



2004 PSCF Annual



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *PSCF Annual*. This is being sent to all of our members, but also to many non-member clubs and organizers from across the state. So, for those who are unfamiliar with our organization, let me give a brief overview. PSCF stands for the "Pennsylvania State Chess Federation". We are the official state affiliate to the United States Chess Federation (USCF). We sponsor a variety of state championships and are always looking to get clubs involved in either hosting or organizing such events. We publish the quarterly newsletter *The Pennswoodpusher*, which includes crosstables, columns, book reviews, articles, and games. The PSCF is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, and donations are tax-deductible.

With the changes in technology that have taken place over the last few years, probably one of our most important features is our website at: <http://www.pscfchess.org/> It includes a wealth of material, but due to ephemeral nature of the web, we've included a snapshot of some of that material here in a more permanent form. We have a clearinghouse of events (like those on the other half of this page) which also includes downloads of flyers and entry forms and sometimes even a specific website for an event. We also have crosstables for most of our recent championships. We've included that for the 2003 Pennsylvania State Championship here on pages 12 & 13. Due to timing and space considerations, that missed being included in *The Pennswoodpusher*. We also have a variety of top 100 rating lists and have included on page 14 a subset of those lists, but limited to the top 20 players on each. There are also club listings, like those on page 16. In addition, we make available downloads of newsletters of clubs and most importantly of *The Pennswoodpusher*. I would strongly suggest that non-members and recent members visit our site to get copies of those back issues.

And now we are adding this publication, to come out once each year, sometime between the February and November issues of *The Pennswoodpusher (PWP)*. Due to printing and mailing requirements, *PWP* is limited to either 14 or 16 pages, and we now have enough additional material to begin publishing this. Our goal here is to provide a summary and snapshot of chess in Pennsylvania as it finished the previous year. Thanks to Durwood Hatch and Neil Brennen for the autobiographical article, which will give you a feel for chess and the chessplayers from across the state over the last 50 years. Unfortunately, most of us tend to think that everything started when we did, so this will help all of us to better understand today's chess by seeing how tournaments and other activities developed over the years through one person's eyes. Also, great thanks to Joe Mucerino, who besides preparing innumerable tournament reports for *PWP*, has here prepared a summary of the entire year of 2003. This provides a way to acknowledge all activity across the state, both the big and the small, from the World Open to your local quads.

We would also like to acknowledge chess excellence in Pennsylvania, and by consensus we would like to announce:

2003 Player of the Year: GM Alexander Shabalov

2003 Junior Player of the Year: Ryan Milisits

For 2004, we want a more formal process and will announce where to send nominations in the February *PWP* and then make the award based upon the vote of the PSCF elected officers. Please send suggestions on how to choose and what further awards should be given, to martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com

- Tom Martinak

Upcoming PSCF Events

November 7, 2004 Greater Philadelphia Scholastic (High School, Middle School & Elementary) Championship. 75 Trophies!! (60 Individual and 15 Team Trophies). Cafeteria, Lower Merion High School, 245 E. Montgomery Ave., Ardmore PA 19003. Parking in rear. 4 Sections: **High School Championship:** Open to grades K to 12. 4-SS. G/60. Rds 10am - 12:30pm - 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U1600, Top U1400, Top U1200, Top U1000, 1st-2nd Unr, 1st-3rd School, Top Club. Winner seeded into 2005 Philadelphia Junior Invitational. **Middle School Championship:** Open to grades K to 8. 5-SS. G/40. Rds 10am - Noon - 1:30pm - 3pm - 4:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U1200, Top U1000, Top U800, Top U600, 1st-2nd Unr, Top Grade 8, Top Grade 7, Top Grade 6, 1st-3rd School, Top Club. **Elementary Championship:** Open to grades K to 5. 5-SS. G/30. Rds 10am - 11am - 12:30pm - 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U1100, Top U900, Top U700, 1st-2nd Unr, 1st-3rd Grade 5, 1st-3rd Grade 4, 1st-3rd Grade 3, 1st-3rd Grade 2, 1st-3rd Grade 1 & Under, 1st-3rd School, Top Club. **Elementary U700:** Open to grades K to 5 rated under 700 or unrated. 4-SS. G/30. Rds 10am - 11am - 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U500, Top U300, 1st-3rd Unr, 1st-2nd School, Top Club. **All:** EF: \$10 received by 10/28 along with all necessary info, \$25 after or if info incorrect/missing, PSCF required \$5 OSA. Reg 9 - 9:30am, with rd 1 1/2-bye for at-site entries at TD's discretion. Rounds after lunch may begin earlier. Ribbons to all players in grades K to 5 not winning a trophy. **Info:** http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Events_Books/Phila_Schol_Champ_04.htm, 610-649-0750, danheisman@comcast.net **Ent:** Send checks including all necessary info (Name as it appears on USCF card, USCF ID #, USCF Expiration Date, Section, Phone #, Email Address, Grade, School/Club) to Dan Heisman, 1359 Garden Rd., Wynnewood PA 19096-3626. Please make out separate checks for Entry Fee (to Dan Heisman), USCF memberships (to USCF) and PSCF memberships (to PSCF).

November 20 & 21, 2004 Pennsylvania State Junior Championships. 5-SS. 65 Trophies! (56 Individual, 9 Team) Lower Lounge, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. 8 sections: **2-day (Sat & Sun):** Ages 17 to 20 Open, Ages 13 to 16 Open, Ages 11 & 12 Open, Ages 9 & 10 Open. **EF:** \$18 postmarked by 11/12, \$28 later. Time Control: Game/90. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am-2pm-5:30pm, 10am-2pm. **1-day (Sun only):** Ages 8 & Under Open, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U900, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U750, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U600 or Unrated. **EF:** \$15 postmarked by 11/12, \$25 later. Time Control: Game/40. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am-11:30am-1pm-2:30pm-4pm. **All:** Trophies to top 7 in each section, additional medallions. State Champion Title for each age in an Open Section. Teams of 4 to 7 players combined from all sections, Trophies to top 3 schools, top 3 scholastic organizations & top 3 clubs. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** <http://www.pscfchess.org/pajuniorchamp/>, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. W.

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

Champion for a Half-Century

By Durwood Hatch, with Neil Brennen

Recently, while researching a chess history article, I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Durwood Hatch, champion of his native city of Altoona, Pennsylvania, for a half-century. I found Durry's stories of his chess adventures interesting, and they became even more so when I found out that correspondence chess was a large part of his playing career. When I brought up the possibility of writing with Durwood about his life, he modestly warned me, "If you decide not to do a bio sketch of me, it's OK; even my kids say I'm boring, and I once had a 6-year old who watched me painting my garage door and who conversed with me while I painted, and when he left, HE told me I was boring."

Needless to say, I don't agree with this assessment, and I don't think readers will agree either. - Neil Brennen

I was born November 18, 1925, in Altoona, Pennsylvania, a small city in the center of the state. Four years later came the Stock Market crash and the Great Depression. I came from a very poor home; when I was 3, my parents were divorced, and my mother had to make a living for herself, my older brother Jim, and I. It was really tough in those days, but I had a wonderful childhood, in a neighborhood with lots of kids of same age, so we were engaged in sports of every sort all the time, albeit with home-made equipment for the most part.

I first became interested in chess when I saw the chess column diagrams in a neighbor's copy of the Sunday *Philadelphia Inquirer*. When I was 13, my brother Jim bought me a 50 cent chess set from his meager paper-route earnings, and it came with a piece of paper which indicated some of the rules (there was no mention of en passant pawn captures). Some time later I got a copy of Emanuel Lasker's *Common Sense in Chess* and began to understand much more about the game. I still have this wonderful little book. Reading Lasker's book enabled me to beat everyone in proximity, including the neighbor who bought the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in which I first saw a chess diagram.

The fact is, I won every Altoona Chess Club championship from 1941 through 1993 except for the three years I served in the Army Air Force during World War II, and when I lived outside the area in the 1950s. Altoona did not have the quantity of quality of players of the larger cities such as Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Allentown, but there were some who played well, and were worthy opponents. But this being my turf, I used to put extra effort into defending my title. I only lost two games during those years, both in 1994.

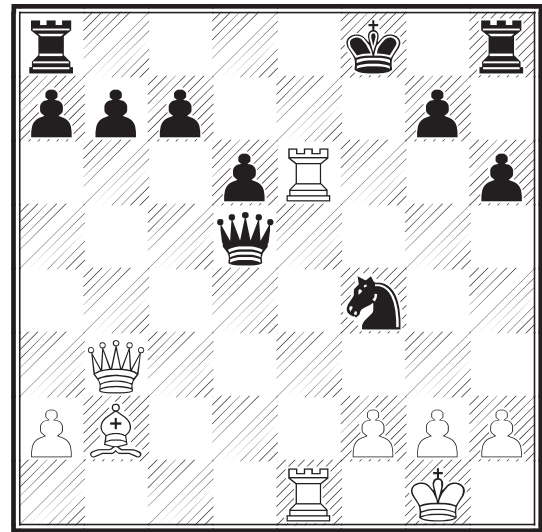
To improve my play and to find stronger opponents, I took up postal chess. Postcards were a penny apiece at the time, so chess by mail wasn't expensive. My first postal tournament, in 1941, was through *American Chess Bulletin*, and run by Hermann Helms. I later joined the Correspondence Chess League of America, and also played in some of the *Chess Review* postal tournaments. Postal chess taught me a lot about strategy, and always looking for the best move, although unlike a lot of postal players I never liked the opening, and never studied it. I would play anything and everything, because I thought playing the same openings all the time would be boring.

Durwood Hatch - Richard Mellian [C54]

Continental Jubilee, Section 71, 1940

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 Nxe4 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.Re1+ Ne7 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Bxf7+

Kxf7 12.Ng5+ Kg8 13.Qf3 Qe8 14.Qxc3 h6 15.Qb3+ Kf8 16.Ba3 d6 17.Ne6+ Bxe6 18.Rxe6 Qc6 19.Rae1 Nd5 20.Bb2 Nf4 21.d5 Qxd5



22.Bxc7+ Kxc7 23.Qg3+ Qg5 24.Re7+ Kf8 25.Qxg5 hxc5 26.Rxc7 b5 27.Ree7 Rh6 28.Rf7+ Ke8 29.Rce7+ 1/2-1/2

American Chess Bulletin 1941, page 63

I still played over the board when and where I could. At Altoona High School, I was club champion, and 1st board for the 3 years there. My game vs. Kaczor, included below, is a sample of my play in high school.

