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Hans Morrow wins first-ever Idaho Senior Open.  
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Group photo at the Idaho Senior Open. L-R standing in  
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## From The Editor's Desk

The *Northwest Chess* Board voted last month to have only a one-month delay for full issues to be posted to the *Northwest Chess* website (previously this had been a three-month delay). So when the current issue starts getting received in the mail, that's about when the full color issue of the previous month should get posted to our website at [www.nwchess.com](http://www.nwchess.com).

The board also created a new Member At Large board position, making the board nine members in size. Given that each state gets two representatives, there have also been two additional voting board members for the last few years: The Publisher is from Washington, and the Business Manager is from Oregon (both of these are voting positions).

At the Board meeting of June 24, 2018, Alex Machin of Idaho was appointed as the new Member At Large, which gives each state three representatives and a very balanced board as well as an odd number to break ties. The decision to appoint Alex Machin had very little to do with the idea of a 3,3,3 balanced board, it just happened to be by coincidence. The Member At Large can be from any state.

We are moving forward with our decision to become a 501c3 tax exempt organization. Currently we are signing the necessary paperwork and doing all the necessary steps to make it so. We should have more to report soon.

— Jeffrey Roland

# Idaho Senior Open

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—June 9, 2018

The 2018 Idaho Senior Open was held at Boise State University in the Jordan Ballroom of the Student Union Building in Boise on June 9, 2018. The ages of the players ranged from 50 to 82, with an average age of 62, so our seniors are not “too old” and have quite a few years ahead of them. Jeffrey Roland was chief tournament director with Adam Porth as assistant. Entry was free for everyone, and time control was game/60;d5. Tie-break order was Solkoff, Median, Opponent’s Cumulative, and Modified Median.

Hans Morrow, Farmington, UT (1900-1915—3.5/4) won first place with 3.5 points. At 82 years old, he is 17 years older than the next nearest player in age in the tournament. But who says chess is a young player’s game anyway? In fact in this tournament with one exception (an unrated 61-year-old player), the top five placers in the event were older than the bottom four! Hans celebrated his 58th wedding anniversary two days earlier when he and his wife visited the beautiful town of McCall in central Idaho. Hans used to be an Idaho resident and has won the Idaho Closed (2007) and the Idaho Open (2008, 2010, and 2013.)



(L) Hans Morrow, DeWayne Derryberry. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Janos Fucsko (1657-1688—2.5/4), Boise, was second place; Michael Presutti (1755-1760—2.5/4), also of Boise, was third; Jerry Triggs (2046-2017—2.5/4), Middleton, was fourth place, each decided by tie-break.

DeWayne Derryberry (1724-1717—2.0/4), Pocatello, took fifth place; Jeffrey Roland (1700-1705—2.0/4), Boise, took

sixth place; and Adam Porth (1398-1392—2.0/4), Bellevue (but is moving to Coeur d’Alene), was seventh place, each decided by tie-break.

Eric Clark (Unr.-720P—1.5/4), Garden City, was eighth place and David Baumann (699-698—1.0/4), Star, was ninth place.

The event was held along-side the 2018 Idaho Scholastic Tournament of Champions which determined the top Idaho Scholastic player of the 2017-2018 school year. I told one of the scholastic players, “This could happen...no, this WILL happen to you!” when describing the seniors in the tournament!

There was a great deal of respect and enjoyment exhibited by the players in this tournament. We knew we were making history, as this was the first Idaho Senior Open ever. So, we decided to have a group photo. It’s funny, most players hem and haw about having a group photo, and yet having it done is always appreciated years later!

**Michael Presutti (1755) –  
Hans M. Morrow (1900) [E11]**  
Idaho Senior Open Boise, ID  
(R4), June 9, 2018  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2  
Bxd2+ 5.Qxd2 b6 6.Nc3**

6.g3 scores very well for White.

**6...Bb7 7.e3 d6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Ke2**

This must be a novelty here.

**9...Qe7**

9...0–0

**10.Rhe1 a6 11.e4 h6 12.e5**



The winners of the 2018 Idaho Scholastic Tournament of Champions. L-R: Thomas Snider (third place), Forrest Zeng (first place), and Daniel Duan (second place).

Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



12.Kf1±

12...Bxf3+ 13.Kxf3 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nh7

14...Nc5!? 15.exf6? (15.Bc2 Nfd7∞) 15... Qxf6+ 16.Ke2 0-0-0

15.g3 Ng5+ 16.Kg2 Qc5 17.Qf4 Qc6+



Position after 17...Qc6+

18.Ne4

18.f3±

18...Nc5 19.Bc2 0-0

19...0-0-0

20.h4 Ngxe4 21.Bxe4 Nxe4 22.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 23.Rxe4 Rad8 24.Rae1 Rd7 25.R4e3 Rfd8 26.b3 a5 27.h5 Rd2 28.R3e2 Kf8 29.Rxd2 Rxd2 30.a4 Rd3



Position after 30...Rd3

31.Re3! Rxe3 32.fxe3 f5 33.exf6 gxf6

This king and pawn endgame is remarkably complex, full of breakthrough promotion tactics and hidden subtleties. White should be able to hold his own.

34.Kf3 Ke7 35.Ke4 Kd6

35...e5?? 36.Kd5 Kd7 37.c5!+-

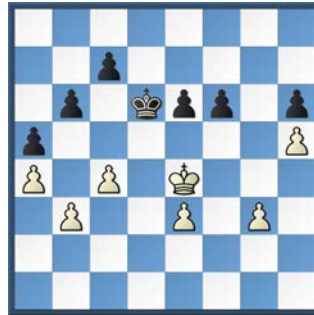
35...f5+ 36.Ke5 c6 37.e4! fxe4 38.Kxe4 Kf6



(#Diagram-analysis after 38...Kf6)

39.b4! axb4! (Worse is 39...c5?, though 40.bxc5 bxc5 41.Kf4 e5+ 42.Ke4 Ke6

43.g4 Kf6 44.Kd5 Kg5 45.Kxe5 Kxg4 46.Kd5 Kxh5 47.Kxc5 Kg6 48.Kb5 h5 49.c5 h4 50.c6 h3 51.c7 h2 52.c8Q h1Q± is still a theoretical draw.) 40.c5 bxc5 (40...b5 41.a5 b3 42.Kd3 e5 43.Kc3 e4 44.Kxb3 e3 45.Kc2 b4 46.a6 e2 47.Kd2 b3 48.Kxe2 b2 49.a7 b1Q 50.a8Q) 41.a5 e5 42.Kd3 Kf5 43.a6 e4+ 44.Kc2 e3 45.a7 b3+ 46.Kxb3 e2 47.a8Q e1Q 48.Qf8+ Kg4 49.Qf4+ Kh3 50.Qxh6.



Position after 35...Kd6

36.Kd4?

The clearest, and perhaps the only, path to a draw or better here is 36.g4! Kc5 37.Kf4! Kd6 (37...Kb4?? 38.e4 Kxb3 39.e5 fxe5+ 40.Kxe5 Kxc4 41.g5 and White queens first.; 37...c6 38.e4 Kd4 39.e5 fxe5+ 40.Kg3 e4 41.g5 e3 42.gxh6 Kd3 43.h7 e2 44.h8Q e1Q+) 38.Ke4 (38.e4? c5! 39.e5+ fxe5+ 40.Ke4 Ke7 41.Kxe5 Kf7 42.Kd6 Kf6 43.Kc6 e5 44.Kd5 Kg5+) 38...Kc5 39.Kf4 Kd6

36...f5

Diagram top of next column

37.e4

White can put up a stiffer resistance: 37.c5+ bxc5+ 38.Kc4 c6! (But not 38... Kc6? 39.e4! fxe4?? (39...Kd6 40.exf5 exf5 41.Kb5 Kd5 42.Kxa5 c4 43.bxc4+ Kxc4



Position after 36...f5

44.Ka6 c5 45.a5 Kd4 46.Kb7 c4 47.a6 c3 48.a7 c2 49.a8Q c1Q) 40.g4+-) 39.Kc3 Kd5 40.Kd3 e5 41.e4+ fxe4+ 42.Ke3 Kd6 43.Kxe4 Ke6



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 43...Ke6)

Now there are several paths that eventually reach more or less the same position. One route is 44.g4 Kf6 45.Ke3 Kg5 46.Kf3 e4+ 47.Kxe4 Kxg4 48.Kd3 Kxh5 49.Kc4 Kg5 50.Kxc5 h5 51.b4 axb4 52.a5 b3 53.a6 b2 54.a7 b1Q 55.a8Q

This looks like a theoretical win for Black, but some work remains to be done.

37...c5+ 38.Ke3 Ke5 39.exf5 Kxf5 40.Kf3 e5 41.Ke3 e4 42.g4+ Kxg4 43.Kxe4 Kg5 44.Ke5 Kxh5 45.Kf5 Kh4 46.Kf4 h5 47.Kf3 Kg5 48.Kg3 Kf5 0-1



Michael Presutti (third place), Janos Fucsko (second place). Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



# 2018 Portland Summer Open

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—June 9-10, 2018

The Portland Chess Club's annual Portland Summer Open, played June 9-10, opened to a familiar weather pattern for that month—rain, followed by more rain, followed by cloudy, followed by partly sunny, followed by more rain. I might have the sequence slightly out of order, but you get my drift.

Anyway, it was damp enough to convince 34 dyed-in-the-wool pawn pushers to spend their weekend trying to get one of their eight pawns to their opponent's first rank or somehow end the contest early with a brilliant queen sacrifice leading to an immediate checkmate—I, Brian "I'm Just Glad To Be Here" Berger (1570-1582—1.0/4) being one of them with just such a dream.

Alas, as has been my luck of late, I have found my dreams turned to nightmares by the misplacement of a piece, a queen left en prise, my pawns being pilfered with no compensation, or a misreading of the position, etc, etc. It was one or two of the aforementioned, plus a couple of etc, etc's, which caused the loss of three of my encounters in the 17-player Open Section (I try to keep as far away from the Reserve Section as possible when I can, as I fear the underrated more than the strong players), my only moment of glory (and apparent touch with reality) coming in a game against a very tough



(L) Jon Strohbehn vs David Kurfman. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

to beat, and much higher rated opponent, Andrea Botez (1884-1884—2.5/4).

For whatever reason, a momentary clarity of vision manifested itself before I once again began viewing the board opaquely in my last three games, that allowed me to see my way through a tangle of problems, ending in an unstoppable pawn majority in the endgame and a resignation, both verbal and countenance wise, from Botez, who most likely was wondering how she could

have dropped this game to a guy who should be somewhere near his end on any insurance mortality scale.

And speaking of mortality scales, another older gentleman, Jerrold "I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It's Over" Richards (1300-1300—2.0/4), better known for being the live-in companion of Morgan the Dog, but also as a mirror image of myself when it comes to trying to keep improving his rating, was also on hand. And leading him across the club's threshold was Morgan, there to give Richards encouragement and helpful hints, but secretly hoping to see the guy who supplies him with Wendy's chicken nuggets and fries, and also to get scratched and petted by his admiring fans.

True to form, Richards exhibited his ability to maintain his floor, which pretty much explains his aka, and why I used the word mortality to describe both of our fears—his to become a 1600 player before the man with the scythe comes knocking, and mine to become an A-player before I am visited by the same guy—Richards (being much younger) having much more leeway in reaching his goal than I do.

For the most part, unlike myself, those whose ratings qualified for the Reserve Section (eight of us) deserved their choice to play up, as many had been showing that their posted ratings were in flux, climbing with each tournament. Although none of those players were in the money at the end, four of them, which included myself, managed to make small gains in rating, with one, the lowest rated, Saahil Gupta (1260P-1411P—2.0/4),



(L) Jerry Sherrard vs Ari Bluffstone. Photo credit: Brian Berger.





(L) Moshe Rachmuth vs Shunkai Peng. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

adding 151 points to his provisional rating! (It takes some guts to enter an Open Section with a 1260 provisional rating, but taking out a 1771 player backs up the bravado).

As in most encounters in the Open Section, the higher the rating, the stronger the performance. This was clearly the case with our Chinese friend, Shunkai (Kevin) Peng (2369-2377—4.0/4), rated in 2017 as the number one player U14 in China. His clean sweep, which included

an exciting endgame with LM Carl Haessler (2230-2230—3.0/4), secured him the \$123.75 first place prize.

