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From The Editor's Desk

This is my 80th issue as editor. On the *Northwest Chess* website there is a list that tracks how many issues each editor has done. I have been following this list very closely ever since I became editor back in December 2012, at the time when I was on the very bottom of the list at one month! This month, I move into third place on the list, behind Dan Wade (108 months) and Robert Karch (83.75 months), but now ahead of Russell Miller (79.75 months) and Fred Kleist (79.25 months).

Because the magazine is something truly special and something that has been valued and prized by so many (I like to think most chess players) in the Northwest for over 73 years, so too, I hope, are the editors also appreciated. In all there have been 31 editors since that first November 1947 issue when it was known as *Washington Chess Letter*. In January 1965 it became *Northwest Chess Letter*, and in May 1968, it became what it is today, *Northwest Chess*.

Each editor has had the awesome responsibility, duty, and pleasure to produce our publication! Each editor has had their own style, contributing much of themselves to each issue, putting their name on as editor—and each issue by an editor, I am sure, is very special to them personally.

I have found myself looking up old issues that are scanned and available to view on the *Northwest Chess* website. I have even scanned many of them myself because I truly value what we have. I really appreciate the legacy and history we have built here with our magazine. The issues represent a slice in time, a month, a time capsule, and for me there is something about seeing what we report today becoming tomorrow's history.

In a way, nothing is all that important—but in another way, everything is very important! Both statements can be true concurrently. Our little magazine is as important as anything else is, and I for one very much appreciate it.

Jeffrey Roland—Editor.

2019 Idaho Senior Open

By Jeffrey Roland

The second annual Idaho Senior Open was held in Boise at the Boise State University Student Union Building on May 18, 2019. Jeffrey Roland was Chief Tournament Director with Alise Pemsler as Assistant TD. Jef Leifeste ran the DGT Board that broadcast the top board live over the internet. Time control was Game/60;d5 and it was rated by US Chess.

As we are only on the second event of this annual tournament, I feel I should clarify something right off the bat about last year's event that wasn't covered in the August 2018 issue of *Northwest Chess*.

The event flyer stipulates that while the tournament is open to all, the highest Idaho player will be given the title of Idaho Senior Champion.

Last year, with all eyes on the impressive result of Hans Morrow from Utah winning the event, we sort of neglected to point out the equally important title of "Idaho Senior Champion." So, in 2018, Janos Fucsko, Michael Presutti, and Jerry Triggs (in that tie-break order) were all co-champions with 2.5/4 points each.

This year, as last year, we had nine players, but all of them were from Idaho. There was again a co-champion situation for the title of Idaho Senior Champion. Michael Presutti and Janos Fucsko (in that tie-break order) were co-champions at 3.0/4. Jeffrey Roland was third place with 2.5/4 points.

Players ranged in age from 55 (Louise Felice) to 74 (Tom Booth). The average age was 64.22 years old.



(L-R) Janos Fucsko, Mike Presutti, and Jeffrey Roland. Photo credit: Alise Pemsler.

Michael J. Presutti (1635) – Jeffrey T. Roland (1700) [C43]
 Idaho Senior Open Boise, ID (R4), May 18, 2019
[Jeffrey Roland]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6

I almost always play 2...Nc6 but after 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qh4 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Ndb5 Qxe4+ 7.Be2 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Kd8 9.0-0 Michael Presutti - Jeffrey Roland, BCC #20 (R2), August 26, 2018. I won the game very convincingly on move 15 due to a couple oversights by my opponent.

But I just didn't feel like I had played very well and that Michael actually played much better until his last two moves. So

this time, I decided to play something I didn't know very well at all rather than repeat the "success" of our last game.

3.d4

This is the move I usually play with White myself, and I was actually pleased to see this as I felt I was in a must-win situation here with Black despite my choice of the Petroff Defense, and now I felt that the game would be sharper—that Michael was going for blood! And I would rather struggle and fight for the initiative, even in an uphill battle, than just play solid in a dead drawn position. So I was actually pleased to see Michael play good sharp lines against me. That was my mind-set anyway.

3...exd4 4.e5 Ne4 5.Qxd4 d5 6.exd6 Nxd6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Qf4 Be7 9.Nc3



Position after 9.Nc3

9...Be6

While I felt 9...0-0 was likely more accurate, I also felt that White would just be happy with that as he has all his

Players in the 2019 Idaho Senior Open

First Name	Last Name	Home City	Age
David	Baumann	Star	59
Tom	Booth	Caldwell	74
Louis	Felice	Boise	55
Janos	Fucsko	Boise	62
Michael	Henderson	Eagle	67
Michael	Presutti	Boise	66
Meryl	Rickey	Star	67
Jeffrey	Roland	Boise	56
Jay	Simonson	Idaho Falls	72



(L-R) Michael Presutti and Jeffrey Roland in final round. Photo credit: Jef Leifeste.

pieces lined up for attack. I didn't think 9...Be6 was necessarily bad either, and I also could tell that Michael was playing (so far) all his moves from memory, which he confirmed to me after the game completed. Michael loves historic brilliancies of the past players, such as Steinitz, and I couldn't help but think I was needing to at least get out of his memory.

10.Be3 Bf6 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rad1



Position after 12.Rad1

12...g6

Both 12...Bxc3 or 12...Re8 seem better to me now in hind-sight. I guess I was probably trying to take away a discovered check which would add pressure to the d-file. Playing ...g6 takes away any bishop checks in the future.

13.Bd2 Bg7 14.Nb5 Nxb5 15.Bxb5 Nd4

15...Qf6 is probably best. I should quit dinking around with my minor pieces and get developed.

16.Nxd4 Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Bxd4 18.Bh6 Rfd8 19.c3

And now the move I spent more time on than any other in the game.

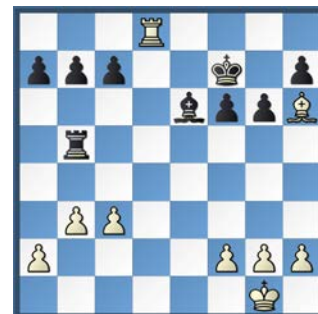
19...Rd5

I was feeling 19...Bb6 in my soul. I couldn't help but feel this was the right move, but I couldn't calculate at the time exactly how things were going to go. I did feel better in the position, even after the text move 19...Rd5, but I also felt that 19...Rd5 was risky and possibly even wrong, but I did it anyway.

20.Rxd4!

I thought this simple reply was best and took a lot of the steam out of my attack. I guess I really needed to preserve the dark-square bishop and I didn't like that all the plans I had for it were now gone.

20...Rxb5 21.Rfd1 f6 22.Rd8+ Rxd8 23.Rxd8+ Kf7 24.b3



Position after 24.b3

24...Rd5!?

Since this threatens mate, Black achieves easy equality, except I was trying to win. As I was a half-point behind my opponent in the tournament, a draw was not good for me. But I guess there are two players in any game, and it isn't all about me. On this occasion, Michael Presutti became Idaho Senior Co-champion for the second year in a row! And I will hopefully have future opportunities to play more games with him. 24...Ra5 I should probably have pushed for White to make more concessions by playing this first, then I can go after pawns and possibly still have an advantage, though slight.

25.Rxd5 1/2-1/2



(L) Michael Henderson and Tom Booth, before round one was even paired, discuss Tom's recent games at the 2019 Idaho Closed. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Idaho Scholastic Tournament Of Champions

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—May 19, 2019

The 40th Annual Idaho Scholastic Championship cycle ended on May 19, 2019 with the Idaho Scholastic Tournament Of Champions (TOC), which was held at the Foerstel Graphic Design building in Boise, Idaho. Alise Pemsler was Chief Tournament Director with Jeffrey Roland as assistant TD. The event was rated by US Chess.

Those invited and qualified to compete for the title of Idaho Scholastic Champion were Justin He, William Wang, and James Wei from the K-8 grades and Jacob Nathan, Jonathan Geyman, and Alexander Goodwin from the 9-12 grades, eligibility was determined at the Idaho Scholastic Championship tournament that was held on March 2 in Jerome, Idaho.

Ironically, the title of “Idaho Scholastic Champion” is NOT determined at the Idaho Scholastic Championship, but instead it is at the Idaho Scholastic Tournament of Champions, which combines the top three players of the K-8 and 9-12 grades of the qualifying tournament into one super tournament, giving all grades an equal and fair shot at the title.

Alex Goodwin and William Wang were the only two players who could make it to this year’s TOC event, so a two-game match with a time control of Game/60;d5 was played. William Wang playing White won the first game and Alex Goodwin playing White won the second game.

The DGT Board, which records by sensors in the board and pieces, worked perfectly until Wang made an illegal move in the second game. By move 45, both players had stopped recording as they were in sudden death with one player being below five minutes. I captured the remaining moves on video so that the game was accurately preserved.

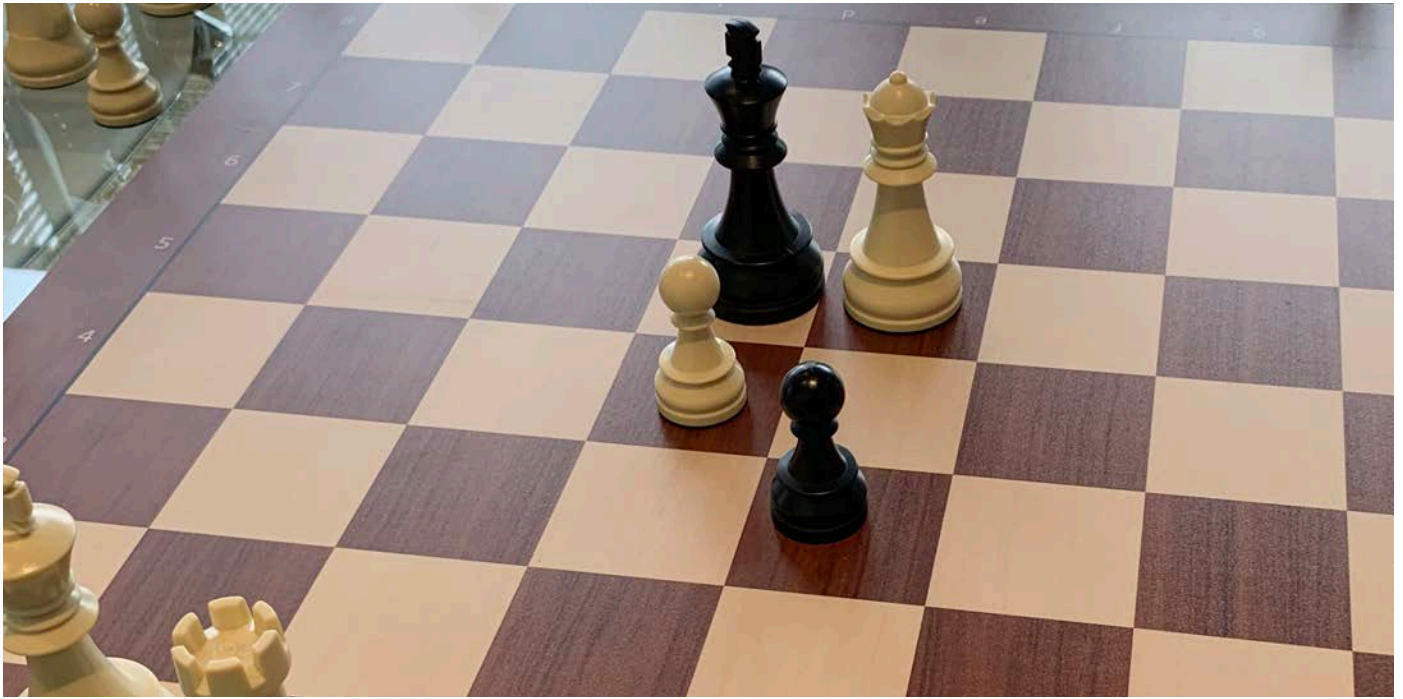
The score being tied at 1-1, the 2019 Idaho Scholastic Championship title was awarded to both players as co-champions. There was no tie-break done.



