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That Championship Season

63rd PSCF PA CHAMPIONSHIP IN CAMP HILL; NEW PSCF TITLE EVENTS FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND.... BUGHOUSE?

The 63rd annual PSCF Pennsylvania Chess Championship and PSCF meeting will be held in Camp Hill, PA, on September 28 and 29. This promises to be an exciting weekend, for besides the chess, the PSCF Annual Meeting, held between rounds one and two, will witness the election of the first new PSCF President in 24 years. All PSCF members are eligible to vote in the Membership Meeting, and all PSCF elected positions are on the ballot. Details of the PSCF State Championship and the Membership Meeting are below.

The PSCF has an ambitious schedule of tournaments coming up in the next few months, with new state Championships for Juniors, Seniors, even a Bughouse Championship! Correspondence players will note that, in addition to the 2003 PSCF Postal Tournament, the PSCF now has an E-mail tournament as well. The Tournament Life Announcements and press releases for these new events are reprinted below.

PSCF 2002 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

September 28 & 29, 2002 Pennsylvania State Championship.

Cleve J Fredericksen Library, 100 N 19th St., Camp Hill PA 17011-3900. **Open:** \$\$ (800 b/25): \$300(guaranteed)-\$200-\$100, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600/Unr \$50 each. **Reserve:** Open to U1600. \$\$ (800 b/25): \$300-\$200-\$100, U1500, U1300, U1100, U900 \$50 each. **Both:** 5-SS. G/105. EF: \$40 by 9/21, \$50 at site. Reg 9-9:30am. Rds 10am-2pm-6pm, 10am-2pm. **Scholastic (9/28 only):** 5-SS. G/30. Reg 9-9:30am. Rds 10am-Noon-1:30pm-3pm-4:30pm. EF: \$5. Book to all players scoring 3.5 or more. **Quads (9/29 only):** 3-RR. G/60. Reg 10-10:30am. Rds 11am-1:30pm-3:30pm. EF: \$20. \$\$ 50 to 1st in each quad. **All:** PSCF required \$5 OSA. **HR:** Hampton Inn, 3721 Market St., Camp Hill PA 17011-4326, 717-737-6711, \$42-\$52. **Directions:** Sam Lamonto, 717-730-4461, (cell) 717-580-7492, slamonto@state.pa.us **Ent/Director:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974-5208, 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com NS,NC,W.

PSCF 2002 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Agenda

- I: Welcome and introduction of attendees and officers
- II: Secretary's minutes from last business meeting
- III: Treasurer's report on finances
- IV: Any old business
- V: Selection of next year's site
- VI: Election of officers
 - President
 - Vice-President (East)
 - Vice-President (Central)

Vice-President (West)
Secretary
Treasurer
Scholastic Coordinator

VII: New business
VIII: Adjournment

From the PSCF Constitution

Article IV - Officers

Section A - Elected Officers

The Elected Officers, along with their duties are as follows:

President: Ensure smooth operation of the PSCF, preside over the Annual Membership Meeting, represent the PSCF in dealings with the USCF, disseminate information to the members via the PSCF publication(s), name an official slate of nominees for USCF Delegate and Alternate Delegate positions, appoint any necessary committee chairmen/officers, and assume any other duties as needed.

Vice-President(s): Preside over the Annual Membership Meeting in the absence of the President, succeed to the President's office should a vacancy occur, assume whatever other responsibilities are assigned.

Secretary: Take minutes at the Annual Membership Meeting, succeed to Vice-President's office if necessary.

Treasurer: Manage the fiscal matters of the PSCF.

Scholastic Coordinator(s): Manage the scholastic activities of the PSCF.

Term of office shall be two years, with election in even-numbered years at the Annual Membership Meeting. An officer may succeed him/herself if so elected.

Article V - Meetings

The Annual Membership Meeting shall be held during the time allotted for the State Championships. It shall not be scheduled during a playing time. Admission shall be by PSCF Membership Card.

PSCF 2002 PENNSYLVANIA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP and PSCF 2002 BUGHOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2002 PA State Junior Championships and PA State Bughouse Championship will be held in Pittsburgh, November 1 - 3. This brand new PSCF event will be held at the University of Pittsburgh's William Pitt Union (corner of Fifth Ave. and Bigelow Blvd.) Players up to age 20 are invited to compete in 11 age-and-rating-based sections for trophies, titles and fun. Time control is G/90 for the two-day sections and G/40 for one-day sections. Schools and organizations are encouraged to send teams of 4 - 7 players. Groups with more than 7 players attending may send more than one team. Bughouse fans will enjoy the Friday night bughouse tournament (this tournament is open to all - it is not restricted to junior players). Additional information is

available in Chess Life and School Mates. Information is also available on the tournament Web site

<<http://pscfchess.org/pajuniorchamp/>> or by email
<pajuniorchamp@pscfchess.org> or phone (724) 935-0670.

Please join us for this exciting event. It's a great opportunity to play longer games with players from across the state and is sure to be lots of fun. This tournament is sponsored and organized by the PA State Chess Federation, University of Pittsburgh Chess Club, Monroeville Chess Club, North Pittsburgh Homeschool Chess Club, and Pittsburgh Chess Club.

PSCF 2002 PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Oct 19-20, 2002. PA State Senior Championship, Main Line Speech, 626 Haverford Road, Haverford, PA. 4SS, G/120. Age 50+. EF: \$25 until 10/9; \$35 after. Reg 9-9:45, Rds: 10:30-3:30, 10-3. \$\$ (b/25) \$200(guaranteed 1st)-\$100-\$50, U1800 \$50, U1600 \$50, U1400 \$50, Over 65: \$50. Ent: Dan Heisman, 1359 Garden Rd., Wynnewood, PA 19096. (610) 649-0750, danheisman@comcast.net . NS, NC

2003 PENNSYLVANIA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT and 2003 PENNSYLVANIA E-MAIL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Two groups: e-mail and postal tournaments. Entry Fee: \$20 by 2/15/03 Send to: Dr. Ira Lee Riddle; 400 Newtown Road; Warminster PA 18974-5208 Include: Name, address, telephone number, USCF OTB (or equivalent) and correspondence ratings, which section(s) you wish to play in, USCF ID number, e-mail address if you wish to play in the e-mail section

You may enter more than one section. I will try to avoid pairing you against the same people as much as possible. Format will depend on number of entries, but will likely be a double quad type of tournament, by ratings. Winners will advance to the finals. USCF Postal rules apply. You must maintain USCF and PSCF membership throughout your games.

President's Message

A Lawrence Welk Farewell By Dr. Ira Lee Riddle

Contrary to comments made at this past World Open, I am not resigning as PSCF President. I am retiring from the position. This is not being done out of anger or disgust, in any way. I am very happy with what has been done by the PSCF, what is going to be done, and the support people have given me over the past 24 years. Even those who complained about the size of type in *The Pennswoodpusher* did so in an attempt to improve it. I even usually agreed with them, but felt it more important to cram in games and information. After all, I could read it with no trouble once I took off my glasses! (I'm very nearsighted.)

As a final editorial, I'd like to thank a few people who have served with me over my terms of office. My first treasurer was Gary Connors. After about 6 years or so (time does tend to make it harder to remember exact numbers), Gary went in a different direction and Al Breaux, Jr., took over until the past couple of years, when Stan Booz volunteered. (Gary, by the way, and I met in the Hatboro-Horsham HS office last year when he came by to pick up his daughter. It was quite

nice seeing him again.) Al and I have been friends for a long time and I thank him for all his willingness to help. Keith Kuhn and Tom Magar have been Vice-Presidents for most of my term. I've had four very fine gentlemen as scholastic coordinators: Joe Ohler, Bob Ferguson, Dan Heisman, and now Steve McLaughlin. Chris Yaure, a former team member I coached until he got into law school, provided legal help when needed. He also helped start our correspondence tournament schedule.

Additionally, there are two people who have helped almost every issue of *The Pennswoodpusher* by sending in regular columns. Ross Nickel wanted to write about the doings in the 1800s, and his column has always been fun to type up. Alex Dunne met me at a tournament and said he wanted to try chess journalism, and he agreed to write a semi-serious column that was a bit lighter than most. He went on to win Chess Journalist of the Year one time and also to write for *Chess Life*. Both columns still grace our pages. Both of these gentlemen were paid nothing except for their PSCF memberships!

Two constants throughout my tenure deserve special mention. Bob Dudley held the Federation together between the former President and my term, when Rick Jones found himself out of enough time to run the PSCF. Bobby met me in Phoenix and was willing to nominate me to become President at the business meeting that year in Pittsburgh. He has been Secretary since that time.

The other person, without whom none of my terms would have been possible, is my wife Polly. She has gone to tournaments with me, helped with registration and questions, sold equipment at the scholastic events, and supported me throughout my rise from Local TD to National TD/IA. We just passed our 30th anniversary of wedded joy.

As I have said before, I will be around for quite a long time, Lord willing. I had to make a tough decision about working at Bloomsburg next year (between cruising to the Panama Canal or southeast Asia or Bloomsburg). The Canal won out, so I will miss Bloomsburg. But, I hope and expect to be back the following year!

Tom Martinak has told me he is willing to become our next PSCF President. Please elect him at the business meeting, whenever and wherever it occurs.

As Lawrence Welk would say, "Thanks for the memories."

A History Of The Pennsylvania Chess Championship By Neil Brennen, PSCF Historian

The first tournaments to be recognized as played for the Pennsylvania Championship were run by a group known as the Pennsylvania State Chess Association, or PSCA. Gustavus Reichhelm, writing in the 1898 book *Chess In Philadelphia*, points to the success of the New York State Chess Association as a model for this new organization: "The New York State Chess Association was always considered the leading chess organization of the country. The championship tourneys, contested in New York City on Washington's Birthday, as well as the midsummer meetings held at various summer resorts in the Empire State, were for many years considered the main events in the chess world. Players from other States were often tempted to participate...." After noting the success Philadelphia players enjoyed in New York events, Reichhelm concludes this "led local players to organize a State organization similar to the one in New York."

The PSCA, headquartered in Philadelphia, in 1897 began to hold a state championship tournament each February, on Washington's Birthday, following the lead of the New York organization. Walter Penn Shipley, in his *Philadelphia Inquirer* chess column of September 21, 1919, gives a reason, perhaps with tongue in cheek, for the choice of Washington's Birthday: "This day was chosen after much thought because it was a holiday, it was unsuitable for golf, and the skating was generally spoiled by snow or rain." More likely the choice was made because Philadelphia's Mercantile Library Chess Association had been holding a Washington's Birthday knockout tournament since 1894, and the new group simply adopted the existing tournament as the state championship.

