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## MISSOURI CHESS HALL OF FAME:

Nominations are invited for the next inductee/s into the Missouri Chess Hall of Fame. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2005. Please send your nominations to MCA secretary Ken Fee at 1537 Baker, Liberty, MO 64068 or by email to [KFEE@kc.rr.com](mailto:KFEE@kc.rr.com). Include a biography and a description of the nominee's contributions to chess in the state of Missouri. The inductee/s will be announced at the Missouri Open and will receive a plaque commemorating the award.

***"Chess is above all a fight." - Emanuel Lasker***



# MISSOURI TOP 50

| Rank | Name                 | Current/Upcoming<br>Published Rating |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1    | MICHAEL A BROOKS     | 2452                                 |
| 2    | KENNETH E JONES      | 2315                                 |
| 3    | THOMAS G GOSSELL     | 2213                                 |
| 4    | JAMES S ELLIS        | 2200                                 |
| 5    | RONALD G LUTHER      | 2200                                 |
| 6    | LOAL W DAVIS         | 2200                                 |
| 7    | KENNETH P. THOMAS    | 2181                                 |
| 8    | BOB HOLLIMAN         | 2168                                 |
| 9    | ANDREW J WITTE       | 2152                                 |
| 10   | JAMES F MCLAUGHLIN   | 2138                                 |
| 11   | JAMES R VOELKER      | 2136                                 |
| 12   | ROBERT MERTON JACOBS | 2103                                 |
| 13   | GARY M WHITE         | 2085                                 |
| 14   | ZEBEDEE FORTMAN III  | 2075                                 |
| 15   | WALDO ODAK           | 2050                                 |
| 16   | KING P CHRISTIAN     | 2045                                 |
| 17   | DANIEL R HUFF        | 2022                                 |
| 18   | JEREMY M VOLKMAN     | 2022                                 |
| 19   | PAUL W CORNELISON    | 2017                                 |
| 20   | JAMES A DAVIES       | 2013                                 |
| 21   | KEVIN DALE JOHNSON   | 2000                                 |
| 22   | DAVID A SIMONS       | 1980                                 |
| 23   | PANAGIOTIS MASSOUROS | 1961                                 |
| 24   | TONY SONG            | 1958                                 |
| 25   | STEVEN D BANGE       | 1952                                 |
| 26   | GARY FREEMAN         | 1920                                 |
| 27   | DANIEL A JUENGEL     | 1917                                 |
| 28   | KEVIN GUO            | 1914                                 |
| 29   | ADIL SKUKA           | 1900                                 |
| 30   | ZEBEDEE FORTMAN JR   | 1900                                 |
| 31   | SELDEN TRIMBLE       | 1894                                 |
| 32   | MARK A COGLEY        | 1892                                 |
| 33   | MARK T SMITH         | 1881                                 |
| 34   | VICTOR J MARSHALL    | 1850                                 |
| 35   | DRITAN NERHATI       | 1845                                 |
| 36   | KENNETH E FEE JR     | 1832                                 |
| 37   | JAKE A FERGUSON      | 1831                                 |
| 38   | DANIEL J CORYEA      | 1827                                 |
| 39   | RAYMOND J BIRT       | 1825                                 |
| 40   | NATHANAEL SWINGER    | 1804                                 |
| 41   | STEPHEN R LANDRUM    | 1801                                 |
| 42   | ALBERT D HOWLETT     | 1794                                 |
| 43   | CHRIS A FIEBER       | 1792                                 |
| 44   | JOSEPH A GARNIER     | 1791                                 |
| 45   | WAYDE STALLMANN      | 1790                                 |
| 46   | NATHANIEL S FAST     | 1790                                 |
| 47   | JIM PUSEY            | 1780                                 |
| 48   | CHRIS A HUNT         | 1774                                 |
| 49   | JIM POAGE            | 1771                                 |
| 50   | JARED ANTHONY BRAY   | 1765                                 |

To be eligible for the Missouri Top 50 List, a player must be a current tournament player. Current as of this printing is the 2004 through 2006 USCF Rating List.

# Missouri Champions

## 2005 MO Open Champion Bob Holliman



## 2005 MO Quick Champion Ron Luther

## 2005 MO Class Champions

Master/Expert -- Zeb Fortman III

Class A -- (anonymous)

Class B -- Nathan Swinger

Class C -- Barry Walker

Class D -- Cody Ruggles

Class E -- Chris Ivy

Class F -- Arjun Khurana

Unrated -- Jared Bray



**2006 MO HS State  
Champion  
Kevin Guo  
Denker Champion**



**2006 MO HS State  
Champion  
Katy Mueller  
Polgar Champion**

## 2006 MO HS Team Champion Vianney HS - St. Louis, MO

# From the Editor by Ken Fee

E-Mail Comments and Games in ChessBase to KFEE@kc.rr.com

The first three months of 2006 have been very productive for Missouri Chess! From the New Year Open and Invitational in Kansas City to the Missouri Scholastic Championships in Jefferson City with an amazing 657 players, the average player notices that Chess is ALIVE and WELL in Missouri!



In the MCB Spring issue you will find plenty of games, analysis by top Missouri players including IM Michael Brooks, and pictures of our new Denker and Polgar Champions. The MCB would also like to introduce our new columnist, Steve Goldberg from Chesterfield, Missouri who also writes a national e-column at [www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com).

Chesscafe is a must for any chessplayer! Go to their archives for a plethora of information and chess lessons!

Exciting News! The Missouri Chess Festival will take place in Kansas City September 15th, 16th, and 17th at Bridger Middle School. Bridger, located near I-70 is a wonderful facility with plenty of lighting, parking, and space. A total of six tournaments will take place!

Besides the Missouri Open, which will have two sections this year, the Missouri Invitational, The MCA Scholastic, and The Missouri Quick, Blitz, and Bughouse State Championships will be staged on the same weekend. Please look in this issue and the July issue for information!

Now, let's look at the puzzle from last month's issue! **1.Rb5+ Diagram**



**1...Kxb5 2.Qb4+ Ka6 3.Qb5+ Kxb5 4.a4+** The game illustrates that sometimes in certain positions, there is hope!

Finally, I would like to thank the chess-players who sent material to me to be published. Thanks for the hard work!  
**Good Chess!**

—Ken Fee  
April 1, Liberty, Missouri

# Missouri Chess Association Board of Directors Meeting

## The Minutes for January 22, 2006



The meeting was convened at 2:11PM at the UMC Memorial Union in Columbia, Missouri.

**Members Present:** Ed Baur, Bill Wright, Charlie Ward, Ken Fee, Wayne Bartlett, and Milton Garber. Not present: Bob Holliman, Selden Trimble, and Aaron Dubin.

The Minutes of October 2nd, 2005 board meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with one amendment.

**Spring Meeting:** May 21st, 2006 at MC Memorial Union at 2PM.

**Treasurer Report:** Balance of \$3011.79 as of August 31st. Incentives issue! Bill presented a proposed budget. Ed Baur paid for printing of a past bulletin. The report was approved unanimously. Motion Amend TD profit \$400. Change MCB to \$1200. Discussed issue on MCA memberships modest dues increase. \$12/8/5. September 1, 2006 TD Incentive \$100 Discuss later. Polgar/Denker Champion fund \$200 to help player travel expenses..

**Members Report:** Charlie Ward reported that there are currently 246 members. The report was approved unanimously.

**Membership Dues:** The board voted unanimously to change the dues to \$12/8/5 starting September 1, 2006.

### Old Business:

Scholastic Championship - Moving the event! St.Louis or Kansas City. Ed plans to retire in two years.

Polgar/Denker Champions - Boys-Girls play together.

### Tournament Schedule:

- St. Louis Open - April 29th, 30th, 2006
- The Missouri Open - September 16th-17th in Kansas City.
- The Chess Club Championship - April 29th, 30th, 2006
- Missouri Class Championships will be held June 10th-11th

**Meeting Frequency:** The board voted unanimously to meet three times a year. One idea was to skip the summer meeting.

### New Business:

Call for nominations for the MCA Board in MCA board April issue. May 1st, 2006

Board clarifies policy that OSA players do not have to buy MCA memberships.

Present Goals next meeting! Committee. Wayne is chairman.

Pay for MCB publishing a month ahead of time.

The board unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:52PM.

### Missouri Chess Association Call for Nominations

As a Missouri Chess Association member you are invited to submit nominations for the annual election of members of the MCA board of directors.

Nominees must be residents of the state of Missouri and current members of the MCA. If elected, nominees would serve a one-year term beginning on September 1, 2006. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. Members would be expected to attend Board meetings held in Columbia (currently three times per year) and the general membership meeting at the Missouri Open in September, 2006. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 2006. Election ballots will be mailed by June 1 to MCA members in good standing as of May 1, 2006. Send your nominations to: Jim Davies, Election Commissioner, 7358 Shaftsbury Avenue St. Louis, MO 63130 or email them to [jadaviesathome@msn.com](mailto:jadaviesathome@msn.com).



