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Editorial

A reason offered for the shocking withdrawal from *Northwest Chess* by the Oregon Chess Federation was that people would avoid tournaments due to the forced extra cost of the magazine subscription. People who might otherwise play in only one or two events a year, it was argued, wouldn't get enough value from the \$30 cost — this apparently sees only the “value” of being allowed to play in events, while ignoring the value of receiving an award-winning publication every month.

But really the entire idea that forcing people to subscribe somehow costs tournament entries is quite baffling. First, there has always been a reduced-cost tournament membership option for those that really only play once or twice a year and prefer not to subscribe to the magazine for whatever reason. Second, without the magazine, many players won't easily find out about upcoming events.

One Oregon organizer tells us he doesn't personally see much point in paying for advertising in a print magazine, and would prefer to just list his events on his chess club website.

Expecting folks to go check a website for tournaments is a pipedream; it may apply to a small subset of dedicated club members and weekly chess addicts, but those who aren't already virtually certain to show up every week won't get around to doing a website check, and they are the ones who won't be showing up to events.

That's really the theory of advertising. Seeing the ad inspires action. People seeking the product don't need the ad to act. People who refuse the product don't want the ad. It's the undecided, the uncommitted, that are influenced.

Announcing events only on a chess club website will only reach those already seeking the product. So the very small number of extreme cheapskates who refuse to play due only to the extra forced cost of the magazine must be more than balanced by the fact that potential players see an ad in the magazine that comes to their mailbox, and they actually show up.

One of the responsibilities of a state chapter, according to the US Chess regulations regarding state affiliates, is to maintain a newsletter to communicate with its members. By withdrawing from *Northwest Chess*, the Oregon Chess Federation appears to be abrogating that responsibility. By choosing not to cover their events in the magazine, they diminish their tournaments' historical importance. By choosing not to advertise in the regional publication of record, delivered directly to members' mailboxes, they surely damage their own attendance.

What a sad, short-sighted decision.

—Jeffrey Roland (Editor) and Ralph Dubisch (Games Editor)

Letter To The Editor

(In response to "Letter To Oregon Northwest Chess subscribers" August 2019 Issue)

Three comments.

First, now as for the past 20 years, I do contract bookkeeping and staff accounting for small to mid-sized non-profit organizations in the Portland area. From this perspective I can say that certain services must be provided by paid vendors and/or employees in order to get reliable competent service over time. That's just the way it is. I'll go with Northwest Chess Magazine being an example of such. Done on a volunteer basis, almost certainly it would fade and die. Down that road is a barely functional website, which I think would have an eventual inevitable negative effect on tournament attendance.

Second, publication of basic P&L and Balance Sheet information, probably on an annual basis, is a good idea. If this is not being done presently, it does need to be pursued. These would not be audited financial statements, which are too expensive, but rather the board saying, we've looked at these numbers. This fresh air and sunshine has a positive invigorating effect throughout the organization and upon those involved. First thing is to get the organization on Quickbooks if it is not already. Definitely Quickbooks, please just trust me on this. Chess groups are almost certain to have more than their share of way-too-clever people who will go, hey, I can do this in Excel. Not. Or likewise know-it-all's thrilled by the latest alternative to Quickbooks. Quickbooks has sold many tens of millions of copies because it is by far the best, and it is dumb to use anything else.

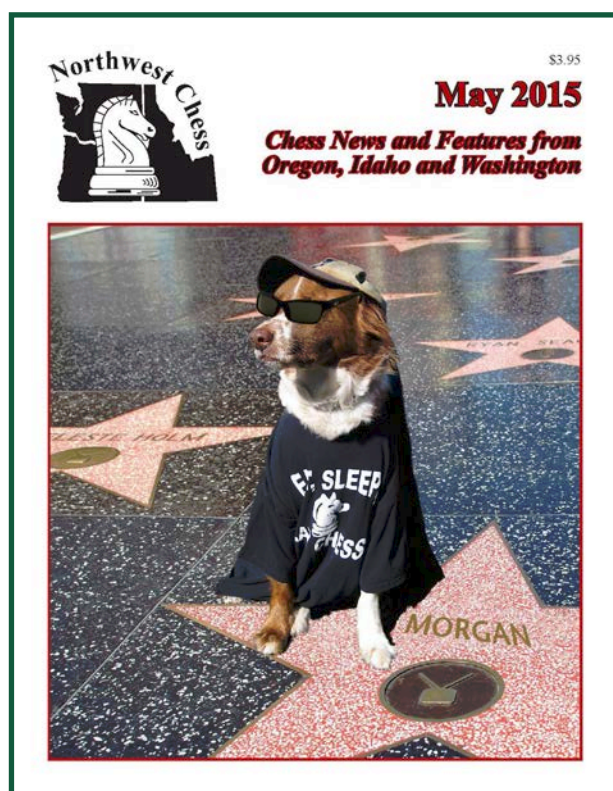
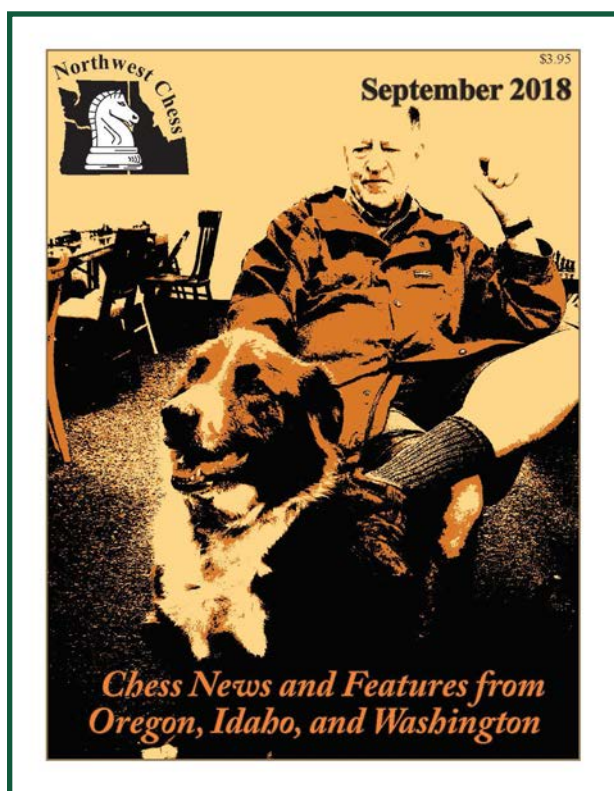
BTW I'm not hustling above for a job. I have plenty of work. I'm just pointing out the obvious. Nor do I miss the fame and fortune of being associated with articles about Morgan The Adventure Dog. Months ago Brian Berger asked me, hey, Jerry, I want to run with this some, is that OK. I told him, sure, what the heck, go for it if you think it's good for chess in the Northwest, but really I'm fine however it plays out. Brian hit something there, who can deny. After a recent three-day tournament in the Seattle area, by Monday afternoon Morgan actually wanted to sleep in the car, having had all these fans coming up over several days to pet him. The Morgan Effect on tournament attendance? Who can say. I like to go with $\geq 3\%$.

Third, I think the era of hard copy magazines for craft and interest groups is by no means over. There are hundreds, even thousands, of such publications doing just fine out there. As an example, I subscribe to the Northwest Steam Society, and get their magazine. Then the decision was made a few months ago, without a lot of discussion nor input from members, to put it on the internet as a PDF. Then within a couple of months, how about that, it was back as a hard copy. I expect I'll find out the details eventually, but I'm guessing a lot of the members, quite a few of them tough grumpy retired Boeing engineers, went hey, what, where's my magazine, and raised a ruckus. I'm visualizing some heavy politically-savvy Don't-Mess-With-Me-I-Survived-Boeing table-pounding. For every person who thinks hard copy magazines are soooooo yesterday, I think one can find dozens or more who go, uh, so what, I like getting my hard copy magazine.

I think money spent on the hard copy magazine is money well spent. Frankly I would recommend magazine staff be paid more, even much more, as affordable. I think the existence of the hard copy magazine does have a positive effect on tournament attendance and more broadly upon the growth of interest in and participation in chess in the Northwest.

Best,

Jerry Richards



First North Idaho Championship

By Adam Porth

Coeur d'Alene, ID—July 20-21, 2019

To travel to southern Idaho for the Idaho Closed State Championship is too far for chess players in the North. Consequently, the opportunity to become the Champion in the North is an opportunity for Idaho's top-rated players to compete in an important titled tournament. Despite this, only nine Coeur d'Alene-area players showed up and played some grand games against Expert-rated player Michael Cambareri (2027).

Michael Cambareri is the Spokane Chess Club President and the second-highest-rated player in Idaho. The top-rated player, NM Jim Maki, visited to observe some games and longed to play, but enjoyed watching Michael topple challenger after challenger as Michael Cambareri won with a perfect 4.0.

There were four G/120 rounds over two days played at Calypso's Coffee Roasters in Coeur d'Alene in their "S.M.A.R.T. Room." The tournament also featured representatives in other classes and notable upsets, included ICA President Adam Porth (1386) beating CDA Chess Club player Sam Rainey (1680). In the final round both Presidents, Adam and Michael, played an interesting game where Michael blundered a bishop but capitalized on the poor piece coordination of Adam Porth.



L-R: Kevin Eaton, Sam Rainey, Jonathan Geyman. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

Another nail-biting game was played by Jonathan Geyman (1835) and Michael in round three where Jonathan was playing with a queen and a minor piece against two rooks. Michael likes to play exciting games that challenge him to find shocking end-game moves to win games. At least that was the case in the 2019 North Idaho Championship!

Michael Cambareri won \$30 and commemorative plaque. Jonathan Geyman won \$22 in second place overall,

Griffin Herr won \$15 for first place Class B, Adam Porth won \$15 for first place Class D, Darwin Porth won \$15 for first place Class F, and Kevin Eaton won \$15 for first place unrated.

Please look for more tournaments in the Coeur d'Alene area at idahochessassociation.com, spokanechessclub.org, and cdachess.com in the upcoming months.

**Adam Porth (1386) –
Michael Cambareri (2013) [C56]**
North Idaho Championship
Coeur d'Alene, ID (4), 21.07.2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Bb4+ 7.c3 dxc3 8.Nxc3
d6 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Be6 11.Bb5 Bd7
12.Nd5 Nxd5??

12...Bc5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.e5

13.exd5 Ne7 14.Bxd7+ Qxd7 15.Qd4
0-0-0 16.Qxb4 f5 17.h3 f4 18.Bh2 Qf5
19.Rac1 Nxd5 20.Qa5 Kb8 21.Rfd1

21.Rxc7!+-

21...c6 22.Nd4 Qd7 23.Rd3 Rhe8
24.Nxc6+?