The trophy. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



(L) William Wang makes opening move of first game against Alex Goodwin. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



Mate from the final position in Round two. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Idaho Scholastic Champions

Year	Winner	City
1980	David Brizzee	Idaho Falls
1981	Yge Visser	Hayden Lake
1982	Andree Gilmore	Coeur d'Alene
1983	Andree Gilmore	Coeur d'Alene
1984	Steve Kennedy	Boise
1985	Matthias Bureik	Rupert
1986	Jeff Ulmen	Boise
1987	Philip D Humpherys	Idaho Falls
1988	Jeff Ulmen	Boise
1989	Jim Demoss	Rathdrum
1990	Jim Demoss	Rathdrum
1991	Brian Weers	Emmett
1992	Steve Maguire	Boise
1993	Steve Maguire	Boise
1994	Brett Jameson	Boise
1995	Vincent Carlson	Boise
(tie)	Brett Jameson	Boise
(tie)	Pace Nielson	Boise
1996	Brett Jameson	Boise
(tie)	Paul Albano	Idaho Falls
1997	Garrett Reynolds	Twin Falls
(tie)	Ian Jameson	Boise
1998	Garrett Reynolds	Twin Falls
1999	Daniel Vellotti	Boise
2000	Daniel Vellotti	Boise

Year	Winner	City
2001	Dylan Smith	Boise
2002	Daniel Vellotti	Boise
2003	Dylan Smith	Boise
2004	Bobby Powers	Boise
2005	Philip Weyland	Post Falls
2006	Jesse Brent	Boise
2007	Daniel Taylor	Eagle
2008	Luke Harmon-Vellotti	Boise
2009	Katie Abderhalden	Boise
(tie)	Emily Patterson	Boise
2010	Katie Abderhalden	Boise
2011	Carl Harmon-Vellotti	Boise
2012	Adam Jiang	Boise
(tie)	Carl Harmon-Vellotti	Boise
2013	Nathan Jiang	Eagle
2014	Cody Gorman	Eagle
(tie)	Elijah Hill	Boise
2015	Nathan Jiang	Eagle
(tie)	Carmen Pemsler	Eagle
2016	Travis Miller	Post Falls
2017	Seth Machakos	Boise
2018	Forrest Zeng	Boise
2019	William Wang	Boise
(tie)	Alex Goodwin	Boise

Inland Empire Open

By Kevin Korsmo

Spokane, WA—May 18-19, 2019

Top seed Rob Fisette won this year's Inland Empire Open with a perfect 5.0/5 score. Second place (4.0/5) was captured by Pat Herbers. For the second straight year, class B players represented better than 40% of the turnout.

The tournament began quietly enough with not a single upset in the first round, although third seed Herbers took a first-round bye to take part in a fun run. The quiet atmosphere changed rapidly with second seed Michael Cambareri being upended in the second round for the second straight year. North Idaho teenager Jonathan Geyman did the honors in a crazy game where no amount of piece loss stopped the two attackers from going after each other. Two other higher seeds were held to draws, and two others went down to defeat. Herbers' delayed entry into the event nearly proved fatal as Murlin Varner, another old veteran, seized a pawn early and tried to convert it while Herbers hunkered down to withstand the storm. Unfortunately for Murlin, he walked into a one move mate while still ahead in material with only pawns and a piece per side!

The third round saw Cambareri fall again in an evening round where 1/3 of the field took a bye. Coeur d'Alene resident Griffin Herr, who emerged from the Collyer Memorial in February with a provisional 1738 rating based on five games, held on down the exchange until both sides went on the offensive with their time running down. Herr defended well and secured the victory with seconds left on the clocks. Meanwhile, Geyman and Herbers battled to a draw and Tri-Cities youngster Grace Deng upended Tacoma veteran Steve Buck to score the biggest upset of the tourney to this point.

Fisette calmly held serve on board one and finished the day with the only 3.0 score. Draws and a bye left Geyman, Herr, and Ron Kirsch at 2.5 to remain within striking distance of the top.

Round four saw Fisette battle through a slight material disadvantage (two rooks for Queen and pawn) against Geyman. He secured his King position and then turned the rook battery against the teenager to erase his disadvantage and secure the victory. Kirsch prevailed over Herr, setting the two veterans for the board one encounter in the final round.

Again, Fisette quietly played to an advantage and then cruised to victory, securing a perfect score and leaving the rest of the field to sort out the other prizes. Herbers and James Stripes hooked up in

classic battle that was the last to conclude, with Herbers displaying slightly better endgame technique to gain the victory and secure second place to himself.

There were plenty of other winners. Ken Erickson's score of 3.5 secured the class A prize. That same score gave Geyman, Kirsch, and Darren Stacey a share of the two class B prizes. Jeremy Burnett (3.0) took first in class C, while Varner (2.5) claimed the second prize. In class D, Rob Harder celebrated his return to chess from a stroke by winning the first in class with a 2.5 score. Grace Deng (2.0) won second in the class. Cecelia Valeriotte claimed the biggest upset prize with a 626 point victory in round four.

Although Herbers and Harder returned to chess after a comparatively short hiatus, the same can not be said for Lou Tomsic, who traveled the furthest to play. Tomsic, a US Chess life member who last played in a 1997 event, ventured over from Hawaii in an effort to learn a bit about running a tournament and revive chess in the islands. With family in Spokane, he is in line to return for next year's IEO.

There were 25 players in this year's event, which was played at Gonzaga's Jepson Center.

Spokane Club Officers 2019-2020

Michael Cambareri was selected to serve a third term as president at the club's annual election meeting on May 23, 2019. Tito Tinajero was re-elected as vice president, while Ted Baker and Kevin Korsmo kept on in their roles as secretary and treasurer.

**Jonathan Geyman (1776) –
Rob Fisette (2110) [A47]**
2019 Inland Empire Open
Spokane, WA (R4), May 19, 2019
[Rob Fisette]

Starting the second day, I was the sole owner of a perfect score. My opponent already had an Expert scalp in the event, and was chasing at 2.5.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4

The London system! A good way to say to your opponent "I may win, I may lose; but we paid to play chess, and we will play it today for a long time."

2...e6 3.e3 b6 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.h3 c5 7.c3 0-0 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 cxd4

It is useful to clarify the pawn structure before determining the proper placement of Black's major pieces.

10.exd4 Re8 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfe1 Qc7 13.Re2??

I became optimistic after this move. The e6 square will be overprotected after Nf8,

f2-f4-f5 is far away, and Black controls d5 (and can always push e6-e5 if White ever manages to play d5), so the doubling of rooks on the e-file did not strike me as the best deployment.

13...Rac8 14.Rae1 Nf8 15.Qb1

Black threatened Nd5 and Nb4.

15...a6 16.Ng5 h6 17.Nge4?

The apologetic Nf3 was better

17...Nd5 18.Bh2 b5??

Winning, but alas, I did not consider 18...f5. Also, everything that I thought was good about 18...b5 was actually bad. 18...f5 19.Ng3 Nf4 20.Re3 Nxe2

19.a4

Or 19.c4! right away is likely stronger, since 19.c4 bxc4 20.Nxc4 Red8 highlights the weakness and sadness of the d6-pawn. The inclusion of a4-axb5-axb5 helps Black, since it allows the queen to effectively reposition.

19...Qb6 20.axb5 axb5 21.c4 Nb4 22.cxb5 Qxd4 23.Re3

About here I was up some 40 minutes on the clock. Recognizing this as a critical moment in the game, I took at least that much time playing the next two moves. The moves are both terrible, leaving me in a lost position.

23...Bxe4?

Feeling the need to do something forcing, I do! Just retreating with 23...Qb6 keeps the tension and Black should be better thanks to his better structure, plus he will soon have the two bishops and get to play d5. 23...Qb6 24.Nc4? Rxc4! 25.Bxc4 d5

24.Nxe4



Position after 24.Nxe4

24...Nxd3??

I had intended to play Qb6 here, but somehow played this move instead. Its drawbacks need no explanation. Even if, somehow, this move didn't lose material, it makes no sense to allow White all of this play. I wish I could remember what I was thinking about for those 40 minutes. "Should I get some more coffee? Are there still Oreos in the skittles room?"

25.Rxd3 Qb4 26.Bxd6 Bxd6 27.Nxd6 Red8

I was counting on this move, but while my opponent was thinking, I noticed that I would be quite lost if he played...

28.Re4!

Darn it! One must admire the geometry of the move, even if one is quite annoyed by it all. Still, we make moves and fight on

28...Qxd6 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Rb4 Nd7

Black hopes to put the knight on d5 and argue it is as good as a rook, then double the rooks on the b-file and win some pawns if White wants to try other things. The problem is that this takes time and removes all of Black's pieces to the queenside, while White's queen and rook may do quite an excellent job of delivering checkmate.

31.Qe4 Nb6 32.Rd4?!

32.Qb7! Rcd8 I had feared more, since it obstructs Black's coordination and delays (prevents?) him reaching his optimal setup. Nonetheless, White is still winning.

32...Nd5 33.Qe5 Rb6



Position after 33...Rb6

Here I took a restroom break. I noticed that after 34.Rg4 g6 I was probably soon dead. I lamented that I regularly see players lose whole pieces, rooks, and have their opponents blunder the game away to a draw, or even a loss! My opponents never do that. They get ahead, find good moves, and kill me. It almost isn't fair. So, I returned to the board, and saw my opponent play...

34.Rxd5??

Inexplicable! I can't explain this.

34...exd5 35.Qxd5 Rcb8 36.Qe4 Rxb5

37.b4 Rxb4 38.Qe2

This could all have been foreseen quite clearly after White's 34th move, so...I guess my opponents also blunder! I was confident that this position is a technical win for Black—double the rooks on the 7th rank, avoid perpetual, trade the two rooks for the f-pawn and the queen, and win the king and pawn ending. Apparently there are instructive defensive resources.