The PSCA Tournaments used a knockout format; loss of one and one-half points eliminated you from the event, just as surely as the distance of the Philadelphia location for the championship, and the difficulties and expense of travel, eliminated chessplayers from other parts of the state. Out-of state PSCA members were allowed to play for the PSCA title provided they belonged to a Pennsylvania chess club. While this rooting of the PSCA Tournament in Philadelphia seems provincial today, at the time it made sense, as Philadelphia was perhaps the second-strongest American chess city, and to hold the Pennsylvania championship event in a chess community of lesser ability would have affected the quality of play.

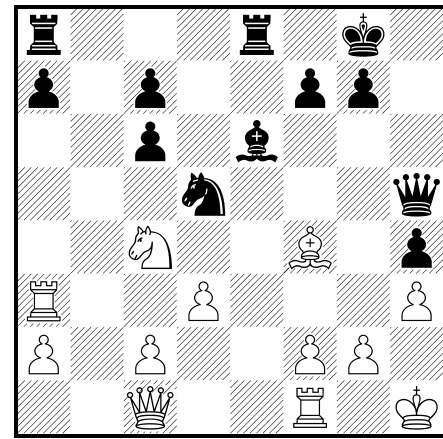
The following game is an example of the play of the PSCA's most honored player, Sydney T. Sharp (1885-1953). Although Sharp is largely forgotten today, his record of winning the Pennsylvania Championship title ten times has faced no danger of being eclipsed. The unofficial dean of Philadelphia chess, Walter Penn Shipley, wrote of this game in his *Philadelphia Inquirer* chess column, "A fine game was played Feb 23 in the tournament of the Pennsylvania State Chess Association between Sydney T. Sharp, the present State Champion, and Isidoris Turover, a young Belgian expert who has been in this country but about three years. The game is of special value on account of the unusual defense played by Sharp against the Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit."

Isidoris Turover - Sydney Sharp [C42]

PSCA Tournament (2), February 23, 1915

Notes by Walter Penn Shipley

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bc4 This move sacrifices a pawn and is known as the Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit. Theoretically it is not considered sound, but like all gambits in over the board play, especially at a fast time limit, the chances are in favor of the attacking player. **3...Nxe4 4.Nc3 Nc6** The usual move is 4...Nxc3 in which case black can retain the gambit Pawn by defending later with 5.dxc3 f6 The text move we believe was first suggested by Frank J. Marshall and is analyzed in his modern analysis of the chess openings. Marshall considers this move as superior to ...Nxc3. **5.Bd5** Marshall now suggests for White 5.0-0, in which case the following play results: 5.0-0 Nxc3 6.dxc3 f6 7.Nh4 g6 8.f4 Qe7 9.b4 d6; Marshall considers 5. Castles superior to 5.Nxe4 and in that event black replies with 5...d5 obtaining a good game. The text move so far as we know has not been analyzed. It seems to yield white a good game. **5...Nf6** Superior to 5...Nxc3 **6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nxe5 Bc5 8.0-0 0-0 9.d3 Re8 10.Bf4 Qd4** Mr. Sharp afterwards pointed out that likely a better continuation would have been 10...Bd4 followed by ...Bg4. **11.Ne2 Qxb2 12.Nc4 Qb5 13.Nc3** White now tries to win the Queen, but later discovers that it is impossible to do so. 13.Bxc7 would have simplified the position. **13...Qb4 14.Bd2 Bg4 15.Qc1 Bd4 16.Rb1 Qc5 17.Rxb7 Qh5 18.Rb3 Be6 19.Bf4 Qg4 20.Bg3 h5 21.Kh1 h4 22.h3 Qh5 23.Bf4 Bxc3 24.Rxc3 Nd5 25.Ra3**



25...Bxb3 26.d4 White now has a difficult position. The text move was natural in order to allow the QR to get into the game, but leads to a hopeless position. Of course, white could not play 26.gxh3 on account of reply 26...Qf3+ etc. **26...Bf5 27.Kg1 Re2 28.Bd2 Qg4 29.Re1 Be4 30.Rg3 hxg3 0-1**

Philadelphia Inquirer, March 7, 1915

Due to the location of the PSCA Championship in Philadelphia, with its distance from the rest of the state, regional championships, either tournaments or matches, eventually began to be held in other parts of Pennsylvania, such as the Western Pennsylvania Championship in Pittsburgh (organized in 1912) and the Central Pennsylvania Championship (organized in 1927). Oftentimes the players in these events were quite accomplished, and perhaps would have played in the "official" championship had they not lived so far from Philadelphia.

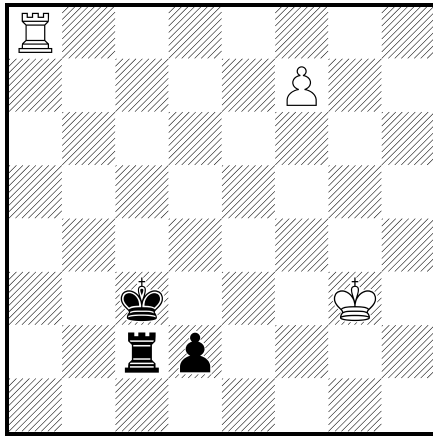
The game below from the 1932 Western Pennsylvania Championship was provided by the grand old man of Pennsylvania chess, Martin Simsak of Bethlehem. Mr. Simsak, the PSCF 1961 Rapid Transit Champion, has the distinction of having played in a wide variety of Pennsylvania Championships; aside from the 1932 Western Pennsylvania Championship, the 1936 PSCA Tournament, the 1936 Central Pennsylvania Championship, and the 1941, 1943, 1954, 1961, and 1971 PSCF tournaments are on his tournament record. Simsak's opponent was a master who played in the 1948 US Championship Tournament, and in later years was active as a chessplayer in California. Although official records appear to have been lost, Simsak recalls this draw kept him from the title, which was won by Pittsburgh's Kalman Erdekey. Erdekey had won the first Western Pennsylvania Championship tournament in Pittsburgh twenty years before.

Martin Simsak - Sven Almgren [C77]

Western Pennsylvania Championship, February 23, 1932

Notes by Martin Simsak

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Bb3 0-0 9.Qd2 Be6 10.h3 Bxb3 11.axb3 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bh6 f6 14.0-0 Nce7 15.Rfe1 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Nf4 17.g4 Kh8 18.Qh4 g5 19.Qg3 Neg6 20.Ne2 Kg7 21.h4 gxh4 22.Nxh4 Nxh4 23.Nxf4 exf4 24.Qxh4 Qd6 25.Re4 Rae8 26.Rae1 Rxe4 27.Rxe4 Rf7 28.Qh2 f3 29.Qxd6 cxd6 30.Re3 f5 31.gxf5 Rxf5 32.Kh2 Kg6 33.Kg3 h5 34.c4 a5 35.Re4 Kg5 36.d4 b6 37.d5 Rf7 38.Re6 h4+ 39.Kh3 Rd7 40.Re4 Kf5 41.Rxh4 Rg7 42.Rd4 Rg2 43.Rd2 Ke4 44.Kh4 Rg1 45.Kh3 Re1 46.Kg3 Re2 47.Rd1 Rxb2 48.Re1+ Kd4 49.Re3 a4 50.bxa4 Kxc4 51.Rxf3 Kxd5 The game was adjourned here **52.Ra3 Kc4 53.a5 bxa5 54.Rxa5 d5 55.f4 d4 56.f5 d3 57.f6 d2 58.Ra1 Rc2 59.Ra8 Kc3 60.f7**



60...Rc1 When I was looking at this game recently, I noticed Black missed a win here by **60...d1Q 61.f8Q Qg1+ 62.Kf3 Rf2+ 63.Ke4 Rxf8 61.Kf3 Rf1+ 62.Ke2 Rxf7 63.Ra3+ Kc2 64.Ra2+ Kc1 65.Ra1+ Kb2 66.Rd1 Re7+ 67.Kxd2** ½-½

Gamescore courtesy Martin Simsak

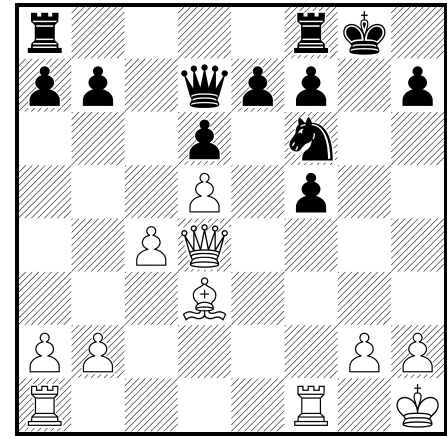
Meanwhile Philadelphia area players continued to win the "recognized" Pennsylvania title, until Hermann V. Hesse of Bethlehem broke the tradition in 1934 by winning the PSCA tournament of that year. Hesse would go on to tie for first in the 1939 PSCF Championship, and win first outright in the PSCF tournaments in 1941, 1944, and 1955,. The game that broke the run of Philadelphia champions was annotated for Hesse's chess column in the *Bethlehem Globe-Times* by William Ruth, himself a PSCA champion in 1918, 1920, 1923, and 1935, and the PSCF champion in 1950. Students of opening theory may find Ruth's note to Black's second move a curious artifact of an age that thought the Maroczy Bind the death-knell of the Sicilian.