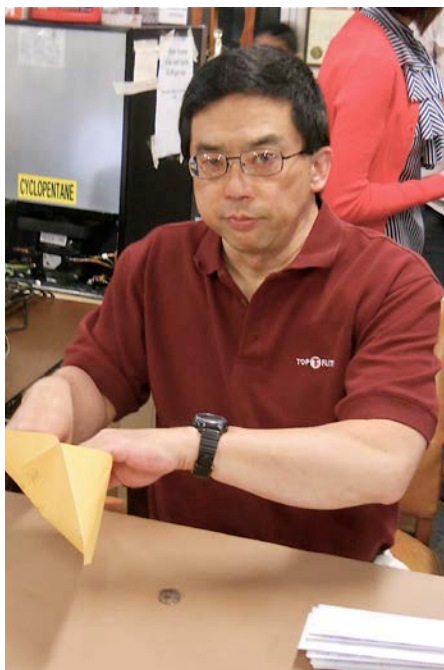
Sharing second overall were Carl Haessler and Jerry Sherrard (2050-2042—3.0/4), their 3.0 scores good enough to split the prize into two packets of \$41.25 each; while Moshe Rachmuth (1915-1926—2.5/4) and Andrea Botez split the first U2000 money, each taking home \$31.

Of the 16 players entered into the Reserve Section, five of those left with money in their pockets, Jon Strohbenn (1430-1512—3.5/4) taking first overall with three wins and a draw, giving him \$82.50 to squander as he might, and a nice boost of 82-points in rating. Close on his heels were David Roshu (1578-1591—3.0/4) and Egan Wong (1319-1428—3.0/4), splitting the second overall and first U1600 monies, each acquiring \$51.75, with an added bonus for Wong of 109 rating points.

Although Richards remained at his floor, as I mentioned earlier, he still managed to save some face by taking the U1400 prize money, the \$41.25 probably earmarked for dog treats to placate Morgan the Dog, once again having to watch most of his coaching work go down the drain. While the last of the Reserve money went to Ishaan Kodarapu (914-1061—2.0/4), whose two wins against much higher rated players earned him the U1200 prize money (\$41.25), plus a substantial ratings gain of 147-points.

Those to be thanked for overseeing this fun tournament are Chief TD Micah Smith, Chief Assistant TD Mike Hasuike, and Assistant TD Lennart Bjorksten, who made all go smoothly.

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



(L) Shunkai Peng vs Carl Haessler. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



# June 2018 Unrated Rapid

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—June 16, 2018

Ladies and gentleman, I want to introduce you to a wild ride, to be had at the Portland Chess Club, one Saturday each month—a six-round Swiss in one section, using a time control of Game 15, with a 5-second increment each move. This writer has tested the waters, and if you want some non-stop action that will fill approximately four hours of your time, freshen up your speed in endgame calculation, and does not put your rating at jeopardy, then this is the tournament for you.

Conceived by its organizer and Chief TD Lennart Bjorksten, who has fond remembrances of just such a format from his early chess days, he realized that there just might be an avid audience of Portland players looking for a fun afternoon of heart-pounding, move pondering mania. And from the response I saw, I would say he has come up with a winner.

Although the attendance thus far has been in the range of 12 players, I predict that when the word is more widely spread (my job), there will be quite a few more players willing to pluck down \$5 (if you are a club member otherwise the entrance fee is \$10) for the privilege of pushing chess pieces at breakneck speed over 64-squares, harboring a minefield of possible missteps.

June's Unrated Rapid drew 12 players that varied in rating from Unrated to 2249,



(L) Carl Knootz vs Prajna Sripathi. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

and was eventually won by Dubier Matos (unknown to this writer), who turned in a perfect score of 6.0/6, edging out NM Jason Cigan (5.0/6), who dropped a game to him in the third round. Although listed as Unrated for this tournament, Matos apparently played in the December 2017 Sunday Quads, the US Chess records showing he had 10 provisional games, with a final rating of 1797.

The prize for this dominant performance was the selection of a chess book. Based on the number of players,

two additional participants merited books, those being Lucas Baker (Unrated, 3.5/6) for coming in first U1600, and Prajna Sripathi (481, 2.0/6) for her two wins in the Unrated/U1000 category.

Although my performance was rather pathetic (2.5/6), and would have lost me many rating points in an officially rated tournament, I did get a rush at this faster time control, and hope to do better in the future. And for those of you who might like to try upping your calculating speed without putting your rating on the line, check out the Portland Chess Club's website for a listing of this event, with a registration time of 9-9:45 am. It is recommended that you bring your own clocks, as club clocks might be in short supply.



(L) Mark Hanna vs McKayla Truong. Photo credit: Brian Berger.



Chief TD Lennart Bjorksten.  
Photo credit: Brian Berger.



# Summer Chess Barbeque at Presutti's

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—July 1, 2018

Michael Presutti and Sherry Billings put together what they are calling the first of hopefully many annual summer chess friends barbeques. Michael and Sherry moved to Boise in November 2017 and wanted to get to know the chess players of Boise, and this was how they did it! Over a month getting the word out, and everyone was invited!

Personally, I found Sherry's homemade potato salad to be out of this world. Friends and family of Michael and Sherry stopped by too, and another player and family who recently played in the last two BCC tournaments also came. Turnout was not very high for this first event, but this is to be expected with new chess friends, and it was something that may have slipped people's minds. But going forward, I see these summer chess barbeque events as growing in attendance.

It was a whole afternoon from noon to six of eating, conversation, chess, and oh, yes, of course, Blitz! In fact, 17 games of Blitz were played between Alex Machin, Michael Presutti, Bryce Leifeste, and Jeffrey Roland. Thanks to Alex's new iPhone, we actually got great video footage of each and every game, including clock times, and the two illegal moves that happened due to pieces getting knocked down and not replaced quite correctly. These blitz games did not have a time delay, it was Game/5;d0 and that's why the craziness in the final seconds.

It was really fun to play through the 20th game of the 1886 World Chess Championship between Steinitz and Zukertort. Somehow it came up in conversation, and we just had to see it. I was actually pretty familiar with the game, but it was still very fun to go through, especially as Alex Machin had never seen it before.



*We played on a proper blitz chess set. Photo credit: Alex Machin.*



# 2018 Boise Chess Club #19

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—June 24, 2018

The tournament started on time! All TD's strive for this, but it doesn't usually happen, at least at events with such a liberal open-door policy as we have at Boise Chess Club (BCC) tournaments. Players are encouraged to sign up via email and almost all of them did here (which is WHY it started on time), but players are also welcome to just come and show up—even to start round two with a retroactive first-round bye—even if I don't know about it until it happens! I try to do everything I possibly can to make things easy and good for the players to come and play, because as an organizer and TD, isn't that the real goal here... to get people to come out and play?! Fourteen players did just that here (nine players from Boise, two from Eagle, one from Meridian, one from Caldwell, and one who came all the way from Twin Falls, which is about 120 miles one-way.) The time control for the event was Game/30 plus 30 seconds increment added per move. The tournament director was Jeffrey Roland.

All BCC tournaments are free and no memberships are needed, except US Chess, which happens only because the events are US Chess rated. As such, with no entry fee, the prize is always a "victory pose" picture of the winner. And that is indeed a prize because chess players do like to be recognized, and taking the winner's picture once they know they have won (so the look of victory should be on the face!) is recognition. The chess itself is the main reward though. All players get to play four competitive games of chess. In this case, since we had an even number and no withdrawals, there were no byes or anything peculiar, simply seven games per round multiplied by four, for a total of 28 games played on a Sunday.

Michael Presutti (1760-1792—4.0/4) was first place with a perfect score, taking down the current Idaho Scholastic Champion as well as two other top scholastic players plus the current Idaho State Champion. Michael is a fairly new resident to the state of Idaho, coming to us from Colorado only six months ago, and he's already becoming one of Idaho's favorite players attending the BCC most Monday nights. He took third place at the Idaho Senior Open two weeks prior, and will be representing Idaho at the National Senior Open in Middleton, Wisconsin July 28-31, 2018.

James Liu (1384-1444—3.0/4) and Nishatul Majid (1294P-1323P—3.0/4)



Michael J. Presutti. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

James Liu and Nishatul Majid were tied for second-third place with three points each. Idaho State Chess Champion Alex Machin (1871-1845—2.5/4) was fourth place with 2.5 points.

A peculiar thing happened in the last round on the bottom board that I have not seen happen in all my days as a tournament director (which means since 1984!). The game was between the Idaho Scholastic Champion Forrest Zeng (White) and an unrated adult player, Jef Leifeste (Black). Somehow, the initial position of the game was such that Black's knight on g8 was never on the board, but was in fact on Forrest's side of the chess clock as if it had been captured. Neither player noticed this at all during the entire game. I discovered this while inputting the game into PGN moments after it completed.

In addition to getting a detailed account of everything the players could remember, plus later I researched the photos I took of the game and discovered that the knight was simply never on the board, and since both players played the entire game without noticing it, the game stands. At the time of gathering the information, both players seemed to accept the idea and Forrest's explanation, "that the knight simply grew legs and

walked away!" They both thought that was a perfectly reasonable explanation. I ask you, what is a TD to do with something like that? It was certainly a first for me... and now I think I've seen everything... or have I?

**Jamie Lang (1440) –  
Alex James Machin (1844) [B53]**  
2018 BCC #19  
(R2), June 24, 2018  
*[Ralph Dubisch]*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 a6  
5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Qd3 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bf4**



Position after 8.Bf4

**8...Qc7**





(L) Jamie Lang, Alex Machin. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

White's plan of direct pressure on d6 is a bit unusual. 8...Qc7 seems a standard and safe development, but it quickly leads to an exchange of knights on e5, and doubled pawns on the e-file.

Maybe Black can take advantage with some outside-the-box thinking here. 8...g5!? 9.Bg3 (White could choose to part with the c4-bishop instead: 9.Be3 g4 10.Nd4 (10.Nfd2 h5∞) 10...Ne5 11.Qe2 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 Nf6 13.Nc3 b5∞) 9...g4 (9...h5!?) 10.Nd4 Ne5 11.Bxe5 dxe5 12.Nb3 (12.Ne2 avoids the need to defend against ...b5, but it still is not clear where White's pieces are going.) 12...Bd7

The point in all of these lines is that Black gains the bishop-pair for the doubled pawns, and in this final position, Black has development and future pressure on e4 as well.

### 9.Rd1 Ne5?!

9...Nf6!?

### 10.Nxe5 dxe5



Position after 10...dxe5

### 11.Bg3

11.Qc3! introduces some tactical elements, threatening both the e-pawn and the nasty Bb5+. Black can try to defend with 11...Bd6!?, because 12.Rxd6! doesn't win on the spot. But 12...Qxd6 13.Bxe5 Qd1+ 14.Bf1 f6 15.Bd4 still leaves White with excellent compensation for the exchange

(b4 and a knight move coming up, not to mention the bishop-pair, pawn, dark-square control, and development/coordination), and there may be other complications to consider on move 12 as well: 12.Be3; 12.Be2; 12.Na3...

### 11...Nf6 12.Nd2 0-0 13.Nf3 Nd7?!

13...b5 14.Bb3 Bb7 15.Bxe5 Qc6

### 14.Qc3?!

14.a4

### 14...Bf6

A principle dating back at least to Nimzovich states that weak pawns are weak because they require pieces to defend them. Both players appear to have agreed that the e5-pawn is weak — but as e4 is also a target, perhaps this agreement is a bit premature. 14...b5! 15.Bb3 Qxc3 16.bxc3 Nc5

### 15.Rd3

15.a4

### 15...Nc5 16.Bb3

16.Re3 Na4 17.Qb3 b5 18.Bf1 Bb7∞, but this looks like chances are balanced.

### 16...Qc6

16...b5!? since 17.Bxe5? (17.Re3 a5 18.a3 b4 19.Qe1 (19.axb4 axb4 20.Qe1 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Nxb3) 19...Bb7∞) 17...Bxe5 18.Nxe5 b4! wins the exchange or the e5-knight.

### 17.Re3± b6?

Black will suffer due to the unguarded queen.

### 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Nc4 Qc7 21.e5± Bb7

Now Black spends the rest of the game defending down a pawn, with less space, and facing a knight outpost on d6.

