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Marshall, Padilla, & Gorlin take the

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## 1999 Illinois State Grade School Chess Championship

Saturday - Sunday, April 10-11, 1999

ISU Bone Student Center

Bloomington, Illinois



**What:** Seven round U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) Swiss system state championship Chess Tournament for individuals in three divisions. Primary -- K through 3; Elementary -- 4&5; and Jr. High -- 6 through 8. Time Control: G/45 - Primary; G/55 - Elementary; G/60 - Jr. High

**Where:** ISU Bone Student Center, Normal, Illinois (Corner of College Ave. and University Street) - Pick up registration materials at West Entrance of building.

**When:** Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11, 1999. Tournament check-in available Friday night from 6-9 PM. Introductory meeting 9:00 AM, starting time for first round 9:30 AM. Starting time on Sunday 8:30 AM.

Primary Rds. Sat: 9:30, 12:00, 2:00, and 4:00

Sun: 8:30, 10:30, and 12:30.

Elementary/Jr. High Rds. Sat: 9:30, 12:30, 3:00, and 5:30

Sun: 8:30, 11:00, and 1:30

**Host:** Bloomington/Normal area chess clubs

**Entry Fee:** **ADVANCE REGISTRATION ONLY!** \$20.00 if postmarked on or before

March 31, 1999. \$40.00 if postmarked on or after April 1, 1999.

**FINAL DEADLINE:** April 5, 1999. We will not accept any entries postmarked after this date. All players must be USCF members. April 1999 Supplement will be used. Memberships are available at tournament.

Entries and questions to: Althea Rolfs, 704 Old Farm Road, Bloomington, IL 61704, Home (309) 664-0103, Work (309) 766-0537. Coaches submit a separate sheet for each section with name, rating, USCF ID, USCF exp. date, grade, and age. Make checks payable to Bloomington/Normal Chess Boosters. One check per school please.





**Prizes:** Trophies for top 15 players in each division; top 10 players in each grade, and top 15 teams in each division (top 4 players per school). We will have trophies for best unrated in each grade, and outstanding performance in each division. We will award Medals to those players that tie with top scores but do not qualify for a trophy.

**Tournament Directors:**  
Garrett Scott and Erv Sedlock

**Speed Chess:**  
Tournament will be held Friday, April 9th, at ISU-Old Main Room. Registration will be from 6:00 - 7:00 with 1st round at 7:20. Entries must be separate from the state entry and must include name, grade, and rating. Entry fee is \$5 in advance and \$15 at the door. Trophies to be awarded.

**Web Site:**  
[www.illinois-chess.org](http://www.illinois-chess.org)  
Hotel information will be available on our web site. Entries and round results will be posted.

**Special Items:**  
Coaches meeting after first round on Sunday in Old Main Room. Souvenir boards and T-shirts may be ordered in advance, or may be purchased at the tournament. Bowling and Billiards Center located adjacent to ISU Bone Student Center. Video Arcades located in the Student Center.

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# Changes, Changes, All Around Us... Changes!



Hello again, didn't we meet here a few weeks ago? Well, that's okay, and now that this magazine is on schedule we'll meet here all the time. Bring you up to date? Sure. A few things have happened since we spoke last:

1. The **ICB** is back on schedule! *Thanks to a lot of hard working folks.*
2. **Mike Zacate** is our newly appointed Junior Chess Committee Chair. *He has already appointed his committee: Richard Verber, Erv Sedlock, Tom Fineberg, Bonnie Cobia and Josh Flores.*
3. **Howard Cohen** is our new **Membership Drive Chairman**. *Although Howard is a CPA and in the middle of tax season- so he actually won't be effective until the middle of April.*
4. There will be a **NEW ICA Corporate Membership**. *Watch for details!*
5. We are planning a **NEW ICA K-12 State Championship**. *We are working with Tom Larson, City of Chicago Chess Coordinator for an early spring, 2000, tournament.*
6. We are designing **New ICA Membership Forms**. *Josh and Tim are working on this as we speak*
7. We had a great **ICA Banquet**, February 21<sup>st</sup>. *Hope you were there! If not, don't miss it next year.*
8. **And** — our finances are in good shape with a total of over twenty thousand dollars in our checking account and our mutual fund investment.

But, we still have a lot of things we want to do. Please help! We still need a volunteer for each of two ICA positions: **Education Coordinator** and **Scholastic Coordinator**.

If you are interested, or know anyone who is, please contact me as soon as possible. These are two important posts that need to be filled. **Ken Lewandowski** from Evanston has offered to assist in either committee so we need a couple of good chairs. Thanks.

There's other good chess news that we're happy to report on: **Helen Warren** is running for the new **USCF Executive Board** and was endorsed by all of the ICA officers and all of the ICA board members. If the voters feel as we do, this will be a major triumph for Helen. Helen has also submitted a bid to the USCF for the US Masters Invitational, next year. That's a tournament we will support wholeheartedly! Thanks Helen!

More? ... Ok ... Don't forget that **The Fox Valley Chess Club** is up and running again. For info, please call **Roy Frye** at (630) 236-8818. And we might be getting another Grandmaster in the Midwest — watch for details.

If you or your chess club have ever wanted to hold either of our prestigious ICA tournaments, now is the time! If you want to bid for the **Illinois Class** or the **Illinois Open Chess Championships** for 1999 or 2000, please submit your bid to Secretary **Tim Just** or to me. If you, or your chess club, are just thinking about holding such a tournament, please call me. I will be glad to help or just discuss it with you. The Illinois Open bid for 1999 is due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, to be held **September 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**, and the Illinois Class for 1999 by **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, to be held the weekend before Thanksgiving, **November 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**. For the 2000 tournaments you still have plenty of time — but don't waste it. Holding a major tournament is a lot of fun and might be a good way to build your club treasury. By the way the Illinois Open is now a **Heritage Event**. Interested?

It seems that I'm always doing all the talking. Let me hear from you.

Thanks for listening.

**Fred Gruenberg**

ICA President

# Speaking Of Chess....

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*"Wow! Didn't I just finish the Illinois Chess Bulletin? I did? Oh, that was the Jan/Feb issue? Ah! And now the Mar/Apr issue needs to go out?!"*

I found myself repeating this mantra before going to bed almost every night for the last 2 weeks.

The Jan/Feb ICB hit most ICA members' mailboxes around February 22<sup>nd</sup> (5 days after the published deadline for *this* issue). I had sent the copy for that issue to our printer on February 1st. That left me 3 weeks to recuperate for the upcoming challenge of putting together another magazine — no? Unfortunately, no. As editor, I attended various chess events, took photographs, listened to people, asked questions, begged for material, entered some chess games, and tried to mend some fences. All this on top of trying to hold down a full time job, have a social life, meet teaching commitments, keep an active playing schedule, direct tournaments, organize the ICA Banquet, and help the organizers of the Illinois Denker Representative Qualifying Round Robin. This may sound like griping to some; it may sound like gloating to others; but it is neither. I just want everyone to know that I never had so much fun in my life!

In this issue: we bring to you games from the 1999 Tim Just Winter Open, 1999 U.S. Amateur Team Midwest Championships, and various other tournaments. We also have Club News, junior chess coverage, pictures, crosstables, letters to the editor, and much more!

1986 Illinois Champion and winner of the 1987 Illinois' Tournament of Champions, FIDE Master Dr. Ricardo Szmetan, is back in Chicago! He plans to stay here at least until August. He is on a job hunt (holds a Doctorate in Spanish Literature) and hopefully can find one around here! His return adds another boost to Illinois' growing chess scene. I have asked Ricardo to do some game analysis and maybe write an article or two for the May/June issue. He is a strong theoretical player who can teach us all a thing or two about the game of chess.

Thanks to all of the people who offered comments, complaints, suggestions, and compliments to me for the last issue! I know there were mistakes and definitely areas that need improvement, and I and my team promise to improve and increase the quality. This is a great learning process for most of us, and we are learning by bite and scratches, but we are learning.

The next issue will be produced on a computer especially built for me by my software engineer brother, Fernando. I am also in the market to for a High quality Laser Printer to increase printing quality. For as long as I am editor I will add more tools for the production of the ICB, newer better software, picture scanners, more fonts, graphics and whatever else that comes my way.

Remember, if you are interested in becoming the ICB Editor, contact any of the members of the Search committee: Helen Warren (chair), Bill Brock, or Bill Smythe.

We are also looking for a Games Editor. At least two strong players have expressed an interest, but we can never have *too much* help!

Well, that is all for now! Tomorrow, when I have mailed this to the printer, I will get some much needed rest... and then on the following day, I can see myself in front of a mirror, getting ready for bed...

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# Reader's Pawnderings...

A column where you can express your thoughts and comments...

Josh,

Congratulations on getting out the magazine.

By the way, I gave the wrong name for one of Bryan Gast's coaches in my article which appeared in the Nov/Dec issue of the ICB. The correct name is Tom Cooper not Bob Cooper. Can the ICB run a correction?

Michael Marsh

*Sure Mike! (Josh)*

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The Illinois Chess Association owes a big debt of gratitude to two individuals, M L Rantala and Josh Flores.

Ms. Rantala's Illinois Chess Bulletin set a new standard for quality that is unlikely to be exceeded for years to come. Humor, layout, cohesiveness, and a sense of purpose all contributed to its quality, which I am happy to see was recognized by the Chess Journalists of America in its annual awards.

But timeliness is important, as well. Josh Flores has stepped in to produce a surprisingly good magazine on extremely short notice, and to bring the ICB back to a reasonable schedule.

I would like to put in a good word for the typeface used in Bill Brock's article on the Illinois Class in the January-February issue. Even those of us with old eyes (and I'm sure there are many) can easily distinguish the lowercase "e" from the lowercase "c", as in "e2-e4" vs "c2-c4". Formerly, this was a bit of a problem at times because of the tendency of other typefaces to push the horizontal line in the letter "e" too close to the top, making "e" and "c" look almost identical.

The diagrams in the copies I have seen did not come out well. Obviously, they must have been far better on the originals supplied to the printing house. I assume some research will be done as to why they didn't come out, and what can be done in the future.

Again, congratulations to both M L Rantala and Josh Flores!

Bill Smythe

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Dear Josh,

Spent a couple of weeks visiting my daughter and her family in Texas--just north of Houston. Got a chance to read the Houston Chronicle that carries Shelby Lyman's chess column. It surprised me to see that his column there

not only had a diagrammed position to be solved and a sentence or two more, but it also had some interesting news and comments about the game of chess. Sheby writes well and I feel that if people are to be attracted to chess this longer column will certainly do some good. Why the hell did the Tribune cut the column in half and take the life out of it?? How about starting a campaign to let the Trib know that they made a big mistake. Will see you at the banquet and maybe we can start a letter writing campaign to show them that there are people who care about chess.

Sincerely, Martin Ptacek,  
OP-RF (Concordia) CC and the Elmhurst College CC

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Josh,

I remember the first time I met Ken Smith was about 1970 at an early Goichberg (CCA) tournament on the south side of Chicago. I still remember Ken Smith and Richard Verber playing blitz. Either you can imagine, or you can't ... no way I can describe it.

Ken Smith, Chess Master, writer, publisher, world-class poker player, editor, and many more things than I can mention passed away on February 5, 1999.

The obituary is at the web site of the Dallas Morning News:  
[http://classifieds.dallasnews.com/6\\_friday/A01.html](http://classifieds.dallasnews.com/6_friday/A01.html).

Alan Losoff

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Game of the Year?

**Kasparov vs Topalov**  
**Linares 01/20/99**  
**Pirc defense ECO "B09"**

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be3 Bg7 5. Qd2 c6 6. f3 b5 7. Nge2 Nbd7 8. Bh6 Bxh6 9. Qxh6 Bb7 10. a3 e5 11. O-O-O Qe7 12. Kbl a6 13. Nc1 O-O-O 14. Nh3 exd4 15. Rxd4 c5 16. Rd1 Nb6 17. g3 Kb8 18. Na5 Ba8 19. Bh3 d5 20. Qf4+ Ka7 21. Rhe1 d4 22. Nd5 Nbx d5 23. exd5 Qd6 24. Rxd4 cxd4 25. Re7+ Kb6 26. Qxd4+ Kxa5 27. b4+ Ka4 28. Qc3 Qxd5 29. Ra7 Bb7 30. Rxb7 Qc4 31. Qxf6 Kxa3 32. Qxa6+ Kxb4 33. c3+ Kxc3 34. Qa1+ Kd2 35. Qb2+ Kd1 36. Bf1 Rd2 37. Rd7 Rxd7 38. Bxc4 bxc4 39. Qxh8 Rd3 40. Qa8 c3 41. Qa4+ Ke1 42. f4 f5 43. Kc1 Rd2 44. Qa7 {Black resigns} 1-0



# Jim Marshall, Andrey Gorlin, And Rudy Padilla Plow Through Winter Open/Reserve XIV Opponents

Tim Just

Like the snow outside, they were unstoppable. Each one piled up four wins and a draw as they cleared away the wood pushers blocking their path to the number one slot on the prize list.

## OPEN SECTION



5th round match up Marshall - Szpisjak

Lord of the blizzard in the Open section was Jim Marshall (2095). After removing Vincent Hart (1759) and Joe Cima (1864) from his path on victory highway, blockade Al Chow (2275) was removed in Jim's last contest on Saturday. Marshall cleared Caveman Club Champion Johnson Chua (1976) out of his path on Sunday AM only to uncover Steven Szpisjak (2268) as his PM half point impasse. Despite this last round obstacle, Jim still collected the \$250 first place prize.

Local Expert Scot Henderson scored 4-1 to get equal billing with Steve Szpisjak in claiming \$162.50 each for their second-third place efforts.

Paydays of \$125 went to first place Expert Roberto Chavez and of \$100 to second place Expert Robert Sax. After the arithmetic was done, Johnson Chua, Steve Amundsen, Vincent Hart, and Gennadiy Gorlin split the "A and Under" prizes to take home \$56.25 each.

## RESERVE SECTION

On Saturday morning Andrey Gorlin (1587) held down the number nine slot while longtime chess scene favorite Rudy Padilla (1554) was ranked at number twelve on the thirty-nine

Tim Just Winter Open

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### OPEN SECTION

1	MARSHALL James A	2095	W 7	W16	W 4	W 5	D 2	4.5
2	SZPISJAK Steven J	2268	W17	W 6	L 3	W11	D 1	4
3	HENDERSON Scot L	2047	W26	W13	L 2	W 6	D 4	4
4	CHOW Albert C	2275	W24	W10	L 1	W16	D 3	3.5
5	CHUA Johnson	1976	W14	W22	W15	L 1	D11	3.5
6	AMUNDSEN Steven A	1872	W27	L 2	D18	W20	W13	3.5
7	HART Vincent J	1759	L 1	W28	W23	D15	W12	3.5
8	GORLIN Gennadiy	1752	W 9	D15	W10	L 3	W16	3.5
9	CHAVEZ Roberto	2078	L 8	W21	D13	W17	W15	3
10	ROBLEDO Mark Jr	1924	W18	L 4	L 6	W25	W20	3
11	MONATRIET David	1907	H	W20	W19	L 7	D 5	3
12	ROBLEDO Mark	1868	D22	D14	W27	W18	L 7	2.5
13	FISCHER Gregory A	1782	W23	L 3	W 9	F	L 6	2.5
14	SILVERMAN Scott A	1646	L 5	D12	L20	W22	W21	2.5
15	SAX Robert D	2044	W25	D 8	L 5	D 7	L 9	2
16	CIMA Joe	1864	W28	L 1	W22	L 4	L 8	2
17	FLORES Joshua	1794	L 2	D27	W29	L 9	D16	2
18	REDDIVARI Lushyan	1605	L10	W24	D 6	L12	D17	2
19	LORING Steven W	1910	F	W29	L11	-	-	1.5
20	COHEN Lawrence S	1827	F	L11	W14	L 6	L10	1.5
21	VENUSO Michael A	1527	F	L 9	-	W27	D14	1.5
22	BACKSTROM Orr C	1500	W12	L 5	L16	L14	D27	1.5
23	HERNANDEZ Hector	1917	D13	W25	L 7	-	-	1
24	GORLIN Yelena	1864	L 4	L18	L25	L28	B	1
25	AROND Sean	1736	L15	L21	W24	L10	F	1
26	CLARK Wayne B	1710	L 3	-	W28	-	-	1
27	VIGANTE Albert	1507	L 6	D17	L12	L21	D22	1
28	MILLER David R	1368	L16	L 7	L26	W24	F	1
29	CASE Rick	1959	F	L19	L17	-	-	1.5



Rudy toasting his opponent

player wall chart. On Sunday evening they collected \$212.50 for their undefeated first-second place tie. Gorlin drew with Handrian Peiter (1697) in round 3 while ousting Robert Widing (1119), Caveman Mike Napoli (1360), Mike LoBraco (1423), and Charles Musselman (1620). Padilla gave up the half point to Przemyslaw Szczepanik (1168) in round 2 while defeating Cavewoman Renee Mc Clure (1023), Caveman

Carmello Napoli (1717), Tim Ailes (1359), and Robert Lawrence (1679).

Third place funding of \$75 each was shared by 4-1 scoring Handrian Peiter and Chris Baumgartner. The three-way tie for first-second in class "C" was enough to send William Lechnick, Caveman Seth



Andrey Gorlin waiting for the action to really start

Mc Clure, and Joseph Cygan home with \$75 each. Caveman Anthony Napoli stood alone atop the class "D and Under" competitors to make himself \$100 richer. In his first tournament ever, local player Anton Verwijst won the Unrated prize of \$75.

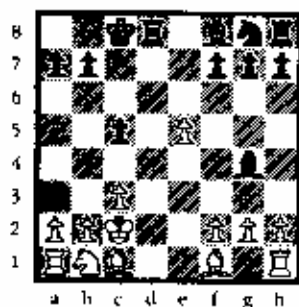
The event was organized and directed by Tim Just with help from Dennis Grant, Wayne Clark, and Orn Backstrom for the College of Lake County Chess Club.