Hermann V. Hesse - Samuel Drasin [B38]

PSCA Tournament, March 10, 1934

Notes by William Ruth

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 Black unquestionably compromises his game by this move. It allows White to switch the game into a variation of the Sicilian Defense unfavorable to the second player. White's pawn on c4 has a dominating influence on the center. **2...Nf6** as generally played, followed by **...e6** and **...d5**, would lead into a regular variation of the Queen's Gambit. **3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Be3** This move is inferior. **6.Nb3** as recommended by Maroczy, gives White an advantage. **6...Nf6 7.Nc3 d6** Here Black misses an opportunity to take advantage of White's weak sixth move. **7...Ng4** should have been played. In a game Kostic vs Breyer, Gothenburg 1920, play continued **8.Nxc6 Nxe3 9.Nxd8 Nxd1 10.Nxd1 Kxd8** and Black probably has a small advantage due to his two Bishops. **8.Be2 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Kh1** It is hard to see the reason or necessity for this move. **10.f3** is indicated. (**10.f3 Qb6 11.Qd3** is playable.-Hesse) **10...Nxd4 10...Rc8** leads to interesting complications and is worthy of consideration. **11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 Ne8 13.Nd5 Qd7 14.f4** In view of White's convincing control of the center combined with the threat of **f5**, Black's game becomes very difficult. **14...Bxd5 15.exd5 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Nf6 16...Ng7** offers better chances for the defense. **17.f5** must be retarded as long as possible. Black's conduct of the game throughout has been entirely too passive, particularly so against a player of Hesse's style and strength. **17.f5! gxf5 18.Bd3!**



18...e5 A logical looking move yet leading to a speedy loss. Black is about to reap the harvest of his inconsequential play. **19.Qh4! Ne4 19...Qd8** would be met by **20.Rxf5** winning easily. **20.Bxe4** Here White misses the shortest road to victory, viz., **20.Rxf5**. The line adopted is however sufficient. **20...fxe4 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Rf5 h6 24.Rh5 Qg4 25.Qxh6** Decisive, for if **25...Qg7, 26.Rg5** wins the Queen. **1-0**

Bethlehem Globe-Times, March 16, 1934

In 1939, the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, or PSCF, was founded in Pittsburgh. The new organization, under the leadership of a group including the young William Byland, began holding its own Pennsylvania championship events, with the first being played in York in 1939. Unlike the PSCA, the new chess body began to rotate the championship from city to city throughout the state, in an attempt to offer the chance to play for the state title to all of Pennsylvania's chessplayers.

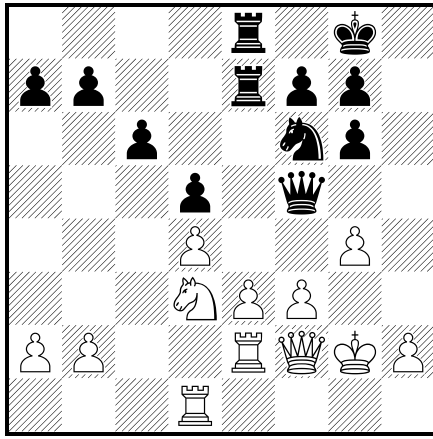
The next game is perhaps the earliest surviving game from a PSCF Championship Tournament. The players are William Steckel of Allentown, a former chess columnist for the *Allentown Morning Call*, and winner of the 1936 PSCA tournament, 1939 PSCF tournament (with Hermann Hesse), and 1942 PSCF tournament. Steckel's opponent was described in Chess Review as a "former North Carolina champion" and "the leading chessist of Pittsburgh". The two finalists won a seven player round-robin qualifier in order to play for the title.

Chess Review described the final game of the championship for their readers: "Thus it was Steckel vs. Gardner, one game to a finish, with the title at stake. After a quiet enough beginning, in the exchange variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined, the game took a sudden turn when Gardner sacrificed a Knight at his 26th turn. He obtained three pawns for the piece, but might have encountered much more resistance except for an error by Steckel (29.Ne5?) which lost quickly. 29. Rxe3 was correct at that point."

William Steckel - Louis Gardner [D36]

PSCF Tournament, 09.1940

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Ne5 Nf8 11.0-0 Ng4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxg4 Bxg4 14.Rae1 Rad8 15.Kh1 Qh4 16.f3 Bh5 17.g3 Qh3 18.Qf2 Re7 19.Ne2 Qd7 20.Nf4 Bg6 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Nd3 Rde8 23.Re2 Qf5 24.Rd1 Nd7 25.Kg2 Nf6 26.g4



26...Nxc4 27.fxc4 Qxc4+ 28.Kf1 Rxe3 29.Ne5 Qxe2+ 30.Qxe2 Rxe2 31.Kxe2 f6 0-1

Chess Review, October 1940, P 161

Meanwhile the PSCA was still holding its knockout events in Philadelphia each Washington's Birthday, leading to a certain level of confusion about which group legitimately represented Pennsylvania's chessplayers. When in 1943 *Chess Review* mentioned the confusing nature of the rival state organizations, William Byland responded by describing the PSCF policy towards the state title, one still in effect today. In his letter, printed on page 106 of the April 1943 *Chess Review*, Byland wrote, "The Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, a union of clubs in all sections of the state, has, since 1939, sponsored four annual tournaments for the Pennsylvania Championship. Our policy is that all chess players in Pennsylvania are entitled to compete in any tournament for the State title; therefore, our tournaments, staged during the Labor Day weekend, are held in a different city each year, thus enabling the largest possible number of enthusiasts from the largest possible number of localities to enter. Obviously, if the State tournament were to be held in the same city each year - for example, Philadelphia- the number of sections represented would be seriously limited, as very few players not resident in Philadelphia could compete in such events."

That same year of 1943 saw the PSCF break new ground in the way a championship was run. In the 1943 PSCF Tournament in Pittsburgh, Tournament Director George Koltanowski used a little-known pairing method for the tournament, called the "Swiss System". Koltanowski had used it before to run two tournaments in Texas, and the Correspondence Chess League of America was using this pairing system as well, but this was the first time in the United States a Swiss was used to pair a championship OTB event. Both the players and the PSCF were satisfied with this pairing method, described by Byland in his tournament report in November/December 1943 issue of the Correspondence Chess League of America magazine *The Chess Correspondent* as "winners keep meeting winners". In that same article Byland added that all PSCF tournaments henceforth would be paired using the Swiss System.

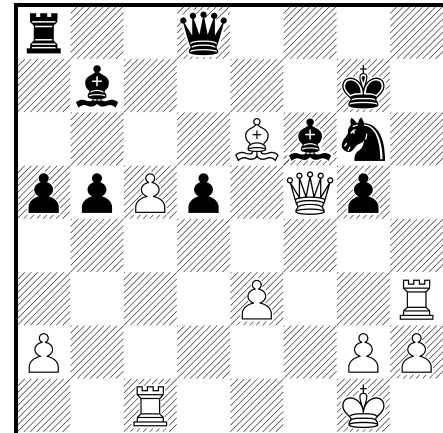
Byland included with his tournament report in *The Chess Correspondent* two games by a CCLA member, 17 year old Durwood Hatch of Altoona. Hatch would go on to win the PSCF Rapid Transit Championship in 1957 and 1958 as part of a chess career that included his near half a century reign as chess champion of Altoona. When the PSCF Tournament came to Altoona in 1958, Hatch celebrated by taking the state Rapid Transit title, and by winning the following game.

Durwood Hatch - J. Sube [D64]

PSCF Tournament, 09.1958

Notes by George Baylor

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Rc1 c6 8.Qc2 Nb6? After following the Orthodox Defense for the first seven moves, Black deviates from the book 8...Ne4 which leads him into a favorable variation of the Lasker Defense. The text looks like a waste of time (and is)! 9.c5! Taking immediate advantage of the slip by getting a strong Queenside pawn formation and gaining a tempo simultaneously. 9...Nbd7 10.Bd3 b6 11.b4 h6 12.Bh4 Bb7 13.0-0 g5 This looks like a rather dangerous weakening of the king position, but since Black is stifled on the Queenside, he must do something! 14.Bg3 Kg7 15.Ne5 Nh5 16.Bg6! Nxc3 Practically forced, as after 16...fxg6 17.Qxg6+ Kh8 White at least wins the exchange with 18.Nf7+ -Baylor (in this line, better is 18.Qxh6+ Kg8 19.Qxe6+ with enormous compensation for the piece.-Brennen) 17.Nxf7! Again best as the Black Knight cannot be taken because of 17.fxc3? Nxe5! 17...Rxf7 18.Bxf7 Ne4 19.Bxe6 Nxc3 Black may well consider 19...Ndf6 here. 20.Qxc3 bxc5 Although Black frees his own pieces now, he also exposes his King to White's pieces; since this appears to be rather imprudent, 20...Nf6 as in the previous note is suggested. 21.dxc5+ Bf6 22.Qd3 a5? 23.b5 Ne5 24.Qf5 cxb5 25.f4 The attack continues. 25...Nc4? A waste of time. 26.fxc5 So what else is nude (besides Black's King)?? 26...hxc5 27.Rf3 Ne5 28.Rh3 Ng6



29.c6 Here White had a quick and very pretty win with 29.Rh7+!! Kxh7 30.Bf7! Qf8 (30...Kg7 31.Qxg6+ Kf8 32.Be6 and Black cannot stop mate.) 31.Qxg6+ Kh8 32.Qxf6+ Qg7 33.Qe7 and White wins at his leisure. 29...Rc8 30.Bxd5 Qd6 31.Be4 OUCH! 31...Ne7 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Rf1 Bxc6 34.Qh8+ Ng8 35.Rh3 Ke7 36.Rxf6 Nxf6 37.Qg7+ Ke8 38.Rxf6 Qxf6 39.Qxf6 Bxe4 40.Qe6+ A very fine attack conducted by Mr. Hatch, the conclusion of which was all played under severe time pressure! 1-0

Pittsburgh Chess Club *En Passant*, December 1959

In 1946 the PSCA held its last Championship, and then quietly disappeared. Since then the PSCF has continued to rotate the PA Championship from location to location, allowing, as Byland wrote in 1943, "the largest possible number of enthusiasts from the largest possible number of localities" the chance to play for the highest title in Pennsylvania.

From the 1940's through the 1960's the Championship traveled widely throughout the state, but by the 1970's the number of locations had settled down to a few repeated choices, with an attempt to alternate between the western part of the state, the eastern part, and the central

part. Other changes included a reduction in the number of rounds from seven to six, and then to five. This reduction in the number of rounds was a result of the limitation of the tournament to two days, instead of the previous three.

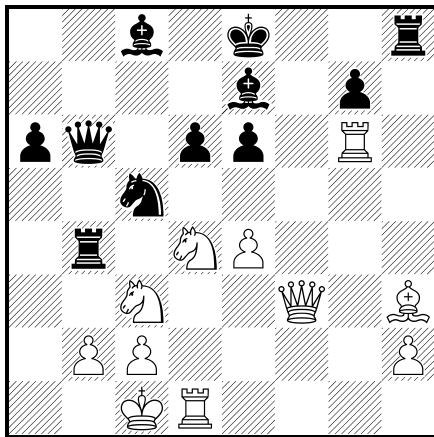
Of course in addition to the changes in the nature and playing conditions of the tournament, there were changes in the nature of the players who participated in these events. The influence of Fischer during the 1960's and 1970's brought a great many new players to chess, and often these players followed Fischer's methods, especially his detailed opening preparation. An example of this influence is the following game from the 1971 PSCF Championship Tournament in Allentown. The notes to the game were written in 1999 by NM Dan Heisman.

