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Oregon Class Championships: November 5-6

Format: 5-round US Chess rated Swiss in seven sections, Master and Expert (2000+), Class A (1800-1999), Class B (1600-1799), Class C (1400-1599), Class D (1200-1399), Class E (1000-1199), and Class F and below (U1000). Some sections may be combined based on the number of players in a section. The official November US Chess OTB regular ratings are generally used for section eligibility and pairings. Unofficial US Chess OTB regular ratings or alternate ratings (with adjustment if necessary) are generally used for players with no official US Chess OTB regular rating. Players may play up only one class (this means players rated under 800 cannot play up a section as playing up a class would still put them in the Class F and below section). Up to two half-point byes are available if requested before round one.

Time Control: G/90;inc10 (ninety minutes per player with a ten second increment at the start of each move). **PLEASE BRING AN INCREMENT CAPABLE DIGITAL CLOCK AS NONE ARE SUPPLIED** (sets, boards, notation sheets, and pens/pencils are provided).

Schedule: A players meeting is at 9:45am Saturday. The rounds are at 10am, 2:15pm, and 6:30pm on Saturday and 10am and 2:15pm on Sunday (remember to set your clocks back an hour on Sunday morning for the end of daylight savings time).

Entry Fee: \$70. Add \$35 play-up fee if you play up a class. Free entry for GM's and IM's (up to \$70 is deducted from any prize won). US Chess membership is required for all players. Oregon Chess Federation membership is required for Oregon residents and may be purchased on site.

Registration: THIS IS A 100% PRE-REGISTERED EVENT. NO ON-SITE ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED. There are two different ways to pre-register: 1) Preferred: register online at onlineregistration.cc (note: you must pay the entry fee on the website via credit/debit/PayPal to complete an online registration). 2) Send your registration information (player name, US Chess ID, section, any bye requests, address, and email) and a check payable to the Oregon Chess Federation for the entry fee and if applicable US Chess membership fee to Mike Morris at 2344 NE 27th Ave, Portland, OR, 97212. Registration deadline is Thursday, November 3 EOD.

Prizes: \$3500 based on 75 players. The prize fund is adjusted proportionally if there are a different number of players except \$1750 is guaranteed. Each section has the following overall prizes: 1ST-\$250, 2ND-\$150, 3RD-\$100. Prizes are combined and split if there is a tie.

Location: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232. There is free parking in the hotel parking garage. For reservations, call 1-800-996-0510.

Other: Sponsored by the Oregon Chess Federation; qualifier for the Championship and Challengers sections of the Oregon Closed and qualifier for the OSCF State Championship. Send an email to support@oregonchessfed.org if you have any questions or need to withdraw during the event.

Shades Of *High Fidelity*

(What Really Happens At A Record Store)

Karen Schmidt

I am in a casual Sunday chess meetup group which meets in Pioneer Square—the oldest section of downtown Seattle. (Come on down to Caffe Umbria about 10:00 AM on Sundays and join us! 320 Occidental S.) A couple months ago, one of the guys started telling the rest of us about a t-shirt store on The Ave in the University District, where the owner was offering \$40 in free merchandise to anyone who could beat him at a game of chess.

After about three mentions by my friend—and three losses to the owner—I decided to stop in one Sunday and find out who this guy is. It was a bit of a challenge to find the shop, not knowing the owner's name, the shop name, or the exact address. It turned out to be a 1970s-style record store (Seattle Records,

5521 University Way NE)—but he does have a rack of t-shirts for sale out front.

I had a brief conversation with the owner, Ken Tomkins, that day, and confirmed the \$40 free merchandise offer. When I got home, I looked Ken up on the US Chess ratings lookup website, and much to my surprise, learned that Ken has a rating of 2376. (It turns out he is a FIDE Master...so the chances of winning \$40 free merchandise are slim to none.)

I decided to contact Ken to ask if I might interview him for a future story in *Northwest Chess* magazine. He seemed like a very interesting fellow. I showed up at 4:00 PM on the appointed interview day, and I remained there, hanging out for 90 minutes, all the while scribbling massive notes.

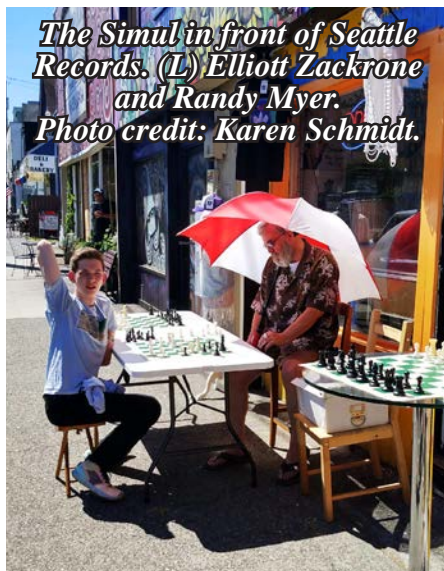
The record store looks like it was picked up in the 1970s and dropped into its current location: albums arranged by rock bands or artists; record players; boxes of 45s; *Meet the Beatles* 1960s album on display in the display case and priced at \$160; and yes, t-shirts both used and new, featuring bands and rock concerts. One of my favorite t-shirts that day was Pink Floyd, 1973, *Dark Side of the Moon*. Oh, and much to my amazement, there are new vinyl records which look exactly like the vintage albums (same cover art); the new remastered albums run about \$32 each. Think *High Fidelity*, the funniest movie I have ever seen, with John Cusack as a record store owner. I might have to get a record player myself down the road... I learned from Ken that he hosts all sorts of music/cultural events at the shop, including “open mic” night once a month, disco evenings, and more.

My secret passion is singing karaoke, so I am hoping to make it to an “open mic” night soon.

Ken must be older than he appears, because I learned that his peak chess years were during the 1980s and 1990s. The first time I had visited the shop, Ken told me that he had played (and beaten) Walter Browne in a 1990 tournament. I had never heard of Walter Browne, so when I got home, I looked Walter Browne up on the internet and learned that he had been the U.S. Champion six times. He was the reigning U.S. Senior Champion in 2015 when he died at the age of 66. He had two careers: professional chess player, and professional poker player. An aside here about my theory that chess players are also usually good at math and are musical. I fit that profile, as do many of my chess friends. I would add another skill to that theory: poker. I personally know several chess players who have been quite successful at poker—almost at the level of a second career. (If I weren't uber frugal, maybe I could have been good at poker, too...)

Ken is a true Seattle native, having attended Roosevelt High School. He also worked at The Last Exit on Brooklyn in the 1980s, a well-known chess and coffee hangout. Ken's uncle had taught him to play chess as a very young child (age 2-3) and by the time he was eight-years-old, he could beat all family members. He took a memorable trip to Mazatlán, Mexico that year with his aunt and uncle, and remembers winning a dollar at chess by beating his uncle, and playing chess with other kids at the beach. In his late teens, Ken took up chess again while working at The Last Exit on Brooklyn. He remembers playing thousands of games with Viktors Pupols, Michael Spiegel, Jim McCormick, and other local chess players of the day. At the age of 17, Ken won the \$1000 first prize at a Seattle tournament, in the U1800 section. Around that same time, he also tied for first place in the New York Open, splitting the \$2500 prize.

Ken has an adult daughter and son, and he currently lives in the north end of Seattle. Over the years, he has owned a hair salon (Signatures) in Belltown in Seattle, was in real estate for a few years, and currently co-owns a publishing company called Multi-Lingual Books. During our lengthy in-person interview I was intrigued to learn that Ken has recently written a chess book! I mentioned that I write a monthly story for



The Simul in front of Seattle Records. (L) Elliott Zackrone and Randy Myer. Photo credit: Karen Schmidt.



Seattle Records storefront mural by local artist Ryan "henry" Ward, who, according to Ken Tompkins, has about 70 around Seattle. Photo credit: Karen Schmidt.

Northwest Chess magazine, and before I knew it, he commented that he needed a proofreader for his new book and asked me if I'd like to do it! After establishing that I wouldn't do it for free, and after I got home that day, I sent him a couple links to previous stories I have written for *Northwest Chess*. (I wanted to assure him that I didn't just make that up, since he didn't know me from Adam.) He opened Seattle Records in October of 2021.

So... over the past few weeks I have finished proofreading and editing a great little chess book geared for beginners and chess clubs. It is a book of mate-in-one puzzles—one on each of the 64 squares of the chess board! However, it is more than a puzzle book—as it has a chess quotation along with each mate problem—and artwork as well. I got a huge kick out of the chess quotations as I worked my way through the book because I had never really googled or otherwise read “chess quotes.” Two of my favorites are the Tartakower observation that he “prefers to sacrifice his opponent’s pieces,” and the Susan Polgar quotation that she “has never actually won a game against a fully healthy man.” As the only female chess player at Westlake Park in Seattle, I have won quite a few games after which it turned out that my opponent was feeling poorly, had a headache, allergies acting up, was distracted because I moved too slowly, and so on...

After I told my Sunday meetup group about Ken being a FIDE Master and having written a mate-in-one puzzle book, one of my friends suggested that maybe Ken would be willing to play a Simul for fun against us—the informal Caffè Umbria Sunday Chess Club! Ken was more than agreeable to this idea, and we did in fact play him one Sunday in August, on the sidewalk in front of his record store. There were seven of us altogether—four of us from the Umbria

group, the boyfriend of a gal who was working at his shop that day, and two passers-by—one of whom was a Portland, Oregon chess player up in Seattle for the weekend. Ken won all the games. But I was extremely happy to last 51 moves in my game.

Ken was away from chess for several years but took it up again in a serious way about three years ago. Since then, he has played in chess.com and lichess.org online tournaments, and played in a major tournament in Vancouver, BC (Canada). In his peak chess years, he has beaten four Grandmasters, and played speed chess with Elena Donaldson, Georgi Orlov,

Ignacio Perez and other major local players.

The Tomkins book will be a hit with chess kids and would make an excellent teaching tool at chess clubs, summer camps, or chess schools. It will be out soon in paperback, and Ken will be doing a promotional Simul, lecture and book signing at the Seattle Chess Club—which is in the planning stages.

If you are interested in playing in the simul, please contact me via email at karenkarkau@gmail.com. The SCC meets at the Orlov Chess Academy near Green Lake, in North Seattle.



Ken Tompkins. Note t-shirt by Henry, just like his storefront. Photo credit: Karen Schmidt.

Collinge Perfect In Sixth Seattle Classic

Josh Sinanan

The Sixth Annual Seattle Chess Classic, a marathon chess tournament held during the dog days of summer, was held at the Orlov Chess Academy in Greenlake August 13-17, 2022. Chess players from throughout the Pacific Northwest were represented in the modest 12-player field, from cities including Seattle, Gig Harbor, Snoqualmie, Sultan, Bellevue, Issaquah, Redmond, Mercer Island, and Bothell. The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and directed by the legendary Senior TD Fred Kleist. The event was run as a single U1900 section due to the cancellation of the Open section caused by lack of players. Despite the paltry turnout, the players all enjoyed themselves and had fun competing in the grueling nine-round Swiss tournament, which spanned four and a half days during the tail end of summer in the Pacific Northwest!

Top seed Max Collinge (9.0, 1874 → 1874) from Gig Harbor cruised to victory with an astounding, Fischeresque perfect score of nine wins from nine games! Despite several underrated newcomers in the field, Max was consistent in his approach and carefully prepared for each game. Due to the heavy Seattle summer traffic and construction along the I-5 corridor, Max found it easier to stay in Seattle for the afternoon and commute back home to Gig Harbor in the evenings

2022 Seattle Chess Classic												
#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Total
1	Maxwell Collinge	1874	W12	W9	W7	W3	W2	W8	W6	W10	W5	9
2	David Marcellia	1587	D3	W4	H---	H---	L1	W7	W5	W6	W12	6.5
3	Akiva Notkin	1174	D2	W5	W9	L1	L7	B---	W8	W12	W10	6.5
4	William Cummins	728	B---	L2	L11	W9	D8	W12	W7	H---	W6	6
5	Zoe Xu	1353	L7	L3	B---	W10	W12	L6	L2	W8	L1	4
6	Anay Singh	1110	L8	B---	W12	L7	W10	W5	L1	L2	L4	4
7	Mason Fitzwater	unr.	W5	W8	L1	W6	W3	L2	L4	F9	U---	4
8	Emily Huang	1375	W6	L7	D10	D11	D4	L1	L3	L5	B---	3.5
9	Leo Saloranta	1319	W11	L1	L3	L4	H---	L10	H---	X7	H---	3.5
10	Luke Dale	1136	H---	H---	D8	L5	L6	W9	W12	L1	L3	3.5
11	Erik Choi	unr.	L9	L12	W4	D8	B---	U---	U---	U---	U---	2.5
12	Aneesh Vashisht	1234	L1	W11	L6	B---	L5	L4	L10	L3	L2	2

once the traffic had died down, which further enhanced his preparation game by game. David Marcellia (6.5, 1001 → 1108) from Issaquah and Akiva Notkin (6.5, unrated → 1122) from Seattle shared second/third place honors two and a half points back after a tense draw against each other in the first

round. William Cummins (6.0, unrated → 964) from Snoqualmie was awarded the first U1800 prize with six points, finishing the tournament strong with an undefeated five points from his final six games. Two up-and-coming youngsters, Zoe Xu (4.0, 768 → 794) from Bellevue and Anay Singh (4.0, unrated → 771) from Bothell shared the first U1600/U1400 prize with four points apiece, each playing all decisive games along the way. Anay has kindly annotated two of his games, including the one against Zoe, for the *Northwest Chess* readers to enjoy. Luke Dale (3.5, 1083 → 926), a high-school student from Snoqualmie, claimed the first U1200 prize a half-point back to round out the overall prize winners.

