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**Kibitzers are always willing to “help” the players!**



Where can you go to play chess for fun (unrated, no pressure), with someone half or twice your age? The internet you say? Ha! What about the fun of watching your opponents face get red as a discovered attack renders him helpless? How about the rush of adrenalin that happens when you think your hard study has paid off and your calculations will finally do you justice this time. Don't forget the enjoyment of sweaty palms that just won't dry out.

Internet chess can't compare to over the board games. You get the instant gratification of going over your games, asking your opponent about his thoughts during certain points and laughing together at the blunders. Being with real people in a family oriented atmosphere of learning and playing.

This is a description of our Family Special Event Time at the Club. You can see from the pictures this is a time where grandparents and the very young come together and play chess. Where the more advanced help the beginner, regardless of age. Please bring your whole family and invite non-members along for the fun.

The scheduled series of Family Special Event Times are: Saturday January 26, Saturday February 9, and Saturday March 16, from 12:30 to 2:30. The only thing missing is the food!

*- Joanne Dorohovich*

**Family Special Event Time at the Pittsburgh Chess Club**

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**Schedule of Events, Also available on-line at**  
**<http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/ChessPA/wpatnmts.htm>**

**January 5. 2002 Tri-State Junior Open Chess Championship.** 4-SS. G/30. Rangos Ballroom, 2nd Floor, Univ. Center, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh PA 15213. **Info:** 412-422-1770. **Ent:** Jerry Meyers, 4101 Windsor St., Pittsburgh PA 15217-2610.

**January 9. PCC Board of Directors Meeting.** 7pm.

**January 13 (QC). Pittsburgh Chess League January Quick**

**Quads.** 3-RR. G/15. William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **EF:** \$10, \$3 discount to age 18 & Under. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. Reg ends 11:15am. Rds 11:30am - Noon - 12:30pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. NS. W.

**January 13. 42nd Annual Pittsburgh Chess League : Round 5.** 30/90, SD/60. Rds 2pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. NS. W. FIDE.

### A Heritage Event

**January 22 - March 5. 62nd PCC Championship.** 7-SS. 30/90, SD/60. Pittsburgh Chess Club, 5604 Solway St. Suite 209, Pittsburgh PA 15217-1270. **EF:** \$15 postmarked by 1/14, \$20 at site, PCC membership required. 1st place will receive a one year PCC membership extension. Reg 6 - 6:45pm. Rds 7pm each Tuesday. **Info:** 412-421-1881. NS. NC. W.

**January 24 (QC). Blue & Gold January Quick Quads.** 3-RR. G/15. Dining Room A, 1st Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **EF:** \$10. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. Reg ends 6:45pm. Rds 7pm - 7:45pm - 8:30pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. NS. W.

**January 26. Monroeville Chess Club 2002 Winter Festival Chess Championships.** 4-SS. Monroeville Academy, 4518 Northern Pike, Monroeville PA 15146. **EF:** \$12, if postmarked by 1/14, \$17 after, \$25 on site. **Info:** 412-824-5015. **Ent:** Delbert D. Tyler, 351 Shady Ridge Drive, Monroeville PA 15146-4586.

**January 26. PCC Family Special Event Time.** 12:30-2:30pm. **Info:** 412-421-1881 or 412-466-9656. NS. W.

**February 7 - 21. Blue & Gold February Quads.** 3-RR. G/120. Dining Room A, 1st Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **EF:** \$10. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. Reg ends 6:45pm. Rds 7pm each Thursday. **Info:** 412-681-7590. NS. W.

### A Heritage Event

**February 9 & 10. 57th Pittsburgh Metropolitan Open.** 4-SS. 30/90, SD/1. Dining Rooms A & B, 1st Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **EF:** \$24 postmarked by 2/1, \$34 at site, add \$4 to play up 1 section, add \$8 to play up 2 sections. 6 sections: **2000 & Up. 1800 to 1999. 1600 to 1799. 1400 to 1599. 1200 to 1399. 1199 & Under.** \$\$ (850 b/55): 125 to 1st in each section, \$100 to U2200 in 2000 & Up. Unrateds may not win over \$50. Reg 11:15-11:30am. Rds Noon - 5:30pm, 11am - 4:30pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. **Ent:** Tom Martinak, 320 N. Neville St. Apt 22, Pittsburgh PA 15213-1656. NS. NC. W.

**February 9. PCC Family Special Event Time.** 12:30-2:30pm. **Info:** 412-421-1881 or 412-466-9656. NS. W.

**February 13. PCC Board of Directors Meeting.** 7pm.

**February 16. 2002 Pittsburgh Scholastic Chess Championship.** 4-SS. G/30. Brashear High School, 590 Crane Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216-3999. **Info:** 412-422-1770. **Ent:** Jerry Meyers, 4101 Windsor St., Pittsburgh PA 15217-2610. NS. W.

**February 17 (QC). Pittsburgh Chess League February Quick Quads.** 3-RR. G/15. William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15260. **EF:** \$10, \$3 discount to age 18 & Under. \$\$ 20 to 1st in each quad. Reg ends 11:15am. Rds 11:30am - Noon - 12:30pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. NS. W.

**February 17. 42nd Annual Pittsburgh Chess League : Round 6.** 30/90, SD/60. Rds 2pm. **Info:** 412-681-7590. NS. W. FIDE.

**February 23. Monroeville Chess Club Scholastics.** 4-SS. Monroeville Academy, 4518 Northern Pike, Monroeville PA 15146. **Info:** 412-824-5015. **Ent:** Delbert D. Tyler, 351 Shady Ridge Drive, Monroeville PA 15146-4586.

# President's Message *by Marc Jampole*

I was recently elected as president of the Pittsburgh Chess Club. I replace Jerry Meyers. After Jerry served for about a month, both he and the board realized that some people might see a potential conflict of interest in his presidency since he derives significant income from scholastic programs administered by the Chess Club. Jerry has always acted with the highest possible ethics; but he thought, and the board agreed, that even the potential of a conflict of interest might prove to be disruptive and should be avoided. I applaud Jerry for this decision and look forward to working with him to improve and grow his program, which is one of the finest scholastic chess programs in the country.