### 22.Nd6 Bc6 23.Rg3

23.Bc4 may be a good idea, to bring the bishop more into the game before ...b5 shuts it into the limited action queenside light squares. White can follow-up with Rd1 to support the outpost.

### 23...Rad8 24.Qe3 Nb7??



Position after 24...Nb7

24...Kh8±

### 25.Nc4

White certainly saw 25.Qh6! g6, but equally certainly missed the high-level tactical continuation 26.Nf5!! (26.Rh3 f6 27.Bxe6+ Kh8 28.Qxg6 is easier, and also good for White, of course.) 26...exf5 27.Rh3! (27.Rxg6+ hxg6 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 is only a draw.) 27...Rfe8 28.Qxh7+ Kf8



Analysis

(#Diagram-analysis after 28...Kf8)

29.e6!!, proving that the queenside light squares' action wasn't so very limited after all. Black can do little except shake his head and offer his hand across the table. 29...Bd5 (29...Rxe6 30.Bxe6 Nc5 31.Bc4 — exchange+pawn and exposed black king will suffice.) 30.Bxd5 Rxd5 31.Qh6+ Ke7 32.exf7 Rf8 (32...Kxf7 33.Qh7+ Kf6 34.Qxc7, of course.; 32...Red8 33.f8Q+! Rxf8 34.Re1+ Re5 35.Qg7+) 33.Re1+ Re5 34.Rhe3 Lights out in every line.

### 25...b5 26.Nd2

26.Qg5 f6 (26...g6 27.Ne3, when the white knight is more active.) 27.exf6 bxc4 28.Bxc4 gives White a nice attack for the piece.

### 26...Na5

26...Nc5! 27.Qxc5?! Rxd2 Rooks like activity.

### 27.Qg5 g6 28.Rd3?!

28.Nf1 keeps an edge.

### 28...Rxd3 29.cxd3 Nxb3

29...Rd8 30.Qe3 Ba8 31.Rd1 Nc6  
 With the long diagonal, the knight repositioning, perhaps to f5, the weak white center pawns, and the slightly awkward defensively placed white pieces, Black should be able to hold his own here without too much effort.

**30.Nxb3 Bb7 31.Rc1 Qd7 32.d4**

32.Nc5 Qd5 33.Ne4±

**32...Qd5 33.Rc5?**

Letting the black queen in is a mistake. 33.f3!?

**33...Qe4 34.Rc1 h6! 35.Qg3**

35.f3 hxg5 36.fxg4 Bxe4 37.Nc5 Bd5 38.a3 a5 39.Nd7 Rd8 40.Rc7 Kg7±



Position after 35.Qg3

**35...Rd8**

35...Bd5 makes a direct threat to the extra white pawn. 36.Rd1

**a) 36.f3 Qd3 (36...Qe3+ 37.Qf2±) 37.f4 (37.Qf4 Bxb3 38.axb3 g5 39.Qe4 Qxb3) 37...Qe4 38.Nc5 Qxd4+ 39.Qf2 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2;**

**b) 36.Nc5 Qxd4; 36...Qe2 37.Qd3 Qxb2 36.f3 Qe2 37.Qf2 Qxf2+ 38.Kxf2 Bd5**

This position proves much more troublesome to hold.

**39.Ke3 Bxb3 40.axb3 a5**



Position after 40...a5

**41.Ra1**

Keeping the rook active on the open file seems better: 41.Rc5 Rb8 42.d5 exd5 43.Kd4 Kf8 44.h4±. White's pieces are visibly better here.

**41...Ra8 42.b4?!**

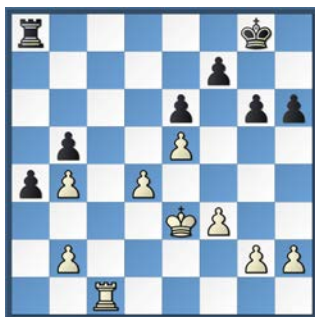
White doesn't need to rush to get rid of the doubled pawns.



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**42...a4 43.Rc1**

43.d5! exd5 44.Rc1±



Position after 43.Rc1

**43...Kf8**

Now White has time to activate the rook and attack b5. Timing is important. 43...a3! 44.bxa3?! (44.Ke4 a2 (44...axb2 45.Rb1±) 45.Ra1 Kf8 46.Kd3 Ke7 47.Kc3 Kd7 48.Kb3 Kc6 and the white king is drawn back to the defense of the center pawns.) 44...Rxa3+ 45.Ke4 Rb3

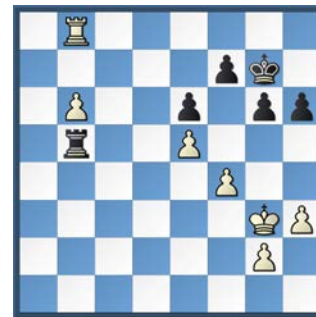
**44.Rc5 a3 45.bxa3 Rxa3+ 46.Kf2 Rd3 47.Rxb5 Rxd4 48.Ke3 Rd1 49.Kf2 Kg7 50.Rb7 Rd2+ 51.Kg3 Rd3 52.b5 Rb3 53.b6 Rb5 54.f4 Rb2**

54...g5!?

**55.h3**

55.Rb8

**55...Rb4 56.Rb8 Rb5**



Position after 56...Rb5

**57.b7?**

White has much better chances by retaining the b7 square for king cover.

**57...Rb2 58.Kf3 Rb3+ 59.Ke4 Rb4+ 60.Kd3 Rb3+ 61.Kc4 Rb1 62.Kc5 Rc1+ 63.Kd6 Rb1 64.g4 Rb2 65.h4 h5 66.g5 Rb1 67.Ke7 Rb4 68.Kd6 Rb1 69.Ke7 1/2-1/2**



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# June 2018 PCC Game/60

By Brian Berger

Portland, OR—June 30, 2018

June's Game 60 at the Portland Chess Club stood out for a number of reasons—none having to do with me, Brian "I'm Just Glad To Be Here" Berger (1582-1541—2.0/4), who was pretty much following my not so secret formula for gaining, and then losing most or all of the rating points I earned in a previous tournament; this tournament being a case in point. But I'll get back to that a bit later.

The number one thing that stood out in this tournament was the commanding performance of David Roshu (1591-1727—3.0/4), whose two wins against players in the Main section (30 or more players being the number needed to have two sections) rated 1808 and 1828, and two draws against a 1900 and 1890 player (all tough competitors), added a whopping 136 points to a rating that has, in a relatively short time (except for a few minor downturns since late 2015), shown an upward trend in his game.

A second thing that stood out was a visit by LM Nick "The Raptor" Raptis (2415-2414—3.5/4), who has not been seen around the club for some time. Apparently, driven by hunger, he decided to have the club foot the bill for his lunch this day, the \$79.50 he won for taking first place nicely supplementing the money he had budgeted for his usual midday meal of eight to nine hamburgers, with just as many side orders of french fries, topped off with a quart of his favorite beverage—perhaps the secret of how he stays in shape.

The only blip to a perfect score for this man who rarely takes prisoners (how he gained his aka, "The Raptor"), and who recently won and drew a game against two 2600+ players (Fidel Jimenez-2635 and Elshan Moradiabadi-2640) at the 2018 National Open in Las Vegas, was a draw against NM Owen McCoy (2201-2200—2.5/4), during the fourth



(L) Carl Haessler vs Owen McCoy. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

round. McCoy's only loss was to LM Carl Haessler (2230-2232-3.0/4), who split the second overall/U1800 monies (\$45.50) with the previously mentioned David Roshu—these three players being responsible for walking away with all the prize money in the Main section, a field that held 17 participants.

A third thing that stood out occurred in the 16-player Reserve section, where the old war-horse, Jon Strohhahn (1512-1600—4.0/4), took first overall with a perfect score, and in the process contributed to my less than stellar performance, as did the young Michael Strigul (1219-1294—2.0/4), causing a sucking sound that consumed more of my fast dwindling rating points. The 88-points gained by Strohhahn once again pushed him into B-player status, a number he has not seen since around early 2016, when for some reason he plunged to a floor of 1400, where he has been ricocheting between 1400 and 1500 until now. Whatever you have been eating, Jon,

I want some of it.

As many of you readers might know by now, this rating-ricocheting seems to be an albatross some of us old-folks have a hard time ridding ourselves of, Jerrold "I Just Want To Reach 1600 Before It's Over" Richards (1300-1321—2.0/4) and myself being strong evidence of that. However, unlike me, this day Richards managed to add a few points, helped by his always trusty sidekick, Morgan the Dog (a resource I do not have at my disposal), who has tried for years to fulfill Richards' dream of being a B-player. The last time I talked to Morgan about how he was doing in trying to better Richards' game, he said it was like watching a man trying to walk UP a DOWN escalator. I know the feeling.

Capturing the second overall in the Reserve were Austin Tang 1467-1492—3.0/4), James Tsai (1532-1541—3.0/4), and Cassandra Roshu (1452-1463—3.0/4), who all tied with three wins each,



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(L) Steve Surak vs David Roshu. Photo credit: Brian Berger.

splitting the prize money three ways into little packets of \$14 and some change. While Lucas Baker (546P-760P—2.0/4), a provisional player who entered this tournament with 13 games under his belt, took sole ownership of \$42.75 for coming in first in the U1200/Unrated category.

Some parting notes: Little Abbie Wu (1622-1593—1.0/4) had her hands full in this tournament trying to battle some of the really big boys, and had to take a mandatory one point bye in the third round, but was able to win an extra game from Chief TD Mike Hasuike, salvaging some of those points lost in the Main section (1593-1611). And Masakazu Shimada (1565-1560—1.5/4), finding he had a similar bye in the second round, also played an extra game against Sophie Beauchet (244P-244P—0.0), which did not alter his final rating.

Now I am off to see if I can find out what Jon Strohbahn's secret is to having made such a commanding turnaround in recent tournaments, which has completely turned off the ricocheting ratings.

**Konner Feldman (1808) –  
David Roshu (1578) [C01]**  
June 2018 PCC Game 60  
(R1), June 30, 2018  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 e6 2.e4 c6?!**

2...d5, the French Defense, is clearly the best choice here. The game continuation has the potential to leave Black down a tempo in Advance French lines.

**3.Bd3**

3.Nf3 d5 4.e5 is a little more flexible.

**3...d5 4.exd5?!**

Giving back the advantage earned on Black's second move. The French Exchange variation offers essentially nothing to either player. With 4.e5 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nf3 White is a full move ahead of the standard line.

**4...exd5 5.Nf3 Bg4?!**

5...Bd6 6.0-0 Ne7 7.c4 0-0 is known theory.

**6.0-0 Nf6 7.Bf4**

7.h3; 7.Re1+

**7...Be7 8.Nbd2 Nbd7**

8...0-0

**9.c3 0-0 10.Qc2 h6 11.Rae1**

11.h3 Be6 12.Rfe1±

**11...Nh5 12.Be5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Nf6**

**14.h3 Be6**

14...Bc8!?

**15.f4**

15.Ng6! Re8 16.Nxe7+ Rxe7 17.Re3±

**15...Rc8 16.g4**

16.Ndf3

**16...Bd6**

16...c5 17.Ndf3 c4!?!∞

**17.Ndf3 c5 18.dxc5**

18.Qg2 cxd4 19.Nxd4 Bc5∞

**18...Bxc5+ 19.Kh2 d4?!**

19...Re8

**20.Rd1**

20.g5!

**20...Qb6 21.c4 Rcd8?**

21...Nd7

**22.g5! hxg5 23.Nxg5 Rfe8**



Position after 23...Rfe8

**24.f5?!**

Blocks the b1–h7 diagonal, undermines the e5-knight, and opens the b8-h2 diagonal aiming for the white king. Not the kind of multi-purpose move White should be seeking. 24.Qf2! Qc7 25.Qh4 with attack, e.g. 25...b5 26.Bh7+ Kf8 27.Bg6 Bxc4 28.Rde1! Rxe5 (28...Bxf1 29.Nd7+ Rxd7 30.Qh8+ Ng8 31.Nh7#) 29.Rxe5 fxg6 30.Qh8+ Ng8 31.b3! Qxe5 32.fxg5+ Bxf1 33.Ne6+ Ke7 34.Nxd8 Kxd8 35.Qxg8++

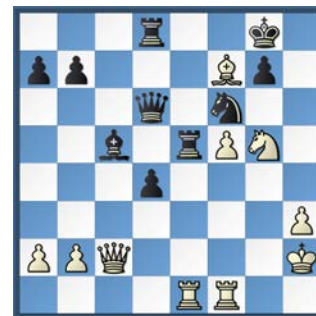
**24...Qd6**

24...Bc8 or; 24...Qc7.

