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The Ross Report

By IM Dave Ross

10th Annual Grand Pacific Open

The Grand Pacific Open [GPO] was held March 25-28 in Victoria B.C. at the Grand Pacific Hotel facing Victoria's inner harbor. This was the 10th anniversary version and it set a record with 152 competitors from three continents. There was one GM, three IM's, one WGM and a host of FM's in the field and numerous National Masters. Congratulations to organisers Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson, Brian Raymer, and head T.D. Mark S. Dutton for running a first rate event. It was the best run open tournament I have ever played in Canada. The rounds started on time and equipment and clocks were provided. I loved the venue which overlooked the inner harbor. I heard nothing but good things about the hotel itself [Hotel Grand Pacific].

As the Hotel Grand Pacific was sold out, I stayed in a nearby hotel with my brother FM Paul Ross who was playing his first event in over 20 years. We stayed over a bar which had live music. The rooms were big and there were no noise problems. The thing I liked most was getting to walk to the site in under 20 minutes beside the inner harbor. It was also nice being a block from China Town and all of its restaurants. It was my first event in Canada since the late 90s and it was great getting to meet some of the rising stars of Canadian chess. I was very impressed by the young B.C. masters IM Cheng, FMs Cao and Sohal. The chess scene in B.C. should be great for many years to come.

The tournament was won by FM Cao, GM Fier, and FM Kevin Gentes all with 5.0/6 scores. Cao won on tie breaks and took home the trophy. Complete cross table and event report can be found at www.grandpacificopen.com. I would like to analyse the following last round game which had great implications for the final standings.

**IM Bindi Cheng –
GM Alexandr Fier [A09]**

10th Annual Grand Pacific Open
(R6), March 28, 2016
[Dave Ross]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 g6 4.c4 d4!

The most challenging and ambitious. Black grabs space in the middle and immediately tells White it is going to be a

complex fight. It reminds me of 1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4! which has emerged as being very hard to get anything against.

5.0-0 Bg7 6.e3 c5 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3

Anywhere around here White must have considered b4 seriously. I suspect b4 is answered by a5 with very complex play.

8...0-0 9.Re1 a5 10.Nbd2

10.Na3!? was an interesting alternative with the option of heading to b5 or c2.

10...Nfd7 11.a3?!

White isn't worse after this but seems easier to play Black. 11.Ne4 might have been easier.

**11...Nc5 12.Ne4 Nba6 13.Nfg5 a4!
14.Rb1?!**

14.b4 axb3 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.Ne4= looks like a typical Benoni structure with colors reversed.

**14...Nb3 15.f4 Rb8 16.Nd2 Nbc5!
17.Nde4 b5 18.cxb5 Rxb5 19.Nxc5
Nxc5 20.Ne4 Nb3 21.Bd2**



Position after 21.Bd2

Black has come out of the opening with a very nice position. Black now makes a practical decision and takes the bishop pair. I find it interesting that engines prefer both 21...Bf5 and ...Re8. There is no substitute for a GM's experience to produce positions that will be difficult to play especially in fast time controls.

**21...Nxd2 22.Nxd2 Bf5 23.Be4 Bd7
24.Qxa4?**

This is playable but 24.Nc4 was more solid.

24...Rxb2 25.Qd1 Rxb1 26.Qxb1 h5!?

Another one of the "practical" moves. White's position is actually improving, but the need for accuracy is too. 26...Qc7 27.Rc1 (27.Nc4 Rb8) 27...Qa7.

**27.Nc4! h4 28.Qb6! Ba4 29.Qxd8 Rxd8
30.Nb6 Bb5 31.a4 Ba6 32.g4**

32.Nd5!? f5 33.Nxe7+ Kh7 34.Nxf5 gxf5

35.Bxf5+ Kg8 36.Rb1 Bf8 37.Be4 looks really entertaining but is probably=.

**32...e6 33.f5 exf5 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Bxf5
Bh6 36.Re7?!**

36.Kg2= intending Kh3.

**36...Rd6 37.Nd7 Bb7 38.Nc5 Be3+
39.Kf1 Bf3 40.Be4 Bg4 41.Ke1 Rf6
42.Bd5**



Position after 42.Bd5

42...Rf5?

Black's worst move of the game. Both ...Kf8 and ...Bh3 are big improvements.

43.Ne4

43.Nd7! =

43...Kf8 44.Rd7 Bh3 45.Rd8+??

45.a5 White's king position looks precarious, but the a-pawn might save him. 45...Rf1+ 46.Ke2 Rf4 47.Nc5 Rf2+ 48.Ke1 Rf1+ 49.Ke2 Ral 50.Rxf7+ Ke8 offers survival chances, but looks like no fun at all.

45...Ke7 46.Rd6 Rf1+ 47.Ke2 Rg1

mating net.

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I would advise anybody looking for a strong weekend event to consider this tournament in the future. It is a great experience. With two rounds a day starting at 12 and 6 and a very fast time control it is not ideal for older players and I would hope the organisers consider starting a little earlier [possibly 11] and adding a secondary time control. 30 or even 40 in 90 plus a gain of 30 minutes would greatly improve the quality of games.

That said the overall quality of the experience was so good I look forward to playing this event for many years to come no matter what the time control. Thanks again Mark, Roger, Brian, and Paul [and any others I didn't mention], see you next year!

Idaho Chess News

Kasparov National All-Girls Championship

By Adam Porth

Chicago, IL — April 22, 2016

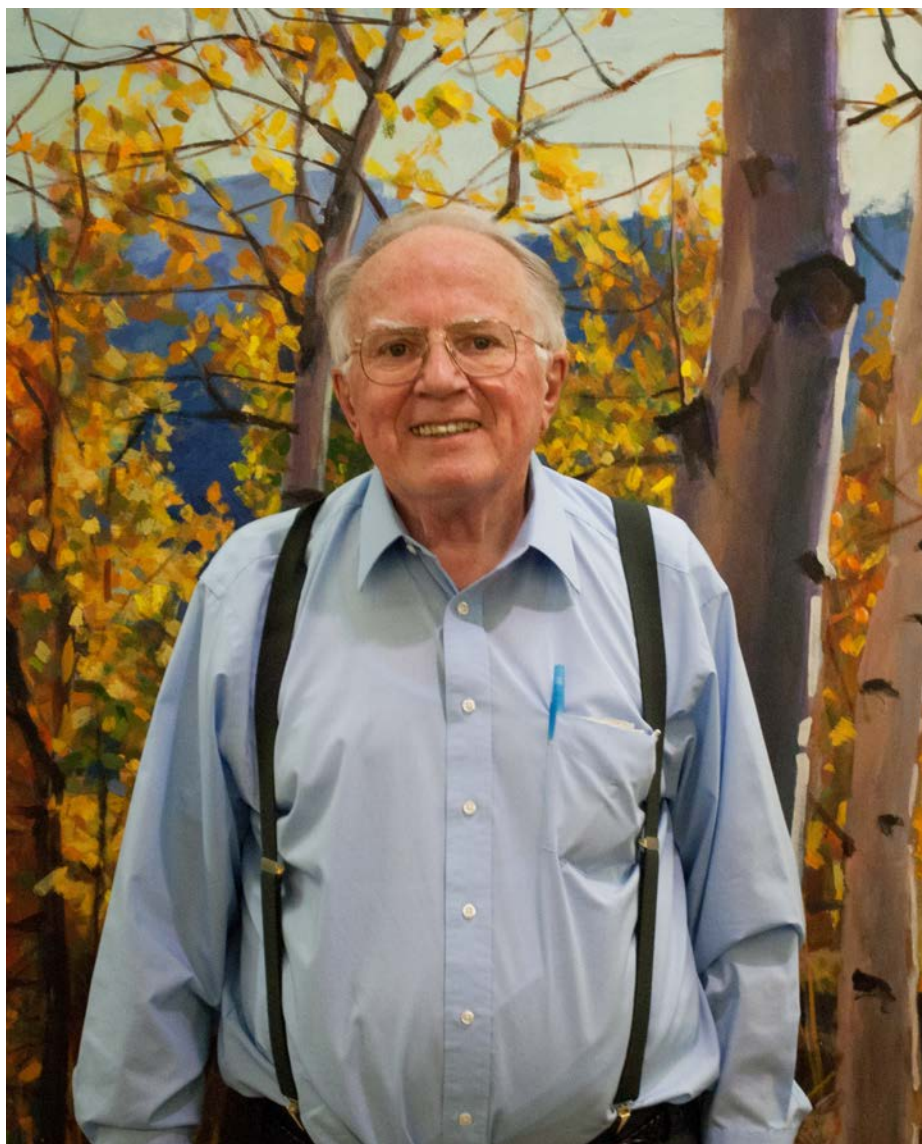
Dylan Porth, Yayee Tongsiri, and Carmen Pemsler represented Idaho at the prestigious Kasparov National All-Girls Championships held in Chicago, Illinois. Both Dylan and Yayee are students at Silver Creek High School (SCHS) and competed in the U16 section against 69 girls in their section.

Yayee's and Dylan's combined score allowed the SCHS students an opportunity to earn a large national trophy. The competition began Friday, April 22 and included six rounds featuring games that could last up to three hours.

Dylan and Yayee also competed in Blitz, or fast chess and also Bughouse, a team-oriented variation of chess. Overall, 454 girls from grades K-12 attended the tournament. Carmen is a senior in Eagle and without her mom's support, the SCHS students would not have been able to go. All the girls worked together and created a very memorable experience. This is a tremendous feat for our little club.



L-R: Yayee Tongsiri, Dylan Porth (holding the trophy) taken just outside Mountain Home, Idaho on April 26, 2016 on the way back home. Photo credit: Adam Porth.



Hans Morrow in victory pose (after the event is finished) and standing in front of a painting just outside the playing room. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

ICA Spring Open

The 2016 ICA Spring Open was played at the Idaho State University Student Union Building on April 23, 2016. Jay Simonson was the tournament director with assistance by Jeffrey Roland (and some unofficial assistance by Adam Porth too.) There were two sections—Open and Reserve (U1400).

There were 19 players total (up from only eight players last year), and three of the players eligible for the Reserve section played up into the Open section, so there

were 14 players in the Open section and five in the Reserve section. Three players were unrated, one playing in the Open and two playing in the Reserve.

The time control was Game/60;d5 in the first two rounds then went to Game/90;d5 for rounds three and four. This time control seemed to be hard for some of the top players in the Open section to handle as there were three upsets (out of seven games played) in round one alone.

Demographics were as follows: Idaho (13 players), Montana (two players), Utah (one player), and Wyoming (three

players). Breaking that down further, Idaho was represented by three players from Bellevue, one from Blackfoot, three from Boise, two from Idaho Falls, three from Pocatello, and one from Twin Falls. Montana had one player from Anaconda and one from Missoula. The Utah player came from Farmington. Wyoming had two players from Afton, and one from Evanston. The oldest player in the tournament was Hans Morrow (Farmington, UT, 80), and the youngest player in the tournament was Kevin Xu (Boise, 10). The average age was 42.15.

The winner of the Open section was former Idaho State Champion Hans Morrow with 3.5/4 points, capturing \$126.00. There was a tie for second-third in the Open section between Edward J. McLaughlin (Anaconda, MT) and Nicholas B. Hawkins (Boise) with 3.0/4 points, taking \$55.13 each.

The Reserve section was won by Adam Porth (Bellevue) with 3.0/3 points, snatching \$47.25. Second place was Ching-E Nobel Ang (Pocatello), scoring 2.0/3 and earning \$31.50. Darwin Albert Porth of Bellevue was third place with 1.0/3 points, winning \$15.75. Note that the Reserve section was paired as a round robin, with only four rounds being played as Anna Rebecca Dortch (Blackfoot) withdrew due to illness half-way through and thus her scores were not counted for her opponents (but the games were still rated) as per US Chess Rule 30b.

**David Zaklan (1473) –
Nicholas B. Hawkins (1823) [A00]**
ICA Spring Open (Open)
Pocatello, ID (R1), April 23, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7
5.Nbd2 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5 8.c3
b6 9.Qc2 Bb7 10.Rad1**

10.h3!? offers the bishop a safe haven.

10...Nh5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 f5

12...g5 13.Bg3 Nxc3 14.hxc3 Qc7



Position after 12...f5

13.Ne1

13.dxc5! Nxc5 Virtually forced. **a)** 13... bxc5 14.Qb3+ Kh7 15.Qxb7+; **b)** 13...



