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shines bright, with a Third US Championship



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Missouri Chess Association: Mission Statement

As the Official State Affiliate of the United States Chess Federation, The Missouri Chess Association's mission is to promote, coordinate, and support chess activities throughout the State of Missouri. This should always to be accomplished with a fair and unbiased approach, protecting the rights and interests our Members, Tournament Directors, Organizers, and Chess Players in the great state of Missouri.

Recent News in Missouri Chess



Local player ties for first at US Chess Championships!!! Former Missouri State Champion, Jim Voelker (2129), bested a field of hundreds including players like GM Ray Robson, IM Greg Shahade, GM Mesgen Amanov, and GM Benjamin Finegold to tie for first place (3rd on tiebreaks) in the recent US Championships. For those who may have heard local GM Hikaru Nakamura was the winner of that event, you are technically correct as well. Nakamura managed to take the Chess playing side, while Voelker was among the winners in the prestigious Fantasy Chess Competition :). The fantasy chess event, sponsored by the CCSCSL, was a free entry fun event. Players picked one contestant in each of 9 pools that they believed would score the most points. Jim's team, boldly named, "Just Guessing," dominated the field by picking both event winners, GM Nakamura and IM Krush, and filling his ranks with high achievers like Onischuk, Lenderman, Goletiana and Zenyuk. Congratulations to Voelker, who picked up a prize package of lessons and books worth slightly less than Nakamura's purse for winning the main event.

This year's World Youth competition will feature someone familiar and someone new. The annual event, in which young players qualify for by being among the top players in their gender and age group, had two Missourians qualify this year. Qualifying once again is Chesterfield sensation Margaret Hua. Margaret's newly minted Expert title was enough to get her in on the Girls U/14 team. This will be her third trip to the World Youth. Another young lady, Iris Zhou, will get her first shot at World Youth competition. Iris's 1100 rating qualified her for the Under 8 girls team. Congrats ladies, and we wish you best of luck in your trip to Slovenia this fall.

The Missouri Chess Association has begun an experimental incentive program to assist organizers in the year 2012. Due to the disparity of chess activity outside of St. Louis, the MCA will be offering an increased reimbursement in its usual incentives for tournaments organized in regions 2 and 3. That includes Kansas City as well as the central areas of the state. Instead of the usual \$1 per player, an MCA approved event can receive \$3 per player back from the organization if the event requires MCA membership and meets some basic requirements. The organization also has formed a committee to oversee this incentive and that committee is prepared to further help organizers who are seeking to get events up and running across the state. The Missouri Chess Association will happily continue to promote and assist tournaments in St. Louis, but with the current chess landscape it's clear other parts of the state are underserved. We hope to help ensure all Missouri players can have a vibrant local chess community to participate in.



The Missouri Chess Bulletin is the official publication of the Missouri Chess Association, a not-for-profit organization which promotes and supports chess in Missouri. The Missouri Chess Bulletin was founded in 1973 and is published quarterly. Your letters and writings are welcome. All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received. Published opinions are those of contributors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the MCA

From The Editor



Dear Readers,

This copy of the Missouri Chess Bulletin is being called the Winter/Spring 2012 edition. Why it's a double issue is addressed a bit further down, so let me start just by explaining what you hold. The last edition came out around New Year, and covered events up through the end of October. So this edition picks up with November 2011, and cuts off with the Kansas City Open at the end of June. In between is news on such things as the US Championships, which we once again had the opportunity to enjoy here in Missouri. Tournament reports on several, (though far from all) of the big events that have been going on in the first half of 2012, and of course the latest news and happenings, including several new collegiate programs being fired up. That and all the usual features, like Missouri's top players, upcoming tournament listings, and where to find local clubs is spread throughout these pages.

Events from July, such as the Missouri Class Championships will included in the next edition, which I plan to have out in short order, so the bulletin can get back on its normal publishing schedule.

Now let me move on and address, for those curious enough to want to read about on, the question of where the MCB has been this spring. This edition of the Missouri Chess Bulletin is late. Not even a little late, but in fact it is months and months late. To those loyal followers who pay extra to enjoy the printed editions, I particularly apologize to you. The reason for the delay is simple, the fault is mine. After 5 years of editing the Missouri Chess Bulletin, I have simply found that I'm lacking the motivation and love for the task, and as such have repeatedly put off the necessary work to get the magazine out. I could certainly give a list of excuses of things in life that have gotten in the way, but at the end of the day, they would fail to adequately do the job. When one is motivated to accomplish something, then it gets done, and the real fault is I allowed it to be put on the back burner.

I have asked the powers that be at the Missouri Chess Association to start the search for a new editor. If it takes some time to round up a replacement I will happily stick it out for a few more editions. And even make a better effort to get them out on time! But it has become clear to me that its time for someone with more enthusiasm for the task to take over the magazine.

From the beginning, the job was a challenge. I had no experience in journalism, lacked practice in Photoshop or photo editing, and had never even heard of the program I use now to put together the magazine. But I enjoyed learning the new skills and most of all, enjoyed immersing myself in the chess, which the job of editor allowed me to do. Entering 50 games from notation sheets into chessbase is laborious, but I rarely just pushed through the games, instead following along with them. I'd stop to try and figure out what a player was up to with an odd move, learn some opening ideas, and appreciating when I'd run across games that involved lines I often employed to see how others were handling them. Point being, the job required many hours at no pay, but it worked out fine for me, because I liked it.

Unfortunately, as the years rolled by, the perks did less and less to support the downsides. While I don't want to whine and moan, I will simply state the facts as they stand. The Missouri Chess Bulletin, for me, is too difficult to produce due to a lack of regular contributions.

When I first took over the job, NM Loal Davis was regularly producing a column for each edition. His work was high quality and covered a wide range of topics. Steve Goldberg also contributed to each issue a 1-2 page story on a promising scholastic talent, giving the magazine two regular standards to start off each issue. Unfortunately Davis soon moved out of state, and his wonderful writing went with it. Goldberg, once an active participant in Chess blogging nationally as well as for the MCB, lost interest in the subject and no longer contributes to MCB or many other sources he could once be found writing for. I was fortu-

nate to find several excellent replacements over the years. Correspondence IM Bart Gibbons for a year and a half produced consistent excellent columns before he too moved out of state for a new job. Recently IM Goran Vojinovic provided some fantastic high level analysis, but the Serbian GrandMaster has returned to his homeland and Missouri's chess talent is the worse for it.

And I would be hard pressed to not mention those folks who never took up the mantle of a regular column, but that often, or even regularly supplied great writing. LM Ron Luther, LM Bob Holliman, Selden Trimble, Joseph Garnier, and Al Howlett come to mind, (though I'm surely missing someone else as well). Each of them have provided a handful of great articles over the years, and for it I genuinely thank them. Finally I'd be remiss to forget The Chess Club and Scholastic Center. The Club has also been a boon of information, as their staff and TD's often do tournament reports and press releases. The Club has given me a green light to reproduce their information at any time, which regularly supplied several stories per edition. While those have been wonderful to share, the downside was they were never original work, which made it somewhat frustrating to be relying so heavily on regurgitating others publications too often.

The end result, for those readers with the constitution to still be with me, is the MCB currently has zero regular columns. This leaves an editor only so many choices. He can scour the local websites and newspapers for quality work to reproduce, or he can be the advocate for the publication, and go out and recruit contributions. The 2nd option is clearly the better choice, and was one I have done on many occasions, but is one I feel I no longer have the fire in my belly to do. To produce a truly worthwhile magazine I need to get out and twist arms, beg, and plead to get submissions. I need to stay on organizers and TD's to follow up with write up's, and constantly remind the players that whatever their rating, their submissions are greatly appreciated.

Perhaps it is a sign of the times, as today's writers don't look to a publication like this, but instead to the quicker access of the internet to contribute their thoughts and ideas. Blogs, forums, and even personal pages are filled with people giving their views on the chess world, but few people want to take those same ideas and place them in the state magazine. Perhaps its time for the MCA to consider replacing the paper magazine with an electronic newsfeed (think chessbase.com). Although having viewed other state's efforts at such a format, they have been very mixed. Such a plan comes with its own challenges and difficulties as well.

Let me wrap this up before I've wasted any more paper or your time by saying, I sincerely thank those who have taken a moment to speak to me at a tournament, to say thanks or compliment the MCB. Your encouragement was appreciated. My thanks to the MCA for the chance to do this. I've learned a great deal and accomplished something I'm proud of. Even when I'm done as editor, I doubt that will be the last you hear from me.

Bob Howe

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Congratulations to these recent Tournament Winners:

Thanksgiving Satellite: Open: Alex Marler & William Tong
U/1700: Yomi Toba & Jason Zhou
U/1400: Andrew Margrabe

Thanksgiving Open: Open: GM Alex Shabalov
U/1800 Matthew Larson
U/1400 Mike Buckley

Cape Girardeau Chess: Open: Bronik Matwijkiw
Reserve: Steven Evans



Carthage Open: Ansar Lemon

Holiday Bash: Open: Doug Eckert & Tansel Turgut
U/1700 Nathan Phan, Dennis Hourcade,
Hanson Hao, & Aydin Turgut
U/1300 Gary Kagan & Andrew Morisseau

Waldo Odak Open: Open: GM Ben Finegold
Reserve George Purnell & Chris Cabrera

Metro Class: M/X Kevin Cao C Jason Zhang
A Tony Rich D Andrew Stevens
B Ian Gilchrist E Owen Bitting &
Brett Eckert

Bobby Fischer Open: Section A: Tony Cheng
Section B: Ron Luther & Alex Esposito

Four States Open: Open: Ron Luther
Reserve: Stanley Horton

3's are Wild Extravaganza: 1800+ David Askin
1400-1799 Akalpiti Gadre
U/1400 Zubin Chandran

Mizzou Quads: Barry Manthe & Dung Tuan Vu

Mid-America Open!:

Open: GM Ben Finegold, Doug Eckert, Ron Burnett,
Kevin Wasiluk, & Sean Vibbert,
U/2000 David Peng
U/1800 Randy Gimenez & George Purnell
U/1600 Jason J Clark
U/1400 Nilantha Bandara, Talmage Brown, & Ube Leopoldo
U/1200 Aditya Sharma
U/900 Jonathan Zhang, Brad Baldrige, David Kim, & Pierce McDade



Bill Wright Saint Louis Open:

Open: GM Elshan Moradiabadi, IM Marc Arnold, & IM Enrico Sevillano
Reserve: Barry Manthe

Joplin Benefit Tournament : Selden Trimble

Show Me Classic: Doug Eckert, James McLaughlin, Alex Marler,
Rodney Vaughn, and Joseph French

Super Team: *Winning:* GM Ben Finegold, Spencer Finegold & Nick Karlow
R to d2: Jonathan Schrantz, Michael Tabriz, & Shaz Iqbal

Kansas City Open: Open: Michael Brooks U/1600: Clifford Hodges



Missouri Chess Festival

September 21st-23rd, 2012

Days Inn Conference Center,
1900 I-70 Dr. SW, Columbia, MO 65203

2011 Missouri Open Championship

5-round Standard Swiss, Game/120

- **Open:** 6 Grand Prix Points. Prizes: \$300-1st Overall Guaranteed + Plaque. Class prizes: \$120-1st in each M/X, A, B. FIDE Rated.
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Entry fee: \$40 postmarked by 9/15, \$50 on site. Site entries cash only.

Registration: Saturday 9:00-9:45 am.

Round Times: Sat-10:00 am, 2:30 pm, 7:00 pm, Sun-10:30 am, 3:00 pm.

Byes: Maximum one ½-point bye, must be declared by round 2.

MCA General Membership Meeting: 9:30-10:15am Sunday.

Missouri Quick Championship

4-round, Game/29 (Quick Rated Only). Entry Fee: \$10 by 9/15, \$15 on site.

Registration: 6:30-7:00 pm Friday; Round times: 7/8/9/10 pm.

Prizes: b/20, \$75-1st, \$50- to top finisher rated U1600.

State Championship plaque to overall winner.

