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Letter to the Editor

Hello,

Just writing to say “Thank You” to you and all your staff for producing a great chess magazine. Below is an article idea on a subject that’s rarely discussed:

As you know the majority of your OTB participants are weekend warriors. Perhaps you could do an article on tournament ideas away from the board. i.e., travel tips, what to bring to the tournament (and what not to bring) helpful pre- and post-game habits, dietary tips, tournament hall etiquette, exercise, setting your clock for primary and secondary time controls, what new players and those returning after long absences should be aware of before showing up at the tournament etc.

Entering a weekend event away from home can easily cost upwards of \$500.00 or more when lodging and food are factored in. Guidelines that address the items above would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Elliott / Gig Harbor

Bellingham Open

Josh Sinanan

On April 22, Western Washington University (WWU) and the Washington Chess Federation (WCF) teamed up to co-host the inaugural Bellingham Open in the spacious multi-purpose room of the Viking Union Building of the WWU campus.

Participants and spectators were treated to an amazing view of Bellingham Bay from the playing room, which easily accommodated the 86 players taking part. Chess players from throughout the Pacific Northwest were represented in the two-section, G/30/+10 five-round Swiss from cities including Bellingham, Tacoma, Lynden, Seattle, Custer, Renton, Lake Stevens, Kenmore, Ferndale, Lakewood, Sammamish, Kirkland, Bothell, Portland, Shoreline, Snohomish, Eagle River (Alaska), Anacortes, Blaine, Redmond, Burlington, Lynnwood, Olympia, Fall City, Mount Vernon, and Oak Harbor. The tournament was co-organized by Western Washington University Chess Club President Harrison Toppen-Ryan and Washington Chess Federation President Josh Sinanan, who also served as TD. The field was split evenly between two sections, with 39 players in the Open and 47 in the Reserve U1700.

A brief awards ceremony immediately following the last round concluded the day-long chess fest, which featured an intense schedule of five games in one day, each spaced about an hour and half apart with a short break for lunch between rounds two and three.

Alex Kaelin of Mercer Island, a strong 22-year-old Class A player and Seattle Chess Club regular, emerged victorious in the Open section with an impressive five points from five games to be crowned the first ever Bellingham Open Champion! Along the way, Kaelin scored key victories

against Blaine's Carson Roesch (1782), Anacortes' Michael McGrath (1813), and Redmond's Harishkumar Karthikeyan (1811). Congratulations Alex!

A quintuplet of chess kings shared =second/third/U2000/U1800 honors a full-point back with four points each: Harrison Toppen-Ryan of Kirkland, Miles Kuipers of Bellevue, Harishkumar Karthikeyan of Redmond, Sam Maurer of Bellevue, and AFM Sridhar Seshadri of Bothell. The Best Female Player prize was awarded to Deeksha Shankaranand, who achieved a tournament performance rating (TPR) of 1440. The Best Dressed Player in the Open section, as judged by the Bellingham Open organizers, was local stud William Watts of Bellingham.

Jeremy Roesch of Blaine was awarded the prize for the biggest upset win by virtue of his astounding first-round 590-point upset victory!

Ignatius Frost of Sehome and Thrinay Subramanian of Bellevue topped the Reserve U1700 section, each with a perfect five points from five games. Frost won a dramatic fifth round-game on time due to an unfortunate mishitting of the clock by his opponent that caused him to lose on time in a superior position! Subramanian's first round opponent was a no-show, which meant that he only needed to win four games to keep pace with Frost. Subramanian proved to be up to the task, as he won against top seed Bert Rutgers (1656) and against the unpredictable Ethan Temple (unrated) in third and fifth rounds, respectively.

Five players shared =third/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000 honors a full-point back with four points apiece: Ethan Bosch of Lynden, Owen Scollon of Bellingham, Judah Taitano of Burlington, Alexander Blue-Day of Tacoma, and Braeden Travaglio of Lynnwood. Newcomer Ethan Temple of Bellingham earned the Unrated prize with an impressive 3.5 points. The biggest upset victory was achieved by Hunter Hoye (727 points) from Seattle. Sofia Brown of Custer won the Best Female Player prize with a TPR of 1138.



*Alex Kaelin (L) vs Christopher Gilbert at the Bellingham Open.
Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.*



*Christopher Farrer (L) vs Oliver Wakeman during the second round of the Bellingham Open.
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The classiest, best dressed player of the Reserve section was Judson Moore, who graciously donated his prize winnings back to the organizers. A total of 13 WWU students played in the tournament and received free entry into the competition, as the tournament offered free entry for all Western students.

Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic event. We look forward to hosting more events in Bellingham in the years to come!

About WWU Chess Club

The Western Washington University Chess Club aims to enrich and motivate its

members to actively compete, practice, and build relationships with fellow students of all skill levels, from beginner to expert. It is their belief that the Chess Club will provide an opportunity for students to hone their concentration, memory, and problem-solving skills

while simultaneously having fun. Meetings are held once a week and their main source of communication is using discord! For more information, please visit: <https://win.wvu.edu/organization/wwchessclub>

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Closed But Not Forgotten

Josh Price

The following game from the Idaho Closed State Championship was submitted for the April issue. It could have made it in had the submission not gotten routed to my SPAM folder without me even seeing it; I didn't discover this until the day after the issue went to print. — Editor.

Josh Price (1857) – Eric Hon (2109) [A58]
Idaho Closed State Championship
Boise, ID (R3), February 19, 2023
[Josh Price]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5

A Benoni; I expected this and was quite confident in my preparation.

4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.a7

This is a great move to misplace his rook.

7...Rxa7 8.e4 0-0 9.Nf3 Qa5?

This was the first move I wasn't expecting. I expected the mainline 9...d6 10.Be2 Ba6 11.0-0.

10.Bd2

In some scenarios Bd2 isn't good in the Benoni because of ...Qb4, hitting b2 and my pawn on e4. However, in this variation it doesn't work, and I gain two tempos.

10...Qb4?! 11.a3

And because of my move 7.a7 the rook isn't defending his knight on b8!

11...Qb6

11...Qxb2 12.Rb1 which would allow me to win the knight.

12.Qc2

And as you can see, I get

Bd2, a3 and Qc2 while he only got his queen to b6! This gives me a large lead in development and improvement in the position.

12...d6 13.Nb5

Another tempo-gaining move allowed by my move 7.a7.

13...Ra8 14.a4 Ba6 15.Ra3

This is a common move in the Benoni, allowing me to comfortably move my b-pawn, not having to worry about Black's dark-squared bishop.

15...Nbd7 16.Bc3 Rfc8

Black's idea is a common one, to sacrifice a second pawn with ...c4! so that he can plop a knight on c5 with activity.

17.Nd2!?

Although Nd2 is good, I shouldn't have allowed ...c4 to happen at all; I needed to play Bc4 and castle ASAP!

17...c4 18.Nxc4 Qb8 19.Na5?

I was actually very confident with my move Na5, and was happy with my position, but I underestimated the following combination.

19...Bxb5 20.axb5 Rxa5

Taking advantage of my pinned bishop

21.Rxa5 Nxe4

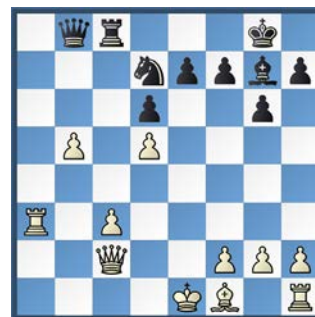
This is the move I missed in my calculation. I am still in a good position, but there are tactics with Qxe4.

22.Ra3

I decided I needed to defend my bishop with Ra3 and avoid complications.

22.Qxe4 Rxc3 23.bxc3 Bxc3+

22...Nxc3 23.bxc3



Position after 23.bxc3

23...Qb7

In this position, although I am up two pawns, his knight on d7 is very good, and my pawns are very weak. Also, we can't forget! The position opened up, and I haven't castled yet! 23...Qc7 24.c4 Qc5 25.Rb3 Qxd5 26.cxd5 Rxc2 27.Be2 Nc5

24.Qd2?

This was my first major mistake in this game, in my opinion. Allowing the exchange sacrifice wasn't great either, but this made things worse for me. I should have given up a pawn immediately and developed! 24.Be2 Qxd5 25.0-0

24...Nb6?

24...Ra8!

25.c4

Another weak move by me, desperate really. I calculated so much with ...Nxc4, I somehow forgot about the simple ...Rxc4!

25...Rxc4 [0.88/0]

25...Nxc4 26.Bxc4 Rxc4 27.0-0 Rc5 (27...Rd4 28.Qa5! and this would be crushing) 28.b6 Rxd5 (28...Qxd5 29.Qxd5 Rxd5 30.Ra8+ Bf8 31.b7) 29.Ra7. I calculated this line, and decided that it was completely winning.

