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Thanks, Bill!

If you look closely at the Table of Contents, you'll notice something about this issue of *Empire Chess* that has not been the case for many years.

There isn't an article by Bill Townsend.

Bill has been quite busy with the running of his business and all that entails, so he has decided to take a break from *Empire Chess*. As much as we'll miss him, we know that there are things even more important than our magazine, and we wish Bill every success in all of his endeavors.

On behalf of *Empire Chess* and NYSCA, this is one opportunity to publicly say thank you to Bill Townsend for all of his work on behalf supporting the organization and its activities. Along with writing many pages for *Empire Chess* and collecting games, particularly from scholastic players who often have incomplete scoresheets and "unusual" ideas about notation. Sifting through all of those efforts in order to produce professional-quality material is a labor of love, and Bill performed these tasks as well as anyone could, particularly when it is a hobby and not his full-time profession.

In addition to being a fixture at State and Capital Region events, Bill has served for many years as the unofficial NYSCA historian. His article on the 1941 New York State Championship in Hamilton published several years ago was a classic that brought back a bygone era in chess in words and made you feel like you were there at the event.

NYSCA, like any other volunteer-driven organization, is built on the strength of contributions of people like Bill. With Bill taking a much-deserved break, there is room for the next great NYSCA writer or two to step forward and make their contribution to our great organization. Having new contributions step up to the plate for *Empire Chess* is truly the best way to honor Bill.

On behalf of NYSCA, thank you Bill for all your work on our behalf, and the door is always open for you here. Best wishes in all you do!

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Chess: Our Hall of Fame Game

By Karl Heck

New York State chess players have long known that the Royal Game is the greatest game out there. This fall, though, brought official recognition of Chess as a Hall of Fame Game, as the National Toy Hall of Fame at the Strong Museum in Rochester has honored chess with an induction into the Hall. Chess was joined in 2013 by the rubber ducky, and the two entrants became the 52nd and 53rd inductees into the National Toy Hall of Fame. Checkers was inducted in 2003, and Scrabble was inducted in 2004, among other board games to be considered Hall-worthy.

The Strong is a museum with a highly interactive, collections-based educational institution devoted to the study and exploration of play. The Museum has recently become the host of the Marchand Open, Western New York's largest and most prestigious chess event. Obviously, the site is a natural, as it is the one place in the world where you can read the official plaque placing chess in the National Toy Hall of Fame. The inscription is printed below.

Chess

Inducted 2013

Chess is one of the world's oldest games. Its roots lie in an ancient Indian war game called chaturanga, in which pawns represent different types of fighting men that spread through Asia and eventually migrated to Europe. In 625, an Indian literary reference to chaturanga stated that "only from the astapada (gaming board) can one learn how to draw up a chaturanga (army)." The version of chess we play today is almost identical to the game as it was played in England during the Renaissance. At its simplest, chess is a battle game between two armies. At first known as a game for nobles, chess was also used in literature as a metaphor for moral behavior. Different classes of people were associated with different chess pieces, and proper behavior derived from aspects of a piece's movement and even its design. For example, a knight on a noble steed ought to behave as befits his station. Chess soon entered into the popular culture of the Middle Ages, appearing not only in literature, but also in song and art.

Playing chess well involves both strategy—planning for long-term advantage over the opponent—and tactics—short-term moves. Smart players employ both methods to win. Experts agree that chess masters tend to rely on hundreds of patterns memorized through extensive practice. However chess also helps develop intelligence in average players.

Today players of every age compete in tournaments held by small local chess clubs, as well as in nationally and internationally sponsored events. The World Chess Federation (FIDE), founded in Paris in 1924, presides over the prestigious world champion awards that generate global media attention. But human players need to watch their moves because the latest computers offer serious competition, and online chess games—from easy to exceptionally difficult—can challenge any player.

NYSCA's Discount Program – A New Direction for Membership

The NYSCA annual meeting approved a new way for affiliates and organizers of the New York State Championship and New York State Open to support NYSCA events. Organizers that offer a significant entry fee discount for the NYSCA events as well as other tournaments that the organizer holds. The State Scholastic Championship, which is the largest funder of NYSCA, is unchanged by this change in membership criteria. It is worth noting that the traditional membership-required model remains in effect, and may be used by any organizer, as has been the case throughout NYSCA's history.

There are two goals with the change. One is to make the State Championship a profitable tournament. The long-time organizer of the tournament has reported that the tournament, NYSCA's flagship event, has lost money since membership costs were absorbed into the entry fee. There has been a slow decline in the entries at the State Championship even with the current entry fee structure, so an increase may well lead to a further decline in entries. The pool of potential sites to hold the State Championship is not particularly large on Labor Day weekend, and by and large, the membership is satisfied with the Albany Marriott and the Capital Region location for the tournament. Therefore this new direction is being tried.

In 2014, membership at the State Championship and State Open will not be required, but members will be offered a \$7 discount on their entry fee to the event. Continental Chess Association (CCA) is also offering a \$5 discount at its other tournaments in New York, including the Long Island Open and Manhattan Open. It should be noted that CCA revived the New York State Open in May in Lake George, and the event has been a success for NYSCA. NYSCA is willing to work with any other organizer on other NYSCA events.

NYSCA wants to work with organizers to expand the discounts. Organizers that offer the discounts will have their events advertised in Empire Chess, posted on the NYSCA web site and advertised through NYSCA's facebook and twitter feeds. By accessing NYSCA's group of committed tournament chess players, the discounts in entry fee will more than pay for itself with increased entries and the ability to obtain entries from further away. NYSCA is also working on internet options for membership verification and purchase.

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Jerry Bibuld, chess activist (1928-2013)

by Daaim Shabazz

Jerry Bibuld, FIDE International Arbiter and longtime chess advocate for the expansion of chess in the African Diaspora has died. Born in the Bronx, New York on June 9th, 1928, the 85-year old had been suffering from the effects of Parkinson's Disease and succumbed on October 22nd. The chess world is at a great loss.

Jerry was a mainstay in the U.S. chess scene and was a Life Member of the U.S. Chess Federation. Back in February, *The Chess Drum* did a tribute on the chess works of Jerry and described some of his contributions.

Jerry insisted on informality and did not like to be called "Mr. Bibuld". If you did so, he would return the formality until you ceased. Another thing he did was insist on using the African version of one's name. He would call Nigerian master **George Umezina** by "Okechukwu". He always shared with those whom he trusted and felt were trying to live nobly. He indeed had his own principles and he was firm in his convictions.

If you met Jerry, you would have to go through one of his political orientations where you were exposed to his own unique language. One of the principles he fought for was the right for liberty and equality. He would recount his history and the times he was accosted and jailed for his activism. Jerry took on some unpopular views, but you always knew exactly where he stood.



One of Jerry's favorite beneficiaries of his great works.

As far as chess is concerned, Jerry took more joy in organizing, directing and documenting than playing. He had a 1600 rating (1800 peak) and said with conviction, "The average strength of all chess players is 1500. That means I'm relatively a strong player." He certainly had a different view and offered many philosophic stances on chess that would make one take another look. Besides his volunteer work in chess, he reveled in documenting chess in all its glory.

One of the most beautiful contributions of Jerry was his stunning photography. He had compiled a huge collection of photographs of different events over the years, but was especially proud of his photographs of players of African

descent. He donated countless prints to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (Harlem, New York) and has been donating them for quite some time. This would be the easiest way for this information to be seen for many years to come.

*Portrait of Zambia's (then IM, now GM) Amon Simutowe in 2001.
Photo by Jerry Bibuld.*

Jerry was well-respected in the African Diaspora, particularly the federations he adopted... Uganda, Kenya and Mozambique. He would make as a condition for the use of his photographs the sending of magazine subscriptions to the Federation (for years, surplus issues of Empire Chess were donated to Mr. Bibuld to distribute to African children. Who knows? Maybe we were the trigger for a chess star halfway around the world! – ed).. He had been an International Arbiter since 1980 and directed tournaments in these countries to provide them with needed direction in places where there was nary an International Arbiter. He was also instrumental in organizing the historic Wilbert Paige Memorial tournament in Harlem. This tournament featured ten of the top players of African descent and he invited The Chess Drum to be the official website for the tournament.

Organizer and Arbiter Jerry Bibuld before the start of the Wilbert Paige Memorial. Three of the competitors shown are the late IM Michael Schleifer (Canada), IM Watu Kobese (South Africa) and the late FM Ronald Simpson (USA). Photo by Daaim Shabazz.

Of course, Jerry had a number of detractors, but it did not seem to faze him. In fact, it gave him more resolve. On a number of listserves, Jerry could be seen debating on USCF and FIDE politics. There was even a discussion on the merits of Jerry's list of "Afro-American" players. It was an interesting gesture for someone outside this community to take such of an interest and many found it a bit odd. However, he was appreciated by the community to which he gave so much and that was enough for him.

"Dr. Shabazz has made a dream of mine come true by setting up this website."
~Jerry Bibuld (13 February 2001)

In 2001, Jerry was excited at the launching of a new website called "The Chess Drum" (launched 12 February 2001). It was a website highlighting the accomplishment of players of African descent worldwide. He moved to support the effort primarily through his photography. Years earlier he had shared his historic list of Afro-American masters to those whom he trusted as being genuine about the advancement of chess within this demographic segment.

This valuable list provided the year the player earned the National Master title, their current ratings and their peak rating (Note: **Maurice Ashley** had reached 2606 USCF and there were other high-flyers on the list). He used this list as a showcase of talent and a validation that players of African descent could excel. Chess became the ultimate stereotype buster for him.

The list became one of the resources for the "Drum Majors" list which also included players from around the world. While he did not play a direct role in the creation of the website, he certainly took pride in the fact that there was a voice for players of African ancestry.

Apart from chess Jerry was an intriguing figure. According to an obituary in Black News, he enlisted in the Army in 1946 just after World War II. After his discharge, he worked for on the 1949 campaign for New York City Councilman **Benjamin Davis**, "an Afro-American communist from Harlem". It was at this time he met his first wife, **Elaine Jones** through mutual friend **Oliver Leeds**. They produced four children named **Douglass, Carrington, Melanie** and **Sarah**. The Bibuld family received death threats from the National Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan since they were an interracial family.

Back in 2007, Bibuld wrote a sort of an autobiographical piece that he made public. It revealed some interesting

tidbits about his philosophy, lifestyle and interests.

I am, on this date (17 November 2007) a 79-year-old United Statesian male, a husband, father, grandfather and, most fortunately, great grandfather. The best and most important part of my life is my family. Although born and bred in the United States of America – and living in CT – I consider myself an immigrant into Afro-America, essentially because all of my family, except my two brothers, is Afro-American. It is my belief that Afro-America is a colony of the United States. When it becomes a sovereign state – if I live that long – I shall apply for citizenship in Afro-America. I have hopes that citizenship will be granted me, because of the status of my immediate family and in recognition of services rendered the nation.

I have been active intellectually all my life, especially in chess and in struggles for human rights, which, in the United States, essentially was subsumed into the “civil rights movement”, especially in the 1950s, 1960s and early 1970s. In my later years, I became an active photographer. At one time, I was the best known “chess photographer” in the United States. I have maintained throughout my life an active interest in classical music – especially the opera – the theater and literature, with relatively minor interests in poetry and motion pictures.

