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# Oregon Chess News

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation State Championship

Seaside, OR — April 24-25, 2015

*Jeff Dobbins [JCD], outgoing president of the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation (OSCF) reports:*

*The OSCF has been holding its state chess championship for the last 10 years, with the last eight being in Seaside, OR.*

*This year saw 363 players on Saturday, just nine fewer than last year, making the tournament once again the largest one-day tournament in the state this year. Owen McCoy, the winner of the top Middle School section (“Platinum”), sends the following tournament report:*

**By Owen McCoy**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual OSCF State Championship was a big hit. Held in Seaside, this gives everybody an excuse to go on an excursion. On April 24-25, 363 players in 16 sections (not including friends and family) competed for the big trophies full of taffy.

The high school champion was Yogi Saputra (2116-2128) with 4.5/5, due in



*Seaside Civic and Convention Center, home to OSCF Championship since 2008*

no small part to his defeat of NM Aaron Grabinsky (2340-2333), who had to settle for 4.0/5 along with Gabriel Skoro (1624-1728).

Yogi will represent Oregon at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in Phoenix this summer. Two of Yogi's games, annotated by him, follow.

**Valentin Igorevich Molchanov (1697) – Yogi Saputra (2106) [A45]**  
OSCF State Championship  
Seaside, OR (R3), April 25, 2015  
*[Yogi Saputra]*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5**

I don't know much of the theory in this line, so I decided to play what was reasonable.

**2...Ne4 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Nxd6 7.Nd2 Nc6 8.c3**

c4 or Ngf3 was better.

**8...e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Ndf3**

Bc2 was necessary to avoid the loss of the bishop for the knight.

**10...Nxd3+ 11.Qxd3 c6 12.Ne2 Qb6 13.b3 Bf5 14.Qd4 0-0 15.0-0 Nb5**

I have no idea why I played Nb5; it doesn't improve my position. Playing something like Rfe8 or Rad8 is more reasonable.

**16.Qd2 Rfe8 17.Nfd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Be4 19.b4**

A reasonable move. It exposes more weaknesses on his side of the board but allows him to move his Ne5. However, this plan is not the best as playing a passive move such as Rfd1 is better; he's worse and the move b4 allows me to be able to expose more weaknesses.

**19...a5 20.a3 Qc7 21.Qe2**

I don't know his psychological mindset during this game, but he played Qe2 instead of going for the Nc5 plan. He opens up the possibilities of playing c4 or Qg4, but that doesn't help his position.

**21...Qe5**

21...Qe7 was a better move; his plan of moving c4 is a mistake (you'll see why later) and Qg4 is responded by Ra6 which



*Taffy-filled trophies await winners at the OSCF State Championship*



*Yogi Saputra, High School Champion and Oregon's Representative to the Denker Tournament of HS Champions*

threatens to move c5 then Rg6.

#### 22.c4 Bxg2

A better move was dxc5. After dxc5, Qxc5, Bd5, Qc2, Qg5, my bishop is looming in for the kill which is better than winning a pawn.

#### 23.Kxg2 Qxd4 24.exd4 Rxe2 25.cxd5 cxd5 26.bxa5 Rxa5 27.Rfb1 Re7 28.a4 g5

I should've been looking for ways to create a passed pawn, not go on the aggressive.

#### 29.f3 f5

A fatal mistake.

#### 30.Rb6 Kg7

Ra6 is better because my rook on a5 is badly positioned.

#### 31.Kg3 Rd7

Was not necessary, it only made the position change from me being better to equal.

#### 32.f4 g4

32...h6 was better.

#### 33.Kh4 Ra8

I was still trying to go for the win, so I moved Ra8 to be able to unleash my rook. However, I should've recognized that I messed up my win and should've taken the draw by playing passively.

#### 34.Kg5 Rf8 35.Rab1 Rff7 36.R1b5 Rde7 37.Rxd5 Re1 38.Rxf5

The losing blunder for him.

#### 38...h6+ 39.Kxg4 Rg1+ 40.Kf3 Rxf5 41.Rxb7+ Rf7 42.Rb6 Rf1+ 43.Ke4 R1xf4+ 44.Kd3 Rf2

I still had a lot of time on my clock and he only had 24 seconds left. I should've took my time to think instead of moving as quick as he was. Ra7 was better because it ties down his rook to the a pawn.

#### 45.a5 Ra2 46.a6 Ra7 47.Rb7+

I panicked when he played Rb7+. I thought I had to give up my rook or let him promote his pawn to a queen. However, I overlooked it.

#### 47...Rxb7 48.axb7 Rb2

I learned from this game that I still make a lot of mistakes. There is still a lot that I can improve on.

#### 0-1

**Yogi Saputra (2106) –  
Aaron Grabinsky (2340) [E41]**  
OSCF State Championship  
Seaside, OR (R4), April 25, 2015  
[Yogi Saputra ]

#### 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.0-0 e5 9.Ng5 0-0 10.Qc2 Kh8

Moving the pawn to h6 was better. 10... h6 11.Nh7 Nxh7 (11...Re8 12.d5 Na5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.e4 b6 15.f4 Ba6) 12.Bxh7+ Kh8 13.Be4

#### 11.Rb1 Rb8

Lol, I move Rb1 and he responds with Rb8 to challenge my rook behind a pawn. Better was h6 or Qe7.

#### 12.h3 Na5 13.f4 exf4 14.exf4 b6 15.Re1

Was not necessary, for some reason I thought that by playing this I was threatening Bxh7. However, I could've just played Bxh7 immediately. 15.Bxh7 g6 16.Nxf7+ Rxf7 17.Bxg6 Rbb7 (17... Rf8? 18.f5 Nxc4 19.Qf2 Kg7 20.Qg3 Rb7 21.dxc5 dxc5 22.Bf4 leaving White with a huge winning attack. 1-0) 18.f5 1-0 since the king is under siege, White has three passed pawns, and the two bishops are dominating.

#### 15...h6 16.Nf3

Better was dxc5 (hxc5? fxg5 nd7 Qf2 Kg8 Qh4 g6 cxd6 Re8 Bf4 Nc6 Be4 which leaves White with a passed pawn and the attack still imminent) hoping that if Black takes the knight White wins. Now some of you might not agree with me that trading off a knight for a passed pawn and a huge attack is worth it. However, you have to think about the long term benefits and say to yourself, "hey, is a passed pawn that Black has to defend from becoming a queen and a dangerously placed king better than that knight? Do the point values of White's other pieces suddenly increase drastically by just giving away a

knight?"

#### 16...Ba6 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.Ne5 Nd7 19.Re4 Bb7 20.Re3 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Qh4 22.Qe2 Rbd8 23.Bd2 Ba6

If he had played Rxd3 Qxd3 Rd8 Qe2 Nxc4 Rd3 Nxe5 White would have too many weaknesses and the game would soon result in a 0-1.

#### 24.Be1 Qe7 25.e6

I analyzed with Aaron after the game that Black can play Rxd3 followed up with Bxc4 here. However, I soon realized that if Rxd3 Qxd3 Bxc4 Qd7 1-0.

#### 25...fxe6 26.Bg3

I'd like to mention that Rxd3 is the best move here.

#### 26...Rd7 27.Rxe6!

This move turned the game from an 0-1 into a 1-0.

#### 27...Qf7 28.Rxh6+!! Kg8

The best move here was gxh6. However, he was most likely panicking after Rxh6 and missed the simple gxh6.

#### 29.Bh7+ Kh8

Rh4 leads to checkmate - Rh4 Rc8 Bg6+ Kg8 Rh8+ Kxh8 Qh5+ Kg8 Qh7+ Kf8 Qh8+ Ke7 Re1+ Kf6 Qh5 Qxg6 Rf1+ Ke7 Qxg6 Rh8 Qxg7 Ke8 Rf8+ Rxf8 Qxf8#.

#### 30.Bg6+

30.Rh4 Rc8 (30...Qf6 31.Bg6+ with a forced mate in ten. 31...Qxh4 32.Bxh4) 31.Bg6+ Kg8 32.Rh8+ Kxh8 33.Qh5+ Kg8 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Re1+ Kf6 37.Qh5 Qxg6 38.Rf1+ Ke7 39.Qxg6 Rh8 40.Qxg7+ Ke8 41.Re1+ Re7 42.Qxe7#

#### 30...gxh6 31.Bxf7 Rxf7 32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Be5 Rde7

Bxc4 was better.

#### 34.Qh8+ Kg6 35.Qg8+

Rg7 is the only possible move that doesn't leave Black in a mating net.

#### 35...Kf5 36.Rf1+

Apparently, I missed the mate. I moved too quick and missed the simple Re1 which soon leads to mate much quicker.

#### 36...Ke6 37.Qg6+ Kxe5 38.Rxf7

I missed mate in two. I was so focused on winning more material that I missed something so simple. Instead of Rxf7, I could've played Re1 followed by Qg4#. Sometimes during a game we have to relax and focus on what's happening on the board, instead of the thought of victory. Fortunately, I was up ahead too much material for that blunder to make this winning position turn into a draw or a win for him.



Owen McCoy, Middle School Champion and Oregon's Representative to the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions

38...Rxf7 39.Qxf7 Nxc4 40.Qxa7 Bb5  
41.a4 Bc6

41.Qe7+ Kd5

42.Qe7+ Kd5 43.Qf7+

Before his resignation on this move he had 35 minutes left on the clock and I had only 5. Most likely, he was hoping that he would put me in time pressure and hope for me to make a mistake which would lead him to a win or a draw. However, with just three weak pawns, and a bishop it is nearly impossible for a mistake to occur.

1-0

Other first place trophy winners from High School sections were Ben Kurtz (1392-1499), HS Silver; and Holger Mirkes (1007-1192), HS Copper.

The Middle School Platinum division was won by none other than yours truly, Owen McCoy (1841-1893). Like Yogi, I won with 4.5/5. But Unlike Yogi, I could not manage to defeat top seeded Seth Talyansky (2025-2008), and only drew. This put both of us at 3.5/4 going into the last round, and I was unbelievably lucky that I won my last game, and even more so that Seth lost against Joshua Grabinsky (1778-1804), who (at 4.0/5) tied for second with Ethan Wu (1724-1745). [JCD: With his victory, Owen qualifies to represent Oregon at the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions in Phoenix this summer.] Wish me luck at the Barber!

Here is my 4<sup>th</sup> round game against Seth:

**Seth Talyansky (2025) – Owen McCoy (1841) [B92]**

OSCF State Championship  
Seaside, OR (R4), April 25, 2015  
[Owen McCoy]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 a6!?

I used to play the Dragon, but it just wasn't working out for me. The Najdorf gives a tactical battle that suites my style. So I switched!

6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.0-0 Be7 9.f4 exf4  
10.Bxf4 Nc6



Position after 10...Nc6

I had prepared this line, but I must have gotten it mixed up. There is a similar line where there is a known repetition. I was aiming for that position, but whatever. I still drew! It's a very interesting line, and it's played in high level games sometimes. This has been proven against the best. By the best, I mean Carlsen. He plays this line as White occasionally, and one time got to the repetition, declined

the draw, and went on to lose brilliantly in M. Carlsen - I. Nepomniachtchi, Wijk aan Zee, 2011.

11.Kh1 0-0 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Qc7  
14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.Rd2 Qc5 16.h3 b5  
17.Bf3 Rac8 18.a3 h6 19.Rfd1 Ne8!?

At this point I couldn't think of anything better.

20.e5?!

White has plenty of options here, but this simplification can't be right.

20...Qxd4 21.Rxd4 dxe5 22.Bxe5 Rxd4  
23.Bxd4 Nd6 24.Re1 Bh4 25.Re2 Rc4!?

Suddenly Black has some initiative.

26.Be5 Nf5 27.Ne4 Nd4 28.Bxd4 Rxd4  
29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Nxd2 Bg5



Position after 30...Bg5

I think that Black has some advantage, but I was unable to convert.

