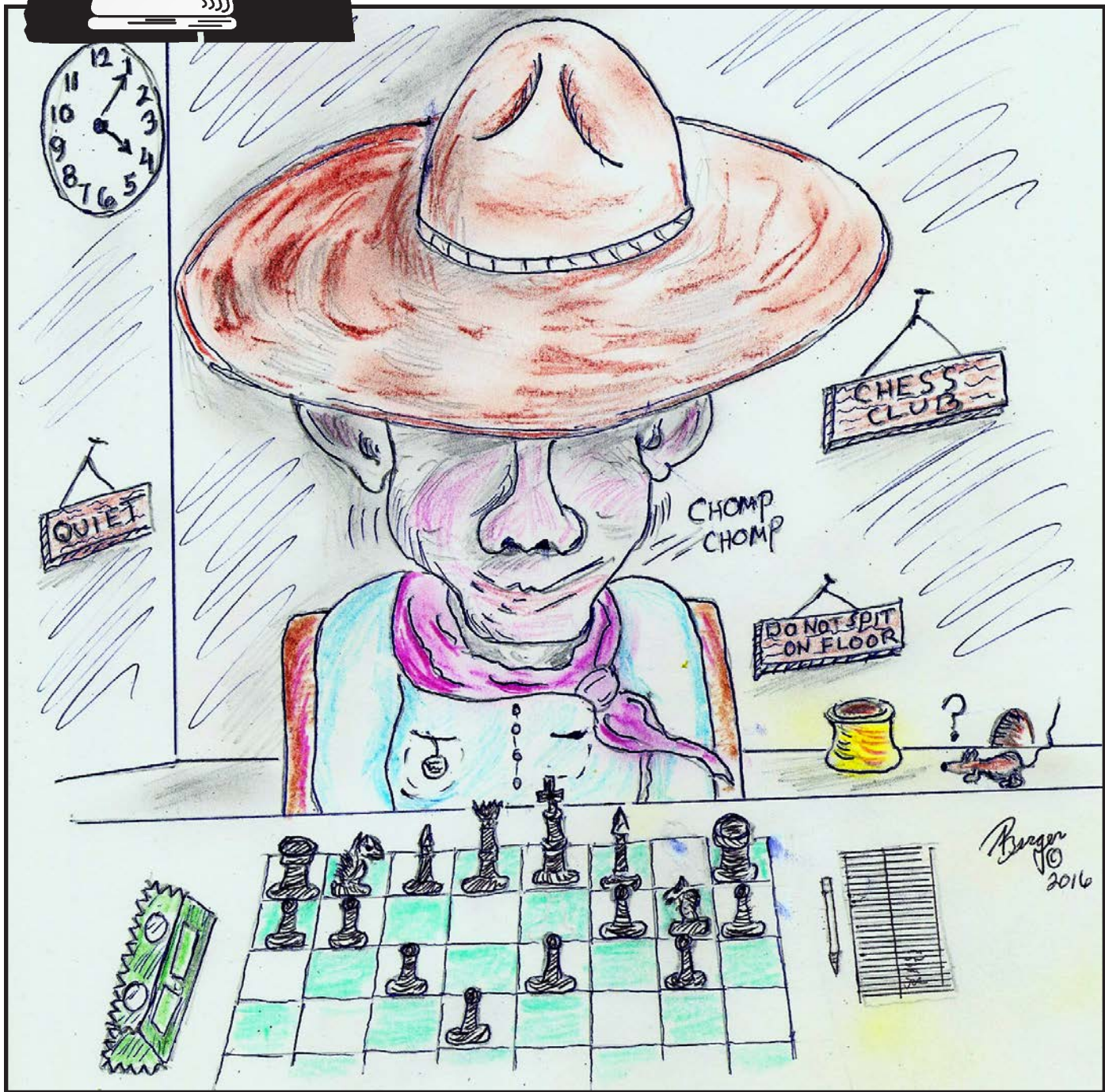




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OREGON CHESS NEWS

MAY 2016 PCC QUAD 45

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — May 7, 2016

A Quad and a Small Swiss held the ten players who showed up for the Portland Chess Club's May Quad 45—not a large crowd, but an enthusiastic one. Amongst the ten were some new faces for this monthly tournament, usually held at mid-month, but this month held on the seventh, so as not to conflict with other scheduled events.

Heading the Quads (and immediately thereafter a blitz tournament, which was not held this time because of a lack of players) were as usual, the team of Mike & Mike—better known to those who regularly attend this and other tournaments held at the club as Chief TD Micah Smith and Chief Assistant TD Mike Lilly—a powerhouse pair of pairing partners!

In the Small Swiss, one of those new faces, Wesley Garretson (Unrated-1467P), showed that his previous, mostly online play, prepared him enough



(L) Dave Prideaux vs James Bean. Photo credit: Brian Berger

to become a real-world, provisional C-player, by scoring a win against Dave Prideaux (1236-1213—0.0/3) and a draw against the second place winner, James Tsai (1550-1565—2.5/3).

Winning first place in the same section was James Bean (1622-1637), who turned in a perfect score, allowing him a \$10 discount on his next entry and the choice of a chess book. (It seems to me that, if anyone needs a free chess book at these tournaments, it should go to the big loser—just saying.) And James Tsai, mentioned above, also received a discount on his next entry, which was \$5 for his second place effort.

Turning to the Quad that was reserved for the four highest-rated players (me included this time, as the really big competition seemingly had something better to do), it was the young Ethan Wu (1803-1809—2.0/3) and the cagey Chris Burris (1778-1788—2.0/3) who tied for first, each receiving his choice of a chess book and \$5 off a future entry fee.

In addition to the above prizes, Wu was also awarded a medal for being a Scholastic player. Scholastic players who tie for first in their section with at least 1.5 points can receive a medal to show or wear, a small trophy if they win or tie with at least 2.5 points, or the “Big Enchilada” trophy for a 3.0 points win.

Having to settle for a tie for third-fourth (a category that in this tournament carries no prizes, and would not normally be



(L) Chief Asst. TD Mike Lilly and Chief TD Micah Smith. Photo credit: Brian Berger



Mike Hasuike. Photo credit: Brian Berger

mentioned, but for the fact that it was me who tied) was Isaac Vega (1715-1704—1.0/3) and Brian “Just Glad To Be Here” Berger (1690-1684—1.0/3). And it seems our only claim to fame was Vega beating Burris in round one, and my beating Vega in round three.

Personally, a couple of losses in this higher-rated section can easily be tolerated—it’s the lost games to underrated Munchkins that hurt the most. That said, I hope the next Quad 45 has plenty of higher-rated players as well as Munchkins.

2ND ANNUAL ROSE CITY SECTIONALS

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — May 14-15, 2016

They just kept coming, and coming, and coming, until 40 players and a number of parents had squeezed themselves within the normally ample confines of the Portland Chess Club, there for the 2nd Annual Rose City Sectionals. Compared to its debut last year, when 25 players showed to sample this Game 120 (this year with a 15 second delay), this was quite an increase.

Overseeing this gathered mass of anxious chess aficionados was that popular TD team of Mike & Mike—Chief TD Micah Smith and Assistant Chief TD Mike Lilly, whose tandem officiating keeps things running smoothly and on time. And as an extra perk was the before tournament talk

of Mr. Lilly, who has now got his spiel down to a science, wherein he enumerates the pitfalls of not following tournament etiquette (cell phones off or you could forfeit your first born) and other such threats that have the crowd rolling on the floor with laughter.

One in attendance who did a considerable amount of rolling (and not just at the vaudevillian performance of Mr. Lilly) was the always popular to have around Morgan The Dog, who coaxed his live-in companion, Jerrold “I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It Is Over” Richards, to enter this year’s Sectionals. And oddly enough Richards (1457-1483—2.0/4) was in one of his more coherent moments, enabling him to take a game from James Bean (1637-1616—2.0/4) and another from Arliss Dietz (1500-1500—0.5/4), causing one to believe there is still hope for Richards to achieve his life’s goal.

Because there was only one player registered to play in the U1500 section (talk about odd), Geoff Kenway (1295-1314—2.0/4), that section was combined with the U1700, making it the U1700/1500 section, Geoff agreeing to play in this cobbled together gathering, while guaranteed to take home the U1500 prize of \$135. One would call this a win-win situation, no matter Kenway’s

Oregon Senior Chess Championship July 9-10, 2016 Sponsored by Oregon Chess Federation

Type: 5-round USCF-rated Swiss. **Time Control:** Game in 2 hours, 5 second delay (G/120; d5).

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\$1000 based on 40 paid entries

1st \$200; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50. U1800, U1600, U1400 each: 1st \$100; 2nd \$50

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Winner gets free entry to next year’s tournament and name inscribed on perpetual trophy



(L) Karl Wallulis vs Ethan Wu. Photo credit: Brian Berger

final result. It has to be the easiest \$135 bucks anyone ever made in the history of the Portland Chess Club's hundreds of tournaments!

A plus for the other winners of their sections was the extra \$75 reserved for whomever took second in the U1500. As no one was eligible for that money, it was decided to use it to increase the winners' take in the other sections.

Along with Richards giving a passable performance in the U1700, there was a three-way tie for first and second, with Greg Markowski (1595-1623), Michael Olson (1562-1593) and Mike Hasuike (1518-1610), achieving 3.0/4 points and splitting the winnings to the tune of \$78.50 each—Hasuike giving one of his best performances in a while by beating a couple of 1600+ players and drawing his other two games, adding 92 points to his own rating.

Jumping upwards at this point to the U1900 section, there were eight players vying for the spoils, with the highest rated

being Moshe Rachmuth (1891-1913—3.5/4). His 3.5 points were enough to win the first place prize of \$155, and to just edge out Nicholas Hawkins (1816-1840—3.0/4), whose 3.0 points secured him second place and \$100.

Incidentally, Hawkins was one of a number of players to drive long distances to participate in these Sectionals, his home being Boise, Idaho. I had the pleasure of playing him (I lost) to a tough endgame, and he expressed how much of a pleasure it was to meet the guy who writes part of the Oregon section for *Northwest Chess*, and to see in person an Oregon celebrity, Morgan The Dog.

Now you might at this point be asking yourself why a 1684 player (me) would be playing in the U1900 section? And the answer would be because it was "there," and it only cost \$5 more to play in a section above your rating. But the other reason I chose to play up was that I felt I could do well there (after all, I had honed my skills playing unrated and underrated nine and ten-year olds, and figured 1700

and 1800 players would be a breeze after that!). And although I won no prizes, I validated my belief by drawing a 1776 and an 1891 player while also managing to win against a tough 1756 player—my reward? 23 additional rating points and the reaching of a personal best by becoming a 1700+ player.

Now that I have tooted my own horn, it is time to look at the Open section, where Karl Cosner (1921-2004—3.5/4), who has relocated to the area and recently became active again on the tournament scene, took first place and \$170 in a field of 12 players—many of them pretty tough customers, the toughest of whom was Lennart Bjorksten (2174-2149—2.0/4). But to give you an idea of what I mean by "tough customers," Bjorksten could do no better than come in sixth best.

In fact, the competition was so fierce they needed a doctor in the house to see to wounded pride. Unfortunately, it was Dr. Eric Pacini (1951P-2008P—3.0/4), who was himself dealing out a good portion of those wounds. Having not played in



(L) Mike Morris vs Raymond Fletcher III. Photo credit: Brian Berger

a rated event in nearly three years, the doctor (still a provisional player) showed himself to be more a “Grim Reaper” than a “Dr. Kildare,” taking second place and adding \$115 to his yearly income.

An added prize to this year’s Open section was for the best U2100 player, which went to Mike Morris (2086-2076—2.5/4) and H.G. Pitre (1861-1919—2.5/4) on a tie, each awarded \$32.50 of the prize fund. Pitre, originally entered into the U1900 section, was flexible enough to move up to the Open so that both sections would have an even number of players.

As mentioned earlier, Geoff Kenway, as the only entree in the U1500 section, took home the \$135 first place prize, which leaves only the U1300 left to cover. This section also saw an added prize this year, that for the best U1100 player. As was explained by Chief TD Micah Smith, both the Open and U1300 sections usually have a greater range of ratings, so these additional prizes offer a better chance of winning a bit of recognition and money.

Another plus is that this tournament, like the Quad 45 played monthly at the Portland Chess Club, was rated as a Grand Prix event as an extra incentive to draw in scholastic players, and this year saw a greater number attend than last year. And heading the list of winners in this section was Roshen Nair (1303-1327—3.5/4), who took the top prize of \$115, together with a trophy. Following close behind was second place winner Chris Alfred (979-1155—3.0/4), who with 3.0/4 points, earned \$65 and gained

176 rating points!

