

# The PENNSWOODPUSHER

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## ALL FOUR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

### Quadruple Tie for PSCF Championship Title; Tom Martinak Wins PSCF Presidency

The 2002 edition of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Pennsylvania Championship tournament was held September 28 and 29 in Camp Hill, PA, a small town just south of Harrisburg. After five rounds of play, five players had tied for first place: Elvin Wilson, Tom Martinak, Rodion Rubenchik, Zachar Fayvinov, and Floyd Boudreaux. Because Mr. Boudreaux is a resident of Maryland, he is ineligible for the PSCF title. USCF rules do not allow tiebreaking for titles, so Wilson, Martinak, Rubenchik, and Fayvinov all enter the record books as State Champions for 2002.

The playing site for the Championship tournament and the side events was the Cleve J Fredericksen Library in Camp Hill. The library was filled to overflowing with chessplayers when the Editor visited the tournament during the first and second rounds. The top boards were removed to separate rooms in the library to accommodate the crowds. Such a turnout at a state event speaks well for the growth of the PSCF, and its mission.

The PSCF Annual Membership Meeting, held between rounds one and two, witnessed the election of the first new PSCF President since 1978 in Tom Martinak of Pittsburgh. The minutes of the Membership Meeting are published elsewhere in this issue of *The Pennswoodpusher*.

Ira Riddle directed the Championship and side events for the PSCF, and organizational matters were handled by Sam Lamonto. The PSCF thanks both Ira and Sam for their work on the 2002 Championship, and for their efforts at finding a location for the event.

### PROFILES OF THE 2002 PSCF CHAMPIONS

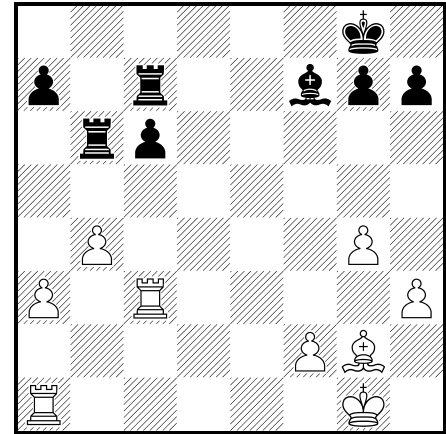
**Elvin Wilson:** The following description of Elvin Wilson is taken from our electronic contemporary *The Chess Drum* www.TheChessDrum.com: "Philadelphia is the home to one of the world's most accomplished players of African descent. When one looks at the chess résumé of Elvin Wilson, it's an endless string of successes stemming from his days as a scholastic standout until his current reign as the Philadelphia champion. Elvin made master at age 18 and played on legendary scholastic teams at Washington High School and was highly-touted as a chess prodigy. Learning chess at Cooke Junior High (1983-1986), Elvin states that this beginning has definitely paid dividends in all areas of his life. Elvin explains, "After Junior High School I continued my chess career at George Washington High School (1986-1989), one of the best chess programs in the country at the time. After High School, I enlisted into the Air Force (1990-2000) where I have traveled and competed all over the World. I am currently a Computer Information Science (CIS) major at Temple University.""

### Elvin Wilson (2271) - M. Belorusev (2311) [A13]

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (3), 28.09.2002

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c6 4.b3 f5 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bd6 7.0-0 0-

0 8.d3 Qe7 9.Nbd2 e5 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.e4 fxe4 12.dxe4 d4 13.Nc4 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Bf7 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.e5 Qb6 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Qxd4 Qa6 21.Ne5 Nc6 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.Qc5 Rac8 24.Rfe1 Rc7 25.b4 Qa3 26.Re3 Qb2 27.Qc3 Qxc3 28.Rxc3 Rb8 29.a3 Rb6



30.Rd1 Kf8 31.Rdc1 Be8 32.f4 Ke7 33.Kf2 Bd7 34.Rc5 Rc8 35.Ra5 Rc7 36.Ke3 a6 37.Bf1 Bc8 38.Re5+ Kf8 39.Rd1 Rd7 40.Rxd7 Bxd7 41.Kd4 Rb8 42.Kc5 a5 43.bxa5 Rb3 44.Kd6 Bc8 45.Kc7 Bb7 46.Kd7 g6 47.Re8+ Kg7 48.Rb8 Rxa3 49.Rxb7 Rxa5 50.Kxc6+ Kh8 51.Kd6 h5 52.Ke6 Ra1 53.Kf6 g5 54.Rb8+ 1-0

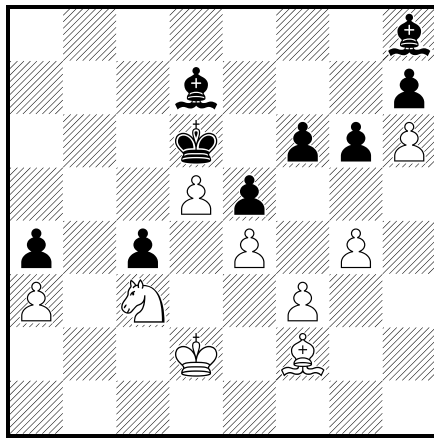
**Zachar Fayvinov:** Zachar is the oldest of our four champions, but age does not wither nor custom stale his chess; among his tournament victims in the past few years are the late GM Tony Miles. We unfortunately do not have an example of his play from the 2002 PSCF Championship

**Thomas M. Martinak:** Tom Martinak has been a prominent over the board chessmaster and organizer in the Pittsburgh area for many years. Martinak was recently honored with a Certificate of Outstanding Service by Pittsburgh Chess Club for his work on the club's behalf. He serves as Webmaster for the PSCF website, and now becomes the first PSCF President since William Byland in 1949 to become both President and State Champion simultaneously.

### Tom Martinak - Peter Minear [E73]

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (4), 29.09.2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 Na6 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.h4 cxd5 10.cxd5 Bd7 11.f3 Nc5 12.h5 a5 13.g4 a4 14.Nh3 Qa5 15.h6 Bh8 16.Nf2 b5 17.0-0 Rfc8 18.Rfc1 Ne8 19.Nd3 Nxd3 20.Bxd3 b4 21.Nd1 Nc7 22.Ne3 Nb5 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.Bxb5 Qxb5 25.Rc1 f6 26.Rxc8+ Bxc8 27.Qc2 Qc5 28.Qxc5 dxc5 29.Bh4 Kf7 30.Bf2 Ba6 31.a3 bxa3 32.bxa3 Bb5 33.Kg2 Ke7 34.Nd1 Kd6 35.Nc3 Bd7 36.Kf1 e4 37.Ke2 Be8 38.Kd2 Bd7



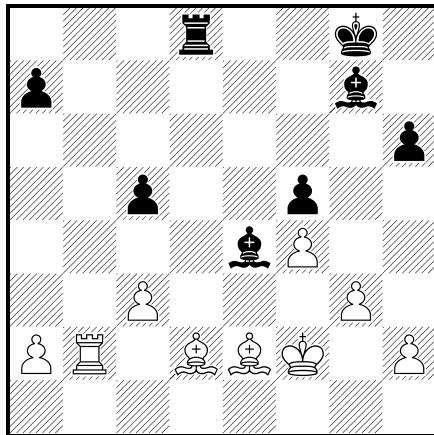
39.Nb1 f5 40.g5 fxe4 41.fxe4 Bh3 42.Kc3 Bg2 43.Nd2 Kc7  
44.Kxc4 Kb7 45.Kc5 Bh3 46.Nc4 Kc7 47.Nd6 Kd7 48.Nf7 Bg2  
49.Nxb8 Bxe4 50.Bg3 Bf5 51.Bxe5 Bc2 52.Nf7 Ke7 53.Nd6  
Bd1 54.Ne4 Bf3 55.Nf6 Kd8 56.Nxb7 1-0

**Rodion Rubenchik:** Rodion is a strong master from eastern PA.

**Rodion Rubenchik - Tom Martinak [D85]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (3), 28.09.2002

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.d4 g6 6.e4 Nxc3  
7.bxc3 Bg7 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5  
12.Qd2 e6 13.f4 Bg7 14.dxe6 Bxe6 15.0-0 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 f5  
17.exf5 gxf5 18.Rxb7 Rfd8 19.Rb2 Rab8 20.Rfb1 Rxb2  
21.Rxb2 Bd5 22.Kf2 h6 23.g3 Be4 24.Be1 Bf8 25.Bd2 Bg7



26.h3 Bd3 27.g4 Bf6 28.g5 Bg7 29.h4 c4 30.Bf3 Rd6 31.h5  
hgx5 32.fgx5 Be5 33.Rb8+ Kg7 34.Rb7+ Kg8 35.Rxa7 Be4  
36.Bxe4 Rxd2+ 37.Ke3 Bxc3 38.Ra8+ Kf7 39.Bxf5 Rg2  
40.Ra7+ Kf8 41.g6 Rg5 42.Rf7+ Kg8 43.h6 Rh5 44.h7+ Kh8  
45.Rf8+ Kg7 46.Rg8+ Kf6 47.g7 1-0

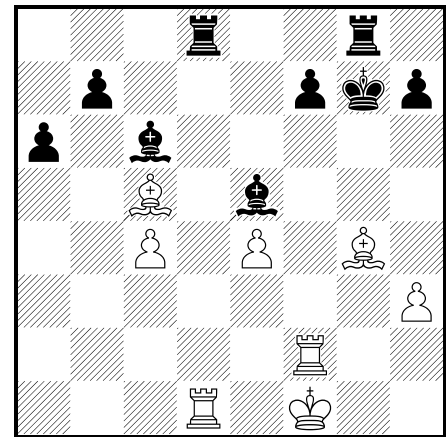
**More Games from the 2002 PSCF Championship**

**Floyd Boudreaux - Joe Mucerino [B37]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (3), 28.09.2002

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.Nc3 g6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.e4 d6  
7.Be2 Bg7 8.Nc2 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Kh1 Rc8 11.Be3 Qa5 12.f4  
Nb4 13.Nxb4 Qxb4 14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 a6 16.f5 Bd7 17.g4  
Bc6 18.Bf3 Nd7 19.Kg1 Nc5 20.b4 Bxc3 21.bxc5 Bxb2 22.Ra2  
Be5 23.cxd6 Bxd6 24.Bb6 Be5 25.Kg2 Kg7 26.Rd1 gxf5  
27.gxf5 Kf6 28.Kf1 Rg8 29.Be3 e6 30.fxe6 Kxe6 31.h3 Ke7

32.Bg4 Rcd8 33.Bc5+ Kf6 34.Rf2+ Kg7



35.Re1 Bd4 36.Bxd4+ Rxd4 37.e5 Re8 38.e6 fxe6 39.Bxe6 Re7  
40.Re3 Rd1+ 41.Ke2 Rg1 42.Kd3 Rg6 43.Rfe2 Bd7 44.Bxd7  
Rxd7+ 45.Kc3 Kf7 46.Kb4 Rgd6 47.Re4 Rd3 48.Rf2+ Kg8  
49.Rg2+ Kf8 50.h4 Rf3 51.Reg4 Rff7 52.Re4 Rde7 53.Rd4 Ke8  
54.Rg8+ Rf8 55.Rg5 Rff7 56.Rg8+ Rf8 57.Rg5 Rf6 58.c5 Kf7  
59.Rgd5 Rfe6 60.Rf4+ Rf6 61.Rfd4 Rfe6 1/2-1/2

**Tom Martinak - R. Sears [D53]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (2), 28.09.2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 a6 7.Nf3  
dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.e4 c5 11.Rd1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Qb6  
13.Nf3 Rc8 14.Qe2 h6 15.Be3 Be5 16.0-0 Bxe3 17.fxe3 Ng4  
18.Nd4 Nge5 19.Bb1 Nf6 20.Qf2 0-0 21.Qg3 Ng6 22.e5 Nd5  
23.Ne4 Rfd8 24.Nd6 Rxd6 25.exd6 Rd8 26.Rxf7 Rf8 27.Rxg7+  
1-0

**M. Wilson - Tom Martinak [C55]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (5), 29.09.2002

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nxe4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Nxe4  
d5 7.Neg5+ Kg8 8.d3 h6 9.Nh3 Bd6 10.Bd2 Bg4 11.c4 Nd4  
12.Nhg1 e4 13.h3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 exd3 15.Rc1 Nc2+ 16.Rxc2  
Qe7+ 17.Ne2 dxc2 18.Qxc2 Re8 19.Be3 Be5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5  
21.Rg1 Qxc4 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Kf1 Rhf8 24.b3 Qa6 25.Rg3 Re7  
26.f4 d4 27.Rd3 c5 28.Kg2 Qg6+ 29.Ng3 Rxf4 30.Qxf4 Qxd3  
31.Qd6 Rf7 32.Qd5 Qg6 33.Qxc5 Qc6+ 34.Qxc6 bxc6 35.Ne4  
Rf5 36.Kf1 Ra5 37.a4 Rh5 38.Kg2 d3 39.f3 Kg6 40.Nd2 Kf5  
41.Kg3 Ke5 42.f4+ Kd4 43.Kg4 Rd5 44.Kf3 Rd7 45.h4 Kc3  
46.Ne4+ Kc2 47.Ke3 Re7 0-1

**Joe Mucerino - Marty Frank [D13]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (4), 29.09.2002

1.d4 c5 2.c3 cxd4 3.cxd4 d5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Ne4  
7.Bh4 g6 8.e3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bg7 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Bf5 12.c4  
dxc4 13.Bxc4 Rc8 14.Bd3 Qd5 15.Bxf5 Qxf5 16.Rb1 Qe4  
17.Bg3 b6 18.Qb3 Na5 19.Qb5 Rc2 20.Qd7 Qb7 21.Qa4 Qe4  
22.Qd7 Qb7 23.Qa4 1/2-1/2

