



# 2006 PSCF Annual



## 2005 Pennsylvania Player of the Year

**Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.**

## 2005 Pennsylvania Junior Player of the Year

**Mark A. Heimann**

## 2005 Pennsylvania Female Player of the Year

**Alisa Melekhina**

## 2005 Pennsylvania Senior Player of the Year

**Donald J. Meigs**

As readers of our past annuals know, we try each year to provide recognition to Pennsylvanians who have made significant contributions to chess in our state. We haven't formalized exactly what factors go into the consideration of whom should be chosen, but included are excellence of play, sportsmanship, participation, and increasing the availability of chess opportunities to others. We leave it the officers of the PSCF and Pennsylvania's USCF delegates to weigh these factors in making a choice. In previous years, the choices were relatively clear, but this year we had a spirited debate on who should be honored here. We don't have space to provide all of the accomplishments of those ultimately chosen, but I will try to provide some of their highlights from 2005. And because so many deserve recognition, I will also mention those who were strongly considered along with their achievements.

For Player of the Year, Joe Mucerino, on the strength of his 35 tournament victories in 2005, was chosen in a close race over two other deserving candidates. One was Mark Eidemiller, who doesn't play as often as he once did due to family obligations, but when he does the excellence of results speak for themselves: 2005 Co-PA Champion and 2005 PA Game/29 Champion. The other player considered was Tom Nordeman, who has valiantly played in almost every event in the Philadelphia area, including the World Open, despite being permanently wheelchair-bound. He certainly displays a love of the game and a drive to compete that we should all try to emulate.

For Junior Player of the year, Mark Heimann was chosen over Dan Yeager. Mark won the state K-8 Championship and was a clear first in the national Grade 7 Championship. Dan was the US Amateur East titlist and could be a front-runner for next year with his win at the state scholastic championship.

Our Female Player of the Year was Alisa Melekhina, who was again the top girl at the state scholastic championship and thus represented Pennsylvania in the 2005 Polgar Tournament - tying for first in that national event. She also represented our nation at World Youth Championship in Crete.

For Senior Player of the Year, Don Meigs was chosen over Dr. John F. Bayley. Don has been one of the most active players in Pittsburgh for decades. A one-time master, he still maintains an expert rating. Dr. Bayley is an active player at the Main Line Chess Club, but more importantly as their president he has been the driving force and chief fund-raiser for several of their new/reconstituted events. In that way he has provided opportunities for chess excellence to innumerable other Pennsylvanians.

## Pennsylvania State Championship

by Tom M. Martinak

The Pennsylvania State Championship has been run under the auspices of the PSCF yearly since 1939. For many years it was contested over the three days of the Labor Day weekend, but in recent years has been held sometime over the summer months. A variety of tie-breaking methodologies have been used over the years, but we now treat all tied Pennsylvanians as co-champions. In past years, non-residents have been allowed the title - and even a computer! Here is a list of champions originally provided by Neil Brennen and updated with the latest results.

Year	Location	Champions
1939	York	William Steckel/Hermann Hesse
1940	Pittsburgh	L. W. Gardner
1941	Allentown	Hermann Hesse
1942	Hazleton	William Steckel
1943	Pittsburgh	Thomas Gutekunst
1944	Gettysburg	Hermann Hesse
1945	Philadelphia	Irving Heitner
1946	Reading	Attilio Di Camillo
1947	Allentown	Attilio Di Camillo
1948	Pittsburgh	Paul Deitz
1949	Lancaster	William Byland
1950	Philadelphia	Thomas Gutekunst
1951	Allentown	William Ruth
1952	Somerset	Donald McClelland
1953	York	Robert Sobel
1954	Johnstown	Joseph Schaffer

## Philadelphia - November 11, 2006

### Greater Philadelphia Elementary Open Championship

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1955 Hazelton	Charles Kalme
1956 Philadelphia	Hermann Hesse
1957 Pittsburgh	Robert Bornholz
1958 Altoona	Max Cohen
1959 Lancaster	Joseph Schaffer
1960 Philadelphia	Attilio Di Camillo
1961 Allentown	Attilio Di Camillo
1962 Pittsburgh	Robert Bornholz
1963 Reading	Jeffrey Harris
1964 Shamokin	Clarence Kalenian
1965 Philadelphia	Richard Abrams
1966 Pittsburgh	Richard Abrams
1967 Philadelphia	Arnold Chertkof
1968 Wilkes-Barre	Bruce Alberston
1969 Pittsburgh	Robert Bornholtz
1970 King of Prussia	Michael Shahade
1971 Allentown	Michael Shahade
1972 Pittsburgh	Michael Shahade
1973 Philadelphia	Jon Jacobs
1974 Lansdale	Harvey Bradlow
1975 Pittsburgh	Paul Cornelius
1976 Philadelphia	Tim Taylor
1977 Shippensburg	John Fitzpatrick
1978 Pittsburgh	John Fitzpatrick
1979 Folsom	Anatoly Dozorets
1980 State College	Alex Dunne
1981 Pittsburgh	Boris Baczynskij
1982 Bethlehem	Albert H. Bingaman, Jr.
1983 State College	Igor Ivanov
1984 Pittsburgh	Edward Formanek
1985 Philadelphia	Karl Dehmelt/William Atkinson
1986 Lancaster	Karl Dehmelt/Ruben Shocron/ Michael Shahade
1987 State College	Mark Eidemiller/Craig Jones/Albert H. Bingaman, Jr./Hitech
1988 Pittsburgh	Hitech

1989 Lancaster	Hitech
1990 State College	Vivek Rao/Stephen Rakowsky
1991 Pittsburgh	Mark B. Eidemiller
1992 State College	Ruben M. Shocron/Brent L. Schwab
1993 East Stroudsburg	Igor N. Khmelnsky/Edward W. Formanek/Andrew B. Rea
1994 Pittsburgh	Alexander Shabalov
1995 Lancaster	John F. Hathaway, Jr.
1996 State College	Wesley E. Ward
1997 Pittsburgh	Edward W. Formanek
1998 Allentown	Edward W. Formanek
1999 State College	Stanislav G. Kriventsov
2000 Pittsburgh	Stanislav G. Kriventsov
2001 Allentown	Stanislav G. Kriventsov/Matthew R. Traldi
2002 Camp Hill	Rodion V. Rubenchik/Zakhar Fayvinov/ Elvin Wilson/Tom M. Martinak
2003 Pittsburgh	Stanislav G. Kriventsov
2004 Allentown	Edward W. Formanek
2005 State College	Bryan A. Norman/Mark B. Eidemiller/Edward W. Formanek
2006 Pittsburgh	Bryan A. Norman/Mark A. Heimann

We rotate the event across the state in the order East-Central-West, so in 2007 the PA State Championship will be coming to the east - possibly in Philadelphia after a long absence because of the difficulty of finding a suitable site at a reasonable cost. It's also not too early for organizers in the center of the state to think about 2008 and holding a PA State Championship.

We follow with two games and some reminisces of 1949-50 from Durwood Hatch, our correspondent from Altoona.

Hans Kmoch was the Tournament Director of the 1949 Pennsylvania State Championship being played in Lancaster and gave a simul prior to the start of the games. This was his only loss. Like my game in the Reshevsky simul, it was the last game finished, so he sat down oppo-

site me, and we played one-on-one for at least the last 15 moves, perhaps more. He didn't take the loss in good grace - it was obvious he was much annoyed. Anyway, I enjoyed the experience of playing against a great international master.

### Hans Kmoch - Durwood B. Hatch

Simul, Lancaster, PA, 9/2/1949

Annotations by Durwood B. Hatch

1.e4 c5 2.Ne2 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.O-O Nc6 6.c3 Qb6 7.d3 e6 8.Na3 Nge7 9.Nc2 O-O 10.d4

White wins the battle for d4.

10...Bd7 11.Rb1

11.dxc5 dxc5 12.Qxd7 Rad8 wins the Queen.

11...a5 12.Be3 Rad8 13.Qd2 Qa7 14.f4

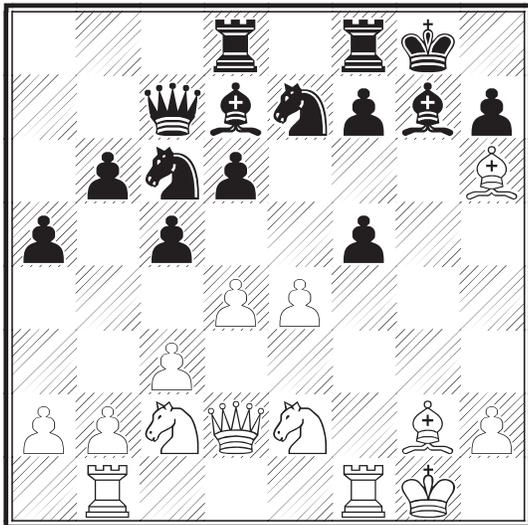
The pawn storm begins; it won't be easy to survive.

14...b6

Perhaps 14...f5 was better.

15.g4 Qc7 16.f5 exf5 17.gxf5 gxf5 18.Bh6

Threatens 19. Qg5 Ng6 20.exf5.



18...f6 19.Kh1 fxe4 20.Bxe4 f5 21.Qg5 Ng6 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.Bxg7+ Kxg7 24.Nf4 Nce7 25.Bf3 d5

Threatens 26... Qxf4.

