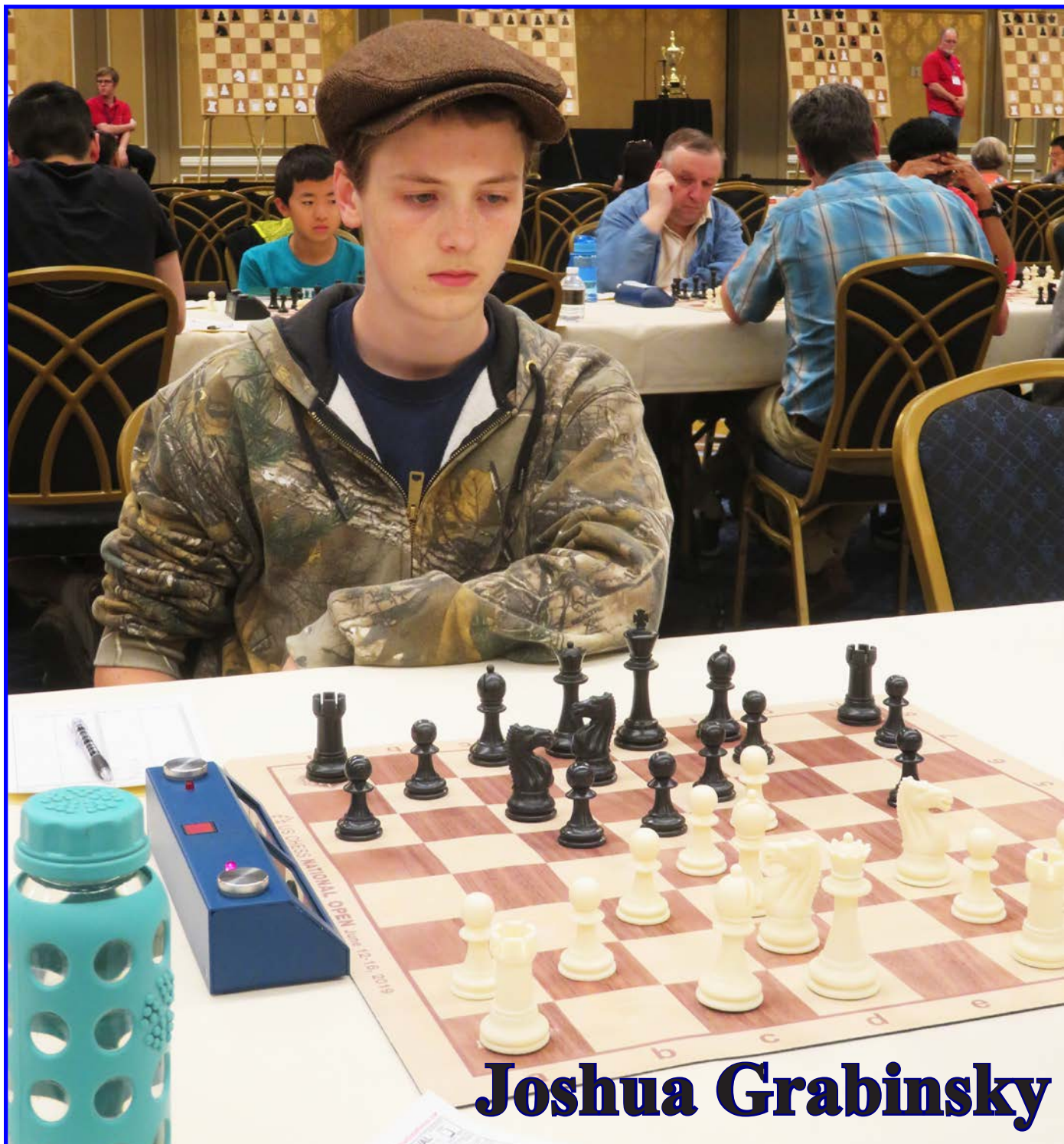




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Homemade prizes at the Tahoe Ridge Invitational Chess Tournament. Photo credit: Jennifer Leifeste.



# Las Vegas International Chess Festival

By Nancy Keller

It was only a sixteen-hour drive to Las Vegas, but five Coos County chess players were ready for the challenge of travel as well as the challenge of playing in the four day Las Vegas International Chess Festival. Two were Coquille Chess Club players Joshua Grabinsky and Dustin Herker. They car-pooled with Dr. Kyriokas Kypriotakis who has formed a chess club at Southwestern Oregon Community College for the Coos Bay and North Bend area. Dr. Kypriotakis brought Josiah Perkins, his chess club star pupil who is a Coquille Chess Club

alumni. They were joined in Las Vegas by Coquille Chess Club alumni Aaron Grabinsky who flew in from Missouri where he attends college.

Aaron Grabinsky intended to work towards his International Master title but was thwarted once again from reaching the final qualification of increasing his international FIDE rating to 2400. He made a fatal mistake in his eighth game and his winning position fell apart. He was only able to push his FIDE rating from 2281 to 2292. His US Chess rating is 2381. However, his chess powers blazed in blitz (speed chess) as he placed second in Friday night blitz and eleventh place in the Walter Browne Blitz memorial which had a playing field of many grandmasters.

His brother Joshua Grabinsky, age fifteen, demonstrated his chess powers in the three-day main National Open

tournament, rounds lasting up to six hours, so only two rounds per day were scheduled. He had five wins and two draws that gave him clear first place in the U2300 US Chess rated tournament with a prize of \$6000. He plans to put his prize towards his college fund.

Dr. Kypriotakis won four out of seven games to place 22nd out of 75 in the U1500 section. Dustin Herker, age 14, won four out of seven games to place 18th out of 67 in the U1300 section. Josiah crumpled as he became sick but bravely played with his reduced concentration.

Aaron flew back to Webster University after the final round. Joshua put in another Blitz tournament Sunday night with results pending at the writing of this article. Monday will be the sixteen-hour drive back to Oregon during which exhausted chess brains can rest.



(L-R) Aaron Grabinsky, Josiah Perkins, Elvis Presley, Dustin Herker, Joshua Grabinsky. Photo credit: Nancy Keller.

# Las Vegas International (Joshua's Perspective)

## By Joshua Grabinsky

On June 13-16, I competed in the Las Vegas International Chess Festival — National Open U2300 section. To begin, I was seeded closer to the top, with a 2261 rating; but none of the opponents were easy — you always have to fight hard for every win even when they are much lower-rated than you.

After many mistakes, and sweat and blood, I managed five wins and two draws, a total of 6.0/7, finding myself standing alone at the top! My US Chess rating rose 27 points (as you get higher, the points are harder to get...even with a good performance) and my FIDE rating rose 31 points to 2201. (Many of you might already know, but this just secured and justified my CM title I won four years ago by winning a tournament! haha)

The overall trip was a great experience and tons of fun. I played in the blitz tournaments each night (I love speed chess, though I'm not even very good.) and had a great time, but lost some points and didn't win anything. I made new friends and caught up with some old ones. And the team and I arrived home safe after 16 or so hours of driving. Then I slept, slept, slept.

**Joshua Grabinsky (2264) –  
Jakob Infuehr (2141) [C00]**  
National Open (R2), June 14, 2019  
*[Joshua Grabinsky]*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5  
5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1  
b5 9.h4 Bb7 10.c3 c4?! 11.e5 Nd7 12.d4  
b4 13.h5 bxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.Nh2 Qa5  
16.Qc2 Ba6 17.f4 Nb6 18.Ndf3 Ba3  
19.g4 Bxc1 20.Qxc1 Na4 21.Re3 Rab8  
22.g5 hxg5 23.fxc5 Ne7 24.Nh4



Position after 24.Nh4

24...Rb2?

24...Nb2 25.Ng4 Nd3 26.Nf6+ gxf6

27.Rxd3 cxd3 28.gxf6 Kh7 29.fxe7 Rg8  
30.Qf4 Qxc3 31.Kh2 Qxa1 32.Qxf7+ Rg7  
33.Qxe6 Qxd4 34.Qf5+ Kh8 35.Ng6+  
Rxc6 36.Qf8+ Kh7 37.hxcg6+ Kxcg6  
38.Qxb8 Qh4+ 39.Bh3 Qf2+ 40.Bg2  
Qh4+=

25.Ng4! Rfb8 26.Nf6+ gxf6 27.gxf6 Nf5

27...Kf8 28.h6 Ke8 29.fxe7 Kxe7  
30.Qf1+=

28.Nxf5 exf5 29.Rg3+ Kf8 30.Rg8+  
Kxg8 31.Qh6 Rxc2+ 32.Kxc2 Rb2+  
33.Kh1 1-0

**Carla Heredia (2281) –  
Joshua Grabinsky (2264) [C48]**  
National Open (R5), June 15, 2019  
*[Joshua Grabinsky]*

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nd4  
5.Ba4 Nxf3+ 6.Qxf3 Bc5 7.d3 c6 8.Be3  
Bd4 9.0-0 d6 10.Qg3 Nh5 11.Qf3 Nf6  
12.Rae1 0-0 13.Bxd4 exd4 14.Ne2 Bg4  
15.Qg3 Bxe2 16.Rxe2 Nh5 17.Qf3 g6  
18.Bb3 Qf6 19.Qg4



Position after 19.Qg4

19...Qf4

19...a5 20.a3 Nf4 21.Ree1 a4 22.Ba2 h5  
23.Qd1 b5

20.Qd7

20.f3 Rad8 21.g3 Qxc4 22.fxc4 Ng7  
23.Ref2±

20...Rab8 21.Ree1 Nf6 22.Qh3 Qg4  
23.Qxc4

23.Qh6 Rbe8 24.a3±

23...Nxc4 24.h3 Ne5 25.f4 Nd7 26.g4  
Nc5 27.f5 g5 28.Kf2 a5 29.a3 Nxb3  
30.cxb3 f6 31.h4 h6 32.Rh1 Kg7 33.Ke2  
c5 34.Rh2 Rh8 35.Kd2 b5

35...h5 36.hxc5 hxc4 37.Rxc8 Rxc8  
38.g6 Rh2+ 39.Kc1 Rh3 40.Rg1 Rxd3  
41.Rxc4 Rh3 42.b4 axb4 43.axb4 b6=

36.Kc2 a4

36...h5±

37.Reh1 gxc4 38.Rxc4 b4?!