Durwood Hatch - S. Kaczor [C55]

Altoona High vs Penn State (1.1), 1941

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 4...Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 was best - neither of us knew the fork trick. 5.d3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 d5 7.Bb5 dxe4 8.Nxe5 Qd6 9.d4 a6 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.a4 Nd5 12.Ba3 Qe6 13.Qd2 f6 14.Nc4 Nb6 15.Nb2 Bd7 16.a5 Nc4 17.Nxc4 Qxc4 18.Qe3 Bf5 19.f3 Qe6 20.0-0 Kf7 21.Qf4 Rac8 22.Rfe1 Rhe8 23.fxe4 Bxe4 24.Re2 g5 25.Qg3 Qd5 26.Qh3 Kg6 27.Rae1 f5 28.g4 fxg4 29.Qxg4 Bf5 30.Qg3 Rxe2 31.Rxe2 Qxa5? 32.Bc1 h6 33.h4 Bd7 33...Qb5 was much better. 34.Re5 Qa2 35.Qd3+ Kf7 36.Qf3+ Kg6 37.h5+ Kg7 38.Re7+ Kg8 39.Qf6 1-0

When I was almost 17, I was visiting my uncle at the Army base on Governor's Island, New York, when Edward Lasker came to the base to give a simultaneous chess exhibition against the men stationed there. I had played and beaten a number of them at their club the day before, so they invited me to come take part in this event. Needless to say, I was delighted; I'd never seen or met a master before. Against Lasker, I found myself facing the Wing Gambit against the Sicilian, which I had never seen before. Lasker had a won position, but obligingly made an error, and I won. This was Lasker's only loss, and he allowed no draws either. He graciously presented me with an autographed copy of his book *Chess for Fun and Chess for Blood*.

Lasker did me another favor a couple of years later by annotating one of my wins from the CCLA's 10th Grand National for *The Chess Correspondent*. An interesting postscript to this game is that Lasker sent me a letter asking me if he could use this ending as an example in his

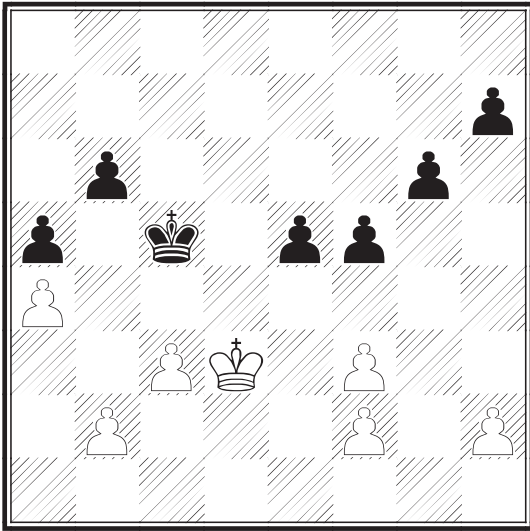
next book - of course I willingly said yes. However, I don't know if he ever finished the book, what it was to be called, or if it ever got published. Or maybe Sutkaytis refused to let it be used - who knows? This is one of the very few of my games that were ever published to my knowledge, and it was quite satisfying to have it annotated by Edward Lasker.

V. Sutkaytis - Durwood Hatch [B74]

10th CCLA Grand National Preliminaries, 1942

Notes by Edward Lasker

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nb3 a5 10.a4 Be6 11.Nd4 d5 12.exd5 Nxd4 I presume both players knew the game Spielman-Alekhine continued here with 12...Bxd5 and drew, and Black wanted to lead into new paths. (No, I didn't know it. - Hatch) 13.Bxd4 Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qd4+ f6 17.Rfd1 Bc6 18.Qxd8?? White pursues an exchange strategy, perhaps with the idea of drawing with a player of a higher class. However, exchanges are good only if they do not increase the opponent's mobility. 18.Qc5 Qc7 19.Bf3 Rfd8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.f4! Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 18...Rfxd8 19.Bf3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 e5 21.Kf1 Kf7 22.Ke2 Ke7 23.Ra3 Rxd1 24.Kxd1 Rd8+ 25.Ke2 Rd6 26.Rb3 b6 27.Rd3 f5 28.Rxd6? Kxd6 29.Kd3 Kc5 30.c3



Again 30.h4 was indicated. Black now realizes he can win with g5. 30...g5 31.h3 h5 32.b3 h4! Black's threat ...g4 keeps White's King tied to the King's file while Black's King can go hunting on the Queen's wing. 33.Ke3 Kd5 34.Ke2 Kc5 35.Ke3 b5 36.axb5 Kxb5 37.Ke2 a4 38.bxa4+ Kxa4 39.Ke3 Kb3 40.f4 exf4+ 41.Kf3 Kxc3 42.Kg2 Kd2 Black has played this game very well, taking advantage of the weak exchanges of pieces which White undertook in positions of superior mobility in which, on the contrary, a player should avoid exchanges because they necessarily free the opponent's game. This game shows very instructively that in a Pawn ending a Pawn majority on a wing is useful only if the King can attack the opponent's Pawns on the other wing. Here White could not get at Black's Pawns, and the Black King could therefore walk over to the Queen's wing without danger to his King's wing. 0-1

The Chess Correspondent, May-June 1944

I was surprised in the following issue of *The Chess Correspondent* to

see another one of my games annotated, this time by former Pennsylvania Champion William Steckel. "A good game by a promising player" was how Steckel introduced the game.

Durwood Hatch - Edward Plueddemann [B02]

10th CCLA Grand National Preliminaries, 1942

Notes by William Steckel

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Usually known as Lasker's attack, though much discussion has arisen in experienced circles as to the merit of advancing this unprotected Pawn. (Only time I ever played this opening - had seen it somewhere and thought I'd try it. - Hatch) 4...Nd5 5.Bc4 e6 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.dxc3 Bxc5 8.Qg4 White has lost a Pawn, however his position is obviously superior and much more entertaining for contemplated and potential attacks. 8...Kf8 9.Bg5 Be7 Possibly best considering the nature of White's advantageous position. ...Qe8 can be given thought, even with White's excellent rejoinder of Bf6!! My hasty analysis shows that Black has sufficient to accept the piece - but I could be wrong! 10.h4 No comments, decidedly correct. 10...d5 11.0-0-0 Nc6 An interesting move but hardly in line with the nature of the position. It is evident that the position must be freed, so if Black had ideas along this line his Knight should be resting on Q2. This position is similar to many arrived at by the use of the French Defense. As is well known a position like this is quite dangerous and must be nursed with great care. 12.Nf3 f6 13.Bf4 fxg5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bf6 16.Qf4 c6 17.Rh3 Kf7 18.g4 h6 19.Rf3 Ke8 20.Kb1 Biding his time and protecting his vulnerable pieces. The twelfth hour is at hand and the onslaught will shortly begin. 20...Qe7 21.Bd3 Bxh4 As good as any other, for already his position is practically untenable. 22.Bg6+ Kd8 If ...Kd7 the simple rejoinder of Qd4 would quite naturally give some additional headaches. 23.Bd6 Qd7 24.Qf8+ The text of course, forces home the point, but the scintillating beauty of a brilliant game can now be demonstrated. Why not, instead of the text, 24.Qe5 The suggested move would have given a more finishing touch but then it is excusable for it is well known that the largest percentage of chess players follow the identical trend, "A win is all we want." (Had I known the game would be published, I'd have played Qe5 because I certainly considered it, but in this case Steckel is probably right - I saw a certain win and went for it. - Hatch) 24...Rxf8 25.Rxf8+ Qe8 26.Rxe8+ Kd7 27.Be5 White, of course, wins and the game concluded as follows: 27...Bf6 28.Bxf6 gxf6 29.Rh1 f5 30.Rxh6 Kc7 31.Rh7+ Kb6 32.Rhh8 Kc7 33.gxf5 exf5 34.Kc1 1-0

The Chess Correspondent, July-August 1944

When I was 17 the Pennsylvania State Championship was held in Pittsburgh, and I took the plunge and played. According to *Chess Review*, I was the sensation of the tournament, and William Byland included two of my games in his tournament report in *The Chess Correspondent*. It was a very exciting weekend for me; I was a kid from upstate Pennsylvania alone in a big city, playing in a big tournament with adults for the first time, and I was one of the leaders after five rounds! This was back when kids playing chess alongside adults was something of a novelty. I was very excited by it all, and so I hadn't gotten any sleep the night before the last two rounds. I managed a tiring draw in the 6th round with the eventual tournament winner, Thomas Gutekeunst of Allentown, but was so worn out I blundered in a better position in the last round against the third place finisher Martin Simsak, and lost. I finished 5th.

Durwood Hatch - Thomas Gutekunst [B54]

PA Championship (6), September 6, 1943

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 e5 6.Nb3 d5 7.Bg5 Be6 8.exd5 Bxd5 9.c4 Bb4+ 10.N1d2 Be6 11.a3 Be7 12.Ne4 Nc6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Nbc5 Bc8 15.Be2 Qc7 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Ne4 Be7 18.0-0 Rd8 19.Qe1 f5 20.Nc3 Be6 21.Rd1 Rxd1 22.Qxd1 Rd8 23.Nd5! Qd7 24.Nxe7+ Qxe7 25.Qc1 Nd4! 26.Bd1 Qc5 27.b3 b5 28.cxb5 Qxb5 29.b4 a5! 30.bxa5 Qxa5 31.Rf2 Ra8 32.a4 Qe1+ 33.Rf1 Ne2+! 34.Bxe2 Qxe2 35.Rf2 Qa6 36.Qc7 f4! 37.Bc5 Qxa4 38.Rd2! Qe8! 39.Qxe5 Bf7 40.Bd4 Qxe5 41.Bxe5 ½-½

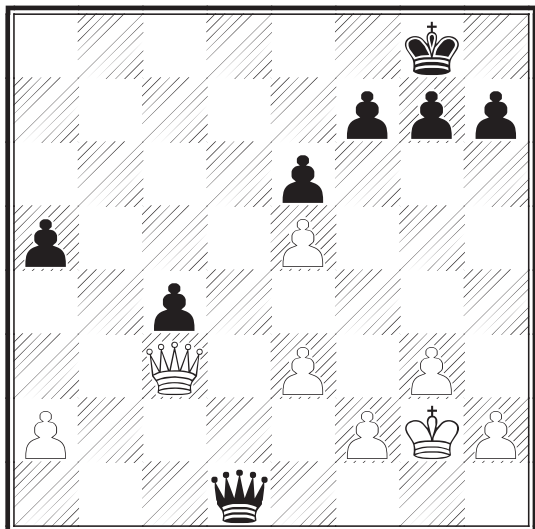
The Chess Correspondent, November-December 1943, page 6

At 18, I joined the U.S. Army Air Force in late 1943 and became a B-24 crew member. We flew patrols over the Atlantic and Caribbean to sink submarines. This was important work, because at that point so many millions of tons of Allied shipping were being sunk by submarines, we could have lost the war. When I wasn't flying, I was playing a postal chess match with William Byland of the CCLA. I won that match 4½-1½. My lifetime score with Byland, including over-the-board games, was 6½-3½.