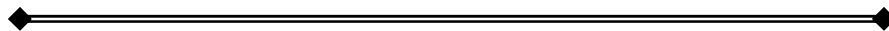
Missouri Blitz Championship

5-round, Game/5 (Quick Rated Only). Entry Fee: \$10 by 9/15, \$15 on site.

Registration: 8-8:15am Sunday; Rounds paired ASAP, Ending before 9:30am.

Prizes: \$75.00-1st, \$50.00-2nd, \$25.00-3rd

State Championship plaque to winner.



Memberships: USCF—available on site; MCA membership required for MO residents, available on site from \$5, Other States Accepted

*Out-of-State players are encouraged to play and qualify for cash prizes, but must be a Missouri resident to win championship title and plaque.

Hotel Info: \$62/night, mention CHESS. Free Wi-Fi & hot breakfast. ☎ 573.445.8511

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World's Largest Chesspiece



The competitors of the 2012 U.S. Championships stand in front of the world's largest chess Piece. Located at the World Chess Hall of Fame, the King of pieces was unveiled in Saint Louis during the US Championships. The piece, recognized by The Guinness Book of World Records, stands 14 feet, 6 inches tall

MCB Material Submissions:

The MCB is Missouri's Official Chess Publication, for and by the members of the Missouri Chess Association. Your help providing material for the MCB is appreciated. All submissions become the property of the MCA and the MCA reserves the right to edit any and all material received for publication.

Please send material for the MCB, including but not limited to:

- annotated games (PGN format is preferred, but others can be used)
- articles written by members
- articles from outside sources, with permission for republication
- pictures (with captions please)
- historical items
- scoresheets
- chess related quotes, sayings, and jokes
- or just about anything else you would like to contribute that's appropriate

All contributions that are true, fair, and builds goodwill and better friendships among the membership will be published. Thanks so much to all those who have contributed.



the WALDO ODAK open

~ by Alex Marler ~

A total of 31 players came out to play chess and help raise money for ALS research at the second annual Waldo Odak Open. In the Open, Al Howlett was ecstatic when the round one pairings had to be remade, knocking him to board two instead of squaring off against No. 1 seed GM Ben Finegold. Unfortunately, Al's joy was short-lived as FM Doug Eckert's sharp play in the Classical English was too much for him to handle. Things didn't get better for Al in round two as he was paired with giant-killer Thomas Gaul. Al was banking on getting to play his beloved Alekhine's Defense, but the sly attorney from Iowa didn't allow it as he passed on playing his usual 1. e4. Gaul went on to win.

GM Ben Finegold had little trouble winning the tourney. In the final round, he faced his rapidly improving student Matt Larson. The Grandmaster sacked a bunch of pawns for a mating attack, and although Matt put up a creative defense, the sac finally paid off in the end--to the tune of \$250!

Spencer Finegold had an impressive performance, boosting his rating to 2175, just 25 points short of master. He took the "Top Expert" prize of \$200. Selden Trimble also had a nice performance with his only loss to the Resident GM. He scored 3.5/5 defeating NM Bob Holliman to cross the Expert barrier once again. More importantly, Mr. Trimble proved once again that he is an expert not just on the chess board, but also in life. He generously donated his prize of \$175 to ALS research.

Matt Larson banked more than \$100 and gained another 27 points to land at 1843. Since he has started taking lessons with GM Finegold at the beginning of 2011, his rating has shot up 716 points! One can only wonder what his rating will be this time next year.

In the U1800, two brand new Chess Club members came out of retirement to take first place. George Purnell and Chris Cabrera split the overall prize after both had been dormant from tournament chess for a long time. Ken West got all the breaks in this tourney. After a solid first day (2-1), Ken got great news on Sunday morning that his main competition for the "D" prize withdrew. Because he had already declared a half-point bye for round 5, Ken knew all he needed was a draw vs. Nathan Phan. Ken played hard and secured the result to take home the 1st Place "D" money.

Owen Bitting continues to show his improvement with a good result. However in the final round,

much to the dismay of his teacher Spencer Finegold, Owen "Ohhhhh" Bitting offered his opponent a draw while being up three pawns to two pawns in a king and pawn endgame. However, the draw did clinch him a clear first-place victory in the U1200 section.

Owen is now at his peak rating of 1254 after being a career 600 player. Thank you to all the players for coming out to support ALS research, all the players that donated back their prizes, and all the members that graciously helped fund the \$2,000 guaranteed prize fund. 100% of the entries went straight to ALS Research.



Waldo (right) playing Jim Voelker at the old St. Louis Chess Club, with George Essig nearby. (1999?)

Budapest Gambit

Waldo Odak Open
W: Chris Cabrera (1683)
B: George Purnell (1647)

(Marler) Here's the game between the eventual U/1800 winners. **1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3.**

Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O {The King's Indian Defense. This opening is quite popular at all levels due to rousing attacking play that black can achieve in most variations.} **6. Be2 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1** {This move represents the main line. The first game in my database to reach this position was Baldur Hoeningler-Arthur Duenmann, 1926 DSV Congress. Just looking at these moves played so far it doesn't seem like chess theory has developed much in 86 years, however Hoeningler quickly follows up 9. Ne1 with 10. f4 and gives black a great attacking position, so...} **Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2 g5** {It's already move 12 and these two are still in theory. Actually, some of the main lines of the King's Indian defense have opening theory analyzed out to move 28!} **13. Rc1** {This is one of several options. Chess Legend GM Viktor Korchnoi has played the white side of this position for decades. He also introduced the move 13.a4 which doesn't commit the rook to c1 yet and tries to jump start the queen side pawn storm. Rc1 is a no thrills sort of move. The point, which is obvious, is to push the pawn to c5 and open the c-file, then the Rook will try to get to c7 square with the help of a well timed Nb5.} **Rf6** {This move seems to make the most sense to me. Black is playing for an all out attack on the white king, so he should just get on with it. There are a few other prophylactic moves like a6, Ng6 and Kh8, but those moves rather slow. The main point of Rf6 is to transfer the Rook to the h-file and then play Queen to e8 and to h5 followed by Qxh2#. Simple, but effective.} **14. c5 dxc5** {Now we are officially out of established theory. This move is something of a novelty. It has been played before but only by some low rated players, so it lacks the GM stamp of approval. Usually, black plays 14...Nxc5 because then he opens the diagonal for his light square bishop and maintains a healthy pawn structure. White then must play b2-b4, kicking the Knight back to d7. Black is up a pawn for the moment but white's queenside play has been accelerated by the tempo gains and the half opening of the c-file.} **15. Nd3 Rh6 16. Nxc5 Nxc5 17. Bxc5 Qe8** {Purnell plans Qe8-h5 with a big attack.} **18. Bc4 Kh8 19. d6 cxd6 20. Bxd6 Nc6 21. Ba3** {I'm not so sure the bishop is well placed on this diagonal. Playing the bishop back to c5 so as to cover the d4 square from the Knight seems like a better place for it.} **Qh5 22. Nb5** {What is that saying? Oh Yes...."The best defense is a good offense." That does not apply in chess. Clearly, white needed to take of his king as now black's attack crashes through.} **Qxh2+ 23. Kf2 Bh3 24. Rg1 Qg3+ 25. Kf1 Bxg2+ 26. Ke2 Bxf3+ 27. Kd3 Bxe4+ 28. Kxe4 Qe3+ 29. Kf5 f3** {Followed by Qf4 checkmate. A great attacking game by Purnell,} **0-1**

In the Simul that took place the night before, GM Finegold fell victim to the Great Tom Gaul.

Budapest Gambit

Waldo Odak Open Simul
W: GM Ben Finegold (2589)
B: Thomas Gaul (1867)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. dxe5 Ng4 4. e6 fxe6 5. e4 Ne5 6. f4 Bb4+ 7. Nc3 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 O-O 9. fxe5 Qh4+ 10. Kd2 Qf4+ 11. Kc2 Qxf1 12. Qxf1 Rxf1 13. Bb2 Rf2+ 14. Kb3 Nc6 15. Nh3 Na5+ 16. Ka4 Rxb2 17. Kxa5 b6+ 18. Ka4 Bb7 19. Nf4 Bxe4 20. Rhe1 Bc6+ 21. Ka3 Rf2 22. Nd3 Rvg2 23. Nb4 Rf8 24. Nxc6 dxc6 25. c5 Rff2 26. Red1 h5 27. Rd7 h4 28. Rxc7 Rxh2 29. Rxa7 bxc5 30. Kb3 h3 31. a4 Rhg2 32. Rd7 h2 33. Rdd1 Rf4 34. a5 Rfg4 35. a6 Rg1 36. a7 h1=Q 37. a8=Q+ Kh7 38. Rvg1 c4+ 39. Kb4 Rvg1 40. Rvg1 c5+ 41. Kxc5 Qxa8 42. Rd1 Qa5+ 0-1



GM Finegold suffered a loss in the Simul, but his tournament wasn't marred. He won the event with an undefeated 4.5/5.

Darwin Yang & Marc Arnold Secure GM Norms at Saint Louis Invitational

~ Mike Wilmering ~



IMs Darwin Yang and Marc Arnold played to a draw in round eight, and both went on to secure a GM norm in the final round of the Saint Louis Invitational.



GM Elshan Moradiabadi shared first in the event with Yang and Arnold.

IMs Marc Arnold and Darwin Yang each secured a GM norm at the Saint Louis Invitational, which was held at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis April 9 through April 13.

Heading into the final round, IMs Mac Molner, Enrico Sevillano, Yang and Arnold all had an opportunity to earn a GM norm.

In a must-win situation, Yang defeated IM Michael Brooks in the final round with black to secure the norm with a final score of 6/9. Yang got off to a great start, beating the highest-rated player in the field, GM Giorgi Margvelashvili, in round one, but he said his round-five loss to Angelo Young almost dashed his norm hopes.

“I had almost given up on the norm chance, especially because I was having exceptional difficulties winning with black,” Yang said. “However, this gave me a much needed wake-up call: playing it safe wasn’t going to cut it anymore. I proceeded to play more aggressively, making sacrifices and taking risks I wouldn’t have taken before. This new manner of play, I think, unnerved my opponents and generated opportunities for me to take advantage.”

Yang said his round-seven victory over GM Ben Finegold with black gave him the confidence heading into the final round against Brooks.

“[Finegold] employed prep against my Botvinnik, and I was in unfamiliar territory,” Yang said. “I had to play the only good move, a complicated knight sacrifice ...Nxf6 that led to an unclear position with two pawns for the exchange. Amazingly, the computer agrees with a large majority of both sides’ moves. Ben finally blundered with Qe5, giving me my first high-level win with black in a very long time.”

Yang said the loss to Young may have given him the fuel he needed to step up his play.

“While my only loss of the tournament definitely complicated my norm situation, without it, I don’t think I would had the mindset change that made my final spurt possible,” he said.

After drawing Yang in round eight, Arnold needed only $\frac{1}{2}$ point to secure his GM norm, but his opponent, IM Mac Molner, kept his norm chances alive with a badly needed victory over Finegold in round eight. Molner needed the full point in the final round to get a norm of his own, but Arnold played solidly, never allowing Molner to gain an edge.

“I wanted him to overpress so I’d have an easy game,” Arnold said. “But he has a really good record against

me. It wasn't my favorite last-round pairing."

The draw gave Arnold a final score of 6/9, which was good for a GM norm and a three-way tie atop the leaderboard with Yang and GM Elshan Moradiabadi. The three players split first-, second- and third-place prizes, and each took home \$750.

Sevillano's round-eight victory over IM Leonid Gerzhoy kept his norm chances alive heading into the final round as well. He had the daunting task of winning with black in the final round against Finegold, who was having a bad tournament but is still a formidable opponent, especially when his opponent is in a must-win situation.

Finegold dashed Sevillano's norm chances, ultimately ending the game with 59.Ng4+ winning the rook on f2, which also guarded the queening square of Sevillano's passed h-pawn.

According to Finegold, the game was lost a few moves prior with 48...Bh3.

