



# 2007 PSCF Annual



**2006 Pennsylvania Player of the Year**  
**Bryan G. Smith**

**2006 Pennsylvania Junior Player of the Year**  
**Mark A. Heimann**

**2006 Pennsylvania Female Player of the Year**  
**Odette Moolten**

**2006 Pennsylvania Senior Player of the Year**  
**Donald J. Meigs**

**2006 Pennsylvania Organizer of the Year**  
**John F. Bayley, Jr.**

Each year we try 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. We don't have space to provide all of the accomplishments of those chosen, but I will try to provide some of their highlights from 2006. And because so many deserve recognition, I will also mention those who were strongly considered along with their achievements.

Bryan G. Smith was chosen Player of the Year based upon his strong results in major events across the entire country. He tied for first in the US Masters held in North Carolina and in doing so qualified for the US Championship. He also tied for first in the 25<sup>th</sup> North American FIDE Open held in Oklahoma and was clear first in the 11<sup>th</sup> Northern Virginia Open. There were several other players considered who also had great years in 2006. Franklin Chen won both the PA Action and PA Game/29 Championships and dominated the Tuesday night tournaments held at the Pittsburgh Chess Club. Also considered was Bryan Norman, who doesn't play a great deal, but when he does... In 2006 he was a PA State Co-Champion, repeating his win from 2005.

For Junior Player of the year, Mark Heimann was again chosen over Dan Yeager in what looks to be a perennially close competition. Mark was the PA State Co-Champion and tied for first in the national Grade 8 Championship. Dan was the PA State Scholastic Champion and tied for first in the Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational. Both of these strong juniors first made master in 2006. I expect that we will be seeing a lot of fine chess from them for many years to come.

Our Female Player of the Year is Odette Moolten. Odette tied for first in the K-3 Open section of the PA State Scholastic Championships and won the U1200 section of the Liberty Bell Open. Others considered included Emily Chu, who was the Girl's Champion at the PA State Scholastic Championship and the PA representative at the Polgar Championship, Tamara Corey, who is one of our most active and successful female players in the state, and Alisa Melekhina, who continues to have great results at the national level.

Don Meigs was again chosen Senior Player of the Year. Don continues to maintain both a high level of activity and his expert rating, playing in almost all of the Pittsburgh area events.

This year, we have added a new award - for organizer of the year. This will go to Dr. Bayley who has been active at the Main Line Chess Club organizing events and raising funds - in particular for the Greater Philadelphia Championship and the Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational. Organizing quality events can be one of the most difficult and often thankless activities in chess. But we want to here express our thanks for all of his efforts. Hopefully he will continue these efforts for many years to come.

In coming years, we will be adding Sportperson of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. If you know someone who has shown special effort in overcoming challenges in order to compete at chess or who has demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship toward others please let us know.

## Welsh S. White PA State Senior Championship

Welsh S. White was long involved with chess in the Pittsburgh area, as a member of the Pittsburgh Chess Club and as both player and captain for the University of Pittsburgh in the Pittsburgh Chess League. Besides playing, he was both a friend and active supporter of chess, contributing to fund-raising requests and providing his professional advice on numerous occasions. Chess, however, was not his only strength. Welsh held an endowed professorship at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he taught courses including Criminal Law and Evidence and was an internationally respected scholar and advocate on several issues including the death penalty and police interrogations. Welsh possessed a quiet dignified passion for his family, his profession and for chess. Sadly, he passed away on December 31, 2005 at the age of 65.

Even though he had just reached age 65 himself, Welsh had long been a supporter and sponsor of chess for seniors in the Pittsburgh area. The PSCF received a donation this year to start a fund in his name to sponsor senior chess activity. Initially, we will be using these funds to purchase a plaque for display at the PA Senior Championship, including all of the Champions and Top Age 65 winners. The list of the winners so far is included at the top of page 3. Any remaining funds will be used to provide additional senior trophies at other state events. We hope that all of you who are interested in senior activities will continue to donate in honor of Welsh so that we can continue this new tradition.

The Pennsylvania State Senior Championship was begun by Dan Heisman in 2002 and held by him for the first four years in Haverford. Last year, with Dan trying to cut back on his organizing activity, the event was moved to Pittsburgh and held in conjunction with the PA Junior Championships.

Here are some of Welsh's games:

**Welsh S. White - Robert M. Renk**  
**Gateway Open, Round 1, Pittsburgh, 10/29/1988**  
*Annotations by Bruce W. Leverett*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 O-O 9.Be2 Nc6 10.d5!**

This gambit is why more people don't play 9...Nc6.



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Roy C. Eikerenkoetter

2004 Haverford

Michael J. Bury

Robert E. Hux

2005 Haverford

William J. Atkinson

Robert A. Leonards

2006 Pittsburgh

Thomas P. Magar &amp; Daniel E. Kirk

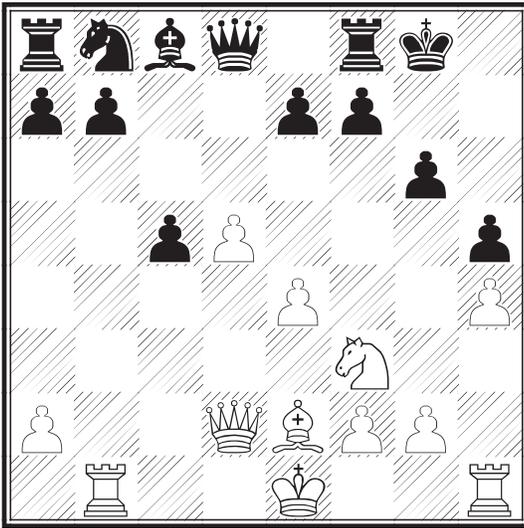
Viktor Semenov &amp; Fred D. Foreman

**10...Bxc3+**

Black can still bail with 10...Ne5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Qd2 and White is only slightly better.

**11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Qxd2 Nb8 13.h4 h5**

Now it gets gruesome. 13...f6 holds out longer.



14.Qh6 Qa5+ 15.Kf1 Qc3 16.e5 Bg4 17.Ng5 Bxe2+ 18.Kg1!  
1:0

**Welsh S. White - Robert M. Renk**

Allegheny Chess Congress, Round 1, Pittsburgh, 7/22/1989

Annotations by Bruce W. Leverett

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7

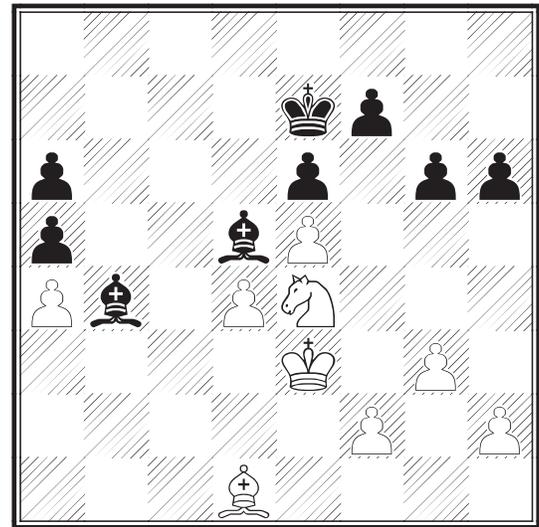
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As I mentioned in the article, we will be accepting donations for the promotion of senior chess activities. Just be sure to mark "Welsh S. White Fund" on your check, make it out to PSCF, and send it to PSCF, C/O Tom M. Martinak, 549 13th Ave., New Brighton PA 15066-1208.

We also accept general donations which besides helping us to maintain our low membership rate of \$5/year support our scholastic and prison activities. You can see who has donated recently by looking at the *PSCF Governance* section on page 15. There is space for including these donations on your membership renewal form.

In addition, Dan Heisman has set up a fund with the Philadelphia Foundation (<http://www.philafound.org/>) for scholastic chess in the Philadelphia area.

7.Nf3 c5 8.Rb1 O-O 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qa5+ 11.Qd2 Qxd2+ 12.Bxd2 b6 13.O-O e6 14.Be3 Bb7 15.e5 Nc6 16.Rfc1 Rac8 17.Bb5 h6 18.Rb3 Na5 19.Rbc3 Rxc3 20.Rxc3 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Bd2 Bb7 23.Bxa5 bxa5 24.Kf1 Bd5 25.a4 Bf8 26.Ke2 Bb4 27.Ke3 Kf8 28.g3 Ke7 29.Nd2 Bb7 30.Ne4 a6 31.Be2 Bc6 32.Bd1 Bd5?



33.Nf6 Bc4 34.Ng8+ Ke8 35.Nxh6 Be7 36.h4 g5 37.h5 f5 38.exf6 Bxf6 39.Ng4 Bh8 40.Ne5 Bd5 41.g4 Bf6 42.f4 Bd8 43.Nf3 Bxf3 44.Bxf3 Bf6 45.Be2 gxf4+ 46.Kxf4 Bxd4 47.g5 Kf7 48.Bxa6 Bc3 49.Bc4 Bd2+ 50.Kg4 Bc3 51.h6 Bd4 52.Kh5 Bc3 53.g6+ Kf8 54.Bxe6 Bd4 55.g7+ Bxg7 56.hxg7+ Kxg7 57.Kg5 Kf8 58.Kf6 Ke8 59.Ke5 Ke7 60.Kd5 Kd8 61.Kc5 Kc7 62.Kb5 Kb7 63.Kxa5 Ka7 64.Kb5 Kb7 65.Bd5+ Ka7 66.a5 Kb8 67.Kb6 Kc8 68.a6 1:0

**Welsh S. White - Donald J. Meigs**

Golden Triangle Open, Round 4, Pittsburgh, 4/17/1994

Annotations by Bruce W. Leverett

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.c4 c6 5.Bg2 Bd6

Typical of Meigs's creative approach to the opening.

