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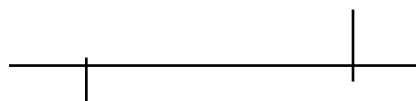
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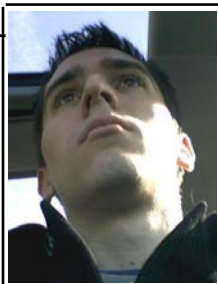
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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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by **Pete Karagianis**



This issue of the ICB you may notice a few (though very slight) layout changes. I

am working with new ideas to make the magazine look and feel even more professional, in the hopes that by the time the ICA Board decides to resume print issues, our Bulletin will have a legitimate chance to win some heavy CJA award hardware (Do they even give out trophies? I doubt it, but oh well. Maybe we can make one ourselves.)

I hope to continue to improve both as an editor and designer, and of course any feedback you, the readers, have, may be sent to: [ICBEditor@gmail.com](mailto:ICBEditor@gmail.com)

The feel of the magazine and how it "reads" is my primary focus each time I consider how to input a new article. Fortunately, the chess playing community has, to date, provided me with plenty of material with which to fill our lovely pages.

My constant goal when compiling each new issue is to make it better than the last while also striving to create the best state chess magazine, period. Of course, this would not be possible without your contributions, and so once again I must give you all my bi-monthly pitch for contributions. PLEASE SEND ME SOME!

To that end, I have decided to start an ICB Chess Picture Contest.

## Here are the rules:

- 1) Each picture must be your own and taken at an ICA event within the past 3 months.
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  - A descriptive caption
  - A brief (2 paragraphs to 1 page long) summary of the event at which the photograph was taken.
- 3) Anyone is eligible, not only ICA members, but the picture must come from an ICA event.

What do you win? A very good prize, in my opinion. Each issue's winner will receive a free one-year ICA membership (or one-year extension), courtesy of yours truly. Since I am donating the prize, however, I get to judge the pictures as I see fit. No complaining! All contestants can submit their entries to: [ICBEditor@gmail.com](mailto:ICBEditor@gmail.com), and I will keep the competition open through, at the very least, the end of 2007. Which means there will be at least three free ICA memberships for the taking! If that's not enough motivation to get those shutters clicking, I don't know what is!

I should also add that, despite my clamoring and wall banging for contributions, the May/June edition of the Illinois Chess Bulletin features the largest number of different contributors since I assumed control of the magazine. A big thank you to all those who helped out, including

first-time contributor (at least during my reign) Andi Rosen, who has sent us a report on the Warren Junior Program.

Speaking of Juniors, we should also all extend a congratulations to 2007 Denker Champion Tony Cao, who recently won a very tough Illinois High School Championship and will represent our state at the national tournament. Good job Tony!

We also seem to be in the midst of a string of National Scholastic Championship events- the High School one in Kansas City, the Elementary tournament in Nashville- and I think it is important to take a moment and congratulate these thousands of young players who have the drive, desire, and skills to represent their respective schools and states at these national events. However, it is equally necessary to recognize that for every player at one of these events there is another player, or another ten players, who does/do not have the chance or means to travel to such events, to improve their own play to such levels, or to enjoy the competitive aspect of chess. Organizations like the Warren Junior Program are wonderful in that they offer students a chance to excel, but they cannot carry the full load for every player, especially those underprivileged woodpushers who may not be from a big city or part of an imperial chess empire like that we fortunately have in Chicago. When we can help those players, I think, I will no longer have a need for a pen (or keyboard) and this e-soapbox known simply as the editor's desk.

# President's Podium



ICA PRESIDENT  
CHRIS MERLI

It has certainly been a busy time for the ICA recently. After the elections in November we still found ourselves two officers short. Fortunately since that time two volunteers have stepped forward to fill the roles.

I would like to welcome our new **Metro-VP Mike Zaccate** to the board. Mike is a long time chess organizer in the state and one of the first ICA officers. He is very active in high school chess organizing and frequently serves as a tournament director at events all over the country. He will be an excellent addition to the board.

I would also like to welcome **Lamar Wilson**. Lamar has agreed to serve as the ICA secretary. Lamar is active in the Chicago area scholastic chess scene and has his own chess blog.

With the board filled we are working hard on a couple of projects that are long overdue. First is a creation of a formal bidding procedure for the ICA state events.