I am the fourth Club president in less than a year, which suggests that there has been some turmoil at the Club. My first goal is to end that turmoil. Our new Board of Directors is a wonderfully diverse collection of talented people who care about chess in Pittsburgh. Together, we intend to address our Club's problems, grow our membership and provide new programming that will please both longtime chess players and beginners.

I believe that the most important job of a president of any organization is to foster democracy and openness. Whenever you want to make suggestions, ask any questions or lodge a complaint, please feel free to email me at [mjampole@worldnet.att.net](mailto:mjampole@worldnet.att.net) or call me at 412-422-9280. And keep in mind that board meetings are open to any Club member. You won't be able to vote, but we you will be able to make your opinions known on key issues affecting the Club.

In many ways, our Club is blessed. There are many people spending hours each month doing things that we take for granted. Like our steward, John Lokmer, and the people who help him keep the Club open so many hours. Or John Young who sells books, pieces and

equipment at many events. Or Ed Barr who runs our very important Chess in the Prisons program. Or Tom Martinak who does so many things, I don't have enough room to mention them all. I cite these four as examples, but there are many more, including our Board of Directors.

But be it a little league, a small church or a chess club, small nonprofits run by volunteers face many challenges nowadays, including a decline in volunteers and a need for income to run programs. We need your help in two ways:

1. Volunteer for one of our committees or programs.
2. Give a little more money than just the dues. The Club has been running at a deficit for several years. But if everyone gave an extra \$10 a year, we would pretty much wipe out that shortfall.

I'm not going to write a message for every *En Passant*, but from time to time I will take a few moments of your time to share with you some exciting new programming or ask your views on an important issue.



**Isak Greenberg - Avi Niedelman**

Joanne Dorohovich is interested in starting and working on several regular features to be included in future issues of *En Passant*, possibly including a question and answer format, the psychology of chess, and how to teach chess and playing in tournaments. What we need to know is what you readers want and need. So if you have questions, comments, suggestions, experiences, anything and everything regarding the subject of chess, and the present situation at Pittsburgh Chess Club, then please contact Joanne at 204 Peter Street, Duquesne PA 15110-1958 or by email at [editenpassant@yahoo.com](mailto:editenpassant@yahoo.com)

Also thanks to Joanne for the many pictures included in this issue. They were all taken at the Club, either on Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the first Family Special Event Time or on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> during the last round of the Robert P. Smith Memorial.

*- Tom Martinak*



**Rodney Van Sickle - William Muder**

# Chess News for Juniors by Beth Harrison

**National News:** The USCF 2001 K - 12 Grade Championships were held December 14 - 16, in Dallas, Texas. Over 1,200 students from across the country competed in 13 divisions, one for each grade level, kindergarten - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Fourteen players from the Pittsburgh area traveled to the Big D for the six round event: Mark and Alexander Heimann, Gabriel Petesch, Andrew Zinn, John Wong, Ezra Jampole, Juliana Lynch, Patrick Harrison, Kevin Green, Ryan Milisits, Evan Mossman, Mike Opaska, Justin Papariella, and Peng Sun. Three exciting days of chess were capped by the awards ceremonies late Sunday afternoon. Our Pittsburgh kids brought home many trophies. One dad joked that our plane could beat any other plane in the air at chess! Mark Heimann was declared National 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Co-Champion achieving a perfect score of six points. His brother Alexander tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place and was awarded the 10<sup>th</sup> place trophy on tie breaks with five points. In the 4<sup>th</sup> grade section, Gabe Petesch won 5 out of 6 games losing only to eventual champion, Timmy Riccardi, a former Pittsburgher. Gabe tied for 4<sup>th</sup> and won the 8<sup>th</sup> place trophy on tie breaks. In the 10<sup>th</sup> grade section, our club champion, Ryan Milisits, won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy with 5 points. Ryan drew with Asuka Nakamura who won the 10<sup>th</sup> grade championship (his thirteenth national title) and with Patrick Mihelich who came in third. Peng Sun tied for third with 4.5 points and received the 8<sup>th</sup> place trophy on tie breaks. Mike Opaska finished with 4 points tying for 11<sup>th</sup> place and winning the 2<sup>nd</sup> place U1600 trophy. Finishing just out of the trophies were Justin Papariella and Patrick Harrison, both with 4 points. Justin tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade, placing 16<sup>th</sup> on tie breaks. Patrick tied for 8<sup>th</sup> in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, placing 13<sup>th</sup> on tie breaks. Special commendations for new player Juliana Lynch who won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place U800 trophy in the tough 8<sup>th</sup> grade section. The Fox Chapel Area High School 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Team - Papariella, Sun, and Mossman - won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team trophy. In the Blitz K - 12 tournament, Ryan Milisits won the National Championship. Justin Papariella won the 18<sup>th</sup> place trophy, and Mike Opaska won the 25<sup>th</sup> place trophy. Evan Mossman won the top 800 - 899 trophy for blitz. The Fox Chapel team won the 4<sup>th</sup> place team trophy for blitz. The always popular Bughouse Tournament drew 104 teams of two for the Friday afternoon event. Evan Mossman & Kevin Green won the 16<sup>th</sup> place trophies; Ryan Milisits & Justin Papariella won the 21<sup>st</sup> place trophies, and Patrick Harrison and Ezra Jampole won the 23<sup>rd</sup> place trophies. After the awards ceremony, Pittsburgh chess kids and their parents had fun watching the Steelers win on tv that night. Monday morning found the kids playing chess on the floor in the airport until time to board the plane. Next year's K - 12 Grade Championships are scheduled for December 13 - 15, in Atlanta, GA.