6.O-O Qe7 7.Nbd2 Bc7 8.c5! b6 9.b4 a5?!

Missing a tactic. But the alternative, 9...d6 cxd6 Bxd6, leaves an ugly weakness on e5.

10.cxb6 Bxb6 11.Nc4 Bc7 12.bxa5 O-O

12...Bxa5 13.Bf4 Bb4 14.Nb6

13.Ba3 d6 14.Nfe5 Ne4 15.Qa4 Bd7 16.Rac1 Qd8 17.Bxe4 fxe4 18.Nxd6 Rxa5 19.Qb3 Bxd6 20.Bxd6 Rb5 21.Qc4 Rf6 22.Rb1 Be8

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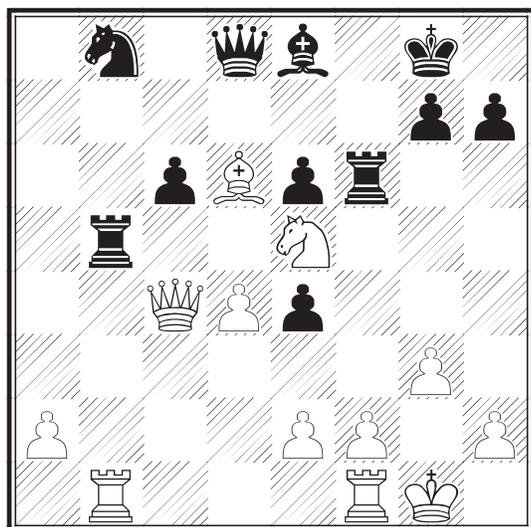


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23.Rxb5!

A beautiful idea. Did Welsh see the win of the exchange when playing this?

23...cxb5 24.Qc7 Qxc7 25.Bxc7 Nd7 26.Bd8 Rf5 27.g4 Rxe5 28.dxe5 Nxe5 29.h3 Kf7 30.Rc1 Nc6 31.Bh4 Bd7 32.Kf1 e5 33.Rc5 b4 34.e3 Ke6 35.Rb5 Kd6 36.Ke1 Be6 37.Rb7 Bxa2 38.Kd1 Be6 39.Rxg7 b3 40.Rxh7 Na5 41.Be7+ Kd5 42.Kc1

Kc4 43.Ba3 Kd3 44.Re7 Bg8 45.h4 Nc4 46.Bb2 Ke2 47.h5 Kxf2 48.Bxe5 Kxe3 49.h6 Kf3 50.Bc3 e3 51.g5 e2 52.g6 Bd5 53.h7 Be4 54.Rxe4 Kxe4 55.h8=Q b2+ 56.Kb1 Ne3 57.Qe5+ Kf3 58.Qxe3+ Kxe3 59.Kxb2 Kd3 60.g7 Ke3 61.g8=Q Kf3 62.Qd5+ Kf2 63.Qd3 Kf1 64.Qf3+ Kg1 65.Qxe2 1:0

Welsh S. White - Antonio J. Ambrad

Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship, Round 6, 2/20/1996

Annotations by Bruce W. Leverett

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Nh3 Ne5 10.Nf2 Qb4 11.Nb5 Qxd2+ 12.Bxd2 a6 13.Nc3 e6 14.a4 exd5 15.cxd5 Bd7 16.Be2 Rab8 17.O-O b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.f4 Neg4?

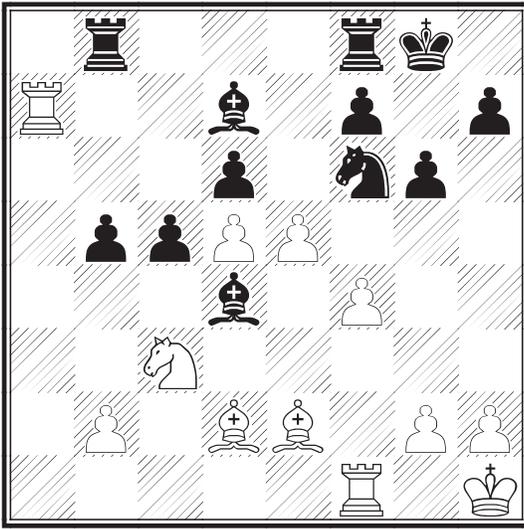
19...Nc4 looks at least equal.

20.Nxg4 Nxg4 21.Ra7 Bd4+ 22.Kh1 Nf6 23.e5

## November 17 & 18, 2007

### Pittsburgh

## Welsh S. White Pennsylvania State Senior Championship



23...c4?

23...dxe5 24.fxe5 Bxe5 25.Rxf6 Bxf6 26.Rxd7 might have been playable; also what about 23...dxe5 24.fxe5 c4!?

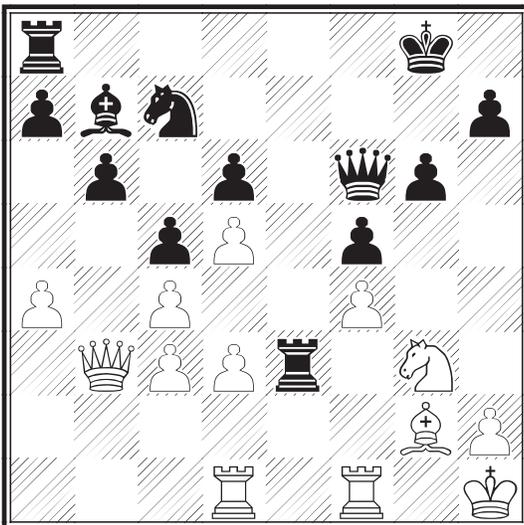
24.Ra6 dxe5 25.Rxf6 Kg7 26.Rd6 Bf5 27.g4 Bc2 28.Rc1 Bb3 29.Bd1 b4 30.Na4 Bxa4 31.Bxa4 Bxb2 32.Rxc4 Ra8 33.Bb3 Ra3 34.Rxb4 Rfa8 35.Kg2 Ra1 36.Rd7 exf4 37.Bxf4 g5 38.Bg3 Re8 39.d6 Re2+ 40.Kh3 Rf1 41.Rbb7 h5 42.Rxf7+ Rxf7 43.Rxf7+ Kg6 44.gxh5+ Kxh5 45.Rf5 Kg6 46.Rd5 Bf6 47.d7 Bd8 48.Kg4 Rb2 49.Rd6+ Kh7 50.Bd5 Rb4+ 51.Kh5 Kg7 52.Rg6+ Kh7 53.Bg8+ 1:0

**Donald J. Meigs - Welsh S. White**

Pittsburgh Summer Open, Round 3, Pittsburgh, 8/20/1995

*Annotations by Bruce W. Leverett*

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nge2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 e6 7.g4 Nge7 8.Ng3 Nd4 9.Bg2 f5 10.gxf5 exf5 11.O-O O-O 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nb5 14.c3 Re8 15.Bd2 b6 16.a4 Nc7 17.Qb3 Bb7 18.c4 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Qf6 20.Bc3 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Re3 22.Rad1



22...Qh4!

Ouch! All of a sudden Meigs is losing. Where did he go wrong?

23.Kg1 Ne8 24.a5 Nf6 25.Rf3 Ng4 26.h3 Rxf3 27.hxg4 Rxc3 28.axb6 Qxg4 29.Rd2 Re8 30.Qb1 Re2 31.Rxe2 Qxe2 32.Qf1 Qxf1+ 33.Kxf1 axb6 34.d4 Rxc3 35.dxc5 bxc5 36.Ke2 Rxc4 37.Ke3 h5 38.Bh1 Rd4 39.Bf3 h4 40.Bg2 Ba6 41.Kf3 Rd3+ 42.Ke2 c4 43.Bf1 c3 44.Ke1 Rd2 45.Bxa6 h3 46.Bc4 h2 47.Bf1 Ra2 0:1

**Games From PSCF Members**

**Durwood B. Hatch - Charles A. Bialon**

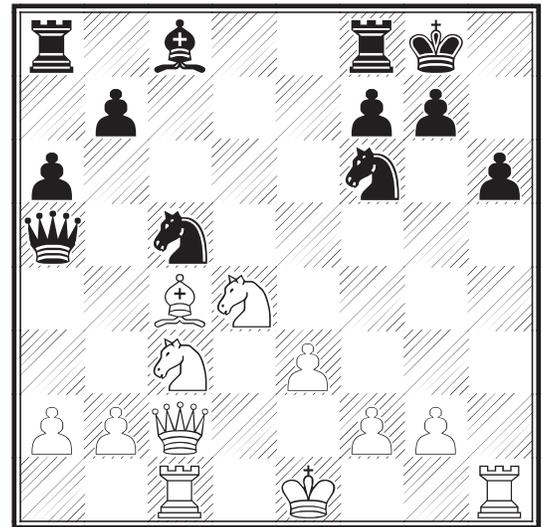
Pennsylvania State Championship, Pittsburgh, Rd 7, 9/4/1972

*Annotations by Durwood B. Hatch*

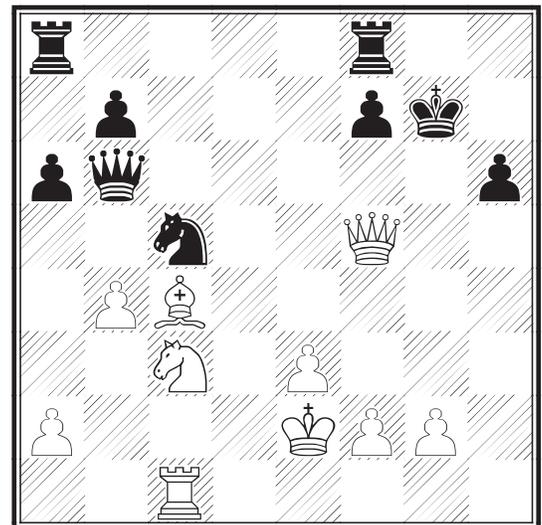
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bh4 Qc7 10.Bg3 O-O 11.Rc1 Bxg3 12.hxg3 a6 13.g4

Threatening to play g5. I've been playing poorly in this tournament, with time pressure ruining my previous game, so I'm in a fighting mood.

