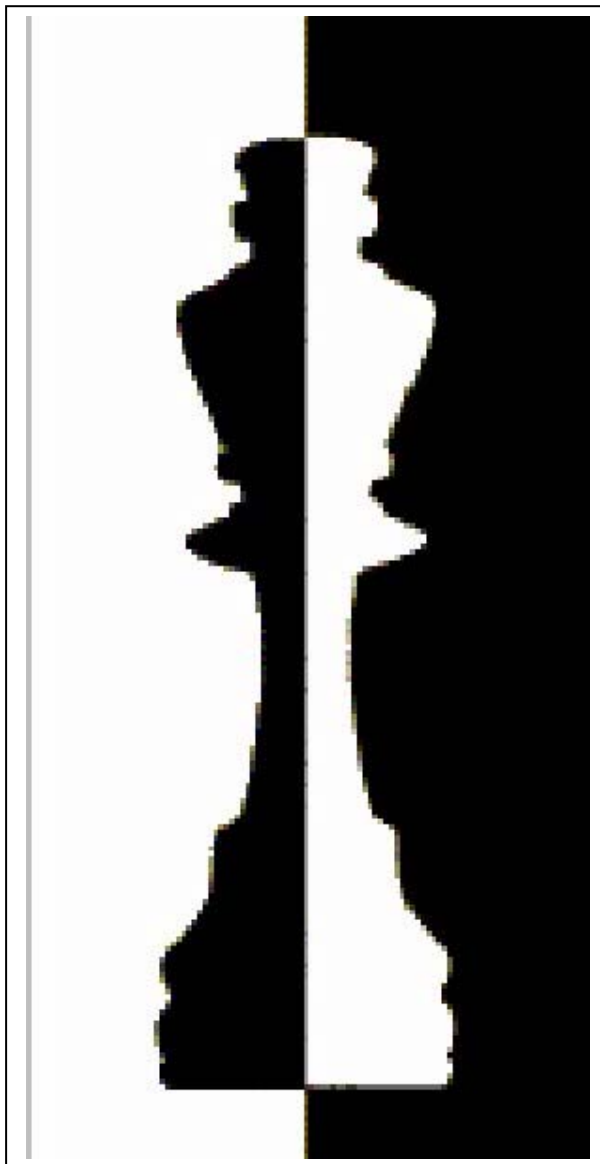


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**All ICA members are
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President's Podium



Kevin L. Bachler

Winding Down

Well, by the time you read this, the Illinois Open will be over, and we will be preparing to wind down the remaining time for our term in office. We have tried to focus on several key points that have the general theme of focusing on basics. Our goal has been to improve the infrastructure of ICA, to increase its appeal throughout Illinois, and to build our core of volunteers.

This is important for several reasons. It provides a more efficient way of organizing and promoting tournaments, and since USCF is still working to resolve its difficulties, strong state associations may some day be necessary if those difficulties prove to formidable. We hope that players and chess clubs throughout Illinois will work to support ICA.

ICA Elections

Depending on whether elections for new officers are contested or not, you will receive either a mail ballot or a ballot in your next ICB. Right now, very few people have declared their intention to run for ICA office. We hope that some volunteers will step forward soon and submit petitions for nomination.

Illinois Class

One of the major tournaments coming up this fall is the Illinois Class. One of our top organizers, Fred Gruenberg, has agreed to help organize this tournament this year. Please look elsewhere in this issue for details, and please support this tournament!

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A note from Tim Just

From the ICA constitution:
Section 5. Nominations. Nominations for officers shall be submitted to the Secretary in writing not later than October 1 of an election year.

Nominations must include the signatures of 10 association members as well as the nominee's permission.

Illinois had 29 votes total (1 bad ballot).

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|----------|----|
| Bachler | 23 |
| Just | 22 |
| J Warren | 17 |
| Losoff | 16 |
| Fineberg | 15 |
| L Cohen | 14 |
| Scott | 13 |

Because these were all people that said they would attend they got the delegate nod over Smythe (21), Brock (19), Chow (17), etc.. Wayne even got 9 votes

This letter was in reference to the Unknown Picture in the Richard Verber Part II Article.

Dear ICB,

Yes, I was a regular visitor of the Chicago Chess Club in 1963-64, and then 1966-1970. Richard and I were good friends. He was always available to talk about chess, look at games, and had strong intellectual interests, as well as a curiosity about Psychiatry.

In those years, before the ravages of his illness, the Diabetes Mellitus, he was often well dressed in a conservative sense. As the picture reveals, clearly he was feigning indifference, while taking in my profound tactics vs Leopoldi!([Joke])

I will miss him, as we all do.
Barrie Richmond, MD

Al Chow submitted this game and the ones that follow, for the ICA Readers. This game should give all chess players hope. If you would like to have a game published in the ICB. Please submit you games to.

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Gurevich,D (2600) – Morley,C (1255)

WisChess simul, 04.08.2002 [Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 The Giuoco Piano or Italian game. **4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Bg4** Preventing 6.d4 **6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Nf6 8.b4 Bb6 9.a4 a5** [Or 9...a6!?] **10.b5 Ne7 11.d3 h6! 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 0-0 14.Nd2 Ng6 15.Rf2 Qd7** [More accurate seems 15...c6!] **16.Raf1 c6!** The best method of creating central counterplay. **17.Qg3 d5!** Diagram

18.exd5 cxd5 19.Bb3 b6? [Most solid was 19...Kh7] **20.e4** [White could have tried 20.Rxf6! gxf6 21.Ne4! Kg7 22.Nxf6 Qe7 23.Bxd5 Rad8 24.c4+--] **20...Ra7 21.Rxf6! gxf6 22.Bxd5 Kh7! 23.Rxf6 Qe7!?** [Also good was 23...Qd8 24.Qf2 Nf4] **24.Rxb6** [24.Qf2!?] **24...Rg8 25.Rxg6??** [Better was 25.Nc4! Nf4 (25...Rg7 26.Qf3 Nf4 27.g4+--)] **26.Rxh6+!** Kxh6 **27.Qxg8 Nxd3 28.Kh2+--]** **25...Rxg6 26.Qf2?!** [26.Qe3 saves a tempo.] **26...Rf6 27.Qe3**

[Also 27.Nf3!?] **27...Qa3!! 28.Nc4!** [If 28.Qxa7 Qc1+ 29.Kh2 Qxd2 30.Qg1 Rf2! 31.b6 Qf4+ 32.Kh1 Rf1 33.b7 Rxc1+ 34.Kxc1 Qe3+ 35.Kh2 Qb6 and black has the only queen.] **28...Qxc3!** [Casey continues to find the best tactical chances, and is not afraid to gambit a rook against a GM! White has counterplay after 28...Qa1+ 29.Kh2 Re7 30.b6 Qxc3 31.b7 Re8 32.Qa7 (Or 32.Bxf7 Rxf7 33.Nd6 Rxb7 34.Nxb7 Qc7 35.Nc5=) 32...Qe1 33.b8Q Rxb8 34.Bxf7 Qf2 35.Bg8+ Kxc8 36.Qxb8+ Kh7 37.Qc7+ unclear.] **29.Qxa7** accepting the bait. [Also unclear was 29.b6 Re7 30.b7 Re8 (or 30...Qb4) 31.Bxf7!? Rxf7 32.Nd6 Rxb7 33.Nxb7=] **29...Qc1+!** Diagram

The GM underestimates his opponent in playing to win.[Correct was 31.Kg1 Qf1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+= draw.] **31...Qf1! 32.h4 Qe2+!** [Also good was 32...Rf2+ 33.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kh3 h5! 35.Nxe5 Qg1!-+] **33.Kh3 Rf1! 34.Qxf7+! Rxf7 35.Bxf7 Qf1+!** Diagram

36.Kg4 Qxf7 37.b6 [And 37.Nxe5 Qe6+ 38.Kf4 Qf6+] **37...Qd7+ 38.Kf3 Qxd3+ 39.Ne3 Qb3** Diagram

[If 29...Qe1+ 30.Kh2 Rf1 31.Qxf7+! Rxf7 32.Bxf7 Qf2 33.Bd5 h5 34.b6 h4 35.b7 Qg3+= only draws by perpetual.(Not 35...Qa7? 36.Nxe5+-)] **30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.g3??** Diagram

white resigned **0-1**

(1) Schroer,J (2708) – Widing,B (1292)**[C42]**

WIS Chess ICC Simul, 07.08.2002

[Bob Widing]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5
6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3
dxc4 11.Bxc4 Bg4 12.Rb1 b5 13.Be2 Nd7 14.Be3

This is the first move not listed in Nunn's Chess Openings. I have never played this far against anyone who was not at least a master. Everyone else deviates at some earlier move. 14...Nf6 15.Re1 Re8 16.h3 Bh5 17.Bg5? h6 18.Bh4 g5! This begins a combination to win a pawn. 19.Bg3 Bxg3 20.fxg3 Ne4 21.Qb3 Nxc3 22.Bf1 Rxe1 23.Rxe1 [23.Nxe1] 23...Bxf3 24.gxf3 Nxf1 25.Kxf1 Qd7 26.Kg2 Re8 If I don't challenge the open file, I'm sure to lose at least a pawn. 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Kf2 Qb8 29.Kg2 Qf4 30.Qc2 Kg7 [30...Qe3] 31.Qd3 Diagram

White offered a draw and Black accepted. If I could trade off the Queens then I would play on. If I try to win another pawn, I will allow him to the open file and a perpetual check is waiting. 1/2-1/2

(4) Chokski,M (2331) – Riddle,R (1941)**[B82]**

US Open 6 Day (2), 30.07.2002

[Bachler,Kevin]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4
e6 7.Qf3 Qc7 8.Be3 b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.g4 Nc6 11.g5
Nd7 12.0-0-0 Nc5 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Rhe1 b4 [I had
originally intended 14...Nxd3 15.cxd3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 b4
17.Ne2 Qc2+ 18.Ka1 Qa4 -Riddle] 15.Nce2 Nxd4
16.Nxd4 d5 17.e5 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Bc5 19.f5 Bxd4
20.Bxd4 Qc2+ 21.Ka1 exf5 22.e6 0-0 23.Qxf5 fxe6

24.Qxe6+ Rf7 [24...Kh8 25.Qe7+-] 25.h4 Qc6 26.h5
Qxe6 27.Rxe6 Rfc7 28.Kb1 Bc6 29.Be5 Kf7 30.Rd6
Rd7 31.Rf1+ Kg8 32.h6 Rxd6 33.Bxd6 Bb5 34.Rf3
a5 35.b3 g6?± [35...gxh6=; 35...Rd8=] 36.Kb2 Bd7
37.Re3 Bf5 38.Re7 Bxd3 39.Rg7+ Kh8 40.Bc7 Bf5
41.Kc1 d4 42.Kd1 Re8 43.Bb6 [43.Bxa5 Bg4+ 44.Kd2
Re2+ 45.Kd3 Rxa2] 43...Re3 44.Bd8 Rd3+ 45.Ke2
Re3+ 46.Kf2 Bd3 47.Bf6 Re2+ 48.Kf3 Re3+= 1/2-1/2

Riddle,R – Dunne,A (2257)

World Open 2002 (7), 05.07.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 Nimzowitch defence. 3.Nc3 dxe4
4.d5 Ne5 5.Qd4 Ng6 6.Be3 f5 [More solid is 6...Nf6]
7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Nh3 c6 9.Bc4 cxd5 10.Qxd5 e6
11.Qxb7 Qc8 12.Qxc8+ Rxc8 13.Ba6 Rb8 14.0-0-0
Bb4 15.Rxd7!? Kxd7 16.Nb5 Nf6 17.Bxa7 Ra8 18.a3
Rxa7 19.Nxa7 Bc5 20.Bb5+ Kc7 21.Nc6 Kb6 22.a4
Rc8 23.b4 Bd6 24.a5+! Kc7 [If 24...Kxb5 25.Na7+]
25.c4 Ng4 26.Rd1 Nf4 27.Rxd6! Nxb3 28.Rxe6 Nxf2
29.c5! Nd3+ 30.Bxd3 exd3 31.b5 black resigned. 1-0

Brownscombe,T – Riddle,R

World Open 2002 (6), 05.07.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.Qe2 Qc7 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.0-0-0
Nc5 11.Rhe1 Bd7 12.f4 b4 13.e5 bxc3 14.exf6 Nxb3+
15.cxb3 g6 16.Kb1 cxb2 17.Qxb2 Qb7 18.Rc1 h6
19.Bh4 Qd5 20.Bg3 h5 21.h4 Bh6 22.Rcd1 Qc5 23.f5
e5 24.fxg6 fxg6 25.f7+ Kf8 26.Nf3 Bf5+ 27.Ka1 Kxf7
28.b4 Qb6 29.Bxe5 dxe5 30.Nxe5+ Kg8 31.Nd7 Bxd7
32.Rxd7 Rh7 33.Qb3+ Kh8 34.Rxh7+ Kxh7 35.Re7+
Bg7+ 36.Qc3 Rg8 37.Kb1 Kh8 0-1

Saidy,A (2371) – Riddle,R

World Open 2002 (4), 04.07.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nc3
Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 c6 9.Re1 Qc7 10.h3 Rd8 11.Be3
Nf8 12.d5 Ne8 13.Nd2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Ng6
16.Qe2 Nf6 17.c5 e4 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Nc4 Qf8
20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Qf2 Qf7 22.Na5 Qc7 23.Nb3 Nd5
24.Nxd5 [24.Bd4!?] 24...cxd5 25.Rac1 Qf7 26.Rc2
Ba6 27.Bd4 Bd3 28.Rc3 Nf8 29.Nc5 Bb5 30.Rd1
Rac8 31.Bxg7 Qxg7 32.Qd4 Qxd4+ 33.Rxd4 Bc4
34.Nb7 Rd7 35.Na5 Ne6 36.Rd2 Ba6 37.Rdc2 [Better
was 37.Bf1!] 37...Rxc3 38.bxc3 Rc7 39.Rd2 Bd3!
40.Bf1 Rxc3 41.Bxd3 exd3 42.Nb3 a5 43.Kf2?
[43.Nxa5!] 43...a4 44.Na5 Nc5 45.Ke3 Rc1 46.Kd4
Rc2 47.Rxd3 Nxd3 48.Kxd3 Rxa2 49.Nc6 Ra3+
50.Kd4 Rxg3 51.Ne7+ Kf7 52.Nxf5 Rxh3 0-1

From a Fresh Start to a New Dawn Part II

By GM Yasser Seirawan

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Editor Note: Thank you Chess Café website

The meeting on April 10th at Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam between Carsten Hensel, Steve Timmins, Malcolm Pein and me was a chessic Waterloo. The confidence that I carried for the “Fresh Start” proposals was shattered. Carsten explained that Vladimir Kramnik could not possibly agree to being seeded into a round of quarter-final matches. Kramnik was bound by his contract with Einstein TV, purchased from the Brain Games Network, and was absolutely *obliged* to play a world championship *match* against the winner of the Dortmund Candidates’ tournament. Following that match, if he was successful, he was allowed under the Einstein TV contract to play another, *voluntary* world championship match.

Thus for a first cycle, the maximum number of matches that Kramnik could play would be two. Full stop. Furthermore, the contract allowed a similar provision for a second cycle; he was obliged to play against the winner of a qualifying event in a world championship match, with the possibility, once again, of a voluntary defense too. Naturally, the contract was based on the eventuality of Kramnik winning these matches. Should he be defeated, the contract would become void. Kramnik’s financial guarantees for these matches were substantial, and it was clear that no one would voluntarily give up such an agreeable position.

This news came as quite a blow to me. My discussions with Steve had indicated flexibility in Kramnik’s position, but what Carsten stated made it very clear that Kramnik’s position was completely fixed. I joked that we had all made the trip in vain. What would we do now? Indeed, we had reached an impasse.

I explained that the world would not just idly wait for the Dortmund winner and Kramnik to play a match. Rather, what had already been achieved at that time was *partial* unity. FIDE, Kasparov and the proposed Commissioners were all prepared to back the “Fresh

Start” proposals, and these would probably just go ahead *sans* Kramnik. Everyone would prefer *complete* unity, but in the absence of Kramnik’s participation, partial unity was, regrettably, the only option for reviving a Classical Chess championship cycle.

Steve responded that this would be a “nightmare scenario” for Einstein TV. He asked if I was absolutely sure that FIDE favored “A Fresh Start”. I said I was and that FIDE would issue a press release shortly, announcing that it too wanted unity within a fair, inclusive plan. There were doubts expressed that FIDE would make such a statement, but I reassured everyone that this was indeed the case.

At this point Carsten offered a proposal: Why not have Ponomarev play a match against Kasparov and the two match-winners play a match with one another for the undisputed world championship?

Carsten explained that he would have to clear this proposal with Kramnik but that he felt it was the best way to reach complete unity. Steve and Malcolm were very pleased with this suggestion and promised their full support.

I wasn’t happy to have “A Fresh Start” go up in smoke. Over a year of careful consideration had gone into my proposals. For instance, every time Garry had suggested a change to me, no matter how small, I would respond with an avalanche of arguments to justify what I had put in “A Fresh Start”. So much so that it became a standing joke between Garry and me that “A Fresh Start”, or “Seirawan’s Defense” as Garry started calling it, was inviolate.

Now, in a stroke, “A Fresh Start” was out the window. What about the world qualification tournament in the first cycle? What about Anand and Ivanchuk, two players who had honored their obligations to FIDE? They had declined their invitations to play in Dortmund, and the solution Carsten was putting forward would mean that they would be out of the cycle. I felt heartbroken.

We spoke about this new proposal at great length, and I was cautious. We also discussed the second cycle, i.e. the fact that the defending champion would have to defend his title *twice*, and then *thrice* for the third cycle. These were tough concessions, but they were agreed. I needed something for FIDE to show that the players were willing to make chess and the *new* World Classical Chess Championship cycle more of a *sport* and not just protect the privileged rights of the defending champion.

Reactions

My train and tram ride back to my Amsterdam apartment was an unhappy one. My brain hurt. The meeting lasted until the middle of the afternoon but Carsten and I had spoken together until nearly 7 PM.

As I had arrived at Schiphol at around 11 AM all the conversations had left me drained. It had been a very tough meeting. I desperately wanted complete unity for the greatest good of chess, but there was no way to get "A Fresh Start" involved for the first cycle. By the time I arrived home I was quite depressed and fleetingly considered just forgetting what had taken place. But as an honest broker, I had to deliver this new proposal to the others. How would everyone react?

Upon seeing me, Yvette immediately realized that something had gone terribly wrong. I was in a bad mood, and she had the good sense to let me brood while making us a good dinner. Out of frustration I bashed out an e-mail to Steve, Carsten and Malcolm and felt better for it. (The next day I would sheepishly withdraw my message.)

April 11th was telephone day. I wanted to make contact with all the proposed Commissioners to explain the new proposal. In the case of Bessel this was bad timing; he was deeply involved in meetings on the privatization of Czech Telecom and was unreachable. I spoke with his right-hand man, Serge Grimaux. Serge was a good listener, and his responses were surprising and reassuring. To paraphrase: "Look, Yasser, you've done your best and even if this solution isn't what you wanted, it gets us to chess unity. I don't see the problem. That was your goal and you've achieved it, be happy! You chess players are so brilliant, you figure out what will make everybody happy, but stop for a moment. This is the real world. Think about the *costs* of a world qualification tournament, all those elimination matches and finally a unifying match! This new proposal is financially much easier for everyone. The players don't lose anything. The next FIDE championship begins in December 2003, and in the meantime, we get a chance to resolve the current mess. Really this is OK. It gives us time to build up the infrastructure, create a business plan and raise sponsor dollars. We need time to *market* these matches. Bessel is a businessman. He will support this counter-proposal."

Erik Anderson had a similar view. Complete unity was our goal and he didn't like partial unity. Erik thought the two-match proposal to be a reasonable

compromise. Dato Tan Chin Nam was traveling, and I sent him updates by e-mail.

It was time to talk with Garry. He was agreeable but wanted to know about the draw-odds situation for both matches. I explained that they would be abolished for all cycles that fell *under* the Commissioners' purview. For sporting purposes, the public of today would insist on a tiebreaker. Garry agreed that this solution, while favoring him for the current cycle, would also be the fairest way to determine ties in future cycles.

We needed to know FIDE's reaction. Kirsan was disappointed with the new proposal. He liked "A Fresh Start", as he saw it as inclusive and fair. He understood that this, the first cycle, was a mess but he had a major concern: Anand and Ivanchuk *had* to be included in the Dortmund tournament. That way, at least the 12 highest-rated players in the world would be competing in the first cycle. Discussions then focused on possible financial support to Dortmund to make the inclusion of Anand and Ivanchuk possible. I would have to go back to Carsten and Steve and see if it could be done.

Einstein TV's Position

The next day, Friday, April 12th, I received the following e-mail message from Malcolm, which he distributed to Serge Grimaux, Steve Timmins, Carsten Hensel and Owen Williams (Kasparov's agent) and in which he summarized Einstein TV's position:

From: MALCOLMPEIN
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2002 10:32 AM
Subject: Einstein's position (post lunch)

Dear Yasser,

I was surprised and delighted when at our meeting on Wednesday in Amsterdam, Kramnik's representative presented a potentially workable and inclusive alternative to Fresh Start that could lead to unification. At this juncture I would like to summarise Einstein's position.

Einstein favour the proposed compromise with matches between Ponomarev v Kasparov & Kramnik v Dortmund qualifier and then the winners of those matches to play in Autumn 2003. This produces a Universally Recognised World Champion faster than we could have hoped for, which is to everyone's benefit and even

quicker than under the original Fresh Start proposal.

We also would like to see a new WCA with Commissioners as envisaged and a committee of players that would advise on the structure of the 2nd cycle and the match between the winners of the above.

The 'cycle' above includes most of the key players bar Anand and is as inclusive as it possibly could be at this stage unless someone drops out. The 2nd cycle will hopefully be even more inclusive.

We view unification as vital to the chess world and commercially to our advantage. We are working on the basis that we will have continuing rights, particularly in the field of broadcast and would welcome any information on how these will be enshrined in the new organisation.

We are looking forward to meeting everyone in Prague.

Kind regards

Malcolm Pein

(Einstein Chess Advisor)

The Commissioners accepted that this message was a confirmation of a *firm offer* from Kramnik's side that this was the course that would make complete unity possible. With the die cast, attention now turned to creating the proper structures to support a new Classical Chess cycle. Folks got busy on this part of the enterprise. There was a lot of work to do.

I responded to Malcolm's message that the commercial rights were outside of my authority (come to think about it, did I have any authority?) but that these rights could certainly be negotiated in a unity agreement in Prague. Einstein TV was clearly part and parcel of any unity plan and its position had to be respected. Besides, Einstein TV would make a great partner for guaranteeing video and television coverage!

Anand

A key player in Einstein/Kramnik's new unity proposal was Viswanathan Anand, the third highest rated player in the world and a former FIDE Champion. It would be

dreadful to launch a unification cycle without his participation. There were two possible solutions: Compensate the wild-card seed, Christopher Lutz, and replace him by Anand, or expand the eight-player field in Dortmund to ten players and include both Anand and Ivanchuk.

This was the moment for me that my work stopped being fun.

I empathized with Christopher, considering how he would feel if he was asked to step down. Even with cash as compensation, would he have such an opportunity again? Furthermore, such a sudden change of players would significantly upset the average strength in each of the four-player groups. There would likely have to be a reshuffling of the players, causing them major disruption in their preparations.

Expanding the groups from four players to five would be a very tough challenge to the players. With only four players in the groups, the top two from each group were to qualify for match play. With five players, only the winner from each group would go forward to a match for the right to face Kramnik. This change of format would be necessary if ten players competed, because of the need to accommodate the Dortmund tournament venue schedule. Such a dramatic change in the format was sure to cause the players a great deal of angst. There was no easy solution. I supported a ten-player field and wanted to get additional funding for their inclusion, but Bessel would be tied up in Czech Telecom discussions for a week to come. Did I mention that this was a two billion dollar deal? Some people have strange priorities. I'd have to wait.

On April 19th, FIDE released a statement dated April 17th announcing that the FIDE President would travel to Prague and attend the meeting in a spirit of compromise and to reach unity. This caused yet another dramatic leap in my telephone and e-mail box usage. Yvette was becoming seriously annoyed; she was losing her husband, and I found myself staying up quite late every night.

The days leading up to Prague went by surprisingly quickly. The major bones of contention had boiled down to the issues of how to resolve the situation with Anand and Ivanchuk. Would the replacement of Lutz be the best and least disruptive solution, or should Anand and Ivanchuk be added to Dortmund? The discussions were heated.

One day, Malcolm explained that contact had been made with Anand through a third party, and the feedback was that he didn't want to play in Dortmund.

I responded that I would prefer to speak with Anand directly in Prague and make certain that he understood that he would be declining an invitation to a tournament that would be sanctioned by FIDE as an official qualifier. As Prague was only a week or two away, everything would be settled there. I asked Carsten and Steve just to keep open the *possibility* that one or both of Ivanchuk and Anand might be included. If Malcolm was right and Anand didn't want to play, things could be left alone. I just wanted to be absolutely certain that Anand would be making an informed choice.

I considered calling Anand and speaking directly with him myself but decided not to. Delivering a message over the phone, rather than in person, has a decidedly different effect, especially on a matter of such great importance. Anand would have every reason to be skeptical that such progress had been made. In Prague, he would get the straight scoop; everyone would be there, including the FIDE President, and he would hear it directly that Dortmund would become an official qualifier in a unity cycle. Comparing a phone call from me with the array of persons who would be in Prague made my decision clear: I'd speak with Anand, face to face, in Prague.

To sum things up, the first cycle proposals for "A Fresh Start" were out, and the matches were agreed upon as the plan that would lead to complete unity. The issues being thrashed out were the draw-odds, still a particularly contentious issue, and the potential seeding of Anand and Ivanchuk. I thought that everyone was fully focused on these points.

New Upset

On April 14th a new concern was thrust into public view. The FIDE Rapid Chess Grand Prix had just been completed, and it was reported that a crisis had erupted on the eve of that event. Apparently, Peter Leko, a client of Carsten Hensel (small world), had traveled to Dubai with a signed contract guaranteeing him that the prize fund would be \$500,000 USD. I had read the announcements on the FIDE website promising \$120,000 USD and was surprised by an angry letter from Alexey Shirov published on the TWIC website protesting about the prize fund. Apparently, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov had flown to Dubai to make what he thought would be the opening ceremonial move and let the event get underway, only to be confronted with a confused situation. On the spot, Kirsan had dug into his pocket for an extra \$120,000 USD, upping the prize fund to \$240,000 USD and the tournament took place. Leko, the player promised a half a million-dollar prize fund, was the winner...

I called Garry to speak about this, and we had a surprising call together. Since Kirsan had acted in such exemplary fashion regarding chess unity, we both felt great sympathy and sadness for his situation. FIDE Commerce and the Octagon Group had handled all the details and arrangements for these events, and Kirsan, completely unaware of the details, had literally stepped into a mess. Solving it in the style that he did was a magnificent gesture.

For me the Dubai episode reinforced my strong belief in the need for a Chess Commissioners' Office where the legal agreements would be clear and transparent. I also recalled the aborted Kasparov v Shirov match of a few years ago. These things just can't be allowed to happen in the future!

On Sunday, April 21st, I called and spoke with Steve. He was in fine spirits, looking forward to Prague and happy to support the new proposal of the two matches. "A Fresh Start" had become ancient history. We knew the outstanding issues and both felt that accommodation could be reached for Anand and Ivanchuk if they *wished* to participate. The following Tuesday Yvette and I set off to Prague in high spirits. I was confident about the future cycles, concerned about the draw-odds for the first cycle and expectant that Bessel and the other proposed Commissioners could find financial support for the Dortmund tournament and the placement of the two players.

Prague

Prague is a beautiful city, which is becoming prettier by the day. Since the velvet revolution, it has had a complete facelift, and each return has made me marvel at the construction and progress being made. The peace conference would bring new meaning to the term "Prague Spring." Yvette and I had arrived early for the tournament as she was a member of the organizational staff, and I had been relishing our early arrival as an opportunity to speak with Bessel and Serge. We were all looking forward to coming events when Bessel surprised me with a strong cautionary note that something could easily go wrong. "Listen to an old fox, Yasser. We haven't achieved an agreement yet." Even so, Bessel was in a good mood, and when Serge showed me the playing hall I was blown over. The Žofín Palace was simply a stunning setting, boasting a magnificent playing hall. I was determined to do my best in the tournament!