Last to gain a prize in this section was Denis Gurcan (Unrated-1054P—1.0/4), whose one point was enough to capture the U1100, earning him a \$45 cash prize and a trophy, and giving him his first provisional rating.

**Stephen J. Buck (1705) –
Moshe Rachmuth (1891) [A23]**
Rose City Sectionals Portland, OR
(R3), May 15, 2016
[*Moshe Rachmuth*]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Nf3 e4 5.Nd4 d5 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.d3 exd3

7...Qb6 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Be3 is Timman-Botterill, England-Netherlands Match, Vilssengen 1970. After 9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 Bxe3 11.fxex3 bxc6 the position is equal.

8.Qxd3 Be7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.a3 Re8 N

11...Qa5 12.Bf4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Be6 14.Qd3 Rfd8 15.Nb5 Bf5 16.Qxf5 with a small advantage for White, Hausner Ivan 2395 — Neckar Lubomir 2354, Czechoslovakia 1969 Ch Czechoslovakia (under 26).

12.e3

As early as after 3.g3 I did not remember what I was supposed to do so between moves three and eleven I played as if the sky was about to fall on me. After White’s twelfth move, however, I felt the position was equal because the pawn on e3 limits White’s dark square bishop. Houdini suggests 12.Be3 with a small edge for White. 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Qb5 Nc4 14.Bf4.

12...Bg4 13.b4

13.h3!? 13...Bh5?! (13...Be6 14.Nxe6) 14.f4.

13...Rc8= 14.Bb2?!

14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bb2

14...Ne5



Position after 14...Ne5

This is where the game becomes interesting. Black allows White’s queen entrance to the pirate cave on the northwest corner of the board.

15.Qb5?

And she steps in. After 15.Qc2 Ne4 16.h3 White’s position is passive but completely defendable. Instead, the queen goes for the gold.

15...Nc4

And the door shuts behind her.

16.Bc1

Somewhat better was 16.Qxb7 Nxb2 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5, but humans don’t just leave bishops for the grabs so White retreats the bishop before capturing on b7.

16...Bd7 17.Qxb7 Nd6!

Threatening both the queen in the northwest cave and the passer-by on c3.

18.Qxa7 Rxc3

The opening ended well for Black who won a knight for two pawns. Nevertheless, those pawns are connected and passed so the game is far from over.

19.a4

It would have been better to play 19.Qa6 and let the queen breathe some fresh air on d3 or e2.

19...Rc7 20.Qa6 Nc4

Once again, the c4 trap door is closed.

21.b5 Bc8 22.Qa8

Here I contemplated forever if I should continue with Qd6 or Qd7. The truth (told to me later by Houdini) is that both are winning so I just wasted a lot of time and energy.

22...Qd7 23.Nc6!?

This is losing but so is the computer’s

suggestion for White: 23.Nb3 Bd6 24.Ra2 Ra7 25.Qc6 Qe7 26.b6 Bd7 27.Qxd6 Qxd6 28.bxa7 Ra8.

23...Bc5

Taking control of a7 in preparation for 24...Bb7.

24.Nb8!

This is still losing but at least White is not the only one parting with his queen — and it adds to the Northwest motif of White's game!

24...Qd6 25.Na6 Ra7!



Position after 25...Ra7

Simplifying and winning a second piece.

26.Qb8 Rxa6

The other knight falls, and the rest is technique.

27.Qxd6 Rxd6 28.a5 Bd7 29.b6 Bc6 30.Rd1 Ra8 31.Bd2 Nxd2 32.Rxd2 Bxb6 33.a6 Bc7 34.Bf1 Ra7 35.Rc2 Ne8 36.Rac1 Bd7 37.Rd2 g6 38.Rdc2 Kg7 39.Rb2 Rc6 40.Rd1 Be5 41.Ra2 Nc7 42.Ra5 Bf6 43.Kg2 Bc8 44.Be2 Bxa6 45.Bf3 Bf1+ 46.Kxf1 Rxa5 47.Kg2 Rc2 48.h4 Ra1 49.Rd3 Raa2 50.Bxd5 Nxd5 51.Rxd5 0-1

TO PE OR NOT TO PE?

By Moshe Rachmuth

Nicholas Hawkins (1816) –
Moshe Rachmuth (1891) [B07]
Rose City Sectionals Portland, OR
(R2), May 14, 2016
[Moshe Rachmuth]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f3 c6 5.Be3 Qb6 6.Rb1 Bg7 7.Qd2 h5 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.b4 Nb6?! 11.a4 e5?! 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.a5 Nbd7 14.Na4 0-0 15.Nc1 Rd8 16.Qf2 Bf8 17.0-0 c5 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 21.bxc5 Be6 22.Rxb7?!

22.a6! bxa6 23.Bxa6 Bc8 24.Bb5 a5 25.Nd3

22...Rdc8 23.Nb3 Nd7 24.Rb1 Nxc5?!

24...a6 25.Rb6 Nxc5 26.Bf1 Na4 27.Rxa6 Rxa6 28.Bxa6 Rxc2 29.Bf1 Nc3 30.Bd3 (30.Ra1 Bxb3 31.a6 Ba4 32.a7 Bc6 33.Ra6 Ba8 34.Rb6 Kg7 35.Rb8 Bc6



(L) Steven Buck vs Moshe Rachmuth. Photo credit: Brian Berger

36.Rb6) 30...Ra2

25.Nxc5 Rxc5 26.R1b5 Rxb5 27.Rxb5 f6 28.Rb7 h4 29.Kf2 g5 30.g3 hxg3+ 31.hxg3 Kf8 32.Ke3 Bf7 33.Rc7 Be6 34.Bb5 Rc8 35.Rxc8+?



Position after 35.Rxc8+

After pressing for almost thirty moves White lets Black get away with a draw. White would have won with 35.Rxa7 Rxc2 36.a6 Ra2 37.Rc7.

35...Bxc8

But the bishop endgame is a draw: Black will put his king on d6 and his bishop will control b5. After White pushes his c-pawn to c5 Black will keep his king on c7 and the bishop will prevent White's king from penetrating through either b5 or d5.

36.Kd3 Ke7 37.Kc3 Kd6 38.Kb4 Be6 39.c4 Bf7 40.c5+ Kc7 41.Bc4 Be8 42.Be6 Bc6 43.Kc4 Ba4 44.Kb4 Bc6 45.Bd5 Bd7

Since I was a pawn down I was waiting for him to make the draw offer.

46.a6 Be8 47.Bb7

But, instead, White offers we enter a pawn endgame with 47...Bc6. Would that be a good choice for Black? To PE or not To PE?

47...Bd7

Definitely not. After 47...Bc6?? 48.Bxc6 Kxc6 49.Kc4 White wins.

48.Kc4

To PE or not to PE?

48...Ba4

No. 48...Bc6?? 49.g4 or 49.Kb4 and White wins.

49.Kd3

To PE or not to PE?

49...Bb5+

Thanks for the offer but no. 49...Bc6?? 50.Bxc6 Kxc6 51.Kc4

50.Ke3

To PE or not to PE?



Position after 50.Ke3

50...Bc6

Yes! White's king is too far from the

queen side and the evaluation of the pawn endgame changes dramatically from “White wins” to “Black wins”.

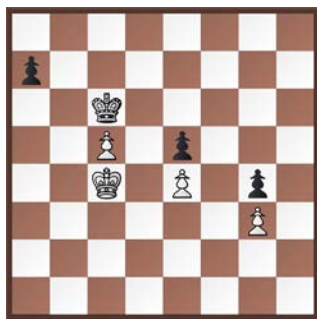
51.f4 g4

Just as winning are 51...Bxc6 and 51...gxf4+.

52.fxe5

52.Bxc6 Kxc6 53.Kd3 Kxc5 54.f5 Kb5 55.Kc3 Kxa6 56.Kb4 Kb6 57.Kc4 Kc6 58.Kb4 a5+

52...fxe5 53.Kd3 Bxb7 54.axb7 Kxb7 55.Kc4 Kc6 0-1



Final Position after 55...Kc6



(L) Hugo Hartig (standing) talking over the mysteries of the digital clock with Jerrold Richards. Photo credit: Brian Berger

MAY 2016 PCC GAME 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — May 21, 2016

It seemed an ideal Saturday for playing chess—chances of showers, a semi-gray overcast, with sunlight occasionally peeking through. Also, the word was out that Nick “The Raptor” Raptis was

back to take on all comers, after having not played in a Game 60 for some time. So a 15-player turnout was somewhat of a surprise, given that this event usually draws 30 or more participants.

Perhaps the scheduling of the event a week in advance so as not to conflict with the Washington Open was the reason for the less than expected turnout, many of the looked-for attendees having already

had other plans for the weekend. But those that did show seemed to have a fun afternoon while their counterparts, off doing whatever, missed their chance.

In the case of Brian “Just Glad To Be Here” Berger (1707-1677—1.0/4), I should have been off doing whatever, because whatever I was doing at this tournament was anything but chess. Recently elevated in rating to a personal best of 1707, I came ready for bear. Unfortunately, three of the bears I met smelled me a mile away as easy prey. The first being papa bear, better known as Nick “The Raptor” Raptis (2374-2378—4.0/4), who not only devoured me (metaphorically, that is), but munched his way through ALL the competition, securing the top prize of \$45 for his four-victim feast.

Not overly disturbed by being mauled by papa bear, as I had expected as much, I did however feel the bites of lesser bears—Ethan Wu (1771-1772—2.0/4) and Michael Moore (1532-1547—2.0/4), bears I thought I had a chance against in one-on-one combat, but who both outfoxed me (I know, I know, a mixed-metaphor, but feels appropriate here). Only when I was paired with a bear near my age, whom I had met and in previous encounters, Hugo Hartig (1500-1500—1.5/4), and whose growl and bite (much like mine) have lost their fierceness over the years, was I able to obtain a victory.

The only lesser bear on the scene than me was Jerrold “ I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It’s Over” Richards (1483-1463—



(L) Isaac Vega vs Max Moore-Billings. Photo credit: Brian Berger



(L) Hugo Hartig vs Chris Burris. Photo credit: Brian Berger

0.5/4), whose half a point came from a bye. But to be candidly fair about this, he and Morgan The Dog could only stick around for two games (enough time for Morgan to get his belly rubs from adoring fans), and then were off to Port Townsend for the annual Rhododendron Festival.

Other bears to show their fangs were Jason Cigan (2156-2156—3.0/4), Phil Seitzer (2108-2109—3.0/4 and Alex

Grom (1852-1872—3.0/4), who all tied for second place with 3.0 points each, while also splitting the third place prize fund—enough bread to give each \$17.50 in crumbs. Ahh, the rewards of success!

The U1800 went to Chris Burris (1788-1782—2.5/4), an always dangerous bear, who took back to his den \$26.25—which I am sure was carefully counted (he is also a lawyer) and put away for a winter



(L) Jon Strohheln vs Alex Grom. Photo credit: Brian Berger

day when forage is scarce—lawyer bears are the only ones who do not hibernate during the winter.

Lastly, the U1500 prize was pocketed by newcomer Max Moore-Billings (Unrated-1020P—0.0/4) who, although he did not win a game, was the only player entered in the U1500 category, and thus was a shoe-in for the \$26.25 set aside for the winner—the money, I'm sure, easing the pain of his first tournament performance.

In charge of the 15-player field was Chief TD Lennart Bjorksten and Assistant TD Mike Lilly who, with the help of Steven Deeth (in training as an Assistant TD), kept the carnage to a minimum (no bodies were later found), and made sure no bears went away surly.

CHess HISTORY — 60 YEARS AGO

By Russell "Rusty" Miller

Portland, OR — May 22, 2016

While taking pictures at Portland Chess Club at the May G/60 event I noticed some old *Chess Review* magazines that were free for the taking. Thought it would be interesting to see what editor I. A. Horowitz was writing about 60 years ago in the July 1956 issue of *Chess Review*, the picture chess magazine, Volume 24 issue 7.

The subscription rate back then was \$5.50 for a year. The cover photo this month was of a chess set at a mechanical-handling exhibition in London. The pieces were so large that a five ton crane was used to move them. Pretty young lady was sitting in the middle of the board.

Fred Reinfeld did an article on the 1859 Evans Gambit game between Paul Morphy and J. Lowenthal.

The magazine listed correspondents for it from many of the states, Washington had J. S. Dewitt. No one for Oregon or Idaho.

