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## Formanek's "umpteenth" Championship Title

**PA TODAY: Tournament and Club News**  
**from around the Keystone State**  
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### Pennsylvania State Championship

ALLENTOWN - The state championship rotates around the state every year, and moves east-central-west. The venues for the last rotation were Allentown, Camp Hill, and Pittsburgh. This year, it was the east's turn to host the championship, and for the third cycle in a row, Allentown played host.

In my opinion, this was a true "state" championship, with players coming from all over Pennsylvania. The defending champion, IM Dr. Stanislav Kriventsov, did not participate this year. He would have been eligible to win the title, because he had returned to Pennsylvania from his stay in New York. He has since moved again, now to Louisiana. Seven masters, FM Rodion Rubenchik (2425), Andrew Metrick (2319), IM Dr. Edward Formanek (2306), Omar Rivera (2296), FM Matt Bengtson (2269), Lorand Bela Kis (2258), and PSCF President Tom Martinak (2209). Rubenchik was the favorite, and Formanek was given a good chance to win. Andrew Metrick, who has played infrequently until recently, was an unknown quantity.

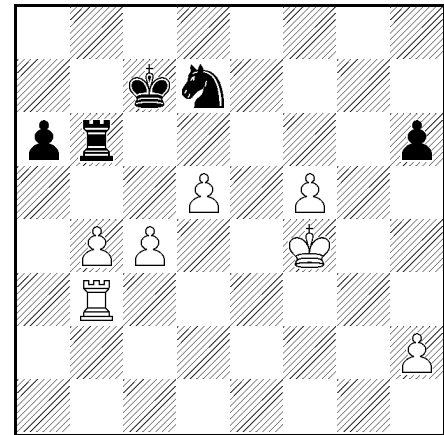
The first round saw some surprises, as Rubenchik and Metrick surrendered draws to Yuan Wang and Alexander Heimann, both Pittsburgh (!) 1900s. Yours truly was upset by Louis Lamanna, one of Rubenchik's students. In round two, Bengtson, Rivera, and Martinak conceded draws to Ira Weiner, Mark Heimann, and Zach White, respectively. I lost again, this time to Derek Fisher:

### Derek Fisher (1792) - Joseph Mucerino (2005)

Pennsylvania State Championship, 8-21-04, Open section, Round 2  
1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.f3 Bf5 5.Bb5 Nbd7 6.c4 e6 7.dxe6 fxe6 Capturing with the bishop is more common, but I have managed mixed results with this relatively unexplored line. 8.Ne2 c6 9.Ba4 Qc7 10.Bc2! Trading bishops is a good idea. 10...Bxc2 11.Qxc2 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Qf5 Threatening to come into e6. Black would then either have to trade Queens while a pawn down, or give up castling. 13...Bb4 14.Nbc3 OO 15.Bf4 Rae8 16.OOO Nd5 Winning the pawn back. 17.Nxd5 cxd5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 If 18...Rxf5 19.Bxc7 Rxe2 20.cxd5 leaves white with a dangerous passed pawn. 19.Qc2 dxc4 20.Nc3 Bxc3 Otherwise, the knight would have a strong outpost on e4. 21.Qxc3 Rfe8 22.Rd4 b5 23.Rhd1 Re3? Giving white the option to take the rook and trade down, as he does on move 25, is not a good idea. 24.Qd2 c3 25.Qxe3 cxb2 26.Kxb2 Rxe3 27.Rd8 Kf7 28.R8d7 Qxd7 28...Re7 29.Rxc7 Rxc7 leaves the rook in a passive position. 29.Rxd7 Re7?? Very poor judgment. I thought I could hold a draw after the exchange of rooks. Risky is 29...Kf6 30.Rxa7 Re2, with unclear play, but that was probably the way to go. 30.Rxe7 Kxe7 31.Kc3 a5 32.Kd4 Kd6 33.h4 g6 34.g3 Kc6 35.g4 Kd6 36.f4 h6 37.h5 gxh5 38.gxh5 Kc6 39.f5 Kd6 40.f6 Ke6 41.Kc5 1-0 Play would continue 41...Kxf6 42.Kxb5 Kg5 43.Kxa5 Kxh5 44.Kb6 Kg4 45.a4 h5 46.a5 h4 47.a6 h3 48.a7 h2 49.a8=Q.

### Tom Martinak - Zach White [E15]

Pennsylvania State Championship, 8-21-04, Open Section, Round 2  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 c5 6.d5 d6 7.Nc3 e5 8.0-0 g6 9.Bg5 Bg7 10.Qa4+ Qd7 11.Qxd7+ Nbx7 12.Nb5 Ke7 13.Nd2 a6 14.Nc3 h6 15.Bxf6+ Nxf6 16.e3 Nd7 17.f4 f5 18.e4 fxe4 19.Ndxe4 Rhf8 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.a4 Nb8 22.Bh3 Bc8 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Kg2 Kd7 25.a5 bxa5 26.Ra1 exf4 27.gxf4 Rce8 28.Rxa5 Re7 29.Ra3 Ref7 30.Rb3 Kc7 31.Nxd6 Kxd6 32.Ne4+ Kc7 33.Nxc5 Kc8 34.Ne6 Re8 35.Rb6 Bf6 36.Rf3 Bd8 37.Nxd8 Rxd8 38.Rxg6 Rdf8 39.Kg3 Rf6 40.f5 Nd7 41.Rxf6 Rxf6 42.Kf4 Kc7 43.b4 Rb6 44.Rb3



44...Nc5 45.d6+ Kd7 46.Rh3 Rxb4 47.Rxh6 Rxc4+ 48.Ke5 Nd3+ 49.Kd5 Rc5+ 50.Kd4 Rxf5 51.Kxd3 1/2-1/2

In round 3, Formanek defeated Kis, and New Jersey's Evan Ju upset Metrick. And I finally won a game:

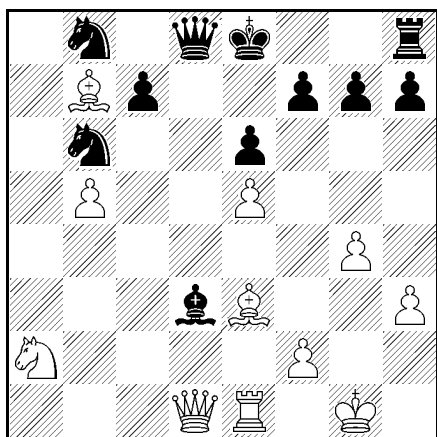
### Joseph Mucerino (2005) - Dr. Winsor Schmidt (1700)

Pennsylvania State Championship, 8-21-04, Open section, Round 3  
1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nd7 3.e4 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.OO Ngf6 7.Nc3 OO 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Bd6 10.Qe2 c6 11.Rad1 Qc7 12.Rd2 b5? This loses a pawn 13.Bxb5 cxb5 14.Nxb5 Qa5 15.Nxd6 Ba6 16.c4 Qxa2 17.b4 Qa3 18.b5 18.Ra2 Qxb5 19.Rxa6 Nb8 20.e5 Nxa6 21.Qxa6 Nxe4 is interesting. 18...Bc8 19.Nxc8 Raxc8 20.Rfd1 Qc5 21.Rc2 Rc7 22.Nd2 This whole maneuver is a waste of time 22...Rfc8 23.Nb3 Qb4 24.Nd2 Qc5 25.Rdc1 Qd4 26.Kh1 Qd6 27.f3 Nh5 28.Bf2 Nf4 29.Qe3 Qg6 30.g3 Nh3 31.c5 Nxf2 32.Qxf2 Qf6 33.Nf1 Heading for d5 or f5 33...Qe7 34.c6 Nb6 35.Ne3 g6? Better is 35...Rd8, guarding the more important d5 square. 36.Nd5 Nd5? Giving white two connected passed pawns compounds the error. 37.exd5 Qd6 38.Qc5 Qf6? 38...Rd8, trying to block the pawns, was better. 39.d6 Qxf3 40.Kg1 Rxc6 Desperate. 41.bxc6 Rxc6 Still desperate! 42.Qxc6 Qe3 43.Kg2 e4 44.Qc8 Kg7 45.Qc3 1-0

Sunday saw Formanek, the only master with a perfect score, defeat Ju, who had tied for first in this year's U.S. Amateur Championship East tournament, with Black. I was held to a draw by a fellow member of the Exeter Chess Club:

**Alex Guziak (1550) - Joseph Mucerino (2005)**

Pennsylvania State Championship, 8-22-04, Open Section, Round 4  
 Guziak was doing well in the U1600 section of the World Open before screwing up in the final two rounds. **1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bf5 5.Bd3 Bg6 6.a3** To prevent 6...Nb4. **6...e6 7.c4 Nb6 8.Nc3 Be7 9.h3** I am not sure what this is for. **9...Nc6 10.0-0 Bh5! 11.g4** A very ugly way to save the pawn, but I do not see any good alternatives. I was hoping to open up the kingside, but I never got to do it. **11...Bg6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.b4 a6 14.b5 axb5 15.cxb5?! 15.Nxb5** would not give up control of the d5 square. **15...Nb8 16.Ne5 Qd8 17.Be2 Rxa3 18.Rxa3 Bxa3 19.Bf3 Bb4 20.Na2 Bd6 21.Bxb7 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Bd3 23.Re1**



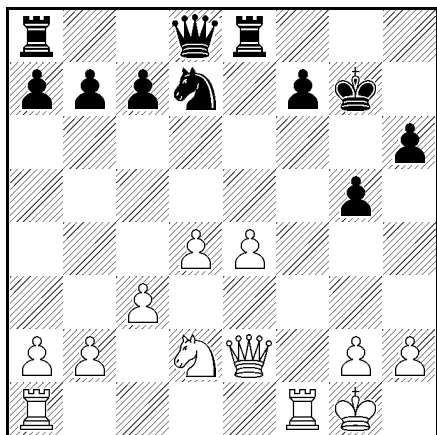
**23...0-0** If 23...Bxb5 24.Bc5 prevents castling. **24.Nc3 Bc4 25.Be4 Qh4 26.Kg2 Rd8 27.Qf3 Nd5 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Nxd5 Rxd5 30.Rb1 Qd8** Not 30...Rxe5?? **31.Qa8 Qd8 32.Ba7**, winning the knight. **31.b6 cxb6 32.Rxb6 h6 33.Qe4 Qc7 34.Qb4 Nd7 35.Rd6 Nxe5 36.Rxd5 exd5 37.Qd4 Ng6 38.Qxd5 Nf4 39.Bxf4 Qxf4 1/2-1/2**

In the final round, Formanek held Bengtson to a draw with white, to win his umpteenth state championship. I will have to ask our PSCF historian, Neil Brennen, how many times it has been. How many, Neil? *(We are still counting them. -editor)*

I had an easy win in the last round:

**Joseph Mucerino (2005) - Allan Messinger (1633)**

Pennsylvania State Championship, 8-22-04, Open Section, Round 5  
**1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.c3 Nf6 5.Nd2 Nbd7 6.f4 e5 7.fxe5 dxe5 8.Ngf3 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 0-0? 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bg4 13.Be2 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Re8 15.0-0 Nd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7**



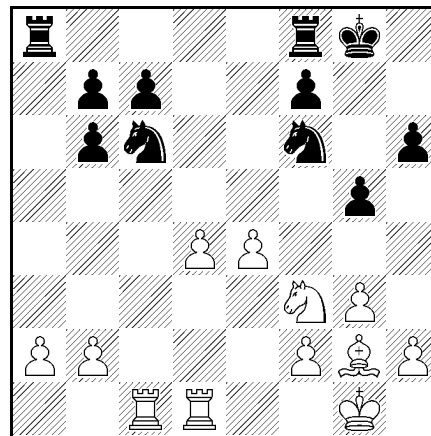
**17.e5** White wants to control the f6 square. **17...Nb6 18.Ne4 Nd5 19.Nf6 Nxf6 20.Rxf6 Re6** Trading down with 20...Qxf6?? losses to 21.exf6 check! **21.Raf1 Re7 21...Rxf6** would prolong the game. **22.Qh5 1-0** Black's position will cave in.