On Thursday, April 25th, sometime in the early afternoon, Garry phoned my room with a simple message, "Let's walk." There was a strange tone in his voice. I knew something was wrong, but was completely clueless as to what it might be. We started

our walk, and I realized that Garry was doing his best not to explode. "Did you read the London Einstein statement?" "Huh? What London Einstein statement?"

Garry then proceeded to floor me with the news of the Einstein TV plan for unification. A plan that would have Ivanchuk and Anand play a match, the winner to play with Kasparov and the winner to play with Ponomarev ceding draw-odds to the defending champion. I was absolutely staggered. The announcement and its plan had never been discussed with me by anyone. It violated our blackout rule and made all the work of the previous two months seem pointless. Garry was terribly upset, and I couldn't blame him. "Do Einstein and Kramnik want unity or to play games? I came here to Prague to help their tournament, help the players and now this! They make an offer, we accept and they take it back. They violate the rules of no announcements, and now FIDE will be upset. Where is the *goodwill*?" I felt like a complete dope. Garry vented for a few miles, and after our walk I rushed to Serge's offices for an Internet connection to read the London announcement. When I met Serge and Bessel later that evening for a few drinks, the mood was decidedly somber.

Bessel got me with the old, "I told you so," and then we discussed what to do. It was at this point that Bessel made one of the many tough calls that he would make in Prague with the unity effort: "We have to treat the announcement as a trial balloon and proceed on the basis that we have an agreement that we are all willing to support." Answering the London statement with one from the proposed Commissioners didn't seem viable. Bessel didn't want to get caught in a tit-for-tat open exchange with the media. A blanket rejection would push Kramnik away and might offend Madame Nahed Ojeh, who was clearly trying her best to support the unity effort. How would FIDE feel? The officials at FIDE were going to be angry as they had never been consulted about a new proposal and this one directly told FIDE what it should do to manage its side. We decided that we should all get a good night's sleep and concentrate on the tournament. Things would calm down.

As for me, a good night's sleep sounded like a great idea, but sleep wouldn't come. Mentally, I kept re-reading the Einstein TV proposal. A good deal of work had gone into its creation. How long had *that* process been going on? Days, perhaps weeks? Didn't I just speak with Steve on Sunday and get reassured that everything was fine? I had trusted Steve and felt a very good bond with him. Back on March 15th Steve had been the hero very much responsible for saving the day and bringing us to Prague. Why throw this spanner in the works so shortly before our conference?

There had to be a reasonable explanation, and I felt sure that the current unrest would blow over. When Steve and Carsten arrived in Prague, we would have a good chat together.

Players Arrive

By Friday, April 26th, most of the players had arrived for the Eurotel tournament. They were very keen to discuss the unity efforts, and the bar of the SAS Radisson Hotel became a regular meeting place where groups formed. The London unity plan received a great deal of attention; with Madame Nahed Ojeh guaranteeing her financial support, the players realized that at long last unity was a very serious possibility. The excitement was palpable.

I had a number of discussions with my old friend Arthur Yusupov. He explained to me that before arriving in Prague he had been very pessimistic about unity, but now, *especially* after reading Einstein TV's plan, he had flipped and was very optimistic! I responded that before I came to Prague I had been very optimistic but that *especially* after reading the Einstein TV plan I had become very pessimistic! We spent a long time playing catch-up. I'm not sure, but after our discussions Arthur may have joined me in the pessimists' camp.

There was still the outstanding issue of how to respond to the Einstein TV plan. Garry wanted a press release to go out *immediately*. Bessel was in a very tough position. His own press release the month before had stated that he wouldn't be making any further public comments. Damned if you do and damned if you don't. In the end, he didn't make any further public comments, but it remained a constant source of irritation throughout. I think that in the end Bessel made the right decision. FIDE officials would have every reason to be upset by being blind-sided with a new proposal. Previously they had concentrated upon "Fresh Start" and had been considering a new two-match proposal.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony for the Eurotel tournament was a joy. The Žofín Palace hosted a packed house to witness the First Lady of the Czech Republic, Mrs. Havel, officially opening the Eurotel tournament. For the drawing of lots two fencers dressed in Black and White faced off. Kasparov selected the White fighter, who won a well-fought duel. Garry chose White in his first game against his first-round opponent, Gilberto Milos. The players quickly calculated their own colors. I would have Black in my first game with Boris Gelfand.

Afterwards, by happenstance, I took my dinner back at the hotel and I was eating alone as Yvette would be

busy with last-minute tournament details. Vishy Anand and his wife Aruna were having dinner, and I joined them. It was a very enjoyable conversation, and I found myself admiring Vishy and his princely statesmanship yet again.

I gave Vishy a data-dump of all the events that had come to pass, so that he was completely up-to-date on the situation. He was impressed by the effort that had been made and was now fully aware of how serious everyone was. We then spoke about his status. Vishy's view was very clear: he had declined Dortmund and didn't want to play there, even in the obviously changed circumstances. Full stop. He considered his position in the chess world not to be so different from Kasparov's. Okay, a bit less, but why should he have to play in a qualifier event? He was a former World Champion and felt that he should be treated more respectfully. His major point, and he made it *repeatedly*, was that unity was an absolute necessity for chess, that this had to come first. That he would *not be involved* in this first cycle but would rather take his chances in the second cycle.

Vishy put the situation in dramatic fashion; if it had not been for one lost game with White in the FIDE semi-final with Ivanchuk he could have been in the FIDE final championship match and we might be talking an entirely different story. He had his chance and would participate in a second cycle, provided that it was fair.

I explained to Vishy the loose details of the second cycle: a world qualifier, five players advancing to the Candidates' matches, to be joined by the highest-rated player who was not the defending champion. These six masters would play eight-game Candidates' matches; the defending champion would join the three winners and play 12-game matches, and the championship would be a 16-game match. In the third cycle the defending champion would join the round of quarter-final players and, to retain the title, would have to win three matches. This plan, including such details as the time-controls, tiebreaks and number of games, would have to be *approved* by a steering committee of grandmasters, as well as FIDE, but this design would be the one that was most likely to be adopted. Vishy was very favorable to these plans for the future cycles.

He was more than curious about one point: did *both* Kasparov and Kramnik really agree to these concessions? That they wouldn't receive an *automatic* seeding into a championship final match? Yes, they had agreed. These were huge concessions! Vishy felt that with such concessions agreed, a Classical Chess world championship cycle would, once again, become a crown jewel in the chess world. And what about draw-odds? They were out. Permanently. This new cycle was definitely more of a sporting cycle than the

old traditional ones. We also spoke about new annual Rapid Chess and Blitz Chess championships, and Vishy was quite happy with these new, separate lines of champions. It would be a great step forward for professional chess. Who would become the first "Triple-Chess-Crown winner?" We also spoke of the need to protect the existing major Classical Chess tournaments and to create a calendar that extended well into the future. We had to prevent the current chess wars from continuing.

Satisfied that we had had a good exchange of views, we wished one another well in the tournament and said our goodnights. While I regretted Vishy's refusal to play in Dortmund, I respected his decision.

Eurotel Trophy Tournament Begins

The big talk of the day was that a man had been arrested for scalping tickets to the games. This put all the players in a good mood. There is nothing quite as wonderful as playing to a packed house. The players feel it as a call to do their best, and for the Eurotel tournament Serge and crew put on a truly magnificent event. Eurotel President Terrence Valeski was radiant. The tournament boasted 30 registered foreign journalists, as well as TV and local press. Folks, it doesn't get any better than this.

For this day, my world focused in a new direction, the 64-squared board. My chess was definitely rusty, but in the first game things went well enough. I equalized easily, and Boris Gelfand offered a draw in an even position. Great! Now it was *my* turn with the White pieces! Ha! Well, the great plans of mice and men got a setback in the second game. I liked my position until I came up with an atrocious plan of Bf1-d3-h7, completely misplacing a good defensive piece. Boris played in excellent style and wiped me off the board. Rats!

At this point in my narrative I will turn my attention away from the Eurotel tournament and back to the unity process.

Grandmaster Voices

In my view, one of the great tragedies about the professional chess world is the almost complete lack of input by grandmasters to *their* sport. After the days of the Grandmasters Association, professional players have seemed content to leave it up to the FIDE General Assembly to change the rules. Isolated voices of protest are politely ignored, and life goes on. One of the enormous benefits of the Eurotel tournament is that as, one by one, the players were knocked out of the event they were free to discuss the peace plan,

possible options and the future of chess, all in a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere. The conversations were lively and free flowing. It was an extraordinarily rare opportunity, and I was grateful for it. The players who showed their concerns by participating in these late-night discussions also enjoyed the opportunity to speak with their colleagues.

One particular complaint seemed to be a common denominator for everyone: Time-controls. Nigel Short told me that in his last four, or maybe five, events there had been a different time-control used in each! Boris Gelfand was a harsh critic of the new FIDE time-control of "four-hour" chess. Everyone that I spoke with had the same view: organizers should be free to make *any* time-control they wish for their events. However, professional players should support three, and *only* three, time-controls: Classical Chess (or seven-hour games), Rapid Chess and Blitz Chess.

Discussions focused on the time-control for the Eurotel tournament. The matches were "Rapid Chess", but no one had *any* experience with this time-control! As is common with Rapid Chess, the players started the game with 25 minutes each, but, instead of receiving a "bonus time increment of ten seconds per move", which is common for Rapid Chess, the Eurotel event featured a "Bronstein Delay" method of five seconds per move. That means that after a player's clock has been started, it doesn't begin ticking for five seconds. If a player moves before the five seconds have elapsed, no delay-time is "accrued" for the next move. A player either utilizes the delay feature or does not. Both Anand and Ivanchuk's second asked me to explain to them the new time-control. I think they were the most honest, and in truth no one had a clear idea of the time-control, owing to lack of experience. In my match with Boris Gelfand, for instance, I counted five seconds for my first two moves in order to be sure that *my* clock was correctly set, but Boris bashed out his opening moves so quickly that I couldn't be sure that *his* side was correctly set!

Neither was the "Rapid Chess" aspect of the Eurotel tournament the only time-control that was questioned. The "Blitz Chess" tiebreaker featured five minutes per player plus a two-second-bonus increment. Compare this with the FIDE Rapid Chess Grand Prix blitz tiebreaker, where each player began with five minutes plus a *ten-second* increment. And what about "Classical Chess", or seven-hour chess itself? What should be *the* time-control for this form of chess? Is 40 moves in two hours, followed by 20 moves in one hour, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, the very best time-control? Discussions focused on the third time-control, with a preference expressed for 15 minutes per player plus a *thirty-second* bonus increment. The increment method was preferred, as

this would avoid any possible interference by the arbiter in the case of certain positions.

One thing that was universally agreed upon: A proper Grandmaster Committee *had* to be put in place to resolve these questions for *professional players*, and the sooner the better.

Formats For Unity

By far the most interesting discussion topic, and the one that generated the most creative concepts, was the unity plan for the first cycle. The Einstein TV proposal that had been published was a catalyst for a number of solutions. I couldn't possibly list all the plans that were floated. Instead, I'll just focus upon the three that received the most consideration.

Quadrangular

In this plan, four players would be seeded: Ponomarev, Kasparov, Ivanchuk and Anand. They would play four games against each other (i.e. 12 rounds of play), and the victor would be the FIDE representative against the winner of the match between Kramnik and the top-finisher in the Dortmund tournament.

Seeded Eight

This idea was twice as inclusive. Eight players would be seeded: the four mentioned in the "Quadrangular" idea and four others, three of whom would be Svidler, as the previous FIDE semi-finalist, and Khalifman and Karpov as former FIDE Champions. Should the eighth player be the next highest rated player missing from both cycles or should it be Judit Polgar, as the highest rated woman player? Such a field would make for a very interesting event. The "Seeded Eight" would play a double round robin.

Seeded Four Plus Qualifier

Finally, the third attractive plan was to have a world qualification tournament with four players joining the same four players seeded into the "Quadrangular." The eight players would then contest a double round robin tournament.

Again, there were other plans floated, but these were the three that were discussed the most. Quick! Make your choice. Which one would you prefer? If you read further you'll see the criticisms regarding these plans, so find the one you like best.

Problems with all Plans

Each plan presented above has its drawbacks. One way of looking at the “Quadrangular” was that the highest-rated players not in the Dortmund cycle were now in the cycle. The twelve highest rated players in the world, in fact. Another point of view is that three of the four players had competed in the 2001/2002 FIDE semi-final and final matches. In this case, Kasparov had replaced the other semi-final player, Peter Svidler. Was it fair to exclude Peter? If so, why? The sentiment seemed to be that the “Seeded Eight” format was more inclusive and fair.

Better yet was the “Seeded Four Plus Qualifier” format. Now we were getting back to “A Fresh Start”, and this plan seemed to garner the most support. One question posed was whether, for the world qualifier, the seven players from Dortmund who didn’t win there would *also* be eligible. My view was, why not? Let them play. A counter-view was that they would already have had one chance in Dortmund, and why should they receive a second opportunity? Discussions were lively.

The one clear *fault* with all of these plans was the position of Ruslan Ponomarev. Whether participating in a quadrangular or a round robin, wasn’t his position as FIDE World Champion being demoted? After all, he *is the official World Champion*. Participating in a *qualifier* to play against the Kramnik Dortmund winner didn’t do justice to his status. For instance, in the “Seeded Eight” player plan, he would be facing players whom he had defeated in the semi-final and final matches. Why should he have to do that? Shouldn’t Ponomarev be placed in the same advantageous position as Kramnik? Let others play a quadrangular, a round robin of eight seeds, and the winner would challenge him!

Fixing the Agenda

I presented all of these plans to Bessel, setting out the corresponding advantages and drawbacks. We needed to fix the agenda so that the meeting didn’t descend into a chorus of voices and votes. Bessel was a careful listener and surprised me with an altogether different counter-argument: “The sides have to be balanced. On Kramnik’s side there is a Dortmund event and a subsequent match. If we make an eight-player qualifier for the FIDE side, we know Garry won’t play. He already deserves a direct re-match, so that is out. As I see it, there really are only two choices: Either we go back to your original proposal, “A Fresh Start”, in which case Kramnik is out, or we have to support the matches as our only solution.” It was a very tough decision, but it was also clear that the only way to obtain complete unity was

with the plan for two matches. The agenda was thus fixed.

It has taken me a while to write this account of the events before and in Prague. The time has given me the benefit of reading, in particular, two sets of post-Prague impressions, one from Alexey Shirov and one from Anatoly Karpov. Alexey explains that he had sent a fax to Bessel supporting a grand 16-player round robin event to decide the championship title. Bessel had shared this fax with me; this plan was unworkable because of Kramnik’s contract with Einstein TV. Karpov’s plan was a triangular event between Ponomarev, Kramnik and Kasparov, the simplest idea of all. Yet again, Kramnik’s contract forbade such a solution. Kramnik’s position was fixed in contractual stone. He had to play a *match* and, if he was successful, there could be a voluntary second match.

This wasn’t the first or the last time that Bessel and I were tripped up by Kramnik’s contract. It was annoying always to be presented with this obstacle, and the thought of simply supporting “A Fresh Start” was tempting. But such a course would be a total failure of what we all wanted: complete unity. We wished to make that our primary goal, and if it meant that we would be criticized, we would have to suffer the consequences. Complete unity opened the doors to commercial sponsors. Partial unity only insured the continuation of all the existing rivalry and chaos of the day. We had to bite the bullet and fix the agenda with a single plan for complete unity. It was crunch-time, and Bessel made it easier for me: “Yasser, if the players ask, this was my decision.”

At this point, I would like to interrupt my narrative. Readers may not like “A Fresh Start” or the plans presented, or even the arguments for and against them, but this presentation fairly explains what plans were discussed and why they were ultimately rejected. We weren’t wasting our time in Prague and we were all actively searching for complete unity. If we didn’t achieve complete unity, the future of chess would be uncertain. Conversely, complete unity would put the future of chess on a positive road to recovery.

One thing I truly wanted to know was why Einstein TV’s proposal had been published shortly before our peace conference. (There would be a logical explanation and Steve and Carsten would reveal all.) But for an agreement to be concluded in Prague lots of arrangements were still needed. The players were still discussing everything in groups. Tension was growing. The date of the long-awaited conference was approaching fast, and it was realized that almost anything was still possible. The best or the worst. An historic agreement or an ignominious debacle.
END OF PART 2

Remembering Richard, Part III

Richard the Teacher

By Tim Redman

Although I moved to Lima, Ohio in the summer of 1985, I stayed in contact with my Chicago friends. I could reach the city in five hours by car and so I visited several times a year. I would see Richard and the Warrens whenever I was in town, and Richard also came to Lima. We also continued to have our customary marathon phone conversations about once a month. Still, my account of these years of Richard's life is less detailed.

His Play

Richard continued to play in a desultory manner though he maintained his senior master rating. Gene Martinowsky wrote on the back of the photo in the last *ICB*, taken in 1987: "To Richard, still the strongest player in Chicago." The two of them were frequent sparring partners in endless series of five-minute games, with Richard winning about 60% of them. New players and the return of Greg DeFotis dropped him a bit: in the September-October 1992 issue of the *ICB* he was listed as the fourth highest-rated player in the state at 2427, behind Dimitry Gurevich, Vivek Rao, and Greg.

Richard was a proponent of rather off-beat opening lines for Black. Against 1. e4, he played the Gurgenzidze and the Sicilian Kelly Variation. Richard wrote a monograph on the latter opening, which was published in 1997. Against 1. d4 he favored the Benoni. For White he usually played 1. c4 or 1. e4. I played countless five-minute games against him during our visits, losing the overwhelming majority. Even near the end of his life, his chess skill remained undiminished.

His Friends

His apartment on Cornelia was the site of numerous lively social gatherings. Richard had the widest diversity of friends of anyone I have ever known. You could meet anyone at his parties: actors, executives, ministers, lawyers as well as folks \$20 away from being homeless. He was generous to his friends, perhaps overly so. For example, Richard believed his friend Baron could get a job if he would only get a normal haircut. Baron didn't like the idea, so Richard offered him money. Baron finally agreed to go to the barber for \$600. Richard loved the great variety of ethnic restaurants in Chicago and would pick up the check for friends quite often. For him, money was to be spent and enjoyed.

Other close friends included David Oshana, a chess expert who got around the North side on a unicycle, and Gordon Dunham, both expert players. Gordon left a promising career as an actuary at CNA, to the complete bafflement of Wiley Clements, "to drop out, tune in, turn on" in the parlance of the '70s. He grew his hair long and had a luxuriant beard. When I remarked one day that the beard hid his face, he replied: "This is my face. You scrape yours off each morning and wash it down the sink." Richard delighted in his friends, in their company, and in their conversation.

Richard's closest friend in the '90s was Craig Maher. An unpretentious, friendly, and easy-going young man with bad teeth, Craig worked as a security guard at Truman College. He and Richard visited me at my new house in Plano, coming to Texas on Amtrak which was four hours late in arriving at Dallas's Union Station. Shortly after they left, Richard called me with bad news. Craig had discovered that the woman he had been living with for six months was an intravenous drug user; she had been hiding it, but he found works under their bed. Craig tested positive for HIV and contracted AIDS. For the last years of Craig's life, Richard, Ziggy, another of Craig's friends, and Craig's mother shared responsibility for Craig's care. Richard's actions were selfless to a fault. Though wholly admirable, Richard's care for Craig came at a cost: he was neglecting his own health.

Richard's Health

Over the years, Richard's weight took its toll. He could carry even two hundred extra pounds in his thirties, but in his forties the effort became noticeable. Stairs were difficult, getting out of a chair was difficult, even getting dressed was difficult. I asked him at the time: "Why don't you diet? Do you hate life so much?" He responded: "Yes." My mother, who liked Richard a great deal, observed early on: "He's digging his grave with his spoon."

Type II diabetes is an insidious disease. By the time symptoms appear, damage to the nervous and vascular system has already been done. Dr. Martinowsky referred Richard to the most prominent diabetes specialist in the western suburbs. Richard followed his advice half-heartedly; losing weight was difficult. He started monitoring his blood sugar and taking insulin. We were roommates at the U.S. Open in Alexandria in 1996, and I was shocked to see the decline. His hands were palsied and he read with the aid of an illuminated magnifying glass. He had heart surgery and was in a nursing home on state aid for several months. Several toes were amputated. Richard liked Gene Martinowsky's joke: "You've lost a couple of pawns, but the position is still sound." Richard struggled against the disease, but his body was failing him. His mind remained sound to the end.

A mutual friend, Jim Palka, remarked on his passing: "He was bright. As bright as the sun."

Money

Richard's parents on their retirement had given him and his brother and sister each a sixth of their estate; a friend of that time, Penelope Mesic, remarked that they had either given him too much money or not enough. When his mother died, he received more money, as he did again when his father died. In the '80s he tried to master the intricacies of the stock market, reading voraciously and trading on sometimes a daily basis, but he lost most of his money. In the later '90s, he befriended a broker who churned his account, and he lost everything.

Another friend, Jimmy, an ex-con, convinced Richard that fine gold watches were sometimes being sold at less than their "melt weight," less than what the gold would get if the watch was melted down. So for six months they drove all over the Midwest buying watches that met Jimmy's criteria. Richard convinced some of his chess friends to invest in the enterprise. I and others warned him that the scheme was foolish, but he trusted Jimmy. What Richard and the rest of us didn't know was that the gold used in watches is not of the same grade as pure gold. They got most of the watches out of the safe deposit box one day to catalog them. Richard left to teach a chess lesson and when he returned, predictably, Jimmy and the watches were gone.

Teacher

Although Richard was making some money as a driver, he started to supplement his income by giving chess lessons. He worked with Tom Larson's successful chess program (begun in 1986) at Orr High School on the Westside. In 1989 his friend Norbert Leopoldi hired him to teach chess every week at a Park District fieldhouse at Western and Irving Park Road. Richard also taught for the innovative Warren Junior Chess Program, which had begun in academic year 1992-93. He was the first recipient of their Billy Colias Award for excellence in chess teaching. Richard helped organize Mayor Richard M. Daley's City-Wide Chess Tournament. The event's preliminary round was held July 27, 1992 at twelve locations throughout Chicago. It was open to youth ages 10-17, divided into two sections, 10-13 and 14-17. Lunch was provided for the players. Richard directed the final competition, at Preston Bradley Hall in the Cultural Center downtown. The Chicago Tribune reported on the event on August 7: "sponsored by the Department of Human Services' youth delinquency division [the tournament aims] to keep the city's youth occupied during summer vacation." Richard was described as a "two-time state chess champion" and chess teacher at Orr High School.

Richard had a series of apartments after moving out of the LaSalle Hotel: at 1936 North Clark, on Cornelia, then a fairly run-down place near the Chicago Chess Club in Rogers Park, then a nice apartment in West Rogers Park. In 1992, Jim Oberweis offered Richard a job teaching chess in Aurora, and he moved west. Out there he organized the 1994 Illinois State All-Grades Championship on Saturday, October 29 at Waubensee High School. Richard's last major accomplishment as a chess promoter was working with Chicago Public Schools Chess Coordinator Tom Larson to bring Grandmaster Maurice Ashley to Chicago in the fall of 1999. The trip was sponsored by the Chicago Board of Education to kick off its new chess program that culminated April 19, 2000 with a tournament for the top Chicago Public Schools high-school juniors and seniors. A \$10,000 scholarship donated by the David McDonald Foundation was given to the winner, Tam Nguyen, Richard's most talented chess student, of whom he was very proud.

Richard's last apartment was at 10 South Oak in Westmont close to the Burlington train station and downtown Lemont and a Chinese restaurant he liked. I would see him whenever I was in town, about twice a year. We would visit, play speed chess, and I'd take him to the Chinese restaurant. We had dinner with the Warrens shortly before Christmas of 2000 at their favorite restaurant, Banlieu. Richard's sister and brother-in-law, Marianne and Jim Clifford, moved from Kansas City and bought a condo in nearby Hinsdale, which made him very happy. They and his brother John, a retired Chicago policeman, helped take care of him during his last years. A steady stream of chess students came for lessons, but his most frequent (daily) visitor was a nurse who came to check his blood sugar levels and change the dressing on a wound on his foot that would not heal. She became fond of Richard and attended his memorial service.

I talked to Richard shortly before I left for the U.S Open in Framingham, August 2001. He didn't sound good, and said: "If you want to see me, you better get up here." Since as USCF President I had to attend the meeting, I promised I would call him as soon as I returned. I did, and he seemed in much better spirits, much his old self, full of gossip and news about reactions to the Delegates' meeting taken from phone conversations with Don Schultz and others. In September, Helen Warren called me and said that Richard was in the hospital and things did not look good. I spoke with his sister, Marianne Clifford, and planned my trip.

I flew to Chicago on September 24 and visited Richard at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. He was in the intensive care unit, in a private room because he had also contracted c. diff. Marianne Clifford, his sister, had arranged ahead of time that,

though not a family member, I was to be allowed to visit. I put on the required gown and mask and went into the room. Marianne joined me shortly thereafter. Richard was in bad shape. He was on a respirator and though he was alert and we talked, he was clearly tired.

A few days later, I learned from Marianne that he had been transferred to Vencor in Northlake, a hospital specializing in weaning patients from their respirators -- not easy after a few weeks. Richard was in much better spirits. He had charmed all of the nurses, doctors, and attendants. He was not allowed to have water, but only to slowly crunch on shaved ice in limited quantities. Nonetheless, he managed to get glass after glass of ice. When I arrived he told me, brandishing the empty plastic cup: "Get me more ice. And tell them to put brandy in it this time!" I went to the nurses' station and they gave him more ice, despite orders. Richard's brother, John, arrived, and we had a nice conversation. I left that day optimistic that he would recover. Leaving, I told him that I would return at Christmas and I expected him to be out of bed by then.

Back in Texas, I learned from Marianne in mid-December that Richard had passed. The attempts to take him off the respirator were unsuccessful: he experienced drowning sensations and would panic. Faced with spending the rest of his life in a nursing home on a respirator, Richard made the last and best chess move of his life. He gave clear instructions that he should be placed on a morphine drip, and that when he was under, the respirator was to be turned off. Marianne had the strength and love to make sure that, despite initial objections from the hospital staff, Richard's wishes were carried out. With Marianne, her husband Jim, and Richard's brother John at his bedside, the morphine was started. Among Richard's last words: "Tell my friends that I love them." He died peacefully an hour later, on December 10, 2001.

(3) Veber – Swig [B88]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.a3 Qc7 9.Ba2 b5 10.Be3 "premature. . . . 10. Bb7 is indicated here." **10...Na5 11.Qe2 Bd7** "Not 11. . . . Nc4 12. Ndx!" **12.Rad1 Rc8** "12. . . . Nc4 13. Bc1 Nxa 14. Nd5!" **13.Bc1 Nc4 14.Rd3 Be7 15.Rg3 Kf8** "Castling is very dangerous yet offers a better chance (15. . . . 0-0 16. Bh6 Ne8 after which neither 17. Bxg nor 17. Nf5 works)." **16.Kh1 h6 17.f4 Qb6** "This is the best way to maintain the knight on d4 which in turn is important for the impending Pawn breakthrough." **18.Rd3** "This is the

best way to maintain the knight on d4 which in turn is important for the impending Pawn breakthrough." **18...Qc7 19.Bxc4** "Or 19. . . . QxB 20. e5 etc." **19...bxc4 20.Rg3 Kg8 21.e5 Ne8 22.f5 exf5** "Or 22. . . . dxe 23. fxe exN 24. exf+ and White wins: e.g. 24. . . . Kf8 25. fxN(Q) KxQ 26. Rxg dxN 27. dxN Rff7." **23.e6 fxe6 24.Nxe6 Bxe6 25.Qxe6+** Diagram

"After 25. . . . Kh7 26. Qxf+ Kg8 27. Qf7+, White wins at will."26. Rxf+ Bf625...Kf8 26.Rxf5+ Bf6 27.Nd5 Qd8 28.Bf4 Rc6 29.Rg6 Qc8 30.Rxf6+ gxf6 31.Qe7#

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This concludes the three-part memorial for Richard Verber written by Tim Redman. On behalf of all the ICB Readers I would like to deeply Thank Mr. Redman for the effort he under took to remember his long time friend.

We should be lucky to be remembered so well.

Farewell Richard

Rest in Peace

ICB Editor
Colley Kitson

Chess From the Middle *Chess the Easy Way*

By Ron Saurez

I hope this late summer edition finds you doing well in chess and life. I came across something the other day that I thought you might find interesting. I have found a philosophy to a sport that could be applied to chess.

