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David Lucky on June 21, 2015 "in victory pose" as he wins the 2015 Idaho Open in the same calendar year as he also won the Idaho Closed, making him the first player in over 50 years to do that. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

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Jeffrey Roland (who was second place at the 2015 Idaho Open) taken here at the Boise Chess Club on July 6, 2015. Photo credit: Jim Berezow.

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Idaho Chess News

David Lucky wins Idaho Open

(Stellar performance that hasn't been seen in over 50 years!)

Boise, ID — June 20-21, 2015

History

In 1947 when the Idaho Chess Association (ICA) began, there was an "Idaho Tournament" (which is really an Idaho Open except that it wasn't officially named that) held every year through 1957. And the Idaho State Chess Champion was chosen as the top Idaho player in the "Idaho Tournament."

In 1958, it was decided to have two events—the "Idaho Open" and the "Idaho Closed." Under this new system, the Idaho Closed (which was open to all players living in Idaho) selected the Idaho State Chess Champion, and the Idaho Open was just a super strong open tournament held in the Northwest which drew players from Idaho as well as surrounding states (primarily Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, and Nevada).

In 1968 and 1969 there was no Idaho Closed due largely to burnout and family obligations of Dick Vandenburg (so in 1968 and 1969 the Idaho State Chess Champion was chosen by the highest Idaho player at the Idaho Open again). But in 1970 and going forward, things went back to normal with the two events again.

In 1995, 2000, and 2003 there was no Idaho Open for various reasons, but there was still an Idaho Closed those years. So, except for five years (1968, 1969, 1995, 2000, and 2003) there has been both an Idaho Open and an Idaho Closed tournament every year from 1958 through 2015.

On May 16, 1965, and the first time this ever happened, Dick Vandenburg (Boise) won both the Idaho Closed and the Idaho Open tournaments during the same calendar year. That was a record and achievement that stood out and was never repeated—that is, until now. After a span of 50 years one month and five days, it has happened again.



David Lucky (left) plays Brett Hamilton in round one. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

Current Event

On [June 21](#), 2015, David Lucky (Eagle) won the Idaho Open with a perfect score of 5-0, after winning the Idaho Closed on [February 16](#), 2015 with a perfect score of 6-0. Additionally, he also won the Idaho Blitz Championship on [January 3](#), 2015 with a score of 23.5/24 making David Lucky officially the best chess player in Idaho by winning all the big events.

Jeffrey Roland (Boise) was second place with 3.5/5 points.

Cody Gorman (Eagle) and Alex Machin (Boise) tied for third-fourth places with 3.0/5 points each.

Due to the low number (only two players), it was decided to put the players of the Reserve (U1400) Section into the Open Section for pairing purposes, but prizes in the Reserve Section were still available to the players who would qualify for them.

Temiloluwa Deborah Aderogba (Eagle) was first place for the Reserve (U1400) prize.

Wesley Nyblade III (Heyburn) was second place for the Reserve (U1400) prize.

Jeffrey Roland was Chief Tournament Director, and Cody Gorman was Assistant Tournament Director. This was a 5-round

Swiss with time control of Game/120;d5.

Recently, ICA President Jeffrey Roland has begun to rethink his position on the frequency of open tournaments in Idaho and in particular, in Boise. In 2014, there were three big monthly ICA open chess tournaments held in Boise (Idaho Open, June 28-29; ICA Summer Classic, July 19-20; ICA Players Memorial, August 23-24) and while these were very successful and enjoyable chess tournaments, many players in the local area seemed to take them for granted saying things like, "No thanks, I'll just play in the next one."

This year's Idaho Open took us back to the basics of the ICA—to focus on the chess and the quality rather than money, ratings, or numbers of attendees. In fact, Jeffrey Roland asked only one player personally to play. There were no high pressure promotion tactics. This event was simply promoted "normally" by posting the flyer to the ICA and NWC websites, advertising in *Northwest Chess* and *Chess Life* magazines, and having a USCF TLA online. This represents quite a bit of promotion in itself, but no twisting of arms or trying to "talk anyone into playing" was done. Players everywhere were free (as always) to play if they wanted to or to not play if they didn't want to play. This brought about a pure event which represented the players who really wanted to play.

The playing site was fantastic. La Quinta Inn & Suites, 7965 W. Emerald St., Boise, Idaho. The room was very well laid out with spacious capacity to hold an event with many more players comfortably if needed. There was ice cold water, hot coffee, and hot water for tea or whatever at the back of the playing room for the players. Every round (even the first) started on time.

On three occasions, Jeffrey Roland pulled out his video camera to record games that were in sudden-death time trouble so that a more complete record of all the moves to all the games could be preserved for history.

The ICA thanks and appreciates the thirteen competitors, the tournament directors, the La Quinta Inn & Suites staff, and even the people who simply came by to watch and see for themselves the competition and to witness some of Idaho's best players in action. Here now are some of the games from the event.

Christine M. Bernot Smith (1603) – Caleb Paul Kircher (1849) [B01]
Idaho Open Boise, ID
(R1), June 20, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nc3 e5 6.d5 c6 7.Nf3 Bb4 8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.dxc6 Nxc6



Position after 10...Nxc6

A most interesting position has been reached, in which White has gained the bishop-pair and the old-school “advantage” of the queenside pawn majority.

Black, however, has a lead in development and king safety, as well as a bit more central control. Black can continue the fight to control d4 with ...Bg4, with the idea of swapping on f3 and eventually posting a knight on the key central square.

White should develop the bishops with an eye to controlling the center, get the king to safety, and swing some rooks to central files.

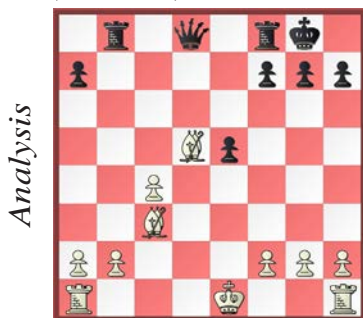
11.Bg5

Although this appears to develop with tempo, the black queen was certainly

going to move soon in any case, and the bishop is slightly misplaced on g5. More in tune with the position is 11.Be3, guarding d4 and blocking the e-file to draw attention back to Black's e-pawn— though it is probably too hot to actually capture until White has caught up in development. For example 11...Bg4 12.Nxe5?! (12.Be2 e4!)?∞

a) 12...Qe7 13.0-0∞ but with roughly equal chances.;

b) 12...Bxf3!? 13.Bxf3 Nd4 14.Bxb7?! (Fireworks after 14.0-0-0 Rc8 15.b3 Nd5 probably settle into an equal rook ending with exchanges on e3 and f3: 16.Qd2 Nxe3 17.fxe3 Nxf3 18.Qxd8 Rfxd8 19.gxf3.) 14...Na4! 15.Qd2 (15.Bxd4!? Nxc3 (15...exd4⚡) 16.Bxc3 Rb8 17.Bd5



(#Diagram-analysis after 17.Bd5)

This could be a fun battle with two bishops and pawn vs queen — but it must favor Black at least somewhat.) 15...Rb8 16.Bxd4 exd4 17.Bd5 Rxb2 18.Qxd4 Qa5+ 19.Kf1 Rd2 with more than enough for the pawn: 20.Qe5 (20.Qe3 Nb2 intending ...Nd3 or ...Nd1.) 20...Nc3! 21.Bxf7+?? (21.h4⚡) 21...Rxf7 22.Qxa5 Rdx2+! 23.Kg1 Ne2#;) 12...Nxe5 13.Qxe5 Re8 14.Qc3 Rc8 and the position is virtually humming with compensation.

11...f6

Black essentially returns the favor. While this looks like it solidifies the e-pawn and wins a tempo on the bishop, it actually pushes the bishop back to the best square. And as we saw in the last note, that e-pawn isn't in any real danger yet. 11...Qe8 12.Be2 Bg4; or 11...Qc7⚡.

12.Be3 Be6

A natural looking spot for the bishop, but it is not fighting for the d4-square. 12...Bg4

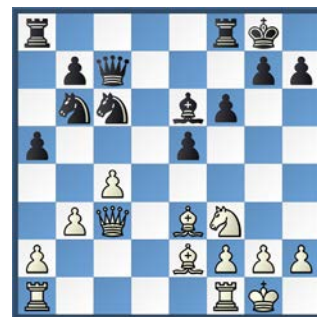
13.Be2 Qc7 14.b3

14.0-0

14...a5?!

Though not yet critical, this weakening of b6 will show up in tactics shortly. Black might consider rerouting the b6-knight to d4 via c8, e7, and f5.

15.0-0



Position after 15.0-0

15...e4??

Giving up control of d4 entirely, while allowing White to play Nd4 with an attack on the loose e6-bishop. This advance might be possible in lines where Black has played ...Bg4, especially if the



Christine M. Bernot Smith (left) vs. Caleb Paul Kircher (right). Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

light-square bishops exchange on e2 and Black can transfer the c6-knight to d3 via e5. Here, however, the e2-bishop remains to defend d3, and the advanced e-pawn becomes quite vulnerable. 15...Nc8!

16.Nd4 Qe5

16...Nxd4 17.Qxd4 forks b6 and e4.

17.Rfc1?!

Awkward rook play. 17.Nb5! Qxc3 (17...Nd7 18.Qxe5 Ndx5 19.Nc7 will cost Black the exchange.) 18.Nxc3 again double-attacks b6 and e4.

17...Nxd4?

17...Nd7±

18.Bxd4 Qc7 19.Qe3

The under-defended b6-knight finally costs Black a pawn.

19...Nd7 20.Qxe4 Rae8 21.Qc2

21.Bh5! Re7 (21...Bf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qd5+) 22.Re1 keeps White's pieces posted more aggressively.

21...b6 22.Bd3 f5 23.Qc3 Nc5 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.Bxc5?!

25.Bc2

25...Qxc5 26.Be2 Qa3 27.Qe3



Position after 27.Qe3

27...Rde8?!

27...Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Bf7 29.Qxb6 Qxa2. White should still win, but at least Black is only facing a one-pawn deficit.

28.Qxb6 Rf6 29.Rd8 Bf7 30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Qd8 Re6 32.Bf3 Kf8 33.Qd5 Rf6

33...Bf7 34.Qxf5

34.Qe5 a4?

34...Bf7

35.Re1 Bg6

35...Bd7 36.Bh5! Kg8 37.Qd5+

36.Qb8+ 1-0

Christine M Bernot Smith (1603) – James Inman (1812) [B13]
Idaho Open Boise, ID (R3), June 20, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6



Christine M. Bernot Smith (left) vs. James Inman (right). Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

5.Bf4 a6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be2 Bg4 8.0-0 e6 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Nxe2 Rc8 11.c3 Be7 12.Ng3 0-0 13.Re1 Re8 14.Nh5 g6 15.Ng3 b5 16.Qf3 b4 17.h4 bxc3 18.bxc3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Ne4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Rxe4 Bxh4 22.Rd4 Qc7 23.Rc1 Be7 24.Qd3 Qa5 25.a4 Red8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Qc4 Rd5 28.Qc6 Kg7 29.c4 Rc5



Position after 29...Rc5

30.Qd7

30.Qe8! Qc7

a) 30...Bf8? 31.Bh6+! Kxh6 32.Qxf8+ Kg5 33.Qxf7+-;

b) 30...Rc7 31.c5! Rxc5 (31...Bxc5?



(#Diagram-analysis after 31...Bxc5?)

32.Qd8! Bd6 (32...Bxf2+ 33.Kh2!)

33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Rd1 (Or 34.Rb1 Bb4 (34...Bf8 35.Rb8 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Rc1 37.Bg5 Qg1+ 38.Kg3 Rc3+ 39.f3 Rxf3+ 40.Kxf3 Qf1+ 41.Kg3 Qd3+ 42.Kh2+-) 35.Bh6 Bf8 36.Qg7+! Cute, but less flashy moves also mate shortly. (36.Rb8+-; 36.Bxf8+-) 36...Bxg7 37.Rb8+) 34...Be7



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 34...Be7)

35.Rd8+! Bxd8 36.Qxd8+ Kg7 37.Qf6+ Kf8 (37...Kg8 38.Bh6) 38.Bg5! cinches the mating net.) 32.Qxe7 Rxc1+ 33.Bxc1 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Qxc1 35.Qf6+ Draw by repetition.; 31.Be3 Rxe5 32.Bd4 Bf6 33.Bxe5 Bxe5 34.Qa8∞

30...Qc7

30...Rc7 31.Qd1±

31.Qxc7 Rxc7 32.Be3 g5 33.Bb6 Rc6 34.c5 h5

[Diagram top of next page]

35.g3

35.f3! intends 36.g4, and should hold: 35...h4 (35...Kg6 36.g4 h4 37.Kg2; 35...g4 36.fxg4 hxg4 37.Rc4 Kg6 38.Rxg4+ Kf5 39.Rg7 Bxc5+ 40.Bxc5 Rxc5 41.Rxf7+ Kxe5 42.Kf2 Rc4 43.Kf3 Rxa4 44.g4

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Position after 34...h5



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 44.g4)

After the eventual exchange of black a-pawn for white g-pawn, White can successfully defend using Philidor's drawing method, e.g. 44...Ra1 45.Kf2 Rh1 46.g5 Rh5 47.g6 Rg5 48.g7 a5 49.Ra7 Ke4 50.Rxa5 Rxc7 51.Ra4+ Kf5 reaches a Philidor draw.) 36.Kf2 Kg6 37.Ke3 Kf5 38.Kd4=.

