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From The Editor

Greetings Missouri Chess Players. The Summer Edition of the MCB has finally rolled out, and just in time, as fall is approaching fast. This quarter's bulletin features an intense lesson by IM Goran Vojinovic, reports by Ken West and David Baugher, and some great annotated games National Master Kevin Cao, and Experts Selden Trimble and Barry Manthe.

There has been some big news in the early parts of August, that don't appear in this edition. While I hate to publish without timely information, the edition was already running late, and to try to do justice to some of the stories would have delayed it even further. You can rest assured the Fall edition will have a full wrap up of all the action and news from August. The just completed Missouri Invitational and Amateur Championships had several interesting storylines, including some new and some repeat state champions, and several surprise outstanding performances. For those who can't wait to read about it here in a few months, the tournament's sponsor has a summary of the event and a blog by the winner, GM Ben Finegold. Check the CCSCSL website (www.saintlouischessclub.org) for a peek of the tournament coverage.

The next big tournament on the MCA's calendar is the Missouri Open and Chess Festival set for October 28-30th in Columbia. The event, once again headlined by the Missouri Open State Championship, will include side events like the Quick and Blitz tournaments, the MCA members meeting, and a scholastic side event. This year's "Chess Festival for Kids" has a new format, with International Master Goran Vojinovic on hand to give a lecture and analyze games for the participants all day. The event is a great opportunity for teams that are looking a unique unrated tournament for their novice and experienced players alike.



Bob Howe

"U.S. Chess has found its home." Garry Kasparov, referring to reigning "Chess City of the Year" Saint Louis!

Cover Photo: Chess Club and Scholastic Center Board Member Jim Voelker (right) and Communications Specialist Michael Milwering visit with Grandmaster Boris Gelfand and his local family.

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 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

The Saint Louis Arch Bishops are heading into action again, starting August 31st. The United States Chess League team went 5-5 in its first season last year. They look to improve and make the playoffs this time around. The team has added locals NM Kevin Cao, NM Jialin Ding, Expert Nick Karlow, and IM Goran Vojinovic, to join returning players GM Ben Finegold, GM Hikaru Nakamura, FM Doug Eckert, and Expert Margaret Hua. Also on the roster are FM Jake Banawa and NM Timur Aliyev. The last two were added to fill the team's need for players in the 2300-2400 range.

Keep up with the team at their website, <http://www.uschessleague.com/StLouis.html>.

The United States Chess Federation, the governing body of chess in the U.S., presented the award for "Chess City of the Year," to St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay on Saturday, August 6.

This marks the second time Saint Louis has won this prestigious award, which recognizes the U.S. city that has done the most to promote and further the game of chess, both locally and nationally. Saint Louis also won the award in 2009.

"We wouldn't have gotten this award without the hard work, commitment, and innovation of the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis," said Mayor Slay. "The skills one uses playing chess – patience, foresight, and problem-solving – are skills I want to see in our citizens. I'm confident that St. Louis will continue to attract and produce chess champions through the great work of the Chess Club."

The World Chess Hall of Fame is opening in St. Louis in just a few weeks. You can see the details about the museum, and the star studded tournament that will be coinciding with its opening day on page 6. The Hall of Fame is looking for Docents to help with the Museum.

Below is a portion of the press release from the Hall about what they are looking for in the docent program.

The World Chess Hall of Fame is looking for volunteers interested in building awareness for the cultural and artistic significance of chess. Docents are needed to conduct school and public tours and lead educational activities.

Successful docents should be enthusiastic, flexible, and comfortable interacting with individuals and groups of people. The ideal candidate is someone who enjoys learning and is able to share that interest with others. Before working with visitors, docents will participate in a 10-hour training program to learn about the history of chess, contemporary art, and teaching methods. Prior experience in the arts and/or experience playing chess is not required. The training course will take place on Thursday evenings throughout September.

Application forms are available on the World Chess Hall of Fame website www.worldchesshof.org or contact Claire Grothe at claire.grothe@worldchesshof.org or 314-367-9243 ext 105 (office) or 314-707-2346 (cell).

USCF Executive Director Bill Hall has announced that a contract has been signed to bring the US Open to St. Louis in 2014. The US OPEN is one of the great traditions in US chess, and hasn't been held in the Show-me State in decades. The event is a nine round open tournament (no sections!), that can be played one round a day, or several quicker schedules are offered. Side events are plentiful each day as well. The event will be in Washington in 2012, Atlanta in 2013, and then arrive in St. Louis in 2014. The Millennium Hotel in downtown, (just across from the arch) will be the venue. Some of you may remember that location from the National Youth Action tournament held in 2007.

Jim McLaughlin has submitted some news about the passing of a former local player, Charles Grotts. The information, as well as a few favorite games, are included on the following page as a tribute.

Dear Missouri Chess Players,

Former St. Louis expert Charles (Chuck) Grotts died suddenly at his home in Los Angeles, CA from heart failure. He is survived by his wife Barbara and three sons. Chuck was a successful Los Angeles lawyer who had practiced law since 1979, when he and Barbara moved there from Belleville. Chuck had a chemistry degree from Washington University and a law degree from Champaign, IL.

Chuck had participated in many chess tournaments during the ten years before his departure and achieved an expert rating of 2047 with many notable victories. Before his departure, the Missouri Chess Bulletin published his two favorite wins, against International Master Elliot Winslow, in 1970, and Expert Jim Davies in 1978, which are re-published below.



Charles Grotts from his Missouri days

He was an avid blitz chess player and also enjoyed double speed chess. Chuck will be sorely missed by the chess community and his good friends.

-Jim McLaughlin of St. Louis and Doug McClintock of Los Angeles.



W: Charles Grotts
B: Elliot Winslow

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4
cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7

7.Bd3 e5 8.Nf3 b5 9.a4 b4 10.Na2 d5!? (diagram right) 11.exd5 exf4 [11...e4 12.Qe2 Qe7 13.d6 Qe6 14.Ng5 exd3 15.Nxe6 dxe2 16.Nc7+ Kd7 17.Nxa8 Kc6 18.a5+/-] 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.c4 bxc3 15.Nxc3 Re8 16.Kh1 Bb7 17.Ng5 h6 18.Bxf4 Bd6 19.Bxd6 Qxd6 20.Rxf6!! (diagram left) [20.Rxf6 Rxe2 (20...Qd7 21.Rxf7 Qxf7



(21...Rxe2 22.Bh7+ Kh8 23.Rf8#) 22.Nxf7 Rxe2 23.Nxh6+ gxh6 24.Bxe2+/-) 21.Rxd6 Re8 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Bg6+ Kf8 24.Rf1+] 1-0



W: Charles Grotts
B: James Davies

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4
cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6
5.Nb3 e6 6.Be3 Qc7

7.f4 Nf6 8.Bd3 Nb4?! 9.Nc3 Nxd3+ 10.cxd3 Bb4 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rc1 Bxc3 13.Rxc3 Qb8 14.Bd4 Ne8 an incredible position (diagram below left) 15.Qh5 f6 16.Rfc1 g6 [16...Nd6 17.Rc7 Rd8 18.Qc5 Ne8 19.Qe7+/-] 17.Qh4 Ng7 18.Bxf6 Nh5 19.Be5 d6 20.Rc7! (Diagram below right) 20...Re8 [20...dxe5 21.Qe7] 21.g4 1-0



Hikaru Nakamura, Judit Polgar, and Former World Champion Anatoly Karpov Headline Kings vs. Queens Battle

SAINT LOUIS, July 25, 2011 -- The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis will host a special tournament to coincide with the grand opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame, which is set to open to the public on September 9 in Saint Louis. Kings vs. Queens: A Battle of the Sexes will feature some of the top chessplayers in the world in a 5-on-5 team event, which will take place September 9-16.

The Queens field is headlined by the strongest female player in chess history, GM Judit Polgar. US #1 and Rapid specialist GM Hikaru Nakamura will lead the Kings into battle.

The players, including FIDE ratings and the federation each represents, are as follows:

Queens

- GM Judit Polgar (2699) - Hungary
- GM Kateryna Lahno (2536) - Ukraine
- IM Anna Zatonskih (2522) - U.S.
- GM Alexandra Kosteniuk (2497) - Russia
- IM Irina Krush (2486) - U.S.

Kings

- GM Hikaru Nakamura (2770) - U.S.
- GM Anatoly Karpov (2617) - Russia
- GM Ben Finegold (2488) - U.S.
- IM Jacek Stopa (2474) - Poland
- IM Marc Arnold (2445) - U.S.

The average team rating of the Queens is 2548 FIDE and the King's average rating is 2558 FIDE. This will be a Scheveningen-paired tournament, in which each of the five team members will play each of the opposing team members twice: once in a Fischer Random (Chess 960) game with a time control of G/25 + 10-second increment and once in a rapid game with a time control of G/25 with a 5-second increment.

Tony Rich, executive director of the CCSCSL, said it was only fitting to bring out the world's best for the grand opening of the World Chess Hall of Fame.

