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Shah Mat

By Glen O’Harra

Thirty two men, sixty four squares,
Two armies with malignant stares.
Soldiers in formation stand,
Marching forward on command.

A bold pawn sallies forth,
Vantage point to stake,
Bishop down diagonal,
With lethal force doth rake!

Knight hops out, front to tend,
Bishop sent, now it’s pinned!
The hobbled horse looks about,
With fear seeks, safe way out!

Can pawn rescue hapless horse?
Another man in due course?
Pawns parry, push and thrust,
Secure the center ‘tis a must!

Fearlessly they guard the field,
Stalwartly refuse to yield!
Others willingly will bleed,
To the front soldiers speed!

Knights nimbly leap, prance and rear,
Jumping men without fear!
Forced in cohesion work,
What is this? A fatal fork!

The knight attacks secret squares,
Enemy caught unawares!
Two men up against the wall!
One will flee, one will fall!

Queen looks on all askance,
She’ll get back, get her chance!
His majesty, the carnage sees!
Counts the cost, to castle flees!

Thinks he’s safe from attack,
Devoted bishop, then is sacked.
Risks his life to get revenge,
On his move does victory hinge?

The field is cleared of all the dead,
Rooks are ranked with fearful dread!
Armies clash! A roar is heard!
Pieces swept from the board!

Kings steel their nerves and venture out,
Survey the scene with stealthy scouts.
Pawns plod, plod, to the goals,
They’ll exchange their little souls!

A humble pawn it is seen,
Soon becomes a regal queen!
The king in shock, stands aghast!
Time is short, fading fast!

With swift force, mace is swung,
Down upon his pate!
He slowly slumps to the ground,
Shrieks the queen! Check mate!

John (Johnny) D. Walker (1948-2018)

By John Donaldson with additional contributions from others

National Master John (Johnny) D. Walker (1948-2018) was one of the strongest players in Washington during the early and mid 1970s. A late developer, who began his chess career at Bothell High School under the direction of Stephen Christopher, he ended up playing in six state championships (1970-75), continually improving his performance culminating in his win in 1975 with the excellent score of 5.5 from 7. Walker tied for second in 1973 and 1974 scores of 5-2 and 4 1/2 - 2 1/2.

Walker played almost all of his chess in the Northwest, but did participate in a World Open around 1973 (I believe he was the top Expert) and won a tournament in Italy roughly a year or two later. He played very little after 1976, one short-lived comeback being the 1984 President's Cup in Seattle.

Walker, who was a regular at the Last Exit Cafe, was a strong blitz player who played quickly and used his skill in rook and pawn endings to rescue many a difficult position. He had a narrow opening repertoire, but what he played he knew well, particularly his favorite English Opening.

Eric Tangborn: I want add a little bit more to Johnny's bio.

He made a brief comeback in 1983-84 after several years of inactivity. This included a tie for first in the 1983 Oregon Open with IMs Minev and Grefe (each



Johnny D. Walker 1975 Washington State Champion (=2nd 1973 and =2nd 1974).
Photo courtesy of John Donaldson.

had 5.5/6). This is a game from that tournament.

Harry Bell –
John Walker [B00]
1983 Oregon Open, 1983
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.d5 Ne5
5.Qd4 Ng6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bc4 Nf6
8.Bg5 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Qxd8+ Rxd8
11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxe4 Be7
14.Nf3 Kf7 15.g3 f5 16.Ned2 e5



Position after 16...e5

17.Nc4 e4 18.Nfd2 Bf6 19.0-0-0 h5
20.h4 Rhe8 21.a4 Rd4 22.c3 Rd3
23.Kc2 Red8 24.Rhe1 Be5 25.Re3 Kf6
26.Rde1 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 c6 28.Nf1 Bc7
29.Re2 b5 30.axb5 cxb5 31.Nce3 Ne5
32.Rd2 Rxd2+ 33.Kxd2 Ke6 34.Ke2 a5
35.Nd1

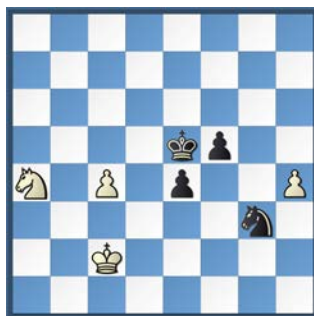


Position after 35.Nd1

35...Bb6 36.Nfe3 a4 37.Nc2 Bc5 38.Nde3
Nf3 39.Ng2 Bd6 40.Na3 Bxa3 41.Nf4+
Kf7! 42.bxa3 Ne5 43.Nxh5 Nc4 44.Nf4
Nxa3 45.Kd2 Nc4+ 46.Kc2 Ne5 47.Ne2
Nd3 48.Nd4 Kf6 49.Nxb5

49.f4!?

49...Nxf2 50.c4 Nh1 51.Nc3 Nxb3
52.Nxa4 Ke5



Position after 52...Ke5

53.Kd2



Johnny D. Walker. Photo courtesy of John Donaldson.

White may have a last-second tricky escape with 53.c5! f4 (53...Kd5 54.Kd2 f4 55.h5! e3+ (55...Nxh5 56.Nc3+) 56.Kd3 Nxh5 57.Nc3+ Kxc5 58.Ne2 intending Nxf4 and Kxe3.) 54.c6 Kd6 55.Nc3 Kxc6 56.h5! Nxh5 57.Nxe4 and holds.

53...Kd4 54.Nb6 e3+ 55.Ke1 f4 0-1

David Rupel:

According to a posting on Facebook, John D. "Johnny" Walker passed away peacefully Saturday evening (February 10, 2018) at Skagit Regional. He was about 70.

As it happens, John died on the same day at about the same time my dad, William E. "Gene" Rupel, 93. Gene passed away peacefully at the Bluebird Adult Family Home in Mill Creek. I was taught chess at his knee.

In addition to being dedicated to numerous progressive causes, both gentlemen had brilliant intellects and held a variety of outside interests. Both will be sorely missed.

RIP.

David -

Thank you for sharing this sad news, indeed. Vik and I remember Johnny from days at the Last Exit though we'd lost touch over the years.

And what an honor it was seeing and meeting your father at Elmar Zemgalis' 90th birthday celebration on 9-8-2013.



L-R (back row): John Donaldson, Eric Tangborn, John Braley, Phil McCready, David Rupel, Janis Berzins, L-R (front row): Bob Ferguson with daughter, Katie, Viesturs Seglins, Elmars Zemgalis, Viktors Pupols, Gene Rupel.
 Photo by Deborah Petzal (Note: This photo is a reprint from the November 2013 issue of Northwest Chess—Editor.)

I've attached a couple of photos from the birthday ~ The first is of all the chess players at the event. The second is of Dave and his father. Fond memories of all.

kindest condolences -
 Deborah (and Viktors too.)

Yasser Seirawan:

Greetings from Oslo!

Thank you Deb & Viktors for the pics. They made me smile.

Thank you David for the sad news. I knew Johnny during the Last Exit days as well and got along with him very well. Thereafter we fell out of touch and we hadn't seen one another for ages.

Sigh.

With best wishes,

Yasser

William Schill:

Johnny gave a simul at my high school when I was a sophomore. He inspired me to enter a chess tournament!

David, we all must join the dead fathers club eventually, may you find equanimity.

Bill



L-R David Rupel and his father Gene Rupel. Photo by Deborah Petzal.

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2018 Washington Junior Closed

By David Hendricks

Sammamish, WA — January 5-7, 2018

Congratulations to Anthony He for winning the Washington Junior Closed with a perfect 5.0/5 score. Naomi Bashkansky placed second, and there was a tie between Oscar Petrov and Daniel Shubin for third place.

Prize winnings:

Anthony He, and seeded into the Washington State Championship \$200

Naomi Bashkansky \$170

Oscar Petrov \$65

Daniel Shubin \$65

This was the youngest field we have had in a long time with one high schooler, four middle schoolers, and one elementary aged player.

Joseph Levine (2010) – Daniel Shubin (1954) [A08]

WA Junior Closed

Sammamish, WA (R4), January 7, 2018

[Daniel Shubin]

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ng3 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Nd7

More flexible here was 8...Bc7 9.a3 (9.e5 Nd7) 9...b6 10.b3 Bb7 11.Bb2 d4 with a balanced game.



Position after 8...Nd7

9.Qe2

White should attack the center with 9.exd5 exd5 10.c4! (Or 10.d4 Nf6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.Nfd4 Bg4 14.Qd3 Re8 15.Bf4) 10...Nf6

9...b6 10.Nf1

10.c4!

10...Bb7 11.h4 Nde5

11...dxe4 12.dxe4 Qe7 in this position better to plan to occupy the d-file and hand on to d4-square.