Match victory by Paul Keres over Wolfgang Unzicker by a 6-2 score, four wins and four draws by victor Keres. Alberic O'Kelly de Galway won the 42 player Bognor Regis event with an 8-2 score. An international tournament in Dresden, East Germany ended in a first place tie at 12-3 for both Averbach and Cholmov. F. Olafsson won an Iceland international tournament at 8-1 ahead of two Soviets. *Chess Review* does a lot of postal chess events. Leon Stolzenberg won the fifth annual Golden Knights with 44 out a possible 46.2 points. He

had won the third annual event. Glen W. Buckendorf of Idaho was one of players in the final section. The US Chess amateur championship was won on tie-break by John Hudson of Philadelphia, others with the 5.5-0.5 score were Harry Lyman and John N. Cotter. Event was held in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

A report from California says the South lead by grandmaster I. Kashdan topped the North, 35.5-31.5.

The Minnesota junior championship was won by 18-year-old Glen Proechel with 5-0. Fourteen players took part. There were reports from several other states. James Schroeder, who now lives in Vancouver, Washington, was the co-champion of Columbus Ohio. No reports from Pacific NW states. No tournament calendar listings either for this area. There were reports on foreign events also. The 72nd annual match between Oxford and Cambridge in Great Britain was won by Oxford. The series is even. An audience of 1,000 spectators was reported to have watched Rudolfo Cardoso become the first national junior champion in the Phillipines. In the Soviet Union, Mark Taimanov won the 1956 USSR championship with a tie-breaking play-off win over Averbakh and Spassky.

Irving Chernev did an article, "The Russians Play Chess," by doing notes on a 1937 game between Rueben Fine of USA and A. Tehistkov, a Dutch Defense. The game of the month article was done by former World Champion Dr. Max Euwe. The game covered was Vassily Smyslov vs Dr. Miroslav Filip from the Challengers Tournament held in Amsterdam, a Ruy Lopez. Walter Korn did the "Spotlight On Openings" article.

Fred M. Wren did a "Tales Of A Woodpusher" article called "Amateur Sleuthing" about finding chess players. "A Short History Of Chess" by Henry A. Davidson is an article about "Pawns, Peasants and Peons." It includes pictures of a couple of chess sets.

Hans Kmoch does the section called "Games From Recent Events." This month has Smyslov vs Bronstein from the Challengers' Tournament and Smyslov vs Geller from the same event plus a Smyslov win over Spassky. USA games in this section are Louis Levy vs Arthur Bisquier and Max Pavay vs Herbert Seidman.

There are three chess problems in this issue.

Horowitz does the "How To Win in The Ending" article. This one is on bishop vs knight. There is a full page of "10 Chess Quiz," diagrams from practical middle game play with solutions.

John W. Collins did notes to four postal chess games and since this a magazine with a postal chess bent there are a lot of postal chess results but mostly last names so I can not tell about PNW players who might have been mentioned.

"The Book Of The Month" is "The Macmillan Handbook Of Chess" by Horowitz and Reinfeld.

SUMMER CAMPS

By Sarah McCoy

Like other summer camps, chess camps provide an experience that is both relaxed and intensive, with a balanced mix of instruction, live games, and free time. By doing chess throughout the day, all week, participants get to delve more deeply into theory and tactics, and often get valuable, individualized feedback from instructors. Just as importantly, they get to hang out with friends who share their love of chess, and get plenty of opportunity to play new opponents and learn from those games.

There are quite a few options for those living in the Portland metro area. Pete Prochaska and his team of instructors are offering camps for beginner and intermediate players at a variety of locations, including Sunset Presbyterian

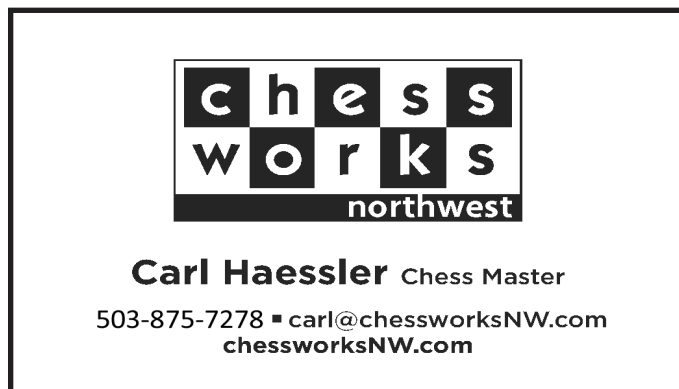
(July 11-15, August 1-5, and August 15-19), Evergreen Presbyterian (June 27-July 1 and August 22-26) and Mittleman Jewish Community Center (August 8-12, half days). There is also one camp for more advanced players (rated 1000 or higher) that will take place July 18-22 at Evergreen Presbyterian. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.chessodyssey.com/Summer-Camp-Schedule.html>

Another option in the Portland area is provided by Mozek Games, which will run camps at West Hills Christian School. Their two camps will take place July 25-29 and/or August 8-12. Beginners will learn basic tactics, principles, and opening themes, while intermediate players will receive instruction on typical middlegame strategies, frequent tactics, and endgame techniques. Online registration is available at <http://mozekgames.com/classes/chess/>

Oregon Episcopal School will also offer camps taught by Mozek Games. The half-day beginner camp (mornings) and intermediate camp (afternoons), both for grades 1-8, will begin on June 27 and end on July 1. To learn more, visit <http://summer.oes.edu/camp/>

Chess Wizards, a Chicago-based company that now offers classes in multiple cities across the country, will run a chess camp at Franciscan Montessori Earth School in Portland during the weeks of June 20-24 and August 8-12. Participants will receive a free chess board and t-shirt. For more information, visit <http://chesswizards.com/site/location/view/oregon>

Students who live in or near Eugene can take advantage of the camps offered by Southside Chess, which are run by Jerry Ramey and his son Forrest Ramey. The Kings Camp, for beginner/intermediate players, will take place July 25-29, and the Masters Camp will be held August 8-12, both at Oak Hill School. More details are available at <http://www.southsidechess.com/camps.html>



66th Annual Oregon Open

September 3-5, 2016

\$10,000 Guaranteed

Sponsored by the Portland Chess Club and Oregon Chess Federation

FORMAT: 6-round Swiss in three sections, Open, U2000, U1600. Official September USCF ratings generally used. Unofficial USCF ratings or foreign ratings (with adjustment if necessary) used for players with no official USCF rating. Choice of 3-day and 2-day schedules. Two half point byes are available if requested before round 1.

TIME CONTROL: 40/120,SD/30;d5, first three rounds of the 2-day schedule played at G/60;d5. Bring digital clocks as well as sets and boards (none supplied).

3-DAY SCHEDULE: on-site registration Saturday 9-10:30 am. Rounds-Saturday 11am & 5pm; Sunday 10am & 6pm; Monday 9:30am & 3:30pm.

2-DAY SCHEDULE: on-site registration Sunday 8-8:45 am; Rounds-Sunday 9am, 11:30am, 2pm, then merge with 3-day schedule for round 4 at 6pm.

ENTRY FEE: \$100 if entry form and fee is received by September 1, \$120 after and on-site. Free entry to GM's and IM's (\$100 deducted from any prizes). Juniors under 19 in the U1600 section may pay a lower rate (\$25 if pre-registered by September 1, \$35 after and on-site) and compete for trophy prizes. Players in the 3-day may withdraw and re-enter into the 2-day by paying \$100. **USCF & OCF/WCF/ICA** memberships required (OSA).

RATED: All sections USCF rated. Open section also FIDE rated except for the first three rounds of the 2-day schedule. FIDE rules used in the Open section (including the first 3-rounds of the 2-day schedule; see the PCC website for the USCF-FIDE rule differences) USCF rules used in the other sections.

OPEN SECTION PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD: \$2000-1000-500; **U2200**: \$500-300-200

U2000 SECTION PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD: \$1000-600-400; **U1800**: \$500-300-200

U1600 SECTION PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD: \$500-300-200; **U1400**: \$500-300-200

U1200: \$300 **UNR**: \$200

Unrated players are limited to place prizes in Open section and unrated prize in U1600 section. Any player winning \$600 or more must complete IRS form with SSN before payment. Foreign players are subject to IRS withholding. Juniors in the U1600 section who would have won money but chose the lower entry fee option will instead receive a trophy. The money prize then goes to the next eligible player.

OTHER: Northwest Chess Grand Prix event; qualifier for the Oregon State Championship, Oregon Invitational Tournament, and OSCF State Championship

SIDE EVENTS: Scholastic-see information on the PCC website. **Blitz**-registration Sunday 3-3:20pm, play starts at 3:30pm. One section, 5-round double Swiss, G/3;d2, \$20 entry fee, USCF blitz rated, USCF membership required, 80% of entries returned as prizes; 1st 35%; 2nd 20%; U1900 15%, U1500 10%. The higher of a player's USCF regular and blitz rating is generally used. **OCF membership meeting**-Sunday at 4pm.

LOCATION: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232. A limited number of rooms are available at special chess rate (mention tournament); single or double occupancy \$99 plus tax. Reserve early, 1-800-996-0510. Free parking.

Name (First, Last) _____ ½ pt. Bye Requests _____

USCF ID _____ USCF Expiration _____ OCF/WCF/ICA Expiration _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Circle Section & Schedule: Open 3-day Open 2-day U2000 3-day U2000 2-day U1600 3-day U1600 2-day

Send entry form with check or money order payable to Portland Chess Club to Mike Morris: 2344 NE 27th Ave, Portland, OR, 97212

IDAHO CHESS NEWS

BOISE CHESS FESTIVAL

Boise, ID—June 4, 2016

The fifth annual Boise Chess Festival (BCF) was held at the Library! Plaza Business Mall in Boise, Idaho on June 4, 2016. As has been the case since the first event back in 2012, entry to all events at the festival were completely free to the public. Food and prizes at the various events were donated by local businesses and sponsors. The BCF, the dream child of Julie Nahlen, is an annual event happening on the first Saturday of June.

The Boise Chess Festival is an opportunity for show and tell; It is a chance for chess friends to come together and remember and reminisce about old stories and good times.

Chip Ruberry shared a story about the late Idaho Chess Association President and former Idaho State Chess Champion Stewart Sutton. He brought a chess set in a Crown Royal bag that had a rook that his dog had chewed with his teeth many years ago, and he subsequently got rid of that dog!

Jeremy Fugal brought a mate-in-nine (or so...) puzzle that he had set up on a board for people to try to solve. The only problem was that the display sign called it "mate in four" which threw some people off from the correct solution.

Caleb Kircher brought some of his trophies and game analysis of some of his best and most memorable games and shared these.

SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITIONS

This year's Boise Chess Festival began at 10:00 AM with three simultaneous exhibitions given concurrently by three of Idaho's best chess players, FM David Lucky, NM Jaime Crosby, and 18-time Idaho State Champion Larry Parsons.

Before the simuls began Larry Parsons had this to say: "I'm fairly rusty, but hopefully most of the strong players are going to play David Lucky and the other master. That's what I'm hoping! (Laughs.) But anyway I'm looking forward to it. You know chess is such a wonderful game and sport."



Arial view of the Lucky simul. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

NM Jaime Crosby had this to say, "I'm very excited to be here helping and playing with all the kids and everyone so we're going to have a beautiful day!"

Jeremy Fugal shared some of his thoughts before the David Lucky Simul, "Last time I played him in a simul I checked my game on the computer. I actually had a winning position; he sacrificed a piece and it was unsound. Of course I should have taken the piece, instead I believed him and didn't take it..."

Cody Gorman had this to say, "I don't know. I don't know! (Laughs.)" This is likely just a natural reaction to having a video camera put on him and being expected to impart words of wisdom.

Larry Parsons played his simul outside in the great outdoors. Jaime Crosby played his simul in the advance student's playing room of Master's Academy in the mall. David Lucky's simul was held in the center of the mall due to the huge popularity of the FIDE Master in our chess community and was increased from 12 to 20 boards.

**Larry R. Parsons –
Chip Ruberry [A34]**
Boise Chess Festival Parsons Simul
Boise, ID, June 4, 2016
[Chip Ruberry]

**1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.Bg2 Nxc3 6.bxc3 g6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.0-0
Bg7 9.Rb1 Rb8 10.Qc2 Be6 11.d3 0-0
12.Be3**

Better for White is Bf4 attacking Blacks rook and winning a pawn possibly.

**12...c4 13.Rfd1 Qc8 14.Nd4 cxd3
15.Qxd3 Rd8?**

More equal was ...Bxa2.