"This tournament, the first of its kind, creates an even playing field for the top men and women in chess to do battle," Rich said. "The format is fitting for the celebratory environment surrounding the opening of the Hall of Fame, and we're happy to put on a unique event that will be enjoyable for spectators."



The Opening Ceremony for the tournament will take place on September 9, and the first round will begin at 3 p.m. CT on Saturday, September 10.

The winning team of the event will win \$20,000, divided equally between each member of that team. In addition, individual prizes will be awarded based on final standings.

Individual prizes total \$32,500 and, when coupled with the team prize, the total prize fund for this event is \$52,500.

- GM Yasser Seirawan and WGM Jennifer Shahade will provide live commentary of the event, which will be open to the public. The event also will be broadcast live via the CCSCSL's Livestream web channel: www.livesteam.com/uschess.

Congratulations to these recent Tournament Winners:

Saturday Rating Tournament: David Meliti & Tony Cheng

Show Me Classic: Alex Marler, Mark Ferber, & Sunil Weeramantry

Petrosian Open: Section A: Ron Luther
Section B: Bob Holliman

Super Team Championship: Doug Eckert, Richard Benjamin, & Selden Trimble

Kansas City Open: Open: Ron Luther
 Reserve: Steve Jacobs



Missouri Class Champions:



Master/Expert: Abishek Mallela

Class A: Alex Esposito

Class B: William Collin & William Thompson

Class C: Tim Campbell

Class D: Dan Hawling

Class E: Rohit Rao

Novice: David Braton

Saturday WOW: Jacob Wilkins, Alex Vergilesov, & Steven Bange

Sunday WOW: GM Hikaru Nakamura

Columbia Open: Ron Luther

St. Louis Premier: Premier: Doug Eckert, Alex Vergilesov & Josh Frank
 Amateur: Matt Larson

Attention Tournament Directors

The MCA will support your Event!

The Missouri Chess Association will reimburse tournament directors/organizers \$1 per player up to an annual maximum of \$100 when they require MCA membership for Missouri residents in their events.

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See www.mochess.org/tdcorner for full details.

Missouri Class Championships

~ Bob Howe ~



Local Player Daniel Hawley scored the only perfect 5/5 score of the event. He defeated his opponents in all five rounds to easily take the D class prize by a full point and a half! The Columbia resident reported his toughest game was his last round match-up against Ray Bennett. Even after winning a pawn in the early middlegame, he had little to show for it. Determined to finish with a perfect score, he had to struggle another 40 moves to finally convert the small advantage.

Class D Champion
Daniel Hawley

Abhishek Mallela of Kansas City was the runaway winner of the challenging Master/Expert section. The 2100 rated player scored four and a half points against 4 Experts and a Master to finish a full point ahead of LM Bob Holliman and surging Expert Andrew Latham. The win earns Abhishek a spot in the Missouri Invitational Championship, along with his 2011 title and plaque. The most interesting game for Mallela was against Barry Manthe. In that contest he played 1. e4 for the first time in his career, in an effort to avoid Manthe's preparation. Oddly, it was Manthe that ended up out of book, and Mallela got to end the game with mate in the center of the board. The other game he was proud of was his one draw of the event, against Holliman. He was down a pawn in that game, but kept attacking and pressing. Eventually a truce was agreed upon as both players had exposed kings and faced attacks and counterattacks. A lesson on never giving up even after an early mistake!



Master/Expert Champion
Abhishek Mallela



Columbia High School Freshman Rohit Rao emerged the winner in the battle for E Class. Rao dominated the field, earning 4.5/5 points. His win catapults him up into D class, where we expect to see him competing for that title next year. His only blemish came in the first round, where he gave up a half point to Fred Smith. After that it was nothing but wins. Rohit's critical match-up was in round 3, when he was able to defeat the defending Class Champion, David Reitz. That win gave him the section lead, and he'd hang on to it until the plaque was securely in his hand.

Class E Champion
Rohit Rao



Tim Campbell is a very active chess guy! A member of the MCA Board, host of a weekly club, coach for multiple School Teams, and part time private coach keeps him going. He does still find time to win Missouri Class Championships though. This year it was the C class plaque that Tim hoisted (he won D class a few years ago). Tim won the section by a half point, ahead of his former student, Ashwath Kumar. The two drew in round 4, in what Tim described as his most memorable game. He had an advantage throughout the game, until forced mate seemed to be on the board. However, Kumar held on, forcing a repetition to avert his demise. That was all the points Campbell would surrender in the event.

Class C Champion
Tim Campbell

David Braton made the trip from St. Louis to compete in the Class Championships, and ended up one of only a few Novice competitors. This meant a combined section with E Class, and some tough competition all weekend. Braton shined in the challenging environment, earning three upset wins on his way to the Novice State Champion Title.

Novice Champion
David Braton



Class A was a challenging round robin field, with four different players having chances at first even in the late rounds. In the end, Kansas resident Tony Cheng managed come out half a pt ahead, but an out of state player isn't eligible for the Missouri Title. That honor went to the highest scoring Missourian, Alex Esposito. Esposito certainly earned the plaque, having played intense chess all weekend, including delivering the only loss of the event to Cheng.

Class A Champion
Alex Esposito



Class B was another section won by one of the large contingent of Jayhawks that made the trip to Columbia. Lawrence Coker edged out the field, but it would be the two Missourians a half pt back that would share the Missouri State Champion title. Collin, from Kansas City, and Thompson, from St. Louis each can stake a claim to being a 2011 State Champion.



Class B Co-Champions
William Collin & William Thompson

Annotated Game Collection: Life Master Kevin Cao

Kevin recently competed in the prestigious US Cadet's Championship in Crossville Tennessee. In a strong round robin field, Kevin availed himself well, scoring three wins against masters. Below are some games from the event, annotated by Cao.

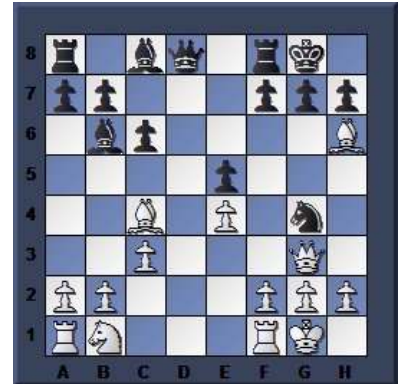
Ruy Lopez

US Cadet Championship

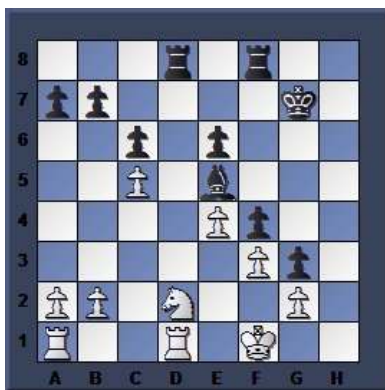
W: Kevin Mo (2248)

B: Kevin Cao (2236)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 Nd4 A strange move, but its easy to equalize if your opponent doesn't know what to do **5.Nxd4 Bxd4 6.c3 Bb6 7.d4 c6 8.Bc4 d6 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qf3 Nf6 11.Qg3** [11.Bg5 h6 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.Bxf6 (13.Bh4?? g5 14.Bg3 Bg4)] **11...0-0 12.Bh6** [I was expecting 12.Bg5 Qd6 13.Nd2 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Nf3 Re8 16.Rad1 Qf4 With a slightly better endgame] **12...Ng4** (diagram) **13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.h3 h5 15.hxg4 Qg5 16.Rd1 hxg4** [16...h4 17.Qh2 Bxg4 18.Re1 Rh8 19.Na3 Rad8 20.Nc2 h3 21.g3 Bf3 22.Ne3 Rd2 Was better]



Black blunts the attack with 12...Ng4



After 25. Kf1.