**Michael Cox - Joe Mucerino [B01]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (5), 29.09.2002

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.Qf3 c6 6.c4  
Qe5+ 7.Qe3 Qf6 8.d4 g6 9.Bd2 Bg7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Bc3 Qe6  
12.Bd3 Bh6 13.Qxe6 Bxe6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Rfe1 Rfe8 16.h3 Nf6  
17.b3 Rad8 18.Rad1 Kf8 19.g4 Nd7 20.Bf1 Nb8 21.Bd2 Bxd2  
22.Rxd2 Bc8 23.Bg2 b6 24.Red1 Bb7 25.g5 Rd6 26.h4 Red8  
27.Ne1 Bc8 28.Nc2 c5 29.d5 Na6 30.Bf3 Nc7 31.Ne3 e6 32.Kg2  
1/2-1/2

**Rory Wasiolek - Joe Mucerino [A40]**

Pennsylvania State Championship Camp Hill (1), 28.09.2002  
 1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Nc3 Nxe5 5.e4 c6 6.Bf4 Ng6  
 7.Bg3 d5 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxe2+ 11.Bxe2 cxd5  
 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Bb5+ Ke7 14.Rhe1 Kf6 15.h4 h5 16.Nd4 Bc5  
 17.Nxe6 fxe6 18.Rd3 Rad8 19.Rf3+ Ke7 20.Bd3 Nf8 21.Be5 Rg8  
 22.Re2 Nd7 23.Bg6 Nf6 24.Rc3 Rc8 25.Bxf6+ gxf6 26.Bf5 Rc6  
 27.Rxe6+ Rxe6 28.Bxe6 Kxe6 29.Rxc5 Kd6 30.Rc3 Rxc2  
 31.Rg3 Rxf2 32.Rg7 Kc6 33.Rh7 Rf5 34.Rh6 a5 35.b3 b5  
 36.Kb2 Kc5 37.a3 Kd4 38.Rh8 Ke3 39.Ra8 d4 40.Rxa5 d3  
 41.cxd3 Kxd3 42.a4 Rf2+ 43.Ka3 bxa4 44.bxa4 f5 45.Rb5 Ke4  
 46.a5 Rd2 47.a6 Rd8 48.a7 Ra8 49.Ra5 Kf4 50.Kb4 Kg4 51.Kb5  
 Kxh4 52.Kb6 Kg4 53.Kb7 Rxa7+ 54.Rxa7 f4 55.Kc6 f3 56.Kd5  
 f2 57.Rf7 Kg3 58.Ke4 Kg2 59.Ke3 f1Q 60.Rxf1 Kxf1 61.Kf3 ½-½

## Minutes of the 2002 PSCF Annual Membership Meeting

The 2002 PSCF Annual Membership Meeting was held between rounds one and two of the PSCF Pennsylvania State Chess Championship in Camp Hill, PA, on September 28, 2002.

The Meeting was called to order by PSCF President Dr. Ira Lee Riddle at 1:46 PM. Officers present were Ira Lee Riddle, President and Neil Brennen, Historian and Publications Editor. There were 35 PSCF members present. It was noted that the Secretary was not present and minutes were to be taken by Neil Brennen. The old minutes, as published, were approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Ira Lee Riddle delivered the PSCF Treasurer's report. PSCF Account Balances as of 9/28/02:

Regular savings account: \$4174.43  
 Postal savings account: \$948.93  
 Checking account: \$1346.78  
 Life Member Certificate: \$3394.66

The certificate is maturing shortly. The PSCF continues to be in good financial circumstances.

The bi-annual election of officers was held. There was only one nominee for each elected officer position, and thus no vote was taken. The new officers of the PSCF are:

**President** - Thomas Martinak

**Vice-President (East)** - Ira Lee Riddle

**Vice President (Central)** - Gregory Vaserstein

**Vice-President (West)** - Bobby Dudley

**Treasurer** - Stanley Booz

**Secretary**- Samuel Lamonto (note: because of an increasing workload, he was forced to decline his election and Brian Sheinfeld was chosen as a replacement. -TMM)

**Scholastic Coordinator** - Steven McLaughlin

Tom Martinak applied for Pittsburgh Chess Club to host the 2003 PSCF Pennsylvania State Chess Championship. In the absence of a rival bid, Pittsburgh was awarded the right to host the tournament for 2003.

Neil Brennen reminded the membership attending the meeting that *The Pennswoodpusher* was the PSCF's magazine, and that contributions of publishable material were welcome.

There was no new business. Ira Lee Riddle closed the meeting at 1:53 PM.

**PSCF PA State Junior Championships**

One hundred fifteen students ages 5 – 18 competed in the first Pennsylvania State Junior Championships, held November 1 – 3, in Pittsburgh. The William Pitt Union at the University of Pittsburgh was abuzz with chess activity both inside and outside the playing rooms as students competed in age-and-rating-based sections and relaxed with friendly games between rounds. This tournament afforded some students their first experience playing games with a longer time control or their first trip to Pittsburgh. The inaugural event ran smoothly under the able direction of TDs Tom Martinak, Bob Dudley, Boyd Reed, Rich Barbara, and Larry Heimann. At the conclusion of the five-round tournament, PSCF State Champions were declared for each age in the open sections. Congratulations to:

Age 18 Champion - Mikhail Sher

Age 17 Co-Champions - Alex Duff and Aaron Schiff

Age 16 Champion - Ryan Milisits

Age 15 Champion - Kevin Berthoud

Age 14 Co-Champions - David Swed and Alec McCord

Age 13 Champion - Ezra Jampole

Age 12 Champion - Bryan Joseph

Age 11 Co-Champions - Joshua Gao, Tyler Lelis, and Andrew Zinn

Age 10 Champion - Gabriel Petesch

Age 9 Champion - Mark Heimann

Age 8 Champion - Wesley Loudon

Age 7 Champion - Benjamin Plaut

Age 6 Co-Champion - Andrew Brady and Steven Trageser

Age 5 Champion - Gerry Chen

Individual trophies were awarded to the first six places in each section with medallions going to those players who tied for sixth. Extra trophies were added to larger sections. Full results can be seen on the tournament Web site. Good Sport medallions were given to Ian Gibson, Neiladri Khan, Jennimarie Swegan, and David Tobias for exemplifying this ideal. Team trophies were given in three categories. The first place school team was Shadyside Academy Junior School. The North Pittsburgh Home School Chess Club won the first place trophy for scholastic organizations, and Razing Rooks won the first place club team award. Each team member received a medallion. CMU Friday-night Bug players Clauss Strauch and Dan Chernoff won the PA State Bughouse Championship with a perfect score of 8 – 0.

The PA State Junior Championships and PA State Bughouse Championship were sponsored and organized by the PA State Chess Federation, University of Pittsburgh Chess Club, Monroeville Chess Club, North Pittsburgh Homeschool Chess Club, and Pittsburgh Chess Club. The tournament committee would like to thank all players and parents for participating in our first event. We look forward to seeing you again at the PA State Scholastic Championships in Bloomsburg in March and at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual PA State Junior Championships next fall!

## Komisarof Wins Greater Philadelphia Area High School Chess Championship

Justin Komisarof of Haverford, a sophomore at Shipley School, won the title of Greater Philadelphia High School Champion at the Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Chess Championships. The annual event was held at the Kaiserman JCC in Wynnewood on November 3rd. This tournament, which crowns the individual and school area champions, drew a record 139 participants from as far away as York, Harrisburg, and Princeton Landing. The play was held in three sections: High School, Middle School, and Elementary and was sponsored by the PA State Chess Federation, the JCC, and Main Line Speech of Haverford.

Komisarof, who is also a member of the Main Line Chess Club (MLCC), won all four of his games, defeating Pennsbury's Adrian Benton in the final round. Benton finished in a six-way tie for second, which included teammates Dmitry Goldenberg and Jason Disdul, at 3-1. Their efforts spearheaded Pennsbury's HS Team Championship prize. Others finishing in the tie for 2nd included Harriton's Alan Deckelbaum, Roman Valerstein of Newtown, and Josh Lehrman of Lower Moreland. Disdul won the U1200 prize, David Bastide the U1000, David Roeman Jones the Unrated, and defending champion Maurice Bishop of Southern was the Top Philadelphia Resident. Masterman MS (!) finished 2nd in the team competition.

In the Middle School section Lower Moreland's Elizabeth Lakata defeated Erica McLaughlin in the decisive last round game to capture the crown. Others tying with Erica for 2nd included Newtown's Boris Valerstein, York Youth CC's Chris S. Blaise, Masterman's Brandon Little, Andrei Popov, and Anthony Janczewski. Devon Prep's Pat Schoener finished 8<sup>th</sup> with 3½-1½. Janczewski won the U900 prize, Ryan Wood of West York MS the U700, and Reuben Hampton of Masterman Top Unrated. Evan Ames of Masterman was the Top Philadelphia Resident. Masterman won the Top School prize, followed by West York JHS. Top Club was the York Youth Chess Club.

Roslyn's Steve McLaughlin Jr. swept the Elementary section 5-0. Right behind Steve, the defending PA Elementary Champion, was Stony Creek's Josh Bowman (the 2002 PA 4th grade champion) and second grader Keane Bacso of Princeton Landing Chess Club at 4½-½. At 4-1 were Ben Fisher, Ben Cohen, John Battin, Michael Levin, Udit Gupta, Adrienne Petrillo, Andrew Jagannath, Kevin Lu, and Ethan Stein. Ethan is still in kindergarten! Sponsor Main Line Speech Consultants contributed 15(!) trophies for grade prizes. [Hint: we are always looking for more sponsors for more trophies!] Tops in each were John Battin (5th), Michael Levin (4th), Rahul Swaminathan (3rd), David Lakata (2nd), and Ethan Stein (K-1). In the team (school and club) competition Harrisburg Academy was first, Trimmer second, Torah Academy third, and Abrams Hebrew Academy fourth. The Main Line Chess Club's team won the first place Elementary club trophy followed by Princeton Landing CC.

SE PA Scholastic Coordinator NM Dan Heisman was the chief tournament director. He was assisted by Steve McLaughlin, and Steve Shutt.

## Baczynskij wins PSCF Senior Championship

Age does not wither nor custom stale the chessplayers' enthusiasm for crossboard combat to judge from the first annual PSCF Senior Championship, held in Haverford on October 17 and 18. A total of 15 players turned out for this four round event, held at the offices of Main Line Speech in Haverford. Dan Heisman organized and directed this event for the PSCF.

FM Boris Baczynskij, of Philadelphia, won with a 4-0 score. Part of that score was due to a remarkable display of sportsmanship on the part of Baczynskij's 3<sup>rd</sup> round opponent Neal Oberholtzer. Due to a problem with train schedules, Baczynskij was 70 minutes late for his game. Oberholtzer waived his right to claim a forfeit win and instead agreed to play with Baczynskij, who outrated him by over 200 points. Oberholtzer lost the game and finished second in the event.

## Michael Cox (2000) - Neal Oberholtzer (2073)

PA Senior Championship (4), 20.10.2002

1.a3 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Qf3 Qc5 7.c3 Bg4 8.Qe3 Qd5 9.f3 Bc5 10.d4 Bb6 11.c4 Qxd4 12.fxg4 Qxe3+ 13.Bxe3 Bxe3 14.h3 Nd4 15.Nc3 Bxg1 0-1

## Scholastic Corner – by PSCF SE Scholastic

Coordinator Dan Heisman

Scholastic corner is aimed for players K-12, their parents, and scholastic sponsors/coaches. At this time of year, it seems appropriate to address the column to sponsors and coaches to help them prepare their program for the starting school season. So if you are a scholastic player or parent and your sponsor/coach is not likely to receive this article, please copy or lend it to them!

Before getting into specifics, I would like to note that USCF's excellent booklet, *A Guide to Scholastic Chess*, is now available on-line at <http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/01GuideScholches.pdf>. If you have not seen this, it is a great idea to browse through it and keep in mind where to find this helpful information.

I would urge every school sponsor to prepare a "start of the year" handout to disseminate to all of the students who attend his/her chess program. This handout can have two parts – one part can be specific to your program, but the second part should be generic and similar to all programs: it should contain information on what the main events are this year, and where to get more information about scholastic events and improvement. The following information should help you get started:

Web sites (all of these have many pages useful to both you and your students):

- US Chess Federation: [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org)
- PA State Chess Federation: <http://www.pscfchess.org/>
- SE PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/chess.htm>

Important Dates for 2003:

- Feb 1 – PA Team Champ. East – Philadelphia Community College – Scholastic and HS/MS sections
- Feb 1 & 2 – PA Team Champ. West – Univ of Pittsburgh – Scholastic and (scholastic prizes in) Open sections
- Mar 8-9 – PA Scholastic Chess Championship – Bloomsburg, PA – about 120 trophies!

More detail on all of these events is available at the above web sites. For example, if you go to the USCF web site and click on "tournaments" – you get to [www.uschess.org/tla](http://www.uschess.org/tla), and then click on "Listings by State" and "PA", etc. Or you can go to <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/chess.htm> and click on "Tournaments/Events". And all these events are listed in detail monthly in the back of Chess Life, in their Tournament Life Announcement section. Rather than giving your students a fish (especially if they are Middle School or older), teach them to fish and they can fish forever – so teach them how to find events by themselves and then they can share the information with others in your group.