For many years the bidding process has been somewhat chaotic and it is my hope with a formal written process in place it will help both organizers and the board to coordinate bids and to get the best tournaments possible for the state. The work in progress can be observed on the new and improved ICA forums in the ICA website.

In addition we are working on an updated constitution and bylaws that will incorporate recent amendments and will be filed with the state to insure our compliance with state regulations for not-for-profit organizations.

I am also happy to report that we are recovering financially and in terms of membership numbers. Hard work by members of the board has begun to pay dividends and I hope that we can eventually put our financial concerns behind us.

We have already gotten contracts for both the Illinois Open and the Illinois Class both for this year and into the future due to some extended contracts.

Overall I think the ICA is moving in the right direction. Unfortunately this has not always been an easy process as we were forced to make cuts in areas of the budget that have been steadily depleting the ICA reserves for some time. In particular we have been forced to end the ICA tour and have turned from printed ICB issues to an online version.

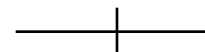
I realize not everyone has found the transition to the electronic format

easy. However it is my hope that the cost savings will be enough to put the ICA back on sound footing. Perhaps in the future we may return to some printed ICBs.

The good news is that Pete Karaganis has done an excellent job with the format and layout of the bulletin and I think the new issues are of superior quality. Of course he always needs your help so please send him your games with or without analysis as well as photos and any news. The more he has to work with the better the ICB will be.

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Illinois Games **From Games Editor****FM ALBERT CHOW****Stevanovic,M - Karklins,A**

[A00] Illinois open (3), 03.09.2006  
[A.C.]

**1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nxe4 Bf5  
4.Ng3 Bg6 5.Nf3 e6?**

[5...Nd7! is correct just like in the Caro Kann.]

**6.h4! h6 7.Ne5! Bh7 8.Qf3!**

Black has been tricked by a trap and now does his best to swindle survival down material.

**8...Qf6!? 9.Qxb7 Qxe5+ 10.Be2  
c6 11.d4**

[11.Qc8+! Ke7 12.Qb7+--]

**11...Qd6 12.Qxa8 Qc7 13.d5!?  
cxd5 14.Be3 Bb4+! 15.Kf1  
Nf6 16.c3 Bd6 17.Qxa7 Qxa7  
18.Bxa7 Ke7**

Diagram



**19.Ke1?**

[19.Nh5! White gains a good chance for real advantage.]

**19...Nc6 20.Be3 Rb8! 21.b4?**

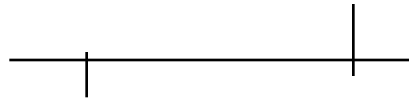
[21.b3! is best.]

**21...d4! 22.b5?**

[22.cxd4! Nxb4 23.Bd1!± was good.]

**22...dxe3 23.bxc6 Be5 24.Rc1  
Rb2! 25.Nf1 exf2+ 26.Kxf2  
Bd3!-+ 27.Ng3 Bxg3+ 28.Kxg3  
Rxe2 29.Rhd1 Re3+ 30.Kh2  
Ng4+ 31.Kg1 Kd6 32.Rd2  
Kxc6 33.Rcd1 Be4 34.Rd7 Bd5  
35.Rxf7 Re2**

white resigned. 0-1

**Shaw,T - Pasalic,M [A20]**

Illinois open (2), 02.09.2006  
[A.C.]

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5  
4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0-0  
Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Nbd2!? Be6  
9.a3 a5! 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 f6  
12.Qc2 Qd7**

The English has been transposed into a Sicilian Dragon with colors reversed. Black's classical system development seems to promise good counterplay.

**13.e3!? Rfd8 14.d4 exd4  
15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Bd5**

[16...Nd5 was good.] 17.Bxd5+?!  
[17.Bxb6!? may be better.]

**17...Nxd5**

White has no initiative after the opening. Black has already equalized, and can aim for more by advancing his queenside pawn majority.



**18.Ne4 b6! 19.Rfd1 c5 20.Bb2  
Qe6!**

Diagram



**21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Qxc3?**

[22.Bxc3 is better to draw.]

**22...Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 a4!  
24.bxa4 Rxa4**

The weakness of a3 is ultimately fatal.

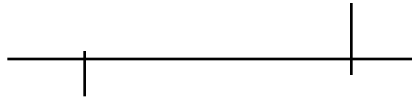
**25.Qc2 b5 26.Qd3 Ra5 27.Qd7  
Qxd7 28.Rxd7 Kf7 29.Kf1 Ke6**

The black king is more powerful.