17.Nd2 Qf4 18.Qxf4 exf4 19.Nb3 Only Move **19...Be6** [19...g3 20.Nd4 was bad] **20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.c4 Rad8 22.c5 Bc7 23.f3 g3 24.Nd2** [24.Kf1 Kf6 25.Rac1 Rh8 Was a better continuation but I have dominating rooks] **24...Be5 25.Kf1** (diagram) Here I calculated to the very end (diagram) **25...Bd4** Not [25...Bxb2 26.Rab1 Bc3 27.Nc4 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 With compensation for the missing pawn] **26.Rac1 Be3 27.Rc2 Rh8 28.b3 Kf6 29.Ke2 Rh2 30.Kf1 Rh1+** [30...Rd3 31.Ke2 (31.b4 Bd4 32.a4 Rh1+ 33.Ke2 Re3#) 31...Rxd2+ 32.Rcxd2 Rxd2+ 33.Ke1 Bxd2+ 34.Rxd2 Rxd2 35.Kxd2 g2 Also works] **31.Ke2 Rxd1 32.Kxd1 Ke5!!** No rush, calmly taking advantage of the pin **33.b4 Rxd2+ 34.Rxd2 Bxd2 35.Kxd2 Kd4 36.e5 Kxe5 37.Kd3 Kd5 38.a4 e5 39.a5 a6** Even if it was my turn, i could play e4, fxe4, then ke5 **0-1**

Sicilian Defense

US Cadet Championship

W: Kevin Cao (2236)

B: Atuly Shetty (2283)



18. Ng5!! Hanging Bd4?

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qe2 a6 9.Bb3 0-0 10.0-0-0 I was expecting **10...Nxd4** [10...Qc7 11.Rhg1 Nd7 Not (11...b5 12.g4 b4 13.Nd5 exd5 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.g5 Nxe4 16.Bxd5) 12.g4] **11.Bxd4 b5 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Qa5** [13...Qb6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Qxe4 Bb7 16.Qf4 Was better] **14.Ne4 Nd7** [14...Nd5 15.Kb1 Bb7 16.h4 Was more active] **15.Bd4 b4 16.Kb1 Qc7 17.h4 e5 18.Ng5!!** (diagram left) **a5** [18...Bxg5 19.hxg5 exd4 (19...g6 20.Be3 a5 (20...Bb7? 21.Qg4 Nc5 22.Rxh7; 20...Rb8 21.Qf3 Nc5 22.Rxh7) 21.Qf3 Rb8 22.Rxh7) 20.Rxh7 Kxh7 21.Qh5+ Kg8 22.Rh1] **19.Nxf7 Rxf7 20.Qf3 Bf6 21.Qxa8 exd4 22.Rhe1 Kf8 23.Bxf7 Kxf7 24.Qd5+ Kf8 25.Qe4 g6 26.Qe8+ Kg7 27.Re7+!?** **Bxe7 28.Qxe7+ Kg8 29.Re1 Qc6??** (diagram right) **30.Qd8+??** Not taking advantage of the blunder [30.Qe8+ Kg7 31.Re7+ Kh6 32.Qf7 Nf6 33.f3 Ba6 34.Qg7+ Kh5 35.Qxh7+ Nxh7 36.Rxh7#] **30...Kg7 31.g4?** 2 blunders in a row [31.Re7+ Kh6 32.Qh8 Nf6 33.f3 Ba6 34.Qg7+ Kh5 35.Qxh7+ Nxh7 36.Rxh7#] **31...Nf8 32.Qxd4+ Kg8 33.b3 Be6 34.h5 Bf7 35.h6 Qc3 36.Qxc3 bxc3 37.Re3** With a simple win **37...Be6 38.f3 Kf7 39.Rxc3 Nd7 40.Rc8 Bd5 41.f4 g5 42.fxg5 Kg6 43.Rc7 Be6 44.Rc6 Nf8 45.Rc5 Bxg4 46.Rxa5 Ne6 47.Kc1 Nxg5 48.Kd2 Kxh6 49.Ke3 Ne6 50.Ra8 Kg5 51.Rg8+ Kf5 52.a4 Bd1 53.Kd2 Bf3**



White to move and win. What's the right plan?

54.Rh8 h5 55.Ke3 Bd1 56.Rc8 h4 57.a5 h3 58.Kf2 Kg4 59.a6 Bf3 60.Rg8+ Kf4 61.Rh8 Bg2 62.Rc8 Be4 63.Rh8 Bg2 64.b4 Nc7 65.a7 Ke5 66.b5 Nxb5 67.Rh5+ Kd6 68.Rxb5 Bc6 69.Kg3 1-0

As we've seen from several of these strong players who annotate for the MCB, Kevin doesn't shy away from taking a hard look at his losses. Here's one he let slip away, and learned from.

Sicilian Defense

US Cadet Championship

W: Kevin Cao (2236)

B: Michael Bodek (2279)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6

5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6

9.a4 d5 10.exd5 Nb4 I didn't know this move 11.d6 [11.Bf3 Nfxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5

13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Nf4 15.c3 was probably better] 11...Qxd6 12.Ndb5?

Terrible move, isolating my knight [12.Bf3 Nbd5 and now 13.Ndb5 Nxe3

14.Nxd6 Nxd1 15.Nxc8 Raxc8 16.Raxd1] 12...Qb8 13.Bc5 Nc6 14.Bf3 a6

15.Na3 [15.Nd4? Nxd4 16.Qxd4? (16.Bxd4 Rd8 With e5. Sure, rybka recommends 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.c4! But I didn't see c4(19.Bxd5? e6)) 16...Ng4] 15...Be6 Shutting my knight out of the game 16.h3 Preventing future ideas of Ng4 after i take the c6 knight 16...Rd8 17.Qe2 Nd4?!

[17...Nd7 18.Be3 Nde5 And I am positionally lost] 18.Bxd4 Rxd4 19.Qe3 Rd6 20.Rad1 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Reaching equality. 21...Qc7 22.Ne2 Re8

23.b4 [23.b3 was better because after the e6 bishop moves so he can play e5, i can play nc4] 23...Bc8 24.Nc3 [24.c4 e5 25.Nc3 e4 26.Nxe4 Nxe4

27.Bxe4 Bf5 28.f3 Bxe4 29.fxg4 f5 30.Qd3 Rxe4 31.Qd8+ Qxd8 32.Rxd8+ Kf7 33.Rd7+ With chances to draw for white] 24...Ng4 25.Bxg4 [25.Nd5? Qh2+] 25...Bxc3 26.Bxc8 Rxc8

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Modern Defense

New York International

W: Kevin Cao (2170)

B: Mark Machin (2256)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Nf3 b5 6.Bd3 Nd7 7.a4 b4 8.Ne2

Bb7 9.c3 bxc3 10.bxc3 Ngf6 [10...c5 11.0-0

Qa5? A common mistake 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Ng5

h6 (13...e6 14.Nf4 h6 15.Ngxe6; 13...Rb8

14.Qb3 e6 15.Nf4) 14.Nxf7 Kxf7 15.Qb3+] 11.Ng3 0-0 We first blitzed all these moves out using only about a minute each, now it was time to think

12.h3 to stop ng4 12...c5 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Qd2 e5 15.Rfc1? Giving him equality [15.d5 c4 16.Be2 Nc5 was what i was afraid of...however, i didn't see 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rab1 Rab8 19.Rb4 Rfc8 20.Rfb1] 15...Rfe8 16.d5 c4 17.Bf1 A

wasted move, I should play be2 so my f1 knight has space to jump from f1 to e3 [17.Be2] 17...a5 18.Qa2 Ba6 19.Nd2 Rec8 20.Rab1 h5 21.Be2 Kh7

22.Ngf1 Ng8 Black is wasting tempos on the kingside. So, i must take advantage of them [22...Nc5 23.Bxc5 Qxc5 24.Rb2 (24.Ne3? Bh6) 24...Bh6] 23.Rb2

Rab8 24.Rcb1 Rxb2 25.Rxb2 Ne7 26.Qb1 Ra8?? This move has almost no meaning. It is kind of a mini zugzwang 27.Bxc4!! (diagram right) (cont. pg 13)

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Israeli Chess Grandmaster makes all the right moves

This article originally appeared in the St. Louis Jewish Light. (www.stljewishlight.com) ~ David Baugher ~

The air is filled with letters and numbers delivered in an unmistakable Eastern European accent as dozens in the audience sit in rapt attention. As he deftly calls out notations representing a series of moves from a recent game, Boris Gelfand seems to have the room every bit as much at his command as the chess pieces he knows so well.

How does he know when to play a time-tested strategy and when to break out on his own, a curious audience member asks.

"It's called intuition," replied the Israeli grandmaster. "You can't explain it. It comes with experience."

That's something Gelfand has plenty of. He's been playing chess since age five. Now at 43, this former leader of two medal-winning Israeli World Chess Olympiad teams is fast approaching the apex of the sport and is set to challenge Viswanathan Anand, the present world champion sometime next year.

In town Sunday to visit family in Chesterfield, Gelfand stopped by the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis in the Central West End to recount two of his favorite matches blow-by-blow to a group of the sport's local enthusiasts.

"It's really exciting," said Mike Wilmering, the club's communications specialist. "Boris Gelfand is potentially the future world champion of chess and we're ecstatic to have him here. It's a great treat for our members to hear a lecture from one of the world's best players. He is a national hero in Israel."

He also seemed to be a hero to the crowd who appeared transfixed by his analyses of strategies and counter-moves, punctuated with occasional humorous observations and one-liners.

"He just wants to checkmate me," Gelfand deadpanned with a smile discussing an opponent's aggressive strategy. "No compromise."

Interviewed after his talk, Gelfand spoke about his love for the game.

"A lot of things about it excite me," he said. "Looking for ideas, looking for great games that other players have played. Chess is a magnificent game. It's at the border of art, science and sport."

Introduced to the activity by his father, the Minsk native devoured a book on the topic within a day or two. From there, he was hooked.

He said that he knew many would be cheering him on back home in Israel. Did the pressure bother him?

"If you get nervous, you have to control your nerves better than your opponent controls his," he chuckled.