My daughter decided to learn how to play tennis earlier this summer. When I was young, I played quite a bit of tennis and drifted away from it while in professional school, as there was no good opportunity to find people to play with as well as the time to play. Other activities caught my interest over the years, including chess, and I just didn't get active in the sport again. When my wife mentioned that my daughter was interested in taking lessons and learning the sport, I decided that it would be fun to get back into it as exercise (running has become tedious for me over the years).

I should take a moment to mention that my daughter was given more than ample opportunities to play chess as she has grown. I ran a chess club and gave lessons to groups of children on several occasions. My daughter would participate with her friends but just wasn't interested in carrying on with the game as her own activity of choice. She delved in piano, ballet, art (in various media) and many other things, but chess just hasn't been her "cup of tea". Many activities like chess give the opportunity to learn skills in living and functioning with others and in our world. I have always been willing for her to participate and learn what she can to apply to life. So, now tennis it is.

I found quite a number of Internet sites that dealt with tennis and how to play. Boy, this seems like chess in that regard. Most of them promote the same standard fundamentals that are recognized as the "way" to play tennis correctly. Now, of course most chess sites that "teach" chess profess the same basic fundamentals as the correct way to go about playing the game too. I bet that other activities like bridge, croquet and bowling also have many internet sites teaching the agreed upon way to play their activity best too. I think we might be on to something here.

I found one tennis site that promoted "effortless" tennis. All right, now I want you to know that I am ready for the "effortless" chess way. I do remember a book written by Reuben Fine in which the title said something about playing chess the "easy way". Let's see, "effortless", "easy" seems the same to me! By golly, this should work.

This tennis program talked of learning tennis in an effortless way. Its program is laid out in a very detailed manner. There will be no competition of any sort for at least two years. Seems extreme, doesn't it? The thought is that if you start playing a game, and trying to win, you will not be natural or relaxed and will develop bad habits. Instead of playing games and having fun like normal people, the dude that came up with this idea has exact drills planned to keep the neophyte busy. Of course these drills are really boring. According to this guy, by getting the basic skills down solidly, when the individual starts playing the actual game it will be effortless to win. Excuse me, but if you play at tennis for two whole years and never play a game, won't the idea of playing a game seem quite foreign when you are supposed to play? But hey, who am I to criticize some dude that is obviously more of an expert than I am? All right, I am wrong and he is right. Let's take this same philosophy and apply it to chess.

Here, my friends, is an introduction to the new and improved way to learn chess the easy and effortless way:

1. Never play an actual chess game, even casually, for at least two years. The urge to win will contort your style of play to unnatural and incorrect ways.
2. For the first month all you will do is practice pawn moves. In the first week you will only practice moving the pawn forward one square at a time for one hour a day. The second week will include drills moving either two squares on the first move and/or one square on that and any other moves. Confused yet? The next two weeks will include the occasional capture on the diagonal, but without any competitive tone lest your nature be contaminated.
3. We will pick up the pace quite a bit in the next month. You will spend one hour a day moving the rooks and bishops on the board, for a month.
4. In the third month you will practice knight moves, only.

5. The fourth month will be dedicated to the Queen and how it moves. So as not to confuse you, in the first week you will practice moving the Queen only one square at a time. Your moving the Queen horizontally and vertically any number of squares will occupy the second week. I know, this is advanced, but you can handle it. The third week will deal with those tricky Queen diagonal moves. And, the fourth week will be a culmination of your actually moving the Queen in any direction any number of squares. Remember, this is always to be done for one hour a day.

All right, I think you get the idea. For those of you interested in the rest of this highly detailed and “easy, effortless” way to learn how to play chess, I will be happy to sell the program to you for a mere three thousand dollars.

Seriously, what I have gotten from my Middle view of the learning of any activity like chess, music, tennis, bowling or the like is that there are two distinct ways to go about it. The first is to be immensely talented at the activity where a little bit of effort goes a long way and yields phenomenal results with little effort. If you can't manage that, then I guess you will learn the fundamentals from that vast body of knowledge that has been built by others before you. Once you have those fundamentals mastered, then your own bent and flair can show itself.

Doesn't it seem silly to withhold from playing the games you are learning? What about having fun? I know that a lot of chess teachers say playing blitz is not good for your chess. On the other hand others say it helps learn the openings if used correctly. The great chess players seem to become great whether they played blitz or not. I don't think it really matters. Sometimes we can get too involved in the mechanics of learning an activity and thereby lose sight of what we are really there for. I suggest you learn, play, win, lose and learn some more. If along the way you enjoy yourself, that's all the better for you my friend.

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Denker Qualifier 2002 (1.6), 19.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Nbd7? [Book is 8...Qc7] 9.Bc4! Qc7 10.Bxe6! Sac attack! 10...fxe6 11.Nxe6 Qb6 12.Nxg7+ Kf7 13.Nf5 Re8 [Eating poison pawns is punished after 13...Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qxc2 15.Nd4] 14.0-

0-0 Qc5 15.Nxe7 Rxe7 16.Nd5 Re6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.e5! Ng8 19.Rd3 Rh6 20.Rc3 Qa5 21.exd6 Rxd6

22.Qh5+ Kg7?? [Better resistance was offered by 22...Kf8! 23.Rxc8+ Rxc8 24.Qf5+ Kg7 25.Qe5+ Rf6 26.Nxf6 Qxe5 27.fxe5 Nxf6 28.exf6+ Kxf6+- when it takes longer for black to again resign.] 23.Qe5+ Nf6 [Or 23...Rf6 24.Rg3+-] 24.Rg3+ Kf7 25.Qe7# 1-0

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The Master Challenge

by Vince Hart

On July 12-15, the Master Challenge at Elmhurst College drew 138 players including two Grandmasters and three International Masters. The tournament was co-sponsored by the St. Charles Chess Club and the Elmhurst Chess Club and was smoothly directed by Roger Birkeland, Jeff Wiewel and Blair Machaj. As in the past, accelerated pairings were used, and in order to further increase the odds that the top prizes would be decided between the top players in the final rounds, this year's tournament was lengthened from five to six rounds.

Accelerated pairings are a useful tool for dealing with the problem of a tournament that is too short to produce a single winner. A six round tournament like the Master Challenge can only guarantee one clear winner if the size of the field is sixty-four or fewer. Accelerated pairings create the effect of adding an extra round to a tournament by pairing the first two rounds as if the top half of the field started with an extra point. As a result, the top quarter of the field plays the second quarter in the first round instead of the third quarter of the field as it would under normal pairings. In the second round, the losers from the top half play the winners from the lower half while the top half winners face one another and the lower half losers face one another. If all goes according to plan (i.e., ratings), no more than one eighth of the field will have perfect scores after the second round under accelerated pairings while up to a quarter of the field might still have perfect scores under normal Swiss pairing rules. Subsequent rounds are paired normally. Apparently, the accelerated pairings also confused Blair's computer causing it to crash several times leading to some slight delays.

The accelerated pairings worked quite well as the only perfect scores going into the fifth round were Grandmasters Pavel Blatny and Alek Wojtkiewicz. Blatny had handicapped himself somewhat by an earlier decision to take a bye in the sixth round. Thus he needed a win with the white pieces against his fellow GM in order to guarantee himself a share of first prize. Looking to unbalance the position from the first move, Blatny played Bird's Opening. Many observers felt that Blatny had the early advantage, but he overreached in trying to squeeze the full point out of the position and Wojtkiewicz ended up with the win. He was however unable to retain sole possession of first place as he yielded a draw in the last round to IM Angelo Young to finish 5.5-.5.

The GM's last round draw allowed local phenom Zhe Quan to share first place. Quan was perfect at the board ceding his only half point to a fourth round bye. His impressive performance included wins in the last two rounds over IMs Dominik Pedzich and Osman Palos. IM Young, FM Albert Chow and Aleksandra Stamanov with scores of 5-1 shared third place. Best U2000 was Jason Duncan with 4.5-1.5. Darwin Nyeberg, Ben Wallenberg, Kevin Potts and Rudy Padilla tied for U1800 with 4-2.

Two of the most impressive performances came from the U1600 and U1400 winners. In taking the U1600 prize, Isaiah Pettye's 4-2 score placed him ahead of fifty-six higher rated players including the expert he beat in a 600 point upset. Tristan Lang leapfrogged fifty-two players to take U1400 honors by pulling off a 500 point upset and following it with a draw at the same differential (which I no longer feel so bad about giving up). Gerog Gerolimatos, Brandon Hammothe, Eric Heiser and Nick Darschewski shared U1200 at 2.5-3.5.

Master Challenge

July 12-14, 2002

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| 1 | WOJTKIEWICZ Alek | GM | MD | 2669 | W 79 | W 26 | W 22 | W 17 | W 7 | D 4 | 5.5 | 23 M |
| 2 | QUAN Zhe | | IL | 2145 | B | W124 | W 37 | H | W 9 | W 17 | 5.5 | 23 MX |
| 3 | VAN DE MORTEL Jan | FM | IL | 2398 | W 42 | W 20 | W 47 | D 11 | D 6 | W 18 | 5 | 15 M |
| 4 | YOUNG Angelo | IM | IL | 2381 | W 31 | W 44 | W 54 | H | W 8 | D 1 | 5 | 15 M |
| 5 | STAMNOV Aleksanda | | IL | 2256 | W 25 | W 57 | W 36 | L 7 | W 39 | W 22 | 5 | 15 M |
| 6 | CHOW Albert C | FM | IL | 2254 | B | W 39 | W 76 | H | D 3 | W 21 | 5 | 15 M |
| 7 | BLATNY Pavel | GM | FR | 2603 | W 16 | W 12 | W 40 | W 5 | L 1 | H | 4.5 | 10 M |
| 8 | FELECAN Florin | FM | IL | 2503 | B | W 41 | W 23 | D 9 | L 4 | W 27 | 4.5 | 10 M |
| 9 | PALOS Osman | IM | IL | 2358 | W 46 | W 27 | W 65 | D 8 | L 2 | W 42 | 4.5 | 10 M |
| 10 | SZPISJAK Steven J | | IL | 2230 | W 45 | D 21 | D 24 | W 99 | D 23 | W 41 | 4.5 | 10 M |
| 11 | TSYGANOV Igor M | | IL | 2198 | W 30 | W 33 | B | D 3 | L 17 | W 44 | 4.5 | 10 MX |
| 12 | GORLIN Yelena | | IL | 2143 | W 99 | L 7 | W 67 | W 32 | D 41 | W 45 | 4.5 | 10 MX |
| 13 | NGUYEN Tam Ducmin | | IL | 2105 | D 43 | W105 | W119 | H | D 28 | W 50 | 4.5 | 10 MX |
| 14 | CATES James Steph | | IN | 2065 | W 32 | L 17 | W 83 | D 50 | W 80 | W 47 | 4.5 | 10 MX |
| 15 | CONNOR Peter Y | | IL | 2004 | W 63 | L 47 | W 69 | H | W 76 | W 54 | 4.5 | 10 MX |
| 16 | DUNCAN Jason | | IL | 1921 | L 7 | W 50 | W 73 | D 54 | W 52 | W 38 | 4.5 | 10 MXA |
| 17 | PEDZICH Dominik | IM | IL | 2362 | B | W 14 | W 35 | L 1 | W 11 | L 2 | 4 | 8 M |
| 18 | ADAMS Nicholas | | IN | 2226 | H | W104 | W 43 | D 38 | W 24 | L 3 | 4 | 8 M |
| 19 | GORLIN Andrey | | IL | 2113 | H | H | W 82 | W 63 | D 44 | D 28 | 4 | 8 MX |
| 20 | BROCK William | | IL | 2085 | W 59 | L 3 | W 68 | W 78 | L 27 | W 64 | 4 | 8 MX |
| 21 | STEVANOVIC Miomir | | IL | 2039 | W 60 | D 10 | W120 | H | W 56 | L 6 | 4 | 8 MX |
| 22 | ROHRBAUGH Tommy P | | MO | 2016 | X | W 28 | L 1 | W 46 | W 65 | L 5 | 4 | 8 MX |
| 23 | FORD Samuel M | | IL | 1939 | W 49 | W 68 | L 8 | W100 | D 10 | D 33 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 24 | LONCAREVIC Robert | | IL | 1922 | D 125 | W 52 | D 10 | W 35 | L 18 | W 65 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 25 | THOMPSON Cedric A | | WI | 1905 | L 5 | L 35 | W114 | W 87 | W 55 | W 72 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 26 | HERNANDEZ Hector | | IL | 1900 | W 83 | L 1 | W121 | L 42 | W 68 | W 62 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 27 | RODRIGUEZ Jose A | | IL | 1895 | W 70 | L 9 | W 88 | W 89 | W 20 | L 8 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 28 | MORENO Jacobo | | IL | 1871 | W136 | L 22 | W108 | W 37 | D 13 | D 19 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 29 | KARAGIANIS Pete D | | IA | 1869 | L 38 | L 54 | W129 | W 88 | W 67 | W 63 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 30 | NIENART Christoph | | IL | 1865 | L 11 | W 72 | L 55 | W105 | W 83 | W 66 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 31 | MARKOVIC Arandel | | IL | 1843 | L 4 | W109 | W128 | L 76 | W 69 | W 75 | 4 | 8 MXA |
| 32 | NYBERG Darwin V | | MA | 1788 | L 14 | W132 | W110 | L 12 | W 85 | W 76 | 4 | 8 MXAB |
| 33 | WALLENBERG Ben | | IL | 1780 | W 48 | L 11 | W111 | D 57 | W 40 | D 23 | 4 | 8 MXAB |
| 34 | POTTS Kevin J | | IL | 1637 | L 111 | D 110 | W103 | D 113 | W106 | W 59 | 4 | 8 MXAB |
| 35 | PADILLA Rudy R | | IL | 1609 | W134 | W 25 | L 17 | L 24 | W 93 | W 57 | 4 | 8 MXAB |
| 36 | PETTYE Isaiah | | IL | 1490 | B | W 77 | L 5 | L 44 | W100 | W 60 | 4 | 8 MXABC |
| 37 | LOKHOV Anton | | IL | - | W 89 | W 61 | L 2 | L 28 | W119 | W 58 | 4 | 8 M |
| 38 | ALLSBROOK Fred | | IL | 2215 | W 29 | D 78 | W 80 | D 18 | D 42 | L 16 | 3.5 | 7 M |
| 39 | NORDAHL David | | IL | 1975 | W 61 | L 6 | W 71 | W 51 | L 5 | D 49 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 40 | MODES Daniel R | | IL | 1934 | W 51 | W 82 | L 7 | H | L 33 | W 84 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 41 | PORTER John | | IL | 1922 | W 66 | L 8 | W 86 | W 53 | D 12 | L 10 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 42 | MALONEY Michael A | | IL | 1920 | L 3 | W 53 | B | W 26 | D 38 | L 9 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 43 | RASMUSSEN Robert | | IL | 1903 | D 13 | W121 | L 18 | W 93 | L 54 | W 82 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 44 | SOLLANO E O | | IL | 1900 | W 69 | L 4 | W105 | W 36 | D 19 | L 11 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 45 | HART Vincent J | | IL | 1879 | L 10 | W 81 | W 74 | D 55 | W 84 | L 12 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 46 | ZAZOVSKIY Vilorik | | IL | 1828 | L 9 | W 93 | W107 | L 22 | W 70 | D 51 | 3.5 | 7 MXA |
| 47 | HUBBARD Andrew D | | IL | 1789 | W 77 | W 15 | L 3 | H | W 81 | L 14 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 48 | GROEGER Andrew T | | IL | 1736 | L 33 | W125 | D 113 | W120 | D 57 | D 56 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 49 | ENGELN Mark S | | IL | 1673 | L 23 | W113 | D 123 | D 97 | W 89 | D 39 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 50 | HARRINGTON-TABER Tim | | IL | 1664 | W 90 | L 16 | W132 | D 14 | W 78 | L 13 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 51 | LACEY Patrick M | | IL | 1656 | L 40 | W130 | W133 | L 39 | W113 | D 46 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 52 | MC DONALD Jordan | | IL | 1645 | W 91 | L 24 | W 95 | H | L 16 | W 90 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 53 | RAMOS Fabian | | IL | 1614 | W129 | L 42 | W115 | L 41 | D 92 | W 91 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 54 | EASTON Richard Dw | | IL | 1610 | W112 | W 29 | L 4 | D 16 | W 43 | L 15 | 3.5 | 7 MXAB |
| 55 | LANG Tristan J | | IL | 1371 | W 96 | L 98 | W 30 | D 45 | L 25 | W 81 | 3.5 | 7 MXABCD |
| 56 | CHANG Alex | | IL | 1316 | W 74 | W 64 | H | H | L 21 | D 48 | 3.5 | 7 MXABCD |
| 57 | RIDDLE Robert | | IL | 1960 | W100 | L 5 | W 72 | D 33 | D 48 | L 35 | 3 | 6 MXA |
| 58 | LAZEBNIK Yakov | | IL | 1916 | H | H | H | H | W125 | L 37 | 3 | 6 MXA |
| 59 | BALE Leslie | | IL | 1827 | L 20 | L 65 | W 94 | W107 | W 71 | L 34 | 3 | 6 MXA |
| 60 | BAUMGARTNER Chris | | IL | 1765 | L 21 | W 71 | D 75 | D 104 | W 86 | L 36 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 61 | LAWRENCE Danyul | | IL | 1754 | L 39 | L 37 | W131 | L 74 | W123 | W105 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 62 | STOLTZ Robert M | | IL | 1728 | L 78 | D 101 | W117 | H | W 73 | L 26 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 63 | JOSEPH Bennett | | IL | 1677 | L 15 | W128 | W130 | L 19 | W 74 | L 29 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 64 | WANG Andrew Patri | | IL | 1677 | D 106 | L 56 | W 91 | D 75 | W104 | L 20 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 65 | DJORDJEVIC Vladimir | | IL | 1608 | W 94 | W 59 | L 9 | W 98 | L 22 | L 24 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 66 | GORODETSKIY Steve | | IL | 1602 | L 41 | L 76 | W 96 | W 95 | W 97 | L 30 | 3 | 6 MXAB |
| 67 | SETHI Rishi | | IL | 1601 | W137 | L 80 | L 12 | W108 | L 29 | W106 | 3 | 6 MXAB |

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| 68 | ANDERSON Aaron J | IL | 1587 | W 98 | L 23 | L 20 | W115 | L 26 | W104 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 69 | GORODETSKIY Eugen | IL | 1575 | L 44 | W 97 | L 15 | W132 | L 31 | W107 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 70 | PEKOVIC Jusuf | IL | 1569 | L 27 | L 120 | W137 | W111 | L 46 | W108 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 71 | GORAL Bradley D | IL | 1566 | W115 | L 60 | L 39 | W130 | L 59 | W113 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 72 | HANLON Richard B | MO | 1564 | W135 | L 30 | L 57 | W133 | W 99 | L 25 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 73 | BETITA Diego | MI | 1461 | L 113 | W114 | L 16 | W121 | L 62 | W115 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 74 | FISHMAN Joey D | IL | 1417 | L 56 | W129 | L 45 | W 61 | L 63 | W 99 | 3 | 6 MXABC |
| 75 | KREPICH Daniel S | IL | 1379 | - | W137 | D 60 | D 64 | X | L 31 | 3 | 6 MXABCD |
| 76 | BARCLAY Kayin | IL | 1209 | W 87 | W 66 | L 6 | W 31 | L 15 | L 32 | 3 | 6 MXABCD |
| 77 | CHRISTIAN King P | WI | 2105 | L 47 | L 36 | W134 | D 118 | W109 | - | 2.5 | 5 MX |
| 78 | AARON Michael E | IL | 1954 | W 62 | D 38 | W106 | L 20 | L 50 | - | 2.5 | 5 MXA |
| 79 | COHEN Howard | IL | 1857 | L 1 | W107 | L 89 | W127 | D 82 | - | 2.5 | 5 MXA |
| 80 | HORTON Deon E | WI | 1776 | H | W 67 | L 38 | W102 | L 14 | - | 2.5 | 5 MXAB |
| 81 | WITEK Gregory A | IL | 1605 | B | L 45 | D 97 | W123 | L 47 | L 55 | 2.5 | 5 MXAB |
| 82 | BLACKMAN William | IL | 1593 | B | L 40 | L 19 | W109 | D 79 | L 43 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 83 | MEISTER Mark | IL | 1583 | L 26 | W123 | L 14 | X | L 30 | D 89 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 84 | LEVINE Gary T | IL | 1541 | L 124 | D 112 | W125 | W119 | L 45 | L 40 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 85 | AILES Tim S | IL | 1531 | L 93 | L 95 | W135 | W117 | L 32 | D 97 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 86 | PIERGALSKI John G | IL | 1501 | W102 | L 100 | L 41 | B | L 60 | D 93 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 87 | CUMMINGS Michael | IL | 1434 | L 76 | W 96 | L 98 | L 25 | D 95 | W117 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 88 | BURKE Aaron C | IL | 1424 | L 130 | W131 | L 27 | L 29 | D 96 | W123 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 89 | JACONETTE Rick L | IL | 1413 | L 37 | W 94 | W 79 | L 27 | L 49 | D 83 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 90 | WILHELM John H | IL | 1403 | L 50 | D 134 | H | H | W122 | L 52 | 2.5 | 5 MXABC |
| 91 | MOORE Kendall Rya | IL | 1332 | L 52 | D 102 | L 64 | W134 | X | L 53 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCD |
| 92 | LYON Derek | IL | 1322 | L 97 | W116 | L 100 | W124 | D 53 | L 126 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCD |
| 93 | SWINDELL Frankie | IL | 1280 | W 85 | L 46 | W124 | L 43 | L 35 | D 86 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCD |
| 94 | GEROLIMATOS Gerog | IL | 1121 | L 65 | L 89 | L 59 | H | W135 | W121 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCDE |
| 95 | HAMMOTHE Brandon | IL | 1115 | L 105 | W 85 | L 52 | L 66 | D 87 | W127 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCDE |
| 96 | HEISER Eric A | IL | 1098 | L 55 | L 87 | L 66 | W114 | D 88 | W122 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCDE |
| 97 | DARSCHESKI Nick | IL | 874 | W 92 | L 69 | D 81 | D 49 | L 66 | D 85 | 2.5 | 5 MXABCDEF |
| 98 | PULLIN Matthew | IL | 1909 | L 68 | W 55 | W 87 | L 65 | - | - | 2 | 4 MXA |
| 99 | COVIC Mehmed | IL | 1829 | L 12 | W111 | W109 | L 10 | L 72 | L 74 | 2 | 4 MXA |
| 100 | GETZ Barney | IL | 1753 | L 57 | W 86 | W 92 | L 23 | L 36 | - | 2 | 4 MXAB |
| 101 | VENUSO Michael A | IL | 1623 | H | D 62 | H | H | F | - | 2 | 4 MXAB |
| 102 | GIERTZ Charles E | IL | 1563 | L 86 | D 91 | W112 | L 80 | D 110 | - | 2 | 4 MXABC |
| 103 | MORAN Philip D | IL | 1494 | H | L 106 | L 34 | H | W111 | - | 2 | 4 MXABC |
| 104 | SEIBEL Dennis | IL | 1457 | W117 | L 18 | H | D 60 | L 64 | L 68 | 2 | 4 MXABC |
| 105 | MC DANIEL Anthony | IL | 1417 | W 95 | L 13 | L 44 | L 30 | W132 | L 61 | 2 | 4 MXABC |
| 106 | LENG Yize | IL | 1405 | D 64 | W103 | L 78 | H | L 34 | L 67 | 2 | 4 MXABC |
| 107 | LINDNER Eric J | IL | 1399 | W131 | L 79 | L 46 | L 59 | W116 | L 69 | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 108 | NYBERG Roy H | IL | 1392 | L 119 | W135 | L 28 | L 67 | W133 | L 70 | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 109 | WOOD Christopher | IL | 1335 | W133 | L 31 | L 99 | L 82 | L 77 | W131 | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 110 | MORAN Wesley | IL | 1299 | H | D 34 | L 32 | H | D 102 | - | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 111 | GASUNAS Anthony C | IL | 1294 | W 34 | L 99 | L 33 | L 70 | L 103 | W132 | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 112 | JURGENSEN Alan S | IL | 1261 | L 54 | D 84 | L 102 | D 125 | D 121 | H | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 113 | DELAMORA Salvador | IL | 1248 | W 73 | L 49 | D 48 | D 34 | L 51 | L 71 | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 114 | ZHOU Fengyee | IN | 1219 | L 121 | L 73 | L 25 | L 96 | B | W133 | 2 | 4 MXABCD |
| 115 | RENDER Corey J | IL | 957 | L 71 | B | L 53 | L 68 | W127 | L 73 | 2 | 4 MXABCDEF |
| 116 | JANSEN Nicholas | IN | 638 | L 128 | L 92 | L 127 | B | L 107 | W135 | 2 | 4 MXABCDEF |
| 117 | SAULOG Jeremy | IL | - | L 104 | B | L 62 | L 85 | W134 | L 87 | 2 | 4 M |
| 118 | COHEN Lawrence | IL | 2000 | H | H | - | D 77 | - | - | 1.5 | 3 MX |
| 119 | KUHN Peter B | IL | 1770 | W108 | H | L 13 | L 84 | L 37 | - | 1.5 | 3 MXAB |
| 120 | RAMAMOORTHY Shank | IL | 1545 | H | W 70 | L 21 | L 48 | F | - | 1.5 | 3 MXABC |
| 121 | RENZE John | IL | 1454 | W114 | L 43 | L 26 | L 73 | D 112 | L 94 | 1.5 | 3 MXABC |
| 122 | GORDON Ross S | IL | 1225 | H | H | H | - | L 90 | L 96 | 1.5 | 3 MXABCD |
| 123 | VELAZQUEZ Kevin J | IL | 1070 | W127 | L 83 | D 49 | L 81 | L 61 | L 88 | 1.5 | 3 MXABCDE |
| 124 | ALLISON Roger D | IL | 1700 | W 84 | L 2 | L 93 | L 92 | - | - | 1 | 2 MXAB |
| 125 | BAUMANN Herbert A | TX | 1699 | D 24 | L 48 | L 84 | D 112 | L 58 | - | 1 | 2 MXAB |
| 126 | JANSSEN Gary | IL | 1480 | - | - | - | - | W 92 | - | 1 | |
| 127 | SENNO Aref | IL | 1341 | L 123 | L 133 | W116 | L 79 | L 115 | L 95 | 1 | 2 MXABCD |
| 128 | SHANKAR Krishna | IL | 1314 | W116 | L 63 | L 31 | F | - | - | 1 | 2 MXABCD |
| 129 | GORODETSKY Alex | IL | 1265 | L 53 | L 74 | L 29 | W137 | - | - | 1 | 2 MXABCD |
| 130 | RANGEL Josh | IL | 1177 | W 88 | L 51 | L 63 | L 71 | - | - | 1 | 2 MXABCDE |
| 131 | BARKER Gary F | IL | 1102 | L 107 | L 88 | L 61 | D 135 | H | L 109 | 1 | 2 MXABCDE |
| 132 | LAUGER Lloyd | IL | 974 | B | L 32 | L 50 | L 69 | L 105 | L 111 | 1 | 2 MXABCDEF |
| 133 | JANSEN Alek J | IN | 892 | L 109 | W127 | L 51 | L 72 | L 108 | L 114 | 1 | 2 MXABCDEF |
| 134 | LOPEZ Eugene C | IL | 1175 | L 35 | D 90 | L 77 | L 91 | L 117 | - | 0.5 | 1 MXABCDE |
| 135 | FISHMAN Isak N | IL | 835 | L 72 | L 108 | L 85 | D 131 | L 94 | L 116 | 0.5 | 1 MXABCDEF |
| 136 | RAMAMOORTHY Shank | IL | 1545 | L 28 | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | |
| 137 | JACONETTE Steven | IL | 975 | L 67 | L 75 | L 70 | L 129 | - | - | 0 | |

2002 Denker Qualifier and Illinois Invitational HS Championship

By Kevin Bachler, games by AI Chow

The 2002 Denker Qualifier held April 19-21 was a hard fought tournament, which came down to the wire. In the end, William Aramil and Robert Riddle tied for first, both coming back from first round losses. Matt Cohn-Geier, the lowest rated player who had tied for 1st in the Illinois Individual High School Championship in a surprising result, jumped out in this event, winning his first two games. Richard Martin and Andrey Gorlin were also in the thick of things. Dan Leung got a nice start with a win against Aramil, but a loss to Cohn-Geier and a loss to Gorlin ended his shot.

The tournament was missing two-time champion Yelena Gorlin, who elected to miss the event. A few players who qualified for the event failed to make it in because they returned their applications too late. This tournament is THE most prestigious tournament in Illinois High School Chess, and it is run with a tightly.