38...R4b7 39.Qe4 g6 40.Qe5 Rd8 41.h4 Rbd7 42.Qf4 h5 43.Qf6 Rd6 44.Qg5 Rd5 45.Qe7 R8d6 46.Qb7 Rd1+ 47.Kh2 R1d2 48.Qc8+ Rd8 49.Qc7 Re8 50.Kg3?

The actual losing move. The line 50.f3! Ree2 51.Kh3! demonstrates the defensive idea. Now if Black doubles rooks to take a pawn, it is 1) not check and 2) not defending f7, so White can execute a perpetual, e.g., 51...Rxc2 52.Qc8+ Kg7 53.Qc3+ Kh7 54.Qc7!

50...Ree2 51.Qf4 Rxf2 52.Qxf2 Rxf2 53.Kxf2

Here my opponent fell under five minutes, so my scoresheet ended. This is a winning king and pawn ending for Black.

0-1

Ron Kirsch (1781) –
Rob Fiset (2110) [B10]
2019 Inland Empire Open
Spokane, WA (R5), May 19, 2019
[Rob Fiset]

1.e4 c6 2.c4

The Quasi Panov-Botvinnik attack, wherein White wins a pawn and often stubbornly hangs onto it, at the cost of evident structural weaknesses.

2...d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.d3 0-0 9.Nf3 a6 10.Qa3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Re1 Re8 13.Ng5

Upon getting home, I referenced Cyrus Lakdawala's "The Caro-Kann Move." "...13.Ng5!?, a move designed to get Black nervous about sacs on f7 and also d6 tricks. After 13...b5 14.Bb3 Rc8! (a clear improvement over 14...Nb6?!)" I was nervous about sacs on f7 and d6

tricks. Let's see how I followed the rest of the advice

13...b5 14.Bb3 Nb6?!

Darn it! 14...Rc8! I knew I should have stored that book in the bathroom somewhere.

15.d6 e6 16.Nge4 Nbd5 17.Nxf6+ Nxf6 18.Bg5?

The first new move, according to my database (18.Qb4 in Harikrishna-Dominguez Bermuda 2005, maintaining the initiative), and I think a mistake. The queen happily vacates d8, and this pin does not accomplish much.

18...Qb6 19.Be3 Qc6 20.f3 a5 21.Qc5 b4?

Improving the knight's position, potentially quite dangerously. 21...a4! 22.Bd1 Nd5! 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Qxd5 Bxd5 and rounding up the d6 pawn will only be a matter of time, after which only Black can be better.

22.Na4 Red8



Position after 22...Red8

23.Rac1??

23.Nb6± I can't explain my opponent's move, except that it has been a long tournament, and I was happy to receive it. After this, White will lose the d6-pawn, then shortly the other d-pawn, and suffer for a long time if he really wants to fight. I sensed my opponent did not want to fight.

23...Qxd6 24.Qxd6 Rxd6 25.Nc5 Bd5 26.Bf4 Rdd8 27.Bg5 h6 28.Bh4 Bxb3 29.axb3 Rd5 30.Bf2 Nd7 31.Nxd7 Rxd7 32.d4 Bxd4 33.Rcd1 Rad8 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.Bxd4 Rxd4 36.Re5 Rd2 37.Rxa5 Rxb2 0-1

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2019 Washington State Invitational Brilliancy Prizes

By Michael Hosford

This article was submitted after the deadline for last month's issue, so this completes the series of Brilliancy Prize games that was started in the last issue.—Editor.

1st Place — Brilliancy Prize

French Tarrasch

Black makes a strategic error in the opening by prematurely releasing the central tension, allowing White to develop rapidly behind his central pawn wedge. 12.Nf4 attacks the weakness on e6, followed by 13.Bd3, and White achieves a clear advantage with better development and more space.

Then the Kings castle on opposite wings, creating a very tense situation. Black tries to hold on, but White demonstrates a computer-like grip on the advantage, resulting in a powerful queenside attack. The pawn sacrifice to open the c-file (28.Nc3!) and the Knight sacrifice to pry open the a-file (32.Nb6+!!) allowed White a nice tactical finish, winning the Queen.

Wenyang Du (2003) –
Daniel Shubin (2007) [C11]
Invitational Redmond
(R9), February 24, 2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Ndf3 Nc6 7.c3 Qb6 8.Ne2 f6 9.a3 cxd4 10.cxd4 fxe5 11.fxe5 Be7 12.Nf4 Nf8 13.Bd3



Position after 13.Bd3

13...Bd7 14.b4 0-0-0 15.Ne2 Kb8 16.0-0 g5 17.Kh1 h6 18.Bb2 g4 19.Nd2 Rc8 20.Nb3 Nh7 21.b5 Nd8 22.a4 Be8 23.a5 Qc7 24.Rc1 Qd7 25.Nc5 Bxc5 26.dxc5 Ng5 27.Qb3 Ka8 28.Nc3 Rxc5 29.Na4 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Ne4 31.Bxe4 dxe4 32.Nb6+ axb6 33.axb6 Nc6 34.Qa4+ Kb8 35.Ra1 Kc8 36.Qa8+ Nb8 37.Rc1+ Kd8 38.Qxb8+ Ke7 39.Ba3+ Kf7 40.Rc7 1-0

2nd Place

Sicilian Richter-Rauzer

This game is a very strong contender for the Brilliancy Prize. The position is basically equal out of the opening. Black then embarks on a dubious, time-wasting Knight maneuver (13.Nh5?!), giving White some early initiative with 16.g4. The situation is far from clarified, as the black King is not yet castled, and is relatively safe behind his compact center.



Position after 35...Qxb8

3rd Place

Two Knights Defense

This game got a brief mention with some analysis by IM Georgi Orlov in a previous edition of *Northwest Chess*. (See *April 2019 issue, page 27*.—Editor.)

It contains a powerful middlegame tactical shot, which is very geometrically pleasing. It seems the Black pieces were perfectly aligned to allow this to happen!

Daniel Shubin (2007) –
Chouchanik Airapetian (2025) [C58]
Invitational Redmond
(R1), February 16, 2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Nc3 h6 10.Nge4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 0-0 12.0-0 f5 13.Bf3 e4 14.Be2 Bd6 15.d3 Qe7 16.dxe4 fxe4 17.Qd4 Bf5 18.Be3 Rfb8 19.Rad1 Bc7 20.g3 Rb4



Position after 20...Rb4

21.Nd5 cxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kh7 23.Qxf5+ g6 24.Rd7 gxf5 25.Rxe7+ Kg8 26.Rxc7 Rxb2 27.Bd4 Rxa2 28.Rg7+ Kf8 29.Rh7 Rd8 30.Rh8+ Ke7 31.Bf6+ Kxf6 32.Rxd8 Rxc2 33.Rd6+ Ke5 34.Ra6 Nc6 35.Bd1 Rc3 36.Ba4 Nd4 37.Rxa7 h5 38.Bd1 h4 39.Kg2 hxg3 40.fxg3 Ne6 41.h4 Rc5 42.h5 f4 43.gxf4+ Nxf4+ 44.Kg3 Rc3+ 45.Kg4 Nd5 46.Kg5 Rg3+ 47.Kh6 1-0

4th Place

Sicilian Sveshnikov

This game is a fighting draw, where both players really go for it. White

After 21.f4, Black perhaps feels that his King position is going to be an issue, and makes the decision to castle queenside. However, Komodo evaluates the position after 21...O-O-O as losing for Black.

Instead, Black should have tried the counter-attacking 21...b4!?, keeping White off balance, which is definitely more in the spirit of the Sicilian Defense. After 22.a4!, White uncorks an amazing series of strong attacking moves, playing directly for checkmate. The brilliant idea is 36.Qd7!!, sacrificing material by allowing Black a knight fork on his King and Rook. This game has a pretty tactical finish where Black is either getting mated or losing the Queen.

Daniel Shubin (2007) –
Nicholas Whale (1949) [B67]
Invitational Redmond
(R2), February 16, 2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Be2 Be7 10.f3 Qa5 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Bf4 Ne5 13.Qd4 Nh5 14.Be3 Nc6 15.Qd2 h6 16.g4 Nf6 17.h4 b5 18.g5 Nh5 19.Rdg1 hxg5 20.hxg5 g6 21.f4



Position after 21.f4

21...0-0-0 22.a4 Na7 23.Bd4 bxa4 24.Bxa6+ Kb8 25.Nxa4 Bxa4 26.Qb4+ Bb5 27.Bxb5 Rhf8 28.Ba6+ Ka8 29.Na5 Rb8 30.Qa4 Rb6 31.Bxb6 Qxb6 32.Nc4 Qc7 33.Rh3 Nxf4 34.Rb3 Rb8 35.Rxb8+ Qxb8

[Diagram top of next column]

36.Qd7 Ne2+ 37.Kd1 Nxf4 38.Na5 Qb6 39.Bb7+ Kb8 40.Nc6+ Qxc6 41.Bxc6 Nxc6 42.Qxc6 1-0

played for a quick Be2 and O-O in the opening, allowing Black sufficient time to challenge White's d5 outpost.

The imbalances were interesting. White gives Black the bishop pair and a central pawn mass in exchange for two connected queenside passers. Black puts incredible pressure on White's King position, making it difficult for White to fully realize his queenside endgame strategy.

**Daniel Shubin (2007) –
Yevgeniy Rozenfeld (2053) [B33]**
Invitational Redmond
(R4), February 17, 2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6
gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Be6 11.c3 Bg7
12.Be2 Ne7 13.0-0 f5 14.c4 fxe4 15.Nxe7
Qxe7 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Nxb5 d5 18.Nc3
Rd8 19.Bb5+ Kf8 20.Qh5

[Diagram top of next column]

20...Rg8 21.a4 Qf6 22.Kh1 Bh6 23.f3
Rg5 24.Qh4 Qg6 25.fxe4 d4 26.Nd5
Rxd5 27.exd5 Bxd5 28.Rf3 Bxf3 29.gxf3
Qf6 30.Qe4 Rg6 31.Rg1 Rxd1+ 32.Kxg1
Be3+ 33.Kf1 h6 34.a5 h5 35.a6 Qg5
36.a7 Qg1+ 37.Ke2 d3+ 38.Kxd3 Bxa7
39.Qxe5 Qf1+ 40.Qe2 Qb1+ 41.Qc2
½-½



Position after 20.Qh5

5th Place

Philidor Defense

White plays aggressively against Black's super-solid "strong point" system. The opening starts out a Czech Pirc, then ultimately transposes into some version of the Philidor Defense.

This game features some sacrifices against Black's kingside pawn structure, which makes for an exciting battle. However, engine analysis shows both sides missing some key moves in attack and defense, so the level of accuracy suffers a bit.