## **An Amazing 657 Players Participate in the 2006 Missouri Scholastic Championships**

Three Scholastic Championship Tournaments were held at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City. First, The Missouri Senior High Chess Championship took place February 25th with 174 players participating. Ed Baur with his team of computer operators and floor help directed another well run event. Ed, from St. Louis has been running the scholastic championships for the last twenty years and should be congratulated for a job well done!

### **2006 Missouri High School State Championship Results**

#### **Winners**

##### Teams

- Vianney HS, St. Louis, MO

##### Individuals

- Board 1 - Kevin Guo, Parkway Central HS, St. Louis, MO
- Board 2 - Mike Vitale, Vianney HS, St. Louis, MO
- Board 3 - Michael Menzel, Westminster Christian Academy, St. Louis, MO and Alexander Soloducha, Rockhurst HS, Kansas City, MO
- Board 4 - Troy Wolz, Jefferson City HS, Jefferson, MO

Second, The Missouri Junior High (K-9) Chess Championship had a record 472 players and took place March 4th.

### **2006 Missouri Junior High/Elementary Chess Championship**

#### **Winners**

##### Teams

- 9th and Under Division - Vianney HS, St. Louis, MO
- 8th and Under Division - Ladue MS, St. Louis, MO
- 6th and Under Division - Chesterfield Day ES, Chesterfield, MO
- 5th and Under Division - The Barstow School, Kansas City, MO

## Individuals

### 9th and Under Division

- Nick Karlow, Valley Park HS, Valley Park, MO

### 8th and Under Division (co-champions)

- Robert Williams - Allen Village MS, Kansas City, MO
- Brad Schlosser - Parkway Central MS, Chesterfield, MO
- Henry Cao - Parkway Central MS, Chesterfield, MO

### 6th and Under Division

- Trent Garton, Bridger MS, Independence, MO

### 5th and Under Division (co-champions)

- Kevin Cao, Shenandoah Valley ES, Chesterfield, MO
- William Tong, Pierremont ES, Ballwin, MO



Kevin Guo - Missouri  
Denker State Champion



Katy Mueller - Missouri  
Polgar State Champion

And finally, The Missouri State 9-12 Boys and Girls Tournament of Champions was played on March 4th to determine Missouri's representatives in the National Denker and Polgar Championships. Eleven players played for the chance to represent Missouri. Both the Denker for boys and the Polgar for girls is held each year. One representative from each state plays in the national event.



Denker and Polgar Play-off Tournament

## Scholastic Championship at Lewis and Clark Middle School in Jefferson City

### Standings

| Place | Name/Team  | Rate | Score | Solk | SBx2 | Med | Cum |
|-------|--|------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1     | Kevin Guo (Parkway Central HS, Chesterfield)           | 1914 | 3.0   | 5.0  | 10.0 | 2.0 | 6.0 |
| 2     | Thomas R. Rehmeier (Jefferson City HS)                 | 1518 | 3.0   | 2.0  | 4.0  | 0.5 | 6.0 |
| 3     | Brad Herbst (Vianney HS, Kirkwood, MO)                 | 1518 | 2.0   | 6.5  | 7.0  | 2.0 | 5.0 |
| 4     | Nathan E. Judy (Rockhurst HS, Kansas City, MO)         | 1275 | 2.0   | 4.0  | 2.0  | 0.5 | 3.0 |
| 5     | Alexander V. Soloducha (Rockhurst HS, Kansas City, MO) | 1353 | 2.0   | 3.0  | 2.0  | 0.5 | 4.0 |
| 6     | Bradley Mills (Ava HS, Ava, MO)                        | 1046 | 1.5   | 3.0  | 1.5  | 0.5 | 2.0 |
| 7     | Troy Wolz (Jefferson City HS)                          | 1393 | 1.0   | 6.5  | 1.0  | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| 8     | Emily Schapker (St. Teresa's HS, Kansas City, MO)      | 119  | 1.0   | 4.5  | 0.0  | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| 9     | Emily Duesing (St. Teresa's HS, Kansas City, MO)       | 585  | 1.0   | 4.0  | 0.0  | 2.0 | 1.0 |
| 10    | Katy Mueller (Parkway South HS, Manchester, MO)        | 997  | 1.0   | 3.0  | 0.0  | 1.0 | 0.0 |
| 11    | Kyle Berry (Chaminade HS, St. Louis MO)                | 1037 | 0.5   | 6.5  | 1.5  | 2.0 | 1.0 |



# Brenner Sweeps UMR Chess Championship

By Selden Trimble

Winning all four of his games, Bryan Brenner took the trophy in the Spring, 2006, UMR Chess Championship played February 26 at the Havener Center on the URM campus in Rolla. Jimmy Townsend and Jacob Hamacher tied for second, each losing to Brenner and drawing with the other. Vamsi Polisetty and Paul Hamacher won two games apiece. Ariel Hernandez, Zack Nelson, and Paul Roland rounded out the field, each winning one game.

The event was sponsored by the UMR Chess Club which provided refreshments for players and spectators alike. The Chess Club regularly meets on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. in the Burgess Room of the Havener Center. Everyone is invited.

Event "UMR Spring Championship"

Site "Havener Center, UMR, Rolla"

Date "2006.02.26"

Round "4"

White "Bryan Brenner"

Black "Jimmy Townsend"

Result "1-0"

ECO "C55"

Annotator "Selden Trimble"



This game was played in the last round. It's full of fireworks. The last part is a little sloppy, probably due to the fast time control of G/45.

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d4 exd4 5. O-O Bc5 6. Bg5 O-O 7. e5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. exf6 gxh4 10. Nxh4 Qxf6 11. Qg4+ Qg5 12. Qe4 d6 13. Nf3 Qe7 14. Qg6+ Kh8 15. Qxh6+ Kg8 16. Ng5 Bf5 17. Nd2 Ne5 18. Rfe1 Rad8 19. f4 Ng4 20. Qh4 d3+ 21. Kh1 Bf2 22. Rxe7 Bxh4 23. Bxf7+ Rxf7 24. Rxf7 Bxg5 25. Rxf5 Bh6 26. cxd3 Nf2+ 27. Kg1 Nxd3 28. b3 Bxf4 29. Nf3 Re8 30. Rd1 Be3+ 31. Kf1 Nf4 32. Re1 Ng6 33. Nd2 d5 34. Rxd5 Nf4 35. Rg5+ Kh7 36. Nc4 Kh6 37. h4 Ne6 38. Rxe3 Rf8+ 39. Ke2 Nf4+ 40. Ke1 Ng6 41. Re6 Rg8 42. Ne5 c6 43. Nxg6 Kh7 44. Nf8+ Kh8 45. Rh6# 1-0





## Tony Dutiel Wins The 2006 New Year Open

The three-day, seven-round 2006 New Year Open was played January 14th-16th at The Chess Club in Kansas City. Thirty players participated in the marathon chess event. The following cash prizes were awarded to five players. Tony Dutiel \$200, Nathaniel Fast \$200, Jimmy Yates \$200, Richard Gill \$75, and Daiki Sampei.

Tony Dutiel won the event on tie-break with a score of 5.5. and will earned a spot in the Missouri Invitational in September. See details in the issue.

### Final Standings

Pair | Player Name | [Total|Round|Round|Round|Round|Round|Round]  
Num | USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post) | Pts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

|   |  |          |
|---|--|----------|
| 1   TONY DUTIEL<br>NE   12602486 / R: 1847                | [5.5   W   19W   15W   5L   2D   3W   11W   7]   | ->1855   |
| 2   NATHANIEL S FAST<br>MO   12828016 / R: 1790           | [5.5   W   17W   13W   3W   1D   7L   4W   6]    | ->1817   |
| 3   JIMMY R YATES<br>MO   12784011 / R: 1678              | [5.5   W   20W   25L   2W   8D   1W   7W   4]    | ->1734   |
| 4   JAIME E FERNANDEZ<br>KS   12663316 / R: 1793          | [4.5   W   29W   26L   7W   9H   0W   2L   3]    | ->1790   |
| 5   DARIUS MASUHUD<br>MO   12864461 / R: 1761             | [4.0   W   23W   9L   1D   7W   16L   6W   14]   | ->1757   |
| 6   GRAY BULLIS<br>TX   12602088 / R: 1760                | [4.5   L   18W   16W   21W   14D   11W   5L   2] | ->1746   |
| 7   THOMAS J GAUL<br>IA   12475158 / R: 1793              | [4.0   W   10W   18W   4D   5D   2L   3L   1]    | ->1786   |
| 8   KEVIN Y CAO<br>MO   12905349 / R: 1550                | [4.0   L   28W   20W   12L   3W   24H   0H   0]  | ->1553   |
| 9   VACIL SULLENS JR<br>KS   10369657 / R: 1500           | [4.0   W   12L   5W   15L   4D   14W   22D   11] | ->1518   |
| 10   BYRON WILLIAMSON<br>MO   12778618 / R: 1452          | [4.0   L   7L   12W   20D   13W   21W   17H   0] | ->1473   |
| 11   DAIKI SAMPEI<br>KS   12817699 / R: 1265              | [4.0   L   26W   29W   13W   21D   6L   1D   9]  | ->1424   |
| 12   RICHARD G GILL<br>MO   13003333 / R: Unrated->1420P7 | [4.0   L   9W   10L   8L   24W   23W   30W   19] | ->1420P7 |
| 13   BRIAN L MOORE<br>KS   12728357 / R: 1586             | [3.5   W   22L   2L   11D   10W   25H   0H   0]  | ->1558   |
| 14   TIMOTHY M WALKER<br>KS   12664620 / R: 1544          | [3.5   L   25W   23W   24L   6D   9W   15L   5]  | ->1527   |
| 15   NICHOLAS J MANLEY<br>MO   12835217 / R: 1529         | [3.5   W   24L   1L   9W   29W   17L   14D   16] | ->1515   |