Many coaches allow their players to "start at the top", which is a tough way to play. By this I mean that they only encourage their players to play one or two championship events a year, like the PA Team Tournament and the Scholastic Championship at Bloomsburg. This is somewhat like expecting your team to only play in the PIAA playoffs but not play in normal leagues and summer camps. There are many scholastic (K-12) events held all over the state throughout the year, like the Delaware Valley Scholastic Grand Prix Events and many in the Pittsburgh area run by Jerry Meyers and Tom Martinak. Playing in scholastic events before the championship events is great preparation for your players and teams. These events can be found at the above web sites and also via scholastic e-mail lists. To get on my scholastic e-mail list, send an e-mail to [danheisman@comcast.net](mailto:danheisman@comcast.net) - for Tom, it is [martinak\\_tom\\_m@hotmail.com](mailto:martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com).

It is also a good idea to let the older (above elementary) students know that not only can they play in those scholastic events, but they are usually welcome at local clubs, and at “open” tournaments for all ages. Especially enticing are events like the PA State Championship (which also has a scholastic section) or the large National Chess Congress in Philadelphia over Thanksgiving weekend, which has about a dozen sections to accommodate all players from master to beginner. It is certainly no coincidence that at these all-age events you always see students from National HS Champion Masterman, Pennsbury, or St. Joseph Prep. These are three of the best programs in the state, partly because coaches Shutt, McKenney, and Pugh encourage their players to play in the top events, scholastic or not. And if a sponsor/coach does not want to “send” his players to these events, at least he should let them know that these events exist – I always feel sorry for players whose sponsors knew about events (or at least how to find them), did not tell the players, and then the players missed the event, even though it later turns out they would have loved to have played. So as much as possible, coaches and sponsors should let their students know there is a whole world of chess outside of their local team or league, should they wish to participate.

Final note: All USCF dues, including scholastic dues, are being raised on Jan 1, 2003, so you can save money by getting all your players new or extended memberships before then at the old rate. USCF membership is required for all PSCF Championship events. Again, see [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org) for details.

## Book Reviews

### Behind Deep Blue by NM Dan Heisman

As a member of the International Computer Chess Association who worked at both Garry Kasparov-Deep Blue matches, I was very interested in reading Dr. Feng-Hsiung Hsu’s “even more inside” account of those events, as well as the background that led to his team challenging the world chess champion. These world-famous matches, played in 1996 and 1997, form the climax of Dr. Hsu’s new book, *Behind Deep Blue*.

The book should be of general appeal to chessplayers, people involved with computers, and of course anyone interested in the topic. While not at the level of Dr. Richard Feynman’s class work, the fascinating *Surely You’re Joking, Mr. Feynman*, *Behind Deep Blue* is a clearly written, interesting story. What stands out is Hsu’s fanatical desire to not just work on his project, but to “solve” the “chess problem”. He describes the goal of creating a computer to defeat the human chess champion in match play as one of the Holy Grails of computer scientists. When he reached a point in his career where he had to choose between making money and working on the chess project, he chose the latter because he said that it is not every day one has the chance to become famous!

Although self-professed as lazy, Dr. Hsu, like many “lazy” professionals, can become unbelievably dedicated when faced with an interesting and challenging goal. He tells of working close to 100 hours a week at one point, and driving home late at night telling himself repeatedly “I want to win”... “If I woke up during the night, I would check the simulation again...” Somehow that reminded me of the world-class single-mindedness shown in another biography – that of Garry Kasparov. These incidents formed the foundation of the most surprising aspect of the book, Dr. Hsu’s ultra-competitive nature. He worked on Deep Blue mostly to win, not as some abstract scientific experiment; he shared the ups and downs of every win and loss, bad position and good. His very human desires come through on almost every page.

Most interesting were Dr. Hsu’s explanations of some of the famous incidents in the matches. For example, like myself, he feels that Kasparov played ...h6 (a known risky opening line in the Caro Kann) on purpose in the final game of the 1997 match for almost all of the same reasons that GM Patrick Wolff and I chose in the Deep Blue pressroom at that time. Yet we remain in the minority, with most choosing to believe it was an accident – an error by Kasparov in transposition of moves.

His explanation as to why Kasparov was not given Deep Blue games to study before the matches was definitely one of the weakest logical aspects of the book (in my opinion). When asked, I have always explained that since IBM was working on Deep Blue right up to the last second, it would not have been very helpful nor overly fair to provide earlier Deep Blue game examples, since what Kasparov would then be studying could have changed dramatically (and often did, according to Dr. Hsu) and he would be misled. But Dr. Hsu only briefly mentions that strong argument, instead giving the weak sporting reason that, say, if GM Anand changed his style just to play Kasparov, Anand would not have to send examples of his new style to Kasparov before a match. There are several holes in this rationalization, not the least of which is that if a *human* tries to change his style, Kasparov at least would be used to whatever changes other humans have attempted against him throughout his career, and would not be greatly thrown off his game, understanding human limitations. But Deep Blue could be an entirely new version by tweaking major parameters, something Anand could never do. I think a good compromise to Kasparov’s request would have been to pick a date on the calendar, say 2-3 months before the match, and send some random games to Kasparov with the *caveat emptor* warning that they were changing the program every day, so that Garry would be studying the games at his own risk.

It helps to know a little about both chess and computer hardware to understand several portions of the book, but in general it is written for laymen. As a former software engineer with a Masters in Engineering, I had no problems, but not everyone will understand all of Dr. Hsu’s explanations about the chess chips, the parallel processing, etc. On the other hand, if you are interested in the subject and skip this book just because it was written by a computer scientist, you would be missing a great deal of fun, inside information about a couple of famous events in our lifetime. I enjoyed the book greatly and would recommend it to anyone who found the matches fascinating. By the record number of web hits on IBM’s Deep Blue site, I think the number of people who would find this book interesting is quite large!

### Learn Chess From The Greats by Neil Brennan

*Learn Chess From the Greats*, Peter J. Tamburro. Dover Publications, Paperback, 156 pages, \$7.95 US

*Learn Chess From the Greats* has a misleading title. The book is a compilation of the weekly chess column distributed to newspapers by the United States Chess Federation, and written between 1994 and 1998. While the author makes the claim in his introduction that his columns are “instructive”, and thus implying the book compares with instructional chess manuals, a better comparison would be to the writings of Irving Chernev. Chernev’s books, such as *The Chess Companion*, offer instruction even while they seem to be pure entertainment. In Tamburro’s case, he offers entertainment under the cover of offering instruction.

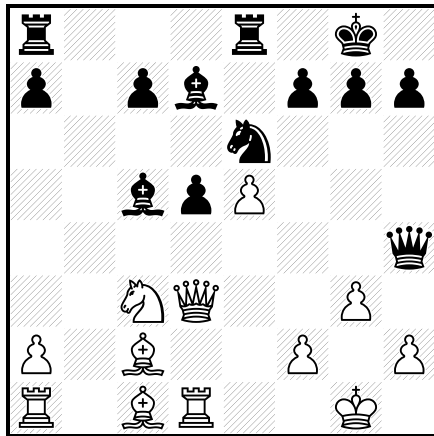
Regardless of the title, *Learn Chess From the Greats* is a lot of fun. Each column is like a potato chip, or a five-minute game- you can’t stop at one. Your reviewer, despite his intentions not to do so, read the

whole book cover to cover one evening, turning the pages with increasing delight at the freshness of the material and the joy Tamburro takes in writing about it. I was pleased to see Tamburro has been willing to embrace new material, as opposed to regurgitating old chestnuts such as Morphy vs The Duke and The Count. However, Edward Lasker-George Thomas, the well known offhand game played in London in the year 1912, did make the book, as did the "Game of the Century" (D. Byrne-Fischer, NY 1956) and Adams-Torre, New Orleans 1920.

But aside from a few "standards", the author has stepped outside the OTB box many chess writers limit themselves to and has included material from such specialized areas of chess as problems, endgame studies, correspondence chess, chess history, and chess variants. And the columnist is not afraid to show how much he enjoys presenting a postal game or endgame study to his weekly newspaper readers. As an example, consider the column Tamburro has titled, "A Real Treasure" on P.43 of his book:

"We absolutely love digging up a real treasure of a game out of the past - especially if we haven't seen it anywhere else. Such is the case with the game between G. Axelson and J. Fridlitzius played by correspondence in 1898-1899. The game deservedly won the brilliancy prize. The Queen sacrifice is one of the prettiest we've seen, but the dark-squared bishop is the star of the show! Take a look:

**G. Axelson - J. Fridlitzius**  
Correspondence, 1898



**1...Bxf2+!!** Here we go! He had to have seen the queen sacrifice all the way to do this! **2.Kg2 Qh3+!** Wow! Can you see it all? **3.Kxh3 Nf4+ 4.Kh4 Ng2+ 5.Kh5 g6+ 6.Kh6 Bc5!!** Love at first sight for your columnist. What a concept. You would think after giving up a queen you would have to figure out nothing but checks until mate. But to make a retreat without check just to threaten to retreat yet again- an idea that takes our breath away! **7.Qxg6+** Sure, why not? If **7.Qf5 Bxf5 8.Bxf5** then **8...Ne3!** squashes White.; **7.Qxd5** faces **7...Bf8+ 8.Kg5 h6+ 9.Kf6 Bg7# 7...fxg6 8.Rxd5 Bf8+ 9.Kg5 Be6** The lack of checks in this mating attack is memorable. **10.Be4! Be7+ 11.Kh6 Rf8 12.a4 Rf2! 13.Rd7** And Black announced mate, starting with **13...Bf8+** What a game! **0-1**  
*Learn Chess From the Greats*, P.43

Writing a chess column is not easy, especially writing for a newspaper. The difficulty is due to the difference in the level of understanding of chess between Tamburro, an over the board master, and his readers, and it's a problem all chess writers face. Masters are bored with

beginner's material, and beginners are overwhelmed by chess writing for club players. And newspaper chess columns are more likely to be read by "casual" chessplayers than "serious" weekend (or CC) warriors. Fortunately, by using lesser-known material and keeping analysis to a minimum, Tamburro manages to skirt the danger.

Unfortunately, I did find a couple of typos in the game scores. The lack of identification of sources for much of the material is distressing to a chess history writer, or to anyone who would like to investigate a game or player further. And, as with potato chips and blitz (and Chernev), one can have a bit too much Tamburro; if taken all at once, the stop and go nature of a collection of chess columns and Tamburro's "Hey look at this!" attitude can wear a reader out. The reader wishes to read an essay longer than three-quarters of a page from time to time.

But despite these caveats, I recommend this volume to anyone who is in love with chess. Put it beside *The Fireside Book of Chess* and *The Chess Companion* on your bedside table. (This review was first published at Correspondence Chess News <http://ccn.correspondencechess.com>)

**Book Reviews by Dr. Ira Lee Riddle**

The first book to look at today is the winning one, although all of these look very nice to add to one's collection.

**A Parent's Guide to Chess** by PSCF's Dan Heisman is his third book published. It starts by presenting some evidence as to why children should play chess and goes through tournament etiquette and special issues for moms. This does not contain strategy for games, nor does it contain games. However, it could be a very important book for all those who bring players to events, whether they are rated or not. It retails for \$14.95, and is worth much more than that, from Russell Enterprises, 234 Depot Rd; Milford CT 06460. You can also get it from [www.ChessCafe.com](http://www.ChessCafe.com).

Hanon Russell, of Russell Enterprises and ChessCafe, also put out the **2003 International Chess Calendar**. The calendar for 2003 again leaves my name out on October 2nd, but there is always hope. (Dan Heisman is listed among the notables for July 8. -NB) The only player I recognized of the four on my birthdate was Jonathan Speelman (Mahatma Gandhi also has that date, but I understand his game of chess was not too hot.) This retails for \$9.95.

Two books that go together are Bob Lincoln's **More Fun With Chess Miniatures** (\$12.95) and **Still More Fun With Chess Miniatures** (\$17.00). Bob set up a table at the US Open in Cherry Hill, offering a discount to any who could solve a puzzle he put on a display board. Very few could solve them. (I got one answer by looking at the book it came from! Okay, so I cheated, but I wasn't eligible to win anything anyway. I did not give anyone else the answers, either.) Here is puzzle #262: W: Kc8, Rc7, Bd4, Qa1; B: Ka8, Rc6, Rc5, with White to move. This is a bit different from the others, as White picks up material more than gets a mate immediately. Many of these puzzles were composed by Bob himself. Available from American Press Inc., Wall NJ (732-528-3750), the author at 2 Cambridge Ct, Little Egg Harbor NJ 08087, or from USCF.

Before getting to reviews of the following, a correction needs be made. Cardogan Chess has changed its name to Everyman Chess. They are based in Great Britain (Gloucester Mansions, 140a Shaftesbury Ave, London WC2H 8HD, United Kingdom. Dan Addelman is the contact person for the United States. While Everyman Chess is the publisher, their books are distributed in the U.S. by Globe Pequot Press, Guilford CT 06437. The following new books are from Everyman Chess (not

from Globe Pequot, although they are being distributed by G.P.)

**concise chess endings** is by Neil McDonald. When I first looked at this, I was struck by something completely outside of the material. This book, itself, is concise, measuring about 8cm by 8 cm! A concise book about concise chess endings! It retails for \$15.95. McDonald starts off looking at Pawn endings, minor piece endings, then queen/rook endings. Complex and difficult endgames are examined, and he even looks at endings without Pawns in them. This book is designed to fit into one's pocket (thus its size). It is easy to read, filled with diagrams, and worth getting. Recommended for semi-serious players and up.

