestep the danger by exchanging off Black's light square bishop. After a few more mistakes certainly caused by his worsening headache, Emil had to relinquish his g-pawn and just couldn't seem to get enough of an attack going down the h-file. Kavutskiy was now also in time pressure and began making a few mistakes, most notably getting his bishop stuck on g6. The final position is no worse for Black and probably drawn if Emil had played 36...Qh4, when it appears that White has nothing better than to repeat with 37.Qg3. Unfortunately for Emil and the Sluggers, a final headache-induced rook blunder won the game for the Vibe.

**FM Konstantin Kavutskiy (2397) – GM Emil Anka (2497) [E81]**  
USCL Week 6 ICC, September 30, 2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Ne2 0-0 7.Nbc3 e6 8.Ng3 a6 9.a4 h5 10.Bg5 exd5 11.cxd5 Qc7

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12.Be2 Nh7 13.Be3 h4 14.Nf1 f5 15.Nd2 Nd7 16.Nc4 Ne5 17.Qd2 Nxc4 18.Bxc4 h3 19.0-0 hxg2 20.Kxg2 Qe7 21.Rae1 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Qh4 23.Qf2 Qh3+ 24.Kg1 Be5 25.Qg2 Qh5 26.Ng3 Qh4 27.Qc2

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Position after 11...Qc7



Position after 27...Qc2

27...Bf5 28.Nxf5 Rxf5 29.Bd3 Rh5 30.f4 Bd4 31.Bxg6 Rh6 32.Bxd4 cxd4 33.Qg2 Nf6 34.f5 d3 35.Qg3 Qd4+ 36.Qe3



Position after 36...Qe3

36...Qxd5 37.Qxh6 1-0

**Board 3:** NM Roland Feng played his favorite line against the King's Indian, the Smyslov System, against NM Daniel Mousseri. Three things happened in this game which I feel are common characteristics in many USCL games: 1) The side with the safer king position usually wins in the end. 2) It's a bad sign when you start retreating your pieces to the first rank. 3) The player who has just won a pawn starts to play too passively. Out of the opening, Roland obtained a nice lead in development and Mousseri tried unsuccessfully to trap White's dark-square bishop. If 15...g5, then Roland was intending 16.Bxg5 hxg5 17.Nxg5 Nf6 18.Nd5! with a winning attack. Once it became clear that White's bishop was immune, Roland stood clearly better and had several attractive options to exploit his superior central position. After a forcing sequence of exchanges, White won a pawn on the kingside, but Roland couldn't quite seem to find the most crushing continuation that his intuition knew was there. Soon Roland began to drift with the ill-timed

retreat 32. Ne1, and Mousseri was able to win back his pawn with interest. By move 38, if it wasn't for the slightly exposed position of the black monarch, Mousseri could have claimed a clear advantage thanks to his more active queen, rook, knight and bishop. As time pressure approached, Roland's blitz prowess took over (after all, he is the WA State Blitz Champion), and he mercilessly attacked Mousseri's weak king. Black was not able to put up much resistance and resigned shortly thereafter facing the loss of his queen. Way to go Roland!

**NM Roland Feng (2305) –  
NM Daniel Mousseri (2270) [E61]**  
USCL Week 6 ICC, September 30, 2014  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 Nfd7 8.Bg3 e5 9.Be2 Kh8 10.Qc2 f5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Rd1 Qe8 13.0-0 f4 14.exf4 exf4 15.Bh4



Position after 15...Bh4

15...c6 16.Rd6 Nf6 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Rxf6 Bxf6 19.Bd3 Kg7 20.Re1 Qf7 21.Ne4 Na6 22.Nd6 Qf8 23.Ne8+ Kh8 24.Nxf6 Qxf6 25.Bxg6 Be6 26.Be4 Rg8 27.Kh1 Bf7 28.a3 Nc5 29.b4 Ne6 30.c5 Nc7 31.Rd1 Nd5



Position after 31...Nd5

32.Ne1 Re8 33.Bf3 Bg6 34.Qd2 Nc3 35.Re1 Nb1 36.Qd1 Nxa3 37.h3 Nb5 38.Rc4 Nc3 39.Qd2 Ne4 40.Bxe4 Bxe4 41.f3 Bd5 42.Rc3 Qf5 43.Nd3 Rf8 44.Qf2 Qf6 45.Rc1 Rg8 46.Re1 Rg3 47.Re8+ Kh7

[Diagram top of next column]

48.Qe1 Rg7 49.Re5 Bc4 50.Nf2 Bd5 51.Ng4 Qf7 52.Qh4 Qg6 53.Rh5 Qb1+ 54.Kh2 Kg8 55.Rxh6 Qf5 56.Rh8+ 1-0

**Board 4:** FM William (Bill) Schill made his second appearance of the season since his victory over FM Atoufi in the opening match. This game was much more



Position after 47...Kh7

challenging, since he was paired as black against the surging FM Michael Casella, who used to be over 2400 USCF and began the 2014 season with a perfect 4/4. Bill was up to the task and channeled former Slugger FM Slava Mikhailuk by opening with the Classical Sicilian, Slava's main weapon for many years. The game followed standard Richter-Rauzer theory for 12 moves when Black chose the risky 12...Qa5, instead of the more solid 12...Qb6, as played by Smirin and Sasikiran among others. Soon both players had castled queenside and Bill won the bishop pair but had to accept a rigid pawn structure in which both of his bishops had limited mobility. A critical position arose on move 19 in which Black has to choose whether to trade on e4 and active his light-square bishop or play Rhg8 and go for counterplay along the open g-file. Bill chose the latter, but later regretted his decision since white simply ignored the rook on g2 and maneuvered his pieces freely in the center. A few moves later, Casella was able to establish his knights dominantly on the center squares d4 and d5, and it was clear that White had all the chances. Alarm bells started ringing in the black position when the queen retreated to g8, the rook to g7, and the bishop to d8! Casella capitalized on his opportunity and launched a decisive invasion down the open e-file and weakened light squares near the black king. Facing a lost ending down at least two pawns, Bill appropriately resigned on move 38.

**FM Michael Casella (2262) –  
FM William Schill (2215) [B69]**  
USCL Week 6 ICC, September 30, 2014  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 Be7 10.Nf3 b5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Kb1



Position after 12...Kb1

12...Qa5 13.Bd3 0-0-0 14.f5 Kb8 15.Qh6



Rc8 16.Ne2 Nb4 17.a3 Nxd3 18.Rxd3  
exf5 19.Qf4



Position after 19.Qf4

19...Rhg8 20.exf5 Rvg2 21.Nfd4 Qd8  
22.Qf3 Rg5 23.h4 Rg7 24.Nc3 Qg8  
25.Nd5 Bd8 26.Qf4 Qf8 27.Re1 Rc5  
28.Nb3 Rc4



Position after 28...Rc4

29.Rd4 Rxd4 30.Nxd4 h5 31.Qh6 Rg8  
32.Qxh5 Qg7 33.Nb4 Bb6 34.Re7 Qg1+  
35.Ka2 Qxd4 36.Qxf7 1-0

Final score of the match: Seattle 2.0 -  
Los Angeles 2.0

## Games from Weeks 1 and 2

*These games probably should have  
been put in the October issue. They are  
presented here for completeness.—Editor*

FM Joel Banawa (2454) –  
GM Emil Anka (2497) [E32]

USCL Week 1 ICC, August 27, 2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0  
5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Bg5 Ba6 8.Qf3  
Nc6 9.e3 Na5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Bxf6 Qxf6  
12.Qxf6 gxf6 13.b4 Nc6 14.f3 Ne7 15.Bd3  
c5 16.Ne2 Rac8 17.Kf2 f5 18.h3



Position after 18.h3

18...d5 19.cxd5 cxd4 20.Nxd4 Nxd5  
21.Nb5 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Ba6 23.Bf1 Bxb5  
24.Bxb5 Rd8 25.g3 Kg7 26.e4 fxe4  
27.fxe4 Nf6 28.Ke3 a5 29.bxa5 bxa5  
30.a4 h5 31.Bd3 Nd7 32.Be2 Nf6 33.Rc5  
Kg6 34.Rxa5 Rc8 35.Bd3 Kg7 36.Rb5  
Rc3 37.a5 Ra3 38.Kd4 Ra4+ 39.Kc5 Ra3  
40.Kc4 Ne8 41.Rxh5 Nd6+ 42.Kd4 f5  
43.e5 Nf7 44.g4



Position after 44.g4

44...Ra4+ 45.Bc4 fvg4 46.hxg4 Rxa5  
47.Bxe6 Ra4+ 48.Bc4 Kg6 49.Kc5 Ng5  
50.Bd3+ 1-0