|  |   |           |
|--|---|-----------|
| 16   DAN HOLMES<br>KS   13221068 / R: Unrated->1508P7  | [3.5   D   21L   6W   27W   26L   5D   19D   15]  | ->1508P7  |
| 17   CHRISTOPHER D MITCHELL<br>MO   12519796 / R: 1437 | [3.5   L   2D   22W   25W   18L   15L   10W   23] | ->1427    |
| 18   CHARLES DAVID KEARNS<br>MO   12690338 / R: 1385   | [3.5   W   6L   7D   26L   17L   19W   24W   22]  | ->1404    |
| 19   FRANK H SMITH<br>MO   12834366 / R: 1470          | [3.0   L   1L   24W   23D   22W   18D   16L   12] | ->1439    |
| 20   KENT WILLIAMS<br>KS   12443854 / R: 1322          | [3.0   L   3L   8L   10L   23W   27X   0W   24]   | ->1297    |
| 21   JOSEPH C CONKLIN JR<br>MO   10365473 / R: 1455    | [2.5   D   16W   17L   6L   11L   10H   0H   0]   | ->1421    |
| 22   LEROY E ASHER<br>KS   12537402 / R: 998           | [2.5   L   13D   17H   0D   19W   29L   9L   18]  | ->1104    |
| 23   SPENCER L CONKLIN<br>MO   12818486 / R: 1435      | [2.0   L   5L   14L   19W   20L   12W   27L   17] | ->1381    |
| 24   TONY ENGLISH<br>KS   12841082 / R: 1102           | [2.0   L   15W   19L   14W   12L   8L   18L   20] | ->1160    |
| 25   LYLE TAYLOR<br>KS   12959210 / R: 1021            | [2.0   W   14L   3L   17W   27L   13U   0U   0]   | ->1076    |
| 26   NICHOLAS FULOP<br>MO   12574999 / R: 1620         | [1.5   W   11L   4D   18L   16U   0U   0U   0]    | ->1593    |
| 27   WAKAHA SAMPEI<br>KS   13114628 / R: 559           | [1.5   H   0L   21L   16L   25L   20L   23X   0]  | ->554     |
| 28   LAURENCE COKER<br>KS   12174160 / R: 1718         | [1.0   W   8U   0U   0U   0U   0U   0U   0]       | ->1726    |
| 29   ZIJAD BRKIC<br>MO   13244103 / R: 1417P9->1316P14 | [1.0   L   4L   11W   30L   15L   22F   0F   0]   | ->1316P14 |
| 30   FRED A SMITH<br>MO   13100001 / R: 779            | [0.0   U   0U   0L   29U   0U   0L   12U   0]     | ->774     |

# Chess Strategy with Life Master Bob Holliman

## "A Gem of a Game"

E-Mail Comments and Games to Bob in ChessBase to chessbob@ispwest.com

Topalov,V (2801) - Aronian,L (2752) [E15]  
Corus A Wijk aan Zee NED (10), 25.01.2006

The phone rang the other day. Hello, Bob, it's Vesselin; I am in Wijk aan Zee. I play Aronian next. What do you recommend? Well, V (when you are on a first name basis with the world champion you don't have to use full names, initials are fine), as I watched your games from San Luis it is obvious you have no regard for pieces or pawns, only the position. Well, of course, Dr. Bob it's the play that matters. Well, V, you know I really like that approach. Why not try something that will really show the power of piece play, go for bishops this time. Thanks, B, I'll do that. Thus inspired Topalov plays a gem of a game! (Well, it could have happened that way but neither of us are talking). **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3** I like this a bit more than the Qc2 move **5...Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7** Chess analysis is sometimes a labor intensive mess - not the analysis mind you, but putting the thought process into print. Here Aronian has taken two moves to do what he could have done in one by simply playing **5...Be7**. However his trade off is that White will have to use a move to put the bishop on its desired a1-h8 diagonal. **7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5 9.Ne5 Nfd7 10.Nxd7** This is all known theory but my database is running out of references quickly. The idea of taking the knight may need some conceptualization. First, White wants to retain a pawn structure that is fluid. Fluid simply means not fixed. Had

White castled he would have allowed Black to exchange on e5 leaving his a1-h8 bishop somewhat restricted. **10...Nxd7 11.Nd2 0-0 12.0-0 Nf6 13.e4 b5 14.exd5 exd5 15.Re1 Rb8 16.c5 Bc8** We have just left known theory. Quiz time - do you believe these guys know all these games that lead up to these positions or do they operate on general principals? [16...b4 17.Bb2 Bb5 18.a3 bxa3 19.Rxa3 a6 20.Bh3 Re8 21.Bc3 Rb7 22.Ba5 Qb8 23.b4 Bd8 24.Rae3 g6 25.Rxe8+ Nxe8 26.Nf3 f5 27.Nh4 Ng7 28.Ng2 Re7 29.Rxe7 Bxe7 30.Qe1 Kf7 31.Nf4 1/2-1/2 Zueger,B-Summermatter,D/Arosa 1990/EXT 2000] **17.Nf3 Ne4** Diagram



[17...Bg4 18.h3 Bh5 19.g4 Bg6 20.Ne5 may have been a better way to defend the light squares but under "normal" circumstances who would have even considered whites 18th move... 20...Qc7 ] **18. Rxe4** Why not? This just rips apart Black's pawn structure and leave his wondering what to

do against the c&d pawns **18...dxe4**

**19.Ne5 Qd5 20.Qe1 Bf5 21.g4! Bg6 22.f3**

**b4** This zwischenzug gives White a powerful edge. The queen must retreat, the c6 square is under seige and the Black bishop is forced to relocate to the king's side and I doubt this bothered Topalov at all as that's where the dark squared piece belongs to support the advance of the central pawn roller **23.fxe4 Qe6 24.Bb2 Bf6**

**25.Nxc6 Qxc6 26.e5 Qa6 27.exf6 Rfe8**

**28.Qf1** No need to fear the exchange of queens. Black does not have a dark square bishop so White is, effectively, a piece up. Rooks are horrid defensive pieces by the way, they can only sit in front of pawns. **28...Qe2 29.Qf2 Qxg4 30.h3**

**Qg5 31.Bc1 Qh5 [31...Qxf6 32.Qxf6 gxf6**

**33.Bf4 Rbd8 34.d5 Be4 35.Rd1 Bxg2**

**36.Kxg2 Re2+ 37.Kf3 Rxa2 38.c6 Ra3**

**39.c7 Rxb3+ 40.Kg4 Rc8 41.d6 Rc3 42.d7]**

**32.Bf4 Rbd8 33.c6** Notice in all this how

White allows the pawn to sit on f6, he gives black the opportunity to spend a move to capture this pawn knowing that another move advances the c/d steam-

roller. **33...Be4 34.c7 Rc8 35.Re1 Qg6**

Diagram



**36.Rxe4** And here is the answer to the "pin" - Topalov simply removes the light square piece from black's position. White already has a protected pawn at c7 and by giving up this rook he "buys" a move to advance the d pawn. **36...Rxe4 37.d5**

**Rce8 38.d6 Re1+ 39.Kh2 Qf5 [39...R1e2 40.Qxe2] 40.Qg3 g6** No time for Qf6 as d7 is the threat. Black is minus the natural defensive piece. Suppose he could place a rook on c8, bishop on d7 then he may

have some defensive chances. **41.Qg5** Forces the queens off and locks the black king in the box. Black has no time for doubling on the 7th or any counterplay, 1-0 would have been respectable at this point

if not earlier **41...Qxg5 42.Bxg5 Rd1**

**43.Bc6 Re2+ 44.Kg3** With both rooks removed from the back rank and the "c" file covered Aronian throws in the towel.

1-0

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From left to Right: Ken Jones, Yuliya Levitan, Tim Steiner, Jason Kasick, Daniel Goffstein, and Ron Luther.

## Kenneth Jones Wins! 2006 KC Masters Invitational

The 2006 Kansas City Masters was held January 14th -15th at The Chess Club in North Kansas City. The tournament was a five round-robin event with a time control of game 120. The top ten players from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Missouri were invited.

The tournament turned out to be a blood fest! Out of fifteen games, only three were drawn. And after five rounds, and twenty hours of grueling chess, Kenneth Jones became the 2006 KC Masters Champion. Ken was awarded \$300 with a score of four points. Ron Luther finished second with 3.5 points and collected \$100. Ken also earned a spot in the September Missouri Invitation and will be playing for the state title.