Jacob Aagaard has another chess book out, **queen's Indian defense**, retailing for \$19.95. 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nf3 b6 is a very popular opening, especially at the club levels. Games up through 2001 are examined here. Aagaard splits his study into two main areas: White plays without g2-g3 and White does play g2-g3. Twelve lines get examined. This was a bit above my level, but I did find the text easy to read and the material easy to follow. (Remember my old saying: I stop reading a chess article when I see 1 ... ) Recommended for under 1900 or so, as players above this level will probably know most of this material already.

**test your endgame thinking** by Glenn Flear is more my type. It also retails for \$19.95, and consists of positions to be examined. Often, the reader is asked to improve on the play being shown. In some cases, Flear uses his own games to illustrate where play could be improved. The second half of the book is the meat of this text, where explanations and analyses are given. This book can be read by any literate player, and all of us can get something out of it.

Chris Ward's **starting out: the nimzo-indian**, is the sixth volume in Everyman's "Starting out:" series. It meshes well with the others. It's even a bit less expensive (\$16.95). This is a basic level book for someone who wishes to study and learn a good system against 1 d4. I also enjoyed the graphics, using a light bulb for an idea to consider and the skull/crossbones for warnings! If you want a good system to learn, you won't go wrong with this book.

sivideo.com (no, that's Special Interests, not Sports Illustrated) has reissued a very good program for all chess players called Pro Chess: the **Video Chess Mentor**, starring Yasser Seirawan. This originally came out in 1987 on 2 VHS cassettes, and is now available as a DVD program. There are many local connections to us, as it was shot in Philly (at 7th and Snyder) and our own Dave Gertler is the associate editor of it. I enjoyed going through it, and made a few comments to myself. First of all, the material is quite good for all levels, and I learned a few things that I can actually put to good usage immediately. More advanced players may not know all the terminology used, so they can also learn. I did have some problems maneuvering through the program, but finally figured out that using the up and down arrows took me forward and backwards. The section on elementary checkmates was best for me; there are sections on Basic Principles, Pawns and structures, tactics, and advantage-disadvantages in force, space, and time. This DVD retails for \$39.95, which seems a bit high today, but for almost 4 hours of Yaz, that isn't really too high. It's available from sivideo.com, chesscafe.com, and the USCF among other places. If you want four hours of lessons, get this.

## Paul Sherr, the Good Man

By Martin Simsak and Neil Brennen

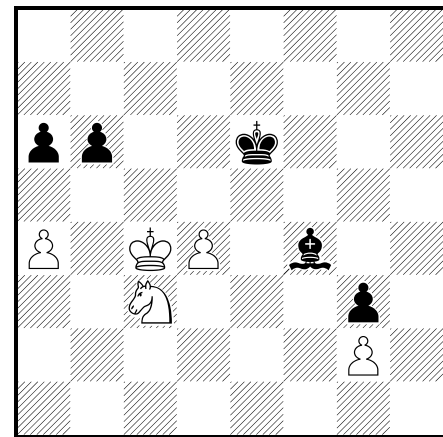
Some people you respect for their chess, and some you respect for themselves. Paul Sherr was a little of both.

Paul started playing at the Allentown Chess Club in the 1940's. While he was never the strongest player, he had his moments, and you always had to respect him. During his thirty years playing in the Lehigh Valley he took a number of games from players like NM Bruce Alberston, former PA Champion Thomas Gutekunst, and, now and then, myself.

### Paul Sherr – Martin Simsak [D46]

Lehigh Valley Open, 1959

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.e3 e6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 h6 14.Rfe1 Be6 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.b4 Bb8 17.Bf5 Qd5 18.Bxe6 Nxe6 19.Qc4 Qh5 20.Re4 Ng5 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.h3 g4 24.hxg4 Qxg4 25.Re1 Rxe1+ 26.Nxe1 Qe4 27.Qc3 Qe2 28.Qe3 Qxe3 29.fxe3 f5 30.Nd3 Kf7 31.Kf2 b6 32.Ke2 g5 33.e4 fxe4 34.Nf2 Ke6 35.Nxe4 Kf5 36.Kf3 g4+ 37.Ke3 Bf4+ 38.Kd3 g3 39.Nc3 Bc7 40.b5 cxb5 41.Nxb5 Bb8 42.a4 a6 43.Nc3 Ke6 44.Kc4 Bf4



45.Nd5 Bb8? According to USCF Senior Master Bruce Alberston, this was the losing move. I should have played 45...b5+ 46.axb5 axb5+ 47.Kc5 Bd6+ 48.Kc6 b4 49.Ne3 b3 50.d5+ Ke7 51.Nc4 and White should be able to draw the game.(51.Nf5+? Kf8! and the Knight can't get back in time to stop the b-pawn.) 46.Nxb6 Kf5 47.Kd5 Kf4 48.Nc4 Kf5 49.Kc6 Ke4 50.d5 Kd4 51.d6 Bxd6 52.Nxd6 Ke5 53.Kc5 a5 54.Nc4+ Ke4 55.Nxa5 Ke3 56.Nc4+ Kf2 57.Kd4 Kxg2 58.Ne3+ Kf3 59.a5 1-0

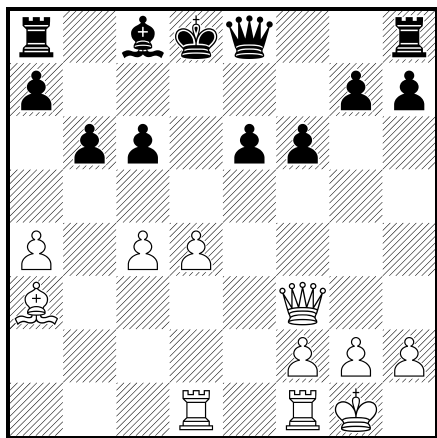
But it's not just for his chess that I remember Paul Sherr, but for other reasons as well. Bruce Alberston, in his obituary of Sherr in the Spring 1973 *Overboard Chess Magazine*, described him as a kind man. This is true, but now I can give examples of this kindness.

At the Allentown Chess Club in the late 1940's one of the regular players was the Reverend William Harris. His middle name was Schuler, and like other men of the cloth, he sometimes played chess under his middle name as a disguise. And he was a strong player, even though he was in his 80's by then, and was busy writing and publishing religious books and sermons.

### Martin Simsak- William Shuler Harris [D16]

Lehigh Valley Open, 25.01.1946

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.a4 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.e4 Bb4 7.Bxc4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Nxe4 9.Qd3 Nd6 10.Ba3 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Qd5 12.Qb4 Qd7 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.Nc4 Na6 15.Nd6+ Kd8 16.Qb3 b6 17.0-0 Qd7 18.c4 Nc7 19.Qf3 f6 20.Rad1 Ne8 21.Nxe8 Qxe8



I was never bothered by being down a pawn, because then the other fellow has to defend it. Here, I needed to open up the game so my attack could break through. **22.d5 Kc7 23.Qg3+ e5 24.Qxg7+ Bd7 25.dxc6 Kxc6 26.Rd6+ Kc7 27.Rfd1 Rd8 28.h3 Rg8 29.Rxd7+ Rxd7 30.Rxd7+ Qxd7 31.Qxg8 Qd1+ 32.Kh2 Qxa4 33.Qxh7+ Kc6 34.Qe4+ Kc7 35.Qd3 Qc6 36.h4 e4 37.Qd5 Qe8 38.Bd6+ Kc8 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.Qxe8+ Kxe8 41.Bb8 a6 42.Bc7 b5 43.cxb5 axb5 44.Bd6 Kd7 45.Bb4 Kc6 46.Kg3 1-0**

Eventually, in the late 1950's, Rev. Harris passed away. The Allentown Chess Club members missed him at our weekly meetings. This prompted Paul Sherr to come up with the idea of having a painting done of the late Rev. Harris. Sherr, who was a roofing contractor by profession, paid for the portrait, and donated it to the Allentown Chess Club, where it was displayed for many years.

What makes this more than a nice story is the background of the two men. The Reverend Harris was, of course, a Christian. Paul Sherr was Jewish, and took his faith seriously. Also, Sherr had to work with his hands and his back for the money for the oil painting, fixing the roofs of homes and businesses. This was not a man whose money worked for him, but who worked for his money. Once, I asked Sherr how he got his business, and he held up his fist - Sherr knocked on doors of likely customers.

This wasn't the only act of kindness shown by Paul. I found out about another one from the recipient, Tom Gutekunst.

Just after World War II, Tom was trying to buy a house in Allentown, and having a hard time getting a loan. It was a lot harder to get a mortgage at that time than it is now. The interest rates were a lot higher, and Tom hadn't been in the service, and didn't have the GI Bill to help him.

But Tom eventually got the money together and purchased a house. One day at the Allentown Chess Club Tom and I were discussing his new home, and I asked him where he got the money for it.

"Paul Sherr", he said "made me a loan at no interest." He said this quietly, as he didn't want it to be overheard. "What sort of Jewish businessman loans out money at no interest?" he added.

And yet, despite the significant differences in their beliefs about God, Sherr spent his hard earned money to have a painting done of Reverend Harris, and then presented it to the Allentown Chess Club, and made a no interest loan to Tom Gutekunst. With all the talk nowadays about prejudice and racism, I remember the stories of

Reverend Harris, Tom Gutekunst, and Paul Sherr, and remind myself that when it comes to chess, maybe the differences between us are not as important as the similarities.

## ALEX'S COLUMN By Alex Dunne

### SLOW MOTION RAPID DEVELOPMENT

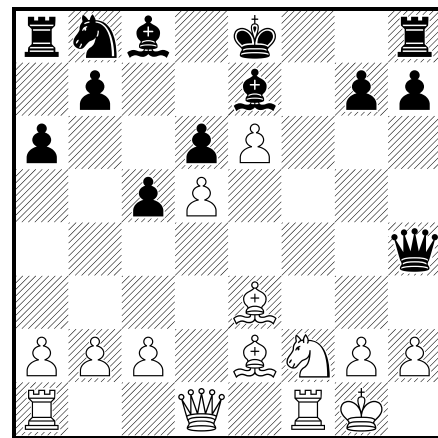
When Black elects a variation that retards the development of his queenside, White realizes that he can overwhelm Black on the kingside -- if he can develop his kingside pieces, but that's not so easy a task.

**Alex Dunne - S. Vyas (2029) [A44]**

Rochester (4), 10.2002

**1.d4 c5 2.d5 d6 3.e4 e5 4.f4** This is an unusual variation, but not a bad one. Black should now cede e5 so that he can fight to regain it -- 4...exf4 6. Bxf4 Ne7! followed by ...Ng6 and ...Nd7 with a complicated battle for the e5 square. **4...f5?!** Black responds to the unusual variation with an idea based on King's Gambit positions -- 5. fxe5? Qh4+ is troublesome -- but soon finds himself in deep trouble. **5.Nc3 Nf6 6.fxe5 Nxe4 7.Nxe4 fxe4 8.e6** And so the theme of the rest of the game is decided: Black will have a problem with his queenside. White has to attack on the kingside. **8...Qf6 9.Nh3!** The first step: 9. Bb5+ Kd8 is superficial: the King hides behind a lot of Pawns. Now the threat is 10. Bb5+ Ke7; 11. Bg5. **9...a6 10.Be2** This slow development threatens faster play by Rf1. Black prevents this, but White's play grows stronger. **10...Qh4+ 11.Nf2 e3** Shedding a Pawn that must go anyway to find an escape route for the Queen to b4 if necessary, but Black remains behind in development.

**12.Bxe3 Be7 13.0-0**



**13...0-0** At last, safety! -- but this illusion is quickly dispelled. White is nearly completely mobilized and those queenside pieces of Black's...pitiful! **14.Ng4!** Anticipating 14...Rxf1+ 15. Qxf1 with mating threats and 16. g3 winning the Queen. **14...Bxe6** It's all over now. White has only to be exact. **15.Rxf8+ Bxf8 16.dxe6 Nc6 17.Qf1 Be7 18.g3 1-0** -- the Black Queen goes after 18...Qh5 19. Nf6+ **1-0**

## Chess in Centuries Past - by Ross Nickel

On Monday, January 2, 1950, at 2 PM, Samuel Reshevsky gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Germantown YMCA in Philadelphia. He was 39 at the time and the premier player in the United States. The entrance fee was one dollar.

The simul was held in a large room and, according to the *PSCF*



*Bulletin* for January 1950, Reshevsky played 72 opponents. He only lost three games. I was one of the players who lost to Reshevsky, along with several others from my local chess club.

Reshevsky played White on all boards. A rumor circulated before he started that if Reshevsky sized up his opponent to be a duffer, he would open with 1.e4. He actually opened with four different moves in the simul: e4, d4, c4, and Nf3. When he came to my father, Art Nickel, Reshevsky looked at him, and then played 1.e4. This was a humiliating but accurate assessment; my father learned the game late in life.

Reshevsky opened 1.c4 against another of our club members and as the games progressed it developed that the exact same position was happening on another board across the room. So this fellow would run over to see how Reshevsky would move in this situation, and then hurry back to his board. It is nice to know how your opponent will answer your move. However, this ended when Reshevsky made a different move than he had in the game across the room.