FM Costin Cozianu (2466) –  
IM Mark Ginsburg (2397) [B20]  
USCL Week 1 ICC, August 27, 2014

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.c3  
e5 6.a3 Nge7 7.b4 d6 8.h4 h6 9.bxc5 dxc5  
10.Be3 c4 11.dxc4 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1 Na5  
13.Nd2 Be6 14.Bf1 0-0 15.Rb1 f5 16.Rb5  
Nec6 17.h5 f4 18.gxf4 exf4 19.Bd4 g5  
20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Ngf3 Rad8 22.Nd4 Bd7  
23.Bh3 Nxd4 24.Rxa5 Nf3



Position after 24...Nf3

25.Bxd7 Nxd2 26.Kxd2 Rxd7+ 27.Rd5  
Re7 28.Kd3 Rf6 29.a4 Rb6 30.Rd1 Rb2  
31.Rd2 Rxd2+ 32.Kxd2 Rxe4 33.Rd7+  
Kf6 34.Rxb7 f3 35.Rxa7 Re2+ 36.Kd3 g4  
37.Ra6+ Kg5 38.Ra5+ Kh4 39.Rf5 Rxf2  
40.c5 Ra2 41.c6 Rxa4 42.c7 Ra8 43.Rf7  
Kg3 0-1

FM Robby Adamson (2347) –  
FM Tian Sang (2325) [C44]

USCL Week 1 ICC, August 27, 2014

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.Qa4 dxe4  
5.Nxe5 Qd5 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bc4 Qd7  
8.0-0 Nf6 9.d3 exd3 10.Bxd3 Bb7 11.Qc2  
g6 12.Re1+ Be7 13.Bc4 0-0 14.Nd2 c5  
15.Bf1 Rfe8 16.Nc4 Bd6 17.Rxe8+ Rxe8  
18.Bd2

[Diagram top of next column]

18...Be4 19.Qc1 Qf5 20.Nxd6 cxd6 21.Bf4  
Re6 22.Qd2 Bd5 23.f3 Nh5 24.Bh6 Qe5



Position after 18.Bd2

25.Rd1 Nf6 26.Bf4 Qh5 27.c4



Position after 27.c4

27...Bxf3 28.gxf3 Qxf3 29.Bg2 Qg4 30.h3  
Qh5 31.Re1 Rxe1+ 32.Qxe1 Qf5 33.Bxd6  
Qd3 34.Qe7 Qd4+ 35.Kh1 1-0

FM William Schill (2215) –  
FM Pedram Atoufi (2355) [B00]  
USCL Week 1 ICC, August 27, 2014

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.d5  
Nb8 6.Bg5 Bg7 7.Qd2 h6 8.Be3 a6 9.a4  
Ng4 10.Bd4 Nf6 11.Be3 c5 12.h3 Qa5  
13.Bd3 b5 14.0-0 b4 15.Ne2 c4 16.Bxc4  
Nxe4 17.Qc1 Bb7 18.Bd4 Bxd4 19.Nexd4  
Qc5 20.Bd3 Bxd5 21.Re1 Ng5 22.Nxg5  
Qxd4 23.Ne4 Kf8 24.Re3 Kg7 25.c3  
Qb6 26.a5 Qb7 27.cxb4 Rc8 28.Qe1  
Nc6 29.Nc3 Bb3 30.b5 axb5 31.Bxb5 e5  
32.Bxc6 Rxc6 33.Qd2 Rca6 34.Rd3 Qb4  
35.Ne4 Qxd2 36.Rxd2



Position after 36.Rxd2

36...Rd8 37.Nc5 Rda8 38.Nxb3 Kf6  
39.Rd5 Rb8 40.Rd3 Rb5 41.Rc1 Ke6  
42.Rc7 h5 43.f3 h4 44.Kf1 Rb4 45.Ke2 g5  
46.Kd2 f5 47.Rh7 e4 48.fxe4 fxe4 49.Re3  
Kd5 50.Rg7 Kc4 51.Rc3+ Kb5 52.Rxg5+  
Ka4 53.Kc2 e3 54.Nc1 d5 55.Rxd5 Re4  
56.Nd3 Rc6 57.Rxc6 e2 58.b3+ Ka3  
59.Rc4 e1Q 60.Nxe1 1-0

GM Vinay Bhat (2555) –  
 FM Costin Cozianu (2466) [D30]  
 USCL Week 2 ICC, September 2, 2014  
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7  
 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.Rc1 dxc4  
 8.Qxc4 c5 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.e3  
 Bd7 12.Be2 Re8 13.0-0 Na4 14.Qg4+  
 Kh8 15.Rxc8 Qxc8 16.Bd3 Nxb2



Position after 16...Nxb2

17.Bxh7 Kxh7 18.Qh5+ Kg7 1/2-1/2

FM Curt Collyer (2302) –  
 GM Jesse Kraai (2589) [E20]  
 USCL Week 2 ICC, September 2, 2014  
 1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3  
 Be7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 0-0 8.b4 a5 9.b5 c5  
 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.Nge2 Nb6 12.0-0 Be6  
 13.g4



Position after 13.g4

13...Rc8 14.Qe1 Qc7 15.Nd1 Nc4 16.g5  
 Nh5 17.Qh4 g6 18.f4 f5 19.Bxc4 dxc4  
 20.Bb2 Rfd8 21.Qe1 Bf8 22.dxc5 Bf7  
 23.Nd4 Bxc5 24.Qc3 Bxd4 25.exd4 Rd5  
 26.Qd2 Rxb5 27.Nc3 Rxb2 28.Qxb2 Nxf4  
 29.Rad1 Nd5 30.Nxd5 Bxd5 31.Qb5 Qd8  
 32.Kf2 c3 33.Rfe1 c2



Position after 33...c2

34.Rc1 Bf7 35.Qd3 Qxg5 36.Rxc2 Qh4+  
 37.Kf1 Rxc2 38.Qxc2 Qxd4 39.Qc8+  
 Kg7 40.Re7 Qf4+ 41.Ke2 Qxh2+ 42.Kf1  
 Qh3+ 43.Kg1 Qg3+ 44.Kf1 Qd3+ 45.Kg1  
 Qd1+ 46.Kf2 Qd2+ 47.Kf1 Qd3+ 48.Kf2  
 Kf6 49.Rd7 Qxa3 50.Qh8+ Ke6 51.Qd4



Position after 51.Qd4

51...Qb4 52.Qd5+ Kf6 53.Qxf7+ Kg5  
 54.Qe7+ Qxe7 55.Rxe7 Kf4 56.Rxh7 b5  
 57.Ra7 1-0

FM Andy Lee (2361) –  
 NM Roland Feng (2305) [A43]  
 USCL Week 2 ICC, September 2, 2014  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 g6 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4  
 Bg7 6.h3 a6 7.a4 h6 8.Be3 Qa5 9.f3 0-0  
 10.Nge2 Nbd7 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.Nc1 Nh5  
 13.Kf2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Nd3 c4 16.Nf4  
 Nxf4 17.Bxf4



Position after 17.Bxf4

17...Qb6+ 18.Kg3 Qxb2 19.Re1 Bxc3  
 20.Rxe7+ Kg6 21.Qe2 Be5 22.Qxc4 Nb6  
 23.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 24.Rxe5 Nxc4 25.Re7  
 Nb6 26.c4 Nxa4 27.Kf4 Nc5 28.h4 Bd7  
 29.Rh3 Kf6 30.Re1 b5 0-1

FM David Golub (2270) –  
 Hans Niemann (2136) [D35]  
 USCL Week 2 ICC, September 2, 2014  
 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Be7  
 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 0-0? 7.h3 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5  
 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.g4 Ng6 12.Bh2  
 Bb4 13.a3 Bxc3+ 14.Qxc3 Ne4 15.Qc2



Position after 15.Qc2

15...Qe7 16.0-0-0 Bd7 17.Kb1 Rac8  
 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 h6 20.Rc1 Qh4  
 21.Rcf1 c5 22.f3 Ng5 23.Qg2 Ne6 24.f4  
 c4 25.Bc2 c3 26.f5 Nc5 27.f6 Ne4 28.b3  
 Qg5 29.Bf4 Qg6 30.Ka2 Bb5 31.Rd1 Bc6

32.fxg7 a5 33.Rd4 a4 34.b4 Bb5 35.Rhd1  
 Bc4+ 36.Ka1 Bb3 37.Bxe4 dxe4 38.Rc1  
 c2 39.Qxe4 Qxe4 40.Rxe4 Kxg7 41.Kb2  
 Red8 42.Rd4 Kg6 43.h4 h5 44.gxh5+  
 Kxh5 45.Bg5 Re8 46.Bf6 Rg8 47.Rd7  
 Rg3 48.Bg5 b6 49.Rd6 b5 50.Rb6 Kg4  
 51.Rxb5 Kf3 52.Rc5 Re8 53.Bf6 Reg8  
 54.Bg5 Ke2 55.b5 Rb8