Bengtson, Ju, and Rivera tied for second place with 4 points. In the reserve section, Daniel Reinert came in clear first with 4.5 points, drawing the state elementary champion, Hibiki Sakai, in round 3. My buddy Nate Carabello submitted this game:

**Richard Skinnell (1783) - Natal Carabello (1619)**

Pennsylvania State Championship, 8-21-04, U1800, Round 2  
*Annotations by Joe Mucerino*

**1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3 Bg4 5.Nbd2 e5 6.0-0 Qd7 7.c3 h6 8.e4 d4 9.cxd4 Nxd4?** This loses a pawn. **10.Nxe5 Bxd1 11.Nxd7 Nxd7 12.Rxd1 Bc5** Controlling the d4 square is a wise idea. **13.Nf3 Nf6 14.Bf4 Bb6? 15.Rac1?** It seems to me that white could have won a pawn with 15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Bxc7 Bxb2 17.Rab1 and 18.Rxb8. **15...g5 16.Be3?** Not a bad move in itself, but again, why not capture on c7? **16...Nc6 17.Bxb6?** Perhaps 17.e5 Knight moves 18.d4 would have been better. White should not be afraid to trade the dark squared Bishop for the Knight, because he would have a strong pawn formation in the center. White should be thinking about attacking, because his Rooks are in the center and Black's are doing nothing. **17...axb6** White's trade of bishops has brought the rook on a8 in the game. **18.d4?**



**18...0-0?** How about 18...Nxe4 19.Re1 f5 20.Nd2 Kf7 21.Nxe4 fxe4 22.Rxe4 Rxa2 wins the pawn back and weakens White's pawns. 23.Rce1 (threatening 24.d5 and 25.Re7) Rd8 wins another pawn. **19.e5 Nd7** The knight must retreat; 19...Nd5? 20.Nxg5 **20.Bh3 Rfd8 21.e6 fxe6 22.Bxe6 Kf8 23.d5 Nce5 24.Nxe5 Nxe5 25.Rxc7 Rxa2 26.f4 gxf4 27.gxf4 Ng6 28.Rd3** Perhaps 28.f5 is better. **28...Rxb2** Not 28...Nxf4?? **29.Rf3 29.Rg3 Rb1 30.Kf2 Rb2 31.Ke1?** Why does white allow his king to be cut off? How about 31.Ke3 Rb3 32.Ke4 Rb4 33.Kf5 etc. **31...Ne7 32.Ra3 Rb1 33.Kf2 Rd1 34.Ra7 Nxd5 35.Rf7 Ke8 36.Raxb7 Rd4 37.f5 Rf4 38.Kg3 h5 39.Bxd5?** (Carabello) **Rg4 40.Kf3 Rxd5 41.Rbe7 Kd8 42.f6 Rf5!** (Carabello) "White offered a draw since Rxf6 is next." - Carabello. 1/2-1/2

The U1400 was swept by the rising Joseph Gaiteri, who was the only person to score a perfect score. Jeffrey McCrea (of the Exeter Chess Club!), and Stephen Palovcak tied for second with four points.

Next year's state championship is due to be in central Pennsylvania. Please see the Minutes from the PSCF Annual Meeting on the website for more details.

**PSCF Blitz Championship**

ALLENTOWN - There was a side event on the Friday night prior to the State Championship to warm everybody up for the main tournament. Only 23 people attended, but they had a great time and took the tournament very seriously.

President Tom Martinak started somewhat slowly, scoring 3-2, but then won five in a row to win the title with 8 points in ten games. Your author had to play him during his hot streak:

**NM Tom Martinak (2209) - Joseph Mucerino (2005)**

PA Blitz Championship, 8-20-04, open section, round 4.1  
**1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 Qe7 4.Nc3 Nxe5 5.e4 c6** To prevent 6.Nd5 and help expand with ...d5. **6.Nxe5 Qxe5 7.Bd3 d5 8.OO Bd6 9.f4 Qd4 10.Kh1 dxe4?!** Black should concentrate on developing. **11.Nxe4 Nf6?** Better is 11...Be6, blocking the e-file. **12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Re1!** Now Black must move his King, because 13...Be6 is met by 14.f5. **13...Kd8 14.b3 Bg4 15.Qd2 Re8** If Black plays 15...Kc7, he must worry about 16.Bb2 and 17.Be5 **16.Bb2 Kd7??** This speeds up Black's inevitable demise. White keeps attacking the Queen until he gets a deadly discovered check. **17.Be5 Qd5 18.c4 1-0.**

**Joseph Mucerino (2005) - NM Tom Martinak (2209)**

PA Blitz Championship, 8-20-04, open section, Round 4.2  
**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 dxc4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Qb3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 c5?! 9.d5!** This opens up the position. **9...Ne5** If 9...Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bxd5, and f7 and b7 are *en prise*. Or 9...dxe5 10.Nxd5 b6 11.e4 and 9...e5 10.e4 leave white with a strong position. **10.dxe6 Nxc4 11.exf7 Kxf7 12.Qxc4 Ke8 13.Bd2?!** 13.e4 first was more accurate. **13...a6 14.OOO b5 15.Qe6 Be7 16.Rhg1 Kf8 17.e4** Threatening the terminal 18.Rxg7. **17...Qc8 18.Qd5?? 0-1** As soon as I let go of the queen, I realized my mistake. Trading queens and then playing 19.Bf4 would have been better, obviously. (*"Pittsburgh chess is tough!"*, as NM Kimball Nedved always said. -ed.)

Christopher Rhodes finished in clear second, a full point back, and a point behind him were Jack Mongilutz, Khanh Huu Thai, and Richard Blank.

The kids at the Exeter Chess Club (the club closest to Douglassville, where I live) are always begging me to write about them. Well, Pennsylvania, the winner of the U1500 section was Brian Rhoads! He dominated the section, finishing with 9 points. His only competition was Rahul Yukich, who drew him in their match. Yukich finished with 8 points, and Carlos Roman was a distant third, with five points.

**PSCF Senior Championship**

HAVERFORD-The 2004 PSCF Senior Championship was held by Dan Heisman in the offices of Main Line Speech in Haverford, PA on September 18 and 19, 2004. The President of Main Line Speech, Shelly Hahn, AKA Mrs. Heisman, graciously hosted the tournament for the third time. Unfortunately attendance was held down by the aftermath of a hurricane which restricted attendance to only players from the area – all the players from out of the area either withdrew or did not show up.

The players were aged 50 and older. At the age of 53 I, Sohrab Samimi, discovered I was not as sharply focused on my games as in previous tournaments. If this was happening to me at 53, you can imagine how much worse this was for the older players. As such, the event was at times as much a social gathering rather than a competitive chess tournament. But there were some strong players. My rating at the start of the tournament was 2201, second behind FM Boris Baczynskij.

Boris Baczynskij and I would have been the co-champ if he had won his last round. But he blundered a win by missing a fork and lost. He had a dominating position for the good part of the opening through the middle of the middle game. The new Champion is NM Michael Bury, #3 rated at 2200 (seemingly a floor). He finished with 4-0. The upset of the tournament was Al Pearson over Len Karabell in the first round. Robert Hux won the U 2000 prize. Congratulations!

**Robert Leonards – Sohrab Samimi [C02]**

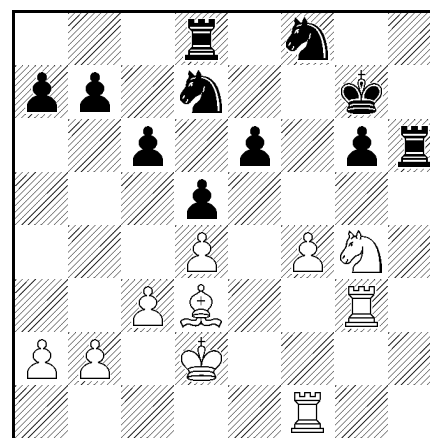
PSCF Senior Championship, Round 1  
**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Nc3 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.0-0 a6 11.Be3? Qb4?** [11...Qxe5 winning a second pawn, was better.] **12.Qe2? d4!** Winning. **13.a3 Qb6** and Black eventually won. **0-1**

**Sohrab Samimi – Robert Hux [D09]**

PSCF Senior Championship, Round 2  
**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Nge7 6.Bg2 Ng6 7.Nbd2 Ngxe5 8.0-0 Be7 9.b3 0-0 10.Bb2 Bg4? 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxb7 Rb8 13.Bg2 d3 14.f3 dxe2 15.Qxe2 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Nd3 17.Ne4 Nxb2 18.Nxc5 Qd4 19.fxc4 Rbe8 20.Qf2 Qxc4 21.Qxb2 Re2 22.Rf4?! Rfe8?** [22...Qxg3 was better.] **23.Rxg4 Rxb2 24.Re4 1-0**

**FM Boris Baczynskij – Sohrab Samimi [C13]**

PSCF Senior Championship, Round 3  
**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4** Boris came 32 minutes late and made this aggressive move. **Bxg5 7.hxg5 Qxg5 8.Nh3 Qe7 9.Qh5? g6?** This would be OK if Qg4 had been White's move. **10.Qh6! Qf8?** [10...f6 and Black is better.] **11.Ng5! Qxh6 12.Rxh6 Nf8 13.Nb5 Na6 14.0-0-0 Ke7 15.f4 f6 16.Nf3! Bd7 17.c3 Bxb5 18.Bxb5 Nb8 19.Rdh1 c6 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Bd3 Nbd7 22.g4 Kg7 23.Kd2 Nf6 24.Ne5 Ng8 25.R6h3 h6 26.Rf1 Nf6?** [26...Re8; 26...Rd8; and 26...Rc8 need analysis, but Black should be better.] **27.g5 N6d7 28.gxh6+ Rxh6 29.Rg3 Rd8** [29...Nxe5 30.fxe5 is a draw.]



**30.Ng4!** With compensation for the pawn. **30...Rh4 31.Rfg1 Re8 32.Ke3 Re7 33.a4 Rf7 34.a5 Rh5 35.b4 Re7 36.R1g2 Rh1 37.Nf2 Rh6 38.Ng4 Rh8 39.Rg1 Kf7 40.R1g2 Rh5 41.Rg1 Kg7 42 .R1g2 Rh8 1/2-1/2**

**Sohrab Samimi – Neal Oberholtzer [E81]**

PSCF Senior Championship, Round 4  
**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Qd2**

[7.Bd3; 7.Nh3] 7...c5 8.Nge2 Qa5 9.0-0 a6 10.Kb1 b5 11.Nd5 Qxd2? [11...Nxd5!] 12.Nxe7+ Kh8 13.Rxd2 Bb7 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.Nc3 Rfe8 16.Ned5 Ne5 17.Be2 Rac8 18.Rhd1 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 b4 20.Nb6 1-0

### McKean County Quick Championships

BRADFORD - On the Friday night prior to the Tullah Hanley Grand Prix, the Castle Chess Camp holds a six-round G/10 speed tournament, similar to the one in Carlisle. While 88 players took part, none of them were masters. Top rated (2073) Marc Arnold won the open section with 5½/6, surrendering a draw to Gabriel Petesch in round 3. Samuel Boehner, Mathieu Poulin, and Michael Hayward all tied for first with 5/6 in the U1200 reserve section.

### Western Pennsylvania Open and Western PA Junior Invitational

PITTSBURGH - The weekend after the World Open saw Pittsburgh host its own significant chess event. Boyd Reed and Tom Martinak directed this PSCF event, along with the Western PA Junior Invitational, at the spacious William Pitt Union on the University of Pittsburgh Campus. There was about an average turnout for this event, with 11 players in the Open, 17 in the Premier, and 15 in the Reserve. Six players fought in the Junior Invitational.

The State Champion, IM Dr. Stanislav Kriventsov, easily swept the Open section 5-0. He has recently earned his PhD in electrical engineering, and has returned to Pennsylvania after living briefly in New York City. There was some *déjà vu* in the last round. At the Lehigh Valley Open in Schnecksville, I was paired with him in the final round. He had, just as he did in this event, clinched first place by having a perfect score, and I was once again in a log jam of players tied for second with 2½ points. The only difference was this time I had white, which enabled me to postpone my demise for a while. NM Thomas Magar came in clear second with 3 points.