26.Rg1

Answers Black's threat with his own 27. Qxe7+. If 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Bxd5 Bc6 28.Rxf5 Bxd5+ 29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Qxd5 Rf2 31.Qh5 Rxc2 is winning.; Or if 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Nxd5 Bc6 28.Rxf5 (28.Nce3 f4 29.Nf5+ Rxf5 30.Qxf5 Rxd5 with a discovered check coming.) 28...Rxf5 29.Qxf5 Bxd5+ wins.

26...Kh8

Renews the threat of Qxf4.

27.Nh5 Bc6 28.Rbe1 Qd6 29.Re2 Rde8 30.Qh6 Rf7 31.Rge1 Bd7 32.Rg1

Back to a direct attack on the Black King.

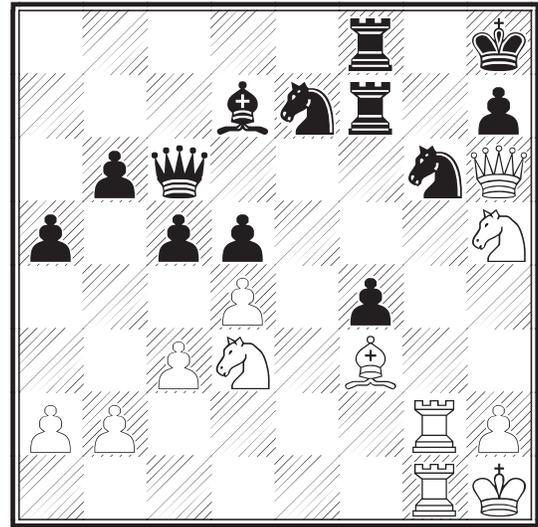
32...Ref8 33.Reg2 f4!

Seizes this key square, limits White's movement, and prepares to counterattack.

34.Ne1 Qc6!

Preparing the next key move.

35.Nd3



35...Nh4!!

Instantly changes the complexion of the game, attacking Q, B, and R in one move.

36.Qxc6 Bxc6 37.Rf2

If 37.Ne5 Nxg2 38.Nxf7+ (Or 38.Nxc6 Nxc6 39.Bxd5 Rf5 40.Bxc6 Ne3 41.Ng7 R5f6 42.d5 Rg8 43.Nh5 Rxg1+ 44.Kxg1 Rf5 45.d6 Rxh5 46.d7 Rg5+ 47.Kf2 Rg8 wins.) 38...Rxf7 39.Kxg2 Ng6 remaining a pawn ahead.

37...Nxf3 38.Rxf3 cxd4 39.cxd4

If 39.Ne5 Rf5 40.Nxc6 Nxc6 41.Ng7 Re5 42.cxd4 Nxd4 43.Rd3 Ne2 44.Rg4 Rf7 wins; Or 39.Ndx4 dxc3 40.Rxc3 d4+ 41.Rxc6 Nxc6 wins.

39...Ng6

Black has survived with a pawn plus.

40.Rg4 Bb5 41.Ndx4 Be2! 42.Nxg6+ hxg6 43.Rxf7 Rxf7 44.Rf4! Bf3+!

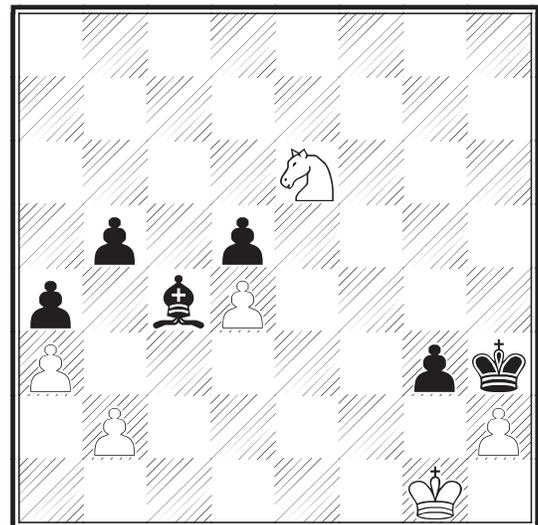
This 'in-between move' wins because it allows both pawns to be saved.

45.Kg1 Rxf4 46.Nxf4 Kg7 47.Kf2 Be4 48.Ke3 Kf6 49.Ne2 g5 50.Nc3 Bg2 51.Kf2 Bh1 52.Na4 Kf5 53.Ke3

Black wins easily in all variations after 53.Nxb6 Ke4.

53...b5 54.Nc5 Bg2 55.Nb3 a4 56.Nc5 Kg4 57.Kf2 Bf3 58.Nd3 Be4 59.Nc5 Bf5 60.a3 Kh3 61.Kg1 g4 62.Na6 Bd3 63.Nc7 Bc4 64.Ne6 g3

Black removes the outside pawns so that his dominating King can win the rest.



**65.hxg3**

A knight check changes nothing after Kg4.

**65...Kxg3 66.Nc5 Kf3 0:1**

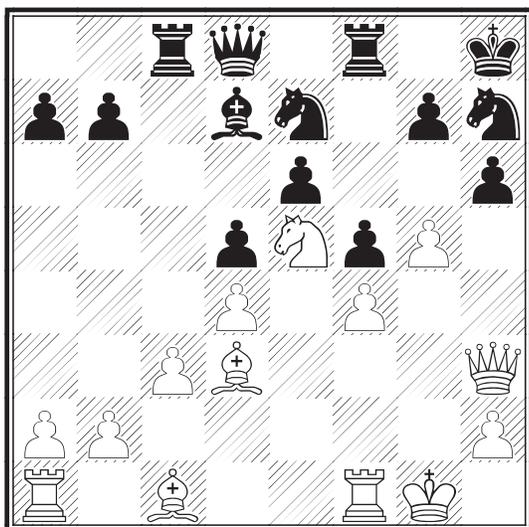
Ira Isenberg was from Enola, playing in the Harrisburg area chess clubs. He was originally from Altoona, and the Altoona players used to tell me that I was lucky Ira was no longer around, implying he would easily beat me. This may be the first game we ever played against each other. We became good friends and played correspondence games later, probably 10 or more, of which I won most. Then one day our correspondence ceased. He had suffered a previous heart attack, so I fear that a second took his life. I never was able to find out what happened. Ira came very close to winning the state championship in 1950 but lost in the last round when an adjudication by Kmoch gave the title to Bill Byland (one of the founders of both the PSCF and USCF). I liked and respected Ira. He always took his losses with good grace. *(Something to which we should all aspire. - editor)*

**Durwood B. Hatch - Ira C. Isenberg**

Pennsylvania State Championship, Rd 2, Philadelphia, 9/2/1950

*Annotations by Durwood B. Hatch*

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 e6 5.f4 Nc6 6.Nd2 cxd4 7.exd4 Bd6 8.Ndf3 Bd7 9.Ne5 Rc8 10.Ngf3 h6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.O-O O-O 13.g4 Nh7 14.g5 f5 15.Qg2 Kh8 16.Qh3 Bxe5 17.Nxe5

**17...hxg5**

17...Ng8? 18.Ng6# or 17...Rg8? 18.Nf7#.

**18.fxg5 g6 19.Rf4 Qe8**

The only defense. Trying to get the rook to g7 via 19...Rg8 loses to 20.Nf7+.

**Carlisle****March 2, 2007****PA Quick Chess Championship****March 2 to 4, 2007****PA State Scholastic Championship****20.Rh4 Rf7 21.Nxf7+ Qxf7 22.Bf4 Kg8 23.Rf1 Nc6**

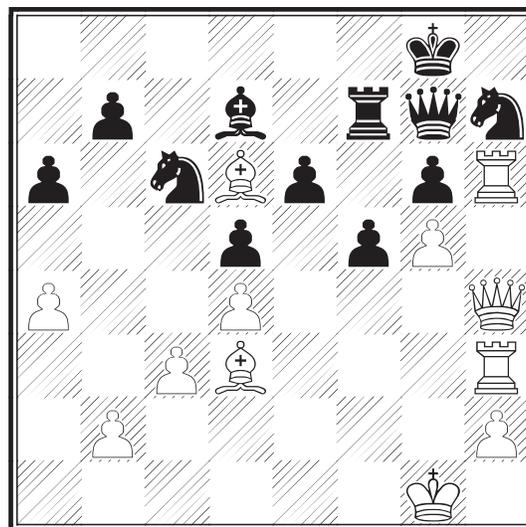
To keep the White bishop out of e5 and an attempt to force his pawn to e5 in order to obtain some counterplay. White's 25th and 26th move prevents this idea. But at some point Black's best hope was probably to play e5 anyway, sacrificing the pawn in order to leave a White pawn at e5, which could be blockaded with Be6.

**24.Rh6 Re8 25.Qg3 Qg7 26.Re1 a6 27.a4 Kf7 28.Qh4! Kg8**

28...Rh8 29.b4 and eventually the b-pawn will drive the knight away and allow the White bishop to occupy e5.

**29.Re3 Re7 30.Bd6!**

Really aimed more at f8 than the rook.

**30...Rf7 31.Rh3****31...Be8 32.Qf4**

Threatening 33.Rxh7.

**32...Nf8 33.b4 Nd7**

A move too late for e5.