38...axb3+ 39.Kxb3 Rbg8 40.Ra1 Ra8  
41.Rh2 Kf7 42.Kc2±

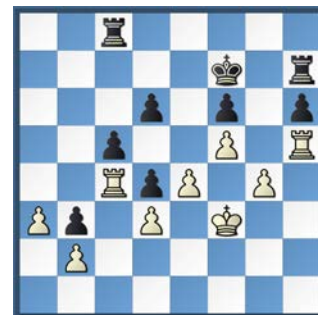
39.bxa4 b3+ 40.Kd2 Ra8 41.Ke2 Rxa4  
42.R4h2 Raa8 43.Kf3 Rad8 44.Kf4 Rh7  
45.Rc1 Kf7?!

45...Rc8 46.Rc4 Ra8

46.Kf3

46.Ra1 Ke7 47.a4 Kd7 48.Ra3 Rb8?  
49.a5 Kc8 50.a6+-; 46.a4

46...Rdh8 47.Rh5 Rc8 48.Rc4

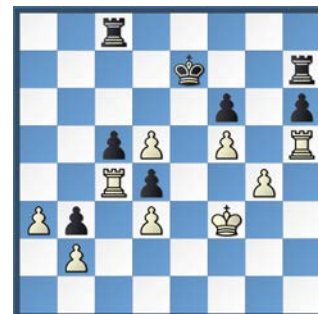


Position after 48.Rc4

48...d5?

A gamble. Both players were getting in time pressure. 48...Ra8 49.Kg3 Ke7  
50.Rc1 Kd7 51.Kf3 Kc6 52.Rch1 Rah8  
53.R5h2 d5 54.a4 c4 55.exd5+ Kxd5  
56.dxc4+ Kxc4 57.a5 Kb5 58.Ra1 d3  
59.Rd2 Rd8 60.a6 Ra7 61.Ke3 Re7+  
62.Kf4 Rd4+ 63.Kf3 Ra7=

49.exd5 Ke7



Position after 49...Ke7

50.Rh2?!

50.Ra4! Kd6 51.Ra6+ Kxd5 52.Rxf6 c4  
53.Ra6!+-; 50.Kf4 Kd6 51.Ra4 Kxd5  
52.Ra6 Rc6 53.Ra8±

50...Kd6 51.Re2?

51.Ra4 Kxd5 52.Ra6 Re7 53.Re2 Rxe2  
54.Kxe2 h5 55.gxh5 Rh8 56.Rb6 Rxc5  
57.Rxb3 Rxf5 58.a4 Re5+ 59.Kd1 Rh5  
60.Ke2 Re5+=

51...Kxd5

51...h5! 52.Re6+ Kxd5 53.Rxf6 hxc4+  
54.Kxc4 Rh2 55.Rc1 Rxb2+-

52.Ra4?

52.Rc1! h5 53.g5 fxc5 54.Rce1 Rf7  
55.Re5+ Kd6 56.Re6+ Kd7 57.R6e5±

52...h5 53.Re6 hxc4+ 54.Kf4= Rh3  
55.Raa6 Rxd3 56.Rxf6 Rd2 57.Rfd6+  
Kc4 58.f6 Rxb2

White flagged, but Black is winning anyway.

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# In Memory of Ernst Rasmussen

October 18, 1925—March 24, 2019

By Richard Golden

A great Northwest chess player passed away this spring. I called him Ernie and he was a good friend. Never, ever play the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit against him or you were in for a thrashing. Many a time I would try to better him in this opening without success. He would say after making a move, "What are you gonna do now?" "I'd throw out a move and he would instantly say, "And I do this! Now what are you gonna do?" On and on until I would invariably lose. He was an inveterate gambiteer who often told me, "If you're not down a pawn in the opening, you're playing it wrong. And if that doesn't work, throw away a Bishop too!" Kind of reminds me of that old Latvian reprobate Mikhail Tal.

I met Ernie when he was past his prime; his rating had slipped from close to 2100 to something like 1850. He was in his seventies when we started to go to tournaments together, some in Reno and others in Las Vegas. Rooming with him was both a challenge and a blast.

He snored like a freight train, which destroyed my first night's sleep. Blurry eyed I lost my game in the morning. I then bought some ear plugs and slept better the following night. I remember him trying to wake me in the morning, and saying, "Boy do you sleep soundly. I could hardly wake you even with shaking the heck out of you. I think maybe you're deaf since shouting in your ear didn't do anything." A couple of days later I asked him how he was feeling. He responded, "If I wake up in the morning without any aches and pains, I'm probably dead."

When Ernie was a kid in Denmark, his dad had a bicycle-powered wood lathe. He said that he used to pedal away while his father turned chess pieces on the lathe. In the wake of World War II Ernie immigrated to the United States where he became a fisherman. He mostly fished halibut in Alaska until his doctor told him he suffered from heart problems and had to quit. He then started to travel playing chess. He tied for second in the 1987 World Open in Philadelphia, with seven out of eight, his only loss coming in the last round when he blundered after a long game. His rating jumped to 2081. That was before I met him. Here is one of his games:

Ernst Rasmussen –  
Jack Edwards [D00]

World op 20th Philadelphia, 1992

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 c6 8.Be3 e6 9.Bd3 Bb4 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qd5 12.Qg3 Nh5 13.Qh4 g6 14.g4 Rg8 15.Rf2 b5 16.Raf1 f5 17.gxh5 gxh5+ 18.Bg5 f4 19.Qxh5+ 1-0

Ernie had a wonderful smile, and was always full of dirty jokes. One time when we were in our room in Las Vegas I received a call: "Is George there?" an attractive female voice inquired. I replied, "I'm sorry, there is no George in this room." She said, "Well then, would you like some Personal Entertainment?" I said, "No thank you", and hung up the phone. Ernie asked me who had called and what he/she wanted. I told him what had transpired, to which he replied, "You idiot! Why didn't you ask her to come up?" Ernie was 78 years old at the time. It still makes me smile to think about that character.

We had a lot of fun together traveling to tournaments, telling jokes and enjoying each other's company. Here is a photo of the two of us in Las Vegas after a lucky streak: He's the old guy on the right; I'm the good lookin' guy on the left.

May God bless you Ernie. I hope Saint Peter doesn't try to play the Blackmar-Diemer against you!

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# Sam And Ernie, A Retrospective

By Michael Murray

Sam and Ernie were good friends and chess competitors for many years before I met them. Our lives intersected about 15 years ago, long past their prime chess days, and what I write focuses mostly on what was not their most significant years, in terms of chess or anything else. Sam's name will be less familiar to readers of *Northwest Chess*, but for the last twenty years, he was as much a part of the North Olympic Peninsula chess scene as Ernst.

Back in 2004, I had recently retired and moved to Port Townsend. Walking into a local ice cream parlor, I noticed people playing chess in the back. Even though it had been a quarter century since I'd played serious chess, I couldn't resist checking it out. The players weren't very strong and I was ready to leave when Ernst Rasmussen walked in. We had played a couple times in the 1960s, and vaguely knew each other. I had always associated Ernst with Tacoma, but it turns out he had been living in Port Townsend for several years. We played a few blitz games. As we were leaving, he mentioned a local guy with whom he played regularly, and said he'd tell him there was new blood in town. The next week at the ice cream parlor, Ernst introduced me to Sam Hill. The three of us played some risers, more blitz. At the end of the session, Sam mentioned that Ernie and occasionally others had a standing invite to gather at his house every Thursday at 7 PM to play more serious chess. This had been going on for several years. Sam gave me his address and I was surprised to find he lived only about a block from me. So, I started heading over to Sam's every Thursday, and this continued for the next fifteen years. Mostly, we played Game20 time control, clock move, not for rating points, trophies or prize money, but always for blood.

Others would sometimes show up. Dennis McGuire played fairly regularly. Sam's friends from his days in Alaska



Sam Hill analyzing a game at Mike Murray's home in Port Townsend.  
Photo credit: Mike Murray.

would sometimes visit. Once, Peter Cleghorn sat in for an evening of blitz. The last few years Greg Freeze, an attorney, moved from Oregon to Port Townsend and joined us. Sam's living room and dining room could handle eight players comfortably, but we usually had three or four.

Sam had worked carpentry, architectural drafting and construction in Alaska before moving to Port Townsend. Ernst was a bricklayer and commercial fisherman. Dennis had done commercial diving and fishing and owns a commercial building in Port Townsend. All three were adept at building and fixing things.

With Sam living so close and both of us retired, we spent a lot of time playing, analyzing, talking chess and became close friends. If ever at a loss for something to do, I could simply call Sam, and we'd get together for some chess or a general bull session. His wife, Ingra, a charming, warm-hearted person, patiently put up with all this geezer goings-on.

Ernst's chess world centered on the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. He told

me that, in the 1960s, he was ready to abandon chess until he discovered that opening. He studied it intensely, played correspondence theme tournaments with it, subscribed to magazines devoted to it, played it over-the-board every chance he got, and knew it well. All the typical pawn structures, sacrifices and combinations were at his finger-tips. I would estimate he played at least 250 points above his normal Class A strength when he could steer the game into a Blackmar-Diemer, and he used it to collect the scalps of some pretty strong players.