CM Gregory Vaserstein and Daniel Kirk tied for first in the Premier with four points, and Michael Hickman prevented State College from winning all the sections by defeating Vladimir Stoicescu in the last round to sweep the Reserve Section. The Junior Invitational was won by Alexander Heimann, who won all of his games, followed by Michael Opaska and Matthew Russell who tied for second with 3 points each.

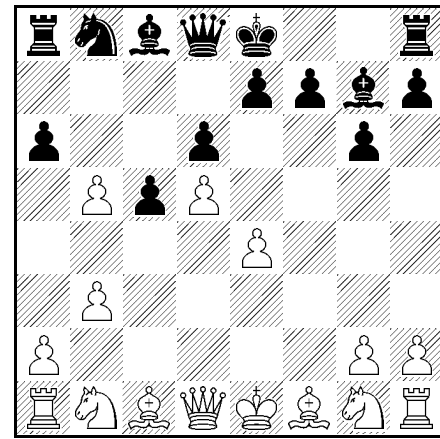
### Tullah Hanley Grand Prix

BRADFORD - Once again, the Castle Chess Camp, probably the oldest and most prestigious chess champs in the nation, held their annual tournament at the end of camp. There were 110 players from 17 states, including one player from Hawaii, who took part this year. In the open section, the two grandmasters, Aleks Wojtkiewicz and Joel Benjamin, shared first place with Mark Eidemiller. They all scored 4 points. Eric Brant took some friends out to dinner after dominating the U1800 section. He scored 4.5 points, and was the only player to score a clear first place. Two players in the U1200 section, Karl Roots and Samuel Boehner, also scored 4.5 points and shared first.

In round 3, I sat next to this game:

### Walter Buehl (2139) - Marc Arnold (2142)

Tullah Hanley Grand Prix, Open Section, Round 3  
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 d6 6.e4 g6 7.b3? A 2100 should be more careful than this. 7...Nxe4 8.fxe4 Bg7



**9.h4?** I have no idea what's going on in white's head. He has pushed six of his eight pawns in nine moves. Beginners, this game is a great example of why you must develop your pieces. Instead of the text, how about 9.Qc2 Bxa1 10.Nc3. White would at least be threatening 11.Bh6, preventing castling. A simple developing move such as 11.Nf3 would also be better. **9...Bxa1 10.h5 Be5 11.Be2 axb5 12.Bxb5+ Bd7 13.Bxd7+** After making so many pawn moves, black smartly makes white move his bishop three moves in a row. **13...Nxd7 14.a4?!** I would prefer 14.a3. The text does not allow White to play b4, making his pawns vulnerable. **14...c4!** Opening the g1-a7 diagonal for the Queen (which would prevent castling), freeing the c5 square for the Knight, and attacking the queenside pawns. **15.Nf3 Qb6 16.Nxe5?!** White again neglects development so he trade off his only developed piece. **16...Nxe5 17.bxc4 Qxb1 0-1**

Some very sad news was announced at this year's Pennsylvania State Championship. The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, where the camp is held, would not allow the organizer, Dr. Robert Ferguson, to hold the camp again next year on their campus. At the time of this writing (September 4), Dr. Ferguson is looking for another site, either in Pennsylvania or New York, to hold the camp. We wish him the best of luck, and we hope he can find a site in Pennsylvania.

### NPCC Membership Drive

LANSDALE - Labor Day usually signals the beginning of many club championships, and the North Penn Chess Club is no different. Although the event is called the Membership Drive, it effectively is the club championship, as most of the club members take part in this five round swiss. This year, three of the club's strongest players, NM Joe Weber and experts Greg Nolan and Albert Pinhasov, did not take part, so there was no clear favorite of the 29 who did participate.

No one dominated the event early. After three rounds, there were no perfect scores, and five people were tied for first with 2½ points entering the penultimate round. There, top ranked Curtis Schwartz, playing in his first event in over a decade, took the lead by defeating defending champion Eric Funk. Art Price - Joe Mucerino was drawn on board two, and the other three-pointer, Robert Kampia, survived Joe Brightman's attack and also drew. Schwartz kept his lead to the end by defeating Price in the final round to win by a half point. Your roving reporter crushed Kampia with the Center Counter in the last round, and Preston Ladson, who started with two half point byes, won his final three games to tie me for second with four points.

**Warminster Delaware Valley Grand Prix and Octos**

WARMINSTER - State Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin held another one of his popular scholastic grand prix events at the Warminster Rec Center in October. This month he added an additional section, open octos, so "big kids" like your roving reporter can participate. A solid turnout of 60 players turned out at this new venue. Fast rising scholastic star Daniel Yeager swept the open scholastic section with a 4-0 score. Andrew Fleming did the same in the U1100 section. Anthony Hughes and Blake Rosenn both finished with perfect scores in the U750 K-6 section, and they were matched by Joshua Pilchik and Dante Cianfara, who both scored four points in the U500 K-3 section. The open octo was won by Christopher Yaure, who upset the two highest rated players (your author in round two and NM Michael Bury in the final round) en route to a perfect 3-0 score.

**Record 209 Play at 2004 Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Chess Championship**

ARDMORE- A record 209 students participated at the 2004 Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Chess Championship held at Lower Merion High School on Nov 7. Players from three states participated in this event, which determines the area high school, middle school, and elementary individual and team champions. The sponsors of this event were the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation (PSCF), Main Line Speech Ltd., M&T Bank, and host Lower Merion HS.

In the High School section Maurice Bishop of Southern High School and the Concerned Black Men's Chess Club shared the title with Ross Berkowitz of Akiba at 4-0. Ross defeated top-rated Ara Tadevosyan of George Washington in the key final game to tie for the title. Maurice won the tie-break and, while splitting the title with Ross, will get the automatic invitation to the 2005 Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational Championship. Two girls, Elizabeth Lakata of Lower Moreland HS and Erica McLaughlin of Abington HS, were only half a point behind the winners, and thus captured 3-4<sup>th</sup> place. The Top School trophy was won by Pocono Mountain East HS, edging out host Lower Merion HS. Conestoga HS was 3<sup>rd</sup>, edging out Exeter HS on tiebreak. The Top club was the Swarthmore Chess Club; M&T Bank sponsored all the club trophies.

In the Middle School section top rated and defending champion Daniel Yeager of Warminster swept five games but had to share the title with Chris Blaise Jr., who represented York Youth Club and also was 5-0. At 4-1 and tying for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> were, in order of tiebreak, Joseph Hooker, Josh Bowman, Michael Levin, and Ben Cohen. Hooker was the surprise of the event as he was not rated previously and his only loss was to Yeager in the final decisive game. JR Masterman's Middle School team won the Top School prize and Swarthmore Chess Club again took the M&T Bank Top Club honors.

The co-champions in the Elementary (K-5) Championship section were James Wu of the Yardley-Makefield Chess Club and William Xu of the Greater Somerset Chess Club, with Wu taking the first place trophy on tiebreak. Scoring 4-1 were Andrew Jiang, Matthew Slesinski, Brian Lee, and Ronan Shor. Main Line Speech Ltd. donated all the Elementary Grade prizes. The Top School prize was taken by the Central Elementary team (with only two players!) and the Top Club by Greater Somerset. In the Elementary Under-700 section, which was restricted to younger beginners, four players had a perfect 4-0 record. They were, in order of tiebreak from first to fourth: Shanna Luedke, Dante Cianfara, Daniel Slesinski, and Sam Waldorf. JR Masterman took the Top School team and Swarthmore Chess Club was the Top Club.

Finally, a percentage of the funds taken in from the sale of chess books and equipment was donated to a charity – the Philadelphia

Foundation's Holly Heisman Fund, to support women in need.

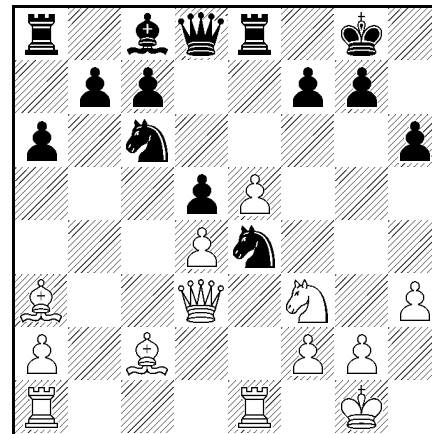
PSCF Southeastern Scholastic Coordinator Dan Heisman was the tournament director; he was assisted by PSCF Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin, Robert Lakata, and Neil Brennen.

For more information, contact Dan Heisman, 610-649-0750 or visit the website: [http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Events\\_Books/Phila\\_Schol\\_Champ\\_04.htm](http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Events_Books/Phila_Schol_Champ_04.htm)

**Ross Berkowitz – Ara Tadevosyan [C87]**

Greater Philadelphia Scholastic, 07.11.2004, Round 4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.Re1 a6 6.Ba4 Be7 7.c3 0-0 8.h3 h6 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Nc3 Bb4 13.Bc2 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nxc3 15.Qd3 Ne4 16.Ba3 Re8



17.Rxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4 g6 19.Bb3 Kg7 20.Qf4 Be6 21.d5 Bxd5 22.Rd1 g5 23.Qe3 Ne7 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Rxd5 Rad8 26.Nd4 Qb4 27.Nf5+ Kg6 28.Rxd8 Rxd8 29.Bc2 Qd2 30.Nd4+ 1-0

**Jack K. Archer - Joseph Hooker [C92]**

Greater Philadelphia Scholastic, 07.11.2004, Round 2

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.d4 exd4 12.cxd4 Qd7 13.Qc2 d5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Nc3 Rfe8 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Ne5 Nxd4 18.Nxd7 Nxc2 19.Rxe8+ Nxe8 20.Rc1 Nb4 21.Bxd6 Nxd6 22.a3 Nd3 23.Rc2 c6 24.Kf1 Re8 25.g3 Re1+ 26.Kg2 Re7 27.Nb6 Ne1+ 0-1

**Chess In Centuries Past By Ross Nickel**

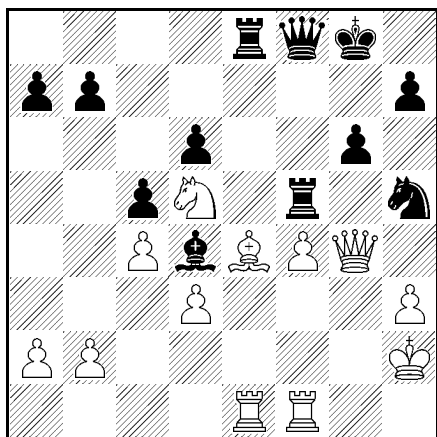
There are chess clubs that are normally closed to the general public and open only to their members. Some examples of those from the Philadelphia area have been the Union League, the Ukrainian Club, and several company chess clubs, such as one for employees of Exide Battery. Another club that was active throughout the 1960's was housed at Eastern State Penitentiary. That prison complex at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Fairmount closed in 1971, and is now a historic landmark. Among the residents of ESP have been such well-known criminals as Al Capone and bank robber Willie Sutton.

The prison's chess club fielded a team in the now-defunct Philadelphia Chess Association Chess League. All their games were "home" games, and the matches were played in the prison cafeteria, under guard. Despite this handicap, the ESP players were welcome in the League, and in fact the PCA even held their annual banquet in the prison one year. The inmates served a steak dinner, and the prison warden was the guest speaker. The warden noted that the prisoners would always root for the opposing teams in baseball but that they all felt pride in their chess team.

The ESP team at first had a top-board player with the ironic last name of Goodfellow, but he was released in the early 1960's. He was replaced by Marty Pearson, who I would estimate to be about the strength of an A player. *Chess Life*, in an article on the ESP chess club, included Pearson's win over Clarence Kalenian, former Champion of Florida, and future Pennsylvania Champion and US Amateur Champion.