## Winter Open Games

### Chow, A – Robledo, M [B22]

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09.01.1999

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.exd5  
Qxd5 5.d4 e5 6.Nxc5 Nxc5 7.dxe5  
Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bg4+ 9.Kc2 0-0-0



10.Bd3 f6 11.Bf4 Ne7 12.exf6 gxf6  
13.Nd2 Ng6 14.Bg3 Ne5 15.Bxe5  
fxe5 16.Nc4 Bg7 17.Rhe1 Rhf8 18.f3  
Bf5 19.Bxf5+ Rxf5 20.Rad1 Rxd1  
21.Rxd1 Rg5 22.g3 Kc7 23.Rd5 b6  
24.f4 Rh5 25.h4 Kc6 26.Rd6+ Kc7  
27.fxe5 Bxe5 28.Rd5 1-0



### Amundsen, S – Szpisjak, S [B00]

1999 Tim Just Winter Open (2),

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Be3  
e5 5.c4 Qa5+ 6.Bd2 Bb4 7.d5 Nd4

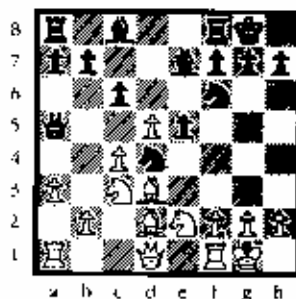
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#### RESERVE SECTION

1	GORLIN Andrey	1597	W24	W13	D 3	W18	W 7	4.5
2	PACIELLA Rudy R	1554	W27	D21	W 6	W20	W 9	4.5
3	FEITER Handrian	1697	W15	W12	D 1	D 1	W14	4
4	BAUMGARTNER Chris	1629	W33	L18	W21	W15	W11	4
5	MONTGOMERY Kelvin	1761	D 8	W26	D18	D14	W19	3.5
6	NAPOLI Carmelo	1717	D14	W27	L 2	W25	W20	3.5
7	MUSSELMAN Charles	1620	W23	W19	W11	D 3	L 1	3.5
8	NAPOLI C Anthony	1325	D 5	L 9	W36	W16	W18	3.5
9	LAWRENCE Robert	1679	L21	W 8	W33	W12	L 2	3
10	LECHNICK William	1595	W25	D20	L14	D24	W21	3
11	MC CLURE Seth	1525	W22	W31	L 7	W26	L 4	3
12	CYGAN Joseph	1513	W28	L 3	W23	L 9	W24	3
13	NAPOLI Mike	1360	W35	L 1	L25	W28	W23	3
14	NAPOLI Steven	1269	D 6	W32	W10	D 5	L 3	3
15	HENDERSON Dale	1266	L 3	W28	W31	L 4	W25	3
16	PAULSEN David W	1694	H	W34	L20	L 8	W26	2.5
17	SAHS James W	1563	L26	W22	H	L21	W33	2.5
18	LOBRACC Michael C	1423	W29	W 4	D 5	L 1	L 8	2.5
19	REEK David	1409	W30	L 7	D24	W34	L 5	2.5
20	AILES Tim S	1359	W37	D10	W16	L 2	L 6	2.5
21	SZCZEPANIK Przemys	1168	W 9	D 2	L 4	W17	L10	2.5
22	DONNA Daniel	1010	L11	L17	W35	D33	W32	2.5
23	WIDING Daniel R	1119	L 7	W30	L12	W31	L13	2
24	WIDING Robert	1091	L 1	W35	D19	D10	L12	2
25	HIERONYMUS April	1077	L10	W37	W13	L 6	L15	2
26	MORAN Philip D	1039	W17	L 5	W32	L11	L16	2
27	MC CLURE Renee J	1023	L 2	L 6	L34	W36	W35	2
28	PHIELPS Douglas	878	L12	L15	W30	L13	W34	2
29	SWINDELL Frankie	742	L18	L33	W37	L32	W36	2
30	SWINDELL Jacquell	697	L19	L23	L28	W37	B	2
31	VERWIJST Anton		B	L11	L15	L23	W37	2
32	GRANT Dennis S	1500	D34	L14	L26	W29	L22	1.5
33	DUPUIS Erik G	1162	L 4	W29	L 9	D22	D17	1.5
34	MORAN Wesley	940	D32	L16	W27	L19	L28	1.5
35	VERWIJST Brandon	645	L13	L24	L22	B	L27	1
36	DUPUIS Brian M	539	B	-	L 8	L27	L29	0.5
37	DUPUIS Carol		L20	L25	L29	L30	L31	0

8.Bd3 Nf6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Nge2 c6  
11.a3 Be7 12.0-0

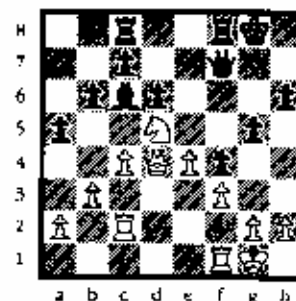


12... Qd8 13.Be3 cxd5 14.exd5 Nxd5  
15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Nxd4 exd4  
17.Bxd4 Rd8 18.Re1 Qxd4 19.Rxe7  
Bf5 20.Qb3 Bxd3 21.Qxf7+ Kb8  
22.Rae1 Bg6 23.Qb3 Rf8 24.Qxb7  
Qxf2+ 25.Kh1 0-1

### Chow, A – Cima, J [C48]

1999 Tim Just Winter Open (3)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6  
4.Nc3 Be5 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 exd4  
7.Nxd4 Bxd4 8.Qxd4 Bd7 9.Bxc6  
Bxc6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3  
0-0 13.f3 Nb5 14.Bf2 Nf4 15.Be3  
Ne6 16.Qd2 f5 17.Nd5 f4 18.Bf2  
Qe8 19.c4 Qf7 20.Rae1 a5 21.b3  
b6 22.Rc2 Rac8 23.Bd4 Nrd4  
24.Qxd4



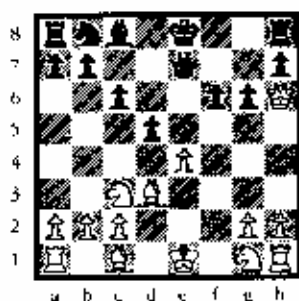
24... Qg7 25.Qfg7+ Kxg7 26.Ne7  
Bxe4 27.fxe4 Rce8 28.Nd5 Rxe4

29.Nxc7 Rc8 30.Nd5 b5 31.Nc3 Re5  
32.cxb5 Rec5 33.Rfc1 d5 34.b6 d4  
35.b7 Rb8 36.Ne2 Rxc2 37.Rxc2  
Rxb7 38.Nxd4 a4 39.Re7+ Rxc7 40.  
Ne6+ Kf6 41.Nxe7 axb3 42.axb3  
Ke5 43.Kf2 Kd6 44.Ne8+ Ke5 45.  
Kf3 Kb4 46.Kg4 Kxb3 47.Nd6 Kc3  
48.Nf5 1-0

**McClure,S – Verwijst,A**  
[C30]

1999 Tim Just Winter Open (2),

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Bd6 3.Bc4 Nh6 4.fxe5  
Bxe5 5.d4 Bxd4 6.Qxd4 f6 7.Qd5 c6  
8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qxh6 Qe7 10.Nc3 d5  
11.Bd3

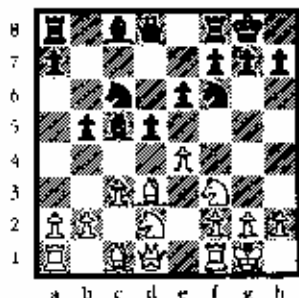


11... Bf5 12.Kf2 dxe4 13.Be2 Nd7 14  
.h3 0-0-0 15.Bg4 Bxg4 16.hxg4 Ne5  
17.Qh3 f5 18.gxf5 Rhf8 19.f6+ Qd7  
20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Nxe4 Ng4+ 22.  
Kg3 Nxf6 23.Nxf6 Rxf6 24.Nf3 b5  
25.Bf4 b5 26.Rad1 Rdf7 27.Rd4  
Kb7 28.Rhd1 Kb6 29.Be3 c5 30.  
Rd6+ Rxd6 31.Rxd6+ Ka5 32.Rxg6  
c4 33.b3 cxb3 34.cxb3 Re7 35.Bf2  
Re7 36.a3 Re3 37.Be1 b4 1-0

**Miller,D – Clark,W [D05]**

1999 Tim Just Winter Open (3),  
09.01.1999

1.d4 e6 2.Nd2 c5 3.e3 d5 4.Ng3 Nf6  
5.c3 Be7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.dxc5 Bxc5  
8.e4 0-0 9.0-0 b5



10.b4 Bb6 11.e5 Ng4 12.Qe2 Qc7  
13.Bxb7+ Kh8 14.Bd3 g6 15.Nb4

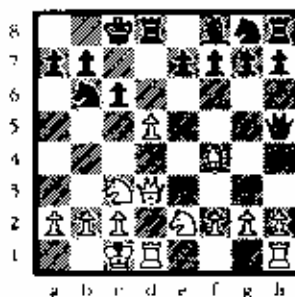
Nxe5 16.Bb2 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 0-1

**Henderson,S – Clark,W**

[B01]

1999 Tim Just Winter Open,

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qe5+ 4.  
Be2 Bg4 5.d4 Bxe2 6.Ngxe2 Qh5 7.  
Bf4 c6 8.Qd3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 0-0-0 10.  
d5 Nb6

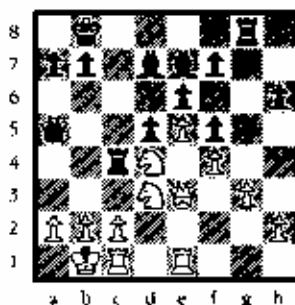


11.Qe3 Qg6 12.dxc6 Qxc6 13.Nd4  
Qc5 14.b4 Qxb4 15.Ncb5 Rd7 16.  
Qe5 Kd8 17.Qc7+ Ke8 1-0

**Chua,J – Marshall,J [B53]**

1999 Tim Just Winter Open (3)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4  
Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3  
Nf6 8.Bg5 Qa5 9.0-0-0 0-0-0 10.  
Kb1 h6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4 Kb8 13.  
Rhe1 Rg8 14.g3 Qe5 15.Qe3 e6 16.f4  
Qa5 17.Nf3 f5 18.e5 d5 19.Nd4 Rc8  
20.Nb3 Qc7 21.Nc5 Be8 22.Nd3 Bd7  
23.Rc1 Qa5 24.Ne2 Be7 25.Nd4 Rc4



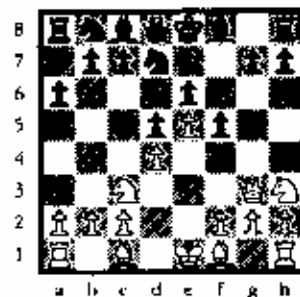
26.c3 Rgc8 27.Re2 h5 28.Rec2 Qb6  
29.Qd2 a5 30.b3 R4c7 31.Nb2 Ba3  
32.b4 axb4 33.cxb4 Rc4 34.Rxc4  
hxc4 35.Re3 Bxb4 36.a3 Bxc3 37.  
Qxc3 Rc7 38.Kc2 Rb7 39.Nd1 Ba4+  
40.Kd2 Bxd1 41.Kxd1 Qb1+ 42.Kd2  
Rb2+ 43.Nc2 Rxc2+ 0-1

**Robledo,M – Reddivari,D**

[C11]

1999 Tim Just Winter Open

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5  
Nfd7 5.Nb3 a6 6.Qg4 f5 7.Qg3



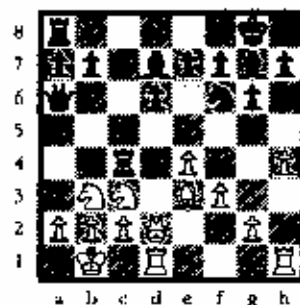
h6 8.Qg6+ Ke7 9.Ng5 hxg5 10.  
Bxg5+ Nf6 11.exf6+ 1-0

**Marshall,J – Hart,V (1759)**

[B79]

1999 Tim Just Winter Open,  
09.01.1999

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4  
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6  
8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0  
Ne5 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.b4 Rfc8 13.  
Kb1 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3  
Qa6



16.e5 dxe5 17.Nc5 Rxc5 18.Bxc5  
Qe6 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Qxd5  
21.Rxd5 Bc6 22.Rd2 Bf6 23.h5 h6  
24.hxg6 fxg6 25.Rxh6 Kg7 26.  
Rh1 Kf7 27.Bb4 Rh8 28.Rxh8  
Bxb8 29.Bc3 Bf6 30.Re2 Ke6 31.  
Bxe5 Bxe5 32.f4 Bxg2 33.Rxg2  
Bxf4 34.Rxg6+ Kd5 35.Rg7 Bd6  
36.c3 a5 37.Kc2 b5 38.Kd3 Bc5  
39.b3 a4 40.b4 Bd6 41.Rg4 e5 42.  
a3 Bc7 43.c4+ bxc4+ 44.Rxc4 Bd6  
45.Rc8 e4+ 46.Ke3 1-0

**Szpisjak, Steve (2268)**

**Flores, Joshua (1794) [A06]**

1999 Tim Just Winter Open  
College of Lake County (1),



# Images...

*Tim Just 1999 Winter Open*



Albert Chow concentrating... but still ends up out of the money.



Scott Silverman and Orn Backstrom show their opinions of each other's king and opt to play "Simpson" chess



To win at chess you have to be booked up. So you either... Bring your library with you like Chris Baumgartner...



Read while you are playing like Larry Cohen does... (it is a Bridge Magazine)



Or catch up on what your opponent plays while eating By reading the current ICB like Dennis Grant.



Organizer and Chief TD Tim Just takes a breather as his aid de camp puts his legs up after a hectic start of the first round.

# Famous Quotations

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Who said what?

By Ivan Kicyorbutt

(the last name is pronounced Kic-yor-boo-thay)

Answers on page 15

*The points of view expressed by the writer of this article, does not represent ICB's or the ICA's views in any way.*

## Take this quiz on chess history

### Questions

- 1.) "(Chess) is so interesting in itself. . . Those who have leisure for such diversions, cannot find one that is more innocent but advantageous. to the vanquished as well as the victor."
- 2.) "I will KILL YOU !!" said to various Grandmasters by:
- 3.) "My dad will kill you !" said to various tournament opponents by:
- 4.) "Not only will I kill you, but I'll make it look like natural causes" said to the late Boris Kogan.
- 5.) "Chess books should be used as we use glasses—to assist the sight; although some players make use of them as if they thought they conferred sight."
- 6.) "Women are weakies, I can give any woman in the world knight odds and beat them."
- 7.) "Feets don't fail me now !"
- 8.) "Yes I'll play a match with Paul Morphy, we just need to get the match conditions to my liking."
- 9.) "Yes I'll play a match with (insert one: Anatoly Karpov, Garry Kasparov, Victor Korchnoi, Henrique Mecking, Yasser Seirawan, Susan Polgar, Judit Polgar, Nona Gaprindashvili, Maya Chiburdanidze or Diane Savareide), we just need to get the match conditions to my liking."
- 10.) "Just ignore my girlfriend sitting behind me in the gallery . . . she's the one in the front chair with the tight semi-transparent halter top, in the micro-mini skirt. And please don't look when she crosses her legs because she doesn't wear panties."
- 11.) "I'm not paranoid, everyone really is out to get me ! !"
12. "Excellence at chess is one mark of a scheming mind."
13. "Wadda ya mean the lighting's not okay in the corner. I loaned you a flashlight didn't I?"
14. "You have, let us say, a promising politician, a rising artist that you wish to destroy. Dagger or bomb are archaic, clumsy, and unreliable—but teach him, inoculate him with chess! Our statesmen would sit with pocket boards while the country went to the devil, and our breadwinners would forget their wives in seeking after impossible mates."
15. "No, I will not bring Howdy Doody out to tell some jokes" said at various tournaments by:
16. "Yeah, okay it was me, I pushed the old guy down the stairs, so what? Everyone knows I am a warm, sensitive, sweet and considerate guy . . . I pushed him down backwards so he wouldn't break his glasses. . . didn't I ?"
17. "Thanks for the game . . . I have to go potty now."
18. "Thanks for the game. . . I have to go smoke some pot now."
19. "Winning isn't everything... but losing is nothing"
20. "When you are lonely, when you feel yourself an alien in the world, play chess. This will raise your spirits and be your counselor in war."

# The Quest for IM Norms

## Angelo Young

The Mechanics Institute Chess Club, one the oldest clubs in the country, has started a series of tournaments for Chess Masters. These events will offer opportunities to earn international titles. This February 2nd - 10<sup>th</sup>, the Mechanics Chess Club (San Francisco) held the Koltanowski International Chess Event — named in the honor of George Koltanowski, the San Francisco Chronicle's 95 -years old chess columnist.

The tournament format, Schingen, consists of 18 - players divided into two groups ( nine members of team a played the nine members of team b) was successful in producing six title norms. IM Rashid Ziatdinov of Arizona went undefeated scoring 7 pts. out of nine giving him his third GM Norm. Five players earned international master norms: Richard Lobo of Daly City, Igor Zugic of Canada, Ronald Cusi of San Francisco, your humble author Angelo Young from Chicago, and 15 year old Irina Krush. Irina is the current US Women's Champion who last year amazed everyone by scoring 8½ pts. out of nine to win that Championship. Each of us finished 5½ pts — the required pts. for the IM Norm.

## THE PLAYERS

### TEAM A

GM Nick De Firmian  
GM Roman Dzindichashvili  
GM Walter Browne  
IM Guillermo Rey  
IM Tom O'donnell  
SM Omar Cartagena  
SM Ronald Cusi  
SM Richard Lobo  
SM Mark Pinto

### TEAM B

IM Rashid Ziatdinov  
IM Jeremy Silman  
IM Deen Hergott  
IM Mladen Vucic  
SM Angelo Young  
SM Igor Zugic  
SM Irina Krush  
SM Vinay Bhat  
SM Jonathan Berry

## Famous Quotations

### Answers to Who said what? On page 14

1. Benjamin Franklin in his essay *Morals of Chess*, written in 1779.
2. Rustam Kamsky
3. Gata Kamsky
4. Rustam Kamsky
5. Former World Champion Jose Capablanca
6. Said by Bobby Fischer
7. Said by Bobby Fischer as he did an abrupt about-face and started running; upon seeing the Polgar sisters walking down the street in downtown Budapest, Hungary.
8. Said by Howard Staunton during 1858 and until Morphy had to leave Europe in May of 1859 to come back home to the United States (No match was ever played).
9. Said by Bobby Fischer breaking the one year record of Staunton by over 20 years EXTRA CREDIT, what question did Fischer ask, just before saying yes to the Spassky match in 1992 . . . " Yeah, well Boris has slipped out of the top 100 FIDE rated players . . . right?"
10. Said by Walter Browne to various opponents during his amazing string of tournament victories during the 70's and 80's
11. Bobby Fischer, but also full credit for Rustam Kamsky, half credit for Tom Dorsch
12. Arthur Conan Doyle (in the mouth of Sherlock Holmes)
13. Said by 'Fast Eddy', the psycho tournament director.