Back Row (L-R): Naomi Bashkansky, Oscar Petrov, Anthony He.
Front Row (L-R): Joseph Levine, Eric Zhang, Daniel Shubin.
Photo credit David Hendricks, TD.

12.N1h2

12.Nxe5! Nxe5 (12...Bxe5) 13.f4 Nc6 (13...Nd7 14.e5 Bc7 15.h5 h6 16.c4 Nb8 17.Ne3) 14.Ne3=

12...h6

12...dxe4 13.dxe4 Qc7 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bf4 a5=

13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Ng4 dxe4 15.dxe4 Re8

It's best to move Rook to the d-file right away. 15...Qe7 16.Be3 Rfd8

16.Rd1 Qc7?

Better play was 16...Qe7! 17.Bf4 f6 where Queen protects f6. 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Qh5 Qc7 21.Rd2 Red8 22.Rad1 Rd4 23.c3 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Bc6 25.Bh3 Re8

17.Bf4 f6 18.Rd2?!



Position after 18.Rd2

18.Bxh6! gxh6 (18...Nxxg4 19.Qxxg4 f5 20.Qxxg7+ Qxxg7 21.Bxxg7+-) 19.Nxf6+ Kg7 20.Nxe8+ Rxe8 21.f4 Nf7 22.e5±

18...Nf7 19.Rxd6 Nxd6 20.e5?

20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.e5 Qc7 22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.exf6=

20...Bxxg2 21.exf6?

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Team	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Anthony Bi He	14729222	2316	ING	7	W2	W4	W6	W3	W5	5.0
2	Naomi Bashkansky	14048474	2029	OMS	9	L1	W5	W4	W6	W3	4.0
3	Oscar Petrov	14702968	1902	OVL	8	W4	L6	W5	L1	L2	2.0
4	Daniel Shubin	15185684	1932	OPW	7	L3	L1	L2	W5	W6	2.0
5	Joseph Levine	15694597	1923	EPS	5	W6	L2	L3	L4	L1	1.0
6	Eric Zhang	14668426	2034	LMS	6	L5	W3	L1	L2	L4	1.0

21.Kxg2

21...Bh3! 22.Rd1 Qb7!-+ 23.Ne3 Nf5
24.c3 Nxe3 25.fxe3 e5 26.Bxh6 gxh6
27.Kh2 Qg2+ 28.Qxg2 Bxg2 29.Rd7
Bd5 30.Rxd5 Rad8 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 0-1

Eric M. Zhang (2061) –
Daniel Shubin (1954) [D52]
WA Junior Closed
Sammamish, WA (R5), January 7, 2018
[Daniel Shubin]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6
5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Rc1

7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0; 7.Bd3 dxc4
8.Bxc4 Ne4; 7.Qc2 Ne4

7...Bb4

The key idea is 7...Ne4! 8.cxd5 exd5
9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.Nxc3 Nf6 11.0-0 Be7

8.Qb3 Ne4 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bh4 Nb6
11.Bd3 Bf5 12.Ne5 f6 13.f3 Nd6 14.e4
fxe5 15.dxe5 Bxc3+

15...Ndc4 16.exf5 Nxe5 17.Bb1 Bc5±



Position after 15...Bxc3+

16.bxc3

Best move is 16.Rxc3 dxe4 (16...Ndc4
17.exf5 Nxe5 18.Bc2 0-0 19.0-0) 17.fxe4
Qxe5 18.Bg3 Qe6 19.Qxe6+ Bxe6
20.Bxd6 0-0-0 21.e5± Na4 22.Rc2

16...dxe4 17.fxe4 Qc5

17...Qxe5!-+ 18.Bg3 Qe7 19.Bxd6 Qxd6
20.exf5 Qxd3 21.Qe6+ Kf8-+

18.Bf2 Qxe5 19.Bg3 Qe6?

19...Qe7! 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.exf5 Qxd3
22.Qe6+ Kf8-+

20.Qxe6+ Bxe6 21.Bxd6 0-0-0 22.e5
Rhe8 23.0-0 g6 24.c4 Nd7 25.Be2?

25.Rc3±

25...Bf5



Position after 25...Bf5

26.g4?

Best play was 26.Rxf5 gxf5 27.Bd3 Nxe5
28.Bxf5+ Nd7 29.g4 Rg8±

26...Nxe5!± 27.Bxe5 Rxe5 28.Bf3 Bd7
29.Kf2

29.Rfel Rde8 30.Rxe5 Rxe5 31.Kf2
Be6±

29...Rf8 30.Kg3 Re3 31.Kg2 Rf4

Great move!

32.h3 Be6 33.c5 Rxf3 34.Rxf3 Bd5
35.Rcf1 Kd7! 36.Rd1 Rxf3 37.Rxd5+
cxd5 38.Kxf3 Kc6 39.Kf4 d4 40.Kg5 d3
41.Kh6 d2 0-1

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the inside cover of the
magazine and on the
Northwest Chess website.

Thank you.

Neil Dale Memorial Open

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — January 6-7, 2018

Thirty-nine players gathered at the Portland Chess Club over the weekend of January 6-7 for the 2nd Annual Neil Dale Memorial Open. Known previously as the Gresham Open, it was later named the New Year's Open after switching to the Portland venue, and finally to the name it is now known by, in honor of the passing of Neil Dale—for many years a well-known TD in the Portland area.

Last year 37 players were in attendance, divided into an Open and Reserve section. But this year it was decided to make it a five-round Swiss in one section, with a time control of game in 120, with a 10 second delay—prize money of \$1500 offered as an enticement if a player count of 50 was reached.

Although the player count fell shy of that mark—gaining only two more than last year—the number of players present, together with parents and friends, made for a full house, overseen by Chief TD Mike Morris and Chief Assistant TD Mike Janniro, with further assistance on day one by Greg Markowski, who is in training to acquire his TD credentials.

One onlooker, known for having an inquisitive nose, floppy ears, a rather extended tail, and a knowledge of chess unrivaled in the annals of chess history, could be seen making his rounds among adoring fans. It is a ritual well recognized among Morgan the Dog's many followers, one that seeks to locate favorite head-patters, belly-rubbers, hind-end scratchers, and most of all, that guy who slips him Wendy's french fries and nuggets, when he thinks Morgan's companion, Jerrold "I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It's Over" Richards (1384-1343—1.0/5), is not watching.

Richards, and this reporter, Brian "I'm Just Glad To Be Here" Berger (1525-1513—2.5/5), found ourselves



(L) Brian Donnell vs Steven Breckenridge. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

experiencing what has become mostly the norm of late—that is, eking out small gains in one tournament, only to have them taken away in the next; this for both of us being one of the “taken away” tournaments.

In Richards' case, a first-round loss to a player nearly 250-points higher in rating started him on his four loss, one win, final score—the outcome of which cost him 41 recently acquired precious points. Whereas in my case, I was unlucky enough to be matched in the same round with the tournament's eventual winner, Joshua Grabinsky (2174-2196—4.5/5), whose 649 rating point advantage did to me what an extra 649 points are supposed to do—crush any hope of an upset.

Matched against Michael Schuff (1310-1416—3.0/5) in round two, I did no better than against Grabinsky, and was glad I had decided to take a third-round bye, so as not to face what would have

probably been an even lower-rated player, and possibly losing *that* game.

Helping to save a bit of face the next day, I somehow managed to win my last two games against much lower-rated players. But my New Year's resolution to fight my way back into the 1700s (I was once 1707) started on this dismal note, and the loss of another 12 points in rating—all this on top of the knowledge that I'm not getting any younger, makes me realize how closely I identify with Jerrold Richards, and his wish “...To Reach 1600 Before It's Over.”

As noted above, Joshua Grabinsky won the first place prize of \$234, plus a \$50 bonus for clear first in a heated draw with FIDE Master Steven Breckenridge (2433-2431—4.0/5), who had taken a bye in the first round. The 22 rating points gained by Grabinsky placed him at the cusp of earning Master status, a journey he first started in late 2011, on the heels of



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(L) David Roshu vs Roshen Nair. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

his brother Aaron, who started his climb in late 2010, and who now holds the title of Life Master.

Tying with Breckenridge were Lennart Bjorksten (2173-2170—4.0/5) and Michael Moore (1824-1849—4.0/5), the three splitting second-third and the first U2100 prizes, giving each \$110.50 walking-around money—the second place, U2100 prize of \$58.50, going to Brian Donnell (2036-2034—3.5/5).