William Byland - Durwood Hatch [A12]

Correspondence Match, 1944

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.b3 e6 6.Bb2 a6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d3 Bd6 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Rc1 Qe7 11.d4 Rfe8 12.e3 Rab8 13.Qe2 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Nd2 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Ba3 17.Nf3 a5 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 dxc4 21.Rxc4 Red8 22.Rd4! c5! 23.Rd2 b5 24.Rfd1 c4 25.bxc4 bxc4 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Qc3 Qd5+ 29.Kg1 Qd1+ 30.Kg2



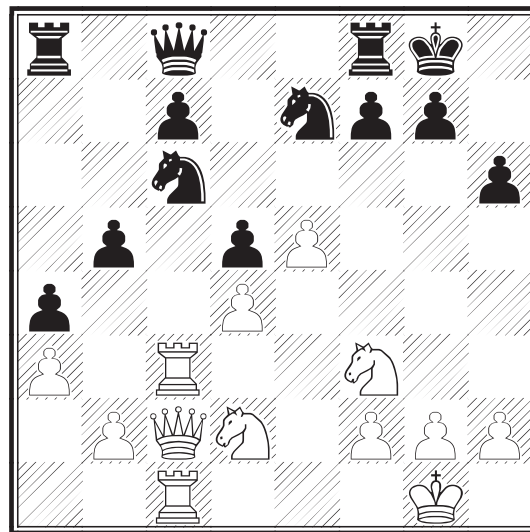
30...Qa4! 31.Qd2 Qb4 32.Qc2 c3 0-1

Durwood Hatch - William Byland [C64]

Correspondence Match, 1944

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.c3 Nge7 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.e5 Bf5 10.Rc1 0-0 11.a3 a6 12.Ba4 h6 13.0-0 b5 14.Bc2! Bxc2 15.Qxc2 Rc8 16.Nb3 Ra8 17.Qc5

Qd7 18.Rfe1 Qe6 19.Qc2 Qc8 20.Re3 a5 21.Rc3 a4 22.Nbd2



22...Qe6? 22...Na5 is preferable. 23.Rxc6 Nxc6 24.Qxc6 Qxc6 25.Rxc6 Rac8 26.Ne1 Rfe8 27.Nd3 Re6 28.Rc5 c6 29.Nf4 Ree8 30.Nf1 f6 31.Nd3 g5 32.Ne3 Rf8 33.Ng4 fxe5 34.Ngxe5 Rf6 35.f3 h5 36.g3 White keeps Black from opening any files for his rooks before Nb4 settles the issue. 1-0

After V-E day, I volunteered for duty in a B-29 squadron, but the atom bomb ended the war, and not long after in 1946 I was discharged. I took the opportunity presented by the GI Bill to go to Penn State from which I graduated in 1951 with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Sciences. I'm still a Penn State football fan, and have been attending home games for fifty years.

But before I went to Penn State, shortly after my discharge, I met my future wife, Patty. She was working in a grocery store not far from where we lived. My aunt sent me to buy some tea, and there was this lovely little short 19 year old girl working at the store. She made a wonderful impression on me immediately because there were some children who went into the store just ahead of me, and they began to scan the display case for penny candy. (Believe it or not, there WAS penny candy in those days. In fact, I vividly recall the times I and my friends would go to the store and spend many minutes looking at every candy choice, trying hard to decide on which kind to spend our precious penny.)

Most clerks would have ignored the children, and waited upon the big adult (me, age 21), but instead she attended to them first, and made no effort to rush or pressure them into choosing. She knew I was there, but gave no indication of it. Anyway, I thought, "Here is a rare girl, who respects children (and loves them) and is going to serve them first because they got there first, and deserved it." I liked that in a person, and I realized I liked her.

So I soon contrived to be nearby the next evening when the store closed, and I just happened to manage to join her and an older woman who also worked there as they walked home. This older woman showed her wisdom, and she very soon turned off another way, leaving me alone with Patty. Before we parted at her house, I had gotten a date; that was 1947, and we're still together, my life's companion. But we didn't get married until I graduated from Penn State in February 1951.

During the five years I was at Penn State, I was club champ and 1st board every year from 1947 to 1951. We played other colleges in a league that I helped organize. Among the colleges we faced were Temple University, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, and others. I also served as an advisor on college chess to the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation.

Not long after I graduated, a friend from Altoona and Penn State contacted me from Washington, D.C. and urged me to come down and get a job where he worked - the agency had chess teams in the District Chess League and needed players. It turned out to be the National Security Agency of the Defense Department, and I was assigned to the Russian section - which turned out to be exciting work because it was the Cold War period. The agency had 2 teams which it disguised as Navcom A and Navcom B. At that time NSA was so secret, no one was supposed to know or admit it existed. Patty got a job with the Central Intelligence Agency as a clerk and typist during this time, but we never exchanged information because that was forbidden.

I played 1st board for Navcom B, and in the 1953 season scored 7-1, and tied for 4th as best first board in the league. Our team itself could do no better than tie for 11th to 14th in the league. As a side bit, I also played softball for NSA in the league and ended up on the All-Star team as left fielder, so you see, I could move a bit faster in those days, than now.

Incidentally, Norman Tweed Whitaker was 1st board for his team (simply called Federal) and ended the year with 5½-1½, one of his wins coming against me. I had heard some gossip about Whitaker, that he had been in jail a number of times, and had been involved in some shady dealings. However, he was very polite to me when we played, and I had no other contact with him. I didn't hear the details about his extensive criminal career until recently, and didn't realize that my loss to Whitaker had been published in John Hilbert's recent biography.

My game with Whitaker first appeared in Donald H. Mudridge's March 16, 1952 column in the *Washington Star*; As Mudridge wrote in his column, "The following lively game was played on first board. White, after winning a pawn gives it back to secure open lines, which permit a winning combination on move 35. ... The ending is a sure win, of course, but the method is instructive."

**Norman Tweed Whitaker - Durwood Hatch [B10]
Federal CC vs. Arlington, Bd.1, 1952**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.d4 Bf5 7.Bc4 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Qc7 10.h3 h6 11.c3 Nd7 12.Nh4 Bh7 13.Qg4 Kh8 14.Qh5 Nb6 15.Bb3 Nd5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Rad8 18.Qf3 Rfe8 19.Bd2 Qd7 20.c4 f5 21.g3 Re4 22.b3 Rxd4 23.Bc3 Re4 24.Red1 Qe6 25.Rd5 Be7 26.Rad1 Rxd5 27.cxd5 Qd7 28.Ng2 Bd6 29.Ne3 f4 30.Ng4 fxg3 31.fxg3 Bc5+ 32.Kh2 Qe7 33.Rd2 Re1 34.d6 Qe4

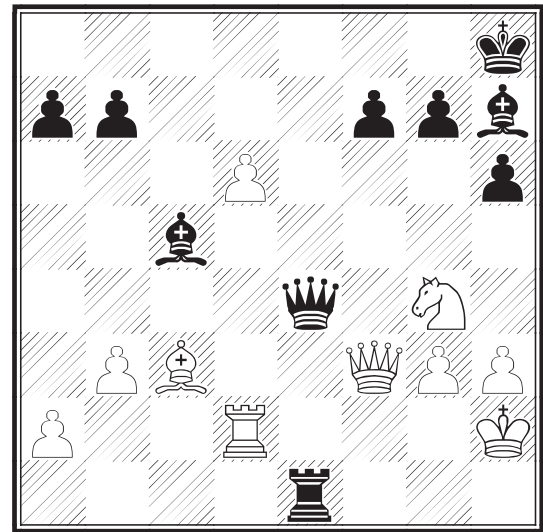
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Pennsylvania Quick Chess Championship

Pennsylvania State Scholastic Championships

Carlisle Open & Pennsylvania Collegiate Championship

Clarion Hotel & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013



35.Bxg7+ Kg8 36.Nf6+ Kxg7 37.Nxe4 Bxe4 38.Qc3+ Kg6 39.g4 Only drawing is 39.Rg2 Bg1+ 40. Kh1 (40.Rxg1 Re2+ 41.Rg2 Rxg2+ 42.Kh1 Rxc3+ and wins) Bf2 41.Kh2 with a repetition coming rather than losing with 41.Qxe1 Bxe1 42.d7 Ba5 39...Bg1+ 40.Kg3 Re3+ 41.Qxe3 Bxe3 42.d7 Bb6 43.d8Q Bxd8 44.Rxd8 Bc6 45.Kf4 Kf6 46.Rd6+ Kg7 47.h4 Bg2 48.g5 hxg5+ 49.Kxg5 Be4 50.h5 Bb1 51.h6+ Kg8 52.Rd8+ Kh7 53.Rf8 and wins easily. 1-0

My chess play was on the whole very spotty during my time in Washington. I played a few good games, but lots of poor ones. Everyone I met in Washington had a transient mentality, either wanting to get back home or to get somewhere else; it just didn't feel like a permanent-type place. I just never felt at home there, nor did most of the people we met.

While in Washington, I met Herb Avram, a master from NYC who was working in the District, also for NSA; he played first board for Navcom A. He was one of the nicer first-rate chess players I've known. Occasionally we would visit each other, and play chess. I never kept count of all the games, but I did win a fair share, and have scores of a few. These games never counted in the USCF ratings, unfortunately.

In 1954, we resigned from our jobs with NSA and the CIA, and came back to Pennsylvania where I went to work for International Business Machines, and our first son, Keith, was born. I worked for IBM for 17 and a half years, first as Customer Engineer, then as System Engineer. I eventually left IBM to become a Data Processing Manager for WestVaco, and then later got a job at Penn State in the Computer Department in the Administration section, where I designed systems, and did some programming; we always had the latest and biggest IBM computers. I designed some systems for Warnaco (while with IBM), some for Westvaco, and for Penn State, all of which ended up being used nationally by the companies, and the colleges. I always HATED canned programs and systems because you know nothing about their internals, they seldom fit your particular needs, and you are at their mercy when all too often the design and programming are poor. But I digress....

During all this time, I continued to play chess, although most of my chess was over the board. I played many Pennsylvania Champion-

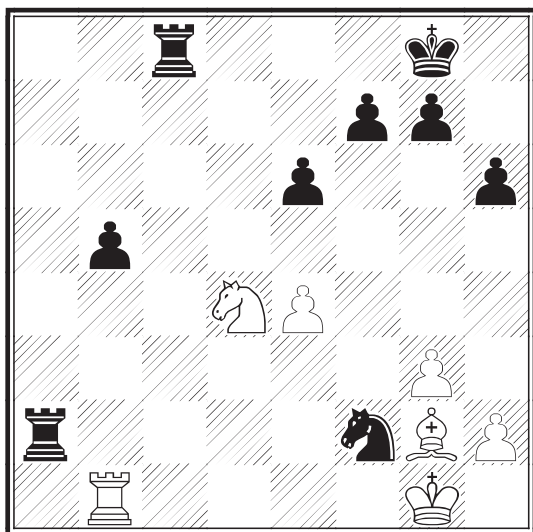
ships between 1943 and 1992, and won the state Rapid Transit title twice, in 1957 and 1958. I finished second in the Tri-County Championship in Endicott, New York, and finished second in the 1955 Cleveland Open in Cleveland, Ohio, both times losing on tiebreaks by a fraction of a point. My last tournament win was the Carlisle Open in 1996, at age 70. I also defeated Grandmasters Samuel Reshevsky and George Koltinowski and International Masters Edward Lasker, James Sherwin and Hans Kmoch in simultaneous displays.

The following game was played in a simultaneous that Samuel Reshevsky gave at Penn State University in 1959. This is the first time the game has been published.