**Clarence Kalenian (Germantown) – Marty Pearson (ESP) [A16]**  
 PCACL Team Match, 1963

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.f4 c5 6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 d6 8.0-0 Bf5 9.e4 Bg4 10.h3 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 e5 12.d3 Rb8 13.Nc3 Nh5 14.Kh2 exf4 15.gxf4 Qh4 16.Qg4 Qd8 17.Be3 Nd4 18.Bxd4 Bxd4 19.Rac1 f5 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.Rce1 Qf8 22.Nd5 Re8 23.Be4



23...Nf6 24.Nxf6+ Rxf6 25.b3 b6 26.f5 Kh8 27.fxg6 Rxf1 28.Rxf1 Qxf1 29.g7+ Bxg7 30.Kg3 Qe1+ 31.Kg2 Bd4 32.Qf5 Rg8+ 0-1 *Chess Life*, June 1964

Pearson was doing a long stretch for a murder associated with a botched robbery attempt when he was young. Actually the police wanted the ringleaders, but since Pearson would not "rat" on them, he took the full rap. After serving around twenty years of his sentence, some chessplayers on the outside convinced him to cooperate with the authorities and so he was paroled. On his release, he moved into a room in the home of local chess organizer Ed Strehle and joined the Bridesburg Chess Club. It seemed to me that his playing strength as a free man dropped off.

Marty was liked at his place of employment and he fit in well in his community. Then an unfortunate incident happened. Passing by some teenagers, he stopped and engaged in a friendly chat with them. A neighbor later reported the kids had beer and that they had gotten it from Marty. A hearing was set on the charge of violating his parole by providing alcohol to minors. If Pearson was found guilty he would be sent back to prison to serve the rest of his original sentence.

The day before the hearing, Marty told his benefactor Ed Strehle that he was going out to purchase a pack of cigarettes. That was the last anyone heard from Marty Pearson. Although he did not show up at his parole hearing, it was determined that Marty was innocent of the charges and he was completely exonerated. Attempts were made by his friends and his employer to locate him but they were unsuccessful. Perhaps, now in his eighties and under a different name, he is a member of a chess club somewhere....

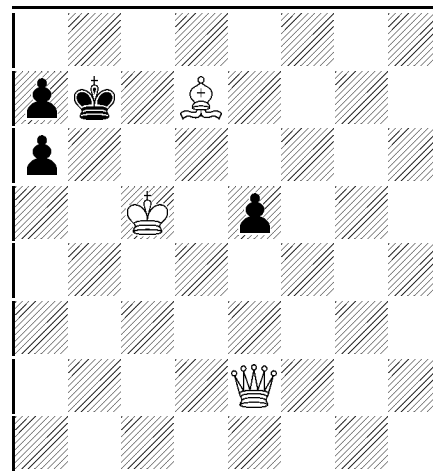
**Dowd's Dungeon** By Dr. Steven B. Dowd

Welcome! Each time this column is published, we will feature one classic problem or study and one original. We will try to show all types

of chess composition, but will try to stay focused on problems that also have value to the OTB player in learning mating patterns, endings, etc. These are not puzzles, and all come from the problem domain, but they should have appeal to the average player as well. For originals, I will publish my own problems and studies until readers send in theirs! Please send any original compositions or any commentary to [doctorsbd@aol.com](mailto:doctorsbd@aol.com).

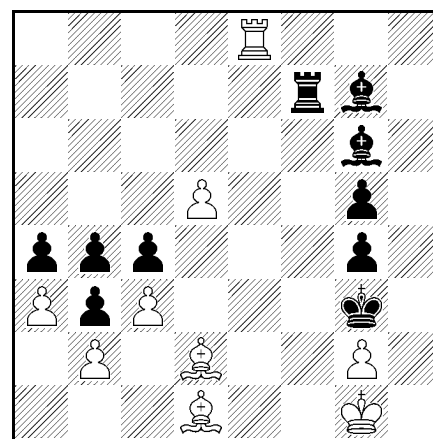
Now to our problems. We begin with an Otto Wurzburg classic, from the 1896 volume of the *British Chess Magazine*. This is my favorite all-time chess problem.

**Otto Wurzburg - Mate in Three**



Steven B. Dowd, 2004 (previously unpublished). An exploration of geometry in the ending.

**Steven B. Dowd - White to Play and Win**



Solutions to the problem and study can be found on page 13 of this issue.

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**Alex's Column** by FIDE-Master Alex Dunne

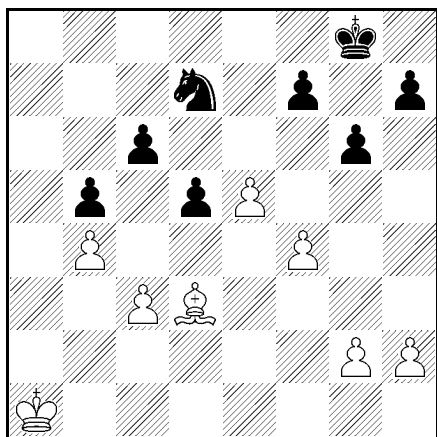
**The Eternal Battlefield**

Alex Dunne (2233) - MrGolden (1911) [C11]

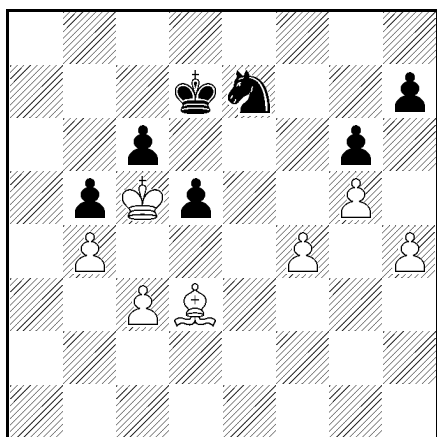
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Notes by Alex Dunne

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6** [I faced 6...gxf6 7.Nf3 in Dunne-PNabours, LINC Ladder 1992, but the text is sounder.] **7.Nf3 0-0 8.Qd2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qf4 Bxe4 11.Qxe4 Qd5 12.Bd3 g6** This is a TN and a sacrifice -- I rejected 13. Qf4 Nd7 14. Be4 because of 14...Qxa2 15. Bxa8 Rxa8 16. Qxc7 Rd8 17. c3 b5 as too risky, but this may be White's best. The endgame that now results favors White only slightly. Previously played here has been 12...Qxe4 13. Bxe4 c6 14. Ne5 Re8 15. f4 Volkov-Plant, Monarch Assurance 2004. **13.Qxd5 exd5 14.Ne5 Bxe5?!** Black thought the Knight would be better than the Bishop in this endgame, but such is not the case. With an unbalanced Pawn position and the Pawns not locked, the Bishop is much the superior piece. Correct was 14...Re8 15. Rhe1 c6 16. Re2 with only a small plus to White. **15.dxe5 Nd7 16.Rhe1 c6 17.f4 Rfe8 18.b4** White plays to devalue Black's queenside majority. **18...b5 19.Kb2 a5 20.a3 axb4 21.axb4 Ra4 22.c3 Rea8 23.Ra1 Rxa1 24.Rxa1 Rxa1 25.Kxa1**



The eternal battlefield: Knight versus Bishop in the endgame. Black has two problems here: the weakness of his queenside Pawns and White's kingside Pawn majority. White's drawback in this ending is that his Knight is far away from the battlefield. Black's only chance is to activate his Knight and King asap -- 25...f6!? 26. exf6 Nxf6 but White still stands well. His delay in doing this is fatal. **25...Kf8?! 26.Kb2 Ke7 27.Kc2 f6 28.exf6+ Nxf6 29.Kd2 Ke6 30.Ke3!** White's King gets to the battlefield just in time -- 30...Ng4+ 31. Kf3 Nxe2+? 32. Kg3 wins the horsey. Now White pushes Black back with almost every move. **30...Kd6 31.h3 Ke6 32.g4 Kd6 33.Kd4 Ng8 34.g5 Ne7 35.h4 Ke6 36.Kc5 Kd7**



**37.h5?!** This wins but is not the most exact. More accurate is 37. Be2 and if 37...Nf5 38. Bg4 leaves Black in a fix. **37...Ke6?** [Black loses after 37...gxh5 38.f5 h4 39.f6 h3 40.f7 h2 41.f8Q h1Q 42.Bf5+ Nxf5 43.Qxf5+ Ke8 44.Qe6+ Kd8 45.Qf6+ but it's a lot harder.] **38.h6!** This is the killer -- Black always has to be prepared for Bxg6! **38...Kd7 39.Bf1 Kc7 40.Bh3 d4** A desperate attempt for freedom, but the Bishop is triumphant. **41.Kxd4 Kd6 42.Bg4 Nd5 43.f5 gxf5 44.Bxf5 1-0**

### The Champion of the North: James Jellett's Adventures in American Chess

*(The following essay won the 2004 Chess Journalists of America award for Best Historical Article. -editor)*

It may be a cliché to call the United States the "great melting pot", but like many clichés this one holds an element of truth. American culture has been enriched by the many and varied ethnic groups that have immigrated to the United States. And American chess, as a mirror of the larger culture, has reflected this and absorbed influences from immigrant players, from the Scottish master George Mackenzie in the nineteenth century to the latest ex-Soviet grandmaster seeking a livelihood from the Royal Game.

But it's not only at the top level that the newcomer has an impact. Often, chess at the local level is enriched by the presence of a foreign-born player. One example is the following American success story of an Irish immigrant and his chess adventures thousands of miles from his home, a series of adventures encompassing over-the-board championships in major American cities and postal play as well.

James I. Jellett was born in Dublin, Ireland, on November 5, 1842. Jellett's history in his native land remains a mystery. We don't know when he came to the United States, if he came as an adult, or as a child with his parents, nor do we know the reason why he crossed the ocean from the land of his birth. The conventional and convenient approach would be to place him in the flood of Irish immigrants to the US in the 1840's and 1850's caused by English repression of the Irish population, combined with the failure of the potato crops of the late 1840's. It seems a safe assumption that Jellett was one of the multitude of immigrants arriving in the United States from Ireland at this time, but he, or his family, was probably considerably better off than the peasants who made up the bulk of the influx. And it's Jellett's connections to chess that support this conclusion.

A contemporary chess club, in most cases, has no restriction on membership. Indeed, today all chessplayers are one people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or class. Not so in the nineteenth century, when chess club membership marked a person as both a participant in a hobby and as a gentleman. A poor immigrant laborer, regardless of his skill in chess, would hardly be able to take time from his hardscrabble existence for the Royal Game, let alone possess the accouterments to pass in society on a regular basis.

As has been previously stated, we know little of Jellett's life before his arrival in the United States. But what we do know of Jellett is that he was in Philadelphia, the second-largest city in the United States and one of the main arrival points for the influx of Irish immigrants, in the early 1860's. He was an active member of the Philadelphia Chess Club, the Quaker City's most important and prominent chess center. The membership roles of the Club featured a number of names that would have graced the city's Social Register, such as Philadelphia attorney Hardman Philips Montgomery, champion of the Club and Philadelphia's representative in the First American Chess Congress in 1857, and Emerson Bennett, while but an amateur at the Royal Game, one of America's best known novelists.

Bennett, in particular, has done more for our understanding of chess in the nineteenth century than simply appearing at Philadelphia's most prominent club. Bennett has left us what appears to be a glamorized description of a typical gentleman's club in his 1856 novel *The Artist's Bride, or, The Pawnbroker's Heir*.

"At a later hour of the same evening which opens our story, two young men sat vis-à-vis at a table, playing a popular game of cards. Both were richly and fashionably dressed; and from their manner—a certain air of languid, indolent assumption—it was plainly evident that both laid claim to the distinction of belonging to the aristocracy of the Quaker City....

"The room was spacious, lofty, gorgeously furnished, and brilliantly lighted by two magnificent chandeliers. The ceiling was frescoed, the walls richly papered with crimson and gold, and the feet sunk into a Turkey carpet of birds and flowers. The furniture was either carved rosewood or marble, and the sofas, ottomans, and chairs were covered with the richest damask. A row of fluted columns divided the apartment; statues stood in niches; costly paintings hung round the walls; lace and damask curtains shaded the windows; and four full length mirrors, in heavily carved gilt frames, and placed at the four points of compass, reflected every object. There were many marble tables, and many seats, and more than a dozen young men, in groups or pairs, engaged in games of chess, backgammon, and cards; and there were waiters in livery, ready for orders; for it was the grand saloon of a private club of aristocratic young men."