**Local Scholastics:** GM Tal Shaked was the featured speaker at the Future Champions Chess Challenge held November 3, at Taylor Allderice High School. After an introductory talk by the former World Junior Champion, 261 players from 78 schools competed in four rounds for individual and team prizes. Winchester Thurston School had the largest team with 13 players, followed by East Hills Elementary with 11 and St. Gertrude School with 10. First place winners in each section were Jeremiah Blocki and Ezra Jampole, Championship section; Raul Trisal and Daniel Lamoureux, Grades 6 - 12 Advanced; Howard Levinson and Joel Blumer, Grades 6 - 12 Intermediate; Schell Lin and Yuichi Kawashima, Grades 6 - 12 Beginner; Tyler Leis, Grades K - 5 Premier; Luke Hopper and Jack Rosso, Grades 4 & 5 Advanced; David Tobias and Nikhil Venkatesh, Grades 4 & 5 Beginner; Maxwell Miller, Grades K - 3 Advanced; and Marko Hudak, Prem Rajgopal, and Marco Juliano, Grades K - 3 Beginner. The 1<sup>st</sup> Place School Team was Boyce Middle School from Upper St. Clair School District. Team trophies were also awarded to Pittsburgh Japanese School, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; North Pittsburgh Home Upper School, 3<sup>rd</sup> place; Winchester Thurston School, 4<sup>th</sup> place; and Hartwood Elementary School, 5<sup>th</sup> place. For all the results, please see the Pittsburgh Chess Club Youth Chess web site <[http://](http://trfn.clpgh.org/pcc/youth.htm)

[trfn.clpgh.org/pcc/youth.htm](http://trfn.clpgh.org/pcc/youth.htm)> or the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club web site <<http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/>>.

**The Veterans' Day Fall Classic Chess Championships** were held November 10, at Monroeville Academy. Sixty-two students played four rounds in four sections. Top prize winners in each section were Jack Cheung, Open section; Deniz Unal, Premier section; LiAnn Sun and Michael Ryabin, Grades 4 - 9 U900; and Danielle Feffer, Grades K - 3 U900. See all the results at the Monroeville Chess Club Web site <<http://mcccchess.icubed.com/index2.html>>.

**PCC Open Tournament Results:** Several junior players participated in the Abel Bomberault Memorial Tournament on December 1. Justin Papariella won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the 1800 & Up section. Patrick Harrison and Peng Sun tied in the 1600 - 1799 section. Patrick won the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy; Peng won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy; and Michael Booth won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon. In the 1400 - 1599 section Luis Guerrieri took 1<sup>st</sup>; Jeremiah Blocki, 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Gabriel Petesch and Bryan Joseph, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Matthew Barbara won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Kevin Green won 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1200 - 1399 division. In the 1000 - 1199 section Ryan Wombaker won 1<sup>st</sup> and Jonathan Rioja 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the 999 & Under section Alec Mc Cord took 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the six week Robert P. Smith Memorial, Justin Papariella and Ryan Millisits tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Championship section each winning \$95. Michael Booth won \$80. In the Booster section Luis Guerrieri won the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy and Kevin Green won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon.

**USCF Top 100 Lists:** Congratulations to the following players who are listed on the December 2001 USCF Top 100 lists: Ages 15 & 16 and Overall Under Age 16 - Ryan Milisits and Justin Papariella; Overall Under Age 13 - Mark and Alexander Heimann; Girls Under Age 13 - Grace Dorohovich; Ages 9 & 10 - Gabriel Petesch; Ages 8 & Under - Mark Heimann and Alexander Heimann.

**PA Top 100:** Check out the Top 100 lists for our state on the PA State Chess Federation Web site <<http://www.pscfchess.org/>>.

**Coming Attractions:** There's lots of opportunities for chess this winter. The annual Tri-State Junior Chess Open will be held Sat., Jan. 5, 2002, at Carnegie Mellon University, from 9:45 am - 4:00 pm. Entries will be accepted until Jan. 4. No on site registration. See the Pittsburgh Youth Chess website <<http://trfn.clpgh.org/pcc/youth.htm>> or call Jerry Meyers, 412-422-1770, for more information. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fox Chapel Area Chess Championship will be held Sat., Jan. 12, from 12:30 - 4:30 pm, at O'Hara Elementary School. This tournament is open to students in public, private, and parochial schools in the Fox Chapel area. Register in advance. See the PCC Youth Chess web site or call Mr. Meyers for more information. The 2002 Winter Festival Chess Championships will be held Saturday, January 26, at Monroeville Academy. The Open section (G/60) rounds start at 8:30 am. All other sections begin at 9:30 am with a G/30 time control. Your entry fee of \$12 includes lunch. For more information and to register online see the Monroeville Chess Club web site <<http://mcccchess.icubed.com/index2.html>>, or call Delbert Tyler, 412-824-5015. The Pittsburgh Metropolitan Open on Feb. 9 - 10, at the William Pitt Union is sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club. This is a four round Swiss with slow games, 30/90, SD/1. Look for details elsewhere in *En Passant* or at the Pitt Chess Club's web site <<http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/>>. 2002 Pittsburgh Scholastic Chess Championship will be Feb. 16, at Brashear High School. Details will be posted on the PCC Youth Chess web site when available. The next set of chess classes at the Pittsburgh Chess Club begins on Jan. 6 and 7. See the PCC Youth Chess web site or call Jerry Meyers, 412-422-1770, for more info.

**Upcoming State and National Events:** The 2002 U.S. Junior Chess Congress will be held Jan. 19 - 20, in Columbus, Ohio. Many Pittsburgh area players traveled to Columbus over the Martin Luther King Day Holiday weekend last year. The time control is G/90 and sections are based on age. See <<http://www.geocities.com/>

# Puzzles for Juniors *by Rich Barbara*

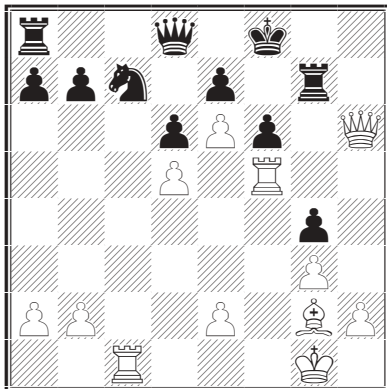
Max Euwe, a Dutch mathematician, defeated Alekhine in 1935 and held the title of World Champion until 1937.

