GM RAMIREZ WINS US OPEN!

Chief TD Franc Guadalupe awards trophy to Alejandro Ramirez

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Solution (back cover problem) 1.Qb4 (not 1.Qd4? Bc2. Now if 1…Ba2 2.Qxc3#, 1…B-other 2.Qa3#; 1…c2 2.Qb2#)

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A word from the editor

What a year this has been for Texas chess players! In March, for the first time in Final Four of College Chess, three of the four teams were from Texas. Although UMBC won, the host team of UT-Brownsville had its best result with second place. Then in June their top board, GM Timur Gareev, won the National Open in Las Vegas outright – the first player in 21 years to do so without tying!

In July, Houston hosted a record-setting U.S. Junior Open. The winner of the main event was a UT-Austin student, Deepyaman Dutta from Dallas. Then in August a recent UTD graduate, GM Alejandro Ramirez, won the U.S. Open – outright! That same weekend brought the news that Tommy He of Houston won gold in the under-10 division of the Pan-Am Youth Championships in Brazil. Congrats to all out Texas chess stars!

Looking ahead, the U.S. Class Chess Championships return to Houston, Oct. 1-3. This time the event will be at a very convenient location, the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport Hotel, with free parking: free shuttle service from Hobby airport; $89 room rate! This event awards national class titles, with winners to be listed in the Chess Life yearbook. This year’s event promises to be the strongest yet! So far, the field includes U.S. Open Champion GM Alejandro Ramirez, GM Timur Gareev, GM Axel Bachmann, GM Ioan Chirila, IM Marko Zivanic, IM Puchen Wang, IM Salvijus Bercys, IM Julio Sadorra, and IM Daniel Fernandez. In addition, it is very likely that we will get two more GMs in attendance (to be confirmed soon)! Of course, this event is for players of all skills and ages. It has a division for previously unrated players as well as a scholastic side event. For more information, please visit the tournament Web page, www.uschess.org/tournaments/2010/class/. - SKA

TCA Treasurer’s Report
Prepared by Barbara Swafford for Apr. 15, 2010

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August 15, 2010
GM Ramirez coasts to victory at the US Open

By Randy Hough

An examination of the other top game influenced him to acquiesce in the draw. (He believes his wins over Khachiyan, Round 6, and Shabalov, Round 8, are also worthy of study!)

QGD Slav D10
Alexander Shabbalov 2654
Alejandro Ramirez 2647
US Open 2010 (8)

1.d4 d5 2.e4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Be2 g6 6.b3 c5
7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nf3 0–0 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0–0 Qe7 12.Bb2 Bd6
13.Rad1 Ba7 14.Qb1...

14...Bg4!

15.Rfe1 Bh5 16.Nh4! Bxe5

(17.Bc4!? dxc3
18.Qxc3+–)

16...Bxe3!! 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 d4–=


22...Qe6 23.Ng5 Qe5 24.h4 g6 25.Bb2 d4± 26.Qd2

26...Qe6 27.Nxd4 Nxd5 28.Nf3 Ng4 29.Re1 Qe7 30.Rxc8 Bxc8

31.Nd3?

Shabba's flair for complications does not serve him well in this game, where a bold policy of exchanges would have likely brought home a win. 31.Re1 Re8 32.Qxc1 Ngxe3? 33.Qc4+– 32.Bd4! Bxd4 33.exd4± 31...Nh4! 32.Qe4

32.Qe2 Nh2 33.Qxf2 (33.Kxf2
Rc2) 33...Nd3 34.Nf5 Qe4 35.Nh6+ Kg7 36.Ng5 Nh2+ 37.Nxe4 Nxe4+ 32...Qxe4 33.Nxe4 Nd3+ 34.Nh2? Nh2 35.Nf6+ Kg7! –0–

Sicilian Scheveningen B85
Melikset Khachiyan 2577
Alejandro Ramirez 2647
US Open 2010 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 exd4
GM Varuzhan Akopian remained a half-point behind (having earlier drawn GM Timur Gareev) by drawing with young FM Daniel Naroditsky. He feels he missed a win -- an eliding player, but Akopian is a near lock to get in on rating, and Shabalov is also likely to make the rating cut. That leaves Naroditsky as a possible qualifier from this tournament.

Joining Akopian and Naroditsky in second place with 7½ points was veteran GM Alexander Shabalov. His game against FM John Bryant was highly tactical; Alex freely admits he wasn't always sure who was better, but he eventually pulled in the point.

Owen Defense A40
John Bryant 2475
Alexander Shabalov 2654

Rad1 Rf8 15.Kh1 Bf8 16.Bf2 Nb4
Qd2 Rd8 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nb1 a5
23.c3 d5!

King's Indian E61
Varuzhan Akopian 2698
Daniel Naroditsky 2449

US Open 2010 (9)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3
O-O 5.Bg5 d6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 c5
8.d5 Qb6 9.Rb1 e5 10.Nd2 Nh7

Nge2 dxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.a3 Bxa3+
11.Qxc3 Ng6 12.d4 c6 13.h4 h6
e5 17.exd5 Qe7+ 18.Kd1 Na6
Bxc4 Ne5 25.Bb4

Rf1 Ba6 29.Rxf2 Rxf2 30.Qxf2

23.c3 d5!

33.Nf5 instead of 33.Rxg7 as he
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King's Indian E61
Varuzhan Akopian 2698
Daniel Naroditsky 2449

US Open 2010 (9)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3
O-O 5.Bg5 d6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 c5
8.d5 Qb6 9.Rb1 e5 10.Nd2 Nh7

Nge2 dxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.a3 Bxa3+
11.Qxc3 Ng6 12.d4 c6 13.h4 h6
e5 17.exd5 Qe7+ 18.Kd1 Na6
Bxc4 Ne5 25.Bb4

Rf1 Ba6 29.Rxf2 Rxf2 30.Qxf2

23.c3 d5!
Datta Wins Record Smashing U.S. Junior Open

By Franc Guadalupe

The 2010 U.S. Junior Open held in Houston (July 23-25) was a record-smashing event, and NM Deepyaman Datta, a student at University of Texas at Austin, was the biggest winner. The event was held in the beautiful facilities of the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, and drew 243 players from ten states. The 2006 Junior Open held in Dallas had the previous record with 215 players. This year's event had four sections: U-21, U-15, U-11 and U-8. Four masters and fourteen experts competed in the top division. In addition to the main event, there were Blitz, Bughouse, and Parents/Friends side events.