**25.Rde1 Bxc4?!**

Discovering an attack on the e5-knight is a good idea, but it wasn't necessary to reactivate the d3-bishop. 25...Bd5! 26.cxd5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Qxe5+ 28.Kh1 Bd6±

**26.Bxc4 Rxe5 27.Bxf7+**



Position after 27.Bxf7

A strange place for the game to end; perhaps time was a factor. White is at most slightly worse off, with plenty of complexity left. 27...Kh8 28.Rxe5 Qxe5+ 29.Kh1 d3 30.Qc4 Qg3 (30...Rd4 31.Qe6 Qxe6 32.Nxe6∞) 31.Qf4 Qxf4 32.Rxf4 Rd4 33.Rf1∞

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# More Games from the 2018 Washington Open

**Rushaan Mahajan (2048) – Alex James Machin (1844) [E61]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R5), May 27, 2018  
*[Alex Machin]*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3**

My opponent decides to opt for the London setup. I wasn't sure how to handle it, so I go for a double bishop fianchetto.

**4...0-0 5.h3 d6 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.c4 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Ne4**

I go for a trade of knights because of my space disadvantage.

**10.Qc2 Ndf6 11.Rac1 a6 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.Nd2 Nxd2 14.Rxd2 c5 15.d5**

I focus my attention on the queenside. I see that my opponent wants to break with an eventual e5, so I race to prepare b5 myself.

**15...Ra8 16.a4 Qc7 17.e4 Rfb8 18.Qd1 Bc8 19.Qc2 Bd7 20.b3 Ne8 21.Bg3 Bd4**

Stopping f4

**22.Bd3 Qb7 23.Re2 Nc7?**



*Position after 23...Nc7*

Not knowing what else to do, I stick with the original plan and end up in a worse position. 23...Ng7! This piece maneuver pointed out by FM Ralph Dubisch shows a concept I never considered. The idea is to occupy either the f5 or h5 square once e5 is played. The following analysis shows how Black's pieces can activate and create counterplay. 24.e5 Nf5 25.Bh2 dxe5 26.g4 (26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Nd4 28.Qb1 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Nf3+) 26...Nh4 27.Bg3 (27.Be4 f5 28.Bh1 fxg4 29.d6 Nf3+ 30.Kg2 gxh3+) 27...Nf3+

**24.e5! dxe5 25.Bxe5 b5**

Being in a bad position, I immediately seek out counterplay to activate my pieces.

**26.cxb5**

White is clearly winning if he plays the following continuation 26.Bxd4! cxd4 27.Rxe7 dxc3 28.Rxd7 Rd8 29.Rxd8+

Rxd8 30.Qxc3

**26...axb5 27.Bxc7 Qxc7 28.Nxb5 Bxb5 29.Bxb5**

Even though there are opposite colored bishops, there isn't a way to activate my major pieces. Seeing no plan to improve my position, I keep an open mind to the tactical flaws in the white position involving his pinned f2 pawn and his king's attacked flight square.

**29...Qd6**

I'm a pawn down with no active plan. I started to panic not knowing how to continue.

**30.Qe4 Ra7 31.Rd1 Rb6 32.Bc4 Kg7 33.Rd3 f5**

I wanted to dislodge the queen off the e-file to make a possible Rxa4 tactic work.

**34.Qe6 Qb8 35.d6 exd6 36.Rg3**



*Position after 36.Rg3*

**36...d5!**

A double attack on the bishop and rook.

**37.Qxd5 Qxg3 38.Qxd4+ cxd4 39.fxg3**



*Position after 39.fxg3*

Even though I was up the exchange, White's two connected passed pawns look intimidating to defend against. It took me some time to understand the relationship between White's bishop and connected passed pawns against one of my rooks. If you remove both kings and a pair of rooks, the Black rook on b6 can stop both pawns and the bishop. This information becomes useful as the game continues.

**39...Kf6 40.Kf2 Ra5 41.Ke1 Re5 42.Kd2 Rxe2+ 43.Kxe2 Ke5 44.Kd3 g5 45.a5 Rb8 46.a6 f4 47.gxf4+ gxf4 48.Kd2?**

I believe White was trying to put me into zugswang. He forgot that his move undefends the d4-pawn and allows time for my king to improve it's position to help defend on the queenside.

**48...Kd6! 49.Kd3 Kc5 50.Ke4 Kb6**

The king has both pawns under control and my rook is free from the defense.

**51.Kxf4 Re8 52.h4 Re3 53.h5 h6 54.g3 Ka7 55.g4 Kb6**



*Position after 55...Kb6*

**56.Kf5??**

This loses by force. 56.g5!! White can still draw by forcing play with g5. 56...hxg5+ 57.Kxg5 d3 58.Bxd3 Rxd3 59.h6 Rxb3 60.h7 Rh3 61.Kg6 Kxa6 62.Kg7 White draws.

**56...d3 57.Bxd3 Rxd3 58.g5 Rd5+**

58...hxg5?? White draws as shown previously. 59.Kxg5

**59.Kg6 hxg5!! 60.h6 g4 61.h7 Rd8 0-1**



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Nicholas Whale (1876) –  
 Mary Kuhner (1896) [E01]  
 Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
 (R7), May 28, 2018  
 [Mary Kuhner]

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4

I was prepared to forgo the Dutch if he avoided d4, but was pleased I didn't have to.

2...f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.b3 0-0

7...Qe7 preventing Ba3 might be more accurate. But when Caruana and Anand had similar positions vs. Carlsen neither played Ba3, and my opponent doesn't try it either. Perhaps the knight would be misplaced.

8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 Ne4 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Be7 12.Nxe4 fxe4 13.f4 exf3

This capture is obligatory; otherwise White retains all his dynamic ideas, such as f4-f5, while Black has far less counterplay as the e2-pawn restrains her d-pawn.

14.exf3 b5

A bid for counterplay, not just on the queenside but on the kingside via the potential diagonals of my bishops. I need some form of counterplay quickly or White will win by advancing his kingside pawns and unleashing his own bishops. I think my biggest advantage in this structure is that I've seen it before (it arises somewhat often in the Dutch and Bird's Opening) whereas Nicholas was clearly encountering it for the first time.

15.cxd5 cxd5

I now have a protected passed d-pawn and potentially excellent diagonals; even though there is no Black piece within miles, White's king is not entirely secure. On the other hand, if White can neutralize this, f3-f4-f5 and possibly f6 are coming with devastating effect.

16.Qd3?!



Position after 16.Qd3

Nicholas identified this move as a waste of time in a position too sharp to afford them. It also puts his Q and R in a potential skewer, which will cost him more time later. 16.Rc1 discouraging ...Bc5+ is much better both here and on

the next move.

16...b4?!

I should take advantage of his mistake with ...Bc5+ or ...Qb6+, but I wanted to get this move in and open the f1-a6 diagonal.

17.f4

17.Rac1

17...Bc5+



Position after 17...Bc5+

18.Kh1

Both Nicholas and I calculated that White has to avoid 18.Bd4 because of 18...Ba6 19.Qxa6 Bxd4+ 20.Kh1 Bxa1 but I'm not sure I'm actually better after 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Rxa1

18...Qb6 19.Rfd1 Ba6 20.Qf3

With the bishops sorted, it's time to position the rooks. I decide on d8 behind the passed-pawn, though c8 would have its uses too. I wanted to keep the other rook on the f-file for a while to discourage breaks.

20...Rad8 21.h4

I had expected g4, but Nicholas thought it was adequately dealt with by ...g6.



Position after 21.h4

21...Rf7

This has been a useful move in this structure before; the multi-purpose rook helps discourage f4-f5 and protects the king while also preparing to double on any convenient file, especially if the d-pawn begins to roll.

22.Rac1

Setting up possible overloads on the queen, which is protecting c5 and e6. At this point each of us had used about an hour.



Nicholas Whale.  
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22...g6

I figured this move would be necessary eventually, but it may not be necessary now. It certainly discourages h4-h5 as White would be opening a line on his own king.

23.Bh3 d4

This move is very committal, as the pawn will surely be lost if it ever stalls; but I didn't want to get locked into passive defense of e6.

24.Qg4 Rf5

This may be a clever way to protect e6, or just a serious misplacement of the rook—it's hard to say!



Position after 24...Rf5

25.Kh2 d3 26.Qf3 d2 27.Rc2

The engine vastly prefers 27.Bxf5 but Nicholas probably felt the rook would not run away.

27...Rd3

27...Bg1+ 28.Rxg1 Qxg1+ 29.Kxg1 d1Q+

30.Qxd1 Rxd1+ wins the exchange, but it gives up my lovely pawn and at the end my rook and e6 pawn are both attacked. Stockfish agrees that Black isn't even better after this. I was calculating this type of combination every move from here on out.

28.Qg2



Position after 28.Qg2

Here I spent quite a long time trying to force the pawn through, but to no avail. Finally I realized that White has an additional weakness, namely the g3-square.

28...Bf2! 29.Bxf5

Now you could put a “?” next to every move by both players for a while, but I won't. We're both human and we did the best we could in a ferociously complex position. Suffice it to say that until move 31, whoever is about to move is probably winning.

29...Rxc3

29...Bxc3+

30.Bxe6+

30.Qa8+ Kg7 31.Rcxd2

30...Kg7

I could have taken the bishop, and did calculate 30...Qxe6 31.Qa8+ Kg7 32.Rc7+ Kh6 33.Qf8+ Kh5 34.Rxh7+ Kg4 but was just afraid to play it—any failure in visualization would obviously be fatal.

31.Qc6



Position after 31.Qc6

Here I felt during the game that White could actually win with 31.Rcxd2 Rxc2+ 32.Kxg2 with two rooks and a threatening passed pawn for the queen. Analysis by Joseph Frantz after the game suggested

it's not so easy for White, as h4 and f4 are vulnerable, the king is exposed, and the opposite-colored bishops (after the Bf2 and Be6 are captured) can easily yield a mating attack for Black. In any case, it's not easy to hang your queen with check, especially with only 13 minutes to make 8 moves.

31...Bg1+!

White won't get another chance.

32.Kxg3

32.Kh1 Bb7 just delays the inevitable

32...Qf2+ 33.Kh3 Qh2+ 34.Kg4 Be2+

and mate next move.

0-1

**William Schill (2248) –  
Andrey Gorovets (2579) [B01]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA  
(R3), May 26, 2018  
*[William Schill]*

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bg4

At this point I knew that f3, or Nge2 soon to be followed by f3, are the preferred continuations. Since I wanted to avoid too much theory I chose a solid developing move.

6.Nf3!?

6.Nge2 e6 7.Bd2 c6 8.f3 Bf5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Nf4

6...e6 7.h3 Bh5?!

Playing a sideline is beginning to pay off. 7...Bxf3=

8.g4 Bg6

Here I calculated that an eventual Qf3 would prevent instant Queenside castling by Black because f7 would be hanging after g5. Luckily for me the Grandmaster thought the same thing!

9.Ne5?!

9.Bd2 Bb4 10.a3 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Qa4=

9...Nbd7 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Qf3

All according to plan so far, but Black is a little better already, silly me.

11...c6?!

11...0-0-0 12.Bd2 (12.g5? Ne8 13.Qxf7?? Nd6-+) 12...Nb6 13.Bb3 Rxd4+

12.Bb3 Nd5 13.Bd2 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Bb4 15.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 16.c3 Qe7 17.0-0-0 Qf6?! 18.Qg3!

18.Qe3!? g5? (18...0-0-0 19.f4 Nb6=)

18...g5

[Diagram top of next column]

19.Qc7! Qf4+

19...Qxf2?? 20.Qxb7 Rb8 21.Qxc6+-



Position after 18...g5

20.Qxf4 gxf4 21.h4 Ke7 22.Rde1 Nf6?!