Position after 55...Rb8

56.e6 Re8 57.e7 Rf3 58.b6 f6 59.Bf4 Rxe7  
 60.Rc7 Rxc7 61.bxc7 Be6 62.Rxc2+ 1-0

## Eastern Washington Open

By Kevin Korsmo

Spokane, WA — October 4-5, 2014

Michael Cambareri was a perfect 5.0 to win this year's Eastern Washington Open. Second place in the field of 35 with 4.0 scores were Brad Bodie, Dan Hochee, and Darren Russell. Brad and Darren shared the class A prizes, while Dan took home the biggest upset prize along with first prize in class C. Class B was won by Mark Anderson, who led a contingent of five from Montana's Blackfeet Community College, with a 3.5 score. Second in class B went to Steve Fabian, Kevin Korsmo, and Dan McCourt with 2.5 scores. Second in class C was shared by Dave Griffin and Alex Popescu with scores of 2.5. The class D and under section was won by Gary Solomon, who was returning to tournament chess for the first time in 40 years, with a strong score of 3.5. Pat Kirilin finished second in the class with 3.0.

The tournament started without a single upset in the first round, but that changed in the second round when draws on four of the top six boards narrowed the perfect scores down to four players after only two rounds. Those players met in round three, leaving Michael Cambareri and Jeremy Krasin alone at 3.0 after the first day's action. Michael prevailed Sunday morning, guaranteeing no worse than a tie for first as he stood a full point up on the field. He easily dispatched city champion Nikolay Bulakh, who had defeated him in the city championship match in August, to claim the EWO crown for the first time.

Hochee had a strong Sunday, pulling off



the two biggest upsets of the tourney in consecutive rounds. His round four upset over an opponent 342 points high than him was topped with a 405 point upset the next round. His weekend's work boosted his rating 145 points!

There were 11 players from Montana competing this weekend, giving the event a definite Big Sky flavor. Quite a few Spokane club members plan to return the favor at the Turkey Open in Missoula on November 8-9. Loyd Willaford ventured down from Colville to direct the event for the third consecutive year, which was once again played at Gonzaga's Schoenberg Center.



Joseph Razo from Montana. Photo credit: James Stripes



Brad Bodie against Alex Popescu (foreground) and Bob Rajala (Montana) v Darren Russell (rear board). Photo credit: James Stripes



Romie Carpenter (center), with Brad Bodie (white shirt) in foreground, Ron Weyland (red shirt) beside Romie, and Arlene Hiatt behind Romie. Photo credit: James Stripes

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# WASHINGTON CHESS FEDERATION



## Washington Class Championships A NW Grand Prix Event November 28-30, 2014

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

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**Washington Class Scholastic (Nov 28):** A separate flyer/entry form/online registration link will be published on the NWC website for this event, or contact: David Hendricks, WCF Scholastic Coordinator, 2439 220th Place NE, Sammamish, WA 98074-6418, phone: (425) 868-3881, e-mail: [DavidCHendricks@comcast.net](mailto:DavidCHendricks@comcast.net).



# Idaho Chess News

## Eastern Idaho Open

Eight players attended the 2014 Eastern Idaho Open chess tournament held at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho over the September 20-21, 2014 weekend. Jay Simonson was the chief tournament director and was assisted by Jeffrey Roland who saved the day by bringing the backup Idaho Chess Association (ICA) computer and printer which was used throughout the tournament. The tournament was rated by the United States Chess Federation (USCF).

Five players were registered in the Open Section with three players in the Reserve. It was decided to combine the players into one section for playing and pairing purposes so that five rounds could be played. The tournament director noted that it takes eight players to make a Swiss System tournament. Prizes and prize eligibility would be as if the sections were not combined.

In the Open Section, the winner was 10-year-old Jacob Nathan of Idaho Falls with a score of 4/5 (last year he was last place, but this year he jumped all the way to first place.) Jay Simonson noted that he thought that this was the youngest player ever to win the Eastern Idaho Open since its inception in 1958. There was a three-

way tie for second-fourth place between Gary Owen of Evanston, Wyoming (2003 champion,) Jeffrey Roland of Boise (2013 champion,) and Clinton Reid of Meridian with 3.5/5 points each.

In the Reserve Section, the winner was Brian Curtis of Pocatello with a score of 2/5. Second place was Joe Avila of Pocatello with 1/5, and Terry Brower of Pocatello was third place with 0/5.

The event was well advertised appearing in *Chess Life* magazine as well as the USCF online TLA announcements. It was in two issues of *Northwest Chess* magazine as well as the Northwest Chess website and calendar. It was on the Idaho Clearinghouse Calendar for about nine months and in the Upcoming Events on the ICA website for the same length of time. Jeffrey Roland made postings on Facebook and gave it good word-of-mouth promotion at the Boise Chess Club. At the request of Jay Simonson, Jeffrey Roland also sent a mass e-mail to ICA members and others, personally promoting the event. And it was even promoted on a local Pocatello television station, which is where Joe Avila heard of the event.

Yet with all this promotion, only eight players came. So what can be learned from this as an organizer and promoter of chess? The word does need to get out about the

tournament, which it did. But in the end it really all gets down to one thing. Those who want to play, will. Those who don't want to play, will not. The eight players who came to this event all wanted to play, and thus, all had a great time.

One can always wonder what would have happened if more players had come. But one must appreciate reality—what is or what was. What happened is what happened. This is why each tournament is unique, different, and special. It's like a "pot luck," you just never know what you are going to get. Chess is a game where everything matters, and this includes who plays in the events—everything. Perfect chess was not played at this event, far from it. But the challenge and competition was still ever-present.

The ICA has always supported chess in eastern Idaho. Our first president and founder, the late Mel Schubert, was an instructor in speech and drama at what was then Idaho State College in Pocatello in 1947 when the ICA was founded. The late Eugene Cowan of Driggs (ICA president three years from 1965-1967) actually organized and directed the first Eastern Idaho Open in 1958. Jay Simonson of Idaho Falls (ICA president in 2004, and 2008-2012) is another big promoter of chess in eastern Idaho.



L-R: Jeffrey Roland, Gary Owen, Clinton Reid, Brian Curtis, Joe Avila, Jay Simonson, Chris Amen, Jacob Nathan, Terry Brower.  
Photo credit: Richard Nathan.

**Brian Curtis –  
Clinton M Reid (1522) [D02]**  
Eastern Idaho Open Pocatello, ID  
(R1), September 20, 2014  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.a3 h6 5.Nc3  
a6 6.Be5 Bd6 7.e3 Nc6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Bd3  
Bd7 10.Qd2 b5?!

10...g5!? 11.h3 h5 =+

11.b4

11.0-0 =

11...a5 12.Nxb5 axb4 13.Nxd6+

13.a4 =

13...cxd6 14.a4 e5 15.dxe5 dxe5



Position after 15...dxe5

16.Bb5

16.Rd1!? 0-0 (16...e4? 17.Bxe4) 17.Bb5  
Rad8 =+.



Analysis

(Diagram analysis after 17...Rad8)

A fantasy variation: 18.Qxd5 e4! 19.Qxe4  
Bf5! 20.Qxc6 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Qa1+  
22.Kd2 Qxh1 23.Nd4 b3! 24.cxb3 Rc8!  
25.Nxf5 (Forced.) 25...Rxc6 26.Bxc6 and  
the material imbalance is still interesting.

16...e4 17.Nd4 0-0?!

17...Nxd4! 18.Bxd7+ Kxd7 19.exd4 (19.  
Qxd4? Qxd4 20.exd4 Rhc8 21.Kd2 Rc4 .)  
19...Rhc8



Analysis

(Diagram analysis after 19...Rhc8)



L-R: Brian Curtis, Clinton Reid. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

20.0-0 (20.Qxb4 Qa6 is asking for trouble.)  
20...Rc4 21.Rfd1 Ra5! is quite nice for  
Black.

18.Bxc6 Bxc6 19.0-0 Bxa4 20.Ra2 Bd7  
21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Qxb4 Qa6 23.f3?!

23.Rb1 +=

23...Qa3

23...exf3 =+

24.Qd2?!

24.Qxa3 Rxa3 25.Kf2 =

24...exf3 25.Rxf3 Qb2



Position after 25...Qb2

26.Rg3??

26.Rf1 =+

26...Ra1+ 27.Kf2 Qb1 28.Qe2

28.Rf3 Qg1+ 29.Kg3 Ra6!