Still, he is looking forward to playing Anand, whom he called a very formidable competitor. He has gone up against him previously, winning five matches to Anand's six.

"It's a big challenge and a big honor to play such a world championship match," Gelfand said. "A lot of players fight for it their whole career. Some succeed. Some not. I'm very privileged that I succeeded."

He said one intriguing part of chess is in studying classic matches. The most memorable games, he said, live forever.

"There are some masterpieces that will last for years like a music composition or an art picture," he said. "In the books in this club there are collections of the best games ever played by certain masters winning certain tournaments."



Seated in front of a wall of portraits of chess legends, Israeli Grandmaster Boris Gelfand speaks at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, located in the Central West End. Photo: Mike Sherwin

But even for those who aren't destined to play as grandmasters, the game offers a great deal, he said. It teaches qualities like concentration, ingenuity, respect for one's opponent, and playing by the rules.

"I really believe in its value and I know a lot of people I meet who are very successful in other fields who played chess when they were younger. It really helps in life," Gelfand said. "Chess is growing as an educational tool in more and more parts of the world both in chess curriculum and in professional chess."

One of those parts of the world is St. Louis, which has an increasingly active chess scene. In fact, the World Chess Hall of Fame will be setting up shop across from the Central West End chess organization in September. Gelfand's appearance happened to coincide with the club's third anniversary. Since opening, it has tried to promote the activity to schools and community organizations.

The chess club is even partnering with the Jewish Community Center to offer classes for beginners. Designed for 16 students each, the sessions are set to begin at the Creve Coeur and Chesterfield JCC locations next month.

"Our mission is really to get as many kids in St. Louis to play chess as we can so we focus on every community in town," said Alex Vergilesov, the club's scholastics coordinator. "It's a wonderful beginning."

Jim Voelker, a board member with the club, said Gelfand's appearance was a very stimulating event for area chess players. He liked the in-depth nature of the hour-and-a-half talk, which covered only two matches.



Israeli Grandmaster Boris Gelfand walks the audience through two of his most important chess matches during his talk. Photo: Mike Sherwin

"Sometimes people in that time period do maybe four games but they are more superficial," he said. "This way I have a feeling we got more and understood the games better."

Club member Aleksey Kazakevich, a University City resident, said it was very enlightening to hear such a high-level lecture from a figure like Gelfand. Like the grandmaster, he is a native of Belarus himself.

"I am a full-time college student and I don't have as much time to dedicate to the game," said the 26-year-old who sometimes attends services at Young Israel, "so I appreciate the opportunity like this to have someone of that caliber to come here and talk about chess. It's a great opportunity for people in the St. Louis community."

Last time Gelfand visited St. Louis was in 2002, well before the club's opening.

"It is fantastic that there is such a center providing chess education in schools which is a big agenda now in many countries," Gelfand said. "I hope there will be more places around the U.S. and the world like this."

Annotated Game Collection: (continued from page 17)

Bxc4 28.Rb7 Qc8 29.Nxc4 Qxc4 30.Rxd7 Re8 31.Qb7 Bf6 32.Rxd6 Kg7 33.Qa6? [33.Qd7 Rc8 34.Rxf6 Kxf6 35.Qd6+ Would have been much quicker and easier] **33...Qxe4 34.Rxf6 Nxd5 35.Rd6 Nxc3 36.Qc6 Qxc6 37.Rxc6 Nxa4 38.Ra6 Nb2 39.Rxa5 Nc4 40.Ra7 Rd8 41.Rc7 Nd6 42.Rc5 f6 43.Rd5 Nf7 44.Rxd8 Nxd8 45.Nd2 Kf7 46.Kf1 Ke6 47.Ke2 Nf7 48.Ne4 Nd8 49.Kd3 f5 50.Nc5+ Kd5 51.Nd7 f4 52.Bd2 e4+ 53.Kc2 Ke6 54.Nf8+ Kf5 55.Kc3 Nc6 56.Kc4 Ne5+ 57.Kd5 Nd3 58.Ne6 f3 59.gxf3 exf3 60.Nd4+ Kf6 61.Be3 g5 62.Ke4 Nc5+ 63.Kxf3 g4+ 64.hxg4 hxg4+ 65.Kxg4 Nd3 66.f4 Nxf4 67.Kxf4 Ke7 68.Ke5 Kd7 69.Kd5 Kc7 70.Nc6 Kb7 71.Kc5 Ka8 72.Nb4 Kb7 73.Nd5 Ka8 74.Kb6 Kb8 75.Ka6 Ka8 76.Nb6+ [76.Nb6+ Kb8 77.Bf4#] 1-0**



A few moves later, and White has invaded.

Karlsbad Pawn Structure



Typical positions with a Karlsbad Pawn Structure involve the following arrangement of pawns: white: a2,b2,d4,e3,f2,g2,h2 and black: a7,b7,c6, d5,f7,g7, h7. The variation got its name from the Karlsbad Tournament in 1923, where some of the participants wanted to avoid the sharper Cambridge-Springs opening. If we examine the arrangement of pawns, we see that a symmetrical pawn balance in the center does not exist. The pawn structure is dynamic and can develop into positions with isolated pawns or into positions with hanging pawns. Karlsbad pawn structures occur mainly from Queen's Gambits, but they can also arise from Nimzo-Indian, Gruenfeld and Caro-Kann games as well.

~ IM Goran Vojinovic ~



1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 After 4...Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 white obtains a full center, which is typical for the Half-Tarrasch Defense.

5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 6.Nxd5 isn't good, because of 6.Nxd5 Nxd5 7.Bxd8 Bb4+ 8.Qd2 Bxd2+ 9.Kxd2 Kxd8 and black has an extra piece.

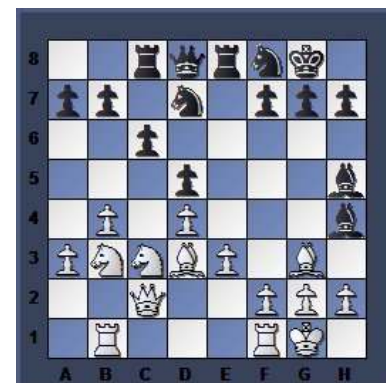
6...Be7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nf3 One of the greatest chessplayers of all time, Mikhail Botvinnik, used to play this line. 9.Nge2 and, after 9...Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.f3, white tries to create a position in which he opens the center, with e4. There are many positions with pawn structures other than the Karlsbad which fit in with Botvinnik's line.. Many modern chess players play 9.Nge2 with much success. Such players as Gary Kasparov and Evgeny Bareev have had successful results with it. We will elaborate on 9.Nge2 variations later. **9...Re8 10.0-0 Nf8**

Plan A - The combination of Plan B and Plan C. Let's examine a game between Volzhin and Panikarovsky played in Moscow 1999. **11.h3** This move is the introduction to three combined possible plans. White doesn't want to commit himself. If white chooses to go into Plan B or Plan C, he will have to make a commitment. This move is also important, because it allows white to move his bishop to f4 and tuck it away on h2, if black plays 11...Ne4 and 12... Ng6.

Plan B - Attack the pawn on c6, with 11.Rab1. The basic idea of the attack is that, by playing b4-b5, white will be able to create weaknesses. This implies that white will take action on the queenside with more pieces and makes it imperative that black try to create counter chances by creating play on the kingside or in the center. 11...Be6 The bishop move leaves the c8 square free for a rook, which will give black counterplay in the center. 12.b4 Rc8. The point.. (Another variation, but not a particularly good one, is 12...N6d7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.b5 c5 All forced because, otherwise, Black ends up with a weakened pawn structure. 14...c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5. Another position with an isolated d5 pawn, but not favorable. Later, we will elaborate on other positions to pawns. There is no need to include the h pawn in the attack because the h6 square is important for the rook and because of the culminating attack on the h2 square.

13.Rfc1 N6d7 14.Bf4 Bg4 15.Nd2 Nb6 16.h3 Bh5 17.Na4 Nxa4 18.Qxa4 Bg6 19.Bxg6 Nxg6. This leads to an unclear position.) 13.a3 N6d7 14.Bf4 Bg4 15.Nd2 Bh5 16.Nb3. White wants to play Na5 in order to force the black b pawn to move, thus creating the weakness on c6. 16...Bg5 17.Bg3 Bh4

(Diagram) Black desperately wants the c7 square for his queen. 18.Na5 Bxg3 19.hxg3 b6 (This is a possibility, but, after the following moves, white will be better.19...Qc7 20.Rfc1. Threatening the tactical shot Nxd5. 20...Nf6 21.Qa4. The next move is b5, after which white is better.) 20.Nb3. White has realized his basic goal of forcing b6 and making the pawn on c6 a



weakness. 20...Bg6 21.Bxg6 Nxc6 (**Diagram**) 22.Qf5 This move is important for two reasons: firstly, it creates pressure on the d5 pawn, which will be weakened after b5; secondly, it prevents Qg5 and protects the kingside from any attacks. 22...Nf6 23.Nd2 Ne7 24.Qd3 g6 25.Nf3 Nf5.