Several key games occurred in the last two rounds. Round 4 saw Riddle as Black face Cohn-Geier in a hard fought game where Cohn-Geier had the opening booked – and Riddle kept finding the good ideas over the board. Riddle eventually won an amazing game featuring a King march and tripled pawns.

Meanwhile, Andrey Gorlin defeated Richard Martin III in an equal endgame when Martin slipped and walked into a mating net, while Aramil defeated Chen.

This set up key match-ups on boards 1-2 in the last round, with Riddle white against Martin, and Aramil as white against Gorlin. Aramil surprisingly got a strong attack right out of the opening, leading to a crushing win. Riddle in a KIA sacrificed on the Kingside, causing Martin to sacrifice and exchange to halt the attack. Riddle eventually won the resulting endgame to pull into a tie for first.

The two players share the title of Illinois Invitational HS Champion, but needed to play a playoff match to determine the Illinois representative to the Denker Tournament of Champions.

On May 11, Riddle and Aramil had their 2-game playoff. Aramil won the first hard-fought battle. In the

second game, Riddle came out of the opening with a winning advantage. However, one slip gave Aramil a chance to be only slightly inferior with a relatively easy to play position, while Riddle's position was difficult. The game see-sawed for several moves, with Aramil eventually winning. He thereby became the Illinois representative to the Denker Tournament of Champions.

We hope that this tournament continues to provide Illinois top high school players with an opportunity to hone their skills. We are looking for a sponsor in 2003 to help share the tournament costs.

Blair Machaj served as TD at the Denker Qualifier, while Larry Cohen was the TD for the playoff match.

We thank Maine South High School for hosting both events.

Aramil,W – Riddle,R

Denker Qualifier 2002 PLAYOFF (1), 11.05.2002

[Bachler, Kevin]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Qc2 Re8 9.Rd1 e4 10.Nd2 e3 11.fxe3 Ng4 12.Nf1 h5 Diagram

Up to this point following Birnbohm–Littlewood, 1987, where Black ended up better. **13.e4!? h4?!** [13...Qf6 14.Bf4 c6 15.h3 g5 16.hxg4 gxf4 17.gxh5 fxg3 18.Nxg3 Qh4] **14.h3 Nh6 15.g4 g5 16.Nh2 Nf8 17.Nf3 Nh7 18.Nd5 c6 19.Nc3 Qe7 20.Qd2 f6 21.Rb1 Nf8 22.b4 Ng6 23.Qd3 Kf7 24.Rf1 Kg8 25.e5 Nf4 26.Bxf4 gxf4 27.exf6 Bxf6 28.g5 Bf5 29.gxf6 Qxf6 30.Qd2 Bxb1 31.Nxb1 Re3 32.Nc3 Nf5 33.Ne1 Re7 34.Qxf4** Here Riddle's scoresheet become confused, but he went on to lose. **1-0**

Riddle,R – Aramil,W

Denker Qualifier 2002 PLAYOFF (2), [Bachler, Kevin]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6
 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0
 Qa5 11.Kb1 Ne5 12.Bb3 Rfc8 13.g4 Nc4 14.Bxc4
 Rxc4 15.Nb3 Qa6 16.e5 Ne8 17.Nd5! Kf8 18.Bg5
 dxe5 19.Bxe7+ Kg8 20.Nb4 Rxb4 21.Qxb4 Bc6
 White has played well, and has a clear edge. But now
 he makes one bad choice which keeps Black in the
 game...and Aramil makes the most of the opportunity.
 22.Rhf1? [22.Rd3!] 22...Qe2 23.Nc1?! [23.Na5 Bd5
 24.Rfe1 Qxf3 25.Qb5 Bc6 26.Nxc6 Qxc6 27.Qxc6
 bxc6±] 23...Qxh2 24.g5 Nc7 25.Qg4 Re8 26.Bf6 Bxf6
 27.gxf6 Qf4?!± [27...Nd5=] 28.Qxf4?! [28.Qg1±]
 28...exf4 29.Rfe1 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Nd5 31.Nd3 Nxf6
 32.Nxf4 g5= 33.Nh3 h6 34.Re3 Kg7 35.c4 Kg6
 36.Nf2 h5 37.b4 a6 38.Kb2 Kf5 39.Nd3 Nd7 40.Kb3
 h4 41.a4= b5 [41...h3 42.b5 h2 43.bxc6 h1Q 44.cxd7
 Qd1+ 45.Kc3 Qa1+ 46.Kd2=] 42.cxb5 axb5 43.axb5
 Bxb5= 44.Kc3?!± [44.Re7!=] 44...h3 45.Nf2 Kf4
 46.Re1 Kg3 47.Ne4+ Kg2 48.Ra1 f6 49.Ra2+ Kxf3
 50.Nd6 Bc6 51.Nf5 Bd5 52.Rd2 Nb6 53.Rd3+ Kf4
 54.Ng3 h2 55.Ne2+ Kg4 56.Rd4+ Kf3 57.Rd3+ Kxe2
 58.Rd2+ Kf3 59.Rxh2 Be4 60.Rh6 Nd5+ 61.Kc4 f5
 62.b5 g4 63.Kc5 g3 64.b6 Ne3 65.Rc6 Bxc6 66.Kxc6
 Nc4! 0-1

Riddle,R – Martin,R [A08] Denker Qualifier

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2
 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.e5 Nd7 The old main line of the King's
 Indian attack vs. French def. 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Qe2 b6
 11.Nf1 Ba6 12.Bf4 Rac8 13.h4 Rfe8 14.N1h2 Nf8
 15.c3 Na5 16.Ng4 Qc6 17.h5 b5 18.Nh4 c4 19.d4 b4
 In the race of opposite wing attacks, play vs. the king
 gains the edge. 20.Nf6+! gxf6 21.Qg4+ Kh8 22.Bh6
 Ng6 23.hxg6 f5 24.g7+ Kg8 25.Qh5 bxc3 26.bxc3
 Qd7 27.Bh3 Bxh4 28.Qxh4 Qa4 29.Rec1 Rb8 30.Bg5
 Nc6 31.Kg2! Rb2

32.Bxf5! exf5 33.Rh1 Rxf2+! 34.Kxf2 Qc2+ 35.Kg1 f4
 36.gxf4 Rb8 37.Rf1 Rb1 38.Qh3 Rxf1+ 39.Kxf1 Qd1+
 40.Kg2 Qd2+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qd2+ 43.Qg2
 Qxc3 44.Qxd5 Qd2+ 45.Qg2 Nxd4 46.Qxd2 Nf3+
 47.Kg3 Nxd2 48.Bf6 c3 49.Rc1 Bd3 50.Kf2 Bf5
 51.Ke3 Nb1 52.e6 fxe6 53.Bxc3 Nxc3 54.Rxc3 Kxg7
 55.Rc7+ Kf6 56.Rxa7 e5 57.a4 exf4+ 58.Kxf4 Bd3
 59.a5 Bb5 60.Rb7 Bf1 61.Rxh7 Bd3 62.Rh6+ Ke7
 63.a6 Bc4 64.a7 Bd5 65.Rh8 Kd7 66.a8Q Bxa8
 67.Rxa8 1-0

Aramil,W – Gorlin,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (5.1), 21.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 h6
 6.Bh4 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0
 b6? [The main move in this exchange variation of
 Queen's gambit 10...c6! is better.] 11.Ne5! Bb7
 12.Bb5! a6 13.Nc6! Qc8 14.Nxe7+ Rxe7 15.Bxd7!
 Qxd7 16.Bxf6! gxf6 William finds all the best moves to
 bust open black's kingside. 17.Qh5 Kg7 18.Rae1 Bc6
 19.f4 f5 20.Rf3 Qe6 21.Rg3+ Kh7 22.Rg5! Bd7
 23.g4! c6 [If 23...fxg4 24.Nxd5+–] 24.gxf5 Qf6 25.Kf2
 Rg8 26.h4 Ree8 27.Reg1 b5 28.a3 a5 29.Kf3 b4
 30.axb4 axb4 31.Nd1 c5 32.Nf2 Rxc5 33.hxg5
 Rxe3+ 34.Kxe3 Qxd4+ 35.Kf3 Bxf5 36.Qxf7+ 1-0

Cohn-Geier,M – Riddle,R [B97]

Denker Qualifier 2002 (4.2) [Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6
 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 The
 poisoned pawn variation. 10.f5 Nc6 11.fxe6 fxe6
 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ne4 Be7
 16.Be2 h5 17.0-0 f5 18.Rb3 Qa4 19.c4 fxe4 Black
 plans to take all the gambit material and and try to
 survive the attack. 20.Qd1 Qa5 21.Bxh5+ Rxh5
 22.Qxh5+ Kd7 23.Rd1+ Kc7 24.Qe8 Bd6 25.Rf1 Bb4
 26.Rf7+ Kb6

27.Qd8+?? Complications take their toll on the clock, leading to errors. [Missing 27.a3! regaining material with advantage.] 27...Kc5 28.Rc7 Kxc4 29.Kf1 [If 29.Rxc6+ Bc5+] 29...Qd5 30.Rxb4+ Kxb4 31.Qf8+ Qc5 32.Qh6 e3 33.Qh4+ Qc4+ 34.Qxc4+ Kxc4 35.Rxc6+ Kd4 36.h4 a5 37.Kg1 Rb8 38.Kh2 e2 39.Rc1 Kd3 0-1

Cohn-Geier, M – Riddle, R Denker Qualifier

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Qd2 Qxb2 9.Rb1 Qa3 10.f5 Nc6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Be2 h5 17.0-0 f5 18.Rb3 Qa4 19.c4 fxe4 20.Qd1 Qa5 21.Bxh5+ Rxh5 22.Qxh5+

22...Kd7 23.Rd1+ Kc7 24.Qe8 Bd6 25.Rf1 Bb4 26.Rf7+ Kb6 27.Qd8+ Kc5 28.Rc7 Kxc4 29.Kf1 Qd5 30.Rxb4+ Kxb4 31.Qf8+ Qc5 32.Qh6 e3 33.Qh4+ Qc4+ 34.Qxc4+ Kxc4 35.Rxc6+ Kd4 36.h4 a5 37.Kg1 Rb8 38.Kh2 e2 39.Rc1 Kd3 0-1

Wallenberg, B – Gorlin, A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (1.2), 19.04.2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 f6 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Nf3 h6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Bb5 Rd8 14.Re1 Nf8 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Ne5 Bd7 17.Be3 Rac8 18.Na4 Be8 19.Rc1 Ng6 20.Nd3 Rc7 21.Nac5 Rf7 22.Re2 e5 23.dxe5 Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Qxe5 25.g3 Re7 26.Re1 Bh5 27.Bf4 Qxe1+ 0-1

Freidel, P – Riddle, R

Denker Qualifier 2002 (1.4), 19.04.2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.h3 Nc6 7.Be2 Bf5 8.0-0 h6 9.c4 e6 10.a3 g5 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Nd2 Bg6 14.b4 Ne7 15.Rc1 f5 16.f4 Rc8 17.Qb3 Bf7 18.Nf3 Ng6 19.Ne5 gxf4 20.Nxg6 Bxg6 21.Bxf4 Bf7 22.Bd3 Qd7 23.b5 b6 24.Bh2 Be8 25.cxd5 exd5 26.Qc2 Bg6 27.g4 Qe7 28.Rce1 Rfe8 29.Bxf5 Bxf5 30.Qxf5 Qxa3 31.Qxd5+ Kh8 32.Bf4 Red8 33.Qh5 Rd7 34.Bxh6 Bxh6 35.Qxh6+ Rh7 36.Qf6+ Rg7 37.Rf5 Re8 38.Rg5 Qe7 39.Qxg7+ Qxg7 40.Rxg7 Kxg7 41.Kf2 Rh8 42.Kg3 Re8 43.e4 Kf6 44.h4 Rg8 45.g5+ Ke6 46.Kg4 Kd6 47.h5 c5 48.bxc6 Kxc6 49.h6 Kd6 50.h7 Rh8 51.g6 1-0

Gorlin, A – Freidel, P

Denker Qualifier 2002 (2.1), 20.04.2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.g3 Bd7 9.Bh3 Nb3 10.Nxb3 Ba4 11.Be3 Bxb3 12.Qd2 a5 13.0-0 Ne7 14.Nh4 h6 15.f4 g6 16.Kh1 0-0-0 17.Rf2 Kb8 18.Rg1 Qc7 19.Qe2 Ba4 20.Bf1 h5 21.h3 Nf5 22.Nxf5 exf5 23.Rh2 Bd7 24.Bg2 Qc6 25.Bf3 a4 26.Bc1 Be6 27.Qc2 Kc7 28.Bd1 b5 29.Bf3 ½-½

Leung, D – Cohn-Geier, M

Denker Qualifier 2002 (2.3), 20.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Nh6 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Bb2 Bd7 10.g4 Nh6 11.h3 Be7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Bc2 f5 14.exf6 [Closing the kingside with 14.g5! Nf7 15.h4 was solid in the center.] 14...Rxf6! 15.Nbd2 Rf4! 16.Qb1 Kh8! 17.Bxh7 Raf8 Black shows the thematic French counterplay to best advantage.

Martin III,R – Cohn–Geier,M

Denker Qualifier 2002 (3.1), [Bachler, Kevin]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.a4
 Bb4 7.Bd2 Bb7 8.axb5 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.Nd2 a6
 11.Qg4 Qf6 12.d5 Qg6 13.Qf4 f6 14.dxe6 Ne7
 15.Qc7 Bc8 16.0-0-0 Nbc6 17.Nxc4 bxc4 18.Bb4
 Bxe6 19.Rd6 Rc8 20.Qb6 Qf7 21.Ba3 0-0 22.Be2
 Rb8 23.Qxa6 Ra8 24.Qb6 Diagram

18.Ke2 Nxd4+! 19.Bxd4 Rxd4 20.Nxd4 Qxd4+ 21.f3
 [Or 21.Rf1 Bb5+ 22.Bd3 Qe5+! 23.Kd1 Bxd3-+]
 21...Bg5 22.Nf1 Bb5+! 23.Bd3 Bxd3+ 24.Qxd3 Qxa1
 25.h4 Qb2+ 26.Ke1 Bc1 27.g5 Nf5 28.h5 Qxa3
 29.Qxa3 Bxa3 White could resign anytime soon. 30.b5
 Nd4 31.Nh2 Be7 32.Rg1 Nxf3+ 33.Nxf3 Rxf3 34.Ke2
 Rc3 35.g6 Rc8 36.Ra1 Bc5 37.Rf1 Rf8 38.Rc1 Bb6
 39.Re1 e5 40.Rd1 d4 41.Kd3 Kg8 42.Ke4 Rf4+
 43.Kxe5 Rh4 44.Kd6 Rxh5 45.Rc1 Rc5 46.Re1 Rc8
 0-1

Collins,B – Chen,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (2.5), 20.04.2002

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Nf6 5.Be2 cxd4
 6.exd4 0-0 7.c3 d6 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Qb3 Qxb3 10.axb3 h6
 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Ne4 13.Nbd2 Nxc3 14.hxc3 d5
 15.Ra3 g4 16.Nh2 h5 17.Raa1 a6 18.b4 e5 19.dxe5
 Bxe5 20.Nb3 d4 21.Nc5 Re8 22.Bc4 Nd7 23.Nxd7
 Bxd7 24.b5 Rac8 25.cxd4 Bxd4 26.bxa6 Rxc4 27.axb7
 Rb4 28.Rfd1 Bxb2 29.Ra8 Rxb7 30.Rxd7 Rxa8
 31.Rxb7 Bd4 32.Rb5 Ra1+ 33.Nf1 Ra2 34.Ne3 Ra1+
 35.Kh2 Bxe3 36.fxe3 Re1 37.Rxh5 Rxe3 38.Rg5+ Kh7
 39.Rxg4 f5 40.Rg5 Kh6 41.Rxf5 Kg6 42.g4 Rd3 43.Rf3
 Rd4 44.Kg3 Re4 45.Rf5 Re3+ 46.Kf4 Re2 47.Kf3 Ra2
 48.Re5 Kf6 49.Re3 Ra4 50.g3 Rb4 51.Rc3 Ra4
 52.Rc6+ Kg5 53.Rc5+ Kg6 54.g5 Ra3+ 55.Kg4 Ra4+
 56.Kh3 Rb4 ½-½

24...Rfb8 25.Qc5 Ra5 26.Qe3 c3 27.Qxc3 Rc8
 28.Rhd1 Raa8 29.Rxe6 Na5 30.Rxe7 Rxc3+ 31.bxc3
 Qa2 32.Bb2 Rb8 33.Bb5 h6 34.Rd5 Nb3+ 35.Kc2
 Na1+ 36.Kc1 Diagram

Cohn–Geier: "Black offered a draw. Huge error on my part, which, combined with my loss to Riddle in the next round, took me out of the lead. Had I played on and won this game I would have been leading by a half-point." ½-½

Leung,D – Gorlin,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (3.2), 20.04.2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Bd7
 7.b4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Rc8 9.Bb2 Na5 10.Nbd2 Nc4
 11.Nxc4 dxc4 12.Rc1 Ne7 13.Rxc4 Nd5 14.Rxc8+
 Bxc8 15.Qd2 Be7 16.Bd3 0-0 17.Ng5 h6 18.Ne4 Bd7
 19.Nc5 Bb5 20.Bb1 Rd8 21.Qc2 f5 22.g4 Bxc5
 23.bxc5 Qa5+ 24.Qd2 Qxd2+ 25.Kxd2 fxg4 26.Be4
 Bc6 27.Rg1 Rc8 28.Ke1 Nf4 29.Bxc6 bxc6 30.Bc1 h5
 31.Rf1 Nd5 32.Bd2 Rb8 33.Ke2 Rb3 34.a4 Kf7 35.f3
 gxf3+ 36.Rxf3+ Rxf3 37.Kxf3 Kg6 38.Ke4 h4 39.h3
 Kh5 40.Kf3 a6 41.Be1 Ne7 42.Bd2 Nf5 43.Bc3 g5
 44.Bb2 Kg6 45.Bc3 Nh6 46.Be1 Kf5 47.Bf2 Ng8
 48.Be1 Ne7 49.Bc3 Nd5 50.Bd2 Nc7 51.Ba5 Ne8
 52.Bc3 Ng7 53.Be1 Nh5 54.Bd2 Ng3 55.Bc3 Kg6
 56.Be1 Nf5 57.Bf2 Nh6 58.Be3 Nf5 59.Bf2 Nh6 60.Be3
 Nf5 61.Bf2 Ne7 62.Be3 Nd5 63.Bc1 Nc3 64.a5 Kf5
 65.Bd2 Nd5 66.Kg2 g4 67.hxg4+ Kxg4 68.Kh2 Ne7
 69.Be1 Nf5 70.Bc3 Kf4 71.Kh3 Ke4 72.Bb2 Nxd4
 73.Kxh4 Kxe5 74.Kg4 Kd5 75.Kf4 Nb3 76.Bc3 Nxc5
 77.Ke3 Ne4 78.Bb2 c5 79.Bc1 c4 80.Ba3 Nc5 81.Bb2
 Nb3 82.Bc3 Kc5 83.Ke4 Kb5 84.Ke5 Nxa5 85.Kxe6
 Nb3 86.Kd5 a5 87.Ke4 a4 88.Bb2 Kb4 89.Ke3 a3
 90.Bf6 a2 0-1

Freidel,P – Aramil,W

Denker Qualifier 2002 (3.3), 20.04.2002

[Riddle,Robert]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d6 5.e4 0-0
 6.Bc4 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.c3 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 Qc8
 11.h3 Nc6 12.e5 Ne8 13.a3 Nc7 14.b4 cxb4 15.cxb4
 Ne6 16.Bh2 Ned4 17.Qd1 Rd8 18.Rc1 e6 19.Qe1
 Bh6 20.Rc3 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3 Qd7 22.Qe2 Qe7 23.Rd1
 a6 24.Rcd3 b5 25.Bb3 Rxd3 26.Qxd3 Rd8 27.Qe2
 Rxd1+ 28.Bxd1 Qd7 29.Bc2 Nd4 30.Nxd4 Qxd4
 31.Qe1 Qb2 32.Qd1 Qxa3 33.Bf4 Bf8 [33...Bxf4
 34.Qd8+ Kg7 35.Qf6+] 34.h4 Qxb4 35.Qg4 Bh6 0-1

Riddle,R – Wallenberg,B

Denker Qualifier 2002 (2.6), 20.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7
 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.c3 d5? 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5!
 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 Nf4 12.Rf5!? Qd6 [More solid seems
 12...Ne6] 13.Bxf7+ Kd8 14.d4 Nxd2 15.d5! Nh4?
 16.Bf4! Qd7? [The only move was 16...Qb6!] 17.Be6!
 Qe8 18.Rf7 Rf8

19.d6! Bxd6 [19...cxd6 20.Bg5!!+-] 20.Bg5+ Qe7
 21.Rxf8# 1-0

Hubbard,A – Riddle,R

Denker Qualifier 2002 (3.4), 20.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be3 c6 6.Bd3 a6
 7.a4 a5 8.Ne2 Na6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Nec3? [Correct
 development in this Saemisch King Indian is 10.Nbc3]
 10...e5 11.d5 0-0 12.Na3 Nh5 13.Nc2 f5 14.c5 f4
 15.Bf2 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Rf6?! 17.Bh4 dxc5 18.Qc4
 Kh8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Qxc5 Qe8 22.b4
 g5 23.b5 g4 24.fxg4 Bxg4 25.bxc6 f3! 26.gxf3? [The
 kingside should remain closed by 26.g3!] 26...Bh3
 27.Rf2 Nf4 28.Ne2? Nd3! 29.Qd6? Qg6+ 30.Ng3 Rd8
 31.Qc7? [The last chance was 31.Qa3!] 31...Nxf2+
 32.Ne3 Qg5 33.Ra3 Nd3 34.Qb6 Rd4 35.Qb8+ Bd8
 36.Nd1 Qd2! 0-1

Chen,A – Wallenberg,B

Denker Qualifier 2002 (3.5), 24.04.2002

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5
 d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.h3 Bd7
 11.Bd3 Ng5 12.0-0 Nnh3+ 13.gxh3 Bxh3 14.Qc2 f5
 15.a3 Qe8 16.Kh1 Qh5 17.Nh2 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 Nxd4
 19.Qd1 Qh4 20.Rg1 Bg4 21.Rxg4 fxg4 22.Qxg4 Qxg4
 23.Nxg4 h5 24.Ne3 Nb3 25.Rb1 c6 26.Bg6 Rxf2 27.e6
 Re2 28.Bf7+ Kh7 29.Ng2 Nd4 30.Nf4 Re1+ 31.Kg2 g5
 32.Kf2 Rxc1 33.Rxc1 gxf4 34.e7 Nb3 35.Rg1 Nc5
 36.Rg8 1-0

Rasmussen,R – Collins,B

Denker Qualifier 2002 (3.6), 24.04.2002

1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Nc6
6.d3 Bg4 7.Nf3 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a3 a6 10.b4 b5 11.Bb2
0-0 12.Rc1 Rc8 13.h3 Bh5 14.Qd2 Qb6 15.Rfe1 Rfd8
½-½

Gorlin,A – Martin ,R

Denker Qualifier 2002 (4.1), 21.04.2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2
Bd7 7.0-0 f6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.b4 Be7 10.Be3 Qc7
11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Na3 Ne5 13.Rc1 Ne7 14.c4 Nxf3+
15.Bxf3 Bb2 16.cxd5 Bxc1 17.d6 Qc3 18.Bxc1 Nf5
19.Nc2 Rc8 20.Ne3 Nxe3 21.Bxe3 0-0 22.Bxb7 Rb8
23.Be4 Qxb4 24.Bb1 Rb7 25.Qd3 g6 26.Bd2 Qb5
27.Qe4 Qd5 28.Bh6 Rfb8 29.Qxd5 exd5 30.Bc2 Bb5
31.Re1 Bc4 32.Bf4 Kf7 33.h4 Bxa2 34.d7 Rd8 35.Ba4
Rxd7 36.Bxd7 Rxd7 37.Ra1 Bc4 38.f3 a6 39.Kf2 Rb7
40.Be5 Rb3 41.Kg3 Ke6 42.Re1 Kf5 43.Bd4 Rd3
44.Bh8 g5 45.h5 Rxf3+ 46.gxf3 Be2 47.Rxe2 g4
48.Re5# 1-0

Aramil,W – Chen,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (4.3), 21.04.2002

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-
0 7.Bg2 e6 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 The
Catalan vs. Modern Benoni. 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.a5 Ne5
13.h3 h5 14.f4 Ned7 15.e4 b5 16.axb6 Nxb6 17.Qc2
h4? 18.g4 Bd7 19.Nf3 Bb5 20.Re1 Qd7 21.g5 Nh5
22.Nxh4 Bd4+ 23.Kh2 Kh7 24.Bf3 Ng7 25.Bg4 Qc7
26.Nf3 Bd7 27.Ne2 Qc8 28.Bxd7 Qxd7 29.Nexd4
cxd4 30.Qf2 Rac8 31.Nxd4 Rh8 32.Ra3 Kg8 33.Rf3
Nh5 34.Nc6 Re8?? 35.Qxb6 1-0

Collins,B – Freidel,P

Denker Qualifier 2002 (4.4), 21.04.2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.Be2 d6 6.0-0
Nbd7 7.Re1 c5 8.c3 a6 9.a4 Rb8 10.a5 b5 11.axb6
Qxb6 12.Ra2 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Ra8 14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Qa1
d5 16.Bf4 Qc8 17.Na5 c4 18.Nd2 Re8 19.Nxb7 Qxb7
20.Bf3 Qc6 21.e4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Nd2 e6
24.Bxd5 Qxd5 25.Rxa6 e5 26.dxe5 Nxe5 27.Rd1 Nd3
28.Be3 Rxa6 29.Qxa6 Nxb2 30.Rb1 Bxc3 31.Nf3 Bg7
32.Qb6 Qd3 33.Rc1 c3 34.Qc5 Rd8 35.h3 Nd1 36.Bg5
Re8 37.Qc6 Qe2 38.Bh4 Nb2 39.Bf6 Nd3 40.Rxc3
Bxf6 41.Rxd3 ½-½

Wallenberg,B – Piergalski,J

Denker Qualifier 2002 (4.6), 21.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 The
Najdorf. 6.f4 e6 7.a4 Be7 8.a5 b5 9.axb6 Qxb6
10.Bd3 0-0 11.Nb3 Bb7 12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Be3 Qc7
14.0-0 d5 15.e5 Nfd7 16.Na5 Nc5 17.Nxb7 Qxb7
18.Qf2 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Qc6 20.d4 Nd7 21.f5 exf5
22.Qxf5 Qe6 23.Qf3 Nb6 24.Ne2 Bf8 25.Nf4 Qd7

26.Nh5 Qe6 27.Bg5 Rdc8 28.Qg3 Rc4 29.Rf6! Qc8 [If
29...gxf6?? 30.Bxf6+] 30.Rxb6 Rxd4 31.Re1 Bc5
32.Be3 Qf8 1-0

Chen,A – Hubbard,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (1.3), 19.04.2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 c4
7.Nbd2 b5 8.h4 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.g3 Bd6 11.Bg2
Qc7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 a5 14.Qe2 Rae8 15.Ne5 Re7
16.f4 Be8 17.Bh3 Nd8 18.Kh2 Kh8 19.Rf1 Qb8
20.Ndf3 Ne4 21.Nd2 Bxe5! 22.fxe5 Rxf1 23.Bxf1
Nxd2 24.Bxd2 Bg6! The French problem bishop
updates his status. 25.Bh3 Bd3 26.Qh5 Rf7 27.Bf4
Qb7 28.Bf1 Bxf1 29.Rxf1 b4 30.axb4 axb4 31.Bd2
b3 Power pawn chain! 32.Bg5 Kg8 33.Qe2 Rxf1
34.Qxf1 Nc6 35.Qa1 Qa7! 36.Qxa7 Nxa7 A classic
example of a good knight outplaying the bad boy
bishop.