14. Said by H. G. Wells in *Concerning Chess*, 1901
15. Senior Tournament Director, 'Buffalo' Bob Smith
16. Said by Rustam Kamsky to detective Sergeant Boston Blackie, as he was investigating 93 year old Grandmaster Arthur Dake, being thrown down the stairs half way through his tournament game with Gata Kamsky.
17. Said after a game by National Kindergarten Champion, Jan Vincent Jaro, from Jacksonville, Florida.
18. Said by 'W. J. 'Weed' Clinton after his game as a member of the Georgetown University Chess Team vs. the Harvard Chess Team, 1967
19. Edmar Mednis, on the importance of fighting for a draw
20. Aristotle, died 322 BC

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Here is how to grade your score.

Correct answers, score 21-25 You cheated!

15-20 you are a genius

10-15 you are smart

6-19 You are a little dense

0-5 You don't know your head from a hole in the ground.

This quiz is a homage to April 1, the date we celebrate April Fools day. Answers 1,5,6,12,14,19,20 are correct, the other entries are for parody purposes only.

# ICA Awards Banquet

## Michael Marsh

Expert Gene Scott received the top prize in the Illinois Chess Association 1998 Expert Tour during the ICA's annual banquet and then said a gracious speech. "I'd just like to say thank you very much to the ICA," he said. "I have never seen Illinois chess so strong."



*Two founders of the ICA Frank Skoff and Jim Groszko*

Strength was a theme at the event, held on February 21 at the Stevens Restaurant in Elmhurst. Sixty-six people gathered to honor strong chess players and officials devoted to the game.

One such official was Tom Fineberg, who received a Service to Scholastic Chess award. Fineberg was a chess coach at Chicago Vocational High School and continues to hold monthly quick chess events at Tuley Park, located on the city's south side. Fineberg's daughter, Carol Fineberg Mason praised her father before presenting his award, noting that he coached juniors, drove them to matches, and provided meals for players who had no money. "As long as I could remember, he shared all the gifts he could," she said. "He gives very freely."



*The Brothers Cohen enjoying a laugh before eating.*

Frank Skoff received the Natalie Broughton Life Achievement Award. Skoff, one of the founders of the ICA and a former president of the United States Chess Federation, participated in tense negotiations connected with the Bobby Fischer-Boris Spassky chess championship match, held in Iceland in 1972. He entertained the crowd with stories about the Illinois chess scene and his trip to Iceland.

Helen Warren presented Kevin Bachler with the Billy Colias Excellence in Teaching Award. "He brings a love for the game and genuine energy in inspiring kids to love the game," Warren said about Bachler.

Ken Marshall got a Service to the Chess Club award, then encouraged the audience to visit his Concordia Chess Club. "The dues are only \$12, so there are no excuses," Marshall said.



*Past President Alan Losoff and President Fred Gruenberg*

ICA president Fred Gruenberg presented the Service to the ICA award to past President Alan Losoff. Gruenberg praised Losoff's contributions as a chess organizer, tournament director, and volunteer for the Illinois Chess Bulletin. "He's given more than three or four people could," Gruenberg said. "I'm proud to give him this award."

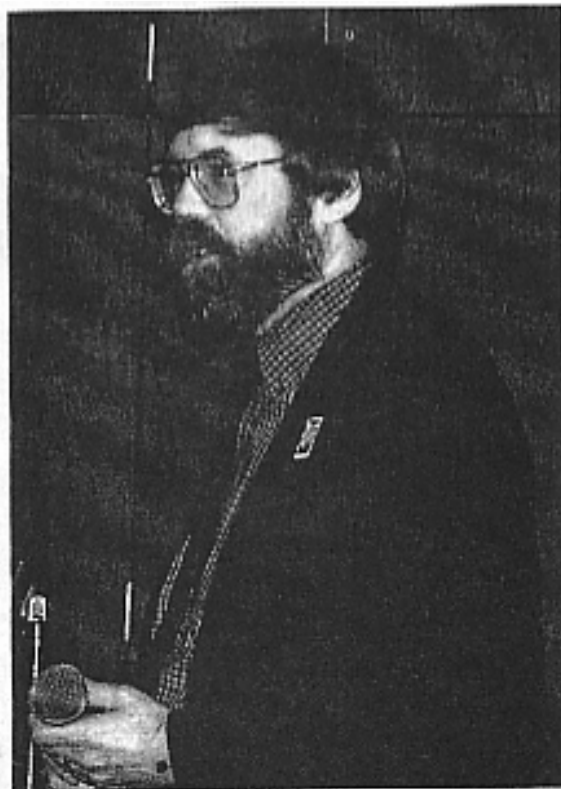
The day was very special for Hector Hernandez, who runs the Knights Moves Chess Club at the Chicago Public Library's Rudy Lozano branch. He received a Service to the Community award and saw two Lozano players, Mario Rocha and Daniel Hymanson, and a former player at the club, Fabian Ramos, receive awards for their play in 1998.



Illinois Chess Bulletin interim editor Josh Flores served as master of ceremonies for the event.

The awardees were:

Category	pts	Award
<b>Master Tour</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> IM Enrico Sevillano	138	\$350.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> IM Osman Palos	109	\$250.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> SM Albert Chow	84	\$150.00
<b>Expert Tour</b>		
Gene Scott	72	\$160.00
Robert Sax	63.5	\$80.00
<b>Class A</b>		
Bradley Watts	67.5	\$130.00
Ethelbert Gazmen	52.5	\$65.00
<b>Class B</b>		
Gennadiy Gorlin	61	\$100.00
Aaron Chen	46	\$50.00
<b>Class C</b>		
Audrey Gorlin	76.5	\$70.00
Rudy Padilla	63.5	\$35.00
<b>Class D</b>		
Fabian Ramos	46	\$30.00
Michael Wishner	46	\$30.00



Ken Marshall being honored for his hard work

**Class E**  
Benjamin Yarnoff 28 Certificate

**Class F**  
Lazar S. Ilic 16 Certificate

**Class G**  
Alexander Connelly 10 Certificate

**Class H**  
Mario Rocha 4 Certificate

**Class I**  
Daniel Hymanson 2 Certificate

**Service to the ICA:** Alan Losoff

**Service to the Community:** Hector Hernandez

**Service to the Chess Club:**  
Ken Marshall, Concordia Chess Club  
Larry Cohen, Park Forest Chess Club

**Service to Scholastic Chess:** Tom Finberg

**The Billy Colias Excellence in Teaching Award:**  
Kevin Bachler

**The Natalie Broughton Life Achievement Award:**  
Frank Skoff



Chicago Icon Tom Finberg with his daughter Carol

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# The ICA Board at Work

## Tim Just – ICA Secretary

Many of you don't know exactly what the ICA do besides put out an award winning state chess magazine – the ICB and hold two annual chess events – the Illinois Open and the Illinois Class?

Well, there is more to what they do – Here are the minutes to the last Illinois Chess Association Board Meeting (Josh)



Secretary Tim Just and President Fred Gruenberg attentively listening to a board member.

## ICA BOARD MEETING 2/7/99, HYATT OAKBROOK, ABRIDGED MINUTES

### NEWS:

Fred Gruenberg announced Ken Smith passed away.

M.L. Rantala is no longer the ICB Editor. Josh Flores is the interim Editor responsible for the ICB since the January-February issue.

Helen Warren, as chair of the ICB Editor Search Committee, reported on the steps being taken to secure a permanent ICB Editor.



Roger Birkeland

**MOTION:** The Illinois Chess Association is proud to endorse our own Helen Warren as a candidate for the USCF executive board. Motion arising from officers meeting passed by acclamation. The officers will sign the letter. All ICA board members present will be listed on the letter of support.

Fred announced Bill Brock is the new ICA Treasurer. Jim Warren stepped down for health reasons.

### AWARDS:

Service to the ICA-Al Losoff

Service to the Community-Hector Hernandez

Service to the Chess Club-Ken Marshall, Larry Cohen

Service to Scholastic Chess-Tom Fineberg

### MEMBERSHIPS:

There are about 850 ICA members. The ICA will work on co-chess and gold card dual membership technical problems.

### REPORTS:

Mike Zacate was appointed the chair of the Junior Chess Committee. He is looking for a site to hold the Denker qualifier.

Membership Drive chairman is Howard Cohen.

Education Coordinator-call for volunteers

Scholastic coordinator-call for volunteers



Ery Sedlock enraptured

ICA Officers appreciate Tournaments are planned starting in the year 2000.

A new ICA membership is in the works. A business membership for \$200 and a corporate membership for \$500 (both including a plaque) were decided upon.

Revised ICA membership forms are in the works

The ICA officers will ask for 1999 Illinois Open and 1999 Illinois Class-bids. April 1, 1999 is the deadline (changed to May 1 – Josh) for the Illinois Open bid. The 1999 Illinois Class bidding deadline is June 1, 1999.

The officers wish a constitutional change regarding the signing of checks. Two signatures will be needed for all checks over \$600.

An investigation into Corporation Insurance was initiated. There is a concern that the ICA and its board members are exposed to financial risk in the event of a lawsuit stemming from any chess event sponsored by the ICA.

Tornadoes and other events are planned for many sites including LaSalle-Peru.

The ICA will trim its list of free ICB subscribers.

The officers appointed a Sub committee of Jim Warren, Bill Brock, and Todd Barre to evaluate the Vanguard fund distribution. They will report back to the officers.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AND ITS REPORT** by Josh Flores, second by Howard Cohen. Passed unanimously.

Helen Warren reported that currently there are 12 schools enrolled in the Warren junior Chess Program. The latest school to enroll in the program is the Latin School with Al Chow as their teacher. Helen is adding a \$1000 Scholarship awarded to the scholastic player that can achieve an expert's rating before graduation. Achieving a master's rating will net the student a \$1600 scholarship. Details will appear in the Illinois Chess Bulletin.

It was reported that USCF had a technical software problem with the ratings report from the 1998 Illinois Class. It is being resubmitted.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Bachler made a report that the Shelby School has now provided the documentation Kevin requested to prove it qualified to participate in scholastic events. Oddly neither USCF nor the scholastic committee requested this documentation earlier. This would have avoided the entire conflict.

A farewell to the ICA letter from M.L. Rantala was distributed to the board members.

The ICA Senior Championship will be held March 27-28, 1999

Fox Valley open its club doors again thanks to Roy Frye

The ICB needs master level annotators.

An ICA history question was referred to Frank Skoff.

**MOTION:** The ICA appreciates the work M.L. Rantala has done for the ICA and ICB in the past. Passed by acclamation

Abridged Minutes compiled by ICA Secretary Tim Just

# Cheap Shot Open

## May 1-2

Freedom Hall, Lakewood

&

Orchard Blvd, Park Forest

(just west of Park Forest library).



### \$2300 guaranteed.

Three sections: **HUSTLER** (open to 1800+): game/120. EF \$45 by 4/22, \$50 at site. \$\$300-200, 2000-2199 \$150-100, u-2100 \$125-75. Trophy for best swindle. **STING** (1400-1999): 40/90, then SD/30. EF \$35 by 4/22, \$40 at site, jrs \$30. \$\$ 1800-1999 \$200-100-50, 1600-1799 \$125-75, u-1600 \$100-50. Trophy for best swindle. **SHILL** (u-1600 & unr): game/90. EF \$25 by 4/22, \$30 at site, jrs \$20. \$\$ 1400-1599 \$125-100-75, 1200-1399 \$100-75-50, 1000-1199 \$75-50. Trophies to top 2 u-1000, top unrated, best swindle.

6 Round Swiss System.

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# Yefrim Geller – 1926-1998

John Tomas

Yefrim Geller, one of the strongest grandmasters of the fifties and sixties, has died at the age of 73, reportedly of prostate cancer. Geller was a six-time world championship candidate, and twice won the championship of the USSR – the first time in 1956 and the second time in 1979.

Geller's results against the premier players of his age are one of the most remarkable aspects of his remarkable career. He maintained plus scores against Botvinnik, Smyslov, Petrosian, and Fischer, even scores against Tal and Euwe and narrow minus scores against Kasparov and Karpov. Only Spassky, to whom Geller lost two matches in the sixties, maintained a solid plus score against him.

In addition to his over-the-board activities, Geller was widely known as one of the great theoreticians of the age. He served on Spassky's team for the 1972 world championship match

and later worked closely with Anatoly Karpov. Botvinnik credited him with teaching the world how to play the King's Indian, and he also made substantial contributions to the theory of the Ruy Lopez, Sicilian Defense, and Queen's Gambit Declined. A noted attacking player in his youth, he quickly added positional refinement to his repertoire and by the end of his career he was regularly defeating much younger players with classical simplicity.

Geller's story was one of a perpetual bridesmaid. Geller finished second in Interzonal tournaments: in 1961 at Stockholm behind Fischer, in 1968 at Sousse behind Larsen, and in 1970 at Palma behind Fischer again. In addition, he tied for second in the Candidates tournament in 1962 at Curaao) and twice lost matches to Spassky, the eventual winner of the Candidates cycles in 1965 and 1968

## Geller's Immortal Game

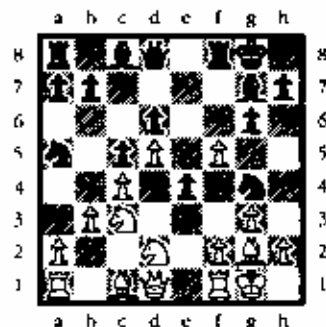
Geller played an extraordinary number of attractive attacking games in his career. However, probably none reached the heights that he scaled in the following game. In it, he invests a whole rook, while barely out of the opening, for the sake of a pin.

Efim Geller - Dragoljub Velimirovic  
King's Indian Defence E66/05,  
Havana, 1971

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.g3 0-0  
5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 c5 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.d5 Na5  
9.Nd2 e5 10.e4 Ng4 11.b3

In similar positions, White usually prepares this move with Qc2, a plan originated by Botvinnik. But Geller believes that this is not essential

11...f5 12.exf5 e4?



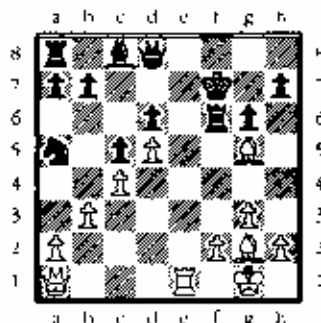
As it turns out, 12...gx f5 would be

much the better choice with standard play for both sides.

13.f6! Nxf6 14.Ndxe4!!

A remarkable conception, but something like 14.Bb2 e3! 15.fxe3 Ng4 with a lot of play on the dark squares is exactly what Black was hoping for. Did Velimirovic, an original attacking player in his own right, ever consider that Geller would sacrifice a whole rook for a pin?

14...Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Bxa1 16.Bg5 Bf6  
17.Nxf6+ Rxf6 18.Qa1 Kf7 19.Re1 Rb8



The central position for assessing the strength of Geller's idea. Black has a number of different defensive ideas. Geller himself considered 19...Bd7 20.Qc3! b6 21.Re6! winning before he sacrificed and satisfied himself that

Black's defense in all the other variations was extremely difficult. In all the following lines, Black's offside knight on a5 plays a significant role.

Since 19...Bf5 20.Qc3 b6 runs into 21.Re6! again, the main alternate defensive try has to be 19...h6 to try to win a tempo for the defense. Then, 20.Bxh6 when 20...Qh8 21.Bg5 Bd7 (if 21...Bf5 we encounter the same variations as before) 22.Re4 (This time the variation with 22.Qc3 b6 23.Re6 that worked previously fails to 23...Rf5!) and now

22...Rf8 fails to 23.Rh4 Qg7 24.Bh6 Qg8 25.Bxf8 Qxf8 26.Rh7- Ke8 27.Qc1+ Kd8 28.Qxa5 with a continuing attack and a material advantage.

22...Re8 may well be the best defence. 23.Rh4 Qg7 and now the immediate 24.Bd2? lets Black off the hook! 24...Rf5 25.Bc3 and now not 25...Rf6? when 26.Bxa5 wins back his material and keeps a raging attack, or 25...Qg8? 26.Rh8 [and all similar variations] which, although it gives Black enough pieces for the Queen, dooms him

because of White's two extra pawns, Black's poorly placed pieces, and his exposed King. Nor does 25... Rec5 save Black after 26.f4 since 26...g5!? fails to either 27.Rg4 or 27.fxe5 gxh4 28.e6+. But 25...Rfe5!! is an immense shot that turns the tables almost immediately. Black threatens 26...Re1+ and there is precious little White can do about it.

Instead, White has to go in for 24.Bh6 Qg8 25.Bd2 b6 26.Bc3 Re5 27.f4 (White can play 27.Be5 dxe5 28.Qxe5 and get enough pawns for the piece, but it is not, I think, a position he could be expected to win.) and now A) 27...Ref5 28.Be4 Qg7 29.Bxf5 Bxf5 30.Bxf6 Qxf6 31.Rh7+ winning or B) 27...g5! (The only chance) 28.fxe5 gxh4 29.e6+! (White cannot win if he plays 29.exf6 hxg3 30.hxg3 Qxg3 - Black either forces a perpetual or eliminates the f6 pawn) 29...Bxe6 30.Bxf6 and no matter where the bishop goes, White remains two pawns up with only technical problems to solve. If the bishop goes to d7, White wins immediately with 31.Qf1! forcing mate or the win of the bishop.

In all these variations, Black retains swindling chances that he does not have in the line he chose. And since that ending must be considered lost, this line puts the most difficulties in Geller's way.

Please note that Geller does not mention the ...Re8 defense, and so the last two paragraphs are original analysis on my part. Please check it thoroughly.

Finally, 20...Bf5 21.Bg5 Rc8 22.g4 Bxg4 23.Re4 Bf5 24.Rh4 leaves Black unable to meet all the threats.

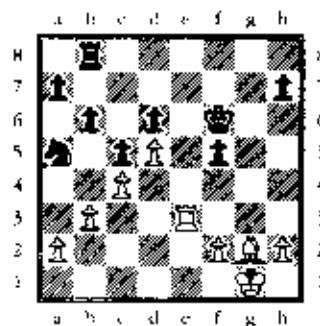
20.Re3 b6

Black can try 20...Bf5 in this position as well but after 21.h3 h5 22.g4 hxg4 23.hxg4 Bxg4 24.Re4 Bf5 (on 24...Bh5 the rook lands on e6) 25.Rh4 with a position we have seen before.