We had some idea of Reshevsky's ability from a flyer he had produced for promotional purposes. On one side was a photograph of him at a chessboard, with space for advertising the simul. The other side had a brief biography and one of Reshevsky's games. The game chosen was a curious selection, as it was atypical of his play. It featured multiple sacrifices in a tactical melee rather than the positional style for which Reshevsky was known:

**Samuel Reshevsky - A. Vasconcellos [C02]**

US Open, 1944

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 Nd7 5.Nf3 Bxc5 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bf4 Qc7 9.Nc3 a6 10.Re1 Qb6 11.Bg3 Qxb2 12.Nxd5 exd5 13.Rb1 Qa3 14.e6 Nf6 15.exf7+ Kxf7 16.Bh4 Nb4 17.Ne5+ Kf8 18.Bxf6 Nxd3 19.Bxg7+ Kxg7 20.Rxb7+ Be7 21.Qh5 Rf8 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Ng6+ hxg6 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Rbx7 1-0

When I was growing up in the 1940's and 1950's, youngsters were a rarity in organized chess in the US. Many high schools had chess clubs, but below that age there was nothing. Hence the mindset of youth about chess players was not a flattering one. That was the atmosphere when I played Reshevsky in this simul.

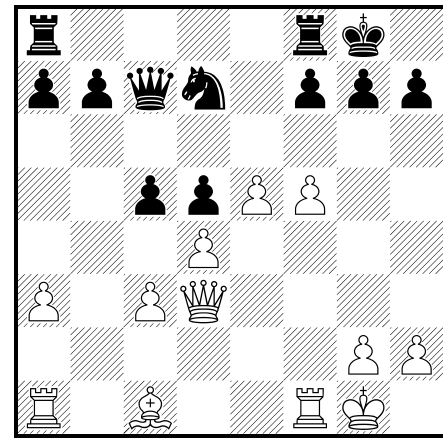
I was in Junior High School and it just so happened that I frequented the Germantown YMCA for organized activities on Friday nights and Saturday. I knew the other boys from my school at the YMCA, and I knew also they would sniff out this event. I was seated across from the entrance into the room the simul was held in, and I was prepared to duck underneath the table as soon as they showed up. And they did show up to check out the simul, but they spotted me first, so I could do nothing but feebly wave to them, knowing full well that playing in the simul would not enhance my reputation. Sure enough, in homeroom on the next day back to school, I heard someone say from the back of the room, "Nickel is a pixie" - meaning that I was an effeminate sissy. I knew I was in for some ribbing.

My game with Reshevsky is below, and has never been published before. It may be of some interest to see how Reshevsky wins a pawn and then methodically converts it into an endgame win while avoiding undue risk.

**Samuel Reshevsky - Ross Nickel [E24]**

Simul, Germantown YMCA, 02.01.1950

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 d5 6.e3 0-0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 c6 9.Ne2 Bg4 10.f3 Bh5 11.0-0 Bg6 12.Ng3 Nbd7 13.e4 Nh5 14.Nxh5 Bxh5 15.e5 Qc7 16.Qc2 Bg6 17.f4 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 c5 19.f5



19...f6 20.e6 Nb6 21.Bf4 Qc6 22.Rae1 Rfe8 23.Rf3 Rac8 24.Rh3 cxd4 25.cxd4 Qc2 26.Qxc2 Rxc2 27.Rb3 Rc4 28.Rd1 g6 29.g4 Rec8 30.Bd6 Rc1 31.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 32.Kf2 Rc6 33.Be5 Kg7 34.a4 Rc7 35.Bxb6 axb6 36.Rxb6 Kf8 37.Rd6 g5 38.Rxd5 Rc2+ 39.Ke3 Rc3+ 40.Ke4 1-0

The Pennswoodpusher is honored to publish the following poem by PSCF member Gerry Meisenhelder, the "poet-laureate of York".

**Doubled Rooks By Gerry Meisenhelder**

When the angel asked  
Where would you like to be?  
One wish and never cry mistake  
Why did he say Dachau?  
Playing chess in Dachau  
Dirty pieces of paper  
Folded to stand up.  
Marked as King and Queen  
Bishop and Knight.  
The same rules applying here  
As in the Luxembourg Gardens  
As in Washington Square.  
All the evil, all the degradation  
Cannot touch the powers  
Of the doubled rooks.

**POSTAL POTPOURRI - By John Caliguire**

Welcome to another mixed bag of tidbits this time around. First up, congratulations to the US Correspondence team making it to the finals in the ICCF e-mail chess olympiad!!

Second is an interesting match that has recently begun, pitting an all correspondence chess league (CCLA) vs an international Internet gamesite (GameKnot) of 16 boards played at the site with a time limit of 7 days per move with time NOT accumulated. Also of interest is that all games may be viewed in progress with a 3 move delay. So all those who are interested please stop in and take a look as it is (to me at least) a first of its kind match.....maybe USChessLive will play its fellow USCF email postalites in a similar match someday!?!?

Third is the PA Postal championship and the new e-mail championship. I encourage all Pennsylvania correspondence and e-mail players to join and make this one of the strongest events in the US. We can do it but how do we get THE STRONGEST players to play, as well as all classes of players? I have played in several of these and

for the entry fees the prizes are great! As for the stronger players where are YOU?? What is needed to get us out there to play? I think if there was as a prize a spot in the US CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS for the winner and instead of the 4 place prizes break them up for class prizes? What do you think out there postal players?

Well enough of me on my soap box but I would like to thank you all for reading this and please let us all know how to improve our correspondence chess participation. I am I am sure Ira would love to hear from all of you. Until next time.....

**Current PA Correspondence Tournaments**

T.D.: Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, results current as of 10/29/02

Section 1997PA-F

Mike Holsinger	1742	xxx	F-F	F-F	U-U	0.0
John Caliguire	1785	W-W	xxx	L--	U-U	2.0
Gardner Johnson	1959	W-W	W--	xxx	U-U	3.0
G. J. Stueber	2104	U-U	U-U	U-U	xxx	0.0

Section 1998PA-F

John Caliguire	2003	xxx	W--	D-D	2.0
Gardner Johnson	2107	L--	xxx	F-F	0.0
Alex Mathiopoulos	2078	D-D	X-X	xxx	3.0

Section 1999PA-3

Wm. Nast, Jr.	1676	xxx	L-D	---	L-L
David Williams	1684	W-D	xxx	W-W	L-L
James Sanderlin	1426	---	L-L	xxx	L-L
GARDNER JOHNSON	2107	W-W	W-W	W-W	xxx

Section 2000PA-F

John Caliguire	2003	xxx	L-x	W-W	W-W	4.0
Gardner Johnson	2107	W-x	xxx	W-W	W-W	5.0
Mike Holsinger	1803	L-L	L-L	xxx	x-x	0.0
Eric Crumb	UNR	L-L	L-L	x-x	xxx	0.0

Section 2001PA-1

Greg Borek	1983	---	L-L	W-W	L-L	2.0
John Caliguire	1870	W-W	---	W-W	L-L	4.0
Jeremy Domingo	UNR	L-L	L-L	---	L-L	0.0
GARDNER JOHNSON	2107	W-W	W-W	W-W	---	6.0

Section 2001PA-2

Greg Borek	1983	---	L-L	L-L	x-x	0.0
Gardner Johnson	2107	W-W	---	L-x	x-x	2.0
Brad Parker	UNR	W-W	W-x	---	W-L	4.0
Luis R. Gilces	UNR	x-x	x-x	L-W	---	2.0

FROM THE CCLA-GAMKNOT MATCH:

Florin Serbin-John Caliguire

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e5 Ng8 6. Be3 b6 7. Qg4 g6 8. h4 h5 9. Qg3 Ba6 10. Bxa6 Black to move

John Caliguire-Florin Serbin

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. Nge2 Nf6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Nc6 6. O-O Bg7 7. Nd5 e6 8. Ne3 O-O 9. d4 Qc7 10. d5 exd5 11. exd5 Ne7 12. Nc3 Black to move

Board number; GameKnot player; CCLA player, score

- 01. Alex Brunetti - Eugene Fisher
- 02. Manuel Carvalho - Robert Chalker
- 03. Soren Ottesen - John Mingos
- 04. Chris Sergel - John Vehre
- 05. Farhad Ghorani - Leonid Gleyzer
- 06. Florin Serban -John Caliguire
- 07. "Karl" - Glen Shields
- 08. Howard Loomis -Peter Joseph
- 09. Peter Sjoroos - Les Weiss
- 10. Mark Sanders - Volker Jeschonnek 0-0  
(games annulled due to death of Mark Sanders)
- 11. Luciano de Abreu - Richard Vandenburg
- 12. Vlad Vilenchick - John Myatt 1-0

- 13. "Christian" - Sheldon Rothman
- 14. Carlos A. L. Costa - Bill Glassmire
- 15. Daniel Fuchs - Jerry Benner
- 16. "Greg" - Clark Mayo 1-0

GameKnot 2, CCLA 0

<http://www.geocities.com/reddorg2000/CCLAGameKnot.html>

**2003 Pennsylvania Postal Championship Tournament And 2003 Pennsylvania E-Mail Championship Tournament**

Two groups: e-mail and postal tournaments. Entry Fee: \$20 by 2/15/03 Send to: Dr. Ira Lee Riddle; 400 Newtown Road; Warminster PA 18974-5208 Include: Name, address, telephone number, USCF OTB (or equivalent) and correspondence ratings, which section(s) you wish to play in, USCF ID number, e-mail address if you wish to play in the e-mail section You may enter more than one section. I will try to avoid pairing you against the same people as much as possible. Format will depend on number of entries, but will likely be a double quad type of tournament, by ratings. Winners will advance to the finals. USCF Postal rules apply. You must maintain USCF and PSCF membership throughout your games.

**GAMES BY PSCF MEMBERS**

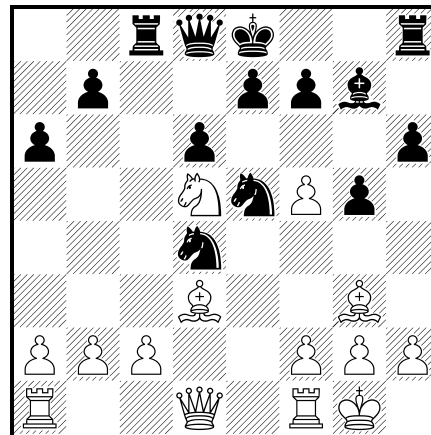
Our former PSCF Champion Stanislav (Stas) Kriventsov scored an IM norm in the recent Aronow Invitational in Philadelphia, and was due to be rewarded with the IM title at the FIDE Congress in Bled this October. *The Pennswoodpusher* is honored to publish annotations to a key game in Stas' hunt for the title..

**Stanislav Kriventsov - O. Adu [B90]**

Richard Aronow Invitational Philadelphia (3), 2002

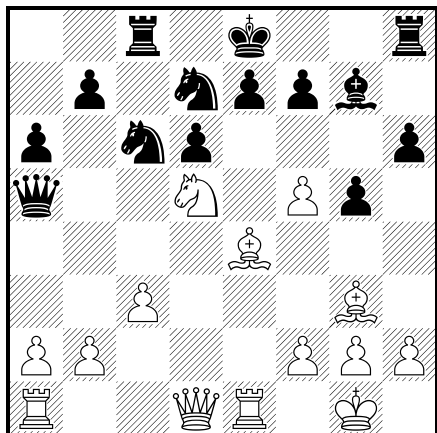
*Notes by IM-elect Stanislav Kriventsov*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bg7 10.Be2 Ne5 10...h5** is the main theoretical move. **11.0-0 Nbc6 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.exf5 Nd4 14.Bd3** Of course not **14. Qxd4?? Nf3+! 14...Rc8** The previously tested **14. ... Nxd3**, getting rid of the dangerous white bishop, is safer. **15.Nd5!**



**15...Qa5?** The point of White's move was that after **15. ... Nxd3 16. Qxd3** Black cannot take on c2 because of **16. ... Rxc2 17. f6** or **16. ... Nxc2 17. Rac1 Nd4 18. f6**, winning the knight. Black

would have to play 16. ... Be5 17. c3 Nc6 18. Rfe1, where White is slightly better. Still, it was the right way to go. Now White's Bishops really start working. **16.Be4 Ndc6 17.c3** 17. f6!?, breaking up black's pawns, was interesting. **17...Nd7 18.Re1**



**18...Kf8?** Either 18. ... Be5 or 18. ... Nce5 was necessary. Now white can break through. **19.Nxe7! Nxe7** Forced, as 19. ... Kxe7? 20. Bxc6+ is bad. **20.Bxb7 Ne5** After 20. ... Rd8 21. Rxe7! Ne5! (21. ... Kxe7? 22. Qxd6+ Ke8 23. Re1+ Be5 24.Bc6) 22. Bxe5 Bxe5 23. f6 Bxf6 24. Re2 Black is still in the game, so it might have been best. **21.f6!** White is winning. **21...Rd8 22.fxg7+ Kxg7 23.Qe2 N7g6 24.Qxa6 Qc7 25.Bd5 Nf4 26.Bxf4 gxf4 27.Qa4 f3 28.Bxf3 Rb8 29.Re2 Nc4 30.b3 Ne5 31.Qd4 Rhc8 32.c4 Qe7 33.Bd5 Qf6** With the last threat of 34. ... Nf3+. **34.Rd1 1-0**

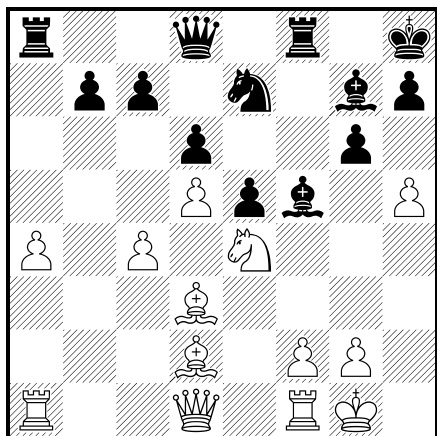
The following exciting game from the US Open in Cherry Hill, NJ, was taken from *Georgia Chess*, the magazine of the Georgia Chess Association. We thank *Georgia Chess* Editor Daniel Lucas and Games Editor Dr. Richard Long for permission to reprint the annotations.