Finally, all the preparations are made and white realizes the position which he conceptualized on move 16. 26.b5 c5. The only move (If 26...cxb5 then 27.Rxb5 with the idea of Rfb1 and a4-a5. The moment white trades pawns on b6, black will have two weaknesses: b6 and d5.) 27.Ne5. The knight is headed toward the key c6 square. 27...Qc7 28.Rbc1 h5 29.Nc6 c4 30.Qd1 a6 31.a4 axb5 32.axb5. We can now conclude that the strong knight on c6, the weak pawn on d5 and the blocked pawn on c4 give white a substantial advantage. 32...Ra8 33.Qf3 Qd6 34.Ra1 Kg7 35.Qf4 Qxf4 36.gxf4. White stands much better in the ending. Furthermore, white takes advantage of the multiple weaknesses in the black position. 36...Nd6 37.Ra6 Nde4 38.Nxe4 Nxe4 39.Rfa1 Rxa6 40.bxa6. The advanced pawn on a6 and knight on c6 prevent the forward progress of the black b and c pawns. This is the determining factor, which gives white the advantage. 40...Ra8 41.f3 Nc3 42.Nb4 f5 43.Kf2 b5 Black is threatening Na4 here. 44.Ra5 Kf7 45.Ke1. Black resigned here.

PLAN C - STRUGGLE IN THE CENTER. Let us



now examine a game between Jusupow and Kramnik, played in Vienna, 1996. 11.Rae1. By playing this move, White wants to create play in the center. A possible plan is e4. 11...Ne4 (**Diagram**)

(Another possibility is 11...Be6 (**Diagram**) 12.Ne5 N6d7 13.Bxe7 Rxe7 14.f4 f6 15.Nf3. White's plan is to attack black's kingside by f5, g4, h4, while maintaining



his pawn on d4, because it totally restrains the bishop on e6.

15...Rc8 16.f5 Bf7 17.g4 c5 18.Qf2 (**Diagram**)



It is necessary that white not move the d4 pawn. 18...a6 19.Nh4 b5 20.a3 Qb6 21.Ng2 Rce8 22.Rc1 Qd6 23.Qf4 Qxf4 24.Rxf4 cxd4 25.exd4 g5 26.Rf2. White stands better. Rogers-Speelman, Spain 1994.) 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 f5 The pawn structure in the center has been transformed. 15.f3 (Also possible is... 15.d5 Bd7 16.f3 exf3 17.Nxf3 cxd5 18.Nxd5 Qe4 19.Qxe4 Rxe4 20.Nd4, with an equal position, Spasov - Van der Sterren, Albena 1983) 15...exf3 16.Nxf3 Be6 17.e4 fxe4 18.Rxe4 (**Diagram**)

The whole strategy of white starting with 11.Rae1 is to play e4 and create an initiative in the center. But, with a series of precise moves, black is able to prevent white from creating play in the center.



18...h6 19.Rfe1 (If 19.Ne2 then 19...Qb4 20.a3 Qb3 21.Qd2 Bd5 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Ne5 Ne6 24.Nc3 Qb6 25.Nxd5. Played in the game Timman - Jussupow, Tilburg 1986 25...Qxd4+ 26.Qxd4 Nxd4 An equal position according to Timman's analysis.) 19...Rad8

A) The position has equalized, but it has to be played very carefully. I will show you a game between Timman and Short which was played in Amsterdam, 1988. White, having played carelessly, got into trouble very quickly. 20.R1e3 Qf7 21.Ne5 Qf5 22.Rg3 (22.Rf3 Qh5 23.Qe2 Qg5, with an equal position) 22...Rxd4 23.Ng4 Kh8 24.Nxh6 gxh6 25.Qc1 Qf6 And black stands slightly better.

B) 20.h3 20...Qd6 21.R1e3 Bf7 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Rxe8 Bxe8 24.Qb3+ Kh7 25.Qxb7 Bh5 26.Ne4 Qf4 27.Qxc6 Bxf3 28.gxf3 Ng6 29.Nf2 Qxd4 30.Qc2 Qd5 31.f4 Qf3 32.f5 Nf4 33.f6+ Kg8 34.Qc4+ Kh7 35.Qc2+ Kg8 36.Qc4+ Kh7, Repetition

11...Ne4 If black plays 11...Ng6 then 12.Ne5 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.f4 Nf8 16.Qf2 h6 17.e4 White is better. This happened in the game be-

tween Sokolov and Akopian, played in Niksic 1991. You can see that white didn't declare which plan (B or C) he would choose and, this confused black.

12.Bf4 Nxc3 A logical move. This transforms the pawn structure **13.bxc3 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.c4** White starts to put pressure on the black center.

15...Bd7 16.Rab1 b6 17.Rfc1 Rec8 18.Ne5 White is slightly better because his pieces are a little more active.



18...g6 19.c5 Qc7 20.cxb6 axb6 21.Qb3 Qd6 22.Qxb6 Rxa2 23.Qc5 (diagram)

23.Qf6 24.Rc2 Rxc2 25.Bxc2 Be8 26.Ba4 Nd7 27.Nxd7 Bxd7 This is an interesting position, which is very important to the

theory of the Karlsbad Pawn Structure. The big question is whether a weak pawn on c6 is enough for White to win. In further comment on this game, I will elaborate especially on ways of playing this position. I would like to emphasize that this type of position can appear in many cases when black plays the Queen's Gambit.

28.Rb7 Qe6 29.Qa7 Be8 30.Bd1 The idea of this move is to force f5 by Bg4 and, in that way, to make the seventh rank weak. **30...Qd6 31.Bg4 Rd8 32.h4** White wants to move his pawn to h6. In order to prevent that, black is forced to weaken his position.

32...h5 33.Bh3 Qf6 34.g3 Qd6 35.Kg2 Qf6 Black is forced to play in "one place" because he doesn't have any counter play. **36.Qa5 Qd6 37.Qc7 Qf6 38.Ra7 Kf8 39.Kf1 Qd6 40.Qxd6+ Rxd6 41.Rc7 f5** Black must prevent white from playing Bc8. The price is very expensive, with all of black's pawns being on white squares. This was the basic strategic idea with which white started on move 28. In order to win the game, white has only to activate his bishop from the h3 square.

42.Ke2 Bd7 43.Kf3 Ke7 44.Kf4 Kf6 45.Bf1 Be8 46.Bd3 Re6 47.Bc2 Rd6 48.Ba4 The white bishop finally has become active and no further comments are needed.

48...Bd7 49.Ra7 Be8 50.Kf3 Ke6 51.Rc7 Bd7 52.Ke2 Be8 53.Kd3 (diagram)

53.Rd8 54.Bxc6 Kd6 55.Bxe8 Kxc7 56.Bxg6 Rf8 57.Ke2 Kd6 58.Kf3 Ke6 59.Kf4 Rf6 60.Bxh5 Rh6 61.Kg5 Rh8 62.Bg6 Black resigns.



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MCA Election Commissioner report

Ballots were counted at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis on Thursday, July 7. My wife, Andrea Davies assisted me and kept her own tally. The process was witnessed by club employee Jon Strand.

Region 1

Winners :	Bob Howe	9
	Edward Baur	8
	Tim Nesham	2

Region 2 : Winners :	John Sutton	3
	Bruce Cantwell	2

Others receiving voted :

Ron Luther	1
Ken Fee	1
Frank Whitsell	1
Gary White	1

The third winner must be chosen from among these 4 individuals according to the MCA bylaws.

Region 3:

Winners :	Tim Campbell	6
	Thomas Rehmeier	5
	Martin Stahl	5

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

Sincerely,
James A. Davies
Election Commissioner

*“It is always better to sacrifice your
opponents' men.”*

Savielly Tartakower

MCA Board July Meeting Summary.

Dues News: The MCA is returning its dues prices to the lower rate offered in 2009. New prices are \$5 economy, \$10 Scholastic w/Printed Bulletin, and \$15 Adult w/Printed Bulletin. Effective immediately.

Hall of Fame: Max Judd was elected as the 2011 inductee for the Missouri Chess Hall of Fame.

Tournament Reports:

Missouri Scholastic Championship: Will Be held in Columbia, at Rock Bridge HS in 2012. A larger venue and active partnership with the Columbia Public Schools is predicted for future years.

Missouri Open and Chess Festival: In Columbia on October 28th-30. Will include the MO Open, Blitz Championship, Quick Championship, and the Kid's Chess Festival. The Kid's Chess Festival will feature lecture and game analysis by IM Goran Vojinovich, 5 rounds of G/30 chess, and a fun only bughouse tournament on Saturday October 29th.

Kansas City Open: CJ Armenta held a successful KC Open, drawing 32 players. He plans to run it again in June 2012.

Denker/Polgar Qualifying Tournament: The MCA will be taking over the organizing of this event from the Gateway Chess League. The event will be known as “The Tournament of Champions”, and will be revamped for 2012, including having it be USCF rated.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 18th.