**34.Qh4! 1:0**

and the Black king cannot escape the rook penetration on the h-file.

Ira was known for his tenacious defense. I like this game for its consistent theme from start to finish, namely the king-side attack via the exploitation of the dark square weaknesses by the White bishop.

**Scholastic Corner**

by PSCF SE Scholastic Coordinator Dan Heisman

Scholastic Corner is aimed for players K-12, their parents, and scholastic sponsors/coaches. We like to address one column each year to sponsors and coaches to help them prepare their program for the school season. So if you are a scholastic player or parent and your sponsor/coach is not likely to receive this article, please copy or lend it to them or anyone else who could benefit! Thanks - this little effort might go a long way!

Before getting into PA-specifics, I would like to note that USCF's excellent scholastic website, including their Scholastic links, is located at <http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/>. This includes their booklet, *A Guide to Scholastic Chess*, at <http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/2003SCguide.pdf>. If you have not seen this, it is a great idea to download it, and print it out or browse through it to keep in mind where to find this helpful information. Of course for the parents there is my

book *A Parent's Guide to Chess*, which I will sell in very low bulk discount to any organization - contact me at danheisman@comcast.net

I started a tax-deductible scholarship fund at the Philadelphia Foundation (<http://www.philafound.org>) for scholastic chess in the Philadelphia area. If you are interested in making a donation, go to <http://www.philafound.org/page22267.cfm> and specify the "Dan Heisman Chess Scholarship Fund".

**I would urge every school sponsor to prepare a "start of the year" handout and disseminate it to all of the students (and parents!) who attend his/her chess program.** This handout can have two parts - one part can be specific to your program, but the second part should be generic and similar within all programs: it should contain information on what the main events are this year, and where to get more information about scholastic events and improvement. The following information should help you get started.

**Web sites (all of these have many pages useful to both you and your students):**

- US Chess Federation: <http://www.uschess.org>
- PA State Chess Federation: <http://www.pscfchess.org>
- SE PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator: <http://www.danheisman.com> - a clearinghouse site for chess near Philadelphia.
- PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator: Steve McLaughlin <http://www.delvalchess.com> - includes the excellent Delaware Valley Scholastic Grand Prix (DVGP) events.

**Important Dates for PA Scholastic Chess in 2006-2007:**

- Nov. 5 : Greater Philadelphia MS/HS Championship at Lower Merion High School
- Nov. 11 : Greater Philadelphia Elementary Championship at 1<sup>st</sup> Philadelphia Charter School
- Nov. 18 - 19 : PA Junior Championship at the University of Pittsburgh
- March 2 - 4, 2007 : PA Scholastic Chess Championship in Carlisle (140+ trophies!)
- March 30 - April 1, 2007 : National Junior High (K-9) Championship in Sacramento, CA
- April 13 - 15, 2007 : National High School (K-12) Championship in Kansas City, MO
- May 11 - 13, 2007 : National Elementary (K-6) Championship in Nashville, TN
- June 2007 – Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational (\$2000 in prizes in 2006)
- Summer 2007 - PA State Chess Championship (all ages but includes scholastic sections)

More detail on all of these events is available at the above web sites. A primary site for PA State Championship events is <http://www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/>. Alternately, you can go to the USCF web site and click on "tournaments" – you get to <http://www.uschess.org/tla>, and then click on "Listings by State" and "PA", etc. For SE PA events, you can also go to <http://www.danheisman.com> and click on "Tournaments/Events". And the clearinghouse for Western PA events is at <http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/ChessPA/wpatnmts.htm>. All of these events are also listed in detail monthly in the back of *Chess Life*, in their Tournament Life Announcement section.

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." This quote was apparently first stated by Lao Tzu, the famous philosopher. Use it for acquiring information about where to play chess: **Teach your students how to find events by themselves and then they can share the information with others in your group.**

Many coaches allow their players to "start at the top", which is a tough way to learn. By this I mean that they encourage their players to only play one or two championship events a year, like the PA Team Tournament and the PA Scholastic Championship, this year again at the (formerly) Clarion hotel in Carlisle. This approach is somewhat like expecting your football or basketball players to only play in the PIAA playoffs but not play in normal leagues and summer camps. There are many scholastic (K-12) events held all over the state throughout the year, like the DVGP Events, the PSCF-CCP events in Philadelphia, and many in the Pittsburgh area run by Jerry Meyers and Tom Martinak. Playing in scholastic events before the championship events is great preparation for your players and teams. These events can be found at the above web sites and also via scholastic e-mail lists. To get on my SE PA scholastic e-mail list, send an e-mail to danheisman@comcast.net ; for Tom, it is martinak\_tom\_m@hotmail.com ; for Steve McLaughlin it is zugzwang1@erols.com .

It is also a good idea to let the older (above elementary) students know that not only can they play in those scholastic events, but they are usually welcome at local clubs, and at "open" tournaments for all ages. Especially enticing are events like the PA State Championship (which also has scholastic sections), the large National Chess Congress in Philadelphia over Thanksgiving weekend, which has about a dozen sections to accommodate all players from master to beginner, and the Greater Philadelphia Championship, held each spring at Haverford College. It is certainly no coincidence that at these all-age events you always see students from many-time National HS Champion Masterman or Pennsbury. These are two of the best programs in the state, partly because coaches Steve Shutt and Ed McKenney encourage their players to play in the top events, scholastic or not.

If a sponsor/coach does not want to "send" his players to these events, at least he should let them know that these events exist. I always feel sorry for players whose sponsors knew about events (or at least how to find them), did not tell the players, and then the players missed the event even though it later turns out they would have loved to have played. I was once a student who would have loved to have played organized events outside my school but I did not know about them, so I am very sympathetic to those in that situation now. Therefore, as much as possible, coaches and sponsors should let their students know there is a whole world of chess eager to welcome them outside of their local team or league! And don't let anyone tell you "You are not good enough" – sometimes I have to return "unrated" trophies for recycling because players who have not played before are improperly discouraged from coming to events and no new players show up to get the trophy!

Final note on events with team trophies: Most individually-paired scholastic chess tournaments (as almost all are) also offer team trophies. In general, **the more players you bring to these events from your school, the better chance you have of winning a team trophy.** And you do NOT have to be on your school's official chess team (if there is one) to play on your school team at most scholastic chess events since there is no upper limit on how many of your school can attend. The more the merrier! So everyone come on out and represent your school (or club).

## Botched Brilliances

by Neil R. Brennen

*For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: "It might have been!" - John Greenleaf Whittier*

Every chessplayer wants to play brilliant games. And many players have from time to time, even relatively low-rated chessists. But far more interesting for me than brilliances played out are what Robert Frost might have called 'the moves not taken'. Figuring out how a brilliant game becomes botched is a good exercise for chessplayers of all levels. These examples presented here offer food for analysis, both of chess positions and the people who played them. So rather than parade pretty wins in this little article, I've chosen four of my lesser moments as a chessplayer, for no reason aside from their chess interest. I apologize in advance for any moral, theme, or lesson the reader may find herein.

My opponent in the first game, John Hathaway, was PSCF Champion in 1995. John had also taught me a great many lessons about chess over the years. I had reached my peak USCF rating at the time, and I was determined to show John just how much I had learned.

**Neil R. Brennen - John F. Hathaway, Jr.**

North Penn CC Spring Open, Round 1, Lansdale, 5/14/1999

*Annotations by Neil R. Brennen*

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2

No John, no McCutcheon today.

3...Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 b6 7.Ngf3 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6  
9.O-O Nc7 10.Qe1 g6 11.g4 h5 12.gxh5 Rxh5 13.Kh1 c4  
14.Rg1 b5 15.Nf1 Nb6 16.Ng3 Rh8 17.b3 Be7 18.Nd2 Kd7  
19.bxc4 bxc4 20.Qd1 Qf8 21.a4 Qh6

"The mate threat is Qxh2" Thanks, Fritz, I see it too.

22.Nf3 a5 23.f5

Trying to unravel the pawn chain.

23...Qh7 24.f6 Bf8 25.Ra2 Bh6 26.Bxh6 Qxh6 27.Qd2

This was chess psychology in action. I knew Black would refuse the offer to take the Queens off the board. No expert wants to trade into a drawish ending against a lower-rated player.

27...Qf8 28.Ng5 Rb8 29.Rb1 Rh4 30.Rab2 Kc6 31.Nf3 Rh8  
32.Qg2 Qa3 33.Qd2=

33.Ng5!? Na6 34.Nxf7 Nxa4 35.Nxh8 Nxb2 36.Nxg6±

33...Na6±

33...Qf8 34.Ne2 Rh3±

34.Ra2 Qf8

Both players were in moderate time trouble here.

35.Qb2??

35.Rb5±

35...Nc7 36.Qg2 Na6±

36...Qh6!? should be considered.

37.Qb2??