"Rxd5 draws and Bh3 loses," Finegold said.

The win was a nice ending to a rough tournament for Finegold, who finished with a score of 3.5/9.

"I wanted to have all decisive games, and I played a bit too enterprisingly," Finegold said.

Final Crosstable:

| Name | Rating | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Score |
|-------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
| <u>GM Moradiabadi, Elshan</u> | 2542 | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 6.0 |
| <u>IM Arnold, Marc T</u> | 2502 | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6.0 |
| <u>IM Yang, Darwin</u> | 2448 | ½ | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 6.0 |
| <u>GM Margvelashvili, Gi</u> | 2547 | ½ | ½ | 0 | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5.5 |
| <u>IM Molner, Mackenzie</u> | 2465 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5.5 |
| <u>IM Sevillano, Enrico</u> | 2502 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | x | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5.0 |
| <u>GM Finegold, Benjamin</u> | 2505 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | x | ½ | ½ | ½ | 3.5 |
| <u>IM Gerzhoy, Leonid</u> | 2489 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | x | ½ | 0 | 3.0 |
| <u>IM Brooks, Michael A</u> | 2456 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | x | ½ | 2.5 |
| <u>IM Young, Angelo</u> | 2321 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | x | 2.0 |

Christmas Tree Open

December 15th, 2012

Location: Nolan Road Baptist Church, 4505 S Noland Rd., Independence MO 64055

♙ Entry Fee: Just \$10 pre-registered!! \$15 onsite. Or play for rating only, just \$5!! (\$10 onsite)

♙ Format: 4 round Game in 60 + 5s. Two Sections: Premiere and U2000

♙ Prizes: \$1500 in Guaranteed Prizes. Premiere pays 6: \$\$ 200 - 150 - 100 - 75 - 50 - 25 .
U2000 pays Overall 1st \$200, 2nd \$100. U16, U14, U12/UNR 100 - 60 - 40 top 3 each.

♙ Registration: Sat. 8-8:45

♙ Rounds: 10am, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45

♙ MCA membership required for Missouri residents

Advance entries/info: (by 12/1)

Bob Holliman PO Box 1871, Independence, MO 64055

Chess_entries@comcast.net.

See http://www.chessmasterbob.com/christmas_tree_open.htm
for full details

St. Louis Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura Wins his third US Chess Championship

By Kelsey Whipple

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To know what it feels like to win the United States Chess Championship, earn \$40,000 and reconfirm your status as the No. 1 chess player in the country -- and as the most promising American player since Bobby Fischer -- look no further than the Twitter status of the man who just did all of these things

Twenty-four-year-year-old grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura talks regularly about life and the game in 140 characters or less, and his fans were not disappointed when, after his tenth round ended in an explosive end-game and eventual win against No. 2 Gata Kamsky, Nakamura aired his reaction online Friday night. So how does he feel? "LIKE. A. BOSS."

Hosted by the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis, the 2012 US Chess Championship and US Women's Chess Championship sprawled across 15 days of black-and-white competition with a surprising amount of grey area when it came to predicting winners in a handful of games. Nakamura, a bold, mercurial player the *RFT* profiled last summer, played thirty moves against grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in his final game to cement his third U.S. Championship title. Seirawan resigned only two-and-a-half hours into the game.



"The big difference is that unlike when I won in 2005 and 2009, in this one I was well-established as the favorite, which means extra pressure," Nakamura says. A 16-year-old Nakamura claimed the title in 2005, and he repeated the feat in 2009. "When I won in 2005, I was quite good even back then, but I hadn't really started my rise to the top of American chess. I do live in St. Louis, too, so that adds another layer of pressure, but I enjoy the pressure and the big moment, so it didn't distract me too much."

Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura speaks at the closing ceremony of the US Chess Championships. After picking up his 3rd US Championship, Nakamura said "the jury is out" on whether he would continue living in StL.

In the past decade, world No. 14 Kamsky has also scored the title thrice, making the pairing between him and Nakamura one of the tournament's most tense. (For that matter, Seirawan has also held the title -- four times.) Nakamura, who began the tournament seeded highest, lost none of his games, and he says his draws were his only true surprises during the past two weeks. "I went in wanting to win every game," he says. "During a long tournament, you just sort of have to move forward and keep from dwelling on it. But there's a big difference between losing a game and drawing a game, so in this tournament I'm still undefeated." He is one of only two players in the championship not to lose a game. A glance at recent live ratings show Nakamura up at 2782.6, his best to date. (This brings Fischer's highest score, 2785, closer within reach.) In the women's tournament, a

winner emerged more slowly, with the final call coming in the last playoff round between Anna Zatonskih and Irina Krush yesterday afternoon. After Zatonskih blundered a rook, Krush earned her fourth US Women's Championship title.

In case you've missed some of the moving pieces, St. Louis has rapidly developed into the epicenter of American chess and carved out a significant niche in the international community since the Chess Club and Scholastic Center opened its luxurious, black-and-white doors in 2008. This is the fourth year the club has hosted the US and US Women's championships since 2009, and the city attracted Nakamura, who is ranked sixth in the world, shortly after that first round. Thanks in large part to heavy donor Rex Sinquefield, who promotes the game as a national sport, the club has created chess programs within the local academic community and was also instrumental in pushing the Boy Scouts of America to offer a merit badge in chess.

While St. Louis has twice won the US Chess Federation's "Chess City of the Year" award, the Chess Club and Scholastic Center earned the 2010 title of "Chess Club of the Year." In the coming months, Nakamura will travel to Moscow and Istanbul to play in tournaments -- but until then, he has at least three weeks off.

"After two weeks of playing chess every day, I just sort of want to relax," he says. "I'm sure I'll celebrate in some way later on."

Undoubtedly.



International Master Irina Krush is presented with the US Women's Champion trophy by Rex Sinquefield. This is Irina's 4th time hoisting the Women's US Chess Champion's trophy.



Reigning Champions GM Gata Kamsky and IM Anna Zatonskih fell just short in their title defense. Both former champions had to settle for being the runner up in their respective sections this year.



Jennifer Shahade and Ben Finegold again provided fantastic live commentary throughout the event. Fans could watch them analyse in person at the club, or follow live feeds or streaming video on the internet each afternoon of the Championships.

August 11th, 2012
Springfield August Open

Co-hosted by the Springfield Park Board and Joplin Chess Clubs

Location: Southside Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont, Springfield, MO

- ♙ Entry Fee: \$20 Cash only onsite
- ♙ Format: 4 round Game in 60 + 5s. Two Sections: Open and U1600
- ♙ Prizes: Based on 20, Open: \$100, 75, 50, U1600: \$60, 40
- ♙ Registration: Sat. 8-8:50am
- ♙ Rounds: First round starts at 9am. Following rounds ASAP, (30min lunch break after rd 2)
- ♙ MCA membership required for Missouri residents

Advance entries/info: (by 8/10)

Joplin Chess Club, 2609 New Hampshire, Joplin, Mo 64804

(417) 781-9091; (417) 483-1554 day of the tournament.

martin.stahl@joplinchess.org

Regional Chess Clubs

Heart of America Chess Association

Noland Baptist Church
4505 S Noland Rd. Independence, MO 64055
Meets: Friday nights 7-11pm
Community Club, No fee to play
Contact Bob Holliman-chess_entries@comcast.net

Westport Chess Club

Westport Flea Market 817 Westport Rd. Kansas City, MO
Meets: Tuesdays 6:30 to 11:00 PM
\$2 for adults, \$1 for Students and under 18
Contact Ray Birt-westportchessclub@gmail.com
Website-<http://www.westportchessclub.org>

Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis

4657 Maryland, Saint Louis, Missouri 63108
Club open Tuesday-Sunday
Weekly Blitz, Bughouse, Lessons, and Tournaments
Contact Tony Rich-trich@saintlouischessclub.org
or call 314-361-CHESS
Website-<http://saintlouischessclub.org>

St. Louis Chess Club

St. Louis Bread Company 6630 Delmar Ave. (U-City)
Chess played every night 6-9pm, most players come week-ends
Contact Joesph Garnier-chessoholic@sbcglobal.net

Game Nite

South County Center mall, 30 South County Center Way
St. Louis, MO 63129
Meets: Every Monday evening 6pm-9pm
Free to play
Contact: Chris Prysock (gameniteshop@gmail.com)
(314) 894-2684 www.gameniteshop.com

St. Peters Chess Club

Liberty Classical School, O'Fallon, MO 63366
Meet on Friday: 4:30—6pm
Membership: \$60 yearly. Private Lessons: \$20 per hour
Contact Tim Nesham-tim.nesham@gmail.com

Univ. of Missouri Chess Club

Memorial Union (518 Hitt Street) Room S203, Columbia
Meets: Mondays 7 to 10 PM August-May
Contact Steve Brieztko brieztkes@health.missouri.edu
Website-<http://muchess.students.missouri.edu>

Missouri S&T Chess Club

Havener Center, Shamrock Room Missouri S&T
1346 N. Bishop, Rolla, MO 65409
Meets: Thursdays 7 to 9 PM
Contact Thomas Rehmeier-trrthf@mst.edu

Springfield Park Board Chess Club

Southside Senior Center 2215 S. Fremont Ave., Springfield
Meets: Fridays 6:30 to 11:00 PM
Contact Joe Brozovich- jmbroz@att.net or call 417-882-3992
Website- <http://www.springfieldparkboardchessclub.com>

Mineral Area Chess Club

McDonald's (Columbia and Hwy 67)
1700 W. Columbia St. Farmington, MO 63640
Meets: Monday nights 6:30-11pm
Contact: James Lyons: jaalyon@sbcglobal.net

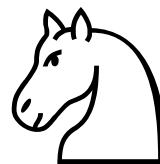
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in the MCB and the MCA Website.

The Missouri Scholastic State Championships returned to Jefferson City, with the biggest turnouts seen since 2009. Four hundred seventy three players packed the hotel to compete among the various grade sections. The Gateway Chess League, assisted by the Missouri Chess Association, once again ran this hectic event. Students from Kindergarden to High School seniors, and from every corner of the state competed hard for a chance to win trophies and honor. Of particular note this year was a brother and sister combo, Ansar and Zoe Lemon, who each won first place in their respective sections. Also, New City Elementary captured two of the three elementary team top spots. Finally, Jason Zhou, Ansar Lemon, Zoe Lemon, Jason Ding, and Wydown Middle School all grabbed their second straight state championships! Congratulations to all the players who came out, and particularly of course, to the 2012 Missouri State Champions!

High School Team Champions: Parkway North High School
Vishal Bharadwaj, Tristan Jappa, Yu Deng, Isaac Pearlstone

9th & Under: Clayton High School
Elliot Leong, Owen Bitting, Asaan Moore, Ethan Leong



8th & Under: Wydown Middle School
Zhizhang Wei, George Liu, David Kim, Talat Nasreddinov

6th & Under: New City Elementary
Henry Edmonds, Isabel Brieler, Sean Broschert, Alexandra Swandon-Harker

5th & Under: New City Elementary
Ernie McCarter, Russell Bigham, Steven Shaw, Reed Garland, Benjamin Guller

3rd & Under: Spoede Elementary
Jason Ding, Erik Tkachenko, Domenic Fenoglio, Benjamin Liu

Individual Champions:

High School:

Board One

Isaiah Gadson & William Tong

Board Two:

Garrett McMindes & Tristan Jappa

Board Three:

Ben Trask

Board Four

Alex Moldering

9th & Under: Ansar Lemon

8th & Under: Margaret Hua

6th & Under: Zoe Lemon

5th & Under: Jason Zhou

3rd & Under: Jason Ding

The Saint Louis Open

~ by GM Ben Finegold

The Bill Wright Saint Louis Open was held April 14-15 at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis. The Open section was particularly strong, as six of the Saint Louis Invitational players also played in the Open. There were few upsets in the Open section, although round 2 looked bad for Marc Arnold and your author, as we both offered draws to our lower-rated opponents Doug Eckert and Kevin Cao, respectively. Luckily for us, the lower-rated players declined and went on to lose better endings, so the top players, with the exception of IM Justin Sarkar, stood at 2-0. I took a round 3 bye, and the other top players fought it out. Like the Invitational, there was a three-way tie for first, with a score of 4-1, and Moradiabadi, Sevillano and Arnold sharing top honors. I was able to draw my final two rounds, but 3.5 points was only good enough for =4th. My son Spencer did well, scoring 3-2 and winning clear first U2200!