Last January, I enrolled as an undergraduate student at Western Connecticut State University. At first, I was going to study only Spanish and Portuguese, because Danbury is a hub of Hispanic/Latino and Brazilian/Portuguese populations, but my Love Woman suggested that, as long as I was going back to school, I go after the baccalaureate. So I wrote to NYU, which had kicked me out in 1952, for a transmittal. Not only did NYU comply with my request, but it actually wrote something like “student left in good standing”.

Now, I hope to get a BA in May 2010, but I’m taking it slow and easy. (One thing I note is that there is much more reading involved than I remember back in the early 1950s.) I was kicked out of NYU because I was considered a loose cannon. Many persons who know me consider that I still am a loose cannon, although I am older and less volatile today. Socio-politically, I am more radical, I believe, than I was in 1952.

Who I’d like to meet: Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Hugo Chavez, Amy Goodman

In another 2008 autobiographical piece titled, “Towards and Autobiographical Dissertation,” he wrote about his views of (then candidate) **Barack Obama**. His political views were leftist and he wasted little time excoriating the militaristic policies of the U.S. and what he calls the Afro-American colony. While his 1950s and 1960s battles for human equality via the Brooklyn branch of CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) were well known, Jerry took on other fights.

The Bibuld Family picketing for desegregation during a 1962 protest. Jerry and wife Elaine were disgusted by the condition of the schools their children were in. Photo by Bob Adelman (Brooklyn Congress of Racial Equality – CORE), Brooklyn Historical Society.

He campaigned against the apartheid regime of South Africa when it was not a popular thing to do. In addition, he campaigned to punish those athletes competing for South Africa and getting them banned from international chess competitions. He compiled a list of 38 South African apartheid-era tennis players and once proposed an 11:00am protest at the 1990 U.S. Open Tennis Championships in Flushing Meadows, New York against their participation.

“The racism and the male supremacy of the society in which I live are the most important matters of principle in my life. I try to live by pro-human principles. This means that I must fight racism and male supremacy continually because I am a United Statesian and a male in an imperial society.”

~Jerry Bibuld

He also took the apartheid fight to FIDE and rallied support of constituents in the General Sessions. According to **Nick Barnett**,

South African chess was split down the middle. The SA Chess Federation went along with the apartheid government while the SA Council on Sport (SACOS) whose motto was “No normal sport in an abnormal society” excluded itself from all existing sporting bodies. Its members were not even supposed to watch sport on TV. CAPSA (Chess Association for the People of South Africa) was affiliated to SACOS.

he added...

The two existing bodies, the SACF and CAPSA were not on speaking terms. The former wanted things to go on as usual with some concessions, while CAPSA demanded a moratorium on all overseas contact. As SACOS we eventually brought about reconciliation and contacted FIDE. I was delegated to draft the letter to Casta Abundo a Filipino, Fidé General Secretary, who I got to know when I worked in Manila in 1967. Fidé appointed a CACDEC (Committee for Assistance to Chess Developing Countries) troika headed by Nigerian lawyer, Emanuel Omuku with US anti-apartheid activist, Jerome Bibold, and John Warnock president of the US Virgin Islands federation. It took weeks of hard negotiations before Omuku demanded a conclusion and Chessa was born. (full entry)

Thus, Jerry was successful in helping to get the South African Chess Federation (SACF) banned and to later abolish apartheid policies. SACF contended that CAPSA (mostly from predominately-Black Cape province) had no players strong enough to be integrated into the national team. **Deon Solomons** was the perennial champion of CAPSA and its Vice President in 1992 when CAPSA became part of Chess South Africa (CHESSA). Then vindication occurred!

Solomons became the first champion of the newly-formed non-apartheid CHESSA, thereby confounding many apartheidists, who had claimed that CAPSA did not have players as strong as the apartheid government-sponsored South African Chess Federation, which also had been subsumed into CHESSA.

In 1992, South Africa was reinstated. Jerry was CAPSA's first life member. His reputation followed and he became endeared by the African continent. It was then that he began to take on another mission of helping African federations to join the world's chess landscape. He adopted three federations (Uganda, Kenya and Mozambique), but directed tournaments in several countries to help them gain momentum as new federations. He was bestowed Life Memberships in both the Ugandan Chess Federation and Jamaican Chess Federation.





(L-R): Louis Smith and Sherman Maduro playing for Dutch Antilles at 1996 Olympiad in Yerevan, Armenia... Ugandan (men) at 2002 Olympiad in Bled, Slovenia... Angola (men) at 2002 Olympiad; Botswana (women) at 2002 Olympiad... Jamaica (women) at 2002 Olympiad... Nigeria (women) at 2002 Olympiad. Photos by Jerry Bibuld.

This was Jerry's legacy. He did not want to be soothed or appeased, nor did he appreciate condescension. He did not treat anyone with pity, but tried to instill dignity. He was a straight-laced person fighting for principle and in doing so, gained many friends... and some enemies. Such is life. Memories of Jerry will show both his hard side and his soft side... which he showed to those closest to him. He had a beautiful spirit.

- See more at: <http://www.thechessdrum.net/blog/2013/11/07/jerry-bibuld-chess-activist-1928-2013/#sthash.EsvabaAW.dpuf>

Mid-Hudson Valley News by Scott Strattner (chess@vassar-chadwick.com)

Did you feel the ground shake in the morning of October 26th? Perhaps you heard a clap of thunder and felt some electricity in the air? No? Well you should have, because the two strongest (only?) USCF affiliates in the Mid-Hudson Valley clashed that day, to determine regional supremacy (and also to claim a nice travelling trophy for a year).

Vassar-Chadwick (www.vassar-chadwick.com) and the Middletown chess clubs met at a neutral site, each bringing their 10 best (or at least most punctual) players, for a two-game (G/60;d5) match. Middletown was the favorite at the top boards, with two National Masters (Lonnie Kwartler and Sergio Almeida). Not surprisingly they ended up with 3.5 out of 4 in those games. But Vassar-Chadwick had an advantage in the lower boards, with an average team rating over 1800. The final result, 11-9 in Vassar-Chadwick's favor, reflected the hard-fought close contest it was. We look forward to further cross-club events – and if there are any other clubs in the area looking to scrap, send me an e-mail!

The early part of November saw the final round of the Turning Leaves Swiss, a three-round (G/75;d5) affair, which was won by Vassar student Noah Kulick (2.5), followed by Hudson Valley super-organizer Ken Evans (2.5, 2nd on tiebreaks).

Taking a break from longer time controls, Veteran's Day was celebrated with a massive double round-robin Blitz (G/5 no delay, like our ancestors played). Nine players, 16 games per player. After taking out a second mortgage to pay the USCF rating fee, some money was left over to buy a trophy and award it to David Antonucci, a regular-rated class A player who consistently plays much stronger when the time controls get shorter (and who, courtesy of his 13.5/16 effort, currently sports a flashy 2155 Blitz rating).

Like the tale of Goldilocks, some players prefer slow (regular) time controls, some like it fast (blitz), and others like it just right (quick). To this last group we held the Turkey Quick Quads (G/20;d3) on

November 18th. Only four players attended, which by a magical coincidence is exactly the number needed to make a quad.

When all the games had finished, three players (Scott Strattner, David Antonucci, Michael Mendez) ended up with 2 points, and no tiebreak method could be found to pick a winner. No matter, because the trophy was awarded to Michael Mendez, well-deserved given he was the lowest-rated participant.

I wish I could share a win from the club match, but I didn't win either game. No matter, since one can learn more from draws or losses anyway. The following game could be called The Pawns Not Taken, as first Black, then White, missed an opportunity to be materialistic.

Sometimes one's sense of danger should take a back seat to grabbing what is offered. In the end the French Exchange held to its reputation of being drawish, but us class players know better – any opening can be won or lost at our level.

White: Mike Semel (1902)

Black: Scott Strattner (1971)

French Defense, Exchange variation (C01) – Monte Carlo

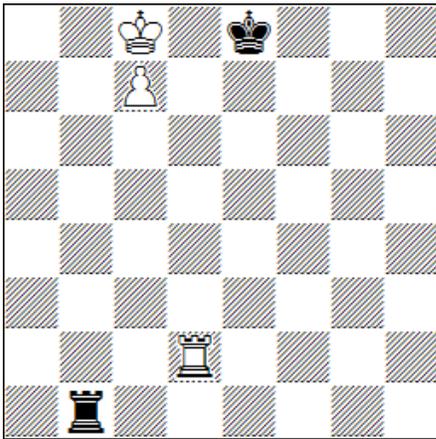
Mid-Hudson Valley Club Match 2013-10-26

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. c4 Bb4+ 5. Nc3 Ne7 6. Nf3 O-O 7. Be2 Nbc6 8. O-O Bg4 9. c5 Bxc3 10. bxc3 b6 11. cxb6 axb6 12. a4 Na5 13. h3 Bc8 14. Re1 Ng6 15. Bd3 Ba6 16. Bxa6 Rxa6 17. Qe2 Ra8 18. Ne5 Re8 19. Qd1 Nxe5 20. dxe5 Nc4 21. Bf4 Qd7 22. Qc2 Ra5 23. Ra2 Rea8 24. Rea1 Qe6 25. Bg3 c5 (25... Nxe5 26. Qb3 Nd7 27. Bxc7 Rc8 28. Bg3 Nc5 29. Qb2 Qf6 30. Ra3 Ne4) 26. f4 Ne3 27. Qd3 Nf5 28. Bf2 c4 29. Qe2 Qd7 30. g4 (30. Bxb6 Rxa4 31. e6! Qc6 32. Rxa4 Rxa4 33. Rxa4 Qxa4 34. Qe5) 30... Ne7 31. Qc2 b5 32. axb5 Qxb5 33. Rxa5 Rxa5 34. Rxa5 Qxa5 35. Qb2 h6 36. f5 Qc7 37. Qe2 Nc6 38. e6 Qe7 39. exf7+ Kxf7 40. Qf3 Draw agreed.

Rook and Pawn Endgames – The Scholastic Column

By Zachary Calderon

While tackling the task of covering all of the principles and intricacies of Rook and pawn endgames in one article is, quite honestly, an impossible task, I thought it would be important to show you some basic positions and ideas you will need to know. This is the type of endgame that appears most often in games when an endgame arises, which is why there are entire books dedicated to the subject. But for now, we will stick to the basic ideas of the endgame.



This position, known as the Lucena position, is something that you must know and understand. White wins, no matters who's turn it is. The position is named for 15th century chess player Luis Ramirez de Lucena, and was first published in 1634 by Alessandro Salvio.

If it is White to move, he must check the Black King to give his own King some breathing room. Using this logic, we can rule out the move 1. Re8+? Since Black simply plays 1...Ke7 and White has made zero progress.

Rather,

White must play **1. Re2+!**

The move which forces the Black King off of the e-file and creates room for the White King to move.

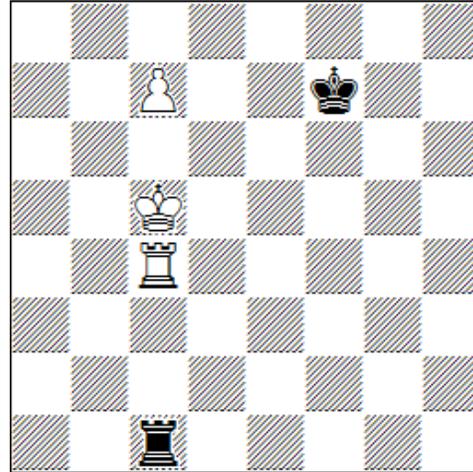
1...Kf7 2. Re4!