With several special prizes on the line, including Best Female Player, Biggest Upset (per round), and Best Dressed (per day), playing fighting chess while wearing stylish attire was highly encouraged throughout the event! Upset prizes were awarded to the highly underrated Akiva Notkin in rounds one-three and seven-eight, while middle school student Will Cummins was the fortunate upset prize recipient in rounds four-six and nine. Zoe Xu, a third grader from Somerset Elementary School in Bellevue, claimed the Best Female prize. The Best Dressed prizes were awarded to Erik Choi

(Saturday), Emily Huang (Sunday), Akiva Notkin (Monday), and Zoe Xu (Tuesday-Wednesday). Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this delightful event!

Two Games From Anay Singh

My name is Anay Singh, and today I am going to show two of my favorite games that I played in the Seattle Chess Classic. My first game I want to show was against Zoe Xu. Before this round I felt very hyped as I had won in round five. In this game I was White, and Zoe Xu was Black. I liked this because I could sort of decide the opening, so I didn't have to worry about not knowing a variation.

Anay Singh (1110) – Zoe Xu (1353) [C54]

Seattle Chess Classic
Seattle, WA (R6), August 15, 2022
[Anay Singh]

1.e4 e5

This is the opening I have studied the most, so I decided to play it because Black was higher rated than I was.

2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3

The Giuoco Piano: Main line.

4...Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.h3 a6 7.0-0 h6

When I analyzed the game, I saw stockfish wanted me to play 8.a4 which I didn't play. At this point Black was playing fast, so I thought Black new this opening very well.

8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4

I have gained full control of the center, and I liked that.

9...Bb6

Getting his bishop out of the way.

10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bf4

This takes away all of my advantage because of 11...Nxe4!



Position after 11.Bf4

11...Re8

11...Nxe4 12.Nxe4 d5 If you retreat the

bishop or knight you will lose a pawn, and the same if you capture on d5 with the bishop, so you must play 13.Bd6 attacking the rook. Now Black should play either ...dxe4 or ...cxd6. After ...cxd6, you just play a normal game, so I will show what happens after ...dxe4. 13...dxe4 14.Bxf8 exf3 15.Bc5 Bxc5 16.dxc5 Qh4 attacking the bishop on c4 and threatening to take the pawn on g2 and then take the pawn on h3. 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7 18.Qxf3+ and the computer says you can hold this endgame.

12.Qb3

I forgot about ...Na5 which would make me loose a pawn, although the engine finds a way to save the pawn, but that would lead to a damaged pawn structure.

12...Na5 13.Qa4 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Rxe4 16.Be3 d5

This isn't a bad move, but is the reason he lost.

17.Qc3 Qf6 18.Ne5 Rh4 19.Kh2 c6

Preparing to bishop to c7. Black can win two pawns by playing 19...Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qe6 21.Bxh6 Bxd4.

20.Rfd1?? Bc7

20...c5 and if I played 21.Nf3 (21.Qb3

cxd4) 21...Rhx3+ and I should move back, but if I played 22.gxh3 Qxf3 then Black will likely win the game.

21.f4 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qg6 23.Rd4 Qh5 24.Bf2 Bf5 25.Bxh4 Qxh4

I felt confident I should win the game.

26.Rf1 Re8 27.g4 Bxg4 28.f5 Rxe5 29.Rxg4 Qe7 30.Rfg1 Re2+ 31.R1g2 Qe5+ 32.Qg3 Rxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Qxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Kf8 35.Rb4 c5 36.Rxb7 d4 37.Rc7 c4 38.Rxc4 d3 39.Rd4 a5 40.Rxd3 Ke7 41.Ra3

At this point Black resigned the game. I was very happy that I won this game as it was my first win against a 1350 US Chess Federation-rated player.

1-0

Anay Singh (1110) –
Aneesh Vashisht (1234) [C50]
Seattle Chess Classic
Seattle, WA (R3), August 14, 2022
[Anay Singh]

My second-favorite win from the tournament.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 f5 4.d3 Bc5 5.Nc3 fxe4 6.dxe4 h6

Here I could have taken on g8 and then played Qd5, but I didn't see it.

7.0-0 Nf6 8.Re1 d6 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Nxf6+ Qxf6 11.Bxe6 Qxe6 12.Be3 Bb6 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Qe2 Nd4 15.Qd3 Qf7 16.Nc4 Bc5 17.c3 Nc2 18.Qxc2 Qxc4 19.f3 Bxe3+ 20.Rxe3 Qc5 21.Rae1 Rae8 22.Qb3+ Kh8 23.R1e2 b6 24.Kh1 c6 25.h3 d5 26.exd5 Qd6 27.dxc6 e4 28.Rxe4 Rxe4 29.Rxe4 Qxc6 30.Qa4 Qc8 31.Qxa7 Qc5 32.Qe7 Qc8 33.Qe5

At this is point, I was confident that I would win the game, although the game did go on for 27 more moves because it took me that long to convert this game into a win.

33...Rd8 34.Rh4 Kg8 35.Re4 Qa8 36.Qe6+ Kh8 37.Qxb6 Rb8 38.Qe3 Rd8 39.Rd4 Rb8 40.Qd2 Qa5 41.b4 Qc7 42.Rd7 Qb6 43.Qd4 Qa6 44.Rd8+ Rxd8 45.Qxd8+ Kh7 46.Kh2 Qe2 47.Qd4 Qxa2 48.c4 Qa4 49.Qd3+ Kh8 50.b5 Qb4 51.Qc2 Qd6+ 52.Kh1 Qe6 53.Qb1 Qxc4 54.b6 Qc8 55.b7 Qb8 56.Qb5 Kh7 57.Qf5+ Kh8 58.Qc8+ Qxc8 59.bxc8Q+ Kh7 60.Qf5+ Kh8

And I won by resignation. I also liked this game because Aneesh Vashisht was a 1200-rated player.

1-0



Anay Singh. Courtesy of Anay Singh.

ICA Supports Ukrainian Refugees

Dear Idaho Chess Association,
We want to thank you for donating ten chess sets and financially supporting our humanitarian trip to Romania to help Ukrainian refugees displaced by war.

By virtue of your organization and other donors, it was a very fruitful trip.

It took us about 24 hours to get from Boise to Bucharest, Romania. We brought with us 12 large suitcases of food, medicine, and vitamins, totaling 500+ pounds.

We had three full days in Bucharest, during which our family was extremely busy. Most of the time was spent on shopping for more groceries, baby and hygiene products, and then packing them into boxes to be transported to those in need. At several stores, we bought all of their inventory of certain jams, cereals, and other items. Thanks to all the donations, we were able to purchase humanitarian aid for thousands of US dollars in Romania.

All monetary donations were used for purchasing food and other supplies for the Ukrainian families. We paid our own expenses for travel and lodging, as well as for transportation of all of the humanitarian relief to the places where it was needed.

There are two organizations we worked with in Romania. One of them even under perilous war conditions transports the supplies to most affected Ukrainian cities. We had an opportunity to share peanut butter jars that we brought from the US with 150 households in one of those cities. In addition, we purchased two pound buckets of jelly, some cereal, and coffee for each box of supplies. It was a big blessing to families in the city of Kharkiv located in Eastern Ukraine.

The other non-profit organization opened a center for refugees near the border of Ukraine and Romania. They provide a temporary shelter, feed the families meals, and work with them through the stress and trauma caused by the war.

The government of Romania allows Ukrainians to enter the country, but they do not provide any monetary or other types of assistance. This kind of help provided by the refugee center is crucial for families in the beginning while they are figuring out what to do next. We purchased groceries, diapers, and feminine products for this center. We gave them the chess sets that you provided and also

purchased additional board games, puzzles, and some other little gifts. Playing games helps refugees, especially children, to deal with the anxiety and shock of the war they have escaped from. This organization also has connections in Ukraine where they help displaced families. Some of the donated items were sent there as well.

It took us over 27 hours to get back to Idaho. We came back tired, but our hearts are full. It really is more blessed to give than to receive.

The Nosarev Family



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Back 2 School Quads

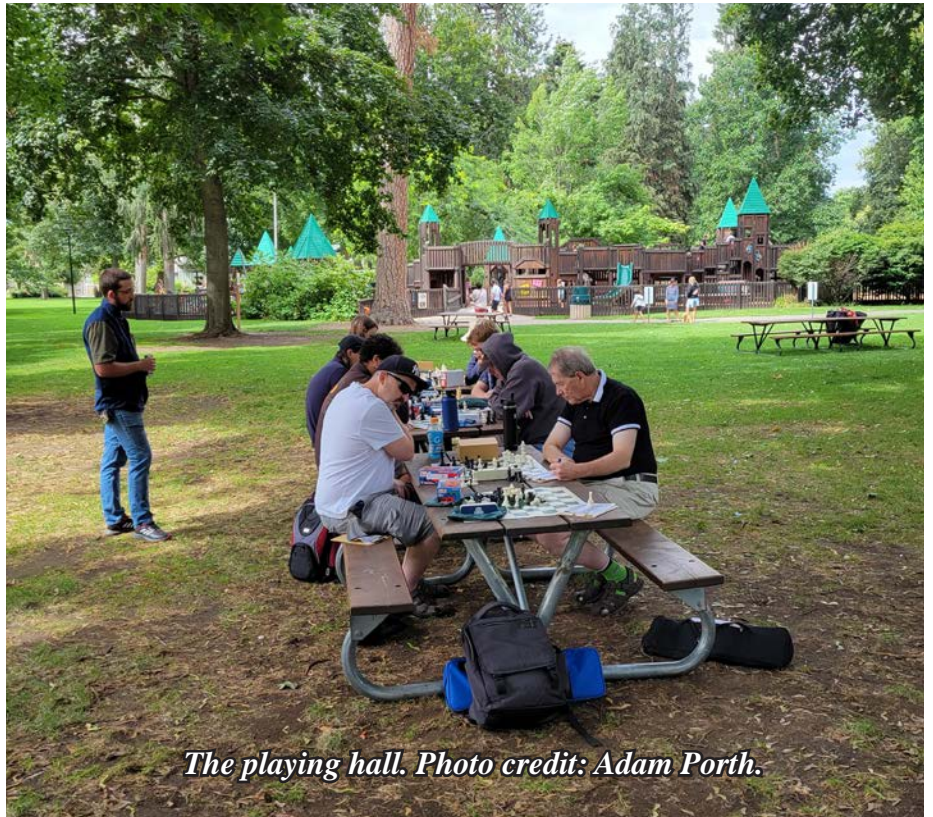
By Adam Porth

Coeur d'Alene, ID—August 27, 2022

The Back 2 School Quads literally blew into Coeur d'Alene as chess players braved a tournament “like nothing [they] experienced before,” as Michael Cambareri quipped. Quads are a popular form of chess tournament where competitors are divided into groups of four based on their ratings and players engage in a round-robin tournament. These quads were G/45;d5. Twelve players arrived with beautiful weather and the sun shining on the chess boards waiting for gambits, sacrifices, and checkmates.

By round one, clouds rolled in—threatening rain—wind gathering speed, such that the vinyl boards acted like kites and occasionally wiping out 15 - 20 minutes of concentrated play. Additionally, smoke from a fire on the other side of Spokane permeated the air creating a diffused haze.

Players were cool about the wind for the first round as they paused clocks, reset, and continued. Soon all the boards were weighted down along the edges and the players immediately began round two and then round three—some donning their triple weighted sets. Adding to



The playing hall. Photo credit: Adam Porth.

the exciting tournament was a nearby wedding and a few family reunions. Applause from the wedding coincided with Michael Cambareri winning his round two game!

Chess organizer Adam Porth designed this tournament to be a visible sign that the chess community is vibrant

and available to the public and the players appreciated occasional public eyes. Three picnic benches were located prominently in the Coeur d'Alene Park in view of basketball courts, beach, playground, and pavilion. The casual atmosphere also encouraged player camaraderie and a sense of shared purpose.

Quad A winner won \$60

Quad B winners \$30 each

Quad C winners \$30 each

**Adam Porth (1284) –
Craig Moore (1500) [C50]**
2022 Back 2 School Quads

Coeur d'Alene, ID (R2), August 27, 2022

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 h6 5.e5 Bc5 6.c3 dxc3 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Qd5+ Ke8 9.Qxc5 cxb2 10.Bxb2 Qe7 11.Qc1 Nf6 12.0-0 Ng4 13.h3 Qe6 14.hxg4 Qxg4 15.Nbd2 h5 16.Nh2 Qf5 17.Ndf3 Rg8 18.Qc5 g5 19.Ba3 b6 20.Qd5 Qe6 21.Qe4 Bb7 22.Qh7 Qg6 23.Qxg6+ Rxg6 24.Rac1 Kf7 25.Rfd1 Ke6 26.Bb2 Rc8 27.a3 g4 28.Nh4 Rg5 29.f4 Rgg8 30.g3 Ne7 31.Nf1 c5 32.Rd6+ Kf7 33.Rxd7

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Back 2 School Quads, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, August 27, 2022												
Quad A												
#	Name	US Chess	Rating	R1	R2	R3	Total	Solk	Cum	O.Cum	Med	Place
1	Michael Edward Cambareri	12707145	1986	W2	W4	W3	3	3	6	6	3	1
2	Adam Porth	13362690	1284	L1	W3	W4	2	4	3	9	4	2
3	Craig M. Moore	10413265	1500	W4	L2	L1	1	5	3	9	2	3
4	David Griffin	12469398	1500	L3	L1	L2	0	6	0	12	3	4
Quad B												
#	Name	US Chess	Rating	R1	R2	R3	Total	Solk	Cum	O.Cum	Med	Place
1	Michael James Byrne	12615642	1235	W4	W2	L3	2	4	5	7	3.5	1-2
2	Tyler Anderson	30627853	1136	W3	L1	W4	2	4	4	8	3.5	1-2
3	Steven Dahlstrom	16531297	1250	L2	D4	W1	1.5	4.5	2	10	2	3
4	Ryder Pimentel	17002177	959	L1	D3	L2	0.5	5.5	1	11	3.5	4
Quad C												
#	Name	US Chess	Rating	R1	R2	R3	Total	Solk	Cum	O.Cum	Med	Place
1	Scotty Brian Hohman	30644184	1184	W4	D2	W3	2.5	3.5	5	7	3.5	1-2
2	Andersen Dank	30464925	Unr.	W3	D1	W4	2.5	3.5	5	7	3.5	1-2
3	Emmy Pimentel	17002162	498	L2	W4	L1	1	5	2	10	2.5	3
4	Evan Schroedle	30692535	Unr.	L1	L3	L2	0	6	0	12	3.5	4

North Idaho Scholastic Chess League Formation

Adam Porth

The Idaho Chess Association is proud to announce the North Idaho Scholastic Chess League to allow students in north Idaho and eastern Washington to compete monthly throughout the upcoming school year. There are six tournaments planned with a two-month hiatus to allow for the regional scholastic qualifier and the state scholastic championships.

