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PSCF "...Zooms to Carlisle"

PSCF Scholastic Chess Championships

By Dan Heisman

At the PA Scholastic Chess Championships in Carlisle in late February, we played the event in a hotel for the first time in many years, replacing the traditional Bloomsburg University. In general, this was an excellent choice both for convenience in room and convenience in locale, Carlisle being near the population center of PA. Thanks to both PA Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin, who did most of the work on the relocation, and SE PA Scholastic Coordinator Dan Heisman, who helped him with some of the initial legwork.

The PA High School Champion was once again expert Ryan Milisits, who scored a perfect 5-0 and edged closer to the master title. Second at 4½-½ was expert Kurt Schneider, who is only a sophomore and has an excellent chance to make master before graduation. Ryan will again represent PA at the Denker Tournament of Champions, where he is the defending champion! As expected, the highest rated female, young Alisa Melekhina, won the right to represent PA in the new Polgar Tournament of Champions for the state's top female scholastic player, but she had to share the honors with Erica McLaughlin, who had the tournament of her life and tied Alisa at 4-1. The team championship went down to the wire, but Taylor Allderdice of Pittsburgh edged out Masterman for first, ending Masterman's long string of team titles. However, Masterman won in the Middle School and Elementary categories, so they can't feel too bad about two firsts and a second!

In the Middle School Championship 7th grader Evan Ames of Masterman and Alex Heimann were first at 4½-½, despite Alex playing "up" a section – he is only in 5th grade. Brother Mark went 4-1 in the High School section and "only" tied for third! Boris Valerstein, Andrew Weis, and Patrick Lec finished 4-1 in the K-8. The Top School was Masterman, as mentioned above, and the Top Club Monroeville.

The Elementary section was a close fight, top-rated Gabe Petesch had a half-point lead over second ranked Josh Bowman and in the final round they were paired together. The game was by far the longest in the final round of their K-6 section, with both players running short on time in a close-pitched battle. When the smoke cleared Gabe had won and kept his perfect score and the title at 5-0. Max Dugan, Steve Mc Laughlin Jr., Peter Weida, and Andrew Jagannath tied for 2nd with 4-1. Besides Masterman's team title, the Club Championship was won by Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons.

Hibiki Sakai scored 5-0 to win the Primary (K-3) section. Kemen Linsuain was second at 4½-½. Top School was Pine Road Elementary and Top Club was the Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons.

Note: For more information about scholastic chess in PA, visit www.pscfchess.org, www.danheisman.com or www.delvalchess.com with links to many more scholastic sites.

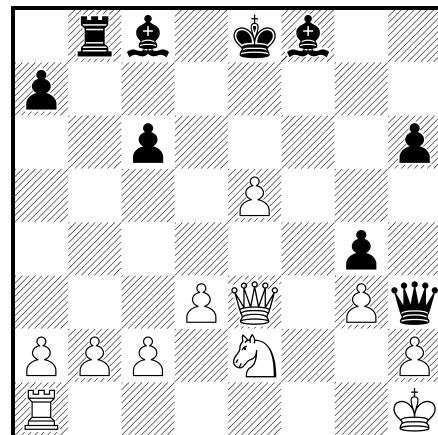
Your Humble Editor served as an assistant TD at Carlisle, and managed to secure plenty of promises to submit gamescores from players in the various sections. I'm still waiting. However, the following

interesting game was played by Henry Bickel, a talented member of the Pocono Mountain East team in the K-9 U1000 section. After the game, Mr. Bickel informed me he plays the King's Gambit whenever he can, thus assuring I would publish the game:

Henry Bickel - Opponent [C34]

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1.e4 e5 2.f4! exf4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 h6 5.0-0 Bc5+ 6.Kh1 Nf6 7.d3 Ng4 8.Bxf4 Qf6 [Black might have tried 8...Nf2+ 9.Rxf2 Bxf2 10.Qf1 Bc5] 9.Qc1 g5 10.Bxc7 Ne3 11.Rf2 d6 12.Bxf7+ Qxf7 13.Bxd6 Bxd6 14.Qxe3 g4 15.Nd4 Qh5 16.g3 Qh3 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.e5 Be7 19.Nc3 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Ne2 Rb8



22.Ng1? [22.Nf4 bags the Queen.] 22...Qh5 23.b3 Qf7 24.Qe2 Qd5+ 25.Qg2 Bg7 26.Re1 Qxg2+ 27.Kxg2 h5 28.Kf2 Kf7 29.d4 Ke6 30.h3 1-0

A Tale of A Team: Bethel Christian Academy

By Neil Brennen

Every year in the PSCF Scholastic Championship reports we read about the same teams winning the same trophies. Each year *The Pennswoodpusher* is filled with the names of master men and youthful dragons from Pittsburgh. And as the "paper of record" for the PSCF, its only proper that these successful teams are celebrated in print.

But what sometimes is forgotten is that there are many schools in Pennsylvania. Scholastic chess can thrive far from the big city, and the PSCF Scholastic Championship is a chance for these smaller schools to have their moment in the sun.

I met one such school while I was acting as an assistant TD to Richard Barbara in the K-9 U1000. Bethel Christian Academy, a small K-9th-grade school of approximately 150 students, had a team in the section. As a person who does not approach chess from a scholastic perspective, I was struck by how mature these young players seemed. Although they were competitive - this is chess, after all - there was a real sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the BCA players.

After the tournament was completed I spoke with the BCA team coach, Kelly Loudon, and she was kind enough to send me some information on chess at BCA.

My first question was how the BCA team began. "Last year", Mrs. Loudon wrote, "our school was invited to participate in the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) chess tournament in Lancaster, PA. Mr. Hunt, the school principal, approached me to see if I would be interested in putting a chess team together for this tournament. He knew I was involved with chess and had attended tournaments with my son, Wesley. I accepted the offer."

Mrs. Loudon devised her own training regime to prepare the BCA chessplayers for the ACSI tournament. Anyone thinking of starting a school chess team might find her methods worth copying: "I held an 'in-house' tournament to determine the best players. We had approximately 40 students participate in the in-house tournament. We used this tournament to select the top eight chess players. My husband ("Doc" Loudon), Wesley, and I worked with students after school to improve their game. Wesley also provided more advanced tactic instruction as I am not an advanced player (it does not take a high level player to get a team started)."

Before BCA knew it, the tournament was at hand. "The ACSI (not sanctioned by USCF) tournament was a team event. Seventeen Christian schools representing four states (over 120 students) participated in this event. We had two teams representing (Elementary and Middle School) BCA. Each team consisted of four players. Our teams attended the ACSI tournament and played very well for novices. Our elementary team came in 3rd place."

"The PSCF Scholastic Tournament coming to Carlisle opened up the opportunity for our students to once again participate in a chess tournament. We continued to practice with each other as well as on computers. We had a total of 9 students playing in 4 different sections (K-3 Open, K-6 U800, K-6 Open, and K-9 U1000). We were excited just to be able to participate and we were thrilled when two of our players earned "unrated" individual trophies. We also earned a 3rd place team trophy in the K-6 Open."

And so the BCA team discovered that the race was not always to the swift, the battle not always to the strong, and the spotlight not always on the Youth Dragons. The spotlight fell on BCA, and it can fall on your school as well in the next PSCF Scholastic Championship.

The players on the BCA chess team at the PSCF Scholastic Championship included Wesley Loudon (K-6 Open 3rd Place Team Trophy), Lainey Loudon (2nd place unrated K-3 Open, Bradley Thomas, Chip Monelli, Chandler Monelli (1st place unrated K-6U800), Tony Rynard, Peter Fisher, Jacob Oldaker and Kyle Emlet.

PA Scholastic Championship Prizewinners

K to 12 Open

Score	Name	Prize
5	Milisits, Ryan R	1st Place & PA HS Champion
4½	Schneider, Kurt	2nd & PA 10th Grade Champion
4	Heimann, Mark A	3rd Place
4	Burgwin, Douglas C	4th & PA 12th Grade Co-Champ
4	Melekhina, Alisa	5th Place
4	Tadevosyan, Ara	6th Place
4	Lopez, Nelson M II	7th Place
4	Cheung, Jack	8th & PA 11th Grade Co-Champion
4	Wasiolek, Rory E	9th & PA 11th Grade Co-Champion

4	Hsiao, Christopher	10th & PA 12th Grade Co-Champion
4	Tadevosyan, Aleksey	1st (U1800) & PA 12th Gr Co-Champ
4	Berkowitz, Ross K	10th Place Medal
4	Mc Laughlin, Erica C	1st (U1600) & PA 9th Grade Champ
3	Rhoads, Brian	1st Place (U1400)
2	Huber, Bennet	1st Place (Unrated)
2	Chen, Zhenyu	2nd Place (Unrated)
2	Zhou, Chen	3rd Place (Unrated)

Score	Team Name	Prize
13	Taylor Allderice High School	1st Place (School)
12½	Julia R Masterman School	2nd Place (School)
12½	Pittsburgh Chess League Juniors	1st Place (Club)
12	Conestoga High School	3rd Place (School)
11	Pennsbury High School	4th Place (School)
11	George Washington High School	5th Place (School)

K to 12 U1300

Score	Name	Prize
4½	Brownell, Douglas K	1st Place
4	Lichtenberg, Ross D	2nd Place
4	Mc Carney, Jack S	3rd Place
4	Petrovich, Adam E	4th Place
4	Iseman, Adam	5th Place
3½	Orlicki, Steve R	6th Place
3½	Jones, David Roeman Jr	7th Place
3½	Patel, Jeffrey	8th Place
3½	Crown, Scott B	1st Place (Unrated)
3½	Mc Tighe, Eddie	1st Place (U1100)
3	Sayre, Josh D	2nd Place (Unrated)
3	Miller, Andrew J	2nd Place (Unrated) Medal

Score	Team Name	Prize
14½	Pocono Mountain East High School	1st Place (School)
13	Ephrata High School	2nd Place (School)
12	Conestoga High School	3rd Place (School)
10½	Gettysburg High School	4th Place (School)

K to 12 U1000

Score	Name	Prize
5	Cosma, Gabriela Lidia	1st Place
5	Christophel, Tyler	2nd Place
5	Sadowski, Mark	3rd Place
4½	Cramer, Maxwell R	4th Place
4½	Ruck, Cory M	5th Place
4	Fassari, Joe	6th Place
4	Schultz, David R	1st Place (Unrated)
4	Horst, Peter V	2nd Place (Unrated)
3½	Weiner, Mark	1st Place (U800)

Score	Team Name	Prize
16	Lancaster Mennonite High School	1st Place (School)
12	Monroeville Chess Club	1st Place (Club)

K to 8 Open

Score	Name	Prize
4½	Heimann, Alexander C	1st Place & PA K-8 Co-Champion
4½	Ames, Evan	2nd Place & PA K-8 Co-Champion
4	Valerstein, Boris	3rd & PA 8th Grade Co-Champion
4	Weis, Andrew P	4th & PA 8th Grade Co-Champion
4	Lec, Patrick	5th & PA 8th Grade Co-Champion
3½	Yeager, Daniel A	6th & PA 7th Grade Co-Champion
3½	Blaise, Christopher S Jr	7th & PA 7th Grade Co-Champion

3½	Zinn, Andrew M	8th & PA 7th Grade Co-Champion
3½	Evans, Micah D	9th Place
3	Barbara, Matthew	10th Place
3	Jacoby, Abel R	1st Place (U1200)
2	Garges, Brian	1st Place (U800)
1	Hoffman, Mitchell	1st Place (Unrated)
1	Fay, Timothy	2nd Place (Unrated)
0	Drummond, Steven	3rd Place (Unrated)

Score	Team Name	Prize
14½	Julia R Masterman School	1st Place (School)
12½	Monroeville Chess Club	1st Place (Club)
11	Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons	2nd Place (Club)
10	York Youth Chess Club	3rd Place (Club)
8	Fretz Junior High School	2nd Place (School)