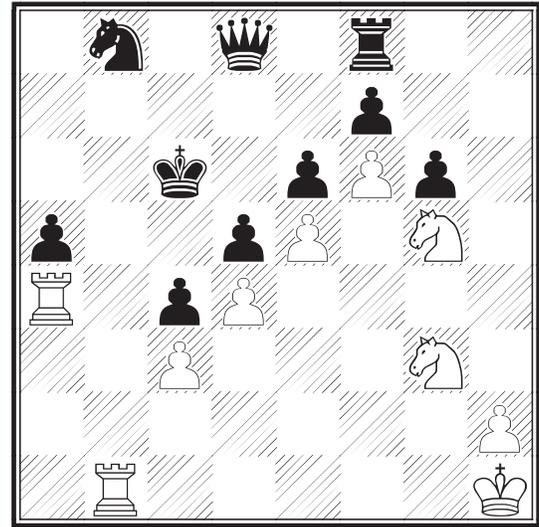
Again 37.Rb5±

37...Nxa4

I completely missed this move.

38.Qxb8 Nxb8 39.Rxa4 Qd8 40.Ng5 Rf8

I considered myself lost at this point. Little did I know . . .



41.Nh7=

White gains an advantage with 41.N3e4 Nd7 (41...dxe4?? 42.Rxc4+ Kd7 43.Rb7+ Ke8 44.Nxe4+-) 42.Nd6 Qc7 43.Nxc4 Ra8 44.Nxf7 Ra6+-  
41...Rh8 42.Ng5 Qc7 43.Nf3

43.Nxf7!? Qxf7 44.Rxa5 is much better, giving White good chances to win should Black not accept the draw with 44...Nd7 45.Ra6+ Kc7 46.Ra7+ Kc6

43...Rd8 0:1

I crowned my mistakes in this game by offering my resignation in a position that I very well might have drawn. Respecting your opponent is important, but you also have to make your opponent respect you. I really should have made John work for his point.

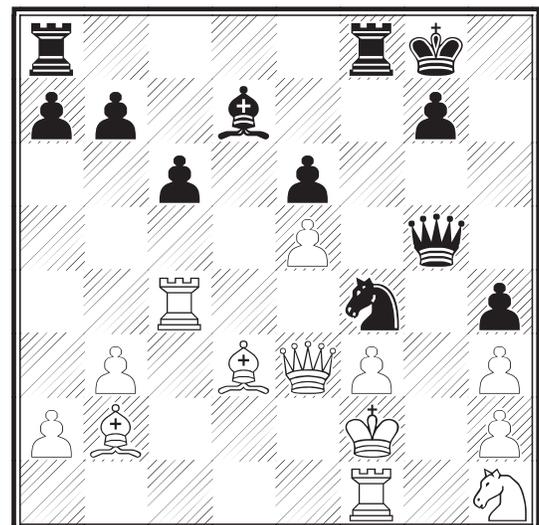
In the second game, against Expert Alan Lindy, I played too quickly in a double-edged position.

**Alan S. Lindy - Neil R. Brennen**

Chaturanga Chess League, Round 3, Hatboro, 12/20/2001

*Annotations by Neil R. Brennen*

1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 d5 5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.O-O  
O-O 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 Ne4 10.Rc1 Qe8 11.Ne2 Ndf6 12.Ne5  
Bd7 13.f3 Ng5 14.Ng3 h5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qe2 h4 17.Nh1  
Bxe5 18.dxe5 f4 19.exf4 Nxf4 20.Qe3 Qd8 21.Rc4 Ngh3+  
22.gxh3 Qg5+ 23.Kf2



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Now I overlook an in-between move, and reject the correct variation.  
**23...Nxb3+??**

23...Qg2+! The correct move. 24.Ke1 Nxd3+ The move that I missed in calculating this line. (24...Qxb2?? 25.Rxf4 was the reason that I rejected 23... Qg2!) 25.Qxd3 Qxb2 26.Qxd7 Rad8 27.Qxe6+ Rf7+  
**24.Ke2 Qg2+ 25.Nf2 Ng1+ 26.Rxg1 Qxg1 27.Rg4 Qxh2 28.Qh6 Rf7 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Ba3+ 1:0**

The next game is a doubly-annoying loss, not only because losing a won position against a National Master is embarrassing, but also because as a Tal fan I neglected to notice how much the game was like his well-known 1971 brilliancy against Uhlman. My excuse is that this encounter was played at Game/30.

**Neil R. Brennen - Gregory M. Nolan**

North Penn CC Friday Action, Round 1, Lansdale, 12/8/2000

*Annotations by Neil R. Brennen*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ng3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Nf6 6.Qe2**

The Richard Pariseau line, as taught to me by Dan Heisman.

**6...dxe4 7.Nxe4 cxd4**

7...Nxe4 8.Bxc6+! (Not 8.Qxe4?? Qa5+) 8...bxc6 9.Qxe4 and White can be well satisfied with the opening.

**8.Bg5 Bd7?**

8...Bb4+ 9.c3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Be7 and Black is better. -Nolan

**9.O-O-O Be7 10.Nxd4 Qb6**

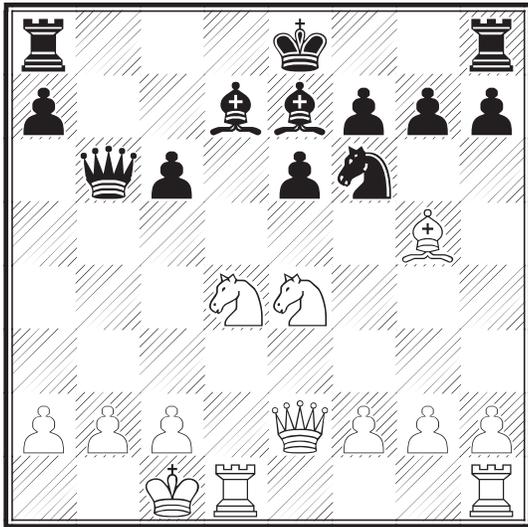
10...Nxe4 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Qxe4 and White has a slight advantage.

**11.Bxc6?**

11.Bxf6! Bxf6 12.Nd6+ Kf8 13.Nb3 with a slight White advantage.

**11...bxc6**

11...Bxc6 12.Nxc6 Qxc6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Qg4 and White has no reason to complain.



I knew that there had to be a win for White in this position. The Black king is still in the center, and the Black rooks might as well not be on the board. White's pieces are in the center with multiple attacking possibilities. As a chess historian, I've seen enough 19th century games to know there had to be a sacrifice here, but I couldn't make any of them work. So instead I played ....

**12.Nxf6+?**

But there was a win: The Tal-like 12.Nf5!! Nxe4 13.Nxg7+ Kf8 14.Bxe7+ Kxe7 15.Qxe4 and even I could win this; 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 (12...gxf6 13.Nf5!) 13.Nxf6+ gxf6 14.Nf5! is also winning.

**12...gxf6 13.Be3 c5 14.Qf3**

14.Nb3 is better, as I now chase the Rook to a better square.

**14...Rb8 15.Nb3 a5 16.Qh5**

16.Bf4 e5

**16...a4 17.Bxc5**

In time pressure, and seeing my advantage fade away, I crumbled. Nolan's 700 point rating advantage kicked in about here. I was tempted by the exchange sac 17.Rxd7 Kxd7 but after 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Nxc5+ Ke8 I have less than nothing.

**17...Bxc5 18.Qxc5 axb3 19.Qxb6 Rxb6 20.axb3 Ke7 21.Rhe1 Rc8 22.Rd4 Rxb3 23.Red1 Rb7 0:1**

Oddly enough, the saddest example of a botched brilliancy in my games is from a game I won rather easily. Had my opponent played better, I might have been able to play a winning quiet move.

**Jacqueline Meile Brown - Neil R. Brennen**

Main Line CC Championship, Round 2, Gladwyne, 10/19/1998

*Annotations by Neil R. Brennen*

**1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Qb3 Bg7 5.Nc3 O-O 6.c5+ Kh8**

**7.Ng5 Qe8 8.Bf4 d6 9.Ne6 Bxe6 10.Qxe6 Nc6 11.e3 Nd8 12.Qc4**

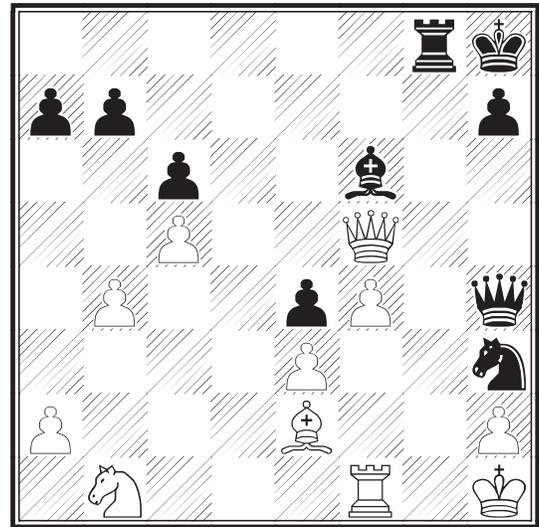
**e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Bg5 Ne6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Bg7 17.Be2**

**c6 18.Nc3 Qe7 19.b4 Rad8 20.O-O Rd7 21.Rad1 Rfd8 22.Nb1**

**e4 23.g4 Ng5 24.gxf5 gxf5 25.Rxd7 Rxd7 26.Kh1 Nh3 27.f4**

**Qh4 28.Kg2 Rd8 29.Qe6 Bf6 30.Qxf5 Rg8+ 31.Bg4**

My opponent's move hastened the end. However, had she played 31.Kh1, as in the diagram below, some people might dismiss this game as a draw. In fact, NM Dan Heisman came over and quickly demonstrated the draw in the post-mortem.