31.Nb3 Bf6 32.Bb7 a5 33.Nxa5 Bxb2  
34.Bc6 Bxa3 35.Bxb5 Kf8 36.Kg1 Ke7  
37.Kf2 Bc5+

And the game was eventually drawn.

1/2-1/2

I wanted to give this game too. Not the whole game, but just the end.

**Owen McCoy (1841) – Gavin Zhang (1710)**

OSCF State Championship  
Seaside, OR (R5), April 25, 2015  
[Owen McCoy]



Position after 33...Ba6

By this point I realized that I had been outplayed. I began to get desperate.

34.Qh5+

From here, 34. ... Kg8 may be best.

### 34...Kg7

I should have taken advantage of this move with 35.Bxd5, which would win material after ...Qxd5 36.Bc3+ 37.Qxh6. As I said, though, I was getting desperate.

### 35.Qe8?!

From here, Black can keep things even with ...Bxf4. Fortunately for White, though, the knight on d3 proved too tempting for Black.

### 35...Bxd3?? 36.Nh5# 1-0

Other top winners in Middle School sections were Nikhil Samudrala (1182-1356), MS Silver; Adam Jones (1038-1163), MS Copper; Nick Diana (784-1109), MS Zinc; and Darshan Sankar (729-949), MS Iron.

Elementary School Platinum saw a very interesting story. Praveer Sharan (1643-1635) was the obvious favorite; and indeed he tied for first with Maxwell Chen (1469-1519) and Victor Dossin (1512-1526). How that happened was quite interesting. Victor lost his first game against Wesley Trieu, but proceeded to win his last 3 and tie for first. Meanwhile, going into round 3, Maxwell and Praveer both had 2.0, and ended up playing against each other. I did not see the game, but it must have been a very tough struggle, for I have seen them both play and they are both quite good for their age. Nevertheless, Maxwell eventually won that battle, and played against Victor in round 4. Victor won that game (Victor's annotation of that game is set out below), and all three tied for first. I think they all deserve it; don't you?

**Victor Dossin (1512) – Maxwell Chen (1469) [E33]**  
OSCF State Championship  
Seaside, OR (R4), April 25, 2015  
*[Victor Dossin]*

This was my last game at Seaside, and I was matched against Maxwell Chen. I was trying to compensate for a defeat earlier in the tournament so I was giving my best shot.

### 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6

Changing the course of the game and pinpointing the d4 pawn.

### 5.Nf3 d5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4?

During the game, I missed the following variation: 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e3 0-0 9.a3 Bxc3+? (9...Be7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Nxd5±) 10.Qxc3 after which White has pressure on e5, c7 and the better bishop.

### 7...0-0

Relieving the pressure from my mistake. Better: 7...g5 8.Bg3 g4 9.Ne5 Nxd4 10.Qd1 c5 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nf5

13.Bf4 d4 14.cxd4 Nxd4 gives Black the edge, although the position remains complicated due to the positional and material imbalances.

### 8.e3 Bd7 9.a3 Be7?



*Position after 9...Be7*

A mistake that I didn't take advantage of.

### 10.Bd3?

Not taking advantage of the mistake. 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Nxd5

### 10...Re8 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Na5!?

After that move the position changes slightly with my bishop going to d3 and it is my turn.

### 13.Bd3 Nc6 14.Rfc1?

I thought the game would turn into a pawn storm on the queenside but the action lay somewhere else therefore it was probably better to shift my other rook onto this file.

### 14...a6 15.Rab1 Nh5?!

As they say, "Knights on the rim are dim!" This knight move will come back to bite him later!

### 16.Bxe7 Qxe7

Black has lost too much time. White's plan is to put more pressure on the c-file,

maneuver his pieces to the queenside, and then attack.

### 17.b4

Not the best move, but it was sort of bait for ... b5 to come (Hey, I thought it was a good idea during the game).

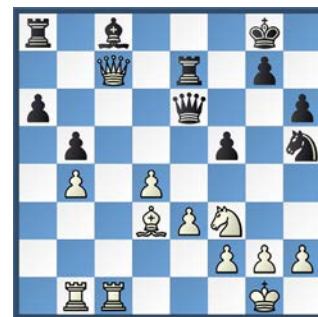
### 17...b5??

But it did come! Now my knight can come in completely unopposed to c5, and since he doesn't have a dark-squared bishop, it is going to be hard for him to trade it off.

### 18.Ne4 f5 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Nxe6 Nxb4 21.axb4 Qxe6 22.Qxc7

Winning a pawn, but not really how I'd wanted it to go.

### 22...Re7



*Position after 22...Re7*

### 23.Qc6

23.Bxf5 turns out to be more accurate, but the move played in the game trades queens, giving White an easily winning endgame.

### 23...Qxc6 24.Rxc6 Bb7 25.Rc5 Be4 26.Bxe4 fxe4 27.Rxh5 exf3 28.gxf3 Rc8 29.Rc5 Rf8 30.Ra1 Re6 31.f4 Rg6+ 32.Kf1 Rff6 33.Rac1 Rg4 34.Rc6 Rgg6 35.d5



*Co-Champions of Oregon's Elementary School Section (L-R): Victor Dossin, Praveer Sharan, and Maxwell Chen*



Primary School Platinum winners (L-R): Eric Erard (1st), Orië Zadok (2nd), Robert Chondro (3rd).

This is what I call a pawn storm.

**35...Rd6 36.f5 Rg6 37.e4 Kf8 38.e5 Rxc6 39.dxc6 Rf7 40.c7 Rxc7**

Maxwell obviously has to sack his rook to avoid me getting the queen, so I have this in the bag.

**41.Rxc7 h5 42.Ra7 Kg8 43.Rxa6 Kf7 44.Ra5 Ke7 45.Rxb5 Kd7 46.Rc5 h4 47.b5 g6 48.b6 h3 49.b7 gxf5 50.b8Q f4 51.Qd6+ Ke8 52.e6 f3 53.Rc8#**

It was a nice game. Maxwell put up a good fight, but in the end I won, putting me in first place with Maxwell and Praveer Sharan.

1-0

Other trophy winners in the Elementary Sections: Calvin Chang (1171-1301), ES Silver; Allison Mattingly (940-1167), ES Copper; Thomas Schuff (810-1056), ES Zinc; and Garrett Mackey (624-811), ES Iron.

The small Primary Platinum division (the top six rated K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade players) saw no competition for Eric Erard (1239-1257) who swept the field in this round-robin with a perfect 5.0/5. Besides Eric, Orië Zadok (821-951) scored 4.0/5 and lost only to Eric.



Top Section Bughouse winners L-R Jack Woo McClain and Owen McCoy



Top-rated Quad in Friday Night Blitz Tournament. Clockwise from bottom left: Aaron Grabinsky (winner), Yogi Saputra, Andrea Botez, Seth Talyansky

Other Primary winners were: Forrest Holt (670-1015), PS Silver; and Ocean Punsalan (616-827), PS Copper. (NOTE: My brother scored 2.0/5 in PS Silver, but he's in 1<sup>st</sup> grade so he'll be back next year!)

The friends/family OPEN was won by Dagadu Gaikwad (1855-1881), and the friends/family RESERVE was won by River Nichols (444-563).

On Friday evening, the main skittles room was transformed into a blitz and bughouse bonanza. Each event was the largest ever hosted at the State Championship, and the largest in (our) recent memory in the state! In Blitz, where 151 players competed in (mostly) quads, the champion of the top section was, naturally, NM Aaron Grabinsky.

In bughouse, 112 teams (224 players) competed, and the bughouse champion in the top quad was the team *The Jalapeno Banana Mans!* (Jack Woo McClain and Owen McCoy.)

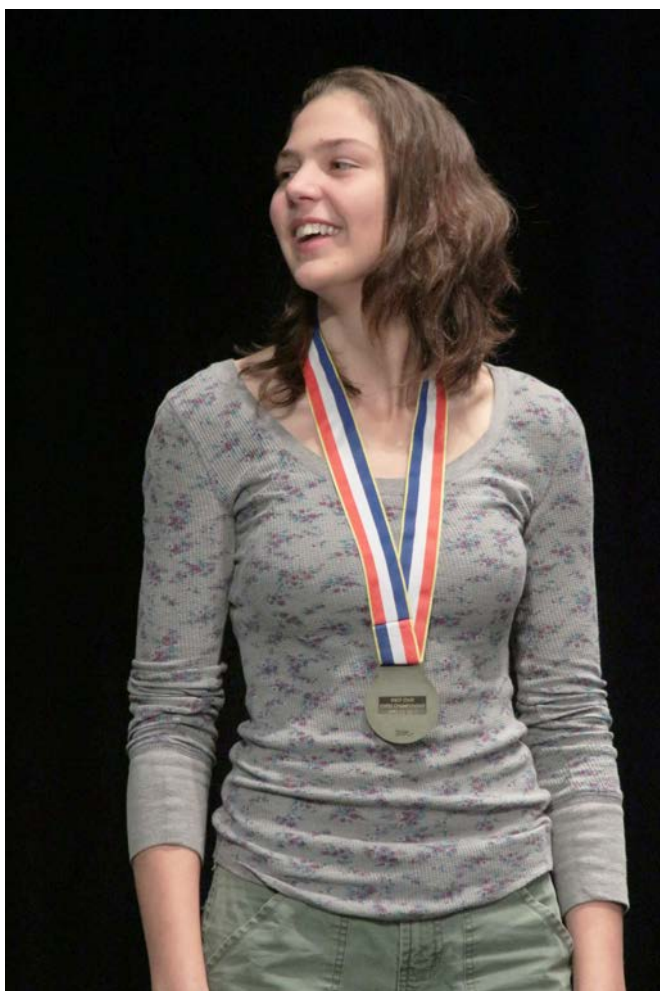
[JCD: We should also note the success of the two female players who will represent Oregon at national events this summer: As the top rated female player in the state, Andrea Botez (1814) will attend the National Girls' Invitational Tournament in Phoenix (Andrea previously received

a nomination to the SPFGI, as well as the right to attend the 2015 World Youth Championship in Greece), while Elena Allen (1449) will be Oregon's representative to the Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational in St. Louis this summer.]



Andrea Botez, Oregon's representative to the National Girls' Invitational Tournament





*Elena Allen, Oregon's representative to the Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational*

## May PCC Quad 45

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — May 16, 2015

With the weather threatening to do this and do that on the day of the Portland Chess Club's May Quad 45, 18 players



*Adam Culbreth playing some blitz with Steven Witt before the tournament. Photo credit: Brian Berger*

showed up in hopes of doing the same to their opponents. And welcoming them at the registration desk was the amiable Chief Assistant TD Mike Lilly, who along with Chief TD Micah Smith, have helped make this monthly three-round game/45 tournament a much awaited event by their efficiency at getting things running on time and to quickly solve a problem were it to arise.

As has been the case in past tournaments where the number of players could not evenly be placed into all quads, the event was broken into three quads with six players of nearly similar ratings entered into a small Swiss. But unlike in recent events where the small Swiss consisted of low-rated and provisionally-rated players, this Swiss was paired with mid-level opponents—leaving quads two and three paired with the lower-rated players.

Starting with the big boys' quad, Nick (the Raptor) Raptis (2394-2396) was in his usual rapacious mode, devouring his competition of Jason (the Argonaut) Cigan (2145-2130), Jerry (Sure-handed) Sherrard (2048-2041) and Steven (the Flash) Witt, dashing any hopes of an upset by posting a perfect 3.0 points—buoyed perhaps by his recent mauling of Ray Kaufman, a FIDE IM from California, who went head-to-head

with the Raptor in a private match (5 Rounds, G/30;d5), only to suffer an 0.5 to 4.5 loss to Raptis. But IMs don't take defeat stoically, and it is rumored that a re-match is in the making.

Turning to the small Swiss, Karl Stump (1624-1694) did some munching of his own, albeit not as rapacious as the "Raptor" variety, yet sufficient to win the Swiss with a 0.5 advantage over his closest competitor, Cameron Kocher (1679-1686), posting a 2.5 final score. Three of the other players, Colin Liu (1693-1584), Numan Abdul-Mujeeb (1659-1659) and Brian Berger (1478-1516) finished with 1.5 points each, leaving Adam Culbreth (1663-1603)—in what was uncustomary for this cagey and aggressive player—unable to manage even a draw.