26.Bxc4 Nxc4 27.Qd3 Nxa3 28.Qxa3 Qxb5 29.Qa8+ Bf8 30.Qa2



Position after 30.Qa2

With regret, I offered my opponent a draw in this position. I knew I wasn't worse, and wasn't happy with a draw because I was winning a fair amount of the game. However, I knew winning chances were slim for me here. Especially because I cannot castle. However, he declines.

30...h5 31.h4 Bg7 32.Rh3

Needing to stop the large threat of Bc3 and developing my rook of course.

32...Qb4+ 33.Kf1 Bf6 34.Qb3

After some calculation I wasn't worried about a queen trade and losing a second pawn. The rook can hold it's own in this endgame, and the bishop and king are clunky with my strong pawn on d5.

34...Qd4

34...Qxb3 35.Rxb3 Bxh4

35.g3 Qe4 36.f3 Qd4 37.Rh2 Qa1+ 38.Kg2 Qe1 39.Qd3 Be5 40.f4 Bf6 41.Rh1 Qa5

Now I have solidified my position, it is finally comfortable. However, there isn't a clean way for me to break through. Still a drawish position.

42.f5 Kg7 43.Rf1 Qb4 44.Rf4 Qb2+ 45.Rf2 Qe5 46.fxg6 fxg6

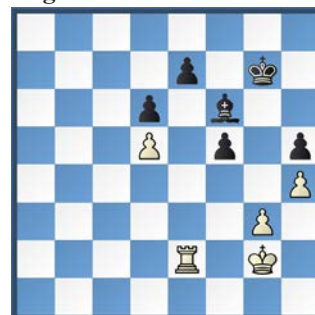
I keep trying to push.

47.Re2 Qf5

Here he offers the queen trade, and I took it knowing I have nothing to lose. But also know that if he shuffles his king from f7–

g7 over and over I cannot break through.

48.Qxf5 gxf5



Position after 48...gxf5

49.Kf3?

I missed a chance to play Re6 which would have been winning by zugzwang eventually. 49.Re6 Kf7 50.Kf3 Be5 51.Rh6 I missed that he could not stop Kf4 AND prevent Rh6.

49...Be5 50.Ra2 Kf6 51.Ra8 Bc3??



Position after 51...Bc3

After this move he allows Rh8! which will win me one of his pawns! I guess he wanted to push for a win.

52.Rc8 Bb2 53.Rh8 Ke5!?

53...Kg6 54.Rg8+ Bg7 (54...Kf7 55.Rg5! winning one of the pawns at the least.) 55.Kf4 Kf7 56.Rxg7+!

54.Rxh5 Kxd5 55.Rxf5+ e5 56.g4

But this position is too strong for me; the rook is too good in the endgame.

56...Ke6 57.Rf8 d5 58.Rb8 e4+ 59.Ke3 Bc3 60.Rb3 Be1 61.h5 Bh4 62.Kf4 Bf2 63.h6 Kf7 64.Rb7+ Kg8 65.Rd7 e3 66.Kf3

I wasn't happy with the mistakes I made throwing away my great opening position. However, he kept pushing, and instead of a draw I got a win. I was never worse in this game, but should have been a cleaner win. GGs

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Josh Price. Photo credits Jeffrey Roland.

Washington Barber + Rockefeller Qualifier

Josh Simanan

The 2023 Washington Barber + Rockefeller Qualifier chess tournament was held on Saturday, March 25, at Chinook Middle School in Bellevue. A phenomenal crowd of 280 scholastic chess players in grades K-12 took part in the event from throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the cities of Bothell, Sammamish, Woodinville, Redmond, Mill Creek, Duvall, Olympia, Snoqualmie, Bellevue, Kirkland, Seattle, Renton, Lakewood, Issaquah, Snohomish, Kalama, Camas, Monroe, Medina, Clyde Hill, Edmonds, Auburn, Bellingham, Mercer Island, Vancouver (Washington), Gig Harbor, Ridgefield, Puyallup, Fall City, and Ravensdale!

The winners in the K-5 Open and 6-8 Open sections (the latter to be decided in a playoff match) will represent Washington State at the upcoming Rockefeller and Barber national tournaments for their respective grades.

The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation, paired by WCF Scholastic Director Rekha Sagar, and directed by floor TDs Suresh Balaji, Melina Li, Ojas Kandhare, and Aadi.

Amazing photographs were taken throughout the day by Meiling Cheng. Local face painter [Gabby Carrillo](#) was on site for four hours offering her fantastic face painting services. During the lunch break, we had a special performance from [Magician Rich Waters](#), who performed some entertaining magic tricks and balloon twisting, much to the delight of the many colorful characters in attendance! Local high school chess master Joseph



Daniel Meyerzon, a freshman at Interlake High School in Bellevue. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

Levine was on-site offering free game review and analysis to help train the rising chess stars!

The Swiss tournament was split into seven sections parsed by grade level and rating to appropriately match players of all ages and levels: K-1 U800, 2-3 U800, 4-8 U900, K-3 Open, 4-12 Open, K-5 Open Rockefeller Qualifier, and 6-8 Open Barber Qualifier. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who contributed to this amazing event!

Individual Champions

Section	Champions
K-1 U800	Satvik Bhattacharjee & Chidhu Balasubramanian
2-3 U800	Ved Dhameeja
K-3 Open	Arihant Chaudhuri
4-8 U900	Alex Huttelmaier
4-12 Open	Bertrand Wan
K-5 Open (Rockefeller Qualifier)	Vidip Kona
6-8 Open (Barber Qualifier)	Austin Liu & Yiding Lu

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Kruti Thanikonda plays her next move. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.



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=2nd/3rd	Somerset ES	14.75
=2nd/3rd	Cherry Crest ES	14.75
4th	Open Window School	14.5
=5th	Odle Middle School	14.125
=5th	Endeavor ES	14.125

Special Prize Winners

Section	Best Female Player(by TPR)	Biggest Upset Win
K-1 U800	Nitara Vemparala	Aadvik Rao
2-3 U800	Kruti Thanikonda	Jethro Xia
K-3 Open	Aditi Sembium	Neel Raghavan
4-8 U900	Evelyn Huttelmaier	Kenzo Iroha
4-12 Open	N/A	Tyler Crabbe
K-5 Open (Rockefeller Qualifier)	Selina Cheng	Zoe Xu
6-8 Open (Barber Qualifier)	Varnika Jammalamadaka	Vishnu Vijeyanandh



*Young chess players show off their colorful face paint, courtesy of local artist Gabby Carrillo.
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*Aditi Sembium at the Washington State Barber + Rockefeller Qualifier Tournament.
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Washington Girls Championship

Josh Sinanan

The 2023 Washington Girls Championship took place at the Orlov Chess Academy in Redmond on April 8-9. Female chess warriors from throughout Washington State were represented in the 23-player field, including the cities of Bothell, Redmond, Richland, Kirkland, Sammamish, Bellevue, Vashon, and Issaquah. The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and organized by President Josh Sinanan. WCF Scholastic Director Rekha Sagar ran the tournament with assistance from WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua. The five-round Swiss tournament featured an even mix of ten players in the Championship section and 13 in the Reserve U1400 section.

Championship Section			
Place	Name	Rating	Total pts
1	Lily Deng	1742	4.5
2	Varnika Jammalamadaka	1777	4
3	Iris Zhang	1714	3
4-7	Shuyi Han	1635	2.5
	Kate Wong	1413	2.5
	Aashi Mathur	1364	2.5
	Deeksha Shankaranand	1313	2.5
8	Haituka Anandkumar	1454	2
9	Miranda Meng	1472	1.5
10	Lakshana Anand	1071	0
	Laasya Lanka	1398	
	Kyrene Zhang	1046	

Reserve U1400			
Place	Name	Rating	Total pts
1-2	Kseniya Fedorova	955	4.5
	Kaavya Lakshminarayanan	859	4.5
3-7	Anika Kulkarni	979	3
	Hana Mullen	938	3
	Ananya Sabarish	814	3
	Kriti Alamuru	749	3
	Rebecca Li	605	3
8-11	Weiai Fang	812	2
	Natalie Xu	748	2
	Evelyn Huttelmaier	716	2
	Yufei Qu	711	2
12	Janani Ranjith	100	1.5
13	Yuwen Qu	642	1

Lily Deng, a freshman from Hanford High School in Richland, won clear first place in the Championship section with a commanding 4.5/5 score, allowing only a single draw against runner up Varnika Jammalamadaka. Lily has been Eastern Washington's strongest female player for several years now, and she regularly makes the hours-long drive to Western Washington in search of the strongest competition. Along the way, Lily scored wins against her nearest rivals Iris Zhang (1714) and Shuyi Han (1635), resulting in a solid 25-point US Chess rating gain. For her victory, Lily receives the title of 2023 Washington State Girls Champion and a \$750 travel stipend from the WCF to attend the 2023 Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions, taking place concurrently with the US Open in early August in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Congratulations Lily!