22...g6 23.Re4? (23.g5 Rh5 24.Re4? (24.Bd1 Rh7 25.Re4 e5 26.dxe5 Nc5) 24...Rah8 25.Rxf4 Rxc5) 23...g5

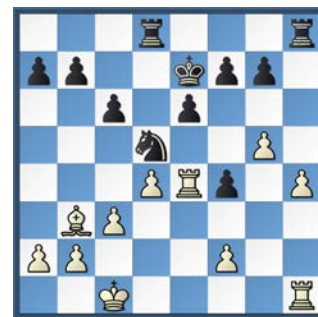
23.g5

I have been slowly getting the better of it over the last half dozen moves.

23...Nd5

23...Ng4?! 24.Rh3 Nxf2 25.Rf3 Ng4 26.Rxf4 Rxh4 27.Bd1+- This is a computer line which I did NOT see during the game. I had correctly calculated 24.Re4 as being much better for White however.

24.Re4 Rad8



Position after 24...Rad8

During the game I thought this was winning the f-pawn, I missed the Rd8xd5 and Rd5xg5 defensive idea. Perhaps better was h5 right away. Now something very unexpected happened, the Grandmaster moved and offered a draw. What am I overlooking? I did see h5 as my next move but that was about it. 25.h5! b5 26.a3 a5. Stockfish gives this position as +.90 quite an advantage. I could not see my plan however and was too tempted by the 'bird in the hand'. 1/2-1/2

**Raj Kodithyala (1773) –  
Tendo Lumala (1626) [B22]**

Washington Open (Reserve)  
Lynnwood, WA (R4), May 27, 2018  
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bf6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Rab1 a6 14.Bd3 h6 15.Be4 Qd7 16.Qd2 Re8 17.Bc2 Na5 18.Qd3 b5 19.d5 Nb7 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Bg6 Rd8 23.Bb6 Bxc3





Raj Kodithyala.

24.Bxd8 Nxd8 25.Rfd1 Qc7 26.Qh8+ Ke7 27.Qe8+ Kf6 28.Rxd8 Bb4 29.Bh5 e5 30.Qg6+ Ke7 31.Re8+ 1-0

Ryan Huang (934) –  
Aidan Chen (1213) [B12]  
Washington Open (Booster)

Lynnwood, WA (R1), May 26, 2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.c5 b6 6.b4 a5 7.bxa5 bxc5 8.Bb2 Qxa5+ 9.Bc3 Qb6 10.Nf3 Nh6 11.h3 cxd4 12.Bxd4 Bc5 13.Nc3 Bxd4 14.Nxd4 0-0 15.Nb3 Nd7 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Nxe5 18.f4 Nd3+ 19.Bxd3 Bxd3 20.Nxc6 Nf5 21.Rd1 Bc4 22.Ne5 Bxa2 23.Ra1 Bc4 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.Nxc4 Ra1+ 26.Nd1 dxc4 27.0-0 g6 28.Kf2 Kg7 29.g4 Ne7 30.Ke2 Nd5 31.Rf3 Ra2+ 32.Ke1 Rc2 33.Ne3 Rc3 34.Kd2 Rxe3 35.Rxe3 Nxe3 36.Kxe3 Kf6 37.Kd4 g5 0-1

David Hendricks (1590) –  
Lavindu Devadithya (1419) [D02]  
Washington Open (Reserve)  
Lynnwood, WA (R4), May 27, 2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Nbd2 e6 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 Bd6 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.f4 Qb6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nb3 0-0-0 14.Bd3 Rh4 15.Qf3 Rdh8 16.0-0-0 a5 17.Kb1 a4 18.Nd2 a3 19.Nb3 axb2 20.c4 Ba3 21.g5 Nd7 22.cxd5 cxd5 23.Rd2 Kb8 24.Qg3 Ka8 25.Rc2 Qb4 26.Rhh2 Rxh3 27.Rxh3 Rxh3 28.Qg1 Nb6 29.Bf1 Qe1+ 0-1



Lavindu Devadithya.

Pranav Kurungod Anoop (1525) –  
Dan Mathews (1718) [C00]  
Washington Open (Reserve)  
Lynnwood, WA (R4), May 27, 2018

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.dxe4 Be7 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.Ngf3 0-0 8.0-0 e5 9.b3 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Bb2 Bxf3 12.Nxf3 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Bd6 14.Nd2 Rfe8 15.Nc4 Bc5 16.Rfe1 h6 17.a4 a6 18.Ne3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rad8 20.Red3 Rxd3 21.Rxd3 a5 22.Kf1 Rb8 23.f4 Re8 24.Re3 Nd7 25.Ke2 Nf8 26.Rd3 exf4 27.gxf4 Ng6 28.Ke3 Nf8 29.Bc3 b6 30.e5 Ne7 31.Be4 g5 32.f5 Rb8 33.h4 b5 34.Bxa5 bxa4 35.bxa4 Rb1 36.Bxc7 Re1+ 37.Kd4 gxh4 38.a5 Nd7 39.a6 Nc8 40.Bb7 Na7 41.Kc4 Nxe5+ 42.Bxe5 Rxe5 43.Rd8+ Kg7 44.Ra8 Nb5 45.a7 Nxa7 46.Rxa7 Rxf5 47.Ra1 1-0

Pranav Kurungod Anoop (1525) –  
Nolan Daniels (1652) [B22]  
Washington Open (Reserve)  
Lynnwood, WA (R6), May 28, 2018

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.h3 Nc6 9.Nf3 e6 10.d5 Na5 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Qe2 exd5 14.exd5 Re8 15.0-0 Nh5 16.Ne4 Rxc1 17.Rxc1 Bf5 18.Nfd2 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 f5 20.Ng5 Nf4 21.Qd2 Nxd5 22.Bc4 Qd7 23.Qxd5+ Kf8 24.Nxh7+ Ke7 25.Bg5+ Bf6 26.Bxf6# 1-0



Pranav Kurungod Anoop.

Edward Li (1042) –  
Michael Kuang (1143) [B85]  
Washington Open (Booster)  
Lynnwood, WA (R7), May 28, 2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.f4 Nbd7 10.Nf3 Ng4 11.Bf2 Nxf2 12.Rxf2 Nc5 13.e5 b5 14.Bd3 dxe5 15.Nxe5 Bb7 16.Re2 Qb6 17.Kh1 Rad8 18.Re3 Na4 19.Rh3 g6 20.Nxa4 bxa4 21.Nc4 Qd4 22.Qf1 Qf6 23.Rb1 Rd4 24.Na5 Bd5 25.b3 Rxf4 26.Qe2 Rf2 27.Qe3 Bxg2+ 28.Kg1 Bxh3 29.Qxf2



Michael Kuang.

**Qg5+ 30.Qg3 Bc5+ 31.Kh1 Qd5+ 32.Be4 Qxe4+ 33.Qf3 Qxf3# 0-1**



*Felicity Wang.*

**Nathan Liu (1576) – Felicity Wang (1380) [A00]**

Washington Open (Reserve)  
Lynnwood, WA (R3), May 26, 2018

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8 9.b3 Bd6 10.Bb2 h6 11.h3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.cxd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Qxd5 17.Rfd1 Qg5 18.Kh1 Be6 19.Bc4 Bf5 20.Bd3 Be6 21.Bf1 Bd5 22.Rd4 Qh5 23.Kg1 Re6 24.Be2 Qe5 25.Rad1 Rg6 26.Bf1 Re8 27.Qc2 Be6 28.g3 Qh5 29.Rh4 Qg5 30.Rdd4 Rd8 31.Qd1 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Qf6 33.Bd3 Bf5 34.Rf4 Qd8 35.Rd4 Qf6 36.Bxf5 Qxf5 37.Rd8+ Kh7 38.Rd7 b5 39.Rxa7 Rf6 40.Qf1 Qc2 41.Ra6 Qf5 42.Ra5 Qc2 43.b4 Rd6 44.Kh2 Rd2 45.Qg1 Rxf2+ 46.Kh1 Qe4+ 0-1**

**Dan Abramson (2167) – Anand Vignesh (1937) [E11]**  
Washington Open Lynnwood, WA (R3), May 26, 2018  
*[Vignesh Anand]*

The Washington Open is one of the things I look forward to ante summer besides school ending. It was great to have the two GMs Julio Sadorra and Andrey Gorovets back, and a third GM Enrico Sevillano coming for the first time! Thank you to all the parents who helped make this possible. Anyway, this is my third round game against Dan Abramson.

**1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2**

My first opponent Tanraj Sohal played the less popular Nbd2, but as far as I remember, Nc3, Bd2, and Nbd2 are all playable.

**4...Bxd2+ 5.Nbxd2 d5 6.Qc2 Nc6**

I took a long time on this move because it blocked my critical ...e5 break. Surprisingly, Fritz approved of this move. I really wanted to stop the e4 break for White, so that I can play ...Qe7 and break with ...e5.

**7.e3 0-0 8.c5 a6**

Preventing Bb5.

**9.a3 Qe7 10.Bd3 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Nf3 Qe7= 14.0-0 Ne4 15.Nd4 Nxc5**



*Position after 15...Nxc5*

A critical point in the game. I analyzed Bxh7+ for a long time looking at different variations. I was scared of the h-pawn advancing because my opponent could force the trade of my light-squared bishop for his knight. This trade means that I am playing on the dark squares and him on the light squares. The problem, is that I have light-squared weaknesses near my king, and his dark squares aren't as vulnerable. However, seeing that allowing him to ply c6 is a problem, I decided to go for the trade hoping that the power of my central pawns would create counter-attacking chances later.

**16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5**

18.Qxf5 Ne4+ Nf6 threatens the win of a piece. And Qh3 is met by Ng5.

**18...c6 19.Rae1 g6 20.Qc3+ Kh7 21.Bb1**  
Fritz's evaluation: 0.00/0

**21...Ne4 22.Qd4 Rad8 23.b4 Rfe8 24.f3 c5**

A slight inaccuracy. Better was Nd6

**25.bxc5 Nxc5 26.h4 Ne6 27.Qg4 Kg7 28.f4±**

White starts to gain the upper hand.

**28...Rh8 29.g3 Nc5 30.f5 Ne4**

I found the series of only moves keeping me from instant death.

**31.Rf4 Nf6 32.Qf3 Ne4**

A blunder. I was trying to sacrifice a pawn to get rid of his monstrous bishop on b1.

**33.Bxe4 dxe4 34.Rxe4 Qxa3 35.f6+**

Blundering right back. 35.fxg6 fxg6 36.Re6 Rhf8 37.Qxb7+ Rf7 38.Qe4+-

**35...Kg8 36.Re7 Qc3 37.Rf1 Rd6 38.Rxb7**

We both were missing many moves in time pressure. Luckily, we were nearing move 40. 38.Re8+ Kh7 39.Rxh8+ Kxh8 40.Qf4 Lights out! He missed it!; 38.Rxf7 Just as good!

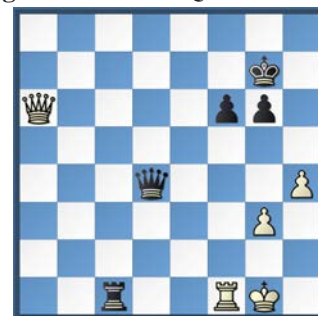
**38...Re6 39.Re7**

39.Rxf7 Rxe3 40.Rg7+ Kf8 41.Qa8+ Re8 42.Qg2 This is also winning for White, but my opponent didn't want to risk anything before the time control, and decided to play it safe.

**39...Qc6 40.Qf4 Rxe7 41.fxe7 Qe6 42.Qb8+ Kg7**

42...Kh7 43.Qf8 This causes problems for me.

**43.Qb2+ f6 44.Qa3 Re8 45.Ra1 Rxe7 46.Qxa6 Qxe3+ 47.Kg2 Qd2+ 48.Kh3 Qd7+ 49.Kh2 Qd2+ 50.Kh3 Rc7 51.Rf1 Qd7+ 52.Kg2 Rc2+ 53.Rf2 Qd5+ 54.Kg1 Rc1+ 55.Rf1 Qd4+**



*Position after 55...Qd4+*

**56.Kg2**

The final blunder of the game. Kh1 would have safely secured a draw.

