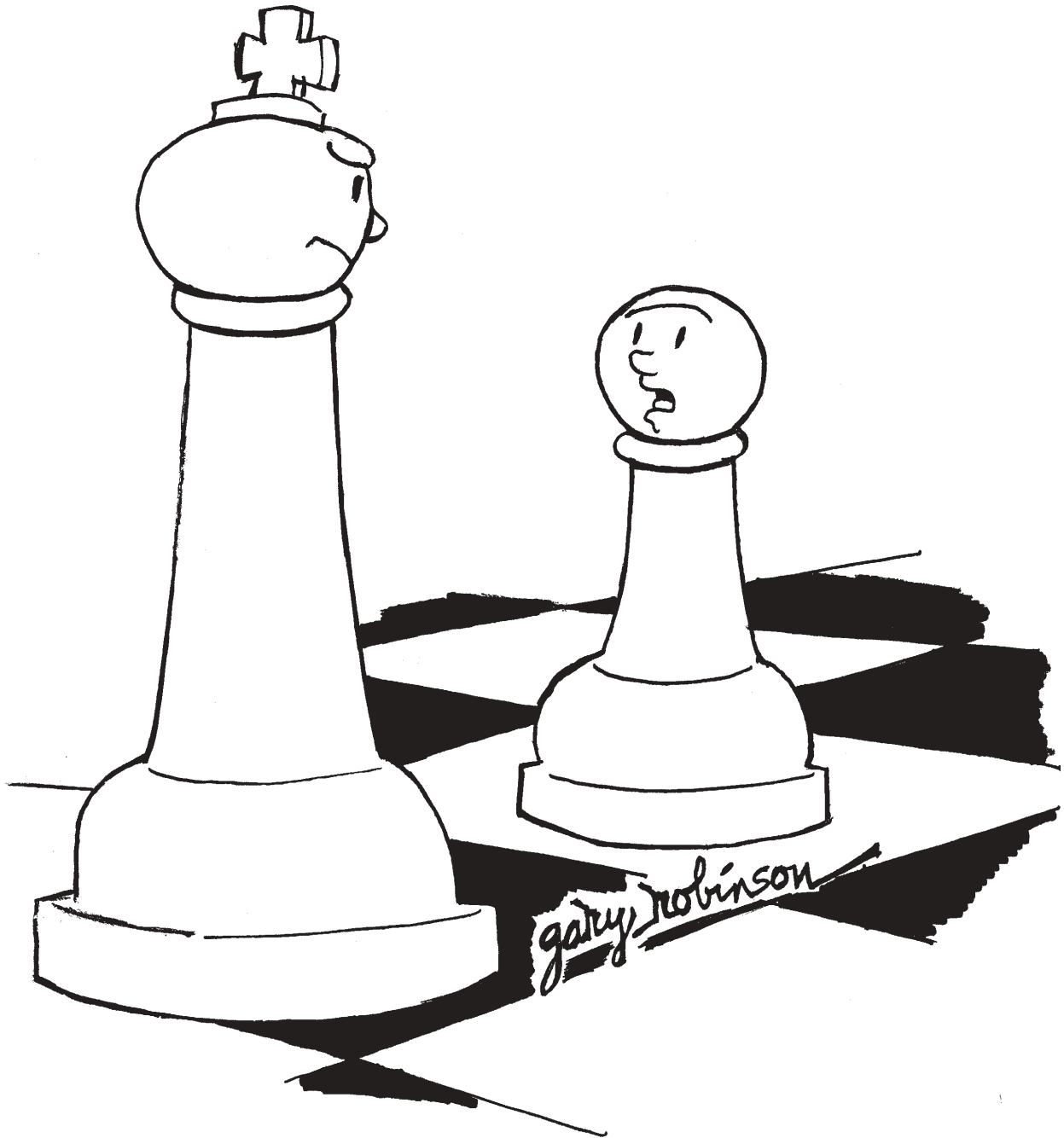


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May 15. PCC Executive Committee Meeting. PCC. 6pm.

May 15 - June 19. 14th Richard Abrams Memorial. 6-SS. Pittsburgh Chess Club. 2 sections: **Championship.** **TL:** 30/90, SD/60. **EF:** \$28 postmarked by 5/7, \$38 at site, \$2 discount to PCC members. \$\$ (540 b/27): 200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70. **Booster,** open to U1600. **TL:** Game/60. **EF:** \$14 postmarked by 5/7, \$19 at site, \$1 discount to PCC members. Trophies to 1st & 2nd, Ribbons to 3rd. **All:** Reg 6 - 6:45pm. Rds 7pm each Tuesday. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak. Checks payable to Pittsburgh CC.

May 19 (QC). 4th Panther Quick Quads & GM Alexander Shabalov Simultaneous Exhibition. 3-RR. G/15. William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **Quads:** **EF:** \$10. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. Reg ends 11:30am. Rds Noon - 12:30pm - 1pm. **Simul:** **EF:** \$15. Talk 2pm - 2:30pm. Game 2:45pm. **Special Combined EF:** \$20 for both. **HR:** \$31-41, Univ. of Pittsburgh Main Towers dorms 412-648-1206. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak. NS. W.

June 9. 8th Annual Western PA Scholastic Chess Championship. 4-SS. G/30. Univ. Center, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA 15213. **Info:** 412-422-1770. **Ent:** Jerry Meyers, 4101 Windsor St., Pittsburgh PA 15217-2610.

A Heritage Event

June 10. 31st Fred Thompson Memorial. 4-SS. G/75. William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **EF:** \$24 postmarked by 6/2, \$34 at site, \$2 discount to PCC members, add \$4 to play up 1 section, add \$8 to play up 2 sections. 6 sections: **1900 & Up. 1700 to 1899. 1500 to 1699. 1300 to 1499. 1100 to 1299. 1099 & Under.** \$\$ (850 b/55): 125 to 1st in each section, \$100 to U2100 in 1900 & Up. Unrateds may not win over \$50. Reg 9:15-9:30am. Rds 10am - 1pm - 4pm - 7pm. **HR:** \$31-41, Univ. of Pittsburgh Main Towers dorms 412-648-1206. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak.

June 19. PCC Board of Directors Meeting. PCC. 6pm.

June 23 (QC). 2001 PCC Senior Championship. 3-SS. G/29. Pittsburgh Chess Club. Only open to those age 50 & Over. **EF:** \$10, PCC membership required. 1st Place & Top 65 & Over will receive a one year PCC membership extension. Reg ends 12:45pm. Rds 1pm - 2:15pm - 3:30pm.

June 23 (QC). 2001 PCC Junior Championship. 3-SS. G/29. Pittsburgh Chess Club. Only open to those age 17 & Under. **EF:** \$10, PCC membership required. 1st Place & Top 10 & Under will receive a one year PCC membership extension. Reg ends 12:45pm. Rds 1pm - 2:15pm - 3:30pm.