The reserve section was also hard fought, as top rated (1999!) Barry Manthe breezed through the field winning his first four, before drawing quickly in the last round to sew up first place. There were 43 players in the reserve section, which is excellent, and double the number of players in the open section!

| # | Name | Rtng | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Tot |
|-----|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1st | GM ELSHA MORADIABADI | 2620 | W11 | W7 | D3 | W4 | D5 | 4.0 |
| 1st | IM MARC TYLER ARNOLD | 2580 | W8 | W16 | D4 | D6 | W7 | 4.0 |
| 1st | IM ENRICO SEVILLANO | 2566 | W14 | W17 | D1 | D5 | W9 | 4.0 |
| 4 | IM MICHAEL A BROOKS | 2433 | W20 | W10 | D2 | L1 | W11 | 3.5 |
| 5 | GM BENJAMIN FINEGOLD | 2595 | W22 | W15 | H--- | D3 | D1 | 3.5 |
| 6 | IM JUSTIN SARKAR | 2525 | H--- | D12 | W8 | D2 | W10 | 3.5 |
| 7 | IM ANGELO YOUNG | 2345 | W13 | L1 | W14 | W15 | L2 | 3.0 |
| 8 | SPENCER FINEGOLD | 2181 | L2 | W19 | L6 | W20 | W13 | 3.0 |
| 9 | VICTOR R FELDBERG | 2214 | L10 | W18 | W17 | W12 | L3 | 3.0 |
| 10 | MATT BARRETT | 1781 | W9 | L4 | D11 | W14 | L6 | 2.5 |
| 11 | ALEXANDER VELIKANOV | 2205 | L1 | W13 | D10 | W16 | L4 | 2.5 |
| 12 | KENNETH THOMAS | 2074 | H--- | D6 | D16 | L9 | W18 | 2.5 |
| 13 | SELDEN TRIMBLE | 1995 | L7 | L11 | W18 | W17 | L8 | 2.0 |
| 14 | JAMES MCLAUGHLIN | 2107 | L3 | W21 | L7 | L10 | W20 | 2.0 |
| 15 | KEVIN Y CAO | 2239 | W21 | L5 | W20 | L7 | U--- | 2.0 |
| 16 | DOUG D ECKERT | 2232 | W19 | L2 | D12 | L11 | U--- | 1.5 |
| 17 | AKALPIT K GADRE | 1735 | B--- | L3 | L9 | L13 | D21 | 1.5 |
| 18 | ALEX VERGILESOV | 1953 | H--- | L9 | L13 | W21 | L12 | 1.5 |
| 16 | MATTHEW C HOSLER | 1799 | L16 | L8 | D21 | H--- | H--- | 1.5 |
| 20 | THOMAS SCHNEIDER | 2055 | L4 | W22 | L15 | L8 | L14 | 1.0 |
| 21 | JAY LEWIS III | 1874 | L15 | L14 | D19 | L18 | D17 | 1.0 |
| 22 | MARK JOEFF FERBER | 2169 | L5 | L20 | U--- | U--- | U--- | 0.0 |

St. Louis Open Reserve: Under 2000 Section

| | Name | Rating | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Tot | |
|----|--------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|
| 1 | BARRY MANTHE | 1999 | W23 | W15 | W7 | W2 | D5 | 4.5 | |
| 2 | JAMES D POLLITT | 1924 | W35 | W3 | W20 | L1 | W11 | 4.0 | |
| 3 | DANIEL SAJKOWSKI | 1760 | W22 | L2 | W21 | W14 | W10 | 4.0 | |
| 4 | JEFFREY J KOVALIC | 1891 | W29 | W16 | D6 | D11 | W13 | 4.0 | |
| 5 | JONATHAN SCHRANTZ | 1660 | W39 | W17 | H--- | W12 | D1 | 4.0 | |
| 6 | BEHROOZ VAKIL | 1741 | W28 | W12 | D4 | D10 | D7 | 3.5 | |
| 7 | THOMAS GAUL | 1864 | W31 | W19 | L1 | W16 | D6 | 3.5 | |
| 8 | STEVEN D BANGE | 1869 | W21 | L13 | W29 | D18 | W25 | 3.5 | |
| 9 | RODNEY WRIGHT | 1786 | W30 | L10 | H--- | W28 | W19 | 3.5 | |
| 10 | JAMES L. SMITH | 1977 | W14 | W9 | D11 | D6 | L3 | 3.0 | |
| 11 | DAVID B ASKIN | 1855 | W24 | W38 | D10 | D4 | L2 | 3.0 | |
| 12 | DAVID T PENG | 1933 | W27 | L6 | W13 | L5 | W22 | 3.0 | |
| 13 | BENEDICT DA MUNCY | 1624 | W41 | W8 | L12 | W20 | L4 | 3.0 | |
| 14 | WILLIAM KANE | 1526 | L10 | W32 | W17 | L3 | W28 | 3.0 | |
| 15 | JEFFREY SCHRAGIN | 1783 | W36 | L1 | W31 | D19 | D18 | 3.0 | |
| 16 | DERRICK BARTOTTO | 1630 | W43 | L4 | W24 | L7 | W30 | 3.0 | |
| 17 | ALBERT DA HOWLETT | 1903 | W26 | L5 | L14 | W37 | W29 | 3.0 | |
| 18 | BOB HOWE | 1721 | D32 | W34 | H--- | D8 | D15 | 3.0 | |
| 19 | NATHAN TU PHAN | 1604 | W40 | L7 | W30 | D15 | L9 | 2.5 | |
| 20 | JAMES OSLICA | 1838 | W33 | W25 | L2 | L13 | D21 | 2.5 | |
| 21 | CLARK ZHANG BERRY | 1408 | L8 | W39 | L3 | W34 | D20 | 2.5 | |
| 22 | CALEB S DENBY | 1263 | L3 | D35 | W27 | W38 | L12 | 2.5 | |
| 23 | RICHARD L BERRY | 1542 | L1 | W36 | L28 | W33 | D24 | 2.5 | |
| 24 | RAY D BENNETT | 1342 | L11 | W41 | L16 | W40 | D23 | 2.5 | |
| 25 | JASON DANIELS | 1576 | W37 | L20 | H--- | W35 | L8 | 2.5 | |
| 26 | DANIEL J TUTTLE | 1473 | L17 | L28 | W39 | D36 | W35 | 2.5 | |
| 27 | JON STRAND | 1526 | L12 | H--- | L22 | X43 | W36 | 2.5 | |
| 28 | GABRIEL A FERNS | 1232 | L6 | W26 | W23 | L9 | L14 | 2.0 | |
| 29 | TONY NIEMANN | 1458 | L4 | W43 | L8 | W32 | L17 | 2.0 | |
| 30 | TORIN HYLAN | 1325 | L9 | W42 | L19 | W31 | L16 | 2.0 | |
| 31 | ANDREW L TRATTNER | 1391 | L7 | W40 | L15 | L30 | W37 | 2.0 | |
| 32 | MIKE BUCKLEY | 1174 | D18 | L14 | H--- | L29 | W42 | 2.0 | |
| 33 | DOUGLAS PICHEN | 1337 | L20 | L37 | W43 | L23 | W40 | 2.0 | |
| 34 | BRAD D BALDRIDGE | 760 | B--- | L18 | L35 | L21 | W39 | 2.0 | |
| 35 | JUSTIN L GRIMES | 1515 | L2 | D22 | W34 | L25 | L26 | 1.5 | |
| 36 | NARAYAN KARRA | 1271 | L15 | L23 | W41 | D26 | L27 | 1.5 | |
| 37 | GREG VANVALKENBURG | 771 | L25 | W33 | H--- | L17 | L31 | 1.5 | |
| 38 | AYDIN TURGUT | 1584 | W42 | L11 | H--- | L22 | U--- | 1.5 | |
| 39 | ROBERT A LUCKEY | 1152 | L5 | L21 | L26 | W41 | L34 | 1.0 | |
| 40 | JESSE PFITZINGER | 887 | L19 | L31 | B--- | L24 | L33 | 1.0 | |
| 41 | IRIS YI-XIAN ZHOU | 897 | L13 | L24 | L36 | L39 | B--- | 1.0 | |
| 42 | SAMUEL BRU LEVINE | 805 | L38 | L30 | H--- | H--- | L32 | 1.0 | |
| 43 | DAVID N WHITEHEAD | 1011 | L16 | L29 | L33 | F27 | U--- | 0.0 | |



Lindenwood Launches World Class Collegiate Chess Program

Lindenwood University is putting out a call for some of the finest young chess players in America and abroad. And the university is willing to provide scholarship money to build the nation's top collegiate chess program.

What is unique about Lindenwood's plan is the number of competitors it plans to have in the program. Organizers say there could be 25-30 players on up to six different teams.

"We are planning to recruit some of the highest-rated competitors in the world," said Tim Canavan, Lindenwood's Director of Student Life Sports. "We are also going to recruit people who aren't at the elite level yet, but want to get there. Our interest is competing, promoting the wonderful game of chess, and providing a way for young people to get a good education."

Canavan said the university has been collaborating with the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, which is known internationally for its quality. He praised the Chess Club for its guidance during the program's developmental stages. Canavan said Lindenwood has retained the club's Grandmaster-in-Residence, Ben Finegold, as coach.

"I was immediately impressed with the level of commitment Lindenwood has demonstrated to launching this program," Finegold said. "It's an exciting development for collegiate chess and also for the chess scene in the greater St. Louis area."

Lindenwood already is on the recruiting trail, and is building a collegiate schedule with plans to compete in the fall. The university already has designated a spot in the Evans Commons for practice and competition.

For information on a chess scholarship at Lindenwood University, call Lauren Nystrom at (636) 949-4942.

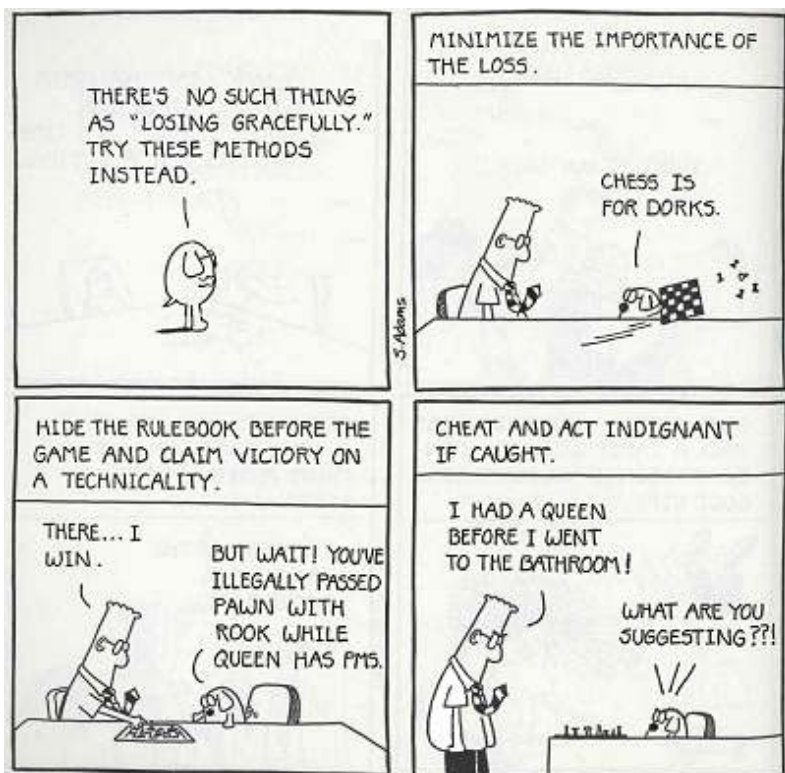
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MISSOURIANS ON THE USCF TOP 100 LISTS — June 2012