**Rodion Rubenchik (2342) - Xio Cheng (1995) [E97]**

U.S. Open 2002, 1500

Notes by Richard Long, from Georgia Chess

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 Nd7 10.b4 a5 11.bxa5 f5 12.a4 Rxa5 13.Ba3 fxe4 [13...Ra8 14.Re1 Bh6=] 14.Ncxe4 Nf6 15.Bb4 Ra8 16.Nxf6+ Rxf6 17.Ne4 Rf4 18.Bd3 Kh8** Black hopes to get the Knight to f6 via g8. **19.Bd2 Rf8 20.h4 Bf5 21.h5**



**21...c6** [21...Qc8 to prevent g4 22.a5 Ng8 23.Re1 gxh5 24.Qxh5 Nf6 25.Qh4 (25.Nxf6?! Bxd3<sup>3</sup>) 25...Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxe4 27.Qxe4

Rf6<sup>2</sup> and with less material, Black's defense is easier.] **22.g4 Bxe4 23.Bxe4 cxd5 24.cxd5 gxh5 25.g5 Qe8 26.Ra3 Nf5 27.a5 Qg6** blocks the g Pawn from advancing, but moves the Queen into a pin. **28.Rh3 Bf6?! [28...h4 29.Rxh4 Kg8 is better but still difficult for Black.; 28...Kg8 29.Qxh5 Rf7 30.Rb1 Rc8 31.Qxg6 hxg6 32.Rb6+-] 29.Qxh5 Qxh5 30.Rxh5 Bd8 31.g6 Ng7 32.Rxh7+ Kg8 33.Rb1 b6 34.axb6 Rb8 35.b7 Re8 36.Rb3 Re7 37.Rbh3 1-0**

"The female of the species is more deadly than the male." Erica McLaughlin, age 13, proves Kipling's phrase true in the following encounter from the Main Line Chess Club. Realizing ladies shouldn't take pawns from strange men, Ms. McLaughlin declines the Smith-Morra, and more or less trades to a better ending.

**Neal Oberholtzer (2073) - Erica McLaughlin (1558) [B22]**

Mainline Chess Club Swiss MLCC (5), 17.09.2000

**1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.cxd4 d6 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 dxe5 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Bb5 exd4 10.cxd4 Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.Qc4 e6 13.Bd2 Nc6 14.Nf3 Rd8 15.Bc3 Be7 16.0-0 0-0 17.Rfd1 Bf6 18.h3 h6 19.Rab1 Rc8 20.Qb5 Rc7 21.Qe2 Rd8 22.Ba1 Qe7 23.Ne5 b6 24.f4 Nb4 25.Rd2 Nd5 26.Qf3 Rdc8 27.Rbd1 Rc2 28.Bb2 Qb4 29.Ba3 Qa5 30.Rxc2 Rxc2 31.f5 exf5 32.Nd7 Rc3 33.Nxf6+ Nxf6 34.Rd3 Ne4 35.Kh2 Qxa3 0-1**

Continuing our youth theme, our Harrisburg correspondent 15 year old Seth Friederich writes, "I was taught by my dad how to play when I was 6 years old and then Rob Billingham, who I met at church, brought me to chess club one time, I loved it, and he started to teach me.... [it] was about 3 years ago that I started to play seriously. I play chess usually every Tuesday nights and Saturday mornings at the Harrisburg East Shore Chess Club. I have also recently started to do individual lessons with a couple kids at a York chess club."

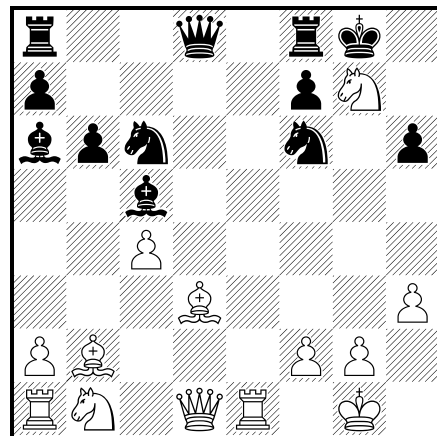
Mr. Friederich, unofficially #87 in the country among 15 year olds, asked the Editor for assistance in annotating his win. Despite the Editor being involved in the annotation, *Pennswoodpusher* readers should enjoy the game.

**Robert Billingham - Seth Friederich [C01]**

Harrisburg Open, 02.10.2002

Notes by Seth Friederich and Neil Brennen

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.h3 0-0 7.0-0 h6 8.Re1 b6 9.b3 c5 10.Bb2 Ba6 11.c4 dxc4 12.bxc4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bc5 14.Nf5 Nc6 15.Nxg7**



**15...Bxc4** Taking the Knight draws: **15...Kxg7 16.Qg4+ Kh8**

17.Qf4; 15...Nb4 is better. **16.Qf3** What I had looked at for white mainly was taking the bishop but black has a number of choices in that position, for example maybe 16.Bxc4 Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Kxg7 and although I really don't like black's position as his pawns are isolated and white's bishops are obviously quite menacing, it is defensible. Black must play his rook to d8 and play Bd4 to remove the pin.; So over all, not taking the bishop as white did is probably preferable as it leaves white with many attacking chances. Perhaps 16 Nh5 would have offered white better possibilities. If black takes, 16.Nh5 Nxf5 17.Qxh5 then I think (17.Bxc4 and; 17.Qg4+ are equal. -Brennen) 17...Bxd3 18.Qxh6 f6 19.Rd1 Rf7 ... Hmm, well ok maybe Nh5 isn't so great.; But maybe, just maybe white could get away with 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nh5 Qxa1 (17...Qxf2+ 18.Kh1 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Qxe1+ ... Hmm, never mind.) **16...Bd4 17.Qg3 Qb8 18.Bxd4 Qxg3 19.fxg3 Nxd4 20.Nf5 Bxd3 21.Nxd4 Ne4 22.Re3 Bxb1 23.Rxb1 Nc5 24.Rbe1 Rfd8 25.Nf5 h5 26.Re7 Kf8 27.Nh6 Rd7 28.R7e5?? 28.Rxd7 Nxd7 29.Rf1** and White is better. **28...Nd3 29.Rxh5?** Better was 29.Rg5! threatening mate. 29...Nxe1 (29...Ne5 30.Rexe5 Rd1+ 31.Kh2 Rh1+ 32.Kxh1 f6 33.Rg8#) 30.Rg8+ Ke7 31.Rxa8 and Black is better but it's still a game. **29...Nxe1 30.Nf5 Kg8 31.Rg5+ Kh7 32.Rg7+ Kh8 33.Rg5 f6 34.Rh5+ Rh7 35.Nh6 Rf8 0-1**

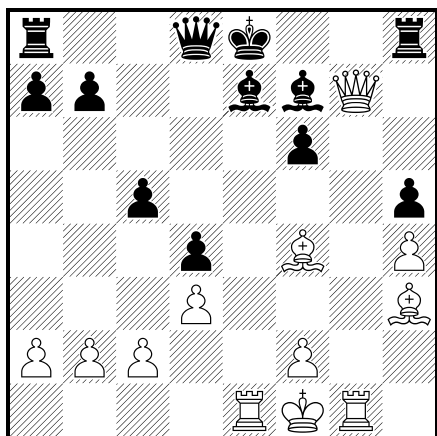
The 1983 USCF Absolute Champion and young at heart Robert Hux shows in the following two games that he doesn't need postage stamps or three days to find good moves.

**Robert Messinger - Robert Hux [D32]**

Vermont Open (5), 2002  
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 exd5 7.Qxd5 Bd7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bc5 10.e3 Qe7 11.Bd3 0-0 12.0-0 Rfd8 13.Qe2 Bg4 14.Rd1 Ne5 15.Bc2 Nxf3+ 16.gxf3 Bh3 17.e4 Rxd1+ 18.Bxd1 Rd8 19.Bf4 Nh5 20.Bg3 Nfg3 21.hxg3 Qg5 22.Kh2 Qh6 23.Qe1 Rd2 24.Be2 Rxe2 25.Nxe2 Bg4+ 26.Kg2 Qh3+ 0-1

**Robert Hux - L. Williams [B20]**

Vermont Open (2), 2002 *Notes by Robert Hux*  
 1.e4 c5 2.g3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bg2 Qe6+ 6.Kf1 Nf6 7.h3 Bh5 8.d3 Nc6 9.Nc3 Qd7 10.Bf4 e6 11.g4 Bg6 12.g5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qe2+ Be7 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Rd8 17.Re1 f6 18.gxf6 gxf6 19.Qe3 Bf7 20.h4 d4 21.Qe2 Ra8 22.Bh3 Qd8 23.Rg1 h5 24.Qe4 Bd5 25.Qg6+ Bf7 26.Qg7



**26...Rf8 26...Rg8 27.Qxg8+ Bxg8 28.Rxg8+ Kf7 29.Be6# 27.Bh6 1-0**

**The Heisman-Fleischer Match**

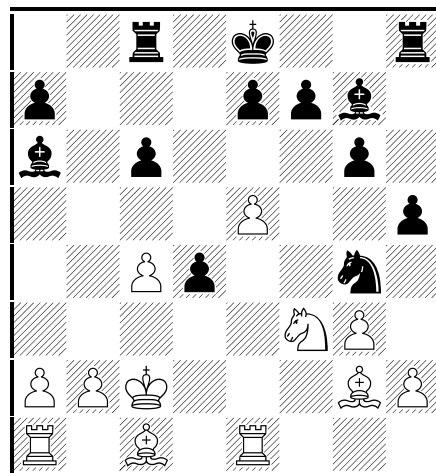
By Dan Heisman

Over the summer FM Peter Fleischer and I played an 8-game unrated match. The time limit was rather quick at G/70 with a five second time delay (about 3 times faster than the World Open), but is standard for our Tuesday night Main Line Chess Club, where players have work the next morning and don't wish to play until 1 AM. As the two highest rated players in the club, this gave us each a chance to play against strong opposition for several weeks.

Peter won the match 5-3. I had my chances, but his win was deserved. One thing I could pretty much count upon was that Peter would play a different opening or line in each game, so while I studied my losses it would not be easy to "improve" in future games. Below I annotate (with help from my friend Fritz) my only win and a game where Peter won due to some terrific defense, which is his strength.

**FM Peter Fleischer - NM Dan Heisman (2224) [A04]**

Main Line CC Match G/75 (5), 09.07.2002  
**1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.d4** This move is aimed at stopping ...e5 with a Botvinnik setup, which Peter knows I like. **cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6** I even considered 4...Qb6 here. **5.Nxc6 5...bxc6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.c4 h5** When I made this move I smiled at Peter and he smiled, too, since this is the type of thing he always plays against me in similar positions! **8.Nc3 Nh6 9.Qd2** Obviously signaling his intention to play b3 and Bb2, so **9...Qa5** Now I expected 10.a3 ...b4 **10.Ne4** Not best; possible are 10.h3 10.Qc2 or even 10.e4 **10...Qxd2+!** I almost played... 10...Qb6 when one line runs 11.c5 Qb5 12.a4 Qc4 **11.Kxd2?** No one loses a game without a mistake and this is it. After the game I asked Peter what happened and he said that he was surprised I traded Queens (he is the better endgame player!) so he had not expected this. <sup>1</sup>11.Nxd2, e.g. Nf5 12.e3 Rb8 13.Rb1 c5] **11...Ba6 12.Kd3?** [but not saving the pawn is 12.c5 f5 13.Nc3 Bd4μ] **12...d5+ 13.Nd2 Ng4** with the double threat of ...Nxf2 and ...Ne5+, so Black is winning a pawn. **14.Kc2 Nxf2 15.Re1 Ng4 16.e4!** White's best chance. **16...d4 17.e5 Rc8 18.Nf3**



**c5?** Much better is 18...Bxc4 19.h3 (19.Nxd4 Nxe5+ ) 19...Nf2 (19...Bd5 20.hxg4 hxg4 21.Nh4 Rxh4 22.gxh4 Bxg2 23.Kd3 c5 24.Bf4 Bd5) 20.Nxd4 h4 21.Bf4 Bd5 22.Bf1 hxg3 23.Bxg3 Nxf3 24.b3 Ng5 25.Rad1 Ne4 and Black is winning] **19.b3?** Missing his chance - he can get back in the game with 19.h3μ: A) 19...Nh6 20.Kd3 Bb7 21.Rb1 a5 22.Bf4 Nf5 23.a3 or B) 19...Nf2 20.Nd2 Bh6 21.e6 fxe6 22.Rxe6 d3+ 23.Kb1 Bxd2 24.Rxa6