K to 6 Open

Score	Name	Prize
5	Petes, Gabriel N	1st & PA Elementary Champion
4	Dugan, Max J	2nd & PA 6th Grade Co-Champion
4	Mc Laughlin, Steven J Jr	3rd & PA 6th Grade Co-Champion
4	Weida, Peter T	4th & PA 5th Grade Co-Champion
4	Jagannath, Andrew V	5th & PA 6th Grade Co-Champion
3½	Smyth, Julian D	6th Place
3½	Bowman, Joshua A	7th Place
3½	Levin, Michael	8th Place
3½	Zhu, Allen	9th Place
3	Spinosi, Nicholas A	1st Place (U1100)
3	Fagliano, Joel	10th Place
2½	Nimgaonkar, Vivek U	PA 4th Grade Champion
2½	France, Emma	1st Place (U900)
1	Kay, Gage	1st Place (Unrated)
1	Enterline, Matthew J	2nd Place (Unrated)
1	Verlin, Bijan	3rd Place (Unrated)

Score	Team Name	Prize
14½	Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons	1st Place (Club)
13½	Julia R Masterman School	1st Place (School)
12	Harrisburg Academy	2nd Place (School)
7½	Montgomery Youth Chess Club	2nd Place (Club)

K to 6 U800

Score	Name	Prize
5	Berklite, Samson V	1st Place
4½	Eller, Adam	2nd Place
4½	Seshadri, Menaka M	3rd Place
4	Allison, Michael M Jr	4th Place
4	Slesinski, Matthew W	5th Place
4	Kleinfeld, Linda K	6th Place
4	Keppetipola, Kavantissa M	7th Place
4	Lopez, Lauralee G	8th Place
4	Jenkins, Andrew K	8th Place Medal
4	Shover, Jordan	1st Place (U600)
4	Kong, Nathan	8th Place Medal
3	Monelli, Chandler A	1st Place (Unrated)
3	Barkley, Zachary	2nd Place (U600)
3	Noll, Zachary	2nd Place (U600) Medal
3	Furuhata, Kota	2nd Place (U600) Medal
3	Tate, James R	2nd Place (Unrated)
3	Palenchak, Tyler J	2nd Place (U600) Medal

Score	Team Name	Prize
14½	Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons	1st Place (Club)
14½	Monroeville Chess Club	1st Place (Club)

12½	Winchester Thurston School	1st Place (School)
11	West York - Trimmer Elem School	2nd Place (School)

K to 3 Open

Score	Name	Prize
5	Sakai, Hibiki	1st Place & PA Primary Champion
4½	Linsuain, Kemen	2nd & PA 2nd Grade Champion
4	Stein, Ethan M	3rd Place
4	Brady, Andrew L	4th Place
4	Stiles, Zane A	5th Place
3½	Rajgopal, Prem	6th & PA 3rd Grade Co-Champion
3½	Yang, Muchen	7th & PA 3rd Grade Co-Champion
3½	Hong, Jocelyn	8th & PA 3rd Grade Co-Champion
3	Lakata, David A	9th Place
3	Nimgaonkar, Alok U	10th Place
3	Kleinfeld, Jonathan J	1st (U800) & PA 1st Grade Champ
2½	Aravind, Kevin S	1st Place (Unrated)
2½	Loudon, Lainey	2nd Place (Unrated)
2	Rosenn, Blake S	1st Place (U600)
2	Kanaparthi, Steven	3rd Place (Unrated)
2	Lorenzino Sepp, Manuel	3rd Place (Unrated) Medal
0	Seifarth, Jack	PA Kindergarden Champion

Score	Team Name	Prize
17½	Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons	1st Place (Club)
10	Pine Road School	1st Place (School)

K to 9 U1000

Score	Name	Prize
5	Powers, Andrew Y	1st Place
5	Tarnecky, Jordan A	2nd Place
4	Luo, Henry	3rd Place
4	Lakata, David A	4th Place
4	Eller, Adam	5th Place
4	Elias, Brad J	6th Place
4	Pfendt, Thomas G	7th Place
4	Bickel, Henry R	8th Place
4	Balter, Danny	1st Place (U800)
4	Baranoski, Joe	1st Place (Unrated)
3	Strauss, Benjamin L	1st Place (U600)
3	Mahalak, Dave	2nd Place (Unrated)

Score	Team Name	Prize
17	Pocono Mountain East Intermediate	1st Place (Middle)
13	Pittsburgh Youth Chess Dragons	1st Place (Club)
8	Swarthmore-Rutledge School	1st Place (Elementary)
8	West York - Trimmer Elem School	1st Place (Elementary)

Guest Editorial: Move to Carlisle a Good One
by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

Unless you are new to tournament chess in Pennsylvania, it is virtually impossible not to know that the state scholastic championship, along with the open for adults, combine to form the largest tournament in Pennsylvania, next to the World Open. For over a decade, Bloomsburg University has hosted the largest PSCF event. However, increasing site fees, along with a shortage of space caused by an increase in participation every year, warranted a change.

That change was to move the entire event to another town. The desired location would provide a facility with the required space at a reasonable cost. Best efforts would also be made to find an easy to get to site in central Pennsylvania, instead of Bloomsburg, which is in the northeast part of the Commonwealth.

It fell upon PSCF State Scholastic Coordinator Steve McLaughlin to search the land for such a facility. His choice was a good one: the Clarion Hotel in Carlisle, just west of Harrisburg. Since many roads and interstates (Routes 15, 76, 81, 83, and 322) all lead to Harrisburg, a journey to Carlisle from any location would be easy.

Along with its centralized location, the change in venue from a university to a hotel also allows for players, coaches, and parents to stay at the site, or at another hotel nearby (and there are many). This could come in handy if a blizzard strikes the event just as it did in 1993, when players had to travel a few miles to reach the playing site. A block of rooms was also reserved for the tournament directors so that they could remain in close quarters.

So how would this effect the turnout? Every year it seems, there is a record number of players, with about 750 last year. Would everyone remain loyal to the tournament despite the change in venue?

As Tom Martinak wrote in the last issue, there was not a record turnout, but participation was still strong. Generally, the scholastic players and teams would attend the event no matter where in the commonwealth it was held. Reportedly, Jerald Meyers and Robert Lakata were bringing a large number of students from Pittsburgh and Huntingdon Valley, respectively. Masterman, Pittsburgh Chess League Juniors, Lancaster Mennonite High School, Pocono Mountain East High School, just to name a few schools, all made the transition. While it was not a record turnout this year, I would say that a very high percentage of the scholastic players in Pennsylvania attend this event, which would make increasing the number of entrants difficult, unless new students become USCF members.

The open tournament was also about the same size at it was last year. In a very general sense, the many players made the move to Carlisle, but, as one might suspect, those who do not were from the northeast, and they were replaced by central Pennsylvania players. The University of Pittsburgh did field a team, but other than them, I do not see many players at all from Western Pennsylvania, despite the fact that the tournament is closer to them. There is room for growth in this tournament. The western Pennsylvanians need to be attracted (they never attended the Bloomsburg Open in large numbers), and although they did attend in healthy numbers, more players in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania could attend.

The quick tournament had a large increase. There were 114 players last year; this year there were 158, for a pickup of 44. I believe that the increase is largely due to more and more players who play over the weekend decide to give the quick a try. They try it, and they like it, and so they begin playing every year, along with those trying it for the first time. Very few players only play in the quick tournament.

While the move to Carlisle gave central Pennsylvania a much needed, large weekend event, we must also consider the impact of the area it left. Northeastern Pennsylvania did not have too much rated chess activity to begin with, and now in the last year it has lost the festival in Bloomsburg and the quarterly events the Paupack Club ran in Hawley and elsewhere. I have been told that the Scranton Chess Club may begin running quads, perhaps in Tunkhannok, but until that begins, the only rated events north of Allentown are the Hazleton Open and the Anthracite Chess League. This is part of the commonwealth that is being undeveloped. Recent chess activity has taken place in Warren and Coudersport, but they are farther west. The northeast needs to find someone willing to run some tournaments there.

On the whole, moving to Carlisle was a great idea. Participation may not have been up this year, but there was no significant decrease either. Growth should come in the following years, once

people begin to realize how convenient it is to stay at the same site as the tournament, and also realize how wonderful the event really is!

Quick Championship Zooms to Carlisle

by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

For the first time in its young history, the PA Quick (G/10) Championship would change its venue. Instead of taking place in Bloomsburg, where it has been since its inception in 1999, this sixth edition would be played in Carlisle, just west of the state capital. As the state scholastic championship goes, so goes the state quick championship.

Carlisle is not a town without a chess history. Thomas Drucker ran tournaments at the Carlisle Dickenson Chess Club from March 1993 to June 1999. Richard Brown also ran tournaments at the Carlisle Plaza Mall from March 1995 to September 1996. According to the USCF website, the quick tournament would be the first rated event since the Carlisle Dickenson Spring Champ, which ended on June 6, 1999. Scott Franklin won that event.

There were three changes in the quick tournament since last year. The first, obviously, was the venue. The second was making the tournament a Grand Prix event for the first time. With six Grand Prix points available in this event, and another six up for grabs in the Carlisle Open over the weekend, a player could pick up twelve points in three days. The final change was dividing the tournament into three sections: open, Under 1600, and Under 1000. Just as a stock splits as its price increases, the record number of entries year in and year out made running the championship as a single section increasingly difficult.

The event was once again a huge success, with 158 total entries, an increase in the field by 44 over last year. The open and the U1000 were about the same size, with 36 and 31 players respectively, but the U1600 was triple that size, with 91 players! That is only 23 fewer players from last year's total of 114! Extra prizes were added for that section as a result. While the turnout was fantastic, perhaps next year, in order to even out the number of players in each section, perhaps the U1000 section should be changed to an U1200 section in order to incorporate more players into the bottom section.

Jack McCarney won the U1000 section with 5½ points out of 6. He was the only person to come in clear first in his section. Kevin Green and Joshua Lowenthal both scaled the giant U1600 with identical 5½ scores. In the open section, defending champion Gerald Bailleau was once again steamrolling over the competition, starting out with a 5-0 score. He scored victories over the top seeded FM Bryan Smith of Arkansas, and Ryan Milisits in the penultimate round. He needed only a draw in the final round to take clear first once again, but NM Omar Rivera proved to be one strong opponent too many. Bailleau will have to share the title this year with Rivera and Milisits, who rebounded in the final round with a victory over Peter Minear. All scored 5 points.

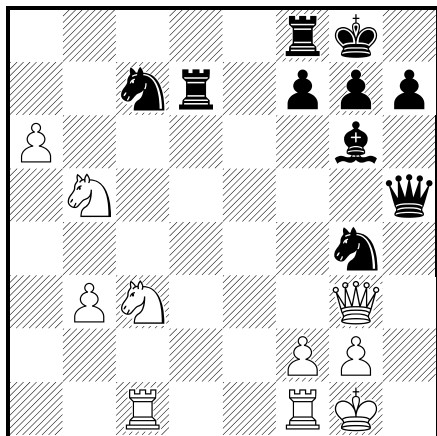
FM Bryan Smith had a difficult tournament. Even I gave him some trouble!