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| | <u>Overall</u> | | | | |
| | | GM Hikaru Nakamura (2876) | 1st | | |
| | | GM Ben Finegold (2582) | 25th | | |
| | | IM Michael Brooks (2432) | 92nd | | |
| <u>Age 16</u> | Isaiah Gadson (2053) | 29th | <u>Age 13</u> | Margaret M.Hua (1985) | 30th |
| | William Nesham (1952) | 63rd | | | |
| | James L. Smith (1944) | 66th | <u>Age 10</u> | Jason Zhou (1773) | 22nd |
| | Vikram Arun (1920) | 70th | | | |
| <u>Age 15</u> | Kevin Cao (2230) | 9th | <u>Girls U13</u> | Zoe Lemon (1524) | 44th |
| | Jialin Ding (2221) | 10th | <u>Girls U16</u> | Margaret M.Hua (1985) | 13th |
| | William Tong (1944) | 44th | | | |
| <u>Age 14</u> | Ansar Lemon (2015) | 40th | <u>Correspondence:</u> | Barry Walker (2232) | 48th |
| | Matthew Larson (1936) | 64th | <u>Senior:</u> | Selden Trimble (2023) | 83rd |
| | | | | James Davies (2014) | 94th |

MISSOURI'S TOP 100 (July 2011)

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|----|----------------------|------|
| 1 | GM Hikaru Nakamura | 2882 |
| 2 | GM Benjamin Finegold | 2577 |
| 3 | IM Goran Vojinovic | 2555 |
| 4 | IM Michael Brooks | 2428 |
| 5 | Kevin Cao | 2262 |
| 6 | Siddhartha Chib | 2247 |
| 7 | FM Doug Eckert | 2248 |
| 8 | Jialin Ding | 2221 |
| 9 | Spencer Finegold | 2218 |
| 10 | Ronald Luther | 2210 |
| 11 | Victor Feldbert | 2207 |
| 12 | Bob Holliman | 2200 |
| 13 | Mark Ferber | 2161 |
| 14 | Andrew Witte | 2149 |
| 15 | Tomislav Juricic | 2144 |
| 16 | Nick Karlow | 2132 |
| 17 | Joshua Frank | 2130 |
| 18 | James Voelker | 2129 |
| 19 | Nathaniel Fast | 2115 |
| 20 | Ben Gradsky | 2112 |
| 21 | Dan Ranario | 2108 |
| 22 | James McLaughlin | 2101 |
| 23 | Abishek Mallela | 2092 |
| 24 | James Sun | 2081 |
| 25 | Frank Smith | 2054 |
| 26 | Zachary Druckerman | 2054 |
| 27 | Isaiah Gadson | 2053 |
| 28 | Alex Marler | 2048 |
| 29 | Timothy Sullivan | 2044 |
| 30 | Bronik Matwijkiw | 2040 |
| 31 | Selden Trimble | 2031 |
| 32 | Ansar Lemon | 2029 |
| 33 | Tony Rich | 2024 |
| 34 | James Davies | 2018 |
| 35 | Joseph Garnier | 2017 |

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|----|-------------------|------|
| 36 | Margaret Hua | 2016 |
| 37 | Suman Kalavagunta | 2013 |
| 38 | Barry Manthe | 2005 |
| 39 | Kevin Guo | 2002 |
| 40 | Steven Rand | 2002 |
| 41 | Kevin D Johnson | 2000 |
| 42 | Nathan Swinger | 1999 |
| 43 | Gary White | 1995 |
| 44 | William Tong | 1994 |
| 45 | Jim Smallwood | 1991 |
| 46 | Lucas Mc Cain | 1988 |
| 47 | Eric Heerschap | 1966 |
| 48 | Francis Crow | 1958 |
| 49 | Jeffrey Van Order | 1956 |
| 50 | William Nesham | 1952 |
| 51 | James L Smith | 1944 |
| 52 | Dan Roberts | 1940 |
| 53 | John Boyer | 1931 |
| 54 | Alex Vergilesov | 1930 |
| 55 | Tony Dutiel | 1929 |
| 56 | Matt Barrett | 1925 |
| 57 | Vikram Arun | 1920 |
| 58 | Marthew Larson | 1918 |
| 59 | Dwight Beasley | 1916 |
| 60 | Kenneth Fee | 1901 |
| 61 | Adil Skuka | 1900 |
| 62 | David Askins | 1898 |
| 63 | Darius Masuhud | 1892 |
| 64 | Rodney Vaughn | 1883 |
| 65 | Henry Cao | 1873 |
| 66 | Alex Esposito | 1870 |
| 67 | Brad Schlosser | 1868 |
| 68 | Charles Lipoma | 1867 |
| 69 | Jacob Wilkins | 1857 |
| 70 | Al Howlett | 1851 |

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| 71 | Daniel Juengel | 1845 |
| 72 | Ray Birt | 1845 |
| 73 | Shane Evans | 1843 |
| 74 | Matthew Hosler | 1841 |
| 75 | Jay Lewis | 1837 |
| 76 | Adil Karaviev | 1836 |
| 77 | Murthy Mediseti | 1835 |
| 78 | Timothy Olson | 1832 |
| 79 | William Steevens | 1831 |
| 80 | John Quimby | 1830 |
| 81 | Robert Taras | 1830 |
| 82 | Thomas Rehmeier | 1829 |
| 83 | Dan Coryea | 1829 |
| 84 | Yomi Toba | 1826 |
| 85 | Steven Landrum | 1821 |
| 86 | Paul Goddard | 1818 |
| 87 | Steven Bange | 1817 |
| 88 | Tim Nesham | 1816 |
| 89 | George Purnell | 1810 |
| 90 | Spencer Conklin | 1801 |
| 91 | Joel Stebbins | 1801 |
| 92 | Stanley Knowles | 1801 |
| 93 | Senad Smajlagic | 1800 |
| 94 | Behrooz Vakil | 1792 |
| 95 | Vishal Bharadwaj | 1789 |
| 96 | Jason Clark | 1788 |
| 97 | Frank Whitsell | 1788 |
| 98 | James Oslica | 1785 |
| 99 | Raymond Kurczynski | 1775 |
| 100 | Jonathan Schrantz | 1770 |

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past 12 months.

World Chess Hall of Fame

The World Chess Hall of Fame's current exhibits run until August 12th, 2012. The museum will then be closed for two weeks before unveiling new collections and exhibits. Below is a summary of the current exhibits that can still be seen. See www.worldchesshof.org for full details on these and future exhibits.

BOBBY FISCHER: Icon Among Icons, Photographs by Harry Benson

World-renowned photographer Harry Benson was the only person to have private access to Bobby Fischer during the entire 1972 World Chess Championship match in Reykjavík, Iceland. Benson captured intimate images of this time with Fischer and was the first person to deliver the news to Fischer that he had won the match.



Benson began photographing Fischer when on assignment for *LIFE* magazine in 1971. Sent to Buenos Aires, Argentina to cover the 1971 Candidates Tournament, Benson began to cultivate a relationship with Bobby, who was known for being notoriously camera-averse, guarded, and socially awkward. Being skeptical of journalists, Fischer would request late night meetings with Benson which generally consisted of quiet walks broken up by Fischer pulling out a pocket chess set to play under lampposts from time to time. Throughout the assignment, Benson and Fischer began to form a friendship and Benson noticed that Fischer seemed most comfortable in the company of animals and children, who also seemed exceedingly drawn to him. Fischer exuded a sense of patience and understanding with these groups that he did not possess with his peers, who he generally dismissed. Fischer defeated Tigran Petrosian at the Candidates Tournament, qualifying him for the World Chess Championship match. With this victory, he not only continued his rise among chess players,



but also became a pop-culture sensation. At the height of the Cold War, the media played up the impending battle between the American and the Russian Boris Spassky, the defending World Chess Champion. News outlets referred to the upcoming match as the "Match of the Century" and used headlines such as "Fischer vs. Spassky: A Major Struggle in the Cold War."

In an uncharacteristic twist, Fischer exclusively invited Benson and *LIFE* reporter Brad Darrach to visit him as he trained for the championship at Grossinger's

Resort in upstate New York. Considering himself an athlete, Fischer noted that playing chess required an enormous amount of stamina. He chose this resort complex in the Catskill Mountains due to its reputation as a popular training facility for sports legends such as Rocky Marciano and Jackie Robinson. In addition to his scrupulous chess study, Fischer followed a strict regimen of physical training including running, tennis, swimming, biking, jump rope, and hand strengthening exercises—the latter in an effort to “crush” the Russians and their dominance of the chess world.



The tales of the World Chess Championship in Reykjavik, Iceland in the summer of 1972 are numerous and fantastic. Fischer arrived late to the first game, forfeited Game 2, inspected television cameras and lights, insisting that they were making too much noise or contained devices that were intended to distract him, and had special chessboards created for the match. He made outrageous demands—requesting more money than the agreed-upon prize fund of \$125,000 (to be split $\frac{5}{8}$ for the winner and $\frac{3}{8}$ for the loser), and requiring that Game 3 be played in a “back room” away from the agreed-upon setting. Much speculation surrounded this behavior and it was debated if this was “normal” Fischer conduct or if he was intentionally attempting to cause a psychological breakdown of his opponent.



The match was organized as the best of 24 games—wins would count as one point and draws as a half point, with the winner being the first to reach $12 \frac{1}{2}$ points. The first game took place on July 11th and the last game began on August 31st and was adjourned after 40 moves. Spassky resigned the next day without resuming play and the 29-year-old Fischer won the match $12 \frac{1}{2}$ - $8 \frac{1}{2}$, becoming the 11th World Chess Champion and the first American-born player to do so—ending 24 years of Soviet domination of the World Chess Championship. Benson continued to cultivate a journal-

istic friendship with Fischer. The two spent many hours together during the nearly two months in Iceland, walking and talking night after night through the hills of the Icelandic countryside. Benson noted that the pressure on Fischer was enormous—it is known that Fischer received several phone calls from Henry Kissinger encouraging him to play the match when he threatened not to. Noticing Fischer’s lack of social skills and recognizing his loneliness and isolation, Benson stated, “Bobby regarded the press as enemies, yet there had to be one friendly face in the enemy camp, and I figured it might as well be me.”

As the images in this exhibition show, Benson’s photography captures a side of the elusive and controversial chess genius that is rarely seen, and offers a window into the private world of the man Benson calls “the most eccentric and most fascinating person I have ever photographed.”

That is what Chess is all about. One day you give your opponent a lesson. The next day your opponent gives you one Bobby Fischer.

World Chess Hall of Fame: continued

Marcel Dzama: The End Game features the artist's film, *A Game of Chess*, alongside related drawings, paintings, sculptures, and dioramas.

Dzama's work draws from a wide range of artistic influences, including Dada and Marcel Duchamp. His film features a chess game of chess. Dressed in elaborate costumes of papier-mâché, wearing elaborate masks (including a mask for the King), the figures dance across a checkered surface to challenge their opponents in fatal interchanges. Chess occupied a central role for the early twentieth-century avant-garde, who drew explicit analogies between the game (with its provision of predetermination) and artistic practice. Dzama is influenced by German Bauhaus artist Oskar Schlemmer, whose *Triadic Ballet* from 1922 included masked figures dancing



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across a checkered surface. French film-maker René Clair and painter Francis Picabia were amongst other artists who integrated ballet and chess in their works from the 1920s, employing the special set of rules and moves of the game as metaphors for larger questions regarding free will, destiny, and technological determinism.



Both the filming and the creation of the costumes for *A Game of Chess* were carried out in Guadalajara, Mexico, and the influence of local crafts and religious traditions can be felt throughout this body of work. Notions of scapegoatism and resurrection blend with the timeless idea of rivalry represented by the game, and distinctions between reality and fiction ultimately become blurred as both costumed and “real-life” characters in the film are killed. In this way, the storyline recalls the Surrealist predilection for dream logic over conventional narrative form—epitomized by Luis Buñuel's films from the late 1920s and



early 1930s. However, Dzama still retains a strong sense of a plot, with subtle insinuations to contemporary life discernible throughout.