In the last round, Deepyaman defeated 14-year old expert Christopher Heung from Florida to secure clear first with 5.5/6 for the title, winner’s plaque, and the $500 prize.

King’s Indian E90

Deepyaman Datta 2226
Christopher Heung 2168

US Junior Open 2010 (6)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 O-O 6.h3 Na6 7.Bg5 Qe8
8.Be2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.O-O Be6
11.Bb5 Qc7 12.Nbd5 Bxd5 13.exd5
Nh5 14.Qb3 b6 15.Rfe1 h6 16.Bf1
Qd6 17.Qb5 Nb8 18.Rad1 a6 19.
Qa4 Nd7 20.b4 f5

On Board Two, Florida turned the tables on Texas as 14-year old Robert Perez from Miami defeated NM William Ong – good for clear second with 5/6 along with the second place plaque and the $250 prize.

Sicilian B38

Robert M. Perez 2182
William Ong 2202

US Junior Open 2010 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Bg7 5.e4 Nf6 6.Be3 Ne4 7.Nc3 d6
Qa5 14.f4 Bxd4 15.Bxd4 f5 16.Qe3
Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Rac8 18.Rce1 Qc5
19.Qxc5 Rxc5 20.a4 Kf7

21.c5 bxc5 22. bxc5 Nxc5 23.Bxe5
Qxe5 24.Nxe5 Qd6 25.Nc6 Kh7
26.Re6 Qe5 27.Re7 Nf6 28.Qb4
Rxe7+ Kxe7 32.Ne6+ Kf7 33.Qd4
Kxe6 34.Qxd5+ Kf6 35.Qd4+ Ke7
36.Rd1 Qxd1 37.Qxd1 Rd8 38.
Qc1 Rd7 39. Qxh6 Rd6 40.Bc4+
Kf6 41.Qh4+ Ke5 42.Qe7+ Kd4 43.
Qxe7 Rad8 44.Bxa6 Ke4 45.Bb7+
Kf4 46.g3+ Kg5 47.Qe7+ Kh6 48.
Qh4+ Kg7 49.Qe7+ Kh6 50.Qe4+
Kh7 51.Bf3 Rd2 52.a4 Rd7 53.a5
Kh7 54.a6 Ra2 55.Bb7 Rd1+ 56.
Kg2 Rd2 57.a7 1-0

Datta will not be able to get the spot in the 2011 U.S. Junior Closed since he will not be under the age of 20 as of the age cut-off date for that event, so it will likely drop down to our young second place finisher (to be confirmed).
In the U-15, Co-Champions Jason Altschuler and Steven Chen, both from Texas, won their last games to finish in a tie for first place, with Jason winning the first place trophy on tiebreaks. Their meeting on Round Five resulted in a draw. In the U-11, Kesav Vishwanadha, rated 1904, was clear first with 5.5/6.

In the U-8 Division, top seed Emily Nguyen from Austin, rated 1476, had the only perfect score of the event, 6/6, winning the Championship by a full point.

US Junior Open U8 (5)
Emily Nguyen 900
Jesus Guillen 1478

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 3.Bxf6
I don’t think White gets enough...

Better is 5...Bg7 6.c4 0–0 7.Bd3
3...exf6 4.e3 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4


US Junior Open U8 (6)
Emily Nguyen 1478
Warren Palang 1422

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Nd7
14.Qd3 h6 15.Rfe1 Rfd8 16.a3

In the U-14, the Houston Chess Club won the overall title and the first place trophy among clubs while Canyon Vista Middle School won first place among schools. The Austin Kids’ Chess Club won the overall title in the U-8 Division, and T.H. Rogers from Houston won the school title.

The always exciting blitz event had two divisions. Bryce Tiglon, bested the other 30 participants in the U-11 Division to take the first place trophy back to Washington State. Robert Perez and Austin’s Matthew Liu tied for first among the 18 participants in the Blitz U-21, with Robert, from Miami, winning the first place trophy on tiebreaks.

The exciting and always loud Bughouse competition had 13 teams. After three double rounds, the teams of Matthew Liu/Jonathan Chiang and Seth Thompson / Andrew Widener were tied with 6.0 points. Matthew and Jonathan won the play-off, 2-0, to take the first place trophies. Yiqun Xie won first place in the Parents and Friends event.

See rated results on the USCF MSA and check out the TCA website, www.texaschess.org, for complete results and winners.

Franc Guadalupe organized the event and was the Chief TD. He was assisted by Floor Chief Victor Flores and Binny Nanavati. Luis Salinas transmitted the games on the Monroi website and assisted on the floor as well.
Tommy He wins the gold in Under-10 at Pan-Am Youth

By Elizabeth Vicary

Results are in at the 2010 Pan American Youth Championship in Bento Gonçalves, Brazil (Aug. 1-8). Tommy He earned the Open Under 10 gold medal with 7.5/9 while Jona-than Chiang earned a bronze in the same section with 7/9. Evan Xiang tied for first with 8/9 in the Girls Under 12, taking silver on tiebreaks.

The experience should be very valuable for those who are participating in the World Youth, coming up in Halkidiki, Greece from October 19-31. Coach FM Aviv Friedman said the team had a lot of fun, “It is Brazil after all!” Friedman, and IM Armen Ambartsoumian, who also coached the team, are both FIDE Senior trainers. [Note: FIDE ratings appear in the game headers below.]