The Chess Club would like to also thank Tim Steiner, Daniel Goffstein, and WIM Yuliya Levitan for playing in our inaugural event. Each won \$33.

Plans for the 2007 KC Masters Invitational are already in the works. Besides making the event FIDE rated next year, The Chess Club KC Masters Invitational Committee is working on ways to increase the prize fund.

| NAME               | Rating | State | 1     | 2   | 3   | 4     | 5   | 6   | Score |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|-------|
| Kenneth Jones      | 2315   | MO    | █     | 1 ½ | 1 ½ | 1 ½   | 1   | 4.0 |       |
| WIM Yuliya Levitan | 2237   | KS    | 0     | █   | 0   | 1 1 ½ | 2.5 |     |       |
| Ron Luther         | 2200   | MO    | ½ 1   | █   | 1 0 | 1     | 3.5 |     |       |
| Jason Kasick       | 2111   | KS    | 0 0 0 | █   | 0 0 | 0.0   |     |     |       |
| Tim Steiner        | 2057   | KS    | ½ 0   | 1 1 | █   | 0     | 2.5 |     |       |
| Daniel Goffstein   | 2039   | IA    | 0 ½ 0 | 1 1 | █   | 2.5   |     |     |       |

**Note:** An annotated game from KC Masters winner Kenneth Jones appears on page 14.

# A KC Master's Win

By Kenneth Jones, winner of 2006 KC Masters Invitational

Jones, Kenneth E (2315) -  
Kasick, Jason (2111) [B14],  
KC Masters Invitational (4),  
2006



**Kenneth Jones**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5  
4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Qb3 Bg4  
Diagram



(The fianchetto line is one of the most dynamic ways of meeting the Panov Attack. Black gives up a pawn to complete development and hopes to recapture it later, leaving White with an isolated pawn on d4) 7.cxd5 0-0 8.Be2 (To guard the pawn with Bf3) 8...Na6 (Older, and more thematic, is 8...Nbd7 & 9...Nb6) 9.Bf4!? [An interesting side-line. Of course 9.Bf3 is most often played.] 9...Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.d6 (A common idea in these lines. White returns the pawn to split Black's pawn change and lessen the pressure on the d-file.) 11...exd6 12.Nf3 [Preferring to

complete development rather than let Black get active with 12.Bxd6 Rd8 13.Be5 Nb4] 12...d5? [Too passive. After 12...Nh5 13.Bxd6 Rd8 14.Be5 Bxe5 15.dxe5 Nf4 16.0-0 Bg4

Black's active pieces give me practical chances of equalizing]

13.0-0 (Black will have a hard time guarding all his weak pawns) 13...Rd8?! 14.Na4 Nb4? [14...Nd7 15.Bb5 Nab8 16.Bc7 also costs material; the only way to mix it up is 14...Nh5 ] 15.Nxb6 Ra7 [Black now sees that 15...Rxa2? 16.Rxa2 Nxa2 17.Ra1 Nb4 18.Ra8 costs a piece] 16.Bb8 (White insists however!) 16...Rxa2 17.Rxa2 Nxa2 18.Bc7 Re8 19.Bb5 Bd7 [19...Rf8 20.Bd6 when White is also threatening Ra1] 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.Ra1 [Always this move! 21.Bxd7 Re7 22.Ra1 also wins, but this is simpler] 21...Rc8 22.Bf4 1-0





# Spotlight on Missouri Chess

by Steve Goldberg

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I am pleased to present what is expected to be a quarterly column for the Missouri Chess Bulletin. By way of introduction, I grew up in St. Louis and have lived most of my life here, playing first board for the Parkway North PawnPushers chess team in the early 70s (that's 1970s, not 1870s, by the way). I currently work as an optometrist in St. Louis and am also the scholastic chess columnist for the popular web "magazine" at [www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com). In addition, my wife and I have begun a personalized products company ([www.picproducts.net](http://www.picproducts.net)) that produces customized t-shirts and other items for individuals or clubs.

The goal of this column is to bring you Missouri-specific information about our own chess personalities and events. For my ChessCafe column I have interviewed world-class grandmasters and have also written about small children just starting out in chess; I expect to do the same here. What I'm looking for is not just a story about the top player in this or that tournament - if someone has an interesting story to tell, I'm interested. It doesn't matter whether the person is a child or an adult, master or patzer, player or coach or organizer. If you or someone you know has a newsworthy item to discuss, feel free to e-mail me at [scholasticchess@hotmail.com](mailto:scholasticchess@hotmail.com).

For this inaugural column, I had the pleasure of speaking with Kansas City's Zebedee Fortman III, who had a spectacular 2005. He won outright the Master/Expert section of the 2005 Missouri Class Championships last June and tied for first place at the 2005 Missouri Open this past September, going undefeated

in both tournaments. He gained nearly 100 rating points over the last half of 2005 and is currently rated 2075, which according to the Winter 2006 Missouri Chess Bulletin places him at #20 in the state.

Now 32 years old, Zeb has been playing chess since he was a little boy, having been taught by his father Zeb Fortman II, a prominent chess teacher in Kansas City. Zeb III also had the advantage of receiving some early lessons from Michael Brooks. More recently, he has gone through several tutoring sessions with IM Igor Khmel'nitsky of Philadelphia, who has spent time with Zeb analyzing his games and providing him with an overall plan to follow. "He taught me how to study," reports Zeb.

In addition, Zeb will frequently set up a mid-game position, either from his own games or those of others, and study the position deeply for about 10-15 moves, testing his own analysis with the help of Fritz software. He tends to spend most of his free time studying and playing chess, typically fast games on the Internet Chess Club, although he makes time to also play in perhaps 12-15 OTB tournaments annually. The highlight of his chess career, he said, occurred a number of



**Zeb Fortman III with his daughter Jazmyne.**

years ago when he placed first in the Under 2000 section of the Las Vegas National Open.

Besides playing chess, Zeb also teaches chess weekly at two Kansas City-area elementary schools. As such, he especially enjoyed the recent A&E movie *Knights of the South Bronx*, which is an adaptation of the true-life story of chess teacher David MacEnulty. Zeb was particularly impressed that MacEnulty essentially rearranged his life in order to make a difference in the lives of the kids he worked with (for more information about MacEnulty, see my archived January 2006 Scholastic Chess ChessCafe column).

So what motivates Zeb? Very simply, he said, "I love to play chess, I love the camaraderie." He also loves to go on the attack, as evidenced by the following game:

**Trevor Jackson (2145) - Zebedee Fortman III (2075)**, North Tennessee Winter Open, Round 3, January 15, 2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Ne7  
5.e4 Ng6 6.f3 Bc5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bd2 d6  
9.Qc1 Nh5 10.g3 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.Be3  
Bxe3 13.Qxe3 Nf6 14.Bd3 Ne7 15.Nge2  
Qd7 16.0-0-0 Bxd3 17.Rxd3 Nf5 18.Qf2  
b6 19.a4 a6 20.Rg1 g5 21.a5 Rb8  
22.Ne4 Rf8 23.Nxf6+ Rxf6 24.Nc3 Nd4



The Black knight at d4 is about to get a lot of exercise, making quite a pest of himself.

25.Re1 Nb3+ 26.Kc2 Nc5 27.Rde3 Qf5+  
28.Kd2 bxa5 29.Nd1 Nb3+ 30.Kc3 Nd4  
31.Rxe5+ dxe5 32.Qxd4 Qxf3+ 33.Re3  
Rf5 0-1

## MO CHESS CAMPS 2006

It's not too early to make plans for summer chess camp. Here are a few organized camps available in and around Missouri:

### CAMPS LED BY ZEB FORTMAN II

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#### 2006 Barstow Summer Chess Camps

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(beginner/novice)

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(intermediate)

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(all levels)

### CAMPS LED BY KEN FEE & TIM STEINER

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#### The Chess Club in North Kansas City

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#### Arbor Creek Chess Camp in Olathe, KS

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(Contact Jeff at 314-651-4782)

#### St. Louis Chess Academy

June 12-16



# A Game From The KC Masters

by IM Michael Brooks (E-mail: IMMichaelBrooks@aol.com)

R Luther (2200) - K Jones (2327) [B26]  
 KC Masters Invitational, January 15, 2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Rb8  
 Diagram



7.f4 Smyslov popularized 7.Qd2.... The idea is to not block the c1-h6 diagonal with the pawn while keeping the option of trading bishops on h6 and reserving the King Knight's options of developing to e2, f3, or h3. It's a useful move and keeps Black guessing for a few more moves concerning White's setup. 7...b5 8.Qd2 b4 9.Nd1  
 Bd7 Diagram



This Bd7 is not a bad move, but I do not think it solves Black's strategic problem of a safe and straight forward way of developing his pieces. Black has several reasonable moves and ways to deploy his pieces and now would be a good time to make a decision and follow through with one of them. Normally when White plays f4 in the closed Sicilian, the most solid way for Black to handle it, is to play f5 at some point. One way to prepare f5 would be e6, Nge7, and finally f5 with a very solid position. Another method is to play e5, Ng-e7, exf4

and finally f5. One could also skip exf4 and just play f5. If White plays fxe5, Black should recapture with his knight on e5. Another neat way for Black to deploy is 9...Bg4 This threatens Bxd1, so after Nf3, Black could play Qc8, h3 Bxf3, Bxf3, Nf6, g4 Nd7 with a reverse English type of game. Or perhaps after 9...Bg4 10.Nf3, he could play Nf6 not fearing 11.e5)