This move is essential in order for White to win. White is going to use the Rook to cover his King when it leaves the safety of the c8 pawn. From here Black is completely lost. If, for instance,

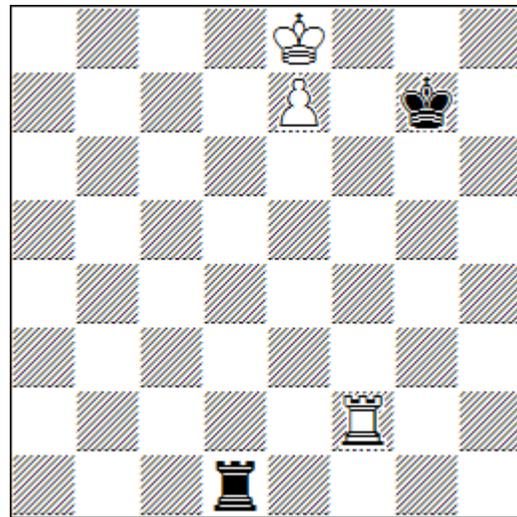
2...Rd1 3. Kb7 Rb1+ 4. Kc6 Rc1+ 6. Kb6

Not 6. Kb5?? Rxc7 draw

6...Rb1+ 7. Kc5 Rc1+ 8. Rc5



And White promotes the pawn and wins. Let's take a look at another example of the Lucena position.



Just like last time, we must first force the Black King to move.

1. Rg2+ Kh1

If 1...Kc6 2. Kc8 and White promotes with no trouble at all.

2. Rg4!

Once again, we see that very key Rook move played in order to shield the King.

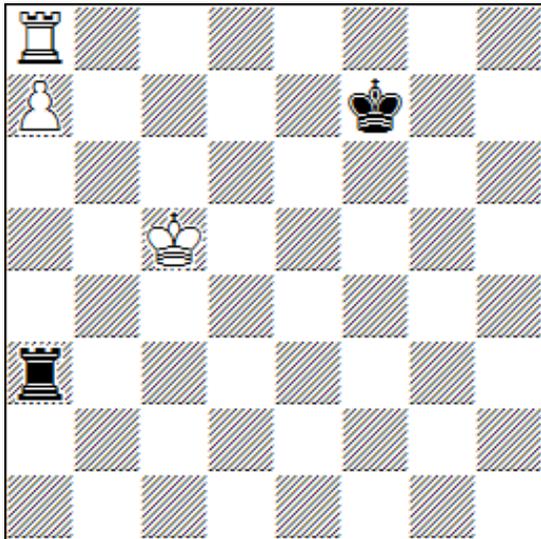
2...Rd3 3. Kf7 Rf3+ 4. Ke6 Re3+ 5. Kf6 Rf3+ 6. Ke5 Re1+ 7. Re4

...and the White pawn promotes.

The Lucena position is a key position that you must know in order to successfully play Rook and pawn endgames. It gives you a position to aim for, rather

than randomly bumbling your King around trying to find a way to promote your pawn.

Finally, I would like to show a different position.



Rook pawns in positions like these often make the game infinitely more complicated. Most of the time these endgames are a draw when the King is in front of the pawn, in this case, on a8. However, there is this nice tactic that you should keep in mind when the Rook is in front of the pawn.

Here White plays **1. Rh8!**

And Black is dead in the water. If 1...Rc3+ 2. Kb4 White promotes, while the seemingly obvious

1...Rxa7 fails to

2. Rh7+

and White picks up the Rook with the X-Ray attack. The endgame is a place where tactics may be used in order to improve your position. Don't forget about endgame traps like the X-Ray attack.

I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season, and we will see you again in 2014.

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With the “Right” Rules Could Humans Defeat Computers?

by *Richard Moody Jr.*

“He who writes the rules wins.”

We have written rules to benefit computers in computer/human contests; shouldn't we write rules to benefit humans so they can win? This would create more “buzz” in the media than when Deep Blue beat Kasparov. If humans could, once again, challenge computers for the world title it would bring vast wealth and publicity into chess and even mid-level professionals and teachers will make a good living.

Millions of players with laptops could follow the games and improve on the play of their heroes sort of like being able to return a shot by Serena Williams on your laptop!

Rule Change #1---Humans should have access to any chess literature whether it is on a computer or in texts. Why should we permit computers to have millions of games in their memory and unlimited access to opening and endgame theory? Remember Kasparov losing one game because he stepped into an opening trap against Deep Blue and was lost out of the opening? Humans could win most winnable endings and hold inferior endings. This will add 200-300 points to their ratings.

Rule Change #2---Humans should only play in consultation games; this will prevent tunnel vision as players discuss strategy and tactics. It will have spectacular spectator appeal as we get to step inside the brains of top professionals. Verbose, assertive chess professionals will be preferred. They can chat with the announcer when not on move and answer questions from the audience. This is better than having a talking head describe the game, the players themselves can describe what they are thinking,

World Champion Garry Kasparov and GM Judit Polgar for publicity reasons are the ideal consultation players; Garry because he was the first World Champion to lose to a computer and Judit because she is the highest rated woman in the world. What may surprise some people: former World Champion Anatoly Karpov and GM Victor

Korchnoi will make a good consultation team; they have known each other for decades and have a good style against computers. They will gain 200-300 rating points in a consultation game,

Rule change #3---The ability to use analysis boards; computers have a “virtual chess board” programmed. Shouldn't humans be able to shuffle wood on a real chess board to find the “truth” in a position? This change will add at least 100 and maybe 200-300 rating points.

Rule change #4---We should go back to the “old rules” i.e. 120'40 followed by adjournment, an idea of GM Lev Alburt. This will avoid fatigue errors and add perhaps 200 rating points to human players.

Rule change #5---This is the most controversial: Eliminate time delay and require computers to spend at least two seconds per move; any less and they suffer a severe time penalty. If computer programmers object then the only fair alternative is that computers (which cannot make a touch move violation) be required to calculate the move, pick up and move the piece or pawn and punch the clock.

With these rules it will be decades before computers are World Champion at bullet chess! If these changes are implemented for tournament-level chess, the very best consultation teams will play at 3300-3500 level. The best consultation teams might be “only” 2200-2300 level OTB. I call these “computer killers” but I recommend they have a top professional assist in the endgames.

I recommend that after major tournaments several pros retire to their favorite watering hole, take along a couple of laptops and try out consultation games against Houdini 3 at various time limits as a cheap test of one rule.

There will be phenomenal interest in these games if players can beat the best programs. It can't be overstated how much the public will be fascinated by ANY intellectual discipline dominated by computers where humans regain supremacy.

For players who are bored with regular chess, here is potentially the first meaningful change in piece power in over 500 years. We have seen the evolution in the power of the pieces. We permit pawns to move two squares forward on the first move---that is a change. The Queen used to be a
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Joe Tamargo Has Died

By Sam Sloan

Joseph Tamargo, master of two games, chess and go, died in a hospital in Flushing, Queens, New York on October 22, 2013, following a stroke.

Tamargo was a strong master chess player who won the championship on the Marshall Chess Club in 1976, sweeping the all-master field that included grandmaster Andy Soltis. He was also at one time the second strongest non-Asian player of the game of Go in the United States.

As a teenager, he played many games of chess against Bobby Fischer, including three tournament games only one of which has been published.

Prior to a debilitating earlier stroke in 2004 that left him in a nursing home, Tamargo used to play in Liberty Park opposite the World Trade Center where he played chess giving Queen odds to passing tourists at \$5 a game, rarely losing.

Joe Tamargo was an early chess rival of Bobby Fischer, as they were about the same age. Late in life, Fischer still spoke of him often, frequently referring to the strength and power of Tamargo. Tamargo had a fierce reputation over the chessboard and even the strongest Grandmaster would not take lightly the prospect of meeting Tamargo in a serious chess match.

Tamargo was two years older than Bobby Fischer and they played two tournament games against each other when both were teenagers. The first was a draw and has never been published. Tamargo says that he no longer has the score sheet. The second was a win for Fischer. Played at the Manhattan Chess Club in 1956 at just about the time that Fischer won his "Game of the Century", Tamargo played the risky Morra Gambit and got a small advantage. The game developed into a dead drawn rook-and pawn endgame. Tamargo offered a draw. Fischer, aged 13, screeched back "Are you kidding?" Tamargo was so upset that he made a horrific blunder on the next move, the kind of blunder even the strongest Grandmasters occasionally make when the mind plays a trick and they visualize the board upside down or backwards.

This game is included in every anthology of

Fischer's games, but Tamargo complains that his name is always spelled wrong as Tomargo and that the score of the game is wrong too, as the last moves shown are not what was actually played. Tamargo never bothered to correct the record, however.

Tamargo was at one time the second or third strongest native born American player at the game of go. He was never the best however, as there was always one American who could beat him. Tamargo may however have been the best go player in the world who never visited the Far East. All of the other top players spent time in Japan or Korea.

By 1964 Tamargo was without doubt the strongest combined chess and go player in America, and possibly in the world. Another player who might have made this claim was Edward Lasker. However, Tamargo was several stones stronger than Lasker at go (they played many games against each other) and by that time with Lasker advanced in years Tamargo was much stronger at chess, too.

By the early 1970s, Tamargo had stopped playing go. One evening in about 1970, Tamargo was hanging around Charlie Hidalgo's "Chess House" on West 72nd Street, in New York City. (The Chess House was the location of one of the opening scenes in the Woody Allen Movie "The Front" where Woody goes to play a chess game against a blacklisted writer.) At the Chess House, a match had been arranged between a team of top players from Japan and a team of top players from Korea. However, one of the Japanese players had not shown up, so they went around the Chess House asking if anybody knew how to play go so that each team would have the same number of players. Finally, Tamargo said that he used to know how to play go but had not played in years. Happy to have found somebody who knew how to play go, the Japanese team adopted him. In order to improve their chances of winning the match, they put Tamargo on the top board against the top Korean player as a sacrifice. They were all astounded, flabbergasted and unbelieving when Tamargo won the match. They had never seen anything like this.

In later years, Joe Tamargo has made his living hustling chess in Liberty Park in front of Ground Zero and the World Trade Center, taking on all comers at \$5 a game. Fortunately for him, he had not gotten to work yet when the World Trade Center

fell on 9-11.

Although the most famous chess game ever played by Tamargo was against Bobby Fischer, his most famous win was against Grandmaster Andy Soltis, who is now the chess columnist for the New York Post. In the 1976 Marshall Chess Club Championship, Tamargo had the tournament of his life, winning almost every game against an all master field. The critical game was against Grandmaster Soltis. Soltis resigned thinking that Tamargo had mate in three. However, subsequent analysis showed that Soltis had a defense and could have won the game. This became famous as a game where a grandmaster resigned in a winning position. However, modern re-analysis of this same game has established that Tamargo really did have a win with best play when Soltis resigned, although it is unlikely that either Soltis or Tamargo would have found all the best moves over the board.