**19...Bb7**—+ Now Peter thought for a long time, getting into time trouble. During this match time trouble was a big factor due to the time limit. **20. Bf4 Bxf3** [even easier is 20...Nxb2—+] **21.Bxf3 Nxb2 22.Bb7 Rc7 23.Ba6 e6** [23...g5—+] **24.Re2 Ng4 25.Bb5+ Kf8 26.Rd1 Bh6 27.Rd3 a5 28.a3** White has 2:35 left; Black has 13 minutes **28...h4 29.Bxh6+** White again took his time and after this move he has only 3 seconds left, but with the five second time delay. Still, as usual, Peter manages to put up maximum resistance. **29...Rxb6 30.gxh4 Rxh4** [30...Rh5!—+ With my time running short, I did not even consider this crusher and made the recapture instantly.] **31.Rg3 Ne3+ 32.Kd3 Kg7** [32...Ke7 to keep on the side of the White potential passed pawn: “When winning, think defense first!”] **33.Rf2 Rc8 34.Rgf3 Nf5 35.Rf4 Rh3+ 36.R4f3 Rch8 37.b4 Rxf3+ 38.Rxf3 axb4 39.axb4 cxb4 40.c5 Rb8 41.Kc4** [41.Bd7 b3! 42.Rf1 Ne3 43.Rb1 Rb4 44.c6 Nd5—+] **41...Ne3+ 42.Kxb4** And now in some time trouble I play a terrific move that solves all of my problems: **Ng4!** Peter just sat and stared as his time delay and three seconds ran out...0–1

The following game clinched the at least a tie in the match for Peter. He played terrific defense to turn back my attempts to level the match at 3-3:

### NM Dan Heisman (2224) – FM Peter Fleischer [A36]

Main Line CC Unr Match G/70 TD/5 (6), 17.07.2002

**1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0–0 5.e4 c5 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.0–0 d6 8.d3 a6 9.h3 Rb8 10.a4** I have reached this position several times before. For example after 10...Bd7 11.Be3 Main Line CC Expert Jon Plaskow likes to play the rare but not bad 11...Nb4!? **Ne8** (usually the ...Ne8-c7-e6-d4 maneuver is not connected with ...Rb8) **11.Be3 Nc7 12.Qd2?!** Allowing two threats, so better was 12.d4= **12. ...Nd4** Now Black threatens both 13...Nb3 and 13...Bxh3 because 14.Bxh3?? allows 14...Nf3+ winning the Queen. **13.Ra2** At some point ...Bxd4 will be forced. **13. ...Bxh3 14.Bxd4 cxd4 14...Bxg2 15.Bxg7 Bxf1 16.Bxf8 Bxe2 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qxe2** is about even – luckily for me! **15.Bxh3 dxc3 16.bxc3!** Maybe my best move of the game –now all of Black’s break moves are dangerous for him but White threatens to gang up on the b7 pawn, so...**16... f5?! 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nd4** Also good is 18.Rb2 **18...f4 19.gxf4** The immediate 19.Qe2 is also possible with a slight edge, but I think the text is best. **19...Bh6 20.Qe2** I rejected 20.Nf5 because of 20...Rf6 and my King may be weaker than his, but actually this is an illusion, e.g. 21.Nxb6+ Rxh6 22.Kh2 e6 (22...Qf8 23.Rg1+ Kh8 24.Qe3 Rh4 25.Re2 Rxf4 26.Qb6 Na8 27.Qb2 Rf3 28.Qd2) 23.Rb2 (23.Rg1+ Kh8 24.Rb2 Qh4 25.Qe3 Rf6 26.Rg4 Qh5) 23...Qh4 24.Qe3 Rg6 25.Rfb1± (or 25.Qd4 Rg7 26.a5 Rf8 27.Rxb7 Qxf4+) **20. ...Bxf4 21.Nf5 Be5 22.f4** I also considered 22.d4, but this promises to activate the Rook on a2 **22...Bxc3!** Most players would be afraid that their Bishop would be shut out of the defense by a later d4, but Peter correctly calculates that this is not a real threat and also that his extra pawn is insurance. This is a real strength of his – he plays these defensive positions superbly.

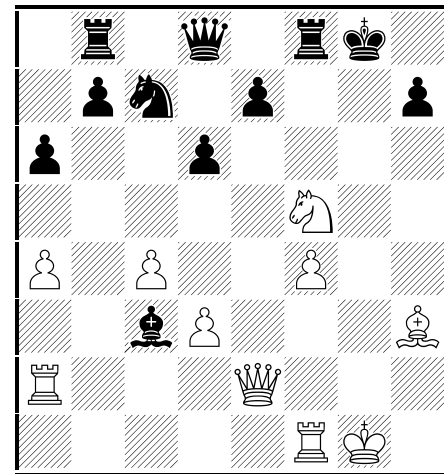
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**23.Qh5?!** Now if 23.d4 Kh8 24.Qe3 e6 25.Nxd6 Qxd6 26.Qxc3 Rf6 27.c5 Nd5 so best is 23.Qxe7! But I rejected this since I thought I had a strong attack. Turns out a good endgame would have been the best I had after Qxe7 24.Nxe7+ A) 24...Kh8 25.Rc2 Bf6 26.Nf5 d5 27.Bg2 dxc4 28.dxc4 B) 24...Kg7 25.Nf5+ Kh8 26.Nxd6 Rbd8 27.c5 b6 (27...Nd5 28.Nxb7 Rb8 29.Nd6 Nxf4) 28.cxb6 Bd4+ 29.Kh2 Bxb6 30.Nc4 Bd4; C) 24...Kf7 25.Nf5 d5 26.Kh2 (26.c5 Kf6 27.Rb1 Ne6 28.Rb6 Ba5 29.Rd6) 26...d4 (26...Kf6 27.Rc2 d4 28.Nd6) 27.Nd6+ Ke7 28.Ne4 Bb4 29.Rb2 Bd6] **23...Kh8!**<sup>13</sup> Fritz 7 says this is the only move which gives Black the advantage. Peter is tough! **24.Rg2** Nothing works. My attack point g7 is the color of his Bishop and switching to the h-file allows a defense: 24.Rh2 Qe8 25.Qxe8 Rfxe8 (25...Rbxe8 26.Re2 Rf7 27.Rb1 b6= 28.Kh2 Ba5 29.Re4=) 26.Re2 b5<sup>3</sup> **24...Qe8 25.Qh6?!** I am running out of time and ideas. Best to bail out with 25.Qxe8 Rbxe8 26.Re2 Rf7 27.Rb1 b6 28.Kh2 (28.Kg2 Ba5 29.Kf3 h5) 28...Ba5 29.Re4=: **25...Rg8 26.Nh4?** In time trouble I blunder aiming for f5 and Ng6+, but **26...Bg7!**—+ Oh no! There is no smothered mate or anything! **27.Rxg7 Rxg7+ 28.Kh2 Qf8 29.Qh5 Qf7 30.Qf3 e6 31.Qe3 b5 32.axb5 axb5 33.Qd4 bxc4 34.dxc4 Ne8** and in a hopeless position my flag fell as I was playing 35.Nf3 0–1

Congratulations to Peter. Any other masters want to come to our club to play a match with him?

## UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

**December 7. PSCF-CCP DVGP Scholastics & Open Quads.** Coffeehouse Room, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, 17th St, 2nd building south of the corner with Spring Garden St., Philadelphia 19130. **Quads:** 3-RR. G/60. Reg 9-9:30am. Rds 10am-1pm-3pm. EF: \$20. \$\$ 50 to 1st in each quad. **DVGP Scholastics:** 4-SS. G/30. **3 Sections:** Open Scholastic, Under 1100, Under 750. EF: \$5. Book to all players scoring 3 or more; Trophies to top 3 teams (best 4 "weighted" scores count as a team score); Points count towards Delaware Valley Grand Prix totals. Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds: 10am-11:30am-1:30pm-2:45pm or earlier. **All:** PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, [iralee@aol.com](mailto:iralee@aol.com)

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Camp Hill - 9/28&29/2002**

**Open**

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Rubenchik, Rodion V	2344	W20	W11	W4	D2	D3	4	\$162
2	Fayvinov, Zakhar	2273	W16	W17	W7	D1	D6	4	\$162
3	Wilson, Elvin	2264	W29	W9	W6	D12	D1	4	\$162
4	Martinak, Tom M	2224	W14	W32	L1	W8	W9	4	\$162
5	Boudreaux, Floyd A Jr	2202	W21	D18	D10	W19	W12	4	\$162
6	Belorusov, Mikhail	2342	X-	W8	L3	W15	D2	3½	
7	Frank, Marty C	2122	W22	W28	L2	D10	W13	3½	\$60
8	Minear, Peter R	2093	W30	L6	W16	L4	W18	3	
9	Wilson, Marvin Pickard	1790	W23	L3	W31	W11	L4	3	\$20
10	Mucerino, Joseph J Jr	1983	D25	W26	D5	D7	D15	3	\$30
11	Pugh, Lawrence B	2042	W27	L1	W14	L9	W22	3	
12	Shochron, Rubin M	2284	W33	W19	H-	D3	L5	3	
13	Read, Jacob D	1665	L18	B-	W17	W24	L7	3	\$60
14	Ditalia, Frank L	1662	L4	W23	L11	W25	W19	3	\$20
15	Cox, Michael K	2000	D26	W25	W18	L6	D10	3	
16	Bishop, Maurice Norman	1687	L2	W30	L8	W27	W23	3	\$20
17	Waters, Vincent Garrett Sr	1903	W31	L2	L13	W26	W21	3	\$30
18	Raush, Ronald L	1820	W13	D5	L15	W20	L8	2½	
19	Wray, Laverne L	2025	W28	L12	W27	L5	L14	2	
20	Guber, Michael	1780	L1	D22	W32	L18	D24	2	
21	Chanel, Mark	1589	L5	L24	W28	W32	L17	2	
22	Guerrieri, Luis F	1724	L7	D20	D25	W31	L11	2	
23	Berkowitz, Ross K	1545	L9	L14	B-	W29	L16	2	
24	Sheinfeld, Brian	1843	L32	W21	H-	L13	D20	2	
25	Wasiolek, Rory E	1741	D10	L15	D22	L14	D27	1½	
26	Evans, Ron L	1619	D15	L10	D29	L17	D30	1½	
27	Renshaw, David W	1647	L11	W33	L19	L16	D25	1½	
28	Klutzb, Joseph	1460	L19	L7	L21	D30	W31	1½	
29	Liebner, Michael A	1662	L3	L31	D26	L23	W34	1½	
30	Carabello, Natal J	1616	L8	L16	H-	D28	D26	1½	
31	Madorsky, Andrew	1509	L17	W29	L9	L22	L28	1	
32	Sears, Randall N	1508	W24	L4	L20	L21	U-	1	
33	Brandt, Eric L	1725	L12	L27	U-	U-	U-	0	
34	Sics, Ludis	1278	U-	U-	U-	U-	L29	0	
35	Ross, William J	1726	F-	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	

**Reserve**

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Ashraf, Amit	1373	D4	W6	W15	W9	W2	4½	\$350
2	Travers, Carroll Lee Jr	1339	W20	W31	W3	W10	L1	4	\$130
3	Cadawas, Pancho F	1598	W14	W19	L2	W18	W9	4	\$130
4	Beale, Elissa E	1076	D1	D23	W17	W22	W11	4	\$130
5	Green, Kevin R	1476	W12	W17	L10	W21	W13	4	\$130
6	De Coster, Miles M	1059	D8	L1	W33	W16	W22	3½	\$60
7	Walker, George L Jr	1446	W33	W21	L9	D15	W10	3½	
8	Lamonto, Samuel M Jr	1283	D6	L16	W31	W23	W15	3½	
9	Miller, Tom	1319	W30	W11	W7	L1	L3	3	
10	Hipple, Richard G	1475	W28	W18	W5	L2	L7	3	
11	Berkley, Darrin K	1488	W26	L9	W16	W12	L4	3	
12	Wise, David S Jr	1258	L5	W27	W23	L11	W25	3	
13	Weida, Peter T	768	L19	B-	W24	W25	L5	3	\$60
14	Cook, Ryan B	1279	L3	W30	L22	W24	W21	3	
15	Meyer, H George	1054	W24	W32	L1	D7	L8	2½	\$60
16	Wasiolek, David J Sr	1229	D23	W8	L11	L6	W28	2½	
17	Cook, Roger D	1299	W27	L5	L4	W26	D18	2½	
18	Blaise, Christopher S Jr	1249	W22	L10	W32	L3	D17	2½	
19	Eshelman, John	1296	W13	L3	L21	D20	W27	2½	
20	Stevens, Nathaniel	1097	L2	L24	W30	D19	W29	2½	
21	Scott, Joseph Jr	1229	W25	L7	W19	L5	L14	2	
22	Kurtz, Randal L	1475	L18	W28	W14	L4	L6	2	
23	Peterman, M Neil	1458	D16	D4	L12	L8	W30	2	
24	Liebner, Alexander J	1285	L15	W20	L13	L14	W31	2	
25	Jones, Winn Jr	1470	L21	W33	W26	L13	L12	2	
26	Sics, Ludis	1278	L11	W29	L25	L17	B-	2	
27	Bell, William B	674	L17	L12	B-	X-	L19	2	
28	Collier, Reese	1045	L10	L22	D29	X-	L16	1½	
29	Lynch, Juliana E	1043	L32	L26	D28	X-	L20	1½	
30	Gray, David	765	L9	L14	L20	B-	L23	1	
31	Baliles, David W	296	B-	L2	L8	F-	L24	1	
32	Fisher, Derek M	1432	W29	L15	L18	F-	U-	1	
33	Geadah, Fouad A	1126	L7	L25	L6	F-	U-	0	