Sicilian Four Knights B45
Tommy He 1822
Marcelo Gomez Harika 1605
Pan-Am Youth 2010

13.Be2 Bg4 14.f3 Bf5 15.f4 Ne6

The point of 12.Kh1 is to take away Qb6+. Now 15…Ng4? loses the knight to 16.h3.

16.Bf3 d4 17.Ne2 d3

Black understandably wants to get rid of the isolani, but 17…Ng4? (Fritz) has some nice points.

White has winning hopes based on the bishop pair. Black should be looking at how he will respond to moves such as Bf3 and Bc3.

Sicilian Dragon B78
Jonathan Chiang 1682
Santiago Quinonez 1956
Pan-Am Youth 2010

Better is 18…Bxh6 19.Qxh6 a3!
19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.g4 Rh8 21.Ne4 hxg4 22.h5!

22…Ne7

If Black bites with 22…gxh5 then 23.Qg5+ Kf8 24.Rxh5 Rg8 25.Qh6+ Ng7 26.Rg5! with ideas of Rh1 and Qxg7# forcing mate.


In the final position, White can win the black queen with Nf5+.

Queen’s Indian E12
Evan Xiang (unrated)
Geraldine Bracho (unrated)
Pan-Am Youth 2010
16.Rb1 Ne4 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.d5 Nd7

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Langer, Ahn tie at Summer Open

Out-of-towners came away with most of the prizes at the Summer Open, held July 17–18 in San Antonio. Austinites Michael Langer and Ju Ahn tied for first with 3.5/4. Don Flournoy was the only local with an Open prize, sharing first U2100 with Andrew Widener and Derek Chang at 3.0.

The winner in the Reserve was nine-year-old Anthony Nguyen, who beat the venerable John Niven in the last round. Locals did somewhat better in this section: Daniel Lozano got a share of second, and Charles Davis, Dan Castillo and Michael Lange also won prizes.

J.P. Hyltin directed a combined field of 49 players for the San Antonio Chess Club. Selby Anderson assisted.

**PRIZE WINNERS**

**Open:** 1st+2nd: Michael Langer, Ju Ahn, 3.5; $200; 2/100: Derek Chang, Andrew Widener, Don Flournoy, 3.0; $33; U1900: Dhurv Garg, 2.5; $100.

**Reserve:** 1st: Anthony Nguyen, 3.5; $150; 2nd: Allen Eckert, Andrew Wang, Daniel Lozano, 3.0; $33; U1700: David Hseih, Charles Davis, 3.0; $50; U1500: Dan Castillo, Emily Nguyen, Khao Minh Nguyen, Alan Hale; 2.0; $18.75; U1300: Michael Lange, Andrew Montez, Sai Yeluru, 2.0; $25.

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**Sicilian Najdorf B90**

Alok Kumar 1930

Michael Langer 2302

**Summer Open 2010 (1)**


17...Qxg5 18.Qxg5 Qxg5+ 19.Rxg5 b4 20.axb4 Rxb4 21.Rg1 Nxh2 22.Rh3=;


24...Nf6 25.Bd3 Qf2 26.h3 Re8 27.Ke2 d5

28.Nxd5!

According to Fritz, this “desperation” shot is the best option.

28...Nxd5 29.Bxh7+ Kb8

29...Kxh7? 30.Qh5+–

30.Bg6 Re7 31.Qh5?

The best chance is 31.Qg4! (Δ Qc8+ 31...Rf7 32.Qe6 Ne7 32...Nf6? 33.Qd6+ Re7 34.Nc5=–) 33.Qxe5 Re8 34.Bd3 and Black has an edge, but a lot left to prove

31...Nf6= 32.Qh8+ Ng8 33.Qh5 Qf1 34.Bd3 Qf7 35.Bg6 Qe6 36.Bg4 Nf6 37.Qf3 Qf7 38.Bf5 e4 39.Qe3 c3 40.Kb1 Qd5 41.Bc8 Qe4 0–1

An instructive endgame plays out:

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**French Tarrasch C06**

Michael Langer 2302

Matthew Liu 2125

**Summer Open 2010 (2)**


17...Nh4= 18.Rxh4 Nxd1 19.Nxd1= 17...Bh6!

17.Bh6!

White could try to force matters with 1.5f, but Black has sufficient queenside play that he can sac the bishop and hold a draw.

1...Be5 Kb3??

1...a5 2.bxa5 bxa5 3.Kc6 Be4 3.5...f5 5.b5! f4+ and Black holds.

2.Kc4

Or 2.Ka4 3.c4 Δ Ke7=–

3.Kc6! Bb5 4.f5+–

If only Black had an extra move – or could appear his f-pawn! The light square blockage bites.

Also losing was 4...Kb3 5.fxe6 a5 6.g7 Bc4 7.Kb8 a4 8.gQ Bxg8 9.Kxg8 a3 (9...Kc4 10.Kbd6 h5 11.b5=) 10.c4 Ke4 11.h5 b5 12.h6 b4 13.7b3 h3 14.h8Q=–

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Matthew Liu 2125

Andy Nguyen 1876

**Summer Open 2010 (1)**


Nimzo-Indian E32

Austin Jiang 1958
Selby Anderson 2202

Summer Open 2010 (2)


31.Rxe8+ Kf7 32.Rc6 Re3 33. Rfxe6+ Be7 34.Rxe6 Rd4 36.Rb7 Rxd5 37.Rxb6+ Kf7 38.g4 Rd3 39.Re6 h5 40.g5 Rh3 41.Kg2 Rh4 42.Rf6 Rg4+ 43.Kh3 Kg8 44.Rh6 Rxf4 45.Rhx5 Kg7 46.Rh6 Ra4 47.Kg3 1–0

Sicilian Najdorf B98

Ernesto Malalarte

Summer Open 2010 (3)


Torre Attack A48

Mitchell Vergara 2061

Titus Shanks 1865

Summer Open 2010 (2)


19.Ng5 Rf8??


45.Ng4 Qd8 46.Nf6+ Kh8 47. Rxe6+– Qf8

48.Ne3?