He had a fair amount of recognition in Blackmar-Diemer literature. For example, Gary Lane's "*Blackmar-Diemer Gambit*" includes the games Rasmussen-Ingred, Oregon, 1988, Rasmussen-Douwhaite, World Open 1988, Rasmussen-Watherman, Washington, 1967, Rasmussen-Hanlen, Correspondence, 1982, Rasmussen-Orlov, Tacoma, 1992, Rasmussen-Beardsley, Correspondence, 1994, two games between Rittenhouse-Rasmussen, Correspondence, 1986, and Rasmussen-Litowsky, Las Vegas, 1993,

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Rasmussen-Jangaard, Tacoma, 1991.

The latest and greatest book on the opening, IM Christoph Scheerer's 336-page tome "*The Blackmar-Diemer Gambit: a modern guide to a fascinating chess opening*", published by Everyman in 2011, gives Ernst named credit for "The Rasmussen Attack" a sub-variation of the Lemberger Counter-Gambit 1 d4 d5, 2 e4 dxe4, 3 Nc3 e5. Ernst came up with 4 Nge2!? And IM Scheerer devotes ten and a half double-column pages to analyzing it. Scheerer cites the games Rasmussen-Polland, correspondence 1992, Rasmussen-Cody, correspondence 1992, and Rasmussen-Owens, Correspondence 1988. All in all, a theoretical legacy few of us can boast.

Sam had twice been Alaska State Champion, both times, he liked to quip, when the best player was out of state and the next best player was in jail. He tended toward positional play and was never quite able to deal effectively with Ernst's Blackmar-Diemer. By the time I started playing with them, Sam had more or less given up and started evading it. I had always opted for evasion, steering the game into a French Defense (1 d4 d5, 2 Nc3 Nf6, 3 e4 e6) the first time I played Ernst back in Seattle in 1968. I considered Sam slightly stronger than Ernst, but somehow, Ernst had his number in tournament play.

After almost two years of skittling with these two, I could no longer resist the tournament urge. In December 2005 Clint Ballard sponsored a weekend tournament on Bainbridge, and Ernst, Dennis, and I decided to enter. I had a musical gig on Sunday, so I could only play the first day. We all three entered the Reserve Section. My first-round opponent was Dennis and my second was Ernst! So much for variety.

**Ernst Rasmussen (1728) –  
Mike Murray (1962) [C11]**  
2005 Bainbridge Slugfest Island  
Bainbridge WA  
(R2), December 10, 2005  
[Mike Murray]

**1.d4 d5 2.e4 e6 3.Be3 Nf6 4.Nc3 b6?!**

4...dxe4 was correct, but I knew that's what he wanted — to suck me into some Blackmar-Diemeresque preparation. 5.f3 Bb4 6.a3 Nd5 7.Qd2 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.Bf2 e3 (9...f5) 10.Bxe3 Nxe3 11.Qxe3 0-0 12.f4 Ne7 13.Nf3 Nd5 14.Qd2 Qd6 15.c4 Nf6

**5.exd5**

This isn't the engine's top choice, but it's a good practical move — we transpose to an exchange variation where White bishop move is a bit better than Black's



Sam Hill, Vik Pupols, and Ernst Rasmussen watching Mike Murray's last round game against Arik Miller in the 2015 Blackmar-Diemer theme tournament in Port Townsend.  
Photo credit Mike Murray.

now useless fianchetto.



Position after 5.exd5

**5...exd5 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 c5  
9.dxc5 bxc5 10.Bg5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Be6  
12.Ne5 c4 13.Be2 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.f4**

**Na6**

15...Nd7

**16.Qd4 Rfe8 17.Rf3**

17.Rab1

**17...Bg4 18.Re3**

18.Qxd5 Bxf3 19.Qxf3

**18...Bxe2 19.Rxe2 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6  
21.Rd2 Ne7 22.Nd7 Ra6 23.Kf2 b5**

23...Nb5

**24.Ne5 Ra3 25.Nc6 Rxc3 26.a4 Re6  
27.axb5 Nxb5 28.Ra8+ Kh7 29.Ne5 f6  
30.Nd7 Re4 31.g3 h5**

31...Kg6



32.Ra5 Na3 33.Raxd5 Rxc2



Position after 33...Rxc2

33...Nb1 34.Rxh5+ Kg6 35.Rdd5 Re8  
36.Nb6 Rxc2+ 37.Kf3 c3 38.Kg4 Rd2  
39.Rc5 c2 40.Rc6 Na3 41.Rg5+ Kh7  
42.Rh5+ Kg8 43.Rhc5 Rxh2

34.Rxc2 Nxc2 35.Rxh5+ Kg6 36.Rc5  
Rd4 37.Nb6 Rd2+ 38.Kf3 Rxh2 39.Rxc4  
Ne1+

Thus ended my first open tournament since 1975 and my first tournament of any sort since 1977. I had a gig the next day and withdrew from the tournament. I had notified the director of this when I entered.

1/2-1/2

Ernst ended up taking outright second place in this tournament.

Sam was proud of this simul game where he drew GM Edmar Mednis.

**Edmar Mednis –  
Sam Hill [C40]**

Simul Reno — Western States Open,  
October 28, 1993

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Qe2 Nf6  
5.d3 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bxc3  
8.Bxc3 0-0 9.dxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd4 Nc6  
11.Qb5 Qxb5 12.Bxb5 Nxd4 13.Nxd4  
Nd6 14.Be2 Re8 15.f3 c5 16.Nb3 Bf5  
17.Rc1 Re7 18.Kf2 Rae8 19.Rhe1  
b6 20.Nd2 Kf8 21.c3 f6 22.Bf1 Rxe1  
23.Rxe1 Rxe1 24.Kxe1 Ke7 1/2-1/2

In June of 2008, Sam, Ernst, Dennis McGuire, and I piled into my car and drove to Seattle to play in the Washington Quickchess Open. It was a middling performance for all of us – I tied for third place with 3.0/5, Sam and Ernie each had 2.0/5. Sam's game was plagued with a problem he often had – freezing up in time pressure. He let his flag fall with totally won games against O'Gorman and against Ernst.

Later that year, Ernst and Dennis drove down to Reno to play in a big class tournament, and they did it again in 2009. Ernst played in the Washington Senior Open most years until 2011 and tied for

first place in 2006. He played in Pitre's Silverdale Beach Classic in 2009 and 2010. But he had a major medical episode driving back from his last tournament in Tacoma in 2011. He said he thought his hands had turned into knights on the steering wheel and he had trouble navigating the road. He got checked out at the hospital and no specific problem was found, but he decided never again to combine the stress of a tournament with driving. He did play in the two Blackmar-Diemer theme tournaments we organized to celebrate his 85th and his 90th birthdays here in Port Townsend. These tournaments were held at the clubhouse at Towne Point, the housing development where he lived.

Both Sam and Ernie played in some unrated team matches versus Sequim/Port Angeles and in the Port Townsend Open tournaments that Dennis McGuire organized and where the Sequim contingent was well represented. Both Sam and Ernie tended to use some pretty salty language, which they managed only partially to repress when the lead player of the Sequim contingent turned out to be Jack Anderson, a Lutheran pastor.

I was able to convince Sam to play in the 2009 Grand Pacific Open in Victoria, BC. He did OK, finishing with an even score, but he was finding the

## Vancouver Open

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stress of tournament play overwhelming. His last competitive event was the 2010 Blackmar-Diemer theme tournament. After that, he retained an intense interest in following chess, in playing skittles, and in analyzing games, but refused to enter any more tournaments, even the 2015 Blackmar Diemer Thematic we organized to celebrate Ernst's 90th birthday. Sam did show up to watch.

**Sam Hill (1920) –  
Mike Murray (1971) [D00]**  
2010 Rasmussen Blackmar-Diemer  
Port Townsend WA  
(R3), October 23, 2010  
[Mike Murray]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 exf3  
5.Nxf3 Bf5**

**[Diagram top of next column]**

This is the Gunderam Defense, sometimes called the "Tartakower-Gunderam Defense." It often bleeds into the Ziegler Defense, but it doesn't have to. The Ziegler Defense has a line which looks very much like the Gunderam: 5...c6 6.Bc4



*Position after 5...Bf5*

Bf5 7.0-0 e6 It is covered extensively in Scheerer's book, Pp 281-288. 8.Ne5 the only difference being the Black pawn is on c6 and the bishop on f8, but, as it turns out, this difference is VERY significant. (The alternative is 8.Ng5 the "Alchemy Variation") 8...Bxc2?! If Black plays essentially the same combination as in the Gunderam (Correct is 8...Bg6) 9.Nxf7 White has essentially the same response but it pretty much wins after 9...Kxf7 10.Qxc2! Qxd4+ 11.Be3 Qxe3+! (Here we see the essential difference between the analogous positions in the Gunderam and the Ziegler. In the Gunderam, the

queen finds refuge on c6 and Black is close to winning. In the Ziegler, that square is blocked by a pawn, and White has the advantage after 11...Qxc4 12.Rf4 Qa6 13.Ra4 trapping the queen.) 12.Kh1± Here (Pp 283-4), Scheerer claims Black has no satisfactory defense. White definitely has an edge which grows the longer the engine runs.