The exhibition also presents two rotating sculptures based on central characters in the film as well as new paintings created especially for this exhibition. *Marcel Dzama: The End Game* marks the first solo exhibition of Dzama's work in the Midwest.

About the World Chess Hall of Fame

The World Chess Hall of Fame is a nonprofit organization committed to building awareness for the cultural and artistic significance of chess. It opened on September 9, 2011 in the Central West End after moving from previous locations in New York and Miami.

The WCHoF is housed in an historic 15,900 square-foot residence-turned-business and features the U.S. and World Chess Halls of Fame, displays of artifacts from the permanent collection, and temporary exhibitions highlighting the great players, historic games, and rich cultural history of chess.

The WCHOF partners with the Chess Club and Scholastic Center to provide innovative programming and outreach to local, national, and international audiences.

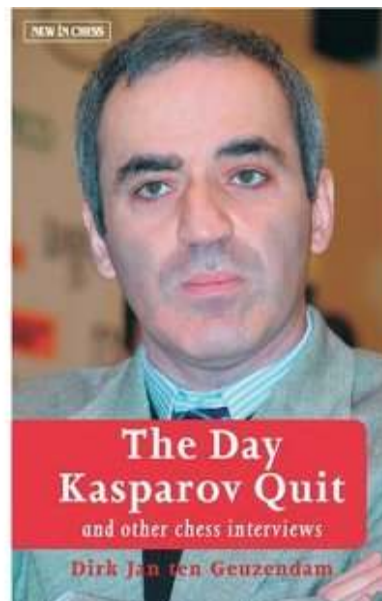
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"The Day Kasparov Quit and other chess interviews"

by Dirk Jan ten Geuzendam:

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Book Review by David A. Cole



For those that are interested in the history of the World Championship Chess Matches, this book gives an eloquent history of the World Championships, and in the Preface Section, it indicated that on March 10th, 2005, Gary Kasparov announced his retirement from being a chess professional. This announcement occurred at the Linares tournament in Spain, and of course was with a heavy heart that Gary made the announcement choking back tears. The book then goes on and covers players like, Miguel Najdorf, Henrique Mecking, Peter Leko, Vishy Anand, Vassily Ivanchuk, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, David Norwood, Robert Hubner, Alex Yermolinsky, Yury Averbakh, Vladamir Kramnik, Mark Taimanov, Petra Kortschnoi, Loek Van Wely, David Bronstein, Viktor Kortschnoi, Alex Shabalov, Judit Polgar, Rustam Kasimdzhanov, and Hikaru Nakamura himself after winning his first U.S. Championship in 2004 at the tender age of 16! Given the cast of these characters, the book exhibits a good mixture of exploring the old time World Champions and of course the new, and the ones that are up and coming that perhaps one day, they too, will be World Champions. I particularly like the quote from Vishy Anand, that states, "Often your openings will give you the right to play your own game. That's what Karpov used to say. He played openings just to get a position". Anand exhibited a valiant effort in his 1995 World Championship match against Mr. Kasparov here in NYC but pre-match preparation and psychology turned the tables in favor of Mr. Kasparov. Where the book falls short in my opinion is whether we would see controversial chess openings in future World Championship matches, like the Kings Gambit, and the book glosses over 1) b4! It would add to future participants' psychology about dealing with not only the pressure of the match, but the actual mindset. I probably would have also liked to see Anatoly Karpov be interviewed, because after all these 2 Super K's had so many memorable clashes. I personally attended Game 9 of their World Championship Match in 1990 in NYC and met Mr. Kasparov up close and personal. I also got to see him in August of 1991 in Los Angeles at that U.S. Open, and still remember that moment with he, and then USCF President Maxim Dlugy, with their goblets.

Going to the end of this book, the actual announcement is made and the author correctly depicts that "For twenty long years, Garry Kasparov was at the peak of his profession, a feat unparalleled in any sport." This book I feel is a must read and has had an interesting history, both from its content, as well as a personal history for me. I have also attempted myself to coax Mr. Kasparov out of retirement to at least play in the annual World Amateur Team event in NJ, but to no avail, yet. The obvious question would be, "Will we see Mr. Kasparov compete at another Tournament?" As they say, "Only Time Will Tell," as Mr. Kasparov has turned down numerous requests to un-retire, but when all is said and done, "Gary Kasparov will go down as one of the greatest ever to play the game."

Tournament of Champions

~ by Bob Howe ~

~ Photo by Laura Smith

It may seem to be no surprise when a top seed wins a tournament, but at this year's scholastic Tournament of Champions, the fact that the #1 seed won doesn't tell the whole story. Freshman Kevin Cao came into the event as the #1 seed, with a 2225 rating. The other Missouri Master who qualified for the event, last year's Denker representative Jialin Ding, didn't make the trip this year, leaving Kevin as a prohibitive favorite.

The pairings though, decided to test Kevin's meddle in a big way. His challenges came quick, as his first round opponent was significantly tougher than the rest of the top players faced. James Smith, an A player on the cusp of expert, gave Kevin the first of many tough games he's see in this difficult Game in 60 event. After avoiding the upset there, Kevin went on to face some of the top talent in the state in the next few rounds, defeating Isaiah Gadson (who'd upset Cao at the State tournament a few weeks before), and Ansar Lemon, an expert from Kansas City who's rating has been rising fast. With a 3-0 score, it appeared Kevin's likely last round pairing would be with yet another expert. William Tong was playing a player rated only 1300, needing a win to get him back in the thick of the fight. The 1300 however was the surprise of the tournament. Josiah Weeks, of St. Joseph had already upset Smith in round 2, and now in round 3 had Tong on the ropes. Tong, down material with little compensation, did all you can do in such a situation, he threw his rook, bishop, kitchen sink, and house at his opponent. Weeks seemed to have adequate defense, and the kibitzers were ready to call the game for him, but a blunder while defending can be particularly costly. Weeks made a move that prevented some dangerous lines, but cut off his rook from defending the critical h7 square, and Tong pounced. Mate came shockingly quickly, and the old friends, Tong and Cao would settle matters in the final round.

Cao led the tournament with 3/3, but several players, including Tong and Gadson could catch the leader and force tiebreaks with a last round win. Cao however, negated Tong's attempts to crack his position. A sterile field where the pieces were shuffling around came about, and a draw resulted in clear first for Cao. His final round pairing meant Kevin had won the event in the hardest possible scenario. The top seed faced the #2, #3, #4, and #5 seeds in his four games! With a relatively quick time control and almost always the last game to finish, Cao has much to be proud of in his Tournament of Champions victory. Along with the title of Individual Scholastic State Champion, Kevin will be representing Missouri in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions in August. Congratulations and good luck!

Alongside the High School event, an All Girls tournament was also being contested. This event has been dominated by Margaret Hua in recent years, and this year would turn out to be more of the same. Margaret swept the event to claim her fourth Missouri Girls Title. The expert from St. Louis was a rating favorite, but the outcome was by no means ensured until the end. Her competition included two scholastic state Champions, 2011 6th and Under Champion Keturah Gadson, and 2012 6th and Under Champion Zoe Lemon. Both gave Margaret a challenging game. In the end, Hua came through, assuring the top seeds victory in both events. Margaret, an 8th grader this year, says she plans to take on the overall Tournament of Champions next year, which will open up the field for a new All Girls winner in 2013.



Kevin Cao (right) and James Smith analyze their game, with William Tong and his father in the background

All Girls Championship

Games from the Tournament of Champions:

Cambridge Springs

Tournament of Champions

W: Ansar Lemon (2008)
B: Kevin Cao (2025)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.e3 c6
6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Ne4
8.Ndxe4 dxe4 9.Bf4 Bb4
10.Qb3 0-0 11.Rc1 g5 12.Bg3 f5 13.c5 Nf6 14.Bd6 Rf7
15.a3 Bxc3+ 16.Qxc3 Qd8 17.g3 b5 18.h4 Nd5 19.Qd2 g4
20.Be2 a5 21.a4 bxa4 22.Ra1 Ba6 23.Bxa6 Rxa6 24.0-0
Qc8 25.Rxa4 Rfa7 26.Rfa1 Nb4 27.d5 cxd5 28.Qc3 Kf7
29.Be5 Nd3 30.Bd4 e5 31.Bxe5 Qxc5 32.Bd4 Qxc3 33
Bxc3 Nc5 34.Rxa5 Rxa5 35.Rxa5 Rxa5 36.Bxa5 Nd3
37.Bc3 Ke6 38.Kf1 Kd6 39.Ke2 Kc5 40.Bd4+ Kc4 41.
Bg7 Kb3 42.Bf6 Nxb2 43.Bg7 Kc2 44.Bh8 Nd3 45.Bg7
Nc1+ 46.Ke1 Kd3 47.Bf6 Nb3 48.Bg7 h5 49.Bf6 d4 50.
Bg5 Nd2 51.Bh6 Nb3 52.Kf1 dxe3 53.Bxe3 Nd2+ 54.Ke1
Nc4 55.Bg5 e3 56.fxe3 Nxe3 57.Bxe3 Kxe3 58.Kf1 0-1

Semi-Slav Defense

Tournament of Champions

W: James Smith (1977)
B: Josiah Weeks (1273)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6
4.Nc3 e6 5.Qc2 Nbd7
6.Nf3 b6 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2
0-0 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4
Nxe4 11.Qxe4 Bb7 12.Bd3 Nf6 13.Qh4 h6 14.0-0 Be7
15.Rfe1 c5 16.Re3 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 cxd4 18.Bxd4 Rc8
19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Rd1 Rc6 21.Rxg7 Kxg7 22.Qg4+ Kh8
23.Bxf6+ Bxf6 24.Qe4 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Rcc8 26.Qf4 Bg7
27.Rh3 Rcd8 28.g4 Rd4 29.Qf3 f6 30.Rh5 e5 31.h4 a5
32.Rf5 Rdd8 33.Qe2 Rd4 34.f3 Kh7 35.f4 Rfd8 36.Kf1
Rd3 37.Qe4 R3d4 38.Qe3 Rd3 39.Qxb6 Rd1+ 40.Ke2
R8d2+ 41.Kf3 Rd3+ 42.Ke4 Rd4+ 43.Qxd4 Rxd4+
44.Ke3 Rd1 45.fxe5 fxe5 46.Rf2 Rd4 47.c5 Rd8 48.a3 Bf8
49.Rf7+ Kg8 50.Rc7 Rb8 51.b4 axb4 52.axb4 Rxb4
53.Kf3 Rc4 54.c6 Bg7 55.Rc8+ Kf7 56.c7 Bf8 57.g5 hxg5
58.hxg5 Bd6 59.Rh8 Rxc7 60.Rh7+ Kg8 61.Rh6 Bb4
62.Re6 Re7 63.Rb6 Bd2 64.Ke4 Bf4 65.g6 Kg7 66.Kf5
Bd2 67.Rd6 Bh6 68.Rd5 e4 69.Rd1 e3 70.Re1 e2 71.Kg4
Bd2 72.Rxe2 Rxe2 73.Kf3 Re3+ 74.Kf2 Kxg6 0-1

Scandinavian Defense

All Girls Tournament

W: Margaret Hua (2008)
B: Zoe Lemon (1544)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5
3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3
Nf6 6.Bc4 Bf5 7.0-0 e6
8.Re1 Bd6 9.Bg5 Nbd7
10.a3 0-0 11.Bh4 Qc7
12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Rfe8 14.Rad1 h6 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.
Qxe4 Nb6 17.Ne5 Nd7 18.f4 c5 19.Kh1 cxd4 20.Qxd4
Nxe5 21.fxe5 Be7 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.Re2 Ree8 24.Red2
Qc6 25.h3 a6 26.Qd7 Rac8 27.c3 Qc7 28.Rf1 Re7 29.Qd6
Ree8 30.Rf3 Qd8 31.Kg1 Qg5 32.Rfd3 Qe7 notation ends.
White eventually broke through on the f file. 1-0