White misses a pearl of a sac: 48.Nhx6!! Bxh6 49.Re7! and Black must play 49...Qg7 to stop mate.

48...Ne5+ 49.Nd7 41 seconds left 49...Nxd7 50.Rxg6 Ne5 51.Re6 Ra4 52.Qh5 Ten seconds left 52...Nxe4 53.Nf5 Ra5 54.g4 Re5 55.Rxe5 Ne5 56.Nh4 Qf7 57.Qxf7 Nxf7 58.Re5 5 seconds left 58...Ne5 59.f3 Nd3 60.Rf6 Rc1+ 61.Kh2 Be5+ 62.g3 Re2+ 63.Kg1 Bd4+ 64.Kh1 Nf2+ 65.Kg2 Nxg4+ 66. Kh3 Nf2+ 67.Kg2 Kh7 68.Re7+ Kg8 69.Nf5 Bf6 70. Nhx6+ Kh8 71. Rf7 Be5 72.f4 Ng4+ 73.Kf3 Nxf6 74.Rd7 (White forfeits on time.) 0–1

Sicilian Najdorf B98

Ernesto Malalarte

Michael Langer

Summer Open 2010 (3)

31.Qxf8??
A different kind of wrong-rook error – White holds the draw with 31.Qxd8 because it’s check: 31...Rx d 8 32.Bxc 2 Qxc 3+ 33.Kh 1=–. 31...Qxe 4+ 32.Kh 1 Qe 7+ 33.Kg 2 Rf 8 34.Bc 5+ 35.Kf 1 Rf 1+ 36.Kg 2 Qg 5+ 37.Kf 1 Qf 5= 43.Ke 5 Ke 7= 0–1

**Scotch Game C45**

Michael Langer 2302
James Rohrbaugh 2200

**Summer Open 2010 (4)**


**Nimzovich Defense B00**

Ju Hyung Ahn 2042
Ernesto Malazarte 2129

**Summer Open 2010 (4)**


**QGD Tarrasch D32**

James Rohrbaugh 2200
Austin Jiang 1958

**Summer Open 2010 (3)**


**Sicilian Dragon B56**

Andrew Widener 2043
Matthew Liu 2125

**Summer Open 2010 (4)**

TEXAS GIRLS SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT
October 1-3, 2010
Hosted by
Central Catholic Elementary Chess Team
Sanctioned by Texas Chess Association
Under U.S. Chess Federation rules and rating system

What: 5 round Swiss Style Tournament in 5 sections: K-1, Primary (K to 3), Elementary (K to 5/6), Middle School (6 to 8/9), High School (9 to 12).
Round 1: Saturday 9 a.m. Game/30, Round 2 10:30 Game/30, Round 3 12:00 Game/45
Round 4: Sunday 9 a.m. (Game/45), Round 5 11:30 (Game/60) followed by awards.

Who: Only Texas female residents or students enrolled in secondary or primary schools (including home schools) in Texas. Per (TCA bylaws art.IX,Sec.1,R)

Additional: A Parent/ Daughter Team Tournament will be held Friday Night Oct. 1st at 6 p.m. 4 round Game/30 SS, Team Trophies to the top three teams, Medals to the next 3 teams.

All Girls Blitz Tournament will be held on Saturday Night Oct. 2nd beginning at 6pm (5) rounds Game/5 Trophies to the top 3 finishers and medals to the next 3.

Where: Central Catholic Elementary (Cafeteria) 1218 Comanche—Corpus Christi, TX. 78401

When: On-Site registration Friday, Oct. 1st, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8pm.
(Onsite Registration Saturday Morning $21 and ½ point bye 1st round)

Entries: $16 Fee-- Must be post-marked no later than Sept. 29th, 2010, or received before Oct. 1st, 2010 in order to be eligible for the $16 fee. Entries without payment will not be considered officially registered. For school groups contact: Cris Deleon (361) 883-3873 or e-mail coachcris@yahoo.com. E-mail entries will be accepted but not Official until payment has been received.

Requested Byes: One, ½ pt bye available if requested before round 2. Byes are irrevocable. All additional byes 0 points.

Refunds and Cancellations: No later than Thursday, October 30th, 2010. No substitutions allowed.

Equipment: bring your own clock if you have one—notation pads and pencils will not be provided

Prizes: Scholastic K thru 12 awards as follows: 1st thru 6th Trophies, Medals to next 10. Team Trophies to Top 3 Teams (a team score considers the top four scorers but can consist of two or more players). Texas Tech University will award a scholarship to the top High School player.

September supplement will be used—no changes to ratings will be done—ratings for pairings will be taken from USCF supplements for September.

Hotel Accommodations: Airport Holiday Inn (361) 289-5100, 5549 Leopard St. Corpus Christi, Tx. 78408 Shuttle service from airport, Pick-up and deliver to Tournament available upon request.
Bayfront Inn Hotel, (361) 883-7271, 601 N. Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Tx. 78401. Pick-up and deliver to Tournament available upon request.
Omni Bayfront Hotel, (361) 880-6738, 900 N. Shoreline Blvd. Corpus Christi,Tx. 78401. Airport Shuttle service available, pick-up and deliver to tournament available
Make checks payable to:
Central Catholic Elementary
Mail registration with payment to:
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1218 Comanche St.
Corpus Christi, TX 78401

For questions, call Cris Deleon at (361) 883-3873 after 6pm - cell phone (361) 633-1572 or email: coachcris@yahoo.com

TEXAS GIRLS SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM
PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY SO WE CAN PROCESS ENTRY CORRECTLY.

USCF Membership Status (Please circle one): Curren t Need to Renew Not a Member –need to join

USCF Number:__________________________ Rating:______________ Expiration Date:__________________________

Last Name:______________________________________________First Name:______________________________MI:________

Address:______________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip:_____________________________________________________________________________________ 

School: __________________________________ Grade:_____ Birth date:________________________

Section (circle one): K-1 , Primary , Elementary , Middle School , High School Collegiate

Phone Number: (_____)_______________________E-mail address: ______________________________________

Requested Bye Rounds, if any: _________________________ (½ pt for first bye requested, 0 pt for subsequent byes)

ADA accommodations requested:
(Please allow 48 hours to prepare for any accommodations)

Amount enclosed: Entry fee: Total:__________

Note: No entry will be processed without the funds included. Unless otherwise instructed.