13...Nxg4 14.Nxd5 Qa5+ 15.Nc3 c5 16.Nf3 cxd4 17.Nxd4 Nc5 18.Bc4 Nf6



19.Rxh6! gxh6 20.Qg6+ Kh8 21.Qxf6+ Kh7 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.Qxf5+ Kg7 24.Ke2 Qb6 25.b4!



**25...Ne6**

If 25...Qxb4 26.Nd5 Qa3 [or Qa5] (26...Qa4 27.Qf6+ Kg8 (27...Kh7 28.Nb6 Qc6 29.Qxc6 bxc6 30.Nxa8 Rxa8 31.Bxf7 Rf8 32.Bh5 Ne4 33.Bf3) 28.Ne7+ Kh7 29.Bxf7 Qg4+ (29...Rxf7 30.Qxf7+ Kh8 31.Ng6#) 30.Ke1 Rg8 [threatening Bg6+ which leads to mate] (30...Rxf7 31.Qxf7+ Qg7 32.Qxg7+ Kxg7 33.Rxc5) 31.Nxg8 [threatening Qxh6#] 31...Rxg8 32.Bxg8+ Kxg8 33.Rxc5 Qb4+ 34.Qc3) 27.Qf6+ Kg8 28.Ne7+ Kh7 29.Rh1 winning.

**26.Qe5+ Kg8 27.Nd5 Qd8 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nh5+**

29.Ng4+ Kh7 (29...f6 30.Qxe6) 30.Bd3+ Kg8 (30...f5 31.Bxf5+ Rxf5 32.Qxf5+ Kg7 33.Qxe6) 31.Nxh6#

**29...Kg8 30.Bxe6 Qg5 31.Qxg5+**

I'm in serious time trouble again until move 50 and have the feeling that I've missed a mating net. I drop a pawn on move 41 and almost blow the game on move 43.

**31...hxg5 32.Bd5 Rac8 33.Rc4 b6 34.Rg4 Rc2+ 35.Kf3 Rd2 36.Rxg5+ Kh7 37.g4 f5 38.Rxf5 Rxf5+ 39.gxf5 Kh6**

Not 39...Rxd5 40.Nf6+

**40.Nf4 Kg5 41.Kg3? Kxf5 42.Kf3 Ke5 43.Bb7? Rxa2 44.Nd3+ Kd6 45.e4 a5 46.bxa5 bxa5 47.Bd5 Ra3 48.Ke3 a4 49.Kd4 Ra1 50.f4**

Time control reached! I played the last 20 moves in less than 5 minutes. Now I must win the game a second time.

**50...a3 51.e5+ Ke7 52.f5 a2 53.f6+ Kf8 54.e6 Rf1 55.e7+ Ke8 56.Bc6+ Kf7 57.e8=Q+ Kxf6 58.Qf8+ Ke6 59.Qxf1**

59.Nc5#! is the right move, but being in speed mode and seeing a win, I didn't take time to notice that. **1:0**

I like this game for its fighting quality. Bialon was a Pittsburgh player who fought to the very end, and almost succeeded in queening his own pawn with check.

**Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr. - Daniel A. Yeager**

Allentown Swiss, Round 2, Allentown, 9/30/2006

Annotations by Joseph J. Mucerino, Jr.

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 O-O 6.Bd3 Bf5!?**

This is the kind of move that can help or hurt Black. After the exchange of bishops, Black has strong control over the e4-square, at the expense of exposing his King.

**7.Bxf5 gxf5 8.c3**

Also possible is 8.c4, but I was thinking about castling queenside, so I rejected that option.

**8...c6 9.Qc2 e6 10.Ne5 Qd6 11.h3**

Preparing to play g4, opening up a file in front of Black's King.

**11...Ne4 12.Bf4 Qe7 13.g4 f6 14.Nef3 e5 15.Bh2 Nxd2 16.Nxd2 f4 17.O-O-O fxe3 18.fxe3 e4**

Black has gained some space in the center, but he weakened the f4 and f5-squares while doing so. I tried to exploit that immediately.

**19.Bf4 Na6 20.Nf1**

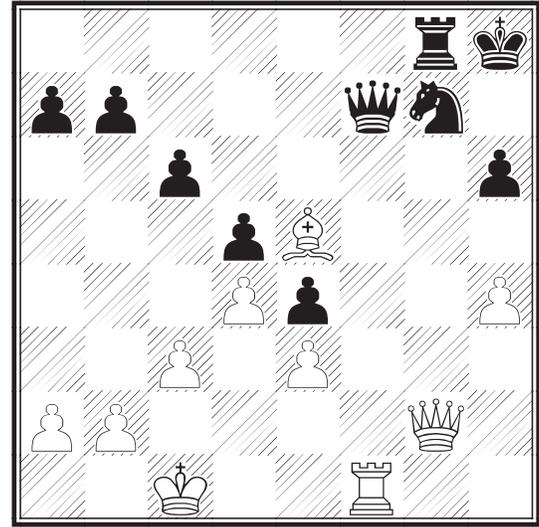
Heading to g3 and then either f5 or h5.

**20...f5 21.gxf5 Rxf5 22.Ng3 Rf7 23.Nh5 Nc7 24.Rhg1 Ne6 25.Be5 Kh8 26.Nxg7 Nxg7 27.Qg2 Rg8 28.h4 Qe6**

Black does not dare capture the pawn. If 28...Qxh4 29.Rh1 Qe7 30.Rxh7+ Kxh7 31.Rh1+ with mate to follow.

**29.Rdf1 h6 30.Rxf7 Qxf7 31.Rf1**

Threatening 32.Rf6.

**31...Qh5?? 32.Rf8!!**

I was not sure if this move deserved one exclamation point or two, but Fritz gave it two, so I will agree with that.

**32...Qxe5 33.Rxg8+**

Of course, capturing the Queen now would allow Black to play 33...Rxf8.

**33...Kxg8 34.dxe5 Kf8 35.Qf2+ Ke8 36.Qf6 1:0**

The knight also falls after 36... Nh5 37. Qxh6.

**Eric C. Johnson - William Martino**

Allentown Center City CC Championship, Round 3, 9/28/2002

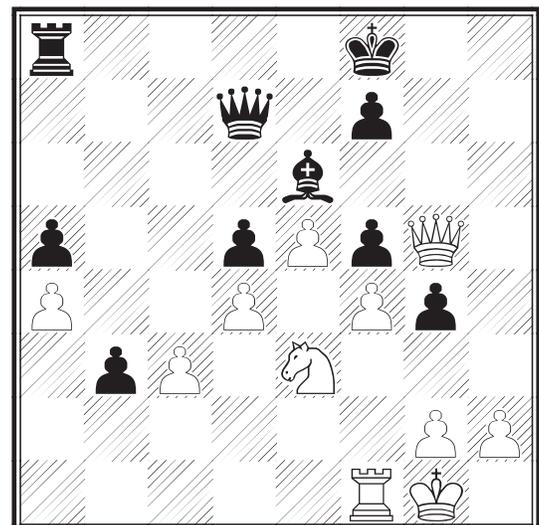
Annotations by Eric C. Johnson

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 a5 7.Bd3 c4 8.Bc2 b5 9.b3**

The opening should be favorable to White.

**9...Be7 10.O-O h6 11.bxc4 bxc4 12.a4 g5 13.Na3 g4 14.Ne1 h5 15.f4 Nh6 16.Nb5 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Nc2 O-O 19.Ne3 Be6 20.Ba3 Bxa3 21.Rxa3 Na7 22.Nd6 Qd7 23.Qe1 Nc8 24.Nxc8 Rfxc8 25.Qh4 Rcb8 26.Qxh5 Rb3 27.Qg5+ Kf8 28.Rxb3**

When playing this way, I am not too concerned because White almost always has a draw by perpetual check.

**28...cxb3**

**29.Nxg4!? Qxa4**

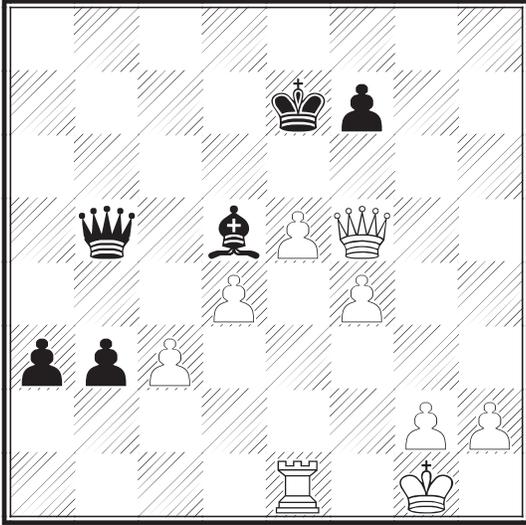
If 29...fxg4 30.f5 Bxf5 31.Rxf5 with some initiative.