24.Ra3! a6 25.Nxc6+ bxc6 26.Qxa6+-

24...bxc6 25.Rb3+ Ka8 26.Kh1 Rb8
27.Rxb8+ Rxb8 28.Qa6 Nb4 29.Qa4 d5
30.a3 Nd3 31.Rxc6? Nc5! 32.Qc2 Qxc6
33.b4 Rc8

33...Qb5

34.bxc5 Qxc5 35.Qf5 d4 36.Qe4+ Kb8
37.Qb1+ Qb6 38.Qd3 Rc1+ 39.Bg1 Qb1
0-1



Adam Porth (L), Michael Cambareri (R) meet on board one in the final round.
Photo courtesy of Adam Porth.

ICA Summer Classic

By Jeffrey Roland

Boise, ID—July 13, 2019

Thirty-three players attended the 2019 ICA Summer Classic held at the ECI Building, 303 S Federal Way, Boise, Idaho on July 13, 2019. This was the first-ever ICA event at this location, recommended and obtained through the connection of Louis Felice, and it turned out to be a great place to hold a tournament. Jef Leifeste was the Chief Tournament Director with Jeffrey Roland as Assistant Tournament Director. As with most ICA events, especially those in the Treasure Valley, Alise Pemsler was also very active in the organization of this tournament with the behind-the-scenes stuff that it takes to pull off a successful tournament.

The event was a four-round Swiss, Game/45;d5 with no insufficient chances rule allowed. There was a nice balance of veteran adult players as well as new players, plus some seasoned scholastic players. What is a little unusual, and likely to be something we see more of in the future, is that the adults got shut out of all prizes completely—the kids took the top three prizes plus the top scholastic prize! But every player got a “prize” (in a way) in the sense that everyone got to play some fun and challenging chess games, to be part of the tournament and ICA history, and new friends were made, etc., so there is always something in every event for every player, if they want it.

Forrest Zeng (1515-1528—3.5/4) was first place on tie-breaks, Bryan Li (1381-1435—3.5/4) was second place on tie-breaks, and Joshua Price (1000P-1208P—3.5/4) was third place on tie-breaks, gaining over 200 US Chess rating points in the process. Finn Belew (1326-1359—3.0/4), who was featured with a back cover photo on the August 2019 issue, won the top scholastic award.

Christopher Pentico (1582) – Andrew Dixon (1201) [D11]
2019 ICA Summer Classic
Boise, ID (R4), July 13, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.Nbd2 e6 4.c4 c6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0–0 0–0 8.h3 Nbd7 9.Nh4 Re8 10.Nxf5 exf5 11.cxd5 Nxd5

11...cxd5

12.Qb3

12.Nc4

12...N5b6 13.Nf3

13.e4!? fxe4 14.Nxe4



Christopher Pentico (left) vs. Andrew Dixon. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

13...c5

13...Rxe2!?

14.Bg5

14.a4!?

14...Qc7 15.dxc5

15.e3 c4 16.Qb5 h6 17.Bf4 Bxf4 18.gxf4 g6 19.Ne5 Red8 20.Rfc1±

15...Nxc5 16.Qc2 Ne4 17.Qxc7 Bxc7 18.Rac1 Bxg3?

18...Rac8 19.Rfd1∞

19.fxg3 Nxg3



Position after 19...Nxg3

20.Rc2

20.Nd4! Nxf1 21.Kxf1 Rac8 (The attempt to hang onto the f-pawn with 21...g6 quickly leads to disaster: 22.Bxb7 Rab8 23.Bc6 Rec8 24.Bf4+-.) 22.Nxf5 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Rd8 24.Bf4± and White's bishop pair outweighs Black's rook and pawn. 24...Rd7 (24...Na4 25.Bxb7 Nxb2 26.Bd5! (Trying to force things without taking into account those tail-end tactics with 26.Nxg7?? Kxg7 27.Be5+f6 28.Bxb2

Rb8 is not the way to go.) 26...Na4 (26...g6 27.Nd6; 26...Rxd5?? 27.Ne7+-) 27.Nd6 (Another way to pressure the black position is 27.Be5, when 27...Nc5 28.h4 h6 29.Bd4 Kh7 30.e4 and things are going well for the minor pieces. An example of how things might go: 30...Ne6 31.Bxa7 g6 32.Ne3 Nf4 33.a4 Nxd5 (33...Kg7 34.a5) 34.exd5 Ra8 35.Bb6 Rxa4 36.d6+-) 27...Rf8 (27...g5 28.Bg3) 28.Be3 Nb6 29.Bb3, and White's pieces coordinate very well.) 25.Nd6±.

20...Nxf1 21.Kxf1 h6 22.Bh4 Nd5 23.Bf2 Nf4 24.Nd4 Nxg2 25.Kxg2 g6 26.Nb5



Forrest Zeng. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

26.Rc7∞

26...Rac8 27.Rc7?

27.Rd2 Red8 28.Nd4∞

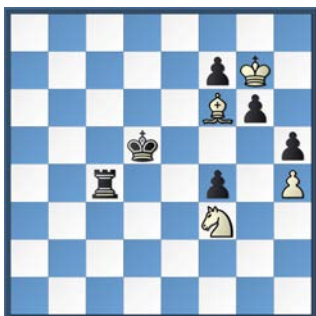
27...Rxc7 28.Nxc7 Rxe2 29.Kf3 Rxb2 30.Bxa7 Rxa2 31.Bd4 Rc2 32.Ne8 Kf8 33.Nf6 h5 34.h4 Ke7 35.Nd5+ Kd6 36.Ne3 Ra2 37.Bf6 b5 38.Kf4 Ra4+ 39.Kg5 Re4 40.Nc2 Ke6 41.Nd4+ Kd5 42.Nxb5 Rc4 43.Kh6 Ke6

43...f4+

44.Kg7 f4! 45.Nd4+ Kd5

45...Rxd4! 46.Bxd4 g5!. See next note for details.

46.Nf3



Position after 46.Nf3

46...Rc7

46...Ke6! 47.Nd4+ (47.Ng5+ Kf5 48.Kxf7 Rc7+ 49.Be7 Kg4+-) 47...Rxd4! 48.Bxd4 g5! 49.hxg5 h4 and the two pawns beat the bishop.

47.Ng5 Kc4 48.Kf8

After the game move, Black can bring his king to e2 and advance the f-pawn. 48.Be5! Rd7 49.Bxf4 actually does eliminate enough black pawns to immediately ensure the draw.

48...—

48...Kd3! 49.Be5 Rc4 50.Kxf7 Ke2+, for example 51.Kxg6 f3 52.Nxf3 Kxf3 53.Kxh5 Rc5, with a finale that everyone should know: 54.Kg6 Rxe5 55.h5 Kg4 56.h6 Re6+ 57.Kg7 Kg5 58.h7 Re7+ 59.Kg8 Kg6 60.h8N+ Kf6 61.Kf8 Rh7 62.Kg8 Rd7 and the knight goes.

1/2-1/2

Bryan Li (1381) –
Christopher Pentico (1582) [B33]
2019 ICA Summer Classic
Boise, ID (R3), July 13, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Be3 d6 9.Qd2 Na5 10.Nxa5 Qxa5 11.f3 Be6 12.Nd5 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Rac8 16.Rc1 f5 17.0-0 Bf6 18.c4 e4 19.b3 Bd4+ 20.Kh1 e3 21.Bc3 Bb6 22.Rfe1 f4 23.Re2 a5 24.Rd1 g5 25.Bd4 Bc7 26.Rf1 h6 27.g3 Kh7 28.Kg2 Kg6 29.g4?!±

29.gxf4 gxf4 30.Rg1±

29...h5 30.h3 Bd8 31.Kh2 Rf7 32.Kg2 a4 33.Rh1 Ba5 34.Bb2 axb3 35.axb3 Bd2 36.Bc1 Bb4 37.Bb2 Ra8 38.Ra1 Rff8 39.Rd1 Ra2 40.Kf1 hxg4 41.hxg4 Rf7 42.Ra1 Rxa1+ 43.Bxa1 Rh7 44.Kg2 Bd2 45.Bb2 b6

45...b5 46.cxb5 Rb7 47.Ba3 Rxb5 48.Bxd6 Rxd5-

46.Bd4 Rb7 47.Kg1 Ra7

47...b5 48.c5 dxc5 49.Bxc5 b4 50.d6 Kf6 51.Rh2 Ke6 52.Kf1 Kd5-

48.Bxb6 Ra1+

48...Rb7 49.c5 dxc5 50.Bxc5 Rxb3 51.d6 Kf7 52.d7 Rd3-

49.Kg2 Re1??

Exchanging rooks is the last thing Black should do here. The advantage is based on the poor placement of the white king and rook. 49...Bb4+, even down a pawn.; 49...Rb1 50.c5! is less clear.

50.Rxe1 Bxe1 51.Kf1 Bb4 52.Ke2 Kf7 53.Bd4?

53.Bd8! Kg6 54.Kd3 Kh6 55.c5! Bxc5 (55...dxc5 56.Bc7+-) 56.Ba5 Kg6 57.b4 Ba7 58.Bd8 Kh6 59.b5 Kg6 60.b6 Bb8 61.Bc7+-

53...Ke7 54.Kd3 Kf7 55.Bc3



Position after 55.Bc3

55...Bc5??

55...Bxc3 56.Kxc3 is quite a straightforward draw, because the black king can hold against the white passed pawns, and the white king cannot move forward to support them without allowing the protected passed e-pawn to promote. For example: 56...Ke7 57.b4 Kd7 58.c5 dxc5 59.bxc5 Kc7 60.c6 Kd6 61.Kd3 Kc7

56.b4 Bb6 57.Bb2 Ke7 58.Ba3 Kd7 59.c5 dxc5 60.bxc5 Bd8 61.Bb4 Kc8 62.c6 Bf6 63.d6 Kd8 64.Ba5+ Kc8 65.d7+ Kb8 66.c7+ Ka7 67.c8Q e2 68.Kxe2 Bc3 69.Qc7+ Ka6 70.Qb6# 1-0



Bryan Li. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



Joshua Price. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



Finn Belew. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

PNWCC and Jim Tarjan

By Jim Tarjan

The Pacific Northwest Chess Center in Kirkland, a suburb of Seattle, opened in 2018. For me, it has quickly become my most frequent chess destination. The backbone of the club is a group of strong young talents, along with their parents of course. In addition to the locals, practically every month the club has been bringing in very strong grandmasters and international masters from out of the area. For me it means that, if I win a game or two early, I have a chance to play the strong ones. To otherwise find this level of competition I have been traveling much farther from my home in Portland, Oregon, than the drive up to Kirkland. In the period between November 2018 and July 2019 I count that I have played six tournaments at the Pacific Northwest Chess Center. And, as I write this in August of 2019, I am looking forward to my seventh over the Labor Day Weekend.