July 10 (QC). 6th PCC 15-Minute Championship. 5-SS. G/15. Pittsburgh Chess Club. Reg 6 - 6:45pm. Rds 7pm - 7:45pm - 8:30pm - 9:15pm - 10pm. **EF:** \$10, PCC membership required. 1st place will receive a one year PCC membership extension.

July 13 - 15 or 14 & 15 GPP:6 Pennsylvania 23rd Allegheny Chess Congress. 5-SS. 30/80, SD/1 (2-day option, rd 1 G/60). William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. \$\$ (1605 b/65, two-thirds guaranteed). 3 sections: **Open,** open to all: \$\$ 300-150, U2100 \$95, U2000 \$90. **Premier,** open to U1900: \$\$ 200-100, U1700 \$95, U1600 \$90. **Reserve,** open to U1500: \$\$ 200-100, U1300 \$95, U1200 \$90. Unrateds may not win over \$100 in U1900, or \$75 in U1500. **EF:** 3-day \$35, 2-day \$34 postmarked by 7/5, all \$44 at site, \$3 discount to PCC members. **Re-entry:** \$15. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30pm, Rds Fri 7, Sat 12:30 - 5:30, Sun 10 - 3. **2-day schedule:** Reg Sat 9:30-9:45am, 1st Round 10am, then merges with 3-day. Bye: 1-5, rds 4 & 5 must commit before rd 2. **HR:** \$31-41, Univ. of Pittsburgh Main Towers dorms 412-648-1206. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak.



A Kimball Event

by Art Moskowitz

A large and enthusiastic group turned out on Tuesday March 13 to watch Kimball Nedved play Fritz 6.0 on the PCC's new computer. Kimball gave a pregame talk in which he explained how he would try to "lock-up" Fritz.

After a questionable 5th move played by Kimball to get out of Fritz's opening book and head for a closed position, an apparently shocked Fritz locked-up literally and refused to move! It took the wizardry of Tom Martinak and a committee of helpers to get things going again.

A good 9th move by Fritz forced the win of a pawn, and it was all downhill for Kimball after that. The complete game, with annotations by Bruce Leverett, appears later in this issue. The final position of the game after White's 31st move appears below. It was adjudicated by Kimball and the spectators as a win for Fritz 6.0.

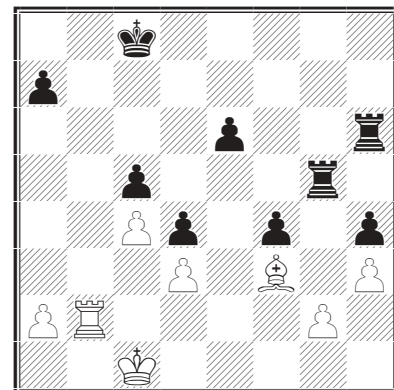
Kimball was indeed courageous in publicly taking on Grandmaster Fritz. Our heartfelt thanks to him for such an entertaining and instructive event!



The previous issue of *En Passant* is currently available for download in PDF format at the PCC website. You can view and print it with Adobe Acrobat Viewer, which is available for free by download from Adobe. In addition, all available complete game scores appearing in this and the previous issue of *En Passant* are available for download in PGN format. These can be viewed in most of the chess databases or can be opened as a textfile in any plain text word processor such as NotePad or WordPad. My thanks to the many contributors who have made this temporary editor job easier. A new editor will soon be at work and my hope is that the current contributors will be joined by many new writers.

Tom Martinak

Kimball Nedved vs Fritz 6.0



Chess News for Juniors *by Beth Harrison*

Record Broken Again: Local scholastic chess continues to grow and break attendance records with each succeeding tournament. The 2001 Pittsburgh Scholastic Chess Championship was the largest chess tournament ever held in Pittsburgh attracting 280 entrants from 93 schools. The tournament organized by CIM Jerry Meyers was held February 24, at Brashear High School. First place winners in each section included Michael Opaska, Grades 6 - 12 Advanced; Daniel Lamoureaux, Grades 6 - 12 Intermediate; Tony Adams and Ian Gibson, Grades 6 - 12 Beginner; Gabriel Petesch and Mark Heimann, Grades K - 5 Premier; Mareldi Ahumada-Lobo and Benjamin Steele, Grades 4 & 5 Advanced; Gregory Vaislieb, Grades 4 & 5 Beginner; Evan Schell, Grades K - 3 Advanced; and Sujay Busam, Connor Weis, and Daniel Lee, Grades K - 3 Beginner. O'Hara Elementary School won the first place team trophy. Full results can be seen on the Pittsburgh Chess Club Youth Chess web page <<http://trfn.clpgh.org/pcc/youth.htm>> by clicking on "Past Tournament Results."

State Chess Champs: Many Pittsburgh players and teams won awards at the 2001 Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess Championship, held March 10 - 11, in Bloomsburg. In the High School Open division Ryan Milisits won 7th place, Justin Papariella won 8th place, and Michael Booth won 9th place. All three boys had 3½ points and were named PA 9th Grade Co-Champions. In the K - 12 U1300 section Ernest Sharif won 4th place.

In the K - 8 Open Patrick Harrison tied for 1st place with 4½ points. Patrick and Matthew Russell (of Bradford, PA) drew in the last round and were named PA Middle School Co-Champions. Jack Cheung won the 7th place trophy and Kevin Berthoud won 10th place with 4 points. Jack and Kevin were named PA 8th Grade Co-Champions. Ajit Singh won the 1st place U800 medal.

In the K - 6 Open Bryan Joseph achieved a perfect 5-0. He won 1st place and was named the PA Elementary School Champion. Hari Seshadri won 2nd place and was the 5th Grade Champion with 4½ points. Raul Trisal won 4th place. Kent Berthoud won the 1st place U900 award. In the K - 6 U800 section Delbert Tyler II won 1st place. Ryan Hungerman won the 5th place trophy. Chris Chough, Karl Gough, and Justin Adams won 6th place medals.

In the K - 3 Open Gabriel Petesch and Mark Heimann drew in the final round taking the 1st and 2nd place trophies. Alexander Heimann also finished with 4½ points and won the 3rd place trophy. Gabriel, Mark, and Alexander were named PA Primary Co-Champions. Neiladri Khan won 4th place; Michael Schiff won 5th place; and Evan Schell won 6th place. Neiladri, Michael, and Evan were named PA 3rd Grade Co-Champions. Mathew Brady won 7th place; Daniel Lee won 8th place; and Randall Gough won 9th place. Matthew was the 2nd Grade Champion, and Daniel and Randall were the 1st Grade Co-Champions. Luke Hungerman won the 1st place Unrated trophy.