**30.Nf6 Rc8??**

Here 30...Qc6 is the Fritz choice, but 31.g4 leaves him in a bad way.

**31.Qg8+ Ke7 32.Nxd5+! Bxd5 33.Qxc8 Qb5**

33...Qa2 loses the bishop to 34.Qc5+

**34.Qxf5 a4 35.Re1 a3****36.e6!**

Winning.

**36...f6 37.Qh7+ Kd6 38.Qf7 a2 39.Qf8+ Kc7 40.e7! b2****41.Qd8+ Kb7 42.e8=Q**

Winning the original Black queen.

**42...Qxe8 43.Qxe8 b1=Q**

Black regains his queen, but loses. If 43...a1=Q then just 44.Qb5+ followed by Kf1 or Kf2. Since White controls b1, Black can't create another queen.

**44.Qd7+ Kb6 45.Qd6+ Ka7 46.Qa3+ Kb8 47.Qb4+! Qxb4 48.cxb4 Kb7 49.Ra1 Kb6 50.h4 Kb5 51.h5 Kxb4 52.h6 1:0**

Very satisfying! My opponent was a visitor from California. After losing both of his games in a similar tough fashion, he agreed that we have a tough club.

**Anaconda Tuesday**

by Alex Dunne

Tuesday nights on ICC - game in an hour internet tournament. Black incurs pawn structure damage out of the opening and White slowly squeezes Black to death. It is not pretty, but it is Nature's way: hunt or be hunted.

**Alex Dunne - winerum**

ICC September, Online, 9/2007

Annotations by Alex Dunne

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Bc5**

This cannot be good. It amounts to the gift of a whole tempo. Standard here are 3...Nf6 or 3...d5.

**4.d4 exd4 5.cxd4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 d5**

Probably the best line now, offering White space or an isolated d-pawn. White elects the strong IQP.

**8.exd5 Qxd5 9.Nc3 Qd8 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.O-O Nf6 12.Bxc6**

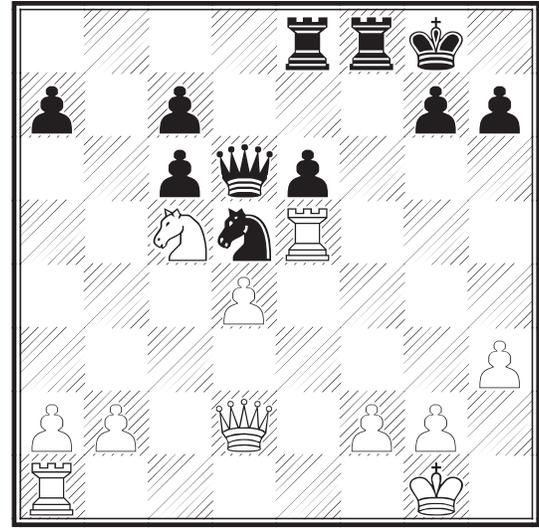
At the end, all White can do is inflict permanent damage to Black's pawn structure. Black can't be happy after 12...Bxc6 13. Rfe1+

**12...bxc6 13.Rfe1+ Be6 14.Ng5 Qd6 15.Na4**

White chooses the direct blockading of Black's weak Pawns, but the possibility of a kingside attack is there, too - 15. Qe3!? 0-0 16. Nce4 Nxe4 17. Qxe4 g6 18. Qh4 h5. 19. Nxe6 fxe6 20. Qe4 with advantage, but I think this is more thematic.

**15...O-O 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.h3 Nd5 18.Nc5 Rae8 19.Re5**

So the position has jelled. Black has scattered Pawn weaknesses at a7, c7, c6, and e6, and White has active pieces. The win cannot be too far off -- or so I thought.

**19...Rf5 20.Rae1 Rxe5 21.Rxe5 Nf6 22.Qc3 Nd7 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.Rc5 e5?!**

Black seeks activity, but this doesn't help. Black should try 24...Rd8 or 24...Rb8, but White remains with a strong (winning) grip.

**25.dxe5 Qd1+ 26.Kh2 Qe2 27.f4**

No rush - the Black pawns will fall, the Queens will be exchanged - when White is ready.

**27...Qe4 28.Qc4+ Qxc4 29.Rxc4 Rb8 30.b3 Rb6 31.Kg3 Kf7 32.Kf3 Ra6 33.f5 Ke7 34.a4 Rb6 35.b4 a6 36.g4 h6 37.Kf4 c5**

The position brings up the question: when should you resign a game? I tell my students that you should only resign if the sides were reversed and you could then win the game against Kramnik 100% of the time. If that were the case, then there is nothing more you can learn from the ending and resignation is correct.

**38.bxc5 Rb3 39.c6 a5 40.Rd4 Ke8 41.Rd7 Rb4+ 42.Ke3 Rxa4 43.Rxg7 Ra3+ 44.Ke4 Rxh3 45.f6 a4 46.e6 Kf8 47.Rxc7 Kg8 48.Kf5 Rf3+ 49.Kg6 Rxf6+ 50.Kxf6 h5 51.e7 Kh7 52.g5 a3 53.e8=R# 1:0**

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## Joe Mucerino's grey "CHESS" T-shirt 1994 - 2007

This publication likes to dedicate some space to remember our colleagues who have passed away, but here I would like to announce the retirement of perhaps one of Pennsylvania's most visible and traveled symbols. My grey T-shirt, embroidered with the one word that says it all, "CHESS", in black capital letters, has finally begun to fray after thirteen glorious years, and has been retired from tournament competition.

The T-shirt was a gift from my aunt Noreen, given to me on our annual family reunion on New Years Day 1994. She had it made for me at a craft show she attended in the State College area. Noreen hoped that this size large, fifty percent cotton, fifty percent polyester Jerzees T-shirt would bring me good luck at the chess tournaments that I entered, and did it ever. Over the years, I must have played in at least one hundred tournaments and five hundred tournament games while wearing it. It has traveled to almost everywhere I have been: all over Pennsylvania, with the occasional jaunt to New Jersey, Maryland, and New York. Curiously, because I cannot wear it at work, there are some club players who have never seen it, while some weekend warriors probably believe that it is the only shirt that I own. For those who have never seen it, or if you would like to pay your final respects to it, there are several photographs of me wearing it taken by Robert Brubaker at the 2006 Pennsylvania Amateur Championship in West Hazleton. Please see <http://www.pscfchess.org/results/06042930.htm> and scroll down towards the bottom.

Legend has it that at a tournament, a potential opponent hoped that he would not be paired against me because he was he felt that it was simply bizarre that someone would wear a shirt with nothing more than the single word "CHESS". This spooked opponent, who will remain nameless in this article (but I will divulge his identity to anyone who asks) was fortunate enough not to be paired with me and sit across from the shirt.

When I became very active in 2001, my first full year out of college, and organized the 'Tour of Pennsylvania' for myself (my personal effort to try to play in each Pennsylvanian town that held a chess tournament at least once a year) the T-shirt eventually evolved into a personal trademark. When the time to retire the shirt finally came, I was very fortunate that Chessveniers placed an advertisement in February's *Pennswoodpusher*, because they were capable of embroidering words onto T-shirts. From Chessveniers I ordered two new shirts with "CHESS" embroidered on them: one is a black shirt with white lettering, and the other, obviously enough, is a white shirt with black lettering. Since I am no longer sixteen, I ordered these very comfortable one hundred percent cotton shirts in extra large.

Over the recent Carlisle festival, I wore all three shirts as a changing of the guard: the grey shirt on Friday, the black one on Saturday, and the white one on Sunday. Fittingly, during Friday night's speed tournament, my last game wearing the grey shirt was against Peter Minear, my old high school rival, who I have played against since January 1993, longer than any other active player. The result was a draw. Later that night, when I took it off in my hotel room, I sat on the bed and looked at it. I spoke to it, recalling the many places we had been, the numerous opponents that we had faced, and adventures we experienced together, before finally thanking it for its many years of service.

The grey "CHESS" T-shirt will now spend its remaining years hanging proudly in my bedroom closet. It is a memento of times past, and I believe that it will continue to bring me good luck in the future.

## How to Get Better At Chess

By NM (and now FIDE CM) Dan Heisman

Once upon a time I had a very bright student who was rated 1100, but had a great tournament, playing at a solid 1700 rate for 6 rounds. For a few days I tried to figure out how this was possible, and I finally came up with a theory, which I wrote in an article titled *The Secrets of Real Chess*. I contacted the new online magazine Chess Café, which agreed to publish Secrets. The article was well received and on their invitation I wrote two more: *Time Management During a Chess Game* and *Applying Steinitz' Laws*.

At that point I received a phone call from Chess Café owner Hanon Russell. He proposed a new column, written primarily for weaker adult players, on how to get better at chess. I immediately agreed, and he dubbed the column "Novice Nook". Novice Nook began running monthly at <http://www.chesscafe.com> in February 2001.