Tamargo wrote a book, "Really Learn Spanish", for persons who have studied Spanish but find that they still cannot speak it. The book contains slang terms not found in traditional grammars. For example, a "chapin" is a person from Guatemala. The book was written as a present for his girlfriend who was living in Costa Rica but who could not speak Spanish. However, the book failed to impress her and she probably never read it. The book is published by Ishi Press under ISBN 978-0-923891-79-4

In 2004 Tamargo suffered a serious stroke and nearly died. He was unconscious for several days. When he woke up he was in a nursing home. The doctors had amputated his left leg to save his life.

Tamargo spent the last eight years of his life living in the nursing home in Flushing Queens, playing Backgammon online on FIBS, having been nearly forgotten by the chess community. He left some of his belongings in my apartment, which I will probably have to throw out now.

Here are some of his games:

[Site "Manhattan Chess Club, New York"]
[Date "1956.?.?.?"]
[Round "02"]
[White "Tamargo, Joseph"]
[Black "Fischer, Robert J"]
[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "B21"]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Nc3Nxc37.bxc3 d5 8.Bd3 e6 9.Ne2 Be7 10.O-O Bd7 11.f4 g6 12.g4 Qc7 13.f5 gxf5 14.gxf5 exf5 15.Ng3 O-O-O 16.Nxf5 Be6 17.Kh1 h518.Qf3 Rdg819.Nh6 Rf8 20.Bf5 Qd7 21.Bd2 f6 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Qf5 Qxf5 24.Nxf5fxe5 25.Nxe7+Nxe7 26.dxe5 Kd7 27.Bg5 Ke6 28.Bf6 Rhg8 29.Rab1 b6 30.Rfd1 Rc8 31.Bxe7 Kxe7 32.Rxd5 Rxc3 33.a4 Ke6 34.Rdb5 Ra3 35.a5 bxa5 36.R1b3 Rxb3 37.Rxb3 Rg5 38.Rb7 Kxe5 39.Rxa7 Kd4 40.h4 Rg4 0-1

[Event "Marshall Chess Club Championship"]
[Site "Marshall Chess Club, New York"]
[Date "1976.03.28"]
[Round "09"]
[White GM "Soltis, Andy"]
[Black "Tamargo, Joseph"]
[Result "0-1"]
[ECO "C91"]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1b57.Bb3 O-O 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.a4 exd4 11.cxd4 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Na5 13.Bc2 c5 14.Nc3 b4 15.Ne2 Qb6 16.Ng3 g6 17.d5 Nd7 18.f4 Bf6 19.Qg4 Qc7 20.e5 dxe5 21.Ne4 Bg7 22.f5 b3 23.Bb1 Nc4 24.fxg6 hxg6 25.Ng5 Nd6 26.Qh4 Nf6 27.Rxe5 Qd7 28.h3 Nh5 29.Re6 Rae8 30.Rxg6 fxg6 31.Bxg6 Re1+ 32.Kg2 Bd4 33.Bh7+ Qxh7 34.Nxh7 Rxf2+ 35.Qxf2 Bxf2 36.Kxf2 Rd1 37.Ng5 Nf6 38.Ne6 c4 39.Nc7 a5 40.Ke2 Rh1 41.Ke3 Kf7 42.Kd4Nd7 43.Nb5 Rd1+ 44.Ke3 Nf5+ 45.Ke2 Rh1 46.Rb1 Ne5 47.Na3 Rh2+ 48.Kd1 Nf3 49.Bf4 Rf2

In this position, a grandmaster resigned in a winning position. White resigned believing that he had no defense to N5d4 followed by Rf1# checkmate. However, it was soon discovered that White did have a way out and in fact could have won the game. Can you find the saving defense for White?
0-1

[Event "Marshall Chess Club Championship"]
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[White "Bernstein, Sidney"]
[Black "Tamargo, Joseph"]
[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "B25"]

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.O-O O-O 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Nh4 f5 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Nd1 Kh8 13.c3 Ndc6 14.Nf2 b6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Rfe1 a5 17.Qe2 Qe8 18.Nf3 h6 19.Nd2 Nd5 20.Nc4 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Qd7 22.a4 Ne7 23.Qe2 Nd5 24.Ra3 Rf6 25.Bxd5 exd5 26.Qe8+ Kh7 27.Qxd7 Bxd7 28.Re7 Rb7 29.Ne3 Bc6 30.Rxb7 Bxb7 31.Rb3 d4 32.Nc4 Re6 33.Kf1 Bf3 34.Rxb6 dxc3 35.bxc3 Bxc3 36.Rb1 Re2 37.Nxd6 Bd4 38.Nde4 fxe4 39.Nxe4 Rxh2 40.Rb7+ Kg8 41.Rb8+ Kg7 42.Rb7+ Kf8 43.Rb8+ Ke7 0-1

[Event "Marshall Chess Club Championship"]
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[Black "Hulse, Brian"]
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 e5 6.Be3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bg4 8.Nc3 Bb4 9.dxe5 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 Qxf3 11.gxf3 Nxe5 12.Bb5+ Nc6 13.Rg1 g6 14.Bd4 f6 15.Bxc6+ bxc6 16.a3 Bxc3+ 17.Bxc3 Rd8 18.Rg4 Nh6 19.Ra4 Rd7 20.Rd1 Re7+ 21.Kf1 Kf7 22.Rd6 Rc8 23.Rxf6+ Kg8 24.h4 Nf5 25.h5 c5 26.hxg6 Nd4 27.Rc4 Rcc7 28.b4 Nb5 29.bxc5 Nxc3 30.Rxc3 hxg6 31.Rxg6+ Kf7 32.Rd6 Re6 33.Rxe6 Kxe6 34.c6 Ke7 35.f4 Kd8 36.Ke2 Re7+ 37.Kf3 Kc7 38.f5 Rh7 39.Kf4 1-0

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[Date "1976.02.22"]
[Round "05"]
[White "Robinson, Richard"]
[Black "Tamargo, Joseph"]
[Result "0-1"]
[ECO "C00"]

1.e4 e6 2.b3 d5 3.Bb2 dxe4 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Qe2 Bb4 6.O-O-O Qe7 7.Kb1 Ba3 8.Ba1 a5 9.Nxe4 Nbd7 10.f4 a4 11.Nf3 axb3 12.cxb3 O-O 13.Ne5 Nd5 14.h4 f6 15.Nd3 c5 16.Nc3 Nxc3+ 17.dxc3 b5 18.Nb2 c4 19.bxc4 b4 20.Qe4 Rb8 21.Bd3 f5 22.Qd4 bxc3 23.Qxc3 Bb4 24.Qd4 Nc5 25.Bc2 Bb7 26.Kc1 Bc6 27.Rh3 Ne4 28.Bxe4 Bxe4 29.Rg3 Rb7 30.Nd3 Ba3+ 31.Kd2 Rd7 32.Qe5

Bd6 33.Rxg7+ Qxg7 34.Qxg7+ Rxg7 35.Bxg7 Kxg7 36.Ke3 Ra8 37.Rd2 Ra3 38.g3 Bc5+ 39.Ke2 Be7 40.Ne5 Rxg3 41.Rd7 Kf8 42.c5 Bxc5 43.Rd8+ Kg7 44.Rd7+ Kh6 0-1

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[Date "1976.03.14"]
[Round "07"]
[White "Early, Brian"]
[Black "Tamargo, Joseph"]
[Result "0-1"]
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1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.Qe2+ Be7 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.Bc4 Qd6 10.d4 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.O-O O-O 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.Rae1 Rf6 15.Qe4 Rd8 16.Kh1 h6 17.Ne5 Nc5 18.Qe2 Qxd4 19.Bc3 Qd5 20.Nf3 Rf7 21.Nd4 e5 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5 Bf6 24.Rxc5 Bxd4 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Kg1 Re7 27.g3 fxg3 28.hxg3 Re2 29.Rf2 Rdd2 30.Rxe2 Rxe2 31.Kf1 Rd2 32.Ke1 Rg2 33.Rc3 Kf7 34.Kf1 Rh2 35.Rb3 b6 36.Ra3 Rxc2 37.Rxa7+ Kf6 38.b4 g5 39.Rb7 b5 40.Ra7 Kf5 0-1

[Event "Marshall Chess Club Championship"]
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[Date "1976.03.22"]
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[White "Tamargo, Joseph"]
[Black "Kane, George"]
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Bxd4 Nf6 9.O-O Ne4 10.Be5 Bxe5 11.Nxe5 Qd6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bd3 Nc5 14.Re1+ Be6 15.b4 Nd7 16.Nd2 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 Rxa1 19.Qxa1 O-O 20.Qa6 Bg4 21.h3 Bh5 22.Nb3 Qf6 23.Nd4 Ne5 24.Bf1 Bg6 25.Re3 Rb8 26.Rxe5 Qxe5 27.Nxc6 Qc7 28.Nxb8 Qxb8 29.Qa5 1-0

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[Black "Popovych, Orest"]
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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.O-O d6
6.d4 Nc6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.d5 Na5 9.b3 Qd7 10.Re1 c5
11.Bb2 a6 12.Qd3 Rab8 13.e4 b5 14.cxb5 axb5
15.e5 Nh5 16.Ne4 c4 17.Qc2 Rbc8 18.b4 Nb7
19.Bc3 h6 20.exd6 exd6 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qc3+
Kg8 23.Nd4 f5 24.h3 fxe4 25.hxg4 Nf6 26.Ne6
Rf7 27.Bxe4 Nxg4 28.f3 Nf6 29.Bxg6 Nxd5
30.Bxf7+ Qxf7 31.Qd4 Nxb4 32.Re4 h5 33.Rg4+
hxg4 34.Qxg4+ Kh8 35.Kg2 1-0

[Event "Manhattan Chess Club Championship
Preliminaries"]

[Site "New York NY"]

[Date "1971.?.?.?"]