Jay Simonson (left) under the watchful eye of Adam Porth. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

dxc5 14.Nb1! On other squares the knight gets in the way of queen or bishop action on the a2-g8 diagonal. 14...g5 15.Qb3+ Kh8 16.Qe6 Nhf6 17.Bxc5 (or 17.Bg3±) 17...hxc5



(#Diagram-analysis after 17...hxc5)

18.Qxf5!? (Or 18.Nxc5 when White will pick up a third pawn and retains the initiative.) 18...g4 (18...Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rc8 20.Qh3+ Kg8 21.Bd5+! Rf7 (21... Nxd5 22.Qe6+! (22.Rxd5 e6! 23.Qxe6+ Rf7∞) 22...Kh8 23.Rxd5 Rc7 24.Rfd1+–) 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Qf5±) 19.Ne5 Be4 20.Ng6+ Kg8 21.Bc4+ Rf7 22.Bxf7+ Kxf7 23.Ne5+ Nxe5 24.Rxd8 Bxf5 25.Rxa8



(#Diagram-analysis after 25.Rxa8)

We end up with the interesting material balance of three minors vs two rooks and two pawns — which should favor White a bit here.; 14.Nd4 Nf6 (14...Qd7 15.Bb5! Qc7 16.b4 Bxd4 17.cxd4 Ne6 18.Qb3 Nce4 16.Ne6 wins the exchange...



(#Diagram-analysis after 16.Ne6)

...but after something like 16...Qc8 17.Nxf8 Kxf8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Bd3 Bxd3 21.Rxd3 Qc4 White's edge does not quite look decisive yet.

13...Nhf6 14.Bf3 Bxf3

14...d5

15.Nexf3 Qc7 16.e4!?

16.Rfe1

16...g5 17.Bxc5 hxc5 18.Nxc5 Rfc8?

18...cxd4 19.Ne6 d3 (19...Qc8 20.exf5 dxc3 21.bxc3 and White has compensation.) 20.Qxd3 Nc5∞

19.Ne6

19.e5!? dxe5 20.Qxf5

19...Qc6 20.d5

20.Rfe1

20...Qb7 21.e4



Position after 21.c4

21...fxe4?

Helps White open lines for the attack.
21...f4!?

22..Nxe4 Nxe4?

22...Nf8 first is a little tougher to break, though White's attack is still strong after 23.N4g5

23.Qxe4 Nf8 24.Rd3 Qd7

There is no escape.

24...Rc7 25.Rf3



Position after 24...Qd7

25.Re1

25.Rg3! Nxe6 26.dxe6 Qe8 27.Rh3 mates shortly.

25...Nxe6

25...Qe8 26.Rf3

26.dxe6 Qe8 27.Rh3 Qc6 28.Qh7+

28.Qf5 Qe8 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Rf3+

28...Kf8 29.Rf3+

29.Qg6 Qe8 30.Qf5+ Kg8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Rf3+ etc.

29...Qxf3 30.gxf3 b5

30...Ke8 31.Qxg7 Kd8 32.Qf8+ Kc7 33.Qxe7+ Kb8 34.Qxd6+

31.Qf5+

31.Qg6 Kg8 32.Re4 Rf8 33.Rg4

31...Kg8 32.Qf7+ Kh8 33.Qxe7

33.Re4

33...Rg8 34.Qh4+ Bh6+ 35.Kh1 Kh7

36.e7 Rae8 37.Qe4+

37.Re6

37...Rg6 38.cxb5



Dan McCourt of Missoula, Montana in his round three game with Nicholas Hawkins.
Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

38.Rg1

38...Bg5 39.Rg1 Kh6

39...Rxe7 40.Qc2 Re5 41.f4

40.f4 Rxe7 41.fxg5+ 1-0

Lloyd Landon (1842) –
Gary Owen (1557) [E97]
ICA Spring Open (Open)
Pocatello, ID (R1), April 23, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.h3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Be3 Nh5 11.Qd2 f5 12.Bh6 f4?!

12...fxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Nf5 15.Qd2 Nf4

13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Nh2?!

14.c5±

14...Nf6 15.Ng4?!

White thinks he'll control, or at least contest, the h-file, but at the risk of weakness on g4 and line-opening near his own king.

15...Bxg4 16.hxg4 g5 17.f3?!



Position after 17.f3

17...h5! 18.Kf2

18.gxh5 Nxh5±

18...hxg4 19.fxg4 Qd7 20.Qd1

20.Rh1 Rh8

20...Rh8 21.Bf3 Rh4 22.Qb3 b6

Unnecessary. 22...Nxc4+, since 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Qxb7? (Not much better is the attempt to cover g2 with 24.Nd1 Rh2 25.Qf3 (25.Rg1 f3 26.Qxf3 Rf8) 25...Qh4+ 26.Ke2 g4 27.Qf2 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 (28.Nxf2 g3 29.Nd3 Rxc2+ 30.Kf3 Rh2) 28...g3+ 29.Kf3 Ng6+ not that we needed to look this far into the line.) 24...Rh2 25.Rg1 Qg3+ 26.Kf1 Qd3+ 27.Ke1 Qe3+ 28.Kd1 (28.Kf1 f3 29.Qxa8 fxg2+ 30.Rxg2 Rh1+ 31.Rg1 Rxg1#) 28...Qxg1+ 29.Kc2 Qxg2+ 30.Kb3 Qxb2+ 31.Ka4 Qxb7

23.Rh1 Rah8 24.Rxh4 Rxh4 25.Qb5? Nxc4+ 26.Ke2 Qc8 27.Qa4 Ne3 28.g3 Rh2+ 29.Kd3 a6 30.gxf4



Position after 30.gxf4

30...exf4

More or less instantly winning: 30...Qh3! 31.Kxe3 (31.Qe8 Ng6! 32.f5 Nxf5; 31.Re1 Ng4) 31...gxf4+ 32.Kd3 Qxf3#

31.Rg1 Ng6

31...Kh6

32.Rxg5 Kf6 33.Rh5 Ne5+

Possibly simpler: 33...Rxh5 34.Bxh5 Ne5+ 35.Kd2 (35.Ke2 Qh3) 35...N5xc4+ 36.Kc1 b5 37.Qb3 Qh3 38.Bd1 f3+

34.Rxe5 dxe5 35.Qc6+ Kf7

35...Kg5 36.Qe6 (36.d6 Nc2) 36...Qxe6 37.dxe6 Kf6+

36.d6



Position after 36.d6

36...Rh6??

36...Nc2! threatens mate in one two different ways, one of which also forks the king and queen, in case White provides a flight square.

37.Qxc7+??

37.d7!! Qf8 38.Qxh6! Qxh6 39.d8Q and White is better! Actually winning the position may be more difficult, as the black queen can cause some trouble:



(#Diagram-analysis after 39.d8=Q)

39...Qh3 40.Qxc7+ Kg8 41.Qd8+ Kf7 a) 41...Kg7 42.Qg5+ Kf8 43.Qh5+, because 43...Qf1+ 44.Be2 Qc1 45.Qh8+ Kf7 (45...Ke7 46.Qxe5+ Kd7 47.Qxf4) 46.Bh5+ Ke6 47.Qe8+ Kf6 48.Qd8+ Ke6 (48...Kg7 49.Qg5+ Kh7 50.Qg6+ Kh8 51.Qf6+ Kh7 52.Bg6+ Kh6 53.Bf7+ Kh7 54.Qg6+ Kh8 55.Qg8#) 49.Qxb6+ Ke7 50.Nd5+ Nxd5 51.exd5 The white king easily escapes the checks.; b) 41...Kh7 42.Be2 (42.Qe7+) 42...Nf5+ 43.Kc2 Nd4+ 44.Kb1 f3; 42.Nd5 (42.Be2 Nf5+ 43.Kc2 Nd4+ 44.Kb1 f3 and White will need to part with the bishop for the f-pawn in order to make progress in the difficult one pawn up ending.) 42...Qf1+! (42...Nxd5 43.Qxd5+ Kf8 44.Qd6+ Kf7 45.Ke2

Qh2+ 46.Kf1 Qh3+ 47.Bg2 Qe3 48.Qd1 looks like progress. White's pawns and king are protected, and there's a clear path (Bf3, Kg2) to escape the quagmire.) 43.Be2 Qb1+ 44.Kd2 Qxb2+ 45.Ke1



(#Diagram-analysis after 45.Ke1)

45...Nxd5 46.Qxd5+ (46.Bh5+ Kg7 47.Qg5+ Kf8 48.Qf5+ Ke7 49.Qf7+ Kd6 50.Qxd5+ Kc7. Where's the smoking gun?) 46...Kg7 There are plenty of checks in the position for both sides, but coming up with a winning plan for White is still a problem.

37...Qxc7 38.dxc7 Rc6 39.Nd5 Nxd5 40.exd5 Rxc7 41.b3 Ke7 42.Ke4 Kd6 0-1

Jeffrey T. Roland (1782) – David Zaklan (1473) [B15] ICA Spring Open (Open) Pocatello, ID (R3), April 23, 2016 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 e6

While sound, this is rather passive. The main lines of the Caro-Kann can be reached with 3...dxe4 4.Nxe4, when Black normally continues with 4...Bf5, 4...Nf6, or 4...Nd7. 3...e6 heads into a French-style defense, but Black will be a tempo behind normal active lines when he plays ...c5.

4.Bd3 Bb4

4...dxe4 5.Bxe4 Nf6 and Black is very solid.

5.e5 Ne7 6.Qg4 Ng6?

6...c5! thematically undermines the white center, and introduces an element of complexity, with risk for both parties.

7.h4 Bf8 8.Nf3

Why not 8.h5±? The h-pawn proves curiously shy about advancing past that first bold thrust to h4.

8...Nd7?!

8...Ne7. If you wait for the h-pawn advance to force the knight move, that h-pawn may wake up and keep rushing forward.

9.Ng5

9.h5 Ne7 10.h6±

9...Be7

9...Ngxe5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 offers some breathing room... for a piece.



Position after 9...Be7

10.h5

Now? 10.Nxh7! Rxh7 11.Bxg6+, e.g. 11...Rxh4 12.Rxh4 Bxh4 13.Qxe6+ Qe7 14.Bxf7+ Kf8 15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.Bh5.

10...Ngf8?

Black self-inters. 10...Ngxe5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Qg3 Nxd3+ 13.cxd3 f6 14.Nf3 0-0 gives Black a pawn mass and a plan... again for a piece. But here it's the only remaining option for survival.

11.Nxh7

Pythoning the kingside with 11.h6! g6 12.0-0 is quite strong.; 11.Nxf7!? Kxf7 12.Rh3 and Black will definitely need to return the piece for any chance of extricating his king from the fire. But after 12...Nf6 13.Rf3 Kg8 14.exf6 Bxf6 White must be wary of ...e5.

11...Nxh7?

Two other defenses are better, if not actually saving: 11...Rxh7 12.Bxh7 Nxh7 13.Qxg7 Ndf8±; 11...f5



(#Diagram-analysis after 11...f5)

12.exf6 (At first blush, 12.Nxf8 looks like a clever way to reach a two-pawn-up ending after 12...fxg4 13.Nxe6, with the point that 13...Qa5 (or b6) meets 14.Bg6#. However, 13...Nxe5! 14.Nxd8 Nxd3+ 15.cxd3 Bxd8∞ when the blush is one of embarrassment for throwing away such a good position.) 12...Nxf6 13.Bg6+ Kd7 14.Nxf8+ Rxf8 15.Qe2± at least.

12.Qxg7 Rf8 13.Bxh7 c5 14.Be3 Qb6 15.0-0-0 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Na4 Qa5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5

[Diagram top of next page]



Position after 19...Qxc5

20.Qf6?

That h-pawn must have a union contract limiting how often it can move. Bg8, h6, h7, h8. Game over.

20...Bd7 21.Rh3 Bb5 22.Rc3 Qe7
23.Qf4 Be2 24.Rh1 Bb5 25.Kb1 Bc6
26.Qd4 Kd7 27.Rg3 f6

27...Rh8 28.Rg7+-

28.h6



Position after 28.h6

28...Rf7

28...f5 doesn't change the evaluation — White is winning — but forces a change of focus. 29.c4! Kc7 30.Rg7 Rf7 31.cxd5 Bxd5 32.Rc1+ and the attack rages on.

29.Bg8 Rxc8 30.Rxc8 Rh7 31.exf6 e5
32.fxe7

Ironically, it's not even the h-pawn that's going to promote.

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A recent picture of David Zaklan taken at the Boise Chess Club on May 2, 2016.
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**Nakul Deshpande (1880) –
John Horsley (1352) [E65]**
ICA Spring Open (Open)
Pocatello, ID (R4), April 23, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2
0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a6 9.h3
Qc7 10.b3 Nc6 11.Be3 Be6 12.Rc1 Nxd4
13.Bxd4 Rac8 14.Nd5?**

14.Qd2±



Position after 14.Nd5

14...Nxd5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7

15...Ne3!? 16.fxe3 Kxg7∞

16.cxd5 Qxc1 17.Qd4+

17.Qxc1 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8!