35...Kg6 36.Rc4 Kf5 37.f4 gxf4 38.gxf4 Kg4 39.Kf2 h4 40.Kg2 Bf8 41.Kh2 Bh6 42.Bd8 Bxf4+ 43.Kg1 h3 44.Kh1 Kf5 45.Bf6 Bxe5 46.Bxe5 Kxe5 47.Kh2 Kd5 48.Rc1 Rxc5 49.Rd1+ Kc6 50.Kxh3 Rg5 51.Rd4 Kc5 52.Rf4 f5 53.Kh4 Rg4+



Cody Gorman (left) vs. David Lucky (right). Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

54.Rxc4 fxc4 55.Kxc4 Kd4 56.Kf3 Ke5 57.Ke3 a5 58.Kd3 Kf4 59.Kc4 e5 60.Kb5 e4 61.Kxa5 e3 62.Ka6 e2 63.a5 e1Q 64.Kb6 Qb4+ 65.Ka6 Ke5 66.Ka7 Qxa5+ 67.Kb7 Kd6 68.Kb8 Kc6 69.Kc8 Qa8# 0-1

David Lucky (2379) –
Cody A.M. Gorman (1885) [A30]
Idaho Open Boise, ID
(R4), June 21, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 b6 2.g3 Bb7 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0-0 c5 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6 9.Qf4 a6 10.Rd1 d6 11.b3 0-0 12.Ba3 Ne8 13.Ne4 e5 14.Qd2 Qc7 15.Nc3 Na7 16.Ne1 Rd8 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.Nd5

Nc8 19.Ng2 f5 20.f4 Nf6 21.Nge3 exf4 22.Nxf4 Ne4 23.Qd5+ Qxd5 24.Rxd5 Bg5 25.Neg2 Ne7 26.Rd3 Nc5 27.Bxc5



Position after 27.Bxc5

27...Bxf4??

27...dxc5 28.Rad1± (The line Black probably feared, 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Ne6, is met by 29...Bf6 with rough equality after the forced 30.Nxd8 Bxa1.)

28.Bxb6+-

(Time Forfeit)

1-0

Jarod N. Buus (1730) –
Alex James Machin (1716) [C02]
Idaho Open Boise, ID
(R4), June 21, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Nge7 7.a3 a5 8.0-0 Nf5 9.g4?!

Not a decisive mistake, but White should be pretty sure before committing to this kind of weakening in front of the castled king.

9...Nh4 10.Nbd2 Be7

10...Ng6!?



Wesley Nyblade III (left) vs. Temiloluwa Deborah Aderogba (right). "Temi" is the Idaho Scholastic Girls Chess Champion for 2015. These are the two players who were eligible for the reserve prizes. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland



Jarod Buus (left) and Alex Machin (right). Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

11.Nxh4 Bxh4 12.Nf3 Be7 13.Kg2 Qb6
14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 axb4 16.cxb4 Be7
16...Bxb4?? 17.Rb1
17.Be3 Qd8 18.Bd3 f6 19.Bf4 fxe5
20.Nxe5 Bf6



Position after 20...Bf6

21.Re1?!

In general the rook is a poor blockader. 21.Qe2 aims to end up with a queen on e5 instead: 21...Nxe5 22.Bxe5 0-0 (22...Bxe5 23.Qxe5, and there's even a quick draw available after 23...0-0 24.Qh5 g6 25.Bxg6.) 23.Rfc1, and another possible quick draw: 23...Bxe5 24.Qxe5 Qh4 25.f3 Rxf3 26.Kxf3 Rf8+ 27.Kg2 (27.Ke2 Qf2+ 28.Kd1 Ba4+ 29.Bc2 Qf1+ 30.Kd2 Rf2+ 31.Ke3 Qe2+ (31...Re2+ is even stronger.) 32.Kd4 Qc4+ 33.Ke3 Re2+) 27...Qf2+ 28.Kh1 Qf3+ 29.Kg1 Qf2+.

21...Nxe5 22.Bxe5 0-0

22...Bxe5 23.Rxe5 0-0

23.g5?

Though still suffering from some structural defects, such as backward pawns on both the a- and f-files, White can repair some of the damage with the queen centralization 23.Qe2.

23...Bxe5 24.Rxe5 Qb6 25.Re3 e5
25...g6!?



Position after 25...e5

26.Bxh7+

It's hard to call this a blunder, though it is the losing move. The sacrifice has the appearance of a breakthrough, and "wins" the exchange, though this ultimately turns out to be a brilliant exchange sacrifice by Black. 26.Be4!? dxe4 (26...d4 27.Rf3 (27.Bd5+?! Be6 28.Bxe6+ (28.Rxe5?? Bxd5+ 29.Rxd5 Qc6 30.Qxd4 Rf5 31.Rd1 Rd8) 28...Qxe6 29.Qxd4 Rxf2+! 30.Kg1 (30.Kxf2?? Qf5+ 31.Rf3 Qc2+) 30...Rf5?) 27...Bc6) 27.Qxd7 Rad8 28.Qa4 Rd2 29.Qb3+ Kh8 30.Rf1

26...Kxh7 27.Qh5+ Kg8 28.g6 Rf5!

Cool defense.

29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qxa8 d4!
32.Re2?

32.Rg3 d3 33.f3 survives longer, but Black's compensation for the exchange is overwhelming. 33...e4! 34.Re1 d2 35.Rxe4+ Kd6 36.Qb8+ Kc6 37.Rc4+ Kb5 38.Rc5+ Rxc5 39.bxc5 Qc6 40.a4+ Kc4+

[Diagram top of next column]



Position after 32. Re2

32...Rg5+

32...Qc6+ first is faster.

33.Kf1 Bb5

33...Qc6! is still more instantly decisive. 34.Rea2 a) 34.Ke1 Rg1+ 35.Kd2 Qc3#; b) 34.Rd2 Bh3+ 35.Ke2 (35.Ke1 Rg1+ 36.Ke2 Qe4#) 35...Qe4+ 36.Kd1 Rg1#; 34...Qc4+ 35.Ke1 Rg1+ 36.Kd2 Qc3+ 37.Ke2 Bb5#

34.Rae1

34.Rc1 d3 35.Rd2 Bd7! 36.Rxd3 Bb5+

34...Qc6 35.Rd1 Qh1# 0-1

Cody A.M. Gorman (1885) –
Jarod N. Buus (1730) [D30]
Idaho Open Boise, ID
(R3), June 20, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.b3
Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Qe7 8.Bb2
b6 9.a3 Bd6 10.b4 e5

Black starts action in the center before arranging for king safety. Delaying castling is Black's key error in this game.

11.dxe5

11.cxd5 is an interesting, but unnecessary, piece offer. 11...e4 (11...cxd5± leads to positions similar to the actual game continuation.) 12.Nxe4 (12.dxc6 Nf8 13.Nxe4 Nxe4) 12...Nxe4 13.dxc6 Ndf6 when White has three potentially mobile center pawns for the piece.

11...Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5
14.0-0



Position after 14.0-0

14...Ng4?

This one-move threat is worse than

Idaho Open Crosstable

Boise, Idaho - June 20-21, 2015

Tournament Director: Jeffrey Roland

Assistant Tournament Director: Cody Gorman

##	Player	Residence	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Prize
1	David Lucky	Eagle	2379	W12	W2	W4	W3	W5	5	\$86.67
2	Jeffrey T. Roland	Boise	1718	W13	L1	W8	D5	W4	3½	\$43.33
3	Cody A.M. Gorman	Eagle	1885	L4	W7	W11	L1	W6	3	\$16.25
4	Alex James Machin	Boise	1716	W3	-X-	L1	W11	L2	3	\$16.25
5	Caleb Paul Kircher	Nampa	1849	L6	W8	W9	D2	L1	2½	
6	Christine M. Bernot Smith	Meridian	1603	W5	D11	L10	W12	L3	2½	
7	Wesley Nyblade	Heyburn	1556	L10	L3	W13	L9	W8	2	
8	Temiloluwa Deborah Aderogba	Eagle	1159	-B-	L5	L2	W13	L7	2	\$43.33
9	David Zaklan	Twin Falls	1476	L11	-B-	L5	W7	L13	2	
10	James Inman	Nampa	1812	W7	-F-	W6	-N-	---	2	
11	Jarod N. Buus	Nampa	1730	W9	D6	L3	L4	---	1½	
12	Brett B. Hamilton	Eagle	1716	L1	W13	-H-	L6	---	1½	
13	Wesley Nyblade III	Heyburn	Unr.	L2	L12	L7	L8	W9	1	\$32.50

pointless. Of course Black will need to retreat the queen when White defends with 15.Nf3, but that would happen in any case.

Assuming White doesn't accidentally allow mate in one, what's the best that can happen? White defends with tempo gain, Nf3, then kicks the knight back with h3. The knight returns to f6, and it's White's move, and Black still hasn't castled or developed a new piece.

How does that compare to the position if Black, say, castles the king to safety? Well, White still improves the knight with tempo, Nf3, then probably exchanges on d5 to give Black an isolani, then probably plays h3 to prevent ...Ng4 at some point when it does matter, or ...Bg4, pinning the

knight that wants to control the blockade square d4. So it would be Black's move, and Black has already castled. 14...Ng4 therefore costs two useful moves. 14...0-0 15.Nf3 Qd6 16.cxd5 cxd5 17.h3 Bd7±

15.Nf3 Qe6?

15...Qd6 at least does not interfere in the defense of the g4-knight. 16.cxd5 cxd5±

16.cxd5 Qxd5

16...cxd5 17.Bb5+ Bd7 18.Nd4 Qg6 19.Bxd7+ Kxd7 20.Rc1+—

17.Qc2 Bb7?

17...Bd7 18.Be4 Qe6 19.Rad1 Threatening Rxd7, followed by Bxc6 or Bf5. 19...Nf6 20.Ng5 Qe7 21.Bxc6+—



Position after 17...Bb7

18.Bc4! Qh5 19.Qe4+ Kf8 20.Qf4 Nf6 21.Qc7 1-0



Jarod Buus (left) and Cody Gorman (right).
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland



David Zaklan of Twin Falls, who wrote the "Chess Saved My Life" article found on page 10 of the June 2015 issue of Northwest Chess. David regularly attends ICA events and came all the way from Twin Falls to play in this event. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

Jeffrey T. Roland (1718) – Caleb Paul Kircher (1849) [A40]
 Idaho Open Boise, ID
 (R4), June 21, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.e3 cxd4
 5.exd4 d5 6.Ne2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nd2
 Nc6 9.c3 b6 10.Re1 e6 11.Nf3 Ne4
 12.Bf4 Bb7 13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Nd2 Nxd2
 15.Qxd2 Na5 16.b3 b5?!

16...Ba6

17.Be3 Qb6 18.Nf4±



Position after 18.Nf4

18...Rc6?!

18...b4!? 19.cxb4 (19.Ne2 Ba6 20.cxb4
 Nc6 21.a3 Bxe2 22.Qxe2 Bxd4 23.Bh6∞)
 19...Nc6



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 19...Nc6)



Jeffrey Roland sat here and input all the games of the tournament into PGN round-by-round as they were happening...but of course, not while his own games were still in progress.

Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

20.Nd3! Bxd4 21.Nc5 Bxe3 22.fxe3! (22.
 Rxe3?! Qxb4 23.Rec3 Rfd8⌘) 22...Ne5
 (22...Nxb4 23.Nd7±; 22...Rfd8 23.a3±)
 23.Qd4 f6 24.a4±. Despite the fractured
 pawn structure, White has the valuable c5
 outpost and an initiative.

19.Nd3 Ba8 20.Ne5 Rc7 21.Bf4 Nc6
 22.Ng4 Rd7 23.Bh6 Qd8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7
 25.Qh6+ Kh8??