King's Indian Defense

Tournament of Champions

W: James Smith (1977)
B: Shane Lindsey (1121)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3
g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Bd3 0-0
6.Nge2 e5 7.d5 c6 8.0-0
cxd5 9.exd5 Qb6 10.
Qc2 Bg4 11.Ng3 Re8
12.Be3 Qc7 13.f3 Bd7 14.Qd2 Na6 15.a3 Nc5 16.Bc2 b6
17.Rac1 Nb7 18.b3 Rac8 19.Kh1 a5 20.Qf2 Nc5 21.Nce4
Rb8 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Ne4 Bg7 24. Qh4 Nxe4 25.fxe4 a4

26.b4 Ra8 27.Qf2 Rf8 28.Bxb6 Qxc4 29.Bxa4 Qxe4
30.Bxd7 Qxd5 31.Bc6 Qd3 32.Bxa8 Rxa8 33.Qxf7+ Kh8
34.Rc7 Rg8 35.Ra7 Qb5 36.Be3 Qxf1+ 37.Qxf1 Rf8
38.Rf7 Rc8 39.Qb5 e4 40.Qb7 Rg8 41.Rxg7 Rxg7 42.Bd4
Kg8 43.Qxg7# 1-0

Colle System

Tournament of Champions

W: Keturah Gadson (1473)
B: Cecilia Tackett (735)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3
Nc6 4.h3 g6 5.Bd3 Bg7
6.Nbd2 b6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.c3
0-0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.0-0 Qc8
11.e4 Bxh3 12.Nh2 e5 13.gxh3 Qxh3 14.Qf3 Qxf3 15.
Nhxf3 exd4 16.exd5 Ne5 17.Nxe5 Rxe5 18.Nf3 Rh5 19.
Nxd4 Ng4 20.Be2 Rh4 21.Bg5 Rh5 22.Bf4 Bxd4 23.cxd4
Rxd5 24.Bf3 Rad8 25.Bxd5 Rxd5 26.f3 Nf6 27.Rf2 Rxd4
28.Be5 Rd5 29.Bxf6 Rf5 30.Bc3 1-0

French Defense

Tournament of Champions

W: Josiah Weeks (1273)
B: Isaiah Gadson (2060)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
Nc6 5.f4 cxd4 6. cxd4 Nge7
7.Nf3 Nf5 8.Bb5 Qa5+
9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Bxc6+ bxc6
11.Bd2 Ba6 12.a3 Be7 13.Ne2 Qb6 14.Bc3 Ne3 15.Qd2
Nxxg2+ 16.Kf1 Nh4 17.Nxxh4 Bxh4 18.Bb4 Qb5 19.Rc1
Rc8 20.Rc5 Qxe2+ 21.Qxe2 Bxe2+ 22.Kxe2 Kd7 23.Rg1
g6 24.Ra5 Rc7 25.Bd6 Rb7 26.b4 Be7 27. Bxe7 Kxe7
28.Rc1 Kd7 29.Ra6 Rc8 30.Rc5 Rcc7 31.Rca5 Ke7 32.Kf3
f6 33.Kg4 Kf7 34.h4 Kg7 35.b5 f5+ 36.Kf3 Rxb5 37.Rxa7
Rbb7 38.R7a6 Rb3+ 39.Ke2 Rh3 40.Ra7 Rxa7 41.Rxa7+
Kh6 42.a4 Rxh4 43.Ke3 Rh3+ 44.Ke2 g5 45.fxg5+ Kxg5
46.a5 Ra3 47.Rxh7 Rxa5 48.Re7 Kf4 49. Rxe6 Ke4 50.
Rxc6 Ra2+ 51.Kd1 Kxd4 52.e6 Ra7 53.Kd2 Re7 54.Ra6
Ke5 55.Ra3 Kxe6 56.Re3+ Kd6 57.Rf3 Rf7 58.Kd3 Ke5
59.Re3+ Kf4 60.Kd4 Rd7 61.Rd3 Kg4 62. Ke5 f4 63.Rd4
Re7+ 64.Kxd5 Rd7+ 65.Ke5 Rxd4 66. Kxd4 Kg3 67.Kd3
Kg2 68.Ke2 f3+ 69.Ke3 f2 70.Kd4 f1Q

Queen's Gambit Declined

Tournament of Champions

W: William Tong (2014)
B: Kevin Cao

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5
6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Qc2 0-
0 9.Nge2 Re8 10.0-0 h6 11.
Bf4 Nf8 12.a3 Nh5 13.Be5 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.b4 Bd7
16.Rab1 Rac8 17.Rfc1 Ne6 18.Na4 b6 19.Ng3 Nxxg3 20.
hxg3 Ng5 21.Ba6 Rb8 22.Bd3 Rbc8 23.Ba6 Rb8 24. Bd3
Ne4 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.Qa4 Qc7 27.Qb3 Qd6 28.Qa4 Qc7
29.Qb3 Qd6 1/2-1/2

Slav Defense

Tournament of Champions

W: Isaiah Gadson (2060)
B: Ansar Lemon (2008)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4
4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2
Nbd7 7.0-0 Bd6 8.b3 0-0
9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nh4
Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Ng2 h6 14.Bb2 Qe7 15.f3 Bh7
16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rae8 18.e4 a6 19.c5 Bc7 20.e5 f6
21.Nh4 Rf7 22.Ng6 Qd8 23.f4 f5 24.Qg3 Nf8 25.gxf5
Rxf5 26.Nh4 Rh5 27.Ng2 Qe7 28.Qg4 Qf7 29.Rf3 Qf5
30.Raf1 Kh7 31.Ne3 Qf7 32.Kh2 g6 33.Qg2 Bd8 34.Bc3
Bh4 35.Qe2 Re7 36.a4 Qe8 37.Qd3 Rg7 38.b4 Kg8
39.Rg1 g5 40.f5 exf5 41.Nxf5 Rg6 42.Nd6 Qe6 43.Qf1
Nd7 44.Rg4 Be1 45.Nf5 Bxc3 46.Rxc3 Nxe5 47.dxe5
Qxe5+ 48.Rcg3 Rf6 49.Rf4 Kh7 50.Rf2 g4 51.Ne3 Rxh3+
52.Qxh3 Rxf2+ 53.Kg1 gxh3 54.Kxf2 0-1

Missouri Chess Association Election Commissioner report

Ballots were counted at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis on Wednesday, July 11. My wife, Andrea Davies assisted me and kept her own tally. The process was witnessed by club employee Mike Kummer.

Region 1 : 9 MCA members cast ballots.

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| Winners | : | Bob Howe | 7 |
| | | Edward Baur | 7 |
| | | Tim Nesham | 6 |

Region 2 : 3 MCA members cast ballots.

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| Winners | : | Bruce Cantwell | 2 |
| | | John Sutton | 2 |
| | | Ron Luther | 2 |

Others receiving votes :

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|--|--|----------------|---|
| | | William Collin | 1 |
| | | Ken Fee | 1 |
| | | Bob Holliman | 1 |



Region 3 : 3 MCA members cast ballots.

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|---------|---|-----------------|---|
| Winners | : | Tim Campbell | 3 |
| | | Thomas Rehmeier | 3 |
| | | Martin Stahl | 3 |

I congratulate the winners, and wish all of our elected officers success in your efforts at chess promotion.

Sincerely,

James A. Davies

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Super Team Championship

~ by Alex Marler ~

The 2012 Super Team Championship proved to be one of the best yet! The event featured 17 fightin' teams with more than 50 players! There were two sections for the event: the Open and the Under 4800 (4800 represents the sum of the three team members' rating). This tournament was the Chess Club's first use of DGT boards for a local tournament, which allowed for the games to be displayed live on www.saintlouischessclub.org. I hope to make this a new standard in local tournament chess at the club.

Team tournaments are often paired on the basis of the team's performance rather than the individual's performance, which would be similar to a regular swiss. This sort of team-based pairing always produces interesting match ups, even in the later rounds, which would never happen in an open Swiss tournament.

The tournament produced many interesting upsets throughout the day! Club employee Michael Tabriz, defeated Life Master Jim McLaughlin in round two. Tabriz has only played seven rated games. It is quite impressive for him to beat such a strong player with such little experience.

In other upsets, Lucas McCain (1988) delivered a thrashing to Nick Karlow (2112) and Clark Berry (1560) took down a solid strategist in Tim Nesham (1816). Club newcomer Alkalpit Gadre (1675) had the misfortune of being paired up in every round, but he dealt with it like a pro by crushing both Dan Coryea (1829) and Christopher Johnson (1821). A few months ago I played Gadre in a Quick Tournament at the club and I knew then that he was going places ... like the A-Class.

Winning!! completely ran over the competition. Their board one, GM Ben Finegold, and board two, newly minted NM Spencer Finegold, both won all of their games. Their board three, CM Nick Karlow, beat his first three opponents but lost in the last round to McCain. The Finegolts jokingly informed Karlow that he was officially off the team after that loss. *The Wondrous Apricots*, comprised of NM Victor Feldberg, Gordon Ruan, and Lucas McCain, earned second place after losing a tense last-round battle to *Winning!!*. Also with three points, but finishing third on tiebreaks, was *Family*. FM Doug Eckert, Jim McLaughlin, and Selden Trimble were the *Family* members. The Under 4800 section was won outright by *R to d2*, comprised of Michael Tabriz, Shaz Iqbal, and Jonathan Schrantz.

The prizes were paid out in full and everyone had a glorious time! Congrats to our winners, and thanks to everyone who showed up and played.

Saint Louis District Championship September 1st -2nd

5SS, G/120. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108.

Entry Fee: \$60, \$50 for annual members of the club if registered by 8/31.

MCA Membership Required, from \$5. One Section.

Prizes: \$2,525 Guaranteed \$600-\$400-\$200. U2000 \$300-\$200-\$100. U1600 \$225-\$125-\$75.

U1200 \$150-\$100-\$50 Registration: 9-9:45. Rounds: 10, 2:15, 6:45. Sunday: 10, 2:30.

Two 1/2 point byes available if declared before round 2.

Entries: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108 or online at saintlouischessclub.org

Info: 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS



August 4th Dog Days Open - St. Louis

4SS, G/70. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. EF: \$35, \$30 for annual members of the club if registered by 8/3. MCA membership req'd from \$5. PF: \$1,200 Unconditionally Guaranteed!!
1st Overall-\$250, 2nd Place-\$200. \$150 for 1st in each class: A, B, C, D, U1200/UNR.
Reg.: 9-9:45. Rds.: 10, 12:45, 3:30, 6:15. Winner qualifies for 2013 Club Championship.
One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. MCA Membership required from \$5. OSA.
Ent: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108, or online at saintlouischessclub.org
Info: 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org. Chess Magnet School JGP.

August 11th Springfield August Open – Springfield

Southside Senior Center, 2215 S. Fremont, Springfield, MO Co-hosted by the Springfield Park Board Chess Club and Joplin Chess Club . 4 round Swiss, Game in 60, delay 5 (G/60,d/5), dual-rated. Two sections, Open and U1600; Sections may be combined for pairing purposes. One 1/2 point bye **Round Times:** 1st Rd 9:00am; following rounds ASAP. 30 minute lunch break between 2nd and 3rd round. **Entry fee:** \$20 **Prizes:** Based on 20, Open: \$100, 75, 50, U1600: \$60, 40 **Registration:** 8am – 8:50. Advance Registration requested. Cash only in person, or checks (payable to Martin Stahl) can be mailed, to be received by 8/10/2012 to: martin.stahl@joplinchess.org or Joplin Chess Club, 2609 New Hampshire, Joplin, Mo 64804 (417) 781-9091; (417) 483-1554 day of the tournament. Please bring set, clock, board, and score sheets.

August 25th Larry Evans Memorial - Columbia

3SS, G/75. UMC Memorial Union room S203, 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: \$2, no prizes -- just the satisfaction of playing well. Two ratings-equivalent sections if 18+ players.
Info: czar8196@gmail.com.