Varnika Jammalamadaka, an eighth grader from the Overlake School in Redmond, earned second place honors with an undefeated four points, drawing with Deng and young up-and-comer Kate Wong. Timberline Middle School eighth grader Iris Zhang finished in third place with a solid "plus one" score of three points from five games. A quadruplet of chess queens shared fourth place honors with an even 2.5 points: Shuyi Han of Bellevue, Kate Wong of Redmond, Aashi Mathur of Sammamish, and Deeksha Shankaranand of Redmond. Deeksha also claimed the best upset win prize with her 322-point upset victory in the first round.

In the reserve U1400 section, Kseniya Fedorova of Sammamish and Kaavya Lakshminarayanan of Bellevue dominated the field win impressive 4.5 scores from five rounds, each winning four games and drawing against each other in the penultimate round. Five

players shared third/fourth place honors a point-and-a-half back with three points apiece: Anika Kulkarni of Redmond, Hana Mullen of Vashon, Ananya Sabarish of Redmond, Kriti Alamuru of Bothell, and Rebecca Li of Kirkland. Kriti was also awarded the best upset-win prize for her second-round 230-point upset win against Kulkarni. Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to all who contributed to this fun event.

**Aashi Mathur (1364) –
Deeksha Shankaranand (1313) [C54]**
WA Girls Championship
Redmond (R4), April 9, 2023
[Aashi Mathur]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Nxd2 10.Nbxd2 Bd7 11.h3

11.a3 would have been better. 11...Ba5 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.0-0 Bb6 following later with b4, and advancing on the kingside.

11...0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.Bd3 Kh8 14.Re1 Re8 15.Qc2 h6 16.Re3

This might be a slight inaccuracy. The plan for White should be to move the f3-knight and play f4.

16...g6?

Does not make sense to play, as it ruins Black's pawn structure as well as weakening the kingside.

A better move might be to move the bishop to a5, with a plan to go ...Bb6.

17.Nb3 b6 18.Nh2

We do get this opportunity again to play a3. 18.a3 Ba5 following the same plan.

18...f5??

This move is an obvious blunder. Black traps their own bishop which is defending the c6-knight as well.

19.e6!

A great move which traps the bishop and threatens to win the c6-knight as well.

19...Bxe6 20.Qxc6 Bd6 21.Rae1 Qf6 22.Rxe6!

A great tactic to find which wins the bishop. White is now winning +10.

22...Rxe6 23.Qxa8+ Kh7 24.Rxe6 Qxe6 25.Bxa6 Qe4 26.Bb7 c5 27.Bxd5 Qe2 28.Qg8#

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SEATTLE SUMMER KICKOFF

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH, 2023

LAKE SIDE UPPER SCHOOL: 14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125

CO-HOSTED BY WCF + CHESS MATES FOUNDATION

FORMAT:

A 5-Round G/25;
+5 Swiss
tournament in
four sections:

K-3 U600

K-5 U900

K-8 U1200

K-12 Open

SCHEDULE:

Rd. 1 - 9:00am
Rd. 2 - 10:30am
Rd. 3 - 11:45am
Lunch Break
Rd. 4 - 1:15pm
Rd. 5 - 2:30pm
Awards ~ 3:45pm

ENTRY FEE:

\$45 before
6/10, \$55 after. Maximum of 100
players. Scholarships available for
Chess Mates students.

AWARDS:

Amazon Gift Card
Prizes awarded in each section:
1st - 5th: \$70, \$60, \$50, \$40, \$30.
Medals for first-timers, biggest
upset win, and best female player
(by TPR).

RATING:

Reserve sections will
be NWSRS rated. K-12 Open
section will be dual NWSRS and US
Chess rated, with US Chess
membership required. Higher of
current NWSRS and US Chess
Regular rating will be used to
determine section and pairings.

ELIGIBILITY:

Open to all
students in grades K-12 as of the
2022-23 school year. Out-of-state
players welcome!

REGISTRATION:

Register online at
[NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/](https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/)
Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal.
100% preregistered, no on-site entries or
payments. Entry + payment **deadline**
June 16th @ 5pm. No registrations
accepted or refunds offered after the
deadline.

HEALTH/SAFETY

PROTOCOLS:

Face masks optional for players and
spectators. If interested, please bring your
own mask.

CLOCKS:

Chess clocks will be used from the
beginning in the K-8 U1200 and K-12 Open
sections. Clocks not required for the K-3
and K-5 sections, until a judge places one
on your board after 40 minutes of play.

QUESTIONS?

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WCF Scholastic Director,
rekha4chess@gmail.com

Washington Senior Championship

Josh Sinanan

The 2023 Washington Senior Championship took place at the Orlov Chess Academy in Redmond over Tax Day weekend April 15-17. As luck would have it, many of the senior championship players are either fully or semi-retired, so their tax returns are not too complicated! Veteran chess warriors from throughout Washington State were represented in the respectable 13-player field, from locales including Tacoma, Anacortes, Brier, Bellevue, Olympia, Seattle, Portland, Mineral, Federal Way, Kent, and Edmonds! The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and organized by President Josh Sinanan. WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua, in his inaugural event as chief TD, directed the five-round tournament over the course of two-and-a-half days.

Leonid Gavrysh, the Ukrainian chess wizard now living in Brier, emerged victorious with an undefeated four points from five games, allowing only

two draws against Larson and Levine in rounds three and five, respectively. Leonid's FIDE rating peaked at 2237 in 2014 before he moved to the Pacific Northwest. Leonid is a regular player at the Seattle chess club in Greenlake and is equally adept at classical, rapid, and blitz chess, though these days he often opts for the faster time controls. For his victory, Leonid receives the title of 2023 Washington State Senior Champion and a \$750 travel stipend from the WCF to attend the 2023 Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions, which is held concurrently with the US Open in early August in Grand

Rapids, Michigan. Congratulations Leonid!

Three Seattleites, National Master David Levine, US Chess Expert Gerald Larson, and Women's Candidate Master Mary Kuhner shared second-place honors a half-point back. Portland's Phil Long made the trip up from Oregon just for



Leonid Gavrysh, the 2023 Washington State Senior Champion. Photo Credit: Ani Barua.

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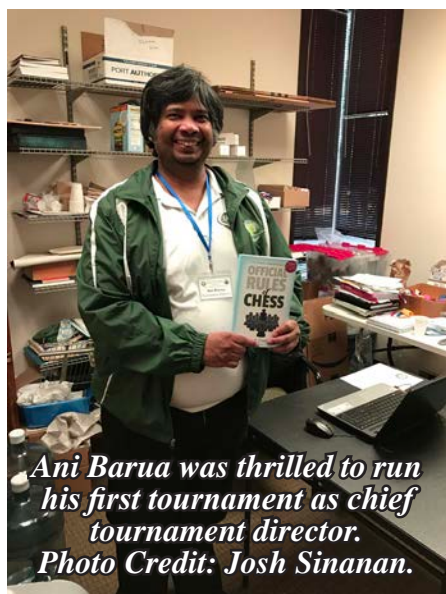
- 12 Years of Experience
- Spokane City Champion 2022
- 2032 USCF Rating
- UW Grad
- Eagle Scout

Ryan Ackerman
Online Chess Coach



The playing hall of the Washington Senior Championship just before the start of round one. Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.

this event, and it was well worth it, as he captured the U1700 prize with 2.5 points. "Uncle" Henry Louie, originally from Sitka (Alaska) but now living in Mineral (Washington), won the U1400 prize with half a point. Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic event!



Ani Barua was thrilled to run his first tournament as chief tournament director.
Photo Credit: Josh Sinanan.

Standings. 2023 WA Senior Championship

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Leonid Gavrysh	1969	W12	W9	D3	W6	D2	4
2	David M Levine	2200	W8	D5	D7	W3	D1	3.5
3	Gerald Larson	2113	W10	W4	D1	L2	W9	3.5
4	Mary Kuhner	1792	X---	L3	W11	D9	W7	3.5
5	Fritz Scholz	1941	W11	D2	L6	D8	W10	3
6	Paul Harwood	1882	L9	W12	W5	L1	W11	3
7	Michael J Hosford	1880	W13	H---	D2	H---	L4	2.5
8	H G Pitre	1727	L2	L11	W13	D5	W12	2.5
9	Phil Long	1425	W6	L1	W10	D4	L3	2.5
10	Stephen J Buck	1700	L3	W13	L9	W12	L5	2
11	John P Christy	1497	L5	W8	L4	W13	L6	2
12	Pablo Manzon	1564	L1	L6	B---	L10	L8	1
13	Henry Louie	1332	L7	L10	L8	L11	H---	0.5

2023 MID-YEAR SCHOLASTIC CUP



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, Jun 14th @ 5pm. Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline, and players from the Waitlist will be offered a spot.