37.Be7 Kf7 38.Bb4 Kg6 39.Kg2 Kf5 40.Kf3 h5 41.Bf8
Nb5 42.Bb4 g6 43.Ke3 Kg4 44.Kf2 Na7 45.Bc5 Nc6
46.Kg2 Nd8! 47.Be7 Nf7 48.Bf8 g5! 49.Be7 gxh4
50.gxh4 Nh6 51.Bf6 Nf5 52.Bg5 Nxh4+ 53.Bxh4
Kxh4 54.Kf3 Kg5 55.Kg3 h4+ 56.Kh3 Kh5 57.Kh2
Kg4 58.Kg2 h3+ 59.Kf2 Kf4 0-1

Rasmussen,R – Hubbard,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (4.5), 21.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2
Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Qc7 9.Qe2 f6 10.Nf1 d4 11.c3
e5 12.Bd2 Be6 13.a3 a5 14.Rad1 b5 15.h3 Qd7
16.Kh2 Rfb8 17.g4 c4 18.Nh4 cxd3 19.Qxd3 b4
20.axb4 axb4 21.Nf5? [Better 21.Ng3] 21...Nxf5
22.exf5?? [A similar theme is 22.gxf5 Bxf5!-+]
22...e4+! discovered check, a nasty surprise. 0-1

Freidel,P – Chen,A

Denker Qualifier 2002 (5.4), 21.04.2002

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 cxd4 5.cxd4 Nf6
6.Nc3 0-0 7.e3 d6 8.Be2 a6 9.a4 Nc6 10.h3 Qa5 11.0-0
e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Bh2 Rd8 14.Nd2 Be6 15.Qc1
Qb4 16.a5 Nd5 17.Nc4 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Qc5 19.Nb6
Rab8 20.Qa3 Bf8 21.Qxc5 Bxc5 22.Bf3 Bxb6 23.Bxc6
Bc7 24.Be4 Bd5 25.Bc2 f6 26.f4 exf4 27.Bxf4 Rbc8
28.Ra3 Bd6 29.Bxd6 Rxd6 30.Rd1 Rcd8 31.Bb3 Kh8
32.Bxd5 Rxd5 33.Rxd5 Rxd5 34.Rb3 Rxa5 35.Rxb7
Rc5 36.Ra7 ½-½

Wallenberg,B – Collins,B

Denker Qualifier 2002 (5.5), 24.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 The Fantasy variation of the Caro
Kann. **3...dxe4 4.fxe4 e6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3
Qb6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Kh1 Be7 10.Na3 cxd4 11.cxd4 0-0
12.e5 Nd5 13.Bg5 Bxa3 14.bxa3 h6**

15.Qe1!? hxg5 16.Bh7+! Kh8 [The sacrifice must be
accepted with 16...Kxh7! 17.Nxg5+ Kg6! 18.Qh4 Qxd4
19.Qh7+ Kxg5 20.Qxg7+ Kh5 21.Qh7+= Draw!]
17.Nxg5 Qxd4?? [The only defence was 17...Qd8!
18.Qh4 Qxg5! 19.Qxg5 Kxh7 when queen vs. three
minor pieces was unclear!] **18.Be4!** black resigned **1-0**

Piergalski,J – Rasmussen,R

Denker Qualifier 2002 (5.6), 21.04.2002

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6 5.d3 d5 6.cxd5
exd5 7.0-0 Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Re8
11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.Rc1 a5 13.b5 Bd6 14.Nb3 Qe7 15.Re1
a4 16.Nbd4 g6 17.Rc2 Rac8 18.Qc1 Nc5 19.Bh3 Ra8
20.Qg5 Nh5 21.Qxe7 Rxe7 22.Rc3 Rae8 23.Kf1 Ng7

24.Bc1 Nge6 25.Nxe6 Nxe6 26.Bxe6 Rxe6 27.Nd4
R6e7 28.Bg5 Rd7 29.Be3 f5 30.Nc6 Bxc6 31.Rxc6
Ra8 32.Ra1 Ra5 33.Bf4 Bxf4 34.gxf4 Rxb5 35.Rac1
Rb3 36.R6c3 Rxc3 37.Rxc3 c5 38.f3 Kf7 39.e4 dxe4
40.fxe4 fxe4 41.dxe4 Rd4 42.Re3 b5 43.f5 b4 44.fxg6+
hxg6 45.axb4 cxb4 46.Re1 0-1

Hubbard,A – Cohn-Geier,M

Denker Qualifier 2002 (5.3), 21.04.2002

[Bachler, Kevin]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Qc2 Bd6
6.a3 Ne7 7.Bg5 Bf5 8.e4 dxe4 9.Nxe4 0-0 10.Bd3 h6
11.Bh4 Qa5+ 12.Kf1 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 Re8 14.Re1 Nd7
15.Nf3 Nd5 16.Bg3 Bxg3 17.hxg3 N7f6 18.Ne5 Nxe4
19.Rxe4 Nf6 20.Rf4 Re6 21.Kg1 Qc7 22.g4 Nd7
23.Nd3 Re1+ 24.Kh2 Rxh1+ 25.Kxh1 Re8 26.g3 f6
27.d5 Nb6 28.dxc6 Qxc6+ 29.Qxc6 bxc6 30.b4 Re2
31.Nc5 Ra2 32.Rf3 Nc4 33.a4 Nb6 34.a5 Nd5 35.Nd3
Ra3 36.Kg2 Rb3 37.Ne5 Rxf3 38.Nxf3 Nxb4 39.Nd4
Kf7 40.Kf3 g6 41.Ke4 Ke7 42.Nb3 Kd6 43.Kd4**
Cohn-Geier: "Black offered a draw. The extra pawn
plus the big lead on the clock may have been enough
to secure the win, but it would not have given me first,
and I was not confident in my ability to defeat Andrey
Gorlin in a tiebreaker for 3rd, so I took clear 4th. At
this point I was upset at throwing away my wins vs.
Martin and Riddle and had simply had enough chess
for one tournament." ½-½

(18) Hubbard,A – Martin,R

Denker Qualifier 2002 (2.2), 20.04.2002

[Albert Chow]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 Benko's gambit.
**5.f3 d6 6.e4 axb5 7.Bxb5+ Bd7 8.Bxd7+ [Better is
8.Bc4] 8...Nbx7 9.Ne2 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Nec3?!
[For some strange reason Hubbard often rejects the
normal 11.Nbc3] 11...0-0 12.Be3 Qa5 13.Qe2 Rfb8
14.Na3 Ne8 15.Nc4 Qa6! 16.Rfc1 Rb4 17.b3 Nb6!
18.Nxb6 Qxe2 19.Nxe2 Rxb6** White's queenside
remains under thematic pressure, the ideal gambit.
**20.Nc3 Rba6 21.a4 Rb6! 22.Rab1 Bxc3! 23.Rxc3
Rxa4! 24.Rb2 Rab4 25.Bc1 Nc7 26.Rd3 Na6 27.Rc3
Rb7 28.Kf2 Nc7 29.Ra2 Kf8 30.Ra3 Ke8 31.Rd3 Kd7
32.Bd2 R4b6 33.Ba5 Ra6 34.Ra4 Nb5 35.Bd2 Rba7
36.Rc4 Ra3 37.Ke3 Ra2 38.h4 Na3 39.Rc1 Nc2+
40.Kf4 Nd4 41.Rc4 R7a3 42.g3 Rxb3 43.Rcxd4 cxd4
44.Rxb3 Rxd2** Black ends up the pawn. **45.Ra3 Rc2
46.Rd3 Rc4 47.e5 e6 48.Ke4 exd5+ 49.Kxd5 Rc5+
50.Kxd4 Rxe5 51.Ra3 Ke6 52.Rb3 Re1 53.Ra3 Rg1
54.Re3+ Kf6 55.g4 Rh1 56.Kd5 Rxh4 57.Kxd6 h5
58.gxh5 Rxh5 59.Rd3 Rf5 60.Ra3 Kg5 61.Ke7 Kh4
62.Kf8 Kg3 63.Kg7 Rxf3 64.Ra5 Kg4 65.Kh6 Rf5
66.Ra4+ Kf3 67.Rb4 Rf4 68.Rb3+ Kg4 69.Kg7 f5 0-1**

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IM Pedzich wins 2002 Normal, IL May Open;

National Master Szpisjak, Condron and Ramamoorthy tie for 2nd;

Grandmaster Joel Benjamin pays a short visit to the tournament.

By Dennis Bourgerie

International Master Dominik Pedzich (2343) from the Chicago area, defeated Sean Comerford (1360), Phil Jarrette (1801), Pete Karagianis (1869) and David Long (1830) to take undisputed first place with a 4-0 score.

Steve Szpisjak (2208) from the Chicago area, Jim Condron (1900) of Lisle, IL and Shankar Ramamoorthy (1530) from Bloomington, IL all scored 3.5-0.5 to tie for 2nd place.

Szpisjak defeated Dennis Bourgerie (1754), Suresh Kanniah (1729), drew with Jim Condron (1900) and won against Surya Kopula (1680) in the final round.

Condron defeated Jordan Jelinek (1127), Joe Ochiltree (1458), drew with Steve Szpisjak (2208) and won against Kevin French (1902) in round 4.

Ramamoorthy won against Mark Nibbelin (919), Pete Stein (2135), drew with Kevin French (1902) and won against Phil Jarrette (1801) in round 4.

The trophy winners were as follows:

1st Place: Dominik Pedzich;

Class A: Jim Condron;

Class B: Suresh Kanniah of Bloomington, IL, 3.0-1.0;

Class C: Shankar Ramamoorthy;

Class D: Earl Kennell of Roanoke, IL, 2.0-2.0;

Class E: Jerry Bennett of Decatur, IL, 2.0-2.0;

Under 1000: Josh Kim of Northbrook, IL, 2.0-2.0

Unrated: Aaron Hanson of Rantoul, IL, 1.0-3.0.

We had a pleasant surprise when Grandmaster Joel Benjamin stopped in for about an hour and visited with some of the players. Joel had been attending a conference on computers and writing at Illinois State University in Normal, IL.

I directed the 38 player, 4 round G/80 tournament held at the Fairfield Inn in Normal, Illinois.

Here is a small sample of the games played at the tournament:

IM Pedzich, Dominik (2343) – Jarrette, Phil (1801) [C48]

2002 Normal, Illinois May Open (2), 18.05.2002

White wins a positional game in round 2. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 a6 10.Bxc6**

[10.Ba4? Nxd4 11.Bxd7 Nxc2 12.Qxc2 Nxd7 Black gets to exchange 2 sets of minor pieces and wins a pawn.] **10...Bxc6 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bf4 Nd7 13.Qd3 Ne5 14.Bxe5** Isolating the Black pawns on c6 and c7. **14...dxe5** Diagram

15.Qc4 Qd6 16.Rad1 Qc5 17.Qxc5 Bxc5 The weak pawns on a6, c7 and c6 will prove to be too much of a liability for Black. **18.Rd3 Rab8 19.Na4 Be7 20.b3 Rbd8 21.Red1 Rd6 22.Kf1 [22.Rxd6? Makes the Black pawns healthy. 22...cxd6] 22...f5 23.Nc5 Rxd3 24.Nxd3 fxe4 25.Nxe5 e3 26.f3 c5 27.Ke2 Bd6 28.Nc4 Bf4 29.Rd5 g6 30.Rxc5 Rf5 31.Rxf5 gxf5 32.Nxe3** **And Black resigned at this point.**

32...Kf7 [or 32...Bxe3 33.Kxe3 and White has a potential passed pawn on both flanks.] **33.Nxf5** And White would have been ahead by 3 pawns. **1-0**

Ramamoorthy, Shankar (1530 – Stein, Pete (2135) [B33]

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Notes submitted by Pete Stein.

I've had some poor games in my illustrious career spanning nearly 30 years. This one is a heartbreaker because of all the crushers I missed; the very thing I aim for via my choice of openings. My oversights in no way detract from my opponent's enterprising play. As a 1530 many

good things are in store for him as a class player.
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 f5 11.Bd3 Be6 12.c4?! Rarely seen in top level play. [12.c3] **12...Qa5+!** **13.Qd2?** Kf1 seems to be the preferred choice according to GM Krasenkov, after which black has an easier time equalizing than in the more common main lines. **13...Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Bh6+ 15.Kd1 Bxd5?!**
 Diagram

[15...bxc4 16.Nxc4 0-0± "leads to a good endgame for black because the white King is completely misplaced" - Krasenkov] **16.exd5 Nd4 17.cxb5 e4 18.Bc4 Rg8 19.g3 Rb8 20.bxa6 Rxb2 21.Rb1 Rd2+ 22.Ke1 Nf3+ 23.Kf1 Ke7 24.Rb7+?!** After white's decision to play 13. Qd2 both sides played the best moves until now. Much better was 24.a7. The text leaves the bank rank weak and only helps to centralize the black King. **24...Kf6 25.a7??** [25.Kg2™] **25...e3??** [25...Rd1+ 26.Kg2 Nh4+ 27.Kh3 Rxh1-+ 28.Be2 (28.gxh4 Bf4; 28.Rb1 Rxb1 29.Nxb1 Nf3-+; 28.Rb8 Nf3 29.Kg2 Rg1+ 30.Kh3 Rg5-+)] 28...Ng6 29.Kg2 Rcl 30.h4 Ra8-+] **26.Be2 Nd4** [26...Rc8 27.Nc4 Rxa2 28.Rxf7+!!±] **27.fxe3 Bxe3** The game should now conclude peacefully after either Nc4 or Rb8 as black has nothing better than a perpetual check starting with Rxe2. **28.Rb8 Rxe2 29.a8Q?? Rf2+ 30.Ke1 Rxa2?!** Diagram

though still winning black now has to work much harder to win.[30...Rg4!! This is the crusher I overlooked. The Rook enters the game decisively as it threatens mate in 2 starting with Nf3+. White can't cover the d4 square. 31.Rb4 Nf3+ 32.Kd1 Rxb4 33.Qh8+ Ke7 34.Qc3 Rd4+ 35.Qxd4 Nxd4-+] **31.Kf1?** The remainder of the game is marred by time pressure as black had under a minute. [31.Qa6 Nf3+ 32.Kd1 Rd2+ 33.Kc1 Rxd5+ 34.Kc2 Rd2+ 35.Kc3 Bd4+ 36.Kb4 (36.Kc4 Ne5+ 37.Kb4 Rxb8+ 38.Ka4 Bc5 39.Rb1 Rxb1 40.Nxb1 Ra2+--+)] 36...Rxb8+ 37.Ka4 Bc5 38.Rc1 Rb4+ 39.Ka5 Ra2 40.Rc3 Ne5 41.Rxc5 Rxa3+ 42.Kxb4 Rxa6-+] **31...Rf2+?** [31...Rxb8 32.Qxb8 Nf3!!-+ 33.Qd8+ Kg7] **32.Ke1 Ra2 33.Kf1 Rf2+ 34.Ke1 Ra2 35.Nc2 Rxa8?** [35...Rxc2-+] **36.Rxa8 Nxc2+ 37.Kd1 Rc8** The final time pressure calamity. 1-0

Condron,Jim (1900) – French,Kevin (1902) [B74]

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.Nb3 Be6 10.f4 Na5 11.Kh1 [According to "book", White usually continues 11.f5 at this point. 11...Bc4 12.Bd3] **11...Nc4 12.Bc1 Rc8 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.Bf3 Qc7 15.Re1 e5 16.Nde2 b5 17.a3 a6 18.h3 Bc6 19.b3 Nb6 20.Bb2 Rfd8** Queens do not like to face rooks on the same file. **21.Qc1 Qb7 22.Qe3 exf4 23.Qxf4** Diagram

The knight is immune, this move brings the rook into the game. **11...Qf6**

[11...Bd7 holds the fort, breaking or neutralizing all three pins/potential pins (both Black knights & the a6 pawn), but I still like White after 12.Nd6+ Bxd6 13.Bxd6] **12.Bg5 Qg6 13.Nc7+ Kd7** [13...Nxc7 14.Rd8 mate] **14.Nxd5** Black resigns. **1-0**

Soeyonggo, Tony (919) - Kennell, Earl (1217)
[A10]

2002 Normal, IL May Open (2), 18.05.2002

1.c4 d5 2.cxd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 e6 6.e3 Bb4 7.a3 Ba5 8.b4 Bb6 9.h3 Bd7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.e4 Bc6 12.e5 [Threatening to drive away the knight on f6 which is an excellent protector of the Black kingside. In order to stop the "Greek Gift or Bd3xh7" combination, Black would have to play.... 12...Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Bxd4 14.Bd2 Bxe5] **12...Nd5** Now the main protector of the Black kingside has gone away and White has the opportunity for the "Greek Gift" or Bxh7+ combination. You will rarely see this type of position in grandmaster games because they are so familiar with the combination that they do not allow the position to occur.

23...Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Bxb2 25.N2g3 Be5 [25...Bxa1 Winning the exchange would be risky because protecting the Black king would be difficult. 26.Rxa1 f5 27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.Bxc6 Qxc6 29.Nfh5+ Kg8 30.Nxf5 gxf5 31.Qg5+ Kf7 32.Qg7+ Ke6 33.Nf4#] **26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.Qxf6 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Re8 29.Nh5 Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 gxf5** What else can Black do?
31.Rg1+ Kf8 32.Qxd6+ Qe7 [32...Ke8 33.Rg8#] **33.Rg8+ Kxg8 34.Qxe7** Black resigns. **1-0**

Long, David (1830) - Naff, Bill (2000) [B22]

2002 Normal, IL May Open (3), 18.05.2002

Notes submitted by David Long.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Na3 cxd4 7.Nb5 Qd8 8.Bf4 Nd5 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qa4 a6 11.0-0-0 Diagram

[13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 (13...Kh8 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Bc2 and White has won a pawn.) 14.Ng5+ Kg8 (14...Kg6 15.h4 Nxc3 16.Qd3+ f5 17.h5+ Kh6 18.Nxe6+ Kh7 19.Nxd8 and White has won enough material to justify his attack.; 14...Kh6 Black loses so much material, that White's attack

is justified. 15.Nxf7+ Kh7 16.Nxd8; 14...Kh8
 Black gets checkmated here. 15.Qh5+ Kg8
 16.Qh7#) 15.Qh5 Diagram of a variation.

Fambro,Paul (1445) - Hanson,Aaron (unrated)
[C50] 2002 Normal, IL May Open (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bc5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d3 d6
 This position or tabiya is a frequent visitor to
 scholastic tournaments. 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bg5 This pin
 frequently causes trouble for the player of the
 Black pieces and so it does here. 7...h6 (7...Be6)
 8.Bh4 Bd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.Nd5 Qd7 **Diagram**

15...Re8 After this Black is checkmated.

Now Black must give up his queen for the knight
 on g5 in order to prevent checkmate!
 (15...Qxg5 16.Bxg5 Nxc3 17.Bf6 Ne4 18.Qg4 g6
 19.Qh4 Nxf6 20.exf6 Nd7

21.0-0)

16.Qxf7+ Kh8 17.Qh5+ Kg8 18.Qh7+ Kf8
 19.Qh8+ Ke7 20.Qxg7#]

13 Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Rg1 a5 15.Bd2
 15...Bxd4 16.Rb1 Bxe5 17.bxa5 Qxd3 18.Nxe5
 Qe4+ 19.Qe2 Qxb1+ 20.Qd1 Qxd1+ 21.Kxd1
 Ba4+ 22.Ke2 Nc6 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.f4 Rfd8
 25.g4 Rd4 26.Ke3 Rad8 27.Rd1 Ra4 28.Ra1
 Re4+ 29.Kf2 Rxd2+ 30.Kg3 Rd3+ 31.Kh4 Rxf4
 32.Rg1 f6 33.Kh5 The scoresheet ends here;
 33...Rxh3# would be checkmate. 0-1

Now White wins a piece.11.Bxf6

(11...gxf6 12. Nxf6+ winning the Black
 queen.)

11..b6 12.Qh5 Kh7 13.f4 Qg4 14.Qxg4 Bxg4
 15.Bh4 f5 16.Nxc7 Rac8 17.Nb5 Nb4 18.Nxd6
 Nxc2 19.Rac1 Ne3 20.Nxc8 Nxf1 21.Be6 Ne3
 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5+ Nxf5 24.Bg3 White has
 maintained his extra piece. 24...Nxc3 25.hxc3 Rf7
 26.Nd6 Rf6 27.Nb5 Rg6 28.Kf2 Rf6 29.Nxd4 g5
 30.Rc7+ Kg6 31.f5+ Kh5 32.Kf3 a5 33.Rc1 g4+
 34.Kf4 Black resigned. The finish would be...
 34...b5 35.Rh1# 1-0

CROSS-TABLE FROM THE 2002 NORMAL, IL MAY OPEN

| No. | Name | USCF | Pts | Rnd1 | Rnd2 | Rnd3 | Rnd4 | Rnd5 |
|-----|---------------------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1 | PEDZICH, DOMINIK | 2343 | 4.0 | W22 | W15 | W9 | W5 | -U- |
| 2 | CONDRON, JAMES K. | 1900 | 3.5 | W21 | W7 | D3 | W8 | -U- |
| 3 | SZPISJAK, STEVEN | 2208 | 3.5 | W38 | W6 | D2 | W10 | -U- |
| 4 | RAMAMOORTHY, SH | 1530 | 3.5 | W25 | W34 | D8 | W15 | -U- |
| 5 | LONG, DAVID | 1830 | 3.0 | W26 | W18 | W13 | L1 | -U- |
| 6 | KANNIAH, SURESH | 1729 | 3.0 | W17 | L3 | W20 | W18 | -U- |
| 7 | OCHILTREE, JOSEPH | 1458 | 3.0 | W27 | L2 | W28 | W17 | -U- |
| 8 | FRENCH, KEVIN | 1902 | 2.5 | W29 | W11 | D4 | L2 | -U- |
| 9 | KARAGIANIS, PETE | 1869 | 2.5 | W37 | W16 | L1 | D11 | -U- |
| 10 | KOPULA, SURYA | 1680 | 2.5 | -H- | W24 | W12 | L3 | -U- |
| 11 | MOSES, GREG | 1450 | 2.5 | W33 | L8 | W16 | D9 | -U- |
| 12 | ZIMMERLE, WAYNE | 1534 | 2.5 | -H- | W14 | L10 | W19 | -U- |
| 13 | NAFF, WILLIAM | 2000 | 2.5 | W19 | W23 | L5 | -H- | -U- |
| 14 | GRILLIOT, CHARLES | 1501 | 2.5 | -H- | L12 | W32 | W24 | -U- |
| 15 | JARRETTE, PHIL | 1801 | 2.0 | W32 | L1 | W29 | L4 | -U- |
| 16 | KIM, JOSH | 910 | 2.0 | W20 | L9 | L11 | W29 | -U- |
| 17 | BENNETT, JERRY L. | 1059 | 2.0 | L6 | W36 | W23 | L7 | -U- |
| 18 | FAMBRO, PAUL | 1445 | 2.0 | W30 | L5 | W27 | L6 | -U- |
| 19 | KENNEL, EARL | 1217 | 2.0 | L13 | W31 | W33 | L12 | -U- |
| 20 | LIM, FRED | 1019 | 2.0 | L16 | W25 | L6 | W30 | -U- |
| 21 | JELINEK, JORDAN R. | 1127 | 2.0 | L2 | L27 | W31 | W28 | -U- |
| 22 | COMERFORD, SEAN | 1360 | 2.0 | L1 | L28 | W37 | W27 | -U- |
| 23 | SCHMIDT, SCOTT | 1659 | 1.5 | W28 | L13 | L17 | D25 | -U- |
| 24 | SUAREZ, RON | 1526 | 1.5 | -H- | L10 | W30 | L14 | -U- |
| 25 | NIBBELIN, MARK | 919 | 1.5 | L4 | L29 | -B- | D23 | L20 |
| 26 | FLYNN, RUSSELL F. | 1073 | 1.5 | L5 | L30 | W36 | -H- | -U- |
| 27 | WAKEMAN, STEVE | 899 | 1.0 | L7 | W21 | L18 | L22 | -U- |
| 28 | CREELY, TOM | 987 | 1.0 | L23 | W22 | L7 | L21 | -U- |
| 29 | SMITH, JEFF | 1130 | 1.0 | L8 | W25 | L15 | L16 | -U- |
| 30 | HANSON, AARON | UNR. | 1.0 | L18 | W26 | L24 | L20 | -U- |
| 31 | SOEYONGGO, TONY | 919 | 1.0 | L35 | L19 | L21 | W37 | -U- |
| 32 | SCHMIDT, ERIC | 1071 | 1.0 | L15 | -H- | L14 | D36 | -U- |
| 33 | JONES, NATHAN | 850 | 1.0 | L11 | W37 | L19 | -U- | -U- |
| 34 | STEIN, PETER | 2135 | 1.0 | W36 | L4 | -U- | -U- | -U- |
| 35 | SCHMIDT, FRED | 774 | 1.0 | W31 | -U- | -U- | -U- | -U- |
| 36 | SHANKAR, KRISHNA | 1265 | 0.5 | L34 | L17 | L26 | D32 | -U- |
| 37 | JELINEK, STEPHEN R. | 1121 | 0.0 | L9 | L33 | L22 | L31 | -U- |
| 38 | BOURGERIE, DENNIS | 1754 | 0.0 | L3 | -U- | -U- | -U- | -U- |

The State Farm Employee Chess Club News

By Colley Kitson

State Farm Employees Association (SFEA) Chess Club approved the Bylaws that follow in this article. Our club has existed for about five years without bylaws. In order to receive continued support from State Farm Employees Activities we were required to write our Bylaws.

I must admit I was not crazy about the prospect of trying to write our bylaws. I couldn't even tell you what they were before this. I must admit that now I would say it was very much worth the effort.

Article I. Name and Legal Status. The name of the organization is SFEA Chess Club. The SFEA Chess Club shall be an unincorporated association of its members.

Article II. Purpose. The SFEA Chess Club is dedicated to promoting the game of chess and chess play through the sponsorship of tournaments, exhibitions, lectures, and other related activities.

Article III. Membership and Voting.

Section 1. All SFEA members are eligible to join the SFEA Chess Club.

Section 2. The members of the SFEA Chess Club shall elect the Club's officers and directors annually at its regularly scheduled annual meeting.

Section 3. Any member may terminate his or her membership at any time.

Article IV. Program Year and Annual Meeting.

Section 1. The program year for the SFEA Chess Club shall run from January 1 to December 31.

Section 2. The annual meeting of the SFEA Chess Club shall be held on the third Tuesday in January of each year.

Section 3. The annual meeting of the SFEA Chess Club shall take place at a location reasonably accessible to the members as determined by the SFEA Chess Club's board of directors.

Section 4. Notice of the SFEA Chess Club's annual meeting and meeting location shall be sent to the Club members at least 7 days prior to the meeting via Email or other reasonable means.

Section 5. A quorum for the annual meeting shall consist of a majority of the Club's members present and voting.

Article V. Board of Directors and Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the SFEA Chess Club shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer.

Section 2. The board of directors of the SFEA Chess Club shall consist of the Club officers and two directors at large.

Section 3. The officers and directors shall be elected for annual terms of office at the SFEA Chess Club's annual meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies in the Club's board of directors occurring during a program year shall be filled through a vote of the Club's members at a duly noticed extraordinary meeting of the Club (as set out in Article VI, Section 7) or through a majority vote of the remaining directors. For a vote of the directors to take effect at least 3 directors must concur in the proposed choice or choices.

Section 5. Any officer or director of the SFEA Chess Club's board of directors may be removed from office by a vote of five or more directors or upon the written demand of two thirds or more of the Club's members.

Section 6. The officers and directors of the SFEA Chess Club shall disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest to the board of directors and shall refrain from taking any action where the remaining directors of the board deem that the directors or officers presenting a conflict of interest should be disqualified from taking action. Any identified conflict of interest shall be appropriately memorialized.

Article VI. Administration.

Section 1. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors shall be authorized to take any action deemed appropriate consistent with these bylaws.

Section 2. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors may affiliate the Club with the United States Chess Federation or other chess organizations.

Section 3. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors may meet as frequently or infrequently as the board wishes. A simple majority of the directors present and voting at duly noticed board meetings shall be sufficient to bind the board. The board shall provide notice of its meetings and planned agendas to the Club's members as it deems appropriate. The board's meetings shall be open to the Club's members.

Section 4. The President or his or her designee shall give an account of the Club's activities at the Club's annual meeting.

Section 5. The Treasurer or his or her designee shall give an account of the Club's finances at the Club's annual meeting. The Club's financial affairs and other records (including membership rosters) shall be open to inspection by any member upon reasonable notice.

Section 6. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors shall plan the Club's program year and endeavor (but not be required) to carry out two or more of the following activities during the program year: tournaments, exhibition matches, and tutorials.

Section 7. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors shall call extraordinary meetings of the members for any input or action that may be desired. A quorum for these extraordinary meetings shall be at least two fifths of the members. Notice to the Club members of any extraordinary meeting and its planned location shall be given at least 7 days in advance of the meeting via Email or other reasonable means. The meeting shall be held at a location reasonably accessible to the Club's members.

Section 8. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors shall assign one of the directors to act as a liaison with the State Farm Employees Association.