16.Qb5 Nxd4

Black should play ...Bxa2.

17.cxd4 a6

Again Black should play ...Bxa2 for equality.

18.Qa4

18.Qa5 is good too.

18...Bd5

18...b5 is slightly better gaining space and pushing the queen back again.

19.Rb6

19...Qf5 is more active for Black.

19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qc3??

20...Qd7 trying to exchange queens or 20...Qf5 is much stronger.



Position after 20...Qc3

21.Rc1

Black resigns although there is some interesting counter-play with 21...Rxd4 22.Rxb7 Ra8 23.Ra7 Rf8 24.Qxa6 Qb2 25.Rxe7 Rdd8 26.Rcc7 Qf6. Black is still down two points here and barely holds on.

1-0

In the David Lucky simul two games were draws: James Inman, Nampa, and Cody Gorman, Eagle. One game was won by Caleb Kircher, Meridian, in his first-ever win over David Lucky.

David Lucky – James Inman [B10]

Boise Chess Festival Lucky Simul
Boise, ID, June 4, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 c6 2.e4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5 Nf6
5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.Bc4 Nxc3 7.Qf3 e6 8.dxc3
Bd6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Bb3 0-0 11.Ne2 Nd7
12.Nd4 Ne5 13.Qe2 a6 14.0-0 Bd7
15.Rad1 Ng6 16.Qh5 Nf4 17.Qf3 Rad8
18.Bc2

18.Rfe1

18...g6 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Bb3



Position after 20.Bb3

20...Nd5?!



James Inman. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

20...e5!? 21.Bxf4 (21.g3? e4! 22.Qh1 Nh3+⌘) 21...exf4 22.h4 Bc5 looks fairly balanced.

21.Bxd5?!

21.Bg5! Rb8 22.g3 Nb6±

21...exd5 22.Bg5 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Re8
24.Rxe8+ Bxe8 25.g3 Bc6 26.Qe3 Bf8
27.Bf6 Qd6 28.Be5 Qe7 29.Qf4 Bd7
30.Kg2 Bg7 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.h4 Qe4+
33.Qxe4 dxe4 34.f3 exf3+ 35.Kxf3 f5
36.c4 Kf6 37.Ke3 h6 38.b4 g5 39.b5 axb5
40.cxb5 Ke5 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Nf3+ Kf6
43.a4 Be6 44.Kd4 b6 45.Ne5 f4 46.gxf4
gxf4 47.Ke4 f3 48.Nxf3 Bb3 49.a5 bxa5
50.b6



Position after 50.b6

50...Ke6! 51.Nd4+ Kd6 52.Nxb3 Kc6
53.Nxa5+ Kxb6

A remarkably error-free game, under the circumstances.

1/2-1/2

David Lucky – Cody Gorman [D13]

Boise Chess Festival Lucky Simul
Boise, ID, June 4, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 cxd5
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Qb6 7.Na4 Qa5+



Cody Gorman. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

8.Bd2 Qc7 9.Rc1 e6 10.e3 Bd6 11.Bd3
0-0 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bxe4 dxe4



Position after 13...dxe4

14.Ng5?

14.Ne5!?, because 14...Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qxe5∞ pits White's better development, better bishop, and eventual pressure on e4 against Black's extra pawn.

14...Bxh2+?

14...f5⌘ White's g5-knight will need some time to return to meaningful action.

15.Kh1 Qe7 16.Qh5 h6 17.Nxe4 Bc7
18.Nac3

18.f4!?

18...f5 19.Nc5 b6 20.Nb3 Ba6 21.Rfd1
Nb4?!

21...Rac8 favors Black's bishop-pair.



Position after 21...Nb4

22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.Bxb4 Qxb4

23...Bd6

24.Rxc7 Rac8 25.Rxa7 Be8

25...Ra8

26.Qe2 Bb5 27.Qd2?!

27.Qf3±

27...Qc4

27...Qxd2 28.Rxd2 Rf7 Black has good chances to hold this ending, despite the pawn deficit.

28.Rc1 Qd5 29.Qb4?!

29.Rc3±

29...Rxc1+ 30.Nxc1 f4!

[Diagram top of next page]

31.f3??

31.e4! Qh5+ 32.Kg1 Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Be8!⌘



Position after 30...f4

Black threatens to get quite a lot of major piece activity around the white king with ...f3 shortly, and threats to g7 are easily parried. But this is better than the game move, which should simply lose.

31...fxe3 32.Qe7 Qxd4 33.Qxe6+ Kh8 34.Re7 Qh4+ 35.Kg1 Qf2+ 36.Kh2 Bf1?

36...Rf4+

37.Qg4 Rg8?!

37...Qxb2

38.Nb3??

38.Re6±



Position after 38.Nb3

38...Qxb2??

38...Bxg2!! 39.Qg3 (39.Qxg2 Qh4+ 40.Kg1 Qxe7+) 39...Bxf3+ 40.Qxf2 exf2 41.Nd2 Rd8 42.Nf1 Rd1+

39.Rxe3 Qxa2 40.Nd4 Qd5 41.Nf5 Bd3 42.Ne7 Qd6+ 43.f4 Rf8 44.Rxd3 Qxe7 45.Rd7 Qf6

45...Rxf4 46.Qxf4 Qxd7 47.Qb8+ Kh7 48.Qxb6±

46.Rb7 Qxf4+

½-½

David Lucky –

Caleb Kircher [A43]

Boise Chess Festival Lucky Simul

Boise, ID, June 4, 2016

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 0–0 7.0–0 Na6 8.Nd2 Nc7

[Diagram top of next column]

9.Nc4?!

White counts on access to the c6-outpost to compensate for the pawn offered here,



Position after 8...Nc7

but it's a big gamble, with the details to be determined by obscure tactical points down the road. Securing the c4-square with 9.a4± looks safe and sound.

9...b5 10.Na5

10.Nd2±

10...b4 11.Nc6 Qd7 12.e5?!

12.Nb5 Nxe4 13.Nxc7 Qxc7 and it seems unlikely that White has enough compensation for the pawn.

12...bxc3 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.bxc3



Position after 14.bxc3

14...Bb7

14...e6! 15.Bh6 Nxd5 (15...Re8 16.c4) 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Na5 Nxc3+

15.Bh6?

15.Bf3 Bxc3 16.Rb1 Ba6 (16...Bxc6? 17.dxc6 Qe6 18.Rb7 with compensation.) 17.Rb3 Bxf1 18.Kxf1 Bf6 19.c4±

15...Nxd5 16.Bxf8?

16.Qxd5 Bxc6 (16...Qxc6 17.Qxc6 Bxc6 18.Bxf8∞) 17.Qd3 Rfb8 Black is close to winning.

16...Bxc6

16...Nxc3+

17.Bh6 Nxc3 18.Qe1 d5 19.Bf3 Bb5

20.Qd2

20.Bd2

20...Bxf1 21.Rxf1 Rd8 22.Re1 Qa4

23.Bg5 Qc6

23...d4+

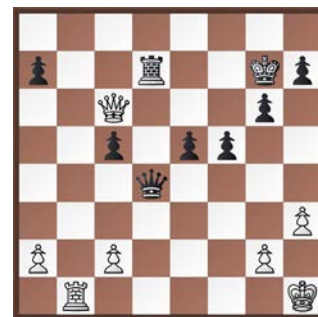
24.Qf4

24.h4

24...Qd6 25.Qh4 Ne4

25...Rb8

26.Bxe4 Bxg5 27.Qxg5 dxe4 28.h3 f5 29.Rb1 Kg7 30.Qe3 Rd7 31.Qa3 e5 32.Qa4 Qd4 33.Qc6 e3 34.fxe3 Qxe3+ 35.Kh1 Qd4



Position after 35...Qd4

36.Qe6

36.Rb7 Rxb7 37.Qxb7+ Kh6 38.Qxa7 Gives White some hope in the form of a passed a-pawn, though of course the position is still quite lost.

36...Rf7 37.c4 e4 38.a4 e3 39.a5 f4 40.a6 Qf6 41.Qe8 Qxa6 42.Qe5+ Qf6 43.Qxc5 e2 44.Qf2 f3 45.Kg1

45.gxf3 Qf5



Caleb Kircher. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

45...fxg2

45...Rd7

46.Qxf6+

46.Qxe2 Qf1+ 47.Rxf1 gxf1Q+ 48.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 49.Kxf1 Kf6+

46...Rxf6 47.Kxg2 Rf1 48.Rxf1 exf1Q+ 49.Kxf1 Kf6 50.Ke2 Ke5 51.Kd3 Kd6 0–1

THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH!

Free pizza, sandwiches, ice cream, root beer and water donated by local business sponsors were available to all at noon.

It is a very nice feature of the festival that one doesn't need to leave in order to eat. Volunteers serve the food and help with the cleanup. Much thanks goes to the sponsors who provide this to the public. For a complete list of those sponsors go to boisechessfestival.info.

UNRATED LIGHTNING (GAME/1)

At 1:00 PM was the Unrated Lightning (Game/1) tournament. That is—game in 60 seconds with no time delay!! This event was run by Julie Nahlen and there were some very unusual aspects to this competition.

The entire event was captured on video taken by Jeffrey Roland and it didn't last too long. It was a single-elimination event, and after two games ended in a tie for the playoff for second-third place, it was finally decided by a tie-break that



Justin Siek, James Wei, Temiloluwa Aderogba. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

was very unique to chess tournaments... "I'm thinking of a number between 1 and 10 and I've written it down on this piece of paper, go!"

Despite the appearance to the contrary, this was not a scholastic tournament. It was a single-elimination open tournament, and the adult players were "axed" in the first round, leaving only the kids (who on this occasion seemed to be able to handle this time control better than adults) to go the distance and fight it out for all the prizes.

Temiloluwa Aderogba emerged in first place, James Wei was second, and Justin Siek was third place. It was an incredibly fun event not only to play in, but also to watch.

RATED BLITZ

At 2:00-4:30 PM was the Blitz (US Chess Rated) event. This event was directed by Jeffrey Roland with assistance from Alise Pemsler and George Lundy. There were 25 players in this event, which was played as a five-round Swiss.

FM David Lucky (Eagle, 2377-2378) was first place with 5.0/5 points. Second-fifth place all tied at 4.0/5 points each with Caleb Kircher (Meridian, 1828-1841) being second on tie-break. Kevin Xu (Boise, 1116-1291) was third on tie-break. Cody Gorman (Eagle, 1818-1792) was fourth on tie-break. Finally, Andrea



Group photo of the Blitz tournament. Back row left to right: David Lucky, Jeffrey Roland (Tournament Director), Temiloluwa Aderogba, Celeste Hollist, Caleb Kircher, Jarod Buus, Cody Gorman, Jesse Olsen-Geyer, Raymond Bian, James Inman, Jeremy Fugal. Middle Row left to right: James Liu, Max Hollist, Kaleb VanderSys, Acacia Snyder, Kevin Xu, Justin He, Vedant Ranganathan. Next Row left to right: Sara Hollist, Andrea Chimenton, Miles Hollist. Front Row left to right: James Wei, Forrest Zeng, Everett Wilcox, Justin Siek Photo credit: Guohua Wei.

Chimenton (Boise, 1780P-1789P) was fifth on tie-break, but prizes only went down to fourth place.



FM David Lucky, winner of the Rated Blitz tournament. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

UNRATED BEGINNERS TOURNAMENT

At the same time of the Blitz tournament was the K-6 Unrated Beginners Tournament which was held outside in front of the mall. Alise Pemsler was the tournament director.

Winners of the K-3 Division were Micah VanderSys in first place with 3.5/5 points, Anna Li was second with 3.5/5 points, and Timothy Merrell was third place with 3.5/5 points.

In the K-6 Division, Jason Atwood was first place with 4.0/5 points, Seth Cardon was second with 3.5/5 points, and Kit Gorman was third place with 3.0/5 points.

OPEN TOURNAMENT

The final event was the Boise Chess Festival Open, a four-round US Chess-rated Swiss tournament. This event actually started somewhere around 7:30 PM and lasted until about 11:30 PM.

The tournament director was Alise Pemsler with George Lundy assisting. \$250.00 were given out as prizes (with free entry, this is a great deal for the players). There were 22 players in the event.

Caleb Kircher (1903-1909) and Jarod Buus (1741-1776) tied for first-second places with 3.5/4 points and winning \$95.00 each. There was a six-way tie for

third-eighth place between James Inman (1814-1803), Cody Gorman (1873-1867), Andrea Chimenton (1780P-1750P), George W. Lundy III (1568-1566), James Wei (1045-1105), and Raymond Botong Bian (423P-711P) with 3.0/4 points and each winning \$10.00.