21.Rf3 Bf5 22.g4 Qh8 23.Bxf6

Not 23.Bh3? Rg8!

23...Qxf6 24.Qxf6+ Kxf6 25.gxf5 gxf5 26.Re3



Black has retained nominal material equality, but has landed in an endgame he cannot hope to hold.

26...Nb7 27.Re6+

The most accurate: 27.Bh3 Rg8+ 28.Kf1 Rg5 allows Black to organize a serious defence.

27...Kf7 28.Bf3! Rg8+ 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.Bh5 Rg5 31.Re8- Kg7 32.Re7+ Kh6 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Rxa7 Rxb7 35.Rd7 Kg5 36.Rxd6 Kf4 37.Ke2 b5 38.cxb5 Ke5 39.Rd7 Rh4 40.a3

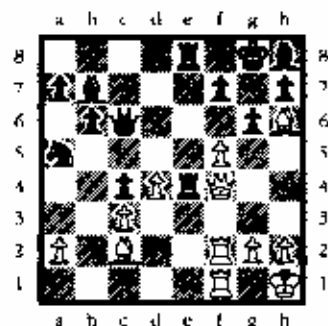
Geller gives 40.b6 Rb4 41.b7 h5 42.a4 h4 43.a5 h3 44.a6 h2 45.Rh7 as the most accurate. Not surprisingly, he was in time trouble at this point, but his mistake only prolongs the game another five moves.

40...Rh3 41.f3 Kd4 42.b6 Rh2+ 43.Ke1 Rh1+ 44.Kf2 Rh2+ 45.Ke1 Rh1+ 46.Kf2 Rh2+ 47.Kg3 Rb2 48.b7 Rxb3 49.a4 c4 50.a5 c3 51.a6 c2 52.Rc7 1-0

## Selected Games

Efrim Geller - Vassily Smyslov  
Candidates Match, Moscow (5), 1965  
Grünfeld Defense [D87]

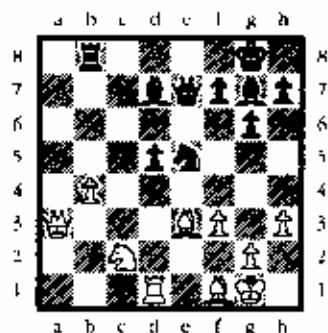
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25.fxg6!! f6 26.Qg5! Qd7 27.Kg1!! Bg7 28.Rxf6 Rg4 29.gxh7+ Kh8 30.Bxg7+ Qxg7 31.Qxg5!

Geller, E - Fischer, R [E80]  
Havana (17), 1965

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.e4 d6 5.f3 c6 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 b5 8.cxb5 axb5 9.Nge2 0-0 10.b4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qd2 e5 13.Rfd1 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.Bf1 Nfd7 16.a4 Nb6 17.Qc2 bxa4 18.Nxa4 Nxa4 19.Rxa4 Rxa4 20.Qxa4 Qe7 21.Qb3 Ra8 22.Nc2 Bc8 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.h3 Rb8 25.Qa3 d5 26.exd5 cxd5 27.Nc2



27...Bxh3 28.Bc5 Qg5 29.f4 Qh5 30.Rxd5 Bf5 31.Ne3 Ng4 32.Nxg4 Qxg4 33.Qa7 Re8 34.Qc7 h5 35.Rd8 Rxd8 36.Qxd8+ Kh7 37.Be3 Bh6 38.Qf6 Bg7 39.Qxf7 Qd1 40.Qc4 h4 41.Qe2 Qa1 42.Kh2 Bd4 43.Bf2 Bxf2 44.Qxf2 Kg7 45.b5 Be4 46.b6 Bb7 47.Qe2 Kf6 48.Qd3 Ke7 49.Qc4 Kf6 50.Qd3 Ke7 51.Qe3+ Kd6 52.Be2 Qb2 53.Bf3 Bxf3 54.Qe5+ Qxe5 55.fxe5+ Kxe5 56.gxf3 Kd6 57.f4 1-0.

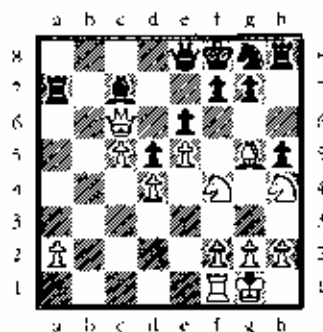
Botvinnik, M - Geller, E [E69/I2]  
Belgrade (2), 1969

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8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qb6 10.Re1 exd4  
11.Nxd4 Re8 12.Re2 Ng4 13.Nc2  
Nge5 14.Ne3 Nc5 15.b3 Bxh3 16.Bd2  
Bxg2 17.Kxg2 h5 18.Rb1 Qd8 19.b4  
Ne6 20.f4 Nd3 21.Nf1 Bxc3 22.Bxc3  
Ndx4+ 0-1.

Geller,E - Karpov,A [C16/02]  
Moscow ch-SU (3), 1976

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Qd7  
5.Nf3 b6 6.Bd2 Ba6 7.Bxa6 Nxa6 8.0-0  
Nb8 9.Ne2 Be7 10.Rc1 b5 11.Nf4 h5  
12.b3 Ba3 13.Rb1 a5 14.c4 c6 15.c5  
Bb4 16.Bc1 a4 17.Nd3 Ba5 18.bxa4  
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Ra7 24.Nh4 Qe8

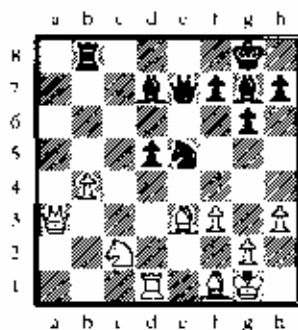


25.Qxe6!! fxe6 26.Nfg6+ Qxg6  
27.Nxg6+ Ke8 28.Nxh8 Ra4 29.Rd1  
Ne7 30.Bxe7 Kxe7 31.Ng6- Kf7  
32.Nf4 Bxe5 33.dxe5 Rxf4 34.Rc1  
Ke8 35.c6 Kd8 36.c7+ Kc8 37.g3 Ra4  
38.Rc6 Rxa2 39.Rxe6 g5 40.Rd6 Rd2

41.c6 Kxc7 42.e7 1-0

Geller,E - Fischer,R [E80/10]  
Havana (17), 1965

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 Nf6 4.e4 d6  
5.f3 c6 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 b5 8.cxb5 axb5  
9.Nge2 0-0 10.b4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Bb7  
12.Qd2 e5 13.Rfd1 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5  
15.Bf1 Nfd7 16.a4 Nb6 17.Qc2 bxa4  
18.Nxa4 Nxa4 19.Rxa4 Rxa4 20.Qxa4  
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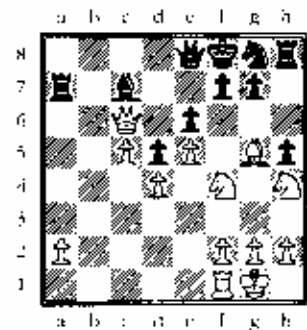


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Kh7 37.Be3 Bh6 38.Qf6 Bg7 39.Qxf7  
Qd1 40.Qc4 h4 41.Qe2 Qa1 42.Kh2  
Bd4 43.Bf2 Bxf2 44.Qxf2 Kg7 45.b5  
Be4 46.b6 Bb7 47.Qe2 Kf6 48.Qd3 Ke7  
49.Qc4 Kf6 50.Qd3 Ke7 51.Qe3+ Kd6  
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Qa7 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Rxb8- Qxb8  
22.Qxc6- Kf8 23.Nf4 Ra7 24.Nh4  
Qe8



25.Qxe6!! fxe6 26.Nfg6- Qxg6  
27.Nxg6+ Ke8 28.Nxh8 Ra4  
29.Rd1 Ne7 30.Bxe7 Kxe7  
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41.e6 Kxc7 42.e7 1-0



# Into Pekin Tornado

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4 Round Swiss Game/60

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Bring Sets, Boards, & Clocks.

Entries: Bill Naff, 212 Vail Court, Peoria IL, 61614 (309) 691-4924

(after 6 pm)

# 1999 U.S. Amateur Team Midwest

## Josh Flores

The 1999 U.S. Amateur Team Midwest Championships, traditionally held over the Presidents' Day weekend, also fell on Valentines day this year.. Over 50 teams of diehard chess players assembled at the one of Chicago's finest chess hotels, the Hyatt Oakbrook to compete for honor and glory. The prizes of GameTimers, BFB clocks, trophies, and plaques were also nice.

Tim Just subbed for a very sick Al Losoff and assisted Walter Brown in directing this unique event. Al's advance preparation showed, however, and he was hardly missed.

There were a few top-heavy teams at this event. The team lead by GM Sergey Kudrin and IM Enrico Sevillano finished second behind the team anchored by GM Alexander Goldin. Strangely missing were some Ohio teams from last year, notably those brought by GM Alex Yermolinsky. Jim Oberweis fielded a strong team with son-in-law IM Josh Manion and daughter Julie.

There were family teams, company teams, school teams, teams of friends, and teams of strangers. Despite some software (operator error?) hiccups, the players all enjoyed themselves as they tried to figure out where they stood after each win, draw, or loss.

As a captain of a team (Wenz comes Chilvary) myself, I was part of those who went into calculation mode after each result was reported. I was especially anxious, as my original first board wasn't to be found before the tournament and I was lucky to be able to latch onto a very capable Bill Wenz (2000) from Wisconsin. His solid 3½/5 performance certainly contributed to our team's success in garnishing the U1800 prize on tie-breaks.

I'm sure the other teams had as much fun as we did. Every team has a story to tell, of the game that won the match, or the game that got away.

The Gold 'n' Guys From Russia (GM Alexander Goldin, Alexander Betanelli, Alexander Zelner and Victor Chubukov) will represent the Midwest at the U.S. Amateur Team playoffs the last weekend in March.

This is the seventh year this event has been held in the Chicago Area.

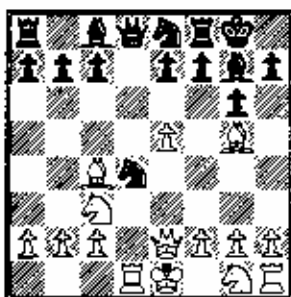
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U 1200	One Stop Patzer Shop	2-3
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Best Indiana:	Touch Move With [Your Name]	
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Best Illinois	How Does It Feel?	
Best Team Name:	Magical Mates	
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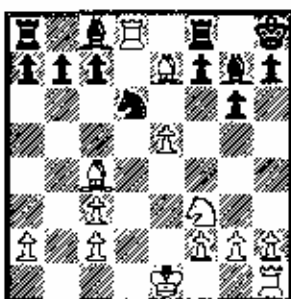
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Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

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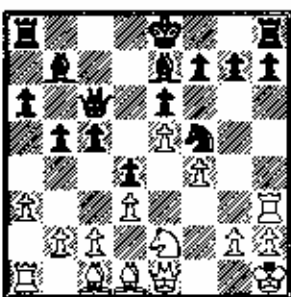
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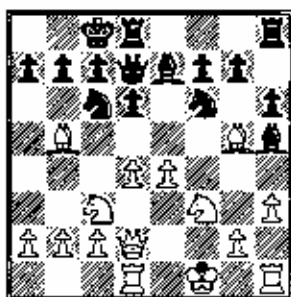
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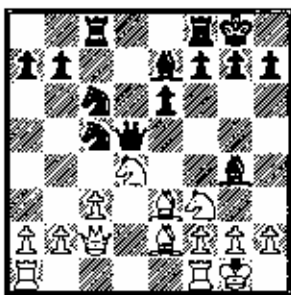
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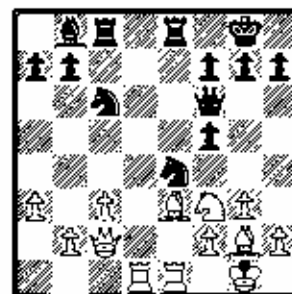
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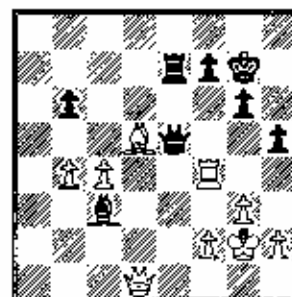
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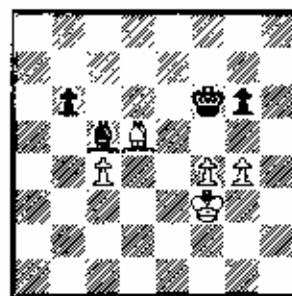
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51... g5 52. fxg5+ 1/2:1/2

Kueker, Josh - Hernandez, Hector  
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e5 8. Bb5+ Bd7

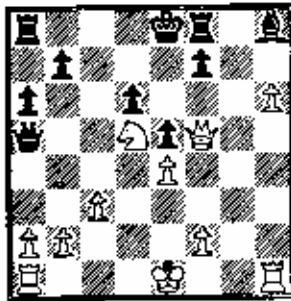




9. Bxd7+ Qxd7 10. Nf5 a6 11. Qf3  
Nc6 12. g5 hxg5 13. Bxg5 Ne7



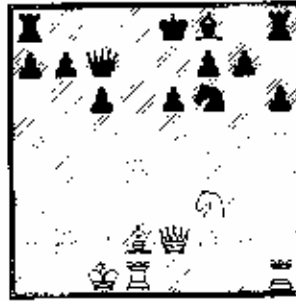
14. Nxc7+ Bxc7 15. Bxf6 Rg8 16.  
Bxe7 Qxe7 17. Nd5 Qd8 18. h5  
Qa5+ 19. c3 Rf8 20. b6 Bh8 21. Qf5



21... Qd8 22. 0-0-0 Rc8 23. Rdg1  
Rc6 24. h7 b5 25. Rg8 Qc8 26.  
Rhg1 Qxf5 27. Rxf8+

Kudrin Sergey (USA) -  
Herron, Mike  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxc4 4.  
Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7.  
Nf3 Nd7 8. h5 Bh7 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10.  
Qxd3 Qc7 11. Bd2 e6 12. 0-0-0  
Ngf6 13. Ne4 Nxe4 14. Qxc4 Nf6  
15. Qe2



15... 0-0-0 16. g3 Bd6 17. Ne5 Kb8  
18. Nc4 Ka8 19. Kb1 Nd5 20. Nxd6  
Qxd6 21. c4 Nf6 22. Bc3 Rd7



23. f4 Rhd8 24. Qf3 c5 25. g4 exd4  
26. Rxd4 Qc7 27. Rxd7 Rxd7 28.  
g5 Ne8 29. Rd1 f6 30. Rxd7 Qxd7  
31. gxh6 gxh6 32. b3 a6 33. Kb2  
Qe7 34. Qe3 Ng7 35. Qe2 Nf5 36.  
Qg2 Qd6 37. Qe4 Qe7



38. h4 Kb8 39. a4 Qd6 40. c5 Qe7  
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Qxd6+ Nxd6 44. Bxf6 Nf5

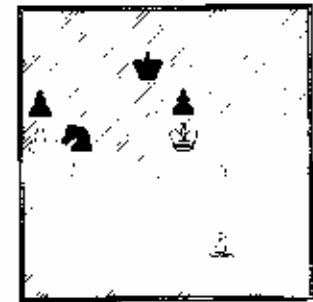


45. Kc3 Ng3 46. Kd4 Kc7 47. Ke3

Kc6 48. Kf3



48... Nf5 49. Ke4 Ng3+ 50. Ke5  
Nxf5 51. Be7 Kd7 52. Bf8 Ng3 53.  
Bxf6 Ne2 54. Bf8 Nc3 55. a5 Nb5  
56. Bc5 Na3 57. Bg1 Nb5 58. Bf2



58... Na3 59. Bd4 Nb5 60. Bb2 Nc7  
61. Be1 Nb5 62. Be3 Na3 63. Bh6  
Nb5 64. Bc5 Na3 65. Bf8 Nb5 66.  
Bg7 Na3 67. Kd4 Kc6 68. Ke5 Kd7  
69. Kd4 Kc6 70. Ke5 Kd7  
1/2:1/2

Gast, Bryan -  
Zaremba, Andrei (2368)  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 exd4 4.  
Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7.  
f3 0-0 8. Qd2 Ne6 9. Bc4 Bd7 10.  
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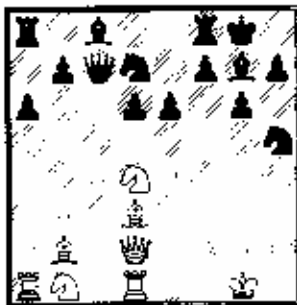
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Bg5 Rc5 14. Kb1 b5 15. g4 hxg4  
16. h5 Nxf5



17. Rdg1 a5 18. Bh6 a4 19. Bxg7 Kxg7 20. fxc4 Nxc4 21. Nf5+ Bxf5 22. Rxf5 gxf5 23. exf5 Rxf5 24. Bd5 Qb6 0:1

Rajlich, V - Goldin Alexander  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Nf6 6. 0-0 Qc7 7. Qc2 d6 8. c4 g6 9. b3 Bg7 10. Bb2 0-0 11. Rd1 Nh5 12. Qd2 Nd7



13. Be2 Nhf6 14. Nc3 b6 15. Rac1 Bb7 16. Qe3 Rac8 17. Ba3 Nc5 18. Bf3 Rfd8 19. g3 Qb8 20. Rc2 Qa8 21. Re2 h5

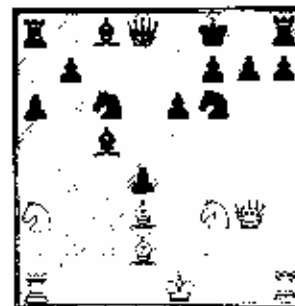


22. h3 Kh7 23. Bg2 Re8 24. f4 Bh6 25. Ne2 e5 26. Bxe5 dxc5 27. Rd6 Re6 28. Rxc6 Bxc6 29. Qf3 exf4 30. gxf4 Qb8 31. f5



31... Qe5 32. fxc6+ fxc6 33. Nd5 Nxd5 34. exd5 Qxe2 35. Qf7+ Bg7 36. dxc6 Re7 37. Qf2 Qd1+ 0:1  
Sevillano, Enrico - Read, Rhys  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qd3 c5 5. dxc5 Nc6 6. Bd2 d4 7. Nb5 Bxc5 8. Qg3 Kf8 9. Nf3 a6 10. Na3 Nf6 11. Bd3