There was one major problem: the advice on how to get better at chess is not limited to weak adults. While the writing style was aimed at adults, the advice, particularly on little-before discussed topics like time management, was universal to anyone wishing to improve. This the term "Novice Nook" became something of a misnomer - you didn't have to be a Novice at all to learn a lot from the unique advice coming out each month.

I may be immodest to write "unique", but that is the goal: Try not to write anything in Novice Nook which can easily be found elsewhere. Even the rare Novice Nook advice which *can* be found elsewhere, such as in the March 2003 column "*King + Pawn vs. King*" (whose goal was to enable the reader to evaluate whether any position with a king and one pawn versus a king was a win or a draw) was presented in such a way that the material was gathered in one place, whereas to find it otherwise would require some searching and gathering.

Some of the Novice Nook topics are quite advanced. I was very pleased to receive an email from a master about my February 2006 column *The Two Move Triggers*, likely the most advanced Novice Nook ever written. He wrote that usually my column was helpful and easy to read, but that month it was quite advanced, even for him! That same month I received similar emails from two USCF experts; one wrote that *The Two Move Triggers* was a complete revelation and he realized he had been playing chess wrong his entire life! He said he had just completed a major tournament using my advice and now felt that he might have a chance to make master. Satisfying stuff!

I have to admit that for many of these advanced topics I did not fully understand them until I had to teach them. Teaching forced me to categorize the information in new and helpful ways. So I was learning something myself while discovering new ideas about how players learn how to play. One such advance was published in the award winning 2005 Novice Nook *The Theory of Chess Improvement*.

Although a good percentage of Novice Nook advice can be helpful to any rating range, most Novice Nooks *are* geared toward the weaker adult player, say in the USCF 1000-1600 range. This is not a hindrance, since that rating range covers the great majority of adult chess players!

One of my basic "Holy Grails" for Novice Nook is to publicize the need for players to learn *Counting* skills before they tackle single-motif tactics like double attacks. Counting is defined as determining whether any sequence of captures on a single square can win material. Counting is greatly complicated by the fact that captures on a

particular square can affect captures on other squares, so often counting problems involve multiple squares and numerous permutations. It is entirely possible that a counting problem can be so complex that only a computer could solve it in a reasonable amount of time and accuracy. In playing over thousands of adult student games, I see innumerable counting errors, most of them very basic.

One new student recently asked in his first lesson "What can you do to help me?" and I replied "I won't know until I have studied your games, but from looking at your rating I can say one thing for sure: I can help you minimize Counting errors." His indignant reply was "I never make Counting Errors!" Yet in his first two games I found four Counting errors. When I pointed them out to him, his reply was "Those are Counting errors? I thought they were just 'blunders'." I pointed out that the chess term "blunder" just meant a move that was a mistake, but the *category* of his mistakes had previously been unnamed; my mission is to make the idea of "Counting" a major issue in teaching chess. My new work (my 8<sup>th</sup> chess book!) *Back to Basics: Tactics* contains a large chapter on Counting, and I have devoted four of my Novice Nooks to this overlooked topic.

Novice Nook has other "Holy Grails" - one is *time management*; I believe I am likely the world's leading expert on the subject (not that anyone else seems to be vying for this title). Time management can be broken up into two issues: *macro* and *micro*. Good macro time management means pacing yourself to use almost all your time each game, not playing too fast or too slow. Good micro time management involves the idea of criticality analysis, where you need to identify which moves are more critical, and thus should be given more time. Similarly, you need to be able to identify less critical situations and be able to play more quickly, relying more on general principles than analysis.

Finally, let me mention *thought process*, which is what a player's brain does from the time it inputs a position until the time it tells the hand to make a move. The two principal ingredients of thought process are analysis and evaluation. Many Novice Nooks - and all of my shorter, but equally helpful *Thinking Cap* columns that I wrote for Jeremy Silman - are devoted to this key topic. In pursuit of thought process data and in helping my students, I have given well more than 500 de Groot "think out loud" exercises to my students over the past 40 years. I am sure I have done it many more times than Dr. de Groot himself, who did his pioneering studies in the 1930's, but just passed away recently at the age of 91.

Over the years Novice Nook has won several "Best Instruction" awards from the Chess Journalists of America and in 2005 it won the Cramer Award for "Best Column in Any Media", beating out all columns in *Chess Life*, *New York Times*, etc.

I am very proud of my ongoing work in Novice Nook - it is not only free, but it represents some of the best efforts I have ever made in the world of chess. All my Novice Nook columns are linked and categorized at [http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Articles/Novice\\_Nook\\_Links.htm](http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Articles/Novice_Nook_Links.htm). Read a dozen or more and let me know what you think via email to [danheisman@comcast.net](mailto:danheisman@comcast.net). Enjoy!

### Western Pennsylvania High School Chess League

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## "A Look Back at the Year 2006"

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 2006.

### January 2006

\*As usual, the year begins in Allentown with the New Year's Eve Insanity. Daniel Yeager surrendered only three draws to win the G/30 tournament 6½-1½.

\*BALANCING ACT (Beatrice Marinello, Mitchell Goldberg, John Riddle, Michael Katz) won the Open Section of the PA Team East Tournament in Philadelphia. In the Scholastic Section, EREUB (Eric Augenbraun, Reuben Hampton, Julian Smyth, and Joel Fagliano) were the winners, and there was a tie in the Scholastic Reserve between BARNEY (Andrew Spore, Peter Weida, Marland Sitt, and Carl Gallagher) and MONTGOMERY-A (Erica McLaughlin, Steve McLaughlin Jr, Ethan Myers, and Matthew Myers).

\*Steve McLaughlin, Jr., swept the scholastic tournament in Wyncote 4-0.

\*Results from the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Bell Open in Philadelphia:

Open: Jaan Ehrlvest, Alexander Shabalov, Sergey Kudrin, Aleks Wojtkiewicz, David Vigorito 5½/7  
Top PA: Shabalov

U2200: Travis Patay, Bora Vagiz 5½  
Top PA: Evan Post, Daniel Yeager 4½

U2000: Luka Glinsky, Maxwell Schwartz 6  
Top PA: Glinsky

U1800: Ramesh Balasubramanian, Lamont Rogers, David Kolub 6  
Top PA: R Andrew Spore 5

U1600: Khalid Masood, Jeremiah Williams 6  
Top PA: Peter Stokes, Julian Smyth 5

U1400: Brian Bucher 6½  
Top PA: Bucher

U1200: Odette Moolten 6½  
Top PA: Moolten

\*Shumin Ye won the Wilkes-Barre Area Winter Tournament 3-0.

\*Joseph Mucerino swept the quad in Haverford.

\*There were four quads at the 2<sup>nd</sup> William Browne Memorial in Pittsburgh, with Donald Meigs, Joseph Elsleger, Joshua Mankey, and Mike Swartz winning their sections.

### February 2006

\*Winners at the Pittsburgh Scholastic Championship were:

6-12 Championship: Michael Hickman

6-12 Advanced: Sara Hendrickson

6-12 Intermediate: Nathaniel Hamblin

6-12 Beginner: Jimmy Yuan, Ben Wahlberg

K-5 Championship: Prem Rajopal

K-5 Advanced: Benjamin Plaut

K-5 Intermediate: Tom Yang

4-5 Beginner: Ashwin Kumar

K-3 Beginner: Brian Martine

\*Michael Bury regained the West Chester Chess Club Championship.

\*Luka Glinsky was crowned Erie City Champion.

\*There was a tie at the 66<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Chess Club Championship between Franklin Chen, Antonio Ambrad, Jeffrey Schreiber, and Gonzalo Castillo.

\*William Bybel swept the Powerful Pawn and Pizza tournament 8-0 in Bethlehem.

\*Gabriel Petesch was the champion of the 61<sup>st</sup> Pittsburgh Metropolitan Open, while Evan Oppenheim was the king of the Reserve Section.

### March 2006

\*Joseph Mucerino and Curtis Swartz tied for first in the North Penn Chess Club Winter Round Robin in Lansdale. William Duley outdistanced the second section by a point, and Mark Alberts was the high scorer in the Swiss section.

\*In Carlisle, defending speed king Gerald Bailleau kept his crown in the PA State Quick Chess Championship. Danijel Lolic won the U1500 section, and Benjamin Strauss swept the U1100 section.

\*Freshman Daniel Yeager became the newly crowned PA State K-12 Champion. Other state champions that were crowned were Odette Moolten and Kota Furuhata in the K-3 section, Hibiki Sakai who swept the K-6 section, and Josh Bowman who took home the first place trophy in the K-8 section.

\*Omar Rivera scored a perfect 5-0 in the Carlisle Open, while Jahaade Adams took home top honors in the U1500 section.

\*Jamie Yang was the winner of the Horizons for Youth tournament in Bethlehem.

\*Ara Tadevosyan and Jahaade Adams shared first place in the Haverford High School tournament.

\*The Greater Philadelphia Open moved to Haverford. Splitting first prize in the Open Section were GMs Jaan Ehvest and Aleks Wojtkiewicz. Jeremiah Williams and Vladyslav Anderson tied for first in the U1800 Section, and Vincent Piskorski won the U1400 Section.

### April 2006

\*At the Delaware Valley Grand Prix event in Warminster, David Lakata and Ben Cohen tied for first in the Open Section. Joseph Kovacs won the U1100 all alone, Kavin Aravind swept the U750 K-6 Section 5-0, while there was a three way tie for the U500 K-3 Section between Kevin Liu, Patrick Liu, and Mike Wiest. Joseph Mucerino and Leteef Street split the cash in the Octo.