Our local schools and clubs did well at the tournament, too. Taylor Allderdice High School won the 3rd Place School Team trophy in the High School Open. In the K - 8 Open

Monroeville Chess Club won the 1st Place Club and Sterrett Classical Academy won the 1st Place School Team trophies. In the K - 6 Open Monroeville Chess Club won the 1st Place Club trophy, and PCC's Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons won the 2nd Place Club trophy. Monroeville Chess Club won the 1st Place Club trophy in the K - 6 U800 section. In the K - 3 Open the Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons and Razing Rooks tied for the top club award. There are some great pictures of the Dragons on the PCC Youth Chess web page. A new attendance record for the state championships was set this year with 439 students in grades K - 12 competing.

Library Finals: This year's Library Finals Chess Tournament was held at the Benedum Center on March 31. Branch library winners qualified and were invited to represent their local libraries in the finals competition. Trophy winners of the senior division, grades 5 - 8, included Jack Cheung, 1st place; Ezra Jampole, 2nd place; Andrew Weis, 3rd place; Brian Nelson, 4th place; Daniel Lamoureaux, 5th place; Jeremiah Blocki, 1st Unrated; Tricia Kahler, 1st place girl; and Sara Hendrickson, 2nd Unrated. In the junior division, grades K - 4, the trophy winners were Mark Heimann, 1st place; Ben Kepner, 2nd place; Andrew Zinn, 3rd place; Gabriel Petesch, 4th place; David Pyles, 5th place; Jake Gipko, 1st Unrated; Aarthi Ramesh, 1st place girl; and Peter Regan, 2nd place Unrated. In addition many ribbons were awarded. See the PCC Youth Chess website for complete results and pictures.

Special Honors: Our PA High School, Middle School, Elementary School, and Primary State Champions have been invited to carry the Pennsylvania state flag in the opening ceremonies at SuperNationals II in Kansas City. Patrick Harrison is now a three-time state champion having won the Pennsylvania state championship last year and the Louisiana state championship in 1998. Ryan Milisits, Justin Papariella, Michael Booth, Hari Seshadri, Mark Heimann, and Alexander Heimann were all named to the April 2001 USCF Top Fifty Lists. Congratulations to all our fine chess players!

Coming Attractions: The Western Pennsylvania Scholastic Chess Championship is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, at Carnegie Mellon University. Summer classes and chess day camps are planned for various locations. Check the PCC Youth Chess website <<http://trfn.clpgh.org/pcc/youth.htm>> for more information. The Castle Chess Camp is July 15 - 22, at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, PA. Another source of information for local chess kids and their families is the Dorseyville Middle School Chess website <<http://www.icubed.com/~beth.har/DMSChess>>. And you can always find information about upcoming tournaments for kids and adults on the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club website <<http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/>>.

Send Us Your Best Game: We are looking for a game between younger players to be analyzed for the next issue and other games from K - 12 for the future. Send notation and other news to Beth Harrison, 222 Cornwall Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238-2639, or email beth.harrison@icubed.com. Deadline for the July/August issue is June 1.

Promote That Pawn *by Rich Barbara*

You're out of the middlegame and into the endgame. The Queens are gone. Perhaps you each have a rook, and a minor piece or two. And then there are those pawns. Those precious, precious pawns. This issue's puzzles theme is reaching the eighth rank with a pawn.

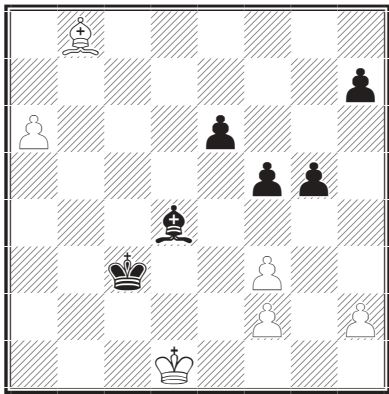
Try to work the puzzles through in your head. It may help to set the pieces up on a board but push yourself to try a little harder before you look at the answers or move the pieces. If it doesn't come, put it away, go onto the next puzzle and try again later.

Growth in any area will take some work.

Good luck!

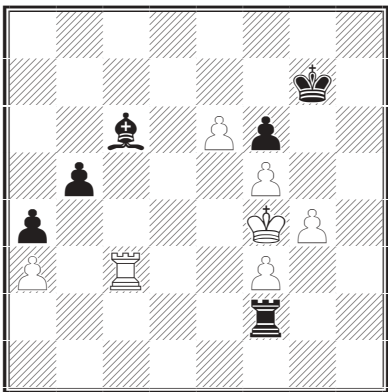
Ideas, suggestions, questions and comments are all welcomed. I can be reached via email at Rich_barbara@hotmail.com

Puzzle #1 - White to move & win



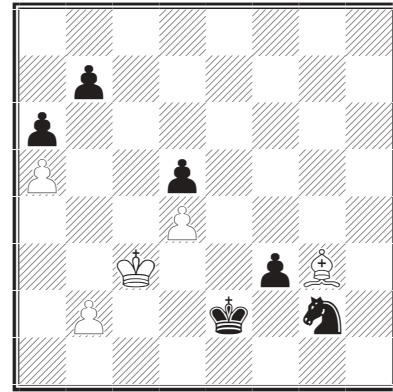
Fischer vs Euwe, 1960

Puzzle #2 - Black to move & win



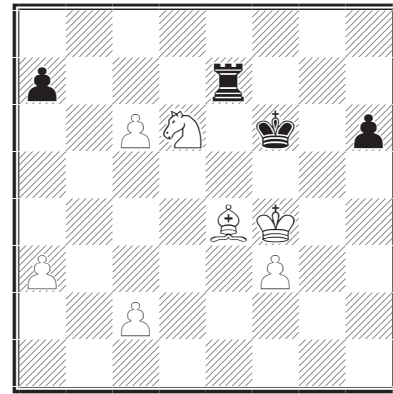
Fischer vs Pachman, 1959

Puzzle #3 - Black to move & win



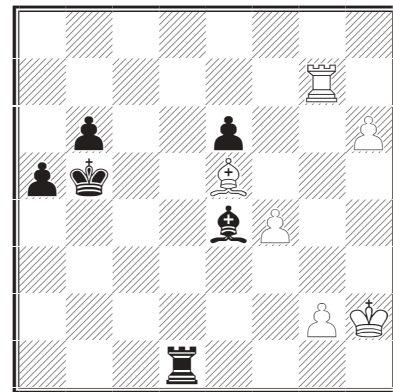
Saidy vs Fischer, 1963

Puzzle #4 - White to move & win



Fischer vs Goldsmith, 1957

Puzzle #5 - White to move & win



Fischer vs Addison, 1962

Puzzle #1 - 1. Be5 and Black resigns.
 Puzzle #2 - 1. ... Rxf3+ 2. Rxf3 Bxf3 and White resigns. If 3. Kxf3 b4 If 4. Ke3 to catch the b-pawn, then 4. ... bxa and the King is still too far away. If 4. axb, then the Black a-pawn is unstoppable.