Not only was he a great chess player, but he was also one of the chess world's most gifted teachers and authors. These puzzles are taken from his games. If you enjoy them, learn from them or find yourself interested in Dr. Euwe, then the club has a number of his books in the library.

Enjoy!

If you have a game that ends in a checkmate combination or a combination was key in deciding the outcome of the game and you would like to see the combination appear as part of this column, please feel free to submit it to me. I'll need both players names, the date and the winning line as played. E-mail me at [Rich\\_barbara@hotmail.com](mailto:Rich_barbara@hotmail.com)

Puzzle #1 - White to move & win

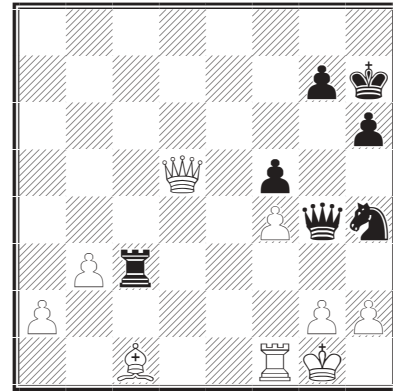


Euwe vs Nestler, Dubrovnik 1950

[pairingchess/02usjran.htm](http://pairingchess/02usjran.htm)> for a flyer with all the details. The PSCF Team Tournament with open, high school, and scholastic sections will be held February 2, at St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia. High school team members must all attend the same school. Teams in other sections can be combinations. Entry fee is \$25 per team if received by Jan. 28, \$35 on site. Contact Dr. Ira Riddle at 215-674-9049. More information is available at <<http://www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/>>. The Pennsylvania State Scholastic Chess Championships will be March 9 - 10, in Bloomsburg, PA. Register early to save money. Entry fees go up after Feb. 16. See the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation web site at <<http://www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/>> and Dan Heisman's site <<http://members.home.net/danheisman/pastates.htm>> for more info about the state tournament. There are some new sections this year. Looking forward to the spring, the National High School Chess Championship will be April 11 - 14, in Louisville, KY. The National Elementary School Championship is April 25 - 28, in Portland, Oregon, and the National Junior High Championship is May 9 - 12, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Info on these tournaments is available at <<http://www.uschess.org/tla/index.html>> on the USCF web site.

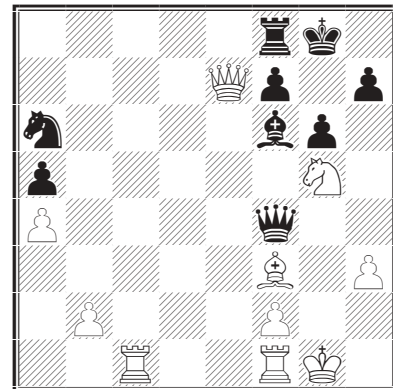
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Puzzle #2 - Black to move & win



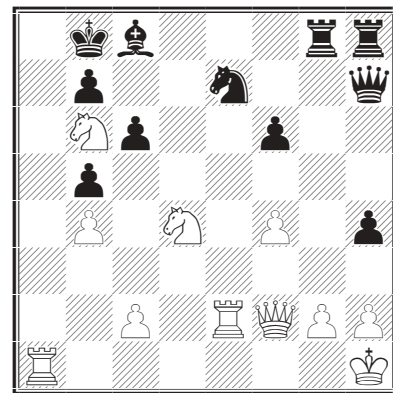
Euwe vs Keres, The Hague 1948

Puzzle #3 - White to move & win



Euwe vs Smyslov, The Hague 1948

Puzzle #4 - White to move & win



Euwe vs Rossetto, Buenos Aires 1947

Puzzle #1 - 1 Rg5 and Black resigned because of 1 ... fxg5 2 Qh8+ Rg8 3 Rf1+ Ke8 4 Qxg8++  
 Puzzle #2 - 1 ... Rc5 2 Qd2 Rxc1  
 Puzzle #3 - Euwe missed the combination: 1 Qxf7+ Rxf7 2 Rc8+ Bd8 3 Rxd8+ Rf8 4 Nc6 Qxf7 5 Rxf8+  
 Puzzle #4 - 1 Nxb5 cxb5 2 Qc5 Nc6 3 Qd6+ Qc7 4 Ra8+



**Luis Guerrieri**



**Thomas P. Magar**



**Denis Fetahagic**



**Justin J. Papariella**



**Michael P. Opaska**



**Michael J. Booth**

# Pittsburgh Chess Club Grand Prix

For the last 4 years we have been running a Grand Prix of tournaments held in the Pittsburgh area. In each tournament, every player receives Grand Prix points calculated by multiplying their score times the weight of the tournament. We then award prizes for the top 4 scorers in the Spring (January - April), Summer (May - August), Fall (September - December), and for the entire year. You can see your score posted at the Pittsburgh Chess Club and on the University of Pittsburgh website at <http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/> Good luck to everyone in the 2002!