Al Bingaman - Dan Heisman [B99]

PSCF Tournament, September 5, 1971

Notes by Dan Heisman

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.a3 Rb8 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Bh3 Nc5 15.Rhg1 b4 16.axb4 Rxb4 17.f5 Qb6 GM John Nunn's *The Complete Najdorf* 6. Bg5 - written a quarter century after the game! - now considers only 18. f6 and 18. fxe6 18.g6 hgx6 19.fxe6 20.Rxg6



20...Rxd4 Winning, but even stronger is 20...Bf6+ 21.Rxd4 Nb3+ 22.cxb3 Qxd4 23.Bxe6 Bxe6 24.Rxe6 Rxh2 25.Rxe7+ Passive defenses don't work, either... 25...Kxe7 26.Nd5+ Ke8 27.Nc7+ Kd7 28.Qf7+ Kc6 28...Kc8 is again more accurate, but Black is winning either way 29.Qe8+ Kb7 30.Qa8+ Kxc7 0-1

Gamescore courtesy Dan Heisman

By the 1990s the Pennsylvania Championship had seen innovations and trends probably unimaginable to PSCA era players such as Walter Penn Shipley or Sydney Sharp. Computers as championship players, pairing programs, and as aids to opening preparation, the influx of strong players from the Soviet Union, and the increasing complexity of modern chess theory gave the recent Championship tournaments a texture all their own.

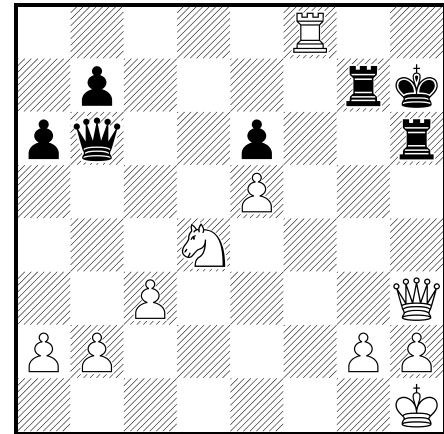
At the 1998 Pennsylvania Championship Tournament in Allentown, the 1995 Champion John Hathaway missed a win in a time scramble against Stanislas Kriventsov.

John Hathaway - Stanislas Kriventsov [D03]

PA Championship (3), 23.08.1998

Notes by Neil Brennen based on comments by John Hathaway

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.c3 c5 7.Be2 cxd4 8.exd4 Nc6 9.0-0 h6 10.Bf4 Nh5 11.Bg3 f5 12.Be5 Nf6 13.Bd3 Ne4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qe2 a6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qc7 18.Nf3 Nc5 19.Bc2 Bd7 20.Rfd1 e6 21.Nd4 Qb6 22.Rab1 g5 23.f4 Be8 24.Qe3 Bg6 25.fxg5 [25...Nxe6+ Qxe6 26.Qxc5 also wins a pawn.] 25...hxg5 26.Qxg5 Rf7 27.Rf1 Rg8 28.Qe3 f4 29.Qf2 Bxc2 30.Qxc2 Ne4 31.Rbe1 Kh8 32.Kh1 Rg5 33.Rxe4 dxe4 34.Qxe4 Rfg7 35.Rxf4 Kg8 36.Qf3 R5g6 37.Rf8+ Kh7 38.Qh3+ Rh6



39.Qd3+?! [The win was to be had by 39.Rh8+! Kxh8 40.Qxh6+ Kg8 41.Nxe6 Rxg2 42.Qf8+! (42.Kxg2 is also playable, but who would want to calculate the following king-march in sudden death?: 42...Qxb2+ 43.Kf3 Qxc3+ 44.Kg4 Qc4+ 45.Kh5 Qe2+ 46.Kg6 Qc2+ 47.Kf6 and mates or wins the Queen.) 42...Kh7 43.Qf7+ Kh8 44.Kxg2 Qxb2+ 45.Qf2 and wins.] 39...Rhg6 40.Qh3+ Rh6 41.Qd3+ [Again the win presents itself, but White misses it in the time scramble. 41.Rh8+!] 41...Rhg6 42.Qh3+ 1/2-1/2

Gamescore courtesy John Hathaway

Despite changes in location, pairing methods, length, and the players themselves, the Pennsylvania Championship has endured as a coveted title among the chessplayers of the Keystone State. It seems likely that the next hundred years will only confirm this fact, and the title of Pennsylvania Champion will be contested for with all the fervor shown during the first one hundred.

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Zaitchik Wins Aronow Invitational

A suspense-filled evening on Sunday, July 21, 2002 saw the completion of the Richard Aronow Foundation Invitational Tournament, which was held at the Franklin Mercantile Chess Club in Center City, Philadelphia, from July 12 to July 21. The final game completed was the decisive one, in which the first prizewinner, GM Gennady Zaitchik of Georgia, competed with GM Yevgeny Najer of Russia for the top prize of \$1000. Najer and NM Yury Lapshun tied for second and third place, and won \$250 each. IM Luis Chiong of the Philippines won a \$150 brilliancy prize for his performance against IM

Oladapo Adu of Nigeria, by decision of the Tournament Committee. NM Yevgeny Gershov and Bryan Smith split a \$150 "best endgame" prize for their match, by decision of President Richard Costigan of the Franklin Mercantile Chess Club. The games that won the special prizes for brilliancy and for best endgame are below.

Three participants, NMs Mikhail Belorussov and Stanislav Kriventsov of Pennsylvania, and Yury Lapshun of New York, obtained IM norms. Kriventsov and Lapshun each obtained their third and final requisite norm, and will likely be nominated as International Masters when FIDE convenes in October.

This tournament was organized to serve two purposes: 1. to promote high-level, invitational chess tournaments in the U.S.; and 2. to publicize the Richard Aronow Foundation and the need for research on autism. This chess tournament was named in memory of Richard Aronow, and on behalf of the Richard Aronow Foundation, Inc. (whose application for charitable status in New Jersey and New York is pending). Richard died tragically in the World Trade Center attack. He left behind an autistic son, William, who is now 5 years old, and his wife Laura Weinberg. A devoted father and husband, Richard wanted to heal his son and establish a school for autistic children.

To honor Richard's dreams, the Foundation supports education and medical research for autistic people. Autism is a condition that affects a person's ability to communicate. That autism is a biological disorder is widely accepted, but its causes remain uncertain, and medical treatments are few and largely undocumented. The best treatment available for this biological problem is, ironically, intensive and early education, which rewires the neurological system to compensate for some of the deficits in autism. The Foundation is working to establish the Richard Aronow School which, in alliance with Columbia University professors, will be a premier research institution and educate autistic people from ages 2 to 21. The Foundation will also team with Cure Autism Now to fund medical research.

For more information regarding the Richard Aronow Foundation or to contribute, you may contact Laura Weinberg at 123 Airmount Rd., Mahwah, NJ 07430 or by email at findlaur@optonline.net.

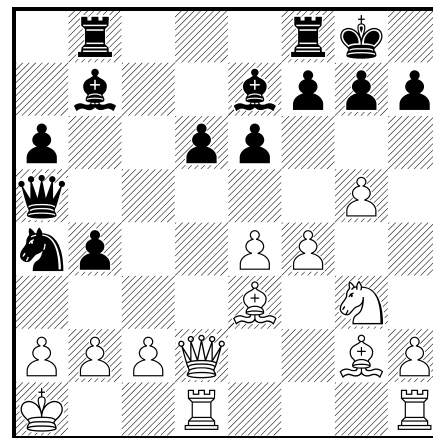
Richard Aronow Foundation FIDE Invitational
 July 12-21, 2002 Philadelphia PA 19102
 T.D.: Ira Lee Riddle; Asst. T.D.: Sascha Fink

Title/Name	Cty	FIDE	USCF	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	PTS
1 GM G.Zaitchik	GEO	2516	2547	x	L	D	D	W	D	W	W	W	W	6.5
2 FM Y.Lapshun	USA	2393	2450	W	x	D	D	D	D	D	D	W	W	6.0
3 GM E.Najer	RUS	2585	----	D	D	x	D	L	W	W	D	W	W	6.0
4 NM M.Belorussov	USA	2293	2290	D	D	D	x	W	W	W	D	L	D	5.5
5 FM S.Kriventsov	USA	2443	2486	L	D	W	L	x	W	W	D	W	D	5.5
6 NM E.Gershov	USA	2351	2368	L	D	L	L	L	x	D	D	W	W	3.5
7 IM L.Chiong	PHI	2368	2419	D	D	L	L	L	D	x	L	W	W	3.5
8 FM B.Smith	USA	2412	2373	L	D	D	D	D	W	x	L	L	3.5	
9 IM O.Adu	NGR	2263	2290	L	L	W	L	L	L	W	x	D	2.5	
10 NM N.Rogers	USA	2354	2347	L	L	L	D	D	L	L	W	D	x	2.5

Norms attained: Lapshun, #3 of 3; Kriventsov, #3 of 3; Belorussov, #1

IM O. Adu - IM L. Chiong [B90]

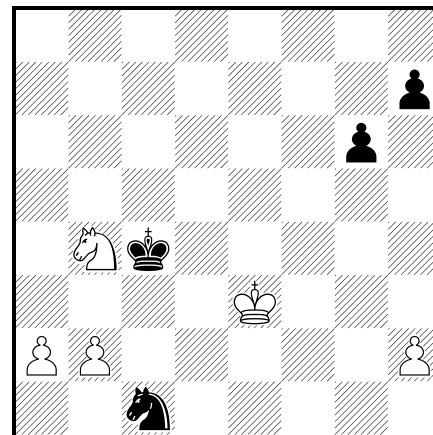
Richard Aronow Invitational Philadelphia (4), 2002
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nc6 10.g4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 Nd7 12.f4 b5 13.g5 Rb8 14.Qd2 b4 15.Ne2 Qa5 16.Kb1 Bb7 17.Bg2 Nc5 18.Ng3 Na4 19.Ka1



19...Nc3! 20.bxc3 bxc3 21.Qd4 Bd5 22.exd5 e5 23.Qd3 Qa3 24.Rb1 Rb2 25.Qc4 Rfb8 0-1

NM E. Gersov - FM B. Smith [C03]