FM Bryan Smith (2346) - Joseph Mucerino (2000) [B01] PA Quick Championship, Round 2, 2-27-04

Notes by Joe Mucerino

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 Bf5 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 Be7 7.a3 0-0 8.c4 Nb6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 Nb8 12.Nd4 Bg6 13.Bf3 N8d7 14.d6? White thought he was winning material, but instead he loses a pawn and gives Black a good position. Bxd6

15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Nc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Qh4+ 18.Kg1 Rxb7 19.a4 Nf6 This is necessary because 20.a5 would attack the knight on b6 which is defending the other knight on d7. 20.a5 Ng4 21.Bf4 Nc4 22.b3 Nd6 23.a6 Rb6 24.Nxa7 Rb4 25.Bg3 Qh5 26.Rc1 I am not really sure if this is the move he played. Please note that this game score may not be perfect, since I had to recall the entire game by memory. 26...Nf5 If I can eliminate the bishop, it will be mate on h2. 27.Bxc7 I didn't care about my queenside; I just wanted to mate him. But even with so many of my pieces in front of his king, I couldn't figure out how to do it. Rd4 28.Qf3 Rd7 29.Qf4 Nd4 30.Nab5 Ne6 31.Qg3 Nxc7



32.a7 [32.Nxc7 Rc8 (32...Rd3 33.Qf4 Rd4 34.Qg3 Rd3 draws.) 33.a7 Rd3 34.Qf4 Rd4 35.Qg3 Rd3 draws.] 32...Na8 32...Nxb5 33.Nxb5 Qxb5 34.Ra1 Ra8 35.Qxg4 wins. -Editor 33.Rfd1 Rxd1+ Not 33...Rfd8?? 34.Rxd7 Rxd7 35.Qb8 mating. 34.Rxd1 Bc2 35.Rd2 Bxb3 36.Qb8 h6 37.Rd8 Rxd8 38.Qxd8+ Kh7 39.Qb8 Still guarding the h2 square. After a few more moves that I could not recall, black lost on time. White had five seconds left on the clock. 1-0

PA Quick Championship Prizewinners

Quick - Open

Score	Name	Prize
5	Bailleau, Gerald A	\$100
5	Rivera, Omar	\$100
5	Milisits, Ryan R	\$100
3½	Guerrieri, Luis F	\$15
3½	Oxman, Ari M	\$15
3½	Gross, Ronald S	\$15

Quick - U1600

Score	Name	Prize
5½	Green, Kevin R	\$75
5½	Lowenthal, Joshua D	\$75
5	Blaise, Christopher S Jr	\$15
5	Siegele, Andrew B	\$15
5	Krumsky, Kameron L	\$15
5	Blakey, James K	\$15
4½	Kline, Joe C	\$25
4	Lichtenberg, Daniel J	\$10
4	Thomas, John F	\$25
4	Browne, Daniel R	\$10
4	Moore, Connor J	\$10

Quick - U1000

Score	Name	Prize
5½	Mc Carney, Jack S	1st Place
5	Bryant, Andrew M	2nd Place
5	Cramer, Maxwell R	3rd Place
4½	Denduluri, Praneeth	1st Place (Unrated)
4	Baliles, David W	1st Place (U600)
1	Coburn, Danny	2nd Place (Unrated)

The Return of the Carlisle Open

by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

Did you believe that the Carlisle Open was a new event? If you did, you may be surprised that it's not! In the mid 1990s, Richard Brown ran open swisses and quads at the Carlisle Plaza Mall, usually on the fourth Saturday of the month. While most were called the "4th Saturday Carlisle Open", the final event on September 28, 1996, was simply called the "Carlisle Open". The Harrisburg Chess Club was the sponsoring affiliate for those events. This year's revamped Carlisle Open would be sponsored by the PSCF.

The lineage of this event traces back to the Bloomsburg Open, which ran for over a decade. The purpose of the event is to have a tournament for players who are too old to play in a scholastic section. In recent years, the Bloomsburg Open was one of the largest open tournaments in Pennsylvania. Would that success continue in Carlisle?

The answer was yes! There was a record turnout, although the 80 entries were only four more than that took part in Bloomsburg. The players came from all over the commonwealth, which makes for interesting pairings and games. Also, unlike some tournaments, there were many people in each playing class.

I must report that the playing conditions were less than perfect. The lighting above the boards in the lower half of the tournament appeared to be inadequate. Also, the temperature in the room was far too hot. I saw the thermostat read 83 degrees at one point. For the first hour or so of each round, when most of the players were in the room, the conditions were sweltering. Water was provided, but it was not replenished until the beginning of the following round. Playing conditions did improve as games ended and people left the room.

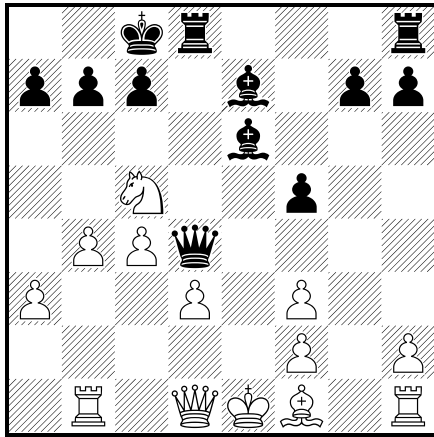
That did not stop the players from playing some pretty serious games! Last year's winner, FM Rodion Rubenchik, came in a three way tie for first this year, sharing the prize money and the six Grand Prix points with NM Omar Rivera and Gennadiy Geyler, who won the state collegiate championship. Each scored 4½ points and were awarded \$140. Rob Nicholson took home the second place collegiate trophy, with four points. His tiebreaks were better than Ari Oxman and Derek Fisher, who took third and fourth place collegiate, respectively. They, along with Ron Stone, pocketed \$80 for being the top U2000 and top U1800! David Stone won a hundred bucks for being the top U1600. Splitting the U1400 and winning \$20 each were Ludis Sics, William Sensenderfer, Marc Miller, David Wasiolek and Winn Jones Jr. Each scored three points. John Thomas, fresh off winning the U1200 section in the Liberty Bell Open, took the \$90 U1200 prize again, and he was rated only 724! He could be a Class C by the time you read this! Top U1000 were Daniel Woods and Jessica Fritzges, both winning \$45. The top unrateds had a plus score with three points; Vladimir Stoicescu and Michael Mylin both won \$40. The top collegiate team was Drexel University. The team roster was Gennadiy Geyler, Richard Skinnell, Michael Gorevoy, and Leonid Stavchanskiy. All had plus scores!

Robert Ferguson Jr. (1430) - Joseph Mucerino (2000)

[B01] Carlisle Open, Round 2, 2-28-04

Notes by Joe Mucerino

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6 Bxe6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.b3 Bc5 7.Bb2? Better is 7.Nf3, preventing Black's next move. Qd4 8.Qe2 Ne4 This is much better than 8...Ng4, because now 9.Nh3 is met by 9...Bxh3 9.Nxe4 The best move. 9.Qe3 Nxf2! 10.Kxf2 Qf6Qxb2 10.Qd1 Bb4 11.Nf3! White is trying to take away all of the queen's good flight squares. Nd4 12.Rb1 Now the pawn structure will be compromised. Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Taking with the queen drops a rook. Qd4 14.a3 Be7 Not 14...Bxa3? 15.b4 and 16.Qa4. 15.d3 0-0-0 16.b4 f5 17.Nc5



17...Bxc4! Now black crashes through 18.Rc1 Not 18.dxc4 Qc3 wins the queen. Bxc5 Threatening mate and clearing the e-file for the other rook at the same time. 19.bxc5 Rhe8+ 20.Be2 Bxd3 21.Rc2 Bxc2 22.Qxc2 Qa1+ 23.Qd1 Qxd1# 0-1

National Elementary Championships

By Dan Heisman

The National Elementary Championships, held in Pittsburgh in early April, drew 1,911 players from 42 states, including 563 school teams. It is interesting to note that although the tournament was in PA and 183 players from our state played, I counted only six (!) players from the most populous part of the state, the Philadelphia suburbs! One might speculate that it was because the tournament was in the western part of the state, but that is only partly the answer – most of these same players don't come to Philadelphia area events either. When I ask the school sponsors why they don't bring their kids to these events, the answer I usually get is something like "We aren't good enough" or "We aren't ready." Eventually it seems they are never good enough or ready, which is a shame since these kids are missing some of the most fun events they will ever play, with other kids who are just like them.

In the featured K-6 Championship/Open section the top three PA players did not disappoint. Tyler Lelis was one of the six co-champions with a 6-1 score, and newly titled expert Mark Heimann (the National 5th grade champion) and Gabriel Petesch were only half a point behind the champions at 5½-1½. Look for Tyler and Gabe to also make expert soon, if they have not already! The highest scoring PA school was Masterman of Philadelphia, which took 6th place. Reflecting the fact that eastern PA schools (except for Masterman) don't participate and western PA schools tend to represent clubs (which is not allowed at the Nationals), no other PA schools finished in the Top 25 despite our host status.

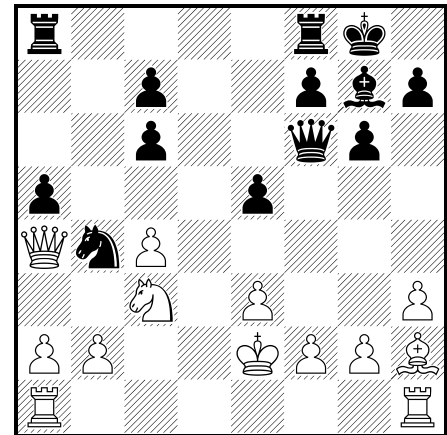
Mark's twin Alex Heimann played in the K-5 Championship section and scored a perfect 7-0! A great result for Alex and he will surely be following Mark into the expert ranks sooner rather than later. No PA School finished in the Top 35 in this section. In the K-3 Championship the top PA player was PA Primary Champion Hibiki Sakai, who scored a respectable 5-2, tying for 16th. Again no PA school finished in the Top 25, although Falk Elementary in Pittsburgh should be credited since their team was the highest in both K-5 and K-3. In the K-1 Championship the highest scoring PA representative was Andre Curtis.

M. Cornell (1556) - Alex Heimann (1820) [A48]

2004 National K-5 Chess Championship (6), 04.04.2004

Notes by Alex Heimann

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.c4 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.Nc3 Nh5 8.Bg5 Nf6 9.Bf4 Nd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Bh2 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Qa4 Nc5 I was expecting Qa3 in response since after Nd3+ Ke2 the knight has no where to go. I wasn't worried about Qxc6 because Nd3+ Kf1 and I can regain the pawn on b2 if I wanted. 16.Qc2 Nd3+ 17.Ke2 Nb4 18.Qd1 Qf6 19.Qa4 a5



[19...Nd3 20.Kxd3 Qxf2 this was an idea I considered during the game, but was unsure about the end and if ...Nd3 would give me an edge in all variations. I also had to consider Ne4 as an option instead of Kxd3; ...Qh4 seems to be a good response but I was unsure at the time. The text move avoided these complications, but isn't as strong.] 20.a3 Na6 Nd3 is an option still, but having avoided it earlier, I went with the text move. I wasn't too concerned about Qxa5 since Rfb8 will trap the White Queen on the side of the board for a while. 21.Ne4 Qe6 22.Rac1 f5 23.Nd2 Nc5 24.Qc2 e4 25.Bxc7 Rf7 26.Bh2 a4 this stops b4, which I wouldn't be exactly looking forward to in the present position. 27.Rhd1 Rd7 28.Rb1 Rd3 29.b3? This move loses, but White is getting low on time here (although he still had 20 minutes) and may have felt some pressure. 29...Rc3 30.Qa2 axb3 31.Nxb3 Qxc4+ ...and now after Ke1 (practically forced) Rc2 he is losing his Queen (and he can't even try Nd2 to counter attack since ...Qxa2). Black could also try Nd3+ after Ke1 and Rxd3 is practically forced and Black is still good. White has seen enough and ends the game here. 0-1

Bishop, Schneider, and Deckelbaum tie in Greater Philadelphia Jr. Invitational

By Dan Heisman

Maurice Bishop of Philadelphia, Kurt Schneider of Blue Bell, and Alan Deckelbaum of Gladwyne all tied for first at the 3rd annual Greater

Philadelphia Junior Invitational Chess Championship held March 20-21 at Waverly Heights Life Care Community Center in Gladwyne, PA. All three scored 3½ points in five rounds and were declared co-champions; they will each have their name inscribed on the Heisman-Shahade Trophy.