Samuel Reshevsky - Durwood Hatch [A12]

Simul, Penn State University, 1959

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c6 3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.g3 h6 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qc2 Bh7 11.Bc3 Qc7 12.Qb2 Rfc8 13.Rac1 Qd8 14.Rfe1 a5 15.a3 Qf8 16.Ra1 b5 17.cxb5 cxb5 18.b4 Nb6! 19.Bd4 Na4 20.Qb3 axb4 21.axb4 Nd7 22.Rab1 Rc7 23.e4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rac8 25.Ba1! Bxe4 26.dxe4 Nc3 27.Rb2 Rc4 28.Qa3 Na4! 29.Qd3 Nxb2 30.Qxd7 Rxb4 31.Ne5 Qd8 32.Qa7 Qc7 33.Qa6 Bf6 34.Nf3 Nd3 35.Rd1 Bxa1 36.Qxa1 Qc2 37.Rf1 Ra4 38.Qd1 Ra2 39.Nd4 Qxd1 40.Rxd1 Nxf2 41.Rb1



41...b4! 42.e5 Nd3 43.Nc6 Rxc2+ 0-1

The two games below are some of the many games I played in the PSCF Championships over the years.

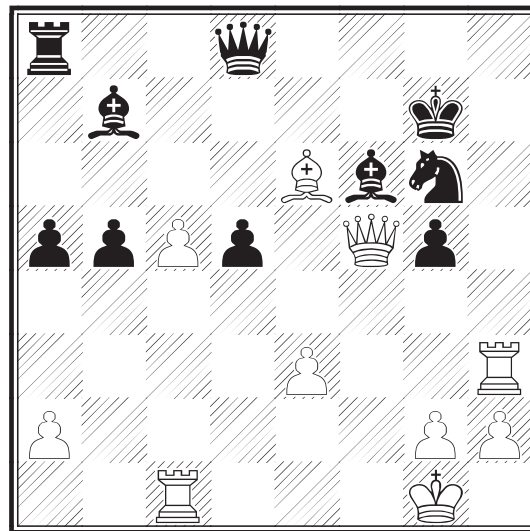
Durwood Hatch - J. Sube [D64]

PSCF Championship, September 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...hxg5 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.Rhf3 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

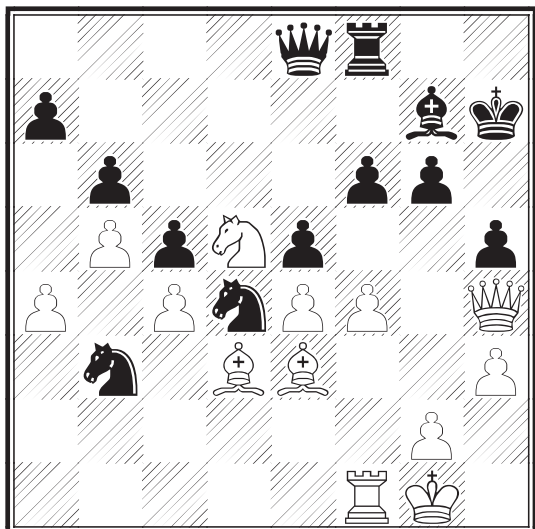
Durwood Hatch - Larry Snyder [E91]

PSCF Championship (6), September 7, 1959

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.h3 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Be3 h6 11.Qc1 Kh7 12.Bc5 Rd8 13.Rd1 b6 14.Ba3 Ne8 15.Qe3 Rxd1+ 16.Rxd1 Be6 17.Qd3 Na6 18.Nh2 Bf6 19.Ng4 Bxg4 20.Bxg4 Rd8 21.Qc2 h5 22.Be2 Nc5 23.b4 Ne6 24.b5 Nd4 25.Qb2 c5 26.Nd5 Qd7 27.Qd2 Bg7 28.Bc1 Nd6 29.Bd3 Qe6 30.a4 Nb7 31.Rf1 Na5 32.Qg5 f6 33.Qh4 Rf8 34.f4 Nab3 35.Be3 Qe8

February 5 & 6, 2005

Pennsylvania Open Team and Scholastic Team Championships - West
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36.g4 Ne6 37.gxh5 gxh5 38.Be2 Qg6+ 39.Kh2 Qxe4 40.Qxh5+ Bh6 41.f5 Nf4 42.Bxf4 exf4 43.Qg6+ Kh8 44.Qxh6+ Kg8 45.Rg1+ Kf7 46.Qg6# 1-0

While I was playing chess, my wife Patty was trying to avoid becoming a chess widow, and she took up the game. Just as I was playing my last postal tournament in 1956, her postal chess career was taking off. In fact, she won the 1957 US Woman's Championship, run by the CCLA, and her victory was written up on the front page on the November 1960 issue of *The Chess Correspondent*. Of course, she was raising our children Keith, Mark, and Amy during this time, and our family always came first, so her retiring from postal chess while she was at the top was understandable.

A bigger struggle than any chess game happened for me in the late 1960's. I began to have trouble with my vision. I gradually lost well over 50% of sight in my left eye, and at least 50% in the right one. I was going blind, and the doctors were unable to do anything about it. During all the doctor's visits and treatments, I was praying and having faith that God would heal me. He heard my prayer, and I was healed. The doctors that had examined me, including the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, were as unable to explain my cure as they were unable to treat my illness.

As a result of this experience, Patty and I both became fundamentalist Christians, and the Bible has become the most important book in our lives. My healing was truly ALL the Good Lord's work. God should get the FULL credit. He alone deserves it.

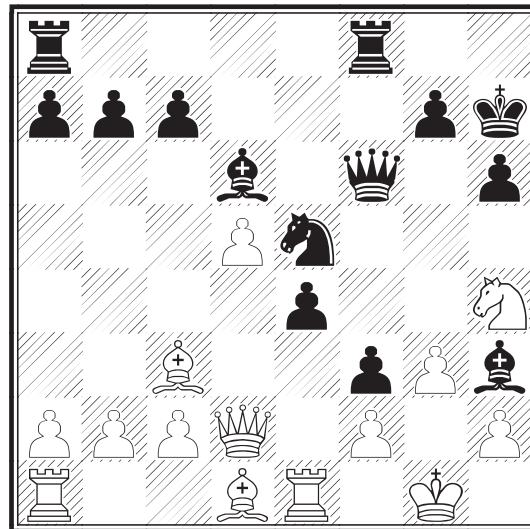
I retired from Penn State in 1988. I did a good bit of traveling for the first 3 years of my retirement, but I have done much less since. The Altoona Chess Club folded in 1994, the year after I lost my title as Club Champion, so I don't have much opportunity to play over-the-board anymore. I still follow the game of chess, and probably will for the rest of my life.

It seems fitting to end this article with a game I played fifty-some years after I first learned to play chess. It was played at the Altoona Chess Club against a visitor to our club from Pittsburgh named Bob Smith. However, I managed to play a nice game in the style of the 19th century chess masters.

Bob Smith - Durwood Hatch [C44]

Offhand Game, Altoona, 1994

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 d5 6.Nxd5 Nxd5 7.exd5 Qxd5 8.Be2 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bc3 Qe6 11.Ng5 Qg6 12.Qd2 f5 13.Nf3 h6 14.d4 e4 15.Nh4 Qf6 16.Bc4+ Kh7 17.g3 f4 18.d5 Ne5 19.Be2 f3 20.Bd1 Bh3 21.Re1



21...Qxh4!! 22.gxh4 Ng4 23.Rxe4 Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 Bg2# 0-1

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"A Look Back at the Year 2003"

Compiled by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

As a new year approaches, many people like to look back and reflect upon the outgoing year. What did we achieve that separates us from the rest of society? What obstacles were thrown in our path that tried to strike us down right when we were trying to break away from the pack? What memories were made that may not simply define a year in our life, but our life itself?

In this inaugural PSCF Annual, we pause to remember the good times and the bad, the victories and the defeats. Memories, indeed, may last a lifetime. But in print, memories last for eternity. This timeline was created so we can share our memories not just with each other, but with future generations as well. So let us remember 2003.

January 2003

*The year begins with Joseph Mucerino and Steve Ferrero tying for first at the 8th Annual New Year's Eve Insanity in Allentown. They drew each other, and dominated the rest of the field, to score 7½/8.

*Throughout the year, there would be many online USCL Quick tournaments played on US Chess Live that were organized in Pittsburgh.

*At the Tri-State Junior Open in Pittsburgh, the championship section was won by Kevin Berthoud and Matthew Barbara. Brandon Degaffinreed and Kent Berthoud took the premier section with perfect scores. Aaron Van Horn and Evan Henrich tied for top 900-1049. Charles Stone and Maxwell Miller were both tops in the 800-899 section. Jack Grover was the sole winner in the 700-799 section, while three people tied in the 600-699 section: Adam Jugan, Antoinette Bill-

ings, and Timothy O'Neill. The 525-599 section was won by Ryan Shaw and Judd Bruch. Equal first in the 450-524 section were Harsha Ponna and Christopher Williams. Finally, the U450 section was won by Ben Wilson, Ann Brnardic, and Maxim Sigalov. All of the winners above scored 4-0.

*Rory Wasiolek swept a quad held at the Franklin-Mercantile Chess Club.

*FM Rodion Rubenchik and Marty Frank tied for first in a swiss in Lancaster, while Evan Post and Peter Moss tied for first in a swiss held at Temple University in Philadelphia on the same day.

*Keane Basco scored a perfect 4-0 in the Liberty Bell Novice.

*Evan Post won the Liberty Bell Action with 4½/5.

*The Liberty Bell Open in Philadelphia was won by GM Igor Novikov, GM Michael Rohde, and NM Sergey Shchukin with 5½/7. From Pennsylvania, Jeffrey Brunelle won the U1800 section, and Craig Klein tied for first in the U1400 section.

*Pennsylvania's strongest player, GM Alexander Shabalov, flexed his muscles in Seattle to win the United States Championship. His 6½/9 score was good enough for clear first and an undivided first prize of \$25,000. There was controversy at the event when many of the top boards agreed to short draws in the last round. Shabalov and his opponent, Varuzhan Akopian, slugged it out, and Shabalov, playing white, had to come back from an inferior position to win. Both were given an additional \$5,000 for their fighting spirit. Also representing Pennsylvania were GM Gennady Zaitchik and IM Stanislav Kriventsov, who scored 5½ and 3 points, respectively.

*The Univeristy of the Arts in Philadelphia held its first tournament. There were both rated and unrated sections for middle school, high school, and an adult/collegiate combined section. The results of the rated sections were: Mehmet Ercan and Robert Nemeth tied for the adult/collegiate, Zachary Tokar swept the high school, and Ari Gelman did likewise in the middle school. The results of the unrated sections were not available.

*In Murrysville, Charles Collins and Joseph Lawlor began a series of matches that lasted all year. This first match was won by Collins 8½-3½.

*In the February 2003 issue of *Chess Life*, FM Boris Baczynskij had his picture and two games published for his third place result at the 2002 U.S. Senior Open; GM Pal Benko examined endgames from the 2002 World Open, FM Alex Dunne continued to write his popular *Check is in the Mail* column, which he would do all year; and Steven Shutt would spend the year as the Vice President of the USCF Executive Board.

February 2003

*At the PA Team Tournament - East, "Russian Mafia" (Roman Reznik, Gennadiy Geyler, Michael Gorevoy, and Leonid Stavchanskiy) won the open section. There was a three way tie in the high school championship with 3/4: "Lancaster Mennonite" (Trevor Bare, Matt Horst, Jesse Yoder, and Jeremiah Derksen), "Christian Brothers A" (David Gursky, Bryan Mancheno, Gary Stafford, and Mark Stafford), and "Exeter High School" (Kameron Krumsky, Tyler Shaak, Daniel Jacoby, and Brian Rhodes). "York Youth Chess Club #1" (Seth Friederich, Christopher Blaise Jr, Tyler Welker, and Andrew Bryant) swept the scholastic reserve 5-0.