Friday Night Parent/Daughter ($ 5.00 per Team) or Saturday Night Blitz Championships  ($5.00 per player)

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY SO WE CAN PROCESS ENTRY CORRECTLY.

Daughter/ Last Name: _______________________________First:________________________________

Parent / Last Name: _______________________________ First:________________________________

Section (circle one or both): Friday Night Parent/ Daughter or Saturday Night Blitz Championships (Girls Only)

Phone Number: (_____)_______________________E-mail address: ______________________________________

ADA accommodations requested:
(Please allow 48 hours to prepare for any accommodations)

Amount enclosed: Entry fee Total:__________

Note: No entry will be processed without the funds included. Unless otherwise instructed.
US Chess School comes to Dallas

By Elizabeth Vicary

If you were going to teach chess to the top ten-year-olds in the country for one week, where would you start? What would you cover? Would you run a boot camp of calculation exercises? Make them learn all the technical endgames they would never study on their own? Trace the development of chess through the games of the world champions? And how do you get ten 10-year-olds to concentrate for nine hours at a time? For me, as a chess teacher, these are interesting hypotheticals to speculate on, but for Greg Shahade, who organizes the US Chess Schools, they are questions he has to find new answers for all the time.

The latest US Chess School, a free five day training camp for the nation's top young players, organized three times each year by IM Greg Shahade, took place July 7-12 in Dallas. Each camp brings 8-12 students together with two of the best teachers in the country for five nine-hour days of serious (but fun) hard work.

The most recent group was the youngest ever, with an average age of only 10.4. Greg's answer to the second question (how to keep nine hours of rigorous chess fun and engaging) was to break up the study time as much as possible: to include frequent but brief doses of blitz, bughouse, problem solving, sports, and stories; to team-teach; to make everything into mini-competitions, both individual and team; and to take most of the chess material covered in the camp directly relevant from the participants' own games.

Most people agree that looking at your own games is the single most important way to improve, but how to do that in group lessons with students you don't know? At US Chess Schools 8 and 9 last summer, participants spent the afternoon of the first day playing training games; these games provided rich material for the group to analyze in the following days. But teachable moments are always a little hit or miss, and Greg's sense that these games weren't always exactly what he wanted led him to look for more efficient ways to use students' games to create the camps' curriculum.
What he has come to do is nothing short of amazing to me. Before camp starts, students are required to email all their recent slow-time-control games to Greg. He spends days combing through them, collecting instructive moments to group into lessons. For the Dallas camp, he received and analyzed 203 games. To keep the selection of positions "human," Greg does most of the analysis without an engine. (This has the interesting side benefit of encouraging the kids to question his answers, because they know it’s possible he missed something and they are encouraged to challenge him.)

These moments then are grouped by theme (e.g. finding opponents’ resources, saving worse positions, knight maneuvers), and made into competitions. Students work individually, getting points out of ten for the completeness of their written ideas and variations, but the competition is team-based, to build camaraderie and ensure that even the lower scoring students are motivated to try their hardest.

Lessons: IM Gregory Shahade
Here is a selection of positions on "finding your opponents' resources". (Solutions: p. 20.)

1. Akshay Malhotra-Dachey Lin

2. Iyer1783 - Karamsetty

Which move is better, 27.Bxf8 or 27. Qd8?

3. Sakurmi,Eric - Xiong,Jeffery

Black to move

Choose between 17..Nxe5, 17...Bxe5, and 17...Bxg2

FM Aviv Friedman debuted as a USCS instructor for this camp. He's an excellent, very engaging, easy-to-listen to teacher.

Over the course of the week, I came to really appreciate one particular quality in Aviv as a teacher that I know I sometimes lack, and I think is easy to forget about: the importance of treating every student and every comment with intellectual respect. Students’ answers given during the week-long camp ranged from moments of absolute brilliance to total eight-year-old silliness, but Aviv has a special way of responding to everyone with equanimity, focusing on the correct part of the answer, rather than the mistakes. Usually at these camps, there are one or two kids who are relatively quiet, sometimes just because of their personality, sometimes because the material is hard for them, but that wasn’t the case in Dallas, and I give Aviv all of the credit for that. He has a talent for imparting self-confidence.

Aviv also has a treasure trove of whimsical warm-up positions.
15. White to move

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Aviv also has many great classic games that illustrate typical methods of dealing with types of positions. We studied two positions involving isolated queen pawns – how to play with and against them.

Korchnoi, V - Karpov, A
World Championship match, 1981

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Black to Move

Students were first asked to write down an evaluation of the position, choosing from the 7 notations, +/-, +/=, =, -/+ or - (white is winning, white is slightly better, equal, black is slightly better, etc.) and explain why. (put this as a caption for diagram outside answer) (inside answer: Black is better here because white has an isolated pawn, most of the minor pieces have been traded, and the square in front of the pawn (d5) is well controlled by black. Black's strategy here is to increase pressure on the d4 pawn, keeping control over the d5 square, and either to win it by attacking it more times than it can be defended, to use the pin on the d file to play e5, and/or to create a second weakness, in order to stretch white's defenses. As we looked over this game fragment, students were asked to guess most of black's moves.

21...Rb6!

Black is preparing to triple on the d file with ...Qd7 and ...Rd6, but the immediate 21...Qd7 allows 22. Bxa4.


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25.Qxc6 White cannot get rid of the isolated pawn for tactical reasons: 25...Nxc6 26.d5 Nb4 25...Nd5 26.Qd2 Qb6 27.Bxd5?? [27.a3] 27...Rxd5 28.Rb3 Qc6

Re 28...Qxd4?, it would be crazy to trade the healthy b7 pawn for the weak d4 pawn.