Puzzle #3 - 1. ... Ne3 and White resigns. Black's next move will be Nf5 and White's Bishop will have no safe square from which it can guard f2.
 Puzzle #4 - 1. c7 and Black resigns. Black will lose his Rook to stop the pawn.
 Puzzle #5 - 1. h7 and Black will lose a piece to stop the pawn.

Junior Games *by Jim Booth*

Hi! My name is Jim Booth. I love the game of chess and have played on a regular basis since I was 16 years old. I learned the moves when I was 11 from an instruction pamphlet inside a chess set that I had received that Christmas. The first chess book that I read was Irving Chernev's *How To See Three Moves Ahead*. This book opened my eyes to the world of chess tactics. For me, chess is more than a game between two people. It is an alternative model of conflict in an abstract fantasy world with its own rules of reality. It is believed that chess originated in India as a game called Chataranga in an attempt by the wise men of that time to create a model that mimics their warfare. My fantasy goes something like this: In the great land of Nowere, two great and powerful Kings choose to battle with their loyal armies. So, I see every game as a conflict or argument between two people. The basic elements of chess can be converted to real-world equivalents: Board - Space; Pieces - Matter; Player's Turn - Time. No matter how complicated or unusual, all games can be analyzed or reduced to these basic elements.

The following game was played last August in the Pittsburgh Summer Open between two young and aspiring chess warriors - Pat Harrison and Jason Young. The time control was Game in 60 minutes. In spite of my many critical comments, I feel that it was a very good contest overall. Most of the mistakes are difficult to see at first and the time control was very fast. In contrast, World Championship games are normally 40 moves in 2½ hours!

Jason Young - Pat Harrison

1 e4 c6

This defense is called the Caro-Kann. It is a very complicated strategic opening that I don't recommend for beginners.

2 d4 d5 3 e5

White gains space but spends a move doing so. At the beginning of the game it is very important to get your chess army battle-ready. Aim your pieces towards the middle of the board. Two ways of doing this would be: 3. Nc3 defending the pawn; or 3. ed and after Black's recapture 4. Bd3.

3 ... Bf5

Black develops a piece towards the center.

4 Bd3

White gains time but trades off a key piece. Because of the pawn structure, White's light-squared Bishop is more dangerous.

4 ...Bd3 5 Qd3 e6

Black's plan is the most logical one: maintain a pawn in the center and then attack the pawn on d4 in order to weaken the defense of the e5 pawn.

6 Nf3

White organizes a defense of his central pawns. White can try to counter Black's plan by playing 6 Nc3. Typical play might then proceed 6 ... Qb6 7 Nge2 Qa6 (trying to trade Queens without losing time) 8 Qh3. Now 8 ... c5? is a blunder because of 9 Nd5 ed 10 Qc8+ Ke7 11 Qc5+ Ke8 12 Qc8+ Ke7 13 Bd2

Qb5 (or Qa4) 14 Nc3 Qc6 15 Nd5 Qd5 16 Bb4+ Qd6 17 Bd6 checkmate. To avoid mate Black can play 13 ... Nc6 Qa8 where White wins a Rook for a Knight.

6 ... c5 7 e3 Nc6 8 Be3

8 0-0 would be more consistent with White's strategy.

8 ... Qb6 9 Qc2?!

Qd2 is probably more accurate. Black can take advantage of Qc2, but this move also creates tactical complications.

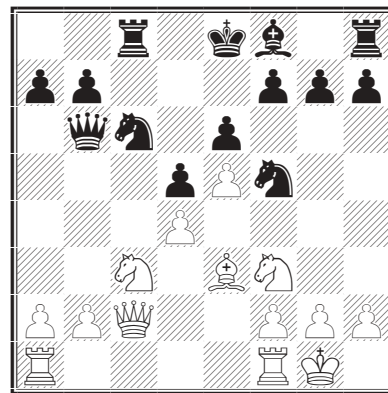
9 ... cd4

Black weakens White's pawn on d4 and opens lines for developing the Bishop on f8.

10 cd4 Nge7 11 0-0

Better late than never!

11 ... Rc8 12 Nc3 Nf5?!



Black is consistent with his strategy (attack d4), but fails to calculate accurately (tactics). Tactics is always more important than strategy. You can win with bad strategy, but you can almost never win with bad tactics.

13 Rad1?!

White can take control of the center with 13 Nd5 Qd8 14 Nc3 Nfd4 15 Nd4 Nd4 16 Qe4 Nc6 17 Rad1 Qc7. The move played is a routine developing move that fails to take advantage of an opportunity.

13 ... Be7?

Another routine developing move. This "development" actually allows White to win a pawn. Black can avoid trouble by playing Ne3.

14 a3?

Now White can win a pawn with Nd5. The pawn on e6 is overworked - it cannot defend both d5 and f5 at the same time.

14 ... 0-0

Ne3 is better.

15 h3?

White misses another opportunity to gain an advantage. Now the tactical situation is extremely complicated. After 15 Nd5 Ne3 16 Nb6 Nc2 17 Nc8 Rc8 18 Rd2 Na3 19 ba Ba3, White is slightly ahead - Rook for a Bishop and Pawn. White has good chances of winning but, with best play, Black should be able to draw. I would welcome any further comments on this position. Any student who wishes to improve needs to analyze this kind of simple position. Former World Champion Emanuel Lasker noted that good chessplayers always play these kinds of positions well.

15 ... Na5!

Black finally does something to prevent Nd5. The move also attacks weak points in White's Queenside.

16 b4

I think that 16 Bc1 and only then b4 is more accurate. My computer likes 16 Bf4.

16 ... Nc4

16 ... Ne3 should win a pawn. The a3 and e3 pawns are both weak. 17 fe Nc4 18 Qc1 Qa6 19 Nb1 Ne5!

17 Bc1 Rc7

Another tactical error. Now White can gain a small edge by playing 18 Nd5 (again!) ed 19 Qf5 a5 20 ba Qa5 21 Bf4 Ba3 22 e6 Re8 (analysis by the Zarkov computer program). Much better for Black is 17 ... Qa6 18 Qb3 Qc6 19 Ne2 b5 20 Bf4 and Black is better (Zarkov).

18 Rfe1

A routine move. White misses his next to last real chance for an advantage.

18 ... Rfc8 19 Rd3??

His last chance. 19 Nd5 wins a pawn. The move played blocks the Queen's diagonal move to f5, and so Nd5 doesn't work.