*At the PA Team Tournament - West, the open section was won by "Carnegie Mellon" (Sergey Shchukin, Jeffrey Quirke, Antonio Ambrad, Gonzalo Castillo), and the scholastic reserve was won by "North Pitts-

burgh Home School C" (Ben Wilson, Brian Pokrifka, David Tobias, and J Elliott Spear).

*Shamokin defeated Bloomsburg in an Anthracite Chess League match in Bloomsburg.

*At the Pittsburgh Scholastic Championship, Ryan Wombacker swept the 6-12 intermediate section 4-0, while Timothy O'Neill and Ylena Zamora-Vargas tied in the 6-12 beginner. The grades 4 and 5 intermediate section was won by Eric Stern and Robert Colleran, while Yuki Nakata took the beginner. Greg Kownacki took the K-3 intermediate, and three tied for the beginner: Maxim Sigalov, Tal Kroser, and Josh Tobin.

*The February 9 issue of the *Inquirer*, the magazine of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, had a drawing of Bobby Fischer on the cover, and an article of the FBI releasing files it had on his mother, Regina. The news of the releasing of these files first appeared late in 2002 in the newspaper.

*Also in Pittsburgh was the 58th Metropolitan Open. Robert Renk was crowned champion, while Mark Heimann was the winner of the premier section, and Seth Newcomer won the booster.

*Many Pennsylvanians did well at the U.S. Amateur Team East in Parsippany, NJ. The top team from Pennsylvania was "Paige Masters" (Elvin Wilson, Norman Rogers, Glenn Bady, and Larry Pugh). The top U1700 team was "Peter and the Direwolves" (Marty Frank, Brent Schwab, Ronald Gross, and Peter Weida). Masterman sent eight scholastic and two parent teams to Parsippany. A nice picture of the whole group appeared in the June 2003 *Chess Life*. "Masterman 1" (Zachary Tokar, Michael Guber, Eric Augenbraun, and Jacob Read) was the top high school team. Robert Hux, Raphael Cintron, Harold Marmorstein, and Roy Eikerenkoetter won the top Old Teamers prize. Jacob Read scored 6-0 on board 4, and in round 4, Josh Lipowsky upset a player rated 667 points above him.

*Tragedy stuck the event when the home of FM Alex Dunne, in Sayre, PA, burned to the ground in a terrible fire. His wife, Janet, and grandson, Ronald "Buddy" Newman, were both killed in the blaze. A fund was set up to help Alex recover from this tragic event.

*Allentown defeated Hazleton 3½-2½ in an Anthracite League Match in Hazleton.

*Alex Heimann (1716) and Mark Heimann (1700) were both named to the 2003 Pressman All-America Team for nine-year olds.

March 2003

*Jeffrey Schreiber wins the 63rd Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship.

*Martin Simsak passes away at age 92.

*The PA State Quick (G/10) Championship is swept by Gerald Bailleau 6-0.

*Bloomsburg hosts the State Scholastic Championship for the last time. Space restrictions and increasing costs at Bloomsburg University are the cause of the move. In 2004, the tournament will be held in Carlisle.

*Winners at the State Scholastic Championship: Ryan Milisits repeats as the high school winner, while Masterman is the top school and Pittsburgh Chess League Jr. is the top club. In the K-8 section, Thomas Hsaio won on tiebreak over Christopher Blaise Jr. and Boris Valerstein. Masterman is again the top school, and the Monroeville Chess Club is the top club. In the K-6 section, Alex Heimann was crowned champion. The top school was North Pittsburgh Homeschool Chess, and top club honors went to Pitt Youth Chess Dragons. Wesley Loudon

was victorious in the K-3 section, and the North Pittsburgh Homeschool Chess and Pitt Youth Chess Dragons again won their respective titles in this division.

*FM Rodion Rubenchich swept the Bloomsburg Open 5-0.

*At the North Penn Winter Round Robin, Joe Weber wins the top section, Robert Hoffman wins section 2, and Stephen Brod wins section 3.

*There were four divisions in the 43rd Annual Pittsburgh Chess League. In Division I, "Triple Threat I" won the team prize. Individual prizes were: Board 1 Bruce Leverett, Board 2 Joseph Winwood, Board 3 Jeffrey Schreiber, Board 4 Robert Renk, and Donald Meigs was the Top Alternate. In Division II, "Razing Rooks" was the top team. Board 1 went to Alex Heimann, Board 2 was won by his brother Mark, James Szurek was the best on Board 3, Board 4's winner was Bradley Parker, and the Top Alternate was Joseph Lawlor. Winning Division III was "Rocky's Rooks II". The top Board 1 was Alex Duff, Board 2 was taken by Belford Boles, Bruce Linderman swept Board 3, Eric Berthoud did the same on Board 4, and the best alternate was Anthony Busofsky. In Division IV, "Hill Carnegie IV" and "Hill Carnegie III" tied each other for the best team award. Board 1 was won by Darrell West, Steven Huselton was victorious on Board 2, John Wong took Board 3, Micah Evans won Board 4, and Jeff Surma was the Top Alternate.

*The Pittsburgh Chess League Quick Quad Grand Prix crowned Mikhail Sher as champion. The top player under the age of 18 was Tyler Lelis, and for players under age 12, Matthew Barbara was the winner.

*Andrew Tichenor wins the Penn State March Madness.

*The team of Ryan Milisits and Luis Guerrieri tie for second place at the National High School Bughouse Championship.

*Mel Ross wins the West Chester Chess Club Championship.

*Lorand Bela Kis and Eric Johnson won the Martin Simsak Memorial in Allentown.

*Patrick Walker wins the Early Spring Mini-Swiss in Greentown.

*GM Gennady Zaitchik won the Philadelphia Championship at the University of Pennsylvania. IM Stanislav Kriventsov was the top collegiate, and Kurt Schneider was the top junior. Craig Klein, with a rating in the 1300s, won the U1800 section. Dan Heisman would write an article about the event that would appear in the June 2003 *Chess Life*.

*FM Karl Dehmelt was inducted into the Philadelphia Chess Hall of Fame.

*IM Donald Byrne was inducted into the U.S. Chess Hall of Fame.

April 2003

*Craig Schneider won the Linder Memorial in Erie.

*Yevgeniy Gershov took first place at the Lehigh Valley Open in Bethlehem. Isara Thanakit and Christopher Hsaio shared the honors in the reserve section.

*IM Johan Eriksson took the Golden Triangle Open in Pittsburgh by a full point. Yuan Wang, Michael Healy and Kevin Berthoud were equal first in the premier section, and Michael Hickman won the reserve section.

*This time, Joseph Lawlor triumphed over Charles Collins 3½-2½ in another match in Murrsville.

*Ryan Milisits wins the inaugural Western PA Junior Invitational Chess Championship, held at Carnegie University with 6/7.

*Joseph Mucerino wins the York County Championship a full point in front of the field. The Witterman brothers, Brandon and Logan, share the K-3 title. Matthew Bortner is perfect in the grade 4-6 section, and Anthony Smith also sweeps the grades 7-12 section.

*Jeremiah Block beats everybody at the 4th William Byland Memorial. Xiaojun Zhu and Allen Zhu are the champs of the booster section.

*David Lakata sweeps the Huntingdon Valley Spring Tournament 5-0.

*Tom Yake dominates a swiss in York, 4-0.

*GM Alexander Shabalov is on the cover of the May 2003 *Chess Life* for winning the U.S. Championship. IM Stanislav Kriventsov writes an article about the 2002 Eastern Open, and there is a picture of Mark and Alex Heimann, because they both posted perfect scores at the 2002 National K-12 Championship (they were in fourth grade). The final standings of the 2002 USCF Grand Prix were announced. GM Alexander Shabalov finished in 9th place with 120.33 points and took home \$450, and Kriventsov was 24th with 58.86 points.

May 2003

*Frank Link wins the last event hosted by the Comic Universe Chess Club in Folsom.

*Michael Guber scores 6½/7 to take the Greater Philadelphia Jr. Invitational.

*Mark Heimann ties for second at the National Elementary Championship in Nashville, TN. He and his brother, Alex, sweep the bughouse tournament.

*Joseph Mucerino and Phil Rizzo tie at the Hazleton Open.

*Allentown defeats Scranton 4-2 in an Arthracite Chess League Match in Scranton.

*FM Rodion Rubenchik earns six Grand Prix points at the West Chester Open.

*Vincent Waters Sr. and Natal Carabello share the West Shore Chess Club Championship.

*Deniz Unal wins the Franklin Middle School Tournament in Murrsville.

*Joseph Mucerino is a perfect 4-0 at the Penn State May Open.

*Erica McLaughlin wins the 2002-03 DelVal Grand Prix.

*Kurt Schneider ties for first at the United States Amateur East in Parsippany, NJ. Laverne Wray ties for third place. In the reserve section, Christopher Blaise Jr. wins the top under 13 prize.

*GM Alexander Shabalov continues his domination by winning the Chicago Open. There will be an article and an interview with Shabalov in the September 2003 *Chess Life*.

*There was an Alexander Shabalov simul at the University of Pittsburgh.

June 2003

*Marty Frank wins the Lancaster County Open.

*IM Stanislav Kriventsov takes the 14th DC Action Championship.

*The last edition of the PSCF-Camp Hill Quads is held. The quads move to nearby Lemoyne.

*Daniel Miraglia wins a quad in Warren.

*IM Stanislav Kriventsov wins the Cleveland Open.

*GM Alexander Shabalov does it again; he ties for first at the National Open in Las Vegas.

*In Pittsburgh, Joseph Winwood is a winner; he takes the 33rd Fred Thompson Memorial. Alex Duff is perfect in the premier, and Bob Waruszewski sweeps the reserve.

*Eric Brandt and Davit Harutyunyan share the Penn State Summer Open.

*On June 26, Joseph Mucerino wins the Exeter Chess Club Championship, and on the very next day, he clinches the Southampton Chess Club Championship.

*IM Rashid Ziatdinov masters the competition at the Masters and Future Masters tournament in Philadelphia.

*Kurt Schneider earns 2 USCF Grand Prix Points for sharing first place in the World Open Monday G/45.

*Joseph Lawlor wins the Murrysville Chess Tournament.

July 2003

*GM Aleksander Wojtkiewicz dominates the side events at the World Open.

*1,413 players, including 35 GMs, 20 IMs, 32 FMs, and 180 players rated 2200+ play in the World Open in Philadelphia, the largest tournament in Pennsylvania. There is a ten-way tie for first place in the open section, the largest in history. GM Jaan Ehvest defeated GM Ilya Smirin in a playoff game to be declared the winner. GM Alexander Shabalov and GM Gennady Zaitchik also tie for first place. Mehmet Ercan ties for first place in the U2200 section.

*Ryan and father Robert win the PA State Family Bughouse Championship, a new tournament this year.