28...Qg1+ 29.Kf3 Rf1+ 30.Qxf1 Qxf1#  
0-1

**Joe L Avila (737) –  
Gary Owen (1581) [A01]**  
Eastern Idaho Open Pocatello, ID  
(R1), September 20, 2014  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0  
5.f4 d5 6.Be2?!

6.Nf3

6...Nc6 7.Bb5?!

7.Nf3

7...Bg4

7...d4! 8.Na4 Qd5

8.Nf3 Ne4

8...d4! e.g., 9.Ne2 dxe3 10.dxe3 Nb4.

9.Qe2?

9.d4 =+

9...Nb4 10.0-0-0?

But 10.0-0 Nxc2.

10...a6 11.Bd3 Nxc3 12.dxc3 Nxa2+  
13.Kb1

13.Kd2 is not much of an improvement.

13...Nxc3+ 14.Bxc3 Bxc3 15.h3



Position after 15.h3

15...c5! 16.Bc4 Qa5 0-1

**Clinton M Reid (1522) –  
Jeffrey R Roland (1781) [D92]**  
Eastern Idaho Open Pocatello, ID  
(R2), September 20, 2014  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 c6 5.Nf3  
Bg7 6.h3

6.e3 reduces the chance that Black might





L-R: Clinton Reid, Jeffrey Roland at the start of their game. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland (a frame taken from video footage using a tri-pod.)

successfully take the c4-pawn. White need not worry about 6...Nh5?! 7.Be5 f6?, since 8.Bxb8 Rxb8 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Qa4+ wins material.

**6...0-0**

6...dxc4 unclear/=.

**7.Qd2?!**

7.e3 +=.

**7...Nbd7**

7...dxc4 unclear/=+.

**8.Bh6?**

8.cxd5 cxd5 9.e3 Ne4!? is about equal.

**8...dxc4**

Or 8...Ne4! 9.Nxe4 Bxh6! 10.Qxh6 dxe4 11.Ng5?! (11.Nd2 Qb6) 11...Qa5+ 12.Kd1 Nf6 and both sides must watch their kings, but Black is happier.

**9.e4 b5 10.e5 Nd5 11.Bxg7**

11.h4 is a standard plan to bring the rook into play. Taking on g7 first allows Black to bring more defense to the h-file.

**11...Kxg7 12.h4 N7b6**

12...f6!?

**13.h5 Rh8 14.h6+ Kg8 15.Be2 Nxc3 16.bxc3 f6 17.0-0 Qf8**

17...Kf7

**18.Rfe1 g5?**

18...a6 waits.

**19.exf6 exf6**

[Diagram top of next column]

**20.Nxg5??**



Position after 19...exf6

20.Ne5! Qxh6 (20...Qd6 21.Nf7! Kxf7 22.Bh5+ wins.) 21.Nxc6 Bd7 22.Bf3. White seems certain to at least regain the pawn and maintain a big positional plus.

**20...Qxh6 21.Bxc4+??**

21.Ne4 Qxd2 22.Nxd2 Be6 23.a4. White has adequate compensation for the pawn.

**21...Nxc4 22.Re8+ Kg7 23.Re7+ Kg6 24.Qf4 Bf5**

24...Qxg5

**25.Qc7?**



Position after 25.Qc7

**25...fxg5??**

25...Rhc8! 26.Qg3 (26.Qb7 Kxg5 27.Rg7+ Bg6) 26...fxg5

**26.Qxc6+ Kh5 27.g4+ Bxg4 28.Qh1+ Kg6**

**29.Qc6+?**

29.Qe4+! Kh5 30.Kg2! Bh3+ 31.Kxh3 Nd6 32.Qe2+ Kg6+ 33.Kg2 Qh4 (33... Qf8 34.Re6+ Kf7 (34...Kf5 35.d5) 35.Qe5 and White has decisive attack: 35...Ne8? 36.Re1 Kg8 37.Qd5, for example.) 34.Rh1 Qf4 35.Qe6+ Qf6 36.Rh6+

1/2-1/2

## Barnes & Noble September Blitz Tournament

By Barry Eacker

Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Twin Falls, Idaho hosted the 2014 September Blitz tournament on September 9, 2014. Nineteen players from southern Idaho attended the event which saw Fred Bartell of Twin Falls sweep the tourney with a 6/6 score. Adam Porth of Bellevue took clear second with 4/6, losing only to Bartell in round three. Gary Dugger of Twin Falls snagged third place scoring 3.5/6, winning on tie breaks over James Wray of Filer and Kaden Rinehart of Hailey.

Participants attending the event included nine first time players. Six of the newbies were students from the Silver Creek





L-R: Desmond Porth, Barry Eacker, Matt Larson. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

Alternative School Chess Club in Hailey under the tutelage of Adam Porth. Three new players joined in from the Twin Falls area. The event format was 6-round double-round Swiss with players alternating colors and the overall result counting as one

round. This variant was recommended by Adam Porth and heartily embraced by the players. Great way to get lots of games. Ratings by Rocky Mountain Chess were based on this result.

Idaho. Also a big thank you to the Blaine County School District Chess Rage for traveling often to these events. Thanks to all players who participated. Event sponsored by Idaho Chess Union and Magic Valley Chess Club. Great pictures were submitted by Adam Porth. Barry Eacker was the tournament director.

Many thanks to Barnes and Noble for their continuing support of chess in Southern



Kaden Rinehart. Photo credit: Adam Porth



L-R: Nick Kane, Abby Shiner. Photo credit: Adam Porth



## Candidates for 2015 Offices

The 2015 Annual Business Meeting of the Idaho Chess Association (ICA) will be held at Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2015.

The ICA Bylaws encourages candidates to Board positions to announce their candidacy at least 45 days in advance of the elections and for ICA Membership to be notified at least 30 days in advance of the election.

The following are the candidates' declarations, records, and a short statement from the candidate as to why they want to be elected in 2015.

### President: Jeffrey Roland

Declared on October 9, 2014

*ICA President in 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1999, 2000, 2005, 2006, 2007, part of 2008, 2013, 2014. Vice President in 1993 and 1994. Trustee for Web Development and Maintenance in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Idaho Scholastic Director on numerous occasions and has been involved in setting up and running the official Idaho Scholastic tournaments for over 30 years. Current Webmaster since 2006. Editor of Idaho Chess News (1982-1989 + 1999). Idaho Chess Historian. Official Idaho Clearinghouse for USCF from 2006 to present. USCF Tournament Director from 1984 to present. Northwest Chess Board Member from August, 2011 to present. Assistant Editor of Northwest Chess (the official publication of the ICA) magazine from August, 2012 to November, 2012. Editor of Northwest Chess from December, 2012 to present. USCF Voting Delegate for Idaho on numerous occasions.*

When a term ends, the question is always asked, "to run, or not to run?" The answer to that question is almost always that it is easier to not run, to let someone else do it, that I'm tired and exhausted, that I want to play and not work. But that is not the

answer to which I keep coming.

For me, I keep coming up with "I'm not done yet. There is still much more to do!" And I want to be a part of it. I see the value of the ICA and also of *Northwest Chess*, and I know that chess is not for only the top players, but for all players. It is a game to be enjoyed by everyone. Tournaments are a great way for all of us to meet, interact, compete, and enjoy the many talents we bring to one another through chess and as friends.

Bottom line and simply put, I have come to the conclusion that I'm not done yet and will run for another two-year term as President of the ICA starting in 2015.

Jeffrey Roland

### Vice President: Adam Porth

Declared on October 9, 2014

*Secretary/Treasurer in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012. Vice-President in 2013, 2014. USCF Tournament Director from 2009 to present.*

I formally wish to announce my candidacy to the Idaho Chess Association for the position of Vice President of the ICA. This past year, I have been very active organizing chess events and collaborating with other board members about tournament protocols. I have only missed two ICA events this past year and plan to attend every ICA event this next year. At these tournaments, I have offered my knowledge of rules and coaching. I enhanced our website by taking pictures and writing news articles and also supported other chess organizations like the Master's Academy, The BCSD Chess Rage, the Boise Chess Club, the Magic Valley Chess Club, and the Idaho Chess Union. My enthusiasm for scholastic chess has encouraged numerous younger players to also enter the major ICA events. The ICA Blitz Championship is new to Idaho due to my persuasion and I feel that I offer the ICA ideas that foster professionalism and responsibility. This next year I plan to spearhead online registration, continue to encourage fiscal responsibility, and to enhance partnerships

with local organizations that bring chess to other communities.