While it's a bit of a stretch to imagine chessplayers furnishing rooms with full length mirrors and damask curtains to host their miniature battles, the sense that a gentleman's club should be exclusive rises above Bennett's catalogue of luxury in the excerpt above. Wealth and privilege find satisfaction in its own reflection, mirrors or not, and it is not a great leap to find leading chess clubs in major American cities following the general trend of genteel club life. That Jellett was accepted at all at the Philadelphia Chess Club—whether grudgingly or with open arms matters little—suggests he had at least some means, decidedly above those available to the impoverished masses of Irishmen flooding the ports of the United States and Canada.

The earliest Jellett game recovered is from the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, one of the most prestigious chess columns in the United States, and since 1860 the voice of the Philadelphia Chess Club. The nineteen-year-old Jellett lost a miniature to the young player and problemist James Warner. Considered to be one of the rising lights at

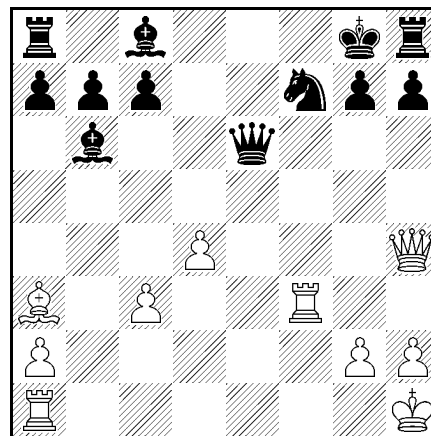
the Philadelphia Chess Club, Warner's chess career would be cut short by his departure to the Darien Ithmus in the late 1860's and his subsequent death in Panama City in 1869. In his brief career Warner played many attractive games, and perhaps none more attractive than this Morphyesque game with Jellett. The game makes a fitting and lesser-known companion to Morphy's famous "Opera House" game.

**James Warner- James Jellett**

Odds Game, 1862

Notes by Gustavus Reichhelm

**Remove Nb1. 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bc5 6.d4 Bb6** [He should have played 6...exd4 ] **7.0-0 Na5 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Nxe5+ Kf8 10.f4 d6 11.Qh5 Qe8** Taking the Knight at this juncture would have subjected him to a severe attack. **12.Qh4 Nf6 13.Rf3 dxe5 14.Ba3+ Kg8 15.fxe5 Qxe5** When Black captured the Knight, he relied on this move to free him from difficulty, but his calculation was unsound. **16.Kh1 Qe6 17.e5 Nc4** [17...Qg4 would have availed him nought.] **18.exf6 Nd6 19.f7+ Nxf7**



**20.Qd8+ Nxd8 21.Rf8 1-0#**

*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, May 17, 1862

One of Jellett's early sparring partners at the Philadelphia Chess Club was Gustavus Charles Reichhelm, the columnist for the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, and as a result of meeting and playing Reichhelm Jellett begins to show up in the *Evening Bulletin's* chess column. Aside from his position as a chess columnist with what was arguably the best American chess column of the period, Reichhelm was also the strongest player in Philadelphia at the time when Philadelphia was one of the two strongest chess centers in the United States. Reichhelm would a few years later play two matches with George Mackenzie for the Championship of the United States, although he hardly covered himself with glory in these one-sided losses.

As befitting his greater playing strength, Reichhelm adopted the period solution to such problems and gave Jellett the odds of a Knight for the following game. The disadvantage of the piece handicap was not as great as it may seem to a present-day reader, as Reichhelm was an experienced odds-giver, and the slash-and-burn style of odds play suited Reichhelm's tactical playing style. Also, chess clocks were not in general use at this time, and aside from blindfold or simultaneous play of the game on Reichhelm's part there was no other way to level the playing strength differences between the two players. Although Reichhelm, perhaps out of courtesy, did not name Jellett as the loser in this game, but instead listed a "Mr. J\_\_\_\_t", savvy readers of the *Bulletin* column and habitual visitors to the Mercantile Library chess

**March 4 GPP:6 Pennsylvania (QC) 2005 Pennsylvania Quick Chess Championship.** 6SS, G/10, T/D3. Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 3 sections, EF rec'd by 2/12: **Open:** \$12. **U1500:** \$10. **U1100:** \$8. \$\$ (630 b/90, 1st-3rd G in Open 465G): **Open:** 160-90-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. **U1500:** 100-55-35, U1200 \$30, Unrated \$25. **U1100:** Trophies to 1st-3rd, Top U800, Top U600, 1st-2nd Unr. **All:** EF: \$20 after 2/12, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 6-6:30pm. Rd 1: 7pm. Reg. ratings used. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. **HR:** Mention "PA States" before 1/31 for best rate; Clarion Hotel & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$60 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** paquick@pscfchess.org W.



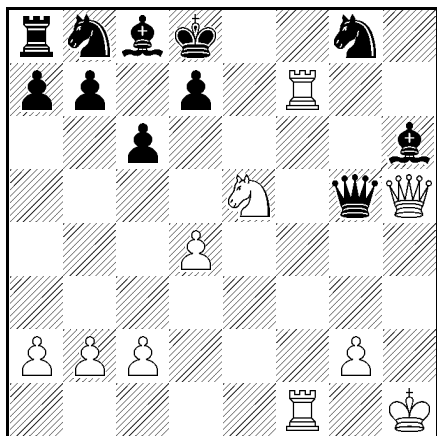
rooms could no doubt fill in the blank spaces.

**Gustavus Reichhelm - Mr. J\_\_\_\_\_t**

Odds game, 02.1864

Notes by Gustavus Reichhelm

**Remove Nb1. 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 h5 6.Bc4 Rh7 7.d4 Bh6 8.0-0 Qxh4 9.Bxf4** Apparently a very hazardous move; it was, however, the most efficient way by which the attack could be kept up. **9...g3 10.Bxg3 Qxg3 11.Bxf7+ Kd8 12.Rf3 Qg7 13.Bg6 Qe7 14.Bxh7 Qxh7 15.Rf7 Qxe4 16.Qxh5 c6 17.Raf1 Qe3+ 18.Kh1 Qg5**



**19.Rf8+** Apparently unperceived by Black. **19...Kc7 20.Qxg5 Bxg5 21.Rxg8 Be3 22.Rff8 Na6 23.c3 b5 24.Ng4 Bc1 25.Nf6 Bh6 26.Ne8+ Kb6 27.Rf6 Bc1 28.Nd6 Bb7 29.Rxa8 Bxa8 30.b4** A most important move. **30...Nc7 31.Rf8 Bd2 32.Ne4 Be3** White announced mate in three moves. **1-0**

*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, February 13, 1864

On March 5, 1864, the *Bulletin* chess column reported that the Philadelphia Chess Club had organized their Sixth Tournament, open to all club members. This was a knockout event, and at the survivors of the tournament were none other than Reichhelm and Jellett. However, the conflict wasn't entirely confined to the chessboard, as Reichhelm explained in the April 23<sup>rd</sup> *Bulletin* column: "... the tournament at the Philadelphia Chess Club was brought to an unexpected termination this week, by the refusal of Mr. Jellett to accept the odds of pawn and two moves from Mr. Reichhelm. These gentlemen have recently played quite a number of offhand games at these odds, a decided majority of which were won by Mr. Reichhelm." Continuing to discuss himself in the third person, Reichhelm expressed "regret that the tournament had been brought to an untoward end" by Jellett's refusal to accept odds.

While this dispute over odds may seem a chessic tempest-in-a-teapot to present day readers, it should be remembered that for Reichhelm to play Jellett on even terms would be to admit Jellett was his equal as a chessplayer, which would be an insufferable affront to the established pecking order in Philadelphia chess. It may have been one such affront to his dignity as a chessplayer that prompted Reichhelm to include as an answer to a correspondent in the December 15, 1865 *Evening Bulletin* column the following barb: "No player possessing common sense will refuse to accept odds from a superior player. To receive odds is no humiliation, but to make a fool of oneself is."

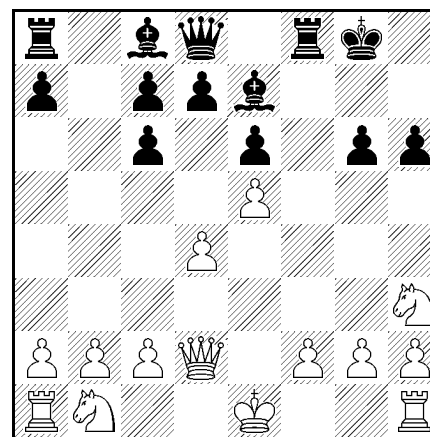
Reichhelm, perhaps to make the point that he could successfully give odds of "pawn and two" to the young Irishman, published in the *Evening Bulletin* a long, drawn game he played with Jellett prior to the dispute about the Championship match.

**James Jellett - Gustavus Reichhelm**

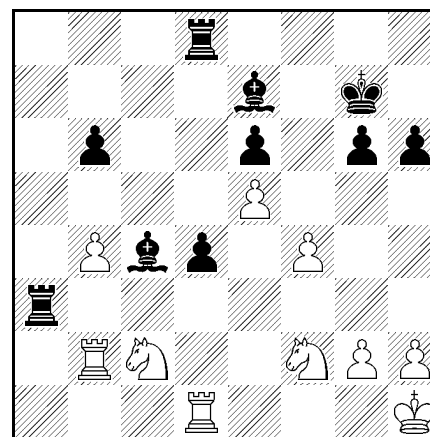
Odds Game, 1864

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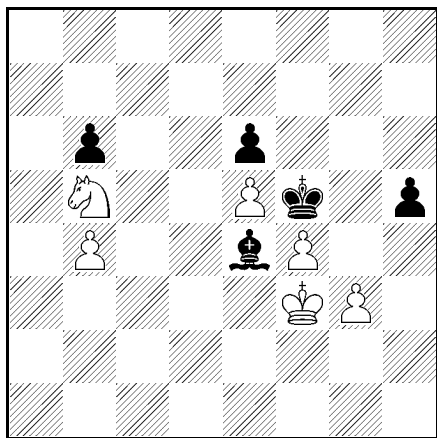
**Remove pawn f7. White moves twice to begin. 1.e4 pass 2.d4 Nc6 3.Bb5** A move at once original and forcible. Black is forced to submit to the doubling of his pawns, or lose valuable time. **3...e6 4.Bxc6 bxc6** [To have captured 4...dxc6 would evidently left the e pawn isolated and weak.] **5.Qh5+ g6 6.Qe5 Nf6 7.Bg5 Bg7** [This is preferable to 7...Be7 as in that case White might play 8.Bh6] **8.Qa5 h6** Evidently a necessary move. **9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.e5 Be7 11.Nh3** The Knight was played here for the purpose of leaving the f pawn free, preparatory to an attack on the Kingside. **11...0-0 12.Qd2**



**12...Kg7** [If 12...Bg5 13.f4 Bh4+ 14.g3 Be7 15.Nc3 etc.] **13.0-0 d5 14.f4 c5 15.c3 cxd4 16.cxd4 c5 17.Rf3 cxd4 18.Qxd4 Qb6** [Black might have played 18...Qa5 here, but he thought it more advisable to force an exchange of Queens.] **19.Qxb6 axb6 20.Nd2 Bc5+ 21.Kh1 Bd4 22.Rb3** Compulsory. **22...Ba6 23.a3 Rac8 24.Nf3 Bc5 25.Rc1 d4 26.Ne1 Be7 27.Rd1** [Suppose 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rxb6 Rc1 29.Rxa6 Rxe1+ 30.Ng1 d3 and wins.] **27...Bc5 28.Rg3 Rfd8 29.b4 Be7 30.Rb3 Bc4 31.Rb2 Ra8 32.Nf2** [Very well played; by either 32.Rdd2 ; or 32.Ra1 Black would have obtained an advantage.] **32...Rxa3 33.Nc2**