Two of the lower-rated players in quad two showed that posting substantial rating gains was not just the privilege of the higher rated, with Kyle Liu (982-1128) and Rohit Gupta (973-1123) tying for first place in their group (each with a score of 2.5 points), earning them discounts on the next quad tournament; and as each is a scholastic player, also taking home a medal (another plus of this tournament is that it is dual-rated, meaning that a scholastic player will receive credit under that rating system also). Alas, their gains were a substantial rating-loss for Geoff Kenway (1457-1385), who somehow found himself wedged in among much lower rated players, then slowly squeezed of points—a near identical situation to one I faced, when I managed to drop 87 rating points recently. (The moral of the story, older guys, is try like heck to stay away from these underrated young guys!)

Lastly, quad three saw a 3-way tie for first, with Robert Bowden (959p-943p), Bradley Larson (845p-869p) and Matthew Witt (613p-767p), all finishing with 2.0 points, and as above, earning discounted entrance fees to the next quad tournament, and medals for Bowden and Witt, who are also Scholastic rated.



Ending up the day's activities was the eight player Blitz tournament; a popular adjunct to the Quads for those who like to bang clocks and slam pieces. The fastest banger and slammer was Seth Talyansky (2115p-2134), who went from provisional expert to full-bore expert by turning in an 8.0 out of a possible 10.0. One game behind was Jason Cigan (2148-2138), followed by Steven Witt (1846p-1866) and Chris Wade (1741p-1790), both of whom also transitioned from provisional to standard ratings.

## Errata

*The last paragraph of page 21 and continuing onto page 22 of the June 2015 issue (printed version only) about the April Blitz tournament to the April PCC Quad 45 story should have been:*

Rounding out the day was the Blitz tournament, that drew eight players wanting to cram in as much chess in one day as the body can stand—the winner being Steven Witt (1792p-1846p), who posted 8.5 points out of a possible 10, followed by Chris Wade (1759p-1741p) with 7.0, and Gerald Weaver (1895p-1817p) with 6.5 points.

*We actually reported the results to the May Blitz tournament by mistake. The online version was corrected before the issue was mailed.—Editor*

## May PCC Game 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — May 30, 2015

It threatened to be a hot day in May for the Portland Chess Club's Game 60, with the temperature expected to reach into the mid-80's. Many city dwellers might be opting for a venue of water-sports on such a day, but at least 24 of them felt that "cooling down" a chess opponent

with a "hot game" was more to their liking.

And speaking of "hot!" Entering early during the registration process was the "hottest" celebrity in the news and on the talk shows at the moment—Morgan the Dog; definitely one cool character, whose world-wandering exploits and chess prowess have mesmerized a nation.

And not far behind came Jerrold Richards, who by dint of being Morgan the Dog's—owner?—has himself become somewhat of a celebrity, enjoying the trips Morgan makes by private jet to many of his public appearances, and to the private residences of the world's leading Grandmasters.

Sitting at board one like a lion guarding his territory, and only moving from it to see who his next victim might be, was Nick "The Raptor" Raptis (2380-2384)—as voracious an opponent as one would never hope to meet, whether in a dark alley or behind a chess board. So it was with more than just mild trepidation that I discovered I was to be first on his menu that day, served up like Peking duck with pickled radish. Any hope of my coming out unscathed from this encounter, was as good as my chance of winning the lottery.

After a short time of acting as if I knew what I was doing with white, came the realization that I was slowly being stalked by Black—the mover of which now doing so with extended claws (not a good sign). About to be pounced on like a Serengeti gazelle, I did the manly thing—gave up. Raptis 1, gazelle 0. And so it was the rest of the afternoon, with three other gazelles finding nowhere to hide from this apex predator, ending with Raptis taking the 1st place prize of \$72.00.



Harry Buerer and Roland Eagles going over their game.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger

1904), Joshua Standig (1917-1932) and Danny Phipps (1803-1823), all to enjoy the fruits of what \$21.00 can buy.

And tying also at 2.5 points each for the U1800 prize fund were Roland Eagles (1742-1754) and Masakazu Shimada (1556-1582), their \$21.00 allowing them to buy the same amount of discretionary fruits as the aforementioned winners.

Lastly, and in a 3-way tie for the U1500 prize, were winners Aaron Probst (1484-1493), Jerrold Richards (1403-1404) and Marcus Chi-Kin Leung (1413-1400). Given their split of the prize money, coming to \$14.00 each, one wonders whether such windfalls will encourage wild spending sprees. But one thing is for certain, some of it will be going to help feed Morgan the Dog—not that he needs the food, as Morgan has his own private chef, who supplies him with the finest dog




Jason Cigan assisting in tournament duties.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger

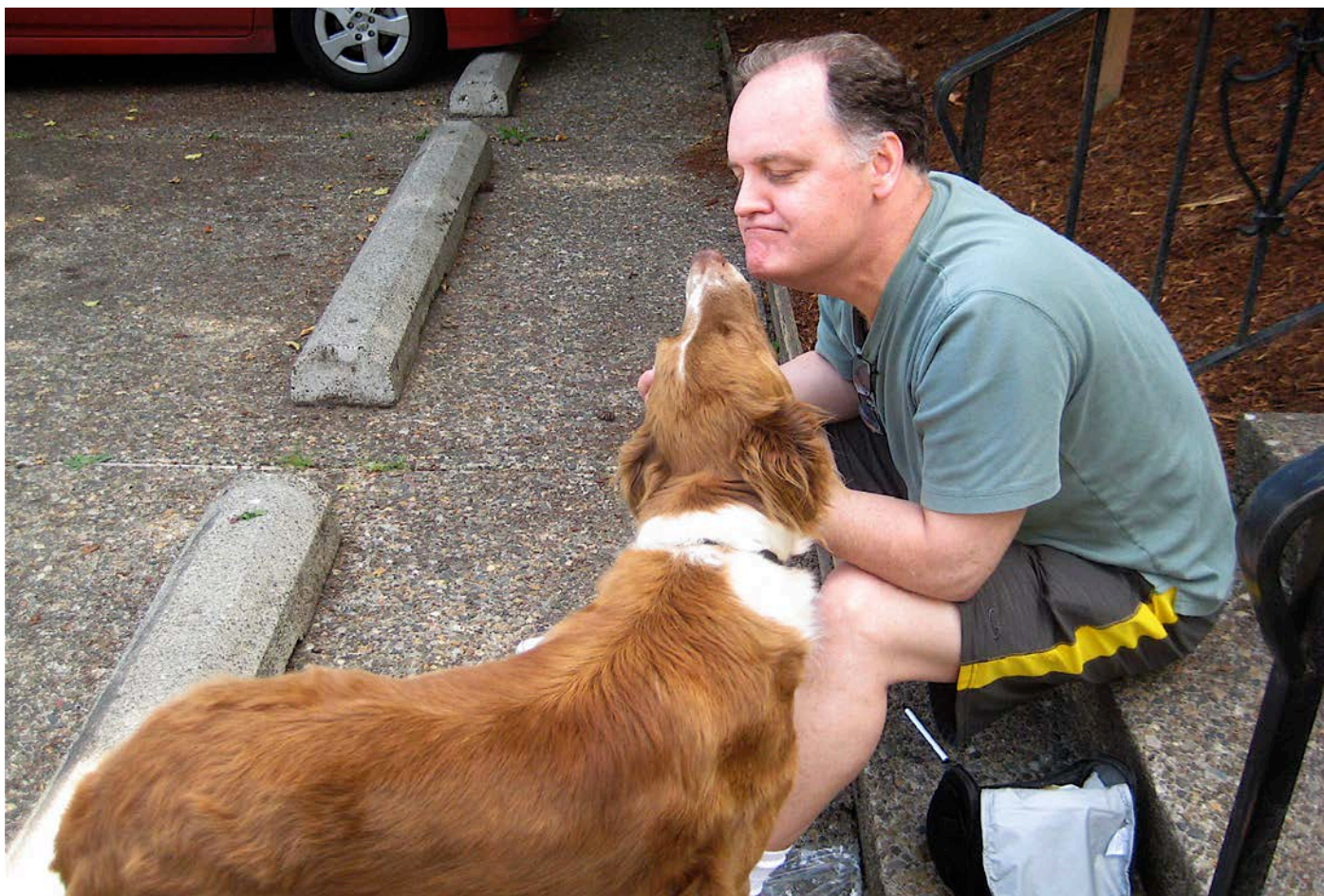
Tying for 2nd and 3rd prize monies with 3.0 points each were William Schill II (2235-2234), a Master out of Washington, Sean O'Connell (1906-

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*Morgan the Dog checking to see if Karl Stump left any food on his face. Photo credit: Brian Berger*

cuisine that money can buy, but merely as a gesture by Jerrold Richards to show his appreciation for Morgan's continuing help in advancing his chess skills.

Although the tournament started out with Chief TD Mike Morris at the helm, duties fell quickly to Lennart Bjorksten and Jason Cigan, both being trained by Mike Morris and Mike Lilly to become future TDs—and by the looks of it, are fast learners.

## PCC May Tuesday Quads

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — May 5-26, 2015

Not too well publicized until now, have been the results of the Portland Chess Club's monthly, [Tuesday Quads](#), a month-long tournament (one game every [Tuesday](#) night) of three, or sometimes four games, with a time control of 40/90, SD/30; d5. Usually broken into quads of somewhat similar ratings, this can sometimes vary due to a top-heavy or bottom-heavy attendance, in which case

a Single Round Robin with mixed ratings replaces the Quads.

Recently, more recruiting efforts have led to firmer confirmations by some of the higher rated players, assuring that the high and low groups need not mix—May's Quads being an example of this.

This month's Upper-Quad saw Nick "The Raptor" Raptis (2396-2404) let Lennart "The Light-hearted" Bjorksten (2197-2205), Jason "The Argonaut" Cigan (2130-2126), and Jerry "Sure-handed" Sherrard (2038-2020), know that they were encroaching on his feeding-grounds, by winning all three of his games. Although the standard prize for this performance is free entrance to next month's Quads, there is for Nick, the added mental assurance that his apex-predator status is very much intact, and that a few more calories have been added to his rating.

Playing in and

winning the Lower-Quad by scoring 2.5 out of 3.0 points, was Brian "Just glad to still be playing" Berger (1516-1556), who unaccustomed as he is to having his name mentioned in a winning context, nevertheless showed Arliss "Doggone it!" Dietz (1534-1542), Hugo "Ahah!" Hartig (1536-1506) and Harry "Getting-better" Buerer (1307-1299), that he still remembers how the pieces move and generally what to do with them.

A big thank you to Chief TD Mike Lilly (instrumental in trying to even-out the Quads by ratings), and his assistant for this month, Mike Morris.



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*Arliss Dietz waiting for his missing opponent, Brian Berger. Photo credit: Brian Berger*

## **Oregon Senior Chess Championship**

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**Registration:** Saturday 9-9:45 am. Bring sets & clocks (none provided).

**Rounds:** Saturday 10:00-2:15-7:00; Sunday 9:00 & 1:30.

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**Eligibility:** Open to all (no residency requirement) at least 50 years old on August 1.

**Entry:** \$35; pre-registration payable to Oregon Chess Federation, mail to Mike Morris, 2344 NE 27th Ave., Portland, OR 97212.

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# Washington Chess News

## Spokane Chess Club Elections

By Kevin Korsmo

May 21, 2015 — Spokane, WA

Hi. We just had our annual election of officers for the Spokane CC. The officers for 2015-2016 are:

David Dussome, President

Brad Bodie, Vice President

Ted Baker, Secretary

Kevin Korsmo, Treasurer

I have included the email addresses for each officer on the Spokane CC website's contact us page: [http://www.spokanechessclub.org/contact\\_us.htm](http://www.spokanechessclub.org/contact_us.htm)

## Lakeside at High School Nationals

By Siva Sankrithi

Columbus, OH — April 10-12, 2015

This National Championship was nothing short of brilliant! We tied for 2nd in bughouse, 8th on tiebreaks with an epic performance by the tandem of Nicolo and Justin earning 9/12 points! In the blitz event, Yoyo tied for 8th individually, earning 11th on tiebreaks! As a team in Blitz, we took 5th in Nation! Friday-Sunday we had the main event, seven grueling rounds of chess, each game lasting up to and often a bit over four hours with the five second delay.