17...Kg8 18.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 19.Kh2 Bd7

20.Qe3 Rc2 21.Qxe7



Position after 21.Qxe7

21...Re8?

Right idea, but more accurate is 21...Bb5!
because it gains a tempo and removes
White's one chance for a small advantage.
22.a4 **a)** 22.Qxd6 Re8 23.e4 Rxf2 24.a4
Bf1 25.Kg1 Rxc2+ 26.Kxf1 Ra2 27.Qd7
(27.e5?? Rc8+) 27...Rxe4 28.Qc8+ Kg7
29.Qc3+ f6 30.d6 Ree2; **b)** 22.Bf3 Re8
23.Qxd6 Bxe2 24.Bxe2 Rxe2 25.Kg1!;
22...Re8 23.Qxd6 Rxe2 24.axb5 Rxf2

22.Qxd7 Rxe2 23.Qd8+?

23.Bf1 Rxf2+ 24.Kg1 gives White some
winning chances.

**23...Kg7 24.Qxd6 Rxf2 25.Qe5+ Kf8
26.Qb8+ Kg7 27.Qe5+ Kf8**

27...Kh6 28.Qe3+ g5? 29.h4 Rxc2+
30.Kh3 f6 31.Kg4 and White is making
progress.

[Diagram top of next column]



John Horsley from Afton, Wyoming. This is only his second-ever US Chess rated tournament. As a result of this event, his rating jumped 253 points (1352-1605P8), the largest point change of any player in the event. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



Position after 27...Kf8

28.h4??

28.Qb8+ Kg7 29.Qe5+ Kh6 30.Qe3+
Kg7 31.Qe5+

28...Rxc2+ 29.Kh3

29.Kh1 Rge2+

29...h5 30.Qb8+

30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.d6+ Kd7

30...Kg7 31.Qe5+ Kh7 0-1

**Hans M. Morrow (1900) –
Edward J. McLaughlin (1700) [D85]**
ICA Spring Open (Open)
Pocatello, ID (R4), April 23, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5
5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2
c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bg4**



Hans Morrow. Photo credit: Adam Porth.



Position after 11...Bg4

12.e5?!

The thematic advance here is 12.d5. White maintains a small edge even as pieces exchange: 12...Ne5 (The tactical justification is 12...Bxa1 13.Qxa1 Na5 14.Bh6 f6 15.Bxf8 Qxf8 when the advanced central pawns confer the usual edge.) 13.Nxe5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Bxe5 15.Rac1± with f4 possible.

12...b6?!

Black returns the favor, weakening the c-file and queenside light squares. 12...Rc8 13.Qd2 Be6

13.h3

13.Rc1 Rc8 14.Qa4 Na5 15.Rxc8 and 15...Qxc8 16.Rc1±

13...Bf5

13...Be6

14.Rc1 Nb4 15.Qb3 Nd5 16.Rfd1

16.Bd2

16...Rc8

16...Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Be6 18.Bc4 (18.d5 Bxd5 19.Bc4 e6 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Qb3 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qxd5) 18...Bxc4 19.Rxc4 Qd7 20.Rdc1 Rac8 is close to equal.

17.Rxc8

17.Bd2

17...Bxc8 18.Nd2

18.Bd2

18...Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Bb7 20.Ne4

Or 20.Bf3.



Position after 20.Ne4

20...Qd7



Prize winners of the Reserve Section. L-R: Adam Porth (1st), Ching-E Nobel Ang (2nd), and Darwin Porth (3rd). Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

20...Qd5!? 21.Qd2 (21.Bf3?! Qxa2 22.Nc3 Qa6±) 21...Qxe4 22.Bf3 Qf5 23.Bxb7

21.Nc3 Rc8 22.Bg4

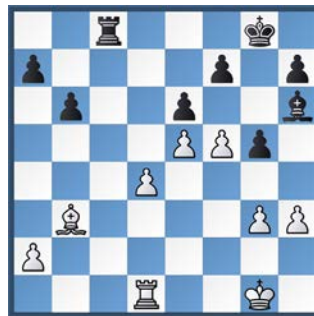
22.d5!∞

22...Qc6 23.Bf3 Qxc3 24.Qxc3 Rxc3 25.Bxb7 Rc2 26.Bd5 e6 27.Bb3 Rc8 28.f4 Bh6 29.g3 g5?!

29...Bf8 30.d5±

30.f5

30.d5 exd5 31.f5±



Position after 30.f5

30...Rc6??

30...exf5 31.d5 Bg7 32.e6 Kf8 33.d6 fxe6 34.d7 Rd8 35.Bxe6 and it appears we've reached a draw.

31.fxe6 fxe6 32.d5! Rc8 33.d6

33.dxe6 Kf8 34.Rd7 is also winning.

33...Kf7 34.Rf1+ Ke8 35.Rf6! Bg7 36.Rxe6+

36.Ba4+ 37.Rxe6

Kd8

36...Kd8

36...Kf8 37.d7 Rd8 38.Ba4 Kf7 39.Re8+ 37.Ba4 Rc1+ 38.Kg2 Kc8 39.Re8+ Kb7 40.Re7+ Rc7 41.Rxc7+ 1-0

Idaho Chess Historian/NWC Board Appointments

In 2008, Jay Simonson appointed Jeffrey Roland as the official Idaho Chess Historian. When Jeffrey Roland became ICA President for his term starting in 2013, he kept that appointment in place.

Adam Porth became ICA President on April 30, 2016 and one of his first acts as President was to appoint Jeffrey Roland as Idaho Chess Historian for life, assuming that Adam Porth has the authority to do that!

Also, Adam Porth and Jeffrey Roland are the two representatives on the Northwest Chess Board. (See the complete list on page 2 of this issue.)

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Washington Chess News

Chess Players from Washington State performed admirably in Atlanta, Georgia, March 31-April 3

By Breck Haining

294 students from across the nation competed in the National High School Blitz Championship tournament on March 31. Lakeside School won the first place team trophy and Redmond High School won the second place team trophy. Samuel He won second place overall, Bryce Tiglon won third place overall, and Daniel He won fifth place overall. Winners of the top five team and top five individual awards were invited to receive their trophies on stage in the main tournament hall in front of all. Other winners picked up their awards from Chess Control. The results for all Washington players who competed in this event are shown in the table that follows. See also photo at bottom of page 19.

K-12 Blitz

Name	Place	Tied For	Points	Grade	Trophy	Team
Samuel He	2nd		11.0	11	2nd place	RHS
Bryce Tiglon	3rd		10.5	9	3rd place	LS
He, Daniel He	5th		10.0	11	5th place	RHS
Noah Fields	8th	5th	10.0	10	8th place	
Kyle Haining	12th		9.5	10	12th place	
Benjamin Brusniak	24th	15th	9.0	9	24th place	LS
Masayuki Nagase	31st	30th	8.5	11		LS
Justin Yu	36th	30th	8.5	11		LS
Quentin Chi	41st	39th	8.0	12	1st place 1800-1899	LS
Toshihiro Nagase	43rd	39th	8.0	9		LS
Noah Yeo	56th	39th	8.0	11		RHS
Giebien Na	72nd	63rd	7.5	12	1st place 1300-1399	LS
Ryan Tran	86th	79th	7.0	12		LS
Chandler Moy	89th	79th	7.0	10		LS
Wesley Yu	90th	79th	7.0	12		LS
Allistair Yu	107th	79th	7.0	8		LS
Aditya Kannan	116th	113th	6.5	9		
Brandon Peng	127th	113th	6.5	4		
Joey Yeo	138th	134th	6.0	9		RHS
Anshul Bharat Ahluwalia	144th	134th	6.0	9		RHS
Cheyenne Zhang	186th		5.0	10		LS
Scott Wynn	190th	186th	5.0	7		LS
Akshay Bablani	212th	186th	5.0	8		LS
Patrick Peng	218th	186th	5.0	7		LS

The main tournament was held April 1-3. This event was divided into six sections: K-12 Championship, K-12 Under 1900, K-12 Under 1600, K-12 Under 1200, K-12 Under 800, and K-12 Unrated. 284 students competed in the K-12 Championship section, 145 actively competed in the K-12 Under 1900 section, 298 competed in the K-12 Under 1600 section, 357 competed in the K-12 Under 1200 section, 101 competed in the K-12 Under 800 section, and 105 competed in the K-12 Unrated section. Washington players did not complete in the lower three sections.

Lakeside School won the second place team trophy in the K-12 Championship section, the fourth place team trophy in the K-12 Under 1900 section, and the ninth place team trophy in the K-12 Under 1600 section. Redmond High School won the eighth place team trophy in the K-12 Championship section.

The K-12 Championship section ended in an unusual six-way tie for first place. Congratulations to Seattle Chess Club members Kyle Haining and Bryce Tiglon, who were two of the co-champions. On tiebreaks Kyle was awarded the fifth place trophy and Bryce was awarded the sixth place trophy. The results for all Washington players who competed in the main event are given in the tables that follow.

K-12 Championship Section

Name	Place	Tied For	Points	Grade	Trophy	Team
Kyle Haining	5th	1st	6.0	10	5th place	
Bryce Tiglon	6th	1st	6.0	9	6th place	LS
Daniel He	9th	7th	5.5	11	9th place	RHS
Samuel He	26th	16th	5.0	11	Tied for 25th place	RHS
Benjamin Brusniak	34th	16th	5.0	9	Tied for 25th place	LS
Noah Fields	49th	38th	4.5	10		
Masayuki Nagase	57th	38th	4.5	11	2nd place 1900-1999	LS
Justin Yu	65th	38th	4.5	11		LS
Frederick Davis	113th	77th	4.0	12		
Toshihiro Nagase	122nd	121st	3.5	9		LS
Noah Yeo	126th	121st	3.5	11		RHS
Quentin Chi	134th	121st	3.5	12		LS
Sangeeta Dhingra	144th	121st	3.5	10		
Joey Yeo	216th	213th	2.5	9		RHS
Anshul Bharat Ahluwalia	222nd	213th	2.5	9		RHS

K-12 Under 1900 Section

Name	Place	Tied For	Points	Grade	Award	Team
Chandler Moy	25th	21st	4.5	10	25th place	LS
Giebien Na	49th	36th	4.0	12		LS
Aditya Kannan	58th	36th	4.0	9		
Wesley Yu	63rd	36th	4.0	12		LS
Cheyenne Zhang	67th	64th	3.5	10		LS
Brandon Peng	94th	87th	3.0	4		
Allistair Yu	128th	122nd	2.0	8		LS

K-12 Under 1600 Section

Name	Place	Tied For	Points	Grade	Award	Team
Scott Wynn	18th	16th	5.0	7	18th place	LS
Ryan Tran	68th	46th	4.5	12		LS
James Wedgwood	112th	74th	4.0	12		LS
Jack Little	149th	132nd	3.5	5		
Marc Huang	168th	132nd	3.5	7		
Akshay Bablani	194th	169th	3.0	8		LS
Patrick Peng	204th	169th	3.0	7		LS
Brandon Hitchcock	233rd	227th	2.5	9		

Washington State Girls Championship

By David Hendricks

Congratulations to Sangeeta Dhingra for winning the Washington State Girls Championship for the second time in a row. Sangeeta scored 3.5/4 for a clear first place win at the Washington State Girls Championship held Apr 9-10 at libraries in Fall City and Redmond. Sangeeta will represent Washington State at an upcoming national tournament of her choice. Sangeeta is a tenth grader attending Interlake High School in Bellevue with a US Chess rating of 1932. There were 14 girls competing for the title of Washington State Girls Champion for 2016, each with an NWSRS rating of 1000 or higher.



Sangeeta Dhingra, with her first place trophy.
Photo credit: David Hendricks

Here are some games from various events by Washington players.—Editor.

Sloan Setiadikurnia (1959) – Richard Yang (1636) [C52]
Washington President's Cup
(R3), February 14, 2016
[Sloan Setiadikurnia]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4

I thought for a second in this position what I would play and decided that I would have the most fun playing a wild,

tactical slugfest! I decided then to play the Evan's Gambit.

4...Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6!?