**33...Ra2** [33...Rb3 would have lost a move, e. g. 34.Rxb3 Bxb3 35.Nxd4 and Bishop has to move away, for is he takes Rook, another pawn is lost.] **34.Rxa2 Bxa2 35.Nxd4 Kf7 36.Nc6 Rxd1+ 37.Nxd1 Bd5 38.Nxe7 Kxe7 39.Kg1 Kd7 40.Kf2 Kc6 41.Nc3 Bb3 42.h4 Kd7 43.Kg3 Ke7 44.Kg4 Kf7 45.h5 Bc2 46.hxg6+ Kxg6 47.Kf3 h5 48.g3 Kf5 49.Nb5 Be4+**



50.Kf2 [50.Ke3 would have been answered with 50...Bd5] 50...Kg4 51.Nc3 Bc2 52.Ne2 Bb1 53.Kg2 h4 54.gxh4 Be4+ 55.Kf2 Kxh4 56.Ke3 Bd5 57.Nd4 Kg4 58.Nb5 Kf5 59.Nc7 Bc6 60.b5 Bd7 61.Kf3 Bc8 62.Ne8 Bb7+ 63.Ke3 Bd5 64.Nd6+ Kg4 65.Ne8 Bc4 66.Nc7 Kf5 67.Na8 Bxb5 68.Nxb6 Ba6 69.Na4 Bc4 70.Nb2 Bb5 71.Nd1 Ba6 72.Kf3 Be2+ 73.Kxe2 Kxf4 1/2-1/2  
*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, May 28, 1864

His refusal to accept odds from Reichhelm was not the only chessboard ego-conflict that Jellett would involve himself in during 1864. As Reichhelm and Walter Penn Shipley note in their 1898 history *Chess In Philadelphia*, Jellett played a match with Hudson C. Montgomery, a player from nearby Camden, New Jersey. What makes this match interesting is that Jellett offered odds that strike a modern chessplayer as unbelievable: a match to seven wins, with Montgomery starting with four wins to his credit! Unfortunately, Jellett's hubris was rewarded with a loss, with Montgomery winning three games to take the match. The final score stood as seven wins for Montgomery, including the four wins he started with, six wins for Jellett, and one draw. This triumph was a short-lived one for Jellett's opponent, who died on March 17, 1865, a few months after the match. His match win over Jellett, according to the *Bulletin's* March 25<sup>th</sup> obituary notice, was the last serious chess Montgomery played.

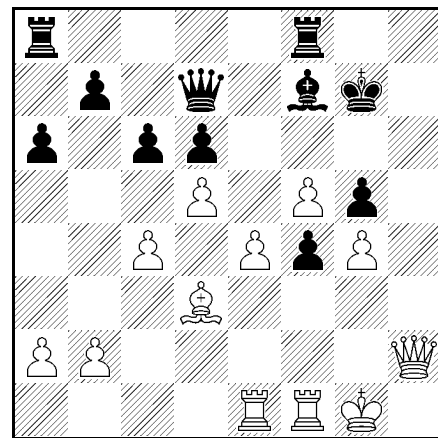
Not all of Jellett's chess activities in 1864 were as contentious as his canceled match with Reichhelm or as embarrassing as his loss to Montgomery. In September 1864 the Philadelphia Chess Club began a handicap tournament, an event in which the strongest players were required to give odds to their less accomplished opponents. Jellett managed to swallow his considerable pride, set aside his objections to odds, and entered the lists of combatants. As recounted in *Chess In Philadelphia*, when the tournament was concluded Jellett found himself in first place. Even Reichhelm was impressed, and published one of Jellett's wins in the *Evening Bulletin* column.

### James Jellett - James Whitman

Philadelphia Handicap Tournament, September. 1864

Notes by Gustavus Reichhelm

Remove pawn f7. 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 [3.Nc3 is preferable, as then Black could not advance 3...e5 advantageously.] 3...e5 4.d5 Be7 5.Ne2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.c4 Bg4 8.f3 Bh5 9.Nbc3 h6 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Be3 Nh5 12.Nxh5 Bxh5 13.Qd2 Nd7 14.Rae1 Nf6 15.f4 White conducts the game throughout, skillfully and correctly. 15...Qd7 16.f5 Ng4 17.h3 Nxe3 18.Qxe3 Bh4 19.g3 Bg5 20.Qf2 a6 Lost time. Black is evidently embarrassed. 21.g4 Bf7 22.h4 Bf4 This looks certainly injudicious. 23.Ne2 g5 24.Nxf4 exf4 25.Qh2 Kg7 26.hxg5 hxg5



27.f6+ Finely conceived. A worthy conclusion to a well-played game. 27...Kxf6 28.e5+ dxe5 29.Qh6+ Ke7 30.Rxe5+ Kd8 31.Qxg5+ 1-0

*Philadelphia Evening Bulletin*, October 23, 1864

To be continued next issue....

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## Games by PSCF Members

More from *The Chess Correspondent*.....

... and another example of John Caliguire engaging in what Alex Dunne used to call a "stamp stomp". John's victim this time is the Historian of the Correspondence Chess League of America, Bryce Avery.

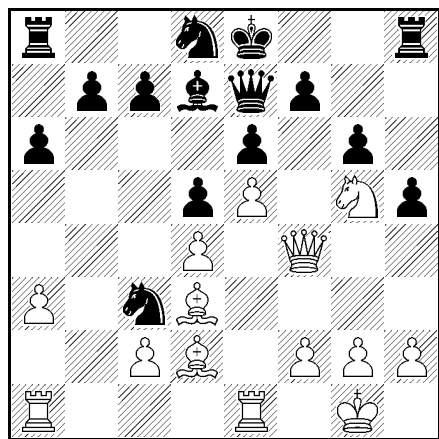
### John Caliguire – Bryce Avery [C12]

CCLA 2003 (3rd) Email Championship

Notes by Volker Jeschonnek from *The Chess Correspondent*

The obvious lesson from the game below is that if Black in the French Defense exchanges his dark-squared bishop for a knight, he needs to carefully watch what its white counterpart is doing. On a more general level, the game also shows that defense is an art, especially against such a skilled attacker as John Caliguire. 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 The McCutcheon Variation is structurally and thematically a 'relative' of the Winawer French. Unbalanced positions and complications are typical but it is not as rich in types of positions. 5.e5 h6 6.Be3 White has a rather large choice here. If he likes to gambit a pawn he may choose the text move or 6 Bc1. The current main line is 6 Bd2 which avoids an immediate ... Ne4. However, Black has the zwischenzug 6 ...Bxc3 and the Knight will arrive on e4 the next move. 6...Ne4 7.Qg4 g6 The queen sortie to g4 is typical for the McCutcheon and usually Black has a choice between ... g6 and ... Kf8. Here, 7... Kf8 would have been a valid choice, too. 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nxc3 This gets an exclamation mark in the 13th edition of "Modern Chess Openings." 10.Bd3 h5 This has been played before. On the plus side Black thwarts White's typical maneuver h2-h4-h5 and, moreover, it does matter whereto White retreats the Queen. It looks to me that the permanent weakening of the dark squares on the Kingside is more relevant though. In *The Main Line French: 3 Nc3* Steffen Pedersen only mentions 10... c5 (by transposition) and 10... Nc6. He points out that in the latter case Black can fight White's h2-h4-h5 plan tactically: (10... Nc6) 11 h4 Ne7!? 12 h5 g5 13 f4 is strongly met with 13... Nf5! Hence White usually prefers 12 f3. 11.Qf4! Moving the Queen to f3 or g3 might look more

natural but Black gets a good game with 11... c5. Now, after 11... c5 12 dxc5 the White Queen would be useful. This variation was tested in the game Anna Dadikina – Ivana Tallova, European Ch. U-20 Girls, Litomsl 1994. It continued 11... c5 12 dxc5 Nc6 13 Nf3 d4 14 Ng5 Qe7 15 Bd2 Nd5 16 Qg3 h4 17 Qg4 Nxe5 18 Qxd4 Qf6 19 0-0 h3 20 Rf1-e1 Nxd3 21 Qxd3 Qf5 22 Qd4 Nf6 23 Ne4 Nxe4 24 Qxh8+ Ke7 25 Qh4+ Nf6 26 Bb4 a5 27 c6+ axb4 28 Qxb4+ Ke8 29 cxb7 Qd5 30 bxa8Q Qxa8 31 Qb5+ Kf8 32 gxh3 Bb7 33 Ra1-b1 Qxa3 34 Qxb7 Qxh3 35 Qb8+ Kg7 36 Qg3 Qf5 37 c4 Ne4 38 Rxe4 1-0 **11...Nc6 12.Nh3** There is something to be said in favor of 12 Nf3. But it might just be a matter of taste. **12...Bd7 13.Ng5 Qe7 14.0-0 a6** Black possibly defends against 15 Bd2 Na4 16 Bb5. 14... Nd8 would threaten an exchange of light squared Bishops with ... Bb5. However, White could open the position by 15 Bd2 Na4 and now 16 c4 or 16 Bb4 (Black has to reply 16... c5 in the latter case). 14... 0-0 can be met with the simple 15 Nf3 and Black has to do something against Qh6. Moving the King Rook, and hence freeing the f8-square for the Queen, is a possibility but it removes a defender from the Kingside **15.Rfe1!** A fine and quiet attacking move. Obviously, protecting the e-pawn is useful. But, actually, White also might be able to open the e-file, for example, by c4, cxd5, and e6. **15...Nd8 16.Bd2**



**16...Ne4??** 16... Na4 was necessary which allows meeting 17 Bb4 with 17... c5. Maybe this was a clerical error or Black just forgot / overlooked that White can attack the queen. However, after 16... Na4 17 c4 looks interesting, for example,  
 A) 17... 0-0 18 Ra1-c1!? Qxa3? 19 Nh7! Kxh7 20 Qh6+ Kg8 21 Bg5 and wins.  
 B) 17... c5 18 cxd5 exd5 18 Qf6! with advantage to White.  
 C) 17... Nb2 18 Bf1 and now 18... 0-0 fails because of 19 Bb4. **17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Bb4** Black loses the queen. **1-0**

The Art of Sacrifice in Chess....

...is reduced to a numbers game by Dan Heisman. When was the last time you sacrificed six times in one game?