29.Qe3 Qd7

Black is now threatening ...e5, so White stops it with

30.f4

By threatening ...e5. Black has forced White to open up his second rank and weaken his.

30...b6

30...Rxd4 31.Qxd4 Qxd4+ 32.Rxd4 Rxd4 33.Rxb7

31.Rb4 b5! 32.a4

32.Kg2 If white does nothing, black is preparing to win the pawn with 32...a5 33.Rb3 b4 34.Qc4 Rxd4

32...bxa4 33.Qa3 a5

This forces white to misplace his rook.

34.Rxa4 Qb5

Threatens to invade with ...Qe2

35.Rd2 e5! 36.Qxe5 Rxe5

Threat: Re1+ and Qf1#

37.Qa1 Qe8! 38.dxe5 Rxd2 39. Rxa5 Qe6 40.Ra8+ Kh7 41.Qb1+ g6 42.Qf1 Qc5+

Hoping for 42...Qxa8 43.Qxf7+=

43.Kh1 Qd5+[A 44.Kg1 Rd1]

0-1

This was a great illustration of how to play against an isolated pawn:

•Black tied white's pieces down by attacking the d5 pawn.
•He made sure to keep tight control over d5, preventing white from advancing the pawn with tactical tricks.
•Korchnoi played carefully, taking time to make sure none of his pawns were hanging (30...b6)
•He tripled on the d file and threatened e5, which forced white to open up his king (f4) to stop this.
•Black pressured white's queenside pawns and opened up a second front there, in order to misplace white's pieces.
•Korchnoi then took advantage of the off-sides nature of white's pieces to switch back and create a winning attack against the white king. (the principle of two weaknesses!)

Next we looked at an example of playing with the isolated pawn:
A quick back story about this position: it can also arise from the mainline (6... e6, 12...Nf6) Panov attack, but with white up a tempo (black's rook is usually still on e8. I had taught this game in one of my own classes at IS 318 a week on a Wednesday, and on the Saturday 4 days later had taken some of my students to the Marshall for a G/60 tournament. In the first round, my student Randy was paired up to an 1880, got the exact position we had looked at in class, but had not recognized it, played 15.Bg5 before d5, and went on to lose. Two rounds later, James Black, who was now watching Aviv show this game, was paired with the same person. We went over the trick quickly, his opponent played right into it, and James won easily. As Aviv got to this position, I looked over at James and we both started to laugh.

14...Re8??

Later that day, we saw this position from Mika's game

Ainsworth - Brattain [E42]
New York International, 13.05.2010

A model game for playing with an isolated pawn. Notice how white:

•Attacked the king
•Used the tactical motif d4-d5
•Switched the light squared bishop back and forth between its two useful diagonals, b1-h7 and a2-g8.
•Used all his pieces in the attack

Black had to play 14...g6 here.

15.d5! exd5
Black pretty much has to take the pawn: 15...Nxd5 16.Qxh7+ Kf8 17.Qh8#; 15...Na5 16.Bg5 Rxc3 17.Qxc3 Qxd5

16.Bg5!
Threatening to take on f6 and then h7
16...Ne4
(17...Nxe7 18.Bxf6) 18.Nxd5+-


20...Qc7 21.Bxg6
Portisch thought that this sacrifice will win, but he missed....

21...fxg6 22.Qc4+
22.Re6 Rcd8!
22...Kg7 23.Bf4 Ba6!
A surprise for Portisch; not 23...h5 24.Qc3++-

(Diagram next column)
18...Nxe4!
White has an isolated pawn, so Black wants to exchange minor pieces.
Black continues exchanging...
21.Qxe4 Nd5
...and blockades the pawn.
22.Nf4 Nxf4
Maybe even stronger is 22...Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Bg5
23.Qxf4 Qd5
A great outpost for the queen.
I want to mention how enormously impressed I was by Mika Brattain. Most kids start their thinking process with a move that jumps out at them; they see a specific idea and turn on their internal engines. Mika's responses in class often started with a general observation about the position. They would sound like this: "If you are thinking in terms of a queenside attack, maybe Rfb1" or "Black has an extra kingside pawn, so he ought to start advancing them."

The final lesson of the day was always "something light" from Aviv. Everyone's favorite was the alien story

**Aviv's Alien Story**
This is a story about an alien who came to earth and met a chess master. The alien was very curious about earth and earth people, so he asked the master many questions about everything. The chess master was in a big hurry to get to his job. He didn't want to stop and talk to the alien, but he was a very polite guy and so he slowed down to help him. The master answered question after question, until finally the alien asked,

"What do you do in your free time?"

Okay, the master wasn't crazy about answering, but you know, he's a very polite person, so he decided to say,

"Well, I am playing a certain game."

"What is the name of the game, sir?"

"It is called chess."

"Chess? On my planet we have no such game. Can you please tell me what is it?"

The master says to himself, *oh my God, can you imagine what it is to explain to someone who has never heard about chess, what chess is?*

But again, the perfect host that he was, he started explaining that this is a board game, and he started telling the alien about the rules, the value of the pieces, how the pieces move, the chess board and the squares. The alien was fascinated like you couldn't believe. Never before had the master seen someone so enthusiastic about chess.

Eventually the alien said, "You know what? I think I got it. I think I understand all the rules of the game. I think I understand all the value of the pieces. I'd like to play you a game."

The master rolled his eyes twice, because that's about the last thing he wanted to do. He thought by then he would have gotten rid of the unwelcome visitor. But again he is very polite; he is very nice; and he said, "Alright, I'll play you a game." Fine. So they play a game. It took a while, but after about an hour, an hour and a half, they reach this position.

As you can guess, in this position the master is winning easily. He's up a
million pieces, and there's no really hope. As a matter of fact, the master looked at the position very carefully, and he all of a sudden got really pleased with himself. Because you know, there are a lot of moves that win here, maybe you can make a queen, maybe you can take the pawn on h2, all kinds of things. But he played the move Kc2 and he was extremely pleased with himself, because he realized that after the only move, which is promoting this pawn, he's going to play Bd4, checkmate.