George Lundy, Assistant TD of the Open tournament. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

INTERVIEW WITH JULIE NAHLEN

The following is a discussion/interview of event founder Julie Nahlen by Jeffrey Roland that was done June 4, 2016 at 8:21 PM while the Game/30 Open tournament was still in progress.

Jeffrey: Julie, what prompted you to have the idea to have a Boise Chess Festival and how did this come about?

Julie: It was 2012 and I wanted to bring awareness to the community that chess is extremely academic, it's fun, and it's for the whole family. So I put out a graphic art contest to all the schools in Idaho and I got one back, and there we have our graphic from Timberline High School. That's how we arrived at our graphic, and we've been doing this every since. It's been growing every year, and it's a kicker—and awesome sponsors.

Jeffrey: I recall finding on the Idaho Chess Association back in 2006, I believe it was, that I found this kid named Nathan Barry, and he was a kid in one of your tournaments, by the way, and I saw him working on Photoshop. And I asked him if he would design a logo, and with that logo all of a sudden I had this fantastic logo and then, "What am I going to do with it?!" So I had to come up with a

website and from then it snowballed. So this is awesome. Kids have no idea what just a little bit of art, a little bit of giving just a little thing like a logo or a drawing can actually then snowball into something much bigger.

Julie: Oh, I know. Yeah.

Jeffrey: So, you go around to the sponsors every year?

Julie: Mhmmm, yep, yep, and it just keeps growing bigger and bigger each year.

Jeffrey: Do you want to mention any of the sponsors by name?

Julie: Oh, golly, I would have to mention all of them and I can't... yeah, yeah, you know. They're all amazing. Everybody does a little bit. Some do a lot. And it just comes together.

Jeffrey: What is, I think I know the answer to this, but what is your favorite part of... like for instance you have Game in one, you have game in five, you have game in 30, you have giant chess, you have Simuls... What is your favorite, personal favorite?

Julie: All of it.

Jeffrey: Just like all of it?

Julie: All of it.

Jeffrey: Well, I have to tell you I just watched that video and oh, my gosh, next year maybe I'll learn how to play game in one because that is hilarious. (Laughs.) The stuff that can happen in one minute chess which, holy cow, a year ago I would not have thought this, but that is... seeing what I just saw, from what happened here today, uh, is hilarious. Kids jumping up and down, illegal moves everywhere, pieces going all over... and smack talk on top of it all...!

Julie: Yeah. (Laughs.) It's so fun. It's all fun. And I actually derive the most enjoyment by just sitting back and watching everyone else have a good time, that's where I get my satisfaction and my enjoyment.

Jeffrey: It seemed like the numbers were down this year although I think it's the funnest (sic) one I've ever seen. It's like people have no idea what they've missed!

Julie: Yeah, those that are supposed to be here are supposed to be here.

Jeffrey: Yeah, yeah, yeah.



Julie Nahlen. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

Julie: And that's okay. Yeah. The numbers are down because those people that were here I think they *really* enjoyed it.

Jeffrey: Oh, I'm pretty sure everybody that was here this year will be back next year.

Julie: Mhmmm.

Jeffrey: And uh, like I said I don't know, I won't go on record as saying I will, but maybe I'll learn how to play one minute... You need somebody to practice with and I can't find people... See, kids can find other kids wanting to play game in one, adults don't want to do that. (Laughs.)

Julie: But see that's what I trained James to do since he was five.

Jeffrey: Yeah.

Julie: Yeah, so it doesn't surprise me that he took second.

Jeffrey: So, we're definitely going to have one next year?

Julie: As far as I know. Yeah, they keep getting bigger and bigger. Yeah. And my sponsors are just more generous each year. It's amazing.

Jeffrey: Very good.

Julie: Yeah, it's an entire community that's getting behind this so it's imperative that all of the families thank our sponsors by soliciting their businesses and just dropping the name—The Boise Chess Festival. Thank you for sponsoring because it wouldn't happen if it were not for our generous local sponsors.

Jeffrey: Mhmmm. Okay. Yeah. And you know, they won't know that we like it unless we tell them.

Julie: That's what I mean. And it comes from the people. You know... the people.

Jeffrey: So, there is a website that people can look to see a list of the sponsors.

Julie: Right. Yes, boisechessfestival.info.

Jeffrey: Okay, and is that always going to be updated like even next year...

Julie: Oh, yeah. Mhmmm. In fact, if you go to boisemastersacademy.com you can see last year's entire listing of everything. You know, our schedule, everything that we did. And then I'll upload this year's to Master's Academy as well. So we'll have a history.

Jeffrey: I want to thank you as editor of the magazine that you thought highly enough of us to advertise in *Northwest Chess* with a full page ad... Any regrets?

Julie: No, I don't regret it.

Jeffrey: It's money well spent then?

Julie: Oh, absolutely, because I don't know where everybody learns about it... from... I don't know, but it doesn't matter. I mean, if they come...

Jeffrey: Well, oddly enough, I learned about chess in Boise (in 1980) from a old, worn-out, yellowed flyer posted on a vacated out of business store because I was playing with a rubber ball with my friend in high school and about smacked into this post... and there it was—The

Boise Chess Club. And before that moment, neither my friend nor I knew there were any other chess players other than the two of us that existed in this whole city.

Julie: That's amazing.

Jeffrey: So we discovered it... and you just never know where it's going to happen... and an old flyer that had never been taken down from an old beat up thing...

Julie: Wow. Yeah. Yeah. It was destiny!

Jeffrey: And then here I am doing the magazine, so...

Julie: Mhmmm. It's great. Yeah. Well, we're working on a Northwest Chess Festival.

Jeffrey: Ah-hah... A Northwest Chess Festival! And where would that be in Washington? In Oregon? You know, Frank Niro once determined the exact center of the Northwest, and it was Boardman, Oregon.

Julie: Well, I kind of want to keep it in Idaho only because uh, I want to help draw people to Idaho. Good players to Idaho to give our players some good competition.

Jeffrey: Good idea! So you would like to see more of the Northwest players in Oregon and Washington travel to Idaho?

Julie: Yes. Absolutely.

Jeffrey: That's good.

Julie: And it continues to be free. And it continues to have purses because everything is donated. I don't pay for anything.

Jeffrey: Nobody takes any money, nobody collects database of names?

Julie: No. You won't get any email saying...

Jeffrey: No politics.

Julie: Exactly. If you register this year you will not get an email from me next year going, "Boise Chess Festival..."

Jeffrey: I don't really know anything else to say. Do you think we've covered it? Is there anything you would like to say to the readers that we didn't bring out?

Julie: Um, Just come out and experience it. It's all I can say. And you know, chess is a family uh, it's a family function. It's not

just for the kids. I mean yes, my program focuses mainly on children, but it truly is for all ages. So I encourage families to participate as a family.

Jeffrey: Well, thank you, Julie. That's all I have.

BROTHER SISTER CHESS TRAINING

By Cody Gorman

Boise, ID — June 4, 2016

I have been playing chess competitively for four years. This festival was a unique experience to me, as instead of me going alone to play, I was going with my young sister and student. After returning home from college in May, my sister curiously came in on me while I was analyzing a game on the floor. This time, there was no demand for my Lego's or other toys, but an allure for what I was doing. We sat down and soon enough, two hours sped away as I taught her the moves of the pieces, opening basics, and how to mate with the queen and rook against a lone king. Rather than be a lone fluke, after school the following day, we played for another hour. This trend went on for one week, and then another. Even though I was showing her chess strategy I already had made into second nature, my lessons to her reinvigorated my own chess passion.

On the third week, I signed her up for chesskids.com, as since I had coordinated with my parents that I was going to bring her to the festival, I knew that she would have to experience playing with others. Online chess with other people was much better than her playing the computer on her iPad. I set her up, and left her to contend with some opponents. Two losses later and she was furious. She yelled at me for not helping her and stormed off to her room. Was this to be the end of our brother-sister chess training? On the contrary, after waiting twenty minutes for her to calm down, I came into her room to find her playing on Chesskids on



Kitt Gorman in the David Lucky Simul. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland

her iPad. She wasn't going to let a loss make her quit. Even though she lost more games, she didn't go into the same level of tantrum. I did my part as a teacher to change my tone from a condescending one when she gave away a pawn or sacked a piece to a more understandable one. Instead of saying "why did you give him a piece?" or "what did you do wrong?" I adjusted to more practical sayings such as "what can you learn from this move?" or "what can you do better?" Kitt returned the favor by letting me evaluate her lost games instead of just the ones she won.

At the festival, my sister sat next to me in the simul with FM David Lucky, and impressed me by showing patience for an hour and a half before losing. I brought water, snacks, and headphones if the noise annoyed her. After drawing Lucky another hour and a half later, I saw her playing with other kids. I enjoyed the festival, but nonetheless, I felt as if I was carrying the stress and anxiety of two people, as I played in the blitz tournament,

I equally worried for my sister in her tournament. My sister had a total of three wins and two losses. It was a long day, and for me it wouldn't end till I returned home at midnight. My mother arrived to take Kitt home, and she started crying. She was mad at mom for wanting to take her away. She wanted to stay with me, however, I could tell she was tired. Mom waited in the car, and I took Kitt aside as she had tears run down her face. I told her that I would keep her up to date on the games and review them with her when I returned, and then we hugged.

Kitt recently freaked my parents out by saying she wanted to stop ballet and play chess instead. I don't expect her to become some great master, but I know that from the past month, chess has helped her as a person, whether it is overcoming difficulty with losses, or the assistance in concentration. I love Kitt and look forward to future tournaments we take part in together.

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WASHINGTON CHESS NEWS

WASHINGTON OPEN

By Travis Olson (with contributions by Gary Dorfner and Josh Sinanan)

Lynnwood, WA—May 28-30, 2016

Every Memorial Day weekend, the Washington Chess Federation hosts the largest regularly-scheduled chess tournament in the tri-state region of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho—the Washington Open. Although dwarfed by tournaments such as the Chicago Open which occurs on the same weekend and has this year attracted 855 participants, the Washington Open is special to players in the Pacific Northwest nonetheless; it's always nice having a tournament that is close by, where there is no need to pay

airfare or even hotel fees in order to get a quality chess experience.

This year the Washington Open attracted 214 avid tournament players! It was a record-breaking turnout, ten more than the 204 we had the previous year, which even then was a record-breaker. *[Note: 1992 had 244 players according to Ralph Dubisch. Apparently we need to get cracking on our Northwest Chess scanning project!—Editor.]* Although large, this number does not even account for those who came to play in the scholastic tournament on Saturday. For many of them, it was their first-ever US Chess-rated event.

The tournament was held at the same venue as last year, the Lynnwood Convention Center, which makes the

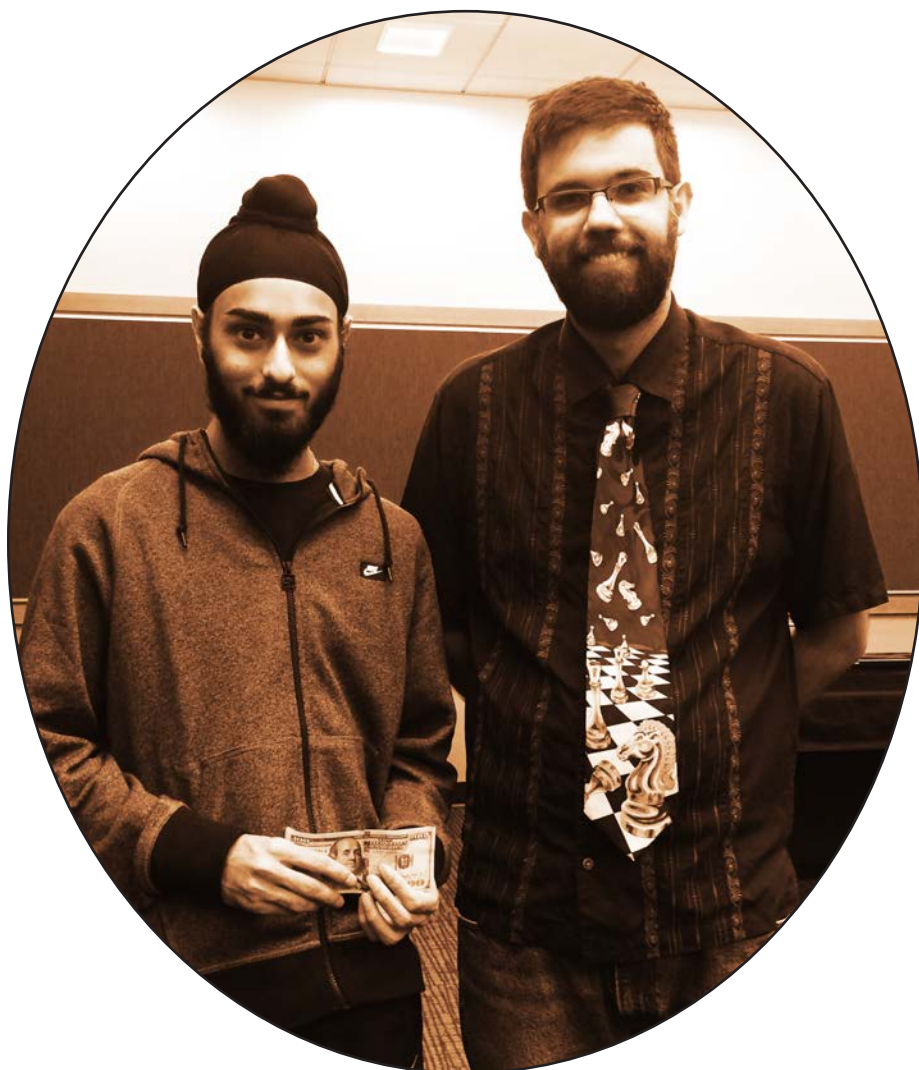
commute easier for those who live in Snohomish County (such as myself) and northward. Many players even make the drive down from British Columbia to play. A notable change to the format of this year's Washington Open to previous ones was the elimination of the second highest section, the Premier or U2000 section. In addition, this was the first year that upset prizes, best woman, and best senior prizes were given.