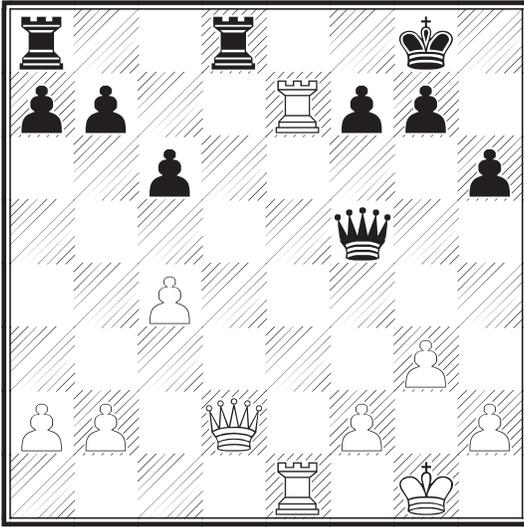


However, I had seen the 'brilliant' 31...Bb2! I don't know if this can be called a "problem-like" move or not. (The real problem is that the obvious move 31...Nf2+ leads to a draw after 32.Rxf2 Qxf2 33.Qxf6+ Rg7 34.Qf8+ Rg8 35.Qf6+)

**31...Rxg4+ 32.Kh1 0:1**

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21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.gxf4 b6 23.Rc7 Rd6 24.Ree7 Rf6 25.Rxa7  
Rxa7 26.Rxa7 Rxf4 27.Rb7 Rxc4 28.Rxb6 Kf8 29.Rb7 g6  
30.Kg2 Kg7 31.Kf3 Kf6 32.b3 Rc2 33.a4 Ke6 34.h4 h5 35.Ke3  
Kd5 36.a5

This was the one place where Fritz felt one side could get an advantage. Fritz says White has a clear advantage after 36.Rxf7 Rc3+ 37.Kf4 Rxb3 38.Kg5.

36...Ra2 37.b4 Ra3+ 38.Kf4 f6 39.f3 Ra4 40.Rd7+ Ke6 41.Rd4  
c5 42.Re4+ Kd7 43.bxc5 Rxa5 44.c6+ Kd6 45.Re8 ½:½

## “A Look Back at the Year 2005”

Compiled by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

Another year has ended, and a new one has begun. Once again, we will take a moment to look back at the memories we made in 2005.

### January 2005

\*The year begins at the New Year's Eve Insanity tournament in Allentown. Playing in my first event since my mother passed away, I was able to honor her memory by winning the event, the first of thirty-five tournament victories I would score throughout the year.

\*There were four quads in the 1st William J. Browne Memorial, with Michael Opaska, Avi Schreiber, Kevin Fitzgibbons, Matthew Sedlock, and Adam Ratana winners.

\*The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Bell Open was the final event held at Adams Mark Hotel, which was purchased by Target. The winners were:

Open: Jaan Ehlevest, Leonid Yudasin, Julio Becerra 5½/7. Top PA: Alexander Shabalov 5.

U2200: Daniel Smith, Seggev Weiss, Robert Fischer, Vishaldeep Vaghela, William Arluck, Chris Bechis 5. Top PA: Bechis.

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U2000: Larry Larkins, Jeff Gelman 6. Top PA: Clarence Kalenian 4½.

U1800: Alex Bianco 6. Top PA: Bianco.

U1600: Nicole Maffeo 6. Top PA: Richard Carr 5½.

U1400: Oliver Lombardi, Anthony Binanti 6. Top PA: Lombardi.

U1200: Martin Misko 6½. Top PA: Misko.

\*In Bethlehem, the First Tournament of 2005 was won by Anthony Imperato and Michael Snover.

\*In Murrysville, Joseph Lawlor beat Charles Collins in another of their matches, 3½-1½.

\*The Continental Chess Association held the Pittsburgh Open in Coraopolis. Winners were:

Open: Jaan Ehlevest, Alexander Shabalov 4½/5. Top PA: Shabalov.

U2000: Matt Parry, Derek Fisher 4½. Top PA: Fisher.

U1600: Kristopher Meekins 4½. Top PA: Steve Haskins, 4.

U1200: Adam Ratana 5. Top PA: Ratana.

\*In *Chess Life*, Alexander Shabalov represented the US in the 36<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad in Calvia, Spain, playing most of his games on second board, and Alex Dunne continues to write his popular *Check is in the Mail* column all year long.

### February 2005

\*At the PA Team West, winning the Open section was **Bright Knights** (Alexander Heimann, Gabriel Petesch, Mark Heimann, and Tyler Lelis). The Scholastic Reserve was won by **Razing Rooks A** (Benjamin Lind, Evan Schell, Samuel Chaverin, and Nathaniel Chaverin).

\*At the Erie Winter Quads, the winners were Craig Schneider, Luka Glinsky and John Frisk.

\*The winners at the Pittsburgh Scholastic Championship were:

6-12 Championship: Luka Glinsky.

6-12 Advanced: Vincent Lamperski, Allegra Glinsky.

6-12 Intermediate: Pavan Rajgopal.

6-12 Beginner: Zachery Taylor.

K-5 Championship: Randall Gough.

K-5 Advanced: Zane Stiles.

K-5 Intermediate: Frank Voza, Rohith Rao.

4-5 Beginner: Gwenore Pokrifka.

K-3 Beginner: Eric Zhang.

\*At the MasterMinds tournament in Philadelphia, Odette Moolten won the Open section, Joseph Kovacs won the U1100, Varun Sharma, Arjun Sharma, and Raven Wake tied for first in the K-6 U750 section, and Daniel Bell won the Hex.

\*Jeffery Schreiber won the 65<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship.

\*At the 60<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Open, the Open section was won by Gabriel Petesch, and the Reserve section was shared between Dave Eadie and Michael Hickman.

\*At the US Amateur Team East Championship in Parsippany, NJ, Ryan Milisits's team, **UTD Orange**, finished in second place overall. Alisa Melekhina headed the team that won the U1400 prize, **Polgar Scholastic Mixed Doubles**. Winning the U1000 prize was **Schaakmat**.

(Henry Bickel, Douglas Fuccetti, Justin Brewer, and Thomas Hartford). **Rotomasters** (Donald Quiring, Arthur Ellis, Nicholas Strauss, and Alex Strauss) won the Top Company Team Prize. The top Pennsylvania team was **Paige Masters** (Luis Chiong, Norman Rogers, Raymond Robinson, and Peter Moss) which scored an impressive 5-1 score. Rogers was also the top board two player, with a 5½/6 score. The top board 3 prize went to Alan Deckelbaum, who had a perfect 6-0 score.

\*Thomas DiMarco and Will Moyer tied for first at the NPCC Swiss in Lansdale.

\*Winners at the Haverford Quads were Joseph Mucerino, Dan Yeager, James Blakey, James Wu, Jack Archer, and Matthew Angiolillo.

\*In *Chess Life*, WFM Alisa Melekhina represented the US in the Girls U14 section at the World Youth Championship in Crete. She played all of the medal winners and finished in sixth place. Navy Petty Officer Narcisco Victoria won the Inter-Service Championship in Biloxi, Mississippi.

### March 2005

\*Joseph Mucerino retained his West Chester Chess Club championship title.

\*Joseph Mucerino won the top section of the NPCC Winter Round Robin, and Don Funk and Bill Campion tied for first in section two.

\*Gerald Bailleau and Michael Glick tied for first at the Pennsylvania Quick Chess Championship. Emily Chu won the U1500 section, and Anthony Barnes won the U1100 section.

\*Tom Magar won the open section of the Carlisle Open, while William Sensenderfer, Anthony Barnes, Joseph Hall and Sam Lamonto shared the U1500 section. Michael Glick won the Pennsylvania State Collegiate title.

\*The winners at the Pennsylvania State Scholastic Championship were:

K-3 Open: Danny Balter.

K-6 U800: Jonathan Holder, Nathan Meyers.

K-6 Open: Randall Gough.

K-8 Open: Mark Heimann, Alexander Heimann.

K-9 U1000: Casey Graffius, Daniel Slesinski.

K-12 U1000: Cory Smith.

K-12 U1300: Francis Reardon, Kyle Bradshaw, Alexander Hunt.

K-12 Open: Michael Guber.

\*David Blair won the top section of the Murrysville Chess Club Championship, while Philip Cacurak and Corey Shellhammer were the tops in section two.

\*There were three Huntingdon Valley Quads. Elizabeth Lakata won quad one, Isaac Cohen took quad two, and Jesse Adelman was victorious in quad three.

\*Craig Schneider and Daniel Miraglia were co-winners of the Erie City Championship.

\*Joseph Mucerino and Vinko Rutar tied for first at the Main Line Chess Club G/10 Championship.

\*Joseph Mucerino and John Caliguire both scored 3½/4 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus event in DuBois.

### April 2005

\*Bryan Smith tied for first at the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Open.

\*The Delaware Valley Grand Prix event in Southampton was swept by Josh Bowman 4-0. Other winners included Andrew Ding in the U1100, Jacob Kelly in the K-6 U750, and Adam Kong in the K-3 U500. Greg Nolan was the winner of the octo.

\*There was a three-way tie in the Open section of the 45<sup>th</sup> Golden Triangle Open between Tom Magar, Tyler Lelis, and Alex Heimann. Michael Black was the sole winner of the Reserve section.