The strongest event yet was the one in July 2019, nine rounds, entitled Summer of Seattle. The five highest rated are names not usually seen in the Pacific Northwest, all brought in through the desire of the club to have strong players and strong tournaments in the area. But what made this tournament even stronger, and more special, was that there was a good representation from the very best already living in the Northwest. Anthony He is a regular in the tournaments: his father, Xuhao, is one of the sparkplugs that makes the club happen. Correct me if I am wrong, but I think I can accurately say, with all due respect to the many other volunteers and supporters that are making the club a reality, that Xuhao is the big sparkplug.

But this time we had as well Michael Lee, Bryce Tiglon, Roland Feng, Daniel He: I could keep going down the list. These are players who can give those invited grandmasters a game. All in all this was one of the strongest open tournaments ever held in the Pacific

Northwest. Obviously there have been many great tournaments over the years, for example US Opens in Vancouver, Washington, 2012; and the 13-round US Open in Seattle, 1966. (In Seattle 1966 I was 14 years old, about the age of many of my current Kirkland opponents, and scored eight points.)

As I said, Summer of Seattle was nine rounds, but my tournament was only six rounds. That is because I am in the habit, at least when playing in the typical US Swiss schedule, of taking half point byes and thus easing the schedule somewhat. I will discuss this briefly. It is not something I am particularly proud of. However, the reality is that, number one, it allows me to turn the tournament into something I enjoy; and number two, something where I feel I have as good a chance as possible of playing at the highest level I am capable of. Without the byes, I would probably not play in tournaments, at least not those with the typical schedule. As I write this I have just returned from the 2019 US Open where I was one of a minority of players who played what is called the "traditional" schedule, nine rounds, one round a day. Most of the players, including most of the top players, play an accelerated schedule, and everyone comes together only for the last three rounds.

That 1966 US Open, incidentally, was 13 rounds, one round a day, no alternate schedules; but things have changed since then.

Some may find it a bit off, or questionable, about my byes, especially when I place well or even win the tournament despite (or because of?) the half point byes. As I did for example in the Seattle Classic 2018, at the Seattle Chess Club (clear first) and the Oregon Open, 2017 (clear first). I sympathize with that viewpoint, actually. But as far as I can tell, to the extent that anyone cares one way or the other, most of the chessplayers are happy to have me playing, even with the byes, rather than sitting on the sidelines in a more age-appropriate manner. (Let's leave Victors Pupols out of the conversation, who is a good many

years my senior and plays every round.) And you know, there is other funny business about the US Swiss System I could talk about, if I was foolish enough. For example, we could discuss the large cash class prizes, the untouchable third rail of the US Swiss System, that makes the entire train run.

The byes are not something to be emulated, especially not by the young talents. They must suck it up and accept the tournament schedules as they are. (Doesn't seem a problem: after the last round of the "real" event they play a blitz tournament, late into the evening.) Clearly the trend is towards more chess per day, as well as faster time controls -- chess as a sport of physical endurance.

In any case, the folks in Kirkland are very supportive and seem happy to have me playing there, even with the byes.

Here are two of my games from the Summer of Seattle.

Evgeny Shtembuliak (2634) – Jim Tarjan (2458) [E09]
 PNWCC FIDE Open SOS
 Kirkland, WA (R2), July 25, 2019
[Jim Tarjan]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 b6 9.e4 a5



Position after 9...a5

There are several options for Black in this complex position. My 9...a5, along with the follow-up, is inspired by the games of Canadian grandmaster Anton Kovalyov, who in many impressive encounters successfully employs the Black side of

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the Closed Catalan.

10.b3

10.e5 is a logical option, though then one point of 9...a5 can be seen: 10...Ne8 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Re1 Ba6 Black's bishop goes in one move to the active square, as in Ghazharian vs. Tarjan (Bay Area International, California, 2019)

10...Bb7

With White's c4 cemented it is less logical to put the bishop on a6 right away.

11.Bb2 Qb8 12.Rfe1



Position after 12.Rfe1

The two players hold the central tension and maneuver behind the lines. White's must be the preferable position, as he has more space; but Black lacks weaknesses and it is not trivial for White to make further progress.

12...Rc8 13.a4

The possibility of a Black ...a4 induces this pawn advance, but the fixing of White's queenside pawns can perhaps be considered a small concession.

13...h6

13...Bb4!?

14.Rad1 Ra7

14...Bb4; 14...Bf8

15.Ne5 Ba8

15...Nxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7=

16.Nd3!

A good square for the knight, which fills the hole on b4 as it were, and clears the path of the f-pawn.

16...Bf8 17.Qb1 Rd8 18.e5

White chooses his moment to advance. Of course this is in no way forced, and he could also continue to play the waiting game.

18...Ne8 19.f4

19.cxd5 cxd5 20.f4 is less double-edged, but perhaps not really better for White after 20...b5



Position after 19.f4

19...Nc7!

It is time for Black to do something, namely ...c5.

20.f5

Perhaps premature, or at least double-edged. However, against slower moves Black also gets a share of the play with ...c5.

20...exf5

The game opens up and gets wild. Black's pieces are placed just well enough for him to defend his kingside.

21.Nf4 g6

21...Bb4!? 22.Qxf5 Nf8=



Position after 21...g6

22.g4

22.e6 Nxe6 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Rxe6 Kf7 Black has snatched a pawn, though his king is drafty. In the old days we could get away with calling a position like this "unclear" in our notes. Now, with computer software running in the background while reviewing the game, one is supposed to work everything out to a definite conclusion, or so I gather. I am going to stick to "unclear"; certainly that was my human evaluation at the board, in the midst of the battle.

22...Ne6! 23.Rf1

23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.gxf5 And here again I am going to show my age and say "the position is unclear"; Black can take back either way, with White retaining the initiative in return for a pawn.

23...Nxf4 24.Rxf4



Position after 24.Rxf4

24...c5!

This is what I had foreseen, breaking up White's center and meeting gxf5 with ...g5. 24...fxg4 was less appealing, though the computer holds on that way as well: 25.Rdf1 (25.Rxg4 Bg7; Don't hang your rook with 25.e6??) 25...Bb4 26.Rxf7 Nf8

25.gxf5

25.cxd5 cxd4 26.gxf5 Nxe5 (or 26...g5 27.Rxd4) 27.fxg6 Bxd5= as so often, the computer calls it "equal": don't you think "unclear" is really a more useful word for it, in a position such as this?

25...g5 26.Rff1?!

White chooses the wrong square for the rook, and the chances pass to Black. 26.Rf2! cxd4 27.e6=

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26...cxd4 27.e6 Nf6 28.Bxd4 Bc5



Position after 28...Bc5

I had time on the clock, but missed some strong lines over the next few moves. I know my ability to precisely calculate complicated middle game positions is not what it was 40 years ago, and am always self-critical when I miss my chances as in this game. However, I also note that this is an area where the software we all have on our computers sets a very high standard to judge ourselves by. Just how many difficult tactical lines can I realistically expect myself to find? (Even my high-rated opponent, who finished the tournament clear first, missed a thing or two around here.) Certainly it is possible to do better: the very best players can and do find the sort of lines I missed in this phase of the game. [28...Ng4! 29.Nf3 dxc4 30.h3 Bxf3 31.Rxf3 Rxd4 32.Rxd4 Bc5 33.hxg4 Qe5! 34.Kh1 Qxd4 35.bxc4 (35.f6 fxe6 36.Qg6+ Kh8-) 35...Qxg4]

29.Bxc5 bxc5 30.cxd5

30.Bxd5!

30...Ng4! 31.Nf3 Rxd5 32.Rxd5

32.f6!= Rxd1 33.Qxd1

32...Bxd5 33.Qc2

After White stops for this, my instinct was that Black has to be better, and that it was time to think. I paused and thought, and had the time on the clock to do so; but it didn't do the trick. I still failed to properly calculate the variations. Apparently 33.h3 is best though after 33...Ne3 34.Re1 Nxc2 35.Kxg2 Black is pressing.



Position after 33.Qc2

33...Bxf3?

33...Qf4! 34.Qxc5 Bxf3 35.Rxf3 Qxh2+ 36.Kf1 Rc7! 37.exf7+ Kxf7 38.Qd5+ Kg7; 33...Qb6! 34.Qc3 c4+ 35.Nd4

Qd6 36.Qg3 Qxg3 37.hxg3 Bxg2 38.Re1 Bd5 39.e7 Nf6; 33...Ne3 34.Qxc5 Nxf1 35.Qxd5 Ne3 36.Qc5 (36.exf7+ Rxf7 37.Qe6 I saw this far but missed that 37...Qa7! wins) 36...Nxc2 37.Kxg2 The computer prefers Black but in a practical game this will not be easy to win, with White's active pieces and pawn on e6. 37...Rc7 (or 37...Qb7)

34.Bxf3= Ne3 35.Qxc5 Nxf1 36.Bd5

36.Kxf1=; 36.exf7+=

36...Nxc2

36...fxe6 37.fxe6=

37.exf7+ Rxf7 38.Bxf7+ Kxf7 39.Qd5+

White has the checking squares to make a perpetual.

39...Kf8 40.Qc5+ Kg8 41.Qd5+ Kf8

42.Qc5+ Kg8 1/2-1/2

Vignesh Anand (2107) –
Jim Tarjan (2458) [A17]
PNWCC FIDE Open SOS
Kirkland, WA (R9), July 28, 2019
[Jim Tarjan]

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6
5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Qc2

A new move for me. If White does not want to transpose to a standard Queens Indian after 7.d4, then 7.Re1 is a common alternative. Both 7.Re1 and Anand's 7.Qc2 aim at playing 8.e4 next.

7...c5

7...d5 is a logical alternative.

8.e4 Qc7

The straightforward 8...Nc6 must be the objectively correct move here. The immediate 9.d4 is prevented, and I am not sure how White plays to make use of his Q on c2. Those familiar with the Hedgehog structure will understand what I am about with my 8...Qc7: after a White d4 and the pawn trade I will line up my pieces on the second rank, ...d6, ...Nbd7, and ...a6. And if that is the setup I am aiming for, I don't want my N on c6.