Going into the final round Bishop and Schneider were tied for first. Schneider was paired with Deckelbaum and Bishop with Doug Burgwin. However, Burgwin and Deckelbaum both were able to pull out the final round victories that resulted in Deckelbaum tying for first and Burgwin tying for fourth with Rory Wasiolek. Deckelbaum's final round victory over Schneider was likely the best game played in the event, as Alan pulled off a crushing kingside attack:

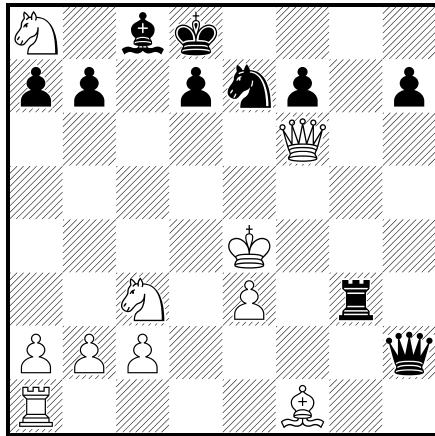
Alan Deckelbaum - Kurt Schnieder [C05]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Qb6 8.0-0 cxd4 9.cxd4 g6 10.Nb3 a5 11.a4 Bg7 12.Be3 0-0 13.Ng5 Nb4 14.Bb1 Qc6 15.Qg4 h6 16.Nxf7 Rxf7 17.Bxg6 Nf8 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.Qh5+ Kg8 20.Bxh6 Bxh6 21.Qxh6 Qc4 22.Rac1 Qxb3 23.Rc3 Qxa4 24.Qf6 Ng6 25.Rg3 1-0

This was just after Kurt had won the wildest game of the tournament in the 4th rd over Rory Wasiolek when Rory missed 17.Qd2! winning:

Kurt Schnieder - Rory Wasiolek [C45]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.Nb5 Bxe3 7.fxe3 Qh4+ 8.g3 Qxe4 9.Nxc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Qxh1 11.Qg4 Nge7 12.Nc3 Ne5 13.Qxg7 Nf3+ 14.Kf2 Rg8 15.Qf6 Qxh2+ 16.Kxf3 Rxc3+ 17.Ke4



17...Qxc2+ 18.Kd4 Qxb2 19.Rd1 Qb4+ 20.Bc4 b6 21.Nd5 1-0

All of these players have scored well in recent events. Kurt Schneider is a National Expert (a US Chess Federation title) and recently finished second in the PA High School Championship. Burgwin and Wasiolek had finished in a large tie for third at that event. Maurice Bishop is a two-time Greater Philadelphia High School Champion and had finished second in this event last year. Last year's winner, Mike Guber of Philadelphia, finished 7th. Burgwin's Conestoga High School teammate, Zach White, finished 6th and Roman Valerstein of Newtown rounded out the field.

This event invites the top six rated juniors in the Philadelphia area, plus the Greater Philadelphia High School Champion and the top eligible junior at the Philadelphia Championship. Dr. John F. Bayley of the host Main Line Chess Club was the principal organizer and raised the \$1,000 prize fund. Main Line Chess Club Vice President Dan Heisman was the tournament director. For more information, contact Dan Heisman, 610-649-0750

Wojtkiewicz Tops Field At Pittsburgh Open

Two tournament reports by Boyd M Reed and Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

The Pittsburgh Open was held March 12-14, 2004, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Coraopolis, PA. 176 players participated in the event conducted by the Continental Chess Association.

The Open section had 39 players, including six grandmasters. Tying for first at 4-1 were GM Aleks Wojtkiewicz, GM Giorgi Kacheishvili, GM Zviad Izoria, GM Alexander Stripunsky and NM Carl Boor (who won first place Under 2400). GM Igor Novikov, FM Richard Delaune and FM Andrew Karklins tied for fifth at 3½. Delaune and Karklins split second Under 2400 prize money.

Novikov and GM Alexander Shabalov were left out of the big prizes. Novikov, with White, agreed to a short draw with Stripunsky in round 4 on Sunday morning, leaving him at 3 points. However, this strategy backfired when Novikov received a virtually forced last-round pairing as black against Wojtkiewicz, who was on 3½ points.

Meanwhile, Shabalov's well-documented willingness to take risks cost him in round 4 against Izoria, who won the Liberty Bell Open before this event. Izoria, a recent arrival in the US, took the full point from Shabalov in the only decisive all-GM game. This compelled the three-time US Champion to withdraw and allowed the 20-year-old from the nation of Georgia to step into the winners' circle with a quick last-round draw against Kacheishvili.

As is customary at CCA tournaments, there was a blitz playoff for the title and a bonus prize between Wojtkiewicz and Kacheishvili, the top two after tiebreaks. Despite organizer Bill Goichberg's recent change in playoff time odds to 7-5 in favor of White, Kacheishvili preferred Black and draw odds. "Wojo" proved to be good enough to overcome the draw odds, flagging Kacheishvili in a won position for White.

Special mention should be made of Leroy Hill. Hill, a former Armed Forces champion, entered the Open section with a wallchart rating of 2075. Undeterred, the New Jersey resident scored 2.5 points against five masters with an average rating of 2382. This included an upset draw with Stripunsky in round 2. A complete list of prizewinners in all sections may be found below.

Those in attendance almost universally praised the site, citing the ambience and excellent on-site food options. GM Sam Palatnik was available for analysis and discussion all three days, and Larry Rust handled the books and equipment concession. Brenda Goichberg did her usual excellent job handling registrations, player questions and site issues. The CCA intends to organize another Pittsburgh Open for 2005, so watch www.chesstour.com for that information.

-Boyd M. Reed

For the first time since June 1997, the Continental Chess Association (CCA) ran a tournament in the Pittsburgh area. It was probably disappointed with the turnout in their return event. Apparently, the CCA was expecting the size of the event to be about the same as the Liberty Bell Open in Philadelphia (the smallest of the three big events at Adams Mark Hotel). The prize fund was based on 320 paid entries, with the U1000 and U800 players being counted as one-fifth of an entry, because they were charged a smaller entry fee since they were playing for trophies. Only 176 people took part in the event, and only the guaranteed minimum of 60% of the advertised prize fund was paid. It seemed that not many players traveled a great distance to attend the event, because most were from western Pennsylvania and Ohio. The

reason probably was that the event was scheduled for only five rounds, because the tournament was not held over a holiday weekend, but the CCA still charged its normal \$100 entry fee.

Those who did attend were probably impressed with the venue just as I was. The Embassy Suites is a mansion of a building that sits on top of a very large hill. Inside, there is a waterfall and a pond, complete with live trout. The hotel restaurant made special dinner entrees for the occasion, which included Bishop Burgers and Checkmate Chicken sandwiches. For only \$69 a night, you stay in a room that has separate living space and bedroom, two TV sets with VCRs, a microwave, microfridge, and a full complementary breakfast! Did you forget your toothbrush or need a razor blade? That is also provided complementary! However, they did not provide me with a rubber duck.

There was a five way tie for first in the open section, with Aleksander Wojtkiewicz winning a speed playoff game over Giorgi Kacheishvili. The other three who tied were Zviad Izoria, Alexander Stripunsky, and Carl Boor. Pittsburgh resident GM Alexander Shabalov took part, but withdrew after losing to Izoria in round four. Other people who were staying at the hotel, who knew I was a player because I was wearing my gray "Chess" T-shirt, were quite impressed when I told them that the Champion of the United States was taking part!

In the small, twelve player U2200 section, there were four co-winners, with three coming from Pennsylvania: Nabil Feliachi, Charlie Leach, Mark Heimann, and Mark Coleman of Maryland split the prizes. Greg Yoest was the undisputed winner of the U1600 section with 4½ points and Samuel Lamonto of Camp Hill made the trip worthwhile as he won the U1400 section with the same score.

-Joseph C. Mucerino, Jr.

PITTSBURGH OPEN
March 12-14, 2004 · Coraopolis, PA

OPEN 1st-5th: Aleks Wojtkiewicz, Giorgi Kacheishvili, Zviad Izoria, Alexander Stripunsky, Carl Boor (*1st place U2400*), 4. 6th-8th: Igor Novikov, Richard Delaune, Andrew Karklins (*last two 2nd place U2400*), 3½.

U2200 1st-4th: Feliachi Nabil, Charlie Leach, Mark Coleman, Mark Heimann, 3½. 5th-6th: Rob Nicholson, Matthew Russell, 3.

U2000 1st: Paul Maginley, 4½. 2nd: Timothy Holman, 4. 3rd-4th: Paul Kanis, Edward Borden, 3½. 5th-9th: Steve Willard, Tyler Lelis, Rick Neuenschwander, Craig Walrath, Alexander Heimann, 3.

U1800 1st-2nd: Byron Funkhouser, Brad Heilman, 4½. 3rd-4th: Ari Oxman, Keith Melbourne, 4. 5th-6th: Michael Yang, Joseph Klutz, 3½.

U1600 1st: Greg Yoest, 4½. 2nd: Matthew Barbara, 4. 3rd-6th: Stephen Dygert, Eric Berthoud, Federico Garcia, Gary Price, 3½.

U1400 1st: Samuel Lamonto, 4½. 2nd: Andrew Zinn, 4. 3rd-4th: Joseph Mattis, James Willoughby, 3½. 5th-7th: De Wayne Van Horn, Dima Chernyak, Shelby Lohrman, 3.

U1200 1st: John Spooone, 4½. 2nd: Jason Willson, 4. 3rd-5th: Patrick Corrigan, Phillip Shearer, Daniel Woods, 3½.

U1000 1st: Jonathan Dokler, 4½. 2nd: Priyanka Seshadri, 4. 3rd-6th: Ron Townsend, Andrew Evans, Thomas King, Jocelyn Hong, 3. 7th-8th: William Hoppmann, William Bell, 2½.

U800 1st: Sean Parli, 4½. 2nd: Evan Parry, 4. 3rd: Josiah Welker, 3½. 4th-5th: Christopher Dokler, John Yeager, 3. 6th-7th: Tyler George, Brandon Stalnaker, 2½. 8th: Samuel Potter, 1½.

Alex Wojtkiewicz (2675) - Bryan Smith (2346) [A40]
Pittsburgh Open (3), 13.03.2004

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 c5 4.e4 Qa5+ 5.Nc3 d6 6.d5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Qxc3+ 8.Bd2 Qg7 9.Qc1 Nd7 10.Bd3 f6 11.0-0 g5 12.Bc3 Ne5 13.Nxe5 fxe5 14.f4 gxf4 15.Qxf4 Nf6 16.Qd2 0-0 17.Rae1 Bg4 18.Re3 Nh5 19.Rb1 b6 20.Qe1 Rf3 21.Bf1 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Rf8 23.Qe1 Nf4 24.Rb2 Qg6 25.Rf2 Rf7 26.Qe3 h5 27.Be1 h4 28.h3 Bd7 29.Kh2 Rg7 30.Rb2 Qh5 31.Qf2 Rg3 32.Rb3 Rxb3 33.axb3 Ng6 34.Bd2 Qh7 35.Bg5 a5 36.Be2 a4 37.bxa4 Qf7 38.Qe1 e6 39.Bh5 exd5 40.cxd5 Bxa4 41.Bxh4 Qh7 42.Bxg6 Qxg6 43.Qe2 b5 44.Be1 b4 45.Bd2 Bc2 46.Bxb4 Qxe4 47.Qxe4 Bxe4 48.Ba5 Kf7 49.g4 Bxd5 50.h4 Be4 51.h5 d5 52.Kg3 d4 53.g5 c4 54.Kg4 c3 55.g6+ Kf6 56.Bd8+ Ke6 57.Bg5 c2 58.Bd2 Kf6 59.Bg5+ Kg7 60.Bc1 Bxg6 and eventually drawn. ½-½

Cristian Dimitriu (2397) - Carl Boor(2234) [B23]
Pittsburgh Open (4), 14.03.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.g3 b5 4.Bg2 Bb7 5.d3 g6 6.f4 f5 7.Nf3 b4 8.Nb1 Nf6 9.e5 Nd5 10.e6 d6 11.Qe2 Bg7 12.Nbd2 Nc6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Nc4 Rf6 15.Bd2 Nc7 16.Ng5 h6 17.Nb6 hxg5 18.fxg5 Rxe6 19.Bd5 Nd4 20.Bxe6+ Ncxe6 0-1

Andrew Karklins - Alexander Shabalov [B33]
Pittsburgh Open (2), 13.03.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nab1 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nd5 0-0 12.b4 Be6 13.Nbc3 Rc8 14.a3 Ne7 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.exd5 Qc7 18.c4 bxc4 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Rxc4 Rxc4 21.Bxc4 a5 22.0-0 axb4 23.Qg4+ Ng6 24.Rb1 f5 25.Qxf5 Qd4 26.Rxb4 Qa1+ 27.Bf1 Qxa3 28.Rg4 Rb8 29.h4 Qa1 30.h5 Rb1 31.Qc8+ Kg7 32.Qc4 Rc1 33.Qb5 Rb1 34.Qc4 Rc1 35.Qb5 ½-½