Adam Porth

### Secretary/Treasurer: Jay Simonson

Declared on October 11, 2014

*Secretary/Treasurer in 2001, 2002, 2013, 2014. Vice-President in 2003, 2006, 2007, part of 2008. Trustee for Tournament Development in 2005, part of 2006. President in 2004, for part of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012. USCF Tournament Director from 2002 to present.*

My very first Chess tournament was the Idaho Closed in Y2K (2000). When I attended my very first Business meeting for the Idaho Chess Association that year, Jeff Roland asked if anyone could take minutes of the meeting. I said that I could. The next year, I was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Since then I have served as President, Vice President, and Trustee for Tournament Development. I have been privileged to be an officer or member of the Board of Directors ever since that first election in 2001.. Last year I was appointed as Secretary/Treasurer when the post was vacant due to resignation of the elected officer. That appointment was confirmed at the 2014 Business meeting as I was elected to complete the remaining term of office.

I have been honored and proud to serve as an officer or board member (as well as a Tournament Director) since shortly after joining the ICA. I appreciate all of the support I have received from everyone in whatever capacity I have served. I am announcing my candidacy for the position of Secretary/Treasurer in the 2015 elections and ask for your support. I can't promise any revolutionary new programs or innovations, but I can promise that I will be honored to serve the Idaho Chess Association members to the best of my abilities. If elected, I promise to SERVE, plain and simple.

Thank you,

Jay Simonson

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# Oregon Chess News

## Portland CC Game/60

By Brian Berger

September 27, 2014 — Portland, OR.

For the first time in a long while, cloudy cool morning weather greeted players attending the Portland Chess Club's monthly Game 60. Early arrivals found Chief TD Neil Dale, being assisted by Mike Morris, busy processing entries. Neil's demeanor, surprisingly upbeat as he acknowledged the slow drift-in of registers, gave hope that his recent sojourn had given him peace of mind and a balanced equilibrium.

Alas, once the trigger words, "I preregistered," issued forth from the first unwary player, it was demeanor-schmuneator for Neil, whose pre-sojourn surliness reached stratospheric proportions, in a torrent of testiness; to wit: "That don't mean nothin' to me. If I don't see your body and money, you're not registered! Who the \*@## put this jack@\*\* preregistration on line?" (Note: no young ears were present at this cathartic outburst.)

Now that Neil was back to his old self, any mention of those unmentionable words would elicit instant reprisal, in the form of a linguistic licking. And so the registration progressed, until the last to register walked



(L) Gavin Zhang vs Phillip Seitzer. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

meekly away. A short time later the tournament was underway, with 26 players hovering over their boards, in individual contortions of concentration.

Along with the much awaited cooler weather, came a much missed Nick Raptis,

who threw his hat (rating) in the ring to be an object of desire for lesser mortals. Perhaps lured back to challenge the 2173 rated Phillip Seitzer, it was a never-to-be-fought match. Instead, in the 3rd round, the young Candidate Master, Jason Cigan, was somehow able to find a chink in Nick's

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(L) Rhul Majmudar vs David Murray. Photo credit: Brian Berger.





*Jerrold Richards and Morgan the Dog. Photo credit: Brian Berger.*

near impenetrable, analytic armor, forcing him to resign. Oddly, Jason also did not play Phillip, but drew for 1st place with him, each turning in 4 wins, and taking home \$65.

Not the most auspicious homecoming for Nick, he had to settle for a tie for 3rd with Lennart Bjorksten, each with 3 points. Perhaps worst than the loss to Jason was the payout Nick received for splitting 3rd—\$20. And Jeff Austin, a young player

who showed his growing strength in the recent Oregon Open, by beating and drawing some highly rated opponents, also came in with 3 points, but was awarded \$46 as the best U1800 player—more than twice the dollar amount that went to our resident FIDE Master.

Although not in the money for best U1800, Gavin Zhang showed great poise

for a very young player, when he was paired against the tournament's overall winner, Phillip Seitzer, in the first round. Out-gunned by nearly 500 rating points, Gavin took the game to the final seconds on the clock, both players blitzing their moves. Under time pressure errors were made,



*Jason Cigan looking over the the final position against Nick Raptis. Photo credit: Brian Berger.*





3rd round play--note Raptis and Cigan in the far left corner. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

Gavin eventually losing, but exhibiting great skill while doing so—a young player giving a hint of a strong, developing talent.

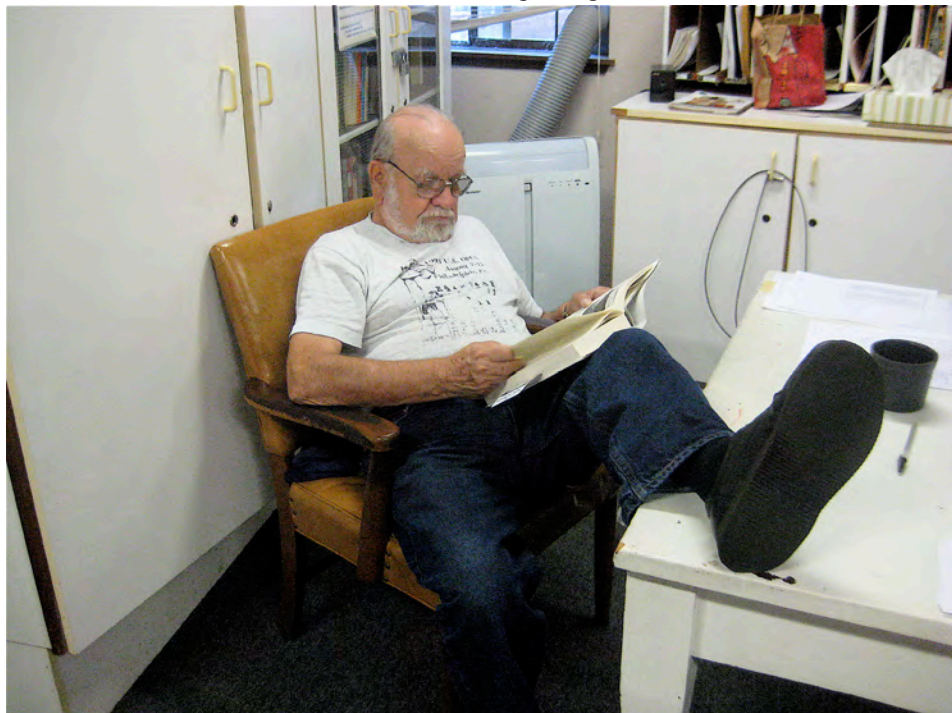
Lastly, there were three winners in the U1500 category: Praveer Sharan (who in terrible time trouble in an end game—only two minutes on his clock—showed me

where I went wrong in a classic passed pawn ending, where I had allowed my king no safe haven from a rook check, and the promotion of his flank pawn), Jack Mc Clain and Neilson Lee, each taking home \$15 for 2 points.

A passing mention must be made of Jerrold

Richards and Morgan the Dog, because it helps confirm a growing suspicion that Morgan plays a significant role in how well his master does at tournaments. Unlike in recent tournaments where Morgan's meanderings were (we suspect) information gathering missions—e.g. where best to observe games in progress, determine weaknesses in possible opponents, to later develop strategic ideas to improve Jerrold's play—this tournament found Morgan suffering from some intestinal ailment that curtailed his normal investigative wanderings.

It might be just a coincidence, but Jerrold's play was off that day, showing none of his growing prowess so evident in his recent, elevated performances—unlucky?, lacking attention?, fate?—you decide.



TD Neil Dale reading a book on How to wrestle Crocodiles.. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



Mike Morris doing parings. Photo credit: Brian Berger.





(L) Chris Burris vs Sean O'Connell. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



(L) Arliss Dietz vs Mark Braverman. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

## More Games from the Oregon Open

**Viktors Pupols (2200) – Derek Zhang (1924) [A90]**  
Oregon Open Portland, OR (R5), September 1, 2014  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nh3 c6 6.0-0 Bd6 7.b3 Qe7 8.a4 a5



Position after 8...a5

9.Ba3 0-0 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nd2 b6 12.Nf3 Bb7 13.Nf4 Na6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Ne5 Nb4 16.Nfd3

16.Qd2 or; 16.Rc1

16...Rfc8 17.Rc1 Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Rc8 19.Qa1 Rc2 20.Rc1 Rxe2?!

20...Qc7 is equal.

21.Qc3

21.Nxb4 Qxb4 22.Bf3! Rxe5 (22...Rd2? 23.Rc7 Ba6 24.Ra7) 23.dxe5 Ne4 24.Bxe4 (24.Rc7?! Qd2! 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Rxb7 e3! forces a draw.) 24...Qxe4 25.Re1 Qb4 and Black has almost enough for the exchange.