November 12th, 2011 Cape Girardeau Chess

4SS, G/75 in 2 Section
Location: Victorian Inn,
3253 William St. Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

- ♔ Sections: Open and U/1400
- ♔ Entry Fee: \$20 received by 11/7, \$25 on site
- ♔ Registration: 9:00—9:45am
- ♔ Rounds: 10am, 1:00, 3:30, 6:30
- ♔ Byes: Max one 1/2pt bye allowed
- ♔ MCA membership required Prizes: \$100 1st, \$50 2nd, \$30 “best score in lower half” of each section, Open and U/1400

Advance entries/info:
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MISSOURIANS ON THE USCF TOP 100 LISTS — August 2011

Overall	GM Hikaru Nakamura (2863) 1st	Age 13	Margaret M.Hua (1981)	30th
	GM Ben Finegold (2568) 29th		Ansar Lemon (1941)	44th
	IM Michael Brooks (2440) 80th			
Age 18	Alex Esposito (1867) 82nd	Age 9	Jason Zhou (1716)	17th
	Henry Cao (1864) 84th	Age 8	Jason Ding (1180)	91st
			Haozhe Wang (1167)	100th
Age 16	James L. Smith (1989) 67th	Girls U13	Zoe Lemon (1497)	44th
Age 15	Isaiah Gadson (2020) 30th		Keturah Gadson (1436)	56th
	Vikram Arun (1920) 63rd			
	William Nesham (1836) 91st	Girls U16	Margaret M.Hua (1981)	9th
Age 14	Jialin Ding (2244) 5th	Correspondence:	Barry Walker (2232)	46th
	Kevin Cao (2215) 7th			
	William Tong (1978) 34th			

MISSOURI'S TOP 100 (July 2011)

1	GM Hikaru Nakamura	2876	36	Paul Cornelison	2004	71	Daniel Juengel	1845
2	IM Goran Vojinovic	2567	37	James Davies	2000	72	Robert Taras	1842
3	GM Benjamin Finegold	2565	38	Kevin Dale Johnson	2000	73	Brad Schlosser	1836
4	IM Michael Brooks	2440	39	Nathan Swinger	2000	74	Alex Esposito	1836
5	Charles Lawton	2327	40	Lucas Mc Cane	1991	75	John Quimby	1830
6	Jialin Ding	2246	41	Selden Trimble	1989	76	Thomas Rehmeier	1826
7	FM Doug Eckert	2243	42	James Smith	1989	77	Stephen Landrum	1826
8	Kevin Cao	2234	43	Margaret Hua	1981	78	Frank Whitsell	1845
9	Ronald Luther	2207	44	Tony Rich	1980	79	Edil Karabiev	1818
10	Bob Holliman	2200	45	Steven Rand	1974	80	Tom Epplin-Zapf	1808
11	Richard Benjamin	2200	46	Tamas Mizik	1972	81	Mike Kummer	1806
12	Mark Ferber	2172	47	Daniel Huff	1965	82	Behrooz Vakil	1803
13	Mark Bohannon	2155	48	Mark Young	1964	83	Joel Stebbins	1803
14	James Voelker	2144	49	William Tong	1968	84	Marcus Scott	1800
15	Nathaniel Fast	2112	50	Francis Crow	1954	85	Daniel Coryea	1800
16	James McLaughlin	2100	51	Ansar Lemon	1937	86	Paul Goddard	1795
17	Joshua Frank	2098	52	John Boyer	1931	87	Smajlagic Senad	1784
18	Abishek Mallela	2097	53	Vikram Arun	1921	88	Jacob Wilkins	1777
19	Nick Karlow	2097	54	Mark Cogley	1916	89	Ray Kurczynski	1775
20	Spencer Finegold	2079	55	Dwight Beasley	1916	90	Matt Barrett	1770
21	Dan Ranario	2078	56	Anthony Cirillo	1916	91	Joe Piotrowski	1747
22	Gregory Williams	2078	57	Kenneth Fee	1910	92	Adrian Barlow	1745
23	Kenneth Thomas	2068	58	Al Howlett	1907	93	Mike Clark	1740
24	Zachary Druckerman	2054	59	Rodney Vaughn	1895	94	Yomi Toba	1735
25	King Christian	2054	60	Chris Fieber	1885	95	Bob Howe	1729
26	Joseph Garnier	2052	61	Darius Masuhud	1881	96	Aleksey Kazakevich	1727
27	Barry Manthe	2049	62	Steven Bange	1871	97	William Starnes	1724
28	Waldo Odak	2046	63	Alex Vergilesov	1871	98	Shane Evans	1720
29	Scott Moore	2029	64	Renzo Herrera	1866	99	Stephen Zhang	1710
30	Frank Smith	2027	65	Tony Dutiell	1866	100	Spencer Conklin	1705
31	Isiah Gadson	2020	66	Henry Cao	1864			
32	Alex Marler	2015	67	Tim Nesham	1860			
33	David Meliti	2013	68	William Nesham	1854			
34	Suman Kalavagunta	2013	69	David Askin	1848			
35	Benjamin Gradsky	2012	70	Raymond Birt	1845			

USCF July Supplement
Includes players active in the
past 12 months.

Trouble in Mid-America: Rook Sac

Mid-America Open
 W: Emily Tallo (1990)
 B: Selden Trimble (2006)

This is near the end of a game played in the 4th round of the 2011 Mid-America

Open between a young lady, Emily Tallo, and Selden Trimble. Black had not played the opening particularly well, and White had been punishing him for it



Starting Position.
 Black to move.

the entire game. Black was two moves from the time control and had less than a minute left on his clock. White had about an hour. Black thought that he'd finally got rid of White's threats and could start causing White a little trouble.

He wanted to use his battery on the a-file to give White a

hard time and, at the same time protect his e-pawn, which White had just attacked with her rook. So, he played ... **39...c5??** Black should have played 39...

Kd7 40. Kb1 Rg7 41. Re2 Bd6 42. Rf2 Be7, with a real chance for a draw.

40.Rxe6!! Wham! It's now White's game. Black had no time to think. White threatens 41. Nxd5+ followed by Qb6+, not to mention 41. Rxa6. So, ... **40...Qxe6**



Black plays 42...Qe5. The Queen gets out of the discovery, but the King remains threatened.

41.Nxd5+ Now with time to think, Black realized that White had opened up his king's position to a terrible

attack. Black's rooks are useless for defense and simply serve as targets of attack. Further, his king is in check and his queen is open to a discovered attack by White's queen after White moves her knight **41...Kd8**

42.dxc5! White ratchets up the pressure. **42...Qe5** (diagram) 42. ... Bxc5 is relatively better. But Black

is still dead lost. **43.Nb6+ Ke8??** It's now mate in six. 43. ... Bd6 would have postponed things awhile.



Black resigns

44.Qg8+ Bf8 45.Qg6+ Rf7 46.Qc6+(diagram) Black resigned. The interested reader can finish the mate.

Chicago Open Miniature: Queen Sac

2011 Chicago Open
 W: Barry Manthe (2041)
 B: Michael Schemm (1995)

Barry Manthe of Columbia earned a quick point with this Queen Sacrificing

miniature in Round two of the annual Chicago Open:

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Bg4 4.d5 Ne5 (diagram)



5.Nxe5!! (diagram) You should have seen the look on his face when I took his knight.



5...Bxd1 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 0-0-0 9.Nc4 (diagram)



9...Qc7 (9...Qb4 10.a3, Qc5 11.Be3, Qh5 best)
10.Nd5 Qa5+? (However, 10...Bxc2 11.Nxc7, Kxc7 12.cxb7 Bxe4 13.Be3 Bxg2 14.Na5 wins, 10...Qb8 11.c7 wins)
11.Nxa5 Black resigns. 1-0

US Junior's Wrap-up

Gregory Young is the 2011 U.S. Junior Champion, taking the title ~ Ken West ~

with a win before the final round of play even began. Of the 10 people playing, Young's 2384 rating entering the tournament was seventh in the field. His performance rating will be much higher as he finished the tournament with a final score of 7.5/9. He said he did not have high expectations because he had not played chess in six months.

"I'm practically speechless," he said after clinching the title.

"Even getting invited is incredible enough to play at this incredible chess club in Saint Louis. I wasn't even thinking about results. I was thinking about it as a tournament to get back into rhythm and play."



Tournament winner Gregory Young discusses a game with commentator GM Finegold.

The champion had already been decided, but fighting chess continued for the ninth and final round of the U.S. Junior Closed Championship at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis.

Young clinched the day before but second place was up for grabs. When the final round ended, Victor Shen held a draw with Gregory Young for a score of 5.5/9 and Alec Getz beat Raven Sturt for the same score.

Conrad Holt also finished with 5.5/9. Holt would have had clear second with a win but lost to Kayden Troff, who won his last two games to finish with 3/9. Holt had been on a tear, winning his previous four games. Daniel Naroditsky drew Jialin Ding to end the championship with 5/9, tied with Warren Harper and John Bryant. Harper beat Bryant Saturday to get the tie — with Holt's loss, Bryant could have had clear second with a win.