25...Kg8±



Position after 25...Kh8

26.h4??

26.Nf6! Qxf6 27.Qxf8#

26...Rg8 27.Qf4 Kg7 28.Qh6+ Kh8
 29.Qf4 Kg7±

White still has a serious edge in the final
 position.

1/2-1/2

Alex James Machin (1716) – Jeffrey T. Roland (1718) [A29]
 Idaho Open Boise, ID
 (R5), June 21, 2015
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4
 5.Qc2 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 Nd4 8.Nxd4
 Bxg2 9.Kxg2 exd4 10.Ne4

10.Nb5±

10...0-0 11.a3 Be7 12.Ng5 h6 13.Nf3
 c5 14.d3 Bd6 15.Bd2 Re8 16.Rfe1 Bc7
 17.e4 dxe3 18.Bxe3 d5



Position after 18...d5

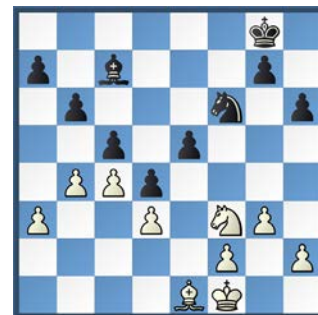
19.Rad1?

19.d4!, on the theory that opening the
 position favors White slightly due to
 Black's queen being somewhat more
 exposed to time-gaining attack along
 the d-file. 19...Ng4 (19...b5!∞) 20.dxc5
 Nxe3+ 21.Rxe3 Rxe3 22.fxe3 dxc4
 23.Rd1 Qf6∞

19...d4 20.Bd2 Qd7 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8
 22.Re1 Rxe1 23.Bxe1 Qe6

Or 23...Qc6 24.Qe2 Bd6⌘.

24.b4 Qc6 25.Qe2 Qe6?! 26.Qxe6 fxe6
 27.Kf1 e5



Position after 27...e5

28.Nd2?!

28.bxc5 bxc5 29.Nd2

28...cxb4 29.axb4 a5⌘ 30.bxa5 bxa5
 31.Ne4 Nxe4 32.dxe4 a4 33.Bb4 Kf7

33...Ba5!? 34.Ba3 (34.Bd6 Kf7 35.Bxe5?
 Bc3 36.Bd6 Bb2) 34...Kf7⌘

34.Ke2 Ke6 35.Kd3 h5 36.c5?! Kd7
 37.Kc4 Kc6 38.Bd2 a3 39.Kb3 a2

39...Kxc5 40.Bb4+ Kb5 41.Bxa3 g5

40.Kxa2 Kxc5 41.Kb3 Kb5 42.Bb4 d3?

42...g5

[Diagram top of next page]

43.Bd2?

43.f3! Bb6 44.Bc3 Bc7 45.Bd2 Bb6
 46.Kc3 Bg1 47.h3 Bf2 48.g4 g6
 49.Kxd3±, though Black certainly has
 drawing chances.

43...Bb6 44.f3 Bd4 45.h3 g6



Position after 42...d3

(Time Forfeit)

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4th Annual Boise Chess Festival

By Julie Nahlen

The Boise Chess Festival held June 5-7, 2015 began Friday evening at 6 p.m. with three simuls (one person playing multiple players simultaneously.) NM Jaime Crosby, Carmen Pemsler and Estaban Ruiz Proaño each played the 12 board simuls. Carmen Pemsler, 2015 Idaho State Scholastic Co-Champion, and 18-year-old Estaban Ruiz Proaño, a foreign-exchange student, who having only two days remaining before his return to his own country, Ecuador, had all 12 seats filled with excited players. All 36 seats but one were filled.

Day two of the festival began at 10 a.m. with three 12-board simuls set up to be played by 2015 Idaho State Chess Champion FM David Lucky, Larry Parsons, and Caleb Kircher.

There were some late-comers who Mr. Lucky generously added for a total of 15 boards of which he won all games. Larry Parsons, 18-time Idaho State Chess Champion's games went far into the afternoon.

While the simuls were being played, at approximately 12 o'clock, pizzas began arriving donated by Noble Roman's Pizza, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, and Wise Guy Pizza Pie. The stack of pizza boxes was over three feet high! Also served to the festival participants were deli trays of sandwiches donated by Jimmy John's. To top off the wonderful lunch donated by our generous sponsors, ice cream arrived donated by Wal-mart. Participants selected either ice cream cones or root beer floats. Floats are a new tradition added as of this year's festival at the request of 10-year-old National Championship participant Justin Siek.

Shortly after the simuls were completed,



Carmen Pemsler (left) and Estaban Ruiz Proaño (right) each give 12-board simuls Friday night at the Boise Chess Festival. Photo credit: Danny Fernandez, Sr.

from the festival's inception, the traditional G/1;d0 tournament began. 31 players took part. Winners were Caleb Kircher (1st), James Wei (2nd), and a tie for 3rd-4th places between Kevin Xu and Kevin Yang.

There were no entry fees for any festival events. Prizes were selected from \$20 Albertsons Gift Card, two \$10 Chicago Connection Gift Certificates and two from On the Border.

Immediately following the three-round G/1;d0 tournament we transitioned to the USCF-rated G/5;d0 tournament which had 26 players.

The four-round G/5;d0 tournament winners chose from \$25 gift cards from Dutch Brothers, Toy Town, TOGO's and Café Ole. Also a gift certificate for a three foot submarine sandwich from Blimpie (\$45 value).

The winners were: Caleb Kircher (1st), Estaban Ruiz Proaño (2nd), Daniel Fernandez (3rd), James Liu (4th), and James Inman (5th).

Starting promptly after the completion of the G/5;d0 tournament was the main attraction which was the USCF-rated G/120;d0 tournament with \$500 in cash prizes. The grueling schedule of the G/120;d0 tournament started at 6 p.m. Saturday night with round one. Round two beginning at 8 a.m. June 7, with round three starting at 1 p.m. The final fourth round at 6 p.m.

Cody Gorman and Estaban Ruiz Proaño battled it out on board one to the last remaining minutes on the clock. Estaban surfaced as the clear winner winning \$250 cash. There was a five-way tie for 2nd-6th place, dividing \$250 among the five winners, Kevin Xu, Kevin Yang, James Inman, Ryan Ripley and Cody Gorman, receiving \$50 each.

All in all the event was a blast.

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Oregon Chess News

News from Abroad about Coquille Chess Players

By Nancy Keller

Three Coquille chess players headed south for Memorial weekend to participate in the Best of the West Championships in Santa Clara and then two flew over the border to Toluca, Mexico to participate in the North American Youth Championships.

Aaron Grabinsky entered the Open section at the Best of the West which was for everyone rated over 2000, the cream of chess players. He had high hopes of raising his USCF (national) rating of 2329 and his FIDE (international) rating of 2249. But he ended up with two draws against lower rated players and was unable to defeat the International Master rated at 2435. His USCF rating actually dropped to 2327. The FIDE rating loss will be found out later as FIDE ratings are updated on a monthly basis.

Joshua Grabinsky played in the under 1800 section and won 4.5 games out of 6 to put him in a tie for second place. His final rating is 1820 and he is now a Class A player. Quite remarkable for an eleven year old!

Josiah Perkins also played in the under 1800 section and won a respectable 4 out of 6 games as he was at the bottom of his section starting with a rating at 1617 (the floor was 1600). He ended the tournament with a rating at 1697.

Then the Grabinsky brothers flew out of the Oakland airport to play at the North American Youth Championships. With Aaron Grabinsky invited to the World Youth Championships in October, Coach Keller felt he needed some experience at some international events and Joshua was invited to tag along (Josiah was also invited but unable to get a passport in time).

First the Grabinsky brothers played in the Blitz tournament (speed chess) where Joshua emerged from his brother's shadow. Although Aaron won a respectable 4 out of 6 games in the U18 section, Joshua won all his games to become the North American Youth Blitz Champion U12.

In the main event with international titles awarded as prizes, Aaron was able to win five out of the nine grueling games in the Boys under 18 section. It was not enough to win a title but the experience was invaluable. He is a rare self taught chess master and competed against players with grand master coaches. He hopes



Aaron Grabinsky (right) analyzing Joshua Grabinsky's game while practicing Blitz.
Photo credit: Nancy Keller.

this summer to study and overcome this disadvantage on his own in preparation for the World Youth Championships.

Once again Joshua stepped out from his brother's shadow as he won 7.5 out of nine games and tied for first place in the U12 division. But based on tie breakers, Joshua had lost head to head to the co-champion Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux from Canada. Thus Joshua earned the silver medal and an international Candidate Master title. He beat his brother on getting the first international title awarded in the family (and for Coquille!)

Demonstrating how chess can unite cultures the brothers gained many new friends. On the board, the rules were the same for everyone and chess was the universal language for all participants. Between rounds, new friends analyzed games, played pool, foosball and ping pong. Everyone tried to learn each other's spoken language, augmented by improvised sign language. And everyone was smiling.

Letter to the Editor dated June 23, 2015

By Joshua Grabinsky

Dear Editor:

I have read your magazine quite a few times and it interests me because I love chess and am in the Northwest. It's great that you welcome the readers' contributions.



Joshua Grabinsky with one of his two North American Youth Championship awards. He won first in Blitz U12 and second in the championships U12. Photo credit: Nancy Keller.

I'm submitting a copy of my free verse poem, "Dreams Come True," and would much appreciate it if you published it. It's chess related and might encourage other players, as well. I've written this poem for school.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joshua Grabinsky (signed)

Joshua, thank you for sharing this. I would love to publish your poem. Congratulations on your fine "dream come true" achievements. Never stop!—
Editor

Dreams Come True

What a dream I had!
At Best of the West Chess Tournament,
Played various ages,
Tied for second,
And won over \$400!
Then another dream, right afterwards,
I flew to Mexico, and took a two hour
bus ride
For the North American Youth Chess
Festival.
Was blitz champ!
In the Under 12 year-old Championship,
There were 60 kids;
Played mostly Mexicans.
Tied for 1st!
Even won a CM title!
When I came home,
The check came in the mail;
There were the photos on the computer,
also.
It really wasn't a dream!
My coach said "Never stop dreaming!"

Miscellaneous Games From Our Readers

**Moshe Shai Rachmuth (1881) –
Michael Goffe (1900) [C11]**
March 2015 PCC Quad 45
Portland, OR (R2), March 21, 2015
[Moshe Rachmuth]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4
c5 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Be3 Qb6 8.Na4 Qa5+
9.c3 cxd4 10.b4 Nxb4 11.cxb4 Bxb4+
12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2**

This is the point where my theoretical knowledge ended.

**13...b6 14.Rb1 Ba6 15.Bxa6 Qxa6
16.Nf3 Nc5 17.Nxc5?!**

Houdini thinks this is the best move but grandmasters always play 17. Nb2 here and White always wins. See, for example, Nijboer - Walton, Amsterdam, 2006. 17.Nb2 Qxa2 18.0–0

17...bxc5 18.Qd2?!

18.Qb3 would also protect the a2 pawn and at the same time be more active.

18...0–0 19.Kf2 Rab8?!

19...d3 would have gained more space.

20.Rhc1?!

20.Rb3

20...Rb6?!

20...Rxb1

21.Rb3 Rc6?! **22.Qc2?!**

With 22.Qb2! White could seize control of the open b-file.

22...c4 23.Ng5?!



Position after 23.Ng5

This is the critical moment of the game. Best would have been 23.Rd3! and then 24. Rxd4. I did not see this idea at all but I was hypnotized by another variation namely 23.Ng5 g6 24.Rh3 d3 25.Nxh7! Kg7 26.Nf6 Rh8 27. Rxh8 dxc2 28. Rg8+ Kh6 29. g4 and mate follows. How many players do you know who would miss the opportunity for playing such a line, even if it is flawed?

23...g6 24.Rh3 d3?!

Best would have been 24...h5! For example 25.g4 hxg4 26.Rh4 Rb6 27.Nh7 f5 when Black seems very close to winning.

25.Nxh7 f6?

The losing move. The game would have been equal after 25...Kg7 26.Nf6 Rh8 27.Rxh8 Kxh8! (27...dxc2? as explained in the note to White's 23rd move.)

26.Qd2 fxe5 27.Nxf8 Qb6+ 28.Kf1

I almost fell into 28.Ke1?? Qg1# Chess can be so cruel.