11... b5 12. 0-0 Bb7 13. e5 Nd5 14. Ng5 g6 15. Ne4



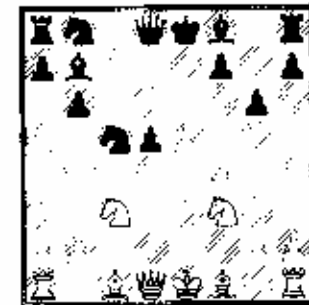
15... Be7 16. Bh6+ Kg8 17. Rfe1 Qc7 18. Nd6 Bf8 19. Bxf8 Rxf8 20. Nb1 Ncb4 21. Be4 f5 22. exf6 Rxf6 23. a3 Nc6



24. Bxd5 exd5 25. Ne8 1:0

Manion Josh (USA) - Eaman, Rob  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb7 5. f3 d5 6. cxd5 exd5 7. e5 Nfd7 8. f4 g6 9. Nf3 e5 10. dxc5 Nxc5



11. Bb5+ Ke7 12. f5 Nbd7 13. Nxd5+ Bxd5 14. Qxd5 f6 15. e6 Nc5 16. Qxd8+ Rxd8 17. Nxe5 1:0

Buterman, A - Rajlich, V  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Be5 4. e3 Nf6 5. d4 exd4 6. cxd4 Bb4+ 7. Bd2 Bxd2+ 8. Nbx2 d5 9. exd5 Nxd5 10. 0-0 0-0 11. Re1 Nf4 12. Ne4 Bg4



13. Qd2 Nh3+ 14. gxf3 Bxf3 15.

Qf4 Nxd4 16. Ng5 Bh5 17. Re4  
Qxg5+ 18. Qxg5



18... Nf3+ 19. Kg2 Nxf5 20. Re5  
Bf3+ 21. Kg3 Ne4+ 0:1

Rajlich, V - Guio, J  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. e4  
e6 5. exd5 Qxd5 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Nf3  
Nc6 8. Bd3 Qh5 9. 0-0 Nf6 10. Ne2  
Bd6 11. Bf4 Bxf4 12. Nxf4



12... Qh6 13. g3 0-0 14. Rc1 Ng4  
15. Re5 f5 16. Be4 Rd8 17. h3 Nf6  
18. Rxf5



18... Kh8 19. Ng5 1:0

Sawyer, Christopher (1253) -  
Gliner, Greg (1753)  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c5 3. d5 d6 4. e4  
Nbd7 5. Nf3 g6 6. Be2 Bg7 7. 0-0  
Ng4 8. Ng5 Ngf6 9. Be3 0-0 10. f4



10... a6 11. f5 Ne5 12. fxg6 Nxf6  
13. Bh5 b5 14. a3 Rb8 15. Bxf6  
hxg6 16. b4 cxb4 17. axb4 Ng4



18. Qe1 Nxc3 19. Qh4 Re8 20.  
Qh7+ 1:0

Voeller, J - Raso, Paul  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 c5 2. c3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. exd5  
exd5 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Bg5 Bd6 7. dxe5  
Bxc5 8. Bxf6 Qxf6

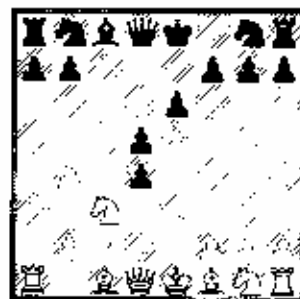


9. Qxd5 Bxf7+ 10. Kxf2 Qb6+ 11.

Kg3 Be6 12. Qb5+ Nc6 13. Qxb6  
axb6 14. Nbd2 Rd8 15. Be4 0-0 16.  
Bxe6 fxe6 17. Rad1 e5 18. Ne4 Ne7  
19. Rxd8 1:0

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Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

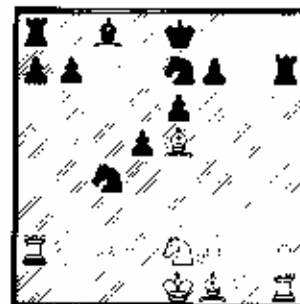
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e5 5. a3 exd4 6. axh4



6... dxc3 7. Qg4 exb2 8. Bxb2 Ne7  
9. Qxg7 Rg8 10. Qxh7 Nbc6 11. b5  
Na5 12. Ba3 Qc7



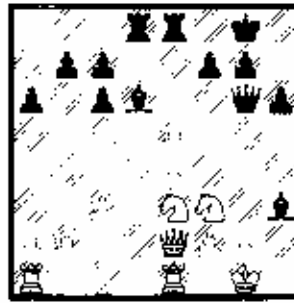
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Nc4 16. Bxe5 Rxh7



17. Bd4 e5 18. Rxa7 Rxa7 19. Bxa7  
Bf5 20. c3 Bd7 21. f4 f6 22. fxe5  
fxe5 23. Be5 Bxb5 24. Ng3 Rf7 25.  
Be2 Rg7 26. 0-0 Kd7 27. Nh5 Rg6



28. Nf6+ Kd8 29. Bxe7+ Kxe7 30. Nxd5+ Kd6 31. Rf6+ Rxf6 32. Nxf6 Ke6 33. Ne4 b6 34. Bxc4+ Bxc4 35. Kf2 Ba6 36. h4 Kd5 37. h5 Bc8 38. h6 Bf5 1:0



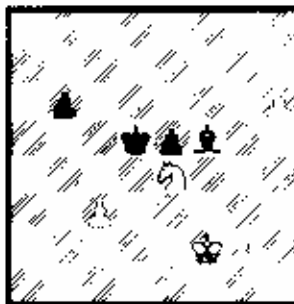
17. Nh4 Qxe4 18. exd6 Qxh4 19. gxh3 Qxh3 20. dxc7 Rd6 21. Qf1 Rg6+ 22. Ng2 Re8 23. Re3 Qd7

Dobrovoiny, Charles (1782) -  
Goubran, Nader  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 a6 2. Nf3 b5 3. c4 Bb7 4. cxb5 axb5 5. Bxb5 Bxe4 6. Ne3 Bb7 7. d4 Nf6 8. 0-0 e6 9. Bg5



9... Re7 10. Re1 0-0 11. Qd3 d6 12. Ba4 Nbd7 13. Bc2 Ba6 14. Qd2 Nb6 15. b3 Nbd5 16. Nxd5 Nxd5 17. Be4



Machaj, Blair  
Von Vredow, Hartwig  
Oak Brook Hyatt,  
Midwest US Amateur Team, 1999

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. 0-0 Bd6 6. d4 Qe7 7. h3 Nf6 8. Bg5 Bd7 9. c3 0-0 10. Re1 Rad8 11. Nbd2



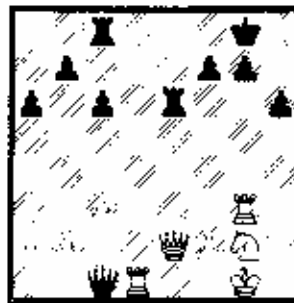
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17... Bb7 18. Bxe7 Qxe7 19. Ng5 h6 20. Bxd5 Bxd5 21. Ne4 Bxe4 22. Rxe4 Rfb8 23. Re3 Qg5 24. Rd3



11... Rfe8 12. Nc4 Be6 13. Ne3 h6 14. Bxf6 Qxf6 15. Qe2 Qg6 16. dxe5 Bxh3



29. Ne3 Rxe3 1:0



24... Qxd2 25. Rxd2 Rxb3 26. Rc2 Rd3 27. g3 Rxd4 28. Rxc7 Rda4 29. Rc2 d5 30. Kf1 Kf8 31. f4 Re4 32. Rc7 Rea4 33. Rc2 Ke7 34. Kf2 Kd6 35. Re2 f6 36. Rb2 R8a7 37. Kf3 e5 38. fxe5+ fxe5 0:1

# Tomas Reviews

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John Tomas

*Jon Speelman's Best Games* by Jon Speelman; The American Ratsford Chess Library, 1998, 240 pages.

In English at least, publishers of chess books have long been of the opinion that the only books that sell are books on the openings. Unfortunately, it is not the good books on openings, such as John Watson's award-winning *The Unorthodox King's Indian* (which I reviewed here last year) that get the sales. Instead of Watson's careful research and analysis and willingness to stick his neck out on improvements what we get are books that could not have cost their authors more than a mediocre forty-minute work day. They patch together a few illustrative games, append a few general comments, and, *voilà*, a new opening book. The real tragedy is that such books are coming out under the names of people who really should know better and who have done much, much better in the past.

Given this state of affairs, one would think that publishers would avoid chess autobiographies like the plague. After all, they don't sell that well, and their authors have lavished time and energy beyond the wildest imaginings of many opening "experts" on them and expect to be recompensed accordingly. Better to stick with the old standbys – Alekhine's two volumes, Fischer's *My Sixty Memorable Games*, Tal's *My Life and Games*.

But, as English has become the *Lingua Franca* of the chess world, games collections have appeared at an ever-increasing rate. And these are not just those by the usual suspects Kasparov, and Karpov. Anand followed his 1995 World Championship Match with Kasparov with a games collection and Shirov did the same even before he became the putative challenger. Such collections were to be expected. Over the past several years, a number of stellar collections have appeared that nobody could have predicted: the Bosnian Grandmaster Ivan Sokolov, the English Grandmaster Jim Plaskett contributed *Playing to Win*; Andy Soltis offered his superb *Confessions of a Chess Grandmaster*, and second-rank ex-soviet grandmasters such as Beliavsky, Taimanov, and Averbach have all recently released collections of their best games. It is hardly an exaggeration to call this the golden age of games collections.

Yet, if they are being released, many of them, at least, are not being read. The book I am now going to consider (and recommend as worthy of your attention), *Jon Speelman's Best Games* recently was advertised in *Chess Life* at substantially under its list price. It's a great value at either price, but if you care about chess books, you should not be happy – successful books don't go on the discount table.

Should you care whether Taimanov's or Speelman's or Sokolov's books sell, and if so why? I believe you should

care for several important reasons. First, such annotations complete the historical record. While most of the players mentioned were not of world championship caliber, they were not far from it. The story of chess is not just the story of its greatest players, and annotations by players like Speelman, Geller, and Taimanov and even Soltis or Plaskett offer us a glimpse of chess not available simply from the game of world champions.

Second, such books complete the record begun by the world champions. Few players annotate their losses or if they do, they do so incompletely and as apologists rather than annotators involved in a search for the truth. You can see what I mean in the annotations of the two Ks as well as Fischer. In this context, it is important to get Geller's view of his slugfests with Fischer and Taimanov's annotations to two games that Fischer will probably never annotate.

Finally, it is one of the best ways I know of improving your game. Nothing improves your game like engaging in deep analysis of positions – it is the best single way of understanding openings. When I want to learn how to play a position out of the opening, I inevitably turn to my collections of chess autobiographies to see how the great players of our age and the past dealt with such positions. And really, can you imagine any better way of learning, say, the French Defense than from the games of Wolfgang Uhlmann, or the King's Indian and Sicilian Defenses than from Lev Polugayevsky or Mark Taimanov?

One of the most attractive recent releases is by the English Grandmaster (and twice world championship candidate) Jon Speelman. Speelman has already written what I consider to be two of the best and most entertaining books upon the ending: *Endgame Preparation and Analyzing the Endgame*, and *Jon Speelman's Best Games* is one of a piece with those superb works.

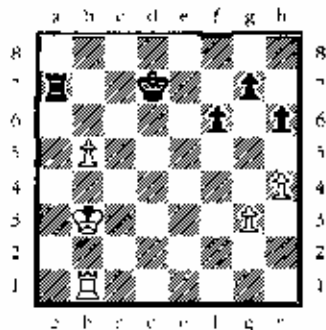
Unlike many annotators, who leave their personality at home when annotating, Speelman's personality shines through every game he annotates, and, if his prose is any guide (and I am told it is), that personality is attractive and engaging. He never assumes the mantle of infallibility that the art of annotation seems to confer on so many players he is always clear about just what he saw and didn't see in the heat of the battle and, perhaps more importantly, what he can and can't prove in the analysis room.

Like Andy Soltis, his chess autobiography is full of the actual details of how he came upon his titles – what he was feeling at the time and how and why he made the decisions he made. If you are not intimately acquainted with the international game (or even if you are), such details are

fascinating. Included in these descriptions is a fascinating aside on various responses to draw offers and, ahem, innovative methods of resigning games. We cannot, unfortunately, reproduce these here.

Speelman's book shares with a number of others a refreshingly original approach to organization: the games are not simply grouped by year and tournament. Chapters titles such as "Regicide," "Prelate Power," "Blood on the Board," "Skirting the Precipice," and my favorite, "Seven Days in London" – an in-depth examination of his Candidates match against Nigel Short, group games thematically rather than chronologically.

Finally, and most importantly, Speelman is a superb analyst willing to go into incredible depths to get at the truth of a given position – much greater depth consistently than either of the justly praised collections by Fischer and Tal, for example. Speelman is particularly good in his analysis of endgames – where many annotators would be willing to give a general comment and maybe a sample variation, Speelman spends pages trying to divine the actual truth behind apparently simple but actually complex endings such as the one he reached against Gary Kasparov at Linares in 1992 in the extract below.



56.h4? 2:47 A bad mistake since after my reply, I'm able to oppose rooks on the c-file and the draw is easy.

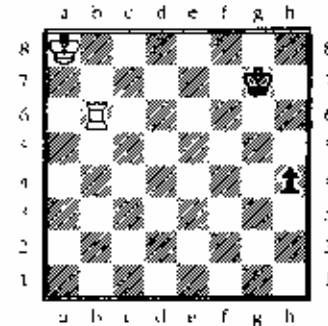
Instead 56.Rc1!, cutting off the King, gives good winning chances. It would be very difficult to analyze this out; but I was interested ingesting reasonable idea of the position, so here are some lines: 56...Ra5 (56...h5!?) 57.Kb4 Ra2 and:

a) 58.b6 is most obvious, e.g. 58...Rxb6 59.Kb3 (not 59.Rc7-Kd6 60.Rxg7 Kc6) 59...Rh5 60.Ka4 Rh2 61.Kb5 Rb2- 62.Ka6 Ra2+ 63.Kb7 g5 64.Rc6 looks most dangerous, cutting the king off.

A1) Now 64...h5 creates a passed pawn, but a long way from the support of the black king. This looks fatal, e.g. 65.Kxf6 h4 66.gxh4 gxh4 67.Rh6 Rh2 (67...Ra4 68.Kb8 also looks lost) 68.Kb8 h3 69.b7 Rh1 70.Rh4! h2 71.Rd4+ Ke6 72.Rd2 Kf5 73.Rc2 Kg4 74.Kc7 wins.

a2) 64...f5! is much better, e.g. 65.Rxb6 (if 65.Rf6 Ra3) 65...f4 66.gxf4 gxf4 67.Rf6 Ra4 68.Kb8 Ke7! Now if the rook allows

the king to cross the third rank then Black will always be able to draw with pawn against rook (It is vital to get across this rank to support the pawn. Otherwise Black would be in danger of reaching a totally lost ending like the diagram below – cutting off the king. Therefore White must keep the king cut off with, for example 69.Rc6, but then the f-pawn can advance: 69.f3 70. b7 f2 71. Rc1 Kd7 with a draw.



Although the white king is streets away, Black is helpless since he can't advance the pawn: 1...h3 2.Rb3 h2 3.Rh3 captures it.

b) 58.h3 leaves the pawns vulnerable on the same rank: 58(Rb2- 59.Ka5?! (Maybe 59.Ka4!) 59...Rb3 60.b6 (60.Ka4 Rxg3 61.b6 Rg2 62.Ka3 Rg5) 60...Rxg3 61 b7 Rb3 62.Ka6 Ra3+ 63.Kb6 Rb3+ 64.Ka7 Ra3+ and 65.Kb8? Rxh3 only give Black chances to win.

c) 58 h4 is more dangerous: 58(Rb2+ 59.Ka5 h5 60.b6 g5 and now:

c1) The manic 61.g4 61.hxg4 62.h5 doesn't work after 62(Ke6 63.h6 Kf7 64.Rc7+ Kg8 65.b7 g3 66.Rc8+ Kh7 67.b8Q Rxb8 68.Rxb8 g2 69.Rb1 Kxh6

c2) 61.Rc5 Rb3 62.hxg5 (not now 62.g4 hxg4 63.h5 g3 64.h6 g2 65.Rc1 Ra3+ 66.Kb4 Rh3 67.b7 g1Q 68.Rxg1 Kc7 and Black is probably winning!) 62...fxg5 and

c21) 63.Rxg5 63...Kc6 64.Rg6+ Kb7 65.Rg7+ Kb8 66.Ka6 Ra3+ 67.Kb5 Rc3!

But the more I look at this the more complex it becomes:

c22) White can try 63.Ka6 Ra3+ 64.Kb7 Rxg3 and

c221) 65.Rd5+ Ke6 66.Ra5 Kf6 67.Ka7 Rb3 68.b7 h4 69.Ra6- Kf5 70.Rb6 Ra3+ 71.Kb8 Re3! ensures that the rook can sacrifice itself for the pawn.

c222) (65.Ra5 h4 66.Ka7 h3 67.b7 Rb3 and both 68.Rxg5 Ra3+ 69 Kb8 h2 and 68.b8Q Rxb8 69.Kxb8 h2 70.Ra7-Ke6 71.Rh7 g4 72.Rxh2 Kf5 are drawn.

To my mind, this game and its analysis is one of the high points of the book. The annotations are full of appreciations

of Kasparov's ability that say more about his strength than any of his own self-promotion can. And be aware that this is only one position from the analysis -- the entire analysis takes up nine double-column pages in the book!

The jacket blurb challenges the reader "Improve your chess by studying the games of a two-time candidate for the world championship," and, unlike most jacket blurbs, this one is

literally true: a close study of the games and annotations in this book will actually improve your chess. I strongly urge you to, by all means, buy it because it will probably improve your chess. But as important as that might be, I feel it is a secondary concern. If you purchase this book, I hope that somewhere in your soul you will buy it because it is a tribute to the art of chess, a labor of love, a love that both you and Jon Speelman share.