SAT-SUN, JUNE 17-18, 2023

Site: Lakeside Upper School, 14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125.

Format: A 6-round Swiss event for K-12 students in three sections: **Rising** (1200-1399), **Challengers** (1400-1599), and **Premier** (1600+). Maximum of 50 players total & maximum of 25 players in any section - please register early! If a section has <7 players registered, it may be merged with an adjoining section.

Entry Fee: \$60 by Jun 10th, \$70 after. Must be paid by Jun 14th; no late or on-site registrations or payments. Players rated 1350-1399 or 1550-1599 may register into a higher section (**Challengers** or **Premier**, respectively), for a \$20 play-up fee.

Time Control: G/75; +15 (i.e., with 15 sec increment per move)

Schedule of Rounds:

Sat @ 10 AM (rd#1), 2 PM (rd#2), 5:30 PM (rd#3),
Sun @ 10 AM (rd#4), 2 PM (rd#5), 5:30 PM (rd#6)

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

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

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks optional. If desired, please bring your own mask.



Rating: US Chess and NWSRS rated. Higher of US Chess Regular (Jun 2023 supplement), and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. Higher of US Chess and foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Prizes (in Amazon gift cards) (based on 50 paid entries):

Each section:

- 1st / 2nd / 3rd = \$110 / \$90 / \$70
- Best female player (among 3 or more eligible participants per section) = \$40
- Highest (USCF) rating gain = \$40
- Best annotated game: 1st / 2nd = \$40 / \$25
- Best dressed player (per day) = \$15

Premier section: 1st U1700 = \$60

Challengers section: 1st U1500 = \$60

Rising section: 1st U1300 = \$60

Special prizes:

- Highest finishing WA player in each section earns a free entry, respectively, into:
Premier -> 2024 WA Championship, **Challengers** -> 2023 WA Class Championship;
Rising -> 2023 Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls & Boys.
- Note: Ties for 1st place in a section will be resolved at a later date by rapid playoff games.

2023 Idaho Scholastic Championship

Adam Porth

We are proud to announce Idaho State Scholastic Champion is James Wei.

The Idaho State Scholastic Championship was held in March and was a success with champions crowned and an event that attracted over 150 players is in the history books! This past year was a boon for chess with players online, over-the-board, monthly

tournaments in most regions of Idaho, and numerous free events for Idaho players. All of the regional qualifying tournaments had record turnouts.

The State Scholastic Championship attracted K-12th grade players from all over the state including Kellogg, Rathdrum, Moscow, and Couer d'Alene in northern Idaho, Rexburg, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello in eastern Idaho, Burley,

Twin Falls, Sun Valley, and Jerome in the South-Central region, and of course Boise, Meridian, Eagle, and Nampa, and many more! "This was a fabulous event for kids that play chess, to meet other chess kids and compete in a fun and active atmosphere that we hope excites players to continue growing as chess players," says Adam Porth, President of the Idaho Chess Association.



Group photo. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.



James Wei. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

Seattle Summer G/10 Championship



Saturday, June 17th, 2023

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

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

Registration: online at:
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.
Online registration and payment
deadline @ 5pm on Friday, June 16, or else register at site.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face
masks optional for players and
spectators. If interested, please bring
your own mask.

Format: A 7-Round Swiss tournament in one
section.

Time Control: G/10; +3 sec. increment.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by 6/10,
\$50 by 6/16, \$60 at-site. Free entry for GMs,
IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sat. 4-4:45pm.
Rounds: 5pm, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8pm.

Prize Fund: \$550 (based on 25 paid entries).
1st \$110, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60. 1st Unrated: \$50.
1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200: \$50

Eligibility: Open to all junior + adult
players.

Byes: Two half-point byes available,
request by end of round 2.

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

Rating: US Chess Quick Rated. Highest
of current US Chess Quick, US Chess
Regular, or NWSRS rating will be used to
determine pairings and prizes.



We had numerous celebrities in attendance including three former Idaho State Champions (Kaustubh Kodihalli, Caleb Kircher, and Michael Henderson).

NM Eric Hon performed analysis, the three current Idaho State Champions and lots of coaches and veteran chess players helped the kids out. Jeff Roland was photographer for the event.

The State Scholastic Championship is also a qualifying tournament where Idaho selects the Rockefeller, Barber, and Denker representatives that get to compete at a higher-level nationally with other state representatives. Because of this our state champions are for grade level with our overall State Champion selected the following day in a tournament hosting the top three players in each of the sections—elementary, middle school, and high school.

It was clear that organizers were not prepared for the numbers of on-site registrants so we would always like to emphasize pre-registration is important to start events on time. The first round

for the elementary section started nearly 45 minutes late! Most people were patient, however, because that is one of the pre-requisites of chess... patience! Nevertheless, tournaments got back on track and the event was over when it was planned to end...in the end.

Each round included raffle prizes: chess clocks, executive chess kits, and hardcover score booklets. Seniors that are graduating this year were also presented with varsity letter pins just before the high schoolers began their last round. The elementary and middle school sections were G/30;d5 and the High School sections started at G/30;d5 and then switched to G/60;d5 for rounds 3-5.

The State Scholastic Championship has become a prestigious scholastic event as players must work to qualify for the honor to compete here. Players could qualify by placing in the top three of their



Adam Porth. Photo credit: Jeffrey Roland.

grade in regional tournaments or play in two or more regular ICA events that include all ages and abilities. In this way, players become more able to understand the nuances of tournament chess without the intimidation of being a first-time player at State.

Our 2023 representatives

Denker Representative: James Wei (Boise)

Barber Representative: Kaustubh Kodihalli (Boise)

Rockefeller Representative: Whitney Engel (Pocatello)

Congratulations!

First Place (by grade)

12th grade Josh Price (Kuna)

11th grade Layne Pickering (Mountain Home)

Tenth grade Ethan Samuelson (Pocatello)

Ninth grade Darren Su (Twin Falls)

Eighth grade Andrew Beck (Melba)

Seventh grade Luke Wei (Boise)

Sixth grade Ankita Sriraj (Boise) and Luke Makovsky (Meridian)

Fifth grade Olivia Ding (Idaho Falls), Sophie Ma (Idaho Falls), and Lucas Loughlin (Ketchum)

Fourth grade Candice Liang (Meridian), Liam Nosarev (Boise), Jessie Li (Moscow), and Ivan Lawler (Boise)

Third grade Josiah Stout (Nampa) and Eddy Song (Twin Falls)

Second grade Elijah James (Boise)

First grade Roy Li (Moscow), Adithya Sriraj (Boise), Tatum Dodge (Bosie)

Kindergarten Milo Davis (Boise)

The Tournament of Champions was held the following day with the first-third place holders invited to compete for the office of State Scholastic Champion. In all there were 22 invitations due to co-champions. James Wei snatched the State Scholastic crown with a decisive 5.0 tournament! Second place went to Linus Wannamaker (Moscow) and third place went to Kaustubh Kodihalli and Josh Price. Congratulations to the winners and to everyone that participated.

Next year, we are planning on switching the rooms for high school and elementary sections. And we are in the process of streamlining payment and tournament registration so that we can handle the walk-ins without disturbing the start of the tournament. I am also hoping to get corporate sponsorship this next year for players to receive a commemorative participation medal, similar to what players receive at nationals. This would also keep the fees for players lower.

Our volunteers were outstanding, and we certainly appreciated the help: Jay Simonson, Kyra Schoenwald, Kyra Dorman, Jeff Price, Desmond Porth, Zack Semancik, Tilly Backstrom, Michael Henderson, Josh Price, NM Eric Hon, Jeff Roland, Peter Clark, Mark Makovsky, and others. Without their dedication, this event would not be as grand as it was. Thank you, parents and coaches, for supporting your kiddos and the Idaho Chess Association!

We hope that everyone enjoyed their experience (though brutal for the parents—we are talking about the players here) and we hope to see you next year.

Seattle Summer Rapid Championship



Sunday, June 18th, 2023

Lakeside Upper School

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Contact: Josh Sinanan,
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Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.
Online registration and payment
deadline @ 5pm on Saturday,
June 17, or else register at site.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face
masks optional for players and
spectators. If interested, please bring
your own mask.

Format: A 5-Round Swiss in one section.

Time Control: G/15; +10 sec. increment.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by
6/11, \$50 by 6/17, \$60 at-site. Free entry for
GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sun. 9-9:45am.
Rounds: 10 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM.