## Fall GP Results

The Fall GP included a total of 8 events with 34 games and 87 possible GP points. 115 players participated and received Grand Prix Points. The prizewinners are:

Rank	Name	Points	Prize
1	<b>Thomas P. Magar</b>	67	\$140
2	<b>Luis Guerrieri</b>	66½	\$90
3	<b>Justin J. Papariella</b>	60	\$70
4	<b>Michael J. Booth</b>	52½	\$50

And, the remaining top scorers include:

5	Van Sickle, Rodney J	49
6	Barry, Herbert III	45½
7	Schragin, Jeff G	41
8	Sun, Zhipeng	38
9	Fetahagic, Denis	34½
10	Winwood, Joseph W	30
11	Ambrad, Antonio J	28
11	Meigs, Donald J	28
13	Milisits, Ryan R	27½
14	Berthoud, Kevin F	27
14	Feliachi, Nabil	27
14	Opaska, Michael P	27
17	Duff, Alex	24
17	Kriventsov, FM Stanislav G	24
19	Bell, William B	22½
20	Blocki, Jeremiah	22
21	Green, Kevin R	21½
22	Leach, Charlie K	21
22	Prishchepa, Yury M	21
24	Zinn, Andrew M	19½
25	Kirk, Daniel E	18½
26	Barron, Patrick D	18
26	Sudharsan, Krishnan	18
28	Foreman, Fred D	17
29	Joseph, Geoffrey	16½
29	Schreiber, Avi J	16½
29	Thebaud, Brian G	16½
32	Booth, James R	16
32	Garbera, Brian S	16
32	Kownacki, Ronald W	16
35	Bello, Joseph E Sr	15
35	Harshman, Philip E	15
35	Hexon, Wakefield J	15
35	Kapinos, Clyde E	15
35	White, Welsh S	15
40	Schreiber, Jeffrey A	14
41	Browne, William J	13½
41	Hoppmann, William H	13½
43	Barbara, Matthew	13

## Annual GP Results

The Annual GP included a total of 25 events with 108 games and 248 possible GP points. 220 players participated and received Grand Prix Points. The prizewinners are:

Rank	Name	Points	Prize
1	<b>Luis Guerrieri</b>	142	\$140
2	<b>Denis Fetahagic</b>	140½	\$90
3	<b>Justin J. Papariella</b>	130½	\$70
4	<b>Michael P. Opaska</b>	127	\$50

And, the remaining top scorers include:

5	Magar, Thomas P	125
6	Van Sickle, Rodney J	113
7	Sun, Zhipeng	108½
8	Milisits, Ryan R	98
9	Schragin, Jeff G	92½
10	Meigs, Donald J	85
11	Booth, Michael J	82½
12	Duff, Alex	70½
13	Booth, James R	68
14	Green, Kevin R	64½
15	Bell, William B	61½
16	Feliachi, Nabil	58½
17	Nicholson, Rob	58
18	Barry, Herbert III	55½
19	Berthoud, Kevin F	54
20	Hoppmann, William H	53
21	White, Welsh S	52½
22	Harshman, Philip E	51
23	Ambrad, Antonio J	50½
24	Foreman, Fred D	48½
24	Schreiber, Avi J	48½
26	Holsinger, Michael K	48
26	Kriventsov, FM Stanislav G	48
28	Kapinos, Clyde E	43½
28	Kirk, Daniel E	43½
30	Schreiber, Jeffrey A	42
31	Fitzgibbons, Kevin J	40½
32	Castillo, Gonzalo	40
33	Clary, Earl Jr	39
33	Leach, Charlie K	39
35	Datz, David	38½
36	Healy, Michael R	37½
37	Moskowitz, Arthur	36½
38	Atkociunas, Vitalijus	36
38	Browne, William J	36
40	Prokhov, Vassil K	34½
40	Winwood, Joseph W	34½
42	Blocki, Jeremiah	34
43	Klein, Charles W Jr	33½

# Pittsburgh Player in FIDE World Championship

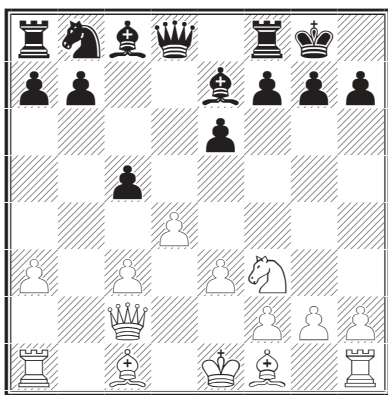
by Bruce Leverett

Alex Shabalov won his match against Gregory Kaidanov in the first round of the FIDE World Championship, but then was stopped by Khalifman, the winner of the 1999 event. The finalists are Ivanchuk, who upset Anand in the last round, and Ponomarev, who beat Svidler. Both finalists are from the Ukraine. They will play off in late January.

## Alex Shabalov - Alex Khalifman

FIDE World Championship knock-out tournament, Moscow  
Round 2, Game 2, November 2001  
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 d5 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Qc2 O-O 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. a3 Nxc3 8. bxc3 c5 9. e3



White must lose this tempo and another (at move 13) to get the attacking formation he has in mind. In spite of this he might have had an attractive game (see note at move 15), and perhaps the novel move order at moves 5 through 7 must be taken seriously. White doesn't have time for 9. e4: 9. ... Nc6 10. Be3 cxd4 11. cxd4 Qa5+! and now: 12. Qd2? Bb4, or 12. Bd2 Bb4 13. Bxb4? Nxb4 14 Qd2 Nc2+, or in this last variation 12. Bd2 Bb4 13. Bd3 Rd8, or 13. d5 exd5 14. exd5 Re8+, with a big advantage for Black in each case.

9. ... Nd7 10. Bd3 h6 11. O-O b6 12. e4 Qc7

This threatens 13. ... cxd4 forcing the exchange of queens. Also, it prevents 13. Bf4, which looked attractive. So it is more accurate than 12. ... Bb7.

13. Qe2 Bb7 14. a4 a6 15. Be3

In hindsight, we may say that this move allows the subsequent tactics, which interrupt the smooth flow of White's buildup. If there is any way to keep the initiative of the first move, it must be by 15. Bd2.

15. ... b5!

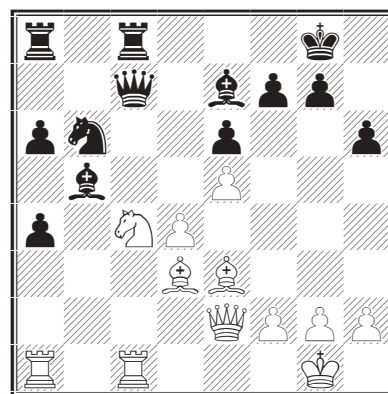
If White takes this pawn, his king pawn is hanging, thanks to his previous move.