[White "Tamargo, Joseph"]

[Black "Sloan, Sam"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

[ECO "A16"]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.e3 c6
6.Nge2 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.d4 Nc6 9.Nf4 e6 10.O-O
a6 11.Na4 Nd7 12.Nd3 Qc7 13.b3 h5
14.Ba3 Re8 15.Rc1 b5 16.Nac5 Qa5 17.Nxd7
Bxd7 18.Bc5 Rec8 19.b4 Qd8 20.a3 Bf6 21.f4 Kg7
22.Ne5 Ne7 23.h3 Nf5 24.Qe1 Be8 25.g4 Bh4
26.Qd2 hxg4 27.hxg4 Ng3 28.Rfd1 Ne4 29.Bxe4
dxe4 30.g5 Bxg5 31.fxg5 Qxg5+ 32.Qg2 Qxe3+
33.Kf1 f6 34.Ng4 Qxa3 35.Qxe4 Bc6
36.d5 Bxd5 37.Qf4 Qh3+ 38.Ke2 Qg2+ 39.Ke3
Qh3+ 40.Kd2 Qg2+ 41.Kc3 Qh3+ 42.Rd3 Qh4
43.Kb2 e5 44.Qxf6+ Qxf6 45.Nxf6 Bc4 46.Rd6 a5
47.Rh1 Bg8 48.Rd7+ Kxf6 49.Rf1+ Kg5 50.Rg1+
Kf5 51.Rf1+ Kg5 52.Rg1+ Kf5 53.Rf1+ 1/2-1/2

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.e3 c6
6.Nge2 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.d4 Nc6 9.Nf4 e6 10.O-O
a6 11.Na4 Nd7 12.Nd3 Qc7 13.b3 h5 14.Ba3 Re8
15.Rc1 b5 16.Nac5 Qa5 17.Nxd7 Bxd7 18.Bc5
Rec8 19.b4 Qd8 20.a3 Bf6 21.f4 Kg7 22.Ne5 Ne7
23.h3 Nf5 24.Qe1 Be8 25.g4 Bh4 26.Qd2 hxg4
27.hxg4 Ng3 28.Rfd1 Ne4 29.Bxe4 dxe4 30.g5
Bxg5 31.fxg5 Qxg5+ 32.Qg2 Qxe3+ 33.Kf1 f6
34.Ng4 Qxa3 35.Qxe4 Bc6 36.d5 Bxd5 37.Qf4
Qh3+ 38.Ke2 Qg2+ 39.Ke3 Qh3+ 40.Kd2 Qg2+

41.Kc3 Qh3+ 42.Rd3 Qh4 43.Kb2 e5 44.Qxf6+
Qxf6 45.Nxf6 Bc4 46.Rd6 a5 47.Rh1 Bg8
48.Rd7+ Kxf6 49.Rf1+ Kg5 50.Rg1+ Kf5 51.Rf1+
Kg5 52.Rg1+ Kf5 53.Rf1+ 1/2-1/2

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weak piece; now it is the most powerful piece. That is the second change.

What if we create a piece called a "Super Knight"? The Super Knight replaces the King Knight and can not only move normally, it can also move one square diagonally. It attacks 12 squares in the center of the board.

It is worth slightly less than a Rook in the endgame because a lone Super Knight can mate---only if your opponent is careless! Super Knight + pawn in the middlegame is worth more than a Rook. Super knight + knight and Super Knight + Bishop in the midgame is worth a little less than a Queen; in the endgame absent pawns it is a draw. Super Knight + Rook is worth slightly more than a Queen. One possible move sequence would be 1.f3 f6 2.SNf2 SNf7 3.e4 e5

On the first, a Super Knight is worth about 4 1/2; on the 5th or 6th, it is worth, perhaps 5 1/2-7. By increasing the power of the Knight, Super Chess is more complicated than chess and changes all opening, middlegame and endgame strategy until or unless the Super Knights are exchanged after which we have "normal" chess. This distinguishes it from Fischer-Random chess. It is an ideal test of human versus human competition because no computer can assist in analysis since no program exists to test it. It will make chess a vibrant, exciting game for another 1000 years!

To encourage players to try the new piece, I am prepared to offer a prize of 3 chess sets and 3 roll up boards to the first place finisher, two sets and two roll up boards to the second place finisher and the third place finisher will get a free copy of my book Magic. I will judge the games and the winners will be announced in *Empire Chess*.

Open Lines ..tidbits of news from the chess world *by Karl Heck*

- Norway's Magnus Carlsen is the new World Chess Champion, beating Vishy Anand in his hometown of Chennai, India, 6 1/2-3 1/2. Carlsen's championship should be helpful for the promotion of chess in the United States and New York City. The new Champion visited the Big Apple in August 2012, spending a week at Chess NYC. Here is what the world #1 at the time said about his visit.

GM Magnus Carlsen had this to say about the upcoming excitement . "I am pleased to help support the Growth of Chess NYC, their impressive reach, exciting approach to Chess instruction and emphasis on the love and fun of the game is getting global notice. I look forward to a long and strong alliance with the Chess NYC Team, Propper and Makofsky are truly on to something big".

"We are excited!" added Chess NYC President Russ Makofsky. "All of our Programs have grown consistently year over year but we chose the week of August 20th so everyone was out of school and adults could play hooky to be available for this special week of chess play, coaching and celebration Tournament"

"We're making chess cool around here" continued Michael Propper, a principal in Chess NYC, "Thank Goodness the #1 player on the planet is cool too! We wouldn't have it any other way! An entire, week of chess, hanging and playing with the worlds #1...WOW"

GM Carlsen also won the Sinquefeld Cup in St. Louis just before going to India to win the World Championship, and has appeared on *60 Minutes*, the popular CBS news magazine TV show. While Anand was a great champion, it is certainly our hope that Carlsen's reign should bring a new style, and more publicity, for chess in the United States.

- Orlando was New York country during early December for the annual K-12 School Grade Championship. New York had many of the team and individual winners, including the following winners. Teams in the School Grade are a maximum of three per grade, and tied scorers are listed as team members here.

As usual, the New York delegation brought hundreds of players to the tournament.

12th Grade

Third Place: Aaron Coppa

First Place Team: Stuyvesant High School (Aaron Coppa, Miguel Garcia, Kevin Lu, Justin Duda)

10th Grade

First Place Individual: Joshua Colas on tiebreaks over

Second Place Individual: Justus Williams

Third Place Individual: Isaac Barayev

Fourth Place Individual: Patrick Chi

Fifth Place Individual: Kyle Moon

Seventh Place Individual: Alexander Spinnell

First Place Team: Stuyvesant High School (Kyle Moon, Alexander Spinnell, John Chen)

Second Place Team: White Plains High School (Joshua Colas, Michael Ainsworth, Taikan Nakada)

Third Place Team: Bronx Center for Science and Math (Justus Williams, Keyron Jarvis, Kevin Singh)

This was the National Tenth Grade Championship, though the top of the crosstable looks like a New York State tournament. Michael Ainsworth (8th), Jonathan Spinnell (10th) and John Chen (12th) were half of the 5-2 score group as well.

9th Grade

First Place Team: NEST + M (Jack Wen, Teseo Torras, Mubassar Uddin)

Second Place Team: Stuyvesant High (Tommy Zhang, Brandon Huang, Kai Kronberg, Daniel Yassky)

8th Grade

Tri-Champion: Alexander Crump (second on tiebreaks)

Second Place Team: IS 318 Brooklyn (Tristan Dalhouse, Jacob Barayev, Isaiah Lewis, Edmond Ntango)

7th Grade

First Place Team: IS 318 Brooklyn (Omar Cunningham, Daniel Mintz, Mengnan Chen)

6th Grade

First Place Team: IS 318 Brooklyn (Li Heng Wang, Arjun Rai, Malcolm Galpern)

5th Grade

First Place Team: New Speyer Legacy School (Ethan Joo, Akira Nakada, Stefan Jelenkovic)

Second Place Team: Dalton School (Attcius Young-Chang Lee, Hudson Beaudoin, Tyler Roonprapunt, Sam Pozner)

Third Place Team: PS 124 (Justin Chen, Willis Ng, Christopher Bejasa)

Second Place Individual: Ethan Joo

Seventh Place Individual: Justin Chen

4th Grade

Second Place Team: New Speyer Legacy School (Anthony Wong, Carol Chen, Haruki Izumi, James Lee, Christopher Yang)

Third Place Team: Columbia Grammar School (Theo Kogan, Harris Lencz, Gabriel Woloz)

3rd Grade

First Place Individual (tied): Connor Dong (3rd) and Dylan Challenger (5th)

First Place Team: Hunter College (Connor Dong, Thomas Breydo, Brian Wolfson)

Second Place Team: Dalton School (Dylan Challenger, Davyn De Jongh, Langley Beaudoin, Nathaniel Fox)

Third Place Team: PS 41, Manhattan (Milazzo, Eliot Levin, Achilles Imundi)

2nd Grade

Sixth Place Individual: Nathaniel Lande Shuman

Seventh Place Individual: Charles Hua

First Place Team: NEST + M School (Charles Hua, Davis Zong, Jr., Robert Shibata, Jordan Leung, Eric Tang)

Second Place Team: Dalton School (Nathaniel Lande Shuman, Gus Huston, Julia Miyasaka, Pippa Lee, Jonathan Dase)

Third Place Team: New Speyer Legacy School (Ryan Harada Peterson, Nivedita Morris), Julien Loewenstein, Alexander Fontecchio, Mica Helder-Lindt)

The fourth (Columbia Grammar), fifth (PS 41), sixth (Hunter College) and seventh (PS 6) were also from the Empire State.

1st Grade

First Place: Lucas Forester-Yialamas (perfect score, 7-0)

Fifth Place Individual: Nico Werner Chasin

First Place Team: Hunter College (Joshua Chong, Sean Kaloudis, Theo Parker)

Second Place Team: Collegiate School (Jesse Roonprapunt, Daniel Ostling, Salil Jain, placed second on tiebreaks)

Kindergarten

First Place (tie): Willaim Safranek (fifth on tiebreak)

Second Place Team: Dalton School (William Safranek, Alexander Rubinstein Mash, Louisa Huston, Shiv Topalli)

Third Place Team: New Speyer Legacy School (Johji Nakada, Gary Felsher, Edmund Daucher)

- The World Youth Championships in the United Arab Emirates also had a New York flavor. Among the participants is our State Champion, Nicolas Checa. Checa worked quickly into the tournament playing this interesting French Defense (courtesy of Chess Life Online).

World Youth, UAE 2013

White: Katenov, Aibek

Black: Checa, Nicolas

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Qg4 cxd4 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 Qc7 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4 dxc3 12.Qd3 d4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bd7 15.Rb1



Juniors like to play tons of theory. Instead, 15.Rg1 is most common, but the text move is played quite often as well.

15...Nf5 16.Qf2 Qc6

16. Bc6 is more common, but Nicolas knows what he is doing, having studied this line before.

17.Rg1

Mamedyarov, and USA Coach Mitkov preferred 17.Rb4.

17...Qd5

A fine novelty! Previously 17..Qe4+ was always played, but the text move is just as good.

18.g4 Qe4+

Too late! Black should play 18...Nd4 with a dynamically equal position.

19.Qe2 Qa4 20.Kf2?! Nd4 21.Qd3 b5

Several of the coaches and Nicolas were having fun analyzing this position. Now White makes a serious error. Best is 22.Qh7! 22.Qxc3? Rc8 23.Qd3 Rxc2+ 24.Bd2 White is still better, but Black has serious counterplay now.

22.Qxc3 Rc8 23.Qd3 Rxc2+ 24.Bd2 Nc6 25.Ke1! Ra2 26.Qh7?

Giving away his advantage. White is still better after the cold-blooded 26.Rxb5!

26...Rf8? 27.Bxb5 Qd4 28.Rg2 Ra1 29.Qd3 Rh8?

Now Black is lost, but the position is so complicated there are always chances.

30.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 31.Kf2 Qb2 32.Kg3 a6 33.Ba4 Qb8 34.Bc3 Qd8 35.g5 Ne7 36.Rd2 Nd5 37.Bb3??



*It just takes one misstep to lose in this kind of position! 37.Bxd7+ Qxd7 38.Qxa6+-
37...Rh3+!*

Oops!