28...exf4 29.Nd7 Qc7

29...Qd8 30.Qc3

30.Nf6+ Kf7 31.Rh7+ 1–0

**Yogi Saputra (2099) –
Lennart Bjorkstent (2173) [E54]**
Clark Harmon Memorial Open
Portland, OR (R4), April 12, 2015
[Lennart Bjorkstent]

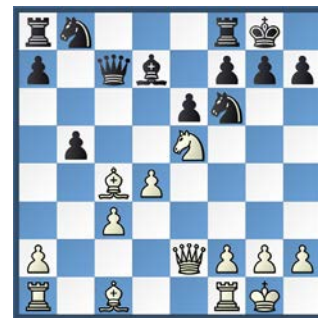
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0
5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0–0 cxd4 8.exd4
dxc4 9.Bxc4 Bxc3**

The first new move for me. Black gives up the bishop-pair, but the b4-bishop can be a little out of play in these lines anyway, and I saw an opportunity for a thematic idea.

10.bxc3 Qc7

The point. The pin of White's bishop against the unprotected c-pawn is surprisingly awkward.

11.Qe2 Bd7 12.Ne5 b5



Position after 12...b5

This effectively forces a trade of Black's b-pawn for White's c-pawn, while eliminating White's bishop-pair. My aim is to plant a knight on the dream square d5, while leaving White with a weak isolated d-pawn that I can target in the endgame.

13.Bxb5

{13.Bd3! Qxc3 (13...Nd5 14.Ba3!) 14.Bg5 Nd5 (14...Qxd4 15.Rad1 Qb4 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qh5 f5 18.Qg5+ Kh8 19.Qf6+ Kg8 20.Be2 and Black is helpless against the coming rook lift.) 15.Qg4 looks like plenty of compensation for the pawn. — Dubisch}

13...Qxc3 14.Be3 Bxb5 15.Qxb5 Qc7

Positional goal accomplished, but now Black is behind in development and White is threatening to bring in rooks on the open files. Black needs to find a way to disentangle his queenside, preferably without allowing White's heavy artillery onto the seventh rank.

16.Rfc1 Qd6 17.Rab1 Qd5

After a long think, I settled on this queen maneuver. It holds Black's position together while preventing White from pulling off any annoying tactics based on Qb7. Yes, I want to develop Nbd7, but not at the cost of letting White play Nc6, so Black's knight needs to stay on b8 for the time being. Instead, my idea was to

trade queens if I can, plant one knight on d5, and then perhaps kick White's knight with f6 before developing my knight on b8. Black's knights should do a pretty good job of keeping White's rooks from infiltrating until my development is complete.

18.a4 Qxb5

Queen trade accomplished.

19.axb5 Nd5



Position after 19...Nd5

20.Nc6?

{This is a mistake. The knight on e5 keeps the b8-horse bottled up, and if challenged by ...f6, it can profitably reposition to c5 via d3. — Dubisch}

20...Nxc6

With White's knight off the board, nothing will ever challenge Black's monster knight on d5.

21.Rxc6 Rfb8

Next step: winning White's b-pawn. It's on the wrong color to be protected by the bishop, so if Black maneuvers to attack it with two rooks and a knight, it should fall. If need be, Black's king is also much better poised to fight for the queenside pawns than White's is.

22.Bd2 Kf8 23.Ba5 Ke8 24.Kf1 Kd7



Position after 24...Kd7

25.g3? Rxb5!

After the game, Yogi said he missed this tactic, but I'm not sure it would have made a difference. I think the best way for White to fight for his pawn is by putting pressure on Black's a-pawn, but I felt pretty sure that Black was going to simply win a pawn one way or another. This tactic just speeds up the process.

26.Rxb5 Kxc6 27.Rc5+ Kd7 28.Bd2

OK, I'm up a solid pawn, and I've achieved the type of game where my knight is clearly superior to White's bishop. Next step: activating the black rook.

28...Rc8

Black should win easily in the endgame if rooks ever get traded. White's king will have to stay on the queenside to deal with the a-pawn, so Black's king should be able to find a way to infiltrate White's kingside while White's king is out of play. This gives Black an additional edge: in any confrontation between the rooks, White is forced to duck.

29.Ra5 Rc7 30.Ke2 Kc6 31.Rc5+ Kb7 32.Rb5+



Position after 32.Rb5+

32...Ka8

I didn't like moving my king to the corner like this, especially while White was centralizing his king, but it seemed like the best way to advance the a-pawn and improve my rook.

33.Kd3 a6 34.Ra5 Kb7 35.Ra2 Rc6 36.Ba5 Rc1 37.Rb2+ Kc8 38.Ra2 Rb1 39.Kc4 Rb5

Goal achieved: Black's rook has been activated, albeit at the cost of giving White a good king position. Next step: move up the black king, then find a way to dislodge White's king without giving up the a-pawn.

40.Bd2 Kb7 41.Ba5 Ne7 42.Bb4 Nc6 43.Bf8 g6 44.h4 h5



Position after 44...h5

45.Bd6?

This ends the game quickly by dropping

another pawn to a tactic, but White was facing a long, unpleasant defense anyway.

45...Nxd4!

If White takes the knight then ...Rd5 wins the bishop, and Yogi knows I'm good enough to win this ending two pawns up.

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June 2015 PCC Tuesday Quads

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — June 2-30, 2015

June's Tuesday Night Quads at the Portland Chess Club drew in 10 players, 6 of whom sported ratings of 1800 or above; the other four entrants had substantially lower ratings. Although billed as a quad tournament, the uneven number of high ranked players necessitated forming a small Swiss, as did the lower section, due to TD Mike Lilly suddenly having a hankering to push some wood. And since June had five Tuesdays, five games were agreed to, leaving the lower section players to agree on one bye each for the five game schedule.

The two Masters in the mix were Nick "The Raptor" Raptis (2393-2401) and Lennart Bjorksten (2214-2185), followed by a strong field of hopefuls—Jason Cigan (2119-2163), Jerry Sherrard (2020-2025), Steven Deeth (2100-2083) and Prashant Perival (1894-1895). Because of some unforeseen circumstances, Raptis needed to forfeit his game against Jason Cigan, leaving an open window for Cigan to gain an extra point and take the tournament with 5.0 points, without shedding any blood on The Raptor's talons.

The rest of the field had to brave The Raptor's wrath for invading his domain. They succumbed to the rapacious nature of his attacks, giving Raptis a final score of 4.0. He left eyeballing Cigan with a hungry look, as if to say, "You'll be on my menu the next time!"

The lower section saw Brian "Just Glad To Be Here" Berger (1486-1528), manage 4.5 points, to just edge out Arliss Dietz (1513-1523) by a half-point, allowing him to proclaim himself the overall winner—a feat he has now pulled-off twice in a row!

Not far from glory was Hugo Hartig (1500-1500) with 3.5 points, leaving TD Mike Lilly (1323-1295) to settle for 2.0 points (and probably wondering why he bothered), and newcomer Colin Phelps (unrated-893p) with a score of 1.0 by virtue of his mandatory bye.



(L) Arliss Dietz vs Colin Phelps at June 2015 PCC Tuesday Quads. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

For those of you who have never played in a **Tuesday** night Quads, it is a chance to really perform at your top level, by virtue of its long time control—40/90, SD/30;d5. Here the creative aspect of your game can have free rein, un-rushed by the worries of the clock. It will give you a strong bench-mark to measure the real talent lurking within you. Registration is the **first Tuesday** of each month at 7:00 pm, with all games played at the Portland Chess Club.

June 2015 PCC Quad 45

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — June 20, 2015

It was another beyooootiful day in the Rose City, when again the Portland Chess Club's Quad 45 rolled around. Schools were out in both Oregon and Washington, and so a fair portion of the 23 attendees

were kids, looking to express their joy of freedom by whomping some older folk with their latest-studied line of no-mercy chess.

And be it my luck, I was targeted for their hit-list, and barely escaped with three draws against the combined tiny-titan-fire-power of Aaron "The Anxious" Probst (1493-1451), Marcus "Make'm Mashed Potatoes" Leung (1400-1418), and Nathaniel "Never Give A Sucker An Even Break" John (1304p-1513p)—the last being the winner of my quad (3), upping his provisional rating by more than 200 points! (A performance that also gained him the only trophy awarded).

An uneven number of players saw this event broken into four Quads and a small Swiss, with the players in Quad 1 and 2 escaping the wrath of the very young. Michael Pendergast (2151-2160), sporting the highest rating in this tournament, had no trouble doing some of his own whomping, turning in a perfect 3.0 points against the field of Steven

Witt (1833-1845) with 1.5 points, Moshe Rachmuth (1888-1877) with 1.0, and Dagadu Gaikwad (1907-1793) who was held to 0.5.

In Quad 2, Christopher Burris (1783-1827) showed that he is not just good at winning cases as a lawyer, but as the "evidence" would indicate, is equally good at defeating opponents over the board. The three people he beat were: 1) the always tough to figure out, David Yoshinaga (1748-1742), whose motto has become, "If it has never been played before, then I'll make it up as I go along;" 2) the equally tough Karl Stump (1675-1665); and 3) Alex Yeo (1637-1616), who has also proved to be a formidable force in past performances.


As for Quad 3, well, as was earlier noted, this old man struggled to just keep his head above water against the munchkins-of-misery, leaving me to consider whether I want to continue to do battle at these shorter time controls, or just become a spectator. But seeing as I have obligated myself to covering the chess community in Oregon, I might as well continue in what has lately turned into more of a masochistic ritual, rather than a chess game, and hope that I'm not too old to still adapt.

The winner of Quad 4 was Daniel Anderson (1064p-1133p), who dominated his provisional and unrated competition by scoring two points more than any of his opponents, and adding nearly 80 more points to his own provisional rating! Nice work Daniel.

Finally, the small Swiss (comprised of seven players) witnessed a tie between Andrew Matteson (749p-762p) and Daniel Gutmann (490p-585p), each scoring 2.5 points, with Hadrian Demaioribus (unrated-573p) and Carlos Ferrer-Perry (unrated-233p) hot on their heels with 2.0 points each.

To round-out the day, 12 players entered the small Swiss Blitz tournament held immediately after the finish of the Quad





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(L) Steven Witt vs Moshe Rachmuth at the 2015 June PCC Quad 45 tournament.
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45. This time, rather than Nick Raptis being the elephant in the room (Nick had not registered this time), Steven Breckenridge (2386p-2415), visiting from his digs in Texas, was on the scene as the man to beat. Texas must have something in the water that grows everything bigger, because Steven was about twice the size as I had last seen him, and brought with him a Blitzkrieg of Blitz moves that won all of his 10 games!! Take heed, Nick, your apex predator status might be in jeopardy.

So there it is folks, a great day of chess, brought to you courtesy of the Portland Chess Club, and those two great organizers and TDs, Mike & Mike (Mike Lilly and Micah Smith), who have done so much to promote this fun tournament.

PCC June 2015 Game 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — June 27, 2015

One knew not what to expect attendance-wise for June's Game 60 at the Portland Chess Club, as the day was predicted to be a hot one (in the 90's), with the humidity factor escalating as the day progressed. Even so, a couple of indicators pointed to the possibility of a better than average turnout. Schools had dismissed for summer break and rumor had it that there were a number of Masters (four to be exact) who had committed to play in this Game 60, a revelation sufficient to attract other top players.

As luck would have it, both indicators were correct, with the attendance reaching 32 players (two over the 30 player limit for one section), requiring—at the TD's discretion—a splitting of the tournament into two sections of 16 players, an upper and lower. Luckily the Portland Chess Club is located in an older house with a second-story living quarters above the main playing area, thus insulating it

from much of the excessive heat forecast that day. Even so, with 32 bodies (many sweating from both the heat and the excitement of playing), and the gradual rise in humidity throughout the day, playing conditions became a bit sticky towards the end.

Of course, one additional reason for the great turnout could be the growing fame of Morgan the Dog, who was prominent among the attendees, and who brought Jerrold Richards (1410-1442) along with him to try out some of the endgame subtleties Morgan had been teaching him—ideas which Richards put to great use in earning 2.5 points, and adding 32 points to his rating. But as I was saying, Morgan's fan base has grown to such an extent that word of his appearing at a tournament is sometimes all that is needed to boost attendance figures substantially. And although Morgan is happy that he has become a highly recognizable celebrity, the adulation can at times become a bit much, even to a dog who enjoys belly-rubs, back scratches and head pats (with an occasional treat thrown in), and so, at times, has taken to wearing sunglasses (see cover of the May 2015 issue of *Northwest Chess*) to mask his true identity.