This year saw a three-way tie for first in the Open section (with scores of 5.0/6) between 17-year-old NM Samuel He, FM Nick Raptis, and FM Tanraj Sohal, another young master from British Columbia. Other notable players were IM Ray Kaufman, who recently moved to Stanwood, Washington from California, and our first Grandmaster in many years, James Tarjan from Oregon. Dan Mathews (5.5/6) won the Reserve (now U1800) section, and the only perfect scorer of the main event, Sophie Szeto, won the Booster (U1400) section by winning all six of her games! The main event was directed by Senior TD Fred Kleist and was FIDE- and US Chess-rated.

The tournament also held a new side event Saturday night, the G/15 Championship. Compared to past rapid time control side events, this was a huge success, garnering 14 players! Aaron Grabinsky from Coquille, Oregon won four games in a row! He only needed a draw to clinch clear first in the five-round event, which he did against John Doknjas. John came in clear second (4.0/5) while his brother Joshua Doknjas (3.5/5) came in clear third.

The blitz event Sunday night attracted 22 players, up from 18 last year. Instead of directing that again this year, I left that to Senior TD and Tacoma Chess Club President Gary Dorfner. Ignacio Perez won first in the five double-round event with an impressive 9.5/10, only drawing one game with IM Ray Kaufman, who came in second with 7.5/10.

In the scholastic tournament, the K-3 section saw a five-way tie for first-fifth (4.0/5) between Rushaan Mahajan, Advaith Vijayakumar, Christopher Soetedjo, Ethan Zhang, and Dylan Wu. Anand Gupta won the 4-6 section with 5.0/5 wins (a perfect score), and Joseph Truelson won the 7-12 section with 5.0/5 wins (another perfect score!)



(L) Tanraj Sohal and WCF President Josh Sinanan. Photo credit: Dr. Sohal.

WA OPEN PRIZE WINNERS

(including medal-only players)

Open Section

=1st-3rd Tanraj Sohal, Nick Raptis \$600 each, and Samuel He (medal only)

Raptis beats Samuel He on all tiebreaks, e.g., 22 to 16.5 with modified Median, and is thus seeded into the 2017 Washington State Championship.

=4th – 10th James Tarjan, Roland Feng, Bryce Tiglon, Marcel Milat, Curt Collyer, Kyle Haining \$150 each, & Daniel He (medal only)

1st U2100 Owen McCoy \$250

2nd U2100 Badamkhand Norovsambuu \$150

1st U1900 Fred Davis \$250

=2nd U1900 Travis Olson, Paul Leblanc, Mike Hosford, Nicholas Hawkins, Addison Lee, Tim Campbell, Francisco Lopez, Vignesh Anand Jr. \$18.75 each, & James Soetedjo (medal only)

Reserve Section

1st Dan Mathews \$450

=2nd/3rd Brian Sullivan & David Hendricks \$325 each

=4th-5th Joe Truelson, Robin Tu, Robert Allen, \$116.67 each, & Petar Spasic (medal only)

1st U1650 Minda Chen \$200

2nd U1650 Scott Wynn \$100

1st U1500 David Merrikin \$200

2nd U1500 Austin Jennings \$100

Booster Section

1st Sophie Szeto (Medal only)

=2nd/3rd Tim Sheehan & Nolan Daniels \$300 each

4th Kevin Nam \$200

4th-5th/1st-2nd U1200 Rushaan Mahajan, Mike Munsey, Munkhbileg Munkh-Erdene, Ben Mousseau, Leo Bruce, Advait Vijayakumar, Rishi Hazra, Roman Chivers \$51.25 each, Karen Haining (medal only), Jed Cohen (medal only), Raymond Bai (medal only), &

Nathan Liu (medal only)

1st-2nd U1000 Krish Jain & Anne Frasca \$80 each

1st Unrated Brian Frasca \$100

2nd Unrated David Killian \$60

SPECIAL PRIZES

Top Female

Open: Badamkhand Norovsambuu \$60

Reserve: Minda Chen \$60

Booster: Anna Frasca \$60

Top Senior

Open: James Tarjan \$60

Reserve: Brian Sullivan \$60

Booster: Tim Sheehan \$60

Upset Prizes

OPEN

1st James Soetedjo 473

2nd Travis Miller 417

3rd Ishaan Puri 368

RESERVE

1st Daniel Cicio 527 \$100

2nd Austin Jennings 512

3rd Stephanie Velea 451

BOOSTER

1st Ethan Zhang 560 \$100

2nd Eva Jain 555 \$60

3rd Sathvik Chilakala 518

MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AT THE 2016 WASHINGTON OPEN

By Owen McCoy

By now the reader may be thinking, "Enough about the Washington Open!" Should that be the case, you are out of luck, as there is one more article you have to read.

I am assuming that you have also read Travis Olson's excellent article about the tournament as a whole, so I won't get into details you might have seen in there.

The tournament was held at the Lynnwood Convention Center. It might be the best venue I've ever played in. It's a brand new building, with lots of light, and that certainly added to the general demeanor of the entire crowd. The crowd was another thing. Everybody came in looking happy, enthusiastic, and ready to play some chess! They just happened to be in the right place.

This was my first Washington Open, and I was very excited coming in, because I recognized several strong players, most notably Grandmaster James Tarjan. In fact, I had hopes of being paired against him in round one (not necessarily to win, but for the experience,) but alas, I was at the bottom of the top half. So I was paired against an opponent rated 1642, and even worse, he had me completely outplayed by about move 30! I was preparing to resign after I tried my last trick, but then, miraculously, it worked! I was then able to convert my advantage in the next few moves without letting it slip.

After a break of an hour or two, I was paired against FM Nick Raptis on board five in my second round. I was also paying special attention to two games that good friends of mine were playing: On board three, CM Joshua Grabinsky was white against FM Tanraj Sohal, and on board one, Seth Talyansky had white against GM James Tarjan. Joshua lost his game after a tough fight, but Seth was actually able to hold his incredible opposition to a draw! Back to my game, I had previously lost to Nick with black in January, and I was eager to try my luck with white. I had prepared a surprise opening ready especially for Nick, so naturally that was what I played, and it seemed to catch him off guard. Fritz 15 says that I built up to a +0.7 advantage early in the game, but then I made an inaccuracy, and the evaluation slipped to +0.2. But then I followed that up with something even worse and suddenly it said -0.7! Soon afterwards, Nick started to go back and forth between this game and the G15 tournament. He was able to win a complicated endgame that I might've been able to draw with more time. However, he did lose against Aaron Grabinsky in their rapid game.

I managed to win my third and fourth games against lower-rated players, but admittedly, they both put up serious resistance! In fact, my fourth game against a 1660 rated opponent lasted 5½ hours! He kept posing me with new problems and making it very difficult to convert my slight advantage. When I finally came up with something in the endgame, he offered a draw, which I declined. He promptly refuted my strategy with a promising exchange sacrifice to get rid of my strong



Owen McCoy. Photo credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.

knight and activate his king and bishop. Luckily, he followed it up the wrong way and my rook was able to penetrate, and that was what allowed me to win.

I had registered for a bye in round six because I live in Eugene, and I didn't want to get home at 2:30 am. What this meant was that I had already secured at least a +1 score, so I wasn't as concerned about the outcome of my fifth game. On the other hand, I wanted to become an Expert from this tournament, and with a post-rating of 1990 after round four, I would probably have to win against someone higher rated in round five. Also, I needed one more game against a FIDE-

rated opponent to get my initial FIDE rating, and that also raised the stakes for me. I was expecting to have black against Carl Haessler, current Oregon senior champion, as well as current Oregon State Champion. What I woke up on Monday morning to find was that I actually was white against FM David Bragg. I played the same thing that I did against Nick, and he responded differently, resulting in a kind of Philidor's Defense-type position where I had played d3 and had a kingside fianchetto. Immediately after I castled kingside, he played g5(!?), which occurred to me as the move chess players are trained to think is bad. I therefore switch from safe positional mode to

bent on punishing his aggressiveness. I maintained a slight edge and took on a large advantage when he made a mistake on move 12. Little did we know, the game was already halfway over! After more mistakes on his part I checkmated him on move 24.

So, I came away victorious and feeling great, and this was complemented by a fantastic view of Mt. Rainier on the way down I-5, as the weather happened to be amazing that day. Overall, I had a great time at the tournament and would like to do it next year and as many more times as they will allow me to. Thanks to Washington Open Organizers, Dan Mathews and Josh Sinanan, and to Tournament Directors Fred Kleist and Gary Dorfner. I hope to see a lot of people there next year!

**Owen McCoy (1977) –
David Bragg (2200) [B10]**
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA
(R5), May 30, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d6 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Ne2 Na6 6.0-0 g5?! 7.f4?!

The classic response to a wing demonstration is the counter in the center, 7.d4±.

7...gxf4 8.gxf4 Bg4 9.Qe1 Bh4 10.Ng3 exf4?

Opening the f-file will help White. 10... Nf6 11.fxex5 dxe5 12.Qc3∞

11.Rxf4

Or 11.Bxf4, when 11...Qb6+ 12.Kh1 Qxb2 13.Nd2 offers White a big attack for a handful of pawns.

11...h5 12.Nd2 Nb4??

12...Bf6 13.Nf3±



Position after 12...Nb4

13.Nc4! c5

13...Nxc2 14.Qc3+–

14.Qf2

14.e5!+–

14...Nh6 15.e5! dxe5 16.Nxe5 Qc7 17.a3 0-0-0 18.axb4 Qxe5 19.Rxa7 Nf5 20.Rc4 b6 21.Bf4 Bxg3 22.hxg3 Qxb2



Position after 22...Qxb2

23.Qxc5+ bxc5 24.Rxc5# 1-0

**Richard Lavoice (1918) –
Nicholas Hawkins (1840) [A03]**
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA
(R5), May 30, 2016
[Nicholas Hawkins]

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6

2...g6, ensuring that Black will get to the a1-h8 diagonal before White can, scores somewhat better for Black.

3.g3 c5?!

An ambitious move, perhaps a little too ambitious. It isn't as though if I don't play ...c5 now I won't be able to play it in the future. Here I should probably get my king to safety before going for an initiative in the center by playing 3...g6 followed by 4...Bg7 and 5...0-0.

4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 g6 6.d3 Bg7 7.Qe1!

An excellent way to prepare e4. Here, if I had castled first instead of going for an early ...c5 and ...Nc6, I could counter White's central push with ...Re8 and ...e5. Now all of a sudden I feel a move behind.

7...0-0 8.e4 dxe4 9.dxe4



Position after 9.dxe4

9...Bg4!?

With the idea of either trading off White's strong g2-bishop with ...Qd7 and ...Bh3 or simply taking the knight on f3. The normal move here is 9...e5!, which I didn't see until a couple moves later. If White takes the pawn, Black gets it back with ...Ng4, leaving White with a weakness on e4.