Richard Aronow Invitational Philadelphia (4), 2002
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.c3 c5 5.exd5 cxd4 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.cxd4 Nf6 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.Ng3 Nc6 11.Nb3 Rd8 12.Qe2 Bb4+ 13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 e5 15.dxe5 Qg4 16.Qe2 Nh5 17.Nfd4 Qg6 18.Ne6 Qxg2 19.Rf1 g6 20.f4 Qxe2+ 21.Kxe2 Rc8 22.Rac1 Ke7 23.Nec5 Rhf8 24.Nd3 Ke6 25.Ke3 Kf5 26.Nbc5 Ne7 27.Nxb7 Nd5+ 28.Kd4 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Ndxg4 30.Nxf4 Nxf4 31.Nd6+ Ke6 32.Rc8 Ne2+ 33.Ke3 Rxc8 34.Nxc8 Nc1 35.Nxa7 Kxe5 36.Nc6+ Kd5 37.Nb4+ Kc4



38.Kd2 Nb3+ 39.axb3+ Kxb4 40.Ke3 Kxb3 41.Kf4 Kxb2 42.Kg5 Kc3 43.Kh6 Kd4 44.Kxh7 g5 45.Kg6 g4 46.Kf5 Kd5 47.Kxg4 Ke6 1/2-1/2

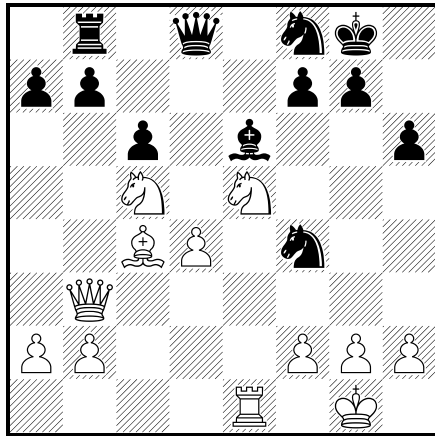
Crowbars By Alex Dunne

Some positions are naturally open with free ranging pieces. Some positions require a nudge to open. Some positions are so closed that only dynamite can open them. The following game is between those poles: just a crowbar is needed.

Alex Dunne - EeEk (1954) [D30]

ICC Standard G/60 (3), 2002
 1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 d5 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3

Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 This is apparently a TN. Aliyeva-Kozkukova, Halkidiki 2001 continued with the "normal" 9. Nc3 **9...Re8 10.Qc2** As long as White intends to pry open the position with the crowbar e4, it is better to do so immediately. No harm is done, however, by this preparatory move. **10...Nf8 11.e4!?** Else White cannot use his lead in development. The isolated d-Pawn is not weak. **11...dxe4 12.Nxe4 Be7 13.Rfe1 Nd5** Black seeks relieving exchanges, but better was 13...Ng6. **14.Bxe7 Rxe7 15.Neg5 Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1 Nf6 17.Qb3 Nd5 18.Bc4 h6** White keeps an edge after 18...b5 19. Bxd5 Qxd5 20. Re8 Qxb3 21. axb3 **19.Ne4 Rb8 20.Ne5 Be6 21.Nc5 Nf4?**



Black stays in the fight with 21...Qa5. **22.Nxf7!** One more strike with the crowbar and Black's position is shredded. **22...Kxf7 23.Nxe6 N4xe6** Better was 23...N8xe6, but the game is over anyway. **24.Bxe6+ Nxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kf8 26.Re3 1-0**

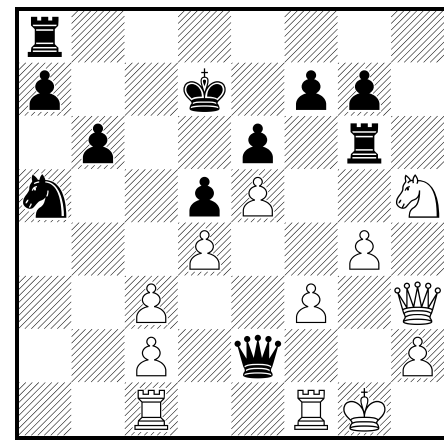
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John Bartholomew - IM Edward Formanek [C16]

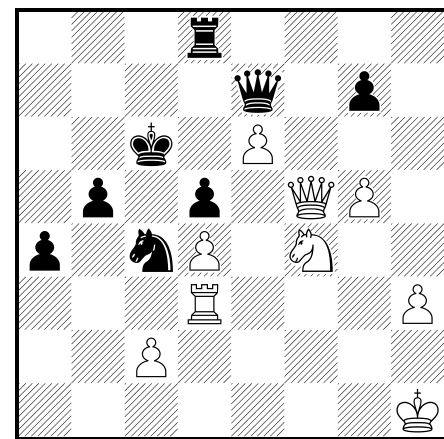
US Masters, 04.2002

Notes by FM Bruce Leverett

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.a4 DeFirmian, in MCO-14, recommends 7 Qg4, as "there is no painless way to defend g7." Bartholomew's move is logical but not as sharp. **7...Ba6 8.Bb5+ Bxb5?! Surely 8 ... c6 9 Bxa6 Nxa6**, followed by ... Nc7 and ... Qd7, was a fairly solid defense. With the text, Black will get a passed a-pawn, but there are big risks. **9.axb5 Qd7 10.Qd3 c6 11.bxc6 Nbxc6 12.Ne2 Na5 13.0-0 h5 14.Bg5** If Black had been thinking about queenside castling, this move prevents it. 14 ... O-O-O? 15 Qa6+ Kb8 16 Bxe7 Qxe7 17 Rxa5 wins, as 17 ... bxa5 18 Rb1+ forces mate. But kingside castling is also out of the question; White owns that side of the board. **14...Nf5 15.Qh3!?** A remarkable concept: White pins the h-pawn against the rook. **15...Qb5 16.Nf4 Kd7!** Formanek's king takes the alternate French Defense escape route. In any case 16 ... g6 doesn't work: 17 g4 Ng7 18 Bf6 Kf8 19 gxh5, or 17 ... Ne7 18 Bxe7 Kxe7 19 Qh4+ and 20 Qf6. **17.Nxh5 Qe2 18.g4 Nh6 19.Bxh6 Rxh6** White is now poised to start a pawn storm. Black must play alertly to hold it back. **20.Rac1 Rg6** 20 ... Nc4 allows 21 Rfe1 Qd2 22 Qf3 Rf8 23 h4 Rg6 24 Rfd1 Qh6 25 g5. **21.f3**

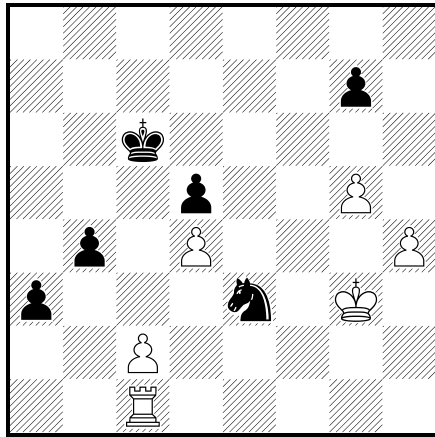


21...Qe3+? Black loses patience and takes a pawn. Instead, I think that 21 ... Nc4 holds the balance. White can lose by overreaching: 22 Rfe1 Qd2 23 f4? Rh8! 24 g5? Rxh5! **22.Kh1 Qxc3 23.Qg3 Rh8** After 23 ... Qxd4 24 g5 Rh8 25 Nf4 Qxe5 26 Rg1 wins the exchange. Perhaps Black overlooked this when playing his 21st move. **24.Qf4 Ke8 25.Rfd1 Nc4 26.Rd3 Qb4 27.h3 Qe7 28.Qh2 Kd7 29.f4 Kc6 30.Rf1 f5 31.gxf5 exf5 32.Ng3 Qe6 33.Ne2 b5 34.Rg1 Rhh6 35.Rg5 Rh8 36.Qg2 Rxxg5 37.fxxg5 Rd8 38.Nf4 Qe7 39.Qf3 a5** Black shows commendable sangfroid in the face of the destruction of his kingside and center. **40.Qh5 Qe8 41.Qh7 Qf7 42.e6 Qf8 43.Qg6 Qe7 44.Qxf5 a4**



45.Qf7? White must have considered and rejected 45 Ng6, but that move is the way to win, and this is a turning point. After 45 Ng6 Black has (A) 45 ... Qd6 or (B) 45 ... Qb4. (45 ... Qc7 looks about equivalent to 45 ... Qd6.) After (A) 45 ... Qd6 46 e7 Re8 47 Qf7 Qd7, it appears that Black can hunker down; for instance 48 Re3 Kb6! (but not 48 ... Nxe3 49 Ne5+, or 48 ... Kb7 49 Nf8 Qc6 50 Ne6 with complications favoring White) 49 Rf3 Kc6! (White threatened 50 Qxe8+ and 51 Rf8). Instead of 46 e7 White should play 46 Qf7, with 47 e7 on the way; then if 46 ... Ra8 47 e7 Qd7 48 Nf8 Qe8 49 Qe6+ pries loose some important material. After (B) 45 ... Qb4, Black threatens 46 ... Qb1+, but White stops this with 46 Rd1, and Black has no move to interrupt the attack. If 46 ... Ne3 47 e7!, and now 47 ... Re8 48 Qf7, or 47 ... Ra8 48 Qe6+, and if now 48 ... Qd6 49 e8+, or 48 ... Kc7 49 Qxe3. **45...Re8 46.Qf5 Qd6** Black rejects repetition by 46 ... Rd8; White might then have changed his mind about 47 Ng6. **47.Qf7 Rf8** Black again rejects repetition, but White finds a combination to win the exchange. Did Black miss this, or was he afraid of something worse?

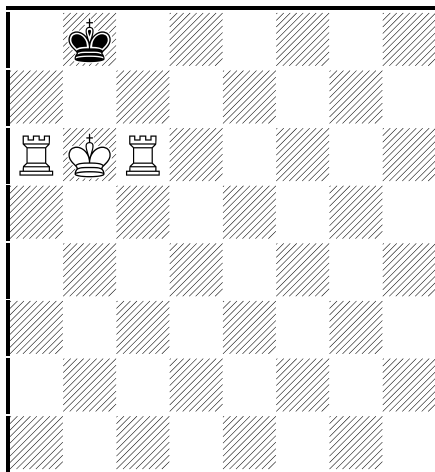
48.Ng6! Rxf7 49.exf7 Qxg6 50.f8Q Qe4+ 51.Kg1 Qe1+ 52.Kh2 Qe2+ 53.Kg3 Qe1+ 54.Qf2 Qe7 55.h4 b4 56.Qf4 a3 57.Rd1 Qe3+!? A startling decision. White could hardly have avoided a draw after 57 ... Qe2 58 Qf3 Qxc2 59 Re1 a2. Instead Black forces the pace. 58.Qf3 [58.Qxe3 Nxe3 59.Rc1 is critical.