Section 9. The SFEA Chess Club is encouraged (but not required) to engage in joint activities with other organizations interested in the game of chess or in playing chess.

Section 10. The board of directors of the SFEA Chess Club shall set the membership dues for each program year. On a uniform basis applicable to all of the Club's members, the membership dues may be waived or adjusted during a program year as the board deems appropriate.

Section 11. The board of directors of the SFEA Chess Club shall be authorized to set reasonable fees for tournaments, special exhibitions, and other activities for those interested in participating. Members and non-members desiring to participate in these activities may be required to pay these added fees as a condition for their participation.

Section 12. Any dues and fees paid to the SFEA Chess Club shall be non-refundable unless the Club's board of directors directs otherwise.

Section 13. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors shall be authorized to grant or issue prizes. The SFEA Chess Club and its members shall not engage in or tolerate any lotteries or wagering in their Club activities.

Section 14. As a matter of fiscal policy, the SFEA Chess Club's board of directors is encouraged to spend the anticipated revenues earned during each program year on activities carried out that year.

Section 15. The SFEA Chess Club's board of directors is authorized to purchase and maintain equipment suited to its activities. The board shall designate a custodian or custodians from among the directors or members for any Club property. An inventory of the Club's property and its estimated value shall be distributed to the members at the Club's annual meeting.

Article VII. Amendments and Dissolution.

Section 1. The SFEA Chess Club bylaws may be amended by a vote of three fourths of the members present and voting at one of its annual meetings or at an extraordinary meeting that the board may set for the Club members as indicated in Article VI, Section 7. Notice of any proposed amendment to the Club's bylaws shall be furnished to the members at least 30 days in advance of the meeting.

Section 2. The SFEA Chess Club shall continue in existence indefinitely.

Section 3. The SFEA Chess Club may disband upon the vote of three fourths of its members.

Section 4. If the SFEA Chess Club were to disband, then its tangible property shall be liquidated on reasonable terms. Any funds left over in the Club's treasury shall be paid over to the State Farm Employees Association for support of its activities. Jrg 8/18/02

Editors Note

We learned from our friends in Wisconsin that long-time chess player and organizer Cedric Thompson passed away On Monday, August 12, 2002 Our Sympathies to the Family and Friends.

ICA Members

November 9th. 2002 Normal, Illinois November Mini-Tour.

4-SS, game/80. Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal 61761. EF \$17, students \$13, free to players rated 2100+. \$160-90, u2000 \$90, u1600 \$90, u1200 \$90.

ALL CASH PRIZES ARE UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED.

Trophies to 1st,A,B,C,D,E,u1000,unr.

Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-3-6.

Bye 1-4, maximum of 1 bye; final round bye must be committed to before the start of round 2.

If entries are 33 or greater accelerated pairings will be used.

An ICA Tour and Ex-Urban Tour mini-event.

ICA membership required. \$18, \$10 juniors, other state memberships accepted.

Send entries to: Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842, Schoolstreeter@msn.com



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Hernandez, Cao Split First Place

Thirty chess players attended the tournament on June 8. First place in the tournament was shared by Hector Hernandez, of Chicago, and Shimin Cao, of Chesterfield, Mo., each of whom scored 3.5 points. Taking the A-B prize was Richard Kujoth, of Jacksonville, with 3 points.

The C-D prize was split three ways, by John Dueker, of Lockport; Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, of Springfield; and Michael Chu, hometown unknown. They each scored 3 points. Andrew Barfield, of Mt. Sterling, took the E prize with 2.5 points. Finally, in his first tournament, Brian Creasey, of Springfield, scored 2 points and took home the unrated prize.

Complete results from the tournament are on page 4.

Membership, Attendance Up

Membership has increased to 35, with the addition of two new members, Spencer Harris and James Ruth, both of Springfield. We have also got a few (very) late renewals. Average attendance at club meetings is also up slightly, after several months of decline. Keep it up!

Minor Event News

Lectures Removed From Schedule

It was decided at the special meeting of June 12 that, because of lack of interest, the lecture series would be removed from the organized minor event schedule. The lecture series is not being entirely canceled; it will still be available if anyone has a lecture to give. See Leptoman to schedule a lecture, if possible for the last Wednesday of any month.

Also at the meeting, the plan to hold a summer non-chess event of some sort, such as a club barbecue, failed.

Current Minor Event Schedule

All minor events will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

| Date | Event | Entry Fee |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| September 11 | Blitz Tournament, Part 7 | \$1 |
| September 18 | Alekhine-Chatard Gambit Thematic | \$2 |

Results - Blitz Tournaments

May 15

| Pl# | Name | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | Month | Year |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|-------|------|
| 1 | Tom Knoedler | x W W L W W | 4.0 | 8.0 |
| 2 | Ed Boyd | L x L L L L | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 3 | Jonathan Hoffsuemmer | L W x L L W | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| 4 | David Long | W W W x W W | 5.0 | 11.0 |
| 5 | David Braunfeld | L W W L x L | 2.0 | 4.0 |
| 6 | Brian Creasey | L W L L W x | 2.0 | 3.0 |

June 12

| Pl# | Name | 1 2 3 4 5 6 | Month | Year |
|-----|----------------------|-------------|-------|------|
| 1 | David Braunfeld | x L L L L L | 0.0 | 4.0 |
| 2 | David Long | W x W W W D | 4.5 | 15.5 |
| 3 | Garald Bumgardner | W L x L W W | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| 4 | Jonathan Hoffsuemmer | W L W x W W | 4.0 | 6.0 |
| 5 | Brian Creasey | W L L L x L | 1.0 | 4.0 |
| 6 | Tom Knoedler | W D L L W x | 2.5 | 10.5 |

Cumulative Standings

| | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------|---|-----------------|----------|------|
| 1 | David Long | 15.5 (17) | 91.2 | 5 | Brian Creasey | 4.0 (15) | 26.7 |
| 2 | Tom Knoedler | 10.5 (17) | 61.8 | 6 | David Braunfeld | 4.0 (17) | 23.5 |
| 3 | Garald Bumgardner | 8.0 (10) | 80.0 | 7 | Michael Shores | 0 (5) | 0.0 |
| 4 | Jonathan Hoffsuemmer | 6.0 (10) | 60.0 | 8 | Ed Boyd | 0 (5) | 0.0 |

Results - Thematic Tournaments

May 22 - Monkey Butt

| Pl# | Name | 1 2 3 4 5 | Total |
|-----|----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | David Braunfeld | x L L L L | 0.0 |
| 2 | Brian Creasey | W x L L D | 1.5 |
| 3 | David Long | W W x W L | 3.0 |
| 4 | Tom Knoedler | W W L x L | 2.0 |
| 5 | Jonathan Hoffsuemmer | W D W W x | 3.5 |

Victories
 by Color:
 White - 5
 Black - 4
 Draws - 1

June 19 - Blackmar Gambit

| Pl# | Name | 1 2 3 4 5 | Total |
|-----|----------------------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | James Ruth | x W L L L | 1.0 |
| 2 | David Braunfeld | L x L W L | 1.0 |
| 3 | David Long | W W x L L | 2.0 |
| 4 | Garald Bumgardner | W L W x D | 2.5 |
| 5 | Jonathan Hoffsuemmer | W W W D x | 3.5 |

Victories
 by Color:
 White - 3
 Black - 6
 Draws - 1

Ladder Standings - July 11, 2002

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Jonathan Hoffsuemmer | 8. James Ruth |
| 2. Garald Bumgardner | 9. David Braunfeld |
| 3. David Long | 10. Michael Shores |
| 4. Tom Knoedler | 11. Brian Altman |
| 5. David Mote | 12. Kevin Walton |
| 6. Ed Boyd | 13. Philip Borders |
| 7. Brian Creasey | |

Out Of Town

Springfieldians David Long, Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, and James Ruth went to the Peoria tournament on June 29, where David scored 3.5 points, Jonathan scored 2 points, and James scored 1 point.

Absurdity, Part 6 : Newtonian Chess

In Newtonian chess, when any piece (except a knight) moves and stops where the *next square* on the line in which it was moving (even if the piece cannot legally go there) is occupied, it transfers its momentum to the piece on said square, which then moves in the same direction until it hits an obstruction (another piece), when it stops on the last vacant square before the obstruction. Examples: Playing a pawn from e2 to e4 knocks backward anything on e5; if the pawn later takes on d5, whatever is on c6 will start moving northwest. Normally the edge of the board will also stop a moving piece, but when the Columbus Rule is in effect, such a piece just falls off the edge of the world.

Complete Results - June 8, 2002

1st-2nd place: Hector Hernandez, Shimin Cao 1st A & B: Richard Kujoth
1st C & D: John Dueker, Jonathan Hoffsuemmer, Michael Chu
1st E & under: Andrew Barfield 1st unrated: Brian Creasey

Games

This game put Jonathan Hoffsuemmer onto the top rung of the SCC ladder. He is black against Garald Bumgardner. **1. P-Q4 N-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-K4 3. P-Q5** The Budapest Gambit Declined. **...B-N5ch 4. B-Q2 BxBch** Normally, Black plays **...Q-K2**, with the idea of **5. BxB QxBch 6. Q-Q2 QxQch 7. NxQ** with equality. **5. NxB P-Q3 6. P-K4 P-B4 7. B-K2 Q-N3 8. Q-B2 P-QR4!? 9. KN-B3 N-R3 10. P-QR3 B-N5 11. 0-0 P-KR3** Both sides appear to be waiting for the other side to do something. The computer gives White a slim edge here. **12. QR-K1 BxN 13. BxB P-N4?!** Black ought to get castled, one way or the other. White has the chance to disrupt the Black king with **Q-R4ch**, but decides not to do so. Black, meanwhile, is setting up a kingside attack. **14. P-KN3 P-R4 15. B-N2 P-R5 16. P-B3 PxP 17. PxP 0-0-0** White's chance for a significant advantage has evaporated. **18. R-K3 R-R3 19. R-N3 Q-B2 20. P-B4?!** Computer prefers to attack the queenside rather than move pawns. **...NPxP 21. PxP N-Q2** (Perhaps **...R-N1**) **22. PxP NxP 23. N-B3 P-B3 24. NxN BPxN** White should now bring his pieces over to defend the king. He starts to do so. **25. R-KN3 QR-R1 26. R-B5 Q-R2 27. Q-K2** Even now, white should be ok if he plays good "D". **...R-R8ch 28. BxR??** The king had to try to escape with **K-B2**. After **...Q-R7** it gets away with **K-B3**. The text hangs the queen after **...QxBch 29. K-B2 R-R7ch 30. Resigns.**

A game from the tournament. James Ruth has white against David Braunfeld. **1. P-K4 P-QB3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. P-K5 B-B4 4. P-KR3 P-K3 5. N-KB3 N-Q2 6. P-KN4 B-K5 7. B-N2 P-QB4 8. P-B3 Q-N3 9. QN-Q2 PxP 10. PxP B-N5 11. 0-0 BxN/Q7 12. NxB? BxB 13. KxB QxQP** Munch a yummy

pawn. **14. P-B4 N-K2 15. Q-K2 0-0 16. N-B3 Q-K5?!** Not a good idea. After the queen trade, the pawn, now on K5, will be difficult to defend. However, White declined to trade, playing **17. Q-B2 Q-QB5 18. B-K3 N-QN3 19. P-QN3 Q-N4 20. N-R4 QR-B1 21. P-B5 Q-B3 22. K-N1 PxP 23. PxP N-Q2 24. B-Q4 P-B3 25. P-K6** A protected passed pawn, however it is too little too late. **...N-K4 26. Q-N3 Q-B2 27. QR-K1 N/4-B3 28. Q-N4? NxB** White can still put up some resistance after 29. **QxN Q-N6ch**, but not after **29. R-K3?? Q-N3 30. K-R1 N/2-B4 31. NxN NxN 32. RxN** Throws away more material. Retreating the attacked rook is best, although **32. QxN?! QxR 33. QxQP**, hoping for a blunder, might be worth trying by this point **...QxR 33. R-B3 Q-K5 34. Q-N2 R-B8ch 35. Resigns.**

This game, which should demonstrate "The early bird may get the worm, but the early queen gets the bird," is included for entertainment. The perpetrators shall remain anonymous. Count the moves made by the black queen. **1. P-K4 P-Q4 2. PxP QxP 3. N-QB3 Q-Q1 4. P-Q4 Q-Q2 5. N-B3 Q-K3ch 6. B-K2 Q-N5 7. 0-0 Q-N3 8. B-KB4 P-QB3 9. N-K5 Q-B3 10. Q-Q2 Q-B4 11. B-Q3 Q-K3** Its second trip to this square. **12. KR-K1 P-QB4 13. P-Q5 Q-QN3 14. P-QN3 Q-Q1** Its *third* trip to this square! **15. N-N5 P-B3 16. N-B4** It is now Black's 16th move, and he moves a piece other than his queen **...B-Q2??** - allowing mate in one. **17. N/5-Q6, mate.** Black's queen made 11 out of 16 moves, only to end up on her home square.

There's hope for us all. Less than two years after this shambles, the player of the Black pieces shared a state title.

KUJOTH WINS SPRINGFIELD SUMMER SAUNA CHESS TOURNAMENT

by Dennis Bourgerie

Richard Kujoth (1900), the elder statesman of Springfield area chess, won the 2002 Springfield Summer Sauna tournament with a score of 4-0, defeating Vernon Smith (1631), Kyle Miles (1764), Kevin French (1836) and Leonid Bondar (2016).

Some of the other top finishers were:

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| Leonid Bondar (2016) | 3.0 |
| Richard Martin (1971) | 3.0 |
| Dennis Bourgerie (1749) | 3.0 |
| Tony Cao (1426) | 3.0 |
| Kevin Guo (1373) | 3.0 |
| Clark Guo (1776) | 2.5 |
| Mikhail Lyeson (1637) | 2.5 |
| James Hodge (1455) | 2.5 |
| Jerry Bennett (1267) | 2.5 |
| Phil Jarrette (1811) | 2.0 |
| Kyle Miles (1764) | 2.0 |
| Vernon Smith (1631) | 2.0 |
| David Bononi (1433) | 2.0 |
| Andrew Barfield (1268) | 2.0 |
| Dan Tuttle (1226) | 2.0 |
| Artur Skachkov (1126) | 2.0 |

The 4 round, Game in 80 minutes tournament was co-directed by David Long and Tom Knoedler at the Signature Inn in Springfield, IL on Saturday, August 24th, 2002. 28 players participated.

Meetings

The SCC meets Wednesday nights, 6 to 10 p.m., at the American Legion Post 32, between 5th and 6th Streets, half a block south of Capitol Ave., downtown. On the first Wednesday of every month, and once in a while other Wednesdays, we meet in a room upstairs instead of our usual room on the west side of the building.

On the second Friday of each month, we meet from 6 to 10 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, near the corner of Route 4 and Wabash Ave.

St. Charles Chess Club News

By Dan Pradt

June 13 Our second theme night was the Ruy: 1.e4,e4; 2.Nf3,Nc6; 3.Bb5...That opening for which "No defense seems quite good enough, no attacking method seems quite the best."(Napier).A good opening for those who just want to play chess-but Black can get into trouble without some preparation. Perhaps because of this, White prevailed 13-8.

July 11 GM Alex Wojkiewicz gave a simul. Although 20 people showed up, only 13 decided to play teh GM. This small but fiesty crowd scored two wins. Jeff Wiewel refuted Wojo's exchange sacrifice for a nice win, and Tim Ailes hung in the exchange down until the GM surprisingly hung a rook. Tyler Belding had a won endgame, which unfortunately did not win itself. Belding missed the win and then the draw,and was the last man to finish. Wojkiewicz quite courteously did not ask for blitz replies or clocks near the end.

July18 We held our game 15 Championship. New member James Fagan showed up to sample our strength. Fagan, whose quick rating(2114) is higher than his regular rating, breezed to a 5-0 score, winning all his games quickly and decisively. The last two rounds were wins over Jason Duncan(1833) and Ray Satterlee(1833). Duncan, Ralph Mc Graw(1661), and Tyler Belding(1377) came in at 4-1.

August 8 GM and U.S. champion Larry Christensen gave a simul. The affable GM started out with a short, humorous lecture on the pitfalls of internet chess, asuring us among other info that NO, Bobby Fischer is not playing internet chess-a computer program beat Nigel Short. 19 players contested the GM, who finished with 18 wins and one draw-given to Charles Jennings.Jeff Wiewel and Marcus Stinson were the last to finish. After Jeff finally went down in a tough endgame, Marcus and Larry played some clock chess Marcus recieving time odds. Marcus, who had been the exchange up through much of the game, finally lost defending a bishop of opposite colors endgame.

GOLDIN IS PERFECT AT HEARTLAND SEMI-CLASS

By Tim Just

OPEN SECTION

Formula for a perfect Father's Day weekend: Five rounds plus GM Alexander Goldin equal five points. The GM chooses to essay the 2 day schedule (6/15-6/16) rather than the 3 day schedule (6/14-6/16) to score victories against Jeff Wiewel (2034), Igor Tsyganov (2198), Dominick Pedzich (2362), Aleksanda Stannov (2256), and Angelo Young (2381). Due to a less than an expected turnout of only 116 players, GM Goldin took home \$430 of the first place based on first place prize in the Open section. Unfortunately, GM Goldin did not hand in his score sheets so that we could all share in his victories?!

A massive tie among the remaining place prize winners and the U2200 prize winners at 3.5-1.5 each netted Steve Szpisjak, A. J. Steigman (all the way from Florida!), Igor Tsyganov, Peter Linn, and Andrey Gorlin take home pay of \$164 apiece. Fifth place saw Al Chow and Angelo Young score 3 points and split \$60; while 3 points in the U2200 class gave \$32.50 each to Zhe Quan, Miomir Stevanovic, Jeff Wiewel, and Krishna Sudharsan.

RESERVE SECTION

The U2000 section saw Jacobo Moreno (1871) all alone at the top with four victories (1614 Adam Nelson, 1673 Mark Engelen, 1804 Mike Bacon, and 1843 Arandel Markovic) and one draw (1953 Ashish Vaja). That score of 4.5-.5 was enough to claim the \$430 first place prize.

The 4-1 scoring Dexter Cavitt, Ashish Vaja, and Mike Maloney claimed the second through fourth place money of \$153.33 each. The fifth place prize of \$56 was split among James Egerton, Leon Shernoff, Ely Sollano, and Boyd Reed by scoring 3.5-1.5 each. The U1800 prize of \$230 went to 4 point scoring Danyul Lawrence. After carving up what was left of the U1800 prizes Suresh Kanniah, Vikram Sasi, and Patrick Lacey each received \$86.67 for scoring 3.5 points.

BOOSTER SECTION

Rising star Der-Long Lin (1362) staked his claim on the \$430 first place prize in the U1600 section by posting a faultless score of 5-0 against Justin Zelinski (1001), Brad Goral (1566), Gary Levine (1541), Dan Krepich (1480), and Mike Schmid (1483). Clear 2nd place of \$260 was awarded to Adam Widelka for his 4.5-.5 efforts. William Blackman stood alone in third place with a 4-1 score to bring home \$130. Every other prize winner score no less than 3.5 points. Brad Goral, Mike Schmid, Rick Jaconette, and Yize Leng all tied for 4th place and \$17.50 each. \$98 was the take home pay for the each of the woodpushers involved in the massive U1400 and U1200 tie between Tristan Lang, Kelly Floyd, Krishna Shankar, Pat Jones, and Eric Heiser.

Blair Machaj, Wayne Ckark, and Tim Just directed the event with help from Gary Jensen. Clark and Just also organized the tournament.

Heartland Semi-Class

June 14-16, 2002

OPEN SECTION

| | | | | | | | | score | tour | |
|----|-------------------|----|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1 | GOLDIN Alexander | IL | 2693 | W 11 | W 4 | W 19 | W 13 | W 7 | 5 | 32 M |
| 2 | SZPISJAK Steven J | IL | 2230 | W 24 | D 14 | H | W 22 | D 4 | 3.5 | 7 M |
| 3 | STEIGMAN A J | FL | 2224 | W 23 | W 9 | L 7 | W 14 | D 6 | 3.5 | 7 M |
| 4 | TSYGANOV Igor M | IL | 2198 | W 29 | L 1 | W 20 | W 19 | D 2 | 3.5 | 7 MX |
| 5 | LINN Peter | MI | 2128 | W 28 | L 19 | D 21 | W 16 | W 13 | 3.5 | 7 MX |
| 6 | GORLIN Andrey | IL | 2113 | W 25 | D 13 | W 16 | D 7 | D 3 | 3.5 | 7 MX |
| 7 | YOUNG Angelo | IL | 2381 | H | W 26 | W 3 | D 6 | L 1 | 3 | 6 M |
| 8 | CHOW Albert C | IL | 2254 | W 22 | D 15 | D 14 | D 10 | D 9 | 3 | 6 M |
| 9 | QUAN Zhe | IL | 2145 | D 18 | L 3 | W 27 | W 23 | D 8 | 3 | 6 MX |
| 10 | STEVANOVIC Miomir | IL | 2039 | H | D 21 | W 26 | D 8 | D 14 | 3 | 6 MX |
| 11 | WIEWEL Jeff K | IL | 2034 | L 1 | L 22 | W 25 | W 27 | W 21 | 3 | 6 MX |
| 12 | SUDHARSAN Krishna | MI | 2010 | L 19 | X | L 23 | W 18 | W 20 | 3 | 6 MX |
| 13 | STAMNOV Aleksanda | IL | 2256 | W 20 | D 6 | W 15 | L 1 | L 5 | 2.5 | 5 M |
| 14 | BROCK William | IL | 2085 | B | D 2 | D 8 | L 3 | D 10 | 2.5 | 5 MX |
| 15 | RIDDELL Joshua S | IL | 2071 | W 27 | D 8 | L 13 | D 21 | H | 2.5 | 5 MX |
| 16 | AARON Michael E | IL | 1954 | H | W 17 | L 6 | L 5 | W 23 | 2.5 | 5 MXA |

Heartland Semi-Class

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| 17 | KARAGIANIS Pete D | IA | 1869 | H | L 16 | L 18 | B | W 24 | 2.5 | 5 MXA |
| 18 | NIENART Christopher | IL | 1865 | D 9 | L 24 | W 17 | L 12 | W 27 | 2.5 | 5 MXA |
| 19 | PEDZICH Dominik | IL | 2362 | W 12 | W 5 | L 1 | L 4 | - | 2 | 4 M |
| 20 | ZINYTCH Miron | IL | 2009 | L 13 | W 25 | L 4 | W 26 | L 12 | 2 | 4 MX |
| 21 | LONCAREVIC Robert | IL | 1922 | H | D 10 | D 5 | D 15 | L 11 | 2 | 4 MXA |
| 22 | PORTER John | IL | 1922 | L 8 | W 11 | W 24 | L 2 | - | 2 | 4 MXA |
| 23 | BROWN Christopher | WI | 1906 | L 3 | B | W 12 | L 9 | L 16 | 2 | 4 MXA |
| 24 | BONDAR Leonid | IL | 2037 | L 2 | W 18 | L 22 | H | L 17 | 1.5 | 3 MX |
| 25 | RHONEY Shawn M | IL | 1609 | L 6 | L 20 | L 11 | H | B | 1.5 | 3 MXAB |
| 26 | SCHMIDT Scott | IL | 1655 | X | L 7 | L 10 | L 20 | - | 1 | 2 MXAB |
| 27 | WECKERLY Sean O | WI | 1534 | L 15 | B | L 9 | L 11 | L 18 | 1 | 2 MXABC |
| 28 | VENUSO Michael A | IL | 1623 | L 5 | F | H | - | - | 0.5 | 1 MXAB |
| 29 | LONCAREVIC Robert | IL | 1922 | L 4 | - | - | - | - | 0 | |

RESERVE SECTION

| | | | | | | | | | score | tour |
|----|---------------------|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--------|
| 1 | MORENO Jacobo | IL | 1871 | W 33 | W 23 | W 15 | W 13 | D 3 | 4.5 | 19 A |
| 2 | CAVITT Dexter | IL | 1953 | W 32 | W 30 | L 13 | W 29 | W 8 | 4 | 12 A |
| 3 | VAJA Ashish | WI | 1953 | W 38 | W 29 | D 9 | W 22 | D 1 | 4 | 12 A |
| 4 | MALONEY Michael A | IL | 1920 | W 12 | W 10 | D 22 | D 16 | W 15 | 4 | 12 A |
| 5 | LAWRENCE Danyul | IL | 1754 | W 20 | W 7 | D 21 | D 9 | W 13 | 4 | 12 AB |
| 6 | EGERTON James | IL | 1905 | H | W 48 | L 16 | W 33 | W 23 | 3.5 | 7 A |
| 7 | SHERNOFF Leon | IL | 1905 | X | L 5 | D 39 | W 40 | W 16 | 3.5 | 7 A |
| 8 | SOLLANO E O | IL | 1900 | D 16 | W 46 | W 25 | W 27 | L 2 | 3.5 | 7 A |
| 9 | REED Boyd M | IL | 1850 | W 40 | W 26 | D 3 | D 5 | D 12 | 3.5 | 7 A |
| 10 | KANNIAH Suresh | IL | 1713 | W 43 | L 4 | D 30 | W 39 | W 26 | 3.5 | 7 AB |
| 11 | SASI Vikram S | WI | 1700 | L 26 | W 49 | W 46 | D 21 | W 25 | 3.5 | 7 AB |
| 12 | LACEY Patrick M | IL | 1656 | L 4 | W 36 | W 35 | W 14 | D 9 | 3.5 | 7 AB |
| 13 | MARKOVIC Arandel | IL | 1843 | W 45 | W 19 | W 2 | L 1 | L 5 | 3 | 6 A |
| 14 | JENNINGS Charles | IL | 1832 | W 17 | L 15 | W 19 | L 12 | W 27 | 3 | 6 A |
| 15 | BACON W Michael | GA | 1804 | W 24 | W 14 | L 1 | W 34 | L 4 | 3 | 6 A |
| 16 | HOFFMAN Tim G | IL | 1617 | D 8 | W 31 | W 6 | D 4 | L 7 | 3 | 6 AB |
| 17 | EASTON Richard Dw | IL | 1610 | L 14 | D 18 | D 31 | W 35 | W 34 | 3 | 6 AB |
| 18 | EGERTON Brian J | IL | 1608 | H | D 17 | L 29 | W 44 | W 32 | 3 | 6 AB |
| 19 | GORODETSKIY Steve | IL | 1602 | W 28 | L 13 | L 14 | W 31 | W 29 | 3 | 6 AB |
| 20 | SETHI Rishi | IL | 1601 | L 5 | W 24 | D 42 | H | W 28 | 3 | 6 AB |
| 21 | NAYLOR Samuel | IL | 1919 | D 39 | W 41 | D 5 | D 11 | - | 2.5 | 5 A |
| 22 | COVIC Mehmed | IL | 1829 | B | X | D 4 | L 3 | - | 2.5 | 5 A |
| 23 | ENGELN Mark S | IL | 1673 | W 51 | L 1 | D 26 | W 42 | L 6 | 2.5 | 5 AB |
| 24 | DJORDJEVIC Vladimir | IL | 1608 | L 15 | L 20 | W 45 | H | W 40 | 2.5 | 5 AB |
| 25 | WITEK Gregory A | IL | 1605 | W 47 | D 37 | L 8 | W 30 | L 11 | 2.5 | 5 AB |
| 26 | DUEKER John T | IL | 1447 | W 11 | L 9 | D 23 | W 38 | L 10 | 2.5 | 5 ABC |
| 27 | CHEN Byron H | IL | 1410 | H | W 47 | W 37 | L 8 | L 14 | 2.5 | 5 ABC |
| 28 | GANDHI Rajen C | IL | 1767 | L 19 | D 33 | H | W 46 | L 20 | 2 | 4 AB |
| 29 | BAUMGARTNER Chris | IL | 1765 | W 50 | L 3 | W 18 | L 2 | L 19 | 2 | 4 AB |
| 30 | NAPOLI Steven | IL | 1745 | W 34 | L 2 | D 10 | L 25 | D 33 | 2 | 4 AB |
| 31 | WANG Andrew Patri | IL | 1677 | D 35 | L 16 | D 17 | L 19 | W 42 | 2 | 4 AB |
| 32 | NAPOLI Anthony | IL | 1672 | L 2 | L 34 | W 43 | W 36 | L 18 | 2 | 4 AB |
| 33 | NELSON Adam P | WI | 1614 | L 1 | D 28 | W 41 | L 6 | D 30 | 2 | 4 AB |
| 34 | GORODETSKIY Eugen | IL | 1575 | L 30 | W 32 | W 44 | L 15 | L 17 | 2 | 4 ABC |
| 35 | SETH Nilay | WI | 1376 | D 31 | D 39 | L 12 | L 17 | W 45 | 2 | 4 ABCD |
| 36 | WECKERLY Chris A | WI | 1355 | B | L 12 | L 38 | L 32 | W 46 | 2 | 4 ABCD |
| 37 | HERNANDEZ Hector | IL | 1900 | W 49 | D 25 | L 27 | - | - | 1.5 | 3 A |
| 38 | BACKSTROM Orn U | IL | 1673 | L 3 | D 43 | W 36 | L 26 | - | 1.5 | 3 AB |
| 39 | GUTH Joseph R | IL | 1649 | D 21 | D 35 | D 7 | L 10 | - | 1.5 | 3 AB |
| 40 | STEVENS Joseph M | IL | 1614 | L 9 | B | H | L 7 | L 24 | 1.5 | 3 AB |
| 41 | CYGAN Joseph | IL | 1603 | H | L 21 | L 33 | L 45 | X | 1.5 | 3 AB |
| 42 | RAMAMOORTHY Shank | IL | 1602 | B | - | D 20 | L 23 | L 31 | 1.5 | 3 AB |
| 43 | GIERTZ Charles E | IL | 1563 | L 10 | D 38 | L 32 | W 47 | - | 1.5 | 3 ABC |
| 44 | ALLISON Roger D | IL | 1700 | L 46 | W 45 | L 34 | L 18 | - | 1 | 2 AB |
| 45 | PADILLA Rudy R | IL | 1609 | L 13 | L 44 | L 24 | W 41 | L 35 | 1 | 2 AB |
| 46 | KASIURAK Zach | IL | 1516 | W 44 | L 8 | L 11 | L 28 | L 36 | 1 | 2 ABC |
| 47 | ZAZOVSKIY Vilorik | IL | 1828 | L 25 | L 27 | H | L 43 | F | 0.5 | 1 A |
| 48 | RAMAMOORTHY Shank | IL | 1602 | H | L 6 | - | - | - | 0.5 | |
| 49 | NAPOLI Carl | IL | 1619 | L 37 | L 11 | - | - | - | 0 | |
| 50 | RAMAMOORTHY Shank | IL | 1602 | L 29 | - | - | - | - | 0 | |
| 51 | GOULD Robert | IL | 959 | L 23 | - | - | - | - | 0 | |