21...Ne4 22.Qc7 Qxc7 23.Rxc7 Nxd3 24.Bf1

[Diagram top of next column]

24...Re1?

24...Nxe5! 25.Bxe2 Ba6! 26.Bxa6 Nf3+ 27.Kg2 Nxd4 and Black has compensation.

25.Nxd3 Rb1 26.Rxb7 Nd2 27.Rb8+ Kf7



Position after 24.Bf1

28.Ne5+ Kf6?

28...Ke7, while still favoring White, is still a struggle.

29.Kg2 Nxf1

29...Rxf1 30.Rb7 will shortly force Black to give up the exchange on e5 with a completely lost ending.



Position after 29...Nxf1

30.h4

30.Rb7 is more accurate, keeping the black king in the net, e.g. 30...Kg5 31.Rxg7+ Kh6 (31...Kf6 32.Rxh7 intending h4 and Rf7#.) 32.Rg8 Kh5 33.h4 h6 34.Nd7 and mate is inevitable.

30...g5??

30...Ke7 escapes the net, though White's pieces still dominate the landscape.

31.Rb7 gxh4 32.gxh4 1-0

**Nick Raptis (2382) – Aaron Grabinsky (2270) [C01]**  
Oregon Open Portland, OR (R5), September 1, 2014  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 e6

Dana Muller used to play this move order, and after 2.e4 claim he was tricked into the French (2...d5). Or if 2.c4, he was tricked into the Dutch (2...f5)!

2.Nf3 b6?!

But now Black is tricked into Owen's Defense, which isn't nearly as reputable as the French or Dutch.

3.e4 d5 4.exd5!

While fitting in nicely in some lines, such as the Advance French, ...b6 is inconsistent with the Exchange variation.

4...Qxd5 5.c4 Qd8 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Rad1 a6 12.Rfe1 Re8 13.Ne5



Position after 13.Ne5

13...Nf8

13...Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd7 looks pretty risky, but so does the text. It's clear that White has won the battle of opening ideas, perhaps as early as move three.

14.Bc2

14.c5!? Nd5 15.c6 Bc8 (15...Bxg5? 16.cxb7 Rb8 17.Nc6) 16.Qh5 with a strong attack. 16...Bxg5? gets mated: 17.Bxh7+! Nxh7 18.Qxf7+ Kh8 19.Ng6#

14...N6d7 15.Bf4 Ng6 16.Bg3 Bb4 17.Ba4 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Ngxe5 19.dxe5 c6 20.Rd6 20.Rd4!?

20...Qc7 21.Red1 Nc5 22.Bc2 Rad8 23.Qh5 g6

23...h6 24.R1d4! and White will bring overwhelming force to bear on the kingside.

24.Qh6 Rxd6 25.exd6 Qd7 26.Be5 f5 27.h4

27.Rb1! b5 28.Qe3 Na4 29.c5 +-. Both of Black's minor pieces are buried alive.

27...Qf7 28.f4 Nd7 29.Rd3



Position after 29.Rd3

29...Nf6

29...Nxe5 30.fxe5 Qg7 31.Qxg7+ Kxg7 32.d7! Rd8 33.Rd6 Kf7 34.c5! bxc5 35.Bb3 looks decisive for White.

30.h5 c5

30...Nxb5 31.Qg5 Bc8 32.Rh3 Ng7 33.Qh6 Nh5 34.Bd1 Nf6 35.Bxf6 Qxf6 36.d7 Bxd7 37.Qxh7+ Kf8 38.Qxd7 Rd8 39.Rh8+ wins.

31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Rg3 1-0

Abhinav Brahmarouthu (1719) – David Elliot Dussome (1832) [B51] Oregon Open (Reserve) Portland, OR (R5), September 1, 2014 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.0-0 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Ne2 Nf6 9.Ng3 0-0 10.Re1 Re8 11.c4 Rb8 12.Rb1 Nd7 13.Nf5 Nf8 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.b3 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Ne6 18.Be3 Nd4 19.Bxd4 cxd4 20.Qg4 Rb7 21.f4 Reb8 22.Re2 a5 23.Reb2 c5 =+.



Position after 23...c5

A very unusual — and very cool — pawn structure.

24.f5 a4 25.Qd1 Qg5 26.Kh1 g6 27.fxg6 fxg6 28.a3 Qg3 29.b4 cxb4 30.Qxa4

Qxd3 31.Rxb4?

31.Qc6!?

31...Qxb1+?

31...Rxb4! 32.Rxb4 Qf1+ 33.Kh2 Qf4+ 34.Kg1 Rf8. Black has a significant advantage.

32.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 33.Kh2 d3 34.Qd7 d2 35.Qe6+



Position after 35.Qe6+

35...Kf8??

35...Kh8 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Qe6+ is a logical end for this game.

36.Qxd6+ Ke8 37.Qxe5+ Kf8 38.Qd6+ Kg7 39.Qxd2 Kf6 40.c5 R8b2 41.Qc3+ Kg5 42.c6 Rb3 43.Qc5+ Kh4 44.Qf2+ Kh5 45.c7 Kh6 1-0

Gavin Zhang (1633) – Masakazu Shimada (1712) [B22] Oregon Open (Reserve) Portland, OR (R5), September 1, 2014 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.e5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Re1 Nge7 8.d3 Ng6 9.Qe2 b6 10.Na3 a6 11.Nc2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Bb7 13.d4 b5 14.Bd3 0-0-0 15.Be3 c4 16.Be4 Qa5 17.Rec1 Nge7



Position after 17...Nge7

18.Bd2

18.Ng5!

18...Nd5 19.Ne3 Nf4 20.Qf1 Nd5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Nf5 g6 23.Ng3 Be7 24.Bg5 Bxg5 25.Nxg5 Rdf8 26.Qe2 h6 27.Nf3 Qc7 28.Nf1 Kb8 29.Ne3 Ne7 30.Rcb1 Qd7 31.Qb2 Rc8 32.a4 Bc6 33.Qa3 Kc7 34.axb5 Bxb5

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Position after 34...Bxb5

35.Qc5+

35.Qa5+ Kc6 36.e6!

35...Kd8 36.Qd6 Rc6 37.Qxd7+ Kxd7  
38.Ne1 Rb6 39.N1c2 Rhb8 40.Nb4 Ke6  
41.Ra3 h5 42.Rba1 Ra8 43.h4 Ra7  
44.g3 Rab7 45.Nxa6 Bxa6 46.Rxa6 Kd7  
47.Rxb6 Rxb6



Position after 47...Rxb6

48.Rc1

48.Ra7+

48...Kc6 49.Kg2 Rb3 50.Nd1 Ne8 51.Kf3  
Nb6 52.Ke3 Kb5 53.Rc2 Ra3 54.Kd2  
Kc6 55.Rc1 Kd7 56.Ke3 Ke6 57.Kf4 Na4  
58.Kf3 Ke7 59.Ke3 Ke6 60.Kd2 Ra2+  
61.Rc2 Ra1 62.Ne3 Ra3 63.Ng2 Kf5 64.f3

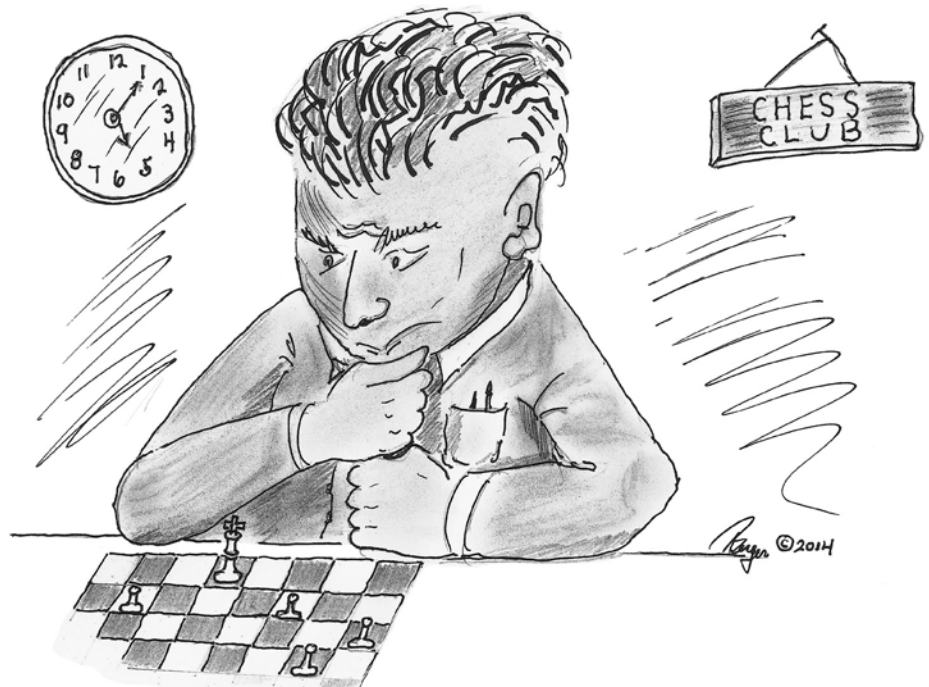


Position after 64.f3

64...Ke6 65.Nf4+ Kd7 66.Nxd5 Ra1  
67.Rc1 Ra2+ 68.Ke3 Ke6 69.Ke4 Re2+  
70.Ne3 Nb6 71.Kf4 f6 72.exf6 Kxf6 73.g4  
hgx4 74.fgx4 Rf2+ 75.Kg3 Rd2 76.Rb1  
Na4 77.Rf1+ Ke6 78.Nxc4 Nxc3 79.Nxd2  
1-0