19 ... Qa6

19 ... a5 wins a pawn after 20 ba Qa5 21 Qe2 Qa6 22 Na2 Na3 23 Ba3 Ba3 24 Rb3 Be7 25 Qa6 ba.

20 b5

Qb3 is better, giving Black only a small advantage.

20 ... Qa5

Na3 is also good.

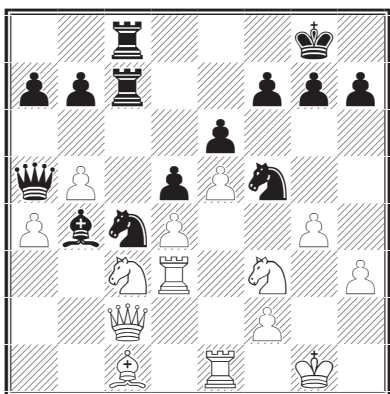
21 a4?

Loses a piece. Qb1 is much better.

21 ... Bb4!

Black has a winning position - he should win a piece by force!

22 g4



22 ...Ne7

Much more accurate is 22 ... Bc3. White has no time to capture the Knight on f5 because the Rook on e1 is threatened. And if White recaptures on c3, then the Knight on c4 can unleash a powerful discovered attack while capturing on e5 and simultaneously threatening Nf3+. Analysis of the forcing moves are: A) 23 Qc3 Qc3 24 Rc3 Ne5 25 Rc7 (25 Ne5 Rc3 26 Bf3 Nd6) Nf3+ 26 Kf1 Rc7 27 Rd1 Nd6; B) 23 Rc3 Ne5! 24 Rxf6 Bxf6 25 Nd5 wins; now Black is OK again 26 Rg2 Nf4 27 Re2 Rc7 28

Qc7 Qf2 29 Kh1 Qg2#; C) 23 Re2 Bb4 and the Knight on f5 is safe for the moment because after 24 gf Ne5 wins back the piece; D) (If you prefer to go down with all your guns blazing, then you will like this line the best.) 23 gf Be1 24 Qe2 Ne5 25 Ne5 Rc1 26 fe fe 27 Kg2 R1c2 28 Qg4 Rf2+ 29 Kh1 Rf6 and White runs out of tricks while a rook down and with no way to save his King.

23 Ng5 h6

A safer defense is 23 ... Nb6 24 Rf3 Ng6 and Black is safe on the kingside. The Knight on c3 is still pinned and lost. The rest of the game is a slaughter. At the end Black toys with danger in order to create a work of art. Every piece is in harmony. The Knight lands the final blow.

24 Nf7

Nf3 is slightly better in a lost position.

24 ... Kf7 25 Rf3+ Kg8 26 Bh6 Ne5! 27 Re5 Rc3 28 Rg5 Rc2

A brilliant idea that almost works. But saving the Queen is still better.

29 Bg7???

Much better is 29 Rg7 Kh8 30 Rff7 Nf5 31 gf Bf8 32 Rh7 Kg7 33 fe, but Qe1+ still wins for Black.

29 ... Bd2

Now Black defends against White's threats with threats of his own. White avoids several simpler mates in order to mate with the Knight. See if you can find the quicker checkmates.

30 Be5+ Bg5 31 h4 Bh4 32 g5 Bf2+ 33 Kh1 Qe1+ 34 Kh2 Bh4+ 35 Kh3 Qh1+ 36 Kg4 Rg2+ 37 Kf4 Bf2 38 Rg3 Rg3 39 Bh8 Ng6# 0-1

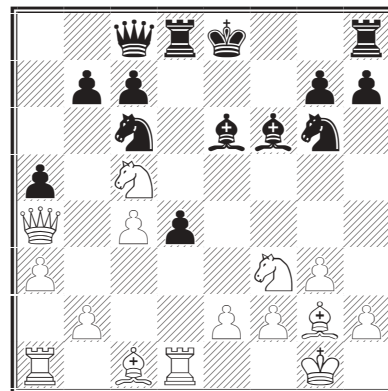
Sri Rahm (1950) - Rob Nicholson (2000)

Golden Triangle Open, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

April 21, 2001 - Round 4

Albin Countergambit

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.de5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.g3 Be6 6.Nbd2 Nge7 7.Bg2 Ng6 8.0-0 Qd7 9.a3 a5 10.Qa4 Rd8 11.Nb3 Be7 12.Rd1 f6 13.ef6 Bf6 14.Nc5 Qc8



15.Nb7 Qb7 16.Nd4 0-0 17.Bc6 Qc8 18.Ne6 Qe6 19.Rd8 Rd8 20.Bd5 Rd5 21.cd5 Qe2 22.Be3 and White went on to win.

Member Games *by Bruce Leverett*

Bruce Leverett - Jim Booth

Exhibition Game, Pittsburgh Chess Club, October 24, 2000

1 Nf3 f5 2 d4 Nf6 3 e3

3 g3 is just better. Even by the turn of the century, before fianchetto openings caught on, everyone knew that White should fianchetto his king bishop against the Dutch. Sometimes my curiosity gets the better of me.

3 ... e6 4 c4 b6 5 Nc3 Be7 6 Bd3 O-O 7 O-O

7 e4 would be logical. By the same token, Black should have prevented this by 6 ... Bb7. Also, if White didn't plan to play 7 e4, he might as well have played 6 Be2 instead of 6 Bd3, since the bishop would have more scope.

7 ... Bb7 8 a3

A waste of time; 8 d5 immediately was better.

8 ... Qe8 9 d5 exd5 10 cxd5 Qh5 11 Nd4

Because of the lost tempo at move 8, White can no longer afford to keep queens on. For instance, 11 Be2 Bd6 12 h3 Ne4 13 Bd2 g5 shows that he has no obvious way of stopping Black's incursion on the kingside.

11 ... Qxd1 12 Rxd1 g6

It's a standoff; either side will find it hard to mount serious threats.

13 b4 a5 14 bxa5 Rxa5 15 Nb3

This wasn't immediately necessary. 15 Bb2 can be played, since after 15 ... Nxd5 16 Bc4 Rc5 17 Ba2, Black will not be able to hold on to his booty. To win against strong players, you have to see tactical finesses like this one. By missing it, I lost time with the knight, since it returned to d4 two moves later.

15 ... Ra8 16 Bc4 d6 17 Nd4 Rfc8 18 Bb2 Na6 19 Ne6 Nc5 20 Rac1?

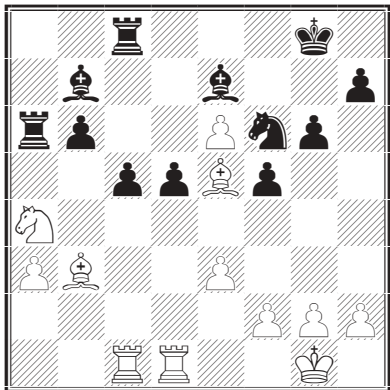
This is an elementary blunder. 20 Nd4 or 20 Nf4, admitting the error of the previous move, still leaves the position about equal.