Also coming in with 3.5 each were Andrea Botez (1852-1836—3.5/5) and Roshen Nair (1806-1820—3.5/5), who tied for the U1900 first-second place prize money, both earning \$68.25 after the split. And in the U1700, a four-way tie for first-second saw Eric Erard (1667-1681—3.0/5), Kushal Pai (1644-1649—3.0/5), Alex Yeo (1645-1654—3.0/5), and Zoey Tang (1671-1669—3.0/5) walk away with \$34.13 each.

Two others with the same score were Austin Tang (1429-1521—3.0/5) and Michael Schuff (1310-1416—3.0/5), who tied for the U1500 money, each taking home \$68.25, and both elevating their rating—in the case of Tang, by 92-points, and in the case of Schuff, by 106!

Nick Major (1090P-1202P—2.0/5), a provisional player with 18 games under his belt, took the U1300 first place prize of \$78, and added 112 rating points in the process. While Thomas Schuff (645-777—1.5/5), with a 645 rating, won the U1300 second place prize of \$58.50, plus the “greatest established rating difference” \$50 upset bonus, by beating Mark Hanna (1612-1544—2.0/5) from Washington.

It is hoped that next year, the Neil Dale Memorial Open will draw an even greater audience, in remembrance of a great TD.



Chief Assistant TD Mike Janniro.
Photo credit: Brian Berger.

2018 British Columbia vs. Washington Challenge Match

By Josh Sinanan

The second annual BC-WA Challenge Match took place at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Victoria, BC (Canada) on the weekend of January 12-14, 2018.

The results of the match were similar to last year's:

Result

BC Masters 12.5 — WA Masters 12.5
Tied Match!

BC Team #2 9.0 — **WA Team #2 16.0!**

Each team was comprised of five players, each of whom played one game against each member of the opposing team. The event was sponsored by Victoria Chess, the BCCF, the Washington Chess Federation, the Victoria Chess Club, Thrifty's groceries, Designer Chess and several of the players.

Cash and trophy prizes were awarded to the top two players on each team as follows:

- BC Team A: FM John Doknjas 4.5 and NM Jason Kenney 3
- WA Team A: NM Nat Koons 4.5 and NM Howard Chen 3.5
- BC Team B: Michael Su 3.0 and Neil Doknjas 2.5
- WA Team B: Sloan Setiadikurnia 4.5 and Oscar Petrov 4



A Teams: Back row: Tim Moroney (WA), organizer Paul Leblanc, Joshua Doknjas (BC), Javier Cortes (BC), a Chilean chess master attending UBC, Howard Wu (BC). Front row: Howard Chen (WA), Curt Collyer (WA), Josh Sinanan (WA), John Doknjas (BC), Jason Kenney (BC). Missing: Nat Koons (WA). Photo credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.



B Teams: Top row: Oscar Petrov (WA), Sloan Setiadikurnia (WA), Jacob Mayer (WA), organizer Paul Leblanc, Jamie Campbell (BC), Jason Williamson (BC). Bottom Row: Advaita Vijayakumar (WA), Daniel Shubin (WA), Rowan James (BC), Neil Doknjas (BC), Michael Su (BC). Photo credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.



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(L) Joshua Doknjas vs. Josh Sinanan. Photo Credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.



Nat Koons (R) contemplates his first move in his game vs. Joshua Doknjas. Photo Credit: Victoria Jung-Doknjas.

PCC January Game 60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR — January 27, 2018

The Portland Chess Club's first Game 60 of the new year drew an anxious-to-get-started audience of 36 players on a rainy last Saturday in January. And anxious to get things started on time was Chief TD Mike Hasuike, backed by an old hat at TDing, Assistant Chief TD Micah Smith, there to give his support to the newly minted Chief TD—a title Hasuike has recently earned by dedicating many hours of his time to being an Assistant TD—Game 60 being his choice to TD on a regular basis.

Prominent among the milling bodies waiting to be paired was none other than Morgan the Dog, who tries not to miss a single Game 60, as he knows his fans are expecting him, and where he can always count on being the center of attention, enthusiastically accepting the joys of being petted and scratched by his admiring followers.

And where we find Morgan, we are sure to find his live-in companion, Jerrold "I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It's Over" Richards (1343-1300—1.5/4), who despite recently gaining 43 points on his rating, managed to give it all back in this tournament—a phenomenon common to both he and this reporter, Brian "I'm Just Glad To Be Here" Berger (1513-1575—2.5/4), a brother-in-arms when it comes to losing rating points.

Miraculously, two wins over higher-rated players and a fourth round bye were good enough results to not only let me keep from losing more of my rating, but actually were enough to add on 62 points, and to share the U1800 prize with Isaac Vega (1702-1757—2.5/4), each of us receiving \$24 to brag about.

Perhaps my lucky charm was bringing along my dog Mitzi. Though not versed in the intricacies of world class chess (as Morgan the Dog is), she is a pure-bred sheltie, who is pure sweetness and radiates a comforting warmth in whatever room she enters—which was apparent when the attention given her was almost on par with what Morgan was receiving.

Because of the number of players (30 or more), the Game 60 was broken into two sections, with 18 in the Upper and 18 in the Lower. Shunkai Peng (a new face around the Portland Chess Club) (2380P-2389—4.0/4), a provisional player with only 22 rated games coming in, became a fully established Master in this event by winning all four of his games, taking



(L) Gavin Zhang vs Eric Erard. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



Jerrold Richards with Morgan the Dog. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



(L) Shunkai Peng vs Jason Cigan. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

home \$84 in first place prize money.

Rated a provisional 2264 mid-December of last year, Peng's later games show that he has had two draws with 2500 players and a draw with a 2600 player, and that he has had only two losses in 26 games, reason enough to see why Jason Cigan (2241-2240—3.0/4) had his hands full in their matchup, and had to settle for being part of a three-way tie for second place—the other two being Owen McCoy

(2184-2176—3.0/4) and Ryan Richardson (2021-2035—3.0/4), all finishing with 3.0 and gaining \$16 in the split.

The Lower section saw two three-way ties, the first being for first and second place, going to Austin Tang (1521-1542—3.5/4), Havish Sripada (1289-1451—3.5/4), and Ethan Zhang (1315-1406—3.5/4), the split giving each \$44 for their piggy banks (does anyone have piggy banks anymore?), and tacking

on 162 more rating points for Sripada, and a hefty 91 more for Zhang.

The second of the three-way ties (the U1200/Unrated) in the Lower section went to Patrick Morrissey (1100-1122—2.0/4), Pace Lykins (933-1016—2.0/4), and Michael Kim (Unr.-1352P—2.0/4) for their 2.0 scores, the divvied-up prize giving them \$16 each to use toward their next entrance fee.



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Chess Poem from the Idaho Closed

The following poem was written by David Zaklan of Twin Falls on the morning of February 18, 2018 before round three at the Idaho Closed State Championship I couldn't resist putting it into this issue.—Editor.

Peace

Like a razor sharpened knife in the block of wooden and plastic handled others, the dusty wooden chess pieces stood at attention on the cracked hardwood veneer of an old chess table.

Helpless bored soldiers hurriedly awaiting war. Without a commander or puppeteer they are petrified.

Witness to the screams of joy and agony of many who dared this battle; they wait for us today.



David Zaklan. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Miscellaneous Games

Frank Fagundes (1723) –
Melina Li (1685) [D32]

Seattle City Championship Reserve
Seattle, WA (R5), January 14, 2018
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c5
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Be7
8.e3 a6 9.Rc1 Nc6 10.Be2 h6 11.Bh4 0-0
12.0-0 Be6 13.Na4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Ne4
15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nb6 Rad8 17.f3 Nd6



Position after 17...Nd6

18.Rc3?

18.Bd3 covers the f5-square.

18...Nf5 19.Qd1 d4! 20.exd4 Nxd4
21.Qe1 Bxa2

21...Rfe8! White's troubles revolve around the loose offside knight on b6 and the precarious pieces on the central files.

22.Bd3 Qb4 23.Qe4 f5 24.Qxb7



Position after 24.Qxb7

24...Rb8?

24...Qxb2 25.Qxa6 (25.Rc7 Ne6; 25.Rcc1 Rb8) 25...Qxc3 26.Qxa2+ Kh7 27.Bc4 Qb4 28.Nd5 Qc5 29.Kh1 Ra8 and Black

will emerge with an extra piece.

25.Qxa6 Qxb2 26.Bc4+?!

26.Na4! Qb4 27.Bc4+ Bxc4 28.Qxc4+

26...Kh8



Position after 26...Kh8

27.Nd5?

27.Re3!? Nc2 28.Re6, lining up for a potential sacrifice on h6, seems complex and threatening.

27...Bxc4 28.Rxc4 Ra8 29.Qg6?

29.Qd6, keeping contact with the rook on f8, prevents the immediate checkmate.