BOOSTER SECTION

| | | | | | | | | score | tour | |
|----|---------------------|----|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|---------|
| 1 | LIN Der-Long | IL | 1362 | W 23 | W 4 | W 33 | W 18 | W 5 | 5 | 32 CD |
| 2 | WIDELKA Adam B | IL | 1393 | W 12 | W 32 | W 17 | D 5 | W 7 | 4.5 | 19 CD |
| 3 | BLACKMAN William | IL | 1593 | W 27 | L 8 | W 37 | W 26 | W 9 | 4 | 12 C |
| 4 | GORAL Bradley D | IL | 1566 | W 34 | L 1 | W 25 | D 10 | W 19 | 3.5 | 7 C |
| 5 | SCHMID Michael J | WI | 1483 | W 14 | W 26 | W 8 | D 2 | L 1 | 3.5 | 7 C |
| 6 | JACONETTE Rick L | IL | 1413 | D 38 | L 20 | W 39 | W 35 | W 21 | 3.5 | 7 C |
| 7 | LENG Yize | IL | 1405 | W 39 | W 21 | D 16 | W 15 | L 2 | 3.5 | 7 C |
| 8 | LANG Tristan J | IL | 1371 | W 40 | W 3 | L 5 | D 21 | W 20 | 3.5 | 7 CD |
| 9 | FLOYD Kelly | IL | 1295 | D 29 | W 24 | W 20 | W 16 | L 3 | 3.5 | 7 CD |
| 10 | SHANKAR Krishna | IL | 1289 | W 30 | L 17 | W 31 | D 4 | W 15 | 3.5 | 7 CD |
| 11 | JONES Patrick | IL | 1203 | L 16 | W 40 | W 32 | W 17 | D 12 | 3.5 | 7 CD |
| 12 | HEISER Eric A | IL | 1098 | L 2 | W 30 | W 27 | W 33 | D 11 | 3.5 | 7 CDE |
| 13 | GASUNAS Anthony C | IL | 1294 | X | L 15 | L 21 | W 28 | W 31 | 3 | 6 CD |
| 14 | ROMAN John Paul | IL | 1109 | L 5 | W 28 | L 26 | W 32 | W 30 | 3 | 6 CDE |
| 15 | ZELINSKI Daryl R | IL | 1516 | W 36 | W 13 | D 18 | L 7 | L 10 | 2.5 | 5 C |
| 16 | BOSKEY Craig A | IL | 1488 | W 11 | W 19 | D 7 | L 9 | - | 2.5 | 5 C |
| 17 | NAPOLI Mike S | IL | 1486 | W 35 | W 10 | L 2 | L 11 | D 24 | 2.5 | 5 C |
| 18 | KREPICH Daniel S | IL | 1480 | W 22 | W 37 | D 15 | L 1 | - | 2.5 | 5 C |
| 19 | GAO Boyi | WI | 1367 | W 28 | L 16 | D 35 | W 22 | L 4 | 2.5 | 5 CD |
| 20 | ZHOU Fengyee | IN | 1219 | D 33 | W 6 | L 9 | W 23 | L 8 | 2.5 | 5 CD |
| 21 | KIM Josh | IL | 1162 | X | L 7 | W 13 | D 8 | L 6 | 2.5 | 5 CDE |
| 22 | BROWN Chris | WI | 1134 | L 18 | D 39 | W 29 | L 19 | W 33 | 2.5 | 5 CDE |
| 23 | ZELINSKI Justin | WI | 1001 | L 1 | D 34 | W 38 | L 20 | W 35 | 2.5 | 5 CDE |
| 24 | GOULD Robert | IL | 959 | H | L 9 | D 34 | W 27 | D 17 | 2.5 | 5 CDEF |
| 25 | ISAACMAN Scott | IL | 840 | H | W 36 | L 4 | W 34 | - | 2.5 | 5 CDEF |
| 26 | DE LA MORA Salvador | IL | 1248 | W 31 | L 5 | W 14 | L 3 | - | 2 | 4 CD |
| 27 | LUGO Charles R | IL | 1245 | L 3 | W 29 | L 12 | L 24 | W 39 | 2 | 4 CD |
| 28 | WAGI Nick | WI | 993 | L 19 | L 14 | W 40 | L 13 | B | 2 | 4 CDEF |
| 29 | SYNOWICZ Joe | WI | 942 | D 9 | L 27 | L 22 | X | D 34 | 2 | 4 CDEF |
| 30 | MAY Joseph N | IL | 941 | L 10 | L 12 | B | W 37 | L 14 | 2 | 4 CDEF |
| 31 | SHAKHNAZARYAN Geo | IL | 604 | L 26 | B | L 10 | W 36 | L 13 | 2 | 4 CDEFG |
| 32 | RANGEL Josh | IL | - | W 41 | L 2 | L 11 | L 14 | W 37 | 2 | |
| 33 | LEVINE Gary T | IL | 1541 | D 20 | W 38 | L 1 | L 12 | L 22 | 1.5 | 3 C |
| 34 | JURGENSEN Alan S | IL | 1261 | L 4 | D 23 | D 24 | L 25 | D 29 | 1.5 | 3 CD |
| 35 | CUNNINGHAM Robert | IL | 1193 | L 17 | W 41 | D 19 | L 6 | L 23 | 1.5 | 3 CDE |
| 36 | LOPEZ Eugene C | IL | 1175 | L 15 | L 25 | W 41 | L 31 | H | 1.5 | 3 CDE |
| 37 | BROWN George A | WI | 1167 | B | L 18 | L 3 | L 30 | L 32 | 1 | 2 CDE |
| 38 | OBERMEYER Ryan J | IL | 1104 | D 6 | L 33 | L 23 | D 39 | - | 1 | 2 CDE |
| 39 | ZHENG Xida | IL | 1075 | L 7 | D 22 | L 6 | D 38 | L 27 | 1 | 2 CDE |
| 40 | SCHMIDT Eric | IL | 1089 | L 8 | L 11 | L 28 | - | - | 0 | |
| 41 | ROSENTHAL Andrew | IL | 1010 | L 32 | L 35 | L 36 | F | - | 0 | |

ICA Board Meeting

October 6, 2002,

College of Lake County, Grayslake

1 pm.

All ICA members are welcome to attend.

Peoria Tornado

June 29, 2002

| | | | | | | | score | tour |
|----|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|----------------|
| 1 | SZPISJAK Steven J | 2230 | W 17 | W 6 | W 8 | D 2 | 3.5 | 7.5 M |
| 2 | LONG David | 1838 | W 29 | W 11 | W 7 | D 1 | 3.5 | 7.5 MXA |
| 3 | JARRETTE Phil | 1810 | D 22 | X | W 10 | W 9 | 3.5 | 7.5 MXA |
| 4 | STEVANOVIC Miomir | 2039 | H | W 12 | D 5 | W 14 | 3 | 4 MX |
| 5 | BOURGERIE Dennis | 1742 | W 30 | W 28 | D 4 | H | 3 | 4 MXAB |
| 6 | DUPUIS Erik G | 1727 | W 25 | L 1 | W 24 | W 18 | 3 | 4 MXAB |
| 7 | NAFF William A | 2000 | W 21 | W 14 | L 2 | H | 2.5 | 2.5 MX |
| 8 | LEALI Michael E | 1920 | W 19 | W 15 | L 1 | D 12 | 2.5 | 2.5 MXA |
| 9 | KARAGIANIS Pete D | 1869 | W 18 | D 10 | W 22 | L 3 | 2.5 | 2.5 MXA |
| 10 | GORODETSKIY Steve | 1602 | X | D 9 | L 3 | W 21 | 2.5 | 2.5 MXAB |
| 11 | LEALI Matthew A | 1480 | W 27 | L 2 | D 21 | W 19 | 2.5 | 2.5 MXABC |
| 12 | MOSES Greg | 1447 | W 13 | L 4 | W 28 | D 8 | 2.5 | 2.5 MXABC |
| 13 | MAHMOOD Omar A | - | L 12 | W 29 | D 23 | W 22 | 2.5 | 2.5 M |
| 14 | FRANEK Martin J | 1708 | W 26 | L 7 | W 17 | L 4 | 2 | 2 MXAB |
| 15 | ZIMMERLE R Wayne | 1658 | W 20 | L 8 | L 18 | W 25 | 2 | 2 MXAB |
| 16 | VOSS Andy S | 1454 | L 28 | W 30 | L 19 | W 26 | 2 | 2 MXABC |
| 17 | DREESSEN Robert A | 1442 | L 1 | W 25 | L 14 | W 28 | 2 | 2 MXABC |
| 18 | LITTLE Jonathan S | 1420 | L 9 | W 26 | W 15 | L 6 | 2 | 2 MXABC |
| 19 | PARSONS Michael A | 1351 | L 8 | W 27 | W 16 | L 11 | 2 | 2 MXABCD |
| 20 | CREELY Tom J | 967 | L 15 | L 21 | W 30 | W 29 | 2 | 2 MXABCDE |
| 21 | WILLETT Joseph A | 1419 | L 7 | W 20 | D 11 | L 10 | 1.5 | 1.5 MXABC |
| 22 | LIM Fred | 1117 | D 3 | W 23 | L 9 | L 13 | 1.5 | 1.5 MXABCDE |
| 23 | ZEMGULYS Joseph G | 1468 | H | L 22 | D 13 | - | 1 | 1 MXABC |
| 24 | MALCOME Freddie L | 1409 | H | H | L 6 | - | 1 | 1 MXABC |
| 25 | RUTH James | 1116 | L 6 | L 17 | W 27 | L 15 | 1 | 1 MXABCDE |
| 26 | COULTER Larry | 1113 | L 14 | L 18 | W 29 | L 16 | 1 | 1 MXABCDE |
| 27 | KEROLUS Mena | 100 | L 11 | L 19 | L 25 | W 30 | 1 | 1 MXABCDEFGHIJ |
| 28 | SPARKS David O | - | W 16 | L 5 | L 12 | L 17 | 1 | 1 M |
| 29 | DYWIAK Donald A | 1221 | L 2 | L 13 | L 26 | L 20 | 0 | |
| 30 | KEROLUS Matthew G | 1117 | L 5 | L 16 | L 20 | L 27 | | |

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by Bill Smythe

NOTE: The 2002-3 ICA Tour began April 1, 2002 and will run through March 31, 2003.

These standings reflect the following 2002-3 Tour events:

| | | |
|-------------------|------|----------------------------------------------|
| April 6, 2002 | mini | Illinois Valley Spring Tornado, Oglesby (XU) |
| April 27, 2002 | mini | Peoria Spring Tornado (XU) |
| April 27-28, 2002 | MAXI | Ranko Loncarevic Memorial, River Forest |
| May 24-27, 2002 | MAXI | Chicago Open, Oakbrook |
| June 14-16, 2002 | MAXI | Heartland Semi-Class, Arlington Heights |
| June 29, 2002 | mini | Peoria Summer Tornado (XU) |
| July 12-14, 2002 | MAXI | Master Challenge, Elmhurst |

Not included (tournament held after press deadline):

| | | |
|----------------------|------|-----------------------------|
| August 17, 2002 | mini | Bradley Summer Open, Peoria |
| Aug 30 - Sep 2, 2002 | MAXI | Illinois Open, Northbrook |

Scheduled or probable future 2001 Tour events:

| | | |
|-----------------------|------|----------------------------------------------|
| September 21-22, 2002 | mini | Illinois Valley Fall Maxi-Tour, Oglesby (XU) |
| October 5, 2002 | mini | Rockford Fall Open |
| October 18-20, 2002 | MAXI | Midwest Class, Oakbrook |
| November 9, 2002 | mini | Normal November Mini-Tour (XU) |
| Nov 30 - Dec 1, 2002 | MAXI | Illinois Class, Palos Heights |
| December 7-8, 2002 | MAXI | Concordia Maxi-Tour, River Forest |
| March 1-2, 2003 | MAXI | Greater Peoria Open (tentative) (XU) |

Canceled:

| | | |
|-------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| April 20-21, 2002 | mini | Wild Onion Mini-Tour, Chicago |
|-------------------|------|-------------------------------|

Canceled or postponed indefinitely:

| | | |
|--------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| August 10-11, 2002 | MAXI | Concordia Maxi-Tour, River Forest |
| October 5-6, 2002 | MAXI | Fighting Illini Open, Urbana (XU) |

Other Tour events will be added as the year progresses. Check Chess Life, the Illinois Chess Bulletin, ChessPhone (630-832-5222) or the web (www.illinoischess.org) for details.

For players with fewer than three 2002-3 Tour events, the number of events (1 or 2) is shown in parentheses. A player must have played in at least three Tour events during the Tour year (4-1-02 thru 3-31-03) to be eligible for year-end Tour prizes.

NOTE: ICA membership is required for all Illinois residents playing in ICA Tour events. Residents of other states are not required to join ICA if they are members of their home state chess associations. However, Tour points earned by out-of-staters do not count unless they are ICA members.

2002 – 2003 ICA Tour

Master Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| GOLDIN Alexander (2) | 41 |
| STAMNOV Aleksandar | 41 |
| SZPISJAK Steven J | 36.5 |
| QUAN Zhe | 34 |
| CHOW Albert C | 33 |
| PALOS Osman | 31 |
| YOUNG Angelo | 27 |
| STEVANOVIĆ Miomir | 25 |
| LONCAREVIĆ Robert | 24 |
| BROCK William | 23 |
| NIENART Christopher | 20 |
| PEDZICH Dominik | 19 |
| TSYGANOV Igor M | 18 |
| AARON Michael E | 17 |
| GORLIN Andrey | 15 |
| GORLIN Yelena (2) | 15 |
| VAN DE MORTEL Ja (1) | 15 |
| RODRIGUEZ Jose A | 13 |
| PORTER John (2) | 11 |
| COHEN Howard (2) | 10 |
| CONNOR Peter Y (1) | 10 |
| DUNCAN Jason (2) | 10 |
| FELLECAN Florin (1) | 10 |
| MALONEY Michael A | 10 |
| NGUYEN Tam Ducmi (2) | 10 |
| ZINYTCH Miron | 10 |

Expert Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| STEVANOVIĆ Miomir | 37 |
| GORLIN Andrey | 35 |
| QUAN Zhe | 34 |
| LONCAREVIĆ Robert | 24 |
| BROCK William | 23 |
| AARON Michael E | 22 |
| NIENART Christopher | 20 |
| ZINYTCH Miron | 19 |
| DUNCAN Jason (2) | 18 |
| NGUYEN Tam Ducmi (2) | 18 |
| TSYGANOV Igor M | 17 |
| REED Boyd M | 16.5 |
| RODRIGUEZ Jose A | 16 |
| GORLIN Yelena (2) | 15 |
| PORTER John (2) | 11 |
| BONDAR Leonid (2) | 10 |
| COHEN Howard (2) | 10 |
| CONNOR Peter Y (1) | 10 |
| GALIOT Goran (1) | 10 |
| MALONEY Michael A | 10 |

Class A Tour Points:

| | |
|---------------------|------|
| MALONEY Michael A | 36 |
| MORENO Jacobo (2) | 27 |
| NIENART Christopher | 26 |
| LONCAREVIĆ Robert | 24 |
| REED Boyd M | 23.5 |
| AARON Michael E | 22 |
| CAVITT Dexter | 19 |
| COVIC Mehmed | 18 |
| DUNCAN Jason (2) | 18 |
| LAWRENCE Danyul | 18 |
| RODRIGUEZ Jose A | 16 |
| MODES Daniel R (2) | 15 |
| SHERNOFF Leon (2) | 15 |
| GORODETSKIY Steve | 14.5 |

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| LACEY Patrick M (2) | 14 |
| LAZEBNIK Yakov (2) | 14 |
| MARKOVIC Arandel (2) | 14 |
| MICHALIK Philip (1) | 14 |
| RIDDLE Robert (2) | 14 |
| SOLLANO E O (2) | 14 |

Class B Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| ENGELEN Mark S | 29 |
| GROEGER Andrew T | 27 |
| LAWRENCE Danyul | 27 |
| DJORDJEVIC Vladimir | 24 |
| WALLENBERG Ben (2) | 22 |
| GORODETSKIY Steve | 21.5 |
| DE MASTRI John (1) | 20 |
| GRAWOIG David (1) | 20 |
| EASTON Richard Dw | 19 |
| RAMAMOORTHY Shankar | 18 |
| MC DONALD Jordan (2) | 17 |
| JOSEPH Bennett (2) | 16 |
| SETHI Rishi | 16 |
| STEVENS Joseph M | 16 |
| PETTYE Isaiah | 15 |
| DIAMOND William (2) | 14 |
| LACEY Patrick M (2) | 14 |
| PADILLA Rudy R | 14 |
| GANDHI Rajen C (2) | 13 |
| NIENART Christopher | 13 |
| RHONEY Shawn M (2) | 13 |

Class C Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| LIN Der-Long (2) | 32 |
| BLACKMAN William | 26 |
| WIDELKA Adam B (2) | 23 |
| PETTYE Isaiah | 19 |
| DUEKER John T | 18 |
| JACONETTE Rick L | 18 |
| LYON Derek H | 18 |
| WILHELM John H | 17 |
| RAMAMOORTHY Shankar | 15 |
| COHN-GEIER Matt (1) | 14 |
| DIAMOND William (2) | 14 |
| GOLBECK Philip S (1) | 14 |
| LANG Tristan J | 14 |
| LEVINE Gary T | 14 |
| PIERGALSKI John (2) | 14 |
| GORAL Bradley D (2) | 13 |
| MEISTER Mark (2) | 13 |

Class D Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| LIN Der-Long (2) | 52 |
| PAUL Gabriel (1) | 32 |
| MILOSEVIC Goran (1) | 28 |
| LANG Tristan J | 24 |
| BERRY Nicholas (1) | 20 |
| DIXON Jeff (1) | 20 |
| SHANKAR Krishna | 20 |
| WALNY Yair (1) | 20 |
| WIDELKA Adam B (2) | 19 |
| DE LA MORA Salvador | 16 |
| GASUNAS Anthony C | 15 |
| VAN PETTEN James (1) | 14 |

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| LOPEZ Eugene C | 13 |
| MORAN Wesley (2) | 13 |
| HEISER Eric A (2) | 12 |

Class E Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| DE LA MORA Salvador | 40 |
| DZAHANOVIC Muham(1) | 20 |
| SILESKY Seth (1) | 20 |
| ROMAN John Paul | 15.5 |
| LOPEZ Eugene C | 13 |
| HEISER Eric A (2) | 12 |
| OBERMEYER Ryan J(2) | 12 |
| KIM Josh (2) | 11 |
| BOB Gideon M (1) | 10 |
| CONNELLY Patrice (1) | 10 |
| CUNNINGHAM Robert | 10 |
| HOLLAWAY Matthew (1) | 10 |
| METZ Veronica (1) | 10 |
| SUMMERS Todd M (1) | 9 |
| GRASER Jeff S (1) | 8 |
| WINIECKI Robert (1) | 8 |

Class F Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| DZAHANOVIC Muham(1) | 20 |
| SILESKY Seth (1) | 20 |
| CONNELLY Patrice (1) | 10 |
| DAVIS Jacob H (1) | 7 |
| FODOR Tim (1) | 6 |
| KIM Josh (2) | 6 |
| SPATARO Mick (1) | 6 |
| DARSCHEWSKI Nick(1) | 5 |
| GOULD Robert (1) | 5 |
| ISAACMAN Scott (1) | 5 |
| SAMORE Billy (1) | 5 |

Class G Tour Points:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| CONNELLY Patrice (1) | 10 |
| SPATARO Mick (1) | 6 |
| SAMORE Billy (1) | 5 |
| SHAKHNAZARYAN Ge(1) | 4 |
| BARRINGTON Erwin (1) | 3 |
| SERINE Stephanie (1) | 3 |
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class H Tour Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class I Tour Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class J Tour Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |
|------------------|---|

2002-3 EX-URBAN ICA TOUR STANDINGS

Master Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| JARRETTE Phil (1) | 7.5 |
|-------------------|-----|

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| LONG David (1) | 7.5 |
| SZPISJAK Steven (1) | 7.5 |
| BOURGERIE Dennis | 4 |
| DUPUIS Erik G (1) | 4 |
| STEVANOVIC Miomi (2) | 4 |
| GORODETSKIY Stev (1) | 2.5 |
| LEALI Matthew A (1) | 2.5 |
| LEALI Michael E (2) | 2.5 |
| MAHMOOD Omar A (1) | 2.5 |
| MOSES Greg (1) | 2.5 |
| NAFF William A | 2.5 |

Expert Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| REED Boyd M (2) | 16.5 |
| BOURGERIE Dennis | 9 |
| NAFF William A | 9 |
| FRANEK Martin J | 8.5 |
| STEVANOVIC Miomi (2) | 8 |
| JARRETTE Phil (1) | 7.5 |
| LIMBERG Reynaldo (1) | 7.5 |
| LONG David (1) | 7.5 |
| ULTCH Douglas A (1) | 7.5 |
| ZIMMERLE R Wayne (2) | 6 |
| VOSS Andy S (2) | 4.5 |

Class A Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| REED Boyd M (2) | 16.5 |
| BOURGERIE Dennis | 9 |
| FRANEK Martin J | 8.5 |
| JARRETTE Phil (1) | 7.5 |
| LIMBERG Reynaldo (1) | 7.5 |
| LONG David (1) | 7.5 |
| ULTCH Douglas A (1) | 7.5 |
| ZIMMERLE R Wayne (2) | 6 |
| VOSS Andy S (2) | 4.5 |
| DREESSEN Robert A | 4 |
| DUPUIS Erik G (1) | 4 |
| O'BRIEN Matthew (1) | 4 |
| SCHAEFFER John D (1) | 4 |

Class B Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| BOURGERIE Dennis | 9 |
| FRANEK Martin J | 8.5 |
| ZIMMERLE R Wayne (2) | 6 |
| VOSS Andy S (2) | 4.5 |
| DREESSEN Robert A | 4 |
| DUPUIS Erik G (1) | 4 |
| O'BRIEN Matthew (1) | 4 |
| SCHAEFFER John D (1) | 4 |
| BONWELL Jonathan (1) | 2.5 |
| CATHER Evan (1) | 2.5 |
| GORODETSKIY Stev (1) | 2.5 |
| HEALY James D (1) | 2.5 |
| KOPULA Suryaprak (1) | 2.5 |
| LEALI Matthew A (1) | 2.5 |
| MC CONAGHIE Pete (1) | 2.5 |
| MOSES Greg (1) | 2.5 |
| PARKER Robert W (1) | 2.5 |
| SHERIDAN Stephen (1) | 2.5 |
| STRONG Joshua A (1) | 2.5 |

Class C Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| VOSS Andy S (2) | 4.5 |
| DREESSEN Robert A | 4 |
| O'BRIEN Matthew (1) | 4 |
| SCHAEFFER John D (1) | 4 |
| ZIMMERLE R Wayne (2) | 4 |
| CATHER Evan (1) | 2.5 |
| LEALI Matthew A (1) | 2.5 |
| MOSES Greg (1) | 2.5 |
| SHERIDAN Stephen (1) | 2.5 |
| STRONG Joshua A (1) | 2.5 |

Class D Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| SCHAEFFER John D (1) | 4 |
| CATHER Evan (1) | 2.5 |
| SHERIDAN Stephen (1) | 2.5 |
| STRONG Joshua A (1) | 2.5 |
| BLACK David E (1) | 2 |
| BROWN John Raymo (1) | 2 |
| CODDING Douglas (1) | 2 |
| CREELY Tom J (1) | 2 |
| CUNNINGHAM Rober (1) | 2 |
| REYES Donald (1) | 2 |
| SHANKAR Krishna (1) | 2 |
| SPIROS George (1) | 2 |
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |

Class E Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| SCHAEFFER John D (1) | 4 |
| SHERIDAN Stephen (1) | 2.5 |
| STRONG Joshua A (1) | 2.5 |
| BROWN John Raymo (1) | 2 |
| CODDING Douglas (1) | 2 |
| CREELY Tom J (1) | 2 |
| CUNNINGHAM Rober (1) | 2 |
| SPIROS George (1) | 2 |
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| FERRONI George D (1) | 1.5 |
| LIM Fred (1) | 1.5 |
| ROMAN John Paul (1) | 1.5 |

Class F Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| SHERIDAN Stephen (1) | 2.5 |
| BROWN John Raymo (1) | 2 |
| CREELY Tom J (1) | 2 |
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class G Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class H Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class I Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| VOSS David J (1) | 2 |
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |

Class J Ex-Urban Points:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| KEROLUS Mena (1) | 1 |
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ICA Board Meeting October 6 2002

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Crossroads Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6 pm, K Square Mall Food court, I-57 / I-70 exit 160, Effingham. Cameron Feltner, 217-844-2645.

Downers Grove Park District Chess Club meets Thursdays 6:30-10 pm, Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Av, Downers Grove. George Uffner, 630-960-9382.

Elmhurst Chess Club meets, and holds frequent USCF events, Sundays 6:30 to 11 pm, Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

Emerald Knight Chess Club, Fountaindale Public Library, 300 W Briarcliff Rd, Bolingbrook. Patrick Flynn, 630-759-7128, patrickjff@hotmail.com.

Evanston Township High School Chess Club, 1600 Dodge Av, Evanston 60204. Ken Lewandowski, 847-492-7932.

Fox Valley Chess Club meets Mondays 7-10 pm, Oberweis Dairy, 2nd floor training center, 951 Ice Cream Dr, Aurora. Bob Renaut, 630-983-0934.

Greater Peoria Chess Federation meets Mondays 7 pm. Site information Wayne Zimmerle, 514 W Loucks Av, Peoria 61604. 309-692-4480 (day), 309-686-0192 (evenings), ctrlalt@flink.com.

Hammond Chess Club, Charles Higgins, 116 Crestview St, Crown Point IN 46307. 219-663-8938.

Happy Squares offers group and private lessons, sets/books/clocks, as well as rated and unrated tournaments. Open to all ages Tuesdays 6-11 pm. Kids only Fridays 6-11 pm, Saturday afternoons 1-6 pm, and Saturday evenings 6-11 pm. 66 Gordon, Elk Grove Village 60007 (3 blocks east of Arlington Heights Rd off of Higgins). 866-KING-680 (866-546-4680). Les Bale, owner.