The locations are still being worked out but play is set to begin on Thursday, October 20 at the Coeur d'Alene Public Library beginning at 4:30 pm allowing for three G/25;d0 rounds and a three-hour timetable for the weeknight tournaments.

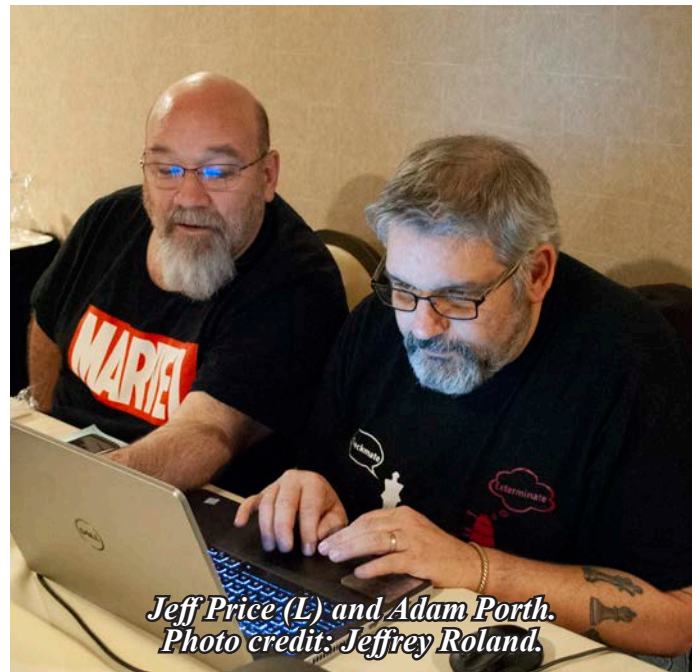
The excitement in scholastic chess is spreading and chess clubs are forming in many schools. The ICA wants to support and provide education and guidance to these clubs by offering a league where students of similar interests in chess can meet, compete, and learn. We are sure new friendships will also form. Teams can have as many players as they want.

Each monthly tournament will include sections for elementary, middle school, and high-school students. The sections are further divided into divisions with each section featuring an advanced group (A), beginner group (B), and

section for everyone else (C). Chess coaches or team captains will select one player to compete in the A group and B group to start each tournament. Everyone else is in group C. Winners of the B and C groups move up one level at each of the following tournaments. So, by the end of the season, some teams will have more than one player in the A and B divisions. Team points are scored from the total scores of players in divisions A and B. At the end of the season, the team with the most points amongst the sections will win top honors. Each section will crown a top team. Individually, players that win their group will earn a medal.

We are looking for donations to support each of the tournament's awards and snacks. We are hoping that this preliminary

model will be successful and encourage beginners and new chess players to compete with players of similar age and ability while enjoying the program and the chess. Registration and information can be found at the ICA website, <https://www.idahochessassociation.com>.



*Jeff Price (L) and Adam Porth.
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Reminder:

Norman Friedman Memorial

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

October 8-9, 2022

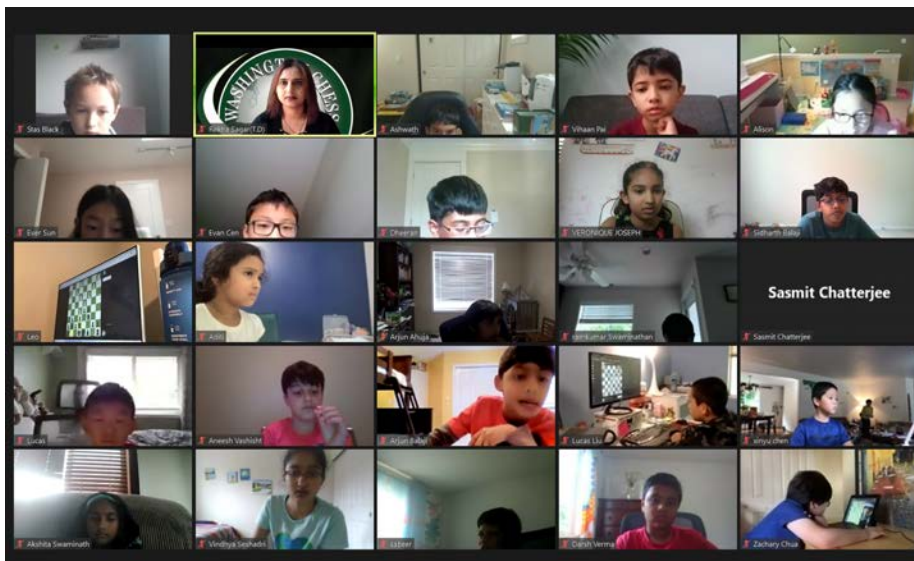
2022 Seattle Classic Scholastic

By Josh Sinanan

The 2022 Seattle Classic Scholastic chess tournament was held online via Chess.com from Saturday August 27 – Sunday August 28. Scholastic chess players in grades K-12 participated from throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the cities of Sammamish, Bellevue, Redmond, Bothell, Woodinville, Mill Creek, Kirkland, Maple Valley, Olympia, Seattle, Duvall, Kenmore, Fall City, Vancouver (WA), and Vancouver (B.C.)! The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and directed by WCF Scholastic Director Rekha Sagar.

A total of 55 courageous chess warriors competed across four sections separated by grade level and rating: K-3 U1000, 4-12 U1200, K-12 Open (one-day) and K-12 Open (two-day). The two-day K-12 Open section, in which the highest finishing K-5 and 6-12 Washington State residents won free entry into the 2022 Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls & Boys on October 22-23, featured a classical time control of Game in 75 minutes with a 30-second increment with five rounds over two days.

The one-day sections featured the more typical format of five rounds of Game in 25 minutes with a five-second increment over one day on Saturday 8/27. Due to smaller than expected turnouts in several of the Open sections, the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections were merged into a single K-12 Open (one-



day) section and the K-5 Open and 6-12 Open sections were merged into a single K-12 Open (two-day) section. This year's free entry winners into the 2022 SPFNO were Lucas Liu (who tied for first with Arnav Gadde but had higher tiebreaks) and Leonardo Wang, by virtue of being the highest finishing K-5 and 6-12 W State residents, respectively.

Congratulations to the following champions, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic event!



Section	Champion(s)
K-3 U1000	Kala Balasubramanian (5/5) - Champion!
4-12 U1200	Yuchang Yang, Ever Sun Huang & Oliver Wakeman (4/5) - Co-Champions!
K-3 Open (1-day)	Dann Merriman (4/5) - Champion!
4-12 Open (1-day)	Samuel Cha (4/5) - Champion!
K-5 Open (2-day)	Lucas Liu & Arnav Gadde (4/5) - Co-Champions!
6-12 Open (2-day)	Leonardo Wang (4/5) - Champion!

Reminder:

Washington G/60 Chess Championship

Seattle, Washington

October 8, 2022

Detective Cookie Chess Tables At Othello Park International Festival

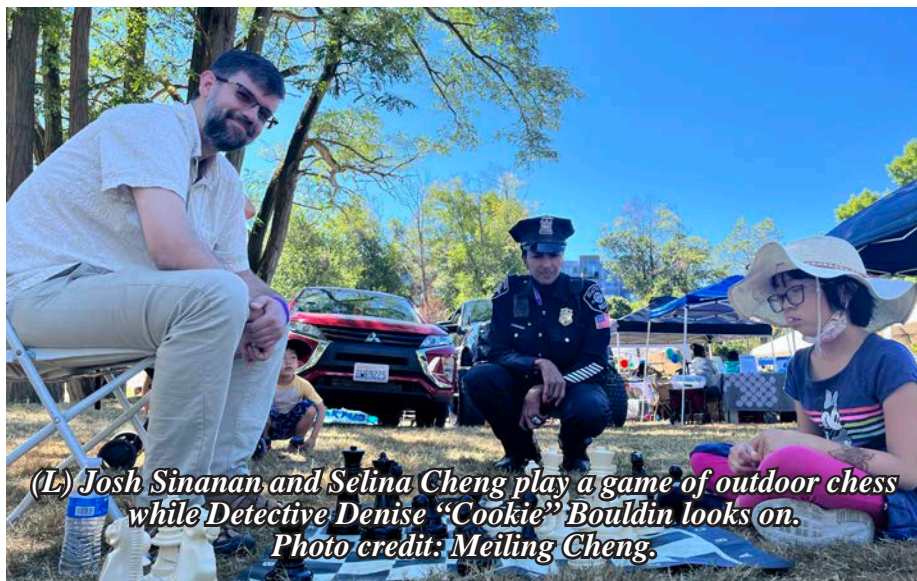
By Josh Sinanan

On Sunday, August 14, several hundred people gathered at Othello Park in South Seattle for a family-friendly afternoon of food, fun, and festivities. The event, formally known as the Othello Park International Festival, featured a dazzling



Josh Sinanan and a few students from Detective Cookie's Chess Club make a quick stop at the ice cream truck for a mid-afternoon treat!

Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



(L) Josh Sinanan and Selina Cheng play a game of outdoor chess while Detective Denise "Cookie" Bouldin looks on. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

array of diverse performances, delicious local cuisine, arts & crafts, games, and several local vendors.

Among the arts and games present were Detective Cookie's Chess Tables, in which chess players young and old from all walks of life gathered to play chess under an outside tent! Seattle Police Detective Denise "Cookie" Bouldin, who runs a popular chess club for youth at the nearby Rainier Beach Community Center, was onsite the entire time as the host of the chess tables!

WCF President Josh Sinanan made a special visit and played a few chess games with several of the young aspiring players, many of whom have refined their skills at Detective Cookie's weekly chess club gatherings. The weather was sunny and pleasant, which necessitated a group trip to the ice cream truck for a mid-afternoon popsicle break!

This event, along with several others,

has built anticipation for the September 24th Grand Opening of Detective Cookie's Chess Park, located in South Seattle on the corner of S. Barton Place and Rainier Avenue. The new chess park is a symbol of Detective Cookie's vision: to inspire and empower local youth by providing them with the life skills learned through chess.

The project, several years in the making, has culminated with the creation of a public park in Rainier Beach, Seattle, where chess can be played outdoors on built-in chess tables and on a giant in-ground chess board. Be sure to make a trip to the newly opened Detective Cookie Chess Park and check it out for yourself!

Othello Park International Festival: <https://othellopark.org/2022-festival/>

Detective Cookie Chess Park: <https://detectivecookiechesspark.org/>

Reminder:

Washington G/15 Chess Championship

Seattle, Washington

October 9, 2022



WCF President Josh Sinanan returns victorious from the ice cream truck excursion at the Othello Park International Festival! Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

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Seattle Kings vs Princes Match VIII

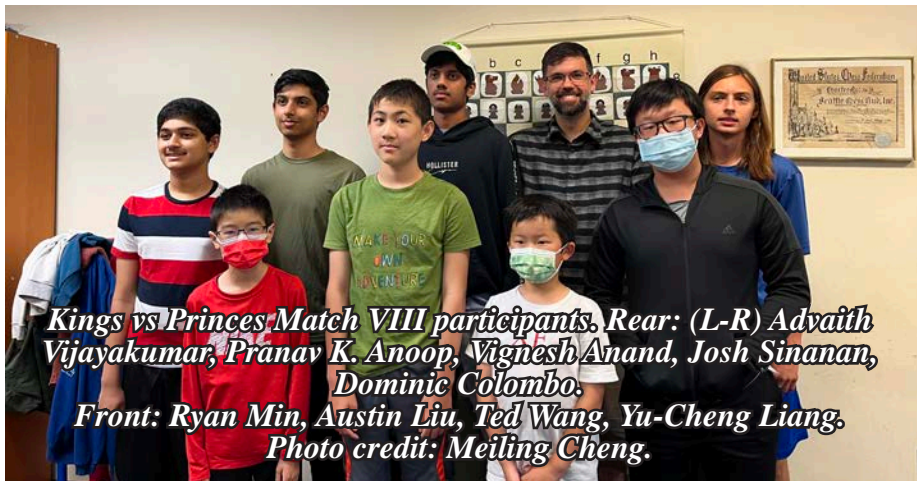
By Josh Sinanan

The eight edition of the Seattle Kings vs Princes Match took place July 29-31, 2022, at the Orlov Chess Academy in Greenlake. The event, which featured a Tri-rated (US Chess + FIDE + NWSRS) five v five Scheveningen team match and an eight-player Swiss tournament, was directed by Senior TD Fred Kleist and hosted by the Washington Chess Federation. This marked the first Kings vs Princes Match since December of 2019, back in the good old days before the world was upended by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The match featured two evenly matched five-player teams, each with an average rating close to 2100. The Princes team, led by soon-to-be chess masters Yu-Cheng Liang and Advait Vijayakumar, came out swinging in the first round and gained a one-point lead thanks to victories by Vijayakumar and Liu. Despite several promising positions for the Kings in the first round, only King Sinanan was able to score the full point with a quick knockout against Min's Kings Indian.