9.b3

If I was White I would try 9.e5 altering the course of the game and setting completely different problems. 9...Ne8 is the correct response, with a possible continuation 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nb5 Qc8 12.Nbx4 (or 12.Bf4)

9...d6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 a6 12.h3 Nbd7

Black has succeeded in setting up his formation, though, if you only go by the computer evaluation, you will wonder just what sort of "success" this is. My software prefers White here. (Am I too obsessed with the opinion of the computer? Perhaps. Aren't you?) In the

Hedgehog I preferred White too, many years ago, until I lost a couple of games with the white pieces. Along with much of my generation, I switched allegiance to the black side of the Hedgehog. It took some years for strong players, I think of Yermolinsky for example, to figure out how to make the white side of this sort of position work. Regardless of the history, I think that in a normal game, not paired with the Yerminator, the Black side still has some mileage left in it. It will certainly lead to a full-fledged fight: all the pieces are on the board, with no easy way for either player to simplify. And perhaps Black has slightly better prospects than usual here, as White's Qc2 doesn't seem to fit.

13.Bb2 Rfe8 14.Kh1 Rac8 15.Rac1 Qb8
16.Qb1 Qa8 17.f4



Position after 17.f4

The prospect of a black knight on e4, threatening everything, along with Black's queen and bishop battery on the long diagonal, told me it was time for the pawn break, and the exchange sacrifice. In the old days, I would give my moves exclamation points, especially looking to the result of the game. I could make my next two moves with the hand, so to speak, rather than with the mind. However, with the cold computer hovering, I am reluctant to pat myself on the back because it is not clear this is objectively the right moment for the break, and there are roads not taken coming in the next moves, tactical subtleties not seen by either player at the board.

17...b5 18.cxb5 Rxc3

Here already there is another way to sacrifice, a pawn rather than the exchange: 18...axb5 19.Ndxb5 d5! and, need I say, the computer evaluates this mess as "equal". A crucial point being that 20.e5? is a blunder because of 20...d4!

19.Rxc3

Right away, White has a difficult choice: which way to recapture? At the board I figured 19.Bxc3 Nxe4 looks great for Black, but the computer finds resources. Some of what I missed at the board has to do with assuming the N on e4 is too strong and that White will need to exchange it off right away; some of what I missed

has to with overvaluing the long diagonal lineup. Both are typical of how a human mind evaluates a position, though pattern recognition. 20.Kh2! a) 20.Kg1? Nxc3 21.Bxb7 Qa7! and Black wins; b) 20.Rg1 is possible but Black can either transpose into the 20.Kh2 line with 20...Nxc3+ (or try another complicated line starting with 20...Nxc3); 20...Nxc3 21.Rg1 Bxc2 22.Rxc2 Nh5 23.bxa6 and the computer tells me that White is "slightly better", by some fraction less than one half, depending on how long I let it think. Am I obliged to accept the computer's judgment in this position? Black has an exchange for a pawn. The protective coat of pawns in front of White's king is shredded, while Black's coat of pawns is immaculate. Only if White can force the trade of queens will his position truly look better. If this is the best the computer can come up with, I need not be so self-critical concerning my sacrifice. Even with best play Black is in the game, and in practice it is easier to attack than defend.

19...Nxe4

My original intention, at move 17, was 19...Bxe4 assuming the continuation 20.Bxe4 Nxe4 and White is in trouble. However, thinking on the opponent's time while he contemplated his 19th move, I realized White need not and should not capture on e4. At the board I saw 20.Rg1, but even stronger is 20.Qc2! and Black has insufficient compensation for the exchange.



Position after 19...Nxe4

20.Rcf3?

In this position there is a definite best move: 20.bxa6! I saw this, and was

going to decide what to do if and when he played it. 20...Qxa6! (At the board I was thinking 20...Bd5 but this is worse if White finds the right response: 21.Rc2! Nxc3+ (21...Qxa6 22.Kh2 Black can keep playing, but really does not have enough for the exchange) 22.Kh2 Bxc2 23.Rxc2 Nxf1+ 24.Qxf1 Material is equal, and White's coat of pawns on the kingside is again shredded; but in return he has the pawn on a6. This time I agree with the computer's assessment of clearly better for White.) After 20...Qxa6 White has nothing better than 21.Bxe4 Bxe4+ 22.Qxe4 Qxf1+ 23.Kh2 Material is equal, and while some might argue that Black stands better because White's king is more exposed and Black has the center pawns, I will accept the computer's assessment of "equal." White's pieces are well placed and the queenside pawns could quickly turn the tide in White's favor.

20...Nd2

Black is better, and remains so for the rest of the game, with some bumps along the way.

21.Qd3 Nxf1 22.Qxf1 axb5 23.Qxb5 Nf6

Here I missed: 23...Bxf3! 24.Bxf3 (Better is 24.Nxf3 but after 24...Nc5 (or 24...Nf6 It is Black's turn to be an exchange ahead, with the initiative to boot.)) 24...Qxa2!-+ because if 25.Qxd7 Qb1+! the kicker that I missed: taking the bishop on b2 with check and then defending with ...Kf8

24.Rf2 Ne4



Position after 24...Ne4

25.Bxe4

Anand hesitated for a moment, but the threatening presence of the central knight was too much and he traded it. In fact White has much better chances to hold the game if he resists the lure and plays 25.Kh2! After 25...Nxf2 (Black should not take the rook on f2, and has several other candidate moves, but in any case the ball is in play 25...h5; or 25...Rc8) 26.Bxb7 Qb8 27.a4 White clearly has play for his exchange, and I will take the software's word for it that the position is equal.

25...Bxe4+

With this monster bishop secured, for the first time I could breathe a little sigh of relief, sure not of victory but at least of the superior position.

26.Kh2 Bf6 27.Qe2 Rc8 28.Qe3 d5 29.Nf3 Bxb2 30.Rxb2 h6

30...Qa3 is best, but in this position Black has wiggle room and can keep his advantage even with second best moves.

31.Nd2

Going backwards with the knight cannot be right, even if it temporarily drives my bishop away. 31.a4

31...Bg6 32.a4 d4!

A big breakthrough, as now Black's d-pawn becomes the most dangerous passed pawn on the board.

33.Qf3

33.Qxd4? Rc1 mates

33...Qa5 34.Nc4 Qc3 35.Qe2 Bd3 36.Qd2 Rb8 37.Ne5 Be4 38.a5 f6 39.Nc4 Rxb3

Will I ever not miss things right before the time control? He was the one short of time, not I. 39...Qf3 wins at once.

40.Rxb3

But in any case the position remains winning: 40.Qxc3 Rxc3 41.Nd2 Bd5

40...Qxb3 41.Nd6 Bd5 42.Nc8 Qc3 43.Ne7+ Kf7 44.Qxc3 dxc3 45.Nxd5 c2 0-1

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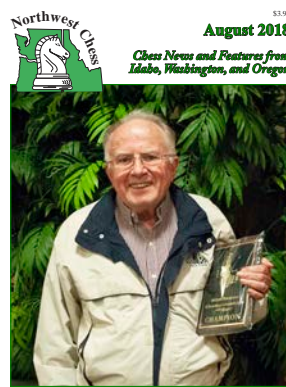
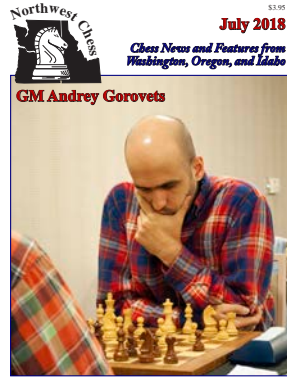
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By Carol and Fred Kleist

Seattle, WA—June 28-30, 2019

The Seattle Chess Club's Emerald City Open was well attended, even though other tournaments were 30 minutes away at the same time. It seems our Northwest has a thirst for tournament action which takes a multitude of tournaments to satisfy. So not to worry. (Hopefully).

Youth prevailed this time, as Casey Garrett and Nicholas Whale, two 1900 players, finished ahead of Expert and Master ratings to win the Open Section with four points out of the possible five. The story was a similar one in the Reserve section, with the young Ashwin Kaliyaperumal joining Keith Huntzinger to win their section, the Reserve under 1700. To climax the story of Youth having its day, the Under-1900 prize was won by school-aged Advait Vijayakumar.

Other Seattle Chess Club News: one week after the Emerald City Open the SCC hosted a Riley Yates-Doerr Reunion. Those who remembered Riley as a teenage Expert from a previous SCC Ravenna site were happy to see him again. Blitz ruled the day, accompanied by laughter and sandwiches and pizza.

Tournament Directors Fred and Carol Kleist remember Riley well and found it most gratifying to see him again, now an established journalist, married with two young children, and living in New Jersey.

Professionally, he goes by the simplified name of Yates. Attending the Reunion were Life Master Viktors Pupols, aka Uncle Vik, Riley and his blitz- playing Dad, Joe Doerr, FM David Bragg, NM Nat Koons, NM Josh Sinanan, Former Expert Geoff Gale, NM Curt Collyer, NM Derek Kelly, Kevin Arends and Andrew Wall.

Also among the SCC News: The SCC has a new Administrator for the website, www.seattlechess.club, a young professional computer expert, Austin Cluff, who has also joined the SCC Board of Directors.

Coming up next at the SCC will be the Seafair Open, traditionally the SCC's largest tournament. Now that we share tournament dates with PNWCC, we face an unknown factor of attendance, but looking on the bright side, if smaller, then less crowded. It is nice to play with plenty of room for sets and elbows and score books and water bottles. Stay tuned for a hopefully successful Seafair Tournament next issue.

Ashwin Kaliyaperumal (1586) (1570) –
Ralph Anthony (1606) [B49]
Emerald City Open
Seattle, WA (R4), June 30, 2019
[Ashwin Kaliyaperumal]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6



Position after 4...Nc6

The Sicilian: Taimanov Variation. This is usually a calmer variation of the Sicilian, so there will not be as many kingside attacks. I have not looked into this line deeply, so I was going in blind. As my opponent revealed after the game, it was a new opening for him as well.

5.Be2 Nf6 6.Nc3 a6 7.Be3

I am using ideas from other, more popular, variations.

7...Qc7

Prepares for 8... b5

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Ashwin Kaliyaperumal.

7...b5? trying to get the light-squared bishop into play 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bb6+ Ke8 11.0-0-0± White has infiltrated the black side and makes it hard for Black to move around.

8.Qd2 Bb4 9.f3

The only move to save the e5 pawn 9.a3?! Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Nxe4= This is still equal,

but a bit worse from White.

9...d5!



Position after 9...d5

Black gets the breakthrough he has dreamed for. It clears the e6 pawn, helping the light-squared bishop come into the game.

10.Nxc6 bxc6

10...Qxc6 11.e5 Nd7 12.f4 White gets more space on the kingside, prepping an attack.

11.a3 Bd6 12.g3

An unnatural move, creating more weaknesses in White's position.

12...Bb7 13.exd5 cxd5

With control of the center, Black seems clearly better here.

14.Nd1!?