Kenneth Pestka - Mike Holsinger [B21]
Pittsburgh Open U1600 (4), 03.2004

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d5 3.e5 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 f5 7.d3 Nge7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Ng6 10.Bh5 Kd7 11.c3 Be7 12.Qa4 Nh4 13.Be3 g5 14.Nd2 Rg8 15.Nb3 gxf4 16.Bxc5 Rxc5+ 17.Kh1 Qg8 18.Bf3 Qg3 19.Bg1 Qxh3+ 0-1

Jorge Amador - Jean-Paul Lamanter [A02]
Pittsburgh Open (5), 03.2004

1.f4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.Nc3 d6 8.e4 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.g4 b4 11.Ne2 Nd7 12.Qe1 a5 13.g5 a4 14.Rb1 b3 15.cxb3 axb3 16.a3 Ba6 17.Qd1 Qb6 18.Be3 Qb5 19.Nc1 Nd4 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.Nd2 Nc5 22.Rf3 Rfc8 23.Bf1 Qb6 24.h4 Qc7 25.Ndxb3 Nxb3 26.Nxb3 Qc2 27.Qxc2 Rxc2 28.Na5 Rxb2 29.Rxb2 Rxb2 30.Nc6 Kf8 31.Nb4 Bb5 32.Rf2 Rb3 33.Rc2 Rc3 34.Ra2 Ba4 35.Nd5 Rb3 36.Rc2 Rb5 37.Rc4 Bb3 38.Rb4 Rxb4 39.Nxb4 Ke8 40.Kf2 Kd8 41.Ke2 Kc7 42.Kd2 Kb6 43.Bh3 e6 44.Kc1 h6 45.Kb2 Ba4 46.Nc2 Bxc2 47.Kxc2 hxg5 48.hxg5 Bf8 49.f5 exf5 50.exf5 gxf5 51.Bxf5 Bg7 ½-½

Joe Mucerino - Faris Gabbara [D12]
Pittsburgh Open (5), 03.2004

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bd6 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Nf6 12.Qh4 Be7 13.b3 Qa5 14.Qg5 Qc3 15.Bd2 Qd3 16.Ne5 Qxd4 17.Qxg7 Rf8 18.Nf3 Qd3 19.Be3 0-0-0 20.Bxa7 Rg8 21.Qxf7 Rxc2+ 22.Kxg2 Rg8+ 23.Qxg8+ Nxg8 24.Rfd1 Qf5 25.h3 Nf6 26.Be3 Ng4 27.Bb6 e5 28.Re1 e4 29.Nd2 Nf6 30.Be3 Bb4 31.Rad1 Nd7 32.Rf1 Ne5 33.a3 Bxd2 34.Rxd2 Nf3 35.Rdd1 Qg6+ 36.Kh1 Qh5 37.Kg2 Nh4+ 38.Kg3 Nf5+ 39.Kf4 Qf3+ 40.Ke5 Kc7 41.c5 Ne7

42.Rg1 Qf5+ 43.Kd4 Nd5 44.Rg7+ Kb8 45.Rdg1 Nc7 46.Rg8+ Ka7 47.a4 Qd5+ 48.Kc3 Qd3+ 49.Kb2 Nd5 50.R8g3 Qc3+ 51.Ka3 Qb4+ 52.Kb2 Nc3 53.Bd2 Nxa4+ 54.Kc2 Qxc5+ 55.Rc3 Qxf2 56.Ra1 b5 57.bxa4 b4 58.Re3 c5 59.Rae1 c4 60.R1e2 Qf8 and White won. 1-0

Lawrence Jones - Ezra Jampole [A80]

Pittsburgh Open U1800 (4), 03.2004

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nbd2 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.c4 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Qd7 10.Rb1 a5 11.a4 Na6 12.b3 Nb4 13.Rc1 Rab8 14.c5 dxc5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.Nc4 Qe7 18.Rc3 Rd8 19.Nfd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 f4 21.Rf3 fxg3 22.hxg3 Rxf3 23.exf3 Nd3 24.Re2 Qg5 25.Kg1 Qxg3+ 0-1

Kevin Noren - Igor Novikov [B52]

Pittsburgh Open (1), 03.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0-0 Ngf6 6.Qe2 e6 7.b3 g6 8.c3 Bg7 9.d4 0-0 10.Bf4 Qc7 11.Na3 Qc6 12.Rfe1 Rfe8 13.Rac1 a6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Bg3 dxe5 16.dxe5 Bh6 17.Rc2 b5 18.Qe4 Ne7 19.Qg4 Nf5 20.Bf4 Bg7 21.Rd2 Qc7 22.c4 b4 23.Nc2 Rad8 24.Rde2 h6 25.h4 Nb8 26.Re4 Nc6 27.Bh2 Rd3 28.Qf4 Red8 29.g4 Nxh4 30.Nxh4 g5 31.Qc1 gxh4 32.g5 hxg5 33.Qxg5 Qe7 34.Qh5 Nd4 35.Ne3 f5 36.exf6 Qxf6 37.Rf4 Qh6 38.Qf7+ Kh8 39.Ng4 Qg5 40.Kh1 Rf8 41.Qxf8+ Bxf8 42.Rxf8+ Kg7 43.Rc8 Qxg4 44.Rg1 Rd1 0-1

Thomas Magar - Robert O'Donnell [E41]

Pittsburgh Open (2), 03.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Bd3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nc6 7.Ne2 d6 8.0-0 e5 9.e4 h6 10.f3 0-0 11.Be3 b6 12.d5 Ne7 13.Qd2 Ng6 14.Ng3 Re8 15.Rae1 Nh7 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.exf5 Ngf8 18.Qc2 Nd7 19.Qb3 Kh8 20.Qa3 Ng5 21.Qb3 f6 22.h4 Nf7 23.Be4 Rb8 24.Rb1 Qc8 25.Qc2 Nf8 26.g4 Nh7 27.Qd2 Re7 28.Kf2 Qa6 29.Rb5 Qa4 30.Qe2 a6 31.Rb3 b5 32.Rfb1 Reb7 33.R3b2 b4 34.cxb4 Rxb4 35.Bc2 Rxb2 36.Rxb2 Qe8 37.Ba4 Qd8 38.Rxb8 Qxb8 39.Qc2 Nf8 40.Bd2 Qc7 41.Bc6 Nd7 42.Qa4 Nb8 43.Qa5 Qc8 44.Qb6 Nd8 45.Be8 Nb7 46.Bf7 Nd7 47.Qc6 1-0

Thomas Magar - Joe Mucerino [A57]

Pittsburgh Open (4), 03.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3 axb5 6.e4 b4 7.Nb5 d6 8.Bc4 Nbd7 9.Nf3 Nb6 10.Bd3 Ba6 11.Qe2 Qc8 12.b3 g6 13.Bb2 Bg7 14.Nc7+ Qxc7 15.Bxa6 0-0 16.Bb5 Nbd7 17.0-0 Ra5 18.Ba4 Nb6 19.Bc6 Nbd7 20.Nd2 Nb8 21.Ba4 Nbd7 22.Nc4 Ra7 23.Bc6 1/2-1/2

More games from the tournament will appear in the next issue.

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U.S. Amateur Team East

PARSIPPANY, NJ - More details have come in since the previous issue. The state champion, IM Stanislav Kriventsov, played on the top board for the winning team, DEAN IPPOLITO LLC. His teammates were Dean Ippolito, Mike Bernshteyn, and Scott Lalli. AWED AND SHOCKED (Paul Fielding, Jeffrey Faust, Frederic Kurrasch, and Scott Stoudt) took a piece of 5th-13th. The top U1700 team was NO SNOW DEFENSE (Bruce Schmauch, Ronald Tomasko, Allan Messinger, and Lawrence Nemeth). MASTERBEATERS (Ira Weiner, Peter Greene, Ryan Lutz and Lee Boland) took the U1600 prize for Pennsylvania as

well. BOEING HELICOPTER (Donald Quiring, Arthur Ellis, Iosif Sandler and Nicholas Strauss) flew away with the Top Company Team prize. Finally, the Old Timers Trophy was, once again, won by THE OLD CHESSNUTS (Robert Hux, William Duley, Rafael Cintron, and Roy Eikerenkoetter). Congratulations to all of the winners!

The real Bill Gates (not the Microsoft one) sent us his draw with top-ten scholastic player Austin Wang:

Austin Wang - Bill Gates [C44]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 Nxd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.Qxd4 d6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Qxg7 Bf6 8.Qg3 Ne7 9.Bc4 Rg8 10.Qf3 Rg6 11.h3 Bxc3+ 12.Qxc3 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Qh8+ Kd7 15.Qxh7 Qg8 16.Qxg8 Rxe4+ 17.Be3 Rxe8 18.Ke2 Nd5 19.Kf3 Rge8 20.Rhe1 Nb4 21.Re2 Nd5 22.Rd1 c6 23.Rde1 a6 24.Bd2 Rxe2 25.Rxe2 Rxe2 26.Kxe2 Ke6 27.f4 f5 28.Kf3 b5 29.g4 c5 30.Kg3 Nf6 31.Be3 c4 32.a3 d5 33.Bd4 a5 34.Bxf6 Kxf6 35.g5+ Kg6 36.Kf3 d4 37.Ke2 a4 38.Kd2 Kh5 39.Kd1 Kg6 40.Kc1 Kh5 41.Kb1 Kg6 42.Ka2 Kh5 43.b3 Kg6 44.Kb2 Kh5 45.bxc4 bxc4 1/2-1/2

3rd Annual Knights of Columbus

DUBOIS - Fifty-seven people came from near and far to attend this free, four-round unrated event. This tournament has several sponsors that make the event possible. The sponsors provide a free entry fee for all of the players, the 14 trophies and one plaque that were up for grabs, free food, and raffle prizes for youngsters.

Players were divided into three sections by age: under 12, ages 12-16, and 17 and over. The winners, respectfully, were Mark Ignaczak, Alex Kruckman, and your roving reporter. The two youth sections did not play with clocks. The adults, except for the few who did not want to use clocks, played G/30 for the first three rounds, and G/45 for the final round.

The top board in the last round saw this game:

Joseph Mucerino (2000) - John Caliguire (1830) [A46]

3rd Annual Knights of Columbus, 3-20-04, Round 4, G/45

Notes by Joe Mucerino

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c6 3.c3 d5 4.Bf4 Qb6 5.Qc2? Stupid because Black will drive the queen away with ...Bf5 at some point. **g6 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.e3** Not 7.e4? dxe4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Qxe5 Bf5 and the queen cannot return to defend the pawn on b2. **Bf5 8.Qb3 0-0 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Nh5 11.Bg5 Rfe8 12.Qa3 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Rxe5 15.Nf3 Ree8 16.Nd4 Bf8 17.Qb3 h6?** Poor tactics. This loses a pawn. **18.Bxh6 Bxh6 19.Nxf5 gxf5 20.Bxh5 f4 21.exf4 Bxf4 22.Qd1 Qd8??** This should lose the game. Black is still in business after 22...Qc7, protecting both the bishop and the pawn on f7. **23.Qf3** White gets nothing out of 23.Qg4 Qg5, which apparently was the point behind black's last move. **Re5?** Black wants to answer 24.Qxf4 with 24...Rhx5. Not a bad idea, but there is a flaw with it. **24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qxf4+ Ke6?** I can understand why black did not want to trade queens with 25...Qf6, but this is the best way to resist the inevitable. **26.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1+ Kd7 28.Qf7+ Kd6 29.b4** Black's king cannot escape now. **d4 30.Re6+ Kd5 31.Re8+ 1-0**

PA G/29 Championship

PITTSBURGH - Due to the success of the PA G/30 Championship last year, and because of his determination to create every kind of conceivable state title, a brainstorm of Tom Martinak's came up with this event. And it's a good thing too, because this event was just as popular as the G/30, with 32 players taking part in the open section, and 40 in the scholastic. At stake were \$690 in the open section, 27 scholastic trophies, 3 team trophies, and medals for each member of the winning team.