The Princes retained their one-point lead after a split second round, with Vijayakumar and Liu scoring again, but Colombo and Gottumukkala scoring for the Kings. A tense third round ensued, with three draws led by the king drawmaster Vignesh Anand and only Prince Vijayakumar and King Sinanan able to reel in the full points. The Kings struck back in round four led by victories at the hands of Kings Sinanan, Colombo, and Gottumukkala, which gave the Kings team a slim one-point lead heading into the fifth and final round. With Prince Vijayakumar, now sitting at a perfect four wins from four games, set to play King Anand, who had drawn all of his games thus far, someone's streak was bound to end.

Alas, soon enough a drawn rook ending was reached in a peaceful Catalan, and the Kings were one step closer to reclaiming the crown. However, with clutch last round victories by Princes Liu, Liang, and Min, the Kings' lead slipped



Kings vs Princes Match VIII participants. Rear: (L-R) Advait Vijayakumar, Pranav K. Anoop, Vignesh Anand, Josh Sinanan, Dominic Colombo. Front: Ryan Min, Austin Liu, Ted Wang, Yu-Cheng Liang. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



Ananth Gottumukkala, playing for the Kings team, focuses intensely on his game. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



Princely Swiss participants: Rear: (L-R) Kai Pisan, Huy Le, Mary Kuhner, Abhay Sankar, Edward Cheng. Front: Selina Cheng, Michael Xiong, Yash Syal. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

away and the Princes snatched victory from the jaws of defeat! Congratulations to the Princes, who have reclaimed the throne from the once mighty Kings with a narrow 13-12 victory!

Results By Team:

Princes

Advaith Vijayakumar 2122 4.5 \$400
 Austin Liu 2052 3.5 \$300
 Yu-Cheng Liang 2164 2.5 \$200
 Ryan Min 2006 2.0

Ted Wang 1924 0.5
 Avg. rating: 2054

Kings

NM Josh Sinanan 2259 3.0 \$200
 Vignesh Anand 2048 2.5 \$125
 Dominic Colombo 1919 2.5 \$125
 Pranav K. Anoop 2104 2.0
 Ananth Gottumukkala 2082 2.0
 Avg. rating: 2082

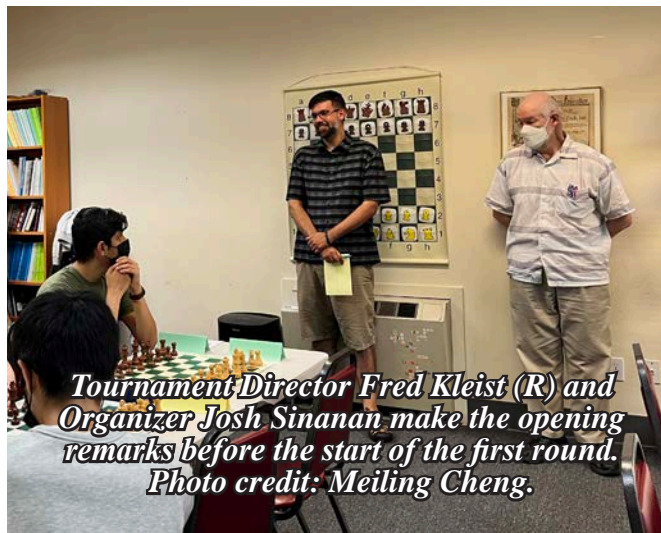
Final Score: Princes 13 - Kings 12

In the eight-player Princely Swiss, which was held alongside the Kings vs Princes Scheveningen Team Match, Edward Cheng from Detective Cookie's Chess School in Seattle was crowned as King with an impressive 4.5 points from five games. Along the way, Edward allowed only one draw against second place finished WCM Mary Kuhner from Seattle, who has played in several Kings vs Princes Matches in past years.

Huy Le, a young adult chess player from Seattle, claimed first U1600 honors with 2.5 points.



Yu-Cheng Liang, from Camas (Washington), playing for the Princes team. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



Tournament Director Fred Kleist (R) and Organizer Josh Sinanan make the opening remarks before the start of the first round. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

Twenty-Four Washington Players Brave The Heat In Rancho Mirage

Josh Sinanan

The 122nd Annual US Open was held July 30 – August 7 at the luxurious Westin Rancho Mirage Golf Resort and Spa in Palm Springs, CA. Twenty-one Washington players competed in the one-section, 9-round Swiss Tournament. WCF President Josh Sinanan and ICA President Adam Porth were also on-site. Adam was on the tournament directors staff while Josh represented the Northwest states at various meetings and settled into his new role as a member of the Scholastic Council.

Congratulations to the following WA players who competed in the US Open:

Stephen Willy (6.0, 1963 → 1983) – 56th Place

Yu-Cheng Liang (5.5, 2122 → 2123) – 68th Place

Ananth Gottumukkala (5.5, 1989 → 2013) – 84th Place

Yiding Lu (5.5, 1970 → 1986) – 91st Place

David Arganian (5.0, 2017 → 2013) – 119th Place

Colin Diamond (5.0, 1961 → 1979) – 125th Place

Richard Lavoice (5.0, 1870 → 1877) – 140th Place

Anand Gupta (5.0, 1777 → 1808) – 148th Place

Peter Livesey (4.5, 1712 → 1757) – 192nd Place

Mika Mitchell (4.5, 1765 → 1705) – 196th Place

Gabriel Jongema (4.5, 1574 → 1670) – 202nd Place

Saiya Karamali (4.5, 1670 → 1656) – 203rd Place

Joseph Tucker (4.5, 1360 → 1391) –

210th Place

Advaith Vijayakumar (4.0, 2153 → 2134) – 213th Place

Henry Yan (3.5, 1751 → 1736) – 276th Place

Marshall Tsai (3.5, 1538 → 1489) – 293rd Place

Rory Shing (3.5, 1322 → 1400) – 302nd Place

Francisco Diaz (3.5, 1128 → 1178) – 314th Place

Ryan Dee (3.0, unrated → 1526) – 325th Place

James “Skip” Hamlett IV (3.0, 1422 → 1454) – 327th Place

James Tucker (2.0, 1059 → 1036) – 377th Place

Congratulations to Team Washington, who took 8th Place as a team in the US Open Invitationals with 19.5 points and an average rating of 2178!

Yiding Lu, Rockefeller National Tournament of Elementary State Champions (4.5, 1952 → 1970) – 6th Place

IM Anthony He, Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions (4.0, 2482 → 2480) – 6th Place

WFM Anne-Marie Velea, Haring National Tournament of Girls State Champions (4.0, 2118 → 2113) – 9th Place

FM John Readey, Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions (4.0, 2286 → 2288) – 10th Place

Stephen Willy, Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions (3.0, 2002 → 1963) – 21st Place

Anand Gupta, who is heading to UW this fall to study computer science, has kindly passed along his US Open games for the *Northwest Chess* readers to enjoy.

FM John Readey has also submitted and annotated a game from the Senior.

**Eric Cooke (2200) –
Anand Gupta (1777) [D87]**
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R1), August 2, 2022
[Anand Gupta]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Ne2
c5 9.Be3 Nc6 10.0-0 Bg4 11.f3 Bd7**

Normal Gruenfeld theory where we go ...Bg4 to provoke f3 which can weaken the g1–a7 diagonal.

**12.Qd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Rac1 a6
15.Rfe1 Na7**

To reroute the bishop on d7 to b5 and hopefully trade my inactive bishop for either the excellent c4-bishop or the knight. I wanted to play ...b5, but that would shut doors on my bishop, so I played ...Na7 to allow a beneficial trade.

**16.d5 Bb5 17.Bb3 Bxe2 18.Rxc8 Nxc8
19.Qxe2 Nd6 20.Rc1 Qd7 21.Rc5 Rc8
22.Qc2 Rxc5 23.Qxc5 Qb5 24.Kf2 Qxc5
25.Bxc5**

Following through with my plan of trading pieces to hold a draw with a national master.

25...Kf8 26.Ke3 f5

A well timed move to disrupt the white pawn chain. Taking f5 would be a terrible idea as White's pawns would be weakened.

27.g4 Bh6+

Probably better to trade pawns and play Be5, but I thought I could plant my bishop

on f4.

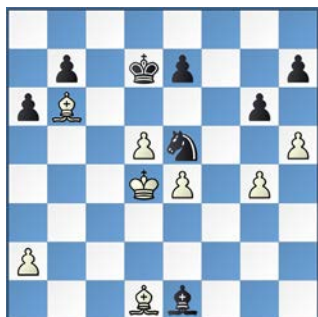
28.Kd3 fxe4+ 29.fxe4 Bf4 30.Bg1 Nf7 31.Bd1 Ke8 32.h4

This position should be a draw after ...Be5, ...Nd6 and ...b5. I saw this idea but thought it was risky with the move a4 coming in to attack my pawns, but the game should still be a draw.

32...Kd7 33.Kc4 Bd6 34.Bb6

Allowing the bishop to enter my position on b6 was a mistake as White can harass my king with Ba4-.

34...Bg3 35.h5 Ne5+ 36.Kc3 Be1+ 37. Kd4



Position after 37.Kd4

Best move was to play ...Bf2+ and take b6-bishop to hold an opposite-colored bishop endgame. However, I thought White would have too much activity with their king going to take the kingside pawns.

37...Nf7 38.Ba4+ Kc8 39.Ke3 Nd6 40.Bd4 gxf5 41.gxf5 Bh4 42.Kf4 b5 43.Bc2 h6 44.e5 Bg5+ 45.Kg4 Nc4 46.Bf5+ Kd8

White is able to get more activity and will push their center pawns for a win.

47.Be6 Ne3+ 48.Kf3 Nc2 49.Bb6+ Ke8 50.d6 exd6 51.exd6 Bd8 52.Bc5 Kf8 53.Bf5 Ne1+ 54.Ke4 Ng2 55.Be6 Ne1 56.Be3 Kg7 57.Bd4+ Kf8 58.Be5 Nc2 59.Kf5 Nb4 60.Kg6

White threatens Bf7 and mate.

60...Nc6 61.Bf4 Bg5 62.Bxg5 hxg5 63.h6 63.Kf6 Ne5 64.h6 Ke8 65.Kxe5 Kf8 66.Kf6 Ke8 67.h7 Kf8 68.h8Q#

63...Ne7+ 64.dxe7+ Kxe7

Should have been a draw from an interesting and maybe dubious middle game trade. However, I pushed too hard and missed a couple of simplifying ideas to eventually lose the game.

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**Anand Gupta (1777) –
Laurel Aronian (1286) [E90]
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R2), August 3, 2022
[Anand Gupta]**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Nf3 Re8 7.Bg5 a5

Better would have been to stick with theory and play e5, but I think my opponent was too scared of the pin.

8.Be2 Na6 9.g4

To stop any kinds of ...f5 by Black to open up the kingside.

9...Nd7 10.Qd2 f6 11.Be3 e5 12.d5 Nac5 13.0-0-0

Since Black didn't attempt to attack on the kingside and is now focusing on the queenside, I thought best to attack the kingside myself by castling long.

13...b6 14.Rdg1 Nf8 15.Rg2 Qd7 16. Rhg1 Na4 17.Nxa4 Qxa4 18.b3



Position after 18.b3

Usually trading in a kings Indian is known to be better for Black, but here I set up a trap in case Black went ...Qb4 which would lead to a trapped queen.

18...Qd7 19.a4

Closing down the queenside to finally breakthrough on the kingside.

19...Qd8 20.Nh4 g5 21.Nf5 Nd7 22.h4

...g5 by Black was probably a bad move since I could get an outpost and open the position up with h4.

22...Nc5 23.Qc2 Bb7 24.Rh2 Kf7 25.hxg5 Rh8 26.gxf6 Bxf6 27.g5 Bg7 28.Bh5+ Kg8 29.Bxc5

Traded bishop for knight to stop any kinds of counterplay on the queenside. Now I should be winning by getting my queen out as my plan of attacking the kingside is coming to fruition.

29...bxc5 30.Qe2 Qd7 31.Qf3 Kf8 32.Nxg7+ Kxg7 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Bg4

Rf8 35.Be6+ Qf7 36.g6 Bxd5 37.gxh7#

Beautiful pawn mate from a position where I just attacked the kingside and where my opponent failed to stop my play against their king which eventually led to the downfall of Blacks king. Anand beats Aronian.

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**Vincent Qin (2086) –
Anand Gupta (1777) [B19]
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R3), August 3, 2022
[Anand Gupta]**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.h5 Bh7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.0-0-0 Nbd7

11...Bd6 12.Ne4 Nxe4

12.Nf3 Bd6 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe2

Standard Caro Kann theory.

15...Qc7 16.Rh4 0-0-0

I decided to castle queenside even though the best move was to castle kingside because I had more practice playing this way and was ready to defend against any attack against my king on the queenside.

17.c4 c5 18.Kb1 a6 19.Rc1 Kb8 20.a3 Qb6 21.Ka2 cxd4 22.Nxd4 Bc5 23.Nb3 Qc6 24.Nxc5 Qxc5 25.b4 Qf5

White tries to attack the black king while I try to trade pieces and defend against the attack.

26.b5 Qd3 27.Bf4+ Ka7 28.Qxd3 Rxd3 29.bxa6 Kxa6 30.Be3 b6 31.Rb1 Nd7 32.c5 b5 33.a4 b4



Position after 33...b4

Felt like resigning here as White clearly had two passed pawns and my king was in danger. But I saw some trades which could make the game a drawn endgame.

34.Rhxb4 Rc8 35.Rc1 Ka5 36.Rcc4 Ne5 37.Rb5+ Ka6 38.Rd4 Rd8 39.Rxd8

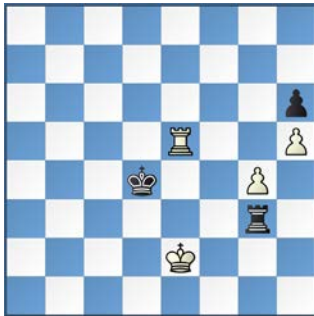
Rxd8 40.c6 Nc4 41.Kb3 Nxe3 42.fxe3
Rc8 43.Rb7 Rxc6 44.Rxf7

I got the trades that I wanted to secure a pretty equal endgame where I can just pick up all of White's pawns.