20 ... Nxe6 21 dxe6 c6

Not only is the e6 pawn a goner, but more importantly, Black's queenside pawns are about to become huge, and White's a-pawn is in jeopardy too.

22 Bb3 d5 23 Na4 Ra6 24 Bd4 c5 25 Be5

Black now has several different ways of starting his queenside rolling. The one he chose somehow did not work out. We

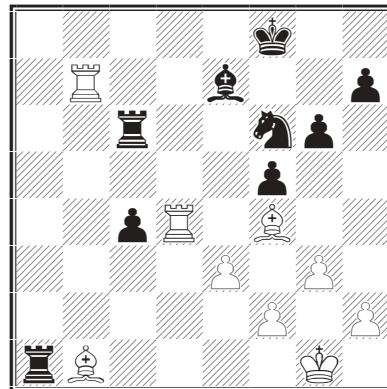


looked at some more convincing variations in the post-mortem, but now, analyzing the position several months later, I have not been able to reconstruct or remember them.

25 ... Ng4 26 Bg3 c4 27 Bc2 b5 28 Rb1 Bc6 29 Nc3 Bxa3 30 Nxb5 Bxb5 31 Rxb5 Rxe6 32 Rbxd5 Be7

White should be OK now, but in time pressure I made a few dubious attacking moves, and forgot to take care of my back rank.

33 Rd7 Nf6 34 Rb7 Nh5 35 Bc7 Kf8 36 Rd7 Nf6 37 Rd4 Rc6 38 Bf4 Ra8 39 g3 Ra2 40 Bb1 Ra1



The game was broken off at this point. Black has strong pressure because of his active rooks and advanced passed pawn. However, it may be that White can hold. After 41 Kg2 c3 42 Bc2, White threatens 43 Bh6+ and 44 Bb3+ with a mating net. To win, Black would have to find a way to advance his c-pawn without allowing something like this.

Kimball Nedved - Fritz 6.0

Exhibition Game, Pittsburgh Chess Club, March 13, 2001
English Opening, Flohr-Mikenas Variation

1 c4

History was made that night — Kimball Nedved didn't play 1 e4.

1 ... Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4

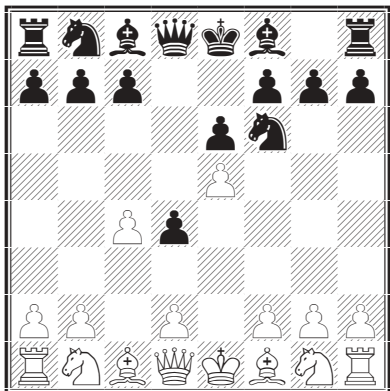
An odd hybrid opening: White is playing a move order that people use to avoid facing the Gruenfeld, while Black has started out as if to play a Nimzo-Indian. Watson named this variation after Flohr and Mikenas, and the name just might stick.

3 ... d5

3 ... c5 has fallen out of favor. Kasparov, early in his career, won some nice games with the gambit 4 e5 Ng8 5 Nf3! Nc6 6 d4 cxd4 7 Nxd4 Nxe5 8 Ndb5 (or 8 Bf4).

4 e5 d4 5 Nb1?!!

White is trying to avoid exchanges, but this way is too labored. The books only mention 5 exf6 dxc3 6 bxc3 (6 fxg7 cxd2+ 7 Qxd2 Qxd2+ 8 Bxd2 Bxg7 9 O-O-O is pretty easy for Black to handle) 6 ... Qxf6. Now after 7 d4, Black used to play 7 ... c5, but White's effortless development and control of the center proved to be a dangerous combination. So Black tried 7 ... e5!?, which is suitably disruptive. The latest twist is for White to avoid this with the bizarre 7 Nf3 e5 8 Bd3!?. This is not too relevant to the game at hand, but I mention it because I think this little corner of English Opening theory is not as widely known among amateur players as it deserves to be.



5 ... Nfd7 6 f4

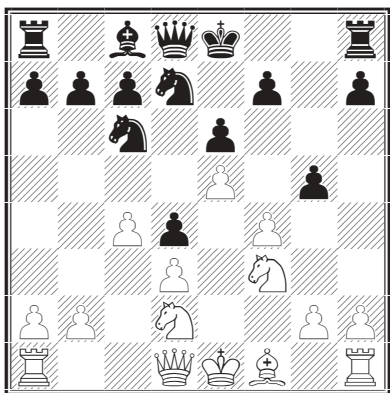
After 6 Nf3 Nc6 7 Qe2 g5! 8 h3 Bg7 White would lose the e-pawn. The text move is better but shows only that White is on the defensive. 6 ... g5 would now be a natural continuation. 7 fxg5 would be forced, after which 7 ... Bb4+ 8 Bd2 Bxd2+ 9 Qxd2 Nxe5 looks at least equal for Black.

6 ... Nc6 7 d3?

In hindsight, this might have been the losing move. Instead, 7 Nf3 would stabilize the kingside and center long enough for White to catch his breath.

7 ... Bb4+ 8 Bd2 Bxd2+ 9 Nxd2 g5 10 Ngf3

The point of 7 ... Bb4+ is that now 10 fxg5 can be met by 10 ... Qxg5, and White gets no compensation for the e-pawn. White might have prevented loss of material by 9 Qxd2 (instead of 9 Nxd2); Black would then resume the attack by 9 ... f6 or 9 ... g5.



10 ... gxf4 11 Qe2 f6 12 exf6 Qxf6

White has no compensation for the pawn, but at least he can castle and hunker down for a while.

13 0-0-0 Nc5 14 Ne4 Nxe4 15 Qxe4 Bd7 16 Re1 0-0-0 17 Ne5 Nxe5 18 Qxe5 Qxe5 19 Rxe5 Rdg8 20 Re4 Rf8 21 Be2

I assume that White did not like the look of 21 Rxd4 Bc6 22 c5 e5 23 Rc4 Rhg8 24 Rg1 h5, and so on. But sacrificing the exchange can bring only temporary relief.

21 ... Bc6 22 Bf3 Bxe4 23 Bxe4 h5 24 Re1 h4 25 h3 c5 26 Bf3 Rh6 27 b4 b6 28 bxc5 bxc5 29 Re5 Rf5 30 Re2 Rg5 31 Rb2 White resigned

In a tournament game, I would play on in this position, because Black will have to show some skill and patience to bring the point home. But under the circumstances of the exhibition, it is understandable that prolonging the game might not have been worthwhile.