Here the alien sank into a very long pause and the master was waiting and waiting and fidgeting, and he stood up, and was pacing, then eventually he got so impatient and he said, "C'mon, you have only one legal move. It doesn't matter what move you make. It really is irrelevant. One is no better than another."

So the alien eventually, after some thought, said, "Okay, I know what I want to do. h1 = King!"

The master said, "No! What are you talking about? You can't do that!"

"Well, didn't you tell me that if I get my pawn to the 8th rank, I get any piece I want?"

"Yes, but not a king."

"Well, you didn't tell me that. You told me I could get any piece I want, and I want a king!"

The master knew that arguing about it was going to kill two more hours and he said to himself ok, I'm winning so much, it doesn't really matter. Let's just play on. But then he had a brief dilemma. Because if he's going to go Bd4 checkmate, he's going to stalemate this king on h1, and how in the world is he going to explain about stalemate? What to do? After about forty minutes of thinking, he decided that he had a beautiful idea. He played a8, and made another black king! He promoted to a black king. Now we have three black kings!

Of course, the alien had nothing to say, because in the spirit of making a new king, you can make another king: no one can complain. And now, of course, here the alien had a very easy decision: this king on a1 can't move, this king on h1 can't move, so he went Kb8. The master went h7, and again, the alien has only one legal move, he went Ka8, and the master went h8=Q, checkmate, checkmate, checkmate!

Every camp includes a blitz tournament, and this one was won by Justus Williams with 8.5/10, followed by James Black (7.5/10), with Jonathan Chiang and Jeffrey Xiong tied for third (6.5). I was proud to come fifth, and especially happy to be outplayed by none of my students, James and Justus.

The US Chess School would not be possible without the generous sponsorship of Dr. Jim Roberts, in conjunction with the AF4C. Thanks also to our hosts, the Dallas Chess Club, especially Luis Salinas. For more information about the US Chess School, including how to be invited, see uschessschool.com.

The U.S. regularly boasts some of the top young talents in the world, yet somewhere along the way most of them either drop out of chess or fail to improve. Much of this lack of improvement can be attributed to the lack of support, training and guidance these young chess players are given. The US Chess School is hoping to change that, with a high level of chess training programs devoted to developing the strongest young players in the country.

Eight to twelve young players will receive five days of free training per session with one of the top grandmasters in the country. The only major expense the students will need to pay is the airfare and possibly lodging depending on the location. The training however is completely free of charge. The goals of this program are as follows:

1. Train our young players to their fullest potential
2. Create strong bonds of friendship between the top young American players
3. Provide the players with a mentor whom they can turn to for advice at any time
4. Instill the kind of work ethic that is necessary to becoming a top player.
5. Cultivate as many new American GM's as possible
6. Help to develop talent to lead our future Olympiad Teams

Solutions

1. 16...Nxb3 Most people looked first at Rd1+, pinning White's defended knight, and then taking on b3, but it's correct to make this move first, not allowing White's idea of Re8+. 16...Rd1+? 17.Kh2 Nxb3 18.Re8+.
2. 27.Bxf8 (27.Qd8? allows 27...Bh5 and Black is winning.)
3. 21...Nxe2?? (This move looks great, but overlooks a trick. Several other moves are okay: 21...Rad8 22.Qxb7 h6; 21...Bxf3 22.Qxf3 Qxh2+ 23.Kf1 Nxe3+ 24.Rxe3 Rxe3 25.fxe3 Rd8 Black is just better.; 21...Re5 22.Qxh7 Rae8 23.Rc8; 21...Red8 22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Qe4) 22.Qxf8+ Kg7 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Nxh3 Bxh3 25.Kxh2.
4. 21...Rfd8 This is bad because of Bc7, winning material [21...Rfe8! A lot of students rejected this move because it gives back the c5 pawn, but black has back rank threats that allow him to stay up a pawn 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.Rxe8+ Qxe8 24.Bxc5 Nc4 25.Nf1 Nxb2; 21...Bb4?? Black is up a pawn and
this seems to offer to repeat. 22.Qf4 (22.Qe5 Bf6 23.Qg3 Rfe8 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Bxe5 Nc4 27.Bc3 Nxb2) 22...Bg5.

5. 17...Nxe5? This move loses material because of 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.f4 Bd6 (19...Bxg2 20.fxg5 !h5 f6) 20.e4 with e5 coming. 17...Bxg2 is probably best: 18.Nx5 Nxd7 19.Kxg2 Bxh4 20.Bxh4 Qxb4; also okay is 17...Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.f4 Nc4 20.Bxd5 Nxa5. Black has plenty of compensation.

6. 1.Qg5+ Kh8 2.Qf4 The queen could go to bxa5 c5 Black has plenty of compensation. 20.Bxd5 Nxa5 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Rxc5.


US Open (cont’d from p. 5)

In Class A, John Harwell, Steven Cooklev, Christopher Pascal, Roland Feng and Keesav Viswanadha scored 6-3 to split that class prize.

Top B players Solomon Ruddell and Daniel Shaw scored 5.5. Five-pointers Agata Bykovtsev, Vic Alfaro, Carlen Melville, and Edward Dennis Collins, at 5-4, split the rest of the money. Class C honors went to Anthony Mack, Kevin Qian, and Bryan Huang, with 4.5. Poker star Allen Cunningham was in a group of nine with 4 points for the remaining money, despite having to fold his hand in each of the last three rounds.

Top E player, Ryan Perkovich actually outscored the D players, garnering four points (both classes offered the same prizes). Kyle Perkovich, John Yu, Danial Asaria, Alonzo Sanchez, Harini Balakrishnan, took D honors with 3.5. Rounding out the top winners, Trevor Stearman and Alvin Cao tied for second with 4 points at 3.5, and Erwin Urrutia was best Unrated with 4.