Interesting idea that was first introduced to me when I played in a Simul again IM Jack Peters years ago. Black's idea is to keep the center closed long enough to develop his pieces and castle. d6 is also a developing move that helps the bishop come out. 6...exd4 is also playable, but opens the center at a time when White leads in development. 7.0-0 dxc3?! being greedy is not recommended here as he needs to catch up in development! 8.Qb3! attacks f7 immediately! 8...Qe7 9.Nxc3 Nf6 10.Nd5! promises white a strong position. 10...Nxd5 11.exd5 Ne5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Bb2 after this series of exchanges, white is doing very well! 13...Qg5 14.h4! if 14...Qxh4? then white plays 15.Bxg7! Rg8 16.Rfe1+ (16.Qg3) 16...Bxe1 17.Rxe1+ Kd8 18.Qg3! Qxg3 19.Bf6#

7.Qb3

White must play aggressively as he sacrificed a pawn for this initiative.

7...Qd7



Position after 7...Qd7

At this point I needed to make a plan. I decided it was best to leave the tension in the center and continue my development. My plan eventually was to open the center with dxe5 and create complications before my opponent castles. 7...Qe7?! is not accurate. Black's king is now a target and white can win material. 8.d5! Nd4 (8...Nb8? 9.Qb5+ will win blacks' bishop.) 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qxa5 and white is ahead a piece. Black does have some compensation, but in this game Black decided to not part ways with his bishop.

8.0-0

8.d5? did come to mind, but I didn't like the fact that I was closing the center in a position where it was my job to prove that my minor pieces are better than my opponent's. After d5, my light squared bishop would be looking straight at my own pawn and nothing more.

8...Nf6 9.dxe5

Consistent with my plan of opening the

center, before my opponent castles.

9...dxe5??

A natural looking move that is unfortunately a game losing blunder.

10.Rd1! Qg4

10...Qe7 loses to 11.Ba3

11.Bxf7+ Kf8 12.Ba3+ Bb4

An unfortunate move that must be made to avoid immediate checkmate. 12...Ne7 loses straight away to a mate in two. 13.Rd8+ Ne8 14.Rxe8#

13.cxb4 b5 14.Nc3

At this point, my plan was to get all of my pieces active and win!

14...Bb7 15.h3 Qf4 16.Bc1 Nd4 17.Rxd4 Qxc1+ 18.Rxc1 exd4 19.Nxd4 a6 20.e5 Nd7 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.Qxd5 Nb6 23.Qc6 Ra7 24.Rd1 Ke7 25.Qe6+ Kf8 26.Nf5 Ra8 27.Qe7+ Kg8 28.Qxg7# 1-0

Travis J. Olson (1961) – Mark Trevor Smith (1896) [A26]
Washington Closed Challengers
Redmond, WA (R5), February 13, 2016
[Travis Olson]

1.c4

After a disappointing first weekend (0.5-3.5) I analyzed my games, and concluded that I needed to play more positional openings. So I played the English.

1...Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Rb1

Getting the rook off the diagonal and waiting to see what Black does.

5...d6 6.d3 e5 7.e4 Nc6 8.Nge2 Be6 9.0-0

I felt the Botvinnik system was appropriate for my style. White wants to break with f5 whereas Black has a harder time doing so with his knight on f6.

9...Qd7 10.f4 Bh3 11.f5

Black is now forced to trade bishops.

11...Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Ne7 13.fxg6 fxg6

I felt that the open f-file favored me.

14.Bg5 c6 15.Qa4

I thought for a while here and decided I had to stop d5.

15...a6 16.Qb3

By playing Qa4 first, I provoke a weakness on b6.

16...Kh8 17.Na4?

I quickly played this trying to go Nb6, but I overlooked Black's reply.

17...Qg4 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Nac3

And now I've wasted a couple tempi.

19...b5 20.cxb5 axb5 21.h3 Qd7

White's queen eyes the e6-square, so

Black must keep his queen guarding it.

22.Rf2 Ng8 23.Rbf1



Position after 23.Rbf1

23...Qf7

23...Kg7

24.Qxf7

I decided now was the time to trade queens. Otherwise he just plays Qe6 and I lose whatever advantage I thought I had.

24...Rxf7 25.g4 Rff8 26.g5 Be7 27.Rxf8 Rxf8 28.Rxf8 Bxf8

I traded rooks, thinking that the minor piece endgame was favorable for me. My goal is to get a good knight vs bad bishop ending.

29.Ng1

My knight is coming to f3 to guard the g-pawn.

29...Kg7 30.b3

Threatening to get a passed pawn with a4, forcing b4.

30...b4 31.Nd1 Kf7 32.Ne3 Ke6 33.Nf3

My idea is that if d5, Ng4.

33...c5?!

After seeing this move, I felt that I would get the knight vs bishop ending I wanted. Black has no more pawn breaks. I instead expected d5 at some point.

34.Nd5

Black is now forced to trade off his knight, or let it sit there.

34...Bg7 35.Nd2 Ne7 36.Nxe7 Kxe7 37.Nc4 h6

After the game, Mark thought this move helped lead to his downfall. Funny however that Stockfish recommends it!

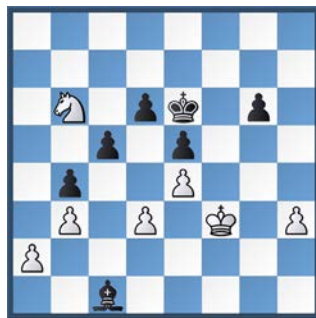
38.gxh6 Bxh6 39.Kf3 Ke6 40.Nb6

Stopping any attempt to play d5.

40...Bc1

[Diagram Top Of Next Column]

All Black can do here is wait, as there are no targets for the bishop (all of White's pawns are on light squares!). However Black can draw with best play. In retrospect, I probably should have taken more risks in this game as I was playing



Position after 40...Bc1

for a win.

41.Kg4 Bd2 42.h4 Bc1 43.h5 gxh5+ 44.Kxh5 Bd2 45.Kg6 Be1 46.Nd5 Bf2 47.Nf6 Be1 48.Ne8 Bf2 49.Ng7+ Ke7 50.Nf5+ Ke6 51.Kg7

My king slowly invades into Black's position with the help of my knight.

51...Be1 52.Kf8 Kd7

after analyzing this with Mark and Bryce, this king retreat seemed to lose for Black. Stockfish however says this is still a draw. 52...Bd2 53.Ke8 Bg5 54.Ng7+ Kf6 55.Nf5 (55.Kf8?? Bh6) 55...Ke6

53.Kf7 Bf2 54.Ng7 Bh4 55.Nh5



Position after 55.Nh5

55...Bg5??

This is Black's only real error in the game as after 55...Bd8 Black holds on. 56.Nf6+ Kc6 57.Nh7 (57.Ke6 Bxf6 58.Kxf6 Kb6! and Black hangs on thanks to long distance opposition!) 57...d5



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 57...d5)

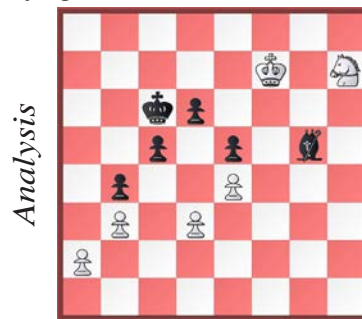
and this is just a draw.

56.Nf6+

I had to think hard here and calculate that the pawn endgame is indeed winning.

56...Bxf6

Mark gave an audible sigh of relief here and offered me a draw! I insisted on playing it out. 56...Kc6 57.Nh7



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 57.Nh7)

the bishop is hit and there is no time for d5! 57...Bd8 58.Ke6

57.Kxf6 Kc6 58.Ke6

opposition!

58...Kc7 59.Ke7 Kc6



Position after 59...Kc6

60.Kd8

This move is key. He must play d5 or give up the d7-square.

60...d5 61.Ke7 dxe4

61...c4 62.bxc4 dxe4 63.dxe4 Kc5 64.Ke6 transposing

62.dxe4 c4 63.bxc4 Kc5 64.Ke6 Kxc4

64...Kd4 makes no difference as 65.Kd6 and whichever pawn Black takes, White will queen the other. 65...Kxe4 (65...Kxc4 66.Kxe5) 66.c5

65.Kxe5 Kc3 66.Kd5 Kb2 67.Kc4

I was very glad to get my first win of the tournament here. It turns out that positional and simple games are truly my style! Thanks for reading.

1-0

Brent Lee Baxter (1894) –

Eric M. Zhang (1792) [A01]

Washington Closed Challengers
Redmond, WA (R7), February 14, 2016

[Brent Baxter]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6

A popular alternative to ...d6. The idea, also found in some variations of the Ruy

Lopez, is to play ...0-0, ...Re8, ...Bf8 and then ...d5 without losing time with ...d6.

5.Na3 Na5



Position after 5...Na5

Readers unfamiliar with b3 opening theory will be surprised to learn that everything up to now has been book moves. White puts his knight on the edge of the board, eyeing the c4 square, and Black says “I can do that too.”

6.Nf3

More bookish here is Be2, provoking ...c6 or ...a6 to prevent Nb5.

6...Qe7

More consistent (though not necessarily better) is ...e4 followed by ...O-O and ...Re8, trying to stick to Black’s original plan.

7.Qc1 a6 8.Be2 b5 9.c4 b4 10.Nc2

White’s Queenside knight now gets into play, something that its counterpart never accomplishes.

10...c5 11.d4 exd4 12.exd4 0-0



Position after 12...0-0

13.d5

Cramping Black’s bishops. It’s hard to see

how both of them can be activated now.

13...Re8

Preventing White from castling.

14.0-0

Or not.

14...Qd8

Preferable is to accept the bishop with 14...Qxe2 but then 15.Re1 Qd3 16.Bxf6 Rxe1+ 17.Ncxe1 Qe4 18.Bb2 keeps material even but gives White an easier game.

15.Bd3 Ng4

Stockfish gives 15...h6 16.Re1 Rxe1+ 17.Qxe1 with White better.

16.Re1 f6 17.Bf5 Ne5 18.Qd1 Nb7

Black tries to get his wayward knight into play, but it’s too slow of a maneuver. Stockfish gives ...g6 as the best chance for survival.

19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qh5

Now it’s all over.



Position after 20.Qh5

20...g6 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qxg6+ Kf8 23.Bc1

The Larsen’s bishop returns to its original square. Now Black can escape mate only by losing material.

23...Qc7 24.Bh6+ Ke7 25.Bg7

The immediate 25. f4 is probably better.

25...Qd6 26.f4 Kd8 27.fxe5

After 27...fxe5 I had planned on 28.Bf6 Kc7 29.Qe8 Qf6 30.Qe5 which gives White an easily won endgame.

1-0

Mary K. Kuhner (1933) –

Brent Lee Baxter (1894) [B12]

Washington Closed Challengers

Redmond, WA (R9), February 15, 2016

[Mary Kuhner]

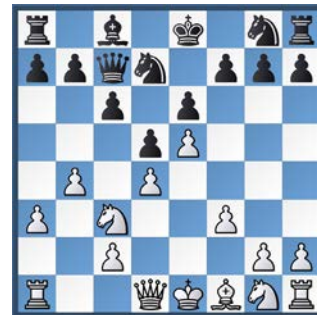
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6

Black threatens to take on e4 and check on h4.

4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bf4 Nd7 6.a3

Hoping to transpose into a Winawer French—but happy to get an Advance French instead.

6...Ba5 7.b4 Bc7 8.Bxc7 Qxc7 9.e5



Position after 9.e5

I evaluated this to be a good line of the Advance as, while White has lost a tempo on the f4 advance, Black will take several moves to achieve the essential c5 break.

9...b6 10.f4 Ne7 11.Nf3 a6

...c5 is impossible because the knight intrudes on b5 and d6, after which f7 and e6 are likely to become indefensible with the other knight coming in on g5. This move stops Nb5, but it’s slow.

12.Na2

I plan to play c3 in response to ...c5 and maintain my space advantage. I didn’t want to put the knight on e2 where it interferes with my development, but in retrospect that would probably have been better. At the time I thought this knight could redeploy to b3 or d3, but this doesn’t happen.

12...a5

Another tempo down, but it trades off the useless light-squared bishop. If Black doesn’t do that he certainly can’t castle kingside without getting mated.

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13.Bd3 Ba6 14.0-0 Bxd3 15.Qxd3 c5
16.c3 c4

Black has decided to lock the position and play for a draw. He just needs ...a4 and ...b5 to lock the queenside.

17.Qe2 a4 18.g4



Position after 18.g4

But after this I am threatening to break in on the kingside. Brent decides he needs to invest a tempo into stopping me. I'm not sure this is actually true; perhaps ...b5 is best here.

18...g6 19.b5

Playing to win. The pawn may go lost as it is hard to support, but I'll get the open file I need, and an outpost on b4.