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# 1999 ICCA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS DECIDED

## Mike Zacate

The Illinois Chess Coaches Association held its annual Individual Championships on Saturday, February 20th at Bloom Trail High School in Chicago Heights. Six separate, all USCF rated, Swiss System individual tournaments were held the same day. The premier section was the Championship Section. The remaining sections of the tournament were the class championships and the coaches' section. Each of the class championships (senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman) was 5 rounds while the coaches played only 3 rounds.

Only players who qualified during the school year by results at weekend tournaments, selection as a conference representative,

or a high USCF rating was allowed to play in the Championship Section. A field of 28 players competed in the 4-round tournament. Bryan Gast emerged with the only perfect record to become the ICCA High School Individual Champion of 1999. He will be the ICCA representative in the ICA's Round-Robin qualifier to the Denker High School Tournament of Champions in Reno, NV during the U.S. Open this summer.

Michael Zacate and Walter Brown directed the tournaments. Don Deakin served as organizer, host, and scorer.

## THE AWARD WINNERS

### Championship

- 1: Bryan Gast (Glenbard West) 4.0
- 2: Dushyanth Reddivari (Whitney Young) 3.0
- 3: David Nordahl (Glenbard West) 3.0
- 4: Peter Stefanski (Glenbard West) 3.0
- 5: Justin Ford (Argo) 3.0
- 6: Jameson Painter (IMSA) 3.0
- 7: Dan Edeus (Sandburg) 3.0
- 8: John Bolton (Lincoln-Way) 3.0
- 9: Adam Levy (Buffalo Grove) 2.5
- 10: Matthew Pullin (Evanston Twp.) 2.0

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- 2: Ryan Mendenhall (Glenbard West) 4.0
- 3: Ali Amur (Downers Grove North) 4.0
- 4: Anthony Gonzalez (Argo) 4.0
- 5: John Wood (U of C Lab School) 4.0
- 6: Kevin Fogarty (Downers Gr. South) 4.0
- 7: Samuel Caste (Glenbard West) 3.5
- 8: Matthew Hollaway (Sandburg) 3.5
- 9: Sun Sun Ku (Naperville North) 3.0
- 10: Steven Malliaris (New Trier) 3.0

### Freshman

- 1: Gershon Bialer (Evanston Twp.) 5.0
- 2: Jack Williams (Evanston Twp.) 5.0
- 3: Stephen Chu (Wheaton-Warrenville S) 4.0
- 4: Jason Horniak (Sandburg) 4.0
- 5: Jim Chen (Naperville North) 4.0
- 6: Scott Achelpohl (University High-Normal) 4.0
- 7: Pierre Kharavi (Downers Grove South) 4.0
- 8: Albert Lin (Naperville North) 4.0
- 9: David Doncheck (Auburn) 3.5
- 10: Geoff Trager (Naperville North) 3.5

### Senior

- Chypp Koomson (Rich South) 5.0
- Andrew Galperin (IMSA) 4.5
- Scott Steward (Quincy Sr.) 4.0
- Benjamin Jacobs (Quincy Sr.) 4.0
- Joe Osgood (Wheaton-Warrenville S) 4.0
- Mike White (Glenbard West) 4.0
- Krisjon Sison (Oak Forest) 4.0
- Bobby Watson (Mattoon) 3.5
- Ken Okamoto (Naperville North) 3.5
- Mike Ogan (North Boone) 3.0

### Sophomore

- Kohki Yamaguchi (U of C Lab School) 5.0
- John Skolnik (Evanston Twp.) 4.0
- Jeremy Herzberg (Whit-Warrville S) 4.0
- Sean Monahan (Sandburg) 4.0
- John Bruce (Argo) 4.0
- Brian Bolton (Whit-Warrville S) 4.0
- Kyle Miles (Windsor) 3.5
- Nate Britton (Georgetown-Ridge Farm) 3.5
- Robert Fennema (Bradley-Bourbonnais) 3.5
- Ryan Rauch (Mattoon) 3.0

### Coaches

- Charles Dobrovolsky (Naperville North) 2.5
- Donald Ward (North Boone) 2.5
- Christopher Janus (U of C Lab School) 2.0



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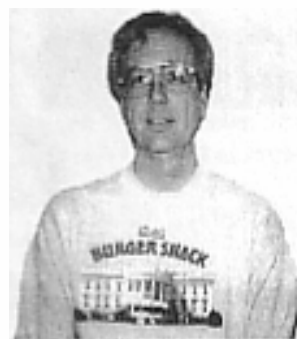
Photos by Josh Flores (Polgar photo by Alan Losoff)

**At the Elmhurst Chess Club Banquet Tour Event we asked:  
"Do you think Judith Polgar winning the 1998 U.S. Open in Hawaii  
will inspire more women to play chess?"**



Angela and Alejandra Ramos

She is an inspiration. I see her as a good role model for me and my daughter. Don't you agree? Alejandra concurs with "aaaahhhhhh bummmf"



Tom Dupuis

Probably. But it is a shame that it should be so. Women should be already competing. It really would be fun if they did.



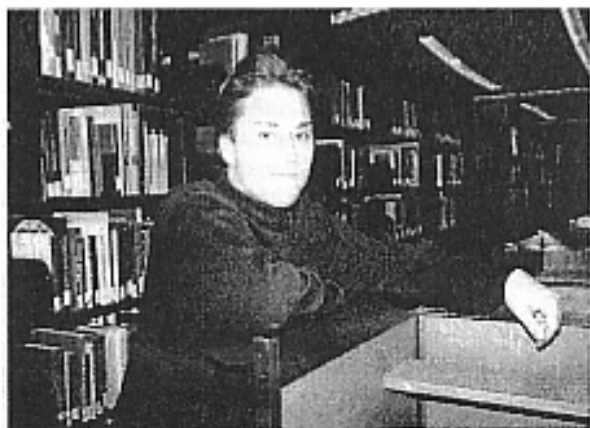
Howard Cohen

Women always should have played serious chess. There is no reason that a woman can't play as well as a man over the board.



Dmitry Giannakopolous

I wished more women would play. They should be playing already. They are just as smart as men are if not more.



Fabian Ramos

Yes definitely. There should be more support for women in chess. They should compete with men... instead of seperately.

# Martin Luther King Jr. Day Trophy Tournament

Hector R. Hernandez



*Some of the Knight Moves members Skittling around*

The John C. Haines Elementary School in Chicago's Chinatown was the site of

Midway Chess Enterprises' Martin Luther King Jr. Day Trophy Tournament. The tournament was very well run by Josh Flores, assisted by John Bruce of Argo Community High School. A total of 87 players participated in 3 sections: 60 in the elementary school section, 13 in the high school and 14 in the open. Albert Chow was the only Master present, and he took first place in the Open Section. Charles Musselman and Roberto Chavez carried home 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies, respectively. Two coaches played in this section; Zack Fishman of the Latin School of Chicago and Chris Janus of the University of Chicago High School. Four parent-child combinations were present: Jose Rodriguez and Jose and Alejandra; Luis Pena and Andy and Cristian; Zack Fishman and Joey; and, Robert McNulty and Mac.

The High School Section individual winners were: Nenad Jovanovic, Argo Community H.S., 1<sup>st</sup> place; Kohki Yamaguchi, U. of C. H.S., 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sam Walsh, U. of C. H.S., 3<sup>rd</sup>; John Wray, St. Ignatius College Prep, 4<sup>th</sup>; Anthony Gonzales, Argo Community H.S., 5<sup>th</sup>; and, Mike Stern, U. of C. H.S., 6<sup>th</sup>. Top rated high school player Jon Heckman, U. of C. H.S., opted for playing in the Open Section. The High School Section had team trophies in addition to the individual ones. The winning teams were: The University of Chicago High School, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Argo Community High School, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Benito Juarez High School, 3<sup>rd</sup>. The U of C. players had also played in last year's event.

The Elementary School Section awarded 10 individual and 4 team trophies. This was the largest section, at the end there were 2 players with perfect 5-0 scores, tied for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> places: Jose Rodriguez and William Aramil. The tie-break systems used favored Aramil who was happy to get the beautiful 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy. The rest of the trophies went to: Jose Rodriguez, Rudy Lozano Branch, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mark Vildgom, Shalom Sunday School, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Calvin Young, Healy, 4<sup>th</sup>; David Chodak, U. of C.

Lab School, 5<sup>th</sup>; David Singham, U. of C. Lab School, 6<sup>th</sup>; Garrett Chow (no relation to Albert), Healy, 7<sup>th</sup>; Rebecca Diamond, U. of C. Lab School, 9<sup>th</sup>; Wai Tan, Healy, 9<sup>th</sup>; Andy Pena, Rudy Lozano Branch, 10<sup>th</sup>. Team trophies were won by: U. of C. Lab School, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Healy, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Shalom Sunday School, 3<sup>rd</sup>; and, Rudy Lozano Branch, 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our thanks to the coaches and parents who brought their players out to our tournament on a cold and snow January day. The following deserve special mention: Barbara Sisto, Healy School, 19 players and Zack Fishman, Latin School of Chicago, 11 players. These two highly motivated individuals brought half of the elementary players! Polina Kipervaser brought in a team from Deerfield, and Elizabeth Diamond organized the U. of C. Lab School team. Ms. Kipervaser's team had also played in last year's event, which was held in the Pilsen community.

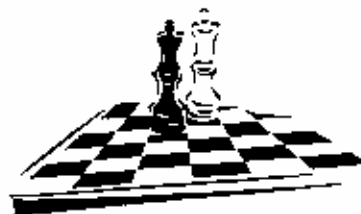
*From Albert Chow Accepting his trophy from Organizer Hector*



*Hernandez*

We thank the following supporters of this tournament: Carlos Cabrera, Rick Callahan, Humberto Gamboa, J.M. Giron, Carmen Morales, Maurcen Navarro, Paul Rontos, Sherry Tobias, Alberto Vazquez, and David Voss.

A great time was had by all and we look forward to seeing all participants at future events!



# CLUB NEWS

## Concordia Chess Club News

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### Ken Marshall

**USCF Game/45 Four Round Swiss:** John Tums (1900) scored 4-0 to top the eight player field in this tournament held on December 8 (two games) and December 15 (two games). Marty Ptacek (1664, 3-1) was second, Robert Loncarevic (1750, 2-2) took the Class B prize, and Roger Birkeland (1497, 2.5-1.5) led Class C.

**Game/5 Blitz/Speed Tournament:** This unrated, "old fashioned" (no time delay was used) December 29 event drew 16 entrants, and was divided into two eight person round robins. Mischa Mladenovic swept through the stronger section with a perfect 14-0 result. Stanimir Ilic followed with an 11-3 score, and Paul Prause was next at 7.5-6.5. The other section was won by junior member Brett Collins (12-2), ahead of Ken Marshall (11-3) and Joe Cygan (10-4).

**USCF Game/10 Five Round Swiss:** This "free entry" five round tourney, held on January 5, was the first at the Club's new site. Mischa Mladenovic (Quick Play 1964) again mowed down all opposition and ended up 5-0. Second prize went to Robert Loncarevic (1750, 4-1). Sharing 1699/Below honors with 3-2 scores were Hence (Butch) Allen (1697) and Sylvester Bucior (1495).

**USCF Game/25 Quads:** On January 12 three quads took place. Though lowest rated in Quad 1, Mariusz Gorski (Quick Play 1761, 2.5-.5) finished first, ahead of Robert Hansen (2078, 1.5). Quad 2 also saw the bottom man on the wall chart garner top honors when Joe Cygan (1551, 3-0) beat out Robert Loncarevic (1750, 2-1) Chuck Collins

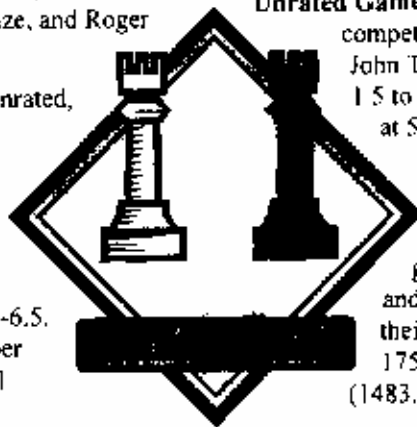
(1494) and Roger Birkeland (1483) stopped the upset trend by tying for first and second with 2.5-.5 scores in Quad 3 ahead of lower rated opponents.

**Unrated Game/10 Round Robin:** Eight players competed in this January 19 tournament, with John Tums and Roger Birkeland each going 5.5-1.5 to lead the field. Derek Schneider was next at 5-2.

**USCF Game/20 Four Round Swiss:** Hence (Butch) Allen (Quick Play 1697) won all of his games; his 4-0 result was good for clear first. Mariusz Gorski (1761) and Joe Cygan (1551) split second prize with their respective 3-2 showings. Best Under 1750 was Cygan, while Roger Birkeland (1483, 1.5-2.5) pocketed the Under 1500 money.

**USCF Game/35 Quads:** The stronger of these two February 2 events resulted in a three way tie for first among John Tums (1917), Robert Loncarevic (1720), and Marty Ptacek (1684), all at 2-1. The other Quad went to Joe Cygan (1461, 3-0), who was trailed by Roger Birkeland (1536, 2-1).

**USCF Game/15 Double Quads:** These three events were held on February 16. In Quad 1, Brent Cromzac (Quick Play 2054) scored 5-1 to take first place ahead of Mariusz Gorski (1754, 3.5-2.5). Hence (Butch) Allen (1730, 4-2) won Quad 2, with Marty Ptacek (1700, 3.5-3.5) coming in second. Quad 3 saw Ken Marshall (1501, 5-1) and Roger Birkeland (1497, 5-1) share top honors.



## NOTES AND NEWS

## Knight Moves Chess Club News

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### Hector R. Hernandez

Two teams from the library participated in this year's U.S. Amateur Team Championship - Midwest, held February 12-14 in Oak Brook. The first team had Hector Hernandez on board 2 and 10 year-old, Jose A. Rodriguez on board 4. Josh Flores, McKinley Branch Chess Club coach, took command of board 3, and Bill Wenz defended first board since Roberto Chavez was unable to compete. This team won 3 matches and lost 2, a score which was good enough to take the under-1800 prize on tie-breaks. Each team member received a chess clock with a commemorative, engraved plate which goes on

the clock. Jose had a very good tournament, losing only to a player rated 1894. Besides his loss, he won 2 games and drew one and was credit with a forfeit win in round 3 when his Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy opponent failed to show up for the match. Jose, 1251, played a very exciting game in the last round against Robert Riddle, 1599. Riddle, playing the White side of a Najdorf Sicilian, sacrificed a piece for an attack. Rodriguez offered a draw on move 26 and Riddle accepted after consulting his team captain. This is the

third time Flores, team captain, and Hernandez come away with first place prizes in this team competition: 1995, under-2000; 1997, under-1800 and 1999, under-1800. Hernandez did not compete in 1996 and 1998. The second team was made up of Andy Pena, Daniel Hymanson, Mario Rocha and Cristian Pena, playing boards 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively. Although they did not win a prize they did gain valuable experience, learned a lot by having other players go over their games with them and had lots of fun playing speed chess and bug-house matches.

Jose Rodriguez has the distinction of being the only Illinois player on USCF's Top Fifty players listed in the 9-10 year-old group of the February Ratings List. Currently he is tied

for 39<sup>th</sup>-40<sup>th</sup> places in the nation. He has been playing very solid chess over the last several months. His rating will jump up a few hundred points as he continues to play well and faces strong opposition on a regular basis.

Congratulations to KMCC members Fabian Ramos and Mario Rocha; and Dan Hymanson. Fabian tied for first place in the Illinois Chess Association Tour competition Class D, and Mario took first place in the H class. Ramos received a cash prize and Rocha a certificate. The class 1 certificate went to Dan Hymanson who is a regular player at KMCC tournaments. Hector Hernandez received a plaque for Service to the Chess Community.

## Chicago Chess Club

### Bill Smythe

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score		January 23-24, 1999							score
1	PALOS Osman	2434	W12	W16	W 2	W 9	W 5	5	
2	CHOW Albert C	2275	W 5	W11	L 1	W 8	W 6	4	
3	MAKOC Hazim	2042	W13	L14	D15	W10	W 9	3.5	
4	SMYTHE Bill	1924	H	L 6	H	W13	W15	3	
5	SEAD Habibovic	1912	L 2	W13	W16	W11	L 1	3	
6	GRAWOIG David	1632	H	W 4	D 8	W12	L 2	3	
7	REDDIVARI Dushyanth	1605	D14	W12	H	H	H	3	
8	LOPES William M	2207	W17	D 9	D 6	L 2	H	2.5	
9	SCOTT Gene G	2004	W15	D 8	W14	L 1	L 3	2.5	
10	GASUNAS Anthony	1147	H	H	H	L 3	W18	2.5	
11	MARSHALL James A	2095	W18	L 2	W17	L 5	-	2	
12	MARKOVIC Arandel	1929	L 1	L 7	W19	W15	L 6	2	
13	GUTIERREZ Guadalupe	1289	L 3	L 5	W16	L 4	W19	2	
14	TUDOR Alin C	2194	D 7	W 3	L 9	F 6	-	1.5	
15	LEWIS Otis Jr	1222	L 9	W18	D 5	L12	L 4	1.5	
16	LEE Tyrone	2063	W29	L 1	L 5	-	-	1	
17	COVIC Mehmed	1800	L 8	W19	L11	-	-	1	
18	GUTMANOVICH Artem		L11	L15	L13	W19	L10	1	
19	JONES Patrick B		L16	L17	L12	L18	D15	0	

It was Palos again the following weekend. Osman scored 5-0 in the Plus-Score Mini-Tour on January 23-24, defeating Albert Chow in round 3. Chow followed at 4-1.

On January 31 it was back to Marshall, who scored 3-0 in the top section of the Sunday Quads. Section two was won by Francisco Solis, also 3-0, while section three finished in a 3-way tie among Joe Ausmann, Will Blackman, and Uahshua Hosch.

Gene Scott won the top section of the Groundhog Sectional on February 6. Gary Levine scored a perfect 3-0 in the second section. The next day, Scott and Sam Ford

On January 2, James Marshall proved he knows not only where to live (directly above the Club), but also how to live, as he scored 4-0 in the Saturday Game/60 Plus-Score. Marshall defeated each of the players who finished 2nd through 5th, all of whom were high A players or Experts

ted at 4.5-1.5 in the quick-rated Sunday Plus-Score Micro-Tour.

The next day, in the Sunday Plus-Score Quick, Osman Palos finished first at 5-1, after dropping a full point to this writer in the first round. This upset will probably never recur, as Palos had been undefeated against yours truly in about 20 previous tries. Following at 4.5-1.5 were Gene Scott and this writer.