2004 Pennsylvania State Game/29 Chess Championships - Open Section Pittsburgh - March 28, 2004

#	Name	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Magar, Thomas P	PITT	2031	2039	W10	W21	W6	W3	D2	4½	\$200 + PA Game/29 Champion
2	Meigs, Donald J		1857	1898	W24	W5	W4	H-	D1	4	\$50
3	Mucerino, Joseph J Jr	PSUCC	1851	1863	W18	W12	W8	L1	W7	4	\$50
4	Milisits, Ryan R	ALLDR	2137	2131	W14	W11	L2	W21	W9	4	\$50
5	Oxman, Ari M	PITT	1714	1727	W28	L2	W22	W10	W8	4	\$80
6	Sher, Mikhail		1826	1836	W32	W20	L1	W12	W11	4	\$50
7	Green, Kevin R	ALLDR	1610	1665	W31	D13	W15	W9	L3	3½	\$70
8	Berthoud, Kevin F	SPAWN	1778	1759	W16	W26	L3	W14	L5	3	
9	Petes, Gabriel N		1922	1908	W25	W19	W13	L7	L4	3	
10	Peltzman, Alan	PSUCC	1385/10	1410/15	L1	W25	W20	L5	W23	3	\$60 + 1st Place U1400
11	Lelis, Tyler		1836	1824	W29	L4	W24	W18	L6	3	
12	Berthoud, Eric A	SPAWN	1502	1506	W23	L3	W31	L6	W19	3	
13	Vaserstein, Gregory L	PSUCC	1792	1776	W22	D7	L9	D15	W18	3	
14	Sakai, Hibiki	PITT	1343	1364	L4	W16	W26	L8	W20	3	
15	Szurek, James E		1578	1598	H-	W17	L7	D13	W22	3	
16	Permigiani, Ted	ALLDR	1172	1254	L8	L14	W28	D17	W30	2½	\$50 + 1st Place U1200
17	Kirk, Daniel Elmer		1785/15	1704/20	L19	L15	W30	D16	W27	2½	
18	Barry, Herbert III	PITT	1301	1316	L3	W29	W23	L11	L13	2	2nd Place U1400
19	Haskins, Larry D		1163	1222	W17	L9	L21	W26	L12	2	2nd Place U1200
20	Tucker, Hal N		1062	1091	B-	L6	L10	W24	L14	2	\$40 + 1st Place U1000
21	Clary, Earl Jr		1600	1601	W27	L1	W19	L4	U-	2	
22	Elfrink, John F		1192/20	1202/25	L13	W28	L5	W31	L15	2	3rd Place U1400
23	Marnik, Stephen E	TTHRT	Unr	1212/05	L12	W32	L18	W25	L10	2	
24	Mc Cord, Alec K		1337	1312	L2	W27	L11	L20	W31	2	
25	Kennedy, Tia	SPAWN	1084/15	1085/20	L9	L10	D29	L23	W32	1½	3rd Place U1200
26	Curtis, David		984	969	X30	L8	L14	L19	D28	1½	2nd Place U1000
27	Woods, Daniel S	PITT	994	1020	L21	L24	D32	W29	L17	1½	3rd Place U1200 Medal
28	Rajgopal, Prem		1031	1003	L5	L22	L16	B-	D26	1½	3rd Place U1200 Medal
29	Rosso, Jack W	FRTCH	1044	1014	L11	L18	D25	L27	B-	1½	3rd Place U1200 Medal
30	Kennedy, Kevin R	TTHRT	1487/21	1456/24	F26	H-	L17	W32	L16	1½	
31	Marnik, James R	TTHRT	915/10	897/14	L7	B-	L12	L22	L24	1	3rd Place U1000
32	Berthoud, Kent	FRTCH	1203	1140	L6	L23	D27	L30	L25	½	

If your last name began with the letter "M", then you were a favorite to win the open section. The four highest rated players were, using quick ratings, Ryan Milisits, PA G/30 champ Tom Magar, your roving reporter, and Donald Meigs in that order. The "M"s all won their first two games, although I had difficulty in both of them. Round 3 saw the first "M-M" pairing, with Meigs upsetting Milisits with black, and the other two "M"s winning again. Meigs took a half point bye in round four, setting up the Magar-Mucerino pairing, which Tom won. Gabriel Petesch, who was tied for first after three rounds, lost to the comebacking Milisits. In the final round, Magar held Meigs to a draw to win another state title. Milisits and myself also won, and we joined Meigs, Ari Oxman, and Mikhail Sher in a five way tie for second place with four points.

The scholastic section saw Vladimir Stoicescu cruise to a 5-0 victory, and again there were five players tied for second with four points. In tiebreak order they were: Shane Barrett, Christopher Zentner, Nicholas Marnik, Nicholas Polka, and Shawn Gannon. Team trophies were also awarded, and a team could be comprised of players in either section. The winning team was Penn State University Chess Club with 16 points, over Taylor Allderdice High School's 14.5 and the University of Pittsburgh Chess Club's 13.5. Wearing medals around their neck on the winning team were Gregory Vaserstein, Alan Peltzman, Stoicescu, Zentner, and your author.

West Chester Chess Club Championship

WEST CHESTER - The West Chester Chess Club is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and by tradition, the club championship took place in February and early March. Breaking with tradition was the fact that the tournament changed its format from a round robin to a five

round swiss system tournament (most of the events the club currently runs are four round, one game a week, swisses). Defending champion Mel Ross had a horrible tournament and was never in contention. Yours truly succeeded him as the winner, winning the tournament at the first attempt with 4½ points, conceding a quick draw in the last round to Jim White in the last round to secure the title. (*The Editor was at the club for the final round. Unfortunately he blinked and missed Joe's game. -Ed.*) Charles Jay, who is currently playing the best chess of his life, finished in second place with 4 points, losing only to the winning in the first round. The club meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm, after changing the day they meet on from Wednesday sometime last year.

Philadelphia Championship

PHILADELPHIA - We received word as we are going to press that GM Aleksander Wojtkiewicz won the Philadelphia Championship Tournament, held May 1-2. We will have a full report in the next issue by Tournament Director Dan Heisman.

ALEX'S COLUMN by FIDE-Master Alex Dunne DOS HERMANAS 2004

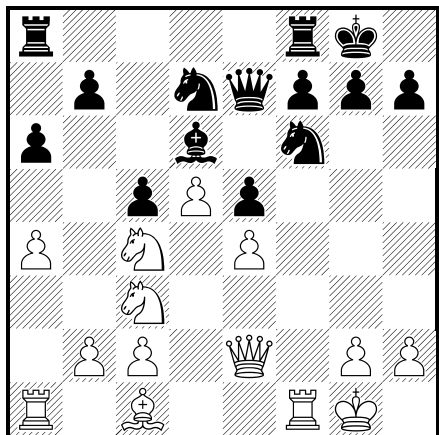
Every year the Internet Chess Club sponsors a qualifying tournament to play with the greats at Dos Hermanas. This year over 100 GM's tried to qualify, and, of course, I played too, and though I didn't qualify, I had a lot of fun playing some guys with high ELOs. Here is the final round.

Alex Dunne- lapti [A44]

ICC Dos Hermanas (9), 11.03.2004

1.d4 e5 2.d5 e5 The Czech Benoni. The main drawback to this

opening is that the c4 square is available for a White Knight. **3.e4 d6 4.f4 Nf6?! Black has to take the f4 Pawn and fight for the e5 square. 5.fx e5 dx e5 6.Nc3 a6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bd6 9.a4 0-0 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Nd2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Qe7 13.Nc4 Diagram**



Black's game is passive and restricted; White has a technically won game. **13...Ne8 14.Be3 Rb8 15.Rf3 Nc7 16.a5 b5?! Understandably Black seeks some kind of active play, but the result is just the weakening of Black's queenside Pawn structure. 17.axb6 Nxb6 18.Na5 Qd7 19.Nc6 Rbe8 20.Raf1 Nc8 21.Na4 Nb5 22.c3 Nca7 23.Nxc5 Bxc5 24.Bxc5 Nxc6 25.dxc6 Qxc6 26.Bxf8 Rxf8 27.Qd3 White has a simple win as Black has no post for his Knight and no compensation for the exchange. 27...Nd6 28.Qd5 Qxd5 29.exd5 f6 30.b3 Rb8 31.c4 Kf7 32.Ra1 Rb6? 1-0**

Chess In Centuries Past By Ross Nickel

The Central YMCA in Philadelphia closed in 2003 after being open for more than a century. Years ago it had a chess club, although it was a weak one. On January 1st, 1950, it sponsored a simultaneous exhibition by International Master AI Horowitz.

Israel "AI" Horowitz was considered to be among the top half-dozen chess players in the United States at that time. He was the only high-level American player able to make a living entirely from chess activities. In addition to playing, lecturing, and giving simultaneous displays, he edited *Chess Review* magazine, published books, and was editor of the chess column in the *New York Times*.

He arrived for this simul dressed nattily in a business suit accompanied by his wife. Mrs. Horowitz smoked cigarettes in a holder - to a twelve-year old me this made her seem exotic-looking. Horowitz was introduced to the crowd by local chess maven Isaac Ash, the chess columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. If my memory is correct, it cost 50 cents to play against Horowitz.

The only noteworthy feature of the exhibition was its finish. After about 20 moves, Mr. Ash announced the Horowitzs had to catch a train back to New York so all the remaining games would be adjudicated. When they got to my game, Horowitz described his advantage and how he would proceed. Ash then gave his pronouncement, which was a win for White. I meekly disagreed, to no avail.

Israel Horowitz - Ross Nickel [C25]

Simultaneous, Central YMCA, 01.01.1950
 1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 e5 3.f4 exf4 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Be7 6.Bxf4 Bg4 7.Bb5 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Na5 10.0-0 Nxb3 11.axb3 Nf6 12.Qd3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3

0-0 14.e5 dx e5 15.dxe5 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Ne8 17.Rad1 Qc8 18.Ne4 Bb6 19.Qg3 Qe6 Adjudicated a win for White by Isaac Ash.

As I look over the game today, 54 years later, I admit that I would prefer having White's position. However, adjudication is an unsatisfying way to conclude the event, with several uncompleted games.

Herbert Simon and the Pittsburgh Chess Club By Frank Cunliffe

Herb Simon was a multi-talented CMU professor whose research on Artificial Intelligence resulted in him winning the Turing Award, the top award for Computer Science since the Nobel Prize is not awarded in the CS field. (And speaking of fields and prizes, there's got to be a bad Mathematics pun in here somewhere; the top Mathematical award is the Field's Medal.) Simon also won a Nobel for Economics. I recently read his autobiography*, which contained the following passage:

"Time is the tyrant. One cannot be loyal to two occupations any more than one can to two lovers. Whenever I found that one of my hobbies was seriously taking attention from my research, I dropped it. That happened to chess, and then painting, in the late 1950s. In both cases, I found that I was aspiring to professional competence, which obviously would have required an unlimited commitment. It was time to call a halt. It probably says something about my competitiveness that I often found myself getting serious about activities that were begun as diversions.

"I spent two years in somewhat serious chess play as a high school student. The city recreation department [of Milwaukee] provided chess-playing facilities in the evening. There I met Arpad Elo, the man responsible for the universally used chess rating system that tells whether a player is a master, an expert, or only an A player. (I never got beyond an A rating.) One evening I played Elo and lost as usual, playing White in the Giuoco Piano. When I got home, I reanalyzed the game and found that I could have beaten him easily if I had made the correct aggressive move with my Bishop -- on the seventh move, I believe. The next evening I pointed this out to him. "Oh," he said, "but our game was last night."

"Wisely, I gave up serious chess in college. Three of us did play a consultation game against Edward Lasker when he visited the campus, and beat him. May years later, I showed him the score of the game, and he ruefully pointed out where he had made his blunder. Chess remained on the back burner until we began work on the NSS program. Then I began to play regularly at the Pittsburgh Chess Club to raise the level of my sophistication, using the research as my excuse.