**56...Rc2+ 57.Kf3 Qd5+ 58.Ke3 Qe5+ 59.Kf3 Rc3+ 60.Kf2 Qxg3+ 61.Ke2 Qe3+ 0-1**

**Tian Hua (788) – Garam O'Brien (1159) [A22]**

Washington Open (Booster)  
Lynnwood, WA (R6) May 28, 2018  
*[Tian Hua]*

**1.e4 e5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Nge2? Nc6?**

Black misses 4...Ng4 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Nxf2 7.Kxf2 Qf6+-

**5.d3? h6**

5...Ng4 6.Be3 Nxe3 7.fxe3 Bxe3+-

**6.h3**

Both sides missed Ng4 until this point. White sees the move and plays h3. 6.Be3 Be3 is another option.

**6...0-0 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 Be6 9.0-0 Qc8 10.Kh2 Nd4 11.Rb1 Nxe2 12.Qxe2 c6 13.b4 Bd4 14.Na4? c5?**

14...b5 15.Nb2 a5 16.a3 Qb7+

**15.b5**



Now the position is more or less equal.

15...Nh5??

Oops.

16.Qxh5 Qd8 17.Bd2 a6 18.b6 Bd7 19.Qd1

19.Nc3 Bxc3 (19...Bc6 20.Nd5 Bxd5 21.cxd5) 20.Bxc3 White should have gotten rid of the useless knight on a4 as soon as possible.

19...f5 20.exf5 Bxf5 21.Be3?

21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Be3 This would reach almost the exact same position except White has a passed pawn and a more active bishop.

21...Rb8 22.Bxd4 exd4 23.f4 Qe8 24.Bd5+ Kh8 25.Re1 Qd7 26.Nb2?

26.g4 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Qxa4 28.Rb2 Qa5 White was scared of this line where Black can win a pawn and attack White's queenside. However, this attack is unsound and Black just has a trapped queen while White can get active piece play on the kingside. Furthermore, Black would be trading an active bishop for a useless knight.

26...Bxh3 27.Qh5?!

27.Qa4 Qc8 28.Re7 This line is better for White.

27...Bg4 28.Qh4 Qf5?? 29.Be6!

And White gains material advantage.

29...Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Bxe6 31.Re1?!

31.Qe7 Rfe8 32.Qxd6

31...Rbe8 32.Qh5 Kg8??

This is my favorite moment in the game, the position looks like it is straight out of a tactical puzzle.



Position after 32...Kg8

33.Rxe6! Rxe6 34.Qd5 Rfe8?!

Black is desperately trying to hold on to the e6 rook.

35.f5!

Taking advantage of the pin.

35...Kf7 36.fxe6+ Rxe6 37.Qxb7+ Re7 38.Qxe7+ Kxe7 39.b7 Ke6 40.b8Q

And the rest of the game is unremarkable. White played very cautiously to avoid any stalemate possibilities and didn't

even attempt to look for a quicker mate sequence.

40...Kf5 41.Qxd6 Kg5 42.Qxa6 Kh5 43.a4 g5 44.a5



Position after 44.a5

44.Qe6 g4! 45.Qf5# This would be mate right away, but White drags the game on for 16 more moves instead of ending the game in two.

44...g4 45.Qxh6+ Kxh6 46.a6 Kg6 47.a7 Kf6 48.a8Q Ke6 49.Qd5+ Kf6 50.Nd1 Ke7 51.Qg5+ Ke6 52.Qxg4+ Kf6 53.Kh3 Kf7 54.Qe4 Kf6 55.Kg4 Kf7 56.Kg5 Kg7 57.Qe5+ Kf7 58.Nb2 Kf8 59.Qc7 Ke8 60.Kf6 Kf8 61.Qf7#

61.Qb8#

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Joshua Sinanan (2278) – Roshen Nair (1853) [A07]

2018 Washington Open Lynnwood, WA (R3), May 26, 2018

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Bd6 5.d4 c5 6.c4 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nc3 Be6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 Bd6 11.Be3 Qe7 12.Nd4 Ng4 13.Bc1 Nf6 14.Nb5 Bb4 15.a3 Ba5 16.b4 Bd8 17.Bf4 Qd7 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Rc1 Nc6 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.Rxc5 b6 23.Rc1 e5 24.Bg5 Rad8 25.e3 h6 26.Bxf6 Rxf6 27.Qb3 Kh8 28.Rfd1 Ne7 29.Rd2 Rd6 30.Rdc2 Qf5 31.Rc7 R6d7 32.Qa4 Rxc7 33.Rxc7 Nc8 34.Qc6 Rf8 35.Qc2 Qxc2 36.Rxc2 d4 37.exd4 exd4 38.Rd2 Rd8 39.f4 Kg8 40.Kf2 Kf7 41.Be4 Ne7 42.Rc2 Ke6 43.Ke2 a5 44.bxa5 bxa5 45.Rc5 Nd5 46.Kd3 Nc3 47.Bf3 a4 48.Rc7 Kf6 49.Bh5 Rg8 50.Bf7 Rd8 51.Bc4 Nd1 52.Rf7+ Kg6 53.f5+ Kh7 54.Rb7 Kh8 55.Kd2 Nc3 56.Bd3 Kg8 57.g4 Kf8 58.h4 Re8 59.Rc7 Ne4+ 60.Kc2 Nf6 61.g5 hxg5 62.hxg5 Nd5 63.Rd7 Ne3+ 64.Kd2 Re5 65.Rxd4 Nxf5 66.Rxa4 Nd6 67.g6 Ke7 68.Ra7+ Kf6 69.Ra6 Re6 70.Kc2 Nb7 71.Rxe6+ Kxe6 72.Kc3 Kd6 73.Kd4



L-R: Josh Sinanan, Roshen Nair.

Na5 74.Be4 Nb3+ 75.Kc3 Nc5 76.Bc2 Na6 77.Kc4 Nc7 78.a4 Nd5 79.Be4 Nb6+ 80.Kb5 Nxa4 81.Kxa4 Ke7 82.Bd5 Kf6 83.Bf7 Ke7 84.Kb4 Kd6 85.Kc4 Ke7 86.Kd5 Kf8 87.Ke5 Ke7 88.Bb3 Ke8 89.Ke6 Kf8 90.Ba4 Kg8 91.Ke7 Kh8 92.Kf8 1/2-1/2

Rushaan Mahajan (2048) – Roshen Nair (1853) [D02]

2018 Washington Open Lynnwood, WA (R7), May 28, 2018

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 cxd4 7.exd4 Nh5 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 Nf4 10.Bg3 Bd6 11.Bxf4 Bxf4 12.g3 Bc7 13.Qe2 Qe7 14.Bg2 Bd7 15.0-0 16.Rfe1 Rfe8 17.h4 Qf7 18.Qd3 Rad8 19.Rad1 Bc8 20.Nf1 Kh8 21.a3 Qg8 22.Ne3 Bb8 23.Kh2 Ne7 24.Ng1 Ng6 25.Kh1 Bd7 26.b3 Bc6 27.Re2 Ne7 28.Red2 Bc7 29.Ne2 e5 30.dxe5 fxe5 31.Kg1 Bb6 32.c4 d4 33.Ng4 Bxg2 34.Kxg2 Nc6 35.Qe4 h5 36.Nh2 Qh7 37.Qxh7+ Kxh7 38.b4 Re7 39.c5 Bc7 40.Nf3 a6 41.Ng5+ Kg6 42.Ne4 Red7 43.Rd3 Ne7 44.Kh3 Nd5 45.Rg1 Nf6 46.Nxf6 gxf6 47.g4 e4 48.gxh5+ Kxh5 49.Rdd1 Be5 50.Rg4 e3 51.f4 Bb8 52.Rd3 Kh6 53.a4 Kh7 54.Kg3 Ba7 55.f5 Bb8+ 56.Kf3 Be5 57.Rg2 Rd5 58.Ke4 a5 59.b5 Rxc5 60.h5 Rc2 61.Kf3 Rdc8 62.h6 Rd2 63.Rg7+ Kxh6 64.Rg6+ Kh7 65.Rb3 d3 66.Kxe3 Rxe2+ 67.Kxd3 Rh2 68.Ke4 Rh4+ 69.Kd5 Rg8 70.Rxg8 Kxg8 71.Ke6 Rxa4 72.Kd7 Rb4 73.Ra3 Rxb5 0-1

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# The Bryan Black Dedication Event

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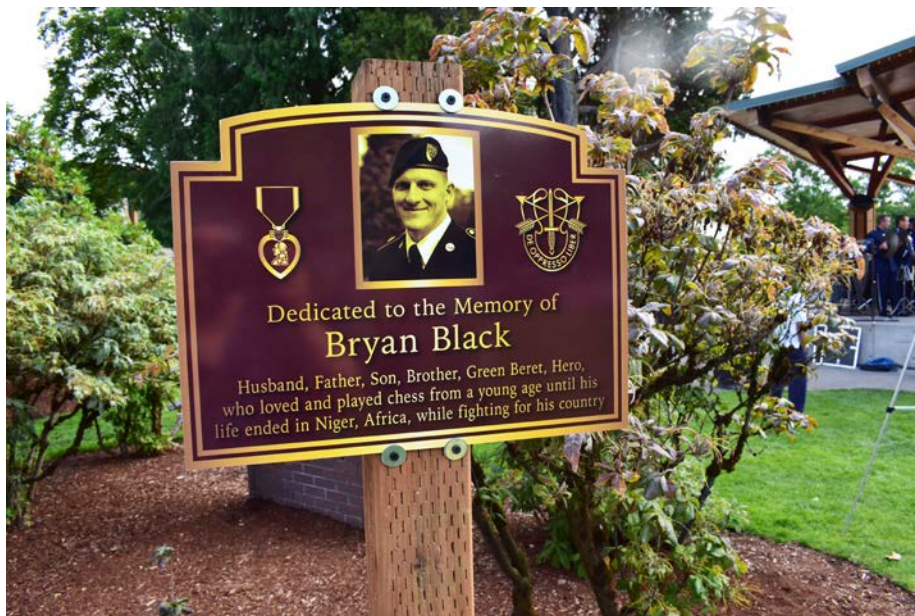
Puyallup, WA—July 5, 2018

The Bryan Black Chess Table Dedication was held at Pioneer Park across from the Puyallup Library. There was a large crowd on hand, and the 562nd Air Force Band performed several songs. The band chose Puyallup as the first stop on their tour of the United States in order to attend Bryan's dedication. Before the speeches they presented the colors and played and sang the National Anthem.

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.

Puyallup Mayor John Palmer, Congressman Denny Heck, Deputy Mayor Tom Swanson, Erik Anderson of America's Foundation for Chess who contributed matching funds, and Bryan's father, Hank, gave speeches, and the two cement memorial tables were then unveiled, featuring two chess boards on each table. The Black family thanked the five Tacoma Chess Club members who were in attendance and your reporter for representing the Washington Chess Federation and Tacoma Chess Club. There followed a drawing with numerous chess-related prizes given away. Several games were played on the new tables, as well as on a few other tables that were set up for the event. The Tacoma Chess Club provided the boards, sets, and clocks.

There are more pictures on the Tacoma Chess Club Facebook page, taken by Sean Robinson who is planning to send a story to *Chess Life*. The ceremony was covered on the 11 o'clock news by local ABC and NBC affiliate stations on July 5.



The chess-table memorial at Puyallup's Pioneer Park includes this placard dedicated to Bryan Black. Photo credit: Sean Robinson.



Members of a color guard appeared at the July 5 ceremony for Bryan Black in Puyallup's Pioneer Park. Photo credit: Sean Robinson.



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Chess players gave the Bryan Black memorial chess tables a workout after the dedication ceremony. Photo credit: Sean Robinson.

# Vancouver Open

## August 11-12, 2018

**Site:** Hampton Inn & Suites, 315 SE Olympia Drive, Vancouver, WA 98684. 360-891-3000.

**HR:** \$169 Standard King/Double Queen.

**Format:** A 5-round Swiss in two sections: Open and Reserve (under 1800).

**Time Control:** Rd 1: G/60, d10, Rds 2-5: 40/120, SD/30, d10. US Chess August 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:** \$2,500 (based on 60 paid entries).

**Open:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> 250  
1<sup>st</sup> U2200/U2000: \$150, Biggest Upset: \$75

**Reserve:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150  
1<sup>st</sup> U1600/U1400/U1200: \$150, Biggest Upset: \$75

**Entry Fee:** \$75 if postmarked or online by 8/5, \$85 after 8/5 or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs.