Prize Fund: \$550 (based on 25 paid entries).

1st \$110, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60. 1st Unrated: \$50.
1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200: \$50

Eligibility: Open to all junior + adult
players.

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

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

Rating: US Chess Quick Rated. Highest of
current US Chess Quick regular, US Chess
Regular, or NWSRS rating will be used to
determine pairings and prizes.



WASHINGTON STATE ELEMENTARY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

The 2023 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships (WSECC) were held at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center on Saturday, April 29. This year's event grew by over 500 players from 2022, which marked the return to state hosted over-the-board after occurring two years online due to the pandemic.

The event kicked off on Friday evening with two fun side-events, a bughouse tournament and puzzle solving competition hosted at a nearby hotel!

On Saturday, everything then moved to the Greater Tacoma Convention Center, which housed the entire event, with chess happening on all three levels of the enormous facility. The two-day Middle School Open players continued with one more day on Sunday, with their final two rounds hosted just across the street from the convention center at a nearby hotel.

Based on the latest guidelines from the CDC and State and Local health departments for large gatherings, face masks were now optional for all participants and attendees, with

many still choosing to wear a mask for extra protection. Thanks to a booming scholastic chess season and a last minute surge of entries over the last two weeks, this year's State attracted 1219 players competing in the five-round Swiss tournament across 14 sections parsed by grade level and rating: Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Fourth Grade, Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade, Middle School U1100, Middle School U1500, Middle School Open (two-day), I Love Chess Too First-Third Grade, I Love Chess Too Fourth-Sixth Grade, I Love Chess Too Ninth-Twelfth Grade, and I Love Chess Too Adult U1500.

Hosting an event of this magnitude presented many logistical challenges and required collaboration and teamwork by a group of experienced chess organizers. The event ran incredibly smoothly in large part due to the efforts of the WSECC Organizing Committee, the Tacoma Convention Center Staff, and numerous supporters and volunteers! We would especially like to thank lead organizer Jacob Mayer, the pairings team of Ben Radin, Todd May, and Gregg Dillingham, floor chief Norm May, chief of staff James Stripes, MS Open TD Sloan Setiadikurnia, K section assistant Thu-An Lai, Chief Tournament Director Randy Kaech, Kindergarten Section Chief Lane Van Weerdhuizen, Kindergarten Section Assistant Siva Sankrithi, lead runner Heather May, help desk supervisor Donna May, hand pairings team of Brad Stensland and Tim Campbell, and lead sections TDs David Hirschowitz, Stone Kaech, Bert Rutgers, Rekha Sagar, Daniel Wilke, and Daniel Shubin. Chess Enrichment Association (CEA) board members Josh Sinanan and Edith Lau provided additional support along with a plethora parent volunteers, scorekeepers, and floor judges including Chouchan Airapetian, Angela Agaian, Shri Humrudha, Suresh Balaji, Detective Cookie, Kai Pisan, Olin Martin, Kelsey Hollingsworth, Ani Barua, Valentin Razmov, Suzanne Mayer.

Special VIP guests included International Master Georgi Orlov, SettleKing founder and sponsor Srikant Vemparala, parent sponsors Haiyong Wang and Joanna Jiang, the parents of National Third Grade Champion Ted Wang.

Several courageous Tacoma Convention Center staff were in charge of securing the entrances to the playing



The Kindergarten Section trophies, ready to be handed out. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

hall, which only players and designated personnel were permitted to enter after the start of each round. While waiting for round two to begin, an angry mob formed outside the playing room when several kids began chanting “Let us in!” which was quickly handled by chief organizer Jacob Mayer. Meiling Cheng was our official photographer once again and took many phenomenal photos over the course of the day, all of which can be seen on the [CEA Facebook page](#).

Our wonderful vendors—John Dill from Spokane and Northwest Designs Ink from Bellevue—greatly enhanced the prestige of the event. John offered high-quality chess equipment at bargain prices and brought over some new prototypes that are sure to please any chess enthusiast, such as the new “Knight light” and an impressive collection of chess neckties. Northwest Designs Ink, a customized apparel company based in Bellevue, was onsite selling t-shirts and other customized chess-themed apparel!

IM Georgi Orlov was present for most of the day analyzing games and taking on all challengers in speed chess. Coach Ryan Ackerman from Spokane

was also present on-site playing blindfold chess games with a high-tech iPad interface setup in which he could not see the pieces, but his opponents could!

Other vendors present on-site included Chess4Life, which provided complimentary game review and practice games, in addition to the Tacoma Chess Club, a local-area club which runs regular tournaments and casual chess events.

At the chess board, the play was fast-paced and exciting amongst the younger players, but more deliberate and thoughtful amongst the older ones. As usual, the Kindergarten section, which took place on the fourth floor of the convention center, was run on a separate schedule from the other sections and wrapped up just after 1:00pm, about twice as fast as the other sections. With many players still quite new to chess across-the-board, players were reminded about proper ethics and behavior appropriate for playing chess, and for the most part everyone followed the rules and was on their best behavior.

When the dust settled after over eight hours of play, a brief awards ceremony was held around 5:30pm to honor the top-

scoring players and teams. Those with a “plus” score of 3.0, 3.5, or 4.0 points were awarded their point-award trophies immediately following the final round at the scoring tables. Special congratulations to the Champions!

Kindergarten Champion:
Hengsheen Wang (5.0, 721→862)

First Grade Champion:
Chen Yuan (5.0, 1185→1233)

Second Grade Champion:
Caden Chang (5.0, 1100→1229)

Third Grade Champion:
Karsh Havaladar (5.0, 1516→1563)

Fourth Grade Champion:
Odbayar Yondon (5.0, 1567→1626)

Fifth Grade Co-Champions:
Vihaan Jammalamadaka (5.0, 1933→1950), Rian Raja (5.0, 1300→1417), and Nehanraj Ramesh (5.0, 500→2193)

Sixth Grade Co-Champions:
Keshav Beegala (4.5, 1753→1762), William Chen (4.5, 1581→1611), and Bichen Liu (4.5, 1496→1532)

Seattle Summer Blitz Championship

Sunday, June 18th, 2023

Lakeside Upper School

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Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.
Online registration and payment
**deadline @ 5pm on Saturday,
June 17**, or else register at site.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face
masks optional for players and
spectators. If interested, please bring
your own mask.

Format: A 9-Round single Swiss in one section.

Time Control: G/5; +3 sec. increment.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by
6/10, \$50 by 6/17, \$60 at-site. Free entry for
GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sun. 4-4:45pm.
Rounds: 5 PM, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:20,
7:40 PM.

Prize Fund: \$550 (based on 25 paid entries).
1st \$110, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60. 1st Unrated: \$50.
1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200: \$50

Eligibility: Open to all junior + adult
players.

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

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

Rating: US Chess Blitz Rated. Highest of
current US Chess Blitz, US Chess Regular,
or NWSRS rating will be used to
determine pairings and prizes.

**William Summerfield,
2023 Washington State Middle School Champion.
Photo Credit: Jacob Mayer.**



Middle School Open (two-day)
Champion:
William Summerfield (5.0, 1665→1752)

Middle School U1500 Champion:
Pranav Kokati (5.0, 1483→1577)

Middle School U1100 Co-Champions:
Matthew Fong (5.0, 1032→1085), and
Ayaan Hetamsaria (5.0, 940→1191)

I Love Chess Too First-Third Champion:
Shivaan Dixit (5.0, 200→1201)

I Love Chess Too Fourth-Sixth Co-
Champions:
Arnav Shah (5.0, 842→959) and
Richard Wan (5.0, 794→916)

I Love Chess Too Ninth-Twelfth
Champion:
Tanush Bhatia (5.0, 1643→1715)

I Love Chess Too Adult Champion:
Venu Koppala (5.0, 1290→1429)

In addition to the individual trophies,
plaques were awarded to the top 25
scoring teams across the grades K-6

Championship sections. Team score
consisted of the top five scores from
players attending the same school. Three
levels of tiebreaks based on strength
of opposition were used to break ties
between teams with the same score.
Congratulations to the top scoring teams!

First - Evergreen School
(20.5, Shoreline)

Second - Bellevue Children's Academy
(20.0, Bellevue)

Third - Medina Elementary School
(20.0, Bellevue)

Fourth - Open Window
(20.0, Bellevue)

Fifth - University Child Development
(19.5, Seattle)

Sixth - Somerset Elementary School
(19.0, Bellevue)

Seventh - Ella Baker Elementary School
(19.0, Redmond)

Eighth - Evergreen Middle
(19.0, Redmond)

Ninth - Canyon Creek Elementary
(18.0, Bothell)

Tenth - Clara Barton Elementary
(17.5, Redmond)

Congratulations to the amazing chess
warriors who competed at State and
many thanks to all who contributed to this
fantastic event!