Position after 14.Nd1

A weird looking move. In the game, I hoped for c3 and Nf2, creating a strong kingside fortress.

14...e5

Looks like a dominating move, but it turns out to be too early.

15.c3 0-0 16.0-0 Nd7

Attempting to get control of the c5 square, while clearing the way for f5.

17.b4

Getting some queenside space.

17...f5

Black is getting more and more space, but he should have supported his pawns.

18.f4! e4?!

[Diagram top of next page]

Washington Blitz Chess Championship

October 12, 2019

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

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Position after 18...e4

Creating a weakness on the d-file and a1-h8 diagonal

19.Rc1

The next few moves focus on c4.

19...Nb6 20.Nb2 Kh8 21.c4!



Position after 21.c4

Black could not stop the pawn break and White has turned the tables.

21...dxc4 22.Nxc4 Nxc4 23.Rxc4

23.Bxc4 might have been more accurate.

23...Qe7

This is what I calculated. It was similar to what happened in the game. 23...Qb8 24.Rd4 Rd8 25.Rd1 Bc7 26.Rd7 Rxd7 27.Qxd7 Black is too overwhelmed and will have to give up material.

24.Rd1 Rfd8 25.Rd4 Bc7 26.Rd7!!



Position after 26.Rd7

This is the winning move. The rest is just cleanup.

26...Rxd7?

This will make it easier to win. 26...Qf6 I was expecting this. It would give me a decisive advantage, but would still take

time. 27.Qd4 (27.Qc1! — Dubisch) 27... Qxd4 28.R1xd4 Bb6 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Rxd8+ Bxd8 31.Bd4 Kg8 32.Bc4±



Analysis

(Diagram-analysis after 32.Bc4)

27.Qxd7 Qxd7 28.Rxd7 Rc8 29.Bd4

Black is fully tied down and is just completely lost at this point.

29...Be5 30.fxe5 e3 31.Bxe3

Right now, it is just a matter of simplifying.

31...Bc6 32.Rd6 Bb5 33.Bxb5 axb5 34.e6 Re8 35.e7 Kg8

35...Rxe7 36.Rd8+ Re8 37.Rxe8#

36.Rd8 Kf7 37.Rxe8 Kxe8 38.Bc5

[Diagram top of next page]

As they say, you need two weaknesses in chess to win. With the king tied down, it's time to use the queenside pawns.

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Position after 38.Bc5

38...g5 39.Kf2 h5 40.a4 bxa4 41.b5



Position after 41.b5

With Black having no way to stop both pawns or get any counterplay on the kingside, he is fully lost and decided to end the suffering here.

1-0

Felicity Wang (1721) – Garrett Casey (1906) [B07]
 Emerald City Open
 Seattle, WA (R4), June 30, 2019
[Garrett Casey]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 e5 4.c3 g6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne1?!

The f3-knight is well-placed and removing it to e1 is a bad idea. 8.Re1 is the top move in the database. After 8... Re8, Black has an interesting idea with ...d6-d5!?, e.g., (8...Nh5 leads to similar play, see Scholzen-Turov, Maastricht 2011. The double fianchetto with 8... b6 !? and a subsequent trade of dark-squared bishops is interesting as well, see Oll-Svidler, Moscow 1997.) 9.Qc2 d5!?, Alekseev--Svidler, Moscow 2012.

8...Nh5!?!=

Planning to capture the Bishop pair.

9.Nb3 Nf4 10.Bxf4 exf4 11.g3?!

Getting rid of Black's weak pawn as well as weakening the light squares around her King.

11...fxg3 12.fxg3?!

White could apply more pressure by following the rule of thumb to capture toward the center with 12.hxg3.

12...c5= 13.Nf3 Qb6 14.Kh1 Nf6 15.Qd2 Bh3!?

The idea is to develop with tempo and drive the Rook from the f-file to decrease potential pressure on f7. 15...c4 16.Bxc4 Nxe4 17.Qf4 seemed unclear to me because of White's piece activity and advantage in development.

16.Rfe1 Rae8

16...Ng4 17.Ng1 Bh6 18.Qe2+-

17.Qf4

I think this just misplaces the Queen, as shown in the game.

17...Bd7 18.Rad1??



Position after 18.Rad1

I thought that 18.Nfd2 was best, but, amazingly, White's center falls apart after ...Be6, ...cxd4, and ...a7-a5-a4. 18...Be6 19.Nc4 (19.Rab1 cxd4 20.cxd4 a5 21.Nc4 Bxc4 22.Bxc4 Rc8 23.Bf1 a4 24.Nd2 Qxd4+; 19.d5? 19...Nxd5!) 19...

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Bxc4 20.Bxc4 cxd4 21.cxd4 a5 22.Rad1 a4 23.Nd2 Qxb2 is an example of what might have happened.

18...Ng4+ 19.Qd2 Bh6 20.Qe2?

20.Qg2 giving up the exchange is best. 20...Ne3 21.Rxe3 Bxe3 22.Re1 Bh6

20...Ne3?!

I did not consider 20...c4!! 21.Bxc4 Rxe4! 22.Qg2 (22.Qc2 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Qc6 24.Be2 Bf5+) 22...Ne3 23.Rxe3 Rxe3+

21.Rb1 c4 22.Bxc4 Rxe4 23.Qd3?

A pointless move, putting the queen and rook on the same diagonal.

23...Bf5

Better is 23...Rfe8 24.Nbd2 R4e7 25.d5 Ng4 26.Rf1 Re2 27.Qd4 Qxd4 28.cxd4 Rxd2 29.Nxd2 Bxd2+

24.Qd2?

24.Qe2 Nxc4 (Not 24...Qc6?!, as the Queen gets booted 25.Bb5 Qd5 26.c4) 25.Qxc4 Re3 26.Nfd2 Rc8 27.Qd5 Bxb1+

24...Rfe8

Better is 24...Qc6! 25.Bd3 Ng4 26.Qg2 Rxe1+ 27.Nxe1 Nf2+ 28.Kg1 Qxg2+ 29.Kxg2 Nxd3 30.Nxd3 Bxd3+

25.Bd3 Ng4

Missing the winning 25...Qc6! yet again, but time was a factor. 26.d5 To block the Queen. 26...Nxd5 27.Rxe4 Bxd2 28.Rxe8+ Qxe8 29.Bxf5 Bxc3 30.bxc3 gxf5+

26.Qg2 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 28.Nxe1 Ne3 29.Qf3 Bg4 30.Qe4 Qc6?!



Position after 30...Qc6

Throwing away a winning advantage. A huge misevaluation of the position. 30...Be6! Threatening the knight and the queen. 31.Kg1 Bxb3 32.axb3 Qxb3 Black, a pawn up, with the initiative and active pieces, has a crushing advantage. 33.Nc2 Nxc2 34.Bxc2 Qxb2

31.Kg1??

Allowing my Queen to escape. 31.Qxc6 bxc6 32.Ba6 is still a fight.

31...Qxe4??

31...Qa4 Simple, attack weaknesses! 32.Qxb7 Qxa2 33.Nd2 Qa1 34.Nb1 Bf5

35.Qb8+ Kg7 36.Qxd6 Bxd3 37.Qe5+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Bf8 39.Qxe3 Bxb1+

32.Bxe4 d5 33.Bg2?! Giving up the Bishop pair affords Black an edge in the ensuing ending.

33...Nxc2 34.Kxg2 b6 35.h3?

Weakening the kingside. And what is the point?

35...Bf5 36.a4?? 36...Bb1?

36...a5! fixes the weakness with a winning edge.

37.a5 bxa5 38.Nxa5?

Allowing ...Bc1. 38.Nc5 Bc1 39.Ned3, when Black retains only a small edge.

38...Bc1 μ 39.Nc6

Better is 39.b4

39...Bxb2 40.Nxa7 Bxc3 41.Nb5??

41.Nf3 Be4 42.Nb5 Ba5+

41...Bxe1 0-1

Nicholas Whale (1931) – Garrett Casey (1906) [B08]

Emerald City Open
Seattle, WA (R5), June 30, 2019
[Garrett Casey]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 a6 7.a4 b6 8.Qd2 Bb7 9.Bd3 Ne6

9...d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Ng5 was a line I considered, but I thought I had more chances with the game continuation. 12...c5 13.dxc5 Qxd2+ 14.Bxd2 bxc5 15.Ngxe4 Bxe5=

10.0-0 Nb4 11.d5 Nxd3 12.cxd3

This capture weakens the queenside and removes support from d5. I debated for 14 minutes whether ...c7-c6 or ...e7-e6 was best. The former seemed safer, but the decision may just be a matter of taste. 12.Qxd3 e6 13.Rfe1 exd5 14.exd5 Re8= was the expected line.

12...c6

According to the engine, 12...e6 is slightly better, because it allows Black to have more influence in the center. 13.dxe6 (13.Bg5 exd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Qd7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qc2 b5=) 13...fxe6 14.b4 Nh5 15.Rac1 d5 16.exd5 Rxf3 !? 17.gxf3 exd5=

13.dxc6 Bxc6 14.Nd4

The Knight looks good in the center, but it is unclear what it accomplishes.

14...Bb7 15.f4

The plan of f4-f5 seems suspect, as White has no attack and possibly weakens his pawn structure. I was expecting White to exchange dark-squared bishops by 15.Bh6 Rc8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7=

15...Nd7 16.f5 Ne5

16...d5! equalizes immediately, as I discovered after the game. 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Nf6 19.Nc6 Qd7 20.Bh6 Nxd5 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Ne5 Qd6=

17.Nf3?!

After this move, the following forced variation lends winning chances to only Black. Better is 17.Bh6 Rc8 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rac1 with a slight edge to White.

17...Nxf3+ 18.Rxf3

After 18.gxf3 d5, White's structure is very bad.

18...d5!

Black is equal and the ensuing line will leave White with a worse pawn structure.

19.exd5 Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Qxd5 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Bxb6 Rab8?!

22...a5! prevents White from favorably playing a4-a5, while keeping ...Rfb8 on tap. 23.d4 Rfb8 24.Bc5 e5 25.Rd1 Rb7 26.Rd3 Rab8 27.Qf2 e4 28.R3d2 f5

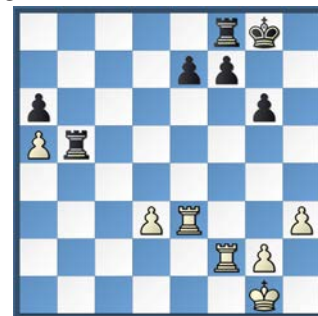
23.a5 Bd4+ 24.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 25.Qf2?!