When the matches ended, the players talked about what they learned from the experience.

"I don't think I played well the entire tournament," Shen said. "I had some games where I got lucky. Kayden had a winning position against me. Warren also had a winning position. I think I scored more points with bad positions. In my game with Gregory, I had a slight pull but it was never clear."

As for improving his game, Shen said he will work more on his openings to broaden his repertoire and work to avoid time trouble.

"I need to improve my tactics," Sturt said. "It cost me four points. There were positions I could have held to draws."

Sturt said by round 5 he thinks he gave up subconsciously. "I have to work on my fighting spirit," he said.

Naroditsky told Finegold that he put too much pressure on himself and collapsed.

Harper said he also could have improved on his performance. "I don't think I prepared well," he said.

Bryant played uncompromising chess throughout the event, sometimes sacrificing pieces in positions that surprised Finegold and Friedman. He had five wins and four losses.

"I just try to play the best lines and it happens sacrifices are the best moves in my positions," Bryant said.

Bryant also said he found it hard to study for his opponents as his computer recently quit working.

Troff said he will use his computer less frequently.

"I'm going to analyze more by myself," he said. "Computers can be cool, but it's hard not to get carried away using them. I'll also work on my openings a little bit and improve my positional understanding."

Ding said as the tournament went on he felt he gained confidence after being somewhat overwhelmed by his opponents' higher ratings.

"This was a big tournament for me," Ding said. "I need to manage my time better. I played more openly as the rounds went on."

Friedman pointed out that Ding was fine in nearly every game around move 25 only to make a mistake or an oversight that cost him a few moves later.

In the Shen-Young game, commentators Finegold and Friedman preferred Shen's position most of the game. On move 20, Shen played c4, protecting his passed pawn and having both bishops. Young's dark-squared

bishop stuck on g7 with a pawn on f6. Shen thought he was better but he didn't know by how much. He had a bishop when the game ended but no way to attack Young's pawns.

Grunfeld Defense

US Junior Closed

W: Victor Shen (2281)

B: Gregory Young (2327)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bg5 c5 8.Rc1 0-0 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Qa5 11.Qd2 e6 12.Be2 Nd7 13.0-0 Rfe8 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 Ne5 16.Be2 exd5 17.exd5 f6 18.Be3 Rad8 19.Rb1 Qc7 20.c4 Nf7 21.Rb3 f5 22.Rfb1 b6 23.Bf1 Be5 24.Qc1 Rd6 25.a4 a5 26.Rb5 Qd8 27.g3 Rf6 28.Bg2 Bc7 29.d6 Nxd6 30.Bd5+ Kg7 31.R5b3 Nf7 32.f4 Nd6 33.Bd2 Ne4 34.Be1 h5 35.Re3 Kh7 36.h4 Rd6 37.Bc3 Nxc3 38.Qxc3 Re7 39.Rbe1 Rxe3 40.Rxe3 Rd7 41.Qe1 Bd6 42.Re8 Qf6 43.Re6 Qg7 44.Qb1 Bc7 45.Kg2 Re7 46.Qe1 Rxe6 47.Qxe6 Bd8 48.Kh3 Bc7 49.Qe8 Bd6 50.Bf7 Bxf4 51.gxf4 Qc3+ 52.Kg2 Qd2+ 53.Kf3 Qd3+ 54.Qe3 Qxe3+ 55.Kxe3 1/2-1/2

Holt stuck with his Slav defense in his game, but his 10. f4 against Troff baffled the commentators. He followed it by capturing on e3, which Troff recaptured with his bishop.

“He gave away his f pawn with tempo,” Friedman said.

However, on move 14 Holt placed his queen on a5. The move forced Troff to bring his queen back to c2. That pulled Holt back in the game but he said he made “a random bad move” with rook to d8 on move 24. Both players were in time trouble.

Slav Defense

US Junior Closed

W: Kayden Troff (2255)

B: Conrad Holt (2417)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Nh4 e6 7.Nxf5 exf5 8.e3 Bb4 9.Bxc4 0-0 10.Qc2 f4 11.0-0 fxe3 12.Bxe3 Qc7 13.Qf5 Nbd7 14.Bb3 Qa5 15.Qc2 Nb6 16.Ne4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Rae8 18.Qg4 Kh8 19.d5 Nxd5 20.Bd4 f6 21.Qh4 Bd2 22.Rad1 Qb4 23.Bc2 Bh6 24.Qh3 Rd8 25.Rfe1 Rfe8 26.Re6 Kg8 27.g3 Qc4 28.Qf5 g6 29.Qe4 Nc7 30.Rxe8+ Nxe8 31.Qe7 Rb8 32.Bc3 Bf8 33.Qe3 c5 34.Bxf6 Qf7 35.Be5 Rc8 36.Be4 Nf6 37.Bxb7 Ng4 38.Qf4 Qxb7 39.Qxg4 Qb3 40.Rd3 1-0

In the Harper-Bryant match, the last to finish, moves 15 to 17 cost Bryant a pawn.

“He's down a pawn, it's passed and d6 is weak,” Friedman said.

“As we have said many times this week, white is a pawn up with good compensation,” Finegold joked.

The early moves of the game were the same as Harper's game against GM Ray Robson in the final game of last year's U.S. Junior Closed Championship. Harper won that game, preventing Robson from winning the event.

King's Indian Defense

US Junior Closed

W: Warren Harper (2310)

B: John Bryant (2413)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 a6 11.Be3 Rb8 12.a4 Ne5 13.b3 c5 14.Nde2 Be6 15.Ra2 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.cxb5 c4 18.Nd4 Qc8 19.Nxe6 Qxe6 20.bxc4 Nxc4 21.Bd4 Rec8 22.Qa1 Ne5 23.Rb1 Rc4 24.Ra8 Nfd7 25.Rxb8+ Nxb8 26.Qa8 Ned7 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Nd5 h5 29.Nf4 Qf6 30.h4 Rc2 31.Qa1 Ne5 32.b6 Kg8 33.Qa4 Rc6 34.b7 Kf8 35.Nd5 Qd8 36.Qa7 Rc2 37.Ne3 Rc5 38.Rd1 Rb5 39.Rc1 Nec6 40.Qa1 Kg8 41.Qa8 Kh7 42.e5 d5 43.Qa4 Rb4 44.Qa2 Rxb7 45.Qxd5 Rd7 46.Qc5 Nd4 47.Qc4 Ne6 48.Nd5 Kg7 49.Ra1 Nc7 50.Nf6 Re7 51.Qc5 Re6 52.Ra7 Nba6 53.Qe3 Nb5 54.Rd7 Qf8 55.Qg5 Nc5 56.Rd8 Rxe5 57.Nxh5+ Kh7 58.Qxe5 1-0

The Naroditsky-Ding game began as a symmetrical English and began looking like a Grunfeld. Finegold and Friedman said Ding was comfortable throughout the game and had slightly better piece placement.

English Opening

US Junior Closed

W: Daniel Naroditsky (2472)

B: Jialin Ding (2171)

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.Bg5 Ne4 8.Be3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bg7 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Na5 13.Bd3 Be6 14.Re1 Bc4 15.Bc2 e6 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Qd2 Bd5 18.Be4 Rac8 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.Bh6 Nc4 21.Qg5 Bxh6 22.Qxh6 f6 23.h4 Nd6 24.Rac1 Rfe8 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8



IM Naroditsky, the rating favorite led part of the event, but would ultimately have to settle tied for 2nd.

26.Qf4 Kg7 27.h5 Re6 28.Nd2 g5 29.Qf3 Ne4 30.Nxe4 Rxe4
 31.Qf5 Qd6 32.Qc8 b6 33.g3 Qe6 34.Qd8 Re1+ 35.Rxe1
 Qxe1+ 36.Kg2 Qe4+ 37.Kh2 Qf5 38.Kg2 ½-½

Sturt had a rough tournament and had no respite the last game against Getz. His bishop remained stuck on g6 and Getz played Bc5 on move 24 to trap Sturt's queen. The trapping of the queen was preceded by bishop takes e6 on move 23 by Getz.



Local favorite Jialin Ding was competitive every round, but a few mistakes kept him from competing for the title.



The Event had a surprise commentator in round two when Grandmaster and former World Champion Garry Kasparov stopped by the club!

English Opening

US Junior Closed

W: Alec Getz (2292)

B: Raven Sturt (2294)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6
 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7
 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Ne5 Nxe5

11.dxe5 Ne4 12.Na2 Qa5 13.Nxb4 Qxb4 14.f3 Nc5 15.e4 Bg6
 16.Kh1 Rfd8 17.Bg5 Rd4 18.Rfc1 b5 19.axb5 cxb5 20.Ba2
 Nd3 21.Rc3 Nxe5 22.Be3 Rdd8 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Bc5 Qxc3
 25.bxc3 a6 26.h4 Nc4 27.Qe1 h5 28.Qg3 Kh7 29.Bd4 Rd7
 30.Qg5 b4 31.Qc5 e5 32.Bg1 Nb2 33.cxb4 Nd3 34.Qc6 Rdd8
 35.Rxa6 Be8 36.Qxa8 1-0

Gregory Young takes the first-place prize of \$3,000 and receives an invitation to the 2012 U.S. Chess Championship to take place at the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis on a date yet to be determined.