**Wenyang Du (2003) –
Peter Watts (2016) [B07]**
Invitational Redmond
(R7), February 23, 2019

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 c6 4.Be3 Nbd7
5.Nc3 e5 6.Nge2 a6 7.Qd2 b5 8.a3 h5
9.Bg5 Qc7 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Ng3 g6
12.Be2 Be7 13.h4 Bb7 14.0-0-0 Nc5
15.f4 Rd8 16.Qe3 Ne6 17.Rxd8+ Bxd8
18.f5 Nxe5 19.hxe5 Nh7 20.f6 Nf8
21.Rd1 Qb6 22.Qd2 Bc7



Position after 22...Bc7

23.Bxh5 Qc5 24.Bxg6 fxe6 25.Nf5 Bc8
26.b4 Qb6 27.Nd6+ Bxd6 28.Qxd6
Qb7 29.Qxe5+ Kf7 30.Rd8 Be6 31.Qd6
Rg8 32.e5 Bf5 33.e6+ Bxe6 34.Ne4 Bf5
35.Nc5 Qa7 36.Rb8 Nd7 37.Qe7# 1-0

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Sunday 8/18	Rounds 8 & 9	11am & 6pm
Sunday 8/18	Closing Ceremony + Blitz Tournament	~10pm & ASAP

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2019 Washington Open

By Josh Sinanan

The Embassy Suites Hotel in Lynnwood once again played host to the Washington Open, a three-day chess festival held annually over Memorial Day weekend. A strong turnout of just over two hundred players took part, spread evenly throughout the three sections: Open, Reserve U1800, and Booster U1400. The tournament was organized by Washington Chess Federation President Josh Sinanan and newly elected Tournament Coordinator Jacob Mayer, who has taken over for Dan Mathews after over a decade of service to the chess community. Senior Tournament Directors Fred Kleist and Gary Dorfner directed the main event with assistance from WCF Treasurer Robert Allen and Northwest Chess Grand Prix Administrator Murlin Varner. Our two wonderful vendors, Dill Books from Spokane and Embroiderrific from Lake Forest Park, were back again selling

high quality chess equipment, books, and chess gear. Sten Petrov of Petrov's Chess Boards graciously donated some custom-designed wooden chess demo boards as prizes for players managing to win with the largest material deficit.

Up-and-coming junior players dominated in all three sections, with many outperforming their US Chess ratings by several hundred points. Attempts by the veteran adult players to outwit the young whippersnappers were mostly met by frustration and consternation. Alas, the wisdom and experience of the adults was simply no match for the endless energy and stamina of the kids! Perhaps the following quotes by two adult players in the Open section summed it up best:

"When I was young, chess was an old-man's game – now that I'm older, it has become a young-man's game. If I had lived my life in reverse, I would have been in perfect sync!" – Harley Greninger

"I just want to play someone with a driver's license!" – William Schill

National Masters Kyle Haining of

Lake Forest Park and Joseph Truelson of Issaquah, both in their late teens, tied for first place in the Open section, each with an undefeated six points out of seven games. Kyle is a freshman at the University of Washington and Joseph is a senior at Skyline High School. The two co-champions coasted through the first six games with 5.5 points each before drawing against each other in the final round on board one. By virtue of having the higher tiebreaks, Kyle earns the seed into the 2020 Washington State Championship. Three players tied for =3rd-5th place: Roland Feng of Seattle, Samuel He of Redmond, and Joseph Levine of Clyde Hill. Sharing =1st-2nd U2100/U1900 honors were six players with four points apiece: Zoey Tang, Minda Chen, Nicholas Whale, H.G. Pitre, Pranav K. Anoop, and Avi Levy. The best upsets of the Open were awarded to: 1st Silas Lainson, 2nd Pranav K. Anoop, and 3rd Nikash Vemparala.

Nate Getz and Bertrand Wan, two young men from Bellevue, tied for first place in the Reserve section with six points each. Half a point behind them



Washington Open Co-Champions (L) Joseph Truelson and Kyle Haining pose with their winnings. Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.



Harrison Toppen-Ryan. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

were two players who tied for =3rd-4th: David Merrikin of Sequim and Anand Gupta of Sammamish. Lorenzo Patton Jr. and Ted Shi each scored five points and finished in a tie for 5th Place / 1st U1650. Tied for 2nd U1650 each with 4.5 points were: Jeffrey Kou, George Oliver, and Jeffrey L'Heureux. Ishaan Kodarapu and Austin Liu split U1500 honors also with 4.5 points from the seven games. The players scoring the top upsets in the Reserve section were: 1st Jingran Yang, 2nd Alexander Yang, and 3rd Bertrand Wan.

Johan Karukayil from Evergreen Junior High School in Redmond and Arnold Yang from Stoller Middle School in Portland emerged as the clear winners with six points each in the seventy-two player Booster section. A trio of players tied for =3rd-5th place half a point back: Seth Borgo, Miles Hamilton-Sommer, and Yuntao Liu. Finishing in a tie for =1st-2nd U1200 were five players each with five points: Sacchit Boddapati, Joe Ross, Rishay Puri, Garam O'Brien, and Eason Xu. Hansol O'Brien, Garam's younger brother, claimed clear 1st U1000 honors also with five points. Half-a-point back were two young ladies who finished in a tie for 2nd U1000: Michelle Zhang and Prajna Sripathi. William Dann of

Kirkland came in first place for unrated players with five points and Harishkumar Karthikeya of Redmond captured the second place unrated prize with four points. The top upsets in the booster Booster were awarded to: 1st Yuntao Liu, 2nd Cecelia Valeriotte, and 3rd Nihanth Tatikonda.

Washington Open Scholastic

WCF Interim Scholastic Director Jacob Mayer ran the Washington Open Scholastic on Saturday, which attracted fifty-three players in three sections. He was assisted by WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua and Bidisha Biswas, a volunteer chess mom. A generous number of trophies were awarded to players in all three sections. Here are some of the winners:

4-6 U1000:

1st Samara Desai, 5.0

2nd Sam Lippman, 3.5

3rd Graham Koontz 3.0

K-3 U1000:

1st Varsha Shanmugam, 5.0

2nd Kevin Liu, 4.0

=3rd-5th Advait Vangala, Annika Lykins, Krishiv Goswami 3.5

Scholastic Open:

=1st-5th Ademidun Adebolu, Drew Bunch, Paras Shah, Nugen Tran, Carter Lykins 4.0

=6th-12th Alfred Su, Agastya Vangala, Ayaan Kang, Easton Yu, Elizabeth Stein, Neel Borate, Yuchen Xia 3.0

Washington Open Blitz

Ignacio Perez of Seattle and Dakota Dixon of Lynnwood won the 11-player Washington Open Blitz side event that was held late Sunday evening.

They each scored eight points from ten games in a field which included several players rated above 2000. Jack McClain of Eugene claimed 1st U2000 honors with six points. Jaden Gao of Redmond captured the U1700 prize while Rithvik Bharath of Woodinville finished in 1st U1400 with 2.5 points.

The legendary Senior TD Gary Dorfner directed the blitz tournament with assistance from Fred Kleist. Now, on to the games...



Georgi Orlov. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

Georgi Orlov (2521) – Harley Greninger (2150) [B12]
 Washington Open
 Lynnwood, WA (R7), May 28, 2019
[IM Orlov]

This is my second (or maybe even third?) game against Harley and they all seem to be anything, but boring.

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5!?

This unusual French/Caro variation is a departure from the more common 3...Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 c5 (Or 5...Nd7; 5...Ne7)

4.dxc5 e6 5.Be3

In case of 5.Nf3 Bxc5 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.0-0 (7.Qe2 f6) 7...Nge7 8.Nc3 Ng6 9.Bg5 Qd7 White cannot expect much.

5...Nd7 6.c4

6.Bb5 Ne7 these two pesky knights make Black's position very resilient! 7.Nf3 Nf5 8.Bg5 Qa5+ 9.Nc3 Bxc5 10.0-0 and the game is roughly equal.

6...Ne7 7.Nf3 dxc4 8.Nc3 Nf5 9.Bg5 Qa5

Other suitable option was 9...Qc7 10.Bxc4 Bxc5 11.Qe2±; Black is a bit behind after 9...Be7 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bxc4 Qxc5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Rd1 Nb6 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bd3±

10.g4 Nh6



Position after 10...Nh6

Though this move seems to have a powerful idea, Nxc4 or Nde4, it puts White behind in development.

11.Nd2?!

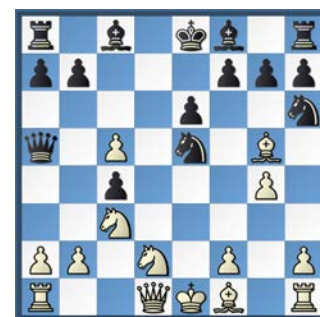
Best option here was 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Bxc4 Bxc5 13.a3 Qc7 14.Qe2 Rg8 15.h3± and lack King safety and still have to bring out a couple of pieces.

11...Nxe5

[Diagram top of next column]

12.b4?!

More natural (and more sensible) was 12.f4! Nd3+ 13.Bxd3 cxd3 14.Nc4 Qxc5 15.Qxd3 Be7 (15...f6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.0-0-0±) 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Nd6+ Kf8



Position after 11...Nxe5

18.h3 Qh4+ 19.Kd2 Qf2+ 20.Ne2±

12...cxb3 13.Nde4 b2 14.Rb1 Bd7 15.Rxb2 Bxc5 16.Bb5

16.Rb5 Bxb5 17.Bxb5+ Nc6+

16...Bc6 17.f4



Position after 17.f4



Harley Greninger. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

17...Nexg4?!

Well, I knew this whole line of play was a bit too good to be true, and Black missed a nice counter-punch here. 17...Bd4!!-+ and my house of cards falls apart.

18.h3 Ne3 19.Qd2



Position after 19.Qd2

19...Ba3?

19...0-0! 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Ne4 Ng2+!!

20.Bxh6 Bxb2?

This move was like that third plate at an all-you-can-eat buffet — hard to pass, but best left alone! Black is still OK after 20...gxh6 21.Bxc6+ bxc6 22.Nf6+ Kf8 23.Nd7+ Ke8 (23...Ke7 24.Rb7!) 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Nd7+=

21.Bxc6+ bxc6 22.Bxg7



Position after 22.Bxg7

22...Rd8??

Black can still fight after 22...Nd5!± 23.Qxb2! (23.Bxh8 Qb4 24.Rh2±) 23... Rg8 24.Qb7 Rd8 25.Qxc6+ Ke7 26.Bd4 f5∞ 27.Qb7+ Rd7 28.Bc5+ Ke8 29.Qb8+ Rd8 30.Nd6+ Kd7 31.Qb7+ Nc7 32.Ndb5 Rb8 33.Qxc7+ Qxc7 34.Nxc7 Kxc7 35.Bd4± (35.Bxa7 Rb2 36.Bd4 Rgg2 37.a4 Rbc2±)

23.Qxb2+-

Now weak dark squares decide the game.

23...Rd1+ 24.Kf2 Rxh1 25.Nf6+ Ke7 26.Qb7+ Kd6 27.Nce4#

I would like to thank Harley for being a gentleman and a good sport after the game, and Sten Petrov for his beautiful

chess board prize!