September 1st-2nd Saint Louis District Championship - St. Louis

5SS, G/120. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. EF: \$60, \$50 for annual members of the club if registered by 8/31.
MCA Membership Required, from \$5. One Section.
Prizes: \$2,525 Guaranteed \$600-\$400-\$200. U2000 \$300-\$200-\$100. U1600 \$225-\$125-\$75. U1200 \$150-\$100-\$50 Registration: 9-9:45. Rds: 10, 2:15, 6:45. Sunday: 10, 2:30. Two 1/2 point byes available if declared before round 2. Entries: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108 or online at saintlouischessclub.org Info: 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org. WCL JGP.

September 21st-23rd Missouri State Chess Championship—Columbia

2012 MISSOURI OPEN: 6 GPP. 5SS, G/120. Days Inn Conference Center, 1900 I-70 Dr. SW, Columbia, MO 65203. 2-sections: OPEN: \$300-1st Overall (Guaranteed) + Plaque, \$120-1st in each M/X, A, B. FIDE-rated. RESERVE (U1600): \$200-1st Overall + Plaque, \$100-1st in each C, D, U1200/Unr.
Entry Fee: \$40 by 9/15, \$50 on site. Site entries cash only. Registration: 9-9:45am.
Rounds: Sat-10/2:30/7, Sun-10:30/3. Max one 1/2-pt bye if declared by Rd. 2. MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA. Hotel: \$62/night, 573-445-8511, mention CHESS.
Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401.
JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.

(Missouri Open continued from pg 26)

MISSOURI QUICK CHAMPIONSHIP: 4SS, G/29 (QR). Prizes: b/20, \$75-1st Overall + Plaque, \$50-1st U1600. Registration: 6:30-7pm Friday. Rounds: 7/8/9/10pm. Entries: \$10 by 9/15, \$15 on site. MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA. Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401. JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.

MISSOURI BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP: 5SS, G/5 (QR). Prizes: \$75-1st + plaque, \$50-2nd, \$25-3rd. EF: \$10. Reg: 8-8:15am Sunday. Rounds paired ASAP, ending by 9:30am. Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401. JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.

October 6th, 2012 Two on Two Championship—St. Louis

4SS, G/70. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Entry Fee: \$50 for 2 person team, \$40 for 2 person team that are both annual members of club if registered by 10/5. MCA membership required from \$5. Prizes: \$750 Unconditionally Guaranteed!! Championship Team-\$300, Top Team U3800-\$200, Top Team U3200-\$150, Top Team U2800-\$100. Registration: 9-9:45. Rds: 10, 12:45, 3:30, 6:15. No 1/2 point byes available. Unrated Players will be considered 1200 for prize and pairing purposes. MCA Membership required from \$5. OSA. Entries/additional information: 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108, or online at saintlouischessclub.org Info: 314-361-CHESS info@saintlouischessclub.org.

December 15th, 2012 Christmas Tree Open—Kansas City

Location: Nolan Road Baptist Church, 4505 S Noland Rd., Independence MO 64055, Entry Fee: Just \$10 pre-registered!! \$15 onsite. Or play for rating only, just \$5!! (\$10 onsite), 4 round Game in 60 + 5s. Two Sections: Premiere and U2000, Prizes: \$1500 in Guaranteed Prizes. Premiere pays 6: \$\$ 200 - 150 - 100 - 75 - 50 - 25. U2000 pays Overall 1st \$200, 2nd \$100. U16, U14, U12/UNR 100 - 60 - 40 top 3 each., Registration: Sat. 8-8:45, Rounds: 10am, 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, MCA membership required for Missouri residents, Advance entries/info: (by 12/1), Bob Holliman PO Box 1871, Independence, MO 64055, Chess_entries@comcast.net. See http://www.chessmasterbob.com/christmas_tree_open.htm for full details

Visit www.mochess.org/Tournaments for an up-to-date calendar

Our Neighbors up North asked to pass the word out about their annual state championship. The event is looking to set a new record with over 150 players this year.

Aug. 25-26, 58th Iowa Open Championship (USCF and FIDE)

5-SS, G/90 i30 (Some clocks available). IASCA Super GP Qualifier. Clarion Highlander Convention Center, I-80 NE side of Exit 246, Iowa City, IA 52245. Rds.: 10-2:30-7:30, 9-2. Reg.: 8:30-9:30. Prizes: \$1200 b/35 Gtd 1&2 320+T-200-125 U2000, U1800, U1600 125/60 each. EF: \$49 pstmked 8/20, \$55 on site, IM & GM free EF deducted from any prize, Jrs. & Sr. \$10 off, \$10 off Out of state residents, IASCA membership reqd (\$15 reg, \$10 Jr.) or OSA. Tournament Director: Bill Broich. ENT: IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245, Ph# 319.321.5435, mcapron243@mchsi.com or broich01@yahoo.com. Hotel: 319-354-2000, \$89.99 ask for chess block

A RESERVE SECTION and a RATED BEGINNER SECTION are also available. Contact Mark Capron or visit <http://www.iowachess.org/tournaments.asp> for full details.

Scholastic Schedule

Local Events

August 11th—Back to School Bash St. Louis (314) 361-CHESS (2437) or
 info@saintlouischessclub.org
 August 18th - Parkade August Open Columbia email TRJCAMP@aol.com

Upcoming National Events:

National Scholastic K-12 Championship
30 November - 2 December
 Marriott Orlando World Center Resort
 World Center Drive
 Orlando, FL 32821
 407.239.4200 or 800.564.3181

Spring Nationals 2013
SUPERNATIONALS V
5-7 April
 Gaylord Opryland
 2800 Opryland Drive
 Nashville, TN 37214
 615.889.1000 or 888.777.6779
 \$149 Single/Double/Triple/Quad

USCF Junior Grand Prix Leaders from Missouri (Top 10)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>JGP Points</u> | <u>Events</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| BERRY, CLARK | 3471 | 7 |
| ECKERT, BRETT | 3244 | 4 |
| DENG, YU | 2937 | 1 |
| DROMGOOLE, NOAH | 2786 | 1 |
| LARSON, MATTHEW | 2719 | 7 |
| PROLEIKO, JULIAN | 2442 | 4 |
| ZHOU, JASON | 2273 | 5 |
| SRINIVASAN, AKSHAY | 2142 | 2 |
| MCCABE, JONATHON | 2100 | 1 |
| KREITNER, NICK | 2072 | 1 |

Five signs your too obsessed with chess:

- You Panic for an instant when a waiter says, "Check?"
- Own more books about chess than every other subject combined.
- Keeps a chess book and chess set in the bathroom.
- Thinks the magazine title "Chess Life" is redundant.
- You have more "Winning with..." books than actual wins.

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By
 Bill
 Amend

Checkmate! Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE) and Champion U.S. College Chess Team Moving to Webster University



– Building on St. Louis’ growing reputation as a world-class chess center, Webster University is making some exciting chess moves. The University today announced that chess Grandmaster Susan Polgar, World and Olympiad Champion, and her Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE), will relocate to Webster from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, on June 1, 2012. In addition, all members of the reigning national collegiate champion Texas Tech “A” chess team will transfer to Webster and be enrolled at the University in the 2012-2013 academic year.

“Chess is increasingly valued for its instructional impact,” said Webster President Elizabeth (Beth) J. Stroble. “Globally, educators recognize chess as a tool to cultivate interest and success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) disciplines. At Webster, SPICE and Susan Polgar will be leaders in promoting chess as a vehicle for global diversity and academic excellence, for enriching the education of children and for promoting women’s chess.”

“We are excited to be the new home of the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence,” said Dr. Julian Z. Schuster, Webster University provost and senior vice president. “The mission of SPICE is to be the nation’s premier center for chess education, research, technology and outreach. Our partnership with Susan Polgar and SPICE at Webster will allow us to support and promote competitive chess at the college level. Chess has always been a global game and this important step brings a global game in these global times to a truly global university. We are excited to further enhance the image of St. Louis as a global chess center.”

“According to recent statistics, there are about 1 billion chess players in the world,” Polgar said. “SPICE, therefore, is a perfect fit for Webster University’s global vision and presence, and I am extremely impressed with Webster’s commitment to excellence in chess and education. I am also very excited to be in the St. Louis area, near the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis, the hot spot for chess in the United States, thanks to Mr. Rex Sinquefeld.”

The chess players who will either transfer to Webster from Texas Tech or enroll as incoming freshmen include eight Grandmasters and two International Masters, and the team is expected to rank No. 1 in the nation in Fall 2012. “No team in the long and prestigious history of college chess has had eight Grandmasters before,” Polgar said.

With its home campus in St. Louis, Webster University (www.webster.edu) is the only Tier 1, private, non-profit U.S.-based university providing a network of international residential campuses. Founded in 1915, Webster University’s campus network today includes metropolitan, military and corporate locations around the world, as well as traditional residential campuses in Asia, Europe and North America. The university is committed to delivering high-quality learning experiences that transform students for global citizenship and individual excellence.

The following students have been accepted / committed to Webster University for the Fall 2012 (August)

GM Georg Meier - Germany - Sophomore
GM Wesley So - Philippines - Freshman
GM Ray Robson - USA - Freshman
GM Manuel Leon Hoyos - Mexico - Freshman
GM Denes Boros - Hungary - Junior

GM Elshan Moradiabadi - Iran - Graduate student
GM Anatoly Bykhovskiy - Israel - Junior
GM Andre Diamant - Brazil - Junior
IM Vitaly Neimer - Israel - Sophomore
IM - elect Faik Aleskerov - Azerbaijan - Graduate student

Top Winners of the Missouri State Title

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| John Ragan | 12 | 1948, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1970, 1972, 1974, 1975, 1977 |
| Michael A. Brooks | 12 | 1981, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2009 |
| Ronald G. Luther | 9 | 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008 |
| Kenneth E. Jones | 8 | 1976, 1979, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1993, 2003 |
| Robert H. Steinmeyer | 5 | 1942, 1947, 1950, 1954, 1958 |
| Elliot Winslow | 5 | 1969, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 |
| Doug Eckert | 5 | 1983, 1985, 1986, 1990, 2003 |
| Robert M. Jacobs | 5 | 1974, 1993, 1995, 1996, 2004 |
| Bob Holliman | 4 | 1998, 2003, 2004, 2005 |
| James R. Voelker | 4 | 1994, 1998, 2004, 2005 |



Certain years numerous players tied for the state title in which case the winner on tie breaks was awarded the plaque; however, all players tied for 1st place were considered to be State Co-Champions.

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A chess game is divided into three stages: the first, when you hope you have the advantage, the second when you believe you have an advantage, and the third... when you know you're going to lose!

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Missouri State Champions



Missouri State Champion
Grand Master Benjamin Finegold



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IM Goran Vojinovic



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David Meliti & Selden Trimble



Denker Champion
Kevin Cao



2012 Class Champions



Quick Champion
IM Goran Vojinovic

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Master — | Abhishek Mallela |
| Expert | Barry Manthe |
| Class A | Alex Esposito |
| Class B | Steve Goldschmidt |
| Class C | Khin Kyi |
| Class D | Daniel Raymon |
| Class E | David Reitz |
| Novice | Andrew Schauer |



All Girls Champion
Margaret Hua

For a complete history of Missouri Champions, visit www.mochess.org & click the Champions Link.

Missouri Chess Hall of Fame



Mr. James H. Davies
Inducted: 2000



Mr. Donald Oswald
Inducted: 2001



Mr. Robert M. Jacobs
Inducted: 2002



Mr. Robert H. Steinmeyer
Inducted: 2006



Mr. Michael A. Brooks
Inducted: 2003

*Chess, like any creative activity,
can exist only through the combined
efforts of those who have creative
talent, and those who have the
ability to organize their creative
work.*



Mr. William H. Wright
Inducted: 2009



Mr. John V. Ragan
Inducted: 2008

-Mikhail Botvinnik



Mr. Selden Trimble
Inducted: 2010

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