**30.Rb7 Bf8!? 31.Ke1 Kd5  
32.Kd2 Kc6 33.Rf7 Ra8! 34.g4  
c4! 35.h4 Bxa3! 36.Bxa3 Rxa3  
37.Rxg7 b4 38.Rxh7 Ra2+**

**39.Kc1 c3 40.Rh8 Kb5 41.g5 fxg5 42.hxg5 Rxf2**

white resigned. 0-1



**Cohen,L (2000) - Pasalic,M (2445)** [A29]

3rd Coast open.open (2), 01.10.2006 [A.C.]

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nb6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be6 8.d3 Be7 9.b3?! f6 10.Be3**

[10.Bb2 0-0 Looks like white forgot to fianchetto.]

**10...Nd5!? 11.Nxd5 Bxd5 12.a3 a5! 13.Nd2?! 0-0 14.Bxd5+ Qxd5 15.Ne4 f5! 16.Nc3 Qf7 17.Nb5? f4! 18.Bd2 Bc5! 19.Rc1 Bb6**

Straight forward moves already gain an easy attack against the passive white weakness.

**20.e3 f3! 21.h3 Rad8 22.Bc3 Qd5!-+ 23.a4 Qxd3 24.Qxd3 Rxd3 25.Rfd1 Rfd8 26.Rxd3 Rxd3 27.Na3? Rxe3! 28.Nc4 Re2 29.Nxb6 cxb6 30.g4 Kf7 31.Rd1 Rc2 32.Rd3 e4 33.Re3 Re2! 34.Kf1 Rxe3 35.fxe3 g6! 36.h4 h5! 37.gxh5 gxh5**

Good knight beats bad bishop.  
**38.Kf2 Ne7! 39.Be5 Nd5 40.Bg3 Ke6 41.Bh2 Kd7 42.Bg3 Kc6**

Black plays ...b5 and soon queens so white resigned.

**0-1**

**Merli,C - Tsyganov,I** [A31]  
Illinois open (2), 02.09.2006 [A.C.]

**1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 b6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.f3 a6 7.e4 d6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Be2 e6 10.Qd2 Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfd1 Qc7 13.Rac1 Rac8 14.Bf1 Qb8! 15.Qf2 Bd8!?**

White often has difficulty finding a good plan against the flexible Hedgehog system.

**16.Qg3 Kh8! 17.b3 Ne5 18.Be2 Ng6 19.Bd3 Bc7** Diagram

**20.f4?**

[20.Qh3 was a good way to maintain the tension with equal chances.]

**20...Qa8! 21.f5?**

[21.Qf3 was a better defence.]

**21...d5! 22.Qe1 dxe4! 23.fxg6?**

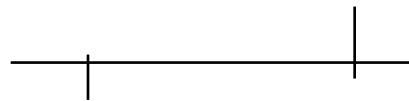
[23.Bc2! exf5 24.Nxf5 was not as bad.]

**23...exd3 24.gxf7 Bxg2**

Now white's king is exposed.

**25.Nxe6? Bh3!-+ 26.Nd5 Bxe6 27.Nxc7 Rxc7 28.Bxb6 Rc6 29.c5 Bxf7 30.Rxd3 Nh5 31.Rd6 Rxd6 32.cxd6 Nf4 33.Qf1 Be6 34.Rc3 Nh3+ 35.Qxh3 Bxh3 36.Rxh3 Qc6**

White resigned. **0-1**



**Magnus,T (1952) - Szpisjak,S** [B33]

Illinois open (1), 02.09.2006 [Albert Chow]

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Be2 a6 9.0-0 d6 10.f4 Be7 11.Kh1 b5 12.Bf3 Bb7 13.a3 0-0**

Many strong players use Sicilian Schevenigen systems to gain black good counterplay.

**14.Qe1 b4!?**

Diagram



**15.Na4?!**

[15.axb4!? Nxb4 16.Qf2! Rac8=]

**15...a5 16.Bb6?! Qb8**

White is getting over extended, his soldiers dis-connected.

**17.Rd1?! Ba6!**

also threatening 18...Bb5!

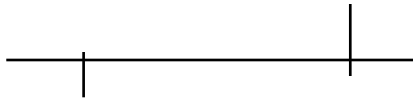
**18.e5?**

[18.Be2! Bxe2 19.Qxe2 d5<sup>3</sup> and black can not yet get so big an advantage.]