Our U1600 team, despite not being seeded, outperformed their ratings, had a blast, and earned the 25th place team trophy! Several wonderful upsets took place, a credit to the hard work and strength of our players.

Our Championship team was seeded outside the top 10 given the tremendous strength of the field. Undeterred, Justin and Yoyo both scored a most impressive 5/7 individually to lead the team and tie for 29th individually in the Nation! Several upsets took place and individual results are attached in the file named Championship Final.



Lakeside Nationals Chess Team: (back row L to R) Avnish Bablani, Coach Siva Sankrithi, Scott Wynn, Allistair Yu, Justin Yu, Toshihiro Nagase, Masayuki Nagase, Co-Captain Nicolo Gelb, Wesley Yu, Coach Josh Sinanan. (front row L to R) Akshay Bablani, Co-Captain Molly Rose Clarefeld, Quentin Chi Photo credit: Hideyuki Nagase.

For detailed results, please check out Lakeside Chess on FB or @lakesidechess on Twitter, as I'd live tweeted results throughout all the events!

Now for the HUGE result... With 18.5 in the Championship Section, our best ever result, Lakeside Chess is the 5th best chess team in the United States of America!!!!!!

## Roland Feng Repeats as Washington Open Champion

by Josh Sinanan

These days it's quite rare for a chess player to win a strong Swiss tournament in back-to-back years. It's even more difficult when considering that the tournament in question is the Washington Open, one of the Northwest's premier events. In order to make it through six grueling rounds unscathed, one must be on the constant lookout for danger and often must dodge several bullets along the way. It's like navigating through a minefield containing cagey veterans and underrated junior players hidden throughout, ready to strike at any moment.

This year's Washington Open was held in Lynnwood, the crown jewel of Washington State, at the Convention Center and was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation. Close proximity to a variety of restaurants, hotels, and shopping destinations plus the abundance of free parking have made the Lynnwood Convention Center a popular venue year round.

Nearly 200 players took part in four sections mostly from Washington, Oregon, and British Columbia, which was the best turnout since a record 244 players in 1992. Several of the Northwest's strongest players took part, including Oregon State Champion FM Nick Raptis, Washington State Champion FM Roland Feng, B.C. Junior Champion NM Tanraj Sohal, and Seattle Slugger veteran FM Costin Cozianu.

WCF Tournament Coordinator Dan Mathews and WCF President Josh Sinanan co-organized the event, which was directed by Fred Kleist with assistance from WCF Secretary Gary Dorfner. Victoria Jung-Doknjas did an excellent job as the official photographer for all events. Mukilteo Chess Club President Travis Olson ran the 18-player blitz tournament. WCF Scholastic Director David Hendricks ran the scholastic



*Roland Feng poses with his winner's check alongside Josh Sinanan, his former coach. Photo credit: Wei Feng*

tournament on Saturday with assistance from WCF Member-at-Large Chouchan Airapetian.

Washington's youngest ever State Champion and newly minted FM Roland Feng continued his hot streak and won the Open section with 5.5/6, nearly matching his fantastic 6-0 sweep a year ago. Roland's path to victory was a bit smoother this time around, since his high 2350 rating meant that he would be paired down for most of the event. His tournament began with a string of three G/60 wins in the 2-day section: A nice tactical win on the black side of a Tarrasch French against Damarcus Thomas (1974), a come-from-behind victory over James Colasurdo (2047), and a back-and-forth encounter with NM Butch Villavieja (2238). After the schedules merged in round four, Roland found himself paired against the up-and-comer Pratik Padhi (1831), who had just defeated FM Nick Raptis in round 3. Roland's real test

arrived in round five when he faced FM Costin Cozianu (2455) as Black on board one up on the stage. To everyone's surprise, Roland held the draw easily in a French Defense that just seemed to fizzle out. Heading into the last round, IM Ray Kaufman, NM Tanraj Sohal, and Roland each had 4.5/5. Luckily for Roland, Kaufman and Sohal played on board one while he was paired against expert Dakota Dixon (2137), another culprit of a Raptis upset. Just like Pratik had found out earlier, facing two State Champions in back-to-back rounds is no easy task. Dixon played the King's Indian against Roland's Smyslov System, but soon found himself overextended and in a difficult position, which Roland converted with style. (See Roland's annotations). The encounter on board one ended in a draw shortly after, when Kaufman was unable to convert his extra pawn against Sohal's superb defense.

Other winners in the open section include FM Costin Cozianu, NM Joshua Doknjas, NM Bryce Tiglon, and NM Samuel He, who each tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> with 4.5 points apiece. Two junior players, Jason Yu and Pratik Padhi, each had phenomenal results by scoring several upsets against masters. Jason beat two Canadian Masters with the white pieces and drew with FM William Schill to gain over 100 rating points for the tournament. Pratik beat FM Nick Raptis in round 3 and drew with NM John Doknjas in round 5 to propel his rating over 1900 for the very first time.

Trey Michaels, who plays 2<sup>nd</sup> board for the Interlake Saints Washington State Championship High School team, topped the Premier section with 5.0 points to raise his rating to 1872. Mike Schemm and Mary Kuhner split 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> place honors with 4.5 points apiece. Mika Mitchell, Travis Olson, Ishaan Puri, and the youngest Doknjas brother Neil rounded out the prize winners with 4.0 points each.

Robin Tu, an undergraduate student at the University of Washington, dominated the Reserve section and finished in clear

first with four wins, a half-point bye, and one draw, which he conceded to Allistair Yu. A group of 6 players tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> half a point back: Francisco Lopez, WCF Tournament Coordinator Dan Mathews, Jacob Mayer, Patrick Huang, Brock Grassy, and Vignesh Anand. Last year's

reserve section winner and WCF Scholastic Director David Hendricks finished with four points, along with Allistair Yu, John Frostad, Artjom Menkov, and Joey Yeo.

The only perfect score in the entire event belonged to Ethan Wu, a fifth grader at St. George School in Seattle, who took down the 68-player Booster section. Ethan's stellar performance raised his USCF rating over 200 points to 1428, which is especially impressive considering his field was dominated by underrated junior players. Five players tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 5.0 points each: Holden Sweden, Daniel Shubin, Daniel Wilke, Owen Xuan, and Garret Casey. Owen Xuan's performance was especially noteworthy considering that he is only in first grade and has been playing chess for less than a year. Emily Saletan was the only player to score 4.5 points and won clear third place, half a point ahead of Aidan Lawler, Stephen Ryan, George Michailov, Karen Haining, Rushaan Mahajan, Braxton Casey, Jason Reeves, Benjamin Brokaw, Jacob Zorzhevskiy, Brandon Hitchcock, and Eashver Elango.

### Washington Open Blitz

The Washington Open Blitz event was held late Saturday evening and consisted of 18 players in one big open section. The event was promoted, organized, and directed by Travis Olson, the founder of the new Mukilteo Chess Club. Oregon State Champion FM Nick Raptis won clear first place with 9-1, splitting only with NM Samuel He, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and winning all of his other games. The young ringer Vikram Ramasamy won the U2000 prize with 7-3, half a point ahead of the Barber Qualifier Champion Neo Olin. Robin Tu added to his winnings in the main event and captured the U1700 prize with 6-4.

### Washington Open Scholastic

The Washington Open Scholastic was held on Saturday and featured 108 students competing in five sections, a record turnout. WCF Scholastic Director David Hendricks directed the event, with assistance from WCF Member-at-Large Chouchanik Airapetian and Tim Campbell. NM Neil Salmon, a former Washington State Champion and one of the area's top coaches, was on site to offer free game analysis. As usual, a generous number of trophies were awarded to players in all five sections.

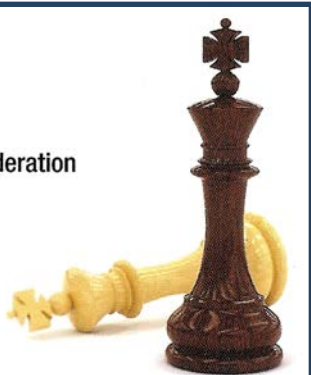
**K-3 U800:** 1<sup>st</sup> Isobel Chi 4.5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Arseniy Uspenskiy, Nina Khilnani, Liam Thurman 4.0, 5<sup>th</sup> Denver Brown 3.5

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**K-3 Open:** 1<sup>st</sup> Brandon Jiang 4.5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Owen Xuan, Rushaan Mahajan, Pranav Surapaneni, Vivek Prakriya, Stuart Bushfield, Samuel Tran 4.0, 8<sup>th</sup> Robert Michailov 3.5

**4-6 U900:** 1<sup>st</sup> Zachary Meyer 5.0, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dylan Walker 4.0, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Beatrice Archer, Srivanth Doddala 3.0

**4-6 Open:** 1<sup>st</sup> Alessio Tosolini 4.5, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Arnab Narula, Northern Brown, Graham Cobden 4.0, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Aidan Chen, Richie Uthaisombut 3.5

**7-12 Open:** 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Jakey Snyder, Sam Lewis 4.5, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Praneeth Somisetty, Paul Nichols 3.0

## Games from the Washington Open

(photos of annotators provided by the players)

**FM Roland Feng (2350) –  
Dakota Dixon (2137) [E61]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R6), May 25, 2015  
[Roland Feng]



**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6  
5.Bg5 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Be2 e5**

7...c5 is also possible.

**8.Qc2 c6 9.0-0 a6?**

Planning to play b5 ideas later. However, this idea doesn't work very well against this setup. The point of any b5 break would be to either expand on the queenside or to force White to play c5 in response. Unfortunately for Dakota, c5 is already a thematic move in these types of positions. Any b5 push would force me to make a move I want to make anyway.

In addition, this move weakens the b6 square — making a pawn on c5 harder to be challenged.

**10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Rad1 Qe8?!**

Black is already feeling the lack of space in his position. By getting out of both pins at once, Black hopes he can get his kingside expansion going. Qc7 and Qa5 were also possible. 11...Qc7 12.Nd2 h6 13.Bh4 Nh7± A better version of what happened in the game.; 11...Qa5 12.a3 h6 13.Bh4 Nh7 14.Be7±

**12.Nd2 h6 13.Bh4**



Position after 13.Bh4

**13...Nh7!**

I overlooked this idea during the game. Black now tries to quickly expand on the kingside, and even trap my dark squared bishop in the process. However, the unfortunate placement of the black queen will lead to the failure of that plan.

**14.Nde4**

14.h3? g5 15.Bg3 f5± White still has a little bit of an advantage, but the expansion of the kingside gives Black good chances.

**14...g5**

A more accurate move order. However, Black is still significantly worse. 14...f5 15.Nd6 Qe6 16.c5! Black will have trouble avoiding a loss of material. 16...b5 17.cxb6 Nxb6 18.Na4 Nd5 19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Nc5+—

**15.Nd6 Qe6 16.Bg3 f5 17.c5!**

Bc4 is hard to meet.

**17...Kh8?**

Black had to play 17...b5. 17...b5 18.cxb6 Nxb6 19.Na4 Nd5 20.Nxc8 Raxc8 21.Nc5+—

**18.Bc4 Qe7**

18...Qg6?? 19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Rxd7+— 20...f4 (with the idea of trapping the bishop) is not available due to the pin along the b1-h7 diagonal.; 18...Qf6 19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Rxd7 f4

21.Rd6 Qe7 22.Ne4 fxc3 23.hxc3+—. The centralized white pieces, the big pawn on g7, and the extra white pawn will quickly prove to be decisive.

**19.Nxf5 Qxc5**

19...Rxf5 20.Qxf5 Nxc5 21.Qf7+— Endgame is completely lost for Black.