About Washington State Elementary Chess Championships

The Washington State Elementary
Chess Championships (WSECC) is the
largest annual scholastic chess event in
the Pacific Northwest. Starting with only a
few hundred players in the early 1990s,
the tournament now attracts as many as 1,500
scholastic chess players from throughout
Washington State each year. WSECC
rotates between the western, southern,
and eastern regions of the state on a
three-year cycle. The event is organized
by the WSECC Committee, a group of
experienced chess leaders and organizers
from throughout Washington State. This
committee, operating under the umbrella
of the nonprofit Chess Enrichment
Association, is tasked with running the
highest possible quality event each year.
The committee's goal is to provide the
opportunity for local scholastic chess
players from all backgrounds to compete
in a fun, large-scale festival of chess.
This year's 2023 WSECC took place at
the Greater Tacoma Convention Center
on Saturday, April 29 and featured 1219
players from throughout Washington
State! For more information, please visit:
wsccc.squarespace.com.

About Chess Enrichment Association

Chess Enrichment Association (CEA)
is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based
in Redmond, Washington. Its purpose is
to support and host chess tournaments,
camps, programs, and other events that
promote chess for children, primarily
focusing on elementary scholastic chess
programs. CEA was founded in 2004
by Elliott Neff and now oversees the
organization of WSECC starting from
2020. For more information, please visit:
chessenrichmentassociation.org.

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CHESS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JULY 15TH, 2023

LAKE SIDE UPPER SCHOOL

14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125



DUAL FORMAT: *ENTRY FEE:* \$45 before

Format 1: A 7-Round
G/25; +5 Swiss in three
sections:

K-3 U700

K-8 U1000

K-12 U1300

Schedule:

Rounds: 9am, 10:30am,
11:45am, Lunch Break,
1:45pm, 3:00pm,
4:15pm, 5:30pm.

Awards ~ 7pm or ASAP.

Format 2: A 4-Round
G/60; +5 Swiss in one
section:

K-12 Open

Schedule:

Rounds: 9am, 11:30am,
2pm, 4:30pm.

Awards ~ 7pm or ASAP.

7/8, \$55 after. Maximum of
150 players. Please register
early to guarantee your spot.

AWARDS: Amazon Gift
Card Prizes awarded in each
section: 1st – 5th: \$70, \$60, \$50,
\$40, \$30. Medals for first-
timers, biggest upset win, and
best female player (by TPR).

RATING: K-3 and K-8
sections will be NWSRS rated.
K-12 sections will be dual
NWSRS and US Chess rated,
with US Chess membership
required. Higher of current
NWSRS and US Chess Regular
rating will be used to determine
section and pairings.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to
all students in grades K-12 as of
the 2022-23 school year. Out-
of-state players welcome!

REGISTRATION:

Register online at

nwchess.com/online/registration/

Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal.

100% preregistered, no on-site entries or
payments. **Entry + payment deadline July
14th @ 5pm.** No registrations accepted or
refunds offered after the deadline.

HEALTH/SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

Face masks optional for players and
spectators. If interested, please bring your
own mask.

CLOCKS: Chess clocks will be used
from the beginning in the K-12 sections.
Clocks not required for the K-3 and K-8
sections, until a judge places one on
your board after 40 minutes of play.

QUESTIONS?

Contact: Rekha Sagar,
WCF Scholastic Director,
rekha4chess@gmail.com

Washington vs. British Columbia Intermat

Josh Sinanan

The 32nd Annual WA vs BC Intermat ended in a narrow 28-22 victory for Team British Columbia! The Washington vs British Columbia International Scholastic Chess Match, known informally as the Intermat, was hosted in-person at the Lansdown Centre in Richmond for the first time since 2019! After three

consecutive years of the Intermat being hosted online via chess.com due to the pandemic, it was nice to return to chess across the board!

The Lansdown Centre, a mall located in the heart of Richmond, BC, was a fantastic venue to host the Intermat, with many food options available nearby in the mall food court just a few steps away

from the playing room. A separate skittles room located a short distance from the playing room was provided for parents to hang out and for players to analyze their games between rounds.

At the start of the match, Team WA was short one player in Grade 5, as Arjun Yadav, one of the fifth grade honored representatives, was nowhere to be found! The captains and tournament directors met briefly to discuss what should be done, and it was decided to make the match out of 25 boards instead of 26, a gracious gesture by the BC Team. As a substitute, Washington Team Captain Chouchanik and her daughter Angela Agaian took turns playing against the BC player who was due to play against Yadav in each round, a nice compromise.

Team BC played White on all boards in the first round and obtained a modest 14.5-10.5 lead, with especially dominant performances in grades 8-12! Notable results were the clean 2-0 sweeps in Eighth Grade (Jingyun (Ryan) Yang + Ethan Song), Ninth Grade (Ethan Su + Aiden Leong), Twelfth Grade (National Masters Neil Doknjas + Patrick Huang)!

Grade	Team WA	NWSRS	22	Team B.C.	CFC (*CMA)	28
K	Bihe Liu	804	0	Daniel Zhu	782	2
	Harvey Wang	662	1	Rockwell Chan	667	1
1	Chen Yuan	1242	1.5	Zhihan Samuel Xu	865	0.5
	Terrick Evin	1205	2	Leon Makogon	782	0
2	Samarth Bharadwaj	1416	2	Sky Cui	917	1
	Edgar Li	1161	0	Leo Yan	* 854	1
3	Michael Lin	1707	0	Kai Zhongkai Zhang	1255	2
	Dann Merriman	1540	0	Lucas Yao	1253	2
4	Odbayar Yondon	1701	2	Zachary Chua	1280	0
	Michael Xiong	1532	2	Bowen Wu	1207	0
5	Nikhil Ramkumar	1629	0.5	Zachary Liu	2155	1
	Arjun Yadav (no show)	1562	--	Nicholas Pei-Chang Wu	1681	0.5
6	Jamie Zhu	1824	2	Erwin Jun-Han Mok	1684	0
	Leonardo Wang	1648	1	Justin Gao	1655	1
7	Nikash Vemparala	2113	2	Johan Aljo	1871	0
	Stephen Willy	1975	2	Wesley Russell	1694	0
8	Ryan Min	2084	0	Jingyun (Ryan) Yang	2214	2
	Emma Li	1569	0	Ethan Song	2129	2
9	Kai Pisan	1804	0.5	Ethan Su	2015	1
	Emerson Wong-Godfrey	1713	1	Aiden Leong	2013	1.5
10	Atharva Joshi	1752	1	Kate (Yuhua) Jiang	2026	1.5
	Amana Demberel	1610	0.5	Matthew He	1853	1
11	Bertrand Wan	1973	1	Peter Yong Qiu	1886	1
	Ojas Kandhare	1662	0	Andrew Yu Qiu	1845	2
12	Daniel Shubin	2263	0	Neil Doknjas	2239	2
	Michael Shapiro	1710	0	Patrick Huang	2212	2

In the First Grade section, BC's Zhihan (Samuel) Xu and WA's Chen Yuan battled all the way down to the famous K+R vs K+R endgame, which fittingly ended in a draw about 20 more moves.

Historically, the home team has the advantage since they can attract stronger players to participate without having to travel a long distance. In the team match format, playing hard in every game helps the team, and each move is important, which WA Team Captain Chouchan Airapetain stressed to the players before each round.

In the second round, Team WA tried their best to mount a comeback with the white pieces, but were unable to gain momentum outside of the middle boards in grades six and seven. The BC players proved to be especially well-prepared in the high-school grades, with Team WA's Emerson Wong-Godfrey (ninth grade), being the only Washington player to score the full point. Team BC's impressive 2-0 sweeps in the Kindergarten and Third Grade sections proved crucial, as they led Team BC to a narrow 13.5-11.5 victory in the second round and an overall match victory by the score of 28-22.

Congratulations to Team BC on the fantastic performance and a well-deserved win!

Despite the match already being decided on paper with a few games still going, players from both teams fought hard and stuck around until the very end to support their teammates. A short closing ceremony concluded the day's festivities, wrapping up just before 7:00pm, after which Team WA players and families headed home back to Washington.

Special congratulations to our 2023 Team Washington All Stars, each of whom scored 1.5 or 2.0 points from two games: Chen Yuan, Terrick Evin, Samarth Bharadwaj, Odbayar Yondon, Michael Xiong, Jamie Zhu, Nikash Vemparala, and Stephen Willy.