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

**Rounds:** Saturday 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM, 3:30 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.

**Entries:** Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

**Mail To:** Dan Mathews, 749 Somerset Lane, Edmonds, WA 98020-2646.

**Phone:** 425-218-7529. **Email:** [danomathews01@gmail.com](mailto:danomathews01@gmail.com).

**Online Registration:** [www.nwchess.com/online-registration](http://www.nwchess.com/online-registration).

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Seattle Chess Classic

August 15-19, 2018



## Seattle Chess Club

2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133

A 9-round Swiss in two sections: Open and Reserve (U2000)

### Entry fees:

#### Open:

Rating	Entry Fee before 8/8	After 8/8 or at site
US Chess Rating 2400+ or GM/IM/WGM/WIM	Free entry	\$100
2000-2399	\$200	\$250
1999 and below	\$400	\$450

**Reserve:** \$150 by 8/8, \$175 after or at site.

### Schedule:

<b>Wednesday 8/15</b>	Check-in & Round 1	6:45pm & 7pm
<b>Thursday 8/16</b>	Round 2 & 3	11am & 6pm
<b>Friday 8/17</b>	Round 4 & 5	11am & 6pm
<b>Saturday 8/18</b>	Round 6 & 7	11am & 6pm
<b>Sunday 8/19</b>	Round 8 & 9	11am & 6pm
<b>Sunday 8/19</b>	Closing Ceremony + Blitz Tournament	~10pm & ASAP

**Time Control:** 100 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Late Default: 60 minutes.

**Rating:** Higher of US Chess August 2018 supplement or foreign ratings used at TD discretion. Both sections US Chess rated, Open section also FIDE rated. Maximum capacity of 60 players.

**Prizes:** (based on 60 paid entries)

**Open:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$1000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$750, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$550, U2400/U2250/U2100: 1<sup>st</sup> \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$350

**Reserve:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$450, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$350, U1900/U1750/U1600/U1450: 1<sup>st</sup> \$300, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$200

**Special prizes:** Top Female & Top Senior: \$150 per section, Biggest upset & Best game: \$50 per round  
Best dress for man, woman & junior (under 18 years old): \$25 per day.

**Byes:** 2 half-point byes available for rounds 1-9 if announced before the start of round 2.

**Registration:** Please register online at <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>. The deadline to register is Tuesday 8/14.

**Chief Organizer:** Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206-769-3757, joshsinanan@gmail.com

**Tournament Director:** Fred Kleist, US Chess Senior TD, National FIDE Arbiter



# 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Open

## September 1-3, 2018

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Sponsored by the Portland Chess Club and Oregon Chess Federation

**FORMAT:** 6-round Swiss in three sections, Open, U2000, and U1600. The official US Chess regular ratings are generally used. Unofficial US Chess regular ratings based on at least four games or foreign ratings (with adjustment if necessary) are generally used for players with no official US Chess regular rating. There is a choice between a 3-day and 2-day schedule. Up to two half point byes are available if requested before round one.

**TIME CONTROL:** 40/120,SD/30;d10, first three rounds of the 2-day schedule are played at G/60;d10. **Please bring digital clocks as well as sets and boards (none supplied).**

**SCHEDULE: 3-day:** A players meeting is scheduled to start at 10:30am on Saturday. The rounds are scheduled to start at 11am and 5pm on Saturday, 10am and 6pm on Sunday, and 9:30am and 3:30pm on Monday. **2-day:** A players meeting is scheduled to start at 8:45am on Sunday. The first three rounds are scheduled to start at 9am, 11:45am, and 2:30pm on Sunday then the schedule merges with the 3-day for round four at 6pm on Sunday.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$105 if you pre-register by Thursday, August 30, \$125 on-site. Free entry to GM's and IM's if pre-registered by August 30 (\$105 is deducted from any prize won). Players under the age of 19 in the U1600 section may pay a lower rate (\$25 if pre-registered by August 30, \$35 on-site) and compete for trophies instead of cash prizes. Players in the 3-day may withdraw and re-enter into the 2-day by paying \$105. **US Chess & OCF/WCF/ICA** memberships are also required (other states accepted).

**RATED:** All the sections are US Chess rated. The Open section is also FIDE rated except for the first three rounds of the 2-day schedule. FIDE rules are used in the Open section (including the first 3-rounds of the 2-day schedule; see the US Chess-FIDE rule differences at [pdxchess.org](http://pdxchess.org)). US Chess rules are used in the U2000 and U1600 sections.

**REGISTRATION: Please pre-register.** To do so, we must **receive** your registration information at [nwchess.com/onlineregistration](http://nwchess.com/onlineregistration) **and** your entry fee and any membership fees either online or through the mail by August 30. If you don't pre-register, on-site registration is available from 9-10:30am Saturday for the 3-day schedule and 8-8:45am Sunday for the 2-day schedule (only cash or check is accepted on-site).

### OPEN SECTION PRIZES

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

### U2000 SECTION PRIZES

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

### U1600 SECTION PRIZES

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

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

Unrated players are limited to the place prizes in the Open section and the unrated prize in the U1600 section. Players winning \$600 or more must complete an IRS form with SSN before payment. Foreign players may be subject to withholding taxes. Players under 19 in the U1600 section choosing the lower entry fee option will compete for trophies instead of cash prizes based on points. Players rated 1400 or higher will win a trophy if they score at least 5, players rated between 1200 and 1399 will win a trophy if they score at least 4, and players rated under 1200 or unrated will win a trophy if they score at least 3.5.

**OTHER:** The tournament is a Northwest Chess, US Chess, and US Chess Junior Grand Prix event and a qualifier for the Oregon Championship, Oregon Invitational, and OSCF State Championship. See the people who have helped sponsor the tournament at [pdxchess.org](http://pdxchess.org). Send an email to [email@pdxchess.org](mailto:email@pdxchess.org) if you have questions regarding the event.

**SIDE EVENTS: Scholastic**-see all the information at [pdxchess.org](http://pdxchess.org). **Blitz**-registration runs on Sunday from 3-3:20pm. Play starts at 3:30pm Sunday and will likely last until around 5:30pm. 5-round double Swiss in one section. The higher of a player's official US Chess regular and blitz rating is generally used. Unofficial US Chess regular or blitz ratings based on at least four games or foreign ratings (with adjustment if necessary) are generally used for players with no official US Chess regular or blitz rating. G/3;inc2, US Chess blitz rated, \$20 entry fee, prize fund: \$220 based on 20-1<sup>st</sup> \$65, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$45, U2100-\$35, U1900-\$30, U1700-\$25, U1500-\$20; unrated players are eligible for all the prizes. **OCF annual membership meeting**-Sunday at 4:30pm.

**LOCATION:** Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232. There is free parking at the hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a special chess rate of \$109 plus tax for single or double occupancy. **The rate lasts until the block of rooms sell out or until August 1, whichever comes first.** Call 1-800-996-0510 to reserve a room.

## Spokane Club Officers 2018-19

Michael Cambareri was selected to serve a second term as president at the club's annual election meeting on May 17, 2018. Ted Baker and Kevin Korsmo kept on in their roles as secretary and treasurer. Tito Tinajero is the new vice president.



L-R: Michael Cambareri, Tito Tinajero, Kevin Korsmo, Ted Baker. Photo credit: John Frostad.

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### Washington Women's Championship

September 14-16, 2018

**Highest finishing Washington resident seeded into the Premier Section of the 2019 Washington State Championship.**

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

**Format:** A one-section 5-Round Swiss. Dual US Chess & FIDE rated.

**Time Control:** Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment added after each move.  
US Chess September 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:** \$1,000 (based on 25 paid entries).

1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100, 1st U1800 \$80, 1st U1600 \$80, 1st U1400 \$80, 1st U1200 \$80, 1st U1000/Unr \$80.

**Entry Fee:** \$50 if postmarked or online by 09/09, \$60 after 09/09 or at site. Free entry for WGMs and WIMs.

**Registration:** Friday 6:00 - 6:45 PM.

**Rounds:** Friday 7:00 PM; Saturday 11:00 AM, 5:00 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. NS. NC. W.

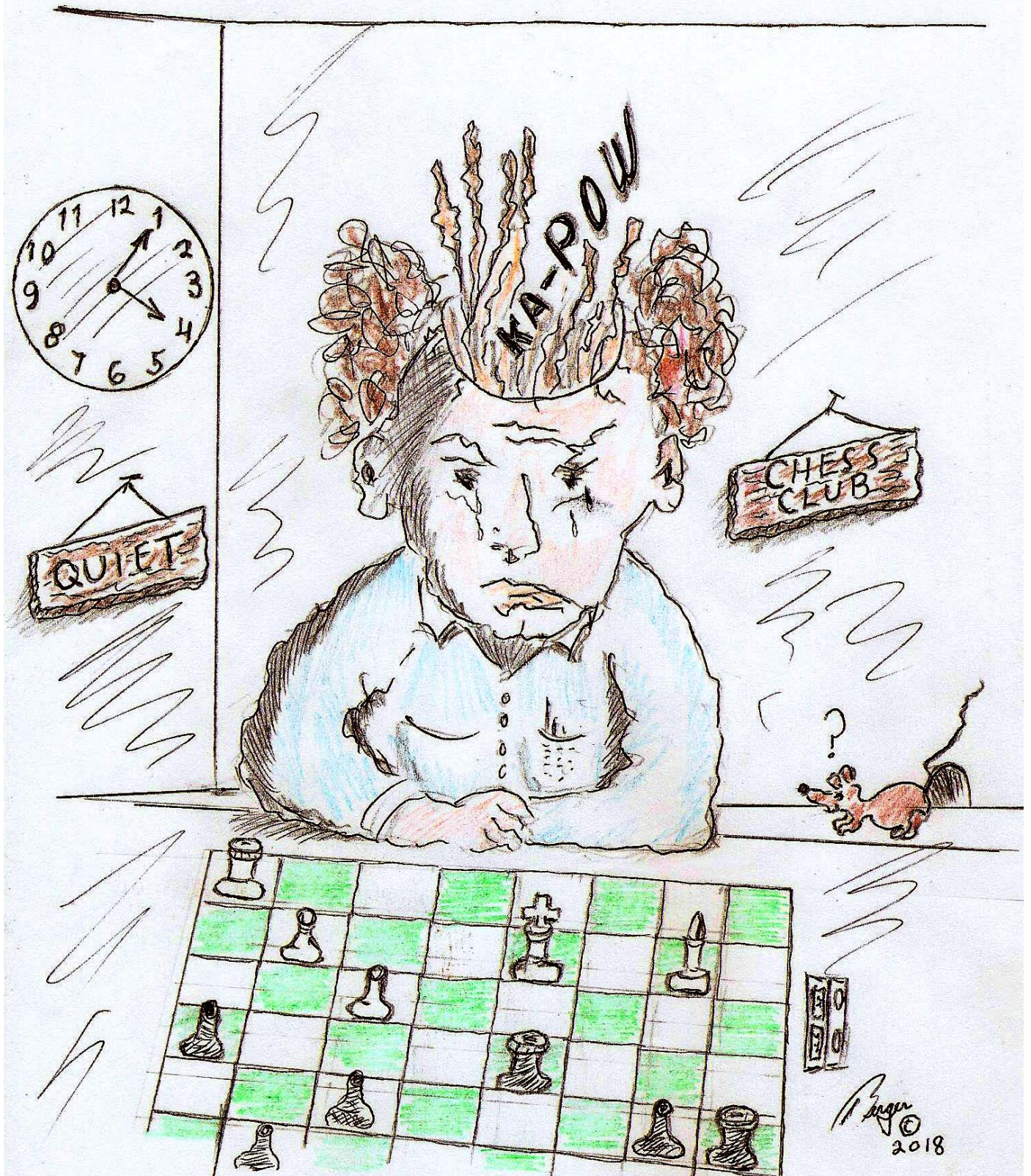
**Entries:** Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

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# The 2018 John Braley Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Administrator

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We have reached the midpoint of the 2018 contest. The magazine says August, but the stats are through the end of June. Every prize position is still in play. No lead is insurmountable. In Idaho, Michael Cambareri has opened the largest lead for all-state honors with 65 points. That is 19.5 points ahead of second place Alex Machin. This isn't a lot of points, except in Idaho, where the number of Grand Prix events is very small, with very few multipliers. Cambareri has been willing to travel, which is what it takes to win in Idaho.