**20.Ne4!**



Position after 20...Ne4

**20...Qa5**

During the game I was hoping that Dakota would play Qb6, so I could try to show the power of the two bishops (see Qb6 variation). This move still loses, but in a less spectacular fashion. 20...Qb4 21.a3 The queen must go back to either a5 or b6, transposing back into one of the lines.; 20...Qb6 21.Nxg7 Kxg7 22.Rxd7+! Bxd7 23.Bxe5+ Nf6 24.Ng3!! Qd8? (24...Be8! This move holds.) 25.Nh5+ Kh8 26.Qg6 The two bishops completely dominate Black's position. This was what I could have hoped for. Unfortunately, this line fails to 24...Be8 instead of Qd8.

[I have to disagree with this gloomy assessment. 24...Be8 does prevent Nh5+, but there are other avenues of attack. Consider Qf5 and Bd3, for example, perhaps with 25.Nf5+ Kh7 26.Ne7+ Kg7 thrown in first. White's position looks completely crushing.—Dubisch]

**21.Ne7 Nhf6**

Dakota resigned here before I could make my move. I will show what would have been the finish anyway. His unfortunate a6 mishap led to his downfall, but it was still a good game. 21...Bf6 22.Nxc8 Raxc8 23.Rxd7; 21...Rf6 22.Nxf6 Bxf6 (22...

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Ndx6 23.Ng6#; 22...Nhx6 23.Ng6+ Kh7  
24.Nf8+ Kh8 25.Qh7+ Nxh7 26.Ng6#)  
23.Qg6

**22.Ng6+ Kh7 23.Nxf6+ Bxf6**

23...Rxf6 24.Nf8+ Kh8 25.Qh7#; 23...  
Nxf6 24.Nxf8+ Kh8 25.Qh7+ Nxh7  
26.Ng6#

**24.Nxf8+ Kh8**

24...Kg7 25.Qh7+ Kxf8 26.Qf7#

**25.Qh7# 1-0**

**Brent Baxter (1935) –  
Ishaan Puri (1774) [A03]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R6), May 25, 2015  
[Ishaan Puri]



**1.b3**

I had never played against b3 ever. So I  
played as logical as I could.

**1...Nf6 2.Bb2 d5 3.e3 e6 4.f4 Be7 5.Nf3  
0-0 6.Bd3 h6 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.0-0 c5  
9.Qe2 a6**

Now what I'm trying to do is get a follow  
up of b4. So I can play c4 next and get a  
queen side attack

**10.c4**

That move ruins my plan of eventually  
playing c4 but I still can get a queen side  
attack.

**10...dxc4 11.Bxc4 Rb8 12.Nc3 Nxe5  
13.fxe5 Nd5 14.Ne4 b5 15.Bxd5 exd5  
16.Ng3 Be6 17.Nf5 Qd7 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7  
19.Rf4 Qg5 20.d3 d4**

[Diagram top of next column]

I thought I would win a pawn. But I didn't  
see Re4 after Qxe5.



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Position after 20...d4

**21.Raf1 Qxe5 22.Re4 Qd6 23.exd4 Bd5  
24.dxc5 Qxc5+ 25.Bd4 Qc6 26.Rg4 f6  
27.Qf2 Be6 28.Rg3 Kh7 29.Be3 Rbc8  
30.Qf4 Qd7 31.Qe4+ f5 32.Qe5 Rc2  
33.h4 Re2 34.Rf2 Re1+ 35.Kh2 Rf6  
36.Qc3 Rd1 37.Bd4 Rf7 38.h5 Qc7  
39.Rc2**

I finally get a queen trade!

**39...Qxc3 40.Rxc3 f4 41.Rg6**



Position after 41.Rg6

**41...Bd5!**

Here is the critical point of the game.  
If he takes on a6 with his rook. I get to  
play Rf5! which is attacking his pawn for  
checkmate, which is automatic loss. But  
if he plays g4 I have Rh1 checkmate. His  
only move is Rc5 attacking my bishop. If  
I still play Rf5. His follow up is Rxg7 and  
he can do the windmill tactic.

**42.Rc5!**

He found the only move.

**42...Bb7 43.Rxg7+ Rxg7 44.Bxg7 Rd2  
45.Bc3 Rxg2+ 46.Kh3 Bf3 47.Bd4 Rg3+  
48.Kh2 Rg2+**

I thought I should get a draw. Anyways he  
is about 150 points higher than me. But  
I thought I was better in this position so I  
took advantage of the weak pawn on  
d3.

**49.Kh3 Rd2 50.Rf5?  
Rxd3 51.Rf7+  
Kg8 52.Rxf4 Be4+  
53.Kg4 Rxd4  
54.Rf6 Bb1+ 55.Kf3  
Bxa2 56.Ke3 Rd5  
57.b4 Rxh5 58.Rxa6**

**Bc4 59.Kd4 Rd5+ 60.Kc3 h5 61.Rb6 h4  
62.Rc6 h3 63.Ra6 h2 64.Ra1 0-1**

**Frederick Davis (1836) –  
Mary Kuhner (1835) [A04]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R5), May 25, 2015  
[Mary Kuhner]



**1.Nf3 f5**

This can be risky if White plays for an  
early e4 rather than d4. On the other hand,  
in a recent tournament I ended up in a  
totally unfamiliar opening by deferring f5  
too long, so I decided to go for the Dutch  
immediately.

**2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5**

Currently I'm playing the Stonewall  
against kingside fianchetto plans and the  
Classical Dutch against most other lines.

**4.0-0 Nbd7 5.d4 e6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.b3  
0-0 8.Bb2 Qe8 9.Ne5 Ne4**

This move may run into trouble if White  
plays f3 and e4, opening the center.

**10.e3**

Instead my opponent makes an overly  
cautious move, preventing Qh5 but  
allowing me to make a set of favorable  
exchanges.

**10...Nxe5 11.dxe5 Bb4 12.Nxe4 fxe4  
13.Rc1 b6 14.f4**

Gains space and prepares for Ba6. If I  
don't take, White's pawn structure looks  
potentially threatening—an eventual f5  
can open lines for his bishops.

**14...exf3 15.Rxf3 Rxf3 16.Qxf3 Ba6**



Position after 16...Ba6

Here David Levine suggested 17.e4 to  
open the position for the two bishops.  
Instead White acts to take control of the



f-file, but the targets along it are fairly easy for Black to defend, and White's dark-square bishop can't seem to contribute.

**17.Bf1 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qg6 19.Qe2 Be7**

To avoid sudden queen lunges against the unprotected piece and loose queenside pawns, and perhaps redeploy against e3.

**20.Qd3 Qg5 21.e4 c6 22.exd5 cxd5 23.c4 Rd8**

I don't care for White's plan here; he has opened the position but still lacks entry squares, while my pieces are becoming threatening and support each other.

**24.cxd5 Rxd5 25.Qf3 Qg6**

At this point I guessed, correctly, that White would play the losing 26. Rd1.

**26.Rd1**



Position after 26.Rd1

**26...Bc5+**

I got up and walked around the tournament hall, thinking complacently about how nice it was to be winning. 27. Kh1 Rxd1+ 28. Qxd1 Qe4+ mates. 27. Kg2 Qc2+ wins the rook. That leaves only:

**27.Kf1**

...after which I instantly played the move I'd calculated...

**27...Qf5**

...and only after my opponent snapped off his response and breathed a huge sigh of relief did I realize that the king will threaten my rook from e2. I had the right idea for the combination, but the wrong order of moves. Instead, 28...Rxd1+ 29. Qxd1 Qf5+ 20. K moves Qf2+ wins the bishop, and White does not have a perpetual check.

**28.Qxf5 Rxd1+ 29.Ke2 Re1+**

On the grounds that forcing his king back must be good.

**30.Kxe1 exf5 31.Ke2 g6**

If 31...Kf7 instead, 32. e6+ trades the sickly e-pawn for Black's healthy g-pawn, after which White is likely better.

**32.Kf3**

[32.e6! is still correct. Black cannot approach the e-pawn, for example 32...Kf8 33.Bf6 Be7 34.Bc3 Bd6 35.Bf6=.—

*Dubisch]*

**32...Kf7 33.h3**

My opponent felt this move wasted a tempo, but it's not clear what he could have done with it.

**33...Ke6**

I had a long think here—forty minutes on the next few moves. White's e-pawn is an obvious weakness, but he can cover it successfully. Historically, even when I was an Expert (around 1986-87) I was a weak endgame player. I'm surprised and pleased that I managed to find a winning plan here.

**34.Bc3 b5 35.Bb2 Bb6 36.Bc3 Be7 37.Kf4 h6 38.h4 a5**

My plan requires the queenside pawns to be well forward. An immediate Bxe5 would not work.

**39.a3 Bxe5+ 40.Bxe5 g5+ 41.hxg5 hxg5+ 42.Kxg5 Kxe5 43.Kh4**

Here I had calculated 43.Kg6 f4 44.gxf4+ Kxf4 45.Kf6 Ke4 46.Ke6 Kd4 47.Kd6 b4 with a win. I spent a bad couple of minutes looking at the unexpected 43. Kh4 before realizing that it does not change the evaluation.

**43...f4 44.g4 Ke4 45.g5 f3 46.Kh3**

46.g6 f2 47.g7 f1Q 48.g8Q Qh1+ 49.Kg5 Qg1+

**46...Ke3 0-1**

**Travis Olson (1823) –  
Mary Kuhner (1835) [C06]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R6), May 25, 2015  
[Mary Kuhner]

This game was important to both of us; if I won I could tie for first, if Travis won he could tie for second.

**1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 b6**

An impulse decision which I had not played before. Black plays to exchange the bad bishop, but at a considerable cost in tempi and potential weakening of squares on the queenside.

**6.Qe2**

Trying to prevent the bishop exchange. I'm amused to note that in a good-sized database this appears as a drawing move—seven games with five draws and one win for each side. While that fits our final outcome, a few things happened in between...

**6...c5 7.c3 a5 8.f4 Ba6 9.Bxa6 Nxa6 10.Ngf3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nb4**

Trying to find an upside for the misplaced knight. I hoped that after an eventual a3 I could exploit the white squares on the queenside.

**12.0-0 Be7**



Position after 12...Be7

**13.Nb1**

The beginning of a very fine plan to redeploy this piece, pointing out that my queenside white squares aren't well covered either.

**13...Qc7 14.Nc3 Qb7**

Hoping to eventually be able to play b5, but White can thwart this plan. Black has a fundamental problem with her king—it's in the way of her rooks, but it will not be safe on g8.

**15.a3 Nc6?**

I couldn't find the difference between Nc6 and Na6, but there is a huge one: after Na6 the d-pawn is defended by the queen. Travis could take advantage of this with an immediate f5.

**16.Be3 0-0**

Here I had planned to play 16...a4 but became concerned that I would simply lose the a-pawn after 17.Qb5. In fact I can save it with Ra5 but the rook is then occupying a square needed by my knight. If I withdraw the rook we could repeat the position. I wanted to win the game, so over-optimistically decided that what I needed was my KR and then I could prosecute my queenside attack. I think the text move should lose.

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17.f5 Qa6 18.Qf2 Qd3 19.Ne1

Drives off the queen and seemed very strong at the time, but analysis suggests some defensive resources for Black.

19...Qc4

The queen's pressure on d4 helps me grasp at straws of counterplay.

20.f6



Position after 20.f6

20...Nxf6

20...gxf6 21.Bh6 Kh8 22.Bxf8 Rxf8 is likely a better alternative. White is up the exchange for a pawn but his center is shaky, especially d4, and the kingside attack has been beaten off. This suggests that White should try to strengthen his attack before committing to f6, and perhaps that Ne1 was not best.

21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Rd1 b5

Too slow, but I had trouble coming up with a plan to increase my counterplay. In retrospect Kh8 is probably best.

23.Qg3 Bxd4 24.Rxd4

By this point Travis had about 20 minutes on his clock and was clearly uncomfortable about it. I had played too quickly and had plenty of time. He made this sacrifice immediately, and indeed it looks very threatening.