**18...Nd5 19.Bxd5 exd5 20.exd6 Bxd6-+ White will lose lots of material. 21.Rxd5 Re8! 22.Qf2 Bxf1 23.Qxf1 bxa3 24.bxa3 Bxa3 25.h3 Re4 26.Qb5 Re1+ 27.Bg1 Qxb5 28.Rxb5 Bc1 29.Nxc1 Rxc1 30.Rc5 Nd4 31.Nb6 Re8 32.Kh2 Ne6 33.Rxa5 Rxc2**

**34.Be3 h6 35.Nd5 Nc7 36.Nxc7 Rxc7 37.Re5 Rxe5 38.fxe5 Kf8 39.h4 Ke7 40.Kg3 Ke6 41.Kf3 Rc4 42.Bf4 h5 43.g4 hxg4+ 44.Kxg4 Re4**

White resigned. **0-1**



**Mehmed,P - Betaneli,A [C77]**

Illinois open (3), 03.09.2006  
[A.C.]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.Bxc6!? dxc6 6.d3 Bd6**

An Exchange variation of the Ruy Lopez.

**7.Nbd2 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nc4 Nd7 10.g4 Bg6 11.Bg5 f6 12.Bd2 Nc5 13.Nh4 Bf7 14.Na5! Rb8?!**

Now black lost any chance of queenside castling. Maybe 14... Qc8!? with a plan of..Ne6, ..c5, and then..b6, ..Qd7, and ...OOO was a good idea.

**15.Nf5 Ne6 16.Nb3 c5 17.Qf3! Bf8?!**

[17...0-0 was more natural developing.]

**18.0-0-0! Qd7 19.h4 Qa4?! 20.Kb1 Nd4 21.Nfxd4 cxd4**

Pasalic has a good development after the opening and is able to continue a strong attack plan into the middle and endgame: Breaking black's pawn structure with pawn storming and undermining advances

**22.g5! Be7 23.Qg3! Bh5 24.Rdg1 0-0 25.gxf6! Bxf6 26.Bg5! Qc6! 27.f4! Rbe8 28.Bxf6! Qxf6 29.fxe5! Rxe5**

[29...Qxe5 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.Nxd4 We all enjoy a clear endgame advantage.]

**30.Nxd4**

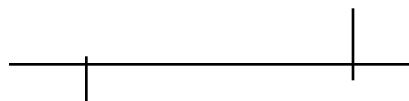
White has a big advantage of an extra pawn.

**30...g6 31.Nb3 Qf4 32.a3 Qxg3 33.Rxg3 Rf2 34.Kc1! c5 35.Nd2! Re7 36.Rg5! b6 37.a4! Rc7 38.Rd5! Kf7 39.Rd6 Rf6 40.Rd8! Bg4 41.Nc4 Bd7 42.e5! Re6 43.Rf1+ Kg7 44.Rf6! Rxf6 45.exf6+ Kxf6 46.Nxb6 Bc6**

A winning technique is important when the time control enters sudden Death!

**47.Rf8+ Kg7 48.Rf4 Bb7 49.b4 cxb4 50.Rxb4 h6 51.Nc4 Bd5 52.Ne3 Be6 53.Rb6 Bc8 54.c4 Rb7 55.Rc6 Bf5 56.Nxf5+ gxf5 57.Kd2 f4 58.h5 Rb2+ 59.Ke1 f3 60.Rxa6 Re2+ 61.Kf1 Rd2 62.Rd6 Kf7 63.c5 Ke7 64.d4 Ra2 65.Rxh6 Rxa4 66.Rd6 Ra2 67.h6 Rh2 68.d5 f2 69.Re6+ Kd7 70.c6+ Kc7 71.Re7+ Kd8 72.Rd7+ Kc8 73.h7**

Black resigned. 1-0



**McNally - Karklins,A [C92]**

Illinois open (1), 02.09.2006  
[A.C.]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nd7 10.d4 Bf6**

One of the many interesting systems black may choose in the Closed Spanish variations.