\*Mark Eidemiller won the Pennsylvania State G/29 Championship, and Tudor Crihalmeanu took the Scholastic section.

\*Gabriel Petesch was the winner of the 6<sup>th</sup> William Byland Memorial.

\*There were clear winners of all three sections of the Greater Philadelphia Championship. Aleksander Wojtkiewicz won the Open section, Thomas Messineo took the U1800, and Matthew Slesinski was the tops of the U1400.

\*Gregory Nolan was the winner of the new Pennsylvania State Amateur Championship in West Hazleton. Shumin Ye won the Scholastic section.

\*James Sistrunk III dominated the Blair's Bishops Club Championship with a 6-0 performance.

\*In *Chess Life*, the members of the 2005 Trophies Plus All-America Team was named: Alexander and Mark Heimann were listed for players aged ten.

### May 2005

\*Bryan Smith swept the New Castle County Open in Delaware.

\*Tamara Corey defeated Sam Lamonto 5-0 in a match in Harrisburg.

\*Joseph Mucerino and Ed Chong were co-winners of the West Shore Chess Club Championship.

\*At the Eagles 2005 event, Tyrell Smalls won the grade 9-12 rated section, Steve McLaughlin, Jr. took the grade 6-8 section, and Lenny Wainstein swept grades K-5.

\*Joseph Mucerino took first place at the Beaumont Swiss in Devon. Christopher Cattie and Steven Fox tied for first in one scholastic section, and Kanishka Rao won the other.

\*Joseph Mucerino and Chris Pumarejo were the winners of the West Shore Chess Club Quick Championship. The club also changed its name to the Harrisburg West Shore Chess Club.

\*Joseph Rossi scored 3½/4 on his way to winning the Chaturanga Spring Swiss in Hatboro.

\*Gerry Bailleau swept the Hazleton Open 4-0.

\*John Thomas was a big winner at the HB Global Chess Challenge in Minneapolis, MN, when he took clear first in the U1400 section with a 8½/9 score.

\*Dan Yeager won the US Amateur East Championship in Parsippany, NJ with a 5½/6 score. Tying for first in the Booster section was Lee Boland and Ravendra Nohar.

\*In *Chess Life*, Stan Booz wrote *Report of the Finances of the US Chess Federation*.

**June 2005**

\*Joseph Mucerino and Arut Baluyan tied for first in the open section at Gettysburg. Jacob Kemper took home the first place trophy for the U1000 section. Ivan Stockman won the Unrated section, and Cumberland Valley Christian School was the top team.

\*Franklin Chen won the open section of the 35<sup>th</sup> Fred Thompson Memorial, and Bryan Joseph was the top man in the Reserve section.

\*Dan Yeager won yet another Delaware Valley Grand Prix tournament in Warminster. Philip Repisky swept the U1100 section. William Hall and Joshua Rahn tied for first in the U500 K-3 section. Joseph Mucerino won the Octo.

\*Kurt Schneider won the Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational with a commanding 6½/7 score.

\*At the Western Pennsylvania Junior Open, Bob Waruszewski took home the championship title with a 4½/5 score. Allegra Glinsky won the U1300 section, and Austin Keith had a perfect score in the U900 section. Sharing the U700 section were Ezra Etzel, John Sterrott, Nathaniel Hull, and Ruben Ramanathan.

\*Bryan Smith won the World Open Monday Blitz with a 8½/10 score.

\*Evan Post and Bora Yagiz tied for first in the World Open Thursday Action.

**July 2005**

\*The 2005 World Open was the first chess event played at the Wyndham Hotel, which replaced the Adams Mark Hotel after it was sold. The winners were:

Open: Kamil Milton, Magesh Panchanathan 7½/9. Top PA: Alexander Shabalov 6½.

U2200: Lawyer Times, Felix Radutman, Alexandre Mirtchouk 7½. Top PA: Narciso Victoria, Gregory Nolan 6½.

U2000: Chris Busch, Nakibul Haque 8. Top PA: Paul Grow, Luan Elezi 7.

U1800: Kristopher Meekins 8. Top PA: Michael Benz 7.

U1600: Eddie Briones, Raymond Simmons 8. Top PA: R. Andrew Spore 6½.

U1400: Gennadiy Malyuta, Rommel Tacorda 7½. Top PA: Dale Tippott 6.

U1200: Ashfak Uddin 8. Top PA: Reese Brown IV 7.

Unrated: Mar Barruel III 8. Top PA: Gordon Huston, Colin Brown 5.

\*In the Blitz side event, Jaan Ehlvest prevailed with a 9/10 score. Pedro Betancourt was perfect in the U1800 section.

\*In the Quick side event, sharing first place were Aleks Wojtkiewicz, Igor Sorokin, Gregory Shahade, and Todd Andrews. Ted Belanoff won the U2000 section, and Dan Falcon, Boris Gintchanski and Oliver Chase split the U1600 section.

\*At the Castle Quick Chess Championship in State College, Joseph Mucerino surprised everyone, including himself, by winning the Open section. The U1200 section was divided between Jonathan Paulson, D. Vakar Ahuja, and Mitchell Hoffman.

\*The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tullah Hanley Grand Prix also served as the PA State Championship. Aleks Wojtkiewicz won the tournament with

4½/5, but sharing the state title were Bryan Norman, Mark Eidemiller, and Edward Formanek. R. Andrew Spore and Jared Androzzi tied for first in the U1800 section, and Jonathan Paulson swept the U1200 section.

\*Vinko Rutar won the Main Line G/29 championship with a 5/6 score.

\*Michael Benz tied for first in the U1800 section at the Continental Open in Sturbridge, MA.

**August 2005**

\*Greg Nolan swept the NPCC Summer Swiss 4-0.

\*Rodion Rubenchik won the Open section of the Holly Heisman Memorial. Calvin Mei took the U1400 section, and Michael Pergeorelis was tops in the U800 section.

\*At the Western Pennsylvania Open in Pittsburgh, Michael Opaska won the Junior Invitational. Tyler Lelis won the Open section a full point in front of the field. Michael Healy and Joseph Elsleger tied for first in the U1900 section, and Tom Collopy won the U1500 section.

\*Alex Duff won the 14<sup>th</sup> Wild Card Open in Pittsburgh.

\*Alisa Melekhina tied for first at the Polgar 2005 tournament in Phoenix, AZ.

\*Gonzalo Castillo was the winner of the PCC Senior Championship.

\*Omar Rivera won the Coatesville Summer Open I, and Joseph Mucerino won the Coatesville Summer Open II.

**September 2005**

\*Robert Hux tied for first in the U2000 section of the NJ Open in Somerset, NJ.

\*William Aktinson was crowned PA Senior Champion.

\*Keith Johnson won the Summers End Swiss in West Chester.

\*There were two quads in Erie, with Richard Mitchell winning quad one, and Nicholas Pallotto and Raymond Willis splitting quad two.

\*At the Pittsburgh Class Championship, Alexander Heimann was the best expert, Paul Duerig was the top class A/B/C, and Ryan Miller was the winner of class D/E.

**October 2005**

\*Nigel Mitchell won the NPCC Membership Drive in Lansdale.

\*Alexander Shabalov tied for first in the Master section of the Midwest Masters tournament in Oak Brook, IL.

\*Gabriel Petesch was the winner of the 7<sup>th</sup> Fred Sorensen Memorial in Pittsburgh.

\*Alexander Heimann won the Open section of the Gateway Open, and Paul Duerig and Adam Ratana shared top honors in the Reserve section.

\*Ryan Milisits and Tyler Lelis were crowned co-state G/30 champions. Ray Smith swept the Scholastic section.

\*The Chaturanga Chess Club crowned three co-club champions: Dennis Baluk, Steve Stephano, and Ed McKenney.

\*Jerry Hanken writes his annual World Open report in *Chess Life*. There is a photograph of Dan Yeager for winning the US Amateur East Championship.

### November 2005

\*Jahaade Adams and Bruce Vazquez both posted perfect scores at the 4th ASAP Tournament in Philadelphia.

\*At the Delaware Valley Grand Prix Tournament in Southampton, Josh Bowman swept the Open section 4-0. Alex Weller and Joseph Kovacs tied for first in the U1100 section. Sharing first place in the U750 K-6 section were Blake Rosenn, Gabriel Bury, Alexander Lin, and Isaac Cohen. Christopher Yang had a perfect score in the U500 K-3 section, and Joseph Mucerino won the Octo.

\*At the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Sewickley Academy tournament, Calder Fowkes won the K-3 section 4-0, and Mike Manzinger had the same score in the grades 4-12 section.

\*The Greater Philadelphia Championships were decided in Ardmore. Josh Bowman and Ben Fisher both posted 5-0 scores in the Middle School section. The High School U1100 section was won by Mitchell Hoffman, and there was a three way tie in the High School Championship section between Dan Yeager, Rahul Swaminathan, and Evan Ames. The Elementary section was won by Praneeth Denduluri, the Primary by Odette Moolten, and the Elementary U700 by Alexander Lin.

\*Eric Funk, Reuben Hampton, and George Murphy all scored 4/5 at the NPCC Fall Class Tournament in North Wales.