## 6.Bc4

Almost any developing move is reasonable here, and several other moves have been played: 6.Bd3 The engines all like this, even if Scheerer doesn't. 6...Bxd3 7.Qxd3 c6 8.Bf4 (The most popular human move is 8.Bg5 which isn't one of the engines' top choices. 8...e6 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Kb1 Be7± 11.Be3) 8...e6 9.0-0-0 (-0.36) Black may have a little better than equality, but not much.; 6.Ne5 Scheerer says, "White has no better move here." 6...c6! (preserving an alternate retreat for the bishop) 7.g4 (7.Be2 e6 8.g4 Bg6 9.g5 Nd5 10.Nxd5 exd5±) 7...Be6! 8.Be2 (8.g5 Nd5 9.Ne4 g6 10.c4 Nb4 threat: ... Qxd4! 11.Be3 Bg7 12.a3 N4a6±) 8...h6±; 6.Bg5; 6.Nh4 Bg4 7.Qd3 e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Nd5!;



*Ernst playing Sequim's Arik Miller in the 2009 Port Townsend versus Sequim team match. A young Ben Seran is watching. In the background Sequim's Dave Gladwin is playing Mike Murray. Photo credit: Mike Murray.*



6.Bf4; 6.Be3

### 6...e6

Scheerer calls White's sixth "at best inaccurate as after the text, Black has all the advantages of the Ziegler Defense, without having had to temporize with ... c6." (p 207) and this makes all the difference in the world.

### 7.0-0 Be7



Position after 7...Be7

### 8.Ne5

8.Ng5 visually similar to the "Alchemy Variation" is busted too. Black can get away with the same trick as in the above.

8...Bxc2 9.Nxf7 Kxf7 10.Bxe6+ Kxe6 transposing into the line below

### 8...Bxc2! 9.Nxf7! Kxf7!



Position after 9...Kxf7

### 10.Qe2

10.Qxc2 Qxd4+ 11.Be3 Qxc4! White is totally busted. (11...Qxe3+ 12.Kh1± is less convincing, although Black has a slight edge.) 12.Rf4 Qc6! (He says 12...Qa6 13.Ra4 no longer traps the queen as Black has 13...Qc6); After 10.Bxe6+! Kxe6 11.Qxc2 in a practical world, Black should play 11...Kd7! He's a piece up — why give White an open queen file for

a measly pawn? Black has a nice edge: (-0.93) at 30 ply. 12.Qf5+ Ke8 13.Qb5+ Nbd7 14.Bg5 c6! Black gives a pawn for several development tempi 15.Qxb7 Qc8 16.Qb3 Rb8 17.Qe6 looks a bit scary, but 17...Nf8 18.Qe3 Ng6 and Black slowly unravels. 19.Bxf6 (19.Rae1 Rf8 20.h4 Qd7 21.h5 Nxf5± and White has nothing.) 19...gxf6 20.Rxf6 Rxb2±

### 10...Bg6!

10...Qxd4+ is playable, but White ends up with an edge. 11.Kh1 Ke8 12.Rf4 Qc5 13.Qxc2 Nc6±

### 11.Bxe6+ Ke8 12.d5 Rf8 13.Bg5 Nbd7 14.Rae1

Best according to all the engines, but Black still has a big theoretical edge. In practice, the position might be hard to hold. Sam liked 14.Rfe1± but Komodo disagrees and insists on playing 14...Rf7 15.Bxf7+ Kxf7-+

### 14...a6!±

I had used up quite a bit of time and felt I was losing the thread of the position. I actually offered a draw here, and thought



Ernst reviews his game with Greg Freeze in the 2015 Blackmar-Diemer theme tournament in Port Townsend. Photo credit: Mike Murray.

Sam declined. Turns out, he didn't hear it!



Position after 14...a6

## 15.Kh1

Best was 15.d6! cxd6 16.Bxd7+ Qxd7 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Nd5= and we're in lines that are hard to calculate. Many of the engine preferences here are counter-intuitive. 18...Kf8 19.Nb6 Qd8 20.Nxa8 and I would worry about White getting the edge but Komodo says equal, even after 20...Bf7 21.Qe3 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Bf6 23.Nb6 Bxb2

## 15...Nc5 16.Bh3?

16.Bf5 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 Rf7+ and Black is starting to consolidate.

16...Bd3 17.Qe3 Bxf1 18.Qxc5 Bd3 19.Qe3 Bg6 20.Be6 b5 21.a3 Rb8 22.b4 Rb6 23.h3 h6 24.Bh4 Bh7 25.g4 g5 26.Bg3 Bg8 27.Kg2 Bxe6 28.dxe6 Bd6 29.Qd3 Qe7 30.Qg6+ Kd8 31.Qxh6 Bxg3 0-1

Both Sam and Ernie had major health problems, but, tough as nails, faced them with courage and determination. Sam had emphysema, some cancer issues, major hearing problems and osteoporosis. Ernie had diabetes and various cancers. They persevered in active living. Besides chess, Sam did weight training and regularly walked, Ernst fished regularly and quite often would treat Sam and Ingra with a fish he'd caught and smoked.

In his youth in Denmark, Ernst had been a boxer and Greco-Roman wrestler. Ages ago, he'd been in a bar fight in a small Alaska town. He punched a guy in the jaw, breaking the guy's jaw and Ernst's own hand. Turns out, the town had no doctor but it did have a dentist who patched up both of them. About 40 years later, the guy he'd punched showed up in Port Townsend and they had a beer. The guy told Ernst it was the hardest he'd been hit in his life. About a week later, the dentist showed up, and Ernst had a beer with him too. Amazing coincidence.

As Ernst entered his 92nd year, his health and chess strength deteriorated rapidly, and he finally stopped coming to the Thursday night skittles sessions at Sam's. Dennis continued occasionally to play him at Ernst's home up until near

the end, when Ernst finally entered an assisted living facility.

Sam continued to host the chess gathering most Thursdays, although he tended more and more to watch Greg Freeze and me play, rather than directly take part. The week before Sam died, Greg didn't show up, and Sam decided to play. This was his last game.

**Mike Murray –  
Sam Hill [B23]**

G20+3 Sam's house

Port Townsend (R2), August 30, 2018

[Mike Murray]

Sam and I played a couple of G20+3" games on Thursday evening, August 30, 2018, the week before he died. I believe this to be the last game Sam played in his life. He was a true lover of Chess, always eager to review the latest games, and check out the latest books and magazines. Even, toward the end, when he didn't feel up to playing, he kibitzed intently.

## 1.Nc3 c5 2.e4

I always had good results against Sam with the Closed Sicilian, with the consequence that he became intrigued with the opening and took it up himself. This night, he said he wanted to experiment with the Black side, so we played two games with me as White, rather than alternating colors.

## 2...e6

This was the second game that evening. In the earlier one, after Sam played one of the main lines which omitted ...e6 and ...Ne7, he got in some trouble, so here, he decided to get this move in as early as possible.

## 3.g3 g6!? 4.Bg2

White should exploit Black's move order with 4.d4 but I wanted to see how Sam would handle the mainline Closed.

## 4...Ne7 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 b6



Position after 6...b6

## 7.Nf3

Evidently a novelty. The database has a number of games continuing with 7.Qd2 or 7.Nge2

## 7...0-0 8.Qd2 d5 9.exd5

9.Bh6 is also thematic and possibly better,

but probably not by much.

9...Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.d4 c4 12.0-0 Re8 13.Rfe1 Nc6 14.Bg5 Qd7 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Re1 Be6 17.Bh3 Qd7 18.Bxe6 fxe6 19.Bf4 Rf8 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Qf7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Re5 Qf6 24.Qe3 Re8 25.f4



Position after 25.f4

There's no reason Black shouldn't hold this position, but Sam was tired and resigned, saying he didn't feel up to being tortured for forty moves or so. In hindsight, I mused whether I should have offered a draw, but, in 14 years of Thursday night skittles, that's not the way we did things.

## 1-0

The next week, I again showed up for Thursday night chess, but when I arrived, Sam's wife, Ingra, was in the living room with three of her friends. Sam had died a couple hours earlier. He was 86. His last will and testament left detailed instructions for his wake. One of his requests was for me to sing "The Ball of Ballymore," about as obscene an old song as it gets, at the ceremony. I was aghast, but agreed to do it. Fortunately, Ingra looked up the lyrics before the wake and phoned me laughing, "NO WAY!" In consultation with Sam's son, we settled on "The Parting Glass."

Ernst was in assisted living, failing rapidly, when Sam died, and he passed on some weeks after.

Greg and I still play each other regularly, other players come and go. Somebody even started a chess club downtown. But it all feels kind of empty without those two characters.

**Ernst Rasmussen –  
H. Phix [B09]**

Woodpusher Open Tacoma, 1988

[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 Bg7 4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bc4?!

Several other moves are well-known to theory: 6.Bd3; 6.e5; 6.Be3; 6.Be2

## 6...c5

The reason 6.Bc4 is frowned upon: 6...Nxe4 7.Bxf7+ (7.Nxe4 d5 8.Bd3 dxe4



9.Bxe4 c5 is fine for Black, too.) 7...Rxf7 8.Nxe4 is a typical tactic. Black should be satisfied with the opening.

7.e5



Position after 7.e5

7...Ne8? 8.dxc5 Nc6 9.0-0 dxc5 10.Qe1 10.Qxd8 Nxd8 11.Be3 b6 12.Nd5 Nc6 13.Bb5 wins material. But where's the kingside attack?

10...Nc7 11.Be3 b6 12.Rd1 Bd7 13.Ne4 13.f5! Nxe5 (13...gxf5 14.Qh4 e6 15.Bg5+-) 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bg5 Bd4+ (15...Bf6 16.Ne4 Ne8 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.Qh4+-) 16.Rxd4 cxd4 17.Bxe7 Qe8 18.fxg6 hxg6 19.Qh4+-

13...Qc8 14.Neg5?!

14.Qh4±

14...Be6?