Chicago Chess Club Plus-Score Quick		February 7, 1999							score
1	SCOTT Gene	2081	W6	W4	L2	W3	D2	W5	4.5
2	FORD Sam	2007	W3	W5	W1	L4	D1	W6	4.5
3	MAKOC Hazim	2219	L2	W6	W4	L1	W5	W4	4
4	MARSHALL James A	2083	W5	L1	L3	W2	W6	L3	3
5	ROGERS Nathaniel	1598	L4	L2	W6	W6	L3	D1	2
6	AUSMANN Joe	1395	D1	L3	L5	L5	L4	L2	0

Palos won it all again on January 16 at the Choose-Your-Opponent Open, choosing and then defeating Marshall, his frequent nemesis, in the final round. Gene Scott proved he has still not mastered this tournament format, as he went 0-4 for the first time in many years.

In addition to one- and two-day weekend tournaments, the Chicago Chess Club runs one-evening Quick tournaments on Wednesdays and Thursdays whenever at least four players appear to take part. Also popular is our Friday night Blitz round robin, complete with a 2-second delay to make the civilized players happier than the hustlers.

# Elmhurst Chess Club News

## Roger Birkeland

Elmhurst Chess Club		CICL	
Dr. Eugene Martinovsky (2350)	1/2	Tommaso Dorigo (2140)*	1/2
Steve Szpisjak (2278)	1	Lenny Spiegel (2066)	0
Rob Sax (2044)	0	Ed Buerger (2030)	1
Allen Hammond (1950)	1	Wayne Ellice (1963)	0
John Tums (1900)	0	Metin Kantar (1875)	1
Blair Machaj (1888)	1	Robert Stoltz (1867)	0
Ed Thomas (1882)	1	Satish Kale (1843)	0
Larry Cohen (1850)	1/2	David Sacks (1835)	1/2
Paul Prause (1823)	0	Mike Plett (1789)	1
Les Bale (1785)	0	Jay Lechnick (1778)	1
Mariusz Gorski (1684)	0	David Rosley (1776)	1
Teun Valstar (1675)	1	Ermon Paraoan (1731)	0
Ross DiMarco (1650)	0	Arnold Walker (1693)	1
Scott Silverman (1646)	0	Dan McCarthy (1679)	1
Mathew Joseph (1632)	1	Frank Micklich (1625)	0
Mark Engelen (1590)	1	John Monkowski (1580)	0
George David (1570)	1	Art Olsen (1522)	0
David Nordahl (1560)	1	Carl Dohr (1484)	0
Rudy Padilla (1554)	0	John Zoellner (1450)	1
Roger Birkeland (1536)	1	Carl Reid (1445)	0
Dimitry Giannokopoulos (1488)	1	Randy Fong (1371)	0
Joe Cygan (1461)	1	Mike Marsh (1100)	0
13		9	

\* Ratings are CICL and differ slightly from USCF ratings.

As winter settled in our club entered its busiest season, with several special events scheduled for the first quarter of the new year. Our first 2-day tournament, a Game/120 ICA Maxi-Tour with an estimated prize fund of \$1600, will be held March 27 & 28. See the Tournament Calendar for details.

18 players, including FIDE Master Dr. Eugene Martinovsky, turned out on **December 6** for a 4-round Game/20. Misha Mladenovic, who sacrificed both Bishops in his nice win over Martinovsky, took clear first as the only player with 4-0. Dr. Martinovsky was joined for second by Ely Sollano, Jim McNamara and Arandel Markovic at 3-1.

The popular Game/15 Double Quad format drew 19 players on **December 13**. Stanimir Ilic took the tough top quad with an impressive 5-1, and Misha Mladenovic nailed down the second spot with 4-2. The evenly matched second section featured a three-way tie between John Tums, Vince Hart and Ely Sollano—all at 4-2. The third quad also ended in a tie—Mariusz Gorski and junior David Nordahl both with 4-2. The seven lowest-rated players competed in a single round robin. Roger Birkeland and Abdulah Prijic shared first with 5-1. Dennis Seibel was third with 4-2, and junior Isabelle Stanton was fourth with 3-3.

Even 21 inches of snow couldn't keep 11 players from showing up on **January 3** to contest a Game/7 round robin. Misha Mladenovic, who lost only to Paul Prause, was clear first at 9-1. (Misha, in a span of eight days, won three blitz tournaments [G/5, G/7, G/10] at our club and the Oak Park-River Forest Chess Club with an incredible combined score of 29-1!) David Nordahl, a fast-rising junior, was second with 8-2, while Paul Prause and Ely Sollano shared third at 7.5-2.5. 12 year old Isabelle Stanton scored an impressive 5-5 to take the unrated prize.

Elmhurst Game/15	Game/20	Game/7	January 17, 1999			
OPEN SECTION			score			
1 ILLIC Stanimir	2054	W16	W 2	W 3	W 4	4
2 CHOW Albert	2275	W14	L 1	W10	W 7	3
3 SZPISJAK Steve	2268	W13	W 7	L 1	W 8	3
4 MLADENOVIC Misha	1999	D 6	W17	W 5	L 1	2.5
5 SADRACIFAS Justin	1891	D11	W 6	L 4	W10	2.5
6 REDDIVARI Kushyantsh	1605	L 4	L 5	W17	W13	2.0
7 CHAVEZ Roberto	1428	W15	L 3	W19	L 2	2
8 CHEN Aaron	1343	L17	W16	W 9	L 3	2
9 VALSTAR Teun	1587	D12	W13	L 8	W14	2
10 FISCHER Gregory	1758	!!	W11	L 1	L 5	1.5
11 HUANG Vincent	1572	D 5	L10	D13	W15	1.5
12 STOLTZ Robert	1852	W 9	-	-	-	1
13 CYWIC Helmut	1816	L 3	L 9	W11	L 6	1
14 BUCKER Sylvester	1681	L 1	L15	W16	L 9	1
15 BREWER Kevin	1640	L 1	W14	L 7	L11	1
16 SILVERMAN Scott	1646	L 7	L 8	D14	W18	1
17 HERRARD Andrew	1559	W 8	L 4	L 6	-	1
18 SZPISJAK John	1106	-	-	-	D16	0

A week later, **January 10**, with the snow a little more under control, 24 players took part in a Game/35 Quad. David Hurchalla, top rated in the first quad, captured clear first in that section with a perfect 3-0. The second quad featured a three-way tie with Artem Akhmetov, Mehmed Covic and Paul Prause all at 2-1. Ralph Wakerly posted a perfect 3-0 to take the third section, as did David Nordahl in the fourth quad, Mike Cummings in the fifth quad, and Guadalupe Gutierrez in the sixth quad.

On **January 17** we held our first ICA Tour event of the new year, a four-round Game/60 attended by 44 players. Stanimir Ilic, underrated at 2054, turned in a strong performance to take clear first in the open section. Defeating both Albert Chow (2275) and Steve Szpisjak (2268) on the way to a perfect 4-0, Ilic took home the \$110 first prize. Chow and Szpisjak shared second with 3-1. Arandel Markovic and Justin Sadauskas split the under 2000 money, and Dushyanth Reddivari was best under 1800. In the under 1600 section, Eddie Patel took clear first and \$100 for his 4-0 effort. David Nordahl, whose rating seems to climb every week, was second with 3 5-.5. Will Park and Przemyslaw Szczepanik were best under 1400, and William Buchanan and Jesus Delgado shared the unrated prize.

On **January 24** we renewed our rivalry with the Chicago Industrial Chess League by hosting a Team Match. The

Elmhurst Game/60		January 17, 1999					
FINISH-1600 SECTION		score					
1	PATEL Eddie	1411	W21	W18	W17	W14	4
2	NOORDAH David	1463	H	W 8	W11	W 8	3 5
4	PARK William	1361	W19	W17	W 3	L 1	3
5	SZCZEPANIK Przemyslaw	1188	W 7	L11	W15	W17	3
6	BUCHANAN William		W25	L10	W15	W11	3
7	DELGADO Jesus		D 5	W13	W15	W15	3
8	PRAUSE Paul	1554	H	L 0	W18	W21	2 5
9	HURCHALLA David	1536	W21	W21	D10	L 0	2 5
10	DOBSON Kenner	1444	W27	W 6	D 9	L 3	2 5
11	DOBRAWO Michael	1475	W13	W 5	L 1		2
12	GUTIERREZ Guadalupe	1290	L15	W27	W26	L 6	2
13	LOUIS Brian	917	L11	D 7	B	W16	2
14	LIU Jiapei	771	L 3	R	L17	W23	2
15	GUTIERREZ George		W12	L 3	W27		2
16	FRIBELDING Enrique		W19	L 1	L 5	X	2
17	LIAB Pedro		W24	L 4	W14	D 5	2
18	TERMINUS Michael	1317	H	L21	D 8	W17	1 5
19	EDDIE Patel	1113	L16	L16	W27	D21	1 5
20	STANTON Isabelle		D 1	L23	W24	D19	1 5
21	WASK David	1409	D 9	W18	L 2	L 9	1
22	HUANG Winston	1347	W26	L 9	D 5		1
23	SZPISJAK Steve	1150	L 6	W20	L 7	F	1
24	BUCHANAN William	1104	L17	L25	L20	B	1
25	HALLANCE Cathy		L 4	W24	L 6	L14	1
26	PEREIRA Sam		L20	W28	L17	D14	1
27	SMITHSON Anne		L11	D12	L19	D15	0

CICL brought a fine team of 22 players, despite the absence of president Pat Sajbel, who was unable to attend due to business commitments. Our team, headed up by FIDE master Dr. Eugene Martinovsky and master Steve Szpisjak, was again victorious this year. A good time was had by all, and we look forward to another friendly match next year.

## Games & Analysis by Readers

Event: Elmhurst Chess Club, G/60

Round 2

Date: Jan. 17, 1999

White: Stanimir M. Ilic (2054)

Black: Albert Chow (2275)

(Notes are all by Stanimir Ilic)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 d5 4. cxd5 N:d5 5. e4 N:c3 b:c3 Bg7 7. Bc4 c5 8. Ne2 O-O 9. O-O Nc6 10. Be3 Bg4 ( 1 ) 11. f3 Na5 12. Bd3 ( 2 ) c:d4 13. cd Be6 14. d5 ( 3 ) B:a1 15. Q:a1 f6 16. Qd4 ( 4 ) Bd7(5) 17. Rb1 ( 6 ) e5 18. Qb4 b5?! ( 7 ) 19. B:b5 Rb8 20. Qc5 a6 21. Bd3 R:b1 22. B:b1 Bb5 23. Nc3 Nb7 24. Qa7! ( 8 ) Qa5 25. Bd2 Qc7 ( 9 ) 26. Nb5 a:b5 27. Bd3 Qc5?! +- 28. Q:c5 N:c5 29. B:b5 Ra8 30. d6 Kbf7 31. Bb4 Na6 32. Ba6 Ra6 33. d7 Ra8 34. Ba5 Kbe7 35. Qd8 R:d8 36. B:d8 Kbd8 37. Kbf2 Kbc7 38. Kbe3 Kbb6 39. Kbb5 Kbc3 40. Kbc3 Kba4 41. Kbc4 Ka3 42. Kbd5 Kba2 43. Ke6 1-0

(1) 10... Qc7 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Qd2 Qa5 13.Rfd1 b6 14.Bh6 Ba6 15.B:a6 B:a6?(a) 16.Q:h6 Q:a6 17.Nf4 c:d 18.Rd3! Qb5 19.Rh3 Qe5 20.Q:h7+ Kbf8 21.Ne6! fe 22.Qg6 Qf6 23.gf d3 24Kbh1! 1-0 S. Gligoric-J. Smeykal Milan 1975 (a) 15...Q:a6 16.B:g7 Kb:g7 17.d5! e6? 18.c4 e5 19.f4 f6

20.Rf1 Rd6 21.Qe1 Nd4 22.N:d4 cd 23.fe fe 24.Qg3 Re8 25 Rf5 d3 26.Rf2 Qa3 27.Rc1 Qc5 28.Kbh1 d2 29.Rf7 Kpg8 30Qh3!+- S. Gligoric-Weinstein, LA 1974

(2) 12.B:f7-!?

(3) 14.Attack-Sokolskog  
a.)14.Rc1; b.)14.Qa4

(4)- 16.Bh6 Re8 (critical position)

a)17.Rb1 (S. Flor) a6! 18.Qd4 Bf7 19.f4 Rc8 20.f5 b5 21.fg hg 22.a4 Nc4 23.ab ab 24.Rb5 Ne5 +-

b)17.Kbh1 (M. Eve) Rc8! 18.Nf4 Bb7 19.e5 g5 20.e6 gf 21.Qb1<->

c)17.Nf4 Bf7! 18Re1 Qb6+ 19.Kbf1! Red8 20.e5 Bd5 21.fe Qf6! (+-)

(5) 16...Bf7 17.Bh6 Re8 18. Bb5 e5! 19.Qd3 Re7 20.f4 a6--

(6) 17 e5 fe 18.Qc5 Qb8 19.Qg5 Bf5 20.Rd1 Qd6 +-

(7) 18...b6!

(8) 24.Qc5? Qd6!

(9) 25. Nd6!? 26.Bh6? Nf7! -+

Event: Elmhurst Chess Club, G/60

Round 3

Date: Jan. 17, 1999

White: Stanimir M. ILIC (2054)

Black: Steve Szpisjak (2268)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 d:c 5. e4 b5 6. c5 Nd5 7. a4 e6 8. a:b5 N:c3 9. b:c3 a:b5 10. Ng5 (0) Bh7 11. Qh5 Qd7 (1) 12. Be2! (2) Nc6?! (3) 13. Bf3 Nd8 14. O-O B:f3 15. Qf3 Qd5 16. Ne4 a5 17. Ba3 b4? 18. B:b4!! +- B:b4 19. c:b4 O-O 20. b5 Ra7 21. Qg4 Kbh8 22. Nc3 Qb7 23. Ra4 f6 24. Qe2 f:c 25. d:e Rf5 26. R:c4 Nf7 27. Qe3! g5 (4) 28. b6 Ra6? 29. Qc5! Kbg7 30. Sa4! Ra8 31. Qc7 Rb8 32. f4 g:f 33. R1f4 R:f4 34. R:f4 Q:c7 35. b:c Rc8 36. Nc5 N:e5 37. Ne6- 1:0

**Bourgerie Dennis 1888**

Vero, Carl 1720

Bradley Summer Open, Rd 3

Peoria, Illinois, August 15, 1998

(Notes are all by Dennis Bourgerie)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Bd3 6... 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.Qb3 Bc6 9.Be2 9...Nbd7 10.exd5 exd5 11.Rd1Qc7 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Qxc3 13...c4 14.b3 b5 15.bxc4 15...bxc4 16.a4 Rfb8 17.Ba3 17...Qe6 18.Qc2 Ne4 19.Nd2 19...Bxa4 20.Qxa4 Nc3 21.Qc2 Nxe2+ 22.Kf1 Now the Black Knight cannot get out alive.



22...Qg4 23.Nf3 Nf4 24.exf4 Qxf4 25.Rab1 Nb6 6.Qd2 Qf5 27.Qg5 Qc2 28.Qd2 Qf5 29.Re1 29...b6 30.Ne5 Rc8 31.Rbc1 Na4 32.Qc2 Qxc2 33.Rxc2Rab8 34.Nd7

Rb3 35.Bc5 Rb7 36.Ra1 Nxc5 37.Nxc5 .Rbc7 38.Ra6 Rb8 39.g3 39...Rb1+ 40.Kg2 [40. Ke2 is better.] Rd1 41.Rd6



41...Rxd4 42.Na4 Rd3 43.Nc3 Rc5 44.Na4 Ra5 45.Nc3 f5 46.Rd7 g5? Now White can checkmate. [47 Rb2! Rb5 48. Rxb5 Re3 49 Rb8-Re8 50. Rxe8 checkmate].



47.b4? [Missing the checkmate.]

**(0)- Attack TOLISCH-GELER**

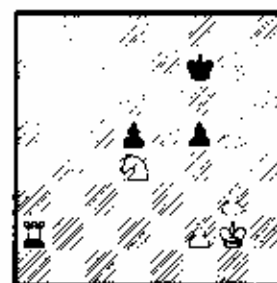
(1) 12...g6 12.Qg4 Be7 13.Be2 Nd7 A.14.Bf3 Qc8! (T. Petrosian) 15.h4!? B.14... Qc7?! 15.Ne4 Nb6 16.Bh6

(2) 12.Nh7?! Nc6! A.13.Nf6+ gf 14.Q:h8 0-0-0 B.13.N:f8?! Qd4 14.cd R:h5 15.Ne6

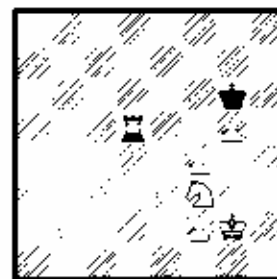
(3) (CRITICAL POSITION) A.12...Na6 13.N:h7 0-0-0 14.N:f8 Rd:f8 15.Qg4 f5 16.Qg5 Kbb8 17.0-0 += (I. Zaicev) B.12...B:g2? 13.Rg1 Bd5 14.N:h7! Nc6 15. Nf6+ g:f 16.Q:h8 0-0-0 17.Rg8!(A. Zaicev) C. 12...h6 13.Bf3 Nc6 14.0-0 Nd8 15.Ne4 a5 16.Bg5! Bd5 17.Rfel (C1) 17...Nc6 18.Bh4 Ra7 19.Qg4! (C2) 17...Qb7 18.B:d8 Kbd8 19.Nc5 B:e5 20.B:d5 Q:d5 21.d:c +(G. Kasparov)

(4) 27...R:e5? Or N:e5 28.Q:a7!

Ra3 48.Ne2 [Better is 48. Nxd5.] a6 49.Nc1.Rd4 50.Rb2 Rb3 51.Nxb3 c3 52.Nxd4 cxb2 53.Rb7 Kf8 54.Rxb2 Kf7 55.Rb6 a5 56.Rxh6 a4 57.Ra6 a3 58.hxg5 a2 59.Rxa2



59...Kg6 60.Nf3 f4 61.Rd2 Kf5 62.Rxd5- Kg6 63.gxf4



1:0



**Todd Barre**  
**A Tough Nut**



Solvers usually concur that the venerable two-move problem serves as a warm-up for the more tougher tasks ahead in a given ladder or competition. Our first example this month might change that perception. But there's a story attached to it.