**11.Bc2 Bb7 12.Be3 exd4! 13.Nxd4**

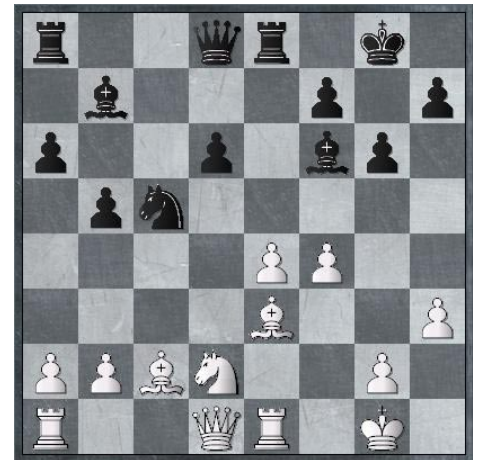
[13.cxd4 Nb4! is good counterplay for black.]

**13...g6 14.Nd2 Re8 15.f4?!**

[15.Nxc6 Bxc6 16.Bd4 is solid and more equal.]

**15...Nxd4! 16.cxd4 c5! 17.dxc5 Nxc5!**

Diagram



Andrew Karklins' active counterplay creates pressure and so young Mr. McNally now makes a strategical blunder and loses the bishop pair and is soon unable to prevent black's activity. A better chance was 18.e5!

**18.Bxc5? dxc5 19.e5 Qd4+! 20.Kh1 Bh4!**

Karklins wins material by force and controls the initiative.

**21.Be4 Bxe1 22.Qxe1 Rad8! 23.Bxb7 Qxd2-+ 24.Qh4 Rd4 25.Rf1 Rxe5! 26.Bxa6 Re2 27.Qg4 h5 28.Qc8+ Rd8 29.Qc6 Re1 30.Bxb5 Rxf1+ 31.Bxf1 Qxf4 32.Qb5 Rd1 33.Kg1 Qe3+ 34.Kh2 Qf2 35.Qe8+ Kh7 36.Bc4 Qf4+**

Checkmate next move. **0-1**



**Young,A - Pasalic,M** [D02]  
 Illinois open (4), 03.09.2006  
 [A.C.]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Qb6 7.Qb3 Be7 8.h3 Bd7**

This London system in the double queen's pawn is also like a Classical Slav Queen's gambit with colors reversed. Chances are about equal.

**9.Be2 Na5!? 10.Qxb6**  
 [10.Qc2 Rc8 black gains activity.]

**10...axb6 11.Bc7 Bd8 12.Bxd8 Rxd8 13.Ne5 Ra8 14.0-0-0!? Nc6**

Diagram



Knights could be exchanged, yet black would remain with the problem child bad bishop, so white could try 15.Nxc6 !?

**15.Nxd7?! Kxd7 16.Kb1 Kc7 17.Bd3?!**

[17.f4!? was better.]

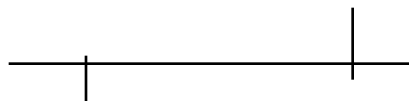
**17...e5! 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Be2 Rad8 20.Nf3 Nc6 21.Bd3 h6! 22.Rhf1 Rhe8 23.Bb5 Re7! 24.Kc2 Na7! 25.Be2 Nc8! 26.a3 Nd6**

Perfect Pasalic positional play proves

a plus favoring black. Yet Angelo defends solidly, and holds.

**27.Bd3 b5 28.Nd2 b6 29.Nf3 Kc6 30.Nd2 Rde8 31.Ra1 Ra7 32.Rfd1 Nfe4 33.Rf1 f5 34.Nf3 g5 35.g3 Nc4 36.Bxc4 bxc4 37.Rad1 Rf7 38.Nd2 h5 39.Rde1 b5 40.Nf3 Rh7 41.h4! g4 42.Ng1 Rb8 43.Ne2**

Black still has better chances but any remaining blitz moves were not recorded on this scoresheet, and the game ended in a draw. 1/2-1/2



**Tsyganov,I - Kane** [D35]  
 Illinois open (6), 04.09.2006  
 [A.C.]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 0-0 7.e3 c5!? 8.Be2 Nc6 9.0-0 Be6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Rc1 Rc8**

The Tarrasch defence in the Queen's gambit declined is risky against strong positional players. Some wrong moves may expose weaknesses.

**12.Bg5 Be7 13.Nd4 h6 14.Bh4 Qd7**

[14...Qa5!? seems more active.]

**15.Bb5 Rc7 16.Ba4!? a6 17.Nce2 b5 18.Nxc6 Rxc6 19.Rxc6 Qxc6 20.Nd4 Qd7 21.Bc2**

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**21...Ne4?!**

[21...Rc8 was better.]