*The state championship was held at the University of Pittsburgh, with 82 people taking part. Former champion IM Stanislav Kriventsov won the title again this year. The premier section was taken by Joseph Busche, the reserve section was won by Jack Cheung, and David Wasiolek and Michael Black tied for first in the booster section. There were also two scholastic sections, where no state titles were awarded. Patrick Devlin was the champion of the scholastic premier, and Amy Yan swept the scholastic reserve. (*The wallchart appears on pages 12 & 13*)

*Rob Nicholson and Marcus Cobham both finished 1½ points ahead of the field at the Penn State July Open.

*Mark Clark had a perfect score in a swiss in Warren.

*Christopher Couch dominated a swiss in York.

*Pennsylvanians scored well at the U.S. Senior Open in Wilmington, DE. Richard Lunenfeld tied for fourth place overall. Zakhar Fayvinov tied for second best player rated U2300; Donald Quiring tied as the top player rated U2000, and Roy Eikerenkoetter was the best player rated U1800.

*Ryan Milisits repeats as the winner of the McKean County Quick Chess Championship in Bradford. Gregory Miecowski wins the U1200 prize.

*The Tullah Hanley Grand Prix once again has a successful tournament after a successful chess camp. There was a five-way tie in the open section: GM Joel Benjamin, NM Mark Eidemiller, FM Rodion Rubenchik, GM Arthur Bisguier, and Mackenzie Molner all score four points. David Witwer took the reserve section alone, while Emily Chu swept the novice section.

August 2003

*The Center City Chess Club in Allentown has their largest number of quads this month with nine.

*The 1st Annual Holly Heisman Memorial raises \$1,400 for charity. Joseph Mucerino and Christopher Yaure tie for top honors in the open section. Daniel Yeager, Benjamin Fisher, and Chris Bechis all rule the U1400 section, and Mike Roberts swept the 800 section.

*Yuan Wang wins the premier section of the 27th Pittsburgh Summer Open, while Rajesh Thakur is perfect in the booster, and Robert Renk is crowned champion.

*FM Rodion Rubenchik and Marty Frank again tie each other in Lancaster.

*GM Alexander Shabalov wins the U.S. Open in Los Angeles with 10 points in 12 games. He appeared on the cover of the January 2004 issue of *Chess Life* for his effort. Ryan Milisits tied for first in the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions, and then tied for top expert in the open with eight points.

*Jeffrey Schreiber aces the Wild Card Open in Pittsburgh, and David Hillner wins the booster section.

*James Blakey sweeps David Berkheimer 4-0 in a match in Wynnewood.

*GM Gennady Zaitchik and Norman Rogers are among those who tied for first in the Atlantic Open in Washington, DC. Roland Yakobashvili is clear first in the U2200 section, and Vladimir Getman ties for second place in that section.

*Omar Rivera wins the 3rd Annual Seven Valleys Summer Open. Joshua Allison, James Clark, Benjamin Allison, and Anthony Smith are winners of the scholastic sections. Later that night, FM Rodion Rubenchik easily swept the quick tournament 5-0.

*The 2003 Chess Journalists of America Awards were announced in the September 2003 issue of *Chess Life*. *En Passant - Journal of the Pittsburgh Chess Club* won an Honorable Mention for the Best Club Bulletin. Dan Heisman's *Novice Nook* column on Chess Cafe also won an Honorable Mention for Best Instruction.

September 2003

*The West Chester Chess Club has ten quads on the first Saturday of the month. This is perhaps their greatest turnout ever.

*Harvey Bradlow wins the PA State Senior Championship in Haverford.

*Robert Renk was declared the champion at the Pittsburgh Class Championship. Gabriel Petesch took home the class B prize, and Bob Waruszewski, Glendon King, and Hibiki Sakai shared class D honors.

*At the PA State Junior Championships, in Pittsburgh, North Pittsburgh Homeschool Chess was the winning team. Douglas Burgwin won the age 17-20 section, Kevin Berthoud did the same in the age 13-16 section, Neiladri Khan was the winner for ages 11 and 12, Alexander Heimann swept ages 9 and 10, and Kemen Linsuain was the top player under age 8.

*Robert Kampia dominated Glenn Snyder in a match in Lansdale by the score of 9½-2½.

*In the October 2003 *Chess Life*, Dan Heisman writes an article about the Main Line Chess Club, and IMs Igor Khmelnitsky and Stanislav Kriventsov also write articles.

October 2003

*An innovation was tried at the Allentown Fall Open in Schnecksville.

The six highest rated players were placed in an elite section, where they played a round robin against each other, and where all of the players were guaranteed \$50 if they completed the schedule. In a field of FMs and IMs, Stanislav Kriventsov scored an undefeated 4/5 to win. There was a logjam for first place in the open section, with Jeffrey Faust, Richard Lunenfeld, Jack Mongilutz, and Joseph Mucerino all tying. Daniel Yeager captured the reserve section alone.

*Eric Funk wins the North Penn Membership Drive in Lansdale.

*The 46th Gateway Open in Pittsburgh has three winners in the open section: Donald Meigs, Michael Opaska, and Gabriel Petesch. Philip Harshman was clear first in the premier section, and Mike Holsinger won the booster section.

*Jeffrey Schreiber wins again; this time he takes the 5th Fred Sorensen Memorial, while Rodney Van Sickle wins the booster section.

*Daniel Shellhammer wins the Murrysville Tournament.

*At the Horizons for Youth Chess Academy in Bethlehem, five people scored perfect 4-0 scores: Jeremy Robertson, Yiran Lin, Kavita Jain-Cocks, Devon Groves, and Justin Lu.

*FM Rodion Rubenchik wins the Chaturanga Chess Club Championship, but because he is not a club member, the title goes to Bob Cohen and Edward McKenney.

*Mel Ross wins the Haendiges Memorial Tournament in West Chester.

*In the November 2003 *Chess Life*, Richard Laurie, who wrote three letters to Larry Evans, finally had his letter chosen as the "Best Question" of the month. He asked about the *Philadelphia Inquirer* story on Bobby Fischer's mother, Regina. Dr. Ira Riddle also presented three games from the 2003 U.S. Senior Open in Wilmington, DE, an event he directed.

November 2003

*At the Greater Philadelphia Scholastic Championship, Maurice Bishop won the high school section on tiebreak over Rory Wasiolek, Andrew Madorsky, and Christopher Blaise Jr. Daniel Yeager was the champion of the middle school section, and Andrew Shvartsman won the elementary school section.

*At the 12th Annual Sewickley Academy, Danny McCormick and Samuel Duerr tied for top prize in the K-3 section, and Stephen Cercone was the winner in the grades 4-12 section.

*The Paupack "Pauns" Chess Club runs their final tournament in Greentown. Joseph Mucerino and Phil Rizzo tie for first.

*Chris Bechis upsets a master to win the MasterMinds swiss in Philadelphia. Dennison Bechis kept it in the family by sweeping the scholastic section.

*The Harrisburg East Shore Chess Club folds.

*GM Alexander Shabalov continues his domination of U.S. Chess. Now he ties for first at the King's Island Open in Ohio.

*IM Ron Burnett wins the 6th Annual Penn State Fall Open.

*The PA State Action Championship moves from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh this year. Jeff Kelleher is a perfect 5-0 in the championship section, and Ryan Rebel has the same result in the scholastic section.

*The November 24 edition of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* has an article on the Garry Kasparov - X3D Fritz match in New York, which was drawn 2-2.

*At the 34th Annual National Chess Congress, GM Ildar Ibragimov is

declared the winner over GM Igor Novikov. Keith Thompson ties for top U2000, Steven Stepanian is the clear winner of the U1600 section, and Shinan Jin tied for top U1000. St. Francis Prep was the top team.

*In the December 2003 *Chess Life*, there is an article on the World Open. There is a photograph of Don and Eric Funk watching the GM Alexander Onishuk-GM Alexander Shabalov and GM Gennady Zaitchik-GM Alexander Goldin games on the top boards.

December 2003

*Michael Glick and Dan Heisman share the Main Line Chess Club Championship; Glick wins the playoff.

*Despite a foot of snow, 26 players attend the Allentown Winter Open. GM Aleksander Wojtkiewicz and FM Boris Privman win the open section, and Michael Cook and Matthew Thanakit tied for first in the reserve section.

*Three people tie for first at the 7th Robert P Smith Memorial in Pittsburgh: Thomas Magar, Robert Renk, and Antonio Ambrad. Steven Haskins blew the booster section away by winning by twofull points!

*GM Alexander Shabalov tied for second place at the 87th Marshall Chess Club Championship, and then ended the year as he had begun it, by winning the North American Open in Las Vegas.

*Michael Guber tied for first place in the U2000 section of the Eastern Open in Washington, D.C.

*Shabalov makes the cover of the January 2004 *Chess Life*; his second time on the cover this year. Alex Dunne writes his famous annual minatures column. The USCF announced its Membership Appreciation Program Awards. Of the top affiliates, the Western PA Youth CC took 10th place by recruiting 241 members, and the PSCF took 12th place with 225. For individuals, Eric Johnson tied for ninth place with six members.

Passings

The year 2003 witnessed the loss of a few members of the Pennsylvania chess community:

Martin Simsak, 92, 1961 PSCF Rapid Transit Champion, and former Allentown and Lehigh Valley Champion

Janet Dunne & Ronald "Buddy" Newman, wife and grandson of Alex Dunne

Al Breaux, Jr., former PSCF Treasurer

Charles Kalme, internationally known mathematician and chess master

Correspondence Chess News, online magazine which included contributions by Neil Brennen and Alex Dunne

East Shore Chess Club, center of organized chess in our state capital

Awards

Alexander Shabalov wins US Championship.

IM Donald Byrne inducted into Hall of Fame.

Dr. John Hilbert wins CJA Award for "Young Marshall".

(Several sources were used to compile all of this information. All of the issues of the *The Pennswoodpusher* and *Chess Life* from the previous year were used, as well as many crosstables from the USCF website. Without them, this look back would not be possible.)