Black can't stop the kingside pawns: 59 ... Kd7 60 h5 Kc7 51 Re1! So he must sacrifice on c2: 59 ... Nxc2 60 Rxc2+ Kb5 (60 ... Kb6? 61 Ra2) 61 h5 b3 62 Rc5+ Kb4 63 h6 a2! (not 63 ... gxh6 64 gxh6 and White's new queen on h8 will guard the d-pawn) 64 hxg7 a1Q 65 g8Q Qg1+, and Black will get a perpetual, because White must not allow him to take the d-pawn with check.] 58...Kb5 59.Kg2 Ka4 60.Qxd5 Qe2+ 61.Kg3 Qxc2! 62.Qc6+? This is probably a fatal error. 62 Rf1 would have left the outcome in doubt. Time pressure played a role at this point. 62...Kb3 63.Qf3+ Kb2 64.Rf1 a2 65.Qh1 If 65 Rf2 Nd2 66 Qg2 a1Q! 67 Rxd2 Qe1+ 68 Rf2 Qe3+, and if now 69 Rf3 Qxg2+, or 69 Qf3 Qcxf2+, winning. 65...Nd2 66.Rd1 Nb1 Time forfeit by White. 0-1

Chess In Centuries Past By Ross Nickel

"You will win with either color if you play the better, but it will take longer with Black" - Isaac Kashdan



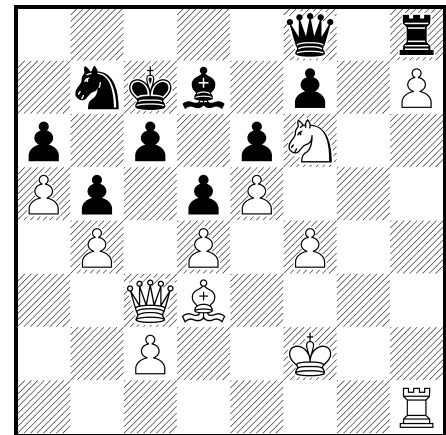
The above puzzle is supposed to be Chinese, and hundreds of years old. White to play and win, moving each of the three White pieces once and only once. The solution is at the end of this column.

The game below appeared in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* of November 7, 1900. It is between two Pittsburgh, PA, residents, in which McCutcheon is beaten in his own variation. It is a discovery sent to me by John Hilbert, author of *Napier: The Forgotten Chessmaster*. The game appears in Hilbert's book.

W. E. Napier - John L. McCutcheon [C12]

Offhand Game, Pittsburgh, 1900

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Ne4 8.Nge2 Bd7 9.h4 Nc6 10.hxg5 Nxg3 11.Nxg3 Qxg5 12.Nh5 0-0-0 13.f4 Qe7 14.Nf6 Na5 15.Rh3 Kb8 16.a3 Bxc3+ 17.Rxc3 Rc8 18.b4 Nc6 19.Qd2 Nd8 20.a4 c6 21.Rh3 Rc7 22.g4 b5 23.a5 a6 24.Qc3 Nb7 25.Bd3 Rcc8 26.Kf2 Rcf8 27.Rah1 Kc7 28.g5 Qd8 29.Rxh6 Rxh6 30.gxh6 Rh8 31.h7 Qf8



32.Bxb5 axb5 33.a6 Nd6 34.Qc5 Ne4+ 35.Nxe4 Qxc5 36.Nxc5 Bc8 37.a7 Bb7 38.Kg3 Ba8 39.Rh6 Kd8 40.Kh4 Ke7 41.Kg5 1-0 *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, Nov. 7, 1900

John Hilbert has written elsewhere, "The very advances in technology providing enormous assistance for the recording, comparing, and storing of chess games have at the same time masked a comparative failure on the part of chess authors interested in the history of the game to make the most of such magical gifts. The best research, however, benefits enormously from advances in technology, and has routinely done so. What all these works hold in common, aside from illustrating the clear benefits in presentation, accuracy, and clarity provided by the new age of technology, is solid scholarly effort focused on not only discovering hitherto forgotten chess games, but on placing those discoveries in the context of the lives of the players they concern."

I am interested in chess history and have even lived through some of it, but I am not one of these scholars of the game. Hilbert and other researchers have to make a living and therefor can only pursue their interest as a hobby and as their time allows. Various organizations have provided money for grandmasters to compete in events, and for promising youth to develop their talents. Why not allow an outstanding chess historian to do research for a year or to full time with a grant? I believe that funds have been spent less beneficially.

(We came across the following in research for our PA Championship article. This seems a good place to use the game. Byland had won the Championship in 1949. - Editor)

Ross Nickel - William Byland [B14]

PA Championship , 09.1950

Note by Issac Ash

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bg5 0-0 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 Nf4 11.0-0 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Nc6 13.Rfd1 b6 14.Ne5 Nb4 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.a3 Nd5 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.Nxd5 Rxd5 19.Qe3 Rad8 20.Rd2 Qd6 21.Rcd1 f6 22.Nf3 Rh5 23.h3 Rf5 24.Ne1 Rb5 25.Nd3 Up to this move White had played well, but this was definitely bad to allow the pin. 25...Rb3 26.Qe2 Ba6 27.Re1 Rxd3 28.Rxd3 e5 29.d5 Bxd3 30.Qxd3 Qxd5 31.Qxd5+ Rxd5 32.Rc1 a5 33.Rc6 Rb5 34.Rc2 h6 35.f3 Kf7 36.Kf2 Ke6 37.Kg3 f5 38.Kh4 e4 39.Kh5 Ke5 40.Kg6 Rc5 41.Re2 Kd4 42.fxe4 fxe4 43.Kxg7 Kd3 44.Re1 Rc6 0-1

Philadelphia Inquirer, undated clipping, probably September 1950

Solution to problem:

1.Rd6 Kc8 2.Ka7 Kc7 3.Rac6# 1-0

Book Reviews By Dr. Ira Lee Riddle

A gaggle of newly released books has come by my reviewing desk. The first of these is *How to Play Good Opening Moves* by Edmar Mednis, revised by Burt Hochberg, former editor of *Chess Life*. This was originally put out in 1982, and Hochberg has converted it to algebraic notation and updated a few items. The McKay Chess Library Series is put out by Random House. (C/o Jessica Johap, Random House, 299 Park Ave, NY NY 10171) The cost is an inexpensive \$12.95 and quite worth it. Mednis knew how to write and how to teach in an interesting manner.

Everyman Chess also put out more books. *Can you be a positional chess genius* by Angus Dunnington (\$19.95) and *The Grunfeld Defence* by Nigel Davies (\$19.95). The Grunfeld opens with 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 cd5 Nd5 5 e4 Nc3 6 bc3 Bg7 7 Nf3 c5 8 Rb1. From this point, Davies examines the Exchange variations and the Russian variation, as well as other minor variations. Dunnington's book is more suited to my level, as it starts off with easier quizzes and progresses from there.

Globe Pequot Press has come out with several new books, and they include winners for players at all levels. Globe Pequot Press is based at Box 480, 246 Goose Lane, Guilford CT 06437-0480.

alekhine's defense by Nigel Davies lists for \$19.95. It studies Black's responses to 1 e4. 62 games are annotated, up to 2000. Major lines include several classical lines, the exchange variation, a four pawns variation, and a few others. This is written for the club player/serious amateur.

meeting 1 e4 by Alexander Raetsky replies to the same opening with the Sicilian. Also listing for \$19.95, 72 games through early 2001 are included. White playing d2-d4 or avoiding it are the main distinctions in this book.

Jacob Aagaard and Esben Lund offer methods of *meeting 1 d4* for \$19.95, with 69 games through 2001. The annotations in these two books are not too deep, and can be followed by weaker players, but the books are aimed at the stronger ones.

Aagaard also is the author of *Excelling at Chess*, but this one is a bit more expensive at \$23.95. Topics covered include how to calculate and evaluate positions, ways to study theory and endgames, and when to force the position. I enjoyed this one more than the others, because there was a lot of text explaining what the author was thinking as he played and analyzed.

interview with a grandmaster by Aaron and Claire Summerscale brings another viewpoint to the game. Both of these spouses are strong players and teachers. Their questioning shows these traits. They interviewed 9 GMs, including Yasser Seirawan. (I completely read and enjoyed that chapter, by the way.) The GMs tell which game is their favorite of all time, what they did in preparation for important events, etc. Games are included, and the an-notations are not too deep. It retails for \$19.95, and is worth the fun and enjoyment to be read.

multiple choice by IM Graeme Buckley pretty much does what its title suggests. The reader is given a position with four choices of moves to choose from. Each of the choices is looked at, showing why it is either a good or not-so-good move to choose. 21 games are included, and each has numerous places at which the reader must make a choice. For \$19.95, this would make a good teaching tool for a player of middling strength.

unusual queen's gambit declined by Chris Ward presents three different defenses, the Chigorin (1 d4 d5 2 c4 Nc6), the Albin Counter Gambit (1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5), and an untitled variation (1 d4 d5 2 c4 Bf5). The book lists for \$19.95, and includes 67 games with annotations through 2001.

rapid chess improvement, by Michael de la Maza, claims to provide a plan of study that can take a serious adult and show him/her how to improve chess play. Many examples and problems are provided. Mostly, chess tactics are discussed, with the reasoning that so few intermediate/beginning players know much on that topic, and so any study of tactics cannot do anything but help. The book lists for \$16.95, and is well worth it for someone serious enough about improving. Unfortunately, it is not for me, as I don't have the time to study so much. De la Maza improved his own rating 400+ points in one year by his methods, so they seem to work well.

starting out: the king's indian, by Joe Gallagher and *starting out: the sicilian*, by John Emms are similar books, aimed at the lower-rated players. These books provide the basic ideas behind each opening, and their main variations. The style of writing is a bit breezy, which is much easier to handle for those of us at this end of the ratings. The exercises are interesting and not too hard, either. Both books retail for \$16.95.