44...Rc5 45.g4 Rg5 46.Rf4 Re5 47.Rf7
Rxe3+ 48.Kc2 Rg3 49.Rxg7 Ka5 50.Rg6
e5

...e5 first felt better as when the rook takes the pawn, my king can rush over to the rook to get an extra tempo which I would need to draw the game. 50...Kxa4 51.Rxe6 Kb4 52.Kd2 Kc4 53.Ke2 Kd4

51.Re6 Kxa4 52.Rxe5 Kb4 53.Kd2 Kc4
54.Ke2 Kd4



Position after 54...Kd4

Rushed my king over towards the pawn using my tempo to get closer. I could have also just taken the g4-pawn and held the position, but I was not comfortable with a king that's not active.

55.Re6 Rxg4 56.Kf3 Rg5 57.Rxh6 Ke5
58.Ra6 Kf5 59.h6 Rg1

...Rh5 would have lost to the game to Ra5+.

60.Kf2 Rh1 61.Kg2 Rh4 62.Kg3 Rh1
63.Kg2 Rh4 64.Kg3 Rh1 65.Kg2

Position is just a draw as White can't push their pawns. I remember seeing a lot of people gathering around during this endgame.

65...Rh4 66.Kg3 Rh1

I defended against White's attack to the best of my ability, and even in a completely lost position I looked for the best moves, found the right trades to simplify to a drawn endgame against a 2000.

1/2-1/2

**Anand Gupta (1777) –
Eric Starkman (2020) [D30]**
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R4), August 4, 2022
[Anand Gupta]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Bg5 dxc4
5.e4

e4 is usually played in Semi Slav-type structures, but I had forgotten my theory a little bit which caused to be disastrous.

5...b5 6.e5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Nxg5 hxg5
9.Bxg5 Nbd7

This is all theory in the Semi Slav, although the current position isn't so bad after I play Nc3 a4 and then Ne4. However, I thought Black would have time to consolidate his queenside pawns so I just played a4 immediately which allowed a tactic by Black.

10.a4 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Qxd1+ 12.Kxd1
Ng4



Position after 12...Ng4

I spent about an hour here looking at variations with Nc3 where I would give up my Rook on h1 but threaten to win my own rook on a8 and get Black's king to the center. However, in most of the variations, Black had ...Be7 to trade pieces and defend his positions. So, I ended up playing Ke2 which was the best move to try to play Be3 next move.

13.Ke2

13.Nc3 Nxf2+ 14.Kc2 Nxf1 15.Nxb5
Kd7 (15...Rb8 16.Rd1 Be7) 16.Rd1+ Kc6
17.Be2 Rb8 18.Bf3+ Kb6 19.Bd8

13...Be5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 b4 16.Nd2
Ba6 17.Nf3 c3+ 18.Ke1 Bxf1 19.Rxf1
cxb2

19...Nxe3 20.Rf2 Nc4

20.Rb1 Nxe3 21.Rf2 Nc4 22.Re2 0-0-0

Position was already worse for me but now Black simply is winning with their queenside pawns.

23.Re4 Na3 24.Rxb2 c5 25.h3 Rd5
26.Ke2 a5 27.Nd2 Rh5 28.Nc4 Nxc4
29.Rxc4 Rhxe5+ 30.Kf3 Kd7 31.g4
Rd3+ 32.Kf4 f6 33.h4 Rh3 34.h5 Ree3
35.Rf2 Kd6 36.Re4 Rd3 37.Rc4 Kd5
38.Rc1 Rd4#

An opening failure which snowballed to a dead lost position. I still should have been able to hold if I played Nc3 instead of a4 first.

0-1

**Jim Yibei Xiao (1208) –
Anand Gupta (1777) [D87]**
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R5), August 4, 2022
[Anand Gupta]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4

2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5

2...g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3
6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Ne2 c5 9.Be3
Nc6 10.0-0 Bg4

Gruenfeld theory to provoke f3 which would weaken the bishop on e3 and allow my queen to pin the d4-pawn in the future.

11.f3 Bd7 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.Qd2 a6 14.Bh6

I felt like this was an inaccuracy by my opponent as he weakened his d4-pawn even more.

14...cxd4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.cxd4 b5
17.Bd3 Qb6

I am able to get my queen on b6 and without the bishop on e3, the d4-pawn is pinned and will be mine for the taking in the ensuing moves.

18.Bb1 e5 19.Rcd1

19.Rfd1 Be6 20.Kh1 Nxd4 21.Nxd4
Qxd4 22.Qxd4 exd4

19...Be6 20.Kh1 Nxd4



Position after 20...Nxd4

This tactic wins a pawn as after all the trades, Black will have a more active rook and bishop as White has back rank problems. Trading would just favor Black in this position.

21.Nxd4 Qxd4 22.Qxd4 exd4 23.Rxd4
Rfd8 24.Rfd1 Rxd4

Opponent ends up blundering rook due to weak back rank, and the game is pretty

much over now.

25.Re1

25.Rg1 Rd2

25...Rd2 26.Kg1 Bxa2 27.Bxa2 Rxa2
28.Kf1 Rcc2 29.Rd1 Rf2+ 30.Kg1
Rxx2+ 31.Kf1 Rxx2 32.Kg1 Rxx2+
33.Kf1 Rh1+ 34.Kxx2 Rxx1 35.f4 b4
36.f5 b3 37.fxx6 Kxx6 38.e5 b2 39.e6
fxe6 40.Kf3 b1Q 41.Ke3 Qd3+ 42.Kf4
Rf1+ 43.Kg4 Qf3+ 44.Kh4 Rh1#

Pretty much a failure to defend the center by White caused Black to just be better and win the game.

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Anand Gupta (1777) –
Todd Imada (1923) [E90]
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R6), August 5, 2022
[Anand Gupta]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3
0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Bg5 h6

Makagonov System against the Kings Indian.

9.Be3 Nh5 10.g3 Qe8 11.Be2 Bd7
12.Nd2 Nf6 13.g4 Nh7 14.Rg1 Nc5
15.b4 Na4 16.Ncb1

Trading too early on is usually not good for White as they have more space so I avoided the trade by play Ncb1.

16...Kh8 17.e5

c5 plans to attack the queenside which is usually the plan against the Kings Indian.

17...f5 18.gxf5 gxf5 19.Bh5

Bh5 was a blunder as Black can play ...Qe7 and potentially fork my bishop and king if I play f3.

19...Qe7 20.Nc4 fxe4

Better would have been to play f4 and

gain space.

21.cxd6 cxd6 22.Rg6 Rf6 23.Nbd2 Rc8
24.Rc1 b5 25.Na5 Rg8 26.Nxe4 Rxx6
27.Bxx6 Nf6 28.Rc7 Nxe4 29.Bxe4 Bf8

I just develop my pieces and pick up some hanging pawns to get to a better position.

30.Qh5 Rg1+ 31.Kd2 Be8 32.Rxe7

Better was Qxx6 just winning a pawn.

32...Bxx6 33.Rxx6 Ra1 34.Rc7 Rxx2+
35.Rc2 Ra1 36.Rc7 Ra2+ 37.Bc2 Kg8
38.Nb3 Bf7 39.Nc1 Bb2 40.Nd3



Position after 40.Nd3

The knight on d3 ended up being killer to the black position as when White takes the d6-pawn in the future, the e5 would be under attack by the knight.

40...Ra2 41.Rc8 Kg7 42.Bxx6+ Kxx6
43.Rxx8 Bxx5 44.Rf6+ Kh5 45.Rxx6
Bg2 46.Re6 Kh4 47.Nxe5 Bd5

47...Be4 48.Rh6+ Kg5

48.Rh6+ Kg5 49.Rg6+ Kh5 50.Rg3 Be4
51.Nd3 Nb6 52.Kc1 Nd5 53.Bb3 Ra1+
54.Kb2 Rf1 55.Bxx5 Bxx3 56.Rxx3
Rxx2+ 57.Kc3

A wild Kings Indian game where my opponent let me develop for free which allowed me to win some pawns.

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**Anand Gupta (1777) –
Jason Luchan (2023) [E90]**
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R7), August 5, 2022
[Anand Gupta]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.
h3 0-0 6.e4 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bg5 Na6 9.g4
Qe8 10.Be2 Nd7 11.Nd2 Ndc5



Position after 11...Ndc5

11...Nac5 12.b3 f6 13.Bh4 Bh6 14.a3
Bxd2+ 15.Kxd2

12.b3 f6 13.Bh4 Bh6 14.a3 Bxd2+
15.Kxd2 Bd7 16.Qb1 a4 17.Bd1 axb3
18.Bxb3 Nxb3+ 19.Qxb3 Nc5 20.Qc2
Ba4 21.Nxa4 Qxa4 22.Rhb1 Qxc2+
23.Kxc2 Ra4 24.Rb4 g5 25.Rxa4
Nxa4 26.Bg3 Ra8 27.f3 Nc5 28.Bf2
Nd7 29.Kb3 b6 30.a4 Kf7 31.Kb4 Ra5
32.Rh1 Nc5 33.Bxc5 dxc5+ 34.Kb3

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**Roy Benedek (1997) –
Anand Gupta (1777) [A37]**
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R8), August 6, 2022

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Nc3 e5 6.0-0 Nge7 7.a3 d6 8.b4 cxb4
9.axb4 Nxb4 10.Ba3 Nbc6 11.Ne4 0-0
12.Nxd6 Qc7 13.Rb1 Rd8 14.c5 Nf5
15.Ng5 Nxd6 16.cxd6 Qd7 17.Bd5 Rf8
18.Qa4 Qf5 19.d7 Bxd7 20.Bxf8 Rxf8
21.Rxb7 Nb8 22.Qh4 h6 23.Nxf7 Kh7

24.e4 Qg4 25.Qe7 Re8 26.Qd6 Bf8
27.Nxe5 Qh5 28.Rxd7+ Nxd7 29.Qxd7+
Re7 30.Qd8 Kg7 31.Nd7 Qf3 32.Ra1
g5 33.Rxa7 g4 34.Ra1 h5 35.Nxf8 h4
36.Qxe7+ Kh6 37.Qh7+ Kg5 38.Qxh4#

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**Nick Mork (1434) –
Anand Gupta (1777) [A45]**
US Open Palm Springs, CA
(R9), August 7, 2022
[Anand Gupta]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Qd2 Ne4
5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.c3 c5 7.e3 Bg7 8.h4 h6
9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.f3 e5 11.dxe5 Qxd2+
12.Rxd2 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.Bb5+
Ke7 15.Rd5 Bd6 16.a3 Be6 17.Rd2
Bb3 18.fxe4 c4 19.e5 Bc5 20.Rd7+ Ke6
21.Rxb7 Rhd8 22.Nf3

22.Rc7 Bxe3+ 23.Kb1

22...Bxe3+ 23.Kb1 Rd3

23...Rd5 24.Rc7

24.Rc7 Rad8 25.Bxc4+ Bxc4

25...R8d5

26.Rxc4 Rd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kc2
Rf1

28...Rc1+

29.Kd3

29.Re4 Bb6 30.Re2 Kf5

29...Bb6 30.Re4 Kf5 31.Re2 Kf4

31...Rd1+ 32.Kc2 Rf1

32.e6 fxe6 33.Rxe6 Kf5

33...g5 34.Rxh6 g4 35.Nd2 Rg1 36.b4
Be3 37.c4

34.Re2 Kf4 35.c4 Rd1+ 36.Kc2 Ra1
37.Re6 g5 38.Rxh6 g4 39.Nd2 Rg1
40.b4 Be3 41.c5 Rxg2 42.Rd6 g3 43.c6
Ke5 44.c7 Kxd6 45.c8Q Rxd2+ 46.Kc3
g2 47.Qd8+ Ke5 48.Qe7+ Kf4 49.Qg5+

Kf3 50.Qf5+

50.Qf6+

50...Kg3 51.Qe5+ Kf2 52.Qf5+ Ke1

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**John Readey (2286) –
James Altchur (2079) [A41]**
Irwin Palm Springs, CA
(R5), August 1, 2022
[John Readey]

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.g3

I had the feeling that James was trying to lure me into playing d5. Black could then play ...Ne7, ...f5, and ...Nf6 trying to get a KID structure saving two tempos with the knight. That's likely not too bad for White either, but keeping the center fluid seems like a better try.

5...Bg7 6.dxe5 Nxe5 7.Nxe5 Bxe5

7...dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Bg5+ f6
10.0-0-0 Bd7 11.Bh3+ so Black has to put his bishop on the awkward e5-square.

8.Bg2 c6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Qd3

10.Ne4 Bxc4 11.Bg5 is an interesting possibility.

10...Qc7 11.Be3?!

There was no reason not to play e4 right away.

11...Ne7 12.Rac1 Nf5 13.Bd2 h5?

This is too aggressive. 0-0 was about equal.

14.e4 Nh6 15.f4 Bg7 16.f5 Bd7 17.f6

I spent a long time looking at fxg6, but after 17.fxg6 fxg6 18.e5 Bf5 19.Qxd6 Qxd6 20.exd6 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Ng4 22.Rce1+ Kd7 23.Re7+ Kxd6 24.Rxb7 Nf2+ 25.Rxf2 Bxf2 The computer says White is better, but this was hard to figure out at the board.

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Seattle, Washington

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17...Bf8 18.h3

Now the f8-bishop, knight, and h8-rook are stuck.

18...Be6 19.Nd5 Qd7 20.Nf4

I could have just left the N on d5 and played Rfe1.

20...0-0-0 21.Be3 Kb8 22.Qa3 b6 23.Qa4 c5 24.Qd1 Kc7 25.Qf3 Rb8 26.Rfd1 g5 27.Nxe6+ fxe6 28.Bxg5

Better was e5!

28...Nf7 29.Bf4 e5 30.Be3 Bh6 31.Bxh6 Rxh6 32.h4

Now that Black has gotten rid of his bad bishop White is only slightly better.