I will let you decide whether Black should now play dxe5 or immediately Nd7 10.Nf3 Qc8 (f5 followed by Nf6 looks more comfortable) 11.h3 a5 Diagram



Black is not solving his kingside development needs. Also in some lines, Black needs Na5 to be available. Black's queenside expansion should backfire due to his lack of development 12.Rb1 I do not like this move. It pins the b2 pawn to the rook on b1 and prevents White from having greater choices. I would like to be able to play c3 and d4. So g4 or Rc1 would be better. 12...a4 13.g4 Nd4 14.0-0 Bc6 Bc6 looks like it loses a pawn to Bxd4 cxd4, Qf2...However, b3 seems to give black enough play. Instead of Bc6 14.... h5 looks interesting.  
 Diagram



15.Qf2 This is not right even though White does get a better game later. I like Nh2 or Nh4. Avoiding exchanges gives Black the most difficulties. The plan is to correct the bad Rb1 move with Rc1 and start firing with c3 and d4. Notice that Luther has been aggressively posturing on the kingside and now should switch his attack to the center and queenside exposing Black's weakening pawn moves and uncoordinated pieces. Jones will still need to spend many tempos in order to complete his kingside development and secure king safety. 15...Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3

Nf6 Notice how Black's liabilities have greatly been reduce by the exchange of knights. 17.Qg2 Another leisurely move. White is playing this position real slow; g5 Nd7, h4 is a strong attacking formation. 17...Nd7 Diagram



18.Bf2 Bb5 Diagram



19.b3 axb3 20.axb3 Bd4 21.Ne3 0-0 22.Nd5 h4 is better. White needs to weaken Black's kingside pawn structure. Notice that Black has no real counterplay. Diagram



Notice that black has no real counter play. 22...Bxf2+ 23.Rxf2 Qd8 Diagram



24.g5 Better is Ne3. Maybe Black won't play e6 threatening to bring his queen up to f6 and into White's weakened dark squares. 24...Bc6 Better is e6 leaving this bishop covering the c4 square. 25.Ne3 f6 Diagram



White should have prepared his attack a little more before allowing Black to challenged him with this move. If White's

queen was on g3, he could simply have continued with h4 and on fxg, hxg because the f4 pawn would not be hanging. 26.h4 fxg5 27.Qxg5 Whites attack has been weakened, but it is still going. 27...e6 28.Bg4 (Og3 is probable better) **Diagram**



28...Rf6 I think Black's position is easier to defend if he plays Qxg5,hxg5 Kf7. 29.Bh3 Kh8 30.Rbf1 Why not Ra1? 30...Nf8 **Diagram**



31.e5 Even better now is Ra1. If Black trades this rook with Ra8, Rxa8, Bxa8, then send another rook over with Rf1.31...dxe5 Better is Rf7 32.Qxe5 **Diagram**



(32.Ng4 is the alternative). 32...Qd4 This leaves the rook loose on b8. Maybe black should try Nd7, and if Qb2 h5, Bxe6 Kh7 with some chances. I think one or both players overlooked this. White should take the rook with Qxb8 Qxe3, Kh2 followed by Qe5. Even without taking the rook on b8, White is still winning with Ng4 Qxe5, Nxe5. Editor's Note: Luther points out that he did not take the rook because he was concerned about perpetual and did not see Kh2 33.Ng4 **Diagram**



33...Qxe5 34.fxe5 I like 34.Nxe5 and if Bd5, Ra1 Ra8, Rxa8 Bxa8, Kh2; with Kg3 and finally Rf1 and 34.Ra1. Black's pieces are tied up on the kingside. 34...Rxf2 35.Rxf2 Kg7 36.Ne3 Nd7 37.Bxe6 Nxe5 38.Bd5 **Diagram**



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# Games from Missouri Players

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**Missouri Open St. Louis 2005.09.18**  
**Round 5, White: Selden Trimble Black:**  
**Kevin Power, Result 1-0 ECO E73**  
**Annotator Selden Trimble**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 g6 4. e4 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. Qd2 Re8 8. O-O-O c5 9. d5 Black will now have trouble moving his e-pawn. He starts to play on the queenside, but that's slow. a6 10. h4 h5 11. g4?! This probably isn't good. But I'd been soundly beaten the previous round by Ron Luther, had no chance for a prize, and thought this move would be fun. Nxg4 It may be better for Black to play 11. ... hxg4. If 12. h5, then 12. ... Nxh5 13. Bxg4 Ndf6 and Black looks fine. 12. Bxg4 hxg4 13. h5 Ne5 13. ... f6 followed by g5 may be better. 14. hxg6 Nxg6? Black's knight is very well posted on e5. I think Black would be much better with 14. ... fxg6. His extra pawn on g4 would be a real thorn in White's side. It's well defended, prevents White from pushing his f-pawn and attacking Black's knight, and prevents White from playing his own knight to f3 or h3. In fact, if White wants to play Nge2, he needs to take account of Black's then playing Nf3. Finally, White has to worry immediately about Black's playing Nxc4. With 14.... fxg6, Black may even be winning. 15. f4 gxf3 16. Nxf3 Bg4 17. Rdf1 Bxf3 18. Rxf3 Ne5? It's too late to post the knight on e5. It only sends the rook to a very good square and exposes the Black king. The game is now lost for Black. 19. Rg3 Ng6 20. Qh2 White probably plays this move no matter what Black does on the previous move. Kf8 If 20. ...

Nf8, then 21. Qh8+ Bxh8 22. Bf6+ and mate the next move. If 20. ... f6 (or f5), then 21. Qh7+ followed by 22. Bh6. 21. Bh6 Threatens Bxg7+ followed by Qh7+ with mate to follow shortly. e5 There's really nothing better. 22. Bxg7+ Kxg7 23. Qh6+ Kf6 Else Qh8#. 24. Rf1+ Ke7 25. Rxf7+ Black resigned. After 25. ... Kxf7 26. Qxg6+, it's mate next move. 1-0

**Jones, Ken (2315) - Goffstein, Daniel (2039) [C88], KC Masters, 1.14.2006**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.O-O Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 O-O 8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.c3 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Na3 Qd7 13.Bg5 Bc6 14.b4 Nb7 15.a5 h6 16.Bh4 Qc7 17.Nc2 g5 18.Bg3 c4 19.dxc4 Nxe4 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Qd3 Nxg3 22.Qg6+ Kh8 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Nxg5 Bxg5 25.Qxg5+ Kh8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Re3 Ne2+ 28.Rxe2 1-0

**Luther, Ron (2200) - Kasick, Jason (2111) [B10], KC Masters (1), 14.01.2006**

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 e5 4.Ngf3 Bd6 5.g3 f5 6.exf5 Bxf5 7.Nh4 Be6 8.Ndf3 Nf6 9.Ng5 Bd7 10.Bg2 Na6 11.O-O O-O 12.Ngf3 Qc8 13.Re1 Bg4 14.h3 Bxh3 15.Nxe5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Bxe5 17.Rxe5 Ng4 18.Re2 Qd7 19.f3 Nf6 20.Bg5 Rae8 21.Rxe8 Qxe8 22.Qd2 Qh5 23.Rh1 h6 24.Bf4 Re8 25.d4 Nb8 26.Qd3 Re6 27.Bxb8 Ng4 28.fxg4 Qxg4 29.Be5 1-0

**Levitan, Yuliya (2237) - Steiner, Tim (2057) [B76], KC Masters (1), 14.01.2006**

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  
9.0-0-0 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxc6 bxc6  
12.Bd4 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Qc7 14.Bc4 Nxc3  
15.Qxc3 Qf4+ 16.Kb1 Rb8 17.h4 h6 18.g3  
Qf6 19.Qxf6 exf6 20.Rd6 Kg7 21.Rxc6  
Bb7 22.Rd6 Bxf3 23.Rf1 Rbe8 24.b3 Re3  
25.Ra6 f5 26.Rxa7 Be4 27.Rd1 Rxc3  
28.Rdd7 g5 29.h5 Kf6 30.Bxf7 g4 31.Rac7  
Rg1+ 32.Kb2 g3 33.Rd6+ Ke5 34.Re6+  
Kf4 35.Rg6 g2 36.Bc4 Rd1 37.Rcg7 Bf3  
38.Rxc3 Bxc3 39.Rxc3 Rh1 40.Be2 Ke3  
41.a4 f4 42.a5 f3 43.Bxf3 Kxf3 44.Rg6  
Rxb5 45.b4 Rb8 46.Ka3 Rb5 47.c3 h5  
48.Rh6 Kg4 49.Ka4 R5b7 50.Rg6+ Kf5  
51.Rg1 h4 52.a6 Ra7 53.b5 h3 54.Ka5  
Ke4 55.b6 Raa8 56.a7 Rh8 57.Ka6 1-0