**22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.Bd3 Qb4?!**

[23...Nc5 was most solid.]



**24.Bxe4! dxe4 25.Nxe6! fxe6**

Damaged pawn structure ugly.

**26.Qc2 Rd8 27.a3 Rd2?**

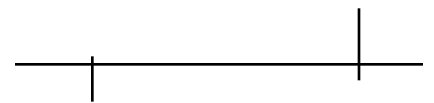
[27...Qc4! 28.Qxc4 bxc4 29.Rc1 Rc8 would allow black to defend an inferior ending.]

**28.Qc8+! Qf8 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.b4± a5?**

[30...Qa8!±]

**31.bxa5+- Rd3 32.g3 Rxa3 33.Rc1**

Black can not defend his king and so resigned. **1-0**



More games from FM Chow are available: <http://ilchess.org/eICB/e.htm>

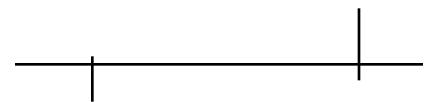




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## FIDE Invitational GAMES: analysis with IM ANGELO YOUNG

[Event "4th North American FIDE Invitational"]  
 [Date "2007.03.08"]  
 [Round "4"]  
**[White "Young, IM Angelo"]**  
**[Black "Chow, FM Albert"]**  
 [Result "1-0"]  
 [ECO "E22"]  
 [WhiteElo "2370"]  
 [BlackElo "2219"]

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qb3**

{Favorite of GM's Stienitz, Rubinstein, Capablanca, Akopian, Christiansen & Serper.}

**4... c5 5. e3**

{I preferred the positional e3 versus the complications that will arise after:

(5. dxc5 Na6 6. a3 Bxc3+ 7. Qxc3 Nxc5 8. b4 Nce4 9. Qb2 d5 10. c5 d4 11. e3 Ng4 12. Bb5+ Kf8 13. Nh3 dxe3 14. f3 Ngf2 15. Nxf2 exf2+ 16. Ke2 a6 17. Ba4 Nf6 18. Bg5 Bd7 19. Bxf6 gxf6 20. Rad1 Bxa4 21. Rxd8+ Rxd8 22. Qxf6 Bb5+ 23. Kxf2 Rd2+ {1-0 Hoeksema,H - Grosar A})

**5... O-O 6. Nf3 d5 7. dxc5**

{White must be careful not to open the center}

**7... Nc6**

{I expected Na6.}

**8.Bd2**

{Queenside castling is in the offing.}

**8... Bxc5 9. Rd1**

{White doesn't have time to play: (9. Be2 d4 10. exd4 Nxd4 11. Nxd4 Bxd4 12. Qc2 Bd7 13. O-O Bc6)}

**9... dxc4 10. Qxc4**

{Avoiding: (10. Bxc4 Na5 11. Qb5 b6 12. Be2 a6 13. Qa4 Bb7 {with a good game for black})}

**10... Be7 11. Bc1**

{One of the hardest moves to play! moving back my piece. I wanted to play ... (11. Bd3 but 11... Na5 12. Qb5 a6 13. Qa4 Qxd3 14. Qxa5 b5 15. Bc1 Qg6 16. O-O Bb7 {It's too much for white.})}

**11... Qa5 12. Bd3 Qb4 13. Qxb4 Bxb4 14. Bd2 Rd8 15.Ke2!**

{One of the most important moves! Castling is not the best option, especially when the endgame is approaching.}

**15... b6 16. a3 Bd6 17. Nb5 Be7 18. Nc7 Rb8 19. Rc1 Bb7 20. Ba6 Bxa6+ 21. Nxa6**

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The computer program still favors black}



**21... Rbc8 22. Rc2 Bd6 23. Rhc1 Ne7 24. Nc7**

{I saw this move when i played Nc7 on move 18. White's chances lies on active king.}

(24. Bb4 Rxc2+ 25. Rxc2 Bxb4 26. Nxb4 Rc8)

**24... Bxc7 25. Rxc7 Rxc7 26. Rxc7 Rd7 27. Rc1 Ne8 28. Bb4 f6 29. Nd4 e5 30. Nb5 a6 \$2 31. Bxe7 Rxe7 32. Nc3 Rc7 33. Rd1 Kf7 34. Rd8**