14...h6 15.Qh4 Bf5±

15.Qh4 h6 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.f5! g5 18.Qh5 Nf4 19.Bxf4 gxf4 20.f6! exf6 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Qxh6 Bg7

22...Qf5 23.Rd6

23.Qh5 Ne7 24.Ng5

24.Ng5 Qf5 25.Bd3

1-0

**Ernst Rasmussen –  
Jude Acers [D00]**

Simultaneous Tacoma Chess Club, 1971  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 Nxe4 4.Nxe4 dxe4 5.f3 exf3 6.Nxf3 g6 7.Bc4 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.c3 Nd7 10.Ng5?!



Position after 10.Ng5

10...e6?!

10...Nf6=

11.Qf3

11.Rxf7! Rxf7 12.Nxe6! Qf6 13.Ng5 Qf2+ 14.Kh1 Nf6 15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16.Bd2±

11...Nf6 12.Qh3 h6 13.Nf3 e5 14.Qg3 exd4

14...Bf5 15.Nxe5 Ne4±

15.Qxg6 Nd5 16.Qg3 Ne3 17.Bxe3 dxe3 18.Rad1

18.Rae1

18...Qe7 19.Nd4 c5

19...e2! 20.Nxe2 Qc5+ 21.Rd4! Kh8 22.Rf2 Bxd4 23.Nxd4 Qxc4? (23...Bd7 24.b4=) 24.Rf6+-

20.Ne2 Kh8 21.Rf3 b5 22.Rxe3 Qf6

22...Qg5±

23.Rf1

23.Bd5

23...Qb6 24.Rxf7 Rg8 25.Rxg7 Rxg7 26.Re8+ Kh7 27.Bd3+ Rg6 28.Bxg6+ Qxg6 29.Re7+ 1-0

**Robert Routsalainen –  
Ernst Rasmussen [B01]**

Re-print from *NWC* August, 1972 P. 30,  
and translated to algebraic notation by  
Jeffrey Roland in August, 2019.  
[Russell Miller]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 e5

The Bonke Gambit, unknown to modern theory. It must be unsound, but like the Blakmar-Diemer gives good practical chances for the combinative player. It is interesting to note that Black sacrifices a piece after only eleven moves! Ernst writes that he played the gambit in Denmark between 1939 and 1950. He must have had some success with it if he is still playing it today!

3.dxe6 Bxe6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bd3 Qd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3 0-0-0 9.Be3 Nd5 10.Nbd2 h5

The trumpet call, heralding the arrival of the heavy artillery!

11.Ne4 Bg4 12.h3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Kb8



Position after 13...Kb8

Looking at this position, one could quite justifiably conclude that Black has nothing for his pawn. So, he leaves his

bishop hanging for a few moves in order to 'mix it up'. White prepares to capture the intruder, but when he does, finds that he has miscalculated!

14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.e4 f6 16.Qe1 Rh6 17.hxg4??

Better, for example, is b4.

17...hxg4 18.e5 fxe5 19.Nxe5? Rdh8 20.Qg3? Nxe5 21.Qxe5? g3!

And White soon resigned. Played in the true romantic spirit!

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## Ernst Rasmussen — second place World Open under 1900 in 1987

*IM John Donaldson found the following report online and shared it with us for this issue.—Editor.*

BDG Gambit World Vol 5, Nr. 3 Serial 28, October 1987:

## Washingtonian Wallops Wimps at World Open

*In the Trenches with Ernst Rasmussen*

**By Tom Purser**

We never said the BDG would make you rich. Not in the green stuff, anyway. Sure it'll cure warts, shrink hemorrhoids, help you get a good night's sleep. But we never said you'd make much money playing the BDG.

Along comes Ernst Rasmussen.

You know Ernst. He's the salmon fisherman from Washington (the state, not that other place). You've seen his games in these pages before.

Ernst went up to the World Open in Philadelphia this summer and brought back \$2,000. He went 7 for 8 in under 1900 section and tied for second. In fact, he came close to bringing home the \$7000 first prize, needing only a draw in the final round. But a blunder with the Black pieces brought his one loss.

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# Ernst Rasmussen

Art by Rob Rittenhouse

Dear **Oregon** *Northwest Chess* subscribers,

Earlier this year, the Oregon Chess Federation board voted, using obscure logic and without consulting the OCF membership, to withdraw from a decades-old partnership in *Northwest Chess* magazine. They announced the decision as an ultimatum to *Northwest Chess*, demanding that decisions made separately by the NWC board — supported unanimously by the NWC board members, including the OCF President and at-large board representative — be immediately rescinded.

The main complaint listed by the OCF board at the time was that NWC contractors, namely the editor, business manager, and games editor, had received increased compensation. The OCF claimed that all of the previous dues increase had gone to these raises, and that this somehow smacked of impropriety.

Again, both the dues increase (\$5/year) and the increase in compensation were passed unanimously, with both OCF representatives to the NWC board voting in favor. Further, the increase in compensation came after the editor in particular had been working at a reduced rate for seven years, and the percentage of the dues increase going toward this compensation was only roughly half — not all, as claimed by the OCF ultimatum. \$2 of the dues increase in Oregon was going straight to the OCF. Later, OCF President David Yoshinaga tried to claim that this extra membership payment was somehow akin to a bribe(!) — but only after the OCF argued that they were losing money by raising the dues. None of this made any sense.

As we dug deeper, the anti-*Northwest Chess* drive in the OCF board appears to have started with, believe it or not, an OCF board member who is not a resident of Oregon, and was elected and served for several months without being a member of either the OCF or even the state in which he resides. When challenged about his lack of OCF membership, Washington resident Micah Smith finally purchased a membership in the Washington Chess Federation in March 2019, somehow made retroactive to September 2018 (which has not been approved by NWC or WCF board), back-dated to his election to the OCF board. Micah has long wished to keep all chess access as cheap as possible, preferring a Facebook post to a magazine tournament announcement. Perhaps this is the future of chess advertising, but for most of us that day has not yet arrived.

For some reason, Carl Haessler decided that *Northwest Chess* should publicly release regular financial reports, as if it was an Initial Public Offering. When *Northwest Chess* Publisher Duane Polich tried to talk about all this with his old friend Carl, he was rebuffed due to his attempt to bypass the duly-elected President of the OCF. Duane was also chastised for asking David Yoshinaga to leave a NWC board meeting early so the non-Oregon people could talk about how to deal with OCF threats and ultimatums — despite there being no possibility of votes being taken.

Micah says that there is no value in *Northwest Chess*. His argument was then changed up a bit by David Yoshinaga, who stated that “*Northwest Chess* is a magazine, not a benefit.” He has not been willing or able to explain why a magazine cannot be a benefit to members. Indeed, *Northwest Chess* has always been a magazine, and it has been a valued benefit for WCF members for over 70 years now; for OCF members for something like 50 years, and for ICA members intermittently for decades as well. How did the magazine suddenly become “not a benefit?”

We suspect that the driving motivation behind the OCF decision had little to do with benefits, and more to do with the world view that chess organizations should be run by volunteers. The



fact that any of the *Northwest Chess* staff received compensation proved to be a wedge that one or two activists could use to turn the board members against the magazine. The problem, as one can rather easily discover by searching for U.S. state and regional chess publications, is that volunteers burn out quickly when facing the kind of work needed to produce a monthly magazine. All of the volunteer-run magazines have eventually failed. They do not come out on time, they miss issues, and they lack quality. After a relatively short time, they fade away.

*Northwest Chess* has proven remarkably resilient, and is still going strong after 70 years, despite OCF claims and misrepresentations to the contrary.

Russell Miller asked Micah by email, now that you can't join OCF by subscribing to *Northwest Chess*, how do you join OCF? Micah's answer was revealing. He said OCF membership has no value! So wait until you play in a tournament that requires membership, and join only when you have to. Not coincidentally, Micah has been pushing the Portland Chess Club to run their tournaments without required membership in the OCF.

After declaring that nobody values *Northwest Chess*, the OCF then requested a full-page ad for the Oregon Open in the August 2019 issue, and also requested access to the NWC online registration system. Clearly they saw some value in there somewhere. Over the objections of *Northwest Chess* Publisher Duane Polich, who felt we were rewarding childish behavior, the NWC board voted to allow the ad and usage of the registration service... this time. The ad was accepted at the old ad rates — rates for non-affiliated organizations will, however, be raised dramatically immediately following the Oregon Open.

**By all means, play in the Oregon Open if you can (see the ad on page 19), but also please attend the OCF annual meeting on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 4:30PM. If you feel there is value in *Northwest Chess*, go to the meeting and share your perspective with the OCF board. Tell them to rescind the vote they took in December 2018 and rejoin *Northwest Chess*.**

Tell them *Northwest Chess* is a great value; that you use its tournament advertising to plan your playing schedule; that you enjoy seeing Brian Berger's weather reports, dog updates, cartoons, and occasional tournament stories; that the terrific Oregon State Champion report by Jason Cigan in the May 2019 issue was one of the best things you've seen in print; that you like the chance to see your name, picture, and maybe chess games published in the voice of historical chess record for the Pacific Northwest region. Without *Northwest Chess*, you might not have attended this tournament. Without *Northwest Chess*, there is little benefit to having an Oregon Chess Federation at all.

Thank you for your attention.

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Seattle Chess Classic



**August 14-18, 2019**

**Seattle Chess Club**

2150 North 107th Street  
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A 9-round Swiss in two sections: Open and Reserve U1800.

**Entry fees:** Open: \$150 by 8/7, \$175 after or at site. Reserve: \$100 by 8/7, \$125 after or at site. Free entry for GM/IM/WGM or US Chess Rating 2400+.