19...h6

David Levine suggests ...h5, and I think that would be more challenging. I planned to play h3 in response.

20.Qc2 Nf8

It is physically impossible for this knight to accomplish anything on the queenside, so it tries its luck on the other wing.

21.Rab1 Ra5 22.Rb4 Qa7 23.Nc1

Rfb1 first may be better but I didn't want to move the KR away from the kingside, where I still have designs on Black's king.

23...Qd7 24.Qb2 Nc8 25.Ne2 Na7
26.Rb1 Nh7



Position after 26...Nh7

I felt I must be better here as my b1-rook and queen can shift flanks much faster than Black's a5-rook and a7-knight; also his queen is somewhat walled off. On the other hand, if I move the queenside pieces I will lose the b-pawn. I can't possibly put another attacker on the a-pawn, so I have

to do something on the kingside to show my advantage.

27.Ng3 Kd8

Black decides that the queenside is the place for his king after all.

28.Kh1

I calculated a line where my queen was suddenly pinned to my king along the newly opened g-file.

28...Kc8 29.f5



Position after 29.f5

At this point I had 62 minutes to reach move 40; Brent had 24. All game I really wanted to play on intuition, and had to keep telling myself to slow down and calculate. That tendency comes to a head here, with a pawn sacrifice I considered for less than a minute. There is nothing wrong with giving up the pawn per se—it is easy to regain—but I did not appreciate the resulting weakness of the g5-square.

29...gxf5 30.gxf5
Kb7

This has some tactical points involving moving the king to a6 or c6 to support a piece on b5, but it's really unfortunate that b7 is a knight's move from d6. I think ...Ng5 was better.

31.Nh4 Rg8

I think ...Ng5 was MUCH better. So was ...Qe7, which will drive the knight straight back to f3.

32.Qc1

Better Qd2, accomplishing the same goal of hitting h3 with better mobility for the queen and the b1 rook. I was over-

impressed with how this move holds a3 and c3 in case of a later ...Nxb5.

32...exf5

Last call for ...Ng5!

33.Qxh6 Ng5

It's not as good now that the pawn support is gone and the white queen has gotten in...

34.Nhxf5 Ne4 35.Nxe4 dxe4

35...Qxf5 36.Nd6+ and thank goodness because otherwise Black would be winning!

36.Qf4 Nc8 37.Qxe4+ Kb8 38.Qf3



Position after 38.Qf3

Here I thought for 17 minutes. I did not like 38.Rxc4 Rxb5. I was worried about Black getting his queen onto the g- or h-files; I was worried about an exchange



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sack if I played Ng3. I cannot entirely justify the text move, except that it covers the g3-square, stays on the long diagonal (essential!) and does not give Black any more ideas. It's too bad to unprotect the e-pawn, though, making d5 harder.; [38. d5! — Dubisch]

38...Rg6

Brent, in contrast, had 2 minutes 42 seconds left to reach move 40.

39.Ng3 Qe6 40.Rf1 Ra7

Brent had 27 seconds left on his clock when this move was made. Black is defending his king successfully, but has not generated the threats he needs to disturb White; in particular White's king is quite safe as long as the queen stays on the long diagonal. Also, I think I have a winning plan involving redeploying the knight back to the queenside.

41.Nh5 Rg5 42.Nf4

Driving the queen away from key squares.

42...Qd7 43.Qc6 Qf5

The endgame without queens seems pretty hopeless.

44.Rxc4 Rg8



Position after 44...Rg8

44...Ne7 45.Qxb6+ Ka8 gets me in trouble, but I can just play 45. Qf3 instead. [Depends on your definition of trouble. 45.Qd8+ Kb7 46.Rc7+ Kb6 47.Rc6+ Kxb5 48.Qb6# — Dubisch]

45.Qf3 Ne7 46.Nd3 Qg6 47.Nb4 Qe6 48.Na6+

and Brent resigned. After 48...Rxa6 39.bxa6 the c4-rook can't be taken due to

mate, and if he stops mate with his queen I'll check on b7 anyway, trading into an easy endgame win up three pawns and the exchange.

1-0

**Stephen Rowles (1873) –
Viktors Pupols (2200) [A53]**
Clark Harmon Memorial
Seattle, WA (R1), April 9, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bf5 4.f3 e5 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.e4 Be6 8.Be3 c6 9.0-0-0+ Kc7 10.a3 Nfd7

10...Nbd7 11.Kc2

11.f4 f6 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Be2 Bc5 14.Bxc5 14.Bd2

14...Nxc5 15.fxe5 Bxf3 16.Bxf3 fxe5 17.Kc2 Ne6 18.Ne2 Nd7 19.Bg4 Rae8 20.Rhf1 Nf6 21.Bf5 Re7 22.Bxe6 Rxe6 23.Ng3 Rd8 24.Rxd8 Kxd8 25.Rd1+ Kc7 26.h3 Nd7 27.Rf1?!

White has a far more comfortable route to equality with 27.Nf5 Rg6 (27...g6 28.Nh4 Nc5 29.Re1 Rf6 30.Nf3) 28.Nh4 (or 28.g4) 28...Rg3 29.Rd3 Rxd3 30.Kxd3

27...Rg6 28.Rf3



Position after 28.Rf3

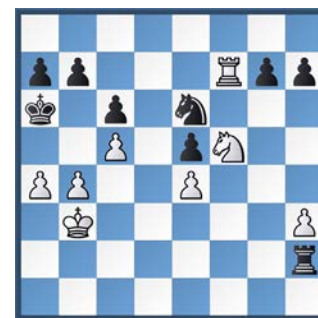
28...Nc5

28...Nf6 Black can try ...h5-h4, as White's rook and knight find themselves a bit tied down here.

29.b4 Ne6 30.Rf7+ Kb6 31.c5+ Ka6 32.Nf5 Rxc2+ 33.Kb3 Rh2 34.a4

[Diagram top of next column]

34...Nd4+?



Position after 34.a4

34...Ng5 35.Rxc7 Rxc3+ 36.Kc4 Nxe4 37.b5+



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 37.b5+)

37...Ka5 (37...cxb5+ 38.axb5+ Ka5 39.Rxb7 Rc3+ 40.Kd5 Nxc5 41.Rxa7+ Kxb5 42.Rxh7 and now 42...e4 43.Nd6+ Kb4 44.Nxe4, among others, leads to a draw.) 38.bxc6 Nd2+ 39.Kd5



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 39.Kd5)

39...Rd3+ (39...bxc6+ 40.Kxc6 e4 41.Rxa7+ Kb4 looks messy, but doesn't really do much for either side.) 40.Kxe5 bxc6 41.Rxa7+ Kb4 42.Rxh7 Kxc5

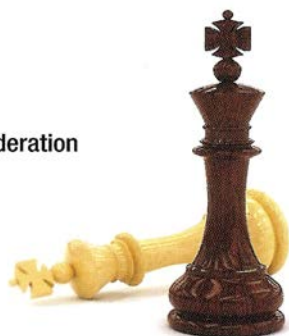
35.Kc4?

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35.Nxd4 exd4 36.Kc4±



Position after 35.Kc4

35...b5+??

Likely Black simply overlooked the zwischenzug on move 37. 35...Rc2+ 36.Kd3 Rc1

36.cxb6 Nxf5

36...axb6 37.Nxd4 exd4 38.b5+ cxb5+ 39.axb5+ Ka5 40.Ra7#

37.bxa7 Nd6+ 38.Kd3 Rxb3+ 39.Ke2 Rh2+ 40.Kf3 Nxf7 41.a8Q+ Kb6 42.Qb8+ Ka6 43.a5 1-0

Washington News

By Gary Dorfner

The Clark Harmon Memorial was held from April 8-10. There were 37 players participating in this event. The winners were: Open Section, tie for first-fifth between Anthony He, Jose Gatica, Noah Fields, David Rupel, and Cameron Leslie with 3.0/4 each. First U1900 Steven Rowles 2.5/4. Reserve Section, first-third tie between Stephen Buck, Alec Beck, and Brandon Jiang with 4.0/4 each. First U1400 is Kyle Zhang 2.5/4, and First U1200 is Raghav Puri with 2.0/4. The tournament director was Fred Kleist.

The Washington State Elementary Championship was held on April 16 at the Convention Center in Tacoma. There were 1091 students participating in this event. The winners were; Kindergarten, first place Oliver Rines with 5.0/5, second place Hansol O'Brien 4.5/5. First Grade first-second tie between Alden Rigby

and Roman Chivers with 5.0/5 each. Third place was Luke Rascoff with 4.5/5. Second Grade tie for first-third between Alex Gross, Owen Xuan, and Brennan Hladney with 5.0/5 each. Third Grade first-fourth tie between Brandon Jiang, Robert Michailov, Matthew Hwang, and Advait Vijayakumar 5.0 each. Fourth Grade, first-third place tie between Alison Xiao, Ethan Pogrebinsky, and Parth Ghorpade with 5.0/5 each. Fifth Grade, first place was Daniel Shubin with 5.0/5, second-sixth place tie between Alec Beck, Jason Zhang, Anne-Marie Velea, Jack Little, and Raphael Menon 4.5/5 each. Sixth Grade, first place was Garrett Casey 5.0/5, second was Teddy Roberts with 4.5/5. Section ILC2 4 6, first-third tie between Ela Goktepe, Mateo Torrejon, and William Fang with 4.0/5 each. ILC2 9 Adult, first-second tie between Zeren Gao and Sridar Seshadri with 4.5/5 each, third-fourth place tie

between Abhishikt Jain and Arya Selvam with 3.0/5 each. ILC2 K 3, first place was Sean Simmons and Simon Wyzik with 4.0/5 each. Middle School Open, first-second tie between Andreas Farny and Addison Lee with 4.5/5 each. Middle School U1100, first-second place tie between Tim Elizavetsky and Joshua Jung 5.0/5 each. Middle School U1500, first place was Sam Bunn with 4.0/5, second-third place tie between Ethan Hu and Harrison Toppen-Ryan with 3.5/5 each. The tournament directors were Norm May and Radin.

Washington Middle School Championship was held at the Convention Center in Tacoma on Sat. and across the street at the Marriott Hotel. There were 33 students participating in this event. TD was Norm May. Organizer for both tournaments was Rick Jorgensen.

Reprise



Lakeside Chess Team at 2016 National High School Championship. Back row (L to R): Coach Siva Sankrithi, Masayuki Nagase, Benjamin Brusniak, Justin Yu, Bryce Tiglon, Toshihiro Nagase, Coach Josh Sinanan. Front row: Allistair Yu, Chandler Moy, Wesley Yu, Cheyenne Zhang. Photo Credit: Hideyuki Nagase.

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Oregon Chess News

Chess For Success

By Nancy Keller

Portland, OR — April 9, 2016

Coquille sent two middle school teams, one elementary team and eight individuals to the Chess for Success State Championships at Portland Expo Center. To qualify for this historic tournament, players and teams had to demonstrate they were the best in their counties at Regionals. North Bend also had one player qualify for sixth grade individuals.

Chess for Success is a long-running championship that Coach Nancy Keller had played in when she was in school (many decades ago). Unfortunately, it has become only an historical tradition as it is neither rated nor determines the Oregon representatives for the National Championships (Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation will be hosting an individual state championships April 29-30 in Seaside which will be rated and determine middle school and high school state representatives). However, Chess for Success is the only state championships for elementary and middle school teams.

During Regionals, Coquille Valley Elementary's sixth grade team had tied with Coquille Junior High seventh



Coquille Elementary "middle school" team: (L-R) Johnathan Huffman, Dustin Herker, Luke Donaldson. Photo credit: Nancy Keller.

and eighth grade team. Unfortunately they could not combine because of the rule that teams had to be in the same school building. The sixth grade team was handicapped as they had only three players so they took an automatic loss on fourth board each round. Luke Donaldson was strong on first board scoring 3.5/5. But with that handicapped board loss, the team of Luke, Dustin Herker and

Johnathan Huffman had a tough time scoring their 1.0/5.

Meanwhile, the Junior High team had powerhouse Joshua Grabinsky on first board who won every game. Trenton Bundy feverish from illness even managed three wins on fourth board. Caleb Prince and Bridget Perry on second and third board had tough competition and the team overall managed to score 2.5/5. Not enough for a trophy but very respectable for playing the best in the state.

Coquille Valley Elementary's team was made up of three "green" players, one of whom had just started two months ago and had to fill in for a player who was unable to attend. The team was entirely fourth graders with Sawyer Bergstedt on first board, Riley Jones on second board, Jason Herker on third board and Zebadiah Zimmerman on fourth. They managed 1.5 wins. Coach Dr. Keller told them to consider this tournament practice for next year and has high hopes for this team.