\*Sectional winners at the 2005 Providence Heights Alpha event in Allison Park were Justin Ferri, Kyle Deddo, Michael Cho, and James Betts and Eric Geissler.

\*Joseph Mucerino won the HWSCC Autumn Swiss.

\*Peter Fleischer and Vinko Rutar were crowned Main Line Chess Club co-champions. Mark Furey took the U1800 section.

\*Winners of the National Chess Congress in Philadelphia:

Premier: Ildar Ibragimov, Jaan Ehlevest, Alexander Goldin 5/6. Top PA: Alexander Shabalov, Bryan Smith 4½.

U2200: Palina Churun, Vladimir Polyakin, Jason McKinney 5. Top PA: Narcisco Victoria 4½.

U2000: Ryan Goldenberg 5½. Top PA: Arut Baluyan 4½.

U1800: Jonathan Munnell, Ted Udelson, Douglas Burgwin, Michael Williams, Nick Halgren 5. Top PA: Burgwin, Williams.

U1600: William Schreefer 6. Top PA: Sherwin Duke 5.

U1400: Samuel Francis 5½. Top PA: Lassaad Sanane, Brian Bucher, Dennis Moore, Raymond Cravetz 4.

U1200: Jahaade Adams 6. Top PA: Adams.

U1000: Gregory Klupar 5½. Top PA: Klupar.

U800: Yuhao Xu, Yana Listovnichy 5. Top PA: Xu, Listovnichy.

U600: Benedict Ortiz 6. Top PA: Jennifer Han.

Unrated: Oluwaseyi Kayode, Douglas Beam 5. Top PA: Beam.

### December 2005

\*Mark Heimann won the Grade 7 section at the National K-12 Grade Championship in Houston, TX.

\*Donald Meigs won the Open section of the 26<sup>th</sup> Abel Bomberault Memorial in Pittsburgh. Jason Lee took the Reserve section.

\*The Greater Philadelphia Chess League began.

\*Jahaade Adams swept the Open section of the ASAP Scholastic Tournament in Philadelphia. Christopher Yang was also perfect in the U750 section.

\*Franklin Chen won the 9<sup>th</sup> Robert P. Smith Memorial Tournament in Pittsburgh.

\*Garnel Wilkins defeated Daniel Bell 2½-1½ in a match in Philadelphia.

\*David Blair and Harry Replogle won their respective sections in the Murrysville Chess Club Championship.

\*Joseph Mucerino ended the year the way he began it, with a tournament win on December 31. He won the Last Three Games of 2005 Swiss in Allentown.

*What a year!*

## UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

**October 28. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR. G/45. EF: \$20. \$\$50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Open:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$10. Trophies to Top 3 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **Scholastic U800:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to Top 5 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds 10am and then as quickly as possible. PSCF required \$5 except for ASAP students. \$5 entry fee discount for ASAP students. **Info:** Steve Shutt 215-978-6867, 215-299-3474.

**November 18. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR. G/45. EF: \$20. \$\$50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Open:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$10. Trophies to Top 3 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **Scholastic U800:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to Top 5 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds 10am and then as quickly as possible. PSCF required \$5 except for ASAP students. \$5 entry fee discount for ASAP students. **Info:** Steve Shutt 215-978-6867, 215-299-3474.

**November 18 & 19. 2006 Pennsylvania State Senior Championship.** 4-SS. G/120. Ballroom, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. **Open to ages 50 & Up.** \$\$ (465 b/20): 150-60, Ages 65 & Up \$55, U1800 \$50, U1600 \$45, U1400 \$40, U1200 \$35, Unrated \$30. Trophies to Champion & Top Ages 65 & Up. **EF:** \$25 postmarked by 11/10, \$35 later, PSCF required \$5 OSA. Reg 11am - 11:30am. Rds Noon - 4:30pm, 10am - 2:30pm. **Info:** martinak\_tom\_m@hotmail.com 412-908-0286. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. *W. Sponsored & Organized by the PSCF & University of Pittsburgh Chess Club.*

**November 18 & 19. 2006 Pennsylvania State Junior Championships.** 5-SS. 53 Trophies! (49 Individual, 4 Team) Ballroom, Main Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. 7 sections: **2-day (Sat & Sun):** Ages 16 to 20 Open, Ages 12 to 15 Open, Ages 9 to 11 Open. **EF:** \$18 postmarked by 11/10, \$28 later. Time Control: Game/90. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am - 2pm - 5:30pm, 10am - 2pm. **1-day (Sun only):** Ages 8 & Under Open, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U900, Ages 9 to 20 Rated U600 or Unrated, Ages 8 & Under Rated U600 or Unrated. **EF:** \$15 postmarked by 11/10, \$25 later. Time Control: Game/40. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am - 11:30am - 1pm - 2:30pm - 4pm. **All:** Trophies to top 7 in each section, additional medallions. State Champion Title for each age in an Open Section. Teams of 4 to 7 players combined from all sections, Trophies to top 2 schools & top 2 clubs. PSCF required \$5 OSA. **Info:** martinak\_tom\_m@hotmail.com, 412-908-0286, <http://www.pscfchess.org/pajuniorchamp/>. **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. *W. Sponsored & Organized by the PA State Chess Federation & University of Pittsburgh Chess Club.*

**January 20. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR. G/45. EF: \$20. \$\$50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Open:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$10. Trophies to Top 3 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **Scholastic U800:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to Top 5 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds 10am and then as quickly as possible. PSCF required \$5 except for ASAP students. \$5 entry fee discount for ASAP students. **Info:** Steve Shutt 215-978-6867, 215-299-3474.

**February 3. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR. G/45. EF: \$20. \$\$50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Open:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$10. Trophies to Top 3 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **Scholastic U800:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to Top 5 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds 10am and then as quickly as possible. PSCF required \$5 except for ASAP students. \$5 entry fee discount for ASAP students. **Info:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle [Iralee@aol.com](mailto:Iralee@aol.com), 215-674-9049.

**March 2 GPP:6 Pennsylvania (QC) 2007 Pennsylvania Quick Chess Championship.** 6SS, G/10, T/D3. Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 3 sections, EF rec'd by 2/12: **Open:** \$12. **U1500:** \$10. **U1100:** \$8. \$\$ (730G): **Open:** 175-100-50, U1800 \$45, U1600 \$40. **U1500:** 125-75-50, U1200 \$40, Unrated \$30. **U1100:** Trophies to 1st-5th, Top U800, Top U600, 1st-2nd Unr. **All:** EF: \$20 after 2/12, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 6-6:30pm. Rd 1: 7pm. Reg. ratings used. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. **HR:** Mention "PA States" for best rate as early as possible; Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$65 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** [paquick@pscfcchess.org](mailto:paquick@pscfcchess.org) W.

### A Heritage Event

**March 2 - 4 2007 Pennsylvania State Scholastic Championships.** 142 Trophies!! (With 107 Individual and 35 Team Trophies). Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 8 sections (Sat & Sun 3/3 & 4 unless indicated): **EF: K-3 Open:** (Sat 3/3 only) \$29. **K-6 U800:** (Sat 3/4 only) \$27. **K-9 U1000:** (Sun 3/4 only) \$27.25. **K-6 Open:** \$30.50. **K-8 Open:** \$31.50. **7-12 U1000:** \$28.50. **7-12 U1300:** \$29.50. **K-12 Open:** (Fri, Sat & Sun 3/2-4) \$32.50. **All:** EFs if rec'd by 2/12, \$10 more rec'd 2/13-2/26, \$20 more after 2/26. PSCF membership included. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. \$\$ for College scholarships (amount to be determined) for top boy and girl in K-12 Open, for Castle Camp (scholarships) & (if possible) 1st team, player in K-6, K-8 & K-12 Opens for Nationals, Denker, Polgar. Reg Fri 3/2 6-10pm, Sat 3/3 9:30-10:15am, at site entries on day of 1st rd get 1/2-bye. Send name, USCF ID & exp, section, grade, school/club, birthday, gender, address, phone, email + EF. \$5 charge for changes/refunds after 2/12. Rds (Sat 3/3 1-day sections): 5-SS. G/40 T/D5; 10-11:45-2-3:45-5:30; (Sun 3/4 K-9 U1000): 5-SS. G/40, T/D5; 9-10:30-12:30-2-3:30; (2-day sections): 5-SS. G/90, T/D5; 10-2-5:30, 9-1. (Fri, Sat & Sun 3/2-4 K-12 Open): 6-SS. G/90, T/D5; 8, 10-2-5:30, 9-1. **Bughouse:** Reg until Sat 3/3 8:30pm. Rds begin Sat 3/3 8:45pm. EF: \$20/team. **HR:** Mention "PA States" for best rate as early as possible; Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$65 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** <http://www.pscfcchess.org/pascholasticchamp/>, Steve McLaughlin: [zugzwang1@erols.com](mailto:zugzwang1@erols.com) 215-784-5938; Dan Heisman: [danheisman@comcast.net](mailto:danheisman@comcast.net) 610-649-0750. W.