## **Schedule:**

<b>Wednesday 8/14</b>	Registration & Round 1	6:00-6:45pm & 7pm
<b>Thursday 8/15</b>	Rounds 2 & 3	11am & 6pm
<b>Friday 8/16</b>	Rounds 4 & 5	11am & 6pm
<b>Saturday 8/17</b>	Rounds 6 & 7	11am & 6pm
<b>Sunday 8/18</b>	Rounds 8 & 9	11am & 6pm
<b>Sunday 8/18</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 2019 supplement or foreign ratings used at TD discretion. Both sections US Chess rated, Open section also FIDE rated. Maximum capacity of 60 players.

**Prizes:** (\$4000 based on 60 paid entries)

Open: 1<sup>st</sup> \$600, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$450, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$300 1<sup>st</sup> U2400/U2200/U2000: \$200

Reserve: 1<sup>st</sup> \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$300, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$200 1<sup>st</sup> U1600/U1400/U1200: \$125

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**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/>.

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

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



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

## August 31-September 2, 2019

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**FORMAT:** 6-round US Chess rated Swiss in four sections, Open, U2000, U1600, and U1200. The official **September** 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. **The Open section has one schedule, 3-day. The other sections have 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, the first three rounds of the 2-day schedule are played at G/60;d10. **Please bring a digital clock as well as a set and board (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 the end of the day on Thursday, August 29, \$135 on-site. Free entry for GM's and IM's if pre-registered by August 29 (up to \$105 is deducted from any prize won). Players under the age of 19 in the U1200 section may pay a lower rate, \$25 if pre-registered by August 29, \$35 on-site, and compete for trophies instead of cash prizes. **US Chess membership through the dates of the tournament is required for all players. Oregon Chess Federation (OCF) membership through the dates of the tournament is required for Oregon residents.**

**REGISTRATION: Please pre-register.** To pre-register, we must **receive** your registration information at [nwchess.com/online/registration](http://nwchess.com/online/registration) **and** your entry fee and US Chess membership fee (if applicable) either online or through the mail by the end of the day on Thursday, August 29. If you don't pre-register, on-site registration is available from 9-10:30am on Saturday for the 3-day schedule and 8-8:45am on Sunday for the 2-day schedule (only cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club is accepted on-site).

### OPEN SECTION PRIZES:

1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>: \$1500-900-600; **U2200:** \$500-325-225

### U2000 SECTION PRIZES:

1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>: \$500-325-225; **U1800:** \$500-325-225

### U1600 SECTION PRIZES:

1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>: \$500-325-225; **U1400:** \$500-325-225

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1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>: \$500-325-225; **U1000:** \$325-225 **Unr:** \$150

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**OTHER:** The tournament is an Oregon, US Chess, and US Chess Junior Grand Prix event, qualifier for the Championship and Challengers sections of the Oregon Closed, and qualifier for the 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 any questions.

**SIDE EVENTS: Scholastic-**see information at [pdxchess.org](http://pdxchess.org). **Blitz-**registration runs from 3-3:20pm on Sunday. Play starts at 3:30pm 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 in the hotel parking garage. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a special chess rate of \$111 plus tax for a single and \$121 plus tax for a double. **The rate lasts until the block of rooms sell out or until Friday, August 9, whichever comes first.** Call 1-800-996-0510 to reserve a hotel room.

# More Games From Washington Open

More games from 2019 Washington Open.—Jeffrey Roland, Editor.

**Advaita Vijayakumar (1878) – Roland Feng (2459) [E18]**  
WA Open 2019 Lynnwood, WA (R1), May 25, 2019  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Bf4 a6

9...Na6 10.Rc1 c5 is reasonably well traveled.

10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 b5 12.Nxd7

White chooses the forcing line to cash in the positional edge right away.

12...Qxd7



Position after 12...Qxd7

13.Bxc7

13.Na4!? aims to occupy c5: 13...Rac8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Rxc5±; 13.Ne4!? can be played with a different idea: 13...c6 14.Ng5 h6 15.Nf3 perhaps plotting the



Roland Feng.  
Photo credit: Sten Petrov.

path even further to d3 to keep watch on all the key dark squares.

13...Rac8

13...Qxc7 14.Nxd5 Qd7!? (14...Qd8 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Bxb7 Ra7. Black regains one pawn, but the attacking chances offered by opposite bishops, plus the extra center pawn, means only White can play for a win.) 15.Rc7 (15.Nb6 doesn't promise White anything. 15...Qd6 16.Nxa8 (or 16.Bxb7 Qxb6 (16...Rab8? 17.Nc8+-) 17.Bxa8 Rxa8∞) 16...Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rxa8∞) 15...Qxc7 16.Nxc7 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Ra7 18.Nxa6 Rxa6, with a highly unusual Q+3 vs RBN.

14.Bf4 Rc4 15.b3 Rc6 16.Qd3 Ba3 17.Rcd1 Rfc8 18.Bd2 Bb2 19.Nb1 Ne4 20.Bf4 b4 21.Bxe4 dxe4 22.Qxe4



Position after 22.Qxe4

22...Rh6

22...Rc4! 23.Qe3 (23.Qxb7 Qxb7 24.bxc4 Rxc4±) 23...Bxd4 24.bxc4 Qh3 25.Qf3 Bxf3 26.exf3 Rxc4±

23.d5 Rh5 24.f3 a5 25.g4 Rxd5 26.Rxd5 Bxd5 27.Qd3 Be6 28.Qxd7 Bxd7 29.Rd1 Be6 30.Bc7?

30.Nd2∞ is a tougher defense to crack.



Position after 30.Bc7

30...a4! 31.Rd8+? Rxd8 32.Bxd8 Bxb3! 33.axb3 a3 34.Nxa3 bxa3 35.b4 a2 36.b5 a1Q+ 37.Kg2 Qd1 0-1

**Roland Feng (2459) – Ignacio Perez (2207) [D34]**  
WA Open 2019 Lynnwood, WA (R6), May 27, 2019  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 h6 8...0-0 is by far the most popular move here.

9.Bf4

9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 Be7 11.Be3 0-0 12.Rc1 has been played.

9...0-0 10.Rc1 Be6



Position after 10...Be6

11.Nb5

11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Qd3 Rc8 13.a3 a6 14.Rfd1 seems reasonably balanced.

11...g5 12.Be3 a6 13.Nc3 Ng4 14.Bd2 cxd4 15.Na4 f5!?

15...Re8

16.Nc5

16.Qb3

16...Bxc5 17.Rxc5 Qd6

17...Nf6!?, heading to e4 with tempo.

18.Rc2?!

18.b4; 18.Rc1

18...Rf7

18...f4±

19.Be1 f4

19...d3!?

20.Nxd4 Bd7



Position after 20...Bd7

21.Nxc6

21.Bc3 Re8 22.Rd2±

21...bxc6 22.Bc3 fxc3 23.hxc3 Qg6 24.Bf3 Kh7 25.Bxg4 Bxg4 26.f3 Raf8

26...Bf5!? 27.Rc1 Qd6

27.Bb4 Bf5 28.Rd2 Rb8 29.Rd4 Qe6 30.g4 Bg6 31.Qd2 Re8 32.Rf2 Bb1 33.a3 Qg6 34.Qc1 Ba2 35.Bc5 Bc4 36.Qd1 a5 37.Rd2 Kg8 38.Rh2 Rf6

38...Rb7!? 39.b4 axb4 40.axb4 Ra8

39.e3 Qf7 40.Rh3 Rfe6



40...a4

41.Qe1 Qf4?!

41...Rf6

42.Kg2

42.Qb1 Qf7 43.Rdh2 Qg7 44.Kf2

42...Bb5

42...Rxe3 43.Bxe3 Rxe3 44.Qg3 Qf8 with some compensation for the exchange.

43.Rd1?

43.Rf2 Qc4 44.Qc3±; 43.exf4 Rxe1 44.Kg3±



Position after 43.Rd1

43...Qa4?

Black misses the shot 43...Rxe3! 44.Bxe3 Rxe3 45.Qg3 (45.Qxa5 Be2 and White must take a perpetual.) 45...Re2+ 46.Kg1 Qxg3+ 47.Rxg3 Rxb2.

44.Qd2 Rf6 45.Bd4 Rfe6 46.Rdh1 Kh7

46...Qc4 47.Kg3 c5 48.Rc1 Qd3 (48...Qxc1 49.Qxc1 cxd4 50.exd4) 49.Qxd3 Bxd3 50.Rxc5+-

47.Kg3 c5



Position after 47...c5

48.Rxh6+! Rxh6 49.Rxh6+ Kg8 50.b3

50.Qh2

50...Qxb3 51.e4 Rxe4 52.Qxg5+ 1-0

David Bragg (2210) –  
Joseph Frantz (2048) [D85]  
WA Open 2019 Lynnwood, WA  
(R6), May 27, 2019  
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Be2 c5 9.Rb1 b6

9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qxa2 12.0-0 is a popular line.; 9...Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 (10...Bxc3+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Na5 13.h4 should be fun for somebody.) 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bc7∞

10.0-0 Ba6

This is new. The similar 10...Bb7 11.Qd3 Ba6 has some adherents, though.

11.Bg5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Rfd1 h6



Position after 14...h6

15.d5! hxg5

15...Na5 16.Bd2±

16.dxc6 Qc7 17.Rbc1 Rad8

17...g4 18.Ne1±

18.Nxg5 Bd4 19.h4 Rd6

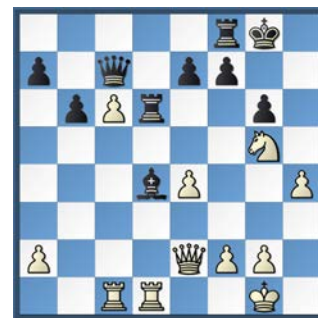
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20.Qc4

20.h5!? Rxc6 21.Rxc6 Qxc6 22.e5 (22.Nxf7 e5∞) 22...a5 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Rxd4±

20...Bc5 21.Rxd6 exd6??