32...Qe6 33.Rf1 Rf8 34.Qf5 Nd8 35.Qg5 Rfxf6 36.Qg7+ Qf7 37.Qxf7+ Rxf7 38.Rxf7+ Nxf7 39.Rf1 Nd8 40.Bf3 Nc6 41.Bd1 Nb4

41...Nd4 42.Rf7+ Kb8± The knight looks good on d4, but doesn't actually threaten anything. White will move his king up and break with g4.

42.Rf7+ Kb8 43.Rf5 Nxa2 44.Rxh5 Rg6?

44...Rxh5±

45.Rg5 Rh6 46.h5 Kc7?

46...Rh8

47.Rg6 Rh7 48.h6+- Kc6 49.Ba4+ b5 50.Bxb5+ Kb6 51.Rxd6+ Kc7 52.Rd7+

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2022 Washington Summer Rapid Championships

By Josh Sinanan

The 2022 Washington Summer Rapid Championships were held online via Chess.com on Saturday, August 6. Scholastic chess players in grades K-12 participated from throughout the region, including the cities of Bellevue, Bothell, Kirkland, Seattle, Issaquah, Snoqualmie, Redmond, Olympia, Bellingham, Clyde Hill, Duvall, Woodinville, Mukilteo, Vancouver (WA), Mission (BC), and San Diego (CA)! The

event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and directed by WCF Scholastic Director Rekha Sagar.

A total of 38 intrepid chess warriors competed across four sections separated by grade level and rating: K-5 U1000, K-5 Open, 6-12 U1200, and 6-12 Open. Rather than the traditional five rounds of game in 25 minutes, the event featured a marathon seven-round rapid chess schedule with a time control of game in 15 minutes with a 10-sec increment per move! The play was fast and furious, with players showing off their speed chess skills that many have developed by playing online chess over the past few years. Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fun event!

Section	Champion(s)
K-5 U1000	1st Place - Vidur Raghunathan (7/7)!
K-5 Open	1st Place - Dann Merriman (7/7)!
6-12 U1200	1st / 2nd Place - Rhadean Rubaiyat & Krishna Khandelwal (6/7)!
6-12 Open	1st Place - Gordon Winter (6/7)!

2022 Northwest Summer Chess960 Open

By Josh Sinanan

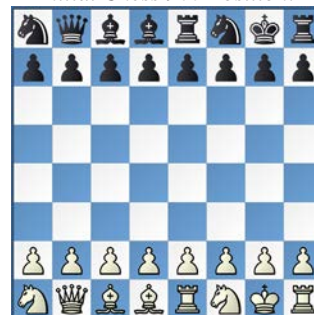
The 2022 Northwest Summer Chess960 Open was held online via Chess.com on Sunday, August 7, 2022. Chess players from throughout Washington State were represented in the modest five-player field, from towns including Seattle, Bothell, and Redmond. In Chess960, also known as Fischer-Random Chess, the back-rank pieces are randomly scrambled each round, with the stipulation that the king must be between the two rooks, and the bishops must be on opposite colors. Under such conditions, players must adapt to the new starting position and come up with new ideas and strategies on the fly, rather than relying on book knowledge and memorization.

The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation under the direction of WCF Adult Scholastic Director Rekha Sagar, who ran the tournament from her home in San Diego, California. WCF Tournament Coordinator Valentin Razmov and WCF President Josh Sinanan coordinated with Rekha to organize the tournament. The five-round Swiss tournament, which was originally intended to be split into two sections, Open and Reserve U1500, was combined into a single Open section due to the sparse turnout. Each round featured a randomly selected starting position of the back rank pieces, which the players had a chance to study for a few minutes before clocks were started.

The Razmov fellows, Gabriel and Valentin, playing all the way from Bulgaria, where they were visiting family on a summer vacation, emerged victorious with 4/4 and 3/4 points, respectively. After a first-round mini-upset, in which young Gabriel won against his father Valentin, the two Razmov chess gladiators battled through the middle of the night across 10 time zones away! A trio of ambitious juniors, Aneesh Vashisht, Rhadean Rubaiyat, and Anay Singh, shared Third Place and Best NW Player honors, each with one point from four games. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who contributed to this delightful event. Somewhere, Bobby Fischer is smiling!

Valentin Razmov (1849) –
Gabriel Razmov (1639)
Northwest Summer Chess960 Open
Chess.com, August 7, 2022
[Ralph Dubisch]

Initial Chess 960 Position:



1.e4 e5 2.Bf3

This would not be my first choice. The a2–g8 diagonal looks like a much more active placement for the bishop. 2.c3!?, 2.Ne3 or 2.Ng3 planning 0-0 also looks

natural.

2...Ne6 3.g3 Bf6?!

Why the fianchetto obsession? Let's take a look at an active possibility: 3...Ng5!? 4.Bg2? (4.Bd1 is the engine's "better" choice here, for what that's worth.) 4...d5! with threats of both ...Nh3+ and ...Nxe4, picking up the bishop for a knight, and likely leaving White with a serious kingside light-square weakness. 5.exd5 (5.h4 Nxe4 is something of a train wreck.) 5...Nh3+ 6.Bxh3 Bxh3; 3...0-0. is simple and conservative as well, just highlighting how much time White is taking to place one minor piece on a fairly passive square.

4.c3 g6?! 5.d3 Ng5?!

Now this move just costs a tempo, as h4 will kick it back where it came from. Prefer development with 5...Nb6, perhaps, or even 5...h5.

6.Bg2 d6 7.h4 Ne6 8.Nh2 Ng7 9.Be3 Be6 10.d4

Somewhat unconventional development decisions over the last few moves have offered White good central control, and White accepts the gift.

10...0-0-0?



Position after 10...0-0-0

Connecting the rooks, but simultaneously self-entombing the black queen. What's worse, the king is not going to be safer on the queenside! A normal continuation might have looked something like 10...Nb6 11.Nc2 c6 12.Nf3 0-0±, when White maintains a small advantage in space.

11.d5! Bd7 12.0-0-0?

Returning the favor! White should be looking for ways to open lines against the monarch. 12.c4 Nb6 13.Rc1 looks very dangerous. 13...c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 (14...Bxc6 15.b4 is even worse) 15.b4 and Black's king is the focus of attention. Chess960 openings are hard.

12...c6 13.c4?!

13.dxc6± still offers White good play despite his king being a bit of an obstruction now.

13...Qc7 14.Qc2 cxd5 15.cxd5 Qxc2+ 16.Kxc2 Be7 17.Rc1 b6?

That a-pawn isn't actually hanging (yet?), so this doesn't seem a necessary pawn move—limiting the a8-knight and leaving weaknesses in its wake. Instead 17...Kb8 18.Kb1, and it's a whole new game. Black even appears to have the better lever (...f5).

18.f4?!

18.Kb1+ Kb8 19.Nc2 f5 20.Bh6± with Nb4 coming, eyeing the a6 and c6 squares.

18...exf4

18...Nh5!??

19.Bd4?!

19.Bxf4±

19...Rhg8

19...fxg3!? 20.Bxg7 Rhg8 21.Bd4 gxh2 22.Rxh2

20.gxf4 Nh5 21.Rhf1?

21.Be3!? Bxh4 (Perhaps the threat is stronger than the execution; in this case Black can wait, with the weakness of the h- and f-pawns remaining issues for White. 21...Nc7) 22.Nf1 Bf6 23.Nd2 with the center and tangled kingside pieces offering good compensation for the pawn.

21...Bxh4 22.Nf3 Be7

22...Bg3!

23.Ng5?

23.Be3

23...Nxf4! 24.Kd2+ Kb7

24...Nc7

25.Nxf7

25.Nxh7 Nxg2 26.Rxf7

25...Nxg2 26.Nxd8+ Bxd8

26...Rxd8 adds a guard for the bishop on d7.

27.Rf7 Bg5+ 28.Kd1 Bxc1 29.Rxd7+ Kc8

29...Nc7 30.Kxc1 Re8

30.Rxa7 Kb8 31.Rxh7 Be3 32.Nc2 Bxd4 33.Nxd4 Nc7 34.Nc6+ Kb7 35.Kd2 g5?

35...Re8 keeps some winning chances. Things are quite complicated here, with pins, passed pawns, active knights and rooks—it's very hard to navigate perfectly in practical play.



Position after 35...g5

36.e5??

36.Nd4! threatens Nb5, working the pin on the c7-knight and keeping an eye on the d6-pawn, from which, incidentally, a knight would fork b7 and c8. This appears to rescue the draw in all lines. One example: 36...g4 (36...Kc8 37.Nc6 Re8 38.Ne7+ Kb7 39.Nf5 Rd8 40.Nd4) 37.Nb5 g3 38.Rxc7+ Kb8 39.Re7! Ne3 40.Nd4! g2 (40...Nc4+ 41.Ke2 Ne5 42.Kf1 g2+ 43.Kg1) 41.Nc6+ Kc8 42.Na7+ Kd8 43.Nc6+ Kc8 etc.

36...dxe5 37.Nxe5 Rd8

Now Black converts the win fairly smoothly.

38.Nd7 Nxd5 39.Nf6+ Kc6 40.Nxd5 Rxd5+ 41.Ke2 Rf5 42.Rh6+ Kc5 43.b4+ Kxb4 44.Rxb6+ Kc5 45.Rb3 Nh4 46.Rg3 Ng6 47.Ke3 Kd5 48.Rg4 Ne5 49.Rb4 g4 50.Rb8 g3 51.Rg8 Rf3+ 52.Ke2 Ke4 53.a4 Rf2+ 54.Ke1 Nf3+ 55.Kd1 g2 56.Re8+ Ne5 57.Rg8 Rf1+

A nice upset in terms of both rating points and generations.

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Final Standings. Northwest Summer Chess960 Open									
#	Place	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	1	Gabriel Razmov	1639	W2	W5	W3	W4	U---	4
2	2	Valentin Razmov	1849	L1	W3	W4	U---	W5	3
3	3-5	Aneesh Vashisht	1234	U---	L2	L1	L5	W4	1
4		Rhadean Rubaiyat	1144	W5	U---	L2	L1	L3	1
5		Anay Singh	1110	L4	L1	U---	W3	L2	1

39th Annual Reno Western States Open

Oct 14-16 or Oct 15-16, 2022, 3 Day or 2 Day Schedule

US Chess
150 GPP (Enhanced)

\$27,500!! (b/275)

\$17,000!! (Guaranteed)

F.I.D.E. Rated
OPEN Section

6 Rd Swiss ♦ 6 Sections ♦ 40/2, Game/1 - d5 ♦ (Open Section) 40/2, Game/55 - d5 ♦ 2 Day (Rds 1-3) G/1 - d5 Open Section (2200 & above) EF: \$179, (2000-2199) \$250, (1999/below) \$300; GMs and IMs free but must enter by 9/10 or pay late fee at door. Guaranteed (Prizes 1-7 in Open Section plus 1/2 of all other prizes).

\$2,000 - 1,000 - 900 - 800 - 700 - 600 - 500, (2399/below) \$1,000 - \$500, (2299/below) \$1,000 - \$500 (If there is a tie for 1st then a playoff for \$100 out of prize fund plus trophy).

Section Expert	(2000-2199)	EF: \$179 (2-day EF: \$175)	\$2,000-1,000-500-300-300
Section "A"	(1800-1999)	EF: \$178 (2-day EF: \$175)	\$1,800-900-500-300-300
Section "B"	(1600-1799)	EF: \$177 (2-day EF: \$175)	\$1,700-800-400-300-300
Section "C"	(1400-1599)	EF: \$176 (2-day EF: \$175)	\$1,500-700-400-300-300
Section "D/Under"	(1399-below)	EF: \$165 (2-day EF: \$175)	\$1,000-500-300-200, (1199/below) \$300

Top Senior (65+) - \$200; Club Championship - \$600 - 300.

Wednesday 10/12: 7:00 pm - GM Sergey Kudrin - Clock Simul w/ complete analysis of YOUR Game (Only \$30!)

Thursday 10/13: 6 - 7:15 pm - Lecture by IM John Donaldson (FREE)

7:30 pm - GM Enrico Sevillano Simul (\$20); Blitz (G/5 d0) Tourney \$25 - 80% of entries = Prize Fund

Saturday 10/15: 3 - 4:30 pm - FREE Game/Position Analysis - IM John Donaldson



Playing hall at Sands Regency Casino Hotel, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89501

Registration: Thursday (10/13) 5 - 8 pm. - Friday (10/14) 9 - 10 am. - Saturday (10/15) 9 - 10 am.

Round Times: (3-day Schedule) Friday - 12 Noon - 7 pm; Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

2-day Schedule: Sat.- Rd 1 - 10:30 am, Rd 2 - 12:45 pm, Rd 3 - 3 pm, Rd 4 merge with regular schedule - 6 pm

For more information: Call, Write or E-mail Organizer and Chief TD, N.T.D. Jerome (Jerry) Weikel,

(H) 775-747-1405 OR (Cell) 775-354-8728 • 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523 • wackykl@aol.com

Room Reservation: Call Sands Regency - 1-866-FUN-STAY • \$81.32 Sun-Thu / \$139.20 Fri-Sat (includes all fees and taxes) • Reserve by 10/1 for Chess Rate, code: CHESS2022

For TLA and to confirm receipt of entry see player list at: www.renochess.org

ENTRY FORM - 39th Annual Western States Open - Reno, Nevada - Oct 14-16 OR Oct 15-16, 2022

Mail to: WEIKEL CHESS, 6578 Valley Wood Drive, Reno NV 89523

PRINT Name _____ Daytime Phone _____ USCF/FIDE Rating _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

USCF ID# _____ Exp. Date _____ All pre-registered players please check in at TD desk on arrival.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED: (CIRCLE SECTION AND FEE BELOW) BYE(S) REQUESTED FOR ROUND(S): (circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6

----- OPEN SECTION ----- EXPERT "A" "B" "C" "D/Under" UNRATED

GM/IM Masters 2000-2199 1999-Below 2000-2199 1800-1999 1600-1799 1400-1599 1399-Below Free With

3-Day EF	Free	\$179	\$250	\$300	\$179	\$178	\$177	\$176	\$165	USCF Dues
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2-Day EF	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175	USCF Dues
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FEES ALSO ENCLOSED FOR:

- \$30 Wed. Clock Simul GM Kudrin
- \$20 Thu. Simul GM Sevillano
- \$25 Thursday Blitz (G/5 d0)
- \$20 Discount - Sr 65+ Age _____

POSTMARK BY September 10, 2022.