10.Na3?

Yes, c4 is a good square for the knight;

however, this move is too slow. As White, I would have played 10.e5 here, mostly to turn Black's formidable g7-bishop into a misplaced piece. Play might then continue 10...Nd5 11.Qf2!, when Black has to worry about how to defend the c5-pawn: 11...b6?? loses to 12.Rd1!

10...Qd7

If White is going to play slow moves, I definitely want to seize the chance to force an exchange of bishops on h3 or g2. Again, 10...e5! is best. If now 11.fxe5?! Nd7! recovers the pawn with a slight advantage for Black.

11.c3

A logical prophylactic move that also explains why White didn't put the knight on c3.

11...Bh3 12.Bd2?!

Again, a slow move that puts a piece on a weird-looking square. This was White's last chance to play 12.e5.

12...Bxg2 13.Kxg2 e5!

Finally I see the idea! And it's even better now that the light-squared bishops are off the board. With White stymied in the center, Black enjoys a more comfortable position. After a fairly quick first several moves, my opponent started taking a lot of time around this point, eventually giving me a significant advantage on the clock.

14.Rd1 Rad8?

14...Qe6! creates a double threat: ...Qxa2 and ...exf4 followed by ...Qxe4.

15.fxe5 Ng4



Position after 15...Ng4

16.Bf4?

Much better is 16.Bg5!, forcing 16...Qxd1 17.Qxd1 Rxd1 18.Rxd1 Ngxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5. White's bishop and rook are much more active than Black's.

16...Qe6!

Again, I belatedly find the right idea.

17.h3? Qxa2! 18.Qe2

Stockfish actually prefers the ugly-looking 18.hxg4 Qxb2+ 19.Rf2 Qxa3, when White's pawn structure lies in shambles but at least he keeps the e5-pawn and has active pieces. Still, Black should win with correct play.

18...Ngxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Ra1?!

Maybe trying to make a play for the a7-pawn, which won't work because I can just play ...a6 if the a3-knight moves. There's no reason to chase my queen back to the center when that's where she wants to go anyway.

20...Qe6 21.Bxe5 Bxe5!

[Diagram top of next column]



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Position after 21...Bxe5

Now that White's dark-squared bishop is gone, my bishop no longer needs to stay in the fianchetto to defend the king; it will be more of a weapon along the h2-b8 diagonal.

22.Nc4 Bb8

I love my position here: White has no threats at all, while I have multiple ideas: pressurizing the e4-pawn, chasing White's knight away and then putting my queen on e5 in a battery with the b8-bishop, and eventually pushing my queenside pawn majority. On top of all that, my opponent has barely half an hour left to make his next eighteen moves, whereas I have more than twice that.

23.Rfe1 Rfe8 24.b4?

This doesn't help White, but it makes my job a lot easier.

24...cxb4 25.cxb4 Rd4!



Position after 25...Rd4

The computer points out a very clever idea here: 25...b5!. If White responds with the logical 26.Nd2, Black has some swashbuckling tactics after 26...Bxg3! 27.Kxg3 Qe5+ 28.Kg2 (28.Kf3 Qc3+; 28.Kf2 Rxd2 29.Qxd2 Qh2+ 30.Ke3 Qg3+ 31.Ke2 Rxe4+ 32.Kd1 Qb3+ 33.Qc2 Rxe1+) 28...Qg5+ 29.Kf1 Rxd2. Very cool, but why complicate when you can win simply?

26.Rac1 Rc8!

Forcing the knight away so my queen can invade.

27.Nd2 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Qa2 29.Rd1

Forced, as 29.Rc8+ Kg7 leaves White no way to defend the d2-knight and save the queen.



Roland Feng. Photo credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.

29...Bd6 30.Qe3 Qb2 31.Kf3 Bxb4 32.Nc4!?

One last desperate try for complications. 32.Ke2 saves the knight but leaves White hopelessly tied up: Black just marches the a-pawn down the board and wins.

32...Rxc4 33.Rd8+ Kg7 34.Qf4 Rc3+! 35.Kg4 h5+ 0-1

Viktors Pupols (2208) –
Nicholas Hawkins (1840) [E01]
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA
(R1), May 28, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 e6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.c4 b6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.0-0 Bb7 8.e4 N5f6 9.e5 Nd5 10.Nc3 Be7 11.Ne4 0-0 12.Nfg5 h6 13.Nh3 Re8?

13...c5 14.Qg4 Kh8∞



Position after 13...Re8

14.f4?

14.Qg4! Kh7 15.f4 f5 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Neg5+! hxg5 18.fxg5 regains the piece

with a strong attack. Attempting to hold the bishop doesn't work: 18...Be7? (18...Kg8 19.Qh4!±) 19.Be4+ Kg8 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Qg6 N5f6 (21...N7f6 22.Rxf6 Nxf6 23.gxf6 Qxd4+ 24.Nf2+-) 22.gxf6 Nxf6 23.Bxb7+-

14...f5 15.exf6 N7xf6 16.Nhf2 Qc8 17.Re1 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 Nf6 19.Qe2

19.Qc2

19...Nxe4

19...c5!?

20.Bxe4 Bf6 21.Bxb7 Bxd4+ 22.Be3 Bxe3+ 23.Qxe3 Qxb7 24.Rad1 Qc6 25.Rd3

25.Qb3 Black's extra pawn is not significant here.

25...Re7 26.Red1



Position after 26.Red1

26...Qe8

26...e5!? 27.fxe5 (27.Rd8+ Rxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kh7 29.fxe5 Qc2±) 27...Rae8 28.Rd8 (28.Rd5 Qa4±) 28...Qe6±



(R) Nick Raptis vs. Brendan Zhang. Photo Credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.



(L) Seth Taylansky vs. GM James Tarjan. Photo Credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.



Playing Room. Photo credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.

27.Qe5 Qf7 28.b4 Qf5 29.Qe2 Rf8
30.Re3 Qg6 31.Kh1 Rf5 32.Re1 Kf7
33.Re4 h5 34.Rd1?!

34.b5∞

34...a5 35.a3 axb4 36.axb4 c5

36...Qg4!?

37.b5

37.Rd6

37...Rb7 38.Rd6 Rf6 39.Re5 h4 40.Rg5±
Qb1+ 41.Rd1 Qb3



Position after 41...Qb3

42.Rd3?

42.gxh4 Ke8 (42...Rxf4?? 43.Rg3! Qa4
44.Qh5+--) 43.Ra1 with initiative.

42...Qxb5 43.Qh5+ Kg8 44.Rd8+ Rf8
45.Rxf8+ Kxf8 46.Qh8+ Ke7 47.Qxg7+
Kd6 48.Qe5+ Kd7 49.Rg7+ Kc8
50.Rg8+ Kd7 51.Qg7+ Kc6 52.Rc8+
Kd6 53.Rd8+ Rd7 54.Qe5+ Ke7
55.Qg5+ Kd6 56.Qe5+ 1/2-1/2

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Dereque Kelley)

Winner: Pupols - Raptis

I came up with six games preliminarily that seemed attractive. Many of the games had nice tactical points and strong strategies but in many cases the party which ultimately lost the game

made clear tactical mistakes that shifted the weight of the struggle jarringly and detracted from the attractiveness of the game. This year I didn't see any games with outstanding combinations and so the primary consideration was on how aesthetically the strategic elements of the game were handled, precision, and the opponent's relative level of resistance.

This is why I've selected Nick Raptis' fifth round game. After an exchange of rooks on move 14, Nick Raptis systematically outplayed Viktors Pupols in the following 22 exchange-free moves. Seemingly by magic in the final positions Nick Raptis has a completely dominating position and his attractive maneuvers have payed off with Viktors Pupols being unable to avoid catastrophic material loss. Moves like 30...Bc8!? make this game delightful, and the final position is pretty. I wish I would have seen Nick Raptis rubbing his hands together and boasting around the room as he usually does... just before doing something stupid, mind you!.... :-)

**Viktors Pupols –
Nick Raptis [A70]**

Washington Closed Championship
Redmond, WA (R5), February 13, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3
0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bd3 exd5 9.cxd5
b5 10.Nxb5 Re8 11.0-0 Nxe4 12.Re1 a6
13.Na3 Nf6 14.Rxe8+ Nxe8 15.Nc4

15.Bg5!? Qc7 16.Qa4∞

15...Nd7 16.Bg5 Qc7

17.Qc2?!

17.Bd2 Bb7 18.Ba5 Qb8 19.Be2 Nef6
20.Ne3

17...Bb7 18.Ne3 Nef6 19.Bc4 Nb6

White has managed to get himself a bit
tied down defending the d-pawn.

20.Rd1 Re8 21.b3 Ne4 22.Bf4 Nc3
23.Rd3 Nb5 24.Qd1 Nd7 25.a4 Nc3
26.Qc2 Ne4 27.Nd2 f5 28.Ndf1 Ne5
29.Rd1 Qe7 30.Bh2 Bc8



Position after 30...Bc8

31.f4

31.Re1

31...Nd7

31...Nxc4 32.bxc4 Bd4 33.Kh1 Qh4+

32.Kh1 Ndf6 33.Rc1 Nh5 34.Qe2 Qh4

34...Bd4

35.Qf3

35.Qe1

35...Bh6 36.Ng3??

36.Rc2 Bxf4+

36...Nhxg3+ 0-1

**Premier (judged by FM Curt
Collyer)**

1. Bragg – S. He: Commander Bragg
systematically executes his own pawns –
and then the enemy king!

2. Readey – Bragg: First the kingside,
then the queenside - Masterful play by
Readey!

3. Haining – Perez: A short tactical
fistfight and the Cuban goes down!

4. Readey – Sinanan: “After the opening,
the gods have placed the...Whoa, that was
quick.”

5. Sinanan – S. He: Black rights the
sinking ship by tossing his bishops
overboard!

**David Bragg –
Samuel He [B12]**

Washington Closed Premier
Redmond, WA (R5), February 13, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 a6 5.Be3
e6 6.g4 Bg6 7.Nge2 c5 8.h4 h6 9.f4 Ne7
10.dxc5 h5 11.f5

11...exf5

11...hxg4 12.fxg6 Nxg6∞

12.g5 Nbc6 13.Bg2 Qc7 14.Bf4 d4 15.e6
Qd8 16.Na4 Nd5 17.c4 Nxf4 18.Nxf4
Qa5+ 19.b4!?

19.Kf2

19...Qxb4+ 20.Kf2 d3 21.Rb1 Bxc5+
22.Kg3 Qxc4

[Diagram top of next column]

23.Bd5??

23.exf7+! Bxf7 24.Nxc5 Qxc5 25.Re1+
Ne7 (25...Ne5 26.Nxd3+-; 25...Kf8
26.Rxb7+-) 26.Rxb7 0-0 27.Rxe7
Rae8 28.Rxf7! Rxf7 29.Qb3 Qe3+ 30.Bf3
Qg1+ 31.Kh3! (31.Ng2?? f4+ 32.Kh3
Qh1#) 31...Qf1+ 32.Kh2! (32.Bg2 Re3+
33.Kh2 Qxf4+-) 32...Qf2+ 33.Ng2+-

23...Bf2+! 24.Kxf2 Qxf4+ 25.Kg2 fxe6
26.Re1 0-0



Position after 22...Qxc4

26...Nd4

27.Rxe6 Kh7 28.Rxb7 Rae8

28...Qxh4! 29.Bxc6 Qxg5+ and Black is
winning! For the piece he has four pawns,
including the advanced passed d-pawn,
and White's king is very exposed.



Position after 28...Rae8

29.Qxh5+!!

What a nice tactic.

29...Kg8

29...Bxh5 30.Rh6#

30.Rxg7+ 1-0

**Invitational (judged by NM Josh
Sinanan)**

1. Olin – Bartron: In a wild opposite-sides
castling game, Olin's knights and rooks
storm the enemy fortress, leading to a
decisive attack.

2. Bishop – Thomas: Inspired attacking
play by Thomas with 14...Ne2+ and 15...
Ng4, conjuring up mate threats seemingly
out of nowhere.

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3. M. Nagase – Yu: A gutsy piece sacrifice by Nagase beginning with 27. g4?! murkies the waters just enough to confuse his young opponent.

4. Arganian – Chetrari: Nikita shows his class and takes down the always dangerous veteran Arganian with smooth positional play capped off with a tactical finish.