\*Joseph Kovacs continued his winning streak by adding the Advanced Section of the Huntingdon Valley Spring Round Robin to his laurels. Christopher Buss and Matthew Schwarz were two points ahead of everyone else in the Novice Section.

\*Franklin Chen won the PA G/29 Championship, while Bill Kramer won the Scholastic Section.

\*Joseph Mucerino won the HWSCC Quick Chess Championship in Lemoyne.

\*Franklin Chen continued to dominate Pittsburgh by winning the 7<sup>th</sup> William Byland Memorial.

\*Ryan Cook beat Tamara Corey 3½-1½ in a match in Lemoyne.

\*Joseph Mucerino swept the Beaumont chess tournament in Devon. Ryan Leever had a perfect score in the Scholastic Open Section, Patrick Liu claimed the Scholastic U700 title, and Steve Krause scored 4-0 in the nonrated section.

\*Joseph Mucerino won the Mainline Chess Club G/10 Championship in Gladwyne.

\*At the scholastic tournament sponsored by the Philadelphia Eagles, Julian Smyth swept the Grades 6-8 Section, while Michael Myers had the same result in the Grades 9-12 Section.

\*Alexander Heimann took the Open Section of the 46<sup>th</sup> Golden Triangle Open, while Robert Head won the Reserve Section.

\*Joseph Mucerino and Bennett Lynn became Pennsylvania State Amateur Co-Champions in West Hazleton.

### May 2006

\*Joseph Mucerino scored a hat trick by winning the Harrisburg West Shore Chess Club Championship for the third year in a row in Lemoyne.

\*Christopher Persons defeated Garnel Wilkins 2-1 to win the MasterMinds Championship in Philadelphia.

\*Daniel Yeager swept the Chaturanga Spring Swiss 4-0 in Hatboro.

\*Alexander Wlezien completely dominated the Blair Bishops Chess Club Championship with a 9-0 score.

\*Andrew Tichenor and Herman Chiu tied at the Hazleton Open.

\*Bruce Leverett was the only 2-0 during the visit by the Pittsburgh Chess Club to the State Correctional Institute in Somerset.

\*Alan Yan won the tournament at Franklin Middle School in Murrysville.

\*Mark Heimann tied for first at the U.S. Amateur Championship in Parsippany, NJ.

### June 2006

\*Joseph Mucerino won the Adult Section at the 5<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus tournament in DuBois. Mitch Veltri took the Junior/Senior High School Section, and Jared Rogos was the top elementary/youth player.

\*Mark Heimann and Donald Meigs tied in the Open Section of the 36<sup>th</sup> Fred Thompson Memorial in Pittsburgh. Brian Villarreal swept the Reserve Section.

\*Franklin Chen won yet again, this time taking home the top prize in the 19<sup>th</sup> Richard Abrams Memorial in Pittsburgh.

\*Kurt Schneider and Daniel Yeager tie for first at the Greater Philadelphia Junior Invitational in Philadelphia.

\*Evan Oppenheim won the Championship Section of the Western PA Junior Open in Pittsburgh. Nathaniel Conroy took the U1200 Section,

Justin Maga won the U900 title and Jacob Davis in the U700 Section had the only perfect score.

\*Tamara Corey won the Harrisburg West Shore Chess Club G/29 tournament in Lemoyne.

### July 2006

\*Results at the World Open

Open: Gata Kamsky, Leonid Yudasin, Vadim Milov, Ildar Ibragimov, Alexander Ivanov, Jaan Ehlevest, Aleks Wojtkiewicz, Giorgi Kacheishvili, Joel Benjamin 7/9  
Top PA: Alexander Shabalov 6½

U2200: Michael Clark 8  
Top PA: Richard Lunenfeld 6

U2000: Luan Elezi, Chris Sevilla 8  
Top PA: Elezi

U1800: Michael Williams, Prasanna Borse 8  
Top PA: Williams

U1600: Rafael Calderon, Tien Nguyen 8  
Top PA: Peter Stokes 6½

U1400: Willie Taylor 8½  
Top PA: Taylor

U1200: Xiaohe Xu 8½  
Top PA: David Fowler 7

\*Peter Minear swept the event in Coatesville.

\*The Pennsylvania State Championship was held in Pittsburgh this year. Crowned as state champions were: Bryan Norman and Mark Heimann in the Open Section, Joseph Elsleger in the U2000 Section, Michael Black, Joshua Mankey and Kevin Fitzgibbons shared the U1700 title, and Jason Smith was the U1400 Section champion. In the scholastic side events, Brendan Coulson won the U1100 Section, Tyler Shick, Kyle Bird, Sergio Machaca Aburto and Gregory Kaniecki split the U900 Section, and Yehuda Rosenberg swept the U700 Section.

### August 2006

\*Four players tied with four points each at the 4<sup>th</sup> Holly Heisman Memorial in Wynnewood. They were: Peter Minear, Adam Weissbarth, Joseph Mucerino, and Jonathan Phillips. Matthew Slesinski swept the U1500 Section 5-0, and there was a five-way tie in the U900 Section between Manuel Lorenzino Sepp, Kimberly Ding, Tim Mamrol, Michael Miller, and Andrew Jones.

\*Allentown celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> quads with 37 players in attendance. Quad winners were: Quad 1: Richard Blank; Quad 2: Phil Rizzo; Quad 3: Ronald Rausch and Donahue Scott; Quad 4: Mark Knerr and Erica McLaughlin; Quad 5: Larry Cesare; Quad 6: Steve McLaughlin Jr.; Quad 7: Laverne Gildner; Quad 8: Yiran Lin; and Quad 9: Luis Vargas.

\*Franklin Chen won once again; this time the 15<sup>th</sup> Wildcard Open in Pittsburgh.

### September 2006

\*There were two quads at the Bucks County Renaissance Faire in Wrightstown, with Daniel Yeager and Brian Bucher winning their respective sections.

\*The inaugural quads in Clarks Summit attracted sixteen people. Winning were: Quad 1: Joseph Mucerino and Patrick Walker; Quad 2:

Michael Kagel; Quad 3: Antonio Scalzo; and Quad 4: Edward Buisch and James LaBarr.

### October 2006

\*Joseph Mucerino captured the North Penn Chess Club Membership Drive in Lansdale.

\*Joseph Mucerino also won the Main Line Chess Club G/30 Championship in Gladwyne.

\*Franklin Chen added the Pennsylvania State G/30 Championship to go along with his G/29 title. Adonis Turner took the Scholastic Section.

\*Brian Polka took home the Chaturanga Chess Club Championship in Hatboro.

\*In Pittsburgh, Mark Heimann won the 49<sup>th</sup> Gateway Open by 1½ points over the field. Joshua Mankey was the winner of the Reserve Section.

\*Nigel Mitchell was the top player at the North Penn Chess Club Fall Class Tournament in North Wales.

### November 2006

\*Pranav Ranganathan was perfect in the K-3 Section of the November Rumble in Southampton, and Adam Falcone and Vincent Pillinger were also perfect in the Grade 4-8 Section.

\*At the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sewickley Academy, Campbell Sebastian and Calder Fowkes tied for first in the Primary Section, and Andrew Chey swept the Upper Grades Section.

\*In Ardmore, Matthew Slesinski won the Greater Philadelphia Middle School title, Yutong Wong won the High School U1100 Section, and Teme Sejko walked away with the High School title.

\*Anand Mehta and Yuhao Xu tied each other for the Greater Philadelphia Elementary Championship. Alejandro Budejen-Jerez took home the Primary title, and Vijay Friedman won the Elementary U700 section.

\*There was a four way tie with four points each at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Horizons for Youth tournament in Bethlehem between Yiran Lin, Daniel O'Brien, Jonathan Pfefer, and Thomas Fang.

\*Antonio Scalzo won the 1<sup>st</sup> Clarks Summit Open.

\*Thomas Magar and Daniel Kirk were crowned Pennsylvania State Co-Senior Champions in Pittsburgh. Alongside that event was the Pennsylvania State Junior Championship. Charles Won won the ages 16-20 category, Joshua Trinidad swept the Ages 12-15 Section, Kevin Mo was the top age 9-11, Alex Chen was the best eight year old, Adonis Turner was the winner of the Ages 9-20 U900 Section, Conner Unice and John Barczynski shared the Ages 9-20 U600 Section, and Keerthana Samanthapudi and Anishaa Sivakumar tied in the Age 8 U600 Section.

\*Nate Carabello won the Harrisburg West Shore Chess Club Autumn Swiss in Lemoyne.

\*Luka Glinsky won the quad at the Fall Warmup in Erie, while Brian Pitzer won the Swiss.

\*Winners at the National Chess Congress in Philadelphia:

Premier: Hikaru Nakamura 5½/6

Top PA: Alexander Shabalov 5

U2200: Troy Daly 5½

Top PA: Dan Yeager, Greg Nolan 4

U2000: Chris Ventura, John Valentine, Maxwell Schwartz, Andrew Miller 5

Top PA: Michael Johnson, Peter Lang, Douglas Bergwin 4½

U1800: Jonathan Phillips 6

Top PA: Phillips

U1600: Steven Fox, Emily Chu, Katherine Wu, Zachary Rivkin, Keith Kerrigan 5

Top PA: Fox and Chu

U1400: Jacob Kelly 5½

Top PA: Kelly

U1200: Bryan Fenty 5½

Top PA: Stephen Hlyak, George Matre 5

\*Dan Heisman won the Main Line Chess Club Championship in Gladwyne. Miles Rich took the Reserve Section.