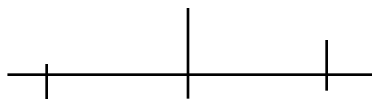
{This is the key position of the game. Although black did not make any serious mistake through out the game, the black queenside weakened pawn structure deserves some attention.}

**34... f5 35. Ra8 a5 36. Rb8 Rc6 37. Rb7+**

{A good In- Between move ! making black king inutil.}

**37... Kf8 38. Na4 Rc2+ 39. Ke1 Rc1+ 40. Kd2 Rh1 41. Nxb6 Rxh2 42. Nd7+ Ke7 43. Nxe5+ Ke6 44. Nd3 g5 45. g3 Nd6 46. Rb6 Kd5 47. Ke2 h5 48. Ra6 Ke6 49. Rxa5 h4 50. gxh4 Rxh4 51. b4 Rh1 52. Nc5+ Kf6 53. Ra6 Ke5 54. Nd7+ Kd5 55. Nf6+ Ke5 56. f4+ gxf4 57. exf4+ Kxf6 58. Rxd6+ Ke7 59. Rd3**

**1-0**



[Event "4th North American FIDE Invitational"]

[Date "2007.03.07"]

[Round "3"]

**[White "Turgut, Tansel"]**

**[Black "Young, IM Angelo"]**

[Result "0-1"]

[ECO "A57"]

[WhiteElo "2262"]

[BlackElo "2370"]

**1. d4 c5 2. d5 Nf6 3. c4 b5**

{This my third time playng Benko Gambit in my whole chess career.}

**4. cxb5 a6 5. b6 Qxb6**

{In Karpov A. - Christiansen L 1993} (5... e6 6. Nc3 exd5 7. Nxd5 Nxd5 8. Qxd5 Nc6 9. Nf3 Be7 10. Ne5 O-O 11. Nxc6 dxc6 12. Qxd8 Rxd8 13. Bf4 Bf6 14. Rd1 Rd4 15. e3 Rb4 16. b3 Be6 17. Bc7 Bc3+ 18. Ke2 c4 19. bxc4 Bxc4+ 20. Kf3 d5+ 21. Kg3 h5 22. Be2 h4+ 23. Kh3 Be6+ 24. g4 hxg3+ 25. Kxg3 Rb2 26. Bf3 { 1-0 39 moves})

**6. Nc3 d6 7. e4 g6 8. a4 Bg7 9. a5 Qb7!?**

{With pressure on b2 pawn.}

**10. Nf3 O-O 11. Be2 Bg4 12. O-O Nbd7 13. Re1 Ne8**

{With the ideas Nc7 - b5-d4}

**14. Ra3 Rb8 15. Nd2 Bxe2 16. Qxe2 Nc7 17. h4 Qc8**

{Also possible: (17... Bxc3 18. Rxc3 Nb5 19. Rg3 Nd4 20. Qf1 f5 21. h5 f4 22. Rg5 Ne5 -+)

**18. h5 Re8 19. Nf3 Rb4**

{More prudent: (19... Ne5 20. hxg6 hxg6 21. Nxe5 Bxe5 22. Na4 Nb5 23. Rh3 Nd4 24. Qf1 Rb4)

**20. hxg6 hxg6 21. Ng5 Qb7 22. Qg4**

{If: (22. Qf3 Ne5 23. Qh3 Nc4 24. Ra2 Nxb2 25. Re3 Nc4 26. Rf3 Ne5 {It's not all dangerous for Black.})

**22... Nf6 23. Qh3 Qc8 24. Qh2 Qg4!**

Diagram



{The key move which completely protects my kingside}

**25. f3 Qh5 26. Qf4**

{Any endgame will favor black due to open b file.}

**26... Rf8**

{a waiting move. I wanted to move my knight Nd7-e5.}

**27. Qh2 Qxh2+ 28. Kxh2**

{The endgame is completely winning for black- open file, weak pawn on b2 & a5, strong bishop which controls a1-h8 diagonal.}

**28... Nd7 29. Nd1 Nb5 30. Ra2 Ne5 31. Nf2 Nc4 32. Nd3 Rb3**

{Slowly building up pressure on white's b pawn}

**33. Rd1 Rb8 34. f4 Nc7 35. e5 R3b5 36. exd6 exd6 37. Ne4 Re8 38. Ndf2 Rd8 39. Nc3 Rxa5 40. Rxa5 Nxa5 41. Nfe4 Nb3 42. Be3 Nb5 43. Kg3 Nxc3 44. bxc3 a5 45. Nd2**