29...Ne2+ 30.Kh1 Ra1 31.h4 Rxf1+
32.Kh2 Qa1 0-1

Harrison Toppen-Ryan (1526) –
Anthony Hua (1393) [D34]

WA Class Championship
Lynnwood, WA (R5) November 26, 2017
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Be7 4.Nf3 0-0
5.0-0 d5 6.d4 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 Nc6
9.Bf4

Both sides have handled the fairly complex transpositions from English Opening to Tarrasch Defense quite nicely. Here 9.Bg5 and 9.cxd5 are more common, but there's nothing wrong with the game choice.

9...Be6 10.Rc1 Qd7

Slightly suspect, as Ne5 will come with tempo.

11.dxc5 Bxc5

[Diagram top of next page]

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Position after 11...Bxc5



Position after 22...Qxh3



Position after 16...Ne4

12.e3

Not really necessary. Presumably White was hoping for a Nxd5 tactic, but didn't want to allow ...Bxf2+ in reply. The immediate 12.Ne5 is quite good: 12...Nxe5 (12...Qe7 13.Nd3 (Or 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Na4±) 13...Bb6 14.Bg5±) 13.Bxe5 Ng4 14.Bd4± Black will suffer with the blockaded isolated queen pawn for the rest of the game.; 12.Nxd5?! Bxf2+ 13.Rxf2 Bxd5±

12...Be7

Or Black could choose not to retreat: 12...Rfd8 13.Nxd5? (13.Ne5± still.) 13...Nxd5 14.Rxc5 Nxf4 15.Qxd7 Ne2+ 16.Kh1 Rxd7 17.Re1 Rad8±

13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfd8 15.Qd2 Ng4 16.Bd4 b6 17.Rfd1 Rac8 18.h3?!

No need to weaken the kingside. The knight isn't threatening anything on g4.

18...Nf6

18...Nh6!?

19.Bxf6

19.h4; 19.g4!?

19...Bxf6 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.Bxd5 Qxh3

[Diagram top of next column]

The combination results in an essentially equal position with opposite color bishops, which either provide attacking chances or lead to completely drawn endings.

23.e4 Qg4 24.e5

White hopes to distract the bishop from

its guard of d8.

24...Bg5 25.Qe1 Kf8

So Bxf7 is not check.

26.Kg2 Bf4??

26...g6

27.Qb4+ Ke8 28.Bxf7+

Bxf7+ is crushing against either king move, but here 28.Bc6+ is arguably even stronger. 28...Rd7 29.Qd6

28...Kxf7 1-0

Advait Vijayakumar (1766) – Joseph Frantz (1932) [D79]
Seattle Masters (Challengers)
Seattle, WA (R3), February 3, 2018
[Joseph Frantz]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 c6

I know little about the Fianchetto King's Indian to begin with, and didn't really know what Black should strive for here.

6.Bg2 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.0-0 Nc6

If this isn't an exciting position, what is?

9.a3 b6 10.b4 Bb7 11.Bb2 Rc8 12.Rc1 Qd6 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Nc3 Rfd8 15.e3 e6 16.Qd3 Ne4

[Diagram top of next column]

17.Nd2

The knight cannot be captured: 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 Nxd4 and White is dropping a piece.

17...Nd6 18.Rc2 a6 19.Rfc1 Nc4 20.Na4

Rc7?

Wrongly believing that 21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Something-x-c4 b5 would was fine. Soon I realized it is not: 22.Rxc4 b5 23.R4c2 bxa4 24.Bxc6 and Black is down a pawn and has doubled a-pawns with no compensation whatsoever.

[More accurate in this line is 23.Rc5, since 23.R4c2 allows Black to try 23...Nxb4. — Dubisch]

21.Qb3?

Phew.

21...b5 22.Nc5 Re7

I figured that play was going to move towards the center and kingside, and planned accordingly.

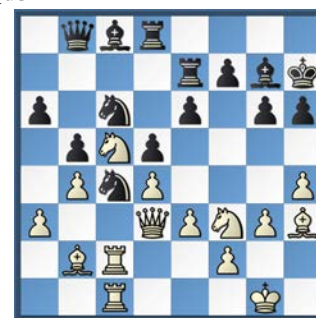
23.Nf3 h6 24.h4

Probably too weakening.

24...Bc8 25.Bh3 Kh7

I played this partly in hope that White would play his next move.

26.Qd3



Position after 26.Qd3



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26...e5

It was only here that I believed I was better. The bishop on h3 is hanging, so his next move is forced.

27.Bxc8 e4 28.Qd1 Qxc8

[? 28...exf3! 29.Bxa6 Nxe3! — Dubisch]

29.Nh2

[? 29.Nd2 — Dubisch]

29...f5 30.Qf1 Bf6 31.Qh3 Rde8 32.Nf1 Rh8 33.h5 g5

Now I knew that I should, eventually, be able to break through with f4, but I would need to prepare it the right way. This task I almost accomplished.

34.Kg2 Rg8 35.Nd2 Rf7 36.Rh1 Be7 37.Ndb3 Bd6 38.Bc1 Ra7 39.Rd1 Rf8 40.Rh1 Rf6 41.Rd1 Qf8 42.Rh1

I thought to myself that, since White obviously had no idea what to do, I could continue making tiny adjustments to my position before playing f4. But I was getting extremely impatient and thought that surely f4 would work right now. Some tiny adjustments might have saved me a lot of grief.

42...f4?

Not noticing that his queen defends d7, so Nd7 is possible.

43.exf4? Bxc5

The point is that if White recaptures with a knight, d4 is unprotected.

44.Nxc5 Nxd4 45.Nd7

I had been planning 45...Rxd7 46.Qxd7+ Rf7 and then 47.Nxc2. But then I realized this does not work: 47.Qxd5 Nxc2 48.Qxe4+ and Black will simply be down two pawns.

45...Qf7 46.Nxf6+ Qxf6



Position after 46...Qxf6

47.Bb2

[47.Rxc4! dxc4 48.Bb2 gxf4 49.Bxd4 f3+ 50.Kg1 Qxd4 51.Qf5+ Kg8 52.Rh4 Rg7 53.Qe6+ Kh7 54.Qf5+ Kh8 55.Qf8+ Kh7 56.Qf5+ with a draw by perpetual check. — Dubisch]

47...Nxb2

It seemed to me like my d4 knight was much more useful than my c4 one, so I

just decided to trade off the latter.

48.Rxb2 gxf4 49.Rd2 fxc3 50.fxc3 Qf3+

[50...e3 — Dubisch]

51.Kh2 Rf7 52.Rhd1

I had been expecting 52.Rg1, after which I wasn't sure what to do. Both of us were in severe time trouble.

52...e3 53.Rxd4 e2 54.Qe6 Qxh5+ 55.Kg2 Qf3+ 56.Kh3 exd1Q

I had been looking for clear-cut wins over the past few moves, and very badly wanted to find one, but didn't.

57.Rxd1 Qf5+

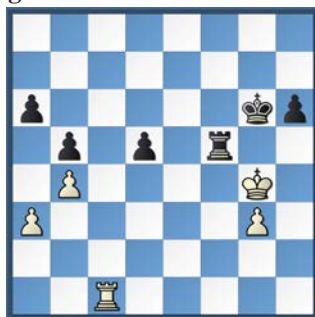
I considered 57... Rf5 but figured I would have no way to avoid a perpetual except by just moving the rook back. I chose to offer a queen trade because I figured that I would still have serious chances of winning the rook ending.

[=+ 57...Rg7! 58.Rg1 (58.Qe1 Rxc3+ 59.Qxc3 Qxd1) 58...d4 — Dubisch]

58.Qxf5+ Rxf5 59.Kg4

[?! 59.g4 — Dubisch]

59...Kg6 60.Rc1



Position after 60.Rc1

60...Rf6

[While the general rule of thumb is rooks belong behind passed pawns, here this maneuver allows the white king more activity. Instead, 60...Kf6 61.Rc6+ Ke5 62.Rxh6 d4 and Black is faster. — Dubisch]

61.Rd1 Rd6 62.Kf4 Kf6 63.Rh1 Kg6 64.Rd1

[64.Ke5 Rd8 65.Kd4 — Dubisch]

64...d4 65.Ke5

At this point, with one minute on my clock, I calculated only the line in which we trade rooks and then race to promote pawns, and concluded that Black wins.

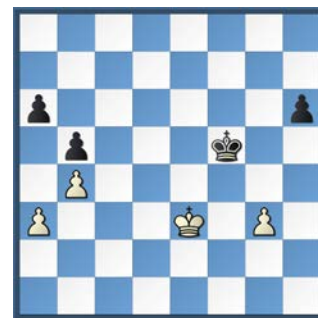
65...Rd8 66.Rxd4 Rxd4 67.Kxd4 Kf5

I had not even noticed that, of course, White can just safely defend his g-pawn.