Defenses also are available this time. *symmetrical english* by David Cummings and *offbeat spanish* by Glenn Flear present ideas on how to handle these openings from the Black side. Cummings examines 63 games through 2001, so the material is up to date. Flear presents 53 games up through 2000. In both books, the annotations are to a pretty good depth, so these are not for the faint of heart. Both retail for \$19.95.

A good book for beginning players is *simple chess* by John Emms. Emms uses a lot of his own games, and reasons that this is good, as he can remember his own thinking more easily than trying to read the minds of his opponents. The chapter on isolated QPs is among the easier to read and learn from, since it seems to happen so often. At \$19.95, it may be a bit pricey for the newer player, but a teacher could use it in class very well.

Another book for the newer player is Chris Ward's *improvers: It's Your Move*. This is a book of 50 puzzles, ranging from the simple to the very complex. Ward uses several "chessplayers" to discuss ideas from each puzzle, then you select which one you agree with, and score yourself from the key. Ward does a nice job of explaining why certain choices are not the better ones. I enjoyed working on some of these puzzles. Retail is \$18.95.

A second book of puzzles/quizzes is James Plaskett's *can you be a tactical chess genius?*, which retails for \$19.95. Puzzles are included for all levels of players, but seem oriented more to the middle-strength player. You can sacrifice some of the points you've earned so far to get advice from a GM, or you can muddle through yourself. (My problem would be how to give up points I haven't earned yet!)

The last book in this group is a different sort of book, *Chess on the Net*. Mark Crowther is the originator of *The Week in Chess* on the Internet, and seems to be well qualified to discuss web sites and places to go in order to improve one's play. *Chess Life* recently had several articles on this same topic, so the book may be a bit dated. It is still a fine compendium of sites to be looked at. It retails for \$15.95. Some games are included, especially in the section of computers vs. humans.

Hope you enjoy these books.

Scholastic Corner By Dan Heisman, PSCF SE Scholastic Coordinator

My e-mail address is danheisman@comcast.net; my web site: <http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/chess.htm>; these are new as of Feb 2002.

First let me congratulate new PA Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin and outgoing PSCF President Ira Riddle in the future and past tenses! Steve is really busy getting acclimated to the job, so he "nicely" let me continue to write Scholastic Corner for him for a while. Just before I "retired" as PSCF Scholastic Coordinator I demoted myself to the vacant SE PA Scholastic Coordinator job, which I had held before my three year stint as state coordinator. I am happy to say that I am so busy as a full-time chess instructor and author (you DO read my books and my monthly Novice Nook column at www.chesscafe.com, right?!?) that I gladly stepped aside to "let a younger man do the job."

The biggest news on the scholastic front was that Masterman won the National HS Championship for the 5th time in 7 years despite losing many of their best players to graduation - a great feat. Steve Shutt did a great job with his team, as he always does, despite his added duties as a member of the USCF Executive Board. To top it off, Masterman won the National MS Championship as well!

Spiderman was big this year, so I should update you on the webs: I have the new SE PA High School Top-10 schools listed at http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/SE_PA_Top10_HS.html as always, and the K-8 Honor Roll at http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/honor_composer.htm. There are similar lists that exist for Pittsburgh players at other web sites, and the PA lists for Top 10 at each age group are found at <http://www.pscfchess.org/ratings/>. Steve McLaughlin will be taking over the PSCF Scholastic web page at <http://www.pscfchess.org/scholastics> - for the meanwhile it still lists me as the primary contact.

With the graduation of Matt Traldi (Matt is going to Yale), Pittsburgh's Ryan Milisits takes over as the top-rated scholastic player in PA. Ryan was last seen mowing down some 2300 players at the World Open and should easily achieve the NM (National Master) title before he graduates. Of course, Ryan is the reigning PA Scholastic HS Champion. Not far behind, both in location and rating, is Justin Papariella, who recently achieved the

title of USCF expert. Also achieving expert, but two years younger than Ryan and Justin, is Blue Bell's Kurt Schneider, our reigning PA Middle School Champion. Congratulations to all and we look for big things from them on the national scene.

At the lower age bracket, big things are still being seen from the Heimann brothers, Alex and Mark. They are currently 7th and 6th in the US for 9 year olds. At 11 we have Alisa Melekhina. Last year Alisa won the Pan-Am Girls Under-10 title but this year she was too old and had to play in the Girls U-12 division. Alisa "only" came in 2nd, but of course she gets to come back next year and also to play in the World Championships.

On a smaller scale, Steve McLaughlin and I finished our first year of running Delaware Valley Scholastic Grand Prix events. These events grew progressively more popular during the season (it ended when the new school year started) and the final event, hosted by Abrams Hebrew Academy in Yardley, drew 61 players! Congratulations to overall winner Rory Wasiolek, who edged out Josh Lehrman for the overall crown. 3rd-5th were Erica McLaughlin, PA State co-Elementary Champion Steve McLaughlin Jr., and surprise Brian Broderick. In the HS Division Rory finished first and Chris Little 2nd and Nate Stevens 3rd. Josh Lehrman and Erica took the MS honors with Patrick Murray 3rd, and Steve and Broderick 1-2 in Elementary with PA Co-4th Grade Champion Josh Bowman 3rd. A total of 143 different players participated - thanks!!

Final notes: If you are interested in my new book, *A Parent's Guide to Chess*, you can get it at <http://store.yahoo.com/chesscafe/1363.html> My previous book, *Everyone's 2nd Chess Book*, has been a big hit and is available everywhere. The Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Chess Championship, which drew 112 players last year, is scheduled for November 3 at the same location, the JCC in Wynnewood. We had such a crush at the door last year that in order to encourage pre-registration by mail, I had to raise the difference between the advance registration and the door by \$5 extra: \$15 to \$25, so enter early. 44 trophies including Elementary and MS Club trophies for the first time. More info at http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Phila_Schol_Champ_02.htm. The first PA Junior championship will be in Pittsburgh on Nov 1-3. The 2003 PA State Scholastic Chess Championship will be in Bloomsburg on March 8-9, 2003.

Postal Potpourri By John Caliguire, PSCF Postal Champion

Welcome to another edition of Postal Potpourri! In this one we will take a look at "if" moves and how to keep from making so many typo's.

First up is "if" moves. My advice is don't use them unless the reply is forced and using an "if" will help to move the game along. Never use an "if" move to rush the game as it will usually bite you. For an example of the scary word **any**: **1.e4 e6 2. d3 c5** if Black mails "3. N any then 3... Nc6" you are ok as Whites N moves N to a3,c3,d2,e2,f3,h3 can't hurt you. But, if in the line **1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7** Black sends "if 3. B any then 3... d6", then you are in big trouble. Most replies are bad or harmless, but one of them will kill you, showing your conditional sequence was a blunder. You can bet your opponent will reply with **3. Bh6!!** winning your B and Rook as you must reply 3...d6. "But **YOU** said "ANY!" will be his response when challenged. So be very careful in choosing "if" moves.

Now for recording dates and such and moves on score sheets. As my cards come in I write the date received on the card so that when I look at moves later I will know when I got it. Then I get out my score sheet and write in the received dates very lightly in pencil, and my opponent's move. Why pencil, you ask? Well, I find that if you write it in ink and find an error or ambiguous move, then you get a mess or a hole in the paper trying to erase the blunder. Next, I play through the entire game, getting my mind back on track of the game, besides drilling myself on the opening. Then, as I think on my move I'm filling out all the details on the postcards and score sheets (date received, sent and days used, and total times, plus any message you have for your opponent). Then after deciding on my move I write it down on the score sheet, first checking to see if it's legal (!), then write the move on the postcard. Lastly, I compare the two and the position on the board. Now you are ready to send your move out! A pain, yes, but better than losing on a senseless blunder!

Again, thank you for reading my column. All comments welcome by either writing me at John Caliguire 110 North Main Street Punxsutawney, Pa 15767 or by e-mail to jcaliguire@penn.com. I got two replies to last article and I thank those who took the time to send them to me!

Don Sibbett, 2309 - John Caliguire, 2216

CCLA Championship

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Ne4 6 d4 b5 7 Bb3 d5 8 de5 Be6 9 Nbd2 Be5 10 Ne4 de4 11 Ng5 Qd1 12 Rd1 Bb3 13 ab3 O-O 14 Ne4 Bd4 15 c3 Be5 16 f4 f5 17 Nc5 Bd6 18 Nb7 Rf6 19 Nd6 Rd6 20 Rd6 cd6 21 Kf2 Kf7 22 Kf3 a5 23 Be3 Ke6 24 h3 h5 25 Ke2 Kd7 26 Rd1 Ke6 1/2-1/2.

Current PA Correspondance Tournaments
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Section 1998PA-F

John Caliguire	2003	xxx	L--	D-D	1.0
Gardner Johnson	2107	W--	xxx	F-F	1.0
Alex Mathiopoulos	2078	D-D	X-X	xxx	3.0

Section 1999PA-1

Gardner Johnson	2107	xxx	W-W	---	W-W
Larry Cesare	UNR	L-L	xxx	L-L	W-W
John Caliguire	2003	---	W-W	xxx	W-W
Al Breaux, Jr.	1609	L-L	L-L	L-L	xxx

Section 1999PA-2

GARDNER JOHNSON	2107	xxx	W-W	W-W	W-W
Greg Borek	1813	L-L	xxx	W-W	W-W
Al Breaux, Jr.	1609	L-L	L-L	xxx	U-U
Neil Brennen	UNR	L-L	L-L	U-U	xxx

Section 1999PA-3

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

Section 2000PA-F

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

Section 2001PA-1

Greg Borek	1983	---	L-L	W-W	L-x	2.0
John Caliguire	1870	W-W	---	W-W	L-x	4.0
Jeremy Domingo	UNR	L-L	L-L	---	L-L	0.0
Gardner Johnson	2107	W-x	W-x	W-W	---	4.0

Section 2001PA-2

Greg Borek	1983	---	L-L	L-L	x-x	0.0
Gardner Johnson	2107	W-W	---	x-x	x-x	2.0
Brad Parker	UNR	W-W	x-x	---	W-x	3.0
Luis R. Gilces	UNR	x-x	x-x	L-x	---	1.0

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K to 6 Open March 9 & 10, 2002