24...Nxd4 25.Bh6 g6 26.Qe5

Taking the exchange is not very attractive as Black emerges with a solid position and a lot of mobile center pawns. After the text move Black can't defend with Nf5 as White will simply take it.

26...f6 27.Rxf6 Rxf6 28.Qxf6 Nf5

But now this is tenable, hitting the bishop. Travis was down to about 14 minutes for the remaining moves to time control. He told me after the game that he'd lost a previous tournament through overpressing in the final round and didn't care to repeat the experience.

29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.Qe6+

33.Nxd5 is the only winning try here. After 33...Nxf6 however Travis didn't find anything conclusive for White. It's a pity White can't play Nf3 bringing his last

piece into the attack, but Qc1+ forces an unfavorable interposition as Kh2 walks into Ng4+.

33...Kh8 34.Qf6+ Kg8 35.Qe6+

I claimed the draw with relief as I felt very lucky to have survived the attack.

1/2-1/2

IM Raymond Kaufman (2384) –  
Tanraj Sohal (2347) [E06]  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R6), May 25, 2015  
[Tanraj Sohal]



1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.g3

More common is e3 with the knight already c3 leading to normal semi-slav positions.

5...Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.Ne5

Perhaps the sharpest move in this position as others don't pose serious problems 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.Rc1 Bb7

8...Nfd7??

Clear blunder and not being aware of the possible threat on d5. In many Catalan positions ...Nfd7 is often the idea to trade the knight on e5 without the recapture and threat on f6. However this is only the case with the Bishop already on b7 or the Knight on d2 preventing any possible tricks along the h1-a8 diagonal. 8...Bb7 Much more logical continuation with possibility of ...Nfd7 next or even ...c5 with counter-play in the center. 9.e4 dxc4 10.Nxc4 b5 11.Ne5 (11.Ne3 Qb6? With idea of Rd8 and c5) 11...b4 (11...c5 12.dxc5 b4 13.Na4 Qc7) 12.Na4 Nbd7

9.cxd5!



Position after 9.cxd5

9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 exd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5

11...Bb7 12.Nxe7+ Qxe7 13.Qd6+-

12.Bxd5

12.Qxd5 Qxd5 13.Bxd5 Bh3 14.Bxa8 Bxf1 15.Kxf1 Nd7 16.Bd5 Nxe5+- much better version simply because Black's chances of counterplay reduce significantly without the queen. The ending with the pair of bishops and extra pawn with accurate play should be fairly easy to convert.

12...Bh3 13.Bxa8 Bxf1 14.Qxf1 Nd7 15.Bd5

15.Bg2 Nxe5 16.Bf4 Qd4 17.b3 Rc8 18.Qd1+-

15...Nxe5 16.e4?!

posing a strong outpost on d5 but at the cost of weakening the light squares on the kingside and possibility of future counterplay.

16...Bc5



Position after 16...Bc5

With pawn down Black's best practical move to create counterplay against f2 and along the f-file.

17.Kg2 Kh8 18.Bd2?

Not realizing idea of Kh8 as Bd2 increases strength of f5 push because it's unprotected on d-file. 18.Qe2 f5 19.f3 fxe4 20.Bxe4 Ng4 21.fxg4 (21.Bf4 Nf2 22.Rc1 Qd7?? (22...Nxe4 23.Qxe4± the safest variation for White to secure clean advantage with extra pawn and same colored bishops.) 23.Rxc5) 21...Rf2+ 22.Qxf2 Bxf2 23.Kxf2 Qd4+ 24.Kf3 Qd1+ 25.Kf4 Qf1+ 26.Ke5 Qf6+ 27.Kd5 Qf7+ 28.Kd4 Qf2+=

18...f5!

In three moves Black managed to equalize from losing position.

19.Bf4 Ng6

19...Ng4 20.b4 Bd4 21.Rd1

20.Be3

Rest of the moves are almost forced leading to draw.

20...Bxe3 21.fxe3 fxe4 22.Qc4

[Diagram top of next page]

22...Qf6



Position after 22.Qc4

22...Ne7 Black can try one last trick but simply doesn't work to 23.Bxe4 Qd2+ 24.Kh1 Rf2 (24...Qxb2 25.Qd4) 25.Rf1 Qxe3 26.Rxf2 Qxf2 27.Qc1

23.Rf1 Qxb2+ 24.Kh3 Rxf1 25.Qxf1 Qe5 26.Qf7 Qh5+ 27.Kg2 Qe2+ 28.Kh3 Qh5+ 1/2-1/2

**Michael Hosford (1932) –  
Cameron Leslie (2064) [B12]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R3), May 24, 2015  
[Michael Hosford]

### 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5

This is my first annotated game for *Northwest Chess*! Many thanks to NM Neil Salmon, NM Harlan Lee, and NM David Weinstock for their help with analysis. Also a big thanks to Cameron Leslie for graciously taking the time to review the game.

### 3.f3



Position after 3.f3

### 3...Qb6

In previous games I had faced 3...dxe4 and occasionally 3...e6. After this early Queen move I thought we would transpose to an interesting gambit line that begins 3...e5!? 4.dxe5 Bc5 5.Nc3 Qb6 6.Na4 where Black has both 6...Bf2+ and 6...Qa5+ as possible continuations. With this in mind, I simply continued...

### 4.Nc3

Threatening the d5 pawn.

### 4...dxe4

Komodo likes this move, so I guess it can't be bad. However, Black is deploying the Queen early and opening the center at the expense of rapid development of the

minor pieces.

### 5.fxex4 e5 6.Nf3

Positionally incorrect is 6.dxe5? and White gets the "Fantasy Island" of doubled isolated pawns on the open e-file.

### 6...Bg4 7.Bc4

White threatens 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Nxe5+ winning material and exposing Black's King.

### 7...exd4?

An extremely risky decision! Black allows the pseudo sacrifice on f7 with the idea that after the dust settles White will have to part with the c3 Knight. However, material is only one aspect of the position. The other equally important imbalances of King Safety and Development must be taken into consideration.

The engine trinity of Komodo, Stockfish and Houdini all agree that the defensive 7...f6 must be played here, after which 8.d5 and the game continues with White slightly better.

### 8.Bxf7+! Kxf7 9.Ne5+

Keeping the Knight centralized for the attack. 9.Ng5+ is equally strong.

### 9...Ke7

Other King moves are worse according to Houdini.

### 10.Qxg4 Nf6 11.Bg5

This pin is a vital element to White's attack on the uncastled King.

### 11...dxc3?



Position after 11...dxc3

It's hard to criticize this capture, since this was the main point of Black's plan. But the fact is that White has far too many attacking resources and taking on c3 only accelerates White's initiative. Instead, 11...Qc7 is the best chance for Black to hang on. White would then need to find 12.Nc4! with the extremely powerful idea of e4-e5. Black

has no time to capture the white knights! For example...

A) 12...b5?? 13.e5 bxc4 14.exf6+ gxf6. And now it would appear that White is still down material, since both minors are threatened. However, 15.Bxf6+! Kxf6 16.0-0+ Ke7 (16...Ke5 17.Rae1+ Kd6 18.Qxd4#) 17.Qxd4+- threatening both Rae1+ and Qxh8.

B) The immediate 12...dxc3?? is basically the same thing after 13.e5 and White is winning.

C) 12...Nbd7 13.0-0-0! With the white rooks now connected, Black cannot even dream of taking on c3. For example, 13...dxc3?? 14.e5 cxb2+ 15.Kb1 and White is guaranteed to recover the piece as well as open the e-file for the majors. The e-pawn is untouchable on account of 15...Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qd7#!

Note that 11...Qxb2 fails to 12.0-0 Qxc3 13.Qc8! threatening Qxb7.

### 12.Rd1!+-



Position after 12.Rd1

This quiet move is crushing, as it cuts the board in half with the deadly threat of Rd7+ followed by mate. Black's King is in a box. Of course, a brilliant way for White to lose is 12.0-0-0?? Qxb2#! 12...Qc7 Even the visually stunning 12...Qe3+?! is calmly met with 13.Kf1!+- (Not 13.Bxe3?? Nxe4=.)

### 13.Qf4

Threatening 14.Ng6+ winning the Queen.


### 13...Qc8

On 13...Na6, simply 14.0-0 and White is crashing through on f6. (Tempting is

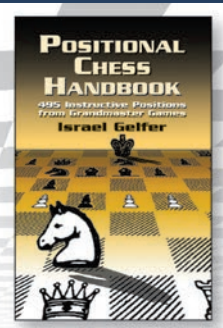
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14.Rd7+??, but after 14...Qxd7 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 Black has too much material for the Queen.)

**14.0-0**

All the white pieces are ready to pounce. The target is the pinned Knight on f6.

**14...Qe6 15.Ng4 Ke8**

If 15...Nbd7, White gets a 5-man pile-up on f6 with 16.e5!

**16.Nxf6+! gxf6 17.Bxf6 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Rf8 19.Rd8+ Kf7 20.Be7+! 1-0**

**NM Josh Sinanan (2271) – IM Raymond Kaufman (2343) [A37]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA (R5), May 25, 2015  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Bf5 7.d3 Qd7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.a3 Bh3 10.Rb1 h5 11.Bxh3 Qxh3 12.Ng5 Qd7 13.f3 h4 14.g4 Nd4**

14...h3∞

**15.Bxd4?!**

15.h3±

**15...cxd4** ♯ 16.Nce4 d5 17.Nxf6+

17.cxd5 Nxd5 ♯

**17...exf6 18.Nh3 f5 19.gxf5 dxc4 20.dxc4 Qxf5 21.Qa4+ Kf8 22.Nf2 Re8**

22...h3



Position after 22...Re8

**23.Rbe1**

23.Ne4! may offer chances to confuse the issue: 23...Be5 (23...h3?? 24.Qxe8+! +-; 23...Rxe4!? 24.fxe4 Qg4 + 25.Kf2 Be5! with good compensation.) 24.Qxa7 Kg7 25.Rf2∞

**23...h3 24.Qb5 Be5 25.Ng4 d3 26.Kh1 Bd4 27.Qb4+ Kg7 28.Qd2**

28.e3 ♯

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**28...Rxe2!! 29.Rxe2 dxe2 30.Qxe2**

30.Qxd4+?? f6-+

**30...Rd8 31.Qd2 g5 32.b3 Bb6 33.Qb2+ f6 34.Qe2 Rd7 35.b4**

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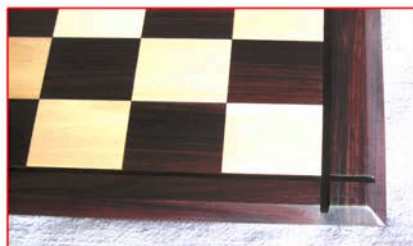
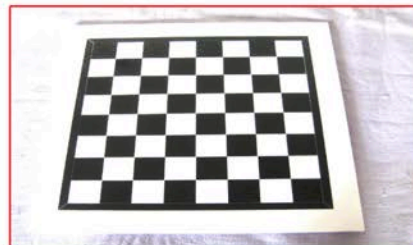
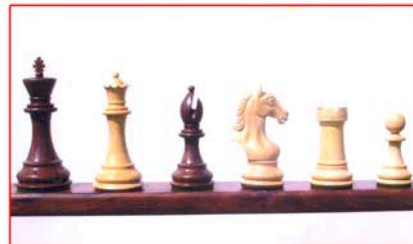
Position after 28.Qd2



Position after 35.b4

**35...Qd3! 36.Qxd3 Rxd3 37.c5 Bc7 38.Re1 Rxf3 39.Kg1 Bf4 40.Re7+ Kg6 0-1**

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# Idaho Chess News

## BCC #7 Chess Tournament

A little over a year since the creation of the newly formed Boise Chess Club (BCC), the BCC #7 Chess Tournament took place at All About Games on Overland Road in Boise, Idaho on May 30, 2015. Jeffrey Roland was the tournament director. The event was USCF-rated. Entry was free and open to all. The prizes were nothing other than the joy of playing chess and competing with some of the best active chess players around.