**38.Kxh3 Nxf4+ 39.Kg4 Nxd3 40.Rxd3 Qb6 41.Rh3 Qg1+ 42.Kh5 Qg2 43.Kh4 Bc6 44.Bd1 Be4 45.Bg4 Bf5
46.Rg3 Qxh2+ 47.Bh3 Kf8 48.Bb4+ Kg7 49.Be7 Kg6 50.Rg4 Bxg4 51.Kxg4 Qxe5 52.Bf6 Qf5+**

A tough loss for White, but it's important to note that even in a winning position, one tactical error can turn everything to ruins. 0-1

It takes a bit more to beat a New Yorker. The world couldn't in this case. Checa finished the tournament with a 6 1/2-4 1/2 score in the Open Under 12 male category.

Other prominent New Yorkers in the World Youth were FM Michael Bodek, who went 7 1/2-3 1/2 in the Open Male Under 18 section, Marcus Miyasaka, who finished 6 1/2-4 1/2 in the Open Male Under 12 section, *Brooklyn Castle* star Rochelle Ballantyne, who was 5 1/2-5 1/2 in the Girls Under 18 section. New York Girl's Nationals representative Lilla Poteat went 4 1/2-6 1/2 in the Girls Under 1600 section. Brandon Nydick scored 6-5 in the Male Open Under 12 competition. Katherine Davis scored 6 1/2-4 1/2 in the Girls Under 12 section. Alix Shondra scored an even 5 1/2- 5 1/2 in the Girls Under 10 section.

Martha Samadashvili scored an impressive 7-4 in the Girls Under 10 section. The total US delegation was 95 players, the largest of any country, and the large number of girls travelling to the United Arab Emirates was impressive in an area of a world where opportunities have traditionally been closed to women. Two Americans in the Boys Under 10 section returned home with hardware: Wisconsin's Awonder Liang was the gold with a 10-1 score where he won his first 10 games and lost in the last round in a winning position. David Peng of Illinois was second in the same section with a 9-2 score.

The tournament was marred by a large number of snafus, including the Israeli team being forced to play under the FIDE flag in an Arab country with no relations with Israel, along with food and housing issues and snafus with paperwork such as visas and passports that are required in international chess. I echo the thoughts of USCF Director Jerry Nash, who said:

I want to say a special thanks to all the parents, families, and communities who worked together to make it possible for these students to experience the World Youth in the UAE. I also want to say thank you to the coaches who worked diligently under often unusual circumstances to provide assistance to players and families.

Next year's World Youth Championship will be in September in South Africa. It won't be as hot, but hopefully the conditions for the players will be a lot better.

- The Second Annual Mikhail Trosman Memorial simultaneous exhibition was held on December 8th at the Marks JCH of Bensonhurst Commarata Youth Sports Center to commemorate the teaching skill of Mikhail Trosman, from whom many of New York's most powerful players studied the Royal Game under. The simul was given by five-time US Women's Championship GM Irina Krush and former US Women's Champion WIM Elina (Groberman) Colter,

The event has a checkered weather history in its two years. The inaugural event drew 20 participants just before Superstorm Sandy hit the Northeast, and the second event brought snow to New York City for the first time this season.

Krush gave a lecture, and it was fitting that her first public appearance as a Grandmaster was in her home borough of Brooklyn. Among the players was Mikhail's grandson Mark Trosman, and perhaps, New York's next great scholastic star ready to create the next chapter in our rich chess history.

The event highlights the outstanding coaching and playing record of New York City players in the world of scholastic chess. Even as other regions rise, New York City remains some of the most fertile ground in the world for the development of world-class level chess stars.

- Webster University of St. Louis's A-team won the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championship held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. The annual inter-holiday event attracted 42 teams from 23 colleges to the remote Texas city, a less than desirable turnout which may reflect distance as well as the chances for non-scholarship teams to win against the now-traditional powerhouses in college chess.

While Webster had three of the top six teams in the tournament, the school may only send one to the Final Four of College Chess, which will be held later this year near Washington, DC. The other finalists for 2014 are the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, whose last-round victory over traditional powerhouse University of Texas-Dallas will keep the North Texans home for the first time in 12 years. The University of Illinois qualified for the second straight year, and the hosts from Texas Tech will be going to the finals as well.

Columbia University-A finished in ninth place with a 4-2 score, and was the highest-ranking school from New York to participate. New York University was 20th with a 3-3 score, and Columbia-B was 21st with the same match score.

Next year's Pan-Ams returns to the Lone Star State with a visit to the University of Texas-Brownsville. Hopefully the 2014 tournament will qualify a New York school for the Final Four for the third time since its inception in 2001. New York University finished fourth in the Final Four in 2008 and 2012.

The last New York school to win the event was the Borough of Manhattan Community College in 1997. BMCC also won in 1993 and 1994, NYU and Brooklyn College shared the crown in 1995. Brooklyn also won the crown in 1962. Columbia University has won five teams, winning in 1950, 1952, and 1960 in the United States, and in 1971 and 1984 in Canada. City College of New York won the first two Pan-Ams, in 1946 and 1948, both held in New York City.

New York City has hosted the event nine times in its history, with the most recent of those tournaments being in 1995.

Western New York News *from Buffalo Niagara Chess Corner*

The December Buffalo tournament was held on December 21st at the Main Place Mall, and the Kidney Classic 2013 was won by NM Lionel Davis and Tony Kimbrough with 3 ½ points. Both co-champions drew Barry Davis in consecutive rounds. Barry Davis and Erik Lubas tied for third with three points. Rising junior star Ryan Madden was clear fifth with 2 ½ points. Michael McDuffie directed for the Archangel 8 Chess Academy, along with a “friend” shown below.



The 2013 Veterans Day Memorial tournament was held on November 16 and the 22-player event's Open section was won by NM Lionel Davis with 3 ½ points. Lionel Davis conceded a half-point draw to his brother Barry in the last round with “draw odds” for the tournament. Erik Lubas and David Miller tied for second with three points, both losing to the champion. Barry Davis and Kevin Roulhac tied for fourth with 2 ½ points.

In the Reserve section, Benjamin Dunkle won the event with a perfect 4-0 score. Jerome Green was clear second with three points, losing to Dunkle in the second round. Michael Mc Duffie directed.

The Buffalo Chess Month tournament on October 19th drew 21 players in two sections. NM Lionel Davis and Tony Kimbrough tied for first with 3 ½ points, drawing in the last round after working

through the field. Barry Davis, who lost to his brother Lionel in the second round, was clear third with three points. Mark Clark and James Paul tied for fourth with 2 ½ points.

In the Reserve section, Jerome Green, Michael Skok and Steve Baer tied for first place with 3-1 scores. Skok beat the other two co-champions, but lost in the first round to Scott Grayson. Michael McDuffie directed for the Archangel 8 Chess Academy.

Twelve players came to Sardinia for the November tournament there. The Open section was a triumph for Mark Clark, who won the event with a perfect 3-0 score. Albert Patterson and Nathan Palmisano tied for second with two points. Anderson Miles won the concurrent scholastic section with a perfect 5-0 score. Tom Warner directed.

A total of 45 players participated in the Geneseo Fall 2013 Chess Open, an extremely successful first event for a new club organized by former New York State Scholastic Chess Champion James Hiltunen. FM Igor Nikolayev, a Rochester regular winner, won the Open section of this event as well with a perfect 4-0 score. Webster Kehoe, a rising class A player, was clear second with 3 ½ points, pulling an upset in the last round over Expert Rifeng Xia after a first-round half-point bye put him off schedule with the other contenders.

Matt Slomski, Joshua Rofrqano, Abraham Glasser, Xia, and Jacob Chen all tied for third with three points.

The Under 1400 section was won by Peter Carter with a perfect 4-0 score. Longtime Rochester Chess Center director Michael Lioni, Thomas Brock, Micah Wiesner and Nathan Saint Ours. James Hiltunen directed with assistance from Nicholas JP Sortisio.

The 18th Annual Arkport Open drew 35 players in one section (a suburb of Hornell and Alfred) ended in a three-way tie for first in the Open section among FM Igor Nikolayev, NM Thomas Riccardi, and William Giguere. Giguere, a class A player, worked his way into the tie with a draw against expert Abraham Glasser. Riccardi and Nikolayev drew in the last round.

Matt Slomski, Abraham Glasser, Tamara Ferguson, and Brian Liou tied for fourth with three points. Ron Lohrman directed for the Arkport Chess Club.

The Rochester Chess Center continues its activity all year, every Saturday, rain, snow or shine. The December 28th tournament brought 20 players to the club, and the Open champion was FM Igor Nikolayev with a perfect 3-0 score. Tongtian Liu was clear second with 2 ½ points, conceding a draw in the second round to Rochester fixture FM Isay Golyak. Golyak and Ethan Yung tied for third with two points. Yung had a great tournament, gaining over 100 rating points to become a class A player for the first time. Yung defeated NM Laszlo Tapaszto and long-time class A player Sherman Cunningham in two upsets.

Arianna Kharroubi won the Youth section with a perfect 3-0 sweep in the Ron Lohrman directed event. Lohrman was assisted by Ken McBride and Michael Lioni.

The December 21 Saturday Rochester tournament was won by longtime veteran Flower City player Sherman Cunningham and Jacob Chen with 2 ½ points. Cunningham pulled the upset against FM Igor Nikolayev in the second round, and then had a half-point bye in the third round, which allowed Chen to catch up with a win over Jack Oleksyn in the third round.

Nikolayev, fellow FM Isay Golyak, David Phelps and Doug Spencer all tied for third with 2-1 scores. Golyak and Phelps drew in the second round and took half-point byes in the third, while Spencer had draws in the first two rounds before a third-round win.

Ethan Yung won the Under 1700 section with 2 ½ points, surprisingly losing three rating points in the process. Yung conceded a draw to director Mike Lioni in the second round. Lioni, Samuel Liu, Michael David and Patrick Chernjaysky all tied for second with two points in the eight-player section.

The event was directed by Ron Lohrman with assistance from Kenneth McBride and Mike Lioni.

The December 14th event at the Chess Center was won by FM's Igor Nikolayev and Isay Golyak along with Lev Paciorkowski with 2 ½ points. Paciorkowski, a class A player, drew Nikolayev in

the second round. Golyak took a third-round bye. Abraham Glasser, Jack Oleksyn and Doug Spencer tied for fourth in the closely-contested tournament with two points.

Arianna Kharroubi won the Youth section with a perfect 3-0 score. The tournament was directed by Ron Lohrman with assistance from Kenneth McBride and Michael Lioni.

Twenty-two players contested the December 7 Rochester Chess Center tournament, which was a perfect score triumph for FM Igor Nikolayev with three points. FM Isay Golyak and John Manning both had 2 ½ points on two wins and a half-point bye, with Manning's in the first round and Golyak's in the last round. Joshua Rofrano, Jack Oleksyn and Doug Spencer tied for fourth with two points.

Arianna and Aidan Kharroubi tied for first in the scholastic section with two points. Ron Lohrman directed the tournament with assistance from Kenneth McBride and Mike Lioni.

November ended in Rochester with a tournament on the 30th at the Chess Center. With 26 players, it was one of the larger Saturday tournaments. The Open section was a triumph for FM Igor Nikolayev, who had a perfect 3-0 score.

Class A players Lev Paciorkowski and John Manning tied for second with 2 ½ points. Paciorkowski drew Tongtian Liu in the last round, while Manning took a first-round half-point bye. Ron Lohrman directed the tournament.