Getting to the meet-of-the-matter, this is how the day played-out (I'm having fun with all of this). As was noted in the article concerning Quad 45 in this month's issue, Steven Breckenridge (2398-2403) was back in town, and was backed-up by two other heavy hitters, Aaron Grabinsky (2340-2338) and Phillip Seitzer (2208-2207), all of whom gave Nick "The Raptor" Raptis something

tougher to chew on at this time control than his normal diet of mostly gazelle meat, resulting in a tie (3.5 points each) for 1st and 2nd place prize money, that when split between the man from Texas and "The Raptor," (Oregon's mightiest-maneuverer of chessmen), lined each of their pockets with 62 one-dollar bills. (Doesn't it sound like a lot more money this way?)

Taking 3rd place with 3.0 points was Aaron Grabinsky (who, by the way, drove all the way up from Coquille, Oregon, with his younger brother Joshua Grabinsky (1882-1867) to play in this tournament), entitling him to prize money in the amount of \$25—possibly enough to get him halfway back home.

In the 2nd Section, Jazon "The Filipino Phenom" Samillano (1537-1614) showed that the fire has not died since his early fast rise in the Oregon chess scene, but only has been smoldering, awaiting the perfect time to burst anew. Fanned by the winds-of-want (wanting to break through the chess stupor that had replaced that early fire), the flame once again grew to a white-heat, burning through three opponents and singeing a fourth, to leave him the sole recipient of the first place prize of \$65. (If this description seems overly dramatic—it is.)

Other prizes awarded went to Karl Stump (1665-1663) and Robert Allyn (1726-1712), who with 3.0 points each split the second place money—a whopping 17 smackaroons, and with an added bonus 50 cents more for good behavior. Winning in the U1400 category, also with 3.0 points, was Robert Bowden (1076p-1346p), who



(L) Mike Janniro vs David Yoshinaga at the PCC June 2015 Game 60.
Photo credit: Brian Berger.

pocketed \$50 while raising his provisional rating nearly 300 points!!

TDing this fun tournament were two of four Mikes who regularly give of their time to TD duties, Chief TD Mike Janniro and Assistant TD Mike Morris (the other two being Mike Lilly and Micah Smith, who run the Quad 45 and Blitz tournaments every 3rd Saturday of the month).

Summer Stay

By Steven Breckenridge

Early in June I drove to Portland, all the way from Lubbock, Texas, totaling over 30 hours. I stopped and visited family in Phoenix, Arizona, and Los Angeles, California, and I finally returned home for the summer! It's been very refreshing for me to have more time and rest from my studies, as I reconnect with my family and friends here. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to revisit the northwest chess scene, and happy for all the support and time I get to spend here. I was pleased to hear there are some strong up and coming players in the area, such as the Grabinsky brothers.

Tournaments:

June 6th

The prestigious Coffee Time 15 minute was the first tournament I played coming back. I had the pleasure of playing one of the new kids on the block, Seth Talyansky, in the second round. After a miscalculation, and then some accurate defense, I was able to pull out a victory. The next game proved much more difficult when I was paired with FM Nick Raptis and lost straight from a bad position from the opening. The opening of this game will be mentioned in the analysis of my game with Alex Grom in the G60. In the last game I barely flagged my opponent by a miracle after declining some forced repetition, going into a losing endgame. I managed to tie for 2nd with 3/4.

June 14th

The Lucky Lab Sunday Quick tournament was another success for tournament director Geoffrey Kenway, who has really stepped up in advancing Portland chess competition by running so many of these tournaments. Unfortunately for me I lost to NM John Chernoff, after mixing some theoretical ideas in a favorite opening of mine. I ended up splitting first with him with 3/4 because he had a loss in a previous round.

June 20th

Saturday Blitz at the Portland Chess Club. This was another successful turnout, with many local expert blitzers. The time control was voted to the standard FIDE blitz time control of 3 minutes and 2 seconds increment. This made me very pleased, as it was the only blitz time control I played while in Texas. I got a perfect score 10/10, and my blitz rating went over 2400.

June 27th

I played in the PCC June G60 where I tied for first with Nick Raptis, scoring 3.5/4. For the first time in the history of the Portland Chess Club the tournament was split into two sections because of the new rule that was implemented by the number of participants exceeding 30 players. The main idea behind this new rule was to promote competition in the game, while reducing the possibility of two or more perfect scores.

Here is my input on the matter.

The math is rather simple in trying to eliminate the possibility of having two perfect scores in a tournament while keeping it four rounds. Lets say there are 16 people who play four rounds. If there were no draws in the tournament, and every person who was ranked higher in pairing wins their game (like a "perfect" system) then there could still only be one perfect score 4/4 with the runner up at 3/4. (#1 beats #9, #5, #3, and finally #2, after #2 beat #10, #6, #4.) Now lets say, there are 20 players in the tournament with the same "perfect" results with one exception in the final round. In the third round, the players would be reduced to 5 perfect scores, where #1 plays #3, #2 plays #4 and now #5 plays down to the highest rated person with the next highest number of points which would be #6 with 1/2 points. After the third round, there are now three perfect scores, #1, #2 and #5. #1 now plays #2 and #5 plays #3, and now if there is finally an upset and #5 defeats #3, and either #1 wins or #2 wins, there will now finally be two perfect scores. (Two perfect scores can also be achieved with 17, 18, or 19 as well. For 17, the 17th player would get a bye the 1st round for an odd number, and then would need to win the rest of his games "upsetting" each player to catch up to the other perfect score. This has been done before by maybe an unrated player who was a strong player from another country, ranked as the lowest. The least amount of players for there to be no upsets and have at most two perfect scores would be 24 players.)



Steven Breckenridge.
Photo credit: Alex Grom.

Therefore, it is most logical to have the cut off at 30 or more players, because of the factor of upsets and draws in the tournament, making the possibility of having two perfect scores very slim. When there are two players with perfect scores in a tournament, it makes the tournament feel like there have been some mistakes, especially if you are the one who tied for first. This is because neither player did anything wrong in the tournament, they won all their games, there is no tie-break, and yet there is not a clear champion. Being a clear champion of a tournament with a perfect score brings much more satisfaction to a player. I can honestly say it was the most competitive and exciting G60 I ever played, and I am very much looking forward to the next one!

Below is my game with Alex Grom in the first round, where he gives his analysis, and next is my game against Phil Seitzer in the second round with my thoughts and analysis.

My games with FM Nick Raptis and Aaron Grabinsky were not of best quality because of the speed of the time control, however, I hope you enjoy the following interesting first two rounds:

**Aleksander Grom (1879) –
Steven Breckenridge (2403) [E04]**
PCC June G60 Portland, OR
(R1), June 27, 2015
[Aleksander Grom]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.d4 dxc4
4...Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Ne5
c5 8.dxc5 Qc7 9.Nxc4 Bxc5 (9...Qxc5)
10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Be3 (11.Bg5) 11...
Bxe3 12.Nxe3 Rd8 13.Qb3 Nd4!?! (13...
e5=) 14.Qc4!! Nick Raptis - Steven
Breckenridge 1-0, Nick went on to win
this position in the previous Coffee Time
15-minute tournament in early June.

5.Nc3 c6 6.Bg2 Bb4 7.0-0 Nd5 8.Qc2
This is fine, but during the game I
considered the thematic 8. Bg5 in order
to activate the bishop and force Black to
make the f7-f6 concession. The bishop
never leaves his initial square in the

game. [8.Bg5 f6 (8...Qa5 9.Bd2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Qc2 Bxd2 12.Nxd2 0-0 13.Nxc4± and White seems better due to his active pieces and dynamic pawn-structure.)

8...Be7 9.Ne5

9.e4 Nb4 10.Qe2 b5 11.a4 bxa4 12.Rxa4 0-0 13.Rd1 neither side is entirely comfortable.

9...b5 10.a3?!±

No ghostly fright goes unpunished. I commit to a shameful plan. 10.a4= goes the thematic shiv 10...f6 (10...Nb4? The irrational fear of the knight arriving to b4 is best refuted by a straight forward 11.Qe4! I completely missed this simple idea) 11.Nf3 b4 12.Nd1 Ba6 13.e4 b3 14.Qb1 Nb4 (14...c3? 15.bxc3 Bxf1 16.Bxf1 Nc7 17.Ne3 0-0 18.Qxb3↑ the position is highly favorable to White's two bishops)

10...Bb7 11.Ne4 f6 12.Nf3 Nd7

Black can become dangerously aggressive here without fear: 12...a5 13.Rd1 Na6 14.Bh3 Qd7 15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 a4± Black has a lasting advantage in space and material. this opening plan is an utter failure for White.

13.Bh3 Kf7?

Allowing White some counterplay chances 13...f5 14.Neg5 Nc7 15.b3 (15.Bf4) 15...Nb6 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Ne5 0-0 18.Bg2±

14.Ned2

14.b3 cuts into the mountain of black pawns. 14...cxb3 15.Qxb3 Qb6 16.Bd2 c5=

14...c5

14...g5

15.e4 N5b6 16.b3± cxb3?!±

16...cxd4! 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.Nxd4 Nc5 19.Bb2 e5 20.Nf5 Qd3 21.Rac1 Rad8

17.Qxb3!

17.Nxb3 Rc8 18.Qe2 c4 19.Na5 Ba8 20.Qe3

17...c4 18.Qxb5 Qc8



Position after 18...Qc8

19.Qh5+?!

19.a4! Ba6 (19...a5 20.d5 exd5 21.e5 fxe5 22.Nxe5+-) 20.Bxe6+ I considered the idea but did not examine it closely. A dramatic reversal of fortune follows in this two-piece sacrifice. 20...Kxe6 21.Ng5+!! fxg5 22.Qf5+ Kd6 23.Ba3+ Kc6 24.Bxe7± Qe8 25.Qe6+ Kb7 26.Rfb1↑

19...g6 20.Qg4

20.Qh6 c3 21.Nb1 Bxe4 22.Re1 Qc6±

20...Qc6 21.Re1 Rhe8 22.d5 exd5 23.exd5 Qxd5+ 24.Ne4 Nc5 25.Nxc5 Bxc5 26.Rxe8 Rxe8

And here White flags in a lost position.

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Steven Breckenridge (2403) – Phillip Seitzer (2207) [B22]
PCC June G60 Portland, OR
(R2), June 27, 2015
[Steven Breckenridge]

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e5!?

This idea is not commonly played on this move, but after 4. ... Nc6. Black contests White's center pawn immediately, attempting some simplification, however, trading queens should allow me to hold on to my pawn with Black not having much compensation. 4...Nc6 5.Nf3 e5 6.Nxe5 (6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Bg4 looks okay for Black) 6...Nxe5 7.dxe5 Qxe5+ 8.Be3 In this variation, Black has traded a queenside knight for White's kingside knight. After 8...Bd7, all of Black's pieces will have been completely developed on one side, and White does not achieve an immediate tempo on Black's queen, (e.g. Nf3)

5.dxe5 Qxe5+

5...Qxd1+ 6.Kxd1 Nc6 7.f4±

6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.a4?!

This move was done after some thought. I had many different ideas to consider, and in this moment, I believe I had a psychological edge. The threat is stronger than the execution. My opponent became immediately defensive as he saw my threat of either getting to b5 or c4 if he will play a6, and then I will play dominating his queenside.

8...Be7 9.Na3 0-0

This was the correct response to my moves. I am initiating some queenside attack, therefore he must quickly finish his kingside development and counter my weak files and uncastled king.

10.Nb5 Qd7 11.Ne5

Continuing my psychological advantage, as I sensed that he would not allow me to play Nc7 11.Qxd7 Nbx7 12.Nc7 Rb8 13.Bf4 Nh5 14.Nd5 Nxf4 15.Nxe7+ Kh8 16.0-0-0 was a strong alternative

11...Qxd1+ 12.Rxd1 Na6

“Knight on the rim is grim” 12...Nc6 was best, but hard to find 13.Nc4 (13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Nd6 Be6 15.Bxc5 Rfd8=) 13...Bf5 14.Nbd6 Bc2 15.Rc1 Bxa4 16.Nxb7 Rab8 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Rfe8+ 19.Be3 Bb3=

13.Nd6 Bxd6 14.Rxd6

Threatening to capture on a6, leaving c5 hanging, and double a pawns.

14...Re8?

14...Nc7! 15.Bc4 (15.Bxc5 Ne4) 15...Be6 16.Bxe6 Nxe6

15.Bb5!

I played instantly, knowing he would make this mistake.