2003 Pennsylvania State Championship - July 11-13, 2003 - Pittsburgh

Open

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Kriventsov, Stanislav G		2421	2428	W7	W10	W5	W9	D2	4½	\$450 + PA Trophy
2	Getman, Vladimir S		2114	2137	W18	W17	D9	W8	D1	4	\$178
3	Meigs, Donald J		2028	2049	W23	L9	W14	W6	W10	4	\$178
4	Renk, Robert M		2107	2105	D11	W15	W6	L5	W13	3½	
5	Milisits, Ryan R		2141	2150	W14	W19	L1	W4	H-	3½	PA Junior Trophy
6	Schneider, Craig W		2020	2024	W25	W12	L4	L3	W16	3	
7	Mucerino, Joseph J Jr		2060	2070	L1	W21	W20	D12	D8	3	
8	Papariella, Justin J		1984	1991	H-	W11	W13	L2	D7	3	
9	Eidemiller, Mark B		2340	2335	W24	W3	D2	L1	U-	2½	
10	Winwood, Joseph W		2118	2108	W21	L1	D17	W11	L3	2½	
11	Wasiolek, Rory E		1843	1856	D4	L8	W15	L10	W19	2½	
12	Magar, Thomas P		2200	2200	D15	L6	W19	D7	D14	2½	
13	Oxman, Ari M		1749	1755	W16	H-	L8	X-	L4	2½	
14	Borden, Edwin L		1870	1879	L5	W18	L3	W19	D12	2½	
15	Lelis, Tyler		1800	1808	D12	L4	L11	W21	W18	2½	
16	Berthoud, Kevin F		1779	1772	L13	L20	W26	W18	L6	2	
17	Nicholson, Rob		2051	2060	W20	L2	D10	F-	U-	1½	
18	Schmidt, Winsor C		1703	1700	L2	L14	W21	L16	L15	1	
19	Foreman, Fred D		1710	1700	B-	L5	L12	L14	L11	1	
20	Leverett, Bruce W		2342	2317	L17	W16	L7	U-	U-	1	
21	Garcia, Federico		Unr	1506/05	L10	L7	L18	L15	D22	½	
22	Schragin, Jeff G		1842	1833	U-	U-	U-	U-	D21	½	
23	Winwood, Barbara		568	567	L3	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	
24	Mucerino, Joseph J Jr		2060	2070	L9	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	
25	Clary, Earl Jr		1700	1700	L6	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	
26	Price, Gary E		1455	1449	U-	U-	L16	U-	U-	0	

Premier

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Busche, Joseph R		1969	1981	W10	D11	W5	W4	D2	4	\$270 + PA Trophy
2	Heimann, Mark A	NPHS1	1857	1871	D7	D6	W8	W12	D1	3½	\$110 + PA Junior Trophy
3	Heimann, Alexander C	NPHS1	1804	1829	W13	L12	W11	D9	W4	3½	\$110
4	Wang, Yuan		1916	1911	W8	W15	W12	L1	L3	3	
5	Looman, David C		1814	1827	D6	W14	L1	W10	D9	3	
6	Szurek, James E		1766	1785	D5	D2	D7	H-	W13	3	
7	Guerrieri, Luis F		1747	1768	D2	D9	D6	D11	W12	3	
8	Petes, Gabriel N		1753	1766	L4	W13	L2	B-	W11	3	
9	Harshman, Philip E		1820	1815	H-	D7	D15	D3	D5	2½	
10	Schragin, Jeff G		1833	1818	L1	D16	W14	L5	B-	2½	
11	Sukiennik, Leopold J		1800	1800	W16	D1	L3	D7	L8	2	
12	Kirk, Daniel E		1763	1749	B-	W3	L4	L2	L7	2	
13	Russell, Matthew C		1827	1805	L3	L8	W16	W14	L6	2	
14	Karri, Sarvabhauma		1744	1724	H-	L5	L10	L13	W16	1½	
15	Clary, Earl Jr		1700	1700	B-	L4	D9	U-	U-	1½	
16	Moskowitz, Arthur		1693	1666	L11	D10	L13	H-	L14	1	

Reserve

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Cheung, Jack	MCC1	1583	1677	W3	W6	W11	W5	D2	4½	\$270 + PA Trophy
2	Kapinos, Clyde E		1718	1715	W17	L5	W9	W11	D1	3½	\$45
3	Kamon, Joseph E		1448	1514	L1	D8	W14	W9	W5	3½	\$130
4	Joseph, Bryan G	MCC1	1554	1559	W18	L12	H-	W13	W8	3½	\$45 + PA Junior Trophy
5	Barbara, Matthew	MCC1	1415	1497	W8	W2	W12	L1	L3	3	
6	Schreiber, Avi J		1480	1530	W19	L1	W7	L8	W10	3	
7	Berthoud, Eric A		1534	1521	L10	W15	L6	W14	B-	3	
8	Green, Kevin R		1543	1537	L5	D3	W10	W6	L4	2½	
9	Unal, Deniz Batu	MCC1	1410	1412	W14	D13	L2	L3	D12	2	
10	Hickman, Michael A	MCC1	1511	1500	W7	L11	L8	W15	L6	2	
11	Fisher, Derek M		1706	1689	W15	W10	L1	L2	U-	2	
12	Fitzgibbons, Kevin J		1478	1480	H-	W4	L5	U-	D9	2	
13	Browne, William J		1400	1400	H-	D9	H-	L4	U-	1½	
14	Mattis, Joseph A Jr		1490/25	1411	L9	L16	L3	L7	B-	1	
15	Price, Gary E		1449	1412	L11	L7	B-	L10	U-	1	
16	Sakai, Hibiki		1271	1304	U-	W14	U-	U-	U-	1	
17	Mattis, Joseph A Jr		1490/25	1411	L2	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	
18	Bell, William B		839	837	L4	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	
19	Elsleger, Joseph		1665	1644	L6	U-	U-	U-	U-	0	

Booster

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Wasiolek, David J		1416	1431	W9	W16	D6	D7	W8	4	\$180 + PA Trophy
2	Black, Michael C		1303/08	1378/12	W19	W15	W3	H-	D4	4	\$180
3	Yeager, Daniel A		1304	1369	W13	W4	L2	D11	W7	3½	PA Junior Trophy
4	Trisal, Raul	MCC2	1341	1363	W8	L3	W17	W12	D2	3½	
5	Mossman, Evan B		1238	1285	H-	L7	W19	W18	W11	3½	

6	Surma, Jeffrey F		1281	1317	W12	W20	D1	H-	H-	3½	
7	Willoughby, James S		Unr	1390/05	D10	W5	W11	D1	L3	3	
8	Mc Kibben, Michael		1198/21	1230	L4	W14	W20	W10	L1	3	\$130
9	Evans, Micah D	MCC2	1276	1269	L1	L18	W14	W20	W17	3	
10	Corey, Tamara H		1254	1249	D7	D13	W15	L8	D12	2½	
11	Khan, Neiladri K	MCC2	1263	1246	W18	W21	L7	D3	L5	2½	
12	Hillner, David S		1225	1215	L6	W19	W21	L4	D10	2½	
13	Barbara, Joshua	MCC2	1322	1303	L3	D10	W16	H-	H-	2½	
14	Berthoud, Kent	USCKN	1253	1205	L16	L8	L9	W19	W18	2	
15	Hoppmann, William H III		1060	1055	W17	L2	L10	L16	W20	2	
16	Schenkel, Nick D		799/19	954/23	W14	L1	L13	W15	U-	2	
17	Sakai, Hibiki		1304	1235	L15	B-	L4	W21	L9	2	
18	Joseph, Geoffrey		1062	1061	L11	W9	H-	L5	L14	1½	
19	Singh, Ajit	MCC2	1211	1145	L2	L12	L5	L14	W21	1	
20	Bell, William B		837	813	B-	L6	L8	L9	L15	1	
21	Winwood, Barbara		567	561	B-	L11	L12	L17	L19	1	

Scholastic Premier

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Devlin, Patrick J		1117	1189	W15	W11	W4	D2	W5	4½	1st Place Trophy
2	Yan, Alan	MCC1	1010	1159	W14	D6	W13	D1	W4	4	2nd Place Trophy
3	Kivitz, Matthew	BLAIR	Unr	1178/05	L7	W12	D8	W13	W9	3½	3rd Place Trophy
4	Miller, Maxwell E	USCKN	1086	1097	W8	W5	L1	W7	L2	3	4th Place Trophy
5	Kafka, Gareth K	BLAIR	736/13	861/17	B-	L4	W15	W6	L1	3	5th Place Trophy
6	Rosso, Jack W	USCKN	1033	1053	D9	D2	W11	L5	W8	3	6th Place Trophy
7	Sato, Jun G		925	1015	W3	D13	D14	L4	W15	3	7th Place Trophy
8	Spokauskas, Nicholas M		1005	1006	L4	B-	D3	W14	L6	2½	
9	Harris, Shane C		1155/16	1141/21	D6	L14	W10	W12	L3	2½	
10	Buzzard, Robert A		1588/04	1261/09	L13	D15	L9	W11	W14	2½	
11	Samo, Michael	NPHS1	920	915	W12	L1	L6	L10	W16	2	
12	Plaut, Benjamin J		968	939	L11	L3	B-	L9	W13	2	
13	Linsuain, Kemen	NPHS1	971	966	W10	D7	L2	L3	L12	1½	
14	Santistevan, Mark	NPHS1	1161	1110	L2	W9	D7	L8	L10	1½	
15	Song, Yiming Lin		906	871	L1	D10	L5	B-	L7	1½	
16	Keppetipola, Kavantissa M		297/25	294	U-	U-	U-	U-	L11	0	

Scholastic Reserve

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Yan, Amy	MCC1	919	1089	W14	W4	W8	W2	W5	5	1st Place Trophy
2	Saldin, Gryphon		976	1029	W7	W13	W12	L1	W6	4	2nd Place Trophy
3	Karri, Srisivaa		764	833	L12	W18	W13	W15	W4	4	3rd Place Trophy
4	Tucker, Hal N	NPHS2	558/08	705/13	W5	L1	W16	W9	L3	3	4th Place Trophy
5	Ignaczak, Mark		953	933	L4	W10	W14	W8	L1	3	5th Place Trophy
6	Dorsey, Elizabeth A	USCKN	654/04	790/09	L13	W7	W10	W12	L2	3	6th Place Trophy
7	Recker, David	BLAIR	Unr	894/05	L2	L6	W11	W16	W12	3	7th Place Trophy
8	Glinsky, Luka E	NPHS2	874	870	W15	W16	L1	L5	W17	3	7th Place Ribbon
9	Knupp, Alicia A		784	773	W18	L12	W15	L4	W13	3	7th Place Ribbon
10	Muravyev, Yegor		382/03	550/08	D11	L5	L6	W18	W15	2½	
11	Hu, Yue		798	752	D10	L15	L7	W14	W18	2½	
12	Samo, Douglas	NPHS2	888	855	W3	W9	L2	L6	L7	2	
13	Chaverin, Nathaniel	NPHS2	806	776	W6	L2	L3	W17	L9	2	
14	Chaverin, Samuel	NPHS2	735	725	L1	W17	L5	L11	W16	2	
15	Feffer, Danielle N	BLAIR	740	672	L8	W11	L9	L3	L10	1	
16	Shorts, Zachary	USCKN	777/13	692/18	W17	L8	L4	L7	L14	1	
17	Guryeva, Kseniya		616/04	492/09	L16	L14	W18	L13	L8	1	
18	Recker, Matthew	BLAIR	Unr	128/05	L9	L3	L17	L10	L11	0	

Scholastic Booster

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Rundorff, Bisby R		653/08	747/13	W7	W2	W4	L3	W5	4	1st Place Trophy
2	Rebel, Ryan F	USCKN	613/11	752/16	W12	L1	W8	W4	W3	4	2nd Place Trophy
3	Rankins, Donald E	USCKN	556	648	W9	L4	W6	W1	L2	3	3rd Place Trophy
4	Zentner, Christopher J		703/12	713/17	W6	W3	L1	L2	W10	3	4th Place Trophy
5	Harris, Dylan J		605/16	623/21	W11	L8	W7	W10	L1	3	5th Place Trophy
6	Cancelmi, Jeffrey		622/20	620/25	L4	W9	L3	W11	W8	3	6th Place Trophy
7	Hirsch, Gavriel		585/22	591	L1	W10	L5	D8	W9	2½	7th Place Trophy
8	Mc Quin, Philip W		743/13	679/18	D10	W5	L2	D7	L6	2	
9	Glinsky, Allegra	NPHS1	336/03	372/08	L3	L6	W11	W12	L7	2	
10	Rashed-Azzam, Sherif A	NPHS1	640/22	567	D8	L7	W12	L5	L4	1½	
11	Keppetipola, Kavantissa M		380/18	281/22	L5	L12	L9	L6	B-	1	
12	Feffer, Michael A	BLAIR	260	258	L2	W11	L10	L9	U-	1	