**Scholastic**

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Mc Laughlin, Erica C	1467	W5	W19	W8	W4	W2	5	Book
2	Mc Laughlin, Steven J Jr	1223	W16	W9	W12	W3	L1	4	Book
3	Friederich, Seth M	1577	W22	W10	W7	L2	W13	4	Book
4	Lec, Patrick	1058	W27	W14	W11	L1	W10	4	Book
5	Waters, Vincent Garrett Jr	466	L1	W32	W28	W12	W18	4	Book

6	Coney, Troy D	612	L9	W22	W15	W17	W8	4	Book
7	Walton, Brandon Lee	1051	W24	W21	L3	W19	W9	4	Book
8	Blumenthal, Max L	998	W26	W15	L1	W14	L6	3	
9	Mc Teague, James P	809	W6	L2	W31	W20	L7	3	
10	Vasilyuk, Yegor	932	W23	L3	W24	W11	L4	3	
11	Jones, David Roeman Jr	Unr	W17	W13	L4	L10	W21	3	
12	Battin, John S	1005	W34	W20	L2	L5	W25	3	
13	Kantor, Andrew G	966	W18	L11	W33	W21	L3	3	
14	Bastide, David	660	W31	L4	W29	L8	W20	3	
15	Janczewski, Anthony C	782	W36	L8	L6	W32	W27	3	
16	Wood, Ryan S	648	L2	L31	W36	W23	W19	3	
17	Battin, Walter L	854	L11	D18	W22	L6	W24	2½	
18	Bortner, Matthew R	445	L13	D17	W25	W33	L5	2½	
19	Walsh, Kathryn E	816	W32	L1	W23	L7	L16	2	
20	Welker, Tyler J	621	W29	L12	X-	L9	L14	2	
21	Jagannath, Andrew V	778	W28	L7	W26	L13	L11	2	
22	Bryant, Andrew	Unr	L3	L6	L17	W26	W32	2	
23	Johnson, Lars A	Unr	L10	W25	L19	L16	W34	2	
24	King, Casey G	472	L7	W36	L10	W28	L17	2	
25	Miller, Jason P	732	W33	L23	L18	W29	L12	2	
26	Owings, Brandon E	431	L8	W34	L21	L22	W31	2	
27	Chronister, Gregory J Jr	303	L4	L28	B-	W31	L15	2	
28	Danelle, Larissa A	Unr	L21	W27	L5	L24	D29	1½	
29	Millan, Roxanne	347	L20	B-	L14	L25	D28	1½	
30	Gibson, Derek	Unr	H-	W33	F-	F-	U-	1½	
31	Heim, Danielle I	Unr	L14	W16	L9	L27	L26	1	
32	Knouse, Rick L Jr	Unr	L19	L5	W34	L15	L22	1	
33	Janczewski, Elizabeth H	Unr	L25	L30	L13	L18	W36	1	
34	Riden, Brent	Unr	L12	L26	L32	W36	L23	1	
35	Smyth, John H	1121	B-	U-	U-	U-	U-	1	
36	Lepley, Lance J	Unr	L15	L24	L16	L34	L33	0	

**Quad**

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score	Prize
1	Brown, Richard P	2104	W3	W4	W2	3	\$50
2	Greiner, Theodore J	1872	W4	W3	L1	2	
3	Vang, Doua D	1340	L1	L2	W4	1	
4	Loudon, Wesley J	894	L2	L1	L3	0	

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Pittsburgh - 9/22/2002**

**Section 1**

#	Name	Regular		Quick		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score
		Pre	Post	Pre	Post				
1	Wang, Yuan	1743	1843	1366	1569	W3	W2	W4	3 \$20
2	Magar, Thomas P	2200	2200	2120	2106	W4	L1	H-	1½
3	Renk, Robert M	2130	2104	2186	2157	L1	D4	D5	1
4	Fetahagic, Denis	1776	1773	1778	1765	L2	D3	L1	½
5	Szurek, James E	1714	1726	1553/20	1571/21	U-	U-	D3	½

**Section 2**

#	Name	Regular		Quick		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Score
		Pre	Post	Pre	Post				
1	Lelis, Tyler	1554	1566	1384	1406	W6	W2	H-	2½ \$20
2	Van Sickle, Rodney J	1382	1391	1069	1129	W7	L1	W3	2
3	Waruszewski, Bob C	1320	1349	1303/23	1324	W4	W6	L2	2 \$10
4	Vaughn, A Leroy	1553	1531	1524/18	1503/21	L3	W7	W6	2
5	Kapinos, Clyde E	1717	1718	1734/15	1735/16	U-	U-	W7	1
6	Evans, Micah D	1139	1120	1340/15	1286/18	L1	L3	L4	0
7	Evans, Andrew R	753/14	750/17	750/10	742/13	L2	L4	L5	0

(Because this was Game / 60 Minutes it was rated under both USCF Regular and Quick)

**PSCF Senior Championship  
Haverford - Oct. 18-19**

#	Name	Rtg	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	N.Baczynskyj	2271	W8	W3	W2	W4	4.0
2	B.Oberholtzer	2073	W12	W7	L1	W6	3.0
3	P.Ladson	1954	W11	L1	W12	W7	3.0
4	W.Duley	1874	W14	W6	W5	L1	3.0
5	D.Quiring	1863	W10	D8	L4	W12	2.5
6	M.Cox	2000	W15	L4	W10	L2	2.0
7	A.Shafritz	1943	W9	L2	W14	L3	2.0
8	R.Leonards	1814	L1	D5	W13	D11	2.0
9	D.Stevenson	1331	L7	L12	B---	W14	2.0
10	J.Bayley	1067	L5	W11	L6	B--	2.0
11	P.Flynn	1443	L3	L10	W15	D8	1.5
12	G.Wellmaker	1729	L2	W9	L3	L5	1.0
13	J.Sackey Jr.	1539	H---	L14	L8	D15	1.0
14	S.Pennington	1283	L4	W13	L7	L9	1.0
15	A.Maillie	833	L6	H---	L11	D13	1.0

**WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN PA**

ANY CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

**ALLENTOWN:**

(1) Center City Chess Club; St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St; Sat, 12:00-4:00  
 (2) A-B Chess Club; St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 130 S Ott St; Fri, 8-12 p.m.

**BLOOMSBURG:**

Bob Ross (W) 717-389-4337, (H) 717-784-8571

**BRADFORD:**

U P-Bradford Commons Building, Wed, 7-11 p.m.

**BRYN ATHEN:**

College of New Church CC; Pendleton Hall, Theological Lounge, Tues, 7:30, Glenn Frazier 215-572-1916

**CANONSBURG:**

Twp. Library, 610 E McMurray Rd, Mon, 6:30-8:30, 724-941-9430

**CHAMBERSBURG:**

C-burg Chessman; Thurs, 7-10 p.m., 600 Miller St, 717-263-8389

**CHELTENHAM:**

Rowland Community Center, Elm St., Thurs, 6-10 p.m.

**CLEARFIELD:**

Clearfield CC; Shaw Library, Tues and Thurs, 6-9 p.m., Sat 9-noon, Ron Williams 814-765-7788

**COATESVILLE:**

Coatesville Cultural Society, 258 E Lincoln Hwy, Bob Jones 610-384-1790

**DUBOIS:**

Dubois CC; PSU Campus, 1st and 3rd Thurs

**ERIE:**

Erie CC; Zurn Science Building, W 7th St between Peach and Sassafras, Room 118 Fri, 6 p.m., James Walczak 814-870-7763

**FOLSOM:**

Comic Universe CC; 446 MacDade Blvd, Tues, 7-11

**GLADWYNE:**

Main Line CC; Waverly Hts. Ret. Comm. Game Room, 1400 Waverly Rd, Tues, 7, Dan Heisman 610-649-0750

**GREENSBURG:**

Courthouse Square, Wed, 6-11, 724-836-5625

**GREENVILLE:**

Howard Miller Center, Thiel College, Mon, 7-10

**HATBORO:**

Chaturanga CC; Trinity Orthodox Pres. Chur., County Line Rd. W of Blair Mill Rd., Thurs, 8

**HARLIGH:**

Lampost Rest/Lounge, Rte 940, Fri, 7:30-11:30, 570-454-0000, contact: Bob Brubaker 570-384-4122

**HARRISBURG:**

Harrisburg East Shore Chess Club; Messiah Luth Ch, 901 N 6th St, Tues, 6-9, Sat 9-noon, 717-234-4921 or 717-236-6541 (Also see West Shore)

**HAWLEY:**

Settler's Inn Main St., Wed, 6

**HAZELTON:**

Greater Hazelton CC; Hazelton Gen. Hosp., 700 E. Broad St, Fri, 7-mdnt.

**HUNTINGDON VALLEY:**

Hunt. Valley Chess Society Juniors; Lower Moreland Library, Red Lion Road, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sat, 2-4

**JOHNSTOWN:**

Senior Activities Ctr, 2nd Floor, Bedford and Main Sts, Tues, 7:30, 814-467-9759

**LANCASTER:**

Manor Chess Club; 3577 Blue Rock Rd, Weds, 6:30-9 p.m., 717-892-6612

**LANSDALE:**

North Penn CC; St. John's UCC Church, Main and Richardson Sts., Thurs and Fri, 7-1 a.m., 215-699-8418

**MANSFIELD:**

Wellsboro-Mansfield CC; Independence Bible Church, 33 East Ave, 1st/3rd Mon, 7-10, Don Thompson 570-376-2452

**MONROEVILLE:**

Monroeville Chess Club; Wed, 6:30-8:30, Delbert Tyler 412-824-5015

**MURRYSVILLE:**

1st Pres. Church, 3202 N Hills Rd, Wed, 7-11, Jay Griffin 724-325-2484

**NEW CASTLE:**

Lawrence County CC; Trinity Episcopal Church, N. Mill St. at Falls Ave, Thurs, 6:30-9

**NEWTOWN SQUARE:**

Marple-Newtown Scholastic CC; Robert Gauntlett Community Center, Rte 3 and Media Line Rds, Tues, 6:30-8:30

**PHILADELPHIA:**

(1) FMCC; 1420 Walnut St, Suite 460, noon-11 daily  
 (2) U of Penn CC; Chats Cafeteria, 3800 Locust, Wed, 8, 215-898-2399  
 (3) Masterminds CC; Anderson Hall, Temple University, Room 906, Mon, 6-10, Ernest Moore Jr. 215-235-1696

**PITTSBURGH:**

(1) U of Pitt CC; Lowel Level, William Pitt Union, Tues & Thurs, 7-11 p.m., Tom Martinak 412-681-7590  
 (2) PGH CC; Wightman School Bldg., 5604 Solway St, Wed, 1-10, Sat, 12-10:30, 412-421-1881  
 (3) Crafton Public Library, 140 Bradford Ave, 1st/3rd Sat, 9-noon, 412-922-4234  
 (4) East Lib. Library, 5920 Ralph Mull Mall, Tues, 3:30-6:30, 412-661-8412  
 (5) Hill Branch Library, 419 Dinwiddie St; Mon & Thurs, 4-8, Sat, 11-4:30, 412-361-6170  
 (6) CMU CC; University Center Commons, Thurs, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 (7) Mt Lebanon Library, 16 Castle Shannon Blvd; 1st/3rd Mon Sept-May, 412-531-1912

**RIDLEY TOWNSHIP:**

Tri-State Chess Club; Times Square Restaurant, McDade and Rte 420, Holmes, Tom Pike 610-328-5977

**ROSLYN:**

2812 Hammond Place, Steve McLaughlin 215-784-5938

**SHAMOKIN:**

Shamokin CC; Burger King, Rte 61, Mon, 7:30

**SOUTHAMPTON:**

Southampton CC; Davisville Church, Sun, 7 pm, 215-675-9535

**STATE COLLEGE:**

PSU CC; A.S.I. Bldg, Room 16, Thurs, 6:30 p.m.

**STROUDSBURG:**

Stroudsburg Chess Club; YMCA, Main St., Thurs, 7-11, Eric Mark 570-476-8939 or Jim Walsh 717-992-5475

**SUNBURY:**

Susq. Val. CC; Oaklyn Baptist Ch, Rte 61, Sat, 6 p.m., 570-863-2383

**UNIONTOWN:**

K of C Hall, Old Rte 119, 724-438-9250

**WEST CHESTER:**

(1) West Chester CC; United Meth Ch., High and Barnard Sts, Wed, 7  
 (2) West Chester Univ. CC; Sykes Student Bldg, Rm 112, Thurs, 11-2

**WEST SHORE (Harrisburg):**

West Shore Chess Club; Cedar Cliff HS Library, Mon, 7-10, Gerald Dubs 717-975-5589

**WILKES-BARRE:**

W-B CC; Board Rm, Oster. Lib., Wed, 6-9, George Trent 570-740-7662

**WILLIAMSPORT:**

(1) Williamsport Chess Soc.; Wertz Stud. Ctr., Lycoming College, Tues  
 (2) Comic Castle CC; 17 W 4th St, Wed, 6-9, 570-322-8763

**YORK:**

(1) York Township Community Center, 2500 S George St, Wed, 6:30-10, 717-845-9368  
 (2) York Youth CC; Grace Brethren Church, Newberry & Parkway, Wed, 2-5:30 or Light of Life Performance Arts Center, 41 Cherry St, Seven Valleys, Fri, 6-9:30, 717-852-8434