It was a pleasure for the captains to analyze games with the players and follow the match games while keeping tabs on how everyone was doing. Congratulations to the players from both teams on an exciting and close match once again! Special thanks to BC Captains John Jiang and Hattie Su, BC Organizing Committee Michael and Lara Lo, WA Captain Chouchanik Airapetian, and tournament directors BCCF President

Stephen Wright & WCF President Josh Sinanan for all their hard work in setting up this in-person Intermat. Team BC did a fantastic job hosting as always, and the Washington organizers are excited to host the Intermat in Washington State next year. We look forward to continuing this great tradition for many years to come!

**Johan Aljo (2011) –
Nikash Vemparala (2122) [D46]**
Intermat Richmond
(1.15), April 15, 2023
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 e5

It's normal to go 8...0-0 9.0-0 before starting something, and here 9...a6 or 9...b5 10.Be2 Bb7 is more popular than the immediate 9...e5 plans.

9.e4

9.0-0 0-0 transposes into the 9...e5 line mentioned above. 10.h3 and 10.Bb3 are comfortable options.

9...exd4 10.Nxd4 Ne5 11.Be2 Neg4

11...Bc7 encourages the d4-knight to go somewhere, since 12.Be3?! gives extra emphasis to 12...Neg4.

12.Nf3 0-0 13.h3 Ne5 14.0-0 Qe7

14...Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Qe7

15.Nd4 Ng6 16.Re1 Re8 17.Bf1 Qe5 18.Nf3 Qh5 19.Be2?

White still must weather an attack after 19.Be3 Bxh3!?, but 20.Qd1! Bg4 (20...Rad8 21.gxh3 Bh2+ 22.Nxh2 Rxd1 23.Raxd1 materially favors White.) 21.Qxd6 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ne5 23.Bg2 is far from clear.

19...Bxh3!! 20.gxh3

20.Nh2 Bxh2+ 21.Kxh2 Bg4+ 22.Kg1 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 Ng4 with material and attack.

20...Qxh3 21.Bg5 h6 22.Bxf6 Nf4! 23.Bf1 Qg4+ 24.Kh1 Qxf3+ 25.Kg1 Qg4+ 26.Kh1 Qh5+ 27.Kg1 Ne2+ 28.Bxe2 Qh2+

0-1

**Nikash Vemparala (2122) –
Wesley Russell (1683) [B11]**
Intermat Richmond
(2.16), April 15, 2023
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Nxe4 6.Qxe4 Nd7 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.Ne5 e6 9.Qe2 b5

9...Be7 10.0-0-0

10.Bb3

10.Nxc6? overextends: 10...Qc7 11.Bxb5 a6 12.Ba4 Bd7 13.Qc4 Nd5, and White is threatened with ...Nb6 as well as ...Rc8, which will cost at least a piece.

10...Qc7 11.d4 Bd6 12.c3 0-0 13.0-0 a6 14.Bc2

14.Bf4

14...c5 15.Bg5 Be7?

15...Nd5∞ Black has played the opening quite well to this point and shouldn't stand worse... but must avoid some tactics!

16.Bxf6

Stockfish actually prefers 16.dxc5 to the immediate capture on f6.

16...Bxf6 17.Qe4 g6 18.Qxa8



Position after 18.Qxa8

18...Bb7

And here's why: 18...Bxe5 19.dxe5?! Bb7 20.Qa7 Ra8 with perhaps a slight advantage to Black!

19.Qa7 Be7

19...Bxe5 20.Qxc5 Bxh2+ 21.Kh1 Qf4 is probably not enough compensation for the exchange, but it's certainly the best try now.

20.Be4!

It's all over.

20...Rb8 21.Bxb7 Rxb7 22.Qa8+ Kg7 23.Qxa6 Rb6 24.Qa8 Rb7 25.a4 b4 26.Qa6 cxd4 27.cxd4 Rb6 28.Qd3 Rd6 29.a5 Bf6 30.Qe3 Ra6 31.h3 Rxa5 32.Rxa5 Qxa5 33.Qe4 Qa2 34.Nd3 Qc4 35.Rc1 Qb5 36.Rc7 Bd8 37.Rb7 Qa6 38.Nc5 Qa1+ 39.Kh2 Qxb2 40.Nxe6+ Kg8 41.Nxd8

1-0

Ted Wang Simul

Josh Sinanan



*Ted Wang kicks off his 30-board simul.
Photo Credit: Haiyong Wang.*

ISSAQUAH HIGHLANDS
CHESS CLUB

Every Wednesday • 6-9 p.m. at Blakely Hall
IssaquahHighlands.com/Events



On Wednesday, April 19, the Issaquah Highlands Chess Club was honored to host young chess superstar Ted Wang for an unforgettable evening of chess! The event took place at the fantastic Blakely Hall, located in the Issaquah Highlands, an urban village community in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

Ted gave a brief presentation in which he discussed his chess journey so far and provided tips for budding chess players seeking to improve their game. After his presentation with some pizza and refreshments provided, 30 players squared off to play in Ted's simul, which filled up quickly. The Issaquah Highlands Chess Club and Washington Chess Federation co-hosted the event, which featured complimentary pizza from Flying Pie Pizzeria in Issaquah along with some soft drinks to keep the players well hydrated during their game with the young phenom.

The evening kicked off with a brief presentation in which Ted told his own personal chess story so far and offered tips for young up-and-coming players. I will present it here:

Why Chess?

- 1) It teaches you real lessons in life.
- 2) Chess is a fun game.
- 3) Chess teaches you to think deeply.
- 4) Chess teaches you to be decisive.
- 5) You must learn to solve problems, which is fun to do.

Experiences – Things I Learned

- It is almost never a good idea to offer a draw in a practical game unless it is a dead draw.
- Managing time is essential.
- Even if your opponent plays fast, NEVER play fast.
- If you play instantly, you will miss things, like when I blundered checkmate at Nationals.

How to Improve

- Play slowly – NEVER play fast.
- Never give up.
- Always play for a win
- Play what you like, even if it is worse.

After a short break, the 30-player simultaneous chess exhibition began shortly after 6:30pm. Players of all ratings (unrated – 1600) participated in the 30-player simul, and 10-15 willing players who could not fit in the simul played a five-round rapid tournament the same evening.

When the dust had settled, Ted had won 25, drew four, and lost only one game. All of the games were finished by 9:30pm, mostly thanks to Ted's incredible speed and accuracy. Congratulations to the following players who scored a win or a draw against budding chess star Ted Wang! Draws were achieved by: Daniel Yates (1086, Seattle), Atharv Rastogi (1384, Issaquah), Bob Metzmaker (1542, Alton, IL), and Qingshen Chen (1490,

Washington Annual Chess960 (Fischer Random) Championship



Sunday, July 16th, 2023
Lakeside Upper School
 14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

Format: A 5-Round Swiss in two sections: Championship and Premier (U1500). Sections may be combined depending on the number of registered players.

Time Control: G/30; +5 sec. increment.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by 7/9, \$50 by 7/15, \$60 at site. \$20 play-up fee for players rated below 1500 and playing in the Championship section. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sun. 8:15-8:45am. Rounds: Sun. 9 AM, 10:30 AM, lunch break, 12:30 PM, 2 PM, 3:30 PM.

Prize Fund: \$750 (based on 30 paid entries)
Per section prizes: 1st: \$135, 2nd: \$110, 3rd: \$80
Overall prizes: Best Female player (by TPR): \$50;
 Best upset win: \$50.

Highest finishing Washington resident in Championship Section receives the title "WA State Chess960 Champion."

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

Memberships: Current WCF membership/Northwest Chess subscription required. Membership must be paid at time of registration. No US Chess Membership necessary.

Rating: Unrated. Section eligibility and pairings based on the highest of current NWSRS, US Chess Online, or US Chess Regular rating (July 2023 supplement).

Useful Chess960 links:

- <https://chess960.net/how-to-play/>
- <https://www.chess.com/article/view/chess960-fischer-random-explained>
- <https://www.chess.com/terms/chess960>

Contact: Josh Sinanan,
 WCF President, 206-769-3757
washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Online registration and payment **deadline 5pm on Saturday, July 15**, or else register at site.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask.

Bellevue). The only win was achieved by rising star Odbayar Yondon (1567, Redmond). We have included a couple of the more interesting games for *Northwest Chess* readers to enjoy.

Ted, a future chess grandmaster, graciously signed autographs and took photographs with the simul participants upon completion of their games. Stay tuned for more quality events like this hosted by the IHCC in the future!

About Ted Wang

Ted Wang is a nine-year-old chess prodigy ranked #10 in the US for age nine (1875 US Chess). He is the 2022 National Third Grade Chess Champion, the 2022 Washington State Invitational Champion, and the 2021 16th Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls and Boys (SPFNO) K-5 Open Champion.

Ted attends St. Thomas Elementary School in Medina, where he hopes to grow the chess program. Ted and his family are chess.com ambassadors and are currently working to promote chess throughout the Pacific Northwest.