"Soon I was playing in the city tournament, with a rating of 1833 that was rising fairly rapidly. I even beat the strongest player in the city at that time. (He was overconfident against a weaker player and tried for a win when he should have been satisfied with a draw.) Then I began to feel the juices of competitiveness rising within me, and dropped my chess at once. I could not have maintained the pace unless I devoted at least one or two days a week to the game."

A search of late-1950s *En Passants* reveals two crosstables of events Simon played in. The first was the 1958 Metro, in which he finished in

* *Models of my Life: The Remarkable Autobiography of the Nobel Prize Winning Social Scientist and Father of Artificial Intelligence* by Herbert A. Simon c1991 Basic Books, A Division of Harper Collins Publishers Pages 241-242

31st place out of 38 with a score of 1½-4½. Among his games were losses to Bert and Shapiro. The other was the 1958 Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship:

L1	Bornholz	8-3
W2	Byland	8-3
D3	Waltz	7½-3½
L4	Foreman	6½-4½
L5	Spitzer	6-5
L6	Henry	6-5
L7	McClellan	5½-5½
D8	Marshall	5-6
-9	Simon	4½-6½
D10	Lubell	4-7
W11	Riley	3-8
W12	Witalis	2-9

Poetic Injustice

By Neil Brennen and Nelson Abbott

The game of Chess direct, is nothing new.
The game *in-verse* perhaps will answer too...

So began a mock-epic poem in the *Philadelphia Evening Bulletin's* chess column of November 16, 1861. Chess and poetry have a long history together. Chess references appear in the verse of such poets as William Shakespeare and T. S. Eliot, among others, and the Royal Game has been the subject of many fine poems by lesser poets. Even the goddess of chess, Caissa, is not to be found in the classical pantheon of deities, but instead is from an 18th century epic poem.

Chess and poetry have another, perhaps deeper, connection to each other as well. Unfortunately playing chess well and writing great poetry are both rare talents, and no law prevents the untalented from attempting either. As a consequence we have a literature of amateur chess poetry by amateur chess players. And just as chessplayers at the local club will smile tolerantly at the missed checkmate or the tactical blunder in an amateur contest, so the reader gives a wry smile at chess doggerel

But the line must be drawn somewhere. The latest issue of *Empire Chess*, the magazine of the New York State Chess Association, has brought chess poetry to a new low with the publication of so-called "chess haiku". The haiku, a complex and evocative three line poem of Japanese origin, has been stripped of what makes it poetry and has been reduced to carrying mere technical details about the movement of the pieces and the rules of the game. An example or two from *Empire Chess'* anthology of horrors:

Knight (not a horsey)
Two steps over and one up
It cannot be blocked.

Bishop stays on color
Moves diagonally only
One white and one black

Such an outpouring of poetical emotions on the part of the haikuist is rarely seen. Truly this poem is touched, in every sense of the word, with the same delicate sense of atmosphere and feeling for words shown by the immortal Emmiline Grangerford in her Ode to Stephen Dowling Bots Deceased, a lament for a little boy who fell into a well: "They pulled him out and emptied him/Alas! it was too late"

This display of haiku-abuse prompted one of the co-authors of this article, Nelson Abbott, to tackle writing a chess haiku. *The Pennswoodpusher* believes Mr. Abbott's verse stands as the final example of chess haiku the world ever needs to read:

Chess, a lovely game
But subject of verse? No way!
Death to chess haiku!

Editorial: Praeder and Bauer for USCF Executive Board by Neil Brennen

We've all heard about the current difficulties the United States Chess Federation finds itself in. And, frankly, we've grown tired of hearing about it. The same chess politicians are endlessly recycled back into office after squandering money and resources during their previous terms. The USCF membership is assured in a cover story in *Chess Life* that the "bad people" are all gone, and all is now right. And then the cycle of blame and waste is repeated, with the same people rising to power each time. after leaving New Windsor in shame. (Don Schultz's political career has had more resurrections than Jesus Christ.) If USCF has ever needed a change, it is now.

The two candidates I urge you to vote for, Randy Bauer of Iowa and Wayne Praeder of Pennsylvania, are very different from each other. Mr. Bauer is an over-the-board master and a well-known chess writer. Mr. Praeder is an amateur player and makes no money from chess. Yet both candidates share a desire to impose good governance practices on the USCF. Bauer is a Budget Director for the State of Iowa, and Praeder works for a private firm handling IT services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - so both are used to being held accountable for their actions. And more importantly, they are used to working in the public sector, for the public, as opposed to working for their private ends. What a change from standard USCF practices!

For more detail on the views and objectives of the candidates, see their campaign statements in *Chess Life*. In addition, Wayne Praeder has a website <http://members.aol.com/betteruscf/>, and there is an online discussion of Randy Bauer's candidacy at the Iowa State Chess Assoc. website: <http://www.iowachess.org/election2004/bauer.htm> with information about himself, his campaign, and his views on good governance. I suggest all USCF members read the candidates statements, consider their past performance, and vote their conscience.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Neil,
Congratulations on the Cambridge Springs article in the March 2004 issue of *The Pennswoodpusher* - it was excellentLasker is my all-time favorite, so appreciated his games in the Cambridge Springs write-up also. Keep up the good work - information and games from these old-time tournaments have a special charm; I especially like the fact that there is a more varied array of openings; I'm getting tired of endless Sicilians in Chess Life.

Best wishes,
Durwood Hatch

Mr. Hatch was PSCF Rapid-Transit Champion in 1957 and 1958, and until the 1990s he was a fixture in PSCF Championship tournaments. He also was the PSCF's first scholastic chess player, playing in the 1943 PSCF Championship at age 17, and later promoted collegiate chess with the PSCF. Since scholastic chess is the theme of this issue, here is an example of Durwood's play from 1944. Just prior to his entering the Army Air Force, the high-school student from Altoona

visited the Pittsburgh Chess Club and played William Byland:

Durwood Hatch - William Byland [A09]

Offhand Game, Pittsburgh Chess Club, January 1944

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Na3 c5 4.Nxc4 Nc6 5.g3 f6 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3
 Be6 8.b3 Nge7 9.Ba3 Nd5 10.Rc1 b5 11.Ncd2 Qb6 12.0-0 Rc8
 13.Ne4 Ncb4 14.Qd2 Be7 15.Nc3 0-0 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Rc2
 Rfd8 18.Qc1 b4 19.Bb2 a5 20.Nd2 Qa6 21.Ne4 Qa7 22.Qb1 a4
 23.Rfc1 axb3 24.axb3 f5 25.Nd2 Qc7 26.Nc4 Nc3 27.Bxc3 bxc3
 28.Ra2 Qb8 29.Rxc3 e4 30.Rc1 exd3 31.exd3 Rd4! 32.Ra8 Qb4
 33.Rxc8+ Bxc8 34.Qc2 Be6 35.Kf1 [Time pressure and nerves
 take their toll. 35.Qe2 Bxc4 36.Qxe7 wins easily. - Editor] 35...f4!
 36.gxf4 Rxf4 37.Re1 Bxc4 38.bxc4 Bd6 39.Bd5+ Kf8 40.f3 Qb8
 41.Qe2 Qd8 42.Qe6 1-0

UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

June 19. 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.)

June 26 & 27. Western Pennsylvania Junior Open. 5-SS. Ballroom, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. Open to ages 20

**2004 Carlisle Open & PA Collegiate Championship
 Carlisle - February 28 & 29, 2004**

#	Name	Grade	Team	Pre Rat	Post Rat	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score	Prize
1	Rivera, Omar			2282	2294	W9	W7	W10	W5	D2	4½	\$140
2	Rubenchik, Rodion V			2411	2415	W21	W15	W19	W4	D1	4½	\$140
3	Geyler, Gennadiy	C	DREXL	2069	2080	W36	W16	W22	W11	D6	4½	\$140 + 1st Place Collegiate
4	Kis, Lorand Bela			2258	2256	W13	W8	W48	L2	W18	4	
5	Minear, Peter R			2152	2150	W20	W12	W29	L1	W21	4	
6	Nicholson, Rob	C	PSU	2012	2011	W46	W28	D34	W14	D3	4	2nd Place Collegiate
7	Oxman, Ari M	C	UPITT	1812	1822	W47	L1	W25	W24	W20	4	\$80 + 3rd Place Collegiate
8	Gross, Ronald S			1711	1725	W24	L4	W37	W47	W23	4	\$80
9	Fisher, Derek M	C	PSU	1743	1766	L1	W25	W56	W48	W19	4	\$80 + 4th Place Collegiate
10	Wray, Laverne L			2032	2026	W17	W30	L1	W28	D12	3½	
11	Frank, Marty C			2147	2133	W39	D14	W23	L3	W33	3½	
12	Palkendo, Russell J			1700	1715	W50	L5	W38	W31	D10	3½	
13	Skinnell, Richard Wayne	C	DREXL	1638	1653	L4	W37	W52	W22	D15	3½	
14	Gorevoy, Michael	C	DREXL	1774	1784	W27	D11	W65	L6	W42	3½	
15	Jacoby, Steven R			1805	1806	W41	L2	W51	W49	D13	3½	
16	Brandt, Eric L			1728	1723	W31	L3	W67	D33	W35	3½	
17	Stone, David L			1496	1535	L10	W52	W55	D26	W34	3½	\$100
18	Ferguson, Ryan			1895	1887	W53	D65	W35	W34	L4	3½	
19	Mucerino, Joseph J Jr			1986	1974	W49	W33	L2	W30	L9	3	
20	Stavchanskiy, Leonid	C	DREXL	1602	1606	L5	W38	W69	W29	L7	3	
21	Thiele, James Jr			1695	1698	L2	W51	W59	W40	L5	3	
22	Sics, Ludis			1221	1342	W62	W36	L3	L13	W47	3	\$20
23	Thomas, John F	C		1338/19	1419/24	W58	W41	L11	W65	L8	3	\$90
24	Sensenderfer, William L			1391	1402	L8	W54	W68	L7	W57	3	\$20
25	Miller, Marc R			1263/13	1332/18	W77	L9	L7	W52	W49	3	\$20
26	Kramer, Curtis E			1800	1769	L33	W45	W44	D17	D27	3	
27	Wasiolek, David J			1362	1394	L14	W68	D32	W63	D26	3	\$20
28	Sics, Andrew			1567	1569	W61	L6	W73	L10	W51	3	
29	Stoicescu, Vladimir	9		1317/14	1371/19	W69	W50	L5	L20	W48	3	\$40
30	Hanford, John M	C	URSIN	1504	1549	W80	L10	W66	L19	W58	3	
31	Jones, Winn Jr			1363	1385	L16	W72	W70	L12	W59	3	\$20
32	Mylin, Michael			Unr	1470/05	W57	L47	D27	D43	W50	3	\$40
33	Ferguson, Rob			1430	1497	W26	L19	W54	D16	L11	2½	
34	Lajcak, Marcos			1435/04	1488/09	W66	W44	D6	L18	L17	2½	
35	Shaffer, Corry			1030/10	1196/15	W60	D53	L18	W46	L16	2½	
36	Reinford, Merle R			1539	1524	L3	L22	W77	W39	D37	2½	
37	Romascavage, Frank G III	C	URSIN	1256	1280	W74	L13	L8	W54	D36	2½	
38	Fissel, Daniel E			1246/16	1256/21	W76	L20	L12	W68	D41	2½	
39	Evans, Ron L			1643	1615	L11	W67	D42	L36	W56	2½	
40	Pfendt, David L	C	UPITT	1224	1237	L48	W60	W72	L21	D43	2½	
41	Corey, Tamara H			1459	1431	L15	L23	W74	W73	D38	2½	
42	Hall, Joseph A			1095	1145	L68	W77	D39	W45	L14	2½	
43	Carabello, Natal J			1696	1660	L65	H-	W53	D32	D40	2½	
44	Lamonto, Samuel M Jr			1249	1263	W55	L34	L26	H-	W66	2½	
45	Klutz, Joseph			1555	1529	H-	L26	W61	L42	W65	2½	
46	Berthoud, Eric A			1504	1500	L6	W56	H-	L35	W67	2½	
47	Connelly, Kevin			1507	1489	L7	W32	W71	L8	L22	2	
48	Hallur, Sohail S			1300/16	1302/21	W40	W70	L4	L9	L29	2	
49	Sackey, Joseph R Jr			1491	1466	L19	W63	W64	L15	L25	2	
50	Rhoads, William K Jr			1291/09	1270/14	L12	L29	W62	W64	L32	2	