16. Rfb1 Bc6 17. Nd2 bxa4

And now 18. Bxa6 is answered by 18. ... Qa5.

18. e5 cxd4 19. cxd4 Bb5 20. Nc4 Rfc8 21. Rc1 Nb6!

Black continues to force the pace, even at the cost of his queen.



22. Nd6 Bxd6 23. Rxc7 Bxc7 24. Bxb5 axb5 25. Qxb5 Rcb8 26. Qc6 Nd5 27. Bc1 Rc8 28. Qd7 Drawn

If instead 28. Rxa4 Rxa4 (28. ... Ba5 is not as good: 29. Rxa5 Rxc6 30. Rxa8+ Kh7 31. Ra1) 29. Qxa4 Bxe5, and White has no way to play for a win.

Shabalov needed to win this game, because Khalifman had won the previous game, and the two games were a sudden-death playoff.

## Alex Shabalov - Alex Khalifman

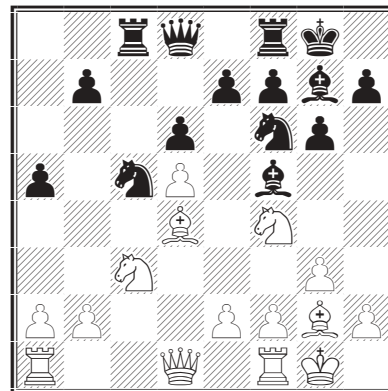
FIDE World Championship knock-out tournament, Moscow  
Round 2, Game 4, November 2001  
Irregular Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. g3 c6 4. d5

White is trying to avoid neo-Gruenfeld variations such as 4. Nf3 d5, which are notoriously solid. I haven't seen the text move in the books, but I would not be surprised if both players were prepared for it.

4. ... Bg7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. Nh3 cxd5 7. cxd5 d6 8. Nf4 Na6 9. O-O Nc5 10. Nc3 Bf5 11. Be3 Rc8 12. Bd4 a5

With his long diagonal covered, White was ready to play 13. b4, which Black therefore prevents. But there was another threat ...

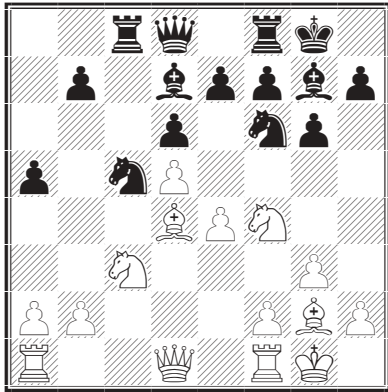


13. e4!

The pawn is immune: 13. ... Ncxe4 14. Nxe4 Nxe4 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. Bxe4 Bxe4 17. Qd4+, or 13. ... Ncxe4 14. Nxe4 Bxe4 15. Bxf6 Bxg2 15. Bxg7, etc.

13. ... Bd7





#### 14. e5!??

Playing over the game for the first time, I was surprised by this move. Isn't there a way to consolidate the gain from White's last move? One possibility is 14. Nd3. This exchanges Black's best piece for White's awkward knight. The bishop on d4 is temporarily hanging, but I do not see a way to take advantage of this: 14. ... Nxd5? 15. Bxg7, or 14. ... Bg4 15. f3 Nxd5? 16. Bxg7 Ne3 17. Qc1!, and no matter how he wiggles, Black will not regain the whole piece. If White wants to keep all the minor pieces on, he should instead play 14. a4, since otherwise Black's counterplay by ... b5, ... b4, and ... Bb5 would be dangerous.

#### 14. ... dxe5 15. Bxe5 Bg4!

This is more accurate than 15. ... Bf5, after which White might

keep some advantage by 16. Re1; for instance, 16. ... Re8 17. d6 exd6 18. Qxd6. Black can blockade the d-pawn by 15. ... Ne8, and he might defend this position successfully, but could not expect more.

#### 16. Qe1?

Either 16. f3 or 16. Bf3 was necessary, but either way White would have no more than equality.

#### 16. ... g5 17. Bxf6

If 17. Nh3 h6, threatening both 17. ... Qd7 and 17. ... Nd3.

#### 17. ... Bxf6 18. Nfe2 Nd3 19. Qd2 Nxb2 20. Qxb2 Bxe2

#### 21. Qxe2 Rxc3

White was fortunate to escape with the loss of no more than a pawn.

#### 22. Rab1 Qc7 23. Qh5 Kg7 24. Be4 h6 25. Rfe1 b6 26.

#### Rbd1 Qd6 27. Qg4 Rh8 28. Bb1 h5 29. Qf5 h4 30.

#### Kg2 Rc7 31. Qg4 b5 32. Re3 Rc4 33. Qf5 Qc5 34.

#### Re6?

It was necessary to hang in there and hope that at some point Black's progress could be stopped.

#### 34. ... hxg3 35. hxg3 fxg6 White Resigns

Now 36. Qg6+ Kf8 37. dxe6 threatens two mates in one, but Black answers 37. ... Rh2+! 38. Kxh2 Qxf2+ 39. Kh1 (if 39. Kh3 g4+) 39. ... Qf3+ 40. Kh2 Qe2+, then picks up the rook with check, and then checks until he can capture the e-pawn, and it's all over.