Roland Eagles (1719) –  
Abinav Brahmarouthu (1745) [D02]  
Oregon Open (Reserve) Portland, OR  
(R6), September 1, 2014

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.Bg5  
h6 6.Bf4 c5 7.c3 Qb6 8.b3 Nc6 9.0-0 Be7  
10.e3 Ne4 11.Nfd2 Nxd2 12.Nxd2 g5



HAVING LOST HIS TWO ROOKS, TWO BISHOPS, TWO KNIGHTS AND HIS QUEEN, BERNARD SEARCHED IN ERNEST FOR A DRAW.



Position after 12...g5

13.Be5 f6 14.dxc5 Qd8 15.Bd6 Bxd6  
16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.Qh5+ Ke7 18.e4 dxe4  
19.Nxe4 Qc7 20.Rad1 Ne5



Position after 20...Ne5

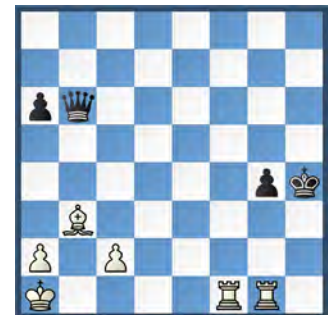
21.Rfe1??

21.h3

21...Bg4 22.Nxf6 Bxh5 23.Nxh5 Rad8  
24.Rd4 Qxc3 25.Rde4 Nf3+ 26.Bxf3 Qxf3  
27.Rxe6+ Kd7 28.Re7+ Kc8 0-1

Karl Joseph Wallulis (1183) –  
Jazon Samillano (1572) [B76]  
Oregon Open (Reserve) Portland, OR  
(R6), September 1, 2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6  
9.0-0-0 d5 10.Qe1 e5 11.Nxc6 bxc6  
12.exd5 cxd5 13.Bg5 Qa5 14.Qxe5 Re8  
15.Qf4 d4 16.Rxd4 Nh5 17.Re4 Nxf4  
18.Rxe8+ Bf8 19.Bxf4 Bb7 20.Re5 Qb4  
21.Bg5 Rb8 22.Rb5 Qd4 23.Be2 Qf2  
24.Bf4 Qxg2 25.Re1 Qf2 26.Bg3 Qe3+  
27.Kb1 Qe8 28.Bd3 Qc8 29.Bxb8 a6  
30.Rb3 Qxb8 31.Bc4 Qxh2 32.Rxb7  
Qf2 33.Rd1 h5 34.Bd5 h4 35.Bxf7+ Kg7  
36.Be6+ Kh6 37.Bg8 Bg7 38.Rb4 h3  
39.f4 Bxc3 40.bxc3 Qf3 41.Rbd4 Qxc3  
42.R4d3 Qb4+ 43.Rb3 Qxf4 44.Rxh3+  
Kg7 45.Bb3 Qg4 46.Rhd3 Qg2 47.Rd7+  
Kh6 48.Ra7 Qe2 49.Rc1 g5 50.Rh1+ Kg6  
51.Bf7+ Kf5 52.Bb3 Kf4 53.Rf7+ Kg4  
54.Bd5 Qb5+ 55.Bb3 Qb6 56.Ka1 Kg3  
57.Rff1 g4 58.Rhg1+ Kh4



Position after 58...Kh4

59.Rg2 Kg5 60.Rfg1 Kf4 61.Rxg4+ Ke3  
62.R1g3+ Kd2 63.Rd3+ Ke2 64.Rg2+ Kf1  
65.Rdd2 Qf6+ 66.Kb1 Qc3 67.Bd5 Qb4+  
68.Kc1 Qa3+ 69.Kd1 Qe3 70.Rdf2+ Qxf2  
71.Rxf2+ Kxf2 72.Kd2 a5 73.c4 1-0

# 2014 Elena Donaldson Akhmylovskaja Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

by Murlin Varner, underemployed math teacher

Things are getting very exciting in the Grand Prix. As the year rapidly dwindles, many sections are very, very close. Attendance at a single extra event could be all it takes to make a difference. In Idaho, the people in 2nd place in every section are leading by 3 or fewer points. A good result in a multiplier event could allow someone to take over a cash spot, or build a more comfortable lead. Prizes will go to the wire in so many places come December. In Oregon, second place in classes X, A and B are also within three points, and Washington's first class X and second C and D are also in the same position.

As for first overall, after Stephen Buck took over first in Washington by a single point last month, Ralph Anthony has reclaimed his lead this month by an even narrower margin, 191 to 190.5. Oregon's leader, Mike Hasuike, is holding on to an eight point lead over Nick Raptis, but has attended nine more events to accomplish this. Idaho's Brad Bodie leads Jeff Roland by just six, again by participating in more events. The question there is will we finish the year with the long distance Spokane /Southern Idaho competition, or will one of them decide to travel to something big, like the Oregon or Washington Class? Multiplier events can do a lot to overtake or to increase a lead.

Between the time of this writing and the time you get to read it, the month of October will have provided six additional events to shake up these standings, including the 2x Washington Challengers' Cup and the 3x Portland Fall Open. November will have the largest event remaining on our schedule, the above mentioned Washington Class in Lynnwood (4x). Two additional multipliers (2x) will be the Oregon Class and Seattle Chess Club Extravaganza. Five single value events will round out the month, in Twin Falls, Seattle, Portland, and Spokane.

Our record for players in the Grand Prix was set at 651 in 2012. Since we are at 649 at the time of this writing, we will have surpassed that record before you get to read this drivel. Our next multiplier event, the Portland Fall Open, will set a new record for high prize fund events in the GP, with a number more still to happen before year's end. We should also set records this year for the most entries into GP events and total GP events, too.

The standings below are current through October 6th.

## Northwest Grand Prix Standings

| Idaho              |           |      | Oregon         |           |      | Washington |           |       |
|--------------------|-----------|------|----------------|-----------|------|------------|-----------|-------|
| last               | first     | pts. | last           | first     | pts. | last       | first     | pts.  |
| <b>Masters</b>     |           |      |                |           |      |            |           |       |
|                    |           |      | 1 Raptis       | Nick      | 162  | 1 Pupols   | Viktors   | 151   |
|                    |           |      | 2 Grabinsky    | Aaron     | 54   | 2 Lessler  | Peter     | 124.5 |
|                    |           |      | 3 Haessler     | Carl A    | 36   | 3 Feng     | Roland    | 109.5 |
|                    |           |      | 4 Russell      | Corey J   | 13.5 | 4 Golub    | David     | 80    |
|                    |           |      | 5 Gay          | Daniel Z  | 5    | 5 He       | Samuel    | 56    |
| <b>Experts</b>     |           |      |                |           |      |            |           |       |
|                    |           |      | 1 Bjorksten    | Lennart   | 66.5 | 1 Bartron  | Paul R    | 126   |
|                    |           |      | 2 Heywood      | Bill      | 46   | 2 Nagase   | Toshihiro | 125   |
|                    |           |      | 3 Cigan        | Jason     | 45.5 | 3 He       | Anthony B | 111   |
|                    |           |      | 4 Parnon       | Calvin J  | 29   | 4 Smith    | Micah     | 96.5  |
|                    |           |      | 5 Roring       | Tres      | 24   | 5 Nagase   | Masayuki  | 72    |
| <b>Class A</b>     |           |      |                |           |      |            |           |       |
|                    |           |      | 1 Austin       | Jeff J    | 66.5 | 1 Buck     | Stephen J | 190.5 |
|                    |           |      | 2 Brahmarouthu | Abhinav   | 61   | 2 Zhang    | Eric M    | 117   |
|                    |           |      | 3 Goffe        | Michael P | 59.5 | 3 Olson    | Travis J  | 109.5 |
|                    |           |      | 4 Gaikwad      | Dagadu B  | 56.5 | 4 Zhang    | Brendan   | 104.5 |
|                    |           |      | 5 Talyansky    | Seth D    | 51.5 | 5 Ramasamy | Vikram    | 99    |
| <b>M/X/Class A</b> |           |      |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 1 Bodie            | Brad      | 55   |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 2 Leslie           | Cameron D | 25   |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 3 Kircher          | Caleb P   | 23   |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 4 Havrilla         | Mark A    | 18.5 |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 5 Gorman           | Cody A    | 17.5 |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| <b>Class B</b>     |           |      |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 1 Roland           | Jeffrey T | 49   |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 2 Inman            | James     | 16   |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 3 Hamilton         | Brett B   | 15.5 |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 3 Edvalson         | Paul      | 15.5 |                |           |      |            |           |       |
| 3 Buus             | Jarod N   | 15.5 |                |           |      |            |           |       |