Add \$11 after 9/10. Add \$22 on site. Do not mail after 10/7 or email after 10/11. Make check / m.o. payable to WEIKEL CHESS or provide credit card info and signature. \$5 service charge on credit card entries. Visa Master Card Am.Ex
 Expiration Date _____ CVV Code _____
 Credit Card# _____
 Signature _____

- Check Enclosed
- Charge My Card

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____

Hosted by Washington Chess Federation & Susan Polgar Foundation



17th Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls & Boys



October 22-23, 2022

Seattle Marriott Bellevue: 200 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

**Prizes include \$100,000 in
Scholarships to [Webster University!](#)**

Info: [spfno.com](#) **Register:** [chessreg.com](#)

Email: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Call: 206.769.3757

2-day Championship Sections

K-5 Open **K-5 Girls**

K-8 Open **K-8 Girls**

K-12 Open **K-12 Girls**

Format: 6SS, G/60; d5. Dual NWSRS and US Chess rated.

Rounds: Sat/Sun @ 9:30 AM, 12:00 PM, and 2:30 PM. Awards ~ Sun. 5:30 PM.

1-day Scholastic Sections (Sat-only)

K-3 U800 **K-3 Open**

4-8 U900 **4-12 Open**

Format: 5SS, G/25; d5. NWSRS rated. Open sections also US Chess rated.

Rounds: Sat @ 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 1:30 PM, 2:45 PM. Awards ~ 4:30 PM.

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

All Sections: Trophies awarded to top-scoring individuals and teams. Medals for first-time players who do not earn a trophy. Higher of current US Chess or NWSRS rating will be used to determine section and pairings.

Hotel Information: Seattle Marriott Bellevue for \$149/night, address above. Phone: 425.214.7600, request the Susan Polgar Chess Tournament Room Block. For online hotel reservations: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1660333466648&key=GRP> Cut-off date for discounted hotel reservations is 9/12/2022.

Entry Fees: (by Sept. 30 / Oct. 1 - 14 / Oct. 15 or after)

- **2-Day Championship Sections** EF \$80 / \$95 / \$110
- **1-Day Scholastic Sections (Sat-only)** EF \$50 / \$65 / \$80

Registration & Payment: **Registration and payment deadline Fri 10/21 @ 5:00 PM at [chessreg.com](#)** (pay by credit/debit/PayPal).

Health/Safety Protocols: All players (including in the side events) are required to sign the [WCF Health/Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability](#) form prior to the start of the events.

Fun Side Events!

Parents and Coaches Seminar: Sat 10/22 @ 10:30-11:30 AM.

SPFNO Puzzle Solving Competition: Sat 10/22 @ 5:30-6:00 PM. EF: \$30 by 10/14, \$50 after.

SPFNO Blitz Championship: Sat 10/22 @ 6:30-9:00 PM. EF: \$30 by 10/14, \$50 after.

Susan Polgar Book Signing: Sun 10/23 @ 10:00-11:00 AM.

SPFNO Girls Workshop: Sun 10/23 @ 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

Susan Polgar Simul: Sun 10/23 @ 1:00-4:00 PM. EF: \$60 by 10/14, \$80 after.

Special Discount: Bundle Puzzle and Blitz side events to receive a \$10 discount.

WASHINGTON CHALLENGER'S CUP



NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022

ORLOV CHESS ACADEMY (2 LOCATIONS)

SEATTLE: 7212 WOODLAWN AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98115
REDMOND: 4174 148TH AVE NE BLD. I, STE. M, REDMOND, WA 98052

A NORTHWEST CHESS GRAND PRIX EVENT

Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open Section seeded into the 2023 Washington State Championship.

Dual Format: A 5-round Swiss in two sections:

Open (in Seattle): NWSRS, US Chess & FIDE Tri-Rated.

Reserve U1700 (in Redmond): NWSRS & US Chess Dual-Rated.

Max 30 players in Open section, max 25 players in Reserve (U1700) – please register early! In case of a tie for 1st place, a follow-up playoff match will determine the seed for the Championship section of the 2023 Washington State Championship.

Schedule: Friday 7:00 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM, 3:00 PM.

Time Control: G/90; +30. Late default: 30 min.

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

Prize Fund: \$1,100 (based on 30 total paid entries)

Open: 1st \$200, 2nd \$140, 3rd \$100, 1st U2100/U1900: \$60

Reserve: 1st \$140, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$60

1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$50; 1st Unrated: \$50

Biggest Upset (per section): \$20

Entry Fee: \$70 by 10/28, \$80 after. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs. \$40 play-up fee if rated under 1700 and playing in Open section.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership/Northwest Chess subscription required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Rating: US Chess and NWSRS Rated. Open section is also FIDE Rated. Higher of current US Chess Regular, US Chess Online, and NWSRS ratings used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Higher of US Chess and foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

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

Mail To: Washington Chess Federation
c/o Orlov Chess Academy, 4174 148th Ave. NE,
Building I, Ste. M, Redmond, WA 98052

Contact: Josh Sinanan, WCF President

Phone: 206-769-3757

Email: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration

Registration and payment **deadline:**

Wed. 11/2 @ 5pm.

Health/Safety Protocols: All players and parents (if U18) are required to sign the WCF Health / Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability form prior to the start of the tournament.

CHALLENGER'S CUP SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

CHINOOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

2001 98TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004



FORMAT

A 5-round, G/25; d5 Swiss tournament in five sections:

K-1 U800

2-3 U800

K-3 Open

4-8 U900

4-12 Open

Play-up into Open sections is allowed.

SCHEDULE

Rd. 1 – 9:00am

Rd. 2 – 10:30am

Lunch break

Rd. 3 – 12:00pm

Rd. 4 – 1:15pm

Rd. 5 – 2:30pm

Awards Presentation at 4pm.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students registered in grades K-12 as of the 2022-2023 school year. Out-of-state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE

\$45 by 11/5, \$55 after.

Room for 200 players.

AWARDS

Section Prizes: Amazon E-Gift Cards awarded in each section:

1st \$90, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$70, 4th \$60, 5th \$50

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-time players, best female player, and biggest upset. *Top player (by TPR) in the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections each win free entry into the 2022 WA Class Championships!*

RATING

NWSRS Rated. Open sections also US Chess Rated – establish or update your national rating! Highest of November supplement US Chess Regular/US Chess Online, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

TIME CONTROL

Game in 25 minutes with a 5-second delay. In the Open sections, some clocks will be provided and used from the start – set to 25 minutes with a 5 second per move delay. If you have your own clock please bring it. In the Under sections, clocks will not be used from the start, but will be placed on the boards after 40 minutes of play, and set to 10 minutes per player with no delay.

THE DETAILS

US Chess membership required for the 2 Open sections (harder) – these will be dual rated, both NWSRS and USCF. The U800 and U900 sections (easier) will be NWSRS rated only – US Chess membership not required for those.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal. **100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Nov 11th @ 5:00pm.** Unpaid players will be immediately withdrawn from the tournament.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask. All players and spectators are required to sign the WCF Health/Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability form prior to the start of the tournament.

Lunch and refreshments will be available to purchase on-site.

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

Questions? Contact Rekha Sagar, WCF Scholastic Director, 425-496-9160, rekha4chess@gmail.com

So, you think Boise, Idaho, is a laid back, fun place to visit, but you wouldn't be caught dead here? Really! Come to Boise, December 16-18, 2022, for the largest tournament in Northwest Chess history (not counting U.S. Chess Federation events) Play like your life depended on it by winning the \$15,725:

MexInsurance[®] FIDE Open.

The organizers promise to send a nice letter to your next of kin.



4049 S. Eckert Road, Boise, Idaho 83716

Elite Section is open to all. Reserve Section Under 2200 and below. The Elite and Reserve sections are both FIDE rated.

6-SS; 40/90,SD/30;+30 Rounds: 12:15 p.m., 5 p.m.

The \$10,000 Elite Prizes Unconditionally Guaranteed:

\$2,500, \$2,000, \$1,500, \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$400, \$375, \$350, \$325, \$300

Reserve Prizes based on 100 Paid Entries: \$5,725

U2200: \$375, \$325, \$300; U2000: \$375, \$325, \$300; U1800: \$300, \$200, \$100; U1600: \$300, \$200, \$100; U1400 to U600: \$200, \$100, \$50 per class; Unrated: \$150, \$125, \$100. Unrated players will play in the Elite Section with an assigned rating of 2199.

Top Woman \$200; Top Senior over 65 years \$200

GM → WCMs play for free and take home 100% of their earnings. To register contact George at chandraalexischessclub@gmail.com before 12/15

Elite or Reserve sections: MexInsurance.com FIDE Open – Chandra Alexis Chess Club

The entry fee for these sections is a flat \$100. Registration closes at 8 p.m. Mtn, December 15, 2022

There is no on-site registration. No exceptions.

Please bring a chess set, board, digital clock and a pen or pencil, none provided.

A Northwest Chess Grand Prix Event



Washington Class Championships

Fri-Sun, November 25-27, 2022

\$12,000 Prize Fund

(based on 150 paid entries)

Format: A 6-round Swiss event across 7 class sections. Sections may be combined if less than 12 players in a section.

Per-Section Entry Fees (by Oct 28 / Nov 11 / on-site) **& Prizes:**

- **Master (2200+)** EF \$170 / \$180 / \$190
Prizes: \$700, \$450, \$350; U2300 \$250, \$200
- **Expert (2000-2199)** EF \$160 / \$170 / \$180
Prizes: \$600, \$350, \$250; U2100 \$200, \$150
- **Class A (1800-1999)** EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1900 \$170, \$125
- **Class B (1600-1799)** EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1700 \$170, \$125
- **Class C (1400-1599)** EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1500 \$170, \$125
- **Class D (1200-1399)** EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1300 \$170, \$125
- **Class E (1199 & Under)** EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1000 \$170, \$125; U800 \$100, \$50; Unrated \$100

Highest finishing WA resident in the Master, Expert, Class A, and Class B sections seeded into the 2023 WA State Championship, in the Championship, Premier, Invitational, and Challengers sections, respectively.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best male-female 2-player team combined score among all sections: \$300-\$200-\$100. Avg team rating must be under 2000; may play in different sections. Register (no extra fee) before both players begin round 2. Players may win Mixed Doubles prizes in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per class section):

Best Female Player: \$50. Awarded to the highest finishing female per class who does not win another cash prize. Requires min 3 qualifying players per class.

Best Annotated Game: \$50, \$25, 1-yr NWC ext. Submit one annotated game from the event that you consider to be interesting or well-played. A panel of judges will select the winners.

Redmond Marriott

7401 164th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052

Hotel Info/Rates: Seattle Marriott Redmond, \$119 one King or two Queen Beds, single or double occupancy. Call (425) 498-4000 to request the Washington Chess Federation block. Group Booking Code: WCNWCNR. Cut-off date for [discounted reservations](#) is Nov 4, 2022.

Entry Fees: Rated players add \$85 if wanting to play up one class only. (Playing up two classes is not permitted.) Seniors (age 50+) please subtract \$50. Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs. Reentry for ½ of original entry fee. Canadians may pay C\$ at par for entry fee.

Info: Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206-769-3757,
WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Health/Safety: All players and parents (if U18) are required to sign the [WCF Health / Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability](#) form prior to the start of the tournament.

Main Event:

Note: The overall schedule is designed so that you can play in the Main Event *and* in several of the Side Events (see next page for details) with minimum half-point byes!

Registration & Payment:

Before event: nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ (pay by credit/debit/PayPal) or make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

On-site: Fri 9-10 AM for 3-day schedule, or 4-5 PM if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sat 8-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 9-10 AM if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. *Late registrations may receive a half-point bye for round 1.* Two half-point byes available; if interested, request before end of round 2. Play any 2 days, if taking 2 half-point byes.

Rating: Dual rated US Chess and NWSRS. Master/Expert/Class A/Class B sections also FIDE rated (except G/60 games). Higher of US Chess Regular or Online (Nov 1st supplement), FIDE, and NWSRS ratings used to determine class sections, pairings, and prizes. Higher of US Chess and foreign ratings used at TD discretion; foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Unrated players eligible only for 1st / 2nd / 3rd prizes in Master section or the Unrated prize in Class E section.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Fri 11 AM & 6 PM, Sat 11 AM & 6 PM, Sun 10 AM & 4 PM. 2-day: Sat 9 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule from round 4 at 6 PM.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 40/120, SD/30 with a 10-second increment per move. Late default: 60 minutes. 2-day schedule: G/60 with a 10-second increment (rounds 1-3); rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule.

Miscellaneous: Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required in all sections. Other states accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration. US Chess Grand Prix Points: 40. US Chess Junior Grand Prix. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible. All equipment is provided. Please bring a digital clock, if available.

Washington Class Championships, Nov. 25-27 (cont'd)

Fun Side Events!

Thanksgiving Scholastic

Fri, 11/25 at 9:15 AM (during round 1)

This event is a *WA State Elementary Qualifier!*

Establish or update your rating!

Format: A 5-round Swiss tournament in 4 sections: K-3 U800, K-3 Open, 4-12 U900, 4-12 Open. Play-up allowed into Open sections.

Eligibility: Open to all K-12 students; grade is based on 2022/23 school year.

Entry Fee: \$45 if registered by 11/18, \$55 after. Room for max 90 players – register early!

Time Control: G/25; d5.

Awards: Amazon Gift Cards in each section: 1st \$100, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$80.

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-timers, best female player (by TPR), and biggest upset.