21...Qxd6 22.Rc3 Qxc6∞



Position after 19...Rd6

22.Qd5 Re8



Position after 22...Re8

23.Rc3

23.h5! Re5 (23...gxh5 24.Qf5+-) 24.hxg6! Rxd5 25.gxf7+ Kf8 26.Ne6+-

23...Re5 24.Qb3 d5 25.Rxc5?

The exchange sac fails to work as intended. Instead, White can take advantage of the weakness of f7 to work a pin on the d-pawn: 25.Rd3! Qxc6 (25...dxe4? 26.Rd7+-) 26.g3 (Or 26.Rxd5 Rxd5 27.exd5 Qf6 28.Qf3.) 26...Be7 27.exd5 Qd6 28.Nf3 Rf5 29.Kg2±

25...bxc5 26.Qb7 Qxb7 27.cxb7 Re8 28.exd5 Rb8 29.g4 Rxb7 30.Ne4 Rb4 31.f3 Rd4 32.g5 Kf8 33.d6 c4 34.Kf2 Rd3 35.Ke2 Ra3 36.d7 Rd3 37.f4 Rxd7 0-1

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*Avni Murarka plays on the large chess set on the hotel foyer. Photo Credit: Sten Petrov.*

# Washington Women's Championship

September 13-15, 2019

**Highest finishing Washington resident seeded into the Premier Section of the 2020 Washington State Championship.**

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

**Format:** A one-section 5-Round Swiss. Open to all female chess players. Dual US Chess & FIDE rated.

**Time Control:** Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment added after each move. US Chess September 2019 rating supplement will be used to determine pairings and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

**Prize Fund:** \$750 (based on 25 paid entries).  
1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 1st  
U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000: \$60

**Entry Fee:** \$50 if postmarked or online by 9/8, \$60 after 9/8 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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# ICA Players' Memorial

By Jef Leifeste

Mountain Home, ID—June 22, 2019

It seems difficult to believe, but the ICA Players' Memorial took place on the second day of summer — Saturday, June 22. The Mountain Home Public Library generously allowed us to take over their common area for the day where 19 players competed for Idaho Chess Association swag-like certificates for free memberships and tournaments. It was a good mix of players with half being rated over 1000, some adults, mostly teens, a few youngsters and three females.

Mountain Home was well represented with John Glenn and Chris Pentico. From the eastern side of the state came Nobel Ang and Porter Nilsson. The bulk of the players were the usual suspects from Boise and the surrounding areas like Forrest Zeng, Justin He and Alyssa Montano. The format was four rounds Swiss with game in 30. Jef Leifeste was the tournament director and received valuable assistance from his wife, Jennifer, and Alyssa's mother, Crystal Montano.

John Glenn started on board one and got Porter Nilsson in the first round. However, John's fortunes turned in round two when Bryce Leifeste prevailed. Bryce stayed on board one for the duration, culminating in a tough draw with Finn Belew. Bryce came away with a clean first place with 3.0/4 points. Four players finished with 3.0/4, but on tiebreak it was Nobel Ang in second, John Glenn in third, and Forrest Zeng in fourth.

**Bryce Leifeste (1414) –  
John Glenn (1842) [D02]**

ICA Players' Memorial  
Mountain Home, ID (R2), June 22, 2019  
[Ralph Dubisch]

**1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6**

Black chooses to shut in the light-square bishop right away. There are other ideas, including 2...Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 Bf5.

**3.Nf3 Bd6**

Another type of standard position in this opening can be reached via 3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bd3.

**4.Bg3 Nf6 5.e3 0-0 6.c3 Nbd7**

6...c5

**7.Nbd2 Ne4 8.Bd3**

8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Nd2 f5 10.Nc4±

**8...Bxg3?!**



Bryce Leifeste. Photo credit: Jennifer Leifeste.

Opening the h-file is a bit problematic. 8...f5 is thematic here and on the next move, solidifying e4 and reducing White's kingside attacking prospects.

**9.hxg3 Ndf6?**

9...f5

**10.Qc2**

10.Ne5! and if 10...Nxd2 (10...h6 11.g4 is also a big attack.) 11.Bxh7+ Nxh7 12.Qh5 Re8 13.Qxf7+ Kh8 14.Ng6#

**10...h6**

No doubt it was only here that Black realized he couldn't bail out with 10...Nxd2 due to the in-between check 11.Bxh7+ Kh8 12.Kxd2+—

**11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qxd5**

The exchange of queens when up a pawn fits with the general rule to exchange pieces with a material advantage. However, White can build an even bigger advantage keeping the queens on to build the center with tempo: 14.Qc2 b5 (14...f5 15.c4) 15.e4 Qd8 16.g4 f6 17.0-0-0

**14...exd5 15.0-0-0**

15.Kd2

**15...Bf5**

15...f6

**16.Nh4**

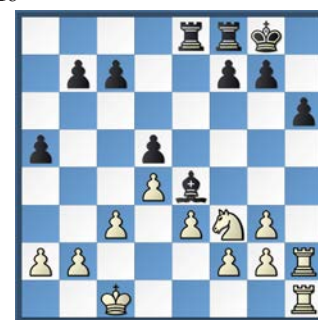
16.Rh5!?

**16...Bh7 17.Rh2 Rae8 18.Rdh1 a5 19.Nf3**

The proper unit to use as a can-opener on g5 is, of course, a pawn. 19.g4! Now if 19...Re4? (19...f6 holds up the advance.) 20.g5 hxg5 21.Nf3+—

**19...Be4**

19...f6



Position after 19...Be4

**20.Ng5?**

Overlooking the tactic that wins g2. Good thing White had an extra pawn to start with! Much better, and more to the point, is 20.Ne5 Re7 21.Kd2±

**20...Bxg2 21.Rxg2 hxg5 22.Rgh2 f6 23.Kd2 Kf7 24.Ke2 g4?!**

24...a4

**25.Rh4?!**

25.Rh5 c6 26.c4

**25...Re4?!**

25...b5, since the g-pawn isn't really attacked: 26.Rxg4? g5+

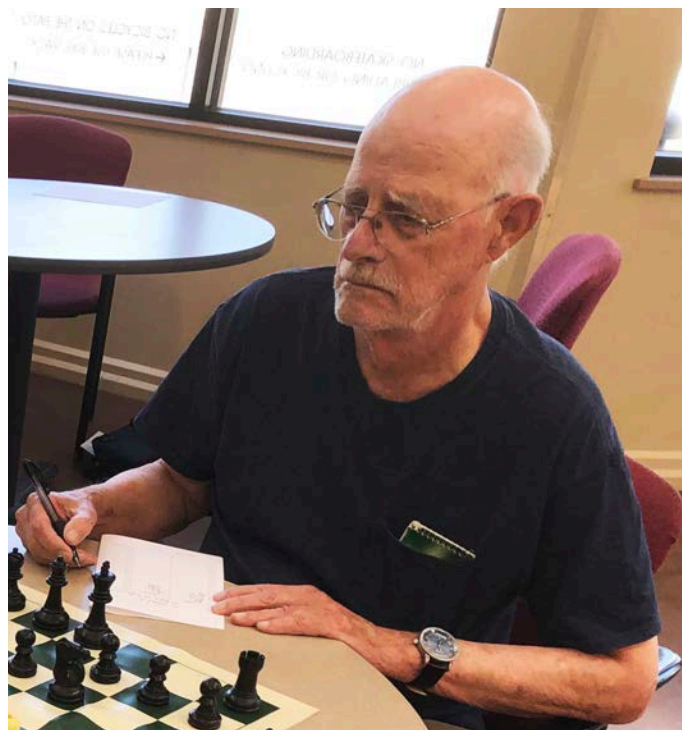
**26.Rh5 c6**

26...Rd8 27.c4 dxc4 28.Rc5 (28.Rxa5





Nobel Ang. Photo credit: Jennifer Leifeste.



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Rdx4 29.Ra7 c3! 30.bxc3 Ra4 31.Rxb7  
Rxa2+ 32.Kd3 Re7 33.Rf1 Ke6 $\mp$ ) 28...c6  
29.Rxc4 $\pm$

**27.Kd3**

27.c4 dxc4 28.Rxa5 Rd8 29.Rd1

**27...b5 28.b3 Kg6?**

28...Rb8! 29.c4 (29.Rh8 Rxh8 30.Rxh8  
Re8) 29...bxc4+ 30.bxc4 Rb2 31.cxd5  
cxd5 32.Rxd5 Re7 33.Rxa5 Rxf2 34.a4  
Rf3 35.Re1 Rxg3

**29.c4**

Now open files on the queenside tend to  
accrue to White, due to the misplaced  
rook on e4.

**29...f5 30.cxd5 cxd5 31.R5h2**

31.Rh8

**31...Rc8**

31...b4 32.Rc1 Re6 33.Rc5 Rd8 34.Rh1  
Ra6 35.a4 bxa3 36.Ra1 $\pm$ ; 31...Ree8  
32.Rc1 Rc8 33.Re5 $\pm$

**32.Rh8 Ree8 33.Rxe8 Rxe8 34.Rc1 Rh8**

34...a4 35.Rc6+! A small finesse to  
misplace the black king. 35...Kg5 36.Rc5  
axb3 37.axb3 Ra8 38.Rxd5 Ra2 39.e4 g6  
(39...Rxf2 40.Rxf5+ Rxf5 41.exf5 Kxf5  
42.b4 g6 43.Ke3 g5 44.Kd3+-) 40.Ke3  
b4 41.Rb5 Rb2 42.Rxb4 fxe4 43.Rb5+  
Kf6 44.b4+-

**35.Rc5 Rh2 36.Ke2 Rh1**

36...a4 37.Rxd5 axb3 38.axb3 Rh1  
39.Rxb5+-

**37.Rxb5 1-0**



(L-R) Jennifer Leifeste, Jef Leifeste. Photo credit: Sierra Leifeste.