**Jones, Ken (2315) - Levitan, Yuliya  
(2237) [B35], KC Masters (2), 14.01.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6  
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.0-0 0-0  
9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 Bd7 11.f4 Qh5 12.Nf3  
Rad8 13.Qe1 b5 14.a3 a5 15.Rd1 a4  
16.Ba2 b4 17.Nd5 bxa3 18.bxa3 h6  
19.Nxf6+ exf6 20.Rd5 f5 21.Kh2 g5  
22.exf5 f6 23.Bb6 g4 24.Bxd8 Rxd8  
25.Nd4 gxh3 26.gxh3 Nxd4 27.Rxd4+ Kh7  
28.Be6 Bxe6 29.fxe6 f5 30.Rxa4 Re8  
31.Ra7 Kh8 32.Rd7 d5 33.Rxc7 Kxc7  
34.Qe5+ Kh7 35.Qc7+ Kh8 36.Rg1 Rg8  
37.Qe5+ Kh7 38.Rxc7 Kxc7 39.e7 Qe8  
40.Qxd5+ Kg7 41.Qd8 1-0

**Kasick, Jason (2111) - Steiner, Tim  
(2057) [B50], KC Masters (3), 15.01.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4  
cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Nc3 e6 9.0-0  
Be7 10.Bd3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bd7 12.Ne1  
Rc8 13.Og4 g6 14.Bh6 Rg8 15.f4 Qa5

16.Rc1 Nxd4 17.Nf3 Rxc3 18.Nxd4 Qb6  
19.Rxc3 Qxd4+ 20.Kh1 Qxc3 21.Qe2 Bc6  
22.h3 Kd7 23.Bg5 Qa3 24.Rb1 Rc8  
25.Qe3 Qc5 26.Qg3 Qd4 27.Bxe7 Kxe7  
28.Og5+ Ke8 29.Rd1 Qa4 30.Re1 Qb4  
31.Rb1 Qd2 32.Qg3 d4 33.Re1 Bxc2+  
34.Kg1 Bd5 35.Bb5+ Kf8 36.Re2 Rc1+  
37.Kf2 Qd1 38.Qh2 Rc3 39.Rb2 Qf3+  
40.Ke1 Rc1+ 41.Kd2 Qd1# 0-1

**Jones, Ken (2315) - Kasick, Jason  
(2111) [B14], KC Masters (4), 15.01.2006**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 g6 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.cxd5 0-0 8.Be2  
Na6 9.Bf4 Qb6 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.d6 exd6  
12.Nf3 d5 13.0-0 Rd8 14.Na4 Nb4  
15.Nxb6 Ra7 16.Bb8 Rxa2 17.Rxa2 Nxa2  
18.Bc7 Re8 19.Bb5 Bd7 20.Nxd7 Nxd7  
21.Ra1 Rc8 22.Bf4 1-0

**Levitan, Yuliya (2237) - Luther, Ron  
(2200) [E77], KC Masters (4), 15.01.2006**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.f4 c5  
6.d5 d6 7.Be2 e6 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Nf3 Nh5  
10.g3 a6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Be3 b6 13.Qd2 Qc7  
14.Rad1 Rd8 15.g4 Nf6 16.h3 Bb7 17.Ng5  
Nd4 18.f5 gxf5 19.gxf5 exf5 20.Bxd4 cxd4  
21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Ne4 23.Ne6 Qf7  
24.Qd3 Qg6+ 25.Kh2 Be5+ 26.Nf4 Qh6  
27.Qf3 Kh8 28.Bd3 Rg8 29.Bxe4 fxe4  
30.Qxe4 Raf8 31.Rxd4 Rg4 0-1

**Steiner, Tim (2057) - Goffstein, Daniel  
(2039) [A50], KC Masters (4), 15.01.2006**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d5 Ne7 5.e4  
Ng6 6.a3 Bc5 7.g3 d6 8.h3 h5 9.Bg2 h4  
10.g4 a5 11.Be3 Nh7 12.Nge2 Ng5 3.Nc1  
Nf4 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.Nd3 Bd4 16.Nb5 Be5  
17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.f3 0-0 19.Qe2 Bd7

20.Nc3 Qe7 21.Qf2 Nh7 22.0-0 Rfd8  
23.Rfd1 Be8 24.Bf1 b6 25.Rac1 Qc5  
26.Na2 Nf8 27.Rd2 Ne6 28.Qxc5 bxc5  
29.Rc3 Nd4 30.b4 axb4 31.axb4 cxb4  
32.Nxb4 Rdb8 33.Nc2 Rb1 34.Rf2 Rc1  
35.Ra3 Rxa3 36.Nxa3 Rc3 37.Nb5 Bxb5  
38.cxb5 Nxf3+ 39.Kh1 Ng5 0-1

**Goffstein, Daniel (2039) - Levitan, Yuliya (2237) [B25], KC Masters (3), 15.01.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3  
e6 6.Be3 d6 7.f4 Nge7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 b6  
10.d4 Bb7 11.Rf2 Qc7 12.Rd2 Rad8 13.g4  
Na5 14.Bf1 a6 15.d5 b5 16.Bf2 b4 17.Na4  
exd5 18.e5 d4 19.Bg2 Nd5 20.exd6 Qxd6  
21.Qf1 Qxf4 22.Nxc5 Qxg4 23.Nxb7 Nxb7  
24.Bxd4 Bh6 25.Ne5 Qg5 26.Rd3 Nf4  
27.Rg3 Qf5 28.Ng4 Bg5 29.Bf6 Rd2 30.Kh1  
Rxx2 31.Rxx2 Nxx2 32.Qxx2 h5 33.Rf1  
Qxx4 34.Qxx4 hxx4 35.Bxx5 f5 36.Rf4 a5  
37.Rc4 Rf7 38.Rc6 Kh7 39.Kg2 Rd7 40.Bf4  
Nd8 41.Ra6 Nf7 42.Rxa5 g5 43.Rxf5 gxf4  
44.Rxf4 Nh6 45.Rxb4 Rd2+ 46.Kg3 Re2  
47.Rb3 Rxc2 48.h3 gxh3 49.Kxh3 Kg6  
50.Rb5 Nf5 51.Kg4 Rc4+ 52.Kh3 Kg5 53.a3  
Rd4 54.b3 Rd3+ 55.Kg2 Kg4 56.Rb8 Rd2+  
57.Kf1 Ra2 58.a4 Kf3 59.Ke1 Ne3 60.Rf8+  
Ke4 61.Rf2 Ra1+ 62.Kd2 Ra2+ 63.Ke1 Ra3  
64.Rb2 Nf5 65.Kd2 Kd4 66.Kc2 Ne3+  
67.Kd2 Nd5 68.Kc2 Kc5 69.Kb1 Kb4  
70.Rd2 Rxb3+ 71.Rb2 Rxb2+ 1/2-1/2

**Steiner, Tim (2057) - Jones, Ken (2315) [C10], KC Masters (5), 15.01.2006**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bd7  
5.Nf3 Bc6 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.0-0 Ngf6 8.Qe2  
Be7 9.Re1 Bxe4 10.Bxe4 Nxe4 11.Qxe4  
c6 1/2-1/2

**Luther, Ronald (2200) - Goffstein, Daniel**

**(2039) [C24], KC Masters (5), 15.01.2006**

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb3  
dxe4 6.Ng5 Bc5 7.Nxf7 Qb6 8.0-0 Rf8  
9.Nxe5 Nbd7 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.dxe4 b5  
12.e5 bxc4 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Qe2+ Be7  
15.Bxc4 Ng4 16.g3 Ne5 17.Bf4 Rxf4  
18.gxf4 Ng6 19.Qe4 Nxf4 20.Qxh7 Qe5  
21.h4 Nh3+ 22.Kh1 Bg4 23.Qg6+ 1-0

**Kasick, Jason (2111) - Levitan, Yuliya (2237) [E18], KC Masters (5), 15.01.2006**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.c4  
b6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bf4  
a6 10.Rc1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 h6 12.g4 Rc8  
13.e3 Re8 14.Qb3 c6 15.h3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5  
Nd7 17.Bg3 Bf6 18.Rfd1 Nf8 19.Na4 b5  
20.Nc5 Qe7 21.Qc3 Ne6 22.b4 Nxc5  
23.bxc5 Ra8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Rb1 a5  
26.Rb6 Qd7 27.Rdb1 Ra7 28.Qb2 Ba6  
29.Bf1 Bxf1 30.Kxf1 h5 31.Rb8 Rxb8  
32.Qxb8+ Kh7 33.Qd6 a3 34.Qxd7 Rxd7  
35.Ra1 Rb7 36.Rxa3 Bd8 37.f4 h4 38.Be1  
Rb5 39.Ke2 Kg6 40.Kf3 f5 41.Ra2 fxg4+  
42.Kxx4 Rb3 43.Bxa5 Bf6 44.Bd2 Rb1  
45.f5+ Kf7 46.Ra6 Rg1+ 47.Kf4 Rf1+  
48.Kg4 Rg1+ 49.Kf3 Rg3+ 50.Kf2 Rxx3  
51.Kg2 Rg3+ 52.Kh1 h3 53.Rxc6 Rf3  
54.Ba5 Rxe3 55.Re6 Rxe6 56.fxe6+ Kxe6  
57.Bc3 g5 58.Kh2 g4 59.Kg3 Bh4+ 60.Kh2  
Bf2 61.Bb2 Be3 62.Bc3 Bf4+ 63.Kh1 g3  
64.Be1 Kd7 65.Bc3 g2+ 66.Kg1 0-1