Teams

#	Team Code	Team Name	Team Type	Score	Prize
1	MCC1	Monroeville Chess Club 1	Club	17	1st Place Club
2	USCKN	Upper St Clair Knights	Club	13	2nd Place Club
3	MCC2	Monroeville Chess Club 2	Club	11½	3rd Place Club
4	NPHS1	North Pittsburgh Home School 1	School	11	1st Place School
5	BLAIR	Blair County Chess Club	Club	10½	4th Place Club
6	NPHS2	North Pittsburgh Home School 2	School	10	2nd Place School

Top 20 Rated Pennsylvanians (As of the February 2004 Rating Supplement)

Regular Rating			Quick Rating		
Rank	Name	Rating	Rank	Name	Rating
1	Shabalov, GM Alexander	2682	1	Shabalov, GM Alexander	2690
2	Zaitchik, Gennady	2589	2	Chiong, IM Luis R	2326
3	Chiong, IM Luis R	2464	3	Meyers, CIM Jerald	2298
4	Fleischer, FM Peter	2380	4	Belorusev, Mikhail	2295
5	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V	2378	5	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	2288
6	Belorusev, Mikhail	2363	6	Eidemiller, Mark B	2277
7	Eidemiller, Mark B	2333	7	Shocron, Rubin M	2259
8	Meyers, CIM Jerald	2332	8	Nolan, Gregory M	2254
9	Formanek, IM Edward William	2325	9	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V	2236
10	Rogers, Norman	2320	10	Rogers, Norman	2202
11	Leverett, Bruce W	2313	11	Busche, Joseph R	2201
12	Rivera, Omar	2294	12	Mazock, Michael J	2200
13	Ritvin, Stanislav	2282	13	Snavey, Kurt A	2199
14	Wilson, Elvin	2271	14	Bradlow, Harvey B	2198
15	Kis, Lorand Bela	2270	15	Bengtson, FM Matthew William	2198
16	Peterson, William M	2262	16	Post, Evan A	2185
17	Shocron, Rubin M	2260	17	Bailleau, Gerald A	2179
18	Bengtson, FM Matthew William	2260	18	Wilson, Elvin	2167
19	Traldi, Matthew R	2258	19	Martinak, Tom M	2164
20	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	2253	20	Frank, Marty C	2161

Women			Juniors		
Rank	Name	Rating	Rank	Name	Age Rating
1	Ciucia, Elena Carmen	2056	1	Traldi, Matthew R	19 2258
2	Melekhina, Alisa	1952	2	Milisits, Ryan R	17 2187
3	Durkin, Peggy	1515	3	Schneider, Kurt	15 2107
4	Mc Laughlin, Erica C	1505	4	Reznik, Roman	20 2030
5	Lakata, Elizabeth M	1440	5	Glick, Michael Adam	20 2012
6	Corey, Tamara H	1435	6	Tokar, Zachary	17 2003
7	Chu, Emily J	1406	7	Papariella, Justin J	17 1985
8	South, Jessica	1305	8	Heimann, Mark A	11 1966
9	Solomon, Nicole J	1270	9	Melekhina, Alisa	12 1952
10	Procopio, Patti	1267	10	Wasiolek, Rory E	17 1947
11	Dorohovich, Grace L	1127	11	Lelis, Tyler	12 1929
12	Listovnichy, Alexandra	1120	12	Deckelbaum, Alan T	17 1921
13	Jin, Shinan	1106	13	White, Zachary C	15 1915
14	Brakel, Margaret E	1105	14	Petes, Gabriel N	12 1912
15	Mitchell, Christine A	1104	15	Augenbraun, Eric J	16 1879
16	Buuch, Nomin	1084	16	Blocki, Jeremiah M	17 1874
17	Yan, Amy	1080	17	Russell, Matthew C	16 1863
18	Brown, Jacqueline Meile	1062	18	Opaska, Michael P	18 1839
19	Furuhata, Yayoi	1062	19	Heimann, Alexander C	11 1821
20	Lynch, Juliana E	1044	20	Guber, Michael	16 1809

Seniors				Ages 50 & Up			
Rank	Name	Age	Rating	Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Shocron, Rubin M	82	2260	1	Formanek, IM Edward William	61	2325
2	Fayvinov, Zakhar	71	2244	2	Leverett, Bruce W	51	2313
3	Shafritz, Arnold B	77	1906	3	Shocron, Rubin M	82	2260
4	Castillo, Gonzalo	71	1900	4	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	58	2253
5	Prokhov, Vassil K	69	1841	5	Fayvinov, Zakhar	71	2244
6	Koppany, Anthony	85	1821	6	Fielding, Paul T	52	2233
7	Cintron, Rafael L	75	1818	7	Dunne, FM Alex	62	2209
8	Eikerenkoetter, Dr Roy C	72	1813	8	Bradlow, Harvey B	53	2204
9	Sukiennik, Leopold J	67	1802	9	Hughes, William M	55	2199
10	Leonards, Robert A	74	1800	10	Getman, Vladimir S	64	2148
11	Foreman, Fred D	67	1716	11	Cornell, Ray C	51	2043
12	Schmidt, Winsor C	84	1700	12	Oberholtzer, Neal W	51	2042
13	Clary, Earl Jr	77	1700	13	Ambrad, Antonio J	63	2019
14	Moskowitz, Arthur	75	1637	14	Meigs, Donald J	64	2019
15	Lawlor, Joseph R Jr	67	1592	15	Thompson, Bruce A Sr	51	2016
16	Mesirov, Richard B	77	1555	16	Cox, Michael K	51	2000
17	Kamon, Joseph E	67	1553	17	Pariseau, Richard J	62	1971
18	Collins, Charles A	72	1545	18	Rizzo, Philip J	50	1955
19	Boles, Belford J	66	1532	19	Brightman, Joseph M	56	1917
20	Kligman, Yuzef	77	1532	20	Shafritz, Arnold B	77	1906

Pennsylvania Champions of 2003

Champion: Stanislav G. Kriventsov

Action Champion: Thomas P. Magar

Quick Chess Champion: Gerald A. Bailleau

Family Bughouse Champion: Robert A. & Ryan R. Milisits

Senior Champion: Harvey B. Bradlow

Collegiate Champion: Sergey A. Shchukin & Michael Adam Glick

K-12 Champion: Ryan R. Milisits

K-8 Champion: Thomas Hsiao, Boris Valerstein & Christopher S. Blaise Jr.

K-6 Champion: Alexander C. Heimann

K-3 Champion: Wesley J. Loudon

Age Champions (from Pennsylvania Junior Championship)

20	Jared E. Schwartz
19	Gregory S. Weller
18	Aaron J. Schiff
17	Douglas C. Burgwin
16	Kevin F. Berthoud
15	Ted Permigliani
14	Bob C. Waruszewski
13	Matthew Barbara & Bryan G. Joseph
12	Evan D. Schell
11	Neiladri K. Khan
10	Alexander C. Heimann
9	Randall W. Gough
8	Michael F. Weaver
7	Michael Hamblin
6	Kemen Linsuain

Grade Champions (from Pennsylvania Scholastic Championship)

12	Alex A. Duff
11	Michael P. Opaska, Zachary Tokar & Luis F. Guerrieri
10	Rory E. Wasiolek, Kevin F. Berthoud & Jeremiah M. Blocki
9	Kurt Schneider
8	Erica C. Mc Laughlin, Elizabeth M. Lakata & Max Weiss
7	Bryan G. Joseph, Karl W. Gough, Deniz Batu Unal & Raul Trisal
6	Evan Ames
5	Gabriel N. Petesch
4	Mark A. Heimann
3	Michael Samo
2	Prem Rajgopal & Hibiki Sakai
1	Andrew L. Brady
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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN PENNSYLVANIA

ANY CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

ALLENTOWN

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

ALTOONA

Andrew Stergiou 814-941-2310

BANGOR

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

BLOOMSBURG

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

BRADFORD

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

CANONSBURG

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

CHAMBERSBURG

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

CHELTENHAM

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

CHESTER

Crozer Community Building, 2600 W 9th; 1st Tues 5:15-7:45 pm

CLEARFIELD

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

COATESVILLE

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

COUDERSPORT

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

DUBOIS

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

ERIE

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

EXETER

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

GLADWYNE

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

GREENSBURG

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

GREENVILLE

Howard Miller Center, Thiel College; Mon 7-10

HATBORO

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

HARRISBURG

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

HAZLETON

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

HUNTINGDON VALLEY

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

JOHNSTOWN

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

LANCASTER

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

LANSDALE

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

MANSFIELD

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

MONROEVILLE

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

MURRYSVILLE

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

NEW CASTLE

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

PHILADELPHIA

- (1) FMCC; 2012 Walnut, Lower Level; Mon - Fri 1-9 pm, 215-496-0811; Sat & Sun 5-9 pm, 215-496-9686

- (2) Univ of Penn CC; Chats Cafeteria, 3800 Locust; Wed 8 pm

- (3) Masterminds CC; Fountains @ Logan Square East, 2 Franklin Town Blvd; Wed & Fri 6-10 pm, Steve Slocum 215-455-6285

PITTSBURGH

- (1) Univ of Pitt CC; William Pitt Union; Tues & Thurs 7-11 pm, 412-908-0286

- (2) Pittsburgh CC; Wightman School Community Center, 5604 Solway St.; Wed 1-10 pm, Sat Noon-10:30 pm, 412-421-1881

- (3) Crafton Public Library, 140 Bradford; Sat 9 - Noon, 412-922-4234

- (4) Hill Branch Library, 419 Dinwiddie St; Mon & Thurs 4-7 pm, Sat Noon-5 pm, 412-361-6170

- (5) CMU CC; University Center Commons; Thurs 6-8 pm

- (6) Mt Lebanon Lib, 16 Castle Shannon; Scholastics: 1st/3rd Mon Sept-May, Adults/Older Scholastics: Thurs 7-8:30 pm; 412-531-1912

- (7) USC Library, 1820 McLaughlin Run Rd; Thurs 7-8:30 pm, 412-221-2394

POTTSTOWN

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

READING

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

RIDLEY PARK

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

SCRANTON

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

SHAMOKIN

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

SHIPPENSBURG

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

SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton CC; Davisville Church; 215-675-9535

STATE COLLEGE

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

STROUDSBURG

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

SUNBURY

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

UNIONTOWN

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

WARMINSTER

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

WARREN

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

WEST CHESTER

- (1) West Chester CC; United Methodist Ch, High & Barnard Sts; Thurs 7 pm

- (2) WC Univ CC; Sykes Student Building, Room 112; Thurs 11 am - 2 pm

WEST SHORE (HARRISBURG)

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

WILKES-BARRE

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

WILLIAMSPORT

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

WYNCOTE

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

YORK

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

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