68.Ke3

[Diagram top of next column]

68...h5



Position after 68.Ke3

[?? Define "safely." 68...Kg4! 69.Kf2 Kh3 70.Kf3 h5! 71.Kf2 Kh2 72.Kf3 Kg1!+ — Dubisch]

69.Kf3 Kg5 70.Kf2 Kf5 71.Kf3 Kg5 72.Kf2 Kf5

Like most chess players, I'm torn between 1) knowing that computers will see things humans don't see, and that it's good to learn from them, and 2) not wanting computers to do all the work. I wrote these notations before looking at Stockfish's evaluations. Thankfully, none of my notations were flagrantly off-key, although the refutation to 20...Rc7 is 21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Qxc4 for complicated tactical reasons. Black could have won the pawn endgame, but with technique that most players wouldn't think of with about 45 seconds on their clock. Once upon a time, two very tired human beings played one game of chess for four hours, and mistakes were made.

[And we appreciate the humanity. — Dubisch]

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2018 Washington Junior Open

By Gary Dorfner & Josh Sinanan

The 2018 Washington Junior Open was held on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, Monday, January 15, at Interlake High School in Bellevue. A new record of 320 players took part in seven sections: K-1 U800, 2-3 U800, K-3 U1400, 4-6 U900, 4-12 U1400, U1600, and Open. The tournament was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and directed by David Hendricks with assistance from Josh Sinanan, Chouchan Airapetian, Roland Feng, and Jacob Mayer.

Joseph Truelson, an 11th grader at Newport High School in Bellevue, won the Open section for the second year in a row with a perfect 4.0/4 score, earning a seed into the 2018 Washington Premier and 2019 Washington Junior Closed.

Other winners:

K-1 U800: First, Alfred Su, 5.0/5;

2018 Washington State High School Individual Chess Championship

By Gary Dorfner & Josh Sinanan

The 2018 Washington State High School Individual Championship took place January 26-27 at Inglesmoor High School in Kenmore. It attracted 77 players in three sections: Championship (NW rating 1500+), Premier (1000-1499), and Reserve (U1000). The tournament was hosted by Inglesmoor High School Chess Club and organized by Washington Chess Federation. WCF Member-at-Large Jacob Mayer, WCF President Josh Sinanan, and WCF Tournament Coordinator Dan Mathews organized and ran the tournament.

The top players who took part in the star-studded Championship section included International Master Bryce Tiglon, Woman International Master Naomi Bashkansky, FIDE Master Roland Feng, and National Masters Kyle Haining, Luke Xie, and Derek Zhang. The two “heavyweights” of the tournament, Bryce Tiglon of Lakeside School and Roland Feng of Garfield High School, tied for first place in the Championship each with 4.5/5, winning their first four games and drawing against each other in the final round. For Bryce, this was his third victory in a row, tying for first with the legendary He Brothers in his freshman year and winning the tournament outright as a sophomore in 2017. Roland and Bryce will face each other in a future playoff match to determine the honor or being Washington State representative to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, which runs concurrently with the U.S. Open during the summer.

In the Premier and Reserve sections the format was a double swiss, in which players played two games of G/45 against each other, once with white and once with black, for a grueling total of ten games over two days. Richard Egbert, a senior representing the host school of Inglesmoor, won the Premier section with a very strong 8.5/10 score! Collin Dang, a sophomore from Redmond High School, the reigning State Team Champions, was the tournament’s only perfect score with an astonishing 10/10 in the Reserve section!

Congratulations to all of the winners!



(L) Daniel Wilke vs. Nathan Liu during round three. Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.

second-third, Otto Yuen and Victor Fu, 4.0/5.

2-3 U800: First, Tristan Kuo, 5.0/5; second-eighth, Bryan Wang, Arush Yadlapati, Smaran Malakapalli, Sean Little, Keaton Jewsbury, Kavya Subramanian, and Ben Mcateer, 4.0/5.

K-3 U1400: First, Emma Li, 5.0/5; second-fifth, Rishabh Chinni, Keane Qu, Federico Raugai, and Cooper Smith, 4.0/5.

4-12 U1400: First, Ben Fu, 5.0/5; second, Beatrice Raugai, 4.5/5; third-eighth, Parth Parashar, Thiruchelvam Thirunavukkara, Troy Zhang, Aaryan Dhingra, Jerry Tong, and Justin Wu, 4.0/5.

4-6 U900: First, Palash Singhal, 5.0/5; second, Luke Debu, 4.5/5; third-seventh, Arjun Balaji, Advait Vankamamidi, Angela Aгаian, Logan Booth, and Lucy Graceffo, 4.0/5.

U1600: First-second, Jeff Tiglon and Albert Wang, 4.0/4; third-fifth, Miles Hamilton-Sommer, Drake Borden, and Eddie Chang, 3.5/4.

Open: First, Joseph Truelson 4.0/4; second-fourth, Samuel Deng, James Lai, and Joshua Lewis-Sandy, 3.5/4.

Teams: First, Blackwell, 15.0; second, Heritage Christian, 14.5; third, Alcott, 14.0.



Top boards of the Open section at the Washington Junior Open. Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.

Tacoma News

By Gary Dorfner, Josh Sinanan, Eric Tangborn, and Phil Watson

The New Year Open was the first tournament held in 2018. Eleven club members showed up for this event. Tom Walker clinched first, 4.0/4, with his win over Steven Markman. Second was shared by Paul Bartron and Steve Buck, who played to a draw.

The Bryan Black Memorial was held on January 27, with only five players. The winners were: First, Rushaan Mahajan, 3.0/3; second, Ralph Anthony, 2.0/3. Ralph and Rushaan's game against each other in round three decided first and second.

Tournament Director for these events was Gary Dorfner.

Staff Sergeant Bryan Black of Puyallup, age 35, was one of four Green Berets killed when they came under fire in Niger on October 4, 2017. He served as a Special Forces Medical Sergeant. Bryan was an active chess player in Washington State in the 1990s and 2000s. His last US Chess rating was 1975. He was Tacoma Chess Club champion in 1999 and graduated from Puyallup High School in 2000. The City of Puyallup held a memorial service on Sunday November

19, at Pioneer Park Pavilion.

The non-profit Puyallup Parks Foundation would like to dedicate a new outdoor chess park in memory of Bryan Black. The new chess park is planned for Pioneer Park in downtown Puyallup. There will also tentatively be a chess tournament the weekend of the dedication. The online \$7,500 fundraising goal for this project has been reached.

Washington Closed Bio's

Following are player biographies sent in by the players of the February Washington Closed. Photos were supplied by the players or family members.—Editor.

Kyle Haining

Kyle Haining is an international baccalaureate student at Inglemoor High School. He was awarded the US Chess title of National Master and the FIDE title of Candidate Master in 2015. Kyle is a national high school chess co-champion, a national junior high blitz champion, and a national elementary school blitz champion. Kyle plays online for the Seattle Sluggers.



12th Annual Grand Pacific Open

Over C\$5,000 GUARANTEED Prize Fund; FIDE rated

Easter Weekend, March 30-April 2, 2018

Location: Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St, Victoria, BC

Round Times: Friday 6:00pm, Sat. 12:00 / 6:00pm, Sun. 12:00 / 6:00pm, Monday 10:00am

Sections: Premier (FIDE and CFC rated); U2000; U1700; U1200; (all CFC rated)

Entry Fees: C\$80 by Feb.19, C\$90 by Mar. 26, C\$100 onsite. Discount C\$20 in U1200 section.

Prizes: over C\$5,000 guaranteed.

Registration: on line at www.grandpacificopen.pbworks.com or by cheque payable to Victoria Chess. Mail to Paul Leblanc, 1012 Spiritwood Place, Victoria, BC V8Y 1C6

Transportation: Clipper jet boat from Seattle and Coho ferry from Port Angeles both dock across the street from the playing site. Round times are set up to match the sailing schedule.

Misc: All equipment provided. C\$109 room rate at Hotel Grand Pacific 1-800-663-7550 (rate code "APRIL18CHESS"). See website for further details and side events.

Minda Chen



Hi everyone! My name is Minda Chen, and I am an eighth grader currently attending Jane Addams Middle School. I started playing chess in first grade at my school chess club and kept at it throughout elementary school. In second grade, I started competing in local scholastic tournaments with others in the chess club. Our school chess club was actually really good and we won state a couple times and even went to Nationals twice. It was really only until

sixth grade when I started switching over from scholastic tournament to playing in US Chess tournaments. My biggest chess achievements are winning the KCF All-Girls National Championship twice (U12 and U14) and finishing second in the 2017 North American Youth Chess Championship (girls U14) which resulted in a WCM title.