# The 2019 Buz Eddy / Glen Buckendorf Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

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Ahhh June. The start of summer, the longer, usually warmer days. All the outdoor activities beckon. Chess attendance sometimes drops as a result. Hard to gauge this year, with the turmoil and loss of Oregon events, but the Seattle events in June look similar in turn-out to the two previous months, if you don't include the 207 at the Washington Open. There were four events in June, all in Seattle. These included the usual monthly quads and tornado, a new event, the Hi-Roller Octagonal, and the annual Emerald City Open. There were a total of 73 entries in these events. There were no events in Idaho.

Lacking any activity in Idaho or Spokane, you would expect little change in the Idaho standings, and you would be right. But ratings march on and many people moved up a class last month, including one of the Idaho leaders. Jonathan Geyman moved from first in Class B to a very close second in Class M/X/A, trailing Michael Cambareri by just a half point. This moving up theme also occurred in other standings as well. In Washington, there were five leaders who now find themselves in a higher class. Minda Chen has gone from fourth in Class A to third in the Expert Class. Brian Lee left fourth in Class B to take over first in Class A. Two people moved from Class C to Class B, Felicity Wang from third C to fourth B and Anand Gupta from second C to fifth B. (I seem to be the biggest beneficiary there, as my two closest competitors in Class C have just left me.) Finally, Rishabh Chinni has moved from fourth in Class D to fifth in Class C. Even in the "Other Places" category, three Oregonians, Michael Moore, Pace Lykins and Arnold Yang, all moved up a class.

July had three events, again all in Seattle, including the 2x Seattle Seafair Open. See next month's chart for the effects of these events. Looking to August (appropriate for the August edition), we see four more events, the SCC Quads the first weekend, followed the second weekend by the Vancouver Open, an event with a 3x multiplier. The third week offers two choices, the Spokane Falls Open, a short walk from the falls at the Gonzaga University Jepson Center (with free coffee and cookies!), and the Seattle Chess Classic, a five-day, nine-round event carrying a 4x multiplier, being held at the Seattle Chess Club. The two multiplier events are both sponsored by the Washington Chess Federation.

All data below current through July 1.

## 2019 Memorial Northwest Grand Prix Standings

Idaho			Washington			Other Places						
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.			
			Masters									
			1	Pupols	Viktors	56.5	1	Raptis	Nick	OR	19.5	
			2	Schill	William J	53.5	2	Donaldson	W John	CA	18.0	
			2	Haining	Kyle	48.0						
			4	Truelson	Joseph	48.0						
			5	Three Tied at		45.0						
M/X/Class A			Experts									
1	Cambareri	Michael E	29.5	1	Frantz	Joseph K	50.0	1	Nair	Roshen S	OR	42.0
2	Geyman	Jonathan P	29.0	2	Arganian	David G	45.0	1	Huang	Patrick W	CAN	42.0
3	Bodie	Brad	15.0	3	Chen	Minda	40.0	3	Omori	Michael J	HI	36.0
4	Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	4	Mahajan	Rushaan	39.0	3	Tang	Zoey	OR	36.0
5	Maki	James J	9.0	4	Nguyen	Thanh T	39.0	5	Moore	Michael	OR	33.0
Class B			Class A									
1	Herr	Griffin G	24.0	1	Lee	Brian	63.0	1	Pitre	H G	CA	36.0
2	Daigle	Adrian P	18.0	2	Casey	Garrett W	60.0	2	Sripada	Havish	OR	33.0
3	Martonick	Nick	15.0	Kurungod				2	Murray	David E	OR	30.0
4	Derryberry	Dewayne R	9.5	3	Anoop	Pranav	49.5	4	Vega	Isaac	OR	30.0
5	Kitterman	Andrew N	6.5	4	Whale	Nicholas M	42.0	4	McClain	Jack W	OR	27.0
				5	Kaelin	Alex	41.0					



Idaho			Washington			Other Places			
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.
<b>Class C</b>			<b>Class B</b>						
1 Booth	Tom R	6.0	1 Buck	Stephen J	99.5	1 Kodarapu	Ishaan K	OR	39.0
2 Porth	Desmond	5.5	2 Anthony	Ralph J	88.0	2 Wu	Abbie	OR	33.0
2 Leifeste	Bryce	5.5	3 Lainson	Silas	73.0	2 Qu	Jayden	CAN	33.0
4 Zeng	Forrest	5.0	4 Wang	Felicity	67.0	4 Stacey	Darren	MT	26.0
4 Ang	Ching-E N	5.0	5 Gupta	Anand	62.5	5 Tang	Austin	OR	24.0
<b>Class D</b>			<b>Class C</b>						
1 Porth	Adam	17.5	1 Varner	Murlin E	82.0	1 Yang	Arnold T	OR	48.0
2 Glass	Evan M	12.0	2 Johnson	Cleveland R	61.5	2 Lykins	Pace	OR	36.0
3 Merry	William A F	10.5	3 Oliver	George	59.5	3 Lykins	Chad	MT	30.0
3 Bodie	Arlene	10.5	4 Li	Edward	57.0	4 Morrissey	Patrick W	UT	27.0
5 Shepard	River C	8.5	5 Chinni	Rishabh	53.5	5 Strong	Murray		13.5
<b>Class E and Below</b>			<b>Class D And Below</b>						
1 Porth	Darwin A	14.5	1 Ruff	Lois A	78.0	1 Sripathi	Prajna	OR	39.0
2 Daigle	Micah J	12.0	Hamilton-Sommer	Miles T	61.5	2 Sripada	Anisha	OR	36.0
2 Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	3 Puri	Rishay	60.5	3 Rickert	Samuel	OR	33.0
4 Callen	Gregory D	9.0	4 Karukayil	Johan	53.0	4 Morrissey	Christopher	OR	30.0
5 Su	Darren	8.5	5 Johar	Mudit	52.0	4 Yang	Arthur T	CA	30.0
<b>Overall Leaders, by State</b>									
1 Cambareri	Michael E	29.5	1 Buck	Stephen J	99.5	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	29.0	2 Anthony	Ralph J	88.0				
3 Herr	Griffin G	24.0	3 Varner	Murlin E	82.0				
4 Daigle	Adrian P	18.0	4 Ruff	Lois A	78.0				
5 Porth	Adam	17.5	5 Lainson	Silas	73.0				
6 Bodie	Brad	15.0	6 Wang	Felicity	67.0				
6 Martonick	Nick	15.0	7 Lee	Brian	63.0				
8 Porth	Darwin A	14.5	8 Gupta	Anand	62.5				
9 Glass	Evan M	12.0	9 Johnson	Cleveland R	61.5				
9 Daigle	Micah J	12.0	Hamilton-Sommer	Miles T	61.5				
9 Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	11 Puri	Rishay	60.5				
12 Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	12 Casey	Garrett W	60.0				
12 Bodie	Arlene	10.5	13 Johnson	Cleveland R	25.5				

## From the Business Manager

The \$25 non-member subscription option has been extended until September 16 – two weeks after the Oregon Open. (WA residents should still choose option with membership.)



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Event Registration



### Fright Night Events

Dates	Description	Rounds
8/2,8/9,8/16,8/23	G45 Duel/G15+2 Rapids/Fischer Random Chess (Chess960)	2/4/3

### Scholastic Event

Dates	Description	Rounds
8/4	Transformers G45;d5	4

### PNWCC USCF Open

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

### PNWCC FIDE Open Tournaments

Dates	Theme	Featured GM's	Rounds
8/30-9/2	Endgame	GM Irina Krush and GM Victor Mikhalevski	7

### PNWCC GM Camps

Dates	Level	Coach	Days
8/5-8/9	Intermediate	GM Melik Khachiyan	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.**

# Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

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

## Seattle Fall Open

**September 20-22 or 21-22**

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 9/18, \$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.

 **Aug 3 New Date, Sept 7**

**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.

**Saturday Quads** 

 **Sept 1 New Date, Sept 29**

**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.

**Sunday Tornado** 

**Oct 6**

**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:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

**SCC Novice**

## SCC Championship

**Sept. 6, 13, 27; Oct. 4, 11, 25; Nov. 1**

**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.

## SCC Adult Swiss

**#2**

**August 24-25, 2019**

A four-round Swiss open to those born before 8/26/1998 with a guaranteed prize fund of \$225 (five per prize group).

<b>First</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>Second</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>U2000</b>	<b>\$32</b>
<b>U1800</b>	<b>\$32</b>
<b>U1600</b>	<b>\$31</b>
<b>U1400/Unr</b>	<b>\$30</b>

**Time Control:** G/120; +30.

**Entry Fees:** Free for SCC members. Others — \$10.

**Registration:** Sat. 10-10:45 a.m. **Rounds:** 11-4:30, 11-4:30.

**Byes:** 1 (Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

**Miscellaneous:** US Chess & WCF/ICA membership 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](mailto:info@westchess.com) if any questions.

 **Aug 10-11 Vancouver Open, Vancouver, WA.** See Half-Page Ad on page 9.

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

 **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](mailto:jdstripes@gmail.com).

**Aug 31-Sep 2 69th Annual Oregon Open, Portland, OR.** See Full-Page Ad on page 19.

**Sep 13-15 Washington Women's Championship, Seattle, WA.** See Half-Page Ad on page 22.

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