27.Nfe4#

1-0

Johan Karukayil (1196) – Sacchit Boddapati (1137) [E61]
Washington Open Booster
Lynnwood, WA (R7), May 27, 2019
[Johan Karukayil]

This game is a King's Indian defense example. In the opening, White has a massive space advantage while Black is cramped in his position.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.e3 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 b6

This is what I normally play against the King's Indian Defense. In this position, White has a major space advantage. 7... b6 is an inaccuracy because it is too passive. The move of e5 would have been much better.

8.Qc2 Bb7 9.Bd2 Re8 10.d5

Pushing the d4-pawn to d5 was a bit premature because it could easily get removed after c6 or e6. The best move was e5 to gain some more space and to prepare for d5.

10...e6 11.e4 exd5 12.cxd5 Nc5



Lavindu Devadithya. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.



Johan Karukayil. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

I did not think Black would play Nc5. I thought he would play c6 to get rid of my strong pawn on d5.

13.Bd3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Qc8 15.Rfe1 Qd7 16.Qc2

Qc2 was unnecessary and gave Black a chance to move c6.

16...Rac8 17.Rad1 Ng4 18.Bf4 Ne5 19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Bxe5 Rxe5



Position after 20...Rxe5

After a series of trades, I thought about two candidate moves, f4 and Ne2. I moved Ne2 because I wanted to get my knight to d4 then c6. I did not play f4 because I thought it exposed my king too much and weakened. After some analysis after the game, I found out that f4 was the best move.

21.Ne2

21.f4 Re7 22.e5 Rce8 23.Ne4

21...Rce8 22.f3 Ba6 23.Nd4 Bb7 24.Qc3 c5 25.dxc6 Bxc6 26.Qxc6 Qxc6 27.Nxc6

I am now up a knight and have gained a lot of initiative.

27...Rc5 28.Rxd6 Kg7 29.Nxa7 Ra8 30.Nc6 Rxa2 31.Nb4 Ra4

31...Rxb2 32.Nd3 Rd2 33.Nxc5 Rxd6 34.Na4

32.Rxb6 Rc4 33.Nd5 Rd4 34.b4 Ra2 35.Rc6

Here I saw that after Black's move of ...Rdd2, I can play Ne3 and my knight really cannot get attacked.

35...Rdd2 36.Ne3 Kf8 37.b5 f5

This move lost black a pawn giving me a total of two passed pawns.

38.exf5 gxf5 39.Rf6+ Kg7 40.Rxf5 Kg6 41.Rf4 Rab2 42.b6

I missed 42.Rg4+ Kf6 43.Nc4, winning material.

42...Kg5

Black also missed the knight fork and moved Kg5.

43.Rg4+ Kf6 44.Nc4 Rdc2 45.Nxb2 Rxb2 46.Rh4 Kg5 47.Re5+

I saw that if 47...Kxh4 48.g3 Kh3 49.Rxh5#

47...Kf6 48.Rhh5 h6 49.f4 Kg7 50.Rb5 Rxb5 51.Rxb5

At this point, my plan was to promote to a queen and checkmate Black.

51...Kh8 52.b7 Kg7 53.b8Q Kg6 54.Qe5 h5 55.Rb6+ Kf7 56.Qc7+ Ke8 57.Rb8# 1-0

Isaias Oregel (868) –

Johan Karukayil (1154) [D31]

Washington Open Booster
Lynnwood, WA (R1), May 25, 2019

[Johan Karukayil]

1.c4 e6 2.d4

After White's move of 2.d4, it transposed to a Queen's Gambit.

2...d5 3.e3 c6

After the game, my analysis said that 3...c6 was an inaccuracy. This is because I could have developed my pieces with a move such as ...Nf6 first and I could have gotten a lead in development.

4.a3

I felt like with the move of a3, Black made to many pawn moves and too little developing moves.

4...Nf6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.b4 b6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nf3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.b5

10.b5 was a mistake because it gave me

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a chance for many attacks and a well-placed rook on c3.

10...Rc8 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4

Bxc4 was a blunder because after I take on f3 with my bishop and black takes back with his pawn, I can place cxd4 winning a minor piece.

12...Bxf3 13.gxf3 0-0

Castling was a blunder because it gave Black a chance to stop cxd4. 13...cxd4 14.Ne2 (14.Nb1 Ne5 15.Nd2 dxe3 16.fxe3 Nxc4 17.Nxc4 Qc7) 14...Ne5

14.d5 exd5

14...Ne5 15.Be2 exd5 16.Qf5 Bd6

15.Nxd5 Ne5 16.Be2

This blunder gave up White's knight and me a centralized queen and knight. 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Be2



Position after 16.Be2

16...Qxd5 17.Rd1 Nxf3+

I expected White to take with his bishop getting me pawn.

18.Kh1

Kh1 was a blunder and I can get a rook.

18...Nd4+ 19.f3 Nxc2 20.Rxd5 Nxd5 21.Ra2 Nxe3

At this point, my plan was to promote my passed c-pawn.

22.Rd2 c4 23.Rd4 c3 24.Bd3 c2 25.Kg1 Nc3 26.Kf2 Na2 27.Bxe3 Bc5 28.Bxh7+ Kxh7 29.Rh4+ Kg8

At this point, White resigned as it was truly lost because I will promote.

0-1

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Miles Hamilton-Sommer (1318) – Sam Lewis (1190) [D37]
 Washington Open Booster
 Lynnwood, WA (R7), May 27, 2019
[Miles Hamilton-Sommer]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5

I get bad positions often nowadays out of this move order - maybe time for a theory check-up.

4.Nc3 b6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5

6.e4 was better to put two strong pawns in the center.

6...Qxd5 7.Bf4 Bb7 8.Bxc7?

Whoops. This pawn-grabbing move forgets about the pawn on d4 - now, Black can comfortably plan on using the boa-constrictor method of cramping up my position... not something you usually see Black doing in a Queen's Gambit Declined.

8...Bb4+ 9.Nd2 Qxd4 10.Qc2??

Welp... At this point my chances for money were little, and Be4 effectively wins on the spot.

10...Na6

This move also maintains the pressure.

11.Bg3?

Again, blunder after blunder spoils my game.



Position after 11.Bg3

11...Rd8?

11...Rc8 and Black wins on the spot.

12.Rd1

Computer likes 12.O-O-O, giving up the knight (12...Rc8 13.Nc4), but I was unable to see past the pin there.

12...Rc8 13.Qb1 Be4 14.Qa1 Bg6?? 15.e3!

Winning the a6-knight and equalizing.

15...Qd5 16.Bxa6

a3 would have guaranteed me a slight advantage. This gives Black the slight advantage.

16...Rc2 17.0-0 Bxd2 18.Kh1 0-0 19.Be2

Regrouping pieces.

19...Qc6 20.Bf3 Be4 21.Bxe4 Qxe4



Miles Hamilton-Sommer.

22.Qb1 Qc6 23.e4 Rc8

Now, Black's back rank starts to look juicy. How would I set up something to try to take advantage of it?

24.f3 Qc4 25.b3 Qe2 26.Rf2 Qe3 27.h3??

Losing to 27...Rc1 immediately.

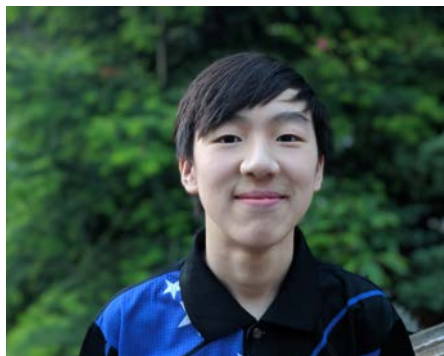
27...Qc3??

There's nothing like a good double blunder! With this move, the beer money is transferred.

28.Qxc2 Qxc2 29.Rfxd2

1-0

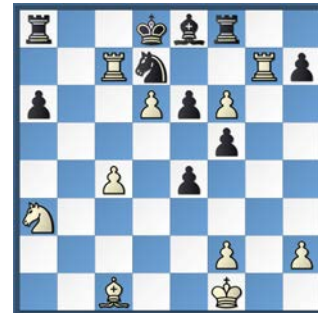
Bertrand Wan (1362) – Travis Olson (1758) [B20]
 Washington Open Reserve
 Lynnwood, WA (R6) May 27, 2019



Bertrand Wan.

1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.a3 e6 4.axb4 Bxb4 5.c3 Be7 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bd3 d5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.Qg4 g6 10.Na3 f5 11.Qh3 a6 12.Ne2 Nb6 13.Nf4 Kd7 14.g4 Kc7 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.Qh6 Qg8 17.Kf1 Qf7 18.Rb1

Bf8 19.Qh4 Be7 20.Qh6 Bf8 21.Qh5 Qxh5 22.Nxh5 Bd7 23.Nf6 Na4 24.c4 Nc3 25.Rb3 Ne4 26.Bxe4 dxe4 27.d5 Bg7 28.d6+ Kc8 29.Rg1 Bxf6 30.exf6 Be8 31.Rg7 Rf8 32.Rxb7 Nd7 33.Rc7+ Kd8



Position after 33...Kd8

34.Bd2 Rf7 35.Ba5 Rb8 36.Rc6+ Nb6 37.Rxb6 Rxb6 38.Bxb6+ Kd7 39.Rxf7+ Bxf7 40.Bc7 e5 41.Ke2 Be8 42.c5 Ke6 43.Bd8 a5 44.Kd2 a4 45.Nc4 h6 46.Nxe5 Kxe5 47.d7 Bf7 48.Be7 1-0

Alec Beck (1893) – Josh Sinanan (2291) [D02]
 Washington Open
 Lynnwood, WA (R2), May 25, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

The front bookend of Sinanan games showing the disadvantage of placing the white queen on a3.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qc2

6.Qb3 c4 7.Qc2 Bf5! 8.Qc1 e6 is kind of a main line here. Black is not worse.

6...g6

But now not 6...Bf5?! 7.dxc5! Bxc2 8.cxb6 axb6 9.Na3 Be4 10.Nb5±

7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Nbd2 Bg7 9.Bc7?

A little strange. Aside from providing tactical opportunities for Black, what is the bishop doing here?

9...Nb4 10.Qa4+ Bd7 11.Qxb4 Qxc7 12.Bb5 a5 13.Bxd7+ Qxd7 14.Qc5 0-0 15.Rd1 Rfc8 16.Qb6 Ra6 17.Qb3 b5 18.Ne5 Qb7 19.Ndf3 e6 20.0-0 Ne4 21.Nd3 a4 22.Qa3



Position after 22.Qa3

22...Bf8 23.Nb4 Rac6 24.Ne5 R6c7 25.Rd3 Nd6 26.b3 Ne4 27.Qb2 axb3

28.axb3 Nxc3 29.Nbc6 Rxc6 30.Nxc6 Qxc6 31.f3 b4 32.Qf2 Ra8 33.Rd2 Bc5 34.Kh1 Qb6 35.Re1 Bxe3 0-1

Kyle Haining (2264) – Samuel He (2253) [C67]

Washington Open
Lynnwood, WA (R4), May 26, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8

The Berlin Defense is a queenless middlegame, rather than an endgame, as Vladimir Kramnik proved rather emphatically in his World Championship match with Garry Kasparov in 2000, drawing every game with the black pieces. The displacement of the king and loss of castling is not serious for Black, whose position is sound and flexible.