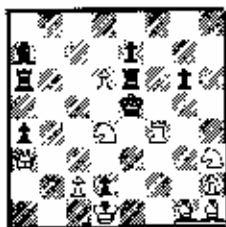
In its original form first seen in 1890, 43 was published with a White pawn on b2 instead of c2. No less than the great Grandmaster Tchigorin missed it, falling for one of the enticing tries which fail in the position. I'll award two bonus points if you can correctly find the key in the original problem. The current version (with the pawn on c2) was resurrected for the World Solving Championships held last summer in Saint Petersburg, Russia. But be careful! There are no less than 15 White moves which fail to a single Black defense!

In our other offerings, 44 is another great old problem from Otto Wurzburg. Our three-mover 45 is a modern offering where the Rooks stage quite a duel. Don't forget to provide at least one variation which includes White's second move to get credit. On to helpmates, where 46 exhibits another fine example of a theme we have examined in previous issues. Solve the diagram first,

then shift White's pawn on c4 to g3 for the second part.

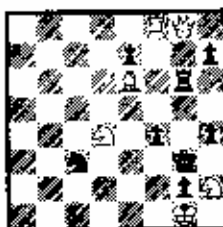
Needless to say, the Rooks are the stars here as well!

**43**



Mate in 2

**44**



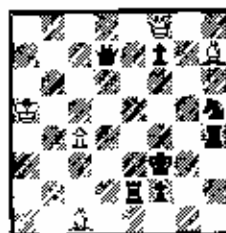
Mate in 2

**45**



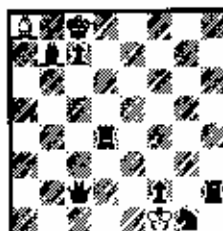
Mate in 3

**46**



Helpmate in 2 (b) Pc4-g3

**47**



Helpmate in 7

**48**



Position after Black's 13th move.

We tax your faculties a bit with our other helpmate, as 47 requires you to find a single solution in seven moves. Remember that Black moves first and assists White in setting up the mate. You need to provide all the moves to the solutions to get full points. Finally, another "shortest proof game" for your solving enjoyment. Provide the full scoresheet which gets to diagram 48 after Black's 13th move.

I'll award 3 points for 43 and 44, 5 points for 45 and 46, and 7 points for 47 and 48. With the bonus points offered in 43, a possible score of 32 is available for solving. Good luck!

**Answer Box**

Join the ladder! Solve this month's problems and pick up 32 points to get started! Send your solutions by June 1, 1999 to Todd Barre, 418 Poplar Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126-4012 or by e-mail to tbarre@aol.com.

From the November-December issue, 31 (composed by Godfrey Heathcote) is an excellent example of the Knight Wheel, and is solved by 1 Rcc7! threatening 2 Ne3. Black's main defenses consist of the Black knight vacating d4 to create a flight square for the king. The solver discovers that White has a different mating move for each of the eight possible knight moves. In 32 (Fedorovic & Soroka), the solver has to determine the correct clearing move by the White rook on b3. It turns out that only 1 Rb3! does the trick. 33 (Doukhan & Morice) poses a similar problem. This time the piece in question is White's knight on d4. The only

solution is 1 Ndb5!. The three-mover 34 (Lobusov) is quite complex, where the winning move is the pretty 1 Bb4!, subjecting the king to a couple of checks. The key variations are 1...Ke4+, 2 Ng5+ Kd5, 3 Nxf6 and 1...Kxc6+, 2 Ndc5+ Kd5, 3 Nxc7. Both helpmates are particularly attractive. In 35 (Comay, Jauber, Emat & Seider - a quartet of Israeli composers), White allows his queen to be pinned, but then delivers mate along the pinned line. The solutions are (a) 1 Ke2! Kb6, 2 Ke1 Qe3, (b) 1 Kxf4+ Qd5, 2 Kg4 Qe4, and (c) 1 Kg4+ Kb5, 2 Kxb4 Qg5. Finally, 36 (Heinonen) makes maximum use of a single White pawn. In each of the solutions, the pawn promotes to a different piece. The solutions are 1 Bf7 e8B, 2 Ke6 Bxc6, 3 Qd5 Bd7, 1 c5 e8R, 2 Kc6 Re7, 3 d5 Rxc6; 1 Ke4 e8N, 2 Bd5 Kc8, 3 Rd4 Nxd6; and 1 Kc4 e8Q, 2 Qd5 Qd7, 3 c5 Qxa4.

# Tournament Calendar

**All tournaments** are USCF-rated, unless otherwise noted (Quick-rated if game/29 or faster) and require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. Memberships may be purchased at most tournaments. Scholastic events are marked with a ♘. Almost all tournaments prohibit smoking in the playing rooms.

ICA Tour events are generally listed as such in Chess Life and in the Calendar below. Players are responsible for checking both Chess Life and the Illinois Chess Bulletin to determine which events are Tour events. Call ChessPhone (630-832-5222) a few days before any tournament to verify its Tour status.

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **The calendar coordinator is Bill Smythe**, 1159 W Lunt #259, Chicago 60626-3519, 773-761-2455, [chichess@enteract.com](mailto:chichess@enteract.com). **Do not send calendar entries to the ICB editor.** If you are running a Tour event, make sure it is listed as such in both Chess Life and the ICB. Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

Tournament starting date:	Deadline:	To appear in:
Jan 15 - Mar 14	Nov 15	Jan-Feb issue
Mar 15 - May 14	Jan 15	Mar-Apr issue
May 15 - Jul 14	Mar 15	May-Jun issue
Jul 15 - Sep 14	May 15	Jul-Aug issue
Sep 15 - Nov 14	Jul 15	Sep-Oct issue
Nov 15 - Jan 14	Sep 15	Nov-Dec issue

♘ **March 13, Lake Forest Scholastic.** Anne Csar. [aetc@interaccess.com](mailto:aetc@interaccess.com).

♘ **March 13, Bradley Bourbonais HS Team.** Not USCF-rated. 8-board teams. 700 W North St, Bradley 60915. John Hassett, 815-468-8121.

**March 14, Sunday Plus-Score Mini-Tour.** 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12. **Mini-tour**

**March 14, Elmhurst CC Game/15 Double Quad.** 6-RR in 4-player sections, 2 games vs each opponent. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$16, ECC members \$11. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6-6:45, rd 1 at 7. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, [rogerb@elmhurst.edu](mailto:rogerb@elmhurst.edu).

**March 19-21, National Open.**

♘ **March 26-27, IHSA State Team.** Bone Center, Illinois State Uni-

versity. Ken Lewandowski, 847-492-7932, 847-869-8246, [lewkw@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:lewkw@eths.k12.il.us)

**March 27, Bloomington Tornado canceled.**

**March 27-28, Elmhurst Class Game/120 Maxi-Tour.** 4-SS, game/120. Frick Center, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. EF \$38, ECC members \$34. Five sections, total \$\$1600 b/60. **MASTER-EXPERT:** \$\$200-125, u2200 \$100. **CLASS A:** \$\$150-100-50. **CLASS B:** \$\$150-100-50. **CLASS C:** \$\$150-100-50. **CLASSES D/BELOW:** \$\$125-100-50. **ALL:** Play in your own class or one up. Unrated may play in any class but may not win more than \$50 except in MASTER-EXPERT. Reg 11:30-12:30, rds 1-5:30 each day. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, [rogerb@elmhurst.edu](mailto:rogerb@elmhurst.edu). **MAXI**

**April 3, Tuley Park Quick #5 (Big #2).** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$15, u19 \$8. \$1 off before

11:30. \$\$350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

**April 3, Saturday Evening Quick Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$8, juniors and club members \$6, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any 1-day Chicago CC tournament 4/4/99 thru 5/31/99. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

**April 4, High Noon Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 4/5/99 thru 5/31/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

**April 8-11, National High School Championship.** Sioux Falls SD.

**April 10-11, Illinois Scholastic State Championships.** 7-SS. Normal. In three divisions: **PRIMARY** (K-3), game/45. **ELEMENTARY** (4-5), game/55. **JUNIOR HIGH** (6-8), game/60. **ALL:** Trophies to top 15 overall, top 10 in each grade, top 15 teams (top 4 players per school), best unrated in each grade. Special upset trophies. [www.illinois-chess.org](http://www.illinois-chess.org).

**April 10-11, Chicago CC Spring Mini-Tour.** 5-SS, rds 1-3 game/120, rds 4-5 40/120, then SD/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$30: juniors, CCC members, and advance registrants (by 4/4) \$25. \$\$420 b/20: 120-100, u2200 80, u2000 60, u1800 40, u1600 20. Reg ends Sat 9:30. rds 10-2-6, 10-4. **Mini-tour**

**April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9, Elmhurst CC Championship.** 5-SS, 40/100, then SD:30. Room 030, Elmhurst College Library, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Open to ECC members only. EF \$15. \$\$100 1st, others (2nd, A,B,C) depend on entries. Reg 6-6:45 4/11 and 4/18, rds at 7 pm each Sunday. Info: Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, [rogerb@elmhurst.edu](mailto:rogerb@elmhurst.edu).

**April 17, Second Glenview Open.** 3-SS, game/90. Holy Trinity North Shore Chess Club, Shermer and Central, Glenview. EF \$25, jrs \$20. \$\$500 b/30. In two sections: **OPEN:** \$\$105-85, u2000 \$65, u1800 \$50. **RESERVE** (u1600): \$\$80-65, u1400 \$50. **BOTH:** No advance entries. Reg ends 10:45, rds 11-2:15-5:30. **Mini-tour**

**April 17, Tax Freedom Open.** 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 4/9, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$300. \$100-60. 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u-1200 \$30, unr \$20. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, [Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu](mailto:Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu).

**April 18, Sunday Plus-Score.** 4-SS, game/60. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors and club members \$12. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1

\$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12

**April 24, Tuley Park Quick #6.** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

**April 24, Barb City Spring Tornado.** 4-SS, game/60. Barb City Manor, 680 Haish Blvd, DeKalb 60115. EF \$15, club members \$12, under-18 \$8 by 4/23, all \$5 more at site. \$\$170 b/20-560-30, B,C,D,Unr each \$20. Reg ends 9, rd 1 9:30. Bill Reed, 1460 N 14th, DeKalb 60115. 815-758-1027.

**April 24, Saturday Evening Quick Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$8, juniors and club members \$6, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any 1-day Chicago CC tournament 4/25/99 thru 6/30/99. Reg ends 6:30, rd 1 at 7.

**April 25, High Noon Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 4/26/99 thru 6/30/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3:15-6:30.

**May 1, You Play We Pay.** 5-SS, game/25. College of Lake County, Rt 45 and Washington, Grayslake 60030. EF \$50 by 4/27, \$5 more at site. Prizes: \$15 for each win (including forced byes), \$5 for each draw (including half-point byes -- limit 1, must be requested before round 1), \$200 perfect-score bonus to every player scoring 5-0, Chess-Master 5000 to top junior. Reg 9:30-10:30, rds 11-12:30-1:30-2:30-3:30. A Wayne Clark - Tim Just Quick Chess event. Tim Just, 37165 Willow Ln, Gurnee 60031. 847-244-7954, [tim-just@Lnd.com](mailto:tim-just@Lnd.com). **Micro-tour.**

**May 1-2, Cheap Shot Open.** 6-SS. Freedom Hall, Lakewood & Orchard Blvd, Park Forest (just west of Park Forest library). \$\$2300 guaranteed. Three sections: **HUSTLER** (open to 1800-): game/120. EF \$45 by 4/22, \$50 at site. \$\$300-200, 2000-2199 \$150-100, u-2100 \$125-75. Trophy for best swindle. **STING** (1400-1999): 40/90, then SD:30. EF \$35 by 4/22, \$40 at site, jrs \$30. \$\$ 1800-1999 \$200-100-50, 1600-1799 \$125-75, u-1600 \$100-50. Trophy for best swindle. **SHILL** (u-1600 & unr): game/90. EF \$25 by 4/22, \$30 at site, jrs \$20. \$\$ 1400-1599 \$125-100-75, 1200-1399 \$100-75-50, 1000-1199 \$75-50. Trophies to top 2 u-1000, top unrated, best swindle. **ALL:** Reg 8:30-9, rds 9:30-1:30-6, 9-1-5:30. Free raffle (Beanie Babies) Sat. Park Forest Chess Club, PO Box 6632, Villa Park 60181. No credit cards. 630-834-2477. **MAXI**

**May 7-9, National Junior High Championship.** Columbus OH.

**May 8, High on the Hog Sectional.** 3-SS, game/90, in 8-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: top section 3-0 \$80, 2.5-0.5 \$40, 2-1 \$15, other sections 3-0 \$70, 2.5-0.5 \$30, 2-1 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 9, Sunday Plus-Score Quick.** 6-SS, game/29. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$15, juniors and club members \$12. \$\$ by score: 6-0 \$100, 5.5-0.5 \$60, 5-1 \$35, 4.5-1.5 \$20, 4-2 \$12, 3.5-2.5 \$5. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 14-16, National Elementary Championship.** Phoenix AZ.

**May 15, Tuley Park Quick #7.** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

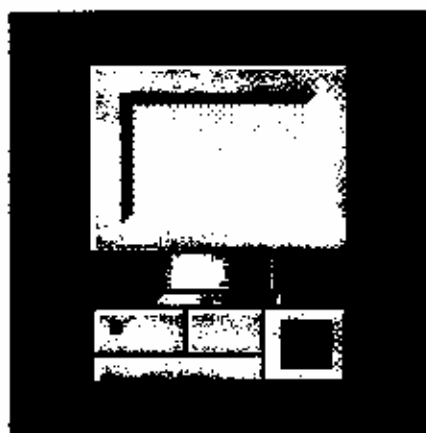
**May 15, Normal May Open.** 4-SS, game/80. New location: Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal. EF \$17, jrs \$12, both \$3 less by 5/12. Free entry to

masters. \$\$150-80, u-1800 \$65, u-1400 \$60, books to top A,B,C,D,E,F, unr. Reg 8-8:45, rds at 9-12-3-6. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761, 309-454-3842, Schoolstretter@msn.com.

**May 16, High Noon Quads.** 3-RR in 4-player sections of like-rated players, game/90. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$10, juniors and club members \$8, plus \$5 forfeit deposit returned upon completion of all games. First prize in each quad: Free EF to any two 1-day (or one 2-day) Chicago CC tournaments 5/17/99 thru 7/30/99. Reg ends 11:30, rds at 12-3-6.

**May 22, Masters-Play-Free 1-vs-2 Plus-Score.** Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050 4-SS, game/60. Inverted Swiss: within each score group, top plays 2nd, 3rd plays 4th, etc; send SASE for details. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. Free EF to masters who are physically present by 11:30 and request no byes. \$\$ by score: 4-0 \$100, 3.5-0.5 \$50, 3-1 \$25, 2.5-1.5 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**May 23, Chicago CC One-Two-Three Open.** Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 4-SS, game/60. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. \$\$200 b/20: \$100-60-40. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.



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**June 5, Tuley Park Quick #8 (Big #3).** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS

game/15. EF \$15, u19 \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$350 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

**June 6, Hedgehog Sectional.** 3-SS, game/90, in 8-player sections of like-rated players. Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. EF \$20, juniors and club members \$17. \$\$ by score: top section 3-0 \$80, 2.5-0.5 \$40, 2-1 \$15, other sections 3-0 \$70, 2.5-0.5 \$30, 2-1 \$10. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12.

**June 12, One-Two-Three Mini-Tour.** Chicago Chess Club, 1149 W Lunt, Chicago 60626. 773-761-5050. 4-SS, game/60. EF \$17, juniors and club members \$14. \$\$200 b/20: \$100-60-40. Reg ends 11:30, rd 1 at 12. **Mini-tour**

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**June 19, Father's Day Open.** 4-SS, game/80. Hampton Inn, Dirksen Pkwy and Stevenson Dr, Springfield. EF \$12 by 6/11, \$15 at site, \$10 youth/scholastic. \$\$300: \$100-60, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u-1200 \$30, unr \$20. Reg 7:30-8:30, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265, Knoedler.Thomas@uis.edu.

**June 25-27, Mid-America Class Championships. MAXI**

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**July 3, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #9.** 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. 4-SS game/26, or 5-SS game/22, or 6-SS game/15. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$250 b/24, kids count half. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Thomas Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979.

♞ July 16-18, 1999, U.S. Junior Open. Tucson AZ.

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July 24, 1999, Tuley Park Quick #10.

July 31 - August 1, 1999, Midway Amateur Class. Five sections: Expert, Class A, Class B, Class C, Classes D/Below. Hector Hernandez, 773-586-3950. Checks payable to Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638-8765. MAXI

August 7, Fourth Annual Evan Gressen Summer Sectional.

August 9-19, 100th U.S. Open. Reno NV. <http://mb3.net/100usopen>.

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November 6, Tuley Park Quick #14 (Big #5).

November 20-21, Illinois Class. MAXI

December 4, Tuley Park Quick #15.

♞ December 9-13, National Scholastic K-12 Championship. Louisville, KY.

December 11, Millenium Countdown Open.

March 11, Tuley Park Quick #4

March 24-26, National Open. Las Vegas, NV.

April 1, Tuley Park Quick #5

♞ April 28-30, National High School Championship. Charlotte, NC.

♞ May 5-7, National Junior High School Championship. Tucson, AZ.

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**Avery Coonley School Chess Club** 1400 W  
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Waukegan 60087 (847) 336-5188

**Chesterton Chess Club** meets at Westchester  
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IN. Randy Pals, (219) 926-2266.

**The Chicago Chess Club** is located at 1149  
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761-5050. [ChiChess@interact.com](http://ChiChess@interact.com)

**Chicago Industrial Chess League** organizes  
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Ken Marshall, 357 W Grove, Lombard 60148,  
(630) 932-1455.

**Continental Chess Association** PO Box 249,  
Salisbury Mills, NY 12577, Bill Goichberg.

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844-2645

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Lee St, Des Plaines, IL 60016

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7932.

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**Franklin Chess Club** meets Fridays  
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**Illini Chess Club** meets Wednesdays 7-10 p.m. in the Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building, 707 S Matthews Av.

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**Springfield Chess Club** c/o David H Bononi, 213 Stutley, Springfield, IL 62704. (217) 787-9527

**Tuley Park Chess Club** holds frequent Saturday tournaments at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E. 90th Pl., Chicago Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr., Chicago 60649, (773) 721-3979.

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