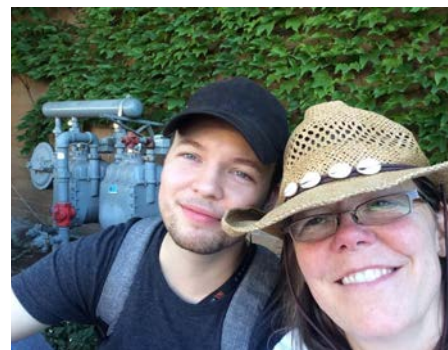
Tim Moroney

I grew up in the Midwest where my brother taught me to play chess when I was eight years old. I learned about chess tournaments and fell in love with the game at the age of 11. My brother stopped playing against me as I quickly improved, and to this day he still proudly boasts his positive win rate against me. I found a love for the diversity of people and cultures chess brought together, and each game I played or spectated seemed to carry a spark of magic. I played in every tournament I could, including scholastic and adult national events, and was fortunate to earn a few championship titles along the way. At age 13, I started teaching chess to kids; I had found my passion.

In 2009 I had my best tournament result, scoring 6.5/9.0 at the U.S. Open. The following year I had a significant

life result, moving 1,700 miles to Eastern Washington and starting a family. For the next several years I reduced my focus on chess. Now with a daughter in Kindergarten, I am thankful for the opportunity to return to my other love and passion on the chess board. I am teaching again, working with the local organization Chess4Life to teach life skills to kids through the game of chess. I am thrilled and honored to have my second opportunity to compete in the Washington state championship.

Peter Watts



Chess has always been my first love. My father taught me how to play when I was about seven, and I spent much of my childhood and teenage years developing a passion for the game. I discovered

Oregon Senior Chess Championship April 7-8, 2018 Sponsored by Oregon Chess Federation

Type: 5-round US Chess-rated Swiss.

Time Control: Game in 2 hours, 5 second delay (G/120; d5).

Registration: 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 April 7.

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

Other: US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA required (OSA). **OCF Invitational Qualifier.**

\$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

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sponsored by the Idaho Chess Association

Sat.-Sun ., April 14-15
(US Chess Rated, Open Section)

5SS G/120;d5

check-in: 8-8:30 am

Round Times: Sat. 9 am, 2:00 pm, 7 pm,

Sun. 9:00 am, 2 pm

Prizes: b/30

- **Open Section** 1st - 2nd place \$200, \$100, 75 & 1st place (\$50) for U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000, & Unr.

Registration: \$33.00 per player, \$28.00 for 60+/U18 (\$53 family rate), \$10.00 late fee for registration on-site. Scholarships available. ICA & USChess Required. Other state affiliates accepted. Over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free.

Games: Chess sets provided, clocks not provided. No Insufficient Losing Chances rule.

TD: Jay Simonson

Byes: Maximum 1-half point bye, Rounds 1-3, commit by round 2. 0-point bye round 5.

Details: idahochessassociation@gmail.com, or idahochessassociation.com

**By entering the tournament, permission is given to the organizers to use photos for publicity and news on the internet, newspapers, and literature.

the Seattle Chess Club in the seventh grade while browsing the phone book for local chess meet-ups. Soon after I began playing competitively in local tournaments and on school teams.

Since then I've made many great friends and have more fond chess memories than I could possibly count. I feel very fortunate to have grown up with such a vibrant, talented, and passionate chess community, and look forward to many more years of chess here in the Northwest!

Daniel Shubin



2013 Washington State school championships – third grade - first place

2015 Washington State school championships – fifth grade - first place

2016 Israel school championships – first place

2016 US National Chess School Championships Bughouse – fourth place

2016 World School Individual Championships – 21st place

2017 US National K-12 Grade Championships seventh grade – fifth place

2017 North American Youth Chess Championships – ninth place

Eugene Rozenfeld

I was born in Kiev, Ukraine and learned to play chess when I was five years old. At nine I started studying chess seriously with a coach at the local chess club and played almost every weekend in club and city tournaments. I was on the team from my school that won a Kiev championship one year. I'm still very much in touch with the other three players from that team and one from an opposing team even though the five of us live in three different countries now (none of us stayed in Ukraine).

I took a break from playing in tournaments when I started college in Ukraine but in a few years, after moving to the USA and resuming my studies at



Cornell, I started playing in tournaments again. For the last 19 years I've enjoyed playing in Pacific Northwest tournaments. I won several tournaments during these years and was very proud to beat Nakamura in a Microsoft simul in 2009. It's exciting how much stronger the local players have become in the last couple of decades. I haven't played in round-robin tournaments since 2002 Washington Premier so I'm looking forward to playing in the Washington Invitational this year.

Washington Senior Championship

April 14-15, 2018

Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133.

Format: A 4-Round Swiss in one section open to Seniors age 50+. US Chess Rated.

Time Control: 40/2, SD/30 d10.

US Chess April 2018 rating supplement will be used to determine pairings and prizes.

Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Prize Fund: \$750 (based on 20 paid entries).

1st \$150, 2nd \$125, 3rd \$100, 1st Age 60+ \$75, 1st Age 70+ \$75, 1st Age 80+ \$75, 1st Age 90+ \$75. Top Female: \$75

Highest finishing Washington resident receives the title of Washington State Senior Chess Champion, a seed into the Invitational Section of the 2019 WA State Championship, and \$750 of monetary support from the WCF to attend the National Senior Tournament of Champions, which is held in conjunction with the US Open in late July.

Entry Fee: \$50 by 4/8, \$60 after 4/8 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, & WIMs.

Registration: Saturday 10:00 - 10:45 AM.

Rounds: Saturday 11 AM, 5 PM; Sunday 11 AM, 5 PM.

Byes: One half-point bye available. Request before end of round 2.

US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted.

Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Josh Sinanan, 3610 218th Street SW, Brier, WA 98036.

Phone: (206) 769-3757. **Email:** joshsinanan@gmail.com.

Online Registration: www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration.

Sophie Velea



My name is Sophie Velea. I am a Woman Candidate Master who won the Pan American and North American championships at GU8 in 2016. My biggest achievement has been getting second place in World School Championship at GU9 in Romania, in 2017. I have won trophies in many local and national tournaments such as Susan Polgar Foundation National Open and CONIC.

What first inspired me to play chess was my dad. It became one of my goals to beat my dad when I was in kindergarten. Now I have a winning streak of many wins against him.

I enjoy doing many other things such as reading, math and soccer.

Joseph R. Levine



Joseph is drawn to strategy games and anything where there's a way to keep score. Now a fifth grader at Eastside Prep, he started playing chess in kindergarten as an after-school activity after overcoming his mother's concerns that chess was too much of an intellectual activity for a preschooler. His interest in chess really took hold after a summer chess camp taught by Leo Stefurak, PhD. Over the next few years Coach Leo inspired Joseph and instilled a deep love of the game. Joseph started competing in scholastic

tournaments in second grade and tied for first place in the Washington state grade-level championship that year. Since then Joseph has traveled extensively for chess tournaments, competing in both scholastic and prize-money tournaments (strongly preferring cash awards over big trophies). His goal for 2017 was to go over 2000 on his US Chess rating, which he did on Dec 31st. What he likes about chess is "the complexity of the game and the use of imagination". Beyond chess, Joseph is an avid video gamer (Rocket League) and voracious reader, and loves Ultimate Frisbee.

William Schill

Washington Champion 2000

Washington Co-Champion 2001

Second place Washington championship more times than anyone!?

Oregon Open Co-Champion some time ago

20th Annual Pacific Coast Champion 2015

Played Magnus to a draw, really!

Teaching chess camps this summer at The Valley School & Open Windows (sign up!)

Harmon Memorial

April 28-29, 2018

Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133.

Two Sections: Open (FIDE Rated) and Reserve (under 1800).

Open: 4 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** 40/120, SD/30, d10.

Reserve: 5 Round Swiss. **Time Control:** Saturday 30/90, SD/30, d10; Sunday 40/120, SD/30, d10.

US Chess April 2018 rating supplement will be used to determine pairings and prizes.

Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Prize Fund: \$2,000 (based on 60 paid entries).

Open: 1st \$450, 2nd \$350, 1st U2100 \$150, 1st U1900 \$150.

Reserve: 1st \$320, 2nd \$220, 1st U1600 \$120, 1st U1400 \$120, 1st U1200/Unrated \$120.

Entry Fee: \$65 if postmarked or online by 04/20, \$75 after 04/20 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

Registration: Saturday 9:00 - 9:45 AM.

Rounds: Open: Saturday 10:00 AM, 4:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

Reserve: Saturday 10:00 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM; Sunday 11:00 AM, 5:00 PM.