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## 18th PCC 5-Minute Championship - October 30, 2001

#	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Prize
1	Milisits, Ryan R	2014	X	1	2	2	2	2	9	PCC Membership
2	Magar, Thomas P	2116	1	X	1	2	2	2	8	
3	Nicholson, Rob	1748	0	1	X	1	1	2	5	
4	Fetahagic, Denis	1642	0	0	1	X	1½	2	4½	
5	Ter Halle, Robert J	1757	0	0	1	½	X	2	3½	
6	Green, Kevin R	1121	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	

# 25th Pittsburgh Class Championships - September 22, 2001

## 2000 & Up

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Papariella, Justin J	1985	2029	W5	D3	W4	D2	3	\$67
2	Feliachi, Nabil	2186	2190	W8	D4	W7	D1	3	\$67
3	Booth, James R	2057	2075	H-	D1	W8	W4	3	\$67
4	Magar, Thomas P	2200	2200	W6	D2	L1	L3	1½	
5	Winwood, Joseph W	2105	2088	L1	L7	D6	W8	1½	
6	Milisits, Ryan R	2061	2052	L4	L8	D5	W7	1½	
7	Rahm, Sri	1942	1946	H-	W5	L2	L6	1½	
8	Meigs, Donald J	2006	2000	L2	W6	L3	L5	1	

## Class A

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Bello, Joseph E Sr	1841	1869	W6	W2	D3	W4	3½	\$110
2	Klein, Charles W Jr	1856	1865	W3	L1	W4	D3	2½	
3	Caliguire, John J	1850	1849	L2	W4	D1	D2	2	
4	Kirk, Daniel E	1825	1798	D5	L3	L2	L1	½	
5	Rahm, Sri	1946	1941	D4	U-	U-	U-	½	
6	Duff, Alex	1493/15	1487/16	L1	U-	U-	U-	0	

## Class B

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Booth, Michael J	1741	1790	W9	W6	W2	D3	3½	\$110
2	Schragin, Jeff G	1730	1760	W10	W3	L1	W6	3	
3	Clary, Earl Jr	1700	1710	W7	L2	W8	D1	2½	
4	Meadows, Joe B	1724	1739	H-	W5	L6	W9	2½	
5	Fetahagic, Denis	1805	1801	H-	L4	W7	W8	2½	
6	Ter Halle, Robert J	1757/10	1745/14	W8	L1	W4	L2	2	
7	Opaska, Michael P	1568	1573	L3	W10	L5	B-	2	
8	Young, Jason	1581	1574	L6	W9	L3	L5	1	
9	Sun, Zhipeng	1712	1675	L1	L8	W11	L4	1	
10	Foreman, Fred D	1711	1700	L2	L7	U-	U-	0	
11	Jampole, Ezra A	1350	1344	U-	U-	L9	U-	0	

## Class C

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Young, Shih Houg	1465	1561	W3	W2	D4	W5	3½	\$110
2	Barry, Herbert III	1400	1482	W6	L1	W5	W4	3	
3	Heimann, Mark A	1542	1536	L1	D5	W6	W7	2½	
4	Wassell, Terry	1555	1539	D5	W6	D1	L2	2	
5	Guerrieri, Luis	1489	1463	D4	D3	L2	L1	1	
6	Browne, William J	1401	1400	L2	L4	L3	H-	½	
7	Van Sickle, Rodney J	1282	1273	U-	U-	U-	L3	0	

## Class D

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Duff, Alex	1487/16	1567/19	B-	W4	W2	W6	4	\$110
2	Heimann, Alexander C	1523	1533	W6	W5	L1	W4	3	
3	Parker, Bradley W	1399	1390	L4	W8	D6	W7	2½	
4	Green, Kevin R	1235	1295	W3	L1	W5	L2	2	
5	Van Sickle, Rodney J	1273	1267	W7	L2	L4	B-	2	

6	Joseph, Bryan G	1418	1405	L2	W7	D3	L1	1½
7	Jampole, Ezra A	1344	1286	L5	L6	B-	L3	1
8	Bell, William B	904	900	U-	L3	U-	U-	0

### 1199 & Under

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score	Prize
1	Thebaud, Brian G	1162	1269	W8	W2	W5	W4	4	\$110
2	Wassell, James T	1057	1162	W3	L1	W4	W5	3	
3	Smith, Jason A	1096	1121	L2	W7	W9	W8	3	
4	Orbison, Charles V	1065	1070	W7	W6	L2	L1	2	
5	Lubman, Jacob	1044	1061	W6	W9	L1	L2	2	
6	Schreiber, Avi J	1107	1057	L5	L4	D7	W9	1½	
7	Joseph, Geoffrey	814	845	L4	L3	D6	W10	1½	
8	Jampole, Marc	1020	1004	L1	H-	W10	L3	1½	
9	Hoppmann, William H	1032	981	W10	L5	L3	L6	1	
10	Bell, William B	900	830	L9	B-	L8	L7	1	

## 3rd Fred A Sorensen Memorial - September 11 to October 16, 2001

### Championship

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Score	Prize
1	Magar, Thomas P	2200	2202	W19	W15	H-	W4	W5	D2	5	\$142
2	Kownacki, Ronald W	1846	1857	L4	X-	W5	W10	W11	D1	4½	\$68
3	Papariella, Justin J	2029	2031	H-	W17	D6	W15	D4	W7	4½	\$68
4	Garbera, Brian S	1919	1940	W2	W14	W12	L1	D3	D6	4	
5	Ambrad, Antonio J	2000	2003	H-	W8	L2	W12	L1	W13	3½	
6	Schreiber, Jeffrey A	2024	2012	W9	H-	D3	L11	W15	D4	3½	
7	Schragin, Jeff G	1760	1746	L15	D9	W16	W17	W14	L3	3½	\$29
8	Schuh, Russell G	1600	1619	H-	L5	L13	W16	W17	W12	3½	\$29
9	Moskowitz, Arthur	1671	1681	L6	D7	D10	W18	D12	H-	3	
10	Opaska, Michael P	1562	1575	L12	D19	D9	L2	W16	W15	3	
11	Prokhov, Vassil K	1801	1833	H-	W13	D20	W6	L2	U-	3	
12	Kirk, Daniel E	1798	1771	W10	W16	L4	L5	D9	L8	2½	
13	Hughes, William M	2262	2223	H-	L11	W8	L14	W18	L5	2½	
14	Meadows, Joe B	1739	1745	B-	L4	H-	W13	L7	U-	2½	
15	Lokmer, John M	1473	1527	W7	L1	W22	L3	L6	L10	2	\$25
16	Hoppmann, William H	981	977	B-	L12	L7	L8	L10	X-	2	\$25
17	Roofner, Stanley J	1006/03	1006/06	H-	L3	B-	L7	L8	F-	1½	
18	Barr, Edward W	1578	1588	H-	F-	W21	L9	L13	U-	1½	
19	Wang, Yuan	1697	1690	L1	D10	U-	U-	U-	U-	½	
20	Kapinos, Clyde E	1703	1709	U-	U-	D11	U-	U-	U-	½	
21	Ter Halle, Robert J	1745/14	1707/15	U-	U-	L18	U-	U-	U-	0	
22	Kownacki, Ronald W	1846	1857	U-	U-	L15	U-	U-	U-	0	