Position after 8...Kxd8

9.h3

9.Nc3 first is the most common move, but the important thing is to come up with a coherent plan. Precise move-orders tend to be less critical... with some exceptions, of course.

9...Ke8 10.Nc3 h5 11.Bg5

Another idea: 11.Bf4 Be7 12.Rad1 Be6 13.Ng5 Rh6∞

11...Be6 12.Rfd1 Be7 13.Rd2 Rd8 14.Rxd8+

14.Rad1 Rxd2 15.Rxd2 h4∞

14...Bxd8 15.Rd1 Bxg5

15...Be7

16.Nxg5 Ke7 17.Ne2

White plans Nf4, and if allowed, capture on e6, isolating the e-pawn. If the bishop retreats, White may have e5-e6 tactical complications. Black needs to find an adequate counter to these ideas, or perhaps allow them and chart a path through the weeds.

17...Rh6

17...Nh4 18.Nf4 Bf5 19.g3 Ng6 20.Nxg6+ Bxg6 21.c3∞. Again, fairly typical Berlin balance.; 17...Bc8 18.Nf4 h4 (Is this the trail in the swamp? 18...g6 19.e6! Kf6! 20.Nxf7 (20.Ne4+ Ke5 21.g3 Bxe6 (21...



Kyle Haining. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

Kxe4 22.Re1+ Kd4 23.exf7 Rf8 24.Re8 Rxf7 25.Rxc8) 22.Nxe6 Kxe6 23.Nc5+ Kf6 24.Rd7 Re8) 20...Re8 21.Rd7! Re7! 22.Rxe7 Nxe7 23.g4 Nd5! 24.g5+ Kf5 25.Nxd5 cxd5 26.e7 Bd7 27.h4 b6)

18.Nf4



Position after 18.Nf4

18...c5?!

Intended to give the black knight access to d4, this plan gets the knight overextended while creating a weakness in the form of the loose pawn itself. 18...Bc8 19.g3±; 18...Nh4 19.Nxg6 fxe6 20.Rd3 g5 21.Ne2±

19.Nfxe6

19.g3

19...fxe6 20.g3 h4?! 21.g4 Nd4 22.c3 Ne2+

22...Nc6 23.f4 and White must be getting pretty happy. He has space, structure, and a plan: centralize the king, advance the pawns.

23.Kg2! Rg6?

One more black piece in jeopardy. White retreats the knight with two huge threats, and the trap is sprung in an unusual way. Better, but not adequate, is 23...Nf4+ 24.Kf3 Nd5 25.Ke4±

24.Ne4 Nf4+ 25.Kf3 Nxf3 26.Rh1 Ng5+ 27.Nxg5 Rxg5 28.Kf4 Rg6 29.g5



Position after 29.g5

1-0



Josh Sinanan holding one of the custom-designed Petrov Chess Boards.
 Note the famous chess positions contained within the dark squares. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

**Joseph Truelson (2220) –
 Georgi Orlov (2521) [D00]**

Washington Open
 Lynnwood, WA (R6), 27.05.2019
 [Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nb5

It's pretty hard to call this move subtle.

4...Na6 5.e3 Ne4

Black goes on a knight foray of his own. 5...c6 has been played, though of course the entire line is quite rarely seen. Simply developing with 5...Be7 followed by castling seems uncontroversial.

6.f3

6.Bd3

**6...Nd6 7.Nxd6+ Bxd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6
 9.Bxa6 Qxa6 10.Qd3**

The last few moves tell a clear story. White wants to liquidate, and he would be fine with a draw. It's hard to see Georgi being happy to settle for that, though.

**10...Qd6 11.Ne2 0-0 12.0-0 e5 13.dxe5
 Qxe5 14.Qd4 Qe7 15.Nf4 c6 16.Rae1**

Bf5 17.e4 dxe4 18.fxe4 Rad8

18...Bg6 19.Nxg6 hxg6 and Black's small pawn structure edge likely means nothing.

19.Nd5! cxd5 20.exf5



Position after 20.exf5

The pawn-island imbalance has swapped with the minor pieces, and White has the added bonus of an impending f5-f6.

20...Qc7 21.f6 Rfe8 22.c3 Re4 23.Rxe4

23.Qxa7!?

**23...dxe4 24.Qxa7 gxf6 25.Qf2 Rd6
 26.Qe3 Qc6 27.Re1 Re6 28.Rd1 Re8**

29.h3

29.Qg3+!?

**29...Qa4 30.Qd4 Qa6 31.Qd7 Qa7+
 32.Qd4 Qa6 33.Qd7 Qa8**

Black definitely is not a fan of equality.

34.Rd4 b5 35.Qg4+



Position after 35.Qg4+

What was Black's idea on 35.Qxb5, snacking on queenside pawns? 35...Re5 (35...Rb8 36.Ra4!; 35...e3 36.Kf1 e2+ 37.Ke1) 36.Qb6 just looks good for White.



Ted Shi. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

35...Kf8 36.Qh4 Re6

36...Kg7±

37.Qxh7± Ke7 38.Qf5 Qc6 39.Qd5 Qb6
40.Qd7+ Kf8 41.Qd8+

White finally obtains the desired queen trade, and with an extra pawn there's no need to part with half a point, either.

41...Qxd8 42.Rxd8+ Ke7 43.Rd5 Rb6
44.Kf2 Ke6 45.Rc5 b4 46.cxb4 Rxb4
47.b3 Rd4 48.Ke3 Rd3+ 49.Kxe4 Rd2
50.a4 Rxc2 51.Rc6+ Kd7 52.Rc3 Ke6
53.a5 f5+ 54.Kd4 Rd2+ 55.Rd3 Ra2
56.b4 Ra4 57.Rb3 Kd6 58.h4 Ra1
59.Rh3 Rd1+ 60.Ke3 Rb1 61.Kd2 Rxb4
62.h5 Rb8 63.h6 Ke6 64.h7 Rh8 65.Ke3
Ke5 66.a6 f4+ 67.Kf3 Kf5 68.a7 1-0

Ignacio Perez (2207) –
Daniel He (2313) [E90]

Washington Open
Lynnwood, WA (R3), 26.05.2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0
5.e4 d6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bf4 Nc6 8.d5 e5

9.Be3 Ne7

9...Nd4!? Opening the e-file and the long diagonal would likely be worth a pawn investment.

10.h3 Ne8 11.Qd2 Kh7 12.g4 c6 13.Bd3
cxd5 14.cxd5 Nc7 15.0-0-0!? Bd7
16.Rdg1 b5 17.Kb1 b4 18.Ne2 a5 19.h4
Bb5?! 20.Ng3

Or 20.h5 Bxd3+ 21.Qxd3 g5, and now 22.Bxg5! hxg5 23.Nxg5+ Kg8 24.h6 Bf6 25.Nxf7! Rxf7 26.g5 looks like a potentially sound material investment.

20...Qd7 21.Nf5?!



Position after 21.Nf5

Likely unsound, but very Perez. 21.h5 is still interesting, too.

21...Bxd3+ 22.Qxd3 gxf5 23.gxf5 Ng8

23...Ncxd5!?, but the position becomes messy after the Ignacio-style attacking line 24.Ng5+ (White's idea/hope was 24.exd5 Qxf5 25.Qxf5+ Nxf5±) 24...hxg5 25.hxg5+ Kg8 26.f6.

24.Qd2 Ne8

Black can use this apparent "rest" move to bring the f-rook to the queenside before going into locking knight defense mode. 24...Rfe8!? White has a couple of sacrificial ideas, but trying to second-guess the attacking master is difficult. 25.Rxg7+ (25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.f3 Nb5 27.Rg3 b3 28.Rhg1 Bf6 and things seem to be going Black's way, for the moment.) 25...Kxg7 26.Rg1+ Kh7 27.Bxh6 f6 28.Rg7+ Qxg7 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 should materially favor Black.

25.Ng5+ Kh8

Of course not 25...hxg5?? 26.hxg5+ Nh6 27.g6+ — and 28.Bxh6+ crashes through.



Michelle Zhang. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.

26.f3

As seems usual in Perez games, he first sacrifices material, then seems to be in no hurry, being willing to build up after the fact. Imagine his opponents thinking, "But I'm up a piece! I really can't do anything??"

26...b3! 27.Rg3 Qa4 28.axb3 Qxb3 29.Rhg1 a4!

The right idea.

30.f6



Position after 30.f6

30...Ngxf6

30...Nexf6!, connecting the rooks and maintaining the guard on the h6-square, allows Black to have his cake and eat most of it, too: 31.Ne6 (31.Nh3 a3 32.Rxg7 axb2-+) 31...fxe6 32.Rxg7 a3 33.Bxb6 axb2 34.Qxb2 Qd3+ 35.Qc2 Rfb8+-+

31.Ne6 a3 32.Bxb6 Bxb6??

Black cracks. Ignacio has made a career of massing pressure on the opponent with scary-looking attacking sacrifices, and time and again proves that defense is a nerve-wracking business. 32...Rg8 33.Bxg7+ Nxg7 34.Rxg7 Qxb2+ 35.Qxb2 axb2 36.Rxg8+ Nxg8 37.Kxb2 fxe6 is probably still winning for Black.

33.Qxh6+ Nh7



Position after 33...Nh7

34.Qxf8+! Nxf8 35.Rg8+ Kh7 36.Nxf8+ Kh6 37.Rh8# 1-0

Josh Sinanan (2291) – Joseph Levine (2149) [E07]
Washington Open
Lynnwood, WA (R6), May 27, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

The other bookend game illustrating Josh's point that white queens do not belong on a3.

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nbd2 c5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.dxc5

9.e4!?

9...Nxc5 10.Nb3 b6 11.Nxc5 Bxc5 12.Ng5 Be7 13.h4 h6 14.Ne4 Ba6 15.Bf3



Position after 15.Bf3

White seems strangely averse to developing new pieces.

15...Rc8 16.Bd2 Qd7 17.Nc3 Bf6 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Qb3? Bc4 20.Qa3 Qb5 21.Bb4? Rfe8 22.Rfd1 a5 23.Bc3 Be7 0-1

44th Annual Keres Memorial

By Roger Patterson

Richmond BC—May 18-20, 2019

The 44th annual Keres Memorial drew 185 player blowing by last year's record turnout which was itself a 30 year record. This year's turnout is surpassed only by the original event (the original Vancouver 1975) and the 1st annual Keres Memorial. As neither of those two events were weekend events, this is a tie with this year's BC Open for the largest adult weekend tournament ever in BC. On the other hand, both these record setting events were this year so maybe this is just the new normal :-)

Notwithstanding the record attendance, the Premier section was smaller than usual and possibly a bit weaker than usual. Part of the problem was that the annual Chess & Math Chess Challenge was in town causing a dozen local juniors to opt for that event as well as taking FM Tanraj Sohail as a coach/team leader for the BC team. Other reasons for the smaller Premier section? hard to say but necessary to ponder for next year.