**March 3 & 4 GPP:6 Pennsylvania 2007 Carlisle Open & Pennsylvania Collegiate Championship.** 5SS, G/90, T/D5. Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center, 1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle PA 17013, Exit 52A NB/Exit 52 SB off I-81, Exit 226 off PA Turnpike. 2 sections: **Open & U1500.** \$\$ (1260G): **Open:** 180-120, U2200 \$110, U2000 \$100, U1800 \$90, U1600 \$80; **U1500:** 150-100, U1400 \$90, U1200 \$85, U1000 \$80, Unr \$75. **All:** College Trophies: 1st-2nd in each section, 1st-2nd team (4 players combined over both sections). EF: \$29 rec'd by 2/12, \$39 after, PSCF \$5 OSA. Reg: 8:45-9:30pm. 10-2-5:30, 9-1. Bye: limit 1, ask by rd 2. **HR:** Mention "PA States" for best rate as early as possible; Hotel Carlisle & Convention Center 800-692-7315 \$65 (Stay at the tournament site!). **Ent:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208. Checks payable to PSCF. **Info:** [carlisleopen@pscfcchess.org](mailto:carlisleopen@pscfcchess.org) W.

**March 17. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** Great Hall, Wynett Building, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia PA 19130 (2nd building south of the corner of 17th & Spring Garden). 3 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR. G/45. EF: \$20. \$\$50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Open:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$10. Trophies to Top 3 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **Scholastic U800:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Trophies to Top 5 per section (Depending upon entries, this may be further divided into smaller sections). **All:** Reg: 8:30-9:30am. Rds 10am and then as quickly as possible. PSCF required \$5 except for ASAP students. \$5 entry fee discount for ASAP students. **Info:** Dr. Ira Lee Riddle [Iralee@aol.com](mailto:Iralee@aol.com), 215-674-9049.

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# Top 20 Rated Pennsylvanians (As of the February 2006 Rating Supplement)

## Regular Rating

Rank	Name	Rating
1	Shabalov, GM Alexander	2665
2	Zaitchik, Gennady	2532
3	Chiong, IM Luis R	2419
4	Smith, Bryan G	2413
5	Fleischer, FM Peter	2378
6	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V	2356
7	Leverett, Bruce W	2345
8	Meyers, CIM Jerald	2337
9	Eidemiller, Mark B	2296
10	Formanek, IM Edward William	2295
11	Metrick, Andrew	2288
12	Rogers, Norman	2283
13	Ritvin, Stanislav	2272
14	Traldi, Matthew R	2258
15	Rivera, Omar	2242
16	Milisits, Ryan R	2241
17	Wilson, Elvin	2240
18	Dunne, FM Alex	2239
19	Peterson, William M	2238
20	Bengtson, FM Matthew William	2235

## Quick Rating

Rank	Name	Rating
1	Shabalov, GM Alexander	2622
2	Zaitchik, Gennady	2547
3	Chiong, IM Luis R	2315
4	Meyers, CIM Jerald	2303
5	Eidemiller, Mark B	2265
6	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	2265
7	Shocron, Rubin M	2259
8	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V	2245
9	Nolan, Gregory M	2203
10	Rogers, Norman	2202
11	Mazock, Michael J	2200
12	Bailleau, Gerald A	2193
13	Schwab, Brent L	2187
14	Bengtson, FM Matthew William	2187
15	Smith, Bryan G	2186
16	Post, Evan A	2182
17	Wilson, Elvin	2167
18	Frank, Marty C	2161
19	Kis, Lorand Bela	2161
20	Milisits, Ryan R	2159

## Women

Rank	Name	Rating
1	Melekhina, Alisa	2104
2	Coslett, Caitlin G	1850
3	Corey, Tamara H	1635
4	Dorohovich, Grace L	1494
5	Mc Laughlin, Erica C	1490
6	Jin, Shinan	1483
7	Chu, Emily J	1474
8	Lakata, Elizabeth M	1422
9	Procopio, Patti	1416
10	Zhang, Yi Ran	1322
11	Yan, Amy	1214
12	Moolten, Odette	1207
13	Cosma, Gabriela Lidia	1203
14	Glinisky, Allegra C	1192
15	Seshadri, Priyanka S	1174
16	Boehner, Hazel E	1150
17	Guryeva, Kseniya	1134
18	Dorsey, Elizabeth A	1112
19	Hendrickson, Sara M	1108
20	Van Schoick, Christina	1105

## Juniors - Ages 20 & Under

Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Milisits, Ryan R	19	2241
2	Schneider, Kurt H	17	2232
3	Heimann, Alexander C	13	2172
4	Heimann, Mark A	13	2146
5	Lelis, Tyler	14	2106
6	Melekhina, Alisa	14	2104
7	Yeager, Daniel A	14	2085
8	Petesich, Gabriel N	14	2063
9	Deckelbaum, Alan T	19	2015
10	Tokar, Zachary	19	1997
11	White, Zachary C	17	1973
12	Papariella, Justin J	19	1959
13	Opaska, Michael P	20	1949
14	Fisher, Derek M	20	1939
15	Guber, Michael	18	1923
16	Russell, Matthew C	18	1907
17	Glinisky, Luka E	14	1900
18	Lynn, Bennett M	17	1899
19	Duff, Alex A	20	1884
20	Bowman, Joshua A	14	1867

## Seniors - Ages 65 & Up

Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Fayvinov, Zakhar	73	2231
2	Shocron, Rubin M	84	2224
3	Getman, Vladimir S	66	2075
4	Meigs, Donald J	66	2023
5	Ambrad, Antonio J	65	2000
6	Castillo, Gonzalo	73	1936
7	Hux, Robert E	76	1930
8	Koppany, Anthony	87	1853
9	Prokhov, Vassil K	71	1843
10	Cintron, Rafael L	77	1835
11	Sukiennik, Leopold J	69	1800
12	Leonards, Robert A	76	1800
13	Shafritz, Arnold B	79	1800
14	Joline, James T	65	1797
15	Foreman, Fred D	69	1780
16	Moskowitz, Arthur	77	1713
17	Clary, Earl Jr	79	1706
18	Eikerenkoetter, Dr Roy C	74	1670
19	Schuh, Russell G	66	1600
20	Boles, Belford J	68	1528

## Ages 50 & Up

Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Leverett, Bruce W	53	2345
2	Meyers, CIM Jerald	50	2337
3	Formanek, IM Edward William	63	2295
4	Dunne, FM Alex	64	2239
5	Fayvinov, Zakhar	73	2231
6	Shocron, Rubin M	84	2224
7	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	60	2220
8	Fielding, Paul T	54	2216
9	Weber, Joseph V	50	2203
10	Hughes, William M	57	2201
11	Magar, Thomas P	51	2200
12	Samimi, Sohrab	55	2180
13	Nolan, Gregory M	51	2150
14	O'Connell, Christopher Ian	51	2137
15	Cornell, Ray C	53	2078
16	Getman, Vladimir S	66	2075
17	Meigs, Donald J	66	2023
18	Mongilutz, Jack	52	2016
19	Thompson, Donald A	50	2009
20	Ambrad, Antonio J	65	2000

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**Champion:** Bryan A. Norman, Mark B. Eidemiller & Edward W. Formanek

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**Amateur Champion:** Gregory M. Nolan

**Senior Champion:** William J. Atkinson

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**K-12 Champion:** Michael Guber

**K-8 Champion:** Mark A. Heimann & Alexander C. Heimann

**K-6 Champion:** Randall W. Gough

**K-3 Champion:** Danny Balter

## Age Champions (from Pennsylvania Junior Championship)

19	Mark J. Stuckel
18	Charles C. Won
17	Ethan Oppenheim
16	Bob C. Waruszewski
15	Samuel W. Boehner
14	Luka E. Glinsky
13	Nicholas M. Spokauskas
12	Alexander C. Heimann
11	Wesley J. Loudon & Nathaniel Chaverin
10	Scott C. Moore
9	Ben Molin
8	Krishna Patel
7	Rahul Ghai
6	Nathaniel Hull

## Grade Champions (from Pennsylvania Scholastic Championship)

12	Jack Cheung & Brian Rhoads
11	Ara Tadevosyan & Arut Baluyan
10	Thomas Hsiao
9	Samuel W. Boehner, Royce M. Hernandez & Andrew P. Weis
8	Daniel A. Yeager
7	Joshua A. Bowman & Andrew M. Zinn
6	Matthew D. Brady
5	James Wu, Alexander M. Karlovitz & Wesley J. Loudon
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3	Kemen Linsuain & Adam Rest
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Noon-4 pm

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(2) Schlow Library, 118 S Fraser St; Sun 2-5 pm, 814-571-9629

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

121 Park Ave; Sat 7-9 pm

**VANDERGRIFT**

St Paul's Lutheran Church, 714 Wallace St; Mon 6-9pm, 724-567-6580

**WARMINSTER**

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

**WASHINGTON**

1st Lutheran Ch, 92 West Walnut St; Thurs 8:30-11:30pm, 724-743-4350

**WEST CHESTER**(1) West Chester CC; United Methodist Church, High & Barnard Sts;  
Thurs 7 pm

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

**WILKES-BARRE**

199 S Main St; Fri 8:30-Midnight, George Trent 570-740-7662

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

(1) York Emporium, 343 West Market St; Thurs 6-9 pm, 717-845-9368

(2) Youth CC; Grace Brethren Church, Newberry & Parkway; Wed, 2-5:30  
pm; & Light of Life Arts, 41 Cherry, Seven Valleys; Fri 6-9:30 pm, 717-  
852-8434<http://www.pscfchess.org/clubs/>