Our profound thanks to Pittsburgh Chess Club Editor Bobby Dudley for his 24 years of service as *En Passant* Editor.

by Charley Smith

We members of the Pittsburgh Chess Club and its affiliates, the Hill Carnegie Chess & Checkers Club and the Westmoreland Chess Club, wholeheartedly thank Bobby Dudley for his 24 years of service as Editor of the award winning *En Passant* newsletter. Editor Bobby Dudley, another one of our club's legends, has established *En Passant* as one of the premier club publications in organized chess, winning numerous Best Club Publication awards. *En Passant* has become our voice and liaison to the Tri-State chess world, which is significantly important to our Club's 61-year viability as a major force in organized chess. As a good friend of Bobby, as one of his columnists (Senior Citizen Corner for eight years), and as a member of one of his Pittsburgh Chess League teams from 1988 to 1991, I again have the great privilege of profiling one of our Club's legends. Mr. Bobby Dudley's accomplishments in life are momentous.

Mr. Bobby G. Dudley: St. Louis University 1948-50, airline operation degree 1954-56, University of Texas, MBA Transportation 1962-66, Texas A&M University, MS Economics, US Air Force 1951-71, retired Lt. Colonel, College educator, Robert Morris College 1971-92, Transportation degree program, book publisher, Editor of *En Passant* 1976-2001, USCF Region III Vice President from 1976-90, President of the Texas Chess Association 1965, Chief Assistant Director of the prestigious US Open, three times Tournament Director of the Pennsylvania State Championship and for two years director of the Pittsburgh Chess League, current chess rating 1733.

As a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mr. Dudley's interest in chess began in high school. While in college he played correspondence chess through *Chess Review*. In 1966 he won the Class A trophy at the Southwestern Open and attained his peak rating of 1998. In 1977 Jacob Estrin of the Soviet Union, author and World Correspondence Champion, visited the United States bringing with him a manuscript on the Wilkes-Barre Variation of the Two Knights Defence. He was interested in trading his manuscript for American chess books. That was when Bobby became involved in publishing chess books. To date, he has published over 500 books at Chess Enterprises. His personal chess collection numbers over 8000 volumes. Bobby Dudley's contributions to the Pittsburgh Chess Club and organized chess in general encompasses all spectrums of chess: a certified Tournament Director (contributing his fees to the Club), *En Passant* Editor for an unprecedented twenty-four years, Region III Vice President of the USCF for fourteen years, book publisher, supplier of chess equipment, etc., etc.

Bobby, we members of the Pittsburgh Chess Club and its affiliates deeply appreciate your many contributions to our Club and to chess clubs throughout the entire Tri-State area. We will miss your super talent as our Editor of this award winning journal and will always be eternally grateful.

A Changing of the Guard

by Don Meigs

Reading Bruce Leverett's article in the previous *En Passant* about Ryan Milisits started me thinking about whether the Pittsburgh Chess Club is about to see a changing of the guard, as far as 'Open Winners' of our local PCC tournaments.

Starting in the year 1999, Ben Gradsky, Justin Papariella, and of course Ryan have all broken into the winner's circle for the first time in open sections of our tournaments. I think that this may be evidence of how well our youth program has developed.

To illustrate that the kids are for real, Ryan scored 3½-½ to win the recent Metropolitan Open with his four opponents

being Tom Magar, Jim Booth, Bob Renk and Don Meigs, all of whom own a Master's Certificate.

So, with changes probably coming soon, I began to wonder who has been winning the major tournaments. Well, the following chart yields the answers, and there are many surprises.

Congratulations to Mark Eidemiller, who is the current leader with 27 wins. He is also the only player to win all nine of our major tournaments.

If there is to be a changing of the guard, our Pittsburgh kids can see by this chart that they will have a difficult task ahead of them to approach the current leaders in total tournament wins.

The challenge is theirs! The one thing for sure is that Pittsburgh chess will be even more competitive.

Players who have won (or co-won) the Open Section in the following nine major chess tournaments sponsored by the Pittsburgh Chess Club at least four times (through the 2001 PCC Championship). The tournaments included were the Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship (CC) - first held in 1941, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Open (ME) - 1941, Pittsburgh Class Championships (CL) - 1975, Gateway Open (GA) - 1958, Golden Triangle Open (GO) - 1961, Fred Thompson Memorial (FT) - 1961, Pittsburgh Summer Open (SO) - 1973, Abel Bomberault Memorial (AB) - 1976 and Allegheny Chess Congress (AC) - 1974.

	Total Wins	First Win	Latest Win	CC	ME	CL	GA	GO	FT	SO	AB	AC
Eidemiller, Mark B	27	1976	2000	1	2	4	6	5	3	2	2	2
Magar, Thomas P	23	1979	1999		2	2	1	3	7	5	2	1
Meigs, Donald J	23	1983	2000	9	3	2		2		2	5	
Nedved, Kimball	15	1972	1987		1	1	6	3	1	3		
Byland, William M	15	1941	1969	8	7							
Bornholz, Robert L	13	1954	1966	11	2							
Rao, Vivek	12	1984	1989	1	3	1	2		2	1	1	1
Leverett, Bruce W	11	1974	1993	1	1	1	4	3				1
Nowe, Charles A	11	1980	1986		3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yedidia, Jonathan	8	1977	1981						3	2		3
Rea, Andrew B	7	1981	1997	2	1			2	1			1
Renk, Robert M	7	1991	2000		3	2		1				1
Hughes, William M	7	1970	1991	2	1		1	1	2			
Theodorovich, Ivan	7	1962	1969				5	2				
Dietz, Paul L Jr	7	1949	1968	4	2			1				
Ramakrishnapillai, Sohan	6	1988	1991			3		2		1		
Booth, James R	6	1997	2000	1	2	2	1					
Kriventsov, FM Stanislav G	5	1998	2000				3	2				
Milisits, Ryan R	5	1999	2001	1	1			1			2	
Martinak, Tom M	4	1988	1997	1				2	1			
Fitzpatrick, John R	4	1977	1982	1	1			1				1
Sorensen, Fred A	4	1949	1963	3	1							
Brummer, David	4	1966	1967	1	1		2					
Gabel, Jeff P	4	1978	1980			1		3				
Abrams, Richard	4	1973	1984		1			2			1	
Costigan, Richard	4	1981	1982			1		2			1	

Others who either still play in our tournaments or have a significant Pittsburgh connection include (with their number of wins): Foreman, Fred D (3), Milson, Alex (3), Lakatos, James A (3), Dempler, William R (3), Schuh, Russell G (2), Surlow, William (2), Young, John A (2), Winwood, Joseph W (2), Busche, Joseph R (2), Berliner, Hans (2), Olson, David L (2), Osipovich, Alexander (2), Barbalat, Alexander (2), Goodside, Michael E (2), Papariella, Justin (1), Kennedy, Walker W (1), Gradsky, Benjamin M (1), White, Welsh S (1), Shapiro, Lester F (1), Setterberg, Bert (1), Sukiennik, Leopold (1), Castillo, Gonzalo (1), Ambrad, Antonio J (1), Stonebraker, John C (1), Buchko, Joseph M (1), Moore, Johnson S (1), Ostler, Tony B (1), Wong, Foong-Yin (1), Van Tilbury, Craig (1), HITECH (1), and last, but certainly not least, who won the only PCC tournament that he played in Shabalov, GM Alexander - 1992 Gateway Open Champion.