Giving Black chances in the forced Rook-and-pawn ending. I expected 25.Qe3 Qxe3+ 26.Rxe3 e6 27.Re2 Rfc8 28.Ra4 Rc5 29.d4 Rcb5 30.Rc2 Rxb2 31.Rxb2 Rxb2 32.Rc4 Ra2 33.Rc5=

25...Qxb2 26.Rf1?!

Putting the Rook on a passive square. 26.Re1 was the expected and better move. 26...Qxf2+ 27.Rxf2 Rb7

26...Qxf2+ 27.R1xf2 Rb5 28.Re3



Position after 28.Re3

28...e6

28...Re8 a) 29.Rfe2 b) 29.Ra2 Kf8 30.Kf2 Rd8 31.Rae2 Rd7 32.Ra2 Rdd5 33.Rc2 e6; c) 29.Ref3 f6 30.Re3 Kf7 31.Ra2 Rd8 32.Rae2 e5 33.Rf3 Rxa5 34.Ref2 Rd6+ 29...Kf8 30.Ra2 (30.Rf3 Rxa5 31.Ref2 f6) 30...Rd8 31.Rae2 Rd7 32.Ra2 Rb3 33.Rd2 (33.Rc2 Rbxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxd3 35.Rc6 Rd6) 33...Ra3+

29.Ra2 Rd8 30.Rf3 Rdd5 31.Raf2 Rd7

I don't know how I didn't see 31...f5! White is just busted. 32.Rc2 Rdc5 33.Re2 Kf7 34.Rfe3 e5 35.g4 Rxa5 36.gxf5 gxf5

32.Ra2 Rb3

After 32...Kg7, Black should win, because the a-pawn will eventually fall. White is actually in a kind of Zugzwang, as the Rooks cannot move. 33.Kf1 (33.Kh2 Rdd5 34.Raf2 f5±!; 33.Ra1 Rdd5 34.Raf1 f5±!) 33...Rdd5 34.Raf2 Rb1+ 35.Ke2 Rb2+ 36.Ke3 Rxf2 37.Rxf2 Rxa5±

33.Rc2 Ra3

After this move, White has more chances for a draw. 33...Rxd3 only leads to equality 34.Rxd3 Rxd3 35.Rc6 Ra3 36.Rxa6; But 33...Rb5 34.Ra2 returns to the position at move 32.

34.Rc5 Kf8

34...Kg7 though more difficult, would have been much better for Black, who retains the only winning chances. 35.Kh2 Ra2 36.d4 Rb7 37.d5 Rbb2 38.Rg3 exd5 39.Rxd5 Rb5 40.Rxb5 axb5 41.h4 Rxa5±

35.Rc6 Rxd3

35...Rxa5 36.Rxe6 Kg7 is also equal.

½-½

**Ralph Anthony (1606) –
Keith Huntzinger (1535) [C02]**
Emerald City Open
Seattle, WA (R3), June 29, 2019
[Keith Huntzinger]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Qb6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nge7 9.Na3

9.Nc3 was better, with plans of Na4-c5.

9...Nf5 10.Nc2 a5

10...Be7 was more accurate, in order meet 11.g4 with Nh4.

11.g4 Nfe7 12.Qd3 h5 13.gxh5?

13.g5 kept the kingside closed and limited Black's counterplay.

13...Rxb5 14.Ng5?!

Ne1 or Nd2 encourages ideas with f4.

14...Rh8 15.Bd2

15.Qf3 Nf5 16.Ne3

15...Nf5 16.Bc3 Be7 17.Nf3 f6 18.Rfd1 g5

18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 dxe5 20.Bc5 put more pressure on White's position.

19.Ne3 0-0 20.Nxf5 exf5 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Rac1 g4?!

22...Kb8 would have saved Black a lot of headache in the ensuing complications.

23.Ne5 Bxe5

...Kb8 was still possible.

24.dxe5?

Now the advantage is lost. Black entered a sequence on the 22nd move, but here realizes that 24...Rxb2 will be met by Bd4.

24...Kb8 25.Qxd5?

25.e6! wins the exchange for White, but Black has some compensation. However, the transition from defense into offense is difficult. This move gives Black a chance.

25...Bc8?

Black is tilted. The original idea of Rxb2 works because the King is on b8. 25...Rxb2! 26.Bd4 Nxd4 27.Rxd4 Rbh8 gives Black a huge initiative. Bc6 is looming and the Rook on c1 is hanging.

26.Qg2 Be6

26.Nd4!/? deserved some attention.

27.Rxd8+ Rxd8 28.Rd1 Rxd1+ 29.Bxd1 Bxa2



Position after 29...Bxa2

The smoke has cleared leaving a roughly equal endgame, but with interesting imbalances.

30.Qg3 Be6 31.Qd3 Qc5 32.Qd6+ Qxd6 33.exd6 Kc8?!

33...b5 was preferable. Immediately prevents 34.Ba4 and gets the queenside pawn majority rolling.

34.Bd2?!

34.Ba4 guarantees a trade of the light bishop for the knight, and most likely a draw. The text allows White to play for a win, but gives Black an edge.

34...Kd7 35.Bf4 b5 36.Kf1 Bc4+

Hoping to exchange light square Bishops.

37.Ke1 Ke6?



Position after 37...Ke6

In serious time trouble, Black misses the winning idea, 37...Nb4!, threatening to fork the king, bishop, and pawn. Surprisingly, there is no satisfactory



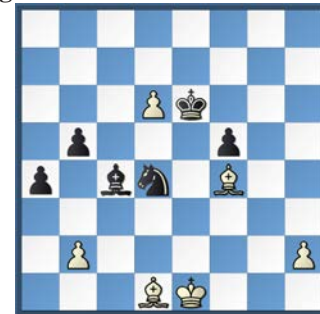
Keith Huntzinger.

response for White. White's only attempt to prevent the fork, with 38.Be2, leads to a winning endgame for Black as well. 37...Nb4! 38.Be2 Bxe2 39.Kxe2 a4 40.Bg3 Nc6 41.Kd3 Na5 42.Kc3 Nc4 Once the d-pawn falls to the Knight, Black's queenside pawns will determine the game.

38.f3!

Creating the passed-pawn.

38...gxf3 39.Bxf3 Nd4 40.Bd1 a4?



Position after 40...a4

Black played this move with five seconds on the clock. The increment was reached, but now it is White with the winning chances.

41.h4! Kd7 42.h5 Ne6 43.Be5 Ng5?!

In his lust for the d-pawn, Black begins to lose the thread. 43...Nc5 with an eye on Nd3 ideas was more combative.

44.h6 Bg8 45.Bh5?!

45.Be2 exposes Black's weaknesses on both sides of the board.

45...Bh7 46.Ke2?

Again Be2 was winning, but now it's just a draw.

46...Ne4 47.Bf3 Nxd6

The d-pawn is gone! And there's nothing left.

48.Bd5 Nc4 49.Bxc4 bxc4 50.Bc3 ½-½

Bob Ferguson Fundraising Simul

By Duane Polich

Political fundraising for re-election campaigns are a necessary part of every elected politician's life. Very few if any, politicians would organize a chess simul as a means of a fund raiser, but when it comes to former Washington State Chess Champion and current Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, he came up with a rather unique way to raise funds as he seeks re-election for another term. He decided to organize a chess simul where he would take on a set number of chess enthusiasts who provided a contribution to his campaign or who were sponsored by other contributors.

On Sunday, July 28, at the Ravenna Eckstein Community Center in Seattle, "Bobby" (as he is known in the chess community) came to do battle with 17 participants and after three hours, when the dust settled, Bob had been nicked with battle scars from Brandon Farrell, who posted the lone win. Brandon is relatively new to the Washington Chess scene and hosts a 1022 provisional US Chess Rating. Way to go Brandon!

Bob also ending up drawing with Eddie Chang, former WCF President Kent McNall, Michael Shapiro (son of many times state champion Slava Mikhailuk) and ten-year-old Derin Goktepe. Other participants included Nate Getz, Matt Harding, Gary Ikeda, Calvin Kimbro, Dan Kully, Eli Lara, Jim Loter, Eric Peterson (age seven), Ron Soukup, Wade Suess, Henry Udziela (age seven) and



Bob Ferguson. Photo credit: Duane Polich.

Zach Wurtz. Among the spectators were chess notables IM Eric Tangborn, WCF President Josh Sinanan, Travis Olson, Kerry Van Veen, Dave Rupel, and Karen Schmidt. Special thanks go to Katherine Bobman, coordinator of Bob's re-election campaign, who put this all together. Washington Chess Federation provided the sets and boards. The simul ended up as a success for Bob's campaign.

Bob had admitted in a pre-simul talk that he was a bit rusty and hadn't played any serious chess for a number of years. He tried going online for some speed chess as tune-up practice, finding he fell for some standard traps and tactics more than once, but after a while it started coming back and he refound the lessons and concepts which enabled him to beat Neil Salmon in the final game of the 1984 state championship with a king walk. Bob repeated the title in 1987. Bob now uses the same lessons and concepts, tactics and strategies that he learned as a chess player in his job as attorney general, especially when he has bigger fish to fry, such as taking on President Donald Trump with his proposed travel ban on who can come into the United States. Bob, representing Washington State, was able to get a court order barring the enforcement of Trump policies.

Bob has also taken on the President in other battles where the rule of law prevails. Will Bob go on to the Governor's mansion in Olympia, a Senate position, or perhaps the White House itself? Who knows, but wouldn't it be fun to play speed chess in the Oval Office?

Here is the YouTube link for the talk that Bob gave before the simul on July 28th.

https://youtu.be/_yPKldhVGiE



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**Bob Ferguson –
Eddie Chang [A80]**
Bob Ferguson Fundraising Simul
Seattle, WA, July 28, 2019
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.c4

Best, according to Deepmind Google AI. I note, however, that Stockfish doesn't appreciate the subtle flexibility, preferring 1.e4.

1...b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.Nf3 e6 4.d4 f5

We have flexed into a Dutch structure.

5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.e3 Nf6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 d6 10.b4 Nbd7 11.d5

White chooses to commit.

11...Ne4 12.Nb5 c6?

12...Ndf6 13.Rc1 e5∞

13.Nc7 exd5 14.Nxa8 dxc4?!

I'd prefer to either capture a8 or fork-off the bishop with ...Nc3.

15.Bxc4+

15.Nc7!? d5 (15...Ndf6 16.Bxc4+ (Or 16.Nd4, since 16...Qxc7 17.Ne6 looks like fun.) 16...d5 17.Bxd5+ transposes to the note to move 16.) 16.Nd4 Qxb4 17.Nce6. Rook vs pawns is often a good bet.

15...d5 16.Nxb6?!