In Oregon, the leader is Pierre-Hadrien Beauchet with 95.5 points. This is only two points ahead of second place Austin Tang. Every quad and game/60 becomes important when the race is this close. Even more important for Oregon are three upcoming multiplier events. First is the Rose City Sectionals, a 2x event which was held in early July. Coming up are the nearby Vancouver Open with a 3x multiplier (August 11-12), and the Annual Oregon Open on Labor Day weekend, offering a guaranteed \$10,000 prize fund and a 6x Grand Prix multiplier. Miss one of these and the gaps can grow.

In Washington, the leader is Ignacio Perez, nursing a slim one point lead over Frank Fagundes. Again, any event can make the difference when things are this close. Especially important this summer, along with the events mentioned above, are the Seafair Open in late July with a 2x multiplier and the five-day, nine-round Seattle Chess Classic, August 15-19. The latter event, held at the Seattle Chess Club, offers a "based on" prize fund of \$10,125, and a 5x Grand Prix multiplier. Of course, anyone can, and many will, travel to other states to gather up points to bring home. Excellent strategy for winning in the Grand Prix.

Look through the standings. You will note a tie in one class (Idaho Class B), two others with only a half-point lead (Oregon Class A and Washington Class D), and many others (10) which are within ten or fewer points. No lead is larger than 20 points. When you consider that winning three games at the Oregon Open while completing your schedule will garner you 30 points, these leads are ephemeral.

You will not see another 30-day period this year with as much potential for gathering Grand Prix points as you will see in August (plus Labor Day). Make this your month to play a lot of chess and watch yourself rise in the standings. No lead is safe when you have this many big events to attend. Go, play often, play well and see your name in the magazine, too.

Data below is current through June 30.

## 2018 Memorial Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Oregon			Washington		
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.
<b>Masters</b>								
			1	Breckenridge Steven J	25.5	1	Perez Ignacio	114.5
			2	McCoy Owen	15.5	2	Pupols Viktors	94.5
			3	Haessler Carl A	14.5	3	Bragg David R	49.0
			4	Grabinsky Joshua	13.0	4	Schill William J	47.5
			5	Two tied at	12.0	5	Six tied at	42.0
<b>Experts</b>								
<b>M/X/Class A</b>								
1	Cambareri Michael E	65.0	1	Richardson Ryan	54.5	1	Mahajan Rushaan	76.5
2	Machin Alex J	45.5	2	Gatica Jose M	37.5	2	Yu Jason	69.5
3	Inman James	37.0	3	Cosner Karl	20.0	3	Deshpande Aaryan H	62.5
4	Nathan Jacob A	8.0	4	Bjorksten Lennart	16.5	4	Arganian David G	54.0
5	Kircher Caleb P	7.0	5	Donnell Brian G	15.0	5	Truelson Joseph	49.5
<b>Class A</b>								
<b>Class B</b>								
1	Roland Jeffrey T	35.5	1	Moore Michael	83.5	1	Fagundes Frank	113.5
1	Wei James	35.5	2	Vega Isaac	83.0	2	Levine Joseph R	106.5
3	Rainey Samuel W	24.0	3	Nair Roshen S	82.0	3	Beck Alec W	84.0
4	Geyman Jonathan P	23.5	4	Rachmuth Moshe S	40.0	4	Anand Vignesh	83.0
5	Martonick Nick	16.5	5	Two tied at	33.0	5	Lewis-Sandy Joshua M	78.5



Idaho			Oregon			Washington					
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.			
<b>Class C</b>			<b>Class B</b>								
1	Weyland	Ron	13.5	1	Tang	Zoey	88.0	1	Gupta	Anand	83.0
2	Mason	Dusty G	9.5	2	Kodithyala	Raj	70.5	2	Buck	Stephen J	73.5
3	Pentico	Chrisopher	6.0	3	Wu	Abbie	46.5	3	Hua	Anthony	70.5
4	Owen	Gary	5.5	4	Berger	Brian F	44.5	4	Kaelin	Alex	69.0
4	Looney	Daniel S	5.5	5	Erard	Eric C	26.5	5	Lee	Brian	61.5
<b>Class D</b>			<b>Class C</b>								
1	Merry	William A F	20.0	1	Beauchet	Pierre-Hadrien	95.5	1	Piper	August	88.5
2	Porth	Adam	15.5	2	Tang	Austin	93.5	2	Min	Ryan	85.0
3	Shepard	River C	13.5	3	Dietz	Arliss	48.5	3	Goktepe	Derin	78.0
4	Zaklan	David A	7.0	4	Sripada	Havish	42.0	4	Christy	John P	63.5
5	Ang	Ching-E N	6.5	5	Roshu	Cassandra M	35.5	5	Xiao	Alison	63.0
<b>Class E and Below</b>			<b>Class D and Below</b>								
1	Wei	Luke B	25.0	1	Morrissey	Patrick W	32.0	1	Richards	Jerrold	66.5
2	Geyman	Josiah B	15.0	2	Kenway	Geoffrey W	26.0	2	Chen	Aiden	66.0
3	Porth	Darwin A	12.0	3	Kodarapu	Ishaan K	22.5	3	Li	Edward	59.5
4	Olson	Otto W	11.5	4	Kong	David	18.5	3	Tang	Richard O	57.0
5	Two tied at		9.0	5	Two tied at		18.0	5	Two tied at		55.5
<b>Overall Leaders, by State</b>											
1	Cambareri	Michael E	65.0	1	Beauchet	Pierre-Hadrien	95.5	1	Perez	Ignacio	114.5
2	Machin	Alex J	45.5	2	Tang	Austin	93.5	2	Fagundes	Frank	113.5
3	Inman	James	37.0	3	Tang	Zoey	88.0	3	Levine	Joseph R	106.5
4	Roland	Jeffrey T	35.5	4	Moore	Michael	83.5	4	Pupols	Viktors	94.5
4	Wei	James	35.5	5	Vega	Isaac	83.0	5	Piper	August	88.5
6	Wei	Luke B	25.0	6	Nair	Roshen S	82.0	6	Min	Ryan	85.0
7	Rainey	Samuel W	24.0	7	Kodithyala	Raj	70.5	7	Beck	Alec W	84.0
8	Geyman	Jonathan P	23.5	8	Richardson	Ryan	54.5	8	Anand	Vignesh	83.0
9	Merry	William A F	20.0	8	Dietz	Arliss	48.5	8	Gupta	Anand	83.0
10	Martonick	Nick	16.5	10	Wu	Abbie	46.5	10	Lewis-Sandy	Joshua M	78.5
11	Porth	Adam	15.5	11	Berger	Brian F	44.5	11	Goktepe	Derin	78.0
12	Geyman	Josiah B	15.0	12	Sripada	Havish	42.0	12	Tien	Sophie J	77.5

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## SCC Championship

Sept. 7, 14, 28; Oct. 5, 12, 26; Nov. 2

**Format:** 7-rd Swiss held on Friday evenings. **TC:** 35/100 and 25/60. **EF:** \$32 if rec'd by 9/5, \$40 thereafter. SCC memb. req'd—\$30 special tnmt memb. **Prize fund:** 75% of EFs. **Prizes:** 23%-16%, U2000 9%, U1800 8%, U1600 7%, U1400 6%, Unrated 3%, Endurance 3%. **Reg:** Fri. 7-7:45 p.m. **Rds:** Fridays 8 p.m. **Make-up Games for Rds 1-4:** G/75;d5 make-ups may be scheduled for any Wednesday 9/12 through 10/11. **Byes:** 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/14). **Misc:** SCC/US Chess memb. req'd. NS. NC.

### Aug 12, Sept 16

**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.

### Aug 25, Sept 29

**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.

### Oct 7

**Format:** 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/3, \$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.

### Sunday Tornado

### Saturday Quads

### SCC Novice

## WCF @ the SCC

**GM Summer Camp 3** July 30-Aug. 3  
**GM Summer Camp 4** Aug. 6-10  
**Seattle Classic** Aug. 15-19

## SCC Fridays

Typical Friday fare is one round of an ongoing tournament (free to SCC members, \$5 per night for others; no prizes) played at a rate of 40/90 followed by 30/60. Drop in for any round!

**Dog Days:** 8/3, 10, 17, 24, 31.  
**Workingmen's Quads (G/16;+8):** 8/31.  
**Close Ratings 3:** 9/7, 14, 21, 28.  
**Autumn Leaves:** 10/5, 12, 19, 26.

## Seattle Fall Open

### September 21-23 or September 22-23

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

*A Northwest Grand Prix event*

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

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

**Entry Fees:** \$35 by 9/19, \$45 at site. SCC members—subtract \$10. Members of other dues-req'd CCs in BC, OR, & WA—subtract \$5. Unrated players FREE with purchase of 1-yr US Chess & WCF. **Add \$1 for 2-day option.** Make checks payable to SCC.

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

**Byes:** 2 available. Rounds 4 or 5 must commit at registration. **Misc.:** US Chess & WCF required. NS. NC.



# Upcoming Events

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

**Jun 25-29, Jul 9-13, Jul 30-Aug 3, Aug 6-10** Seattle GM Summer Camps, **Seattle, WA.** (Full-Page Ad page 13)

♣ **Aug 11-12** Vancouver Open, Vancouver, WA. (Half-Page Ad page 23)

♣ **Aug 15-19** 2nd Annual Seattle Chess Classic, **Seattle, WA.** (Full-Page Ad page 24)

♣ **Aug 18-19** Spokane Falls Open, **Spokane, WA.** Site: Gonzaga University, Jepson Center, Rm. 108 & 109. Registration: Sat. 8:30-9:45 a.m. 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.: \$20 if received by 8/18, \$3 less for 18 year olds and under, \$25 for all at the site. Telephone entries accepted. Early entries can be paid at the club or call or email and I will honor the early entry fee at the site if contacted prior to 8/18. 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. Prizes: 1st Overall: \$150, 2nd Overall: \$100. Class Prizes: 1st (U/1800; U/1600; U/1400) \$50, 2nd (U/1800; U/1600; U/1400) \$25, Biggest Upset: \$25 (non-provisional ratings). Cookies & coffee provided. Entries: Spokane CC, c/o James Stripes. For information: cell (509) 251-2737, email: jdstripes@gmail.com.

♣ **Aug 19/Sep 9** 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.

♣ **Aug 25/Sep 29** 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, 2:45pm, 5:00pm. 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.

**Aug 26** Boise Chess Club #20, **Boise, ID.** All About Games, 7079 W. Overland Road, Boise, Idaho 83709. 4SS, US Chess Rated, Game/30 + 30 second time increment per move. Jeffrey Roland will be Chief TD. Please register by e-mailing jroland@cableone.net. Email pre-registration is appreciated to speed up registration. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 a.m. First round “should”/“could”/ probably will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. Those coming late may get a first-round half-point bye. 90-minute break for lunch taken after round 2. Estimated time for end of tournament is 7:30 p.m. Entry is Free. Donations gladly accepted!

♣ **Sep 1-3** 68th Annual Oregon Opopen, **Portland, OR.** (Full-Page Ad page 25)

**Sep 14-16** Washington Women’s Championship, **Seattle, WA.** (Half-Page Ad page 26)

**Sep 14-16 and 22-23** Oregon State Championship and Invitational (rescheduled), **Portland, OR.**

♣ **Sep 29-30** Eastern Washington Open, **Spokane, WA.** Location: Jepson Center, Rooms 108-109, Gonzaga University. Format: 5-round Swiss System, directed by Ted Baker. Registration: 8:30-9:30, Sept. 29. Rounds: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30. Time control: Game/120 (d5). Entry fee: \$21 if received by 9/28, \$26 at the door; under 18 \$5 less. \$630 prize fund based on 30 entries. Additional classes and class prizes may be created if entries exceed 30 players. Class prizes based on at least 5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. Only one prize per player (except biggest upset). NS, NC, W. One 1/2-point bye available if requested by end of previous round; Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round. Prizes: FIRST \$125, SECOND \$ 75; Class Prizes: \$65 first, \$30 second: A; B; C; D/E/unrated. Biggest Upset (non-provisional) - \$50. Entries: Spokane Chess Club, c/o 9923 N. Moore St., Spokane, WA 99208. For information please call (509) 270-1772 (cell). Club website: www.spokanechessclub.org.

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