Byes: Two half-point byes available, request before end of round 2.

US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted.

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 6. US Chess Junior Grand Prix event. Northwest Chess Grand Prix event. NS. NC. W.

Info/Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Dan Mathews, 749 Somerset Lane, Edmonds, WA 98020-2646. **Phone:** (425) 218-7529

Info: Josh Sinanan: (206) 769-3757. **E-mail:** danomathews01@gmail.com or wcf.tournaments@gmail.com.

Online Registration: www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration.

43rd Annual Keres Memorial

C\$5,000 GUARANTEED Prize Fund, FIDE rated

Victoria Day Weekend, May 19-21, 2018

Location: Executive Plaza Hotel, 7311 Westminister Hwy, Richmond, BC

Round Times: Sat. 12:00 noon / 5:00, Sun. 10:00 / 5:00, Monday 10:00 / 3:00

Sections: Premier (CFC & FIDE rated), U2000 (CFC rated), U1600 (CFC rated)

Time Control: Game in 100 minutes plus 30 second per move increment.

Entry Fees: Premier & U2000: C\$90 by Apr. 16, C\$100 by May 14, C\$115 onsite. **U1600** C\$55 by Apr. 16, C\$65 by May 14, C\$80 on site. CFC tournament or regular membership required.

Prizes: C\$5,000 Guaranteed

Registration: on line at www.keresmemorial.pbworks.com

Misc: All equipment provided. C\$149 room rate at the Executive Plaza 1-800-663-2878 (rate code "Keres Memorial Chess Tournament"). See website for further details.

Washington Open

May 26–28, 2018

\$12,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund!

Highest finishing Washington resident seeded into the 2019 Washington State Championship

Site: Embassy Suites Seattle North/Lynnwood
20610 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood, WA 98036–7701

2018 Idaho Blitz Championship

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID — February 3, 2018

Kevin Xu (1708-1819—14.5/16) won the Idaho Blitz Championship held February 3, 2018 at the Computer Science Department, Boise State University City Center Plaza (next to the US Bank Building) 777 W Main St, Boise, ID 83702.

Cody Gorman (1831-1839—13.0/16) was second place with 13 points, and Jerry Triggs (2046P-1942—11.5/16) was third place with 11.5 points.

In this event, time control was Game/5 with no time delay. There were 30 players in the tournament.

Alise Pemsler was Chief Tournament Director with Dian-Xiang Xu and Adam Porth being assistant TD's.

I briefly interviewed Kevin Xu during the Idaho Closed on February 17, 2018 about the Idaho Blitz Championship.

JR: Tell me, what did you think about that tournament?

KX: I think it was run pretty smoothly. I mean there wasn't a lot of delay between the rounds like some other times. It wasn't a hassle with printing because someone bought a printer. Just some little kids were being loud outside when they finished their game early, but other than that, it was really fun.

JR: Are you going to play next year?

KX: Yeah, definitely I plan to.

JR: Do you have anything else you want to say?

KX: I had a lot of fun, I guess. I was kind of happy that James wasn't there—James Wei. I was preparing to have another serious showdown with him for the title, but he didn't come because he had basketball.



Forrest Zeng. Photo credit: Adam Porth.



Cody Gorman. Photo credit: Dylan Porth.



Jerry Triggs. Photo credit: Dylan Porth.



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The 2017 Neil Dale Memorial Final Standings

Murlin Varner, Administrator

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Below you will find the final standings for 2017. By the time you read this, the winners should have their checks. The top point earner was Steven Breckenridge, who amassed 317.5 points in little over a half year. (It helps to play in all the multiplier events and win often.) Breckenridge was the only Oregon player to surpass 200 points. He also took top Master honors. Abbie Wu's 181 was good enough for second in Oregon and first in Class B. Other Oregon class winners were Moshe Rachmuth (Expert), Isaac Vega (A), Arliss Dietz (C), and Austin Tang (D and below).

In Washington, eleven players surpassed 200 points, with the top spot going to Joseph Levine with 248.5. After leading for eleven months, August Piper was passed in the final tournament of the year, the Seattle Winter Classic, by both Levine and Jason Yu (236). Piper finished with 229.5 and the Class C championship. Other class winners in Washington were Ignacio Perez (Master), Yu (Expert), Levine (A), Jasen Reeves (B), and Ryan Min (D and below).

Idaho was topped by James Wei with 79.5 points. Wei enhanced his point total by travelling beyond the Idaho confines a couple of times, and takes top Class B honors as well as overall. Other class winners in Idaho include Gaby Dagher (Master/Expert/A), Adam Porth (C), Raymond Bian (D), and Luke Wei (E and below).

Prizes are given for first and second in each class, with an additional first place share for the top overall. In Idaho, the prizes were \$25.00 for first and \$12.50 for second. Oregon prizes were \$80.08 and \$40.04, and Washington prizes were \$152.00 and \$76.00.

Now, on to 2018, where, as of this writing, seven events are in the books. This constitutes 132 players and 189 entries. Not enough to bother with standings yet, but a warning, some players have participated in three events already. If you haven't, you have some catching up to do. February had seven more events, and so does March. The only multiplier event in March is the Seattle Spring Open (2x). There are two others in Seattle, three in Portland and one in Tacoma. Have fun.

Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Masters								
			1	Breckenridge Steven J	317.5	1	Perez Ignacio	227
			2	Cigan Jason D	168	2	Pupols Viktors	206.5
			3	Zavortink Matt	150	3	He Anthony B	121
			4	Tarjan James	42	4	Feng Roland	115
			5	Haessler Carl A	41.5	5	Sinanan Joshua C	113
Experts								
			1	Rachmuth Moshe S	121.5	1	Yu Jason	236
			2	Wu Ethan	102.5	2	Shubin Daniel	202
			3	Seitzer Phillip	100.5	3	Bashkansky Naomi	196.5
			4	Gatica Jose M	80.5	4	Zhang Brendan	189
			5	Bjorksten Lennart	76.5	5	Zhang Eric M	183.5
Class A								
			1	Vega Isaac	178	1	Levine Joseph R	248.5
			2	Feldman Konner	161	2	Lewis-Sandy Joshua M	221.5
			3	Moore Michael	152	3	Jiang Brandon	220.5
			4	Holloran William T, III	142.5	4	Veale Anne-Marie	207.5
			5	Murray David E	80.5	5	Vijayakumar Advait	183.5
M/X/Class A								
1	Dagher Gaby	46						
2	Inman James	45						
3	Cambareri Michael E	43						
4	Nathan Jacob A	33						
5	Havrilla Mark A	31						
Class B								
1	Wei James	79.5						
2	Machin Alex J	58.5						
3	Xu Kevin	54						
4	Roland Jeffrey T	47.5						
5	Derryberry Dewayne R	29.5						

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
Class C			Class B					
1	Porth Adam	30	1	Wu Abbie	181	1	Reeves Jasen	208.5
2	Geyman Jonathan P	25.5	2	Tang Zoey	146	2	Velea Stephanie	196
3	Weyland Ron	25	3	Berger Brian F	135	3	Velea Sophie	193
3	Machakos Seth D	25	4	Nair Roshen S	118	4	Mayer Jacob V	173
5	Zaklan David A	22	5	Hasuike Mike L	115.5	5	Beck Alec W	172
Class D			Class C					
1	Bian Raymond B	22.5	1	Dietz Arliss	113.5	1	Piper August	229.5
1	Porth Dylan	22.5	2	Kodithyala Raj	97	2	Li Melina	220
3	Liu James	22	3	Fudalla Ian	93	3	Richards Jerrold	193
4	Ang Ching-E N	20.5	4	Roshu Cassandra M	87.5	4	Gupta Anand	186
4	Zeng Forrest	20.5	5	Semenov Fedor	55.5	5	Patton Lorenzo	163.5
Class E and Below			Class D and Below					
1	Wei Luke B	54.5	1	Tang Austin	126	1	Min Ryan	167
2	Kitterman Andrew N	34.5	2	Feldman Neena	124	2	Goktepe Derin	166.5
3	Porth Darwin A	26	2	Beauchet Pierre-Hadrien	124	3	Hotani Kabir	119.5
4	Shepard River	24	4	Zhang Ethan Y	111	4	Ruff Lois	118
5	Callen Gregory D	17	5	Roshu David L	100	5	Goktepe Yasemin E	116
Overall Leaders, by State								
1	Wei James	79.5	1	Breckenridge Steven J	317.5	1	Levine Joseph R	248.5
2	Machin Alex J	58.5	2	Wu Abbie	181	2	Yu Jason	236
3	Wei Luke B	54.5	3	Vega Isaac	178	2	Piper August	229.5
4	Xu Kevin	54	4	Cigan Jason D	168	4	Perez Ignacio	227
5	Roland Jeffrey T	47.5	5	Feldman Konner	161	5	Lewis-Sandy Joshua M	221.5
6	Dagher Gaby	46	6	Moore Michael	152	6	Jiang Brandon	220.5
7	Inman James	45	7	Zavortink Matt	150	7	Li Melina	220
8	Cambareri Michael E	43	8	Tang Zoey	146	8	Reeves Jasen	208.5
9	Kitterman Andrew N	34.5	9	Holloran William T, III	142.5	9	Velea Anne-Marie	207.5
10	Nathan Jacob A	33	10	Berger Brian F	135	10	Pupols Viktors	206.5
11	Havrilla Mark A	31	11	Tang Austin	126	11	Shubin Daniel	202
12	Porth Adam	30	12	Beauchet Pierre-Hadrien	124	12	Bashkansky Naomi	196.5
			12	Feldman Neena	124			