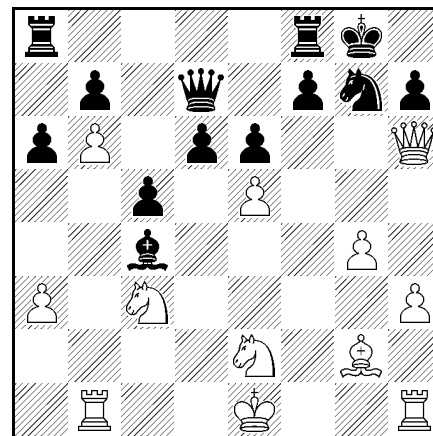
**Dan Heisman – Steven Stepanian [A30]**

Main Line Chess Club Championship (1), 26.10.2004

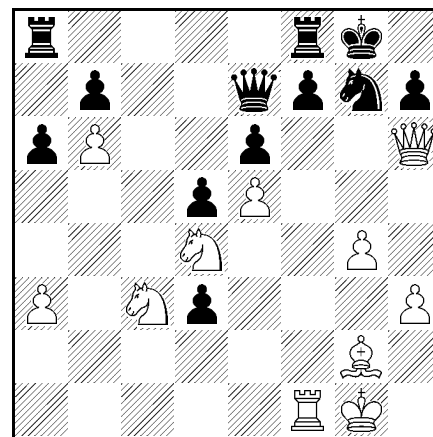
Notes by Dan Heisman

**1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.a3 Nc6 6.Rb1 Bf5** This is inaccurate. Better is 6...a5 **7.e4 Be6 8.d3 Nf6 9.Nge2 9.b4** may be more accurate **9...0-0 9...a5** is still possible. **10.b4 Qd7 11.b5 Ne5?** This loses a piece, which I knew from past experience in similar positions. Better is 11...Nd8 or even 11...Nd4 **12.f4 Neg4 13.h3 Nh6** Now I understood that 14.g4 won a piece due to the dual threats of 14.f5 and 14.g5. Notice I have moved all my

pawns by move 13 and have a winning position! Beginners usually move too many pawns unnecessarily and intermediate players are afraid to move enough pawns! **14.Be3** However, I thought the text was almost as good as 14.g4 (Fritz agrees) and safer. **14...Ne8** If 14...Kg8 then 15.g4! **15.f5** Sacrifice #1 to prevent ...f5 and eventually win the Knight on h6. **15...gxf5 16.Qd2 fxe4 17.dxe4!** Now 18.Bxh6 is unstoppable. If 17.Bxh6? exd3 is much less good for White than the game. **17...Bxc4 18.Bxh6 a6 19.b6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 Ng7** Black plans on breaking open the center with ...f5 **21.g4** A committal move which exposes White's King but stops ...f5. **21...e6** Still trying for ..f5



**22.e5!** Sacrifice #2. Hans Kmoch in *Pawn Power in Chess* calls this a "sweeper" to open e4 for a Knight or Bishop. **22...d5** To keep an eye on e4 since Ne4 threatens both Nf6+ and Ng5, and Be4 threatens Qxh7#. **23.0-0 Bd3 24.Rbd1 c4** If 24...Bg6 Fritz found the lovely 25.Ne4 Bxe4 26.Bxe4 f5 27.exf6 e.p. Ne8 28.Bxh7+! wins because 28...Rxh7 29.Rf8# **25.Nd4** Sacrifice #3. I offer the Rook on f1 to get rid of the defensive Bishop **25...Qe7** Black is running low on time. I expected this, which threatens 26...Qc5, among others **26.Rxd3!** Sacrifice #4. This is the move that Steve said killed him. It is almost forced, since Black is starting to mount real threats. **26...cxd3**



**27.Be4!** Sacrifice #5. Initiating the theme that control of e4 is winning for White. **27...dxe4 28.Nxe4 Ne8** Better is 28...f5 29.Ng5 Ne8 30.Ndxe6 when White is winning, but the text allows a quick end. **29.Nf6+ Qxf6** If 29...Nxf6 30.exf6 threatens the Queen and mate anyway. **30.exf6 Rd8 31.Rf5** A personal record. Sacrifice #6, I believe. Fritz says 31.Nf5, which I considered, is even more accurate, but they both win easily as does 31.Nxe6.

31...exf5 32.Nxf5 33.Ne7+ Kh8 34.Qxf8# is threatened, but if the knight on e8 moves, Qg7# 32...Rd7 33.Ne7+ Rxe7 34.fxe7 Steve, ever a gentleman, congratulated me on a nice game. 1-0

### A Chessplayer in Afghanistan

A reader of the chess newsgroups, Mark Loftus, recently stumbled across a newsgroup posting I made in 2000 about Philadelphia chess in the 1960's and 1970's. Mr. Loftus is currently stationed in Afghanistan as part of the US Army Corp of Engineers, along with Joe Schwing, a participant in the Philadelphia Invitational Championships in 1974. According to Mr. Loftus, the Royal Game is alive among the US servicemen overseas. He reports, "There was a recent knock out tourney at the Kabul ISAF compound, won by Joe Schwing."

Here is an example of Mr. Schwing's play. Is it really this easy to beat a future International Master?

### Joe Schwing (2051) – Tim Taylor (2355) [D34]

Philadelphia Invitational Championship(6), 31.08.1974  
 1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 Be7 11.Be3 Re8 12.Rc1 Bg4 13.Bc5 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Qxd4 Bxe2 17.Rfe1 Qg5 18.Rc7 Bb5 19.Rxb7 Bxa4 20.Qxa4 Qd2 21.Rf1 Reb8 22.Rxb8+ Rxb8 23.Bxe4 dxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxb2 25.Re1 g6 26.Qe5 Qb5 27.h4 a6 28.a4 Qb6 29.h5 Qb2 30.Qd6 Qb4 31.Re8+ Rxe8 32.Qxb4 Kg7 33.Qd4+ Kh6 34.Qf4+ 1-0

## Chess Questions and Answers

By Grandmaster Loyd Turton

Loyd Turton of Bristol, PA, is a Yahoo! Internet Grandmaster of Chess Composition and was recently awarded the International Grandmaster title by the prestigious Chuck's Postal Chess and Checker Club. Grandmaster Turton has been a legend in the chess world, and a firsthand witness to chess history; he was once in the same room with Bobby Fischer. Loyd will answer your questions about chess in each issue of *The Pennswoodpusher*.

Q. Dear GM Turton,

I was born in Bristol, in Delaware Valley Hospital, on January 16, 1978, and lived in Croydon with my parents for nine months before we moved to Douglassville. It's nice to hear that there is a GM there.

My question is, a couple of months ago, in a local tournament, I was on the white side of a Dutch Defense against a vastly weaker player, who was playing in his first event in three years. Should a rusty, grizzly looking, overweight and overrated player attempt such an opening against a young, handsome, expert rated, lean, mean, chess playing machine such as myself?

J.M. from Douglassville

A. The Dutch Defense is related to the Pork Chop opening (1. e4 f6 2. d4 Kf7), and so has much to recommend it. As for your personal appearance, we have it on the good authority of Kalev Pehme, the current editor of *Chess Life*, that "Most of the males who play chess are nerds" (see the April 2004 issue). How do you differ?

## Scholastic Corner – by PSCF SE Scholastic Coordinator Dan Heisman

Scholastic corner is aimed for players K-12, their parents, and scholastic sponsors/coaches. We like to address one column each year

to sponsors and coaches to help them prepare their program for the 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 or anyone else who could benefit! Thanks – this little effort might go a long way!

Before getting into PA-specifics, I would like to note that USCF's excellent booklet, *A Guide to Scholastic Chess*, is now available on-line at [www.uschess.org/scholastic/01GuideScholches.pdf](http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/01GuideScholches.pdf). If you have not seen this, it is a great idea to download it, and print it out or browse through it to keep in mind where to find this helpful information. Of course for the parents there is my book "A Parent's Guide to Chess", available from [www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com) and elsewhere.

**I would urge every school sponsor to prepare a "start of the year" handout and disseminate it to all of the students (and parents!) 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 within 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: [www.pscfchess.org](http://www.pscfchess.org)
- SE PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator: [www.danheisman.com](http://www.danheisman.com) - a clearinghouse site for chess near Philadelphia
- PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator (Steve McLaughlin) [www.delvalchess.com](http://www.delvalchess.com) - includes DVGP events

Important Dates for PA Scholastic Chess in 2004-2005:

- Nov 7 - Greater Phila. Scholastic Championship – Had over 200 entries
- Nov 20-21 PA Junior Championship - Pittsburgh
- Feb 5-6 2004 – PA Team Championship West – Univ of Pittsburgh
- Winter 2004 PA Team Champ East – Philadelphia Community College? – Scholastic & HS/MS sections
- March 4-6 – PA Scholastic Chess Championship – Carlisle, PA – 120+ trophies!
- Apr 8-10 Super Nationals Elementary, Middle School, and High School championship in Nashville TN [www.uschess.org/tournaments/2005/supernationalsIII](http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2005/supernationalsIII)
- Summer 2005 - PA State Chess Championship (all ages but includes a Scholastic section)
- Summer 2005 – Gr Philadelphia Junior Invitational (\$1000 in prizes in 2004)

More detail on all of these events is available at the above web sites. A primary site for PA State Championship events is [www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/](http://www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/). Alternately, you can go to the USCF web site and click on "tournaments" – you get to [www.uschess.org/ta](http://www.uschess.org/ta), and then click on "Listings by State" and "PA", etc. Or for SE PA events, you can go to [www.danheisman.com](http://www.danheisman.com) 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.

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.” This quote was apparently first stated by Lao Tzu, the famous philosopher. Use it for acquiring information about where to play chess: [Teach your students 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 learn. By this I mean that they encourage their players to only play one or two championship events a year, like the PA Team Tournament and the PA Scholastic Championship, this year again at the Clarion Hotel in Carlisle. This approach is somewhat like expecting your football or basketball players 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 (DVGP) Events, the PSCF-CCP events in Philadelphia, 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 SE PA 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 many-time National HS Champion Masterman or Pennsbury. These are two of the best programs in the state, partly because coaches Steve Shutt and Ed McKenney encourage their players to play in the top events, scholastic or not.

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. I was once a student who would have loved to have played organized events outside my school but I did not know about them, so I am very sympathetic to those in that situation now. Therefore, as much as possible, coaches and sponsors should let their students know there is a whole world of chess eager to welcome them outside of their local team or league! And don’t let anyone tell you “You are not good enough” – sometimes I have to return “unrated” trophies for recycling because players who have not played before are improperly discouraged from coming to events and no new players show up to get the trophy!

Final note on events with team trophies: Most individually-paired scholastic chess tournaments (as almost all are) also offer team trophies. In general, the more players you bring to these events from your school, the better chance you have of winning a team trophy. And you do NOT have to be on your school’s official chess team (if there is one) to play on your school team at most scholastic chess events since there is no upper limit on how many of your school can attend. The more the merrier! So everyone come on out and represent your school (or club).

## Dowd’s Dungeon: Solutions

### Otto Wurzberg problem:

**1.Bh3 a5** [ If 1...Kc7 2.Qg4 a5 3.Qc8#] **2.Qa6+ Kxa6 3.Bc8#**  
Mate in 3 **1–0**

### Steven B. Dowd study:

The changing geometry of Bishops and Rook(s) working together has always enchanted me. Here Black appears to have a bind on the Queenside that could turn into a pawn-push win, an immediate capture does not help White, nor is his d-pawn fast enough nor supported enough now. **1.Re3+!** So what does this move do? Well, instead of capturing immediately on b4, when pawn pushes could win the ending for Black, it provides support via the third rank for the white pawns, and sets Black up for a discovered check, while keeping Rooks on the board. [1.axb4 loses] **1...Kf4 2.axb4** The discovered check is not helpful yet, as White needs to clarify the Queenside. **2...Kf5** Still in the way of his pieces! **3.Re1** Only now is this good! **3...Bh7 4.Be2** A continuous change of geometry for the white pieces; now the threat Rf1+ is not so important anymore. This clears the rank for the Rook to hit a4 via a1 AND for the White Bishop to take on c4, holding the passed d5 pawn. Now in Black's two changes of geometry, 4...Rc7 to hold c4, White overloads the Black position with 5.Ra1!, or if now Be5 for an attack on the Kingside with g3, etc., simply 5. Bxc4 decides. The Bishop has newly freed the Rook on the e file for more than adequate defensive chances, and the d5 pawn will be a bone in Black's throat until it promotes to a Queen. **1–0**

## UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

**December 11. PSCF Lemoyne Quads.** 3-RR. G/60. Calvary United Methodist Church, 700 Market Street, Lemoyne PA 17043-1515. **EF:** \$20, PSCF required \$5 OSA. \$\$ 50 to 1st in each quad. Reg 9-9:45am. Rd 1 at 10am. **Info/Directions:** George Daubert III 717-540-7757 [gedgb236@yahoo.com](mailto:gedgb236@yahoo.com) **Director:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, [Iralee@aol.com](mailto:Iralee@aol.com) (Note: A scholastic section will be added if entries warrant.)