The Open drew 474 players, of whom five were re-entries, two were house players, and eight were GMs who played free per USCF policy. Over 92% of the projected $50,000 prize fund was paid out. (Winners of the two special prizes in memory of Jerry Hanken, donated by Neil Bertrand, will be announced August 18.) The Open was a great chess experience for serious players as always, with plenty of side events. Organizer Pat Knight Smith and Chief TD Franc Guadalupe did a great job of keeping the 194 boards in the last round – over 6%! (None of the 12 victims were re-paired.) Let's all be considerate of others and respect the game!

I hope to see many of our readers at the 112th Annual U.S. Open, July 30-Aug. 7 next year at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando, Florida, even closer to Disney World than the Irvine Hyatt is to Disneyland!

Pan-Am Youth (cont’d from p 8)


Results of the US participants:

Open Under 10
Tommy He 7.5/9, GOLD on tiebreak Jonathan Chiang 7/9 - clear bronze

Girls Under 10
Hannah Liu - 5/9

Open Under 12
Justus Williams - 5.5/9

Girls Under 12
Evan Xiang - 8/9, tied for first, SILVER on tiebreak

Open Under 14
John Hughes, Sarah Chiang, 5.5/9

Girls Under 14
Ellen Xiang-6.5/9

Open Under 16
Adarsh Jayakumar =3rd-6th, 4th on tiebreaks, 6.5/9

Stuart Finney, 5.5/9

Christopher Hueng, 5/9

Girls Under 18
Dai Yang- 5.5/9
Ivanov wins US Senior, Kaufman advances to World Senior

by IM Larry Kaufman

The US Senior Open (Aug. 23-28, Boca Raton, FL) finished much as expected, with top rated GM Alexander Ivanov taking first and the US Championship slot with 5.5 out of 6. Ivanov finished the tournament off with a win over IM Emory Tate.

Caro-Kann B12
Alexander Ivanov 2602
Emory Tate 2387

US Senior 2010 (6)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Na6 4.Nc3 Nc7 5.Bd3 b6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4
Bg7 15.Qd2 Rd8 16.Nd3 h6 17.a4 a5?! 17...Na6 18.a5 b5 19.c3 h5=
18.c3 Na6 19.b4 Qc7 20.Rfb1 h5
21.Kg2 axb4 22.exb4 Nb8 23.Bg5
Nd7 24.Rc1 Re8 25.Re2 Qe7 25...hxg4 26.hxg4 Ngs 27.a5+
26.Qc1 e5 27.bxe5 bxe5 28.Bxe7
Kxe7 29.dxe5 Qe7 30.Qf4 f6 31.
Re1 f5 32.c6 Nb6
32...hxg4 33.Qb+ Kd8 34.hxg4
Nf8 35.Nd4+-
33.Qg5+ Kf7 34.Nf4 Rh6 35.gxh5
gxh5 36.Kh1 Rch8 37.Rb1 Rb8. 38.
Rg1 Rg8 39.Nxh5 Kf8 40.h4 Rhx5
41.Qhx5 Bxe5 42.Rgxg8+ Kxg8 43.
Qg6+, Black resigns 1-0
34...Ng5 Qe7 45.c7 Ne8
46.Re6+-

Second rated GM Sergey Kudrin took second with 5, and the third rated player (myself) took fourth on tiebreak at 4.5 plus the US spot in the World Senior (age 60+) in Italy.

Third place with 5 out of 6 was taken by FM Luis Barredo of Cuba, who defeated the higher-rated FM LaRota in the last round. Consequently a playoff game between Kudrin and Barredo was played to decide who qualifies for the US Championship in case Ivanov gets in by rating. Kudrin got 30 minutes and White, Barredo 20 minutes and Black plus draw odds. Kudrin won, and only afterwards was it realized that the game was pointless, as Barredo being Cuban is ineligible for the US Championship anyway!

As for myself, I played carefully to hold the draw in the last round against Kudrin to get the World Senior slot as best scorer over 60.

French Defense C03
Lawrence Kaufman 2463
Sergey Kudrin 2579

US Senior 2010 (4)
1.e4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4
Bg7 5.e3 O-O 6.Rc1 Be6 7.Qb3 b6
Nf6 14.Rd2 Qb7 15.Qe2 Rce8 16.
Rfd1 Rd8 17.Rxd8+ Nxd8 18.h3
Nxg4 Qxe4 22.h3 Rc2 23.Rd2 R1+ 24.
Rd1 Qe2 25.Qxc2 Rxc2 26.Rd2
Rb2 Kf6 30.f3 Nc5 31.Rd2 a5 32.
Kg3 a4 33.Ne2 Ra1 34.b4 Na6 35.
Nc3 a3 36.Nd5+ Kg7 37.Nxb6
Nxb4 38.Nc4 ½–½

However Leonid Bondar, rated only 2006 and 70 years old, came out of nowhere to win his last three games and reach a tie with me at 4.5 for the spot. So we also had to have a playoff game. The two players submitted sealed bids for Black, with the lower bid winning. I bid 20 minutes (White gets 30), which also was the winning bid in the Kudrin game. Bondar really wanted the draw odds, as he bid a ridiculous FIVE minutes! Even allowing for the five second delay, this was quite silly and I won easily. So it looks like I’ll be back for my third consecutive World Senior with (most) expenses paid. It’s in northern Italy starting late in October.

The other 4.5 scorer was IM Joseph Bradford, who told me that he held a 2500+ rating for over 20 years but is now in the low 2400s.

As for the other IMs, Emory Tate finished out of the money with 4 points, having lost to the two top GMs. He blamed his losses on the fast time control and on a bedbug infestation at his hotel (not the Marriott!). IM John Watson withdrew after four rounds citing eye trouble.

As for the age bracket prizes, Ivanov gets 50-54, Bradford 55-59, I get 60-64, Denis Strenzwilk got 65-69, Bondar got 70-74, and the amazing Dan Mayers won the 75 and up category at age 87!

The tournament was well-run by Jon Haskel.
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White to move, mate in two
Solution: p. 2