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 Kings versus Princes V Mar. 16-18
 WA Senior Championship Apr. 14-15
 Clark Harmon Memorial Apr. 28-29

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Look for the Northway Square East Building, just across I-5 from Northgate Mall, with a large sign proclaiming "Northwest Kidney Centers." The main entrance is reached by turning east on N. 107th Street from Meridian Ave. N. The club is on the lower level.

Mar 11, Apr 8 **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. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess, WCF/OCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

Mar 10, Apr 21 **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.

March 30-April 1 **SCC Team in Reno!**
 Join the SCC Team(s) at the **Larry Evans Memorial**. We will compete against teams from San Francisco, Reno, Sacramento, and elsewhere!

Apr 22 **SCC Novice**
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 4/18, \$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.

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Seattle Spring Open

March 24-26 or 25-26

A two-section Swiss (4 rounds – Open, 5 rounds – Reserve) with a time control of 40/120 and SD/60 with a 5-second delay (two-day Reserve schedule – Round 1, G/60; d5). The prize fund of \$1000 is based on 52 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

a Northwest Grand Prix event

	Open	Reserve (U1950)	
First	\$220	First	\$120
Second	\$160	Second	\$80
U2100	\$100	U1750	\$70
		U1550	\$60
		U1350	\$50
		Unrated	\$20

Plus Score Pool — \$120

Entry Fees: \$36 if rec'd by 3/22 (\$26 SCC memb., \$31 memb. of other dues-required CCs in the NW), \$45 at site (\$35 SCC memb., \$40 memb. of other dues-required CCs in the NW). **Unrated**—Free with purchase of 1-yr US Chess & 1-yr WCF. **Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.**

Registration: Open—Sat. 11- noon; **Reserve**—Fri. 7-7:45pm, Sat. 9-9:45am.

Rounds: Open—Sat. 12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5; **Reserve**—Fri. 8, Sat. (10 @ G/64)-12:30-6:45, Sun. 11-5.

Byes: 1 in Open, 2 in Reserve (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

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

Upcoming Events

♣ denotes 2018 Northwest Grand Prix event; for Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

Mar 2-4 Seattle Super Masters, **Seattle, WA.** (Full-Page Ad Page 14)

♣ **Mar 10** Northwest Open, **Tacoma, WA.** Site: Metro Parks Community Center, 3513 Portland Ave. E., Tacoma, WA. Format: 4 round Swiss. Time Control: G/60; d5. Entry fee: Advanced \$25, at the door \$30; Club members: Advanced \$22, at the door \$27. Prize fund: \$190 b/10; 1st \$50, 2nd \$45 for Top half & Bottom half. Rounds: 10:00, 1:00, 3:30, 6:00. Reg. 9:00-9:45. US Chess, state memberships required. NS, NC, W. One half-point bye available. Entries/Info.: Gary J. Dorfner, 8423 E. B St., Tacoma, WA 98445. Phone: (253) 535-2536 or email ggarychess@aol.com. Make checks payable to Gary J. Dorfner.

♣ **Mar 18/Apr 22** Portland CC Sunday Quads, **Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR - Map. 3-round quads. Some or all the sections may run as a 3-round Swiss with more than four players. The “live” US Chess regular ratings are usually used for section placement and pairings. G/50;inc15, US Chess and NWSRS rated. On-site reg: 9-9:45am, Rds: 10am, 12:30pm, 3pm. 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 (pay by cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club), free entry for players who are playing in their first US Chess rated tournament. US Chess membership is required and can be purchased during registration. Winner of each section receives \$10 discount on the entry fee to one of the next three PCC Sunday or Tuesday Quads. If there is a six or seven player Swiss, the runner-up receives \$5 discount. Bonus scholastic awards: trophy for winning section with 3 points; smaller trophy for winning or tying for first with 2.5; medal for winning or tying for first with 2 or 1.5. OSCF State qualifier. More info. at pdxchess.org. Phone: (503) 246-2978.

♣ **Mar 24-25** Portland Spring Open, **Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave, Portland, OR 97219. Two sections-Open and Reserve (U1800), 4-round Swiss, G/90;inc30, one half point bye is available if requested before round one, US Chess rated. On-site reg: 9-9:45am, Rds: 10am and 2:45pm each day. Rounds 2 and 4 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: \$35, \$25 for PCC members (pay by cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club). US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA memberships are required and can be purchased during registration (OSA). Prizes (\$650 b/40): Open: 1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100, 1st U2000-\$75; Reserve: 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, 1st 1600, 1st U1400, 1st U1200/unrated-\$50 each. OCF Invitational Tournament and OSCF State qualifier. More info. at pdxchess.org, (503) 246-2978.

Mar 30-Apr 1 7th Annual Reno Larry Evans Memorial, **Reno, NV.** (Full-Page Ad page 15)

Mar 30-Apr 2 12th Annual Grand Pacific Open, **Victoria BC (Canada).** (Half-Page Ad page 20)

♣ **Mar 31/Apr 28** Portland CC Game in 60, **Portland, OR.** Site: Portland Chess Club, 8205 SW 24th Ave., Portland, OR - Map. 4-round Swiss. If there are less than thirty players it's played in one section. If there are at least thirty players it's split into two sections at the mid-point of the field based on rating except that both sections will start with an even number of players if possible. G/60;inc5, one half point bye available if requested before round 1, US Chess rated. On-site reg: 9-9:45 am. Rds: 10am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm. Players who have a game go around the full time can request extra time off before the next round. EF: \$20, \$15 for PCC members (pay by cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club). US Chess and OCF/WCF/ICA memberships are required and can be purchased during registration (OSA). Prizes: If one section (\$200/b20): 1st-\$60, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$30; 1st U1800/unrated, 1st U1500/unrated-\$35 each. If two sections, upper section (\$150/b15): 1st-\$70, 2nd-\$40, 1st U1800/unrated-\$40; lower section (\$150/b15): 1st-\$70, 2nd-\$40, 1st U1200/unrated-\$40. OSCF State qualifier. More info at pdxchess.org. Phone: (503) 246-2978.

Apr 7-8 8th Annual Oregon Senior Open, **Portland, OR.** (Half-Page Ad page 21)

Apr 7-8 83rd Montana Open, **Billings, MT.** Site: DoubleTree by Hilton, 27 North 27th St, Billings, MT, 406-252-7400, mention chess rate by March 23. Format: 5SS, G/105,d5. Rds: 9am, 1:30, 6:30, and 8:30am, 12:30 or ASAP. One-1/2 point bye available if requested by end of prior round. Sunday bye must be requested before TD leaves Saturday night. EF: \$30, Jrs-\$15, by Thurs, Apr 5, \$5 more after Apr 5. Checks to MCA. Reg: Sat, Apr 7, 8:00-8:30 am. Phone/email entries OK—must be paid by end of Reg to be paired. US Chess and MCA membership req'd., OSA. \$\$\$: \$600 b/30 entries, increased per more entries. Place and class prize details at US Chess on-line TLA and at www.montanachess.org. Enter: MCA MT Open, 712 Mountain Meadow Rd, Kalispell, MT, 59901; online email to mca@montanachess.org, phone - Dan McCourt, 406-274-0465.

♣ **Apr 14-15** Idaho Open Chess Championship, **Pocatello, ID.** (Full-Page Ad page 22)

Apr 14-15 Washington Senior Championship, **Seattle, WA.** (Half-Page Ad page 23)

♣ **Apr 28-29** Clark Harmon Memorial, **Seattle, WA.** (Half-Page Ad page 24)

May 19-25 43rd Annual Keres Memorial, **Richmond BC (Canada).** (Half-Page Ad page 25)

♣ **May 26-28** Washington Open, **Lynnwood, WA.** (Half-Page Ad page 25)

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