Twelve players played in this 4-round Swiss tournament that ran from about 9:30 a.m. until about 6:00 p.m.

The time control was a new one that has not been tried at a BCC tournament before, Game/30 +30 seconds increment per move. Because of this time control

(which was very popular with the players), it was required that players record every move. On a few occasions in the James Liu vs. Alex Machin game, Alex Machin actually got under five seconds on his clock several times but was still able to record every move. In that game Tournament Director Jeffrey Roland actually placed a video camera on a tripod and recorded the last 20 minutes or so of the game, just in case, in an effort to guarantee preservation of the moves of all the games in the tournament.

Every game of the tournament was able to be entered into ChessBase by the tournament director during the rounds. By the last round and by the time the event was done and wrapped up, all the games of the entire event had been entered into PGN and emailed to *Northwest Chess* within 15 minutes of the completion of the event! The event was submitted to USCF for rating right there on the spot as well.

Caleb Paul Kircher (Nampa) won the event with 3.5 points. James Inman (Nampa) was second place with 3 points. Cody Gorman (Eagle) and Jarod Buus (Nampa) tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place with 2.5 points.

The BCC is grateful to All About Games for providing a free and enjoyable place to play. BCC also thanks Jeffrey Roland for his tireless efforts to run these events smoothly and for taking pictures and entering all the games into PGN. BCC thanks Jamie Lang for scheduling the site and for his email promotions, and Jarod Buus for his work on the fancy Flyers that are produced to promote the events. The Idaho Chess Association (ICA) donated carbonless score sheets to the cause too (and has done so for every BCC tournament to date). BCC appreciates the chess players who come to the weekly Monday night meetings and to those who play in the free BCC tournaments. BCC is a great place to play chess whether



*Cody Gorman (left) plays Chris Amen (right) in Round 2 on nearest board. Tom Booth (left) plays Matthew White (right) on the next board. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland*

# Boise Chess Club #7 Chess Tournament

Boise, Idaho - May 30, 2015  
Tournament Director: Jeffrey Roland



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it is on Monday nights or in free chess tournaments. Players of all skills from Master to Novice come weekly. All are welcome to check it out.

**Caleb Paul Kircher (1849) –  
Cody A.M. Gorman (1885) [A03]**  
BCC #7 (R4), May 30, 2015  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2  
Nf6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Ne5 Qc7 8.d4 0-0 9.c3  
b6 10.Nd2 Bb7 11.b3 cxd4 12.exd4 Nxe5  
13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Ba3 Rfe8 15.Rc1 f6?!**



Position after 15...f6

**16.c4! fxe5?**

16...d4 17.Bd5+! e6 (17...Bxd5 18.cxd5  
Qb7 19.e6!?, with interesting play that  
favors White.; 17...Kh8 18.Nf3 fxe5  
19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxd4±) 18.Bd6 Qc8  
19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Qf3!±, for example:  
20...Qxf3 21.Nxf3 fxe5 22.fxe5 Rad8  
23.Rcd1 d3 (23...Bh6 24.Nxd4) 24.Rd2  
Nc5 25.Bxc5 bxc5 26.Rfd1 with,  
eventually, a pawn plus.

**17.cxd5 Qb8 18.Qg4**

18.f5!±

##	Player	Residence	USCF	R1	R2	R3	R4	Score
1	Caleb Paul Kircher	Nampa	1849	W11	D4	X	W3	3½
2	James Inman	Nampa	1812	W7	W10	L3	W4	3
3	Cody A.M. Gorman	Eagle	1885	W5	D9	W2	L1	2½
4	Jarod Buus	Nampa	1669	W12	D1	W5	L2	2½
5	Tom R. Booth	Caldwell	1572	L3	W12	L4	W6	2
6	Justin Siek	Boise	1077	L9	W8	W10	L5	2
7	Christopher Ronald Olson	Meridian	1061	L2	W11	L8	W10	2
8	Alex James Machin	Boise	1716	L10	L6	W7	W11	2
9	Chris Amen	Boise	1671	W6	D3	-F-	---	1½
10	James Liu	Boise	1143	W8	L2	L6	L7	1
11	Kenneth Sanderson	Boise	1504	L1	L7	W12	L8	1
12	Matthew William White	Boise	1077	L4	L5	L11	-B-	1

**18...Nf8?**

18...e6 19.dxe6 (19.Ne4!?) 19...Nf6±

**19.Nc4**

19.f5

**19...exf4 20.gxf4**

The alternative recapture 20.Rxf4; and the attacking gambit 20.Rce1 are also strong.

**20...Qc8?**

20...b5 21.Ne5 b4! (21...Bxe5? 22.fxe5  
Qxe5 23.Rce1 leaves White with too  
much activity for the pawn.)

22.Bb2 (22.Bxb4!?! Bc8 23.Rxc8! Qxc8  
24.Qh4 with compensation.) 22...e6 and  
the battle continues.

**21.Qg3 Qf5 22.Ne5**

22.Ne3 Qd3 23.Rc7±



Position after 22.Ne5

**22...Nd7??**

22...Rad8 23.Rcd1 e6 24.Nc6! The complications should favor White, with his edge in space and development.

**23.Bh3**

Skewer with chance of windmills.

**23...Qe4 24.Be6+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ Kg8  
26.Ng5+ 1-0**



Tom Booth.  
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

## Boise Chess Club Photos

Jim Berezow and Jeffrey Roland contributed over a hundred pictures for consideration in this issue. I thought it would be good to show some of these photos. It is quite common for these two photographers to take anywhere from 30-50 pictures each week at the Boise Chess Club.—Editor.



*Bill Brubaker taken on May 4, 2015. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.*



*NM Jaime Crosby taken May 25, 2015.  
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# The 2015 Elmars Zemgalis Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

By Murlin Varner, Administrator

The Washington Open went over 200 for the first time in many years, and the Grand Prix standings show the effects of such a large tournament with a 4x multiplier. For 98 Washington players, May was the first time they entered into a GP event this year, and most of those were at the Open. We now have 468 players in the database for 2015.

Michael Munsey and Nick Raptis have held on to their respective leads for yet another month, but in Idaho we have a new leader, as Glenn Griggs has edged ahead of Savanna Naccarato. There is still a lot of year to go, and none of these leaders are anywhere close to clinching any victories. You can still get busy and make some waves. You just have to get busy.

During June, seven more events were added to the mix, two of which had multipliers, the Newport (OR) June Open (3x) and the Emerald City Open (2x) in Seattle. And Idaho finally had their 4<sup>th</sup> event of the year, the Idaho Open. These will cause additional standings changes in all three states when I next report to you.

Looking ahead to July, you will have another seven events to choose from, in Seattle (3), Portland (2), Tacoma, and Spokane. One, the Seafair Open, in Seattle, will have a multiplier, although I do not know the total prize fund at this writing.

The data below are current through June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
			<b>Masters</b>					
			1 Raptis	Nick	100.5	1 Pupols	Viktors	70
			2 Grabinsky	Aaron	12	2 Schill	William J	59
			3 Haessler	Carl A	11	3 Feng	Roland	42
			3 Prochaska	Peter	11	4 Bragg	David R	40
			3 Seitzer	Phillip	11	5 He	Samuel	36.5
<b>M/X/Class A</b>			<b>Experts</b>					
1 Bodie	Brad	15	1 Saputra	Yogi	56	1 He	Anthony B	76.5
2 Lucky	David	8	2 Bjorksten	Lennart	44.5	2 Haining	Kyle	48.5
3 Kircher	Caleb P	6.5	3 Cigan	Jason	43	3 Bishop	Alan	40.5
3 Inman	James	6.5	4 Talyansky	Seth D	41	4 Moroney	Timothy M	39.5
5 Maki	James J	6	5 Heywood	Bill	28	5	Two tied at	37.5
<b>Class B</b>			<b>Class A</b>					
1 Griggs	Glenn	18	1 Phipps	Danny	50.5	1 Yu	Jason	73.5
2 Buus	Jarod N	10	2 Murray	David E	39	2 Baxter	Brent L	48.5
3 Derryberry	De Wayne R	9	3 Goffe	Michael P	35	3 Tafalla	Gabriel	40.5
3 Bartell	Fred	9	4 Tenesaca	Santiago F	20	3 Kuhner	Mary K	40.5
5 Eacker	Barry D	7	5 Gaikwad	Dagadu B	19.5	3 Mitchell	Mika	40.5
<b>Class C</b>			<b>Class B</b>					
1 Naccarato	Savanna	16.5	1 Hasuike	Mike L	80.5	1 Puri	Ishaan	53.5
1 Weyland	Ronald M	16.5	2 Eagles	Roland	55	2 Anthony	Ralph J	52
3 Lombardi	George	13.5	3 Samillano	Jazon	46	3 Deshpande	Aaryan H	51.5
4 Nathan	Jacob A	8.5	4 Wu	Ethan	31.5	4 Tu	Robin L	49.5
4 Zaklan	David A	8.5	5 Zhang	Gavin	30	5 Fabian	Steve	41.5

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
<b>Class D</b>			<b>Class C</b>								
1	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	15.5	1	Berger	Brian F	49	1	Piper	August	61.5
2	Porth	Desmond	5	2	Kenway	Geoffrey W	29	2	Richards	Jerrold	54.5
3	Porth	Adam	4	3	Dietz	Arliss	23	3	Frostad	John C	50.5
4	Dominick	Matthew T	3	4	Booth	Liam K	18	4	Zhang	Cheyenne	43
				5	Tang	Jimmy	14	5	Ahluwalia	Anshul B	40
<b>Class E and Below</b>			<b>Class D and Below</b>								
1	Fister	Joel S	9	1	Jewell	Nathan	18	1	Munsey	Michael R	94
2	Naccarato	Chris D	7.5	2	Gupta	Rohit	13.5	2	Anand	Vignesh	57
3	Hiatt	Arlene	5.5	3	Frias	Corbin M	8	3	Casey	Garrett W	47.5
4	Nathan	Oliver E	5	3	Wong	Egan	8	4	Xuan	Owen	39
5	Courtney	Caleb	4.5	3	Kypriotakis	Kyriakos	8	5	Casey	Braxton W	38
<b>Overall Leaders, by State</b>											
1	Griggs	Glenn	18	1	Raptis	Nick	100.5	1	Munsey	Michael R	94
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7	Buus	Jarod N	10	7	Samillano	Jazon	46	7	Anand	Vignesh	57
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11	Zaklan	David A	8.5	11	Murray	David E	39	11	Deshpande	Aaryan H	51.5
11	Nathan	Jacob A	8.5	12	Goffe	Michael P	35	12	Frostad	John C	50.5

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# Travel The World And Play Chess

## (Crossword Puzzle No. 3)

by Carol Kleist

### ACROSS

1. His (4 down) fortified tower, south of the border

6. If you go here today, you will be where the ancient board strategy game of latrunculi was played; mentioned as early as 3d cent. B.C. And when there, do as the Romans do.

10. Minev and Yasser are in a good mood and invite us to help ourselves. They say, \_\_ my no. 6 down.

14. If you ask GM Wesley So if he liked the result of the Millionaire tmnt, he might respond like this!

15. When you retire (or win the lottery), and travel all over the world playing chess, you might start by asking: “\_\_ France est-ce-que un bon tournoi?”

16. The editor of *Northwest Chess* is Pres. of the State Chess Federation in which state?

17. Fun tactics if you are the one looking through your piece from the good side of the board

18. Music has essential structural elements such as pitch and rhythm, form, such as sonata or rondo, development of thematic motives, but also these non-essentials such as mordents, grace notes and trills. Does chess, with its development of thematic ideas, its time, space, and force elements, also have these?

20. This on- line educational material is available to all students in Idaho. NW Idaho Student chess players can enjoy this, but it seems the funding is in some danger. Good luck.

21. When do we start our clocks to begin the round? When the T.D. \_\_.

23. This cable TV network is better known for other sport coverage, not chess.

24. The gentleman asks: “Did the SCC win the 2014 1st place Club Team Prize in Reno’s Western States Open? Reply: “\_\_”.