**Ted Wang (1989) –
Odbayar Yondon (1567) [C00]**
Ted Wang Simul (1), April 19, 2023
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 b5 8.Qe2 a5 9.Re1 Nb4 10.Nf1 0-0 11.e5 Nd7 12.h4 h6

It's usually better not to move these pawns in front of the king when defending, at least not until forced. 12...a4 is advancing on the other wing.

13.N1h2 Ra6 14.Ng4 h5 15.Ngh2 g6 16.g4

Or 16.c3, sooner or later.

16...hgx4 17.Nxg4 Bxh4 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Kh2

After 19.c3 Nc6 20.d4 Black's king is at risk on the dark squares.

19...f5 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Nge5??

21.c3 Nc6 22.Rh1 gives White great compensation for the pawn.

21...Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5+ 23.Qxe5 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 Qxh6 25.a3 Nxc2

0-1

**Ted Wang (1989) –
Bob Metzmaker (1542) [D07]**
Ted Wang Simul (1), April 19, 2023
[Ralph Dubisch]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.e4 Nf6 6.d5 Nb8 7.Nc3± g6 8.e5 Ng8 9.Bc4 e6 10.dxe6?

Prematurely releasing the tension. Instead, 10.Qb3+– presents a picture of contrasts. White develops and dominates the center; Black undevelops and creates pawn weaknesses. 10...exd5 11.Bxd5 wins practically everything on the white squares, and after other moves White can just continue to develop the tsunami of attack with 0-0, Be3, Rd1, etc.

10...Qxd1+ 11.Nxd1 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Bxe6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Nc3

15.Nd4 Kf7 16.Rc1 Na6±

15...Nc6 16.Rae1 Rd8+

16...0-0-0+ 17.Kc1 h6

17.Kc1 a6?!

17...h6 might help to cover the e6 weakness.

18.Ng5

WA Summer Bughouse Championship



Sunday, July 16th, 2023

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

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

Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.
Online registration and payment
deadline 5pm on Saturday, July 15, or else register at site.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask.

Format: A 6-Round double Swiss in two sections, K-6 & Open.

Time Control: G/5; +0.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by 7/9, \$50 by 7/15, \$60 at-site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sun. 5-5:45pm.

Rounds: Sun. 6 PM, 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30 PM.

Prize Fund: \$1000 (based on 25 paid teams).
Team Prizes (per section):
1st \$220, 2nd \$160, 3rd \$120

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

Memberships: No memberships required.

Rating: Unrated. Highest of current US Chess or NWSRS rating will be used to determine average team rating and pairings.

Rules: The tournament will follow current US Chess published bughouse rules, linked [here](#).

18.Ne4!?

18...Nd4 19.Ne2 Ke7 20.Nxd4 Rxd4
21.Nf3

21.Re4 Rxe4 22.Nxe4±

21...Rd5 22.Re3 Nh6 23.Rc3 c6 24.h3
Rhd8 25.Re1 Nf5 26.g4 Nd4. 27.Nxd4
Rxd4 28.Re2 R8d5 29.Kc2 Rf4 30.f3 a5
31.a3 Rfd4

31...a4

32.b3 c5 33.a4 Kd7 34.h4 Kc6 35.Rce3
c4! 36.Rc3 b5

36...Rc5 37.bxc4 Rdx4 38.Rxc4 Rxc4+
39.Kb3 Kd5±

37.axb5+ Kxb5 38.bxc4+ Rxc4 39.Rxc4
Kxc4 40.Re3 Kd4?

40...a4±

41.Re4+ Kc5 42.Kc3 Kb5 43.f4 Rc5+
44.Kb3 Rd5 45.Re3 Rd4 46.f5 gxf5
47.gxf5 exf5 48.e6 Rd8 49.Re5+ Kc6
50.Rxf5 Re8 51.Rg5 Re7 52.Ka4 Kd6
53.Kxa5 Rxe6 54.Rh5

In the pawn ending after 54...Re5+, White
runs the king to f1, arriving just in time.

1/2-1/2



*The Ted Wang Simul was hosted in the beautiful and spacious
Blakely Hall in the Issaquah Highlands.
Photo Credit: Haiyong Wang.*



Vancouver Open

July 22 - 23, 2023

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, 206-769-3757
WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks
optional for players and spectators. If
interested, please bring your own mask.

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

HR: \$169 Standard King/Double Queen Room.
Cut-off date Friday, July 14. Book online [here](#).

Format: A 5-round US Chess Rated Swiss in two
sections: Open and Reserve U1700. Maximum of
70 players, please register early.

Time Control: Rd. 1: G/60; +10,
Rds. 2-5: 40/120, SD/30; +10.

Prize Fund: \$2,500 (based on 60 paid entries).

Open: 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$225
1st U2100/U1900: \$125

Reserve: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150
1st U1600/U1400/U1200: \$125, 1st Unrated: \$100

Special Prizes (per section): Biggest Upset win: \$50,
Best Female Player (by TPR): \$50

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

Entry Fee: \$75 if postmarked or online by
7/15, \$85 after 7/15 or at site. \$35 play-up fee
if rated U1700 and playing in Open. Free entry
for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

At-site registration: Saturday 9 - 9:30 AM.

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

Rating: US Chess Rated. US Chess July 2023
rating supplement will be used to determine
pairings and prizes. Foreign ratings used for
players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US
Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Memberships: US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA
membership are required, other states
accepted.

SEATTLE CHESS CLASSIC



FRI-SUN, AUGUST 18-20, 2023

ORLOV CHESS ACADEMY - SEATTLE

7212 WOODLAWN AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98115

Format: A 7-round Swiss in two sections: Open and Reserve U1600. Maximum of 30 players.

Time Control: G/90; +30 sec increment.

Schedule: Rd. 1 – Fri 6pm, Rd. 2 – Sat 9am, Rd. 3 – Sat 2pm, Rd. 4 – Sat 7pm, Rd. 5 – Sun 9am, Rd. 6 – Sun 2pm, Rd. 7 – Sun 7pm.

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

Prize Fund: \$2,000 (based on 30 paid entries)

Open: 1st \$300, 2nd \$220
1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$130

Reserve: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150
1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$130
1st Unrated \$100.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset win: \$10 per round
Best Female Player (by TPR, provided at least 3 qualifying players): \$25.
Best Dressed: \$10/day

Entry Fees: Must be paid by Aug 17th: **no late or on-site registrations or payments.** \$125 by Aug 11, \$150 after. \$50 play-up fee if rated U1600 and playing in Open section. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, or US Chess 2400+.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required, other states accepted. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Rating: Dual US Chess and NWSRS Rated. Open section also FIDE Rated. Highest of current NWSRS, or US Chess Regular August 2023 supplement rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration **Registration + payment deadline: Thu, Aug 17 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline, and players from a waitlist will be offered a spot.

Info: Josh Sinanan, WCF President,
206.769.3757,
washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask.

Seattle Chess Club Tournaments

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SCC Tnmt Dir
2420 S 137 St
Seattle WA 98168
—or—
contact@seattlechess.club

*Mondays
are for casual play*

June 3, July 1

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sec. by rtg. **TC:** G/100;+10. **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 memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Saturday Quads

June 4, July 16

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/60;+15. **EF:** \$20 (-\$2 SCC members). **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.

SCC Novice

June 11, July 9

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 memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Sunday Tornado

July 2

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 memb. req'd. NS, NC.

SCC G/20 Hexes

July 22-23

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/100;+30 **EF:** \$48 if rec'd by 7/17, \$63 thereafter (SCC members subtract \$12). **Prize Fund:** \$630 b/25 paid entries (5 per prz. gp.). **Prizes:** \$200-100-70, A 60, B55, C 50, D & under 45, Unrated 20, Best upset per rd (1-3) 10. **Reg:** 9:30-10:15 a.m. **Rounds:** 10:30-3:30, 10:30-3:30 p.m. **Byes:** 1 (Sun. rd., commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Seafair Open

Emerald City Open

June 24-25

A five-round Swiss with a time control of G/90;+30. The prize fund of \$510 is based on twenty-five paid entries, five per prize group.

First	\$150	U1800	\$70	U1400	\$50
Second	\$100	U1600	\$60	U1200/unr	\$40
Upset (rds 1-4) \$10					

Entry Fees: \$42 if rec'd by 6/19, \$54 thereafter. **SCC members**—subtract \$11. *GMs, WGMs, IMs, WIMs*—FREE. **Unr**—free with purchase (at SCC) of 1-year US Chess and WCF. **Registration:** Sat. 9-9:45 a.m.

Rounds: Sat. 10-2:30-7, Sun. 11-3:30. **Byes:** 2 (for Sunday rounds, commit at registration).

Miscellaneous: US Chess membership req'd. No smoking. No computers.