The following day was the individual division, although High School individuals was for both days. Coquille had multiple players in some of the grades due to automatic qualifiers (won first or second last year at the championships) and ties at Regionals. They were Sawyer Bergstedt for fourth grade, Luke Donaldson for sixth grade,



Coquille players for a group pose. Photo credit: Nancy Keller.



(L-R) Joshua and Aaron Grabinsky with their second and first place trophies.
Photo credit: Nancy Keller.

Trenton Bundy, Bridget Perry and Joshua Grabinsky for seventh grade and Jordan Henderson and Aaron Grabinsky for high school. Preston Mosley from North Bend played in the sixth grade division. Luke Donaldson was close for a trophy with his three wins out of five.

Aaron Grabinsky was undefeated in the High School division and won first place. Joshua Grabinsky had a bit of a stumble and his last two opponents managed to score draws against him and he slid into second place for seventh grade. Both Grabinsky brothers are looking forward to the OSCF tournament where they have their eye on winning the Barber (Middle School) and Denker (High School) Oregon representative nomination for the National event.

Eugene Last Chance Qualifier

By Sarah McCoy

Eugene, OR — April 16, 2016

On April 16, 2016, chess coach Mike Myers hosted a “Last Chance Qualifier” tournament at Willamette High School in Eugene. The idea was to offer one more qualifying event for players hoping to attend the OSCF state championship at the end of the month. While most of the 36 players were scholastic, there were a few adult players in the mix to make the competition more interesting. Only five of the 15 players in the Open section were scholastic, but all of the top three finishers were scholastic players. The intermediate

section was won by Brendan Van Ryzin from Camas Ridge Elementary, and the Open section was won by Owen McCoy. Many thanks to TD Mike Myers for providing this opportunity!

April 2016 PCC Quad 45

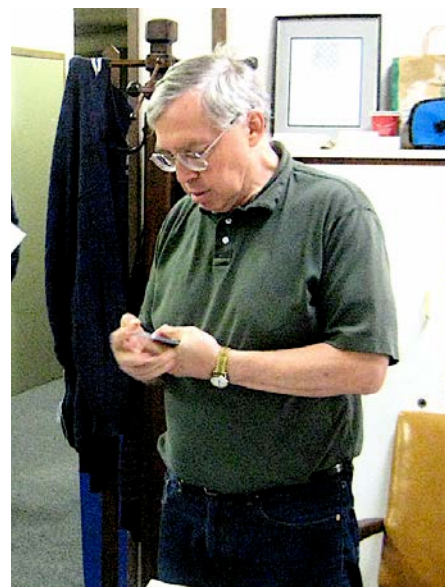
By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — April 16, 2016

One would have hoped that the beautiful spring weather would have enticed more folks to the Portland Chess Club’s popular Quad 45 tournament for April, but other spring activities apparently kept the playing field to a modest 14 diehards. Still, enough diversification of ratings made for three exciting rounds, broken into two Quads and a Small Swiss.

Back together was the officiating team of “Mike & Mike,” with Micah Smith as Chief TD, and Michael Lilly as his Chief Assistant. As was mentioned in some recent articles, Mike Lilly was away for some time due to family obligations, but has returned with a new vigor for officiating and also for improving the play of his game—which this writer has felt first-hand.

Rumor has it that Mike Lilly’s plea for a few players who would be willing to take on Assistant TD duties was answered by longtime player Mike Hasuike (1500-1500). Hasuike, who entered this



Chief Assistant TD Mick Lilly.
Photo credit: Brian Berger.

tournament as a C-class player, had been very busy racking up Grand Prix points as a B-player in 2015, winning his class by nearly 130 points over his nearest competitor. It is hoped that Mike will find TDing to his liking, and that he will again find his way back to being a B-class player.

Although tying for first-third with David Roshu (1088-1181) and Cassandra Roshu (1018-1145) in the Small Swiss, with final scores of 2.0 points each, this tournament was not a good test of Hasuike’s potential for edging his way back to class B, as the highest competition he faced was nearly



(L) Andrea Botez vs Steven Witt at April 2016 PCC Quad 45. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

April 2016 PCC Game 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — April 23, 2016

On what was predicted to be a day of showers, 26 chess players took the weatherman at his word, spending a Saturday afternoon competing in Game 60 at the Portland Chess Club. And although the weather improved throughout the day, inside there were small storms taking place over a number of chess boards, where a tactic here and there descended like a lightning strike on unwary opponents.

One to be struck first was the writer of this article, who managed to have just the right amount of rating points (1668-1673) to be matched with Jason Cigan (2161-2156) in the first round. Playing the Sicilian Najdorf, I felt confident in my opening moves, setting what I felt was a trap for his queen if thus and thus happened. Well, thus and thus did happen, only it was my queen that fell into the trap! It happened so fast that I was sure I had missed a move somewhere, and that my opponent had taken two moves. But that is one of the mysteries one faces when 500 points separate you and your opponent—beware the slight-of-hand tactic!

Elsewhere in the first round, James “Batman” Hansen (1668-1703) was



(L) Stephen Buck vs Hugo Hartig at April 2016 PCC Quad 45. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

150 points below his 1500 rating. Draws with Kushal Pai (1365-1349—1.5/3) and Hunter Key (1049P-1170P—1.5/3) further demonstrated Hasuike’s need to improve on his play if he hopes once again to reach B-class status.

Quad one saw a three-way tie for first, with Steven Witt (1903-1905), Ethan Wu (1818-1835), and Chris Burris (1766-1786) all finishing with 2.0 points—Burris receiving a full point bye when Andrea Botez (1816-1789—0.0/3) needed to withdraw due to becoming ill. Stepping in to give Burris an extra rated game after Botez’s departure was Micah Smith (2028-2020). Although the game did not count in the final scoring of the Quad, it did show that Burris was on his game, by holding the very tough-to-beat Smith to a draw.

Quad two’s winner was none other than Brian “Just Glad To Be Here” Berger (1613-1668), who, by some quirk of fate, was fully awake during most of the tournament, thus being able to determine which pieces to move where, and at the appropriate time—an extraordinary feat for one who has a habit of choosing the wrong pieces and the wrong time to move them. And it was this full attention which allowed Berger to hold Colin Liu (1662-1675—2.0/3) to a draw and to find a way to beat the wily Steven Buck (1750-1731—1.5/3), thus accumulating the 2.5 points needed to secure first place.

As always in this monthly tournament, winners get a \$10 discounted entry for the next Quad 45 or Tuesday Quads, while

scholastic players receive a medal if they tie for first with a score of 2.0 or 1.5, and a small trophy if they win or tie for first with a 2.5. A larger trophy is offered for winning with 3.0 points. And though the \$10 discount on my next Quad 45 is a nice acknowledgement of my accomplishment in this tournament, I wish there were trophies for us older folk—something we could put on our mantels and brag about.



(L) Masakazu Shimada vs Danny Phipps at April 2016 PCC Game 60. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



(L) James Bean vs Seth Talyansky at April 2016 PCC Game 60.
Photo credit: Brian Berger.

trying to rain all over Ryan Richardson (2133-2120), and although he was not able to swamp him, he held him to a draw—that game and two more wins (the last against yours truly) placed him in a tie for U1800 with Andrea Botez (1789-1772), both finishing with 2.5/4 points and taking home \$22.75.

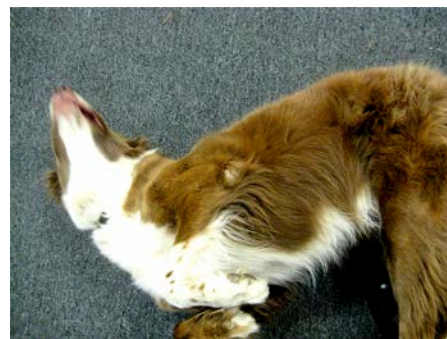
Other lightning bolts were also being thrown at Raymond Fletcher III (1928-1912—2.5/4) in the first round by

Mike Hasuike (1500-1571—2.0/4), the combined force of which won the game for him, and must have left his opponent wondering how such a weather phenomena could occur inside a two-story wooden structure.

Not content to just take down one tough opponent, Hasuike held a lightning bolt in reserve to force a draw with Andrea Botez in the third round, thus coming back from what has been a dry-spell of sorts for this



(L) James Hansen playing a quick game against Jason Cigan before the tournament.
Photo credit: Brian Berger.



Morgan The Dog in a pose he did for -Most Eligible Dog- calendar.
Photo credit: Brian Berger.

2015, class-B, Grand Prix winner—now leading in 2016 in the class-C section.

Hoping to throw a few lightning bolts of his own during this tournament was none other than the man who became famous for his famous dog (Morgan The Dog), Jerrold “I Just Want To Make 1600 Before It’s Over” Richards (1508-1457—1.0/4). Unfortunately, the electrical activity surrounding Richards this day was nearly nonexistent, leading only to two draws, and those against Carter Lancaster (1381-1368—1.5/4) and Megan Cheng (1245-1208—0.5/4).

One is not sure what could account for Richards’ up-and-down performances over the board, but it is hard to believe that Morgan The Dog’s (FIDE rated 3100) coaching could be held responsible. Perhaps the student is just unresponsive past a certain point on the learning curve, and we old-dogs (myself included) really can’t be taught new tricks.

Winning the U1500 prize with another upset win over a much higher-rated player was Praveer Sharan (1416-1454, who managed to somehow appeal to the god of thunder to send a bolt out-of-the-blue against James Bean (1640-1622—2.0/3), securing him the 2.0 points needed to take home \$45.50. And in the final upsets of the day, the very young Egan Wong (1071-1225—2.0/4) showed Hugo Hartig (1500-1500—1.5/4) and Arliss Dietz (1500-1500—1.0/4) that, one’s size and rating can sometimes mask a waiting tiger.

Four players, Jason Cigan, Danny Phipps (1914-1927), Steven Witt (1905-1919) and Moshe Rachmuth (1877-1891), all managed to score three points out of four, sharing the second and third place prize fund, that when parceled out evenly, gave each \$22.75.

Top spot went to the young Seth Talyansky (2057-2080), whose coolness under fire and quiet demeanor translated

into a perfect score of 4.0/4, earning him the big bucks—\$78.00? With this kind of big money it should only take the earnings from 10,000 tournaments before he is able to retire.

Thanks must go to Mike Janniro, who served as Chief TD for this event and also sat in as a house player when needed and to Mike Morris, for giving some assistance during the registration process.

OSCF Championship

By Owen McCoy

Seaside, OR — April 30, 2016

The 11th Annual OSCF State Championship took place on the weekend of April 29-30 at the Convention Center in Seaside, Oregon. There were 356 scholastic chess players from all over Oregon who came to compete, not just for the coveted trophies full of saltwater taffy, but also for the numerous other prizes offered for various competitions, such as blitz and bughouse. More importantly, this tournament is where Oregon's representatives are chosen for two of the biggest junior tournaments in the country: The Denker Tournament of High School Champions, and the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. Both tournaments consist of the state champion from each state competing against each other. They will both be held in Indianapolis this year, in conjunction with the U.S. Open.



Seaside Civic And Convention Center event sign. Photo credit: Russell "Rusty" Miller.

The event was kicked off on Friday, April 29 with the start of the first two rounds of the High School Platinum and Middle School Platinum sections, which have longer time controls, so they took two days instead of one. Following that was an evening filled with Blitz and Bughouse. The winners of the top blitz quad were Aaron Grabinsky and Owen McCoy, but alas, there was only one trophy. In a

kind and sportsmanlike act of generosity, Aaron let me have it, and I didn't object.

Every year, it is a tradition that between the Blitz and Bughouse tournaments, there is the Crazy Hat Contest, which, as you can imagine, is really quite a spectacle, as are the prizes! The winner was decided by the amount of applause, and the obvious favorite was a hat made entirely of flames! (Naturally, the flames were made of styrofoam.) Not only did he win a prize, but his picture is on the front cover! Other hats that were notably crazy were a squid, a penguin, a reindeer, a crab, and a bishop saying "WHAM! POW!" Good job everybody! Following that was the Crazy Name Contest, with the winner being "The flaming chicken enchiladas."

At long last came the Bughouse Tournament. Owen McCoy and Jack McClain, going by the name "The Flaming Rubber Duckies," came in as the returning bughouse champions, and had hopes to repeat their success. However, Aaron Grabinsky and Josiah Perkins, "The Pesky Pros," had their own plans, and they wound up with the trophies after demolishing the rest of the quad.