15...Ne4

Only tightening the noose 15...Rf8 16.Bc4 Bf5 And Black completes his development, desperately looking for counter play

16.Rd1 Rf8 17.f3 Nf6 18.0-0

18.Kf2

18...Be6 19.Bxa6 bxa6 20.Bxc5 Rfe8 21.Rd4 Bb3 22.Re1 Rac8 23.Nd3! h6

23...Rxe1+ 24.Nxe1 Bxa4! (24...Rxc5? 25.Rd8+ Ne8 26.Rxe8#) 25.Rxa4 Rxc5 26.Rxa6 Rc7 Was what I expected, and I still need some endgame technique to finish.

24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Kf2 Nd5 26.Bxa7 Ne3! 27.Nc5 Bc4

27...Nd1+ 28.Kg3 Bc2 29.Rd2

28.Ne4

Black Resigned, perhaps he forgot he could play on with 28...Bb3 29.Kxe3 f5, but I would still be up three healthy pawns with a winning position.

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June 28th

Lucky Lab and a split first again! This time with Nick Raptis and 3.5/4, drawing each other in the third round.

Upcoming Events:

I'm really looking forward to playing the Summer Open on July 11th-12th. Following that, I will host a simul at the PCC on July 18th, and last, I hope to play an upcoming match with someone very strong!

More exciting chess on the way, lets play!

Note: The Newport June Open held June 13-14, 2015 will be covered in the next issue.—Editor

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Washington Chess News

On Starting A Chess Club

By Travis Olson

Greetings Chess Players of Washington, Oregon and Idaho! This will be my first ever article for *Northwest Chess* magazine. I sincerely hope you enjoy it.

Beginnings

I started playing chess competitively at the age of 16, so for about seven years now. I had a scholastic rating of about 1200 up until I graduated high school in 2010. Despite the late start, it almost immediately became my passion. I was a leader within my chess team at Kamiak High School for the two years I played on it, and after leaving I became president of the chess clubs at both the University of Washington Seattle and Bothell campuses.

It became clear that not only was I interested in playing the game, but also in the economic, marketing, business, mathematical, statistical, educational, sporting and entertainment aspects of chess. For a long time I believed that the only reason chess wasn't as popular as football in America was because so few people recognized it as a serious, competitive Mind Sport (a term recently



Travis Olson at the 2015 Washington Open.
Photo credit: Viktoria Jung-Doknjas

coined by Jeff Sarwer). Rather, it seemed, most people see it as a silly board game, played only in living rooms on the rainiest days, where the only people who take it seriously are nerds and outcasts (such as the late Robert James Fischer!). The solution? Promote chess as much as possible to the non-players, and the players who play maybe once in a blue moon, but who never thought about being competitive at it.

It wasn't until January 2012 that I played in my first USCF event. Before that, I played mostly correspondence chess online. April of 2013 was when I really got serious about playing in tournaments. Granted, I was still pretty new to tournament chess, but over time I learned more and more about it and how it worked.

By mid-2014, I saw that many aspects of the chess scene were in need of improvement, and could easily be improved, via very simple changes. In around November 2014 I decided to start taking matters into my own hands. I began volunteering with the Seattle Chess Club, attending their board meetings, as well as those of the Washington Chess Federation. My goal was to greatly improve the SCC's ways of doing things, by providing my ideas and "expertise". As a result, I did manage to gain some TD experience, most notably for directing the Washington Open Blitz! Though stressful, running the event was an invaluable experience and totally worthwhile! I'd like to thank WCF for the opportunity to exercise my TD skills.

Soon, I realized that if I wanted my ideas to fully come into fruition, partnering with the SCC wasn't the best way to make it happen. That's why I founded the Mukilteo Chess Club & Learning Center on May 3rd, 2015!

The Mukilteo Chess Club & Learning Center

There are several goals I have in starting the MCC&LC:

First, I feel that the players living in Greater Seattle need more options for different sites to play at on any given weekend. So far you have the Seattle and Tacoma Chess Clubs, and the WCF, but aside from that, not much. There are some fledgling chess clubs that pop up, only to

disappear a year later, and not offer any USCF tournaments, or tournaments of any kind for that matter. Some examples might include the Everett and Mill Creek chess clubs etc..

Second, the chess community needs to have more say in what kind of tournaments are run. Much of that I have organized through our Facebook group via weekly polls. As it currently stands, for example, we don't have any rapid tournaments in Greater Seattle, and only 2 blitz tournaments per year, during the Washington Open and Washington Class tournaments.

Third, I want to promote chess in an area where it is virtually unknown, but that is rich in culture, wealth, and level of education. I blame growing up in such a region where there is no chess for my having started chess so late!

Fourth, starting a new chess club will benefit the environment. How? Many Seattle-based players will travel to Portland, roughly 180 miles from Seattle, to play in a club tournament. For a long time I never understood why so many players do this, having to deal with all the extra expenses of gas, time, and hotel. Why not travel only 30 miles? If the tournament is good enough locally, does it really make sense to burn an extra 150 miles worth of fossil fuels for a tournament that is only slightly bigger and better? Think about how much carbon is saved from the atmosphere for each player I convert to the MCC, when they would otherwise travel much further!

That all being said, MCC&LC is still a work in progress, but its future looks promising.

G/19 d10 Quads!

The first MCC event was held on Sunday, May 31st. The participants were Arjun Thomas, Ralph Anthony, Boas Lee, and myself. It was held at the Mountlake Terrace Library, and went by really quickly. It was over more than an hour earlier than it was scheduled to end, which was supposed to be 3 hours, 45 minutes after the library opened at 1pm! It was also rated by the USCF before it was scheduled to finish, hahaha!

A quick note: Holding tournaments in libraries is a very good idea in my

opinion, as there is almost no overhead cost! Room reservations are free!

Travis James Olson (Q: 1501) – Boas Lee (Q: 1331)

G/19 d10 Quads (R1), May 31, 2015
[Travis Olson]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.Nc3 cxd4 7.exd4 a6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Ne5?

Hanging the pawn on d4. But Black didn't see it.

10...0-0 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bb3 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 a5 15.Re1 a4 16.Bxa4 Bd7 17.a3 Rfb8 18.b4 f5 19.Nc5 Nc3 20.Qb3 Nxa4 21.Nxa4



Position after 21.Nxa4

White has an excellent knight to Black's bad bishop, an extra pawn, and pawn weaknesses to attack.

21...Qd6 22.Rad1 Rb5 23.Nc5 Rd8 24.h3 Qd5 25.Qe3 Re8 26.Qe5 Rbb8?



Position after 26...Rbb8

Black should just play ...Rd8, guarding the bishop.

27.Qxd5 exd5 28.Nxd7 Rxe1+ 29.Rxe1

Rd8 30.Re7 Ra8 31.Ne5 Kf8 32.Nxc6 Rxa3 33.Rd7 Ra6 34.b5 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Rb1 36.Rxd5 g6 37.Ne5 Kg7 38.Nd7 Kf7 39.Kg3 Ke6 40.Nb6 Rb3+ 41.Kf4 h6 42.Re5+ Kd6 43.Nc4+ Kd7 44.Rc5 Rd3 45.Ke5 Rd1 46.Nb6+ Ke7 47.Rc7+ Kd8 48.Rd7+ Ke8 49.Kf6 Rb1 50.Rc7 1-0

The tournament also featured one of the most epic fails in my OTB chess history!

Travis James Olson (Q: 1501) – Arjun Thomas (Q: 1610)

G/19 d10 Quads (R1), May 31, 2015
[Travis Olson]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.Nf3 d6 8.g3 Bg7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 Nb6 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Rb1 Rfb8 14.b3



Position after 14.b3

14...c4?

Black should continue with the standard plan of trading knights with ...Ng4-e5.

15.b4 Bb7 16.e4 Ng4 17.Nd4 Ne5 18.b5 Nd3 19.Nc6 Bxc6

This gives me a strong passed c-pawn. However the alternative Stockfish suggests isn't any better. 19...Re8 20.Bf1 Nc5 21.Rb4 Bxc3 22.Qxc3 Nxe4 23.Qd4 Nf6 24.Bxc4 Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Rxa2 26.Re1 and White has a dominating position with lots of space.

20.bxc6 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Rxa2 22.Bh6 f6 23.Be3 Qa7?

[Diagram top of next column]

...Ne5 would have prevented this.

24.Rxd3! cxd3 25.c7 Ra8 26.Bxb6 Qa6



Position after 23...Qa7

27.Be3 Rc2 28.Rb8+ Kg7 29.c8Q Rxb8

29...Qxc8 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.Qxd3 and White can just push his pawns and eventually break through to the black king.

30.Qxa6 Rxc3 31.Bd2 Rb1+ 32.Bf1 Rcb3 33.Kg2 Rd1 34.Qc4 Rb2 35.Be3 d2

After this point, I had less than a minute (shocking, right?), so after some unknown moves, we reached a position very similar to this:



Position starting on Black's estimated 50th.

50...f5 51.Qxe7+ Kh6

White should just take the pawn on d6 here.


52.Qh4+ Kg7 53.exf5??

At this point I was pretty much down to the delay time, and my mind lapsed at the wrong moment.

53...Rxb4+

and there goes my queen!

54.Ke3 gxf5 0-1



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L-R: Boas Lee, Ralph Anthony, Arjun Thomas. Photo credit: Travis Olson

The MCC's first event, although small, was fun and quick! As a reward to the players for playing in the inaugural event, I waived the entry fee 100%! The winner of all three of his games was Arjun Thomas, who also won \$50 to be put towards future entry fees at the MCC. Congrats Arjun!

The Mountlake Terrace Rapid and Blitz

The MCC's second event was held Saturday, June 20th at the same location as the first, the Mountlake Terrace Library. The event was scheduled to last 8 hours, with a bullet tournament at the end! Unfortunately, the players decided against playing in the bullet. The first part of the event consisted of 4 rounds of G/24 d5, a Swiss. The second part was a G/5 double-round robin blitz tournament, although it would have been a Swiss if there were more participants.

A new player, Megan Chen, was one of the more noteworthy participants. Originally from Illinois, she was studying at Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania, and was visiting Seattle to intern for Microsoft! This was her first USCF event, but she did play a little as a kid. Despite her apparent lack of experience, she managed to get a completely winning position against me! However, by some miracle, I came back and won it in a B vs N endgame!

Travis James Olson (Q: 1499) – Megan Chen (Unrated)
Mountlake Terrace Rapid, June 20, 2015
[Travis Olson]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Bxc4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Nc6 7.Bxb4 Nxb4 8.Qa4+ Nc6 9.Nc3 a6

I spent too much time here trying to find a way to exploit Black's lack of development.

10.Ne5 Bd7 11.Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Qc2 0-0-0 13.a3 e5!



Position after 13...e5!

This pawn break was the beginning of my miseries in this game.

14.Bd3 g6 15.Rd1 exd4

Taking back would cause all sorts of trouble with my king stuck in the center.

16.Be2 Qe7 17.Na4 dxe3

Here I'm already lost.

18.Rxd8+

One alternate line goes like this: 18.0-0 Nd4 19.Qd3 exf2+ 20.Rxf2 Ne4 21.Rff1 Nc5 22.Bg4+ f5 23.Nxc5 Qxc5 and White cannot save the bishop and stop the double check.; Or 18.f3 Rxd1+ 19.Bxd1 Rd8 and threats of ...Nd4 and ...Rd2 cannot be stopped.

18...Rxd8 19.f3 Nd4 20.Qc5 Qxc5

20...Qe6 was much stronger. 21.Nc3 Qb3 22.0-0 Qxb2 23.Re1 Nxe2+ 24.Nxe2 Qxe2!



Analysis

#Diagram-analysis after 24...Qxe2

25.Qxe3 Qxe3+ 26.Rxe3 Rd1+ 27.Kf2 Rd2+ with a winning endgame for Black.

21.Nxc5 Nc2+ 22.Kf1 Rd2 23.Nb3 Rd6 24.g3 Nd4 25.Nxd4 Rxd4 26.Kg2 Rd2

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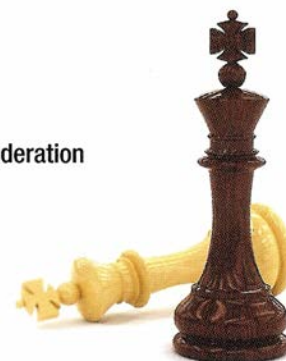


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27.Re1 Rxb2 28.f4 Ne4 29.Kf3 Nd2+?

...f5 was better. Black missed that the d-pawn was hanging. 29...f5 30.Kxe3 Rb3+ 31.Kd4 (31.Bd3 Nc5 and Black trades everything and wins.) 31...c5+ 32.Kd5 Re3 33.a4 Nc3+ 34.Kxc5 Rxe2 and Black wins a piece, and later the game.