**Goffstein, Daniel (2039) - Kasick, Jason (2111) [B13], KC Masters (2), 14.01.2006**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6  
5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 g6 7.Nd2 Bg7 8.Ngf3 0-0  
9.h3 Bf5 10.Bxf5 gxf5 11.g4 Qd7 12.Qc2  
Ne4 13.Rg1 Kh8 14.Nh4 e6 15.gxf5 Qe7

16.Nxe4 Qxh4 17.Bg5 Qxe4+ 18.Qxe4 dxe4 19.f6 Rfe8 20.fxg7+ Kxg7 21.Bh4+ Kh6 22.Ke2 Rg8 23.Ke3 f5 24.f3 exf3 25.Kxf3 Rg6 26.Rxg6+ Kxg6 27.Re1 Kf7 28.Rg1 b5 29.Ke3 Rc8 30.Kd3 a5 31.b3 Rc7 32.Bg5 Rd7 33.Bh6 Rd6 34.Rg7+ Kf6 35.Rc7 Ne5+ 36.Ke3 Nf7 37.Bf8 Rb6 38.Bc5 Rb8 39.Ra7 a4 40.bxa4 bxa4 41.Be7+ Kg6 42.Bb4 Ng5 43.h4 Ne4 44.Ra6 Re8 45.d5 Kf6 46.d6 Rd8 47.c4 Rg8 48.d7 Rd8 49.Ra7 Kf7 50.Ba5 Ke7 51.Bxd8+ Kxd8 52.Kf4 Nf6 53.Ke5 1-0

**Steiner, Tim (2057) - Luther, Ron (2200) [E32], KC Masters 14.01.2006 Annotated by Tim Steiner**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 The first sign of preparation by my opponent. This is not a common choice for my opponent. It is likely he is not playing "his game" but rather choosing to play something that I haven't prepared for. 4.Qc2 b6 This is not a common variation either. Again, an obvious attempt to remove me from my comfort level. 5.e4 Bb7 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e5?! 8.Nge2 [8.f4!] 8...d6 9.0-0+/- So far, White is pretty happy with his position. 9...Bxc3 10.Qxc3 [10.Nxc3 Na6 11.f4 Nd7 12.a3 0-0 13.f5+/-] 10...Nh5?! 11.f4 Nd7 12.Bc2! The first critical juncture. [12.fxe5 Shredder 9: 12...Nxe5 (Shredder 9: 12...dxe5 13.Rf5 g6 14.Rxe5+ Nxe5 15.Qxe5+ Kd7 16.Qc3 Re8 17.e5 Qe7 18.g4 Qxe5 19.Qxe5 Rxe5 20.gxh5 Rxh5 21.Bf4 Re8 22.Re1 f5 1.39/14 ) 13.Rf5 g6 14.Rxe5+ dxe5 15.Qxe5+ Kd7 16.Qc3 Re8 17.e5 Qe7 18.g4 Qxe5 19.Qxe5 Rxe5 20.gxh5 Rxh5 21.Bf4 Re8 22.Re1 f5 1.39/14 ] 12...Qe7?! 13.Ba4 [Shredder 9: 13.Qh3 Nhf6 14.Ng3 g6 15.Ba4 0-0-0 16.b4 Kc7 17.Bb2 cxb4 18.a3 b3 19.Bxb3

1.68/13 ] 13...0-0-0 [Shredder 9: 1) 13...0-0 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.fxe5 Rfe8 16.Rf5 Rxe5 17.Rxe5 dxe5 18.Qxe5 Nf6 19.Bh6 Qg4 1.57/15 ; Shredder 9: 2) 13...0-0-0 14.fxe5 Qxe5 15.Rxf7 Qxc3 16.Nxc3 Ne5 17.Re7 Ng6 18.Re6 Nf8 19.Re8 Rxe8 20.Bxe8 Nf6 21.Bb5 Ng6 22.Bg5 Ne5 1.82/15 ; Shredder 9: 3) 13...f6 14.fxe5 fxe5 15.Qh3 Nhf6 16.Ng3 0-0-0 17.Nf5 Qf8 18.Bg5 h6 1.91/15 ; Shredder 9: 4) 13...exf4 14.Qh3 g6 15.Nxf4 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 0-0-0 17.b4 Qxe4 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Bxd6 Qd4+ 20.Kh1 Qxc4 21.Bb3 2.08/15 ] 14.Bxd7+ [14.fxe5] 14...Rxd7 15.fxe5 dxe5 [15...Re8] 16.Rf5 [16.a4 a5 17.Qh3+] 16...Qh4 Black's play is beginning to look desperate for activity. 17.Rxe5 [17.Bd2 Qxe4 18.Rxe5 Qg4 19.Rg5 Qh4 20.g3 Qh3 21.g4 Qxc3 22.Bxc3+] 17...f6 18.Re6 Rf8? This does not really contribute anything to Black's position. 19.Be3 [19.b4!] 19...Og4 20.Qe1 [20.Re1] 20...Og6? 21.Qf2 threatening 22. Bxc5 bc 23. Qxc5+, picking up the rook on f8. [21.b4!; 21.a4] 21...Re8 22.Rxe8+ Qxe8 23.Nc3 g6?! Just psychological games by my opponent. He is now just giving away material for the sake of any development. It will complicate the position slightly. 24.g4 This is typically not a good strategic move, but in this case my opponent cannot take advantage of the weakened king position. Furthermore, it gives White a huge space advantage. 24...Ng7 25.Qxf6 h5? 26.Rf1 [26.Nb5 Qxe4 27.Bf4 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Qxd5 29.Nd6+ Kc7 30.Ne8+ Kb7 31.Nxg7 Qf3 32.gxh5+] 26...hxg4 27.Bh6 [27.Nb5 Qxe4 28.Bf4] 27...Nh5 28.Qg5 [28.Qe6 Qxe6 29.dxe6 Re7? (29...Rd8 30.Nb5) 30.Rf8+ Kc7 31.Nb5+ Kc6 32.Rf7] 28...Rf7 29.Qxg4+ Kb8 30.Bf4+?! This was one of the last critical positions for White. There were a few options as to

which direction to go. There were a few options that looked appetizing. White's plan was to push the Black king as far away from the center as possible and then trade off as many pieces as possible, then follow up with the pawns. [30.Rxf7 Qxf7 31.e5 Qh7 32.Qg5 Qh8 33.Nb5] 30...Ka8 31.Bd6 Bc8 32.Qg2 A safe choice.

[32.Rxf7 Bxg4 33.Rf8 Nf6 34.Rxe8+ Nxe8 35.Bf4] 32...Nf6? 33.e5 [33.Qxg6 Qd7] 33...Ng4 34.e6 Rxf1+ 35.Qxf1 Qh8 36.Qf4 Qh4 37.Qg3 Qg5 38.Bf4 Qf5 39.h3 Nf6 40.Qe3 A very important move. Necessary to protect the e6 pawn. Black would not hesitate to trade off the terrible bishop for two pawns. 40...a6 41.Qe5 Qxe5 42.Bxe5 Mission accomplished. The major material is off the board. The end is just a matter of technique. White has to hurry though because he's running out of time rapidly. 42...Ne8 43.Kg2 Kb7 44.Kg3 Nc7 45.Bxc7 Kxc7 46.Kf4 Kd6 47.Ne4+ Ke7 48.Ke5 Bb7 49.d6+ Kf8 50.d7 Ke7 51.Nf6 Bc6 52.Ng8+ Kd8 53.Kd6 Bxd7 54.exd7 b5 55.Nh6 and white had about 50 seconds left on the clock. Black was never really able to get out of the gates and his pieces were locked up for the entire game. A smooth positional squeeze. **1-0**

**Guo, Kevin (1914) - Judy, Nathan (1275) [C01], 2006 Tournament of Champions Jefferson City, MO 3.4.2006**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.Nbd2 Bg4 9.c3 Nbd7 10.Qb3 Nb6 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.a4 a5 13.Rfe1 Ng4 14.Nxd7 Bxg5 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.Nf3 Qd8 18.h3 Nh6 19.Nxg5 Qxg5 20.Qxb6 Rb8 21.Qxa5 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Ra3 g6 24.Rb3 Ra8 25.Rxb7 Rxa4 26.b4 Ra3

27.Rc7 Kg7 28.b5 Rb3 29.Rc6 Ng8 30.b6 Ne7 31.Rc7 Rxb6 32.Rxe7 Rc6 33.Kf1 Rxc3 34.Ke2 Rc1 35.Re5 Rg1 36.g3 Kf6 37.Rxd5 Rc1 38.Rc5 Ra1 39.Bc4 Ra7 40.Ke3 Re7+ 41.Kf4 h6 42.h4 Kg7 43.d5 Rd7 44.Ke5 Rd8 45.d6 Kf8 46.Bb5 f6+ 47.Ke6 g5 48.d7 gxh4 49.Rc8 **1-0**