In the end, perennial favourite IM Georgi Orlov of Seattle and newly local IM Raymond Kaufman shared first place with 5.5/6. They briefly ceded the sole lead to junior Patrick Huang in round 4 after drawing each other then tag teamed Patrick enroute to the final score and first place. Patrick's performance confirmed the evidence of his strength after the breakout result he had at last month's Grand Pacific Open and he joins the ranks of BC's masters.

**Georgi Orlov (2503) –
Raymond Kaufman (2362) [C91]**
44th Keres Memorial
Richmond (R3), May 19, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6
9.c3 Bg4 10.d5 Nb8

10...Na5 11.Bc2 c6 is a more common continuation.

11.h3 Bc8 12.a4 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Nbd7
14.c4 c6 15.Bc2 bxc4 16.dxc6 Bxc6
17.Nxc4 Nc5 18.Nfd1 Rb8 19.Qe2 Qc7
20.b3 Rfe8 21.Bb2 Bf8 22.Rac1 g6
23.Bc3 Nh5 24.g3 Bh6 25.Rcd1 Ne6

25...Re6!?

26.Nf1 Nd4 27.Bxd4 exd4 28.Rxd4 d5
29.Nce3 dxe4 30.Qxa6 Bb7 31.Qc4 Qb6
32.Rd7 Rf8



Position after 32...Rf8

33.Nd5?

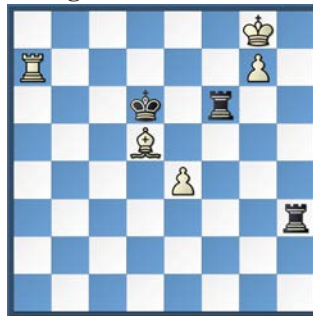
33.Qc7±

33...Bxd5 34.Rxd5 Rbc8 35.Qe2 e3
36.fxe3 Qe6 37.Rxh5!? gxh5 38.Kh2
Rc3 39.Bd1 Qf6 40.Kg2 h4 41.Qg4+
Kh8 42.Qxh4 Qxh4 43.gxh4 Bg7
44.Nd2 Rd8 45.Nf3 Rcd3 46.Be2 Rxb3
47.Bc4 Ra3 48.Bxf7 Rxa4 49.e4 Rf8

Now follows a great deal of murky maneuvering.

50.Bd5 Ra5 51.Re2 Rb8 52.Kg3 Bc3
53.Kg4 Kg7 54.Kh5 Re8 55.Rg2+

**Kf6 56.Rg5 Ke7 57.Rg3 Rf8 58.Ng5
Be5 59.Rb3 Ra7 60.Nf3 Bf4 61.Nd4
Ra1 62.Ne6 Rf6 63.Rb7+ Kd6 64.Ng5
Rg1 65.Rxh7 Rg3 66.Rg7 Ra3 67.Rb7
Bxg5 68.hxg5 Rxh3+ 69.Kg4 Rff3
70.g6 Rfg3+ 71.Kf5 Rf3+ 72.Kg5 Ke5
73.Re7+ Kd6 74.Re6+ Kd7 75.Ra6 Ke7
76.Ra7+ Kd6 77.Ra6+ Ke7 78.Ra7+
Kd6 79.g7 Rhg3+ 80.Kh6 Rf6+ 81.Kh7
Rh3+ 82.Kg8**



Position after 82.Kg8

82...Ke5

Stockfish suggests 82...Rc3, and finds no clear way for White to make progress.

83.Re7+ Kd6 84.Rf7 Rg6 85.Ra7 Rf6
86.Ra6+ Ke5 87.Rxf6 Kxf6 88.Kf8 Rc3



Position after 88...Rc3

89.g8N+??

Fatigue? Georgi uncharacteristically misses the execution with 89.Bf7+-.

89...Ke5 90.Ne7 Re3 1/2-1/2

**Raymond Kaufman (2362) –
Neil Doknjas (2064) [D36]**
44th Keres Memorial
Richmond (R6), May 20, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5
5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.h3 Nbd7
9.Qc2 Re8 10.Nf3 Nf8 11.Ne5

Unusual. 11.Bf4 Ng6 12.Bh2 shows one of the possible justifications of the h3 idea: 12...Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.0-0-0.

11...Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.0-0 f6 14.Nf3
f5 15.Ne5 Nd7 16.f4 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Qg5
18.Rf3 Qh4 19.Raf1 Be6 20.Kh2 g5
21.Ne2 Rf8 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.R3f2 Rf7
24.Qc5 Qh6 25.b3 Kg7 26.Ng3 Qg6
27.Nxe4! g4

27...fxe4? 28.Rxf7+ Bxf7 29.Rf6 Qh5
30.g4 Qh4 31.Qe7 Rf8 32.e6+-

28.Ng3 Qg5 29.Rf4 Raf8 30.e4 fxe4
31.Nxe4?!?

31.Rf6!

31...g3+! 32.Kg1 Rxf4 33.Qxf8+ Rxf8
34.Nxg5 Rxf1+ 35.Kxf1 Bd5 36.Nf3



Position after 36.Nf3

36...Bxf3??

36...Kxg6 37.Ke2 Kf5 38.Ke3 b6 39.Ne1
a5. White has trouble finding something meaningful to do.

37.gxf3 h5 38.h4 Kg6 39.Kg2 Kf5 40.f4
b6 41.Kxg3 a6 42.Kf3 a5 43.Ke3 a4
44.bxa4 Ke6 45.Ke4 c5 46.dxc5 bxc5
47.a5 1-0

The 2019 Glen Buckendorf / Buz Eddy Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

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Over 200 at the Washington Open! With a 6x multiplier, that really resulted in a lot of points in the Grand Prix standings. As a matter of fact, every person listed on the Washington leader board, except one, was at the Open in Lynnwood. Many of the "other places" people were there, too. It was a seven round event this year, with a fast round on Saturday morning. Don't know if that feature will remain in future Opens, as many people chose to skip that round with a half point bye.

The weekend before, the Inland Empire Open was held in Spokane. There were 25 entrants and the event carried a 2x multiplier. What few changes that were made to the Idaho standings came from the results of that tournament. Rounding out the month of May were the two monthly events at the Seattle Chess Club, the Tornado and the Quads.

Looking to what happened in June, there was an event every weekend, all in Seattle, and all without multipliers. Shouldn't be too many changes next month as a result. It looks like July is going to be a quiet month. As of this writing, there are only two events scheduled, those same two monthlies at SCC. Although it is not on the schedule as of today, I kind of expect that the Seattle Seafair will also show up the end of July or first of August. The Seafair has traditionally been a 2x event, but that was before the competition arose from the other side of Lake Washington. Maybe there will be an ad by the time this issue comes out. Currently, there are also no events listed for Idaho, at least not until December. I am hoping that this, too, will change in the near future.

August, on the other hand, will have at least five events, two of which, the Vancouver Open and the Seattle Chess Classic, will carry multipliers. Make plans to come play a few times. Others are. Our most active Grand Prix players through the first five months of the year are Lois Ruff and Viktors Pupols, with nine events each. Close behind are Stephen Buck and Steve Shuman with eight events and Murlin Varner, Ralph Anthony and Peter O'Gorman with seven each. Buck and Varner would have had more, but for the removal of Oregon events after their withdrawal from NWC.

Data below are current as of 31 May 2019.

2019 Memorial Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Washington			Other Places			
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.
			Masters						
			1 Schill	William J	53.5	1 Raptis	Nick	OR	19.5
			2 Haining	Kyle	48.0	2 Donaldson	W John	CA	18.0
			2 Truelson	Joseph	48.0				
			4 Pupols	Viktors	46.5				
			5 Three Tied at		45.0				
M/X/Class A			Experts						
1 Cambareri	Michael E	29.5	1 Frantz	Joseph K	49.0	1 Nair	Roshen S	OR	42.0
2 Bodie	Brad	15.0	2 Arganian	David G	45.0	1 Huang	Patrick W	CAN	42.0
3 Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	3 Mahajan	Rushaan	39.0	3 Omori	Michael J	HI	36.0
4 Maki	James J	9.0	4 Lewis-Sandy	Joshua M	37.5	3 Tang	Zoey	OR	36.0
5 Two Tied at		7.0	5 Greninger	Harley G	36.0				
Class B			Class A						
1 Geyman	Jonathan P	29.0	1 Casey	Garrett W	54.0	1 Pitre	H G	CA	36.0
			Kurungod						
2 Herr	Griffin G	24.0	2 Anoop	Pranav	49.5	2 Moore	Michael	OR	33.0
3 Daigle	Adrian P	18.0	3 Kaelin	Alex	41.0	2 Sripada	Havish	OR	33.0
4 Martonick	Nick	15.0	4 Chen	Minda	40.0	4 Murray	David E	OR	30.0
5 Derryberry	Dewayne R	9.5	5 Beck	Alec W	39.0	4 Vega	Isaac	OR	30.0