### Booster

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Score	Prize
1	Guerrieri, Luis	1463	1479	L5	W8	W3	W7	W6	W4	5	1st Place Trophy
2	Blocki, Jeremiah	1477	1468	W8	W4	D7	L6	W5	W9	4½	2nd Place Trophy
3	Van Sickle, Rodney J	1267	1287	H-	W10	L1	H-	W9	W8	4	3rd Place Ribbon
4	Barry, Herbert III	1482	1450	W11	L2	H-	W8	X-	L1	3½	
5	Schreiber, Avi J	1057	1103	W1	L7	B-	L9	L2	W6	3	
6	Reilly, Dennis M	1264	1261	H-	W9	H-	W2	L1	L5	3	
7	Edwards, Robert D	1398	1393	B-	W5	D2	L1	F-	U-	2½	
8	Bell, William B	830	822	L2	L1	X-	L4	B-	L3	2	
9	Mossman, Evan B	853/07	921/11	H-	L6	F-	W5	L3	L2	1½	
10	Barbara, Richard P	1317	1292	H-	L3	U-	U-	U-	U-	½	
11	Hoppmann, William H	977	973	L4	U-	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	

# 44th Gateway Open - October 26 - 28, 2001

## Open

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Magar, Thomas P	2200	2231	W7	W2	W4	W3	D6	4½	\$200
2	Kriventsov, Stanislav G	2480	2473	W5	L1	W9	W6	W4	4	\$100
3	Leach, Charlie K	2109	2119	H-	W12	W8	L1	W9	3½	
4	Feliachi, Nabil	2190	2192	W11	W6	L1	W5	L2	3	
5	Sudharsan, Krishnan	2058	2056	L2	W14	W11	L4	W10	3	\$65
6	Winwood, Joseph W	2088	2093	W14	L4	W7	L2	D1	2½	
7	Papariella, Justin J	2031	2030	L1	W10	L6	W8	H-	2½	\$60
8	Ambrad, Antonio J	2018	2011	H-	W9	L3	L7	X-	2½	
9	Meigs, Donald J	2000	2000	W10	L8	L2	W11	L3	2	
10	Foreman, Fred D	1700	1725	L9	L7	W14	W12	L5	2	
11	Duff, Alex	1570/20	1589/24	L4	B-	L5	L9	W14	2	
12	Castillo, Gonzalo	1920	1900	H-	L3	H-	L10	F-	1	
13	Kapinos, Clyde E	1714	1730	U-	U-	U-	W14	U-	1	
14	Sukiennik, Leopold J	1800	1800	L6	L5	L10	L13	L11	0	

## Premier

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Booth, Michael J	1783	1836	W14	W8	W4	W6	D2	4½	\$140
2	Sun, Zhipeng	1702	1769	D8	W7	W9	D4	D1	3½	\$68
3	Prishchepa, Yury M	1684/14	1776/19	L4	W11	W10	W8	D9	3½	\$68
4	Fetahagic, Denis	1801	1811	W3	W10	L1	D2	D8	3	
5	Kapinos, Clyde E	1730	1710	L9	D12	L8	B-	W11	2½	
6	White, Welsh S	1797	1802	W12	W9	H-	L1	U-	2½	
7	Harshman, Philip E	1837	1835	H-	L2	W12	W10	U-	2½	
8	Ho, Randy W	1878	1854	D2	L1	W5	L3	D4	2	
9	Kirk, Daniel E	1771	1752	W5	L6	L2	D11	D3	2	
10	Schragin, Jeff G	1746	1728	W11	L4	L3	L7	W12	2	
11	Opaska, Michael P	1563	1547	L10	L3	W16	D9	L5	1½	\$60
12	Holsinger, Michael K	1583	1566	L6	D5	L7	H-	L10	1	
13	Szurek, James E	1692	1693	U-	U-	U-	U-	W15	1	
14	Bell, William B	820	819	L1	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	
15	Reid, Charles P	1093	1091	U-	U-	U-	U-	L13	0	
16	Barron, Patrick D	943	941	U-	U-	L11	U-	U-	0	

## Reserve

#	Name	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Guerrieri, Luis F	1491	1551	W9	W8	W2	W3	W4	5	\$140
2	Barry, Herbert III	1482	1497	W13	W4	L1	W8	W6	4	\$70
3	Berthoud, Kevin F	1309	1364	W5	D6	W7	L1	W10	3½	
4	Van Sickle, Rodney J	1312	1396	W11	L2	W6	W10	L1	3	\$63
5	Barron, Patrick D	941	947	L3	L7	B-	W13	W8	3	\$63
6	Hexon, Wakefield J	1474	1452	W7	D3	L4	W11	L2	2½	
7	Zinn, Andrew M	1199	1201	L6	W5	L3	W9	H-	2½	
8	Bell, William B	819	805	B-	L1	W13	L2	L5	2	
9	Reid, Charles P	1091	1064	L1	L11	X-	L7	B-	2	
10	Browne, William J	1425	1400	H-	W12	H-	L4	L3	2	
11	Fitzgibbons, Kevin J	1436	1402	L4	W9	H-	L6	U-	1½	
12	Moore, William Jr	1142	1132	H-	L10	F-	U-	W13	1½	
13	Winwood, Barbara	Unr	415/04	L2	B-	L8	L5	L12	1	