Players		
Score	Name	Prize
4½	Mc Laughlin, Steven Jr	1st Place & PA Elementary
4½	Petes, Gabriel N	2nd Place & PA Elementary
4½	Heimann, Alexander C	3rd Place & PA Elementary
4½	Zinn, Andrew M	4th Place & PA Elementary
4	Barbara, Matthew	5th Place & PA 6th Grade
4	Bowman, Joshua A	6th Place & PA 4th Grade
4	Greenberg, Raffi M	7th Place & PA 6th Grade
4	Brnardic, Adam E	8th Place & PA 6th Grade
3½	Zhai, Alex L	9th Place
3½	Evans, Micah D	10th Place
3½	Trisal, Raul	10th Place Medal
3	Woods, Tyler W	1st Place (U900)
3	Piqueira, Joseph	PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
3	Sun, LiAnn	PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
3	Rosso, Jack	PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
3	Laroche, Austin D	PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
3	Voorhees, Heath B	1st Place (U900) Medal
3	Kalchthaler, Kyle B	PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
3	Schoener, Patrick K	PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
1½	Graffius, Casey	1st Place (Unrated)

Teams		
Score	Team Name	Prize
17	Pocono Mountain High School	1st Place (School)
14	Cumberland Valley Christian	2nd Place (School)
13½	Exeter Township High School	3rd Place (School)
13½	Conestoga High School	4th Place (School)

K to 12 U1300 March 9 & 10, 2002

Players		
Score	Name	Prize
5	Kovitch, Samuel B	1st Place
4½	Krumsky, Kameron L	2nd Place
4½	Zook, Nathan	3rd Place
4	Spence, Roland H III	4th Place
4	Mc Kay, Kyle A	5th Place
4	Burgwin, Douglas	6th Place
4	Jacoby, Andy L	7th Place
4	Boland, Lee M	8th Place
4	Oliver, Joseph B	1st Place (U1100)
4	Lutz, Ryan A	8th Place Medal
4	Torres, Carol	1st Place (Unrated)
4	Herzing, Nathan F	8th Place Medal
3	Dizdul, Jason	2nd Place (Unrated)
3	Fissel, Daniel	2nd Place (Unrated) Medal

Teams		
Score	Team Name	Prize
17	Pocono Mountain High School	1st Place (School)
14	Cumberland Valley Christian	2nd Place (School)
13½	Exeter Township High School	3rd Place (School)
13½	Conestoga High School	4th Place (School)

K to 12 U1000 March 9 & 10, 2002

Players		
Score	Name	Prize
4½	Skwara, Jason N	1st Place
4½	Aliu, Kingsley S	2nd Place
4½	Carroll, Joshua M	3rd Place
4½	Williamson, James	4th Place
4	Greene, Peter V	5th Place
4	Gibbs, Frank S	6th Place
4	Smith, Steven	1st Place (U800)
4	Chough, Chris J	6th Place Medal
4	Lynch, Juliana E	6th Place Medal
4	Sherlinski, Brandon E	6th Place Medal
4	Gibson, Ian	6th Place Medal
3½	Chun, Thomas	1st Place (Unrated)
3½	Setto, Marty	2nd Place (Unrated)
3½	Primero, Joshua C	2nd Place (Unr) Medal

Teams		
Score	Team Name	Prize
15	Cumberland Valley Christian	1st Place (School)
14½	Monroeville Chess Club	1st Place (Club)

K to 6 U800 March 9 & 10, 2002

Players		
Score	Name	Prize
5	Sensenderfer, Kimberly	1st Place
4½	Carroll, Stephen	2nd Place
4½	Lavong, Carlton	3rd Place
4	Zook, Joshua	4th Place
4	Coulson, Hill	5th Place
4	Pyles, David	6th Place
4	Coulson, Brendan	6th Place Medal
4	Clemens-Sewall, David	6th Place Medal
4	Curtis, Peter	6th Place Medal
4	Artman, Michael J	6th Place Medal
3½	Waner, Ashley M	1st Place (U600)
3	Halprin, Jared M	2nd Place (U600)
3	Ulin, Colin	2nd Place (U600) Medal
3	Forbes, Brent	1st Place (Unrated)
3	Stamper, Benjamin	2nd Place (Unrated)
3	Shaffer, Derick J	2nd Place (Unrated) Medal
3	Milie, Andrew A	2nd Place (U600) Medal
3	Palenchak, Tyler J	2nd Place (U600) Medal
3	Shover, Jordan	2nd Place (U600) Medal

Teams		
Score	Team Name	Prize
16½	Cumberland Valley Christian	1st Place (School)
15	Pgh Youth Chess Dragons	1st Place (Club)
13½	St Gertrude School	2nd Place (School)

K to 9 U1000 March 9 & 10, 2002

Players		
Score	Name	Prize
5	Muenzer, David	1st Place
4	Kepner, Ben R	2nd Place
4	Fedos, Adam J	3rd Place
4	Patel, Jeffrey	4th Place
4	Chervenak, Chase A	5th Place
3	Ellis, Lee M	1st Place (U800)
3	Rocco, Christopher V	1st Place (Unrated)
3	Halprin, Jared M	1st Place (U600)
3	Anderson, Andrew	2nd Place (Unrated)

Teams		
Score	Team Name	Prize
15	Pocono Mountain High School	1st Place (Jr Hgh)
14½	Pgh Youth Chess Dragons	1st Place (Club)
11	Razing Rooks	1st Place (Elem)

PSCF Camp Hill Quads 6/15/2002

1	Mucerino, Joe.....	1981	D-3	D-4	W-2	2.0
2	Waters Sr., Vincent.....	1905	W-4	L-3	L-1	1.0
3	Wilson, Marvin.....	1742	D-1	W-2	W-4	2.5
4	Renshaw, David.....	1730	L-2	D-1	L-3	0.5
5	Brandt, Eric.....	1719	W10	W-8	W-6	3.0
6	Caraballo, Natal.....	1647	L-8	W-7	L-5	1.0
7	Billingham, Rob.....	1564	D-9	L-6	W10	1.5
8	Gross, Ron.....	1564	W-6	L-5	W-9	2.0
9	Madorsky, Andrew.....	1505	D-7	W10	L-8	1.5
10	Wise Jr., David.....	1274	L-5	L-9	L-7	0.0
11	Friederich, Seth.....	1460	W13	W14	W12	3.0
12	Walker Jr., George.....	1435	W14	W13	L11	2.0
13	Miller, Tom.....	1387	L11	L12	D14	0.5
14	Smith Jr., Thomas.....	1337	L12	L11	D13	0.5
15	Lamato Jr., Sam.....	1331	W17	W18	L16	2.0
16	Adams, Dennis.....	1292	W18	L17	W15	2.0
17	Vang, Doua.....	1240	L15	W16	W18	2.0
18	Keeney, Patrick.....	1235	L16	L15	L17	0.0
19	Geadan, Dr. Fouad.....	1187	L21	W22	W20	2.0
20	Kantor, Andrew.....	937	W22	W21	L19	2.0
21	Loudon, Wesley.....	903	W19	L20	L22	1.0
22	Weida, Peter.....	712	L20	L19	W21	1.0

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN PA

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ALLENTOWN:

(1) Center City Chess Club; St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St; Sat, 12:00-4:00

(2) A-B Chess Club; St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 130 S Ott St; Fri, 8-12 p.m.

BLOOMSBURG:

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

BRADFORD:

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BRYN ATHEN:

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CHAMBERSBURG:

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

CHELTENHAM:

Rowland Comm. Ctr, Elm St., Thurs, 6-10 p.m.

CLEARFIELD:

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

COATESVILLE:

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

DUBOIS:

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

FOLSOM:

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

GLADWYNE:

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GREENSBURG:

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

GREENVILLE:

Howard Miller Ctr, Thiel Coll., Mon, 7-10

HATBORO:

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

HARLIGH:

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

HARRISBURG:

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

HAWLEY:

Settler's Inn Main St., Wed, 6

HAZELTON:

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

HUNTINGDON VALLEY:

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

JOHNSTOWN:

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

LANCASTER:

Red Rose Chess Club; J.C.C., 2120 Oregon Pike, Thurs, 7-11 p.m.

LANSDALE:

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

MANSFIELD:

Wellsboro-Mansfield CC; St. James Epis. Church, Wellsboro and James St, Thurs, 7-11, Don Thompson 717-376-2452

MONROEVILLE:

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

MURRYSVILLE:

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

NEW CASTLE:

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

NEWTOWN SQUARE:

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

PHILADELPHIA:

(1) FMCC; 1420 Walnut St, Suite 460, noon-11 daily

(2) U of P CC; Chats Cafeteria, 3800 Locust, Wed, 8, 215-898-2399

(3) Masterminds CC; Anderson Hall, Temple U., Rm 906, Mon, 6-10, Ernest Moore Jr. 215-235-1696

PITTSBURGH:

(1) U of Pitt CC; Lowel Level, Wm. Pitt Union Bldg, Tues & Thurs, 7-11 p.m., Tom Martinak 412-681-7590

(2) PGH CC; Wightman School Bldg., 5604 Solway St, Wed, 1-10, Sat, 12-10:30, 412-421-1881

(3) Crafton Public Library, 140 Bradford Ave, 1st/3rd Sat., 9-noon, 412-922-4234

(4) East Lib. Library, 5920 Ralph Mull Mall, Tues, 3:30-6:30, 412-661-8412

(5) Hill Branch Library, 419 Dinwiddie St; Mon & Thurs, 4-8, Sat, 11-4:30, 412-361-6170

RIDLEY TOWNSHIP:

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

ROSLYN:

2812 Hammond Place, Steve McLaughlin 215-784-5938

SHAMOKIN:

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

STATE COLLEGE:

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

STROUDSBURG:

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

SUNBURY:

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

UNIONTOWN:

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

WEST CHESTER:

(1) West Chester CC; United Meth Ch., High and Barnard Sts, Wed, 7

(2) West Chester Univ. CC; Sykes Student Bldg, Rm 112, Thurs, 11-2

WEST SHORE (Harrisburg):

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

WILKES-BARRE:

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

WILLIAMSPORT:

(1) Williamsport Chess Soc.; Wertz Stud. Ctr., Lycoming Coll, Tues

(2) Comic Castle CC; 17 W 4th St, Wed, 6-9, 570-322-8763

YORK:

(1) York Twp. Comm Ctr, 2500 S George St, Wed, 6:30-10, 717-845-9368

(2) York Youth CC; Grace Brethren Ch, Newberry & Parkway, Wed, 2-5:30 or Light of Life Perf. Arts Ctr, 41 Cherry St, Seven Valleys, Fri, 6-9:30, 717-852-8434