The knight may be the wrong piece to desperado. 16.Bxd5+! cxd5 17.Nc7 Ndf6 18.Rc1 Qxb4 19.Ne6 seems to avoid some of the problems associated with the black pawn mass that makes life interesting later in the game.

16...axb6 17.Be2 Qxb4 18.Qb3 Qa5 19.a3 Ndc5?!

19...Nc3 20.Rfe1 (20.Nd4?! c5 complicates to Black's benefit.) 20...c5 21.Bf1∞

20.Qb4 Nc3 21.Nd4 Nxe2+ 22.Nxe2 Ba6 23.Qxa5 bxa5 24.Rfe1 Nb3

Improved move order: 24...Bxe2 25.Rxe2 Nb3 26.Rd1 a4 27.Rc2 Rf6, which isn't yet clearly won for White.

25.Rab1 a4

Black should probably still try 25...Bxe2, but White can avoid the outposted knight: 26.Rxb3 Bb5 (26...a4 27.Rb6 Bb5 28.f3 with initiative.) 27.a4 Bxa4 28.Ra3 Bb5 29.Rxa5±

26.Nd4 Bd3 27.Nxb3??

Not sure why Bob chose to return material here. It's possible he didn't notice his knight was guarding against ...Bc2. 27.Rbd1! Bc4 (27...Nxd4 28.exd4 leaves White with extra material and active rooks.) 28.Nxc6+—

27...Bxb1 28.Nd4

Or 28.Rxb1 axb3 29.Rxb3 Ra8



*(L) Josh Sinanan and Brandon Farrell (the only player to beat Bob in the Simul.)
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28...Bd3 29.Nxc6 Bc4 30.Nd4 g6 1/2-1/2

**Bob Ferguson –
Brandon Farrell [A22]**

Bob Ferguson Fundraising Simul
Seattle, WA, July 28, 2019

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 c6 6.e4 Nb4 7.Nf3 Nd3+ 8.Ke2 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.Qc2 Nb4 11.Qb1 Qb6 12.a3 N4a6 13.d3 f6 14.Be3 Qb3 15.Re1 Bc5 16.Kf1 Nd7 17.Nd2 Qb6 18.Nc4 Qc7 19.b4 Bxe3 20.Nxe3 Nf8 21.Kg1 Ne6 22.Nf5 0-0 23.Qb2 Qd7 24.g4 Bf7 25.Rad1 Nac7 26.Ne2 Nb5 27.a4 Nbd4 28.Nexd4 exd4 29.e5 fxe5 30.Rxe5 Rad8 31.Re4 Bg6 32.Re5 Bxf5 33.gxf5 Nf4 34.b5 Nxc2 35.Kxg2 Rxf5 36.Qb3+ Kh8 37.Qe6 Qxe6 38.Rxe6 cxb5 39.axb5 Rxb5 40.Kf3 Rf5+ 41.Ke4 Rxf2 42.Re1 Kg8 43.Ke5 Kf7 44.Re4 g6 45.h4 Rf5# 0-1

**Bob Ferguson –
Kent McNall [A36]**

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c5 5.e4 Nc6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.d3 Bd7 9.h3 Rb8 10.Be3 h6 11.Qd2 Qc8 12.Kh2 Kh7 13.f4 Ng8 14.g4 f5 15.exf5 gxf5 16.g5 hxg5 17.fxg5 Nd4 18.Nf4 e5 19.Nfd5 f4 1/2-1/2

**Bob Ferguson –
Michael Shapiro [D10]**

Bob Ferguson Fundraising Simul
Seattle, WA, July 28, 2019

1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.d4 e5 5.dxe5 d4 6.Ne4 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Qxe5 8.Ng3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qd5 10.Qb3 Qxb3

11.axb3 Be6 12.b4 Nxb4 13.Rc1 Nc6 14.Ne4 Rd8 15.Nc5 Bd5 16.Nxb7 Rb8 17.Na5 Nge7 18.b4 Bxf3 19.exf3 Nxb4 20.Bc4 Ng6 21.0-0 Be7 22.Bxb4 Rxb4 23.Nc6 Rb7 24.Nxd4 0-0 25.Nf5 Bg5 26.Ra1 Rc7 27.Bd5 Rc5 28.Be4 Rc7 29.g3 Bf6 30.Ra6 Ne7 31.Ne3 Bd4 32.Rd1 Bb6 33.Nd5 Nxd5 34.Rxd5 Rc6 35.Kg2 Rcc8 36.Rd7 Rcd8 37.Rxd8 Rxd8 38.Ra2 h6 39.f4 Kf8 40.Kf3 Ke7 41.Ke2 Rd6 42.Rc2 Rd8 43.Rc6 Ba5 44.Bd3 Rb8 45.Rc2 Kd6 46.Be4 Bb6 47.Rc6+ Kd7 48.Rc3 Ke7 49.Kd3 Rd8+ 50.Ke2 Rd4 51.Bd3 Rd5 52.Be4 Rd6 53.Kf3 Rd1 54.Ke2 Ra1 55.Bd5 a5 56.Rb3 Bd4 57.Rb7+ Kd6 58.Bxf7 a4 59.Rb4 Bc5 60.Rb8 a3 61.Ra8 Rb1 62.Kd3 Rf1 63.Kc4 Rxf2 64.Ra6+ Ke7 65.Kxc5 Kxf7 66.Rxa3 Rxh2 67.Kd5 Rh5+ 68.Ke4 Rb5 69.Ra6 Rb4+ 70.Kf3 1/2-1/2

**Bob Ferguson (2232) –
Derin Goktepe (1824) [A17]**

Bob Ferguson Fundraising Simul
Seattle, WA, July 28, 2019

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.d4 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Bg5 c6 8.Nf3 Ne4 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bg6 12.Nxg6 hxg6 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Qb3 b6 15.Rac1 Re8 16.e3 c5 17.dxc5 bxc5 18.Rfd1 Nc6 19.Qd5 Nb4 20.Qxc5 Qb7 21.Qc7 Qa6 22.a3 Nd3 23.Bf1 Rac8 24.Bxd3 exd3 25.Qd7 Rcd8 26.Qc6 Qxc6 27.Rxc6 Re7 28.Rc3 Red7 29.e4 f5 30.e5 f4 31.gxf4 Rd4 32.Kg2 Rxf4 33.Rcxd3 Rdf8 34.R1d2 Re4 35.Rd5 Re8 36.Kf3 R4xe5 37.Rxe5 Rxe5 38.Rd8+ Kh7 39.Rd7 a5 40.Ra7 Rb5 41.a4 Rb3+ 42.Kg2 Rxb2 43.Rxa5 Rb8 44.Ra7 g5 45.Kg3 Kg6 46.a5 Kf5 47.h3 g6 48.a6 Rb3+ 49.f3 1/2-1/2



Drawings on these two pages (and the back cover) by Eli Lara, drawn as he was playing in the Bob Ferguson Simul



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Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

USCF I.D. Number _____ Exp. Date _____ **All pre-registered players please check in at tournament desk on arrival.**

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED : (CIRCLE SECTION AND FEE BELOW)

BYE(S) REQUESTED FOR ROUNDS(S): (CIRCLE) 1 2 3 4 5 6

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- \$20 Thursday-Simul. GM Yermolinsky
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The 2019 Glen Buckendorf / Buz Eddy Memorial Northwest Grand Prix

Murlin Varner, Administrator (mevjr54@outlook.com)

The changes that happened in July were small, as there were only three events, all in Seattle, including the 2x Seattle Seafair Open. August, which should be about over as you read this will have had a much larger impact. Not that there were a lot more events, just one, but that two of the events had large multipliers. The Vancouver Open, where I am preparing to go as soon as I finish this article, carried a 3x multiplier. The following week was the five day Seattle Chess Classic with a 4x multiplier. That same weekend is the Spokane Falls Open, so we should see some movement in the Idaho standings as well. The first weekend of the month was the regular SCC Quads. The August SCC Tornado got moved to September 1 to accommodate one of the other events.

September, the month you are undoubtedly planning for while you read this, has a lot of great opportunities for gaining Grand Prix points. First, it has five weekends, maximizing the opportunities, events are being held in three locations; Seattle, Pocatello and Spokane, and two events carry 2x multipliers. The first weekend is the previously mentioned SCC Tornado on the first. The following weekend has the SCC Quads on the 7th. Weekend three offers the Eastern Idaho Open in Pocatello on the 14th. (It is nice to have an Idaho event to announce again after a long dry spell. See more about Idaho below.) On the 20th through the 22nd, we will have the first multiplier event, the Seattle Fall Open at SCC. And then on the bonus fifth weekend, you have the choice of the second SCC Tornado of the month on the 29th, or the Eastern Washington Open in Spokane on the 28th and 29th. The latter has a guaranteed \$630 prize fund and therefore offers a 2x multiplier for all your points.

In our standings, Stephen Buck and Ralph Anthony have both passed the 100 mark. Your fearless administrator sits at third with 95. The Vancouver Open should push me over the century mark with its 3x multiplier, and could do so for many other players currently over 80 points. Anyone who can attend both this event and the following Seattle Classic could make a significant move in the standings. Of course, it is easiest when you win some games, something I've been finding difficult to do of late.

Back to Idaho. We have had only two GP events in Idaho so far this year, the Idaho Closed in February and the Idaho Open in April. This year, the Idaho Players Memorial was not advertised as Grand Prix. But, as you saw above, the Eastern Idaho Open in Pocatello is being advertised as a Grand Prix event. I am told that there are two, maybe three more yet to come this year. The first would be the Norman Friedman Memorial in October, being held in Boise this year. Last year, this was the first Idaho event to have a multiplier! In December, the Western Idaho Open in Boise will be GP. The maybe is the Southern Idaho Open in Twin Falls, where my source was unsure of the GP plans. (Ok, Idaho, what about a Northern Idaho Open? I just might have to attend that one, unless it already happened.)