| Idaho                            |              |           | Oregon                   |       |              | Washington               |       |      |           |           |       |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|--------------|--------------------------|-------|------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| last                             | first        | pts.      | last                     | first | pts.         | last                     | first | pts. |           |           |       |
| <b>Class C</b>                   |              |           | <b>Class B</b>           |       |              | <b>Class C</b>           |       |      |           |           |       |
| 1                                | Weyland      | Ronald M  | 41.5                     | 1     | Berger       | Brian F                  | 84.5  | 1    | Anthony   | Ralph J   | 191   |
| 2                                | Amen         | Chris     | 16.5                     | 2     | Doddapaneni  | Venkat S                 | 65    | 2    | Thomas    | Arjun     | 91    |
| 3                                | Lombardi     | George    | 13.5                     | 3     | Zhang        | Gavin                    | 64.5  | 3    | Padhi     | Pratik    | 80    |
| 4                                | Zaklan       | David A   | 12.5                     | 4     | Wu           | Ethan                    | 63.5  | 4    | Raffel    | Brian     | 80    |
| 5                                | Lang         | Jamie     | 10.5                     | 5     | Shimada      | Masakazu                 | 52    | 5    | Jones     | Davey V   | 78    |
| <b>Class D</b>                   |              |           | <b>Class C</b>           |       |              | <b>Class D and Below</b> |       |      |           |           |       |
| 1                                | Jaroski      | Jeffrey A | 29.5                     | 1     | Hasuike      | Mike L                   | 170   | 1    | Piper     | August    | 113.5 |
| 2                                | Nathan       | Jacob A   | 14                       | 2     | Dietz        | Arliss                   | 50.5  | 2    | Rajagopal | Maneesh   | 63    |
| 3                                | Faulkner     | Graeme K  | 11                       | 3     | Patel        | Kian                     | 43.5  | 3    | Ruan      | Evan      | 63    |
| 4                                | Handeen      | Bjorn J   | 10.5                     | 4     | Booth        | Liam K                   | 36.5  | 4    | Tan       | Alan      | 59    |
| 5                                | Batten       | Jesse     | 9.5                      | 5     | Dennehy, Jr  | Jeremiah P               | 36    | 5    | Frostad   | John C    | 54    |
| <b>Class E and Below</b>         |              |           | <b>Class D and Below</b> |       |              | <b>Class D and Below</b> |       |      |           |           |       |
| 1                                | Hiatt        | Arlene    | 41.5                     | 1     | Buerer       | Harry F                  | 56.5  | 1    | Richards  | Jerrold   | 105.5 |
| 2                                | Duan         | Daniel L  | 15.5                     | 2     | Strigul      | Michael                  | 36.5  | 2    | Beck      | Alec W    | 62    |
| 3                                | Wetmur       | Harold R  | 13.5                     | 3     | Prideaux     | Dave                     | 31    | 3    | Hu        | Ethan     | 60    |
| 4                                | Siek         | Justin    | 9                        | 4     | Riley        | Hailey                   | 28    | 4    | Lee       | Addison   | 57    |
| 5                                | Faulkner     | Joetta    | 8.5                      | 5     | Kenway       | Geoffrey W               | 27    | 5    | Mahajan   | Rushaan   | 56    |
| <b>Overall Leaders, by State</b> |              |           |                          |       |              |                          |       |      |           |           |       |
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| 11                               | Inman        | James     | 16                       | 11    | Gaikwad      | Dagadu B                 | 56.5  | 11   | Olson     | Travis J  | 109.5 |
| 12                               | Four tied at |           | 15.5                     | 11    | Buerer       | Harry F                  | 56.5  | 12   | Richards  | Jerrold   | 105.5 |

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☞ Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Jan. 31

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.

☞ Nov. 23, Dec. 21

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.

January 11

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.

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# 7<sup>th</sup> 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

☞ **Nov 1-2 Oregon Class Championships, Portland, OR.** <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>

☞ **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](mailto: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](mailto:mol64@cableone.net), [www.idahocheessassociation.org](http://www.idahocheessassociation.org). Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association. No Computer, No Smoking, Wheelchair access.

☞ **Nov 22/Dec 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](mailto:portlandchessclub@gmail.com), phone 503-246-2978, website [www.pdxchess.com](http://www.pdxchess.com).

☞ **Nov 28-30 Washington Class Championship, Lynnwood, WA.** (see full-page ad on page 16)

☞ **Dec 13-14 Northwest Chess Open, Seattle, WA.** Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 N 107th St, Seattle, WA. 5 Rd Swiss: TC = 40/90 SD 30 No Delay. Registration 8:30-9:15 a.m. 12/13 or preregistered. Rounds Saturday: 9:30, 2:00, 6:30, Sunday 10:00 and 3:00. Entry Fee: \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at door. Prize fund \$550 based on 25 entries; 1st 125, 2nd 75, under 2000, \$75.00, under 1800 \$75.00 under 1600 \$75.00 under 1400 \$75.00. Under 1200 \$ 50.00. Additional books and Northwest Chess magazine subscription prizes as entries permit. Current USCF Membership is required, available at site or online at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org). State membership not required, but of course we want to sign you up. This is a fund raising event for Northwest Chess magazine. 1/2 point bye available in advance and by end of Rd1. TD - Duane Polich, Publisher NWC. Make checks payable to Duane Polich and send to 17317 Woodcrest Drive NE, Bothell, WA 98011, or enter online at [www.nwchess.com/online-registration](http://www.nwchess.com/online-registration) (when available).

☞ **Dec 13-14 Western Idaho Open, 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 December 8, 2014. Special Family Rate of \$60. \$5 more for all if received after December 8, 2014. E-mail entry will lock in advance entry rate. USCF Membership required. Register & check in: 8:00-8:45 a.m. Saturday, December 13, 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@cableone.net](mailto:jroland@cableone.net), [www.idahocheessassociation.org](http://www.idahocheessassociation.org). Make all checks payable to Idaho Chess Association. No Computer, No Smoking, Wheelchair access.

☞ **Dec 13-14 Portland Winter Open, Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR. This USCF-rated, two-day tournament is played in two sections (Open and U1800), has five rounds, and offers long time controls and lots of cash prizes: Time Control: 40/90 SD/30, 5 second delay if clock allows. Two half point byes available for Rounds 1-4 if requested at registration. Entry Fee: \$35; members of the Club get \$10 discount. Memberships: USCF and OCF/WCF required and can be purchased/renewed at registration (other state memberships OK for out-of-area players). Registration: 9:00-9:45am on Saturday. Rounds at 10:00, 2:30 and 7:00 on Saturday, 10:00 and 2:30 on Sunday. Prizes: based on 40 entries and adjusted proportionally if different number of players, total prize fund is \$650 (each section's prize fund \$325). Open section: 1st place - \$150, 2nd place - \$100, best result for rated under 2000 - \$75. Reserve section: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, best results for rated under 1600, under 1400, and under 1200 or unrated - \$50 each. No tiebreakers used, prizes split between players with the same results.

☞ **Dec 20 Christmas Congress, Fife, WA.** Site: Fife Library, 6622 20th St E, Fife, WA. Format: 4 Round Swiss in 1 Section. Time Control: G60 +5s. Entry Fee: \$25. Prize Fund: 60% of entry fees: First 25%; 2nd 15%; and U2000, U1700, & U1400 20% each. Registration: 9:00 to 9:45 AM. Rounds: 10, 1, 3:15, and 5:30. Byes: 1 half point bye available. Information: USCF and WCF or OCF membership required. NS NC NW. Please bring your own sets and clocks. Entries: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E B St, Tacoma, WA 98445, 253-535-2536, [ggarychess@AOL.com](mailto:ggarychess@AOL.com).

☞ **Dec 27 Washington G/60 Championship, Seattle, WA.**