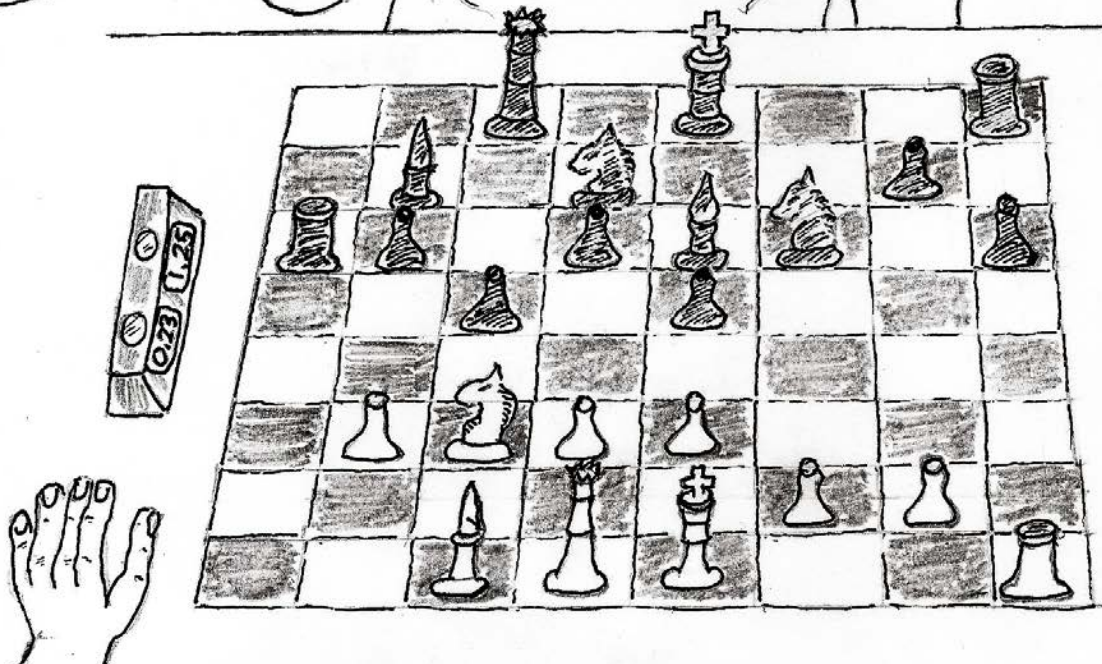
Idaho			Washington			Other Places						
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.			
Class C			Class B									
1	Booth	Tom R	6.0	1	Buck	Stephen J	91.5	1	Kodarapu	Ishaan K	OR	39.0
2	Porth	Desmond	5.5	2	Lainson	Silas	73.0	2	Wu	Abbie	OR	33.0
2	Leifeste	Bryce	5.5	3	Anthony	Ralph J	72.0	2	Qu	Jayden	CAN	33.0
4	Zeng	Forrest	5.0	4	Lee	Brian	63.0	4	Stacey	Darren	MT	26.0
4	Ang	Ching-E N	5.0	5	Merrikin	David R	54.0	5	Tang	Austin	OR	24.0
Class D			Class C									
1	Porth	Adam	17.5	1	Varner	Murlin E	75.0	1	Lykins	Chad	OR	30.0
2	Glass	Evan M	12.0	2	Gupta	Anand	62.5	2	Morrissey	Patrick W	OR	27.0
3	Merry	William A F	10.5	3	Wang	Felicity	62.0	3	Strong	Murray	MT	13.5
3	Bodie	Arlene	10.5	4	Johnson	Cleveland R	61.5	4	Gold	Kelen	UT	5.0
5	Shepard	River C	8.5	5	Li	Edward	57.0					
Class E and Below			Class D And Below									
1	Porth	Darwin A	14.5	1	Ruff	Lois A	62.5	1	Yang	Arnold T	OR	48.0
2	Daigle	Micah J	12.0		Hamilton-			2	Sripathi	Prajna	OR	39.0
2	Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	2	Sommer	Miles T	61.5	3	Lykins	Pace	OR	36.0
4	Callen	Gregory D	9.0	3	Puri	Rishay	56.5	3	Sripada	Anisha	OR	36.0
5	Su	Darren	8.5	4	Chinni	Rishabh	49.5	5	Rickeert	Samuel	CA	33.0
				5	Two Tied at		48.0					
Overall Leaders, by State												
1	Cambareri	Michael E	19.5	1	Buck	Stephen J	91.5	There are no prizes for players residing outside of the Northwest Chess area. This information is presented here so our readers can see that we do draw from other states and those players are contributing to our Grand Prix prize fund.				
2	Geyman	Jonathan P	18.0	2	Varner	Murlin E	75.0					
3	Herr	Griffin G	17.5	3	Lainson	Silas	73.0					
4	Daigle	Adrian P	15.0	4	Anthony	Ralph J	72.0					
4	Porth	Adam	15.0	5	Lee	Brian	63.0					
4	Bodie	Brad	15.0	6	Gupta	Anand	62.5					
7	Martonick	Nick	14.5	6	Ruff	Lois A	62.5					
8	Porth	Darwin A	12.0	8	Wang	Felicity	62.0					
8	Glass	Evan M	12.0	9	Johnson	Cleveland R	61.5					
8	Daigle	Micah J	12.0		Hamilton-							
8	Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	9	Sommer	Miles T	61.5					
12	Erickson	Kenneth	10.5	11	Li	Edward	57.0					
12	Bodie	Arlene	10.5	12	Puri	Rishay	56.5					
				13	Johnson	Cleveland R	25.5					

From The Business Manager

The \$25 non-member subscription option ended June 30, however, check the website in case the NWC board decides to extend. (Washington residents should still choose option with membership.)



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Event Registration



Scholastic Event

Dates	Description	Rounds
7/7	Transformers G45;d5	4
8/4	Transformers G45;d5	4

PNWCC USCF Open

Dates	Description	Rounds
7/13 – 7/14	6-round G90;d10	6
8/10 – 8/11	6-round G90;d10	6

PNWCC GM/IM Norm Invitational

Dates	Description	Rounds
7/17-7/21	Norm invitational tournament	9

PNWCC FIDE Open Tournaments

Dates	Theme	Featured GM's	Rounds
7/24 – 7/28	Summer of Seattle	GM Mikhalevski, Victor and 3+ other GM's	9
8/30-9/2	Endgame	GM Irina Krush and GM Victor Mikhalevski	7

PNWCC GM Camps

Dates	Level	Coach	Days
6/24-6/28	Intermediate	GM Emil Anka	5
7/8 -7/12	Intermediate & Advanced	GM Melik Khachiyani & GM Steven Zierk	5
7/29 – 8/2	Intermediate & Advanced	GM Victor Mikhalevski & GM Melik Khachiyani	5
8/5-8/9	Intermediate	GM Melik Khachiyani	5
	Advanced	GM Alex Lenderman	5
8/12-8/16	Advanced & Expert	GM Alex Lenderman and GM Julio Sadorra	5
8/26-8/30	Intermediate & Advanced	GM Victor Mikhalevski & GM Emil Anka	5

Tournament dates and details are subject to changes. Visit our website for most recent updates.

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The SCC online registration system is now open at www.seattlechess.club.

☞ July 7, Sept 1 New Date 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 per 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/ICA memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

☞ July 20, Aug 3 New Date 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:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF/ICA memb. req'd, OSA, NS, NC.

Oct 6 SCC Novice
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$11 by 10/2, \$16 at site. (-\$2 SCC mem., -\$1 mem. other WA dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** SCC membership. **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.

Revised SCC 2019 Weekend Schedule

Novice: Oct 6.

Quads: Aug 3, Sep 7, Oct 5, Nov 2, Nov 30, Dec 28.

Tornado: Sep 1, Sep 29, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 15.

SCC Adult Swiss	24-25 August
FREE for SCC members, others	12-13 October
— \$10. Prize fund — \$225 gtd.	7-8 December
Details next issue.	

Seattle Fall Open 20-22 Sept.

SCC Extravaganza 9-11 Nov.

Seattle Seafair

July 26-28 or July 27-28

A one section, 5-round Swiss with time controls of 40/120 & SD/60; d5 [2-day schedule - Rd. 1, G/60; d5]. The prize fund of \$1000 is based on 40 paid entries, 6 per prize group. Limit, 60 players.

a Northwest Grand Prix event

First	\$240 gtd.	U1700	\$65
Second	\$120 gtd.	U1500	\$60
Third	\$60 gtd.	U1300	\$55
U2100	\$75	U1100	\$50
U1900	\$70	Unrated	\$25
Best Upset (Rds 1-4)		\$15/rd	
Plus Score Pool		\$120	

Entry Fees: \$44 if received by 7/18, \$55 at site. **GMs, IMs, & WGMs**—FREE. **Unrated**—Free with purchase of 1-yr US Chess & 1-yr WCF. **SCC Members**—subtract \$12. Members of other dues-required CCs in BC, ID, OR, or WA—subtract \$6. **Add \$1 to any EF for 2-day schedule.** You can register online at www.seattlechess.club.

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

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

Upcoming Events

♣ denotes 2019 Northwest Grand Prix event.

Pacific Northwest Chess Center events see page 29. Seattle Chess Club events see page 30

Aug 3-5 (Aug 3-4 for Reserve) New West Summer Open, Douglas College, **New Westminster, BC, Canada**. Format: 6-SS. Rounds: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. TC: G/90+30 (G/50+10 for reserve section). EF: CAD\$90 (Discount for Early Bird and Reserve section), free for FIDE/CFC 2200+. Rating system: FIDE&CFC for premier section, CFC for other sections. Prizes: CAD\$3000 (Based on 80 paid entries); Trophies only for Reserve section. On Site Reg: 9:15-9:45 a.m. Aug 3. Misc: CFC annual or single tournament membership required (you can pay on site). Find details and updates at <https://westchess.com>, or contact info@westchess.com if any questions.

♣ **Aug 10-11** Vancouver Open, **Vancouver, WA**. See Half-Page Ad on page 11.

♣ **Aug 14-18** 3rd Annual Seattle Chess Classic, **Seattle, WA**. See Full-Page Ad on page 12.

♣ **Aug 17-18** 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 8/16, \$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 8/16. US Chess rated and a NWGP event. Byes: 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. Prize fund: \$500 prize fund based on 25, Class prizes based on at least five per section. One prize per person (excluding biggest upset). Prizes: 1st Overall \$150, 2nd Overall \$100. Class Prizes: 1st (U/1800; U/1600; U/1400) \$50, 2nd \$25. Biggest Upset: \$25 (non-provisional ratings). Misc.: Cookies & coffee provided. NS, NC, W. Entries/Info.: Spokane CC, c/o James Stripes, cell (509) 251-2737, email: jdstripes@gmail.com.

Unkel Vik's Solutions From June 2019 Issue

Last month we posted two problems from Life Master Viktor's Pupols' recent games (see June 2019 issue page 18.) We hope this new approach was fun and that you tried to find the solutions. This month we are posting the problems again but this time with the solutions.

—Editor.



Unkel Vik's Problem #1. Black to move.

35...Ng5

Stronger is 35...Qc1 36.Nxb6 Nxf1 37.Qxf1 Qc7 wins a piece, but Black's pieces are in passive positions.

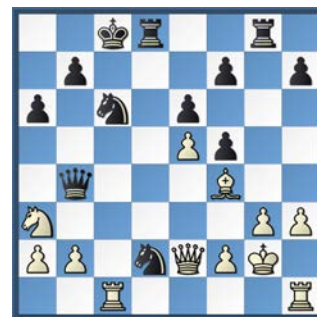
36.Nxb6

and the main line is 36.Qe2 Qc1 37.Nxb6 Nge4 threatening 38...Nc3 39.Qd3 Nxf1 40.Qxf1 Ne2+. 38.g3 Nc3 39.Qd3 Nf3+ 40.Kh1 Ne1

36...Ndf3+ 37.gxf3 Nh3+ 38.Kg2 Qxf2+ 39.Kxh3 Qxf3+ 40.Kh4 Qg4#



Viktors Pupols. Photo credit: Carol Kleist.



Unkel Vik's Problem #2. Black to move.

What should Black play?

22...Qxf4

There is no perpetual.

23.Rxc6+ bxc6 24.Qxa6+ Kd7 25.Qb7+ Ke8 26.Qxc6+ Kf8 27.Qc5+ Kg7 28.gxf4 Kh6+ 29.Kh2 Nf3#

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