5. Thomas – Olin: A bar fight breaks out in the center of the board, and White's king is the only casualty!

Neo Olin – Paul Bartron [A22]

Washington Closed Invitational
Redmond, WA (R6), February 13, 2016
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.a3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.Qc2 Nc6 6.e3 Nb6 7.b4 a6 8.Nf3 Bd6
9.Bb2 0–0



Position after 9...0-0

10.h4

10.Ne4 f5 11.Nc5

10...h6 11.h5 Be6 12.Nh4 Nc4 13.Ne4
Nxb2 14.Qxb2 Be7 15.Nf3 Qd5 16.Nc3
Qb3 17.Qc1 Bd7 18.Bd3 Qe6 19.Bb1
Qg4 20.Qc2 f5 21.Ba2+ Kh8 22.0–0–0
e4 23.Ne1 a5 24.f3 exf3

24...Qg5

25.gxf3 Qg5?

25...Qg3

26.Nd5 Bd6 27.Nd3 axb4 28.Rdg1 Qd8
29.Qb2

[Diagram top of next column]



Position after 29.Qb2

29...Rg8??

29...Rf7∞

30.Rg6 Kh7 31.Rhg1 Ne5 32.Nxe5 b3
33.Nf7 Qf8 34.Rxh6+ gxh6 35.Nf6# 1–0

Challengers (judged by Eric Tohni)

1. Bashkansky – Yeo

2. Ramasamy – Hosford

3. Yeo – Baxter

4. Kuhner – Zhang

5. Olson – Smith

Naomi Bashkansky – Noah Yeo [A57]

Washington Closed Challengers
Redmond WA (R6), February 13, 2016
[Eric Tohni]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Nd2 bxc4 5.e4
d6 6.Bxc4 g6 7.Ne2 Bg7 8.0–0 0–0 9.Nc3
Nbd7 10.f4 Nb6 11.Be2 Nfd7 12.Nf3 a5
13.Be3 Bb7 14.Re1 Qc8

White has developed smoothly and achieved a better position.

15.Bf1!

The start of a good plan. White prepares the e5 advance.

15...Ba6 16.Qc2 Bxf1 17.Rxf1

Black has a cramped position.

17...Qa6 18.Rae1 Rfb8 19.Bc1 a4 20.e5

White completes her plan.

20...Re8 21.e6!± fxe6 22.Rxe6

The rook dominates the e-file.

22...Nf6?!

△22...Nf8 was better. Black should try to dislodge the rook. 23.Ree1 e6±

23.f5!±

White converts her pawn center into a Kingside attack.

23...Nbxh5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.fxg6 h6
26.Qf5! Nf6 27.Ne5!



Position after 27.Ne5

White takes advantage of the pin to move her knight into a dominant position. Under tremendous pressure, Black gives up material.

27...dxe5?

Black does not get any counterplay from his sacrifice. White ends the game smoothly. Black could have tried △27... Qb7, but it's still a difficult position: 28.Nf7 Qd5 29.Qxd5 Nxd5 30.Nxh6+ Bxh6 31.Bxh6+-

28.Rxa6 Rxa6 29.Qxe5 Rd6 30.Qxc5 Kh8 31.Qc4 Red8 32.Qxa4 Nh5 33.Qg4 Rd5 34.Qf3 e6 35.g4 Nf6 36.Bxh6! Rf8 37.Qh3 Kg8 38.g5 Nd7 39.Qxe6+

39.Qxe6+ winning the Rook, but it's actually forced mate: 39...Kh8 40.Bxg7+ Kxg7 41.Rf7+! Rxf7 42.Qxf7+ Kh8 43.Qh7#

1–0



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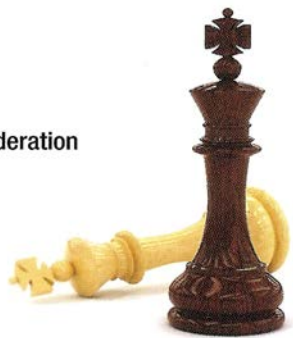
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THE 2016 RICHARD GUTMAN MEMORIAL NORTHWEST CHESS GRAND PRIX

MURLIN VARNER, ADMINISTRATOR

As was expected, the Washington Open with its 5x multiplier had a tremendous effect on the standings for the Grand Prix. To begin with, over 100 players made the Open their first tournament of the year. In addition, the points awarded put many of those people on the leaderboards of their respective states. Three players from Idaho were in attendance: Travis Miller, Nicholas Hawkins, and Gregory Callen. They make up three of the top four Grand Prix leaders in Idaho now, and lead in their respective classes. Of the 13 Oregon players in attendance, 12 are now on their state's leader board, including all six class leaders and three of the second place players. (The 13th player would also have been on the leader board had he stuck around for the Monday rounds. The two-point schedule completion bonus is a significant thing when multiplied by five.)

Obviously, the majority of players at the Washington Open were residents of the state, and, after adding in all the points (for 208 entries plus four re-entries in total), thirty of the thirty-one leaders (including the "two tied" in class A) were in attendance. Mr. Cambareri, you should have joined us. (Your faithful reporter missed being on the leaderboard by just half a point. Darn that HPB.) Even our "others" category is strongly influenced by the WA Open, as seven of the top eight players from beyond the three state area were in attendance in Lynnwood Memorial Day weekend. (All seven came south from Canada.)

Why do I mention all this? Because another of these mega-tournaments is on the horizon. The Oregon Open is coming up Labor Day weekend, and it has a prize fund of \$10,000. Guaranteed!! This earns the Oregon Open a multiplier of 6x, the largest we will see all year. If Grand Prix prizes interest you, you really need to attend this one. Before this event happens, we still have a lot of other opportunities to gain points.

June had a total of nine events, including a 2x event in Seattle. July will only offer six Grand Prix tournaments, in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma, but includes the 2x Seafair Open in Seattle. Finishing up the lead-in to the Oregon Open, August will offer two events each in Portland, Seattle and Spokane, plus one in Tacoma. All these events can help put you onto the leaderboard in time for the last third of the year.

Data below is current through June 1.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

IDAHO			OREGON			WASHINGTON		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
			Masters					
			1 Haessler	Carl A	41	1 Pupols	Viktors	103.5
			2 Tarjan	James	32.5	2 Raptis	Nick	90.5
			3 Grabinsky	Aaron	30	3 Tiglon	Bryce	61.5
						4 Perez	Ignacio	54
						5 Feng	Roland	43.5
M/X/Class A			Experts					
1 Miller	Travis J	53.5	1 Richardson	Ryan	42	1 He	Anthony B	59.5
2 Hawkins	Nicholas B	47	2 Seitzer	Phillip	35.5	2 Olin	Neo E	40.5
3 Bodie	Brad	30.5	3 Cigan	Jason	33.5	3 Yu	Jason	39.5
4 Maki	James J	19.5	4 Grabinsky	Joshua	25	4 Rupel	David	37.5
5 Joshi	Kairav R	16.5	5 Bjorksten	Lennart	24.5	5 Cambareri	Michael E	36.5

IDAHO			OREGON			WASHINGTON					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
Class B			Class A								
1	Roland	Jeffrey T	10.5	1	McCoy	Owen	37.5	1	Baxter	Brent L	71
2	Derryberry	Dewayne R	8.5	2	Phipps	Danny	36.5	2	Zhang	Brendan	59.5
3	Four tied at		6	3	Fletcher	Raymond R	27.5	3	Setiadikurnia	Sloan C	48.5
				4	Wu	Ethan	26	4	Bonrud	Neal	47.5
				5	Murray	David E	25.5	5	Two tied at		43.5
Class C			Class B								
1	Martonick	Nick	18.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	117	1	Buck	Stephen J	146
1	Weyland	Ron	18.5	2	Vega	Isaac	53	2	Pothukuchi	Revanth V	84.5
3	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	16	3	Berger	Brian F	51	3	Jiang	Brandon	67
4	Courtney	Caleb	13.5	4	Perkins	Josiah	30	4	Lee	Addison	65.5
5	Nyblade	Wesley	5.5	5	Bean	James R	29	5	Tu	Robin L	60
Class D			Class C								
1	Bodie	Arlene	24.5	1	Moore	Michael	41.5	1	Piper	August	83
2	Porth	Adam	11	2	Dietz	Arliss	37.5	2	Richards	Jerrold	68
3	Ang	Ching-E N	6	3	Kenway	Geoffrey W	25.5	3	Lawler	Aidan	55.5
4	Porth	Desmond	5	4	Sharan	Praveer	15.5	4	Cordero	Rowland	53.5
4	Nyblade	Wesley, III	5	5	Uan-Zo-Li	Sean A	14.5	5	Zhang	Kyle	51
Class E and Below			Class D and Below								
1	Callen	Gregory D	27	1	Zhang	Ethan	20	1	Munsey	Michael R	59
2	Porth	Darwin A	8.5	2	Buerer	Harry F	15	2	Pogrebinsky	Ethan	55.5
3	Aderogba	Temiloluwa D	4.5	2	Prideaux	Dave	15	3	Jiang	Andrew	55
4	Shouse	Donald L	4	4	Phelps	Colin	14	4	Kaelin	Alex	50
4	Porth	Dylan	4	5	Roshu	Cassandra M	13	5	Clark	Ryan P	46
Overall Leaders, by State											
1	Miller	Travis J	53.5	1	Hasuike	Mike L	117	1	Buck	Stephen J	146
2	Hawkins	Nicholas B	47	2	Vega	Isaac	53	2	Pupols	Viktors	103.5
3	Bodie	Brad	30.5	3	Berger	Brian F	51	3	Raptis	Nick	90.5
4	Callen	Gregory D	27	4	Richardson	Ryan	42	4	Pothukuchi	Revanth V	84.5
5	Bodie	Arlene	24.5	5	Moore	Michael	41.5	5	Piper	August	83
6	Maki	James J	19.5	6	Haessler	Carl A	41	6	Baxter	Brent L	71
7	Martonick	Nick	18.5	7	McCoy	Owen	37.5	7	Richards	Jerrold	68
7	Weyland	Ron	18.5	8	Dietz	Arliss	37.5	8	Jiang	Brandon	67
9	Joshi	Kairav R	16.5	9	Phipps	Danny	36.5	9	Lee	Addison	65.5
10	Jaroski	Jeffrey A	16	10	Seitzer	Phillip	35.5	10	Tiglon	Bryce	61.5
11	Havrilla	Mark A	15	11	Cigan	Jason	33.5	11	Tu	Robin L	60
12	Courtney	Caleb	13.5	12	Tarjan	James	32.5	12	He	Anthony B	59.5

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♣ **July 9, Aug. 13** 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.

July 10 SCC Novice
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 7/6, \$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 17, Aug. 14** 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:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA. NS, NC.

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Registration: Fri. 7-7:45 p.m., Sat. 9-9:45 a.m. **Rounds:** Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/60)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

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

Upcoming Events

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

♣ **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; TCC members \$27, \$32. 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. USCF/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.

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. (See Half-page Ad page 4)

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.

♣ **Jul 16/Aug 20 Portland CC Quad 45, Portland, OR.** 3-round quads, G/45;d15. Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR. 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.

♣ **Jul 30/Aug 27 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, www.pdxchess.org.

♣ **Aug 4, 11, 18 August Ajeeb Quads, Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University, Jepson Center Rm. 108. Reg: 6:30-6:55 Aug 4th. E.F.: \$16. T/C: G/120 (with 5 second delay). Games start at 7:00 p.m. US Chess membership required (US Chess rated), n/c. Info: Dave Griffin, Email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com, web spokanecchessclub.org.

♣ **Aug 6 Tacoma CC Summer 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.

♣ **Aug 13-14 Spokane Falls Open, Spokane, WA.** Site: River Park Square Kress Gallery, 3rd Floor, 808 W. Main Ave., Spokane, WA 99201. Registration: Sat. 8:30-9:30am. 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 8/12, \$3 less for under 18 year old. \$25 for all at the site. Telephone entries accepted. US Chess 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 Aug. 13-14. Michael Cambareri will take on the winner of a six player round-robin that will take place June 4-5. Two rounds are scheduled for Saturday while rounds three and four will be scheduled for Sunday. Time control: G/120;d5. If needed there will be a G/10 playoff with the first to reach three points wins. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$120, 2nd Overall: \$80, Class Prizes: 1st (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$60, 2nd (U/1800;U/1600;U/1400) \$30, Biggest Upset: \$30 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o David B. Griffin, P.O. Box 631, Spokane Valley, WA 99037. For information cell (509) 994-9739, email: dbgrffn@hotmail.com.

♣ **Sep 3-5 66th Annual Oregon Open, Portland, OR.** (See Full-page Ad page 11)

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