The November 23 tournament at the Rochester Chess Center, the last one before Thanksgiving, brought 26 players to Western New York's favorite chess house and was a perfect score triumph for FM Igor Nikolayev with three points. FM Isay Golyak was clear second in the Open section with 2 ½ points, giving a half-point bye in the last round as is his custom. Joshua Rofrano, Abraham Glasser, Lev Paciorkowski, Doug Spencer, Theodore Bogin and John Manning tied for third with two points.

Erich Snell, Achutha Ramesh and Joshua Iosevich tied for first in a closely-contested Youth section that attracted nine players.

Ron Lohrman directed the event with assistance from Kenneth McBride and Mike Lioni.

New York State Updated Chess Club Directory

Western New York

Rochester Chess Center

221 Norris Drive
Rochester, NY 14610
Ron Lohrman, 585-442-2430
Monday and Wednesday: 7:30-10 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m-10 p.m.
www.nychess.org

Niagara Falls Chess Club

Wegmans, Military Road, NF
Wednesday, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
Harish Srinivasan
harish.srinivasan@gmail.com

University of Buffalo CC

UB North Campus, 108 Clemens Hall
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m..
Scott Zdunczyk
ubchess@gmail.com

Lakeshore Chess Club

Lake Shore Library
Route 5, Hamburg
Thursdays, 6-11 p.m.
Don Hoak, 716-627-2643

Stars of India CC

Audubon Library, Amherst
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
arcangel8chess@yahoo.com

Jamestown Chess Club

Chautauqua Chess Assoc.
111 W. 2nd St., Suite 210,
Mark Clark, 716-763-6825
Thu., 6-9 pm., Sat. 10:30-3.
mclark85@stny.rr.com

buffalo chess.blogspot.com

for additional information.

Southern Tier

Hornell Chess Club

Hornell Intermediate School
Park Street, Hornell
(Summer: Arkport Community Room) Fred Harris, 607-295-9858
Fharris3@stny.rr.com
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Elmira/Corning Chess Club

Manos Diner, Monday
118 College Ave. Elmira
Raynesford Taylor Bacorn
607-734-8602
Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Thu. Barnes & Noble, 821 CR 64,
Big Flats

Cornell Univ. Chess Club

Goldwin Smith Hall, Room 164
Monday & Wednesday, 5 p.m.
rso.cornell.edu/chess

Central New York

Seymour Library Chess Club

Seymour Public Library
176 West Genesee Street,
Auburn
Second Saturday of the Month,
1-4 p.m.
Tom McKellop
315-252-3789
tom_mckellop@hotmail.com

Watertown Chess Club

HSBC Building
120 Washington Street
Watertown
Tuesdays, 7-11 p.m.
Don Klug
315-408-1850
www.watertownchessclub.com

Sullivan Chess Club

707 Legion Drive, Chittenango
Mondays, 6:00 p.m.
John Wolf, 315-687-3356

Capital Region

For Capital Region and Hudson Valley clubs, go to:
www.enyca.org

Albany Area Chess Club

Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church
2291 Western Ave., Guilderland
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Tim Wright,
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East Greenbush Chess Club

Sunshine Day Care, across from
Greenbush Reformed Church,
East Greenbush
14 Hayes Road
Wednesdays 6:30-10 p.m.
Bill Matters, 518-477-2820
www.eastgreenbushchessclub.org

Greenwich Chess Club

Greenwich Free Library,
Greenwich
Thursday, 7 p.m.
John Hartnett,
jhartnet@twcap.rr.com

Saratoga Staunton Chess Club

Saratoga Springs United
Methodist Church
(5th Avenue and Hennings Road)
Sunday, 7:00 p.m.
Lee Battles
lee_battles@aol.com
Alan LeCours, 518-583-0400

Schenectady Chess Club

Niskayuna Community Center
2682 Aqueduct Rd., Niskayuna
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Bill Townsend, 518-346-6595
wtownsen@nycap.rr.com

Hudson Valley

King's Knight CC

Rosendale Café
435 Main St., Rosendale
Ken Evans, 845-331-8186
Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Evanschess@aol.com

Middletown Chess Club

Walkill Comm. Center
Route 211, E. Middletown
Lonnie Kwartler, 845-469-4451
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Vassar-Chadwick CC

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie
Monday 7 pm
Craig Fisher, 845-462-5630
Craig.fisher@marist.edu
www.vassar-chadwick.com

Walden Chess Club

Josephine-Louise Public Library
5 Schofield St, Walden, 10am-
2pm, 845-778-7621

New York City/Westchester

The Bob Peretz Chess Club

(Formerly The Bronx-Yonkers
Chess Club)
White Plains YMCA
250 Mamaroneck Ave.
White Plains, NY 10601
914-831-3707 Alan Abrams –
Treasurer
TheBobPeretzChessClub.blogspot.com
Mondays 7:45PM – Midnight

Westchester Chess Club

Trinity Lutheran Church
25 Crane Road, Scarsdale
Thursday, 7:30-10:50 p.m.
John Marino
914-723-7363
jdmario@alumni.princeton.edu
www.westchesterchessclub.com

Brooklyn College CC

2900 Bedford Ave.

Tue. & Thurs. 1:30-3:30
Contact: Fedor Khrapatin,
frkn81@aol.com
cell: 646-239-0783
<http://bccchess.tripod.com>

Marshall Chess Club

23 W 10 St, NYC
Jim Frawley, Manager
212-477-3716
Weekdays, 1:00-12:00 pm
Weekends, noon – midnight
Marshallchessclub.org

Polgar Chess Club

103-10 Queens Boulevard,
Forest Hills, Queens
Susan Polgar, 718-897-4600
M-F 4:30-9:30 p.m., Sat 12-8
p.m., Sun. 12-7 p.m.
www.susanpolgar.com

Queens Chess Club

All Saints Lutheran Church
164-02 Goethals Avenue,
Jamaica
(w) Friday, 7:30 pm to Sat 12:30
am; events start at 8:15 pm
Ed Frumkin, 212-677-3224
Efrumkin@nyc.rr.com
www.queens-chess.com

Staten Island Chess Club

Holy Child Forum
Lew Fraser, 718-948-2284
LewFraser@si.rr.com
Tuesday, 7 pm

Max Pavey Chess Club

Recreation Center
48 Macy Rd., Briarcliff
Sal Catalfamo
Friday, 7 p.m.

Long Island

Neal Bellon
Long Island Chess Club
United Methodist Church
470 East Meadow Ave.
East Meadow, NY11554

Thursdays, 6:45 – 10:30 PM
www.lichessclub.com

Huntington Chess Club

Huntington Library
338 Main Street
718-829-7770
Saturday, 10-5, (informal)

Long Island Chess Nuts

Old County Rd., Garden City
Margarita Lanides
mlanides@chessnuts.org
516-739-3907
Thu. & Fri., 4-6 pm
Many Scholastic locations

Nassau Chess Club

1st Presbyterian Church of
Mineola
Main & First Sts. Mineola
Harold Stenzel,
631-218-4440
captahal@optonline.net
Monday, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

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Walt Whitman Elem. School
Woodbury, NY 11797
Randi Gertler / Marc Berger
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Gertler@aol.com

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Most third Saturdays of month there will be the Monthly Buffalo Grand Prix Events at the Main Place Mall in Buffalo. 4-SS, TL: Rounds 1 & 2, G/45, Rounds 3 & 4 G/60 Prizes: 1st-2nd Guaranteed \$250-150-100, Class \$75. Reg.: 8:30-9:15 a.m., Rounds.: 9:30-11:20-1:10-3:30 EF: \$50. U1600 EF: \$35, \$150-90-60, ALL PRIZES EXCEPT 1st & 2nd in OPEN, BASED ON 20 ENTRIES. Scholastic EF: \$15, Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Adv. Entries/Info: Archangel 8 Chess Academy, arcangel8chess@yahoo.com, 60F Guilford Lane, Buffalo, NY 14221. See www.buffalochess.blogspot.com for future dates and details.

JAN. 11 3rd annual Blizzard Challenge "Scholastic Team Tournament"

(Sponsored by Sonwil Distribution) 4SS, G/45 d0. Global Concepts Charter School 1001 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218. **4 Rated Sections:** K-6, K-6 U1000, K-12, K-12 U1000. **EF:** Free. **Rds.:** 10:00am to 5pm. **Trophies:** Top 3 Individuals in each section, Top team in each section. **Medals:** 2 and 3rd place teams in each section. All players must have a valid USCF Membership. Jan. 2014 USCF rating supplement used. **Reg.:** send Name, Team Name, Section, USCF # to cirilloav@yahoo.com. More info at <http://www.queensknightchess.blogspot.com/>.

February 23: 53rd Binghamton Monthly Tournament

4-SS, G/65 d5. **Prizes:** \$300 b/26. **Open**-\$100-\$60-\$30; **Reserve**-\$50-\$40-\$20 (U1700). **Trophies:** 1-3 Reserve section. **Advance Entry: EF's Reduced!** Open-\$20 Reserve-\$15 (U1700) \$5 more on site-cash only on site. **Schedule:** Registration on site 8:45-9:15 AM. **Rounds:** 9:30-12Noon-2:30-4:45. **Free** chess set & board to all new players under 18 years of age. **Mail Entry:** checks payable to: "Cordisco's Corner Store", 308 Chenango St., Binghamton, NY 13901 (607) 772-8782, cordiscos@stny.rr.com.

JAN. 4, 11, 18, 25 FEB. 1, 8, 15, 22 MAR 1, 15, 29 Rochester Chess Center Saturday Tournaments!

3-SS, G/60 d5. Rochester CC, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. 585-442-2430. Prizes based on entries. **EF:** \$15, RCC members \$13. \$2 less for HS and Pre-HS. **Reg.:** 1-1:45 pm. **Rds.:** 2-4-6. One bye available, request at entry. www.nychess.org. **Also,** Youth tournament, G/30 d5, every Saturday morning 10am-1pm, trophies and prizes. EF: \$5.

A Heritage Event!

JAN. 12 Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Junior High Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

5-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, open to all born after 1/12/98 and also not yet in 10th grade. **Much larger and beautiful new hotel site: New York Marriott At Brooklyn Bridge**, 333 Adams Street (about 5 minutes drive from the Brooklyn Bridge; near Tillary St. & Borough Hall: <http://goo.gl/maps/Mx1cM>), Brooklyn, NY. **Nearby subway stations: Jay Street Metrotech** (A, C, F & R trains), **Hoyt Street** (2 & 3 trains), **Borough Hall** (4 & 5 trains), **Court Street** (R train). **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$52.60 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top U1500, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 8/1/14 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1200 or unrated. **EF:** \$52.50 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice**, open to Under 700 or unrated. **EF:** \$52.40 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 6/1/14 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 12/21-27, all \$75 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. Jan. 2014 ratings used, but unofficial ratings at www.uschess.org will usually be used for players who would **otherwise** be unrated. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Free entry prizes courtesy of Marshall Chess Club. Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birth-date, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553**. To confirm receipt,

enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at www.gnyscc.com:** \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

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5-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, open to all grades 12/below also born after 1/12/94. **Much larger and beautiful new hotel site: New York Marriott At Brooklyn Bridge**, 333 Adams Street (about 5 minutes drive from the Brooklyn Bridge; near Tillary St. & Borough Hall:<http://goo.gl/maps/Mx1cM>), Brooklyn, NY. **Nearby subway stations: Jay Street Metrotech** (A, C, F & R trains), **Hoyt Street** (2 & 3 trains), **Borough Hall** (4 & 5 trains), **Court Street** (R train). **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$52.30 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top U1700, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 8/1/14 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1600 or unrated. **EF:** \$52.20 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top U1400, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice**, open to Under 1000 or unrated. **EF:** \$52.10 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrateds, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 6/1/14 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 12/21-27, all \$75 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. Jan. 2014 ratings used, but unofficial ratings at www.uschess.org will usually be used for players who would **otherwise** be unrated. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score; no combined schools, even if one school "feeds" another). Free entry prizes courtesy of Marshall Chess Club. Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (commit before rd. 3). **NEW!! Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes (best male/female 2-player team combined score among all High School sections):** 12 weeks free entry to 1st team, 8 weeks to 2nd team, 4 weeks to 3rd team (Mixed Doubles do NOT have to attend the same school, Doubles teammates' average rating must be U2000 and may play in different sections, teammate pairings avoided but possible, teams must declare by 12 pm). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birth-date, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553**. To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at www.gnyscc.com:** \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

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JAN. 12 Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 48th Annual Greater NY Elementary Championship - USCF's Longest-Running Scholastic!