**December 18. PSCF-CCP Tourney.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Phila, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Octos:** 3-SS. G/60. EF: \$20. \$\$ 50-30-20 in each octo. **Scholastic Octos:** 3-SS. G/60. EF: \$10. Trophies to top 3 in each octo. **Scholastic Under 700 & Unrated:** 5-SS. G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to top 5. **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. First Round at 10am. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, [Iralee@aol.com](mailto:Iralee@aol.com)

**January 29. PSCF-CCP Tourney.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Phila, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Octos:** 3-SS. G/60. EF: \$20. \$\$ 50-30-20 in each octo. **Scholastic Octos:** 3-SS. G/60. EF: \$10. Trophies to top 3 in each octo. **Scholastic Under 700 & Unrated:** 5-SS. G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to top 5. **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. First Round at 10am. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 215-674-9049, [Iralee@aol.com](mailto:Iralee@aol.com)

**February 5 & 6. 2005 Pennsylvania Open Team and Scholastic Team Championships - West.** Ballroom, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. 2 sections: **Open Team Championship (Sat & Sun):** average rating U2200. 4-SS. 30/90, SD/60. EF: \$60/team by 1/28, \$80 later. Reg 10-10:30am. Rds 11am - 4:30pm, 10am - 3:30pm. \$\$: (700 /b16, 350G): 250-100, U2000 \$95, U1800 \$90, U1600 \$85, U1400 \$80, Trophies (4/team) for Top School, Top Scholastic Organization, Top Scholastic Club. **Scholastic Reserve (Sat only):** average rating

U1400, don't have to attend same school. 5-SS. G/40. EF: \$40/team by 1/28, \$60 later. Reg 10-10:30am. Rds: 11am-12:30pm-2pm-3:30pm-5pm. Trophies (4/team) for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top U1200, Top U1000. **All:** 4-player teams, no alternates. December 2003 Ratings used. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** <http://www.pscfchess.org/pateamwest/>, 412-908-0286, martinak\_tom\_m@hotmail.com. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. W.

**February 26. PSCF Palmyra Scholastic 2.** 3-4SS. G/30. Palmyra Cove Nature Park, 1300 Route 73 N, Palmyra NJ 08065-1007. Rated and non-rated sections available. **EF:** \$10 by 2/19, \$15 later. \$\$ books/equipment per section based on entries. Reg 9-9:45am. Rds 10am - 11:30am - 1:30pm - 3pm (if needed). **Local Info(hotels, maps, etc.):** Clara Ruvolo 856-829-1900 cruvolo@bcbridges.org <http://www.palmyracove.org/> **Info:** 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Ent:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974.

#### A Heritage Event

**March 4 - 6. 2005 Pennsylvania State Scholastic Championships.** Over 130 Trophies!! (With over 100 Individual and over 30 Team Trophies). Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 8 sections (Sat & Sun 3/5 & 6 unless indicated): **EF: K-3 Open:** (Sat 3/5 only) \$29. **K-6 U800:** (Sat 3/5 only) \$27. **K-9 U1000:** (Sun 3/6 only) \$27.25. **K-6 Open:** \$30.50. **K-8 Open:** \$31.50. **K-12 U1000:** \$28.50. **K-12 U1300:** \$29.50. **K-12 Open:** (Fri, Sat & Sun 3/4-6) \$32.50. **All:** EFs if rec'd by 2/12, \$10 more rec'd 2/13-2/26, \$20 more after 2/26. PSCF memb. incl. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. \$\$ for College scholarships (amount to be determined) for top boy and girl in K-12 Open, for Castle Camp (scholarships) & (if possible) 1st team, player in K-6, K-8 & K-12 Opens for Nationals, Denker, Polgar. Reg Fri 3/4 6-10 pm, Sat 3/5 9:30-10:15 am, at site entries on day of 1st Rd get 1/2 pt. bye. Send name, USCF ID & exp, section, grade, school/club, birthday, gender, address, phone, email + EF. \$5 charge for changes/refunds after 2/12. Rds (Sat 3/5 1-day sections): 5-SS. G/40 T/D5; 10-11:45-2-3:45-5:30; (Sun 3/6 K-9 U1000): 5-SS. G/40, T/D5; 9-10:30-12:30-2-3:30; (2-day sections): 5-SS. G/90, T/D5; 10-2-5:30, 9-1. (Fri, Sat & Sun 3/4-6 K-12 Open): 6-SS. G/90, T/D5; 8, 10-2-5:30, 9-1. **HR:** Mention "PA States" before 1/31 for best rate; Clarion Hotel & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$60 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. **Info:** <http://www.pscfchess.org/pascholasticchamp/>, Steve McLaughlin: zugzwang1@erols.com 215-784-5938; Dan Heisman: danheisman@comcast.net 610-649-0750; Rich Barbara: rbarbara139@comcast.net 412-767-9228. W.

**March 5 & 6 GPP:6 Pennsylvania 2005 Carlisle Open & Pennsylvania Collegiate Championship.** 5SS, G/90, T/D5. Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 2 sections: **Open & U1500.** \$\$ (1260 b/70, 1st-2nd G in Open 780G): **Open:** 180-120, U2200 \$110, U2000 \$100, U1800 \$90, U1600 \$80; **U1500:** 150-100, U1400 \$90, U1200 \$85, U1000 \$80, Unr \$75. **All:** College Trophies: 1st-2nd in each section, 1st-2nd team (4 players combined over both sections). **EF:** \$29 rec'd by 2/12, \$39 after, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 8:45-9:30pm. 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. **HR:** Mention "PA States" before 1/31 for best rate; Clarion Hotel & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$60 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** carlisleopen@pscfcchess.org W.

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**ALLENTOWN:**

- (1) Center City CC; St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St; Sat Noon-6 pm
- (2) A-B Chess Club; St. Timothy's Lutheran Ch, 130 S Ott St; Fri 8-12 pm

**ALTOONA:**

Andrew Stergiou 814-941-2310

**BANGOR:**

8 N Main St Apt 405; Wed 7-11, Robert Curley 610-588-9577

**BLOOMSBURG:**

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

**BRADFORD:**

- (1) Univ of Pitt-Bradford Commons Building; Tues 8-11 pm
- (2) School Street Elementary; Wed 6:30-8:30 pm

**CANONSBURG:**

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

**CHAMBERSBURG:**

C-burg Chessman; 600 Miller St; Thurs 7-10 pm, 717-263-8389

**CHELTENHAM:**

Rowland Community Center, Elm St.; Thurs 6-10 pm

**CHESTER:**

J Lewis Crozer Library, 620 Engle Street; Tues 5:30-7:30 pm, 610-364-1212

**CLEARFIELD:**

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

**COATESVILLE:**

Cultural Soc, 258 E Lincoln Hwy; Thurs 5-10 pm, Bob Jones 610-384-1790

**COUDERSPORT:**

High School, 698 Dwight St; Fri 3-4:30 pm, Patrick Keeney 814-274-4428

**DUBOIS:**

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

**ERIE:**

Erie CC; Zum Science Building, W 7th St between Peach and Sassafras, Room 341; Fri 6:30-10 pm, James Walczak 814-870-7763

**EXETER:**

Dunn Recreation Center, 4565 Prestwick Dr; Thurs 7:30-10 pm, 610-374-5882

**GLADWYNE:**

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

**GREENSBURG:**

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

**GREENVILLE:**

Howard Miller Center, Thiel College; Mon 7-10

**HATBORO:**

Chaturanga CC; Trinity Orthodox Presbyterian Church, County Line Rd W of Blair Mill Rd; Thurs 8 pm, 215-794-8368

**HARRISBURG:**

Harrisburg East Shore Chess Club; Tues, 717-234-4921 (Also see West Shore)

**HAZLETON:**

Greater Hazleton CC; Zola's Lamppost Restaurant, Route 980; Thurs 8-11 pm, Bob Brubaker 570-384-4122; Also Checkers Pizza, Route 309; Tues 8-11 pm

**HUNTINGDON VALLEY:**

Huntingdon Valley Chess Society Juniors; Huntingdon Valley Library, 625 Red Lion Rd; Tues 7:30-8:30 pm

**JOHNSTOWN:**

St Rochus Church, 314 8th Ave; Sun 7:30-11 pm, 814-266-2272

**LANCASTER:**

Manor Chess Club; 3577 Blue Rock Rd; Wed 6-9 pm, 717-892-6612

**LANSDALE:**

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

**MANSFIELD:**

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

**MONROEVILLE:**

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

**MURRYSVILLE:**

1st Presbyterian Ch, 3202 N Hills Rd; Wed 7-11 pm, Jay Griffin 724-325-2484

**NEW CASTLE:**

Lawrence County CC; Trinity Episcopal Ch, N Mill & Falls; Thurs 6:30-9 pm

**PHILADELPHIA:**

- (1) FMCC; 2012 Walnut, Lower Level; Mon - Fri 1-9 pm, 215-496-0811; Sat & Sun 5-9 pm, 215-496-9686
- (2) Univ of Penn CC; Chats Cafeteria, 3800 Locust; Wed 8 pm
- (3) Masterminds CC; Fountains @ Logan Square East, 2 Franklin Town Blvd; Wed & Fri 6-10 pm, Steve Slocum 215-455-6285

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- (2) Pittsburgh CC; Wightman School Community Center, 5604 Solway St.; Wed 1-9 pm, Sat Noon-10 pm, 412-421-1881
- (3) Crafton Public Library, 140 Bradford; Sat 9 - Noon, 412-922-4234
- (4) Hill Branch Library, 419 Dinwiddie St; Mon & Thurs 3-7 pm, Sat 1-5 pm, 412-361-6170
- (5) CMU CC; University Center Commons; Thurs 6-8 pm
- (6) Mt Lebanon Lib, 16 Castle Shannon; Scholastics: 1st/3rd Mon Sept-May, Adults/Older Scholastics: Thurs 7-8:30 pm; 412-531-1912
- (7) USC Library, 1820 McLaughlin Run Rd; Thurs 6-8 pm, 412-221-2394

**POTTSTOWN:**

YMCA, 724 N Adams St; Fri 6:30-8:30 pm, Michael Mullin 610-323-7300

**READING:**

Million Youth Chess Club; Olivets Boys & Girls Clubs; 677 Clinton, Mon 5-7; 1161 Pershing, Fri 6:30-8:30; Mike 610-373-3061

**RIDLEY PARK:**

Tri-State Chess Club; Ridley Park United Methodist Church, 15 East Dupont Street; Mon 6:15 - 11 pm, 610-586-8205

**SCRANTON:**

Redman's, Main & Elm; Sun 2 pm, Patrick Walker 570-347-5200

**SHAMOKIN:**

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

**SHIPPENSBURG:**

Health Care Ctr, 121 Walnut Bottom Rd; Wed 6-9:30 pm, Terry 717-486-0211

**SOUTHAMPTON:**

Southampton CC; Davisville Church; 215-675-9535

**STATE COLLEGE:**

PSU CC; ASI Bldg, Room 16; Thurs 6:30 pm

**STROUDSBURG:**

YMCA, Main St; Thurs 7-11 pm, Eric 570-476-8939 or Jim 717-992-5475; & Loder Senior Center, 62 Analomink St, East Stroudsburg; Tues 7-11 pm

**SUNBURY:**

Susquehanna Valley CC; Oaklyn Baptist Church, Rte 61; Sat 6 pm

**UNIONTOWN:**

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

**WARMINSTER:**

WREN, 1101 Little Ln, Tues 6:30-8, 215-443-5428

**WARREN:**

Warren Library, 205 Market St; 1st & 3rd Sat 9am - 1pm

**WEST CHESTER:**

- (1) West Chester CC; United Methodist Ch, High & Barnard Sts; Thurs 7 pm
- (2) WC Univ CC; Sykes Student Building, Room 112; Thurs 11 am - 2 pm

**WEST SHORE (Harrisburg):**

Calvary United Methodist Church, 700 Market St (Rear), Lemoyne; Mon 7-10 pm, Gerald Dubs 717-975-5589; & Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 225 Salt Dr, Enola, Sat 10-2 pm

**WILKES-BARRE:**

W-B CC; Bird Rm, Osterhout Lib; Wed, 6-9 pm, George Trent 570-740-7662

**WILLIAMSPORT:**

Williamsport Chess Society; Wertz Student Center, Lycoming College; Tues

**WYNCOTE:**

Montgomery Youth CC; Calvary Presbyterian Church, 217 Fernbrook Ave; Wed 7-8:30 pm, Steve McLaughlin 215-784-5938

**YORK:**

- (1) York Twp Comm Centr, 2500 S George; Wed 6:30-10 pm, 717-845-9368
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