56th Pittsburgh Metropolitan Open - February 3 & 4, 2001

2000 & Up

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Milisits, Ryan R	1960	2024	W2	W6	D3	W5	3½	\$125
2	Magar, Thomas P	2202	2200	L1	W9	W4	W3	3	
3	Meigs, Donald J	2065	2071	W10	W5	D1	L2	2½	\$100
4	Papariella, Justin J	1877	1891	L5	W11	L2	W6	2	
5	Renk, Robert M	2112	2096	W4	L3	D6	L1	1½	
6	Booth, James R	2090	2071	W9	L1	D5	L4	1½	
7	Sukiennik, Leopold J	1800	1814	U-	U-	W9	U-	1	
8	Hough, Douglas P	1829	1842	U-	U-	U-	W9	1	
9	Bachman, Randy L	1870	1839	L6	L2	L7	L8	0	
10	Fetahagic, Denis	1772/06	1757/07	L3	U-	U-	U-	0	
11	Foreman, Fred D	1700	1700	U-	L4	U-	U-	0	

1800 to 1999

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Klein, Charles W Jr	1825	1875	W9	W6	W3	D2	3½	\$125
2	Looman, David C	1800	1838	D4	W8	W7	D1	3	
3	Fetahagic, Denis	1757/07	1827/10	B-	W7	L1	W6	3	
4	Duerig, Paul R	1840	1849	D2	D5	D6	W8	2½	
5	Hough, Douglas P	1842	1845	L7	D4	W9	B-	2½	
6	Harshman, Philip E	1829	1818	W8	L1	D4	L3	1½	
7	Castine, James T	1902	1886	W5	L3	L2	U-	1	
8	Sukiennik, Leopold J	1814	1800	L6	L2	B-	L4	1	
9	Chernoff, Dan H	1885	1861	L1	H-	L5	U-	½	

1600 to 1799

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Schragin, Jeff G	1773	1817	W12	W5	D2	W3	3½	\$63
2	Healy, Michael R	1792	1806	W11	W8	D1	W4	3½	\$63
3	White, Welsh S	1761	1744	L8	W11	W6	L1	2	
4	Mc Graw, Trevor	1327	1427	L5	W12	W8	L2	2	
5	Booth, Michael J	1775	1745	W4	L1	D7	L9	1½	
6	Harrison, Patrick W	1518	1536	W7	H-	L3	U-	1½	
7	Foreman, Fred D	1700	1700	L6	B-	D5	U-	1½	
8	Schuh, Russell G	1619	1609	W3	L2	L4	U-	1	
9	Lokmer, John M	1479	1511	U-	U-	U-	W5	1	
10	Karraker, Jamie	1281	1319	U-	U-	W11	U-	1	
11	Klutz, Joseph	1568	1527	L2	L3	L10	U-	0	
12	Clary, Earl Jr	1719	1700	L1	L4	U-	U-	0	

1400 to 1599

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Elsleger, Joseph	1594	1636	W10	W3	D2	W5	3½	\$125
2	Maxwell, Michael J	1606	1621	W8	W5	D1	D3	3	
3	Holsinger, Michael K	1505	1527	W6	L1	W4	D2	2½	
4	Sun, Zhipeng	1579	1581	H-	W13	L3	W7	2½	
5	Young, Jason	1502	1498	W11	L2	W8	L1	2	

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6	Barbara, Richard P	1243	1267	L3	H-	W9	H-	2
7	Jampole, Ezra A	1325	1335	D13	D9	D10	L4	1½
8	Barry, Herbert III	1400	1400	L2	W11	L5	D10	1½
9	Bauer, H George	1403	1377	L12	D7	L6	W11	1½
10	Browne, William J	1405	1400	L1	H-	D7	D8	1½
11	Karraker, Jamie	1319	1275	L5	L8	B-	L9	1
12	Lawlor, Joseph R III	1473/02	1573/03	W9	U-	U-	U-	1
13	Wamsley, Tom	1563	1537	D7	L4	U-	U-	½

1200 to 1399

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Opaska, Michael P	1548	1564	W5	W9	W6	D2	3½	\$125
2	Melekhina, Alisa	1228	1355	D6	W7	W5	D1	3	
3	Desaw, Shawn	1257	1327	L8	W10	W7	W6	3	
4	Stewart, Elias	1168	1221	D7	L5	W11	W8	2½	
5	Datz, David	1266	1291	L1	W4	L2	W9	2	
6	Young, Shih HOUNG	1440	1417	D2	W8	L1	L3	1½	
7	Van Sickle, Rodney J	1333	1297	D4	L2	L3	W12	1½	
8	Lamonto, Samuel M Jr	1403	1371	W3	L6	D9	L4	1½	
9	Lawlor, Joseph R III	1573/03	1359/06	B-	L1	D8	L5	1½	
10	Guerrieri, Luis	1040	1031	U-	L3	U-	U-	0	
11	Jampole, Marc	995	982	U-	U-	L4	U-	0	
12	Haas, Kevin Marshall	1067	1054	U-	U-	U-	L7	0	

1199 & Under

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Fannin, Kyle	758/10	1081/14	W3	W5	W9	D2	3½	\$63
2	Bashur, Michael F Jr	1061	1138	W10	W4	W6	D1	3½	\$63
3	Guerrieri, Luis	1031	1066	L1	B-	W4	W7	3	
4	Hoppmann, William H	999	994	W5	L2	L3	W10	2	
5	Atkociunas, Vitalijus	1089	1062	L4	L1	W10	W6	2	
6	Schreiber, Avi J	1077	1071	W8	W7	L2	L5	2	
7	Green, Kevin R	1081	1049	B-	L6	W8	L3	2	
8	Haas, Kevin Marshall	1054	1010	L6	W10	L7	B-	2	
9	Surma, Jeffrey F	1256	1236	H-	W11	L1	U-	1½	
10	Karraker, Katrina	682	656	L2	L8	L5	L4	0	
11	Haas, Jim M	1128	1108	U-	L9	U-	U-	0	

4th PCC 29-Minute Championship

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Rds 7pm - 8:15pm - 9:30pm

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Thomas P. Magar, Tom M. Martinak**

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Saturday June 23

Reg ends 12:45

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