51	Bias, Larry		1266	1268	W71	L21	L15	W60	L28	2	
52	Widmer, Michael R	C	1107	1111	W75	L17	L13	L25	W71	2	
53	Gates, William R		1472	1439	L18	D35	L43	W71	D63	2	
54	Larson, Timothy D		Unr	1188/05	W59	L24	L33	L37	W69	2	
55	Woods, Daniel S	C	UPITT	1135	1131	L44	W58	L17	L57	W72	\$45
56	Gray, David A		1126	1130	W79	L46	L9	W70	L39	2	
57	Meyer, H George		1175/15	1150/20	L32	L71	W75	W55	L24	2	
58	Cook, Roger D		1252	1220	L23	L55	W79	W69	L30	2	
59	Quinn, John H		1126/04	1097/09	L54	W74	L21	W72	L31	2	
60	Fritzges, Jessica	C	LZCCC	998	991	L35	L40	W78	L51	W70	\$45
61	France, Tom		877/11	867/16	L28	D76	L45	D77	W74	2	
62	Morgan, John	C	LZCCC	Unr	1014/05	L22	L69	L50	W75	W73	2
63	Coulter, Gary C		1068	1079	W78	L49	H-	L27	D53	2	
64	Blanchard, Scott		1007/05	976/10	L70	W78	L49	L50	W68	2	
65	Boland, Lee M	C	PSU	1384	1400	W43	D18	L14	L23	L45	1½
66	Elias, Samuel J		1017/07	1040/12	L34	W75	L30	D67	L44	1½	
67	Stoltzfus, Dale E		1238	1213	X-	L39	L16	D66	L46	1½	
68	Richter, Tommy	C	URSIN	Unr	1004/05	W42	L27	L24	L38	L64	1
69	Krouse, Ron		1044/08	1028/13	L29	W62	L20	L58	L54	1	
70	Zeigler, Michael L		Unr	910/05	W64	L48	L31	L56	L60	1	
71	Breznay, Michael	C	855/05	925/10	L51	W57	L47	L53	L52	1	
72	Gruenloh, Matt		Unr	923/05	W73	L31	L40	L59	L55	1	
73	Blanchard, Katherine G	C	URSIN	1037	983	L72	W79	L28	L41	L62	1
74	Walsh, Paul J		817/14	781/18	L37	L59	L41	B-	L61	1	
75	Madden, Scott		Unr	783/05	L52	L66	L57	L62	W77	1	
76	Baliles, David W		478/24	507	L38	D61	H-	U-	U-	1	
77	Roda, Marc A		811/16	780/21	L25	L42	L36	D61	L75	½	
78	Hong, Kimberly J		Unr	590/03	L63	L64	L60	H-	U-	½	
79	Hong, Sang M		Unr	603/03	L56	L73	L58	H-	U-	½	
80	Thompson, Donald A		2026	2009	L30	H-	U-	U-	U-	½	
Score	Team Code	Team Name			Team Type	Prize					
14½	DREXL	Drexel University			School	1st Place College					
9½	PSU	Penn State University			School	2nd Place College					
8½	UPITT	University of Pittsburgh			School						
7½	URSIN	Ursinus College			School						
4	LZCCC	Luzerne County Community College			School						

& under. 5 sections: **2-day (Sat & Sun):** G/90. **EF:** \$18 postmarked by 6/18, \$28 later. Reg ends 10:30am. Rds Sat 11am - 2:30pm - 6pm, Sun 11am - 2:30pm. **Championship**, open to all. Top from zips 15000-16999 qualifies for Western PA Junior Invitational on July 9 - 11. **1-day (Sun only):** G/40. **EF:** \$15 postmarked by 6/18, \$25 later. Reg ends 10:30am. Rds 11am - 12:30pm - 2pm - 3:30pm - 5pm. **Premier**, open to U1300. **Reserve**, open to U1100. **Booster**, open to U900. **Amateur**, open to U700. **All:** Trophies to top 7 in each section, additional medallions; Teams of 4 to 7 players combined from all sections, Trophies to top 3 schools & top 3 clubs, PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** 412-908-0286. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Avenue, New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF.

July 9 - 11. Western Pennsylvania Junior Invitational. 5-RR. 30/80, SD/1. Ballroom, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. 1 Qualifier from Western Pennsylvania Junior Open and 5 invited based upon June 2004 ratings. Must be ages 20 & under, resident of zips 15000-16999 and current PSCF member. Rds Fri 7pm, Sat Noon - 5pm, Sun 11am - 4pm.

July 9 - 11 or 10 & 11 GPP:6 Pennsylvania Western Pennsylvania Open. 5-SS. 30/80, SD/1 (2-day option, rd 1 G/60). Ballroom, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. \$\$ (1605 b/65, two-thirds guaranteed). 3 sections: **Open**, open to all: \$\$ 300-150, U2100 \$95, U2000 \$90. **Premier**, open to U1900: \$\$ 200-100, U1700 \$95, U1600 \$90. **Reserve**, open to U1500: \$\$ 200-100, U1300 \$95, U1200 \$90. **EF:** 3-day \$36, 2-day \$35 postmarked by

7/1, all \$45 at site. **Re-entry:** \$20. **3-day schedule:** Reg ends Fri 6:30pm, Rds Fri 7pm, Sat Noon - 5pm, Sun 11am - 4pm. **2-day schedule:** Reg Sat 9-9:15am, 1st Round 9:30am, then merges with 3-day. Bye: 1-5, rds 4 & 5 must commit before rd 2. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** 412-908-0286. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Avenue, New Brighton PA 15066-1208.

August 20 (QC). 2004 Pennsylvania State Blitz Championship. 5-double-SS. G/5. St Luke's Evangelical Church, 417 N 7th St., Allentown PA 18102-2890. 2 sections. Regular ratings will be used for pairing and prize purposes. **Open**, open to all. **U1500**, open to those rated under 1500: **EF:** \$15 by 8/15, \$20 later. \$\$ 75% of entry fees, structure to be determined based on entries. **All:** Reg 6:15 - 7pm. Rds 7:30pm - 8pm - 8:30pm - 9pm - 9:30pm. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Local Info(hotels, maps, etc.):** Michael Cox 610-434-7345. **Info:** 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Ent:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974-5208.

A Heritage Event
August 21 & 22 GPP:6 Pennsylvania 2004 Pennsylvania State Championship. St Luke's Evangelical Church, 417 N 7th St., Allentown PA 18102-2890. 4 sections. **2-day 8/21&22 Sections:** 5-SS. G/120. Reg 8:30 - 9:30am. Rds Sat 10am - 2:15pm - 6:30pm, Sun 11am - 3:30pm. **Open**, open to all: **EF:** \$35 by 8/15, \$50 later. \$\$ (675 b/25, two-thirds of 1st-3rd guaranteed): 250-125-100, Expert \$50, Class A \$50, Class B \$50, U1600 \$50. **U1800**, open to those rated under 1800: **EF:** \$25 by 8/15, \$40 later. \$\$ (425 b/20): 150-75-50, Class C \$50, U1400 \$50, Unrated \$50. **U1400**, open to those rated under 1400: **EF:**

\$25 by 8/15, \$40 later. \$\$ (425 b/20): 150-75-50, Class E \$50, U1000 \$50, U700 \$50. **Saturday-only 8/21 Scholastic:** 4-SS. G/45. Reg 10 - 10:30am. Rds 11am - 2pm - 4pm - 6pm. **EF:** \$10 by 8/15, \$15 later. Organized into groups of 10 to 20 with equipment and book prizes per section. **All:** PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Local Info(hotels, maps, etc.):** Michael Cox 610-434-7345. **Info:** 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Ent:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974-5208.

August 22. PA State Chess Federation Annual Meeting. St Luke's Evangelical Church, 417 N 7th St., Allentown PA 18102-2890. 10-10:45am. All welcome.

August 22. PA State Championship Sunday Quads. 3-RR. G/60. St Luke's Evangelical Church, 417 N 7th St., Allentown PA 18102-2890. **EF:** \$20, PSCF required \$5 OSA. \$\$ 50 to 1st in each quad. Reg 10-11am. Rds 11:15am - 2pm - 4pm. **Local Info(hotels, maps, etc.):** Michael Cox 610-434-7345. **Info:** 215-674-9049, iralee@aol.com **Ent:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle, 400 Newtown Rd., Warminster PA 18974-5208.

September 18 & 19. 2004 Pennsylvania State Senior Championship. 4-SS. G/120. Main Line Speech, 626 Haverford Rd., Haverford PA 19041. Additional parking available at Rt. 100 Train Station, 50 yards south. **Open to ages 50 & Up.** \$\$ (650 b/30, 1st guaranteed): 250-125-75, U1800 \$50, U1600 \$50, U1400 \$50, Ages 65 & Up \$50. **EF:** \$25 received by 9/9, \$35 after, PSCF required \$5 OSA. Reg 9:15 - 10am. Rds 10:30am - 3:30pm, 10am - 2:45pm. **HR:** Hotel Radner 610-688-5800. **Info:** 610-649-0750, danheisman@comcast.net **Ent:** Dan Heisman, 1359 Garden Rd., Wynnewood PA 19096-3626.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Tom Martinak

From the tlas above, it looks like it is going to be a very busy year for the PSCF throughout the state. In Pittsburgh, we're holding Western PA Junior and Open events this summer and are planning the state junior and an action event in the fall. In the center of the state, Ira Lee Riddle is directing quads and in the east he is directing the state championship, hosted by the Allentown Center City Chess Club. And this fall in the east, Dan Heisman is organizing the Senior Championship. We are always looking for more organizers and more events. So if you have an idea for a new event, please contact me. We are also looking to regionalize some of the events and if a site can be found in the east this year, we may hold action championships in both the east and the west. It would be nice to have an on-line playoff for an overall title! And we are also always looking for bidders for our events. In 2005 the state championship is scheduled for the center of the state, so if you are interested, whether as organizer or as a host providing a site, make sure that you let us know at this year's championship. The more hands helping the easier the load will be on all of us.

Through the work of Joe Mucerino we've made a lot of corrections to the club listings on the following page and on our website. But I'm sure that there is more yet to do. So, if you find mistakes please let us know.

This year is an election year for PSCF officers. If you are interested in becoming involved, then let me know and everyone should try to show up at our annual meeting on August 22 to express their views and vote. And while you are there, play in the state championship!

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS IN PA

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

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

CHELLENHAM:

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 118; Fri 6 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)

HAWLEY:

Paupack Pauns; Arby's, Route 6; Wed 7 pm, Frank Cullen 570-226-6260

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:

Hunt. Valley Chess Society Juniors; Huntingdon Valley Library, 625 Red Lion Road; 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; Anderson Hall, Temple University, Room 906; Mon 6-10 pm, Ernest Moore Jr. 215-235-1696

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; 1st/3rd Sat 9 - Noon, 412-922-4234
 (4) East Liberty Lib, 5920 Ralph Mull Mall; Tues 3:30-6:30 pm, 412-661-8412
 (5) Hill Branch Library, 419 Dinwiddie St; Mon & Thurs 4-8 pm, Sat 11 am - 4:30 pm, 412-361-6170
 (6) CMU CC; University Center Commons; Thurs 6-8 pm
 (7) Mt Lebanon Lib, 16 Castle Shannon; 1st/3rd Mon Sept-May, 412-531-1912
 (8) 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 Center, 121 Walnut Bottom Rd; Wed 6-9:30 pm, Terry Campbell 717-486-0211

SOUTHAMPTON:

Southampton CC; Davisville Church; 215-675-9535

STATE COLLEGE:

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

STROUDSBURG:

YMCA, Main St.; Thurs 7-11 pm, Eric 570-476-8939 or Jim 717-992-5475; also 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

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):

West Shore CC; Calvary United Methodist Church, 700 Market St (Rear), Lemoyne; Mon 7-10 pm, Gerald Dubs 717-975-5589

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