Holy Trinity Northshore Chess Club meets Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Holy Trinity Church, 2828 Central Rd at Shermer, Glenview. Drop-ins welcome. Dale Hurst, PO Box 284, Glenview 60025. 847-729-9000, NSChess@aol.com.

House of Chess meets Saturdays 4:30 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 146 S Main St, Glen Carbon 62034. Paul Holland, 618-288-4117, <http://members.aol.com/houseofchess>.

Illini Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7-10 pm, Loomis Lab room 139, Green & Goodwin (summer, Education room 33, 6th & Pennsylvania), Urbana. www.uiuc.edu/ro/chess.

Illinois Chess Coaches Association is open to scholastic chess coaches in Illinois. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380, mezacate@aol.com.

Illinois Valley Chess Association organizes rated tournaments in the LaSalle-Peru area. Bill Schulte, 520 First St, LaSalle 61301. 815-223-1505, bill.schulte@juno.com.

Joliet Junior College Chess Club meets Thursdays 6:30 pm, Joliet Junior College, Building J, cafeteria, dining room J-0006, 1215

Houbolt Rd (I-80 exit 127), Joliet. Maps www.jjc.il.us/maps/maincampus.html. Stephen Decman, 1418 Devonshire Dr, Joliet 60435. 815-744-5272 or 815-280-1513, www.jjc.cc.il.us/clubs/chess.

Lakeview Cuyler Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7-10 pm, Cuyler Covenant Church, Fellowship Hall, 3901 N Marshfield Av (corner of Byron St), Chicago 60613. Drew Morissee, 1614 W Byron St, Chicago 60613. 312-494-1300 x12, WindyCityKnight@yahoo.com, <http://LakeviewCuylerChess.tripod.com>.

Mahomet-Seymour High School Chess Club, Dan Pirtle, 302 W State, Mahomet 61853. 217-586-4962, dpirt@ms.k12.il.us.

Mid-America Chess Association sponsors the popular website at www.64.com, and brings national tournaments to the Chicago area. midam@64.com.

Midway Chess Enterprises, PO Box 388765, Chicago 60638, whizline@home.com.

Orland Hills Chess Club meets most Fridays 6:30-10:00 pm, Orland Hills Village Hall, 16033 S 94th Av, Orland Hills 60477. Glenn Bilina, 708-349-7211, or Len Weber, shri33@aol.com. The club is looking forward to a permanent home in the fall at the Orland Hills Community Center. Childrens' classes available.

Park Forest Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-10 pm, Freedom Hall (next to the library), Lakewood Blvd just west of Orchard, Park Forest. Larry Cohen, 630-834-2477.

Rudy Lozano Library Chess Club, 1805 S Loomis, Chicago 60608. Hector Hernandez, 312-746-4329, whizline@home.com.

Smythe Dakota Competitions encourages and offers financial support for Plus-Score Mini-Tours at sites in Chicago and adjoining suburbs. Bill Smythe, chichess@enteract.com.

St Charles Chess Club meets Thursdays 7-11 pm, Baker Community House, 101 S 2nd (Rt 31), St Charles. Jeff Wiewel, 1931 Dunhill Ct, Arlington Heights 60004. 847-818-8913, jwiewel@ntnusa.com.

The **South Suburban Chess Club of Greater Chicago** meets Fridays 7-11 pm, Oak View Recreation Center, 110th & Kilpatrick, Oak Lawn. Joe Bannon, 773-445-0631.

Springfield Chess Club meets Wednesdays 6-10 pm, American Legion Post 32, 5th & Capitol, Springfield. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-523-7265.

SquareHopper, Joshua Flores, Chess Professional. Available for any chess-related activity at reasonable rates. Specialties are tournament directing/organizing, coaching and teaching. Willing to travel. 630-430-CHES(s) anytime.

Tuley Park Chess Club holds frequent Saturday tournaments at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

Twin City Chess Club meets Tuesdays 7-10 pm, Lincoln Leisure Center, 1206 S Lee St, Bloomington 61701. Dennis Bourgerie, PO Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842, schoolstreeter@msn.com.

West Middle School Chess Club, 1900 N Rocktoon Av, Rockford 61103. Ralph Sullons, 815-966-3220.

Wicker Park Chess Club meets Wednesdays 7 pm to 1 am, Myopic Books, 1468 N Milwaukee Av, Chicago. Pat Jones, 773-772-1369, pjones@artic.edu.

Windy City Chess Club (VBCM), PO Box 340, Worth 60482. VWBerry@aol.com.

Woodfield Country Chess Club, Carl Troyer, 723 N Main, Eureka 62530. 309-467-6055.

PEORIA FALL TORNADO

AN ICA MINI-TOUR & EX-URBAN EVENT

WHEN: Saturday, October 12, 2002

WHERE: Lakeview Museum, 1125 W. Lake Ave., Peoria IL 61614

ENTRY FEE: \$14 by October 10, \$17 at the site, free to players rated 2200 or over

WHAT: 4 Round Swiss

TIME CONTROL: Game/80

SECTIONS: Open to all

MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRED: USCF & ICA (other states honored)

PRIZES: 75% of EF's distributed as follows: 25% First, 15% Second. 10% each to under 2000, under 1600, under 1200. Upset: 5%

REGISTRATION: 8:00-8:45 AM

ROUND TIMES: 9, 12, 2:45, 5:30

NOTE: A limit of one "1/2 point" bye is available in any round. NO SMOKING. BRING SETS, BOARDS, & CLOCKS. ADVANCE ENTRIES: Fred Malcome, 810 W. Progress, Metamora IL 61548
(309) 367-4833 e-mail: fimalcome@bwsys.net

Tournament & Events Calendar

All tournaments are USCF-rated, unless otherwise noted (Quick-rated if game/29 or faster) and require USCF membership. ICA Tour events also require ICA membership. Memberships may be purchased at most tournaments. Scholastic events are marked (**Scho**). Most tournaments prohibit smoking in the playing rooms.

ICA Tour events are generally listed as such in Chess Life and in the Calendar below. Players are responsible for checking both Chess Life and the Illinois Chess Bulletin to determine which events are Tour events. Call ChessPhone (630-832-5222) a few days before any tournament to verify its Tour status, or check the web at www.illinoischess.org.

Organizers: Please clear your events through the ICA Tournament Calendar. **Calendar coordinator is Bill Smythe**, 7042 N Greenview Av #1-S, Chicago 60626-2833, 773-761-2455, chichess@enteract.com. **Do not send calendar entries to the ICB editor.** If you are running a Tour event, make sure it is listed as such in both Chess Life and the ICB. Deadlines for ICB calendar submissions are as follows:

| Event starting date: | Deadline: | To appear in: |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Jan 15 - Mar 14 | Nov 5 | Jan-Feb issue |
| Mar 15 - May 14 | Jan 5 | Mar-Apr issue |
| May 15 - Jul 14 | Mar 5 | May-Jun issue |
| Jul 15 - Sep 14 | May 5 | Jul-Aug issue |
| Sep 15 - Nov 14 | Jul 5 | Sep-Oct issue |
| Nov 15 - Jan 14 | Sep 5 | Nov-Dec issue |

September 21-22, 2002, Illinois Valley Community College Fall Maxi-Tour. 5-SS, game/120. Cafeteria, Main Building, Illinois Valley Community College, 815 N Orlando Smith Av, Oglesby 61348. EF: \$35 by 9/16, \$45 at site, \$20 to unrated joining USCF to play in tournament, 2200+ free. 80% of EFs returned as prizes (\$500 minimum guaranteed): 15%-10%; Expert,A,B,C,D/below each 7%-3%; unr 2%; upset 1.5%; cumulative upset 1.5% (www.gpcf.net for examples). Reg 8:30-9:30 am, rds 9:45-2:15-6:30, 9:30-2. Ron Suarez, 3313 W Saymore Ln, Peoria 61615. 309-241-2120, suarez@bwsys.net, www.gpcf.net. **An ICA Tour and Ex-Urban Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

October 4, 2002 (and most Fridays), Friday Night Challenge. Chess Utopia Center, 15 Commerce Dr, Suite 112, Grayslake 60030. EF \$3 per round. Two sections: **1000-AND-OVER** game/45, **UNDER-1000** game/30. **BOTH:** Rd 1 at 7 pm. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, info@chessutopia.org, www.chessutopia.org.

October 5, 2002, Rockford Fall Open. 4-SS, game/60. Our Master's United Methodist Church, 5973 Darlene Dr, Rockford 61109. EF \$25 by 9/28, \$40 at site. \$\$800 b/40 (1st-2nd guaranteed): \$175-125, u1800 \$110, u1600 \$110, u1400 \$110, u1200 \$110, unr \$60. Reg 7:30-8:30 am, rds 9-11:15-2-4:15. Gary Noel Sargent, 2764 Panorama Dr, Rockford 61109. 815-397-9186. www.rockfordchess.org. **An ICA Tour and Ex-Urban Tour mini-event.** ICA membership required.

October 5, 2002, Lake County Open. Grayslake.

October 5-6, 2002, Fighting Illini Open (Champaign-Urbana) will not be held on this date. May be rescheduled later.

October 6, 2002, Elmhurst Game/20. 4-SS. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

October 12, 2002, Peoria Fall Tornado. 4-SS, game/80. Lakeview Museum, 1125 W Lake Av, Peoria 61614. EF \$14 by 10/10, \$17 at site. 75% of EFs returned as prizes: 25%-15%; u2000, u1600, u1200 each 10%; upset 5%. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-2:45-5:30. Fred Malcome, 810 W Progress, Metamora 61548. 309-367-4833, fmalcome@bwsys.net. **An ICA Tour and Ex-Urban Tour mini-event.** ICA membership required.

October 12, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #12 (Not Big). 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$13, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 285: \$60-40-30, u1900 \$35, u1700 \$30, u1500 \$25, u1300 \$20, u1100 \$15, u900 \$15, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

October 13, 2002, Elmhurst Game/5 Blitz. Not USCF-rated. RR in 1 or 2 sections depending on entries. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF: \$15, ECC members \$10. 90% of EFs returned as prizes. Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

October 18-20 or 19-20, 2002, Midwest Class. Oakbrook. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. www.chesstour.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

October 26, 2002 (note new date), Springfield 5 Days Till Pumpkin Open. 4-SS, game/80. Signature Inn, Dirksen Pkwy & Stevenson Dr (just west of I-55 Stevenson exit), Springfield. EF \$17 by 10/18, \$20 at site. \$\$ 300 b/40: \$100-55, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u1200 \$30, unr \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30 am, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-206-6056 day, 217-523-7265 nite, knoedler.thomas@uis.edu.

October 27, November 3, 2002, Elmhurst Game/45. 4-SS. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$17, ECC members \$12. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 90% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55 on 10/27, two rounds at 7 each Sunday. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

November 1, 2002 (and most Fridays), Friday Night Challenge. Chess Utopia Center, 15 Commerce Dr, Suite 112, Grayslake 60030. EF \$3 per round. Two sections: **1000-AND-OVER** game/45, **UNDER-1000** game/30. **BOTH:** Rd 1 at 7 pm. Frank Swindell, 847-816-0869, info@chessutopia.org, www.chessutopia.org.

(Scho) **November 2, 2002, Knights of the Round Table** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For HS players. Bloom Trail HS. George Bell, 708-758-7000 x3289.

(Scho) **November 2, 2002, Illinois All-Grade Championship.** Tri-Valley School District, 03 E Washington St, Downs 61736. Open to IL scholastic players in grades K-12. EF \$20 by 10/25, \$35 by 10/31, no entries thereafter. Roster changes are new entries. 13 sections by grade. **K-3:** game/30. **4-6:** game/40. **7-12:** game/50. **ALL:** Trophies to top 10 individuals in each grade 1-12, top 5 kindergarten, top 3 teams in each grade K-12. Doug Hillary, 115 N Gadwall Ln, Downs 61736. 309-378-2697, <http://tri-valley.k12.il.us/isagcc/>.

November 9, 2002, Normal November Mini-Tour. 4-SS, game/80. Fairfield Inn, 202 Landmark Dr, Normal 61761. EF \$17, students \$13, free to players rated 2100+. \$\$160-90, u2000 \$90, u1600 \$90, u1200 \$90. Trophies to 1st, A, B, C, D, E, u1000, unr. Reg 8-8:45, rds 9-12-3-6. Dennis Bourgerie, Box 157, Normal 61761. 309-454-3842, Schoolstreeter@msn.com. **An ICA Tour and Ex-Urban Tour mini-event.** ICA membership required.

November 9, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #13 (Big). 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$15, u19 \$8, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$350 b/24, kids count half (\$210 min guaranteed): \$100-60-30, 2nd quarter \$40-30, 3rd quarter \$30-20, lowest quarter \$25-15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

November 10, 2002, Elmhurst Game/15. 5-SS. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

(Scho) **November 15-17, 2002, National Youth Action Championship.** 9-SS, game/30. Best Western Clock Tower, 7801 E State St, Rockford 61108. EF: \$30 by 10/21, \$50 by 11/4, \$70 thereafter. Four sections: **K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12.** www.uschess.org/tournaments/youthaction/ or www.rockfordchess.org/NYAC/2002/index.html. Also: Blitz and Bughouse tournaments.

November 16, 2002, James Ruth's Quad of Quads Quick Tournament. 12 rds, game/10. Jerome United Methodist Church, 1570 Reed Av (north of Wabash/Chatham intersection), Springfield. Four consecutive quads. Sections rearranged after rds 3, 6 and 9, based on cumulative score (not rating). Some players may meet more than once. EF \$12. \$\$ 170 b/25: 1st \$50, A \$30, B \$30, C \$20, D \$20, E/unr \$20. Reg 8:30-9:45 am, rds 10-10:30-11-12:30-1-1:30-2-2:30-3-3:30-4-4:30. David Long, 2021-1/2 S Fourth St, Springfield, IL 62703. 217-522-0489.

November 17, 2002, Elmhurst Game/10. RR in 1 or 2 sections depending on entries. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. 85% of EFs returned as \$\$.

Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

November 24, 2002, Elmhurst Game/29 Quad. 3-RR in 4-player sections. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$17, ECC members \$12. \$\$30-10 in each quad. Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

(Scho) **November 30, 2002, Frosh/Soph Individual/Team.** Not USCF-rated. For teams of 5 or more. Wheaton-Warrenville South HS. Also rated and unrated opens for non-frosh/soph. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380 7-10 pm.

November 30 - December 1, 2002 (note corrected dates), **Illinois Class Championships.** Classes MX, A, B, C each 4-SS, 40/90, then SD/60. Classes D, E/below, Unr each 4 double rounds (2 games vs each opponent, 8 games total), game/60. Palos Heights Recreational Center, 6601 W 127th St, Palos Heights 60463. EF: MX \$60, A,B,C, \$55, D,E/below,Unr \$50 by 11/22, all \$10 more at site. Juniors under 18 subtract \$25. Play up 1 class for \$4. E/below may play up 2 classes for \$6. Add \$2 for round 1 half-point bye. \$\$G 5000. Seven sections: **MASTER-EXPERT:** \$650-350-250-150-100. **CLASS A:** \$450-250-150-100-50. **CLASS B:** \$400-200-100-50. **CLASS C:** \$400-200-100-50. **CLASS D:** \$250-150-50-50. **CLASSES E/BELOW:** \$200-100-50-50. **UNRATED:** \$100. **ALL:** Handcarved traveling wood chess set from Nepal to bottom two in each section. Unrated may play any section but may not win more than \$100 except in MX. Reg 8-9 am, rds 9:30-3, 9:30-3. Checks payable Illinois Chess Assn, PO Box 100, Palos Heights 60463. Fred Gruenberg, 708-774-5005. FGrue@aol.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

December 1, 2002, Elmhurst Game/20. 4-SS. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

(Scho) **December 7, 2002, North Boone Invitational** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For HS players. North Boone HS, Poplar Grove. Don Ward, 815-765-2850.

December 7-8, 2002, Concordia Maxi-Tour. River Forest. Robert Loncarevic, 773-282-5148. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

December 8, 2002, Elmhurst Game/12. 6-SS. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55 pm, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

(Scho) **December 12-15, 2002, National K-12 Scholastic.** Atlanta GA. www.uschess.org.

December 14, 2002, Springfield Holiday Open. 4-SS, game/80. Signature Inn, Dirksen Pkwy & Stevenson Dr (just west of I-55 Stevenson exit), Springfield. EF \$17 by 12/06, \$20 at site. \$\$ 300 b/40: \$100-55, 1600-1999 \$50, 1200-1599 \$40, u1200 \$30, unr \$25. Reg 7:30-8:30 am, rds 9-12-3-6. Thomas Knoedler, 2104 S Fourth St, Springfield 62703. 217-206-6056 day, 217-523-7265 nite, knoedler.thomas@uis.edu.

December 14, 2002, Tuley Park Quick #14. 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$12, u19 \$6, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$254 b/24, kids count half (\$150 min guaranteed): \$60-40-30, 2nd quarter \$32-20, 3rd quarter \$25-15, lowest quarter \$20-12. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

(Scho) **December 14, 2002, West Chicago HS Team Invitational** (tentative). For 8-player teams. West Chicago. Joe Splinter, 630-213-9523.

December 15, 2002, Elmhurst Game/30. 3-SS. Room 18, Hammerschmidt Chapel, Elmhurst College, 190 Prospect, Elmhurst 60126. EF \$15, ECC members \$10. \$\$ to 1st, 2nd, u1800, u1600, u1400, 85% of EFs returned. Reg 6:30-6:55, rd 1 at 7. Roger Birkeland, 630-832-1754, rogerdb9@earthlink.net.

December 27-29, 2002, Midwest Quick Championship (Scott Kittsley Memorial). Alex Betaneli, 608-233-0923, abetaneli@hotmail.com.

December 28, 2002, U.S. Game/15 Quick Championship. Milwaukee WI. www.uschess.org.

(Scho) **December 28, 2002, Northern Illinois Junior Open.** Christian Life Center School, 5950 Spring Creek Rd, Rockford 61114. For scholastic players K-12. EF: \$20 by 12/21, \$35 at site. Four sections: **CHAMPIONSHIP** (K-12): 4-SS, game/60. Trophies to top 4, top grades 9,10,11,12, top 3 teams. \$100 US savings bond to individual champion. Reg 7-8:30 am, rds 9-11:15-2-4:15. **JUNIOR HIGH** (K-8): 5-SS, game/45. Trophies to top 4, top 2 grades 6,7,8, top 3 teams. Reg 7-8:30 am, rds 9-10:45-1-2:45-4:30. **ELEMENTARY** (K-5): 6-SS, game/30. Trophies to top 4, top 2 grades 3,4,5, top 3 teams. Reg 7-8:30 am, rds 9-10:15-11:30-1-2:15-3:30. **PRIMARY** (K-

2): 6-SS, game/30. Trophies to top 3, top 2 grades K,1,2, top 3 teams. Reg 7-8:30 am, rds 9-10:15-11:30-12:15-3:30. **ALL:** Arrivals after 8:30 must take round 1 half-point bye. Section changes not allowed after 8:30. Checks payable Rockford Chess Assn. Gary Noel Sargent, 2764 Panorama Dr, Rockford 61109. Info Joe Guth, 815-399-4303, ChessXPert_2000@yahoo.com, www.rockfordchess.org.

January 4-5, 2003, Tim Just's Winter Open/Reserve XVIII. 5-SS, 40/90, then SD/30. College of Lake County, Rt 45 & Washington, Main Building, Grayslake 60030. EF \$40. \$5 less by 12/29, but **ONLY** if USCF and ICA memberships are current or mailed with entry (otherwise, extra \$5 charged at site). \$\$2000 b/70. Two sections: **OPEN:** \$250-175-150; X, A/below each \$125-100. **RESERVE** (u1800): \$250-175-150, C \$125-100, D/below \$100, unr \$75. **BOTH:** Unrated may win only top prizes in Open or unr prize in Reserve. Reg 8-8:30, rds 9-1:30-6, 10-2:30. Wayne Clark, PO Box 789, Lake Villa 60046. 847-546-8544, wclark@Lnd.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

(Scho) **January 11, 2003, Illini Classic** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For teams of five HS players. Illini Union, U of I Campus, Urbana. Chris Merli, 217-384-5530, clmerli@soltec.net.

January 11, 2003 (note changed date), **Tuley Park Quick #1 (Not Big).** 5-SS, game/20, d/3 (game/22 if d/0). 501 E 90th Pl, Chicago 60619. EF \$13, u19 \$7, \$1 off before 11:30. \$\$G 285: \$60-40-30, u1900 \$35, u1700 \$30, u1500 \$25, u1300 \$20, u1100 \$15, u900 \$15, unr \$15. Reg 11-11:50, rd 1 at 12. Tom Fineberg, 7321 S South Shore Dr #6-D, Chicago 60649. 773-721-3979, www.home.earthlink.net/~maxine57.

January 18-19, 2003, Elmhurst Classic Maxi-Tour (tentative). **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA mem req.

(Scho) **January 25, 2003, Evanston Invitational** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For teams of five HS players. Evanston HS, 1600 Dodge Av, Evanston. Ken Lewandowski, 847-492-7932, lewk@eths.k12.il.us.

February 1, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #2 (Bigger). Chicago.

(Scho) **February 8, 2003, ICCA Individual HS Championships** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. Sandburg HS, Orland Park. Patrick LaTortue, 708-361-4600 x224.

February 22, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #3. Chicago.

(Scho) **February 22, 2003, State Warm-Up** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For teams of eight HS players. Bradley-Bourbonnais HS North, Bradley. John Hasset, 815-937-3707 x 2946.

(Scho) **March 1, 2003, ICCA Historic Class A Team Championship** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For teams of five HS players. Georgetown-Ridge Farm HS, Georgetown. Mike Zacate, 708-479-9380 7-10 pm.

March 1-2, 2003, Greater Peoria Open (tentative). **An ICA Tour and Ex-Urban Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

(Scho) **March 7-8, 2003, IHSA Team Championship** (tentative). Not USCF-rated. For teams of eight HS players. Peoria Civic Center, Peoria. Beth Saucer, 309-663-6377.

(Scho) **March 20-23, 2003, National High School.** Columbus OH. www.uschess.org.

March 22, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #4 (Not Big). Chicago.

April 12, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #5 (Big). Chicago.

April 19-20, 2003, Concordia Maxi-Tour. River Forest. Robert Loncarevic, 773-282-5148. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

(Scho) **April 24-27, 2003, National Junior High.** Orlando FL. www.uschess.org.

May 3, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #6. Chicago.

(Scho) **May 8-11, 2003, National Elementary.** Nashville TN. www.uschess.org.

May 23-26 or 24-26 or 25-26, 2003, 12th Annual Chicago Open. Oakbrook. Continental Chess, PO Box 249, Salisbury Mills NY 12577. www.chesstour.com. **An ICA Tour MAXI-event.** ICA membership required.

May 31, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #7 (Not Big). Chicago.

June 13-15, 2003, National Open. Las Vegas NV. **A USCF National Event.**

June 21, 2003, Tuley Park Quick #8. Chicago.

July 2-6, 2003, 31st Annual World Open. Philadelphia PA.

2002 National Youth Action Championships



November 15-17, 2002

Best Western Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center: 7801 East State St., Rockford, IL 61125
Reservations: Special \$89 rate • www.ClockTowerResort.com • 1-800-358-7666 (mention chess)

Club Teams are Welcome

Main Event:

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Saturday, November 16, 2002 | | Sunday, November 17, 2002 | |
| Rounds | Time | Rounds | Time |
| 1 | 10:00 a.m. | 6 | 10:00 a.m. |
| 2 | 11:45 a.m. | 7 | 11:45 a.m. |
| 3 | 2:00 p.m. | 8 | 2:00 p.m. |
| 4 | 3:30 p.m. | 9 | 3:30 p.m. |
| 5 | 5:00 p.m. | Awards ceremony 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. (approximate) | |

Team rooms are limited. To reserve a team room contact Diane Reese at natlinfo@uschess.org or call 845-562-8350, ext. 181.

Special Events:

Friday, November 15 Blitz 6:30 p.m. Saturday, November 16 Bughouse 6:30 p.m.

Awards:

Many trophies in each section of the National Youth Action Championship
 Last year every team won a trophy! Every player gets a medal!
Onsite registration will be available, but not guaranteed, on November 15, 2002. Space is limited and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.



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ENTRY FORM for 2002 National Youth Action Championships

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Last Name _____ | | First Name _____ | | Date of Birth _____ | | E-mail Address _____ | | | | | |
| Address _____ | | | City _____ | | State _____ | | Zip Code _____ | | Phone Number _____ | | |
| Grade _____ | | School Name _____ | | | City & State of School _____ | | | Rating _____ | | | |
| Coach's Name _____ | | | | Team Code if known _____ | | USCF Member ID _____ | | Exp. Date _____ | | | |

USCF Membership is required in order to play in USCF Tournaments

I am not a USCF member, but I want to sign up for Membership: \$13 Scholastic (age 14 & under) \$20 Youth (age 19 & under)

ENTRY FEES

Main Tournament:

- \$30/participant** (Postmarked by 10/21/02)
- \$50/participant** (Postmarked after 10/21/02)
- \$70/participant** (Postmarked after 11/04/02 or onsite)

Blitz: \$10 (Postmarked by 10/21/02)
 \$20 (Postmarked thereafter or onsite)

Bughouse: \$10 (Postmarked by 10/21/02)
 \$20 (Postmarked thereafter or onsite)

Total \$ _____

Check or Money Order Enclosed

Credit Card



Name on Credit Card _____

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Cardholder's Signature _____

Please make all checks payable to the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF), and send to: National Youth Action Championship, USCF, 3054 US Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553 or fax with credit card information to (845) 561-2437. For more information contact (845) 562-8350, Mercedes Parker at ext. 128, e-mail clubs@uschess.org. You can register on-line at www.uschess.org/

Illinois Class Championships

November 30th, December 1st
(The weekend AFTER Thanksgiving)

\$5,000 Guaranteed

M/X - \$ 650-350-250-150-100 A- \$ 450-250-150-100-150

B- \$ 400-200-100-50 C - \$ 400-200-100-50

D - \$ 250-150-50-50

E/F - \$ 200-100-50-50

PLUS SPECIAL CHESS SETS FOR BOTTOM TWO IN EACH SECTION!!!

With an anticipated attendance of 120 and 40 prizes this is your best chance to win a prize in any major Illinois tournament this year!!

4 Round Swiss – IN SIX SECTIONS –

Sections MX,A,B,C **40/90 SD 60**

Sections D, E/F and Unrated – 8 games, two each with four opponents. **SD-60**

Palos Heights Recreational Center.

6601 West 127th St. Palos Heights, Illinois

Free parking in lot and across the street at Church

Advance Entry fees to 11/22: ICA, Box 100, Palos Heights, Il. 60463

MX-\$60, A,B,C - \$55, D,E/F \$50 –

ALL JUNIORS UNDER 18 SUBTRACT \$25

ALL \$10 MORE AT SITE!!!!

Play up one class for \$4. Class E/F can play up two classes for \$6.

Registration: 8:00 to 9:00!!!!

Rounds: 9:30-3:00, 9:30-3:00

EZ to-get-to: Two blocks East of Harlem Ave. on 127th Street

Off Rt. 57: Five miles West of 127th Street Exit

Off Rt. 294: Two Miles West of 127th Street Exit

Off Rt. 80: Harlem Exit North to 127th Street. Right (East) on 127th two blocks

Motel: Days Inn - \$60 S/Dble. 5150 West 127th Street. Alsip, Il.

708-371-5600 (Ask for chess rate!) – Two miles from site.

McDonalds and many restaurants within two blocks.

Do-Nuts, coffee, etc. Sunday AM.

ICA Maxi-Event. ICA membership or adjoining states required.

Info: Fred Gruenberg: 708-774-5005 or FGruen@AOL.com

**Illinois Valley Community College
Fall Maxi-Tour.
September 21-22, 2002,**

5-SS, game/120

Where: Cafeteria, Main Building, Illinois Valley Community College, 815 N Orlando Smith Av, Oglesby 61348.

EF: \$35 by 9/16, \$45 at site, \$20 to unrated joining USCF to play in tournament, 2200+ free.

Prizes: 80% of EFs returned as prizes (\$500 minimum guaranteed): 15%-10%; Expert,A,B,C,D/below each 7%-3%; unr 2%; upset 1.5%; cumulative upset 1.5% (www.gpcf.net for examples).

Reg 8:30-9:30 am, rds 9:45-2:15-6:30, 9:30-2.

Ron Suarez, 3313 W Saymore Ln, Peoria 61615. 309-241-2120, suarez@bwsys.net, www.gpcf.net.

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