25. If you travel to Austria, you might play some chess in \_\_ Innsbruck.

29. We want to be good opponents and not disturb in any way, but re the game result, we do not \_\_ to please.

30. We’re travelling in Mexico, and, as usual, we vow to study the endgame, but, --- tarde,

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
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	32	33				34	35			36			
37					38			39					
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56	57	58							59	60			
61					62				63				
64					65				66				

31. Chess Musical: “\_\_ night in Bangkok and the world’s your oyster.”

32. This titled player has written many acclaimed books on chess. He has sometimes collaborated with IM John Donaldson; both have contributed much to the NW area.

36. Are these Sicilian variations stronger or weaker than the open ones, or just a matter of taste?

37. The Western States Open is held in Reno in autumn, around trick or \_\_ time. Free coffee cake every morning..

38. Our knights’ horses serve and we don’t even have to supply them with this edible grass.

39. Australia in the spotlight: GM Walter Browne was born there, but this GM stayed and represented it. There are many articles and books which deal with his games vs. Anand, Korchnoi and other great ones and comment \_\_

40. I quote an IM when I write “I don’t

know if anyone ever won a game without taking some \_\_.”

41 The relationship of chess ability and what is usually regarded as this?

43. In Greece the number one in Modern Greek also serves as the neuter indirect article..

44. Welcome in the summer for drinks, and was known to own Yasser’s “Inside Chess”..

45. Many new beginnings for this Soviet born American chess champion, Gata Kamsky, who announced in August that he was scheduled to say these words, and then presto, new wife!

46. Go ahead! Do what you know you want to do! But look with great care first.

48. What is the difference between a c3 Sicilian and an Alapin Sicilian? C’est la \_\_ chose.

50. At Seattle Chess Club a room full of old and new friends were held spellbound in delighted joy, when this world famous

GM came to talk for a fundraiser; with his genius, his humor, and his genuine human warmth.

53. French musician, 1726-95, virtuoso oboe player, composer noted for opera, and best chess player of his time: François André \_\_\_.

55. In this season in France you might enjoy a great chess tmnt in Cannes, home of the famous Film Festival.

56. \_\_\_ the importance of the endgame, Gerzadowicz tells us that "Openings teach you openings, endgames teach you chess."

59. We must try to do more than hope our opponent makes the last one.

61. Affirming the universality of chess, you can take a chess cruise on this Canal. It has been done.

62. In French, Spanish, and Italian the preposition "from"

63. You see that your N on 50 down is this, \_\_\_ move it!

64. Well, we did what Yasser and Minev invited us to do back in 10 across and 6 down, and got a lost game!

65. Russian News Agency. Follow the national chess news (perhaps in translation!)

66. Most chess here would be in the central coastal part of the state around Boston, but if you lived in a small town south of there, you might have to read the rule bk and start your own club in \_\_\_.

## DOWN

1. Some pawns.

2. You will need to use these organs well in Germany

3. Not a chess player, but nicknamed rocket man, he might inspire you chess devotees with his physical courage as race car driver, or maybe not.

4. He rules the board south of the border.

5. Title of a book of essays dealing with, among other things, Anand and Carlsen by the Dutch Journalist Hans Ree, which John Watson has reviewed.

6. The plunder you are invited to indulge in by Minev and Yasser.

7. The SCC has many Jr. players, but would like to increase \_\_\_ participation.

8. On the \_\_\_ when you visit the south of France is roast duck and no thanks, foie gras.

9. Chess was not included as \_\_\_ game on the list of approved sports for 2014, nor was GO, although they had been allowed to participate in this continent's form of Olympic games in 2010.

10. You may wish to appear with this accessory when the mayor comes to speak at your tmnt in Europe.

11. Middle name of WGM Mary \_\_\_ Gomen, women's champion of India.

12. Take good care of this with your chess materials in it. Don't leave unattended at the airport.

13. Lasker and Gufeld for two.

19. Chess teams of Kabul city, capital of Afghanistan, a narrow valley between the Hindu Kush \_\_\_, participate in tournaments locally and go on tours to other Asian countries.

22. If the Slav is not complex enough, one can always try this Slavic relative., the \_\_\_ Slav.,

26. This word is a nice innocent adjective, coming from the Latin noun sonus-i, but add boom and it would be very disturbing for the chess tmnt.

27. In this city, \_\_\_ Kerman Province, Iran, the Tati language is not spoken, as you might have thought from the name., but rather Persian.. Here in Iran the debate still rages as to which country gave birth to chess: India or Iran. I, and now that the religious ban against chess has been lifted, it begins to rival India in chess..

28. Still in Germany, we may disagree, and say, or at least think, this.

29. Do not eat this jelly bean and chocolate kisses , \_\_\_ salad at the board. .

30. Object of the game. .

32. With whom could Gata share the cover of Chess Life with next year for the 3rd time in a row as U.S. winners.?

33. What ! \_\_\_\_\_?! I want to hang on to my material.

34. The \_\_\_ King can often battle one passed pawn, but two separated by two ranks? Poor majesty.

35. Modern Greek is like German, but has one letter less ,to express the goal of the game..

36. If you are looking for a new opening you could try \_\_\_ Grunfeld, or \_\_\_ London, or in a different vein, \_\_\_ Chess.

37. Depending where you travel next, you may be answering \_\_\_ bien to inquiries of how you are.

39. Most of these use descriptive notation.

41. Which internet chess club seems to be dominant re the number of participants?

42. Being a GM is a hard job, and I do not know any who arrive at their tmnts driven by chauffeurs in one of these.

44. Public high schools often have after school chess clubs. In the NW we have them in WA, OR, and in \_\_\_\_\_.

47. After the games are started, one can no longer take \_\_\_ at any chess material.

48. The consensus seems to be in that both chess and music are good for the \_\_\_ of children, but I know of no study which compares in which way the two differ and compare.

49. We know about the knight, and it seems that also other pieces here can only be their most effective if they have open lines.

50. Sign for skittles room?: Yo Mama, or \_\_\_, followed by doesn't work here.

51. Your fate re color or whom you play first in a round robin for ex, is often decided by this, or a card drawing.

52. What one doesn't like to rack up on his side of the pairing sheet.

54. Recent chess Novel by chess player Jesse Kraai.

56. When the tmnt. furnishes this, it is welcome light-weight air- travel news.

57. Some wives might wish they could get one of these from the court to temporarily prevent their chess-addicted husbands from attending so many tmnts.

58. Your visit to Brazil: you are surprised to find that they have world famous football (soccer) clubs that include chess and tennis, among other sports. You are staying in \_\_\_, where the state championship has been held for 83 years.

60. His shining armor is not at all brilliant in the sun here on the \_\_\_.

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**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75;d5. **EF:** \$11 by 4/8, \$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.

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**Byes:** 2 (Sunday rounds, commit at reg.). **Misc:** USCF & WCF memb. req'd. OSA. No smoking. No computers.

# Upcoming Events

♣ denotes 2015 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

♣ **Jul 11 Puget Sound Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave., Tacoma. Format: 3-round Quads. Time Control: G/90, d5. Entry Fee: \$25, \$22 for Tacoma Chess Club members. Prize Fund: 1st \$40 each Quad. Reg. 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:00, 1:30, 4:45. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS, NC, Wheelchair Accessible. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, ph. 253-535-2536, email Ggarychess@aol.com, website www.tacomachess.org.

♣ **Jul 11-12 Portland Summer 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. OCF Invitational Qualifier. OCF State Qualifier.

♣ **Jul 18 Qualchan Quads, Spokane, WA.** Site: Spokane Valley Library, E. 12004 E. Main, Spokane, WA 99206. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45 a.m. E.F. \$16. Format: 3 Rds, G/2Hr (5 second delay). Rds: 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. USCF membership required. n/c. USCF rated. Coffee & snacks provided. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, (509) 994-9739, Email: dbgrffin@hotmail.com, website Spokanechessclub.org. Note: Chess downstairs, take elevator.

♣ **Jul 25/Aug 29 Portland CC Game in 60, Portland, OR.** 4SS, G/60;d5. TD may switch to 5SS and G/45;d5 if more than 25 entries. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR Map. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. OCF/WCF/ICA and USCF membership required, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9:00-9:30 a.m. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Prizes: (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30; U1800, U1500 \$35 each. No tiebreakers (prizes split). OCF State Qualifier. Info: e-mail email@pdxchess.org, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.org.

**Aug 1-2 5th Annual Oregon Senior Open, Portland, OR.** (Half-Page Ad on Page 12)

**Aug 1 Run or Bike Chess Championship, Newport, OR.** Participants get a time by running a mile or riding a bike 2.12 miles. That time is your opponent's time for each round of a 5 Rd Swiss that follows. Location: Newport Intermediate School and South Lincoln PUD Bldg., Newport, OR. Trophies awarded in many classes. Entry fee \$5. See flyer. Info: ph. 541-563-7033, email blbrrs2020@yahoo.com.

♣ **Aug 6, 13, 20 August Ajeeb Quads, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University (Herak Rm 121). Registration: 6:30-7:15 p.m. Rounds: Aug. 6, 13, 20. E. F. \$16. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). USCF rated.

**Aug 8-9 Washington Senior Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 E. Portland Ave., Tacoma, WA. Format: 4 round Swiss for those age 50 on up. Time Control: G/120; d5. Entry fee: \$30 in advance, \$35 at site; \$27 advance, \$32 at site for TCC members. Round times: Reg. 9:00-9:45, Sat. R-1, 10:00, R-2, 3:00; Sun. R-3, 10:00, R-4, 3:00 or A.S.A.P. Prize Fund: 1st \$80.00 + plaque, 2nd \$75.00 + certificate, Class A,B,C,D/Unr. \$50.00 each + certificate. NC NS Wheelchair Accessible. USCF / state memberships required. Byes: 1 half point bye available. Entries/Info.: Gary Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445. Ph. 253-535-2536, email ggarychess@aol.com, website www.tacomachess.org. Make checks payable to Gary J. Dorfner.

♣ **Aug 15-16 Spokane Falls Open, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University (Schoenberg Center), Rm. 201 & 202, N. 800 Pearl Street, Spokane, WA 99202. Registration: Sat. 8:30am-9:30am. Rounds: Sat. 10:00-2:30-7:00, Sun: 9:00-1:30 or ASAP. Time Control: G/120 (with 5 second delay). E.F. \$18 if received by 8/14, \$3 less for under 18 year olds, \$25 for all at the site. Telephone entries accepted. USCF rated. \$500 prize fund based on 25, Class prizes based on at least five per section. Only one prize per person (excluding biggest upset - both players must have established ratings). NS, NC, W. One ½ point bye if requested before proceeding round; Sunday byes must be requested before the end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in the final round. Special Event: Spokane Falls Open will be held concurrently with the Spokane City Championship on August 15-16. Nikolay Bulakh will take on the winner of a six player round-robin that will take place between May 28-August 2. Two rounds are scheduled for Saturday while rounds three and four will be scheduled for Sunday. The time control will be G/2Hr with a 5 second delay. If needed there will be a G/10 playoff with the first to three points wins. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$120, 2nd Overall: \$80; Class Prizes: 1st (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$60, 2nd(U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$30; Biggest Upset: \$30 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. For information: cell (509) 994-9739, email: dbgrffin@hotmail.com.

♣ **Aug 22-23 Vancouver Open, Vancouver, WA.** (Half-Page Ad on page 21)

♣ **Aug 29 Tacoma Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave., Tacoma, WA. Format: 3 round Quads. Time Control: G/90; d5. Entry Fee: \$25, \$22 for Tacoma Chess Club members. Prize Fund: 1st \$40 each Quad. Reg. 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:00, 1:30, 4:45. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF and state membership required. NS NC Wheelchair Accessible. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, ph. 253-535-2536, email Ggarychess@aol.com, website www.tacomachess.org.

♣ **Sep 5-7 65th Annual Oregon Open, Portland, OR.** (Full-Page Ad on Page 3)

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