### December 2006

\*Todd Hennard and Robert Johnson tied for first in Bradford.

\*Quad winners in Huntingdon Valley were: David Lakata, Joseph Kovacs and Blake Rosenn, Joshua Pilchik, and Chirag Ram.

\*Franklin Chen won the Robert P. Smith Memorial in Pittsburgh.

\*Mark Heimann tied as the top eight grader at the National K-12 Championship in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

### *What a year!*

## 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, are located at <http://main.uschess.org/content/blogsection/27/131/> (on their new website) and <http://www.uschess.org/scholastic/> (on their old website which is still available while material is being moved to their new website). At this site is 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. For the parents there is my book *A Parent's Guide to Chess*, which I will sell in very low bulk price (less than \$5 per book, depending on the amount) to any organization – contact me at 610-649-0750 or [danheisman@comcast.net](mailto:danheisman@comcast.net).

I started a tax-deductible scholastic support fund at the Philadelphia Foundation (<http://www.philafound.org/>) for scholastic chess in the Philadelphia area. This fund is administered via the PA State Chess Federation and depends on donors like yourself. If interested in con-

tributing to local scholastic chess, please go to <http://www.philafound.org/page22267.cfm> and specify the “Dan Heisman Chess Support Fund” Thanks!

**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://main.uschess.org/>
- PA State Chess Federation: <http://www.pscfchess.org/>
- PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator Steve McLaughlin: <http://www.delvalchess.com/>
- SE PA Scholastic Chess Coordinator Dan Heisman: <http://www.danheisman.com/> - a clearinghouse site for chess near Philadelphia. Includes the 3-time “Best Instruction” *Novice Nook* column at [http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Articles/Novice\\_Nook\\_Links.htm](http://mywebpages.comcast.net/danheisman/Articles/Novice_Nook_Links.htm)
- Silver Knights Chess organizer NM Adam Weissbarth: <http://www.silverknightschess.com/>

Dates of interest for PA Scholastic Chess in 2007-2008:

- Nov 17-18: PA State Junior Championships, Univ. of Pittsburgh
- Dec 7-9: National K-12 Grade Championships, Houston TX
- March 7-9, 2008: PA State Scholastic Chess Championship, Carlisle PA – 120+ trophies!
- Apr 4-6, 2008: National Junior High (K-9) Championship, Dallas TX
- Apr 18-20, 2008: National High School (K-12) Championship, Atlanta GA
- May 9-11, 2008: National Elementary (K-6) Championship, Pittsburgh PA
- June 2008: Gr Philadelphia Junior Invitational (\$2000 in prizes in 2007)
- Summer/Fall 2008: PA State Chess Championship (all ages but includes a Scholastic section)

More detail on all of these events is available at the above web sites. A primary site for PA State Championship events is [www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/](http://www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/). Alternately, you can go to the USCF web site and click on “tournaments” – you get to [www.uschess.org/tla](http://www.uschess.org/tla), and then click on “Listings by State” and “PA”, etc. Or for SE PA events, you can go to [www.danheisman.com](http://www.danheisman.com) and click on “Tournaments/Events”. And all these events are 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 and chess information 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 West and the PA Scholastic Championship, this year again at the Hotel Carlisle and Convention Center. 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) clubs and events all over the state. Tournaments are held throughout the year, including the Silver Knights events around the Delaware Valley, the ASAP-PSCF-CCP in Philadelphia, and many in the Pittsburgh area run by Jerry Meyers and Tom Martinak. Larger tournaments are broken into sections to support all abilities, so everyone is competitive. 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 a scholastic section), 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 Open Championship, held each spring at Haverford College. It is no coincidence that at these all-age events you always see students from many-time National HS Champion Masterman. They have one of the best scholastic chess programs in the US, partly because coach Steve Shutt encourages his 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 high school 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” – often tournament directors 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! One good way to start is to show players how to find events and let them know that these events are run by the swiss system, meaning that *no one is eliminated* and everyone gets to play all the games.

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).

## UPCOMING PSCF EVENTS

**October 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). 4 Sections: **Open Quads:** 3-RR. G/60. EF: \$20. \$\$50 to 1st in each quad. **Scholastic Open:** 3-SS (or 4-SS depending upon entries). G/60. 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). **Open Non-rated:** 4-SS (or 5-SS depending upon entries). G/30. EF: \$5. Not USCF-rated. Medallions to winners. (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 [Irlee@aol.com](mailto:Irlee@aol.com), 215-674-9049.

**November 17. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** See the October 20 event for the same details.

**November 17 & 18. Welsh S. White Pennsylvania State Senior Championship.** 5-SS. G/120. Dining Room A, 1st Floor, William Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh PA 15213. **Open to ages 50 & Up.** \$\$ (480G): 150-80, Ages 65 & Up \$70, U1800 \$60, U1600 \$50, U1400 \$40, U1200 \$30. Trophies to Champion & Top Ages 65 & Up. **EF:** \$25 postmarked by 11/9, \$35 later, PSCF required \$5 OSA. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds 10am - 2:30pm - 7pm, 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 PA State Chess Federation & University of Pittsburgh Chess Club.*

**November 17 & 18. 2007 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 13 to 15 Open, Ages 9 to 12 Open. **EF:** \$18 postmarked by 11/9, \$28 later. Time Control: Game/90. Reg ends 9:30am. Rds: 10am - 1:30pm - 5pm, 11am - 2:30pm. **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 11/9, \$25 later. Time Control: Game/40. Reg ends 10:30am. Rds: 11am - 12:30pm - 2pm - 3:30pm - 5pm. **All:** Trophies to top 7 in each section, additional medallions. State Champion Title for each age in an Open Section. Trophies to 1st-2nd club and school teams combining 4-7 players from all sections. 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.*

**December 8. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** See the October 20 event for the same details.

**January 26. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** See the October 20 event for the same details.

**February 9. ASAP-PSCF-CCP Tournament.** See the October 20 event for the same details.

Watch for the latest information on PSCF tournaments on our website:  
<http://www.pscfchess.org/clearinghouse/>

# Top 20 Rated Pennsylvanians (As of the February 2007 Rating Supplement)

Regular Rating				Quick Rating			
Rank	Name		Rating	Rank	Name		Rating
1	Shabalov, GM Alexander		2659	1	Wolff, GM Patrick G		2624
2	Wolff, GM Patrick G		2623	2	Shabalov, GM Alexander		2622
3	Zaitchik, GM Gennady		2516	3	Zaitchik, GM Gennady		2547
4	Shahade, Gregory		2448	4	Shahade, Gregory		2357
5	Meyers, CIM Jerald		2340	5	Meyers, CIM Jerald		2306
6	Leverett, Bruce W		2329	6	Baczynskyj, FM Boris		2265
7	Metrick, Andrew		2288	7	Shocron, Rubin M		2259
8	Ritvin, Stanislav		2285	8	Eidemiller, Mark B		2252
9	Eidemiller, Mark B		2279	9	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V		2217
10	Rogers, Norman		2270	10	Rogers, Norman		2202
11	Heimann, Mark A		2268	11	Busche, Joseph R		2201
12	Rubenchik, FM Rodion V		2266	12	Mazock, Michael J		2200
13	Rivera, Omar		2266	13	Bailleau, Gerald A		2196
14	Dunne, FM Alex		2259	14	Bengtson, FM Matthew William		2187
15	Traldi, Matthew R		2258	15	Post, Evan A		2179
16	Peterson, William M		2253	16	Nolan, Gregory M		2174
17	Formanek, IM Edward William		2238	17	Rivera, Omar		2166
18	Minear, Peter R		2234	18	Kis, Lorand Bela		2162
19	Styler, Michael J		2233	19	Frank, Marty C		2161
20	Bengtson, FM Matthew William		2232	20	Faust, Jeffrey S		2152

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Women				Juniors - Ages 20 & Under			
Rank	Name		Rating	Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Melekchina, Alisa		2165	1	Heimann, Mark A	14	2268
2	Mc Cullough Linver, Laura M		1704	2	Yeager, Daniel A	15	2210
3	Corey, Tamara H		1686	3	Heimann, Alexander C	14	2170
4	Chu, Emily J		1635	4	Melekchina, Alisa	15	2165
5	Jin, Shinan		1613	5	Petesich, Gabriel N	15	2142
6	Mc Laughlin, Erica C		1604	6	Lelis, Tyler	15	2123
7	Lakata, Elizabeth M		1561	7	Glinsky, Luka E	15	2024
8	Dorohovich, Grace L		1510	8	Baluyan, Arut	20	2001
9	Zhang, Yi Ran		1466	9	Papariella, Justin J	20	1979
10	Moolten, Odette		1408	10	Bowman, Joshua A	15	1945
11	Kleinfeld, Linda K		1406	11	Lynn, Bennett M	18	1908
12	Procopio, Patti		1389	12	Russell, Matthew C	19	1905
13	Yan, Amy		1214	13	Hsiao, Thomas	18	1893
14	Hendrickson, Sara M		1202	14	Burgwin, Douglas C	20	1885
15	Stabile, Becky		1176	15	Augenbraun, Eric J	19	1863
16	Guryeva, Kseniya		1171	16	Tadevosyan, Ara	18	1859
17	Dorsey, Elizabeth A		1166	17	Caligaris, Gage R	18	1852
18	Cruel, Johanna		1162	18	Bechis, Chris N	19	1846
19	Seshadri, Priyanka S		1153	19	Spore, Richard Andrew	18	1838
20	Weinberg, Amanda		1144	20	Sakai, Hibiki	12	1836