Data below current through August 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	
			3	Haining	Kyle	48.0						
			3	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	69.5	1	Nair	Roshen S	OR	42.0
2	Geyman	Jonathan P	29.0	2	Arganian	David G	56.0	1	Huang	Patrick W	CAN	42.0
3	Bodie	Brad	15.0	3	Jiang	Brandon	40.0	3	Omori	Michael J	HI	36.0
4	Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	3	Chen	Minda	40.0	3	Tang	Zoey	OR	36.0
5	Maki	James J	9.0	5	Two Tied at		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	Wu	Abbie	OR	33.0
3	Martonick	Nick	15.0	Kurungod								
3	Martonick	Nick	15.0	3	Anoop	Pranav	49.5	2	Sripada	Havish	OR	33.0
4	Derryberry	Dewayne R	9.5	4	Whale	Nicholas M	42.0	4	Murray	David E	OR	30.0
5	Kitterman	Andrew N	6.5	4	Kaelin	Alex	42.0	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	113.5	1	Kodarapu	Ishaan K	OR	39.0
2	Porth	Desmond	5.5	2	Anthony	Ralph J	101.5	2	Lykins	Pace	OR	36.0
2	Leifeste	Bryce	5.5	3	Lainson	Silas	73.0	3	Qu	Jayden	CAN	33.0
4	Zeng	Forrest	5.0	4	Wang	Felicity	71.0	4	Stacey	Darren	MT	26.0
4	Ang	Ching-E N	5.0	5	Gupta	Anand	62.5	5	Tang	Austin	OR	24.0
Class D			Class C									
1	Porth	Adam	17.5	1	Varner	Murlin E	95.0	1	Yang	Arnold T	OR	48.0
2	Glass	Evan M	12.0	2	Oliver	George	68.5	2	Lykins	Chad	OR	30.0
3	Merry	William A F	10.5	3	Li	Edward	66.0	3	Morrissey	Patrick W	OR	27.0
3	Bodie	Arlene	10.5	4	Kou	Jeffrey	62.5	4	Strong	Murray	MT	13.5
5	Shepard	River C	8.5	5	Johar	Mudit	62.0	5	Gold	Kelen	UT	5.0
Class E and Below			Class D And Below									
1	Porth	Darwin A	14.5	1	Ruff	Lois A	88.0	1	Sripathi	Prajna	OR	39.0
2	Daigle	Micah J	12.0	2	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	CA	33.0
4	Callen	Gregory D	9.0	4	Chi	Isobel	55.0	4	Morrissey	Christopher	OR	30.0
5	Su	Darren	8.5	5	Weller	Stephen F	53.5	4	Yang	Arthur T	OR	30.0
Overall Leaders, by State												
1	Cambareri	Michael E	29.5	1	Buck	Stephen J	113.5	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	101.5					
3	Herr	Griffin G	24.0	3	Varner	Murlin E	95.0					
4	Daigle	Adrian P	18.0	4	Ruff	Lois A	88.0					
5	Porth	Adam	17.5	5	Lainson	Silas	73.0					
6	Bodie	Brad	15.0	6	Wang	Felicity	71.0					
6	Martonick	Nick	15.0	7	Frantz	Joseph K	69.5					
8	Porth	Darwin A	14.5	8	Oliver	George	68.5					
9	Daigle	Micah J	12.0	9	Li	Edward	66.0					
9	Glass	Evan M	12.0	10	Lee	Brian	63.0					
9	Sherwood	Jax L	12.0	11	Gupta	Anand	62.5					
12	Erickson	Kenneth	11.0	11	Kou	Jeffrey	62.5					
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.)

Washington Class Championships
A NW Grand Prix Event
November 29–30, December 1, 2019

\$10,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

**Entry fees listed as: Postmarked
By Oct 27 / By Nov 13 / At site**

Master (2200+) EF \$150 / \$160 /
\$170
Prizes \$750, \$500, \$400 U2300 \$250,
\$200

Expert (2000–2199) EF \$140 / \$150 /
\$160
Prizes \$600, \$400, \$300, U2100 \$200,
\$150

Class A (1800–1999) EF \$130 / \$140 /
\$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1900 \$150,
\$100

Class B (1600–1799) EF \$130 / \$140 /
\$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1700 \$150,
\$100

Class C (1400–1599) EF \$130 / \$140 /
\$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1500 \$150,
\$100

Class D (1200–1399) EF \$130 / \$140 /
\$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200 U1300 \$150,
\$100

Class E (1199 & Under) EF \$130 /
\$140 / \$150
Prizes \$500, \$300, \$200, U1000 \$150,
U800/Unrated \$100

Medal Only EF: \$80 / \$90 / \$100

(Juniors Under age 21 or Seniors age 50+)

Medals awarded to top two in each class.

Rated players add \$85 to play up one class only (can't play up two classes).

Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs.

Reentry for 1/2 of your original entry fee.

Canadians may pay C\$ at par (no coins) for entry fee only.

Entries/Information:

Send entries to: Jacob Mayer

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Seattle, WA 98115–2610

Phone: (206) 697–5625

E-mail: jvictormayer@yahoo.com

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E-mail: wcf.tournaments@gmail.com

Make checks payable to
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20610 44th Avenue West

Lynnwood, WA 98036–7701, Phone (425) 775–2500

Online Registration at www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration

Pay by credit/debit or PayPal.

Format: Seven class sections as shown at left, six round Swiss system. Sections may be combined if less than 12 players in a section. *Late registrations may receive half–point byes for first round.*



Pacific Northwest Chess Center (PNWCC)

12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034

**September is US Champions' Month with
2018 US Champions GM Sam Shankland and 7-time US
Women's Champion GM Irina Krush visiting Seattle and
PNWCC**

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Event
Registration



Fright Night Events

Dates	Description	Rounds
9/6,9/13,9/20,9/27	G45 Duel/G15+2 Rapids/Fischer Random Chess (Chess960)	2/4/3

Scholastic and Beginner Event

Dates	Description	Rounds
9/21	USCF Beginners Tournament	4
9/22	Transformers G45;d5	4

PNWCC USCF Open

Dates	Description	Rounds
9/14 – 9/15	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 Lecture and Simul

Dates	Level	Coach
9/4	Advanced	GM Irina Krush Microsoft Lecture and Simul
9/28	All	GM Sam Shankland Microsoft Lecture and Simul

PNWCC GM Camps

Dates	Level	Coach	Days
9/7	Advanced	GM Irina Krush Day Camp	1
9/29	Expert	GM Sam Shankland Day Camp	1

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

Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

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 SCC Tnmt Dir
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 Seattle WA 98168



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 \$880 based on 42 paid entries, 6 per prize group.

A Northwest Grand Prix event

Open: \$180 gtd-\$120 gtd,
 U2200 \$80, U2000 \$75,
 U1800 \$70

Reserve (U1700): \$100-
 \$70, U1550 \$60, U1450 \$55,
 U1350 \$50, UNR \$20

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.

Sept 1 **New Date**, Sept 29, Oct 27 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.

Sept 7, Oct 5 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.

WCF @ the SCC

WA Women's Ch.

Sept. 13-15

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 9/4, \$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 9/11 through 10/9. **Byes:** 4 (1 in rds 5-7, commit by 10/9). **Misc:** SCC/US Chess memb. req'd. NS. NC.

SCC Adult Swiss #3

October 12-13, 2019

A four-round Swiss open to those born before 10/14/1998 with a guaranteed prize fund of \$225 (five per prize group).

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

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.

Sep 13-15 Washington Women's Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 14.

♣ **Sep 14** Eastern Idaho Open, **Pocatello, ID.** 4SS, Time Control: G/60; d5. Section: Open. Site: ISU Student Union Bldg., Salmon River Suites, 1065 Cesar Chavez, Pocatello, ID. US Chess mem. req. EF: \$30 per player, over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free. Discount for online registration for ICA Mem. Check in: 9:00-9:30 am. Rd. times: 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm. 1/2 pt bye avail: Rnd 1-3, Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. \$\$ (based on 30) 1st - 2nd place Overall \$100, \$75. \$25/class: B, C, D, E, F, & unr. Details: idahocheessassociation@gmail.com, Online registration at www.idahocheessassociation.com, (208) 450-9048.

♣ **Sep 28-29** Eastern Washington Open, **Spokane, WA.** Site: Jepson Center, Rooms 108-109, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. 5 round Swiss System. Registration: 8:30-9:30, Sept. 28. Rounds: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30. Time control: Game/120 (d5). Entry fee: \$21 if received by 9/27, \$26 at the door; under 18 \$5 less. Additional classes and class prizes may be created if entries exceed 30 players. Class prizes based on at least 5 per class; classes (and class prizes) may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. NS, NC, W. One 1/2-point bye available if requested by end of previous round; Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round. Prizes: \$630 prize fund guaranteed. First \$125, Second \$ 75; Class Prizes: \$65 first, \$30 second: A; B; C; D/E/unrated. Biggest Upset (non-provisional) \$50. Only one prize per player (except biggest upset). Entries: Spokane Chess Club, c/o 9923 N. Moore St., Spokane, WA 99208. For information please call (509) 270-1772 (cell). Club website: www.spokanechessclub.org.

Oct 12 Washington Blitz Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 15.

Oct 12 Washington Game/15 Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 16.

♣ **Oct 12-13** Norman Friedman Memorial & National Chess Day Tournament, **Boise, ID.** 5 SS, TC: G/120; d5. Site: The Riverside Hotel, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714. US Chess membership req'd. One Section: Open, US Chess rated. EF: \$30 per player (\$10 for blitz) Discount for online registration, over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free. Check-in: 9:30 - 10 am. Opening Cer. 9 am, Rd times: 10/12 9 am, 2 pm, 7 pm, 10/14 9 am, 2 pm. 1/2 pt. bye avail: Rnd 1-4, Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. Prizes: \$750 guaranteed! 1st - 3rd place Overall \$200, \$150, 100, 1st place B, C, D, E, F, & unr. \$50/class. Side Events: Blitz 10/11, 6 pm continuous. Format: 6 SS dbl. rnd., G/5;d0 Blitz prizes: 1st - 3rd overall, \$75, \$50, \$25. Contact: idahocheessassociation@gmail.com, www.idahocheessassociation.com, 208-450-9048.

Oct 13 Washington Game/60 Championship, **Seattle, WA.** See Half-Page Ad on page 17.

Oct 18-20 Sands Regency Western States Open, **Reno, NV.** Full-Page Ad page 25.

♣ **Oct 19** Northern Idaho Open, **Coeur d'Alene, ID.** 4SS, Time Control: G/60; d5. Section: Open. Site: Calypso's Coffee Roasters, 116 E Lakeside Ave, Coeur d'Alene, ID. US Chess mem. req. EF: \$30 per player, over 80, IMs, FMs, GMs free. Discount for online registration for ICA Mem. Check in: 9:00-9:30 am. Rd. times: 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm. 1/2 pt bye avail: Rnd 1-3, Max 1, Notify TD before Rd. 2 is paired. \$\$ (based on 30) 1st - 2nd place Overall \$100, \$75. \$25/class: B, C, D, E, F, & unr. Details: idahocheessassociation@gmail.com, Online registration at www.idahocheessassociation.com, (208) 450-9048.

♣ **Oct 19** The Charlie's Safari Chess Tournament, **Lacey, WA.** (details coming next month.)

Oct 26-27 Washington Challenger's Cup, **Seattle, WA.** Half-Page Ad page 23.

♣ **Nov 29-Dec 1** Washington Class Championship, **Seattle, WA.** Full-Page Ad page 28.

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