October 8th, 2011

CCSCSL 2 on 2 Team Championship

4SS, G/75 Location: Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis,
 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108

- ♔ Prizes: Open: \$600, Team U/3600 \$400, Team U/2800 \$200
- ♔ Entry Fee: \$60 for 2 person team
- ♔ Format: Teams of Two Players are paired against other Teams. Individual games are rated while team points are used for prize purpose.
- ♔ Rounds: 10am, 12:45, 3:30, 6:15
- ♔ Byes: NO 1/2 pt byes available.
- ♔ MCA membership required for Missouri residents

Advance entries/info:
 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108.
 314-361-CHESS.
www.saintlouischessclub.org

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS



August 27th—Boris Spassky Open—Columbia

SS, 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: \$1. No prizes—Just the satisfaction of playing well. Two rating-equivalent sections if 18+ players. Entries/Info: [Charles Ward](#), 2400 Cimarron Drive, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-443-6685.

September 3rd-4th— Saint Louis District Championship—St. Louis

5SS, G/120. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs. EF: \$60, \$50 for annual members of the club if registered by 9/2. MCA Membership Req'd from \$5. OSA. One Section. PF: \$2,525 GTD \$600-\$400-\$200. U2000 \$300-\$200-\$100. U1600 \$225-\$125-\$75. U1200 \$150-\$100-\$50. Top 2 finishers qualify for 2012 Club Championship. Reg: 9-9:45. Rds: 10, 2:15, 6:30. Sunday: 9, 1:15. One 1/2 point bye if declared before round 1. Hotel: Water Tower Inn at 314-977-7500 ask for the "chess rate" of \$70/night. Entries: 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. 314-361-CHESS. Additional Info: [Tony Rich](#) or visit www.saintlouischessclub.org

September 17th - Opening Roulette - Kansas City

6rd/ G/29 Each round an opening/defense for all players to follow will be drawn from a hat. The openings will be balanced, fair, good—not just playable, and not many plys deep. Guaranteed prizes: \$100 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd, \$50 top U/1600. Entry Fee: \$20 Cash on-site. Registration: 9am, Rounds 10am, 11am, 12, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm. One 1/2pt bye if declared by rd 1. Westport Chess Club, 817 Westport Rd, Kansas City, MO 64111. Information: Ray Birt, westportchessclub@gmail.com or 816-665-0826. <http://www.westportchessclub.org/chess-tournaments.htm>.

October 8th —CCSCSL 2 on 2 Team Championship—St. Louis

4SS, G/75. Chess Club & Scholastic Center of Saint Louis, 4657 Maryland Ave., Saint Louis, MO 63108. Free entries for GMs and IMs, deducted from earnings. GMs and IMs are not counted toward the based on prize fund total. EF: \$60 for 2 person team, \$50 for 2 person team that are both annual members of club if registered by 10/7. MCA membership req'd from \$5. PF:(b/25 teams) \$1,200: Championship Team- \$600, Top Team U3600-\$400, Top Team U2800-\$200. 1st Place Team Members qualify for 2012 Club Championship. Reg: 9-9:45. Rds: 10, 12:45, 3:30, 6:15. No 1/2 point byes available. Hotel: Water Tower Inn at 314-977-7500 ask for the "chess rate" of \$70/night. Entries: 4657 Maryland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108. 314-361-CHESS. Additional Info: [Tony Rich](#), www.saintlouischessclub.org

October 28-30th - Missouri Chess Festival! Featuring the Missouri Open Championship - Columbia *State Championship Events*

2011 MISSOURI OPEN: 6 GPP. 5SS, G/120. Howard Johnson Columbia, 3100 I-70 Dr. SE, Columbia, MO in 2-sections: OPEN: \$300-1st Overall (Guaranteed) + Plaque, \$120-1st in each M/X, A, B. FIDE-rated. RESERVE (U1600): \$200-1st Overall + Plaque, \$120-1st in each C, D, U1200/Unr. EF: \$40 by 10/22, \$50 on site. Site entries cash only. Reg: 9-9:45am. Rounds: Sat-10/2:30/7, Sun-10:30/3. Max one 1/2-pt bye if declared by Rd. 2.

MISSOURI QUICK CHAMPIONSHIP: 4SS, G/29 (QR). Prizes: b/20, \$75-1st Overall + Plaque, \$50-1st U1600. Reg: 6:30-7pm Friday. Rounds: 7/8/9/10pm. EF: \$10 by 10/22, \$15 on site.

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. MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA. MCA General Membership meeting 9:30-10:15am Sun. HR: \$59/night, free Wi-Fi & Hot breakfast, 573-474-6161, mention CHESS. Entries/Info: [Thomas Rehmeier](#), 5217 Denice St., Jefferson City, MO 65109. JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.

Chess Festival for Kids: 5rd G/30, unrated, featuring guest IM Goran Vojinovic.

International Master Vojinovic will give a lecture during registration, analyze games from the players in the skittles room during the tournament, and participate in the bughouse fun after the main event. Info: Bob Howe, bdhowe@yahoo.com, 636-234-7928



November 12th—Cape Girardeau Chess - Cape Girardeau

4SS, G/75; Victorian Inn, 3253 William Street, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; I-55, exit 96. Sections: Open and U/1400: Prizes: based on 30: Each Section: \$100 1st, \$50 2nd, \$30 “best score in lower half” of each section Registration: 9-9:45am ; Round times: 10, 1, 3:30, 6:30 Entry Fee: \$20 rec'd by 11/7, \$25 on site. Site entries cash only. Max 1 half bye; MCA required, O.S.A., available on site. Entries/Info: Bob Howe 311 E Walnut, Pacific, MO 63069: (636) 234.7928 (Tournament room 2nd floor, stairway accessible only)

November 25-27—Thanksgiving Open— St. Louis

December 17th—Holiday Bash— St. Louis

January 28th—Fischer Open—Columbia

March 10th—Mizzou Quads - Columbia

March 16-18th - Mid America Open! - St. Louis

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

Scholastic Schedule

Local Events

Parkade August Open

August 20th Parkade Center -- Columbia -- . Entry Fee \$5. .
Registration 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Rounds at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m.
and 12:30 p.m. Awards ceremony at 2 p.m
Info: Tim Campbell: TRJCAMP@aol.com

Missouri Kids Chess Festival

October 30th, 2011

Columbia Missouri

5rd G/30, + Side events and
special guests

Lecture and analysis by IM Goran Vojinovic!

St. Louis Scholastic Schedule (coming soon)

www.gatewaychess.org

Upcoming National Events:

US Junior Chess Congress

October 29th-30th

Santa Clara, California

6rd G/75, Sections by Age
BayAreaChess.com/usjr11.

National Youth Action

December 9th-11th

NYA East—Florida

NYA West—California

Spring Nationals 2012

High School—April 13-15 Minneapolis

Junior High—April 27-29 San Diego

Elementary—May 11-13 Nashville

“Whenever Black succeeds in assuming the initiative and maintaining it to a successful conclusion, the sporting spirit of the chess lover feels gratified, because it shows that the resources of the game are far from being exhausted. “

Savielly Tartakower

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

Your Club Here!

Email bdhowe@yahoo.com to have your club advertised in the MCB and the MCA Website.

MCA Player of the Year Standings:

1	Thompson, William	38
2	Trimble, Selden	38
3	Zhou, Jason	34
4	Manthe, Barry	33.5
5	West, Ken	32.5
6	Luther, Ronald	32
7	Garnier, Joseph	30.5
8	Giminez, Randy	27
9	Bharadwaj, Vishal	26
10	Phan, Nathan Tu	26

June 2011
(as of Super Team Championship)

USCF Junior Grand Prix

Leaders from Missouri

(Top 5)

<u>Name</u>	<u>JGP Points</u>	<u>Events</u>
Margaret Hua	3156	6
Jack Weil	3150	1
Harry Hawkins	3018	1
Kevin Cao	2768	7
Jonathan Palotto	2750	1

Missouri State Champions



Missouri State Champion
Grand Master Benjamin Finegold



Missouri Open Champion
Jialin Ding



Amateur Champion
Alex Marler & Mark Ferber



Denker Champion
Jialin Ding

2010 Class Champions



Quick Champion
Josh Frank

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| Master — | Abhishek Mallela |
| Expert | |
| Class A | Alex Esposito |
| Class B | William Collin,
Bill Thompson |
| Class C | Tim Campbell |
| Class D | Daniel Hawley |
| Class E | Rohit Rao |
| Novice | David Braton |



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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