On Saturday morning, everybody who didn't sleep in arrived bright and early for another chess-filled day. The already running sections continued with round three, while the remaining sections started their clocks for round one. There was no shortage of side events planned for Saturday. The tactics scavenger hunt



Prize cups with taffy candy. Photo credit: Sarah McCoy.

happened earlier in the day. The Friends and Family tournaments also transpired that day, with Fritz Balwit (1300-2094) emerging the winner of the adults' section, and Saif Osman (792-914) coming in first in the kids' section. And then, of course, when the last round games were finishing, there was "lucky chess," which is always a popular way to pass the time between the awards ceremonies.

Each of the four grade-level groups (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12) was divided into smaller subsections. The High School Platinum winner was (yet again!) Aaron Grabinsky (2372-2384,) obviously with a perfect 5.0/5 score, as otherwise his rating would've gone down rather than up. Aaron will be Oregon's representative to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in Indianapolis. Good luck, Aaron! In the High School Platinum section, second place went to Seth Talyansky (2125-2126), and deservedly so, as he was the only other player in the section rated over 1800! The prizes for third-fifth places went to Simon Venter (1706-1735), Valentin Molchanov (1713-1737), and Nicholas Richardson (1423-1562) respectively, each with 3.5/5.0. (Believe it or not, Simon's rating was 1487 at the start of the school year!) The two honorable mention trophies went to Torrey Gage-Tomlinson (1482-1576) and Cameron Kocher (1738-1719), each with 3.0/5. Plus score medals went to William Liang (1564-1588), Alex Yeo (1689-1682), Peter Woltjer (1576-1599), Ethan Allison (1648-1648), Jake Winkler (1622-1616), Josiah Perkins (1772-1758), Avi Gupta (1474-1521), and Nathan Jewell (1619-1592). The other HS winners were Mason Bagayo (1379-1479 - HS Silver), and Collin Anderson (1030-1205 - HS Copper). Interestingly, Mason's brother Justin Bagayo (1281-1369) came in clear second in the same section as his sibling.

The Middle School Platinum section was won by... not myself, but up-from-behind Gavin Zhang (1878-1909) with 4.5/5. Gavin seized his chance to take first in his last round encounter against Owen McCoy (2002-2008), who after winning his fourth game after three hours (!) found himself confused, fatigued, and down a piece after an unfortunate oversight, and had to settle for second with 4.0/5. (Ironically, this also occurred last year, but I was somehow able to win that time.) This also means that Gavin will be Oregon's representative to the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions, which will be in Indianapolis this year. Good luck, Gavin!

The prizes for Middle School Platinum third-fifth places went to Praveer Sharan (1592-1634), Joshua Grabinsky (2017-

2002), and Konner Feldman (1550-1608), each with 3.5/5. The honorable mention trophies went to Andrea Botez (1789-1778), and Colin Liu (1755-1739), also with 3.5 points. Two more noteworthy finishers were Fedor Semenov (1290-1416) and David Roshu (1341-1491), each with 3.5/5 against hard competition. They were awarded plus score medals, as were (deep breath!) Sinan Grehan (1337-1445), Ethan Wu (1839-1815), Jack Woo McClain (1706-1673), Raj Kodithyala (1336-1400), Sean Uan-zo-li (1488-1501), Duncan Soiffer (1402-1411), Corbin Frias (1495-1476), Michael Schuff (1341-1391), and Cassandra Roshu (1307-1316). Other winners in the Middle School section were Arjun Mann (1196-1349 - MS Silver), Josiah Liebert (1012-1186 - MS Copper), Sage Park (765-1051 - MS Zinc), and Krish Aditya (681-874 - MS Iron).

The Elementary Platinum section was won by fourth-grader Ian Vo (1502-1562) with a nearly perfect 3.5/4 score. After overcoming his closest competition, Roshen Nair (1616-1609), a draw in the last round secured victory. Roshen was awarded second on tiebreaks over Kyle Liu (1465-1472), who also had 3.0/4. Fourth and fifth places went to Carter Lancaster (1467-1469) and Neena Feldman (1241-1297) respectively, as they both came away with 2.5/4. Plus score medals were awarded to Calvin Chang (1235-1300), Eric Erard (1232-1301), Daniel Anderson (1229-1230), Kabir Rathore Muthu (1235-1225), and Michael Strigul (1423-1379). The winners of the other Elementary sections were Ethan Zhang (1198-1349 - ES Silver), Sudarshan Gokul (959-1100 - ES Copper), Max Murphy (693-1002 - ES Zinc), and Mohamed Osman (551-865 - ES Iron).

The Primary Platinum section was a six-player round robin, with first-grader Sam Farley (892-909) very narrowly winning the section on tiebreaks over Havish Sripada (967-955), as they both had 3.0/5. In fact, there was only a one-point gap between first and sixth place! The trophies for third-fourth places went to Zachary Song (825-846) and Andrew Uan-zo-li (824-845), and fifth place went to Kevin McCoy (935-889), edging out Suhas Pinnamaneni (814-815) on tiebreaks. The other Primary winners were Jeeva Moorthy (792-939 - PS Silver) and Joshua Gaudette Dumlao (582-734 - PS Copper).

Once again, it was a fantastic tournament. The OSCF board did an amazing job coordinating it, and I'm sure everybody is already looking forward to next year! Big thanks to the OSCF board, all of the TDs, especially Chief TD Norm May, and all of the parents and coaches that volunteered for something or other. And congratulations to all of the players who qualified and competed! Here's hoping for an even bigger turnout next year!



Hailey Albers displaying her Crazy Hat Contest entry.
Photo credit: Robert Schuff.



The three above photos on this page showing more hats in the crazy hat contest are taken by Robert Schuff.



More hats. Photo credit: Sarah McCoy.

OSCF Championship From Coquille Perspective

By Nancy Keller

Seaside, OR — April 30, 2016

It was Aaron Grabinsky's last year to compete at the annual Oregon Scholastic State Chess Tournament in Seaside this weekend as he is a high school senior. He had been playing at the event consecutively for six years. In 2012, he suddenly shot up in his chess skills to place first in the middle school division and was the Oregon nomination for the National Barber Middle School Tournament where only the top state chess player is invited to attend. Then as a sophomore, he had placed first in the high school division to qualify for the Denker nomination. Both

times, he went to the national events and although he did not win, he won at least half his games. This was his last chance to qualify for Denker and attempt to win it this year!

Last year Aaron was beaten out by his nemesis (and good friend), Yogi Suputra (Portland), when Yogi managed to outmaneuvered him. Aaron got overconfident, figuring Yogi was rated below him at the time. This year, Aaron was at least 200 rating points above everyone else in his division. He was determined not to underestimate his opponents and not to relax. This was his last opportunity to qualify for the Denker, which is offering a \$1500 scholarship this year.

There was no drama this year as he steamrolled through his opponents and was undefeated. No close calls, no sweat, no blunders on his part. He is the 2016 Oregon top high school player nominated to go to the Denker tournament, which will be held in Indianapolis in August. The US Open will also be held in Indianapolis that same week and only 4.5 hours driving distance away will be the North American Open in Canada the following week. Aaron plans to take those chess tournaments by storm and winning this state championship was crucial to his plans.

The drama was in the middle school elite section. Joshua Grabinsky was playing to be the Barber middle school nominee, but he was second seed by rating. During the fourth round, he was paired against his nemesis (and good friend) Owen McCoy (Eugene). Owen is the only other Oregon player to consistently beat Joshua. During the game it looked to be in Joshua's favor, as Owen was struggling under time pressure. Joshua had minutes left while Owen was sweating with only seconds to make moves. With plenty of time, Joshua built up an advantage, but then suddenly Joshua was also playing with time running out. Owen seems to play strong when under stress, and when Joshua made a significant blunder, suddenly the

tide turned and Owen won.

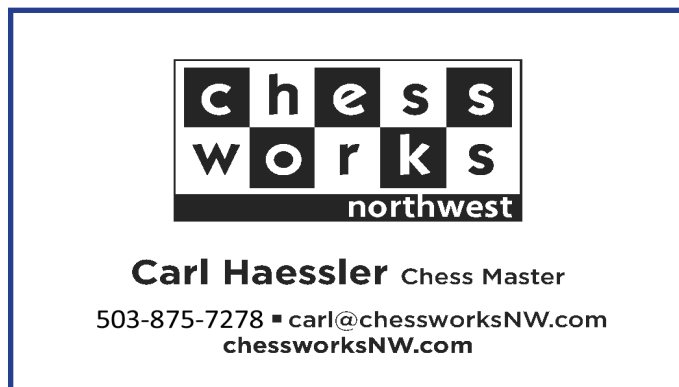
Both Owen and Joshua were exhausted after their fourth round game and it showed as they played their fifth round. Owen surprisingly lost to third seed Gavin Zhang, who had entered the final round with only 3.5 wins to Owens 4 wins. Thus Gavin Zhang is Oregon's 2016 Barber nominee. Joshua drew his final round against someone 400 ratings points below him and slipped into a tie for third place.

Sophomore Josiah Perkins had to compete against Aaron in the high school elite section, and won half his games in that tough section.

Thirteen other Coquille players and two North Bend players were part of the five hundred plus Oregon players to compete at the Oregon Scholastic State Chess tournament in other divisions.

On Friday, there were the fun games of Blitz (speed chess) and bughouse (team chess) to loosen up the tension before the main tournament the following day. Crazy hats were encouraged. Josiah Perkins excels in blitz and won his trophy in the division for the fifth year in a row. Aaron Grabinsky, Riley Jones and Preston Mosley (North Bend) also won first place trophies for their division. In Bughouse, Aaron Grabinsky and Josiah Perkins won first place as a team. Losers in the bughouse tournament had to eat worms—gummy worms!

The rest of the Coquille players played well in the main event but did not win trophies. Jason Herker (4th grade), Riley Jones (4th grade), Preston Mosley (Lighthouse 6th grade), and Caleb Prince (8th grade) won over half their games against tough state competitors and won medals. Other players from Coos County were Zebadiah Zimmerman (4th grade), Sawyer Bergstedt (4th grade), Dustin Herker (6th grade), Bridget Perry (7th grade), Tyler Hillis (7th grade), Haley Pierce (8th grade), Hannah Callihan (9th grade) and Mavrick Macalino from Millicoma (6th grade).



The 2016 Richard Gutman Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Administrator

The table below shows the effects of eight events held in April, plus the effect of a number of players moving up a class with the official May ratings list. Congratulations to those of you in a new class, you may have to find your name among a new cohort. For some, that meant gaining a leadership position, for others, losing one. But the year is young, you have plenty of time, and if you keep playing like that, you could just move up again before the year's end.

May had an additional eight events, the results of which you will see with my next column. Those results will be significant, because the first 5x tournament of the year occurred over Memorial Day weekend. I'm sure many of you know this, having been a part of the 200 or more I expect to join me in Lynnwood. Also in May was the Rose City Sectional in Portland, which had a 2x multiplier.

Looking forward to the month ahead, we up the ante a little bit, with nine events on our dance card. Sadly, four of these nine are all on the same weekend. On June 4 and 5, you could play in a quad in Spokane or Seattle, a tornado in Seattle, or a full two-day five rounder in Portland. The following weekend your only choice is the only multiplier event of the month, the Emerald City Open at the Seattle Chess Club (2x). The third weekend offers Quads in Portland or the Idaho Open, a weekend event, in Boise. Rounding out the month, the 26th offers the monthly Game/60 in Portland and the Evergreen Empire quads in Tacoma.

Still no sign of those elusive Oregon Masters, but a couple of Oregon Experts are creeping up on that Master threshold. Perhaps the Washington Open or the Rose City Sectional will have brought some out of the woodwork to challenge Carl Haessler for that Master class prize. Phillip, Lennart, Jason, the next class up is just waiting for your arrival.