Rounds: 9:15 AM, 10:30, 11:45, lunch, 1:30 PM, and 2:45 PM. Awards ceremony 4 PM or ASAP.

Rating: Highest of Nov 2022 supplement US Chess / US Chess Online, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and prizes.

Registration: 100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline: Wed, 11/23 @ 5 PM. Unpaid players will be withdrawn from the event.

Carol Kleist Memorial Adult Swiss

Sponsored by the Seattle Chess Club, with generous support from Henry Yan.

Fri-Sun, 11/25-27 at 11 AM & 4 PM

Format: A 6-round Swiss in one section.

Time Control: G/90; +30.

Entry Fee: \$60 online (by Thu, 11/24 @ 5 PM) or \$70 onsite. Entry fee waived for new unrated players who purchase memberships.

Registration: Fri 10:00-10:30 AM (unless entering with half-point byes). Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required.

Rounds: Fri 10 AM & 4 PM, Sat 10 AM & 4 PM, Sun 10 AM & 4 PM. 2 half-point byes available; if interested, request before end of round 2.

Rating: US Chess only rated. Higher of Nov 2022 US Chess / US Chess Online ratings used to determine pairings and prizes.

Prize fund: \$1,000 (guaranteed). 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$110, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / U1100 or Unrated \$90, Biggest upset: \$90, Best Female player (by TPR): \$90.

WA Class Puzzle Solving Championship

Fri, 11/25 at 5 PM (between rounds 1 and 2)

Format: Solve 15 chess puzzles in 45 minutes. Solutions to be written on paper. Evaluation based on both accuracy and completeness.

Registration: 4:00-4:45 PM. Entry fee: \$10. No memberships required.

Awards: Medals awarded to top-3 overall finishers and to the best puzzle solver in each class: U2000, U1700, U1400, & Unrated.

WA Class 3rd Annual Chess Workshop for Girls & Women

Fri, 11/25 at 6 PM (during round 2)

Format: Workshop led by WFM Chouchan Airapetian (chornyaa@msn.com, 206-914-4252), experienced chess coach, organizer, and promoter; former US Women's Championship contender; WCF Women's and Girl's Chess Director.

Registration: 5:45-6:00 PM. Entry fee: Free!

Schedule: 6PM-7PM - "How to develop & cultivate women's and girls' chess." 7PM-8PM - Q&A, complementary pizza & refreshments, and ladies' bughouse.

WA Class "WaldowChess" Championship

Sat, 11/26 at 9 AM (before round 3)

Format: 4-round Swiss in one section. Unrated. Time control: G/10; +3.

Description: Play begins with White to move having already played e4 and d4. In return for this handicap, Black receives draw odds!

Registration: 8:30-8:45 AM. Entry fee: \$20. No memberships required.

Rounds: 9 AM, 9:30, 10:00, and 10:30AM. 1 half-point bye available; request by end of round 2.

Prize Fund: \$150/b10. 1st \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20, 1st U2000/U1700/U1400/Unr \$15.

WA Class Chess960 (Fischer Random) Championship

Sat, 11/26 at 4 PM (between rounds 3 and 4)

Format: 4-round Swiss in one section. Unrated. Time control: G/10; +3.

Registration: 3:30-3:45 PM. Entry fee: \$20. No memberships required.

Rounds: 4 PM, 4:30, 5:00, and 5:30 PM. 1 half-point bye available; request by end of round 2.

Prize Fund: \$300/b20. 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 1st U2000/U1700/U1400/Unr \$30.

WA Class G/45 Championship

Sun, 11/27 at 1:30 PM (during round 6)

Format: 4-round Swiss in one section. Dual rated - US Chess and NWSRS. Time control: G/45; +5.

Registration: 12:30-1:15 PM. Entry fee: \$25 online by Sat, 11/26 (or \$30 on-site). Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Rounds: 1:30 PM, 3:15, 5:00, and 6:45 PM. 1 half-point bye available; request by end of round 2.

Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000/U1700/U1400/Unr \$40.

WA Class "Knight Time" Blitz

Sun, 11/27 at 8:30 PM (after round 6)

Format: 7-round Swiss in one section. US Chess Blitz rated. Time control: G/5; +2.

Registration: 8:00-8:15 PM. Entry fee: \$25 online by Sat, 11/26 (or \$30 on-site).

Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Rounds: 8:30 PM, 8:45, 9:00, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10:00 PM. 2 half-point byes available; request by end of round 2.

Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000/U1700/U1400/U1100 or Unr \$40.

Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

→ Address ↖
 7212 Woodlawn Ave NE ↖
 Seattle WA 98115
 ↗ Info ↖
 www.seattlechess.club ↖
Addresses for Entries
 SCC Tnmt Dir
 2420 S 137 St
 Seattle WA 98168
 —or—
 www.seattlechess.club

Now on Wednesdays:
Adult beginners classes with
Chad Boey

Adult Swiss October 22-23, 2022

A four-round Swiss open to those born before
10/23/2001 with a prize fund of \$320.

First	\$100
Second	\$70
U1800	\$50
U1600	\$45
U1400	\$40
U1200/Unr	\$15

Time Control: G/120; +30.

Entry Fees: Free to SCC members. \$12 for non-members.

Registration: Sat. 10-10:45 a.m.

Rounds: 11-4:30, 11-4:30.

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

Miscellaneous: US Chess req'd. NS. NC.

Sponsored by Henry Yan.

♣ **Oct. 1** **Saturday Quads** ♣
Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sec. by rtg. **TC:** G/120;d5. **EF:** \$9(+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free quad entry. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF; OSA. NS, NC.

Oct 2 **SCC Novice**
Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/75; d5. **EF:** \$15 by 7/11, \$20 at site. (-\$2 SCC mem., -\$1 mem. other NW dues-req'd CCs). **Prizes:** SCC membership(s). **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.

Oct. 16 **SCC G/20 Hexes**
Format: 5-RR in 6- or 5-player sections. **TC:** G/20;+8. **EF:** \$12 (+\$6 fee for non-SCC). **Prize Fund:** \$54 b/6. **Prizes:** \$36-18. **Reg:** 12-12:45 p.m. **Time Frame:** 1 to ~6:30 p.m. **Byes:** 0. **Misc:** US Chess. NS, NC.

♣ **Oct. 29** **Saturday Quads** ♣
Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sec. by rtg. **TC:** G/120;d5. **EF:** \$9(+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free quad entry. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess, WCF; OSA. NS, NC.

♣ **Oct. 30** **Sunday Tornado** ♣
Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/50;+10. **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 per EF 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; OSA. NS, NC.

SCC Fridays

One US Chess-rated round per night (free to SCC members, \$5 per night for others) normally played at a rate of 40/90 followed by 30/60. Drop in for any round!

Pumpkin Spice:	10/7, 14, 21, 28.
November Rains:	11/4, 11, 18.
Closed (go to WA Class):	11/25.
Package Express (G/75;d10):	12/2, 9, 16, 23.
Patzers' Challenge:	12/30.

*Mondays are
for casual play*

The 2022 Ignacio Perez Memorial Northwest Chess Grand Prix

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August added four events to the totals you see below, three in Seattle and one in Boise. This would include the Seattle Chess Classic which had a nice 3x multiplier over nine rounds, but only twelve entrants.

By the time you read this, September will be just about gone and with it the last glimmerings of summer. These included the Genise Wynn Memorial in Boise (one round a week on Mondays), the Seattle Chess Club September Quads, and their two-day Fall Open. That is all there was, so don't expect many changes in the standings next month. (There were no changes in the "others" this month, as only one such person played in those four events mentioned above).

October will have three to five events, with two sadly on the same weekend. First there is the monthly every Monday event in Boise. This event is FIDE rated. Then, there is the Washington Game/60 Championship on October 8. That event will be followed by a G/15 and Blitz Championship on the ninth, but those are too fast to be GP events. On the same weekend, the Norman Freidman Memorial moves to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho this year. It carries a \$1,000 guaranteed prize fund and a 3x multiplier in the Grand Prix. Although I do not have the dates at this writing, I expect the Seattle Chess Club will have two more GP events to round out October.

There are a few other events to start thinking about attending. In November, the Washington Chess Federation will be bookending the month with the Challenger's Cup (2x multiplier) on the first weekend and the Class Championships (expected to have at least a 4x multiplier) on the last. And, on December 16-18, the MexInsurance.com FIDE Open will be held in Boise. This event has \$10,000 in guaranteed prizes and an additional \$5,725 in based-on prizes. This will give it a Grand Prix multiplier of 6x. The last time I used a 6x

multiplier was for the Washington Open and Washington Class back in 2019. I might just have to close up my bookstore for a weekend and fly on down to Boise.

Data below current through September 1.

Washington			Idaho			Other Places						
last	first	pts.	last	first	pts.	last	first	state	pts.			
Masters			Masters			Masters						
1	Pupols	Viktors	75.5	1	Donaldson	W. John	CA	21.0				
2	Lee	Megan	35.0	2	Tang	Zoey	OR	9.0				
2	Orlov	Georgi	35.0									
2	Ready	John L	35.0									
5	Haining	Kyle	30.0									
Experts			Experts			Experts						
1	Jiang	Brandon	60.0	1	Cambareri	Michael E	23.0	1	Sripada	Havish	OR	32.5
2	Gottumukkala	Ananth S	53.0	2	Parsons	Larry R	5.5	2	Tang	Austin	OR	30.5
3	Liu	Austin	52.0					3	Zhang	Brendan	MN	30.0
4	Arganian	David G	48.0					4	Sherrard	Jerry	OR	15.0
5	Two Tied At		35.5					5	Yu	Peter C	CA	10.0
Class A			Class A			Class A						
1	Wang	Ted	81.0	1	Kircher	Caleb	32.0	1	Merwin	Steven E	NV	18.0
2	Lee	Brian	73.0	2	Bodie	Brad R	6.0	2	Murray	David E	OR	15.0
3	Tessiore	Luca G	60.0					2	Nazriev	Rasul	MT	15.0
4	Collinge	Maxwell C	58.0					4	Walthall	Thomas K	MT	12.0
5	Kona	Vidip K	51.0					5	Aiello	Roberto	OR	10.0
Class B			Class B			Class B						
1	Chowdhery	Evan M	65.5	1	Herr	Griffin G	16.5	1	Ravid	Orren	NJ	40.0
1	Zhang	Michelle	65.5	1	McKenzie	Niall	16.5	2	Yang	Arnold T	OR	27.5
3	Li	Edward S	55.5	3	Barrett	Evan	11.5	3	Lykins	Pace	OR	22.5
3	Lin	Michael	55.5	4	Presutti	Michael J	0.0	4	Rankin	Andrew J	MT	16.5
5	Garine	Ujwal	55.0					5	Skovron	James J	MT	15.0
Class C			Class C			Class C						
1	McDevitt	Owen	65.0	1	Lundy	George	76.5	1	Sripada	Anisha	OR	39.0
2	Wong-Godfrey	Emerson P	64.5	2	Longhurst	Corey K	17.5	1	Morehouse	Ethan	OR	22.5
2	Sankar	Abhay	60.0	3	Minichiello	Anthony J	16.5	3	Vasey	Daniel	OR	16.5
4	Li	Emma S	49.0	4	Semancik	Zackary T	10.5	4	Driscoll	Jesse	MT	15.0
5	Jammalamadaka	Varnika	47.5	5	Forster	Manfred	5.5	5	Wagner	Eric	MT	13.5
Class D and below			Class D and below			Class D and below						
1	Han	Shuyi	74.5	1	Widdifield	Tristen A	17.5	1	Deshusses	Simon M	MO	39.0
2	Xu	Zoe Y	67.5	2	Roberts	Liam	14.0	2	Hack	Don	CAN	27.5
3	Burchall	Laurion	65.5	3	Blue-Day	Alexander P	13.0	3	Kodarapu	Neev	OR	25.0
3	Vijeyanandh	Vishnu	65.5	3	Nosarev	Vladislav	13.0	3	Lim	Hayul	OR	25.0
5	Saloranta	Leo	64.0	5	Nosarev	Dimitri	9.0	3	Yang	Arthur T	OR	25.0
Overall standings												
1	Wang	Ted	81.0	1	Lundy	George	76.5	1	Ravid	Orren	NJ	40.0
2	Pupols	Viktors	75.5	2	Kircher	Caleb	32.0	2	Deshusses	Simon M	MO	39.0
3	Han	Shuyi	74.5	3	Cambareri	Michael E	23.0	2	Sripada	Anisha	OR	39.0
4	Lee	Brian	73.0	4	Longhurst	Corey K	17.5	4	Sripada	Havish	OR	32.5
5	Xu	Zoe Y	67.5	4	Widdifield	Tristen A	17.5	5	Tang	Austin	OR	30.5
6	Burchall	Laurion	65.5	6	Herr	Griffin G	16.5	6	Zhang	Brendan	MN	30.0
6	Chowdhery	Evan M	65.5	6	McKenzie	Niall	16.5	7	Hack	Don	CAN	27.5
6	Vijeyanandh	Vishnu	65.5	6	Minichiello	Anthony J	16.5	7	Yang	Arnold T	OR	27.5
6	Zhang	Michelle	65.5	9	Roberts	Liam	14.0	9	Kodarapu	Neev	OR	25.0
10	McDevitt	Owen	65.0	10	Blue-Day	Alexander P	13.0	9	Lim	Hayul	OR	25.0
11	Wong-Godfrey	Emerson P	64.5	10	Nosarev	Vladislav	13.0	9	Yang	Arthur T	OR	25.0
12	Saloranta	Leo	64.0	12	Barrett	Evan	11.5	12	Lykins	Pace	OR	22.5
13	Jiang	Brandon	60.0	13	Semancik	Zackary T	10.5	12	Morehouse	Ethan	OR	22.5
13	Sankar	Abhay	60.0	14	Nosarev	Dimitri	9.0	14	Donaldson	W. John	CA	21.0
13	Tessiore	Luca G	60.0	15	Nosarev	Liam	8.0	15	Merwin	Steven E	NV	18.0