30.Kxe3 f5 31.Rd1 Ne4 32.Rd3 Nc5 33.Rc3 Rb3



Position after 33...Rb3

Black should not have allowed the rook trade. My bishop will get to g8 and start taking pawns. 33...b6 and Black maintains a two-pawn advantage.

34.Rxb3 Nxb3 35.Bc4 Nc5 36.Bg8 h5?

Black has lost her advantage with this move. 36...Nd7 37.Bxh7 Nf8 is the correct defense.

37.Bh7 b5

37...Ne6 38.Bxg6 defends. 38...Ng7 defends.

38.Bxg6 Ne6 39.Bxf5 Kd7 40.Ke4 Kd6 41.Bg6 c5 42.f5

Giving the g5 square to the knight. Better was to take the h-pawn.

42...Ng5+ 43.Kf4 Nh3+ 44.Ke4 Nf2+ 45.Kf3 Nd3 46.Ke3 Ne5 47.Bxh5 b4?



Position after 47...b4

Now White is winning. 47...Nc4+ 48.Kd3 Nxa3 Here Black should be able to draw as the bishop cannot stop all three queenside pawns.

48.axb4 cxb4 49.Bd1 Nc4+ 50.Ke2?

50.Kd4 keeps Black's king out of the center.

50...a5

50...Ke5 51.g4 a5 and Black is at least controlling the kingside pawns.

51.f6

It went something like this. I'm not sure as we both had less than a minute left.

51...Ke6? 52.Bb3 a4 53.Bxc4+ Kxf6 54.h4 a3 55.h5

The game went on a few more moves, but...

1-0

Another player was Andrew Ardeleanu. A recent graduate of Mercer Island High School, he has dedicated much of his summer to chess! Ralph Anthony was the fourth player, a former Northwest Chess Grand Prix winner, Mukilteo resident, and now two for two at MCC tournaments.

The real star of the event however was FM William Schill II. He is credited as being the first master to play at the MCC. Needless to say, he won both the rapid and blitz events, 4/4 in the rapid and 9.5/10 in the blitz. His only non-win came against me, a game of which I am quite proud! Although I wasn't notating the game, I remember it well enough to recall all of the moves.



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by August Piper

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Several friends of the SCC have already donated \$450; still others have pledged an additional \$600. Thus, we already have over a third of the \$3,000 needed to obtain the donor's gift. To put this another way, the Club now needs to raise only \$350 a month for the next six months: surely, surely, we can do that!

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Travis James Olson (B: 1773 (P) –
 FM William J Schill (B: 2236 (P)
 Mountlake Terrace Blitz, 20.06.2015
 [Travis Olson]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3
 0–0 6.Be3 c5



Position after 6...c5

I had a game where I took on c5 and suffered badly.

7.Nge2 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Ng3 e6 10.Qd2
 exd5 11.exd5 h5 12.Bd3 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3
 Re8 14.0–0–0 h4 15.Nge4 Bf5 16.Nxf6+
 Qxf6 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.g4 Bd7 19.Bg5
 Qxg5 20.Qxg5 Bh6 21.Ne4 Bxg5+
 22.Nxg5+ Kg7 23.Rhe1 f5 24.Ne6+
 Kf6 25.g5+ Kf7 26.Nc7 Rxe1 27.Rxe1
 Rc8 28.Ne6 Re8 29.Kd2 Bxe6 30.dxe6+
 Rxe6 31.Rd1 Ke7 32.Kd3 Re5 33.Rd2
 d5 34.b3 d4 35.Re2 Rxe2 36.Kxe2 Kd6
 37.f4 Kc6 38.Kd3 b5 39.a3 a5??

{39...bxc4+ — followed by not moving
 the a-pawn — wins for Black.—Dubisch}

40.a4!



Position after 40.a4

40...bxa4 41.bxa4 Kd7 42.Kd2 h3
 43.Kd3 Kd6 1/2–1/2

Overall, it was yet another fun tournament,
 that did not consume the entire day. Less
 than seven hours. Congrats to William
 for winning both events, to Megan for
 winning the under-portion of the Rapid,
 and to Andrew for winning the under-
 portion of the blitz!

More Events to Come!

Our next event is a two-day event
 scheduled for August 22 – 23, Saturday
 at the Mukilteo Library and Sunday at
 the Lynwood Library. It will be a 6-round

Swiss with a time control of G/50 + 15.
 You have the option to play only one of
 the days for a reduced entry fee.

After that, we have a G/30 + 15 event.
 This one will use an experimental new
 Arena format, inspired by lichess.com's
 arena tournaments! It is scheduled to take
 place Saturday, September 9th at either
 the Mukilteo, Lynwood, or Mountlake
 Terrace Libraries (unknown as of this
 writing, but known as of publication!).
 Our events are typically held between
 the three libraries, depending on what's
 available. Details for both tournaments
 can be found via the Events page of the
 club's website.

The third event is expected to be scheduled
 for the weekend of October 3rd. The rest is
 TBD. Stay tuned!

Learning Center

Note that the name of the club is the
 Mukilteo Chess Club & Learning Center.
 It doesn't look like the club will get a
 permanent site anytime soon, but all
 donations and revenue from tournaments
 will go towards getting one in the future.

I have been teaching private chess lessons
 since the summer of 2012, and have been
 coaching in schools and classes since the

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spring of 2013, and am always looking for new students. In the near future, the MCC&LC hopes to offer group lessons, classes, and camps to both kids and adults alike! These are also expected to be held at either the Mukilteo or Lynwood libraries, or a partnering affiliate such as the YMCA or Boys and Girls Club (neither of which are official partners yet, as of this writing).

To read more on the goals, aspirations, and benefits of the MCC&LC; to find our Facebook group and various other useful links; to view all of our upcoming events and register for them; to ask questions about the MCC&LC; to inquire about lessons; or to make a very-much appreciated donation, please visit our club's website, <https://mukilteochess.wordpress.com/>!

Correction In Clue!

Carol Kleist reports that in last month's crossword puzzle (#3), the clue to 44 down should have been:

44. In the Northwest we have chess clubs in public elem. schools and sometimes also (initials).

Answers to last month's Crossword Puzzle

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Chess Groovies

By NM Daniel He and NM Samuel He

Hello readers. This month's Chess Groovies will focus on Yasser Seirawan, a four-time US Champion. Seirawan is known for his strong strategic play, and has beaten many World Champions. In the first game we will show you, Seirawan wins against Mikhail Tal, one of the best attackers ever, in a game where Tal is given no chance whatsoever to create complications, making the win look very easy. In the second game, Seirawan plays a solid opening where he wins all from his strong control of the c4 square!

Yasser Seirawan (2605) – Mikhail Tal (2620) [E35]

Niksic (R12), September 8, 1983
[Samuel He]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4?!

While the Nimzo Indian is definitely a strong opening, it is not very good for attacking, the area where Tal exceeds in. This is a major reason why Seirawan was able to win almost easily. 3.c5, transposing into a Modern Benoni, would've been a much smarter choice.

4.Qc2

Qc2 is one of the more solid lines White can choose against the Nimzo Indian, which is a particularly strong choice against Tal.

4...d5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6!



Position after 7.Bxf6

While the main line is Bh4, it gives black opportunity to play g5!? Bg3 c5 with a very complicated game. While White usually keeps an advantage if he plays accurately, Black does, in return, get some tricky attacking chances, which usually do not end well against Tal!

7...Qxf6 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.e3

With four minor pieces off the board and no weaknesses for White, Seirawan has done a good job of avoiding all attacking chances by Tal. With a slight advantage on the queenside, note how Seirawan

develops a strong advantage in that area of the board almost perfectly!

10...Bf5 11.Ne2 Rc8 12.Ng3 Be6 13.b4 a5?!



Position after 13...a5

Tal desperately tries for some kind of counterplay, but it is unclear if this move actually achieves anything. On the other hand, this move may actually create weaknesses as the opening of the a-file would be in White's favor as after a trade of rooks, White's queen takes control.

14.Be2 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1+ 16.Qxa1 Qe7 17.Qc3 Nc6 18.b5!

This move forces Black to move his knight to a poor square.

18...Nd8 19.0-0 c5!

Tal's best try for some kind of counterplay. If White is careless and ignores the purpose of the move, Black will consider ...c4!, creating a strong passed pawn. Of course, Seirawan saw that and wasn't going to allow it.

20.bxc6 bxc6 21.Rc1

Here, White has a very comfortable position. Black's pieces are all passively placed and has no threats whatsoever. Meanwhile, White has good control over the c5 square and an attack on the potentially weak c6 pawn.

21...Bd7 22.Qa5 Kf8 23.Qa7 Be6 24.Qb6 Qc7 25.Qb1

White's last few moves do not seem to have accomplished anything, but Black really has no chance of any counterplay, so White can afford to "waste time," trying to find the best square for his pieces.

25...Kg8 26.Bd3 Qe7 27.Qc2 Bd7 28.Bh7+ Kh8 29.Bf5 Bxf5 30.Nxf5 Qd7 31.Nh4 Ne6 32.Qf5 c5?!

Tal is tired of his completely passive position, and tries to open it up. However, here, it is inaccurate as White will get a good advantage with play against the

isolated d-pawn.

33.dxc5 Qe7 34.g3 Qd7?



Position after 34...Qd7

The point of this move is unclear. It seems to just lose a pawn. Soon, Seirawan was able to win the game with this pawn-up endgame.

35.c6 Rxc6 36.Rxc6 Qxc6 37.Qxf7 Ng5 38.Qf5 Qf6 39.Qxf6 gxf6 40.Nf5 Kh7 41.h4 1-0

The main lesson of this game is to know your opponent's strengths and weaknesses and play an opening where he would be most uncomfortable in. Seirawan was aware that Tal loved complications, and made sure to trade as many pieces as possible and to keep his position without weakness. Eventually, he was able to slowly crush Tal despite not making any brilliant moves. Hopefully you can get the chance to use this psychological strategy in your own games!

Yasser Seirawan (2643) – Alvarez Alejandro Ramirez (2593) [D30]

USA-ch Saint Louis (R4), May 11, 2012
[Samuel He]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6

In the Slav, almost all of the lines where White plays e3 are very solid and strategic, matching Seirawan's playing style.

5.Bd3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 a6 7.0-0 b5 8.Be2



Position after 8.Be2

While Seirawan's setup may not look very threatening, it has the strategic plan of playing a future a4 and creating weaknesses on Black's queenside while not creating any of his own.

8...Bb7 9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Be7 11.a4 b4?!



Position after 11...b4

While I would typically consider such a move a normal move, after seeing how Seirawan was able to win this game, I must say this is a dubious move! The reason for this is because b4 permanently weakens the c4-square, which White takes full control of later in the game.

12.Ne5 0-0 13.Bf3 Nd5 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Nd2



Position after 15.Nd2

While white is not winning yet, it is clear he has a large strategic advantage: the c4-square. Meanwhile, White has no weaknesses of his own.

15...c5!

Black realizes that if he does not act fast, White will play Rc1, and he would not only have control of c4, but also c5! Here, Black opens up the diagonal for his b7-bishop.

16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nc4 Rad8 18.Qc2 Be7 19.Rfd1 Qc8 20.Rac1

As you can see from Seirawan's past few moves, he is just simply moving his pieces to logical squares, knowing that the c4-square is permanent and will not go away!

20...Nf6 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Na5!

[Diagram top of next column]

Of course, just having control of a square is not enough to win a game. With this



Position after 22.Na5

knight move, Seirawan explores around the queenside, hoping to find some way in.

22...Qe4 23.Rd4 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Rxd4 25.Bxd4

With these trades, White's advantage has only increased. White has both a5 and c4 squares for his knight and has the more active bishop.

25...Ra8 26.Nc6 Bf8 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.a5!



Position after 28.a5

This is a very strong positional move which forces Black to worry about losing the b4-pawn, which cannot be defended by the a-pawn. In addition, by trading off the black knight for the bishop, White can comfortably move his king towards the queenside.

28...Bd6 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.Ke2 Ke8 31.Rc4 Rc8 32.Kd3 Kd7 33.Nxb4

One pawn has been successfully won.

33...Rb8 34.Kc3 Rb5 35.Nxa6



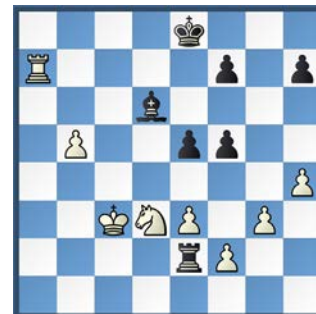
Position after 35.Nxa6

The game lasted 93 moves, where Seirawan slowly outplayed his opponent in a pawn-up endgame. As there were no brilliant moves later in the game and

to save space, I will end the game here. From this game, I hope you were able to learn the importance of squares, their potential weaknesses, and how to create them! Thanks for reading!