5-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, open to all born after 1/12/01 and also not yet in 7th grade. **Much larger and beautiful new hotel site: New York Marriott At Brooklyn Bridge**, 333 Adams Street (about 5 minutes drive from the Brooklyn Bridge; near Tillary St. & Borough Hall:<http://goo.gl/maps/Mx1cM>), Brooklyn, NY. **Nearby subway stations: Jay Street Metrotech** (A, C, F & R trains), **Hoyt Street** (2 & 3 trains), **Borough Hall** (4 & 5 trains), **Court Street** (R train). **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$53.30 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top U1200, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except

quads thru 8/1/14 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Junior-Varsity:** open to Under 1000 or unrated. **EF:** \$53.20 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **Novice,** open to Under 700 or unrated. **EF:** \$53.10 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 6/1/14 to 1st, thru 5/1 to 2nd, thru 4/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 12/21-27, all \$75 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. Jan. 2014 ratings used, but unofficial ratings at www.uschess.org will usually be used for players who would **otherwise** be unrated. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Free entry prizes courtesy of Marshall Chess Club. Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birthdate, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.** To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at www.gnyscc.com:** \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

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JAN. 12 Kasparov Chess Foundation presents the 34th Annual Greater NY Primary Championship!

5-SS, G/25 + td/5 or G/30 + td/0, open to all born after 1/12/04 and also in grades 3/below. **Much larger and beautiful new hotel site: New York Marriott At Brooklyn Bridge**, 333 Adams Street (about 5 minutes drive from the Brooklyn Bridge; near Tillary St. & Borough Hall: <http://goo.gl/maps/Mx1cM>), Brooklyn, NY. **Nearby subway stations: Jay Street Metrotech** (A, C, F & R trains), **Hoyt Street** (2 & 3 trains), **Borough Hall** (4 & 5 trains), **Court Street** (R train). **3 sections: Varsity**, open to all. **EF:** \$53.60 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top rated U900, top 3 unrated, top 6 school teams. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 8/1/14 to 1st, thru 7/1 to 2nd, thru 6/1 to 3rd. **Novice:** open to Under 700 or unrated. **EF:** \$53.50 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top 3 unrated. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **K-1**, open to grade 1/below. **EF:** \$53.40 postmarked by 12/20/13. Trophies to top 12, top rated U500, top 3 unrated, top 6 schools. Free entry to specified Marshall Chess Club tmts. except quads thru 7/1/14 to 1st, thru 6/1 to 2nd, thru 5/1 to 3rd. **All:** EF's \$7 extra per player postmarked 12/21-27, all \$75 at site. **Mail entries \$5 less per player if 4 or more from same school in SAME ENVELOPE!** All substitutions from advance entry list charged late fee. \$15 extra to switch sections, \$15 charge for each player refund. Jan. 2014 ratings used, but unofficial ratings at www.uschess.org will usually be used for players who would **otherwise** be unrated. All players scoring 4 or more who don't win a trophy will receive a medal! 8 weeks free entry, except quads, to 1st team each section, 4 weeks free, except quads, to 2nd team (top 4 scores from same school = team score). Free entry prizes courtesy of Marshall Chess Club. Speed playoff for 5-0. Limit 2 byes (commit before rd. 3). **Mail entries:** list name, rating, ID# (proof of current USCF membership required, enclose dues if necessary), school, grade, birth-date, address (specify section). Checks to: **Chess Center of NY, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553.** To confirm receipt, enclose SASE. No mail postmarked after 12/27/13. **Phone entries:** \$65 by credit card thru 1/6: 406-896-2191 (24 hours: entries only, no questions), no phone entries after 1/6. **Online entries at www.gnyscc.com:** \$50 thru 12/27/13, \$57 12/28-1/6, \$70 1/7-1/10. **On-site entry fee:** \$75. On-site reg. ends 9:00 am. Rds. 10-12-2-3:30-5:15. Help with NYC parking: Icon Parking Systems Brooklyn parking: Parking Panda **Questions, team rooms:** chesscentr@gmail.com, littlehouseofchess@gmail.com or **347-201-2269** (Jan 12 only: **718-246-7000**). Bring clocks!

March 1-2, 2014: 47th New York State Scholastic Chess Championship: Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY. See ad on back cover for complete details.

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Chess Magnet School Junior Grand Prix!

MARCH 8-9 2014 Marchand Open (36th Annual)

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 120 (ENHANCED)

Dr. Erich Marchand "requested that his friends play chess in his memory." Please help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of Erich's birthday and the 25th anniversary of the Rochester Chess Center. 5SS, G/120 d5. Location: Strong National Museum of Play, One Manhattan Square, Rochester, NY 14607. **\$\$10,750 Gtd. Open Section:** \$2000-1300-850-550-300, Under 2200 & U2000 each \$500-300. FIDE Rated. **EF:** \$70. **U1800 Section:** \$600-400-250. Under 1600 \$400-250. **EF:** \$65. **U1400 Section:** \$400-275-175. Under 1200 \$275-175. **EF:** \$60. **U1000 Section:** \$260-190-130-70. Under 800 \$150-90-60. **EF:** \$55. Unrated players in the U1800 section can only win \$125, in U1400 & U1000 \$55. IMs and GMs free if registered by 3/10. All EF add \$25 after 2/26/2014. NYSCA members deduct \$3. Great food available at site. Registration.: 8:30-9:15am. Rds.: Sat. 10-2:15-6:30, Sun. 10-2:15. One 1/2 point bye available in rd 1, 2, 3, or 4 if requested at entry. Info: 585-442-2430. Mail entry to: Rochester Chess Center, 221 Norris Dr., Rochester, NY 14610. Websites: www.nychess.org and www.rochesterchessclub.org. Store: www.Chessset.com.

Third Tuesday of each month. Marshall Masters at the Marshall Chess Club. 4-SS, G/30. 23 W. 10th St., NYC. 212-477-3716. Open to players rated over 2100 (plus all players scoring 2 ½ or more from CCNY at the Marshall's Thursday Night Action) EF: \$40, members \$30, GMs \$10 (returned on completion of tournament). Top three prizes guaranteed. \$\$Guaranteed 250-150-100. Top Under 2400 and Top Under 2300 prizes. Special prize for biggest upset. Reg.: 6:15-6:45. Rounds.: 7-8:15-9:30-10:45 p.m. One bye available, rounds 1 or 4 only.

Labor Day Weekend: the 136th New York State Chess Championship. Albany Marriott, Wolf Road, Colonie, NY. America's Labor Day Tradition. See the Spring issue for full information.

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6-SS, G/60 d10, open to grades K-12 in any state (top New York State player & team in each section are NY champions).

Saratoga Hilton, 534 Broadway (I-87 Exit 13-N, 4 miles north on US 9), Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Team prizes based on top 4 scores from same school; no combined school teams allowed even if one school "feeds" another. Teams of 2 or 3 players allowed, but are at a disadvantage.

In 9 sections. Online entry fee at chessaction.com, all sections: \$43 12/1-2/8, \$53 2/9-2/25, \$60 2/26 to 9 am 3/1. **Entry fee at site**, all sections: \$60. **High School**, open to all in grades K-12. EF \$46.20 mailed by 2/8. Top NYS grade 9-12 qualifies for Denker Tournament of HS Champions, top NYS grade K-12 girl qualifies for National Girls Invitational. **High School Reserve**, open to K-12 under 1200 or unrated. EF \$46 mailed by 2/8. **Junior High**, open to all in grades K-9. EF \$45.90 mailed by 2/8. Top NYS grade K-8 qualifies for Barber tournament of K-8 Champions. **Middle School Reserve**, open to K-8 under 1000 or unrated. EF \$45.80 mailed by 2/8. **Elementary**, open to all in grades K-6. EF \$45.60 mailed by 2/8. **Elementary Reserve**, open to grades K-5 under 800 or unrated. EF \$45.50 mailed by 2/8. **Primary**, open to grades K-3. EF \$45.30 mailed by 2/8. **Primary Reserve**, open to grades K-3 under 600 or unrated. EF: \$45.20 mailed by 2/8. **K-1**, open to grades K-1. EF \$45.10 mailed by 2/8. **Postmarked 2/9-19:** All EF \$10 more. Do not mail entry after 2/19. **Entry at site:** all \$60. **Special 1 year USCF dues** with magazine if paid with entry. Online at chessaction.com, Young Adult \$20, Scholastic \$15. Mailed, phoned or paid at site, Young Adult \$30, Scholastic \$20.

Trophies to top 15 players and top 7 teams each section, top 3 unrated in Primary, K-1, and each reserve section, and Top Under 1500, Under 1300 (High School), Under 900, Under 700 (High School Reserve), Under 1200, Under 1000 (Junior High School), Under 700, Under 500 (Middle School Reserve), Under 1000, Under 800 (Elementary), Under 500, Under 300 (Elementary Reserve), Under 500 (Primary), Under 200 (Primary Reserve, K-1). Speed playoff if perfect score tie. **Free entry** to NY State Championship, Labor Day weekend 2014 (Albany), to top player each section.

Schedule: Late registration ends Sat 10 am, rounds. Sat 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m, Sun 9 a.m., 12 noon, 3 p.m., awards 5:30 pm. **Half-point byes** OK all, limit 2, must commit before round 2. **HR:** \$129-129, 888-999-4711, 518-584-4000, reserve by 2/14 or rate may increase. Free parking for overnight guests. 48 hours notice required for room cancellation. Backup hotel: Courtyard by Marriott, 2 blocks away, 518-226-0538. **Special car rentals:** Avis, 800-331-1600, use AWD #657633.

Online entry: www.chessaction.com, beginning 12/1. **Mail entry:** Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills, NY 12577. **Include name, rating, USCF ID, USCF expiration (non-members enclose dues), section, school, grade, birth date, address of each player.** Checks payable to Continental Chess. **\$15 per player** service charge for refunds. **\$10 extra to switch** sections, all substitutions from advance list charged \$60. **Questions:** DirectorAtChess.US (At = @), 347-201-2269. **Bring set, board, clock** if possible- none supplied.