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Seniors - Ages 65 & Up				Ages 50 & Up			
Rank	Name	Age	Rating	Rank	Name	Age	Rating
1	Dunne, FM Alex	65	2259	1	Meyers, CIM Jerald	51	2340
2	Shocron, Rubin M	85	2223	2	Leverett, Bruce W	54	2329
3	Fayvinov, Zakhar	74	2213	3	Dunne, FM Alex	65	2259
4	Getman, Vladimir S	67	2071	4	Formanek, IM Edward William	64	2238
5	Ambrad, Antonio J	66	2006	5	Martinak, Tom M	50	2230
6	Meigs, Donald J	67	2000	6	Shocron, Rubin M	85	2223
7	Pariseau, Richard J	65	1995	7	Weber, Joseph V	51	2214
8	Hux, Robert E	77	1900	8	Fielding, Paul T	55	2213
9	Koppany, Anthony	88	1866	9	Fayvinov, Zakhar	74	2213
10	Shafritz, Arnold B	80	1840	10	Magar, Thomas P	52	2212
11	Prokhov, Vassil K	72	1816	11	Hughes, William M	58	2209
12	Sukiennik, Leopold J	70	1802	12	Baczynskyj, FM Boris	61	2206
13	Leonards, Robert A	77	1800	13	Nolan, Gregory M	52	2136
14	Cintron, Rafael L	78	1800	14	O'Connell, Christopher Ian	52	2111
15	Joline, James T	66	1771	15	Mongilutz, Jack	53	2088
16	Schmidt, Winsor C	87	1700	16	Cornell, Ray C	54	2088
17	Clary, Earl Jr	80	1700	17	Getman, Vladimir S	67	2071
18	Foreman, Fred D	70	1700	18	Ambrad, Antonio J	66	2006
19	Eikerenkoetter, Dr Roy C	75	1671	19	Cox, Michael K	54	2003
20	Moskowitz, Arthur	78	1657	20	Winwood, Joseph W	52	2000

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**Champion:** Bryan A. Norman & Mark A. Heimann

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**Senior Champion:** Thomas P. Magar & Daniel E. Kirk

**Ages 65 & Up Champion:** Viktor Semenov & Fred D. Foreman

**Collegiate Champion:** Derek M. Fisher

**K-12 Champion:** Daniel A. Yeager

**K-8 Champion:** Joshua A. Bowman

**K-6 Champion:** Hibiki Sakai

**K-3 Champion:** Kota Furuhata & Odette Moolten

## Age Champions (from Pennsylvania Junior Championship)

20	Mark J. Stuckel
19	Charles C. Won
18	Robbie S. Kleinmuntz
15	Joshua D. Trinidad
14	Nicholas M. Spokauskas
13	Mark Ignaczak
12	Benjamin D. Lind
11	Kevin Mo
10	Ben Molin
9	Danny Balter
8	Alex Chen

## Grade Champions (from Pennsylvania Scholastic Championship)

12	Bennett M. Lynn
11	Bob C. Waruszewski
10	Alex M. Guziak
9	Luka E. Glinsky, Evan B. Ames & Christopher S. Blaise, Jr.
8	Steven J. Mc Laughlin, Jr.
7	Peter T. Weida
6	Vivek U. Nimgaonkar
5	Kevin Mo
4	Benjamin L. Strauss & Danny Balter
3	Jonathan J. Kleinfeld, Krishna Patel & Boston Strong
2	Andre Curtis & Christopher Buss
1	Alexander Zhang & Alejandro Budejen-Jerez
K	Gabe John Tiday

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ANY CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

**ALLENTOWN**

- (1) Center City CC; St Luke's Lutheran Church, 417 N 7th St; Sat Noon-6 pm  
 (2) Lehigh Valley CA; St James Evangelical Lutheran Church, 710 N 11th St; Sat 12:30 pm, 610-821-4320

**ALTOONA**

Andrew Stergiou 814-941-8718

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Kehr Union Bldg; Bob Ross 570-784-8571

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The Copper Dog, 234 Bridge St; Tues 7-9 pm, Jim Scibilia 724-728-8044

**BRADFORD**

- (1) School Street Elementary; Wed 6:30-8:30 pm, Oct-Mar  
 (2) 78 Main St Fl 3; Sun 1-5 pm, Wed 6-10 pm Mar-Sept, 814-368-4197

**CHAMBERSBURG**

Chessman; 600 Miller St; Thurs 7-10 pm, 717-261-9132, 717-263-2836

**CHESTER**

J Lewis Crozer Library, 620 Engle St; Tues 5:30-7:30 pm, 610-364-1212

**COATESVILLE**

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

**COUDERSPORT**

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

**DOUGLASSVILLE:**

Amity CC, St Paul's UCC, 1312 Old Swede Rd; Fri 7-10 pm, 610-385-6324

**EPHRATA**

Ephrata Public Library, 550 S Reading Rd; Tues 4-8 pm, Brandon Keath 717-733-9657

**ERIE**

Zurn Science Building, W 7th St between Peach and Sassafras, Room 348; Fri 6:30-10 pm, James Walczak 814-870-7763

**GLADWYNE**

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

**HARRISBURG**

Calvary United Methodist Church, 700 Market St (Rear), Lemoyne; Mon 7-10 pm, Brian Sheinfeld 717-761-3151

**HATBORO**

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

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**HUNTINGDON VALLEY**

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

**JOHNSTOWN**

Starbucks, 109 Town Centre Dr; Tues 7-8:30 pm, 814-467-9759

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Rodney Park, Crystal &amp; Rodney St; Wed 6:30-9 pm, 717-892-6612

**LANSDALE**

- (1) North Penn CC; St John's UCC Church, Main and Richardson Sts; Fri 7 pm - 1 am, 215-699-8418  
 (2) Lansdale Public Library CC; 301 Vine St; last Sat of the month 10am

**LEBANON**

Library, 125 N 7th St; Wed 6-8 pm, Rene 717-279-7030

**MAHONEY CITY**

Library, 19 W Mahanoy St; Sat Noon - 2 pm, Tom 570-773-3250

**MONROEVILLE**

Wed 6:30-8:30 pm, Delbert Tyler 412-824-5015

**MURRYSVILLE**

First Presbyterian Church, 3202 N Hills Rd; Wed 7-11 pm, Jay 724-325-2484

**NEW CASTLE**

Lawrence County CC; Moose Lodge, 29 S Mercer St; Thurs 6:30-9 pm

**PECKVILLE**

Valley Community Library, 739 River St (Rt 247); Sat 1-4 pm, 570-487-1125

**PETERS TOWNSHIP**

CRC, Peterswood Park, 700 Meredith Dr; Wed 6-7 pm, Eric 412-221-2394

**PHILADELPHIA**

- (1) FMCC; 2012 Walnut, Lower Level; Mon - Thurs 1-9 pm, Fri & Sat 1-Midnight, 215-496-0811  
 (2) Univ of Penn CC; Chats Cafeteria, 3800 Locust; Wed 8 pm  
 (3) Masterminds CC; Fountains @ Logan Square East, 2 Franklin Town Blvd; Wed & Fri 7-10 pm, Steve Slocum 215-455-6285  
 (4) Jardel Recreation Center, 1400 Cottman Ave, Thurs 6:30-9:30 pm, Sat Noon-4 pm  
 (5) Temple Univ CC; SAC Dining Area, Mon/Wed 6-7 pm, Tues/Thurs 12-3 pm, 267-973-0765  
 (6) Drexel Univ CC; Creese Student Center, Bookstore Lobby, Wed 5 - 8 pm

**PITTSBURGH**

- (1) Univ of Pitt CC; William Pitt Union; Tues & Thurs 7-11 pm, 412-908-0286  
 (2) Pittsburgh CC; Wightman School Community Center, 5604 Solway St; Wed 1-9 pm, Sat Noon-10 pm, 412-421-1881  
 (3) Crafton Public Library, 140 Bradford; Sat 9 - Noon, 412-922-4234  
 (4) Hill Branch Library, 419 Dinwiddie St; Mon & Thurs 3-7 pm, Sat 1-5 pm, 412-361-6170  
 (5) CMU CC; University Center Commons; Thurs 6-8 pm  
 (6) Mt Lebanon Lib, 16 Castle Shannon; Scholastics: 1st/3rd Mon Sept-May, Adults/Older Scholastics: Thurs 7-8:30 pm; 412-531-1912

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Million Youth Chess Club; Mike 610-373-3061

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**SHIPPENSBURG**

Health Care Center, 121 Walnut Bottom Rd; Wed 6-9:30 pm, 717-477-0645

**SKIPPACK**

Hidden Staircase Used Books Fl 2, Rts 73 &amp; 113; Thurs 5-8 pm, 610-277-0540

**STATE COLLEGE**

- (1) PSU CC; ASI Bldg, Room 16; Thurs 7 pm  
 (2) Schlow Library, 211 South Allen St; Sat 1:45-4:45 pm, 814-571-9629

**STROUDSBURG**

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

**SWARTHMORE**

121 Park Ave; Sat 7-9 pm

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

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

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

**WEST CHESTER**

- (1) West Chester CC; United Methodist Ch, High & Barnard Sts; Thurs 7 pm  
 (2) WC Univ CC; Sykes Student Building, Rm 254; Tues 5-7:30 pm

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

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

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