Data below is current through May 1.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
			Masters								
			1	Haessler	Carl A	11	1	Pupols	Viktors	66.5	
						2	Raptis	Nick	49.5		
						3	Tiglon	Bryce	29		
						4	Perez	Ignacio	24		
						5	Schill	William J	22		
M/X/Class A			Experts								
1	Miller	Travis J	31	1	Cigan	Jason	28.5	1	He	Anthony B	36
2	Bodie	Brad	25	2	Seitzer	Phillip	21.5	2	Leslie	Cameron D	35
3	Maki	James J	19.5	3	Bjorksten	Lennart	16.5	3	Cambareri	Michael E	30.5
4	Joshi	Kairav R	16.5	4	Gatica	Jose M	15.5	4	Arganian	David G	27
5	Havrilla	Mark A	15	5	Richardson	Ryan	14.5	5	Fields	Noah D	26.5
Class B			Class A								
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	10.5	1	Phipps	Danny	26.5	1	Baxter	Brent L	35.5
1	Nathan	Jacob A	10.5	2	Fletcher	Raymond R	19.5	2	Zhang	Brendan	34.5
3	Derryberry	Dewayne R	8.5	3	Murray	David E	16.5	3	Bonrud	Neal	27.5
4	Four tied at		6	4	Witt	Steven A	16	4	Zhang	Eric M	26
			5	Tache	Corey	14.5	5	Rowles	Steve	25.5	
Class C			Class B								
1	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	16	1	Berger	Brian F	37	1	Buck	Stephen J	106.5
2	Martonick	Nick	13.5	2	Vega	Isaac	27	2	Pothukuchi	Revanth V	48.5

Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
2	Courtney	Caleb	13.5	3	Eagles	Roland	25.5	3	Beck	Alec W	35
4	Nyblade	Wesley	5.5	4	Havrilla	Nich A	19.5	4	Lee	Addison	31.5
5	Two tied at		4	5	Hansen	James J	19	5	Tu	Robin L	27.5
Class D			Class C								
1	Bodie	Arlene	20.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	79	1	Piper	August	57
2	Weyland	Ron	14.5	2	Dietz	Arliss	29	2	Jiang	Brandon	42
3	Porth	Adam	11	3	Kenway	Geoffrey W	17.5	3	Barua	Aniruddha	35
4	Ang	Ching-E N	6	4	Sharan	Praveer	15.5	4	Lawler	Aidan	33
5	Two tied at		5	5	Uan-Zo-Li	Sean A	14.5	5	Richards	Jerrold	32
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Porth	Darwin A	8.5	1	Phelps	Colin	14	1	Tien	Andy	36.5
2	Aderogba	Temiloluwa D	4.5	2	Lancaster	Carter D	12.5	2	Jiang	Andrew	30
2	Callen	Gregory D	4.5	2	Pai	Kushal	12.5	3	Munsey	Michael R	29
4	Shouse	Donald L	4	4	Wong	Egan	12	4	Kaelin	Alex	25
4	Porth	Dylan	4	5	Gyde	Nicholas A	10	5	Pogrebinsky	Ethan	23
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Miller	Travis J	31	1	Hasuike	Mike L	79	1	Buck	Stephen J	106.5
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9	Martonick	Nick	13.5	9	Fletcher	Raymond R	19.5	9	Baxter	Brent L	35.5
9	Courtney	Caleb	13.5	9	Havrilla	Nich A	19.5	10	Leslie	Cameron D	35
11	Hawkins	Nicholas B	12	11	Hansen	James J	19	10	Beck	Alec W	35
12	Porth	Adam	11	12	Two tied at		17.5	10	Barua	Aniruddha	35

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Jul 9-10 Oregon Senior Chess Championship, Portland, OR. Sponsored by Oregon Chess Federation. Type: 5-round US Chess-rated Swiss. TC: G/120; d5. Reg.: Saturday 9-9:45 am. Bring sets & clocks. Rounds: Saturday 10:00-2:15-7:00; Sunday 9:00 & 1:30. Location: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th, Portland, OR 97219. Byes: 2 half pt. byes available, request before Rd 4. Eligibility: Open to all (no residency requirement) at least 50 years old on July 9. Entry: \$35; pre-registration payable to OCF, mail to Mike Morris, 2344 NE 27th Ave., Portland, OR 97212. Other: US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA required (OSA). OCF Invitational Qualifier. Prizes: \$1,000 based on 40 paid entries; 1st \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. U1800, U1600, U1400 each: 1st \$100; 2nd \$50. Age prizes (only one allowed, not combined with other prizes): Over age 60 \$75; over age 70 \$75; over age 80 \$50. Winner gets free entry to next year's tournament and name inscribed on perpetual trophy.

Jul 16 Idaho Blitz Chess Championship, Boise, ID. Format: 8 (double) SS, players play two 5-minute games against each paired opponent. Time Control: G/5;d0. One Section: Open (open to all in any state). Top Idaho placer is recognized as "Idaho Blitz Chess Champion". Site: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 7965 W. Emerald St., Boise, ID 83704. US Chess mem req., ICA/OCF/WCF mem req. and can be purchased or renewed at registration. OSA. EF \$10. Register & check in: 10:30-11:45am 7/16. Rd times: Sat 12:00pm, 12:30pm, 1:00pm, 1:30pm, Break for meals (60 minutes), 3:00pm, 3:30pm, 4:00pm, 4:30pm. Ties for overall champion will be broken by playoff games. Prizes: \$\$ Guaranteed, \$75-50-25. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA, www.idahocheessassociation.org. Contact: Jeffrey Roland, 1514 S. Longmont Ave., Boise, ID 83706. jroland@cableone.net. NC, NS, W.

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June 4, July 9 **Saturday Quads**
Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sections by rating. **TC:** G/120; d5. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free entry for future quad. **Reg:** 9:00-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-ASAP. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

June 5, July 17 **Sunday Tornado**
Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/60; d5 (or G/64; d0). **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 from each EF goes to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

July 10 **SCC Novice**
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 3/30, \$16 at site. (-\$2 SCC mem., -\$1 mem. other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** Memb (SCC, WCF, US Chess). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4-commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

July 22-24 or 23-24 **Seattle Seafair Open**
Format: 5-SS. **TC:** 40/120, SD/60; d5 (2-day schedule Rd. 1: G/60; d5). **EF:** \$44 if rec'd by 7/20, \$55 at site. GMs, IMs, & WGMs—FREE. Unrated—Free w/purch. of 1-yr. US Chess & 1 yr. WCF. SCC Memb. subtract \$12. Memb. of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, ID, OR, or WA subtract \$6. **Add \$1** to any EF for 2-day sched. **Prize Fund:** \$1620 b/68, 6/prz gp. **Prizes:** \$300g-195g-115g, U2200 140, U2000 135, U1800 130, U1600 125, U1400 120, U1200 60, UNR 45, Best Upset (Rds. 1-4) 10/rd, Plus-Score Pool 215. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45p, Sat. 9-9:45a. **Rds:** 8, (10@G/60)-12:30-6:45, 11-5. **Byes:** 2 avail. (Sunday rds commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess, WCF memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

Emerald City Open

June 10-12

A two-section, five-round Swiss with a time control of 40/120 & SD/60;d5 (Rd 1 of 2-day schedule – G/60;d5). The prize fund of \$1000 is based on fifty-six entries.

a Northwest Grand Prix event

Open		Reserve (U1700)	
First	\$250	First	\$175
Second	\$160	Second	\$110
U1950	\$120	U1450	\$80
		Unr	\$25

Upset (rds 1-4) \$20

Entry Fees: \$36 if rec'd by 6/8, \$45 at site. SCC members—subtract \$10 Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, and WA—subtract \$5. Unr—free with purchase of 1-year US Chess and WCF. Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.

Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m.

Rounds: Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/60;d5)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

Byes: 2 (for Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

Miscellaneous: US Chess & WCF membership req'd. No smoking. No computers.



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Upcoming Events

☞ denotes 2016 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

☞ **Jun 4-5 Portland Summer Open, Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR. Format: US Chess rated, two days, two sections (Open and U1800), 5-round Swiss. Time Control: 40/90, SD/30, d5. Byes: 2 half-point byes available if requested before 1st round. Entry fee: \$35, \$10 discount to PCC members. Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m. on Saturday. Limited to first 50 entrants. Rounds: Saturday 10:00, 2:15 & 6:30; Sunday 10:00 & 2:15. Players who have a game go around the full time can request extra time off before the next round. Prizes: \$650 based on 40 total entries. Open: 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, U2000 \$75; Reserve: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75; U1600, U1400, U1200/unrated each \$50. No tiebreakers used, prizes split between players with the same results. Memberships: US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA required and can be purchased or renewed at registration, OSA. OCF Invitational Qualifier. OSCF State Qualifier.

Jun 4 Boise Chess Festival, Boise, ID. (See <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>)

☞ **Jun 4 Qualchan Quads, Spokane, WA.** Site: Spokane Valley Library, E. 12004 E. Main, Spokane, WA 99206. Reg: Sat 8:30-9:45. E.F. \$16. T/C: G/120 (with 5 second delay). Rds: 10:00, 2:30 & 7:00. Format: Prizes: \$50 for 1st in quad. US Chess membership required, n/c, US Chess rated. Coffee & cookies provided. Ent/Info: Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037, Ph. (509) 994-9739, Email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, web spokanechessclub.org.

☞ **Jun 18-19 Idaho Open, Boise, ID.** 5SS, Time Control: G/120,d5. 2 Sections: Open and Reserve (U1400). Site: La Quinta Inn & Suites, 7965 W. Emerald St., Boise, ID 83704. US Chess mem req., ICA/OCF/WCF required and can be purchased or renewed at registration, OSA. EF by 6/13 \$30 (U18 & 60+ \$25), Special Family Rate of \$60. \$5 more for all if received after 6/13. Email entries OK. Register & check in: 8-8:45 am 6/20. Rd times: Sat 9 am, 1:30 pm, 6 pm; Sun 9 am, 1:30 pm. 1/2 pt byes: Max 1, any round. Must commit before Rd 2 pairing. Players arriving for round 2 may take a retroactive R1 1/2 pt bye as long as they arrive by 1:15 pm. Prizes: \$\$ b/30; Open: \$200-100-75; Reserve: \$100-75-50. HR/ENT/INFO: ICA, www.idahocheessassociation.org. Contact: Jeffrey Roland, 1514 S. Longmont Ave., Boise, ID 83706. jroland@cablone.net. NC, NS, W.

☞ **Jun 18/Jul 16 Portland CC Quad 45, Portland, OR.** 3-round quads, G/45;d15. Some/all sections may run as a 3-round Swiss with more than four players. The most current ("live") US Chess regular ratings are usually used for section placement. On-site registration runs from 9-9:45am. Rounds are scheduled for 10am, 12:15pm, and 2:30pm. Rounds 2 and 3 can be started earlier if both players agree. Players who have a game go long can request extra time off before the next round. EF: \$15, PCC members \$10, \$5 discount for each additional family member who lives in the same household, free entry for players who are unrated in US Chess. US chess and NWSRS rated. US Chess membership is required and can be purchased during on-site registration. Winner of each section receives \$10 discount on the entry fee for one of the next three PCC Quad 45 or Tuesday Quads. If there is a six or seven player Swiss, the runner-up receives \$5 discount. Scholastic awards: trophy for winning section with 3 points; smaller trophy for winning or tie for first with 2.5; medal for winning or tie for first with 2 or 1.5. OSCF State Qualifier. Optional blitz tournament afterwards. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR.

Jun 24-26 2016 Canadian Senior Championship, Vancouver, BC. (See <http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/TA.htm>)

☞ **Jun 25/Jul 30 Portland CC Game in 60, Portland, OR.** 4SS, G/60;d5. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR - If 30 or more entries the field will be divided into 2 sections by ratings. EF: \$20, \$5 discount for PCC Members. US Chess rated; OCF/WCF/ICA and US Chess membership required, OSA. No advance entries. Reg: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Byes: 1/2 point bye if requested at reg. Players who have a game go around the full time can request extra time off before the next round. Prizes: If one section (\$200/b20) \$60-\$40-\$30; U1800, U1500/unrated \$35 each. If two sections - upper section \$75-50-25 (b/15); lower section \$65-35; U1400/unrated \$50 (b/15). No tiebreakers (prizes split). OSCF State Qualifier. Info: email@pdxchess.org, phone 503-246-2978, website www.pdxchess.org.

☞ **Jun 25 Evergreen Empire Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave. E., Tacoma, WA. Format: 3 round Quads. Time Control: G/90; d5. Entry fee: \$25.00 advance, \$30.00 at site, \$22.00 for TCC members. Prize fund: \$40.00 each quad. Registration: 9:00-9:45 a.m. Rounds: 10:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m. One half-point bye available. US Chess/WCF memberships required. NS NC W. Entries/Info: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, ph. (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com or web: tacomachess.org.

☞ **Jul 2-3 Puget Sound Open, Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave. E., Tacoma. Format: 4 round Swiss in 1 section. Time Control: 40/90,SD/30;d5. Entry Fee: \$30 advance, \$35 at the door. Registration: 9:00-9:45. Round times: Sat. 10:00 am & 3:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 & 3:00. Prize Fund: \$360 B/15; 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 1st U2000 \$60, 1st U1700 \$60, 1st U1400/UNR \$60. Byes: 2 half point byes are available. US Chess/WCF memberships are required. NS NC W. Info/Entries: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445, or (253) 535-2536, ggarychess@aol.com.

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