I wanted to show the entire game, so here are the remaining moves followed by a comment by Yasser Seirawan.—Editor

35...Rxa5 36.Nb4 Rg5 37.g3 Rh5 38.h4 Ra5 39.Nd3 Ra2 40.Ra4 Re2 41.b4 e5 42.b5 f5 43.Ra7+ Ke8



Position after 43...Ke8

44.b6 e4 45.Nf4 Rxf2 46.Ra5 Rf1 47.Rb5 Rc1+ 48.Kd4 Rd1+ 49.Kc4 Rc1+ 50.Kd5 Kd7 51.b7 Bb8 52.Kd4 Rd1+ 53.Kc3 Ke7 54.Rxf5 Rb1 55.Kd4 Rb4+ 56.Kd5 Rxb7 57.Kxe4 Kf8 58.Kf3 Rb1 59.Rh5 Kg7 60.Rg5+ Kf8 61.Nh5 h6 62.Rc5 Ke7 63.Ng7 Kf6 64.Nf5 Ba7 65.Ra5 Bb6 66.Rd5 Ke6 67.e4 Bc7 68.Rc5 Rb3+ 69.Kg4 Kd7 70.Rd5+ Ke8 71.e5 Rb6 72.Kh5 Rg6 73.g4 Rc6 74.Rb5 Kf8 75.Nxh6 Re6 76.g5 Rxe5 77.Rb7 Rc5 78.Ra7 Kg7 79.Ra8 f6 80.Rg8+ Kh7 81.Rf8 fxe5 82.Rf7+ Kh8 83.hxe5 Ba5 84.Rd7 Bc3 85.Kg6 Rc6+ 86.Kf7 Be5 87.Ng4 Bc3 88.Nf6 Bxf6 89.gxf6 Kh7 90.Ke7 Rc8 91.Rd8 Rc7+ 92.Kd6 Rf7 93.Ke6 1-0

Yasser's Response

The two game choices were surprising. My first thought was, "Why annotate the Tal game?" It is in my book, *Chess Duels*." And then for the second game, "Why annotate my game with Alejandro? That is in my article, 'Anatomy of a Disaster.'" Then I realized, I didn't complete the article, because I had to go to China shortly after the Championship and never finished it.

In truth the second half of my play with Alejandro was pretty poor... I let him escape into a bad position, from an utterly hopeless one... Checking my notes: 44.b6, was bad. Simple was: 44.Nb2, followed by: Nb2-c4, going after the d6-bishop. That would have forced capitulation shortly. Instead we slogged it out for another fifty moves.

Best,

Yasser

The 2015 Elmars Zemgalis Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

By Murlin Varner, Administrator

We have reached the half-way point for 2015, and two of our contestants have broken the 100-point barrier. They are the leaders in their respective states, Nick Raptis and Michael Munsey. Munsey is also the leader for most Grand Prix events attended as he has played in 18 so far this year. Not bad for having only 26 weekends to work with. Raptis has managed to get his 100+ points more efficiently, attending just ten GP tournaments thus far.

A handful of leader board changes came via rating increases, as Lennart Bjorksten moved from second Expert to the same position in the Master section in Oregon. In Washington, Aaryan Deshpande moved from 3rd Class B to 2nd Class A and Vignesh Anand went from 2nd Class D to 3rd Class C. As our classifications are based on the peak rating for the year, players only move up, they can never move down until the next year. There were other moves on the leaderboard due to point accumulations as we had seven events in June, including two (in Seattle, WA and Newport, OR) with multipliers. Changes in the Idaho list were few, with little to look forward to over the rest of the summer, as no events are scheduled for July or August. We really need a few more organizers to step forward and start holding Grand Prix events in Idaho. If you are interested, contact me or Eric Holcomb for details.

July has also added seven events, including the 2x Seafair Open, which you will see reflected in the next month's column. Looking ahead to August, which isn't all that far, since this is the August issue, we see another seven events, of which the Vancouver Open, on the shores of the Columbia River, has a 2x prize fund. The others can be found on various dates, in Spokane (2), Seattle (2), Tacoma, and Portland. And every serious GP contestant should mark their calendars for September 5-7, when the Annual Oregon Open will be contested at the lovely Lloyd Center DoubleTree Inn. This event offers a guaranteed prize fund of \$3600 and a 4x Grand Prix multiplier. (Trip planning advice: if you take Amtrack to Portland, there is a light rail stop just outside the train station, and the Lloyd Center stop is the last stop in the free ride area. An excellent way to go!)

The data below are current through July 1st.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Masters								
			1 Raptis	Nick	106	1 Pupols	Viktors	74
			2 Bjorksten	Lennart	44.5	2 Schill	William J	72
			3 Grabinsky	Aaron	35	3 Tiglon	Bryce	46.5
			4 Seitzer	Phillip	15.5	4 Feng	Roland	42
			5	Two Tied At	11	5 Bragg	David R	40
Experts								
			1 Saputra	Yogi	71	1 He	Anthony B	94
			2 Cigan	Jason	43	2 Haining	Kyle	52.5
			3 Talyansky	Seth D	41	3 Moroney	Timothy M	48.5
			4 Roring	Tres	35	4 Bishop	Alan	40.5
			5 Heywood	Bill	28	5	Two tied at	37.5
Class A								
			1 Murray	David E	57	1 Yu	Jason	73.5
			2 Phipps	Danny	54	2 Deshpande	Aaryan H	62
			3 Wade	Chris H	38.5	3 Baxter	Brent L	60.5
			4 Goffe	Michael P	35	3 Kuhner	Mary K	50.5
			5 Grabinsky	Joshua	27.6	3 Thomas	Arjun	46
M/X/Class A								
1 Bodie	Brad	15						
1 Lucky	David	15						
3 Kircher	Caleb P	11						
4 Inman	James	8.5						
5 Maki	James J	6						
Class B								
1 Griggs	Glenn	18						
2 Buus	Jarod N	11.5						
3 Roland	Jeffrey T	11						
3 Machin	Alex J	11						
5	Two Tied At	9						

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
Class C			Class B								
1	Naccarato	Savanna	16.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	95.5	1	Puri	Ishaan	61.5
1	Weyland	Ronald M	16.5	2	Samillano	Jazon	62	2	Anthony	Ralph J	56.5
3	Lombardi	George	13.5	3	Eagles	Roland	59	3	Tu	Robin L	49.5
4	Zaklan	David A	12.5	4	Zhang	Gavin	43.5	4	Petrov	Oscar	45.5
5	Nathan	Jacob A	8.5	5	McClain	Jack W	40	5	Two tied at		44
Class D			Class C								
1	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	15.5	1	Berger	Brian F	53	1	Piper	August	73
2	Porth	Desmond	5	2	Kenway	Geoffrey W	33.5	2	Richards	Jerrold	71
3	Porth	Adam	4	3	Dietz	Arliss	23	3	Anand	Vignesh	65
4	Dominick	Matthew T	3	4	Booth	Liam K	18	4	Frostad	John C	50.5
				5	Tang	Jimmy	14	5	Yeo	Joey	45
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Fister	Joel S	9	1	Gupta	Rohit	27	1	Munsey	Michael R	116.5
2	Naccarato	Chris D	7.5	2	Kypriotakis	Kyriakos	23	2	Xuan	Owen	50.5
3	Hiatt	Arlene	5.5	3	Larson	Bradley J	19.5	3	Casey	Garrett W	47.5
4	Nathan	Oliver E	5	4	Jewell	Nathan	18	4	Deng	Samuel	44
5	Courtney	Caleb	4.5	5	Buerer	Harry F	12.5	5	Hwang	Matthew	38.5
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Griggs	Glenn	18	1	Raptis	Nick	106	1	Munsey	Michael R	116.5
2	Naccarato	Savanna	16.5	2	Hasuike	Mike L	95.5	2	He	Anthony B	94
2	Weyland	Ronald M	16.5	3	Saputra	Yogi	71	3	Pupols	Viktors	74
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7	Lombardi	George	13.5	7	Phipps	Danny	54	7	Richards	Jerrold	71
8	Zaklan	David A	12.5	8	Berger	Brian F	53	8	Anand	Vignesh	65
9	Buus	Jarod N	11.5	9	Bjorksten	Lennart	44.5	9	Deshpande	Aaryan H	62
10	Kircher	Caleb P	11	10	Zhang	Gavin	43.5	10	Puri	Ishaan	61.5
10	Roland	Jeffrey T	11	11	Cigan	Jason	43	11	Baxter	Brent L	60.5
10	Machin	Alex J	11	12	Talyansky	Seth D	41	12	Anthony	Ralph J	56.5


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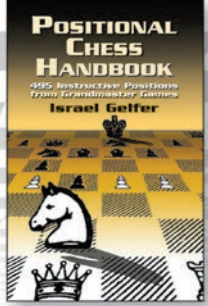
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☞ **Aug. 30, Sept. 27** **Sunday Tornado** ☞
Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/60;d5. **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC).
Prizes: 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10
 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:**
 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30.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

☞ **Aug. 15, Sept. 12** **Saturday Quads** ☞
Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sec's by rtg. **TC:** G/120;d5. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7
 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future qd. **Reg:** 9:00-
 9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** USCF, WCF memb.
 req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

← **Oct. 11** **SCC Novice**
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.

SCC Fridays

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

Dog Days: 8/7, 14, 21, 28.

Close Ratings 2: 9/4, 11, 18, 25.

Autumn Leaves: 10/2, 9, 16, 23, 30.

November Rains: 11/6, 13, 20.

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.

SCC

Championship

Sept. 11, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 23, 30, Nov. 6

Format: 7-rd Swiss held on Friday evenings.
TC: 35/100 and 25/60. **EF:** \$30 if rec'd by
 9/3, \$37 thereafter. SCC memb. req'd—\$25
 special tnmt memb. **Prize fund:** 75% of
 EFs. **Prizes:** 23%-16%, U2000 9%, U1800
 8%, U1600 7%, U1400 6%, Unrated 3%,
 Endurance 3%. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:**
 Fridays 8 p.m. **Make-up Games for Rds**
1-4: G/75;d5 make-ups may be scheduled
 for any Wednesday 9/30 through 10/14.
Byes: 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/14).
Misc: SCC/USCF memb. req'd. NS. NC.

Seattle Fall Open

September 18-20 or September 19-20

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

A Northwest Grand Prix event

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

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

Entry Fees: \$33 by 9/16, \$42 at site. SCC members—subtract \$9.
 Members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA—subtract
 \$4. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr USCF & WCF.
Add \$1 for 2-day option. Make checks payable to SCC.

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

Byes: 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration.

Misc.: USCF & WCF required. NS. NC.

Upcoming Events

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

☞ **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;U1600;U1400) \$30; Biggest Upset: \$30 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. For information: cell (509) 994-9739, email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

☞ **Aug 22-23** Vancouver Open, **Vancouver, WA.** (Half-Page Ad on page 25)

☞ **Aug 29/Sep 26** Portland CC Game in 60, **Portland, OR.** 4SS, G/60;d5. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR - Map. If 30 or more entries the field will be divided into 2 sections by ratings. 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: If one section (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30; U1800, U1500 \$35 each. If two sections - upper section \$75-50-25 (b/15); lower section \$65-35; U1400 \$50 (b/15). No tiebreakers (prizes split). OSCF State Qualifier. Info: e-mail email@pdxchess.org, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.org.

☞ **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 19)

☞ **Sep 26** Washington Game/60 Championship, **Tacoma, WA.** Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: G/60,d5. Dual rated, Reg. & Quick. Prize Fund: (B/16) 1st \$85.00, 2nd \$80.00, 1st U1800, U1600, U1400 \$75.00 each. Entry fee: \$30.00 in advance by 9/25, \$35.00 at site. Reg.: Sat. 9:00-9:45 am. Rounds: 10:00 am, 12:45 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:15 pm. Byes: 1 half point bye available. USCF/WCF memberships required. NC, NS, W. Make checks payable to Gary J. Dorfner. Info/Entries: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445. Phone (253) 535-2536 or email ggarychess@aol.com.

Oct 10-11 Millionaire Chess Open, **Las Vegas, NV.** (See <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/index.htm>) Northwest Chess receives a fee for each registration using the link to the tournament registration found on that page.

Oct 16-18 Western States Open, **Reno, NV.** (Full-Page Ad on Page 3)

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