**Rehmeier, Thomas R (1565) - Wolz, Troy S (1393) [B07], 2006 Tournament of Champions Jefferson City, MO 3.4.2006**

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 e5 5.c3 Nd7 6.Nbd2 Ngf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Re8 9.e4 c6 10.Qb3 d5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Rxe5 13.Nf3 Re8 14.Bg5 Qb6 15.Bxf6 Qxb3 16.axb3 Bxf6 17.exd5 Bd7 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Re2 Rxe2 20.Bxe2 Re8 21.Kf1 a6 22.Rd1 Re4 23.Nd2 Rh4 24.Kg1 Rf4 25.g3 Rf5 26.b4 Rd5 27.f4 Bd8 28.c4 Bb6+ 29.c5 Bc7 30.Nc4 Rxd1+ 31.Bxd1 Bb5 32.b3 f6 33.Bf3 Bxc4 34.bxc4 b5 35.cxb6 Bxb6+ 36.c5 Bc7 37.Bb7 a5 38.b5 a4 39.b6 Bd8 40.Ba6 a3 41.b7 Bc7 42.Bc4+ Kf8 43.Kf2 Ke7 44.Ke3 Kd7 45.Kd4 Kc6 46.Bd5+ Kd7 47.Kc3 Bb8 48.Kb3 Kc7 49.Kxa3 Kd7 50.Kb4 Kc7 51.Kb5 Kd8 52.Kb6 Kd7 53.c6+ Kd8 54.Be6 h6 55.Bf7 g5 56.f5 g4 57.Bh5 Bd6 58.Ka7 Kc7 59.b8Q+ Kxc6 60.Be8+ Kd5 61.Qd8 Kd4 62.Qxd6+ Kc3 63.Qxf6+ Kd2 64.Qxh6+ Kd1 65.Qc6 Ke1 66.Qc3+ Kd1 67.Qd3+ Kc1 68.Ba4 Kb2 69.Qc2+ Ka1 70.h3 gxh3 71.Bb3 h2 72.Qa2# **1-0**



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**The Chess Club** Vivion West Shopping Center (North KC) 2314 NW Vivion, Riverside MO 64150 Meets: Wed. Fri. Sat, 6:00 to 12:00 PM Single visit \$5, Bughouse/Blitz is offered on Thursday evenings from 6 -9 pm.; Contact: Kenneth Fee (816) 392-3576 Club Web site: [www.powerpawn.net](http://www.powerpawn.net)

**Westport Chess Club (On the Plaza)** This club meets at Uno Chicago Grill at 4710 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, MO 64112 on a year-round basis. Meets: Tuesdays 6:30 to 11:00 PM \$2 fee adults, \$1 under 18 Contact: Bill Mendus [wmendus@swbell.net](mailto:wmendus@swbell.net)

**Rockhurst Community Chess Club** Rockhurst University Community Center 5401 Troost Ave., Kansas City MO 64110 Meets: Saturdays 10:00am to 1:00pm Contact: Alicia Douglas (816) 501-4306  
Kansas City (KS) Public Library 625 Minnesota, Kansas City KS Meets: Wednesdays 5:30 to 8:00 PM Contact: Brooke Leavitt (913) 551-3280

## St. Louis Area Clubs

**St. Louis Chess Club** St. Louis Bread Company 6630 Delmar Ave. (U-City) Chess played every night 6-9pm Most players come on weekends Contact: Joseph Garnier

**Normandy Chess Club** St. Louis County Library 7606 Natural Bridge Road (314) 382-3116 Meets: Tuesdays 6 to 9 PM Contacts: Larry Sykes/Mark Reddick

**Mineral Area Chess Club** meets on Monday Nights from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tourist Center on the Mineral Area College Campus in Park Hills. Contact Stan Jackson, 573 358-1996, or James Lyon, 573 756-6009, or by e-mail at [jaalyon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jaalyon@sbcglobal.net)

**Soulard Chess Club** Nadine's in Soulard 1931 S. 12th St. (314) 436-3045 Meets: Tuesdays 6:30 to whenever (starting April 5, 2005) Contact: Jeff Vollmer

**Indian Trails Branch Library** St. Louis County Library 8400 Delport Drive (314) 428-5424 Meets Tuesdays 3:30 PM to whenever. Contact: any library employee Library information and map.

## Clubs in other areas of Missouri

**Columbia -- Univ. of Missouri Chess Club** Memorial Union (518 Hitt Street) Room S203 May-August: Lakota's Coffee, 24 S. Ninth St. Meets: Mondays 7 to 10 PM Contact: Charles Ward

**Jefferson City -- Jefferson City Chess Club** Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Room 800 1201 Fairgrounds Rd, Jefferson City, MO Meets: Wednesdays 7 to 9pm Contacts: Bob Howe or Thomas Rehmeier  
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**Warrensburg -- CMSU Chess Club** University Union Central Missouri State University Meets: Wednesdays 6:30 to ?? PM (No current contact known).

# Missouri Tournament Life

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### April 29-30 -- St. Louis Open -- Sunset Hills (StL area)

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### June 3 -- BrentSwiss 3 -- Brentwood (StL area)

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### June 10-11 -- Missouri Class Championships -- Columbia

5SS, G120. Memorial Union, 518 Hitt St., Columbia. Prizes based on 60, 4 per class: \$200,\$100 M/X section; \$120,\$60 each class A,B,C,D,E,F/below. Trophy & Missouri state champion title to first in each class. Entry fee \$28 if postmarked by 6/3, \$35 at site. Site entries cash only. Classes with 3 or fewer will be paired with an adjacent class. Unrated players without provisional rating will be assigned to class sections at discretion of TD. Registration 8:30-9:30, rounds 10-2:30-7, 9:30-2. One 1/2-pt bye if declared by round 1. MCA membership required for MO residents, available at the site from \$5. Wheelchair accessible. Click for map and driving info; click for parking info. Entries/info: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia MO 65203, 573-443-6685.

### June 17 -- \$5 Play for Rating Open -- North Kansas City

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### June 24 -- Harry Nelson Pillsbury Open -- Columbia

3SS, G75. UMC Memorial Union room N208, 518 Hitt St., Columbia MO. Directions: From I-70 exit 126, south on Providence, east on Rollins, north on Hitt. Reg: 9:30-10:15. Rds: 10:30, 1:15, 4:00. EF: \$1, NO PRIZES -- just the satisfaction of playing well. MCA membership required for MO residents, available at site from \$5. Wheelchair accessible. Click for map and driving info: click for parking info. No advance entries. Info: Charles Ward, 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia MO 65203, 573-443-6685.

### July 1 -- BrentSwiss 4 -- Brentwood (StL area)

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### July 15 -- St. Charles Open -- St. Charles

4SS, G/90. The St. Charles Open is back and better than ever. Site: Town Hall of The New Town, 3300 Rue Royale, St. Charles, MO. Directions: from I-270, north 2 miles on 370 to New Town, turn right, drive straight ahead until the street dead ends: quick jog left, straight again, and look for the building with the tin roof. Entry Fee \$35; site entries cash only. Prizes: \$200 1st; \$120 2nd; Class prizes \$120 1st A, B, C, D, U1200/unr based on 40. Registration 8-8:50, rounds 9-12:30-3:30-7. One bye max - commit before round 1. Info: Al Howlett, 4623 Robbins Grove Dr., Florissant MO 63034, 314-497-4971.

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Saturday September 16th -Missouri State Bughouse 5 0 State Championship 9AM  
Saturday September 17th - MCA Scholastic Tournament -12 Noon  
Sunday September 17th -Missouri State Blitz 5 0 State Championship 9AM  
Sunday September 17th -MCA Membership Meeting 11AM

Missouri Invitational Information. Six players from Missouri will be invited. The highest finishing Missouri player from the Kansas City Open, The St. Louis Open, The New Year Open, The KC Masters, and The Missouri Class Master/Expert section will be invited. The 2005 Missouri State Champion, Bob Holliman will also be seeded. The players will play a five round game 120 round-robin. Guaranteed Prize \$500 1st plus plaque.

1. Bob Holliman - 2005 Missouri State Champion
2. Kenneth Jones - KC Masters Winner
3. Tony Dutiel - New Year Open Winner
4. Ron Luther - Kansas City Open
5. St. Louis Open Winner
6. Missouri Class Winner

**Missouri Tiebreak for Invitational:** The \$500 cash prize and title will be not split. The first tiebreak is based on wins. For example, if players A and B both have 4 points, the player with the most wins will be the Missouri State Champion. The second tiebreak for players who are tied after five rounds (wins and points) will be 5 0 blitz games until one player wins two games. Draws do not count. The player, who is ahead in USCF tiebreaks, will play the first game with white. Players will rotate colors each game. If three players or more are tied, a four-round Swiss game 5 0 blitz

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