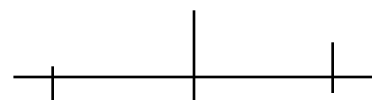
{The passed pawn must be stopped.}

**45... a4 46. Nc4 Bxc3 47. Rd3 Bd4 48. Nb6 Bxe3 49. Rxe3 Nd4 50. Kg4**

(50. Nxa4 Nf5+)

**50... Nc2 51. Re7 a3 52. Ra7 Kg7 53. Kf3 Re8 54. Nc4 Nd4+ 55. Kg3 Nf5+ 56. Kf2 Re4 57. Nxa3 Rxf4+ 58. Ke2 Rd4 59. Nb5 Rxd5 60. Nc7 Re5+ 61. Kf2 Re7 62. Rb7 c4**

**0-1**



[Event "4th North American FIDE Invitational"]  
 [Date "2007.03.11"]  
 [Round "8"]  
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**[Black "Kraai, IM Jesse"]**  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]  
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 [WhiteElo "2370"]  
 [BlackElo "2457"]

**27. Bxe5 Rxe5 28. Ra1**

(28. Nf3 Re8 29. d4 Bb5 30. c4 dxc4 31. bxc4 Ba6 32. Rb6 Qa7 33. dxc5 Nd7 {Is not bad for black .})

**28... a4 29. d4 \$2 cxd4 30. Nf3 Re4 31. bxa4 Bxa4 32. Qa6 Bxc2 33. Ne1**

Diagram



{And now this is what i missed in the line:}

**33... Re6!**

{Now white is down two pawns.}

**34. Qa3 Bf5 35. Nf3 d3 36. Bf1 Re8 37. Bxd3 h6 38. Bf1 Bh3 39. Qc5 Bxf1 40. Rxf1 Qf5 41. Kg2 Qd3 42. Qd4 Qc2 43. Qd1 Re2 44. Qxc2 Rxc2 45. Nd4 Rb2 46. Re1 Ne4 47. Re2 Rxe2 48. Nxe2 Kf8 49. f3 Nf6 50. Kf2 Ke7 51. Ke3 Kd6 52. Kd4 Nd7?**

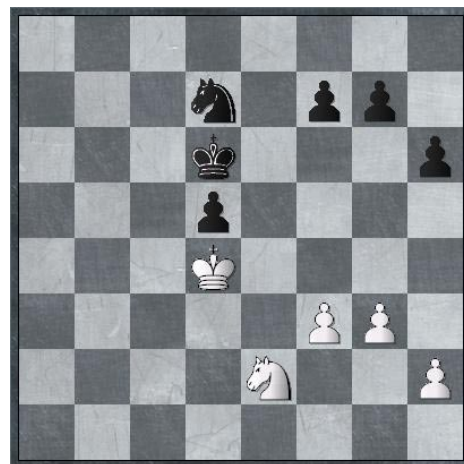
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{Best would be: (52... Ne8 53. Nc3 Nc7 {Covers b5 and d5 plus Ne6+ is next.})}

**53. Nc3 Ne5**

{Now comes:

**54. Nb5+ Ke6 55. Nc7+ Kf5 56. g4+ Nxc7 57. fxc4+ Kxc7 58.**



position after 52. ...Nd7?

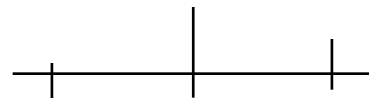
**Ne8 g6 59. Nd6 f5 60. Kxd5 h5 61. Ke5 h4 62. Kf6 Kh3 63. Kg5 f4 64. Kxf4 Kxh2 65. Kf3 g5**

{Congratulations! Jesse on both winning the tournament and becoming our new GM.} 1/2-1/2

Final Standings of 4th North American FIDE Invitational Tournament (from www.nachess.org)

**Standings after 9 Rounds:**

- 1st - 7.5/9.0 - IM Kraai**
- 2nd - 6.5/9.0 - IM Young
- 3rd - 6.0/9.0 - FM Pasalic
- 4th - 5th - 5.5/9.0 - IM Vigorito, FM Felecan
- 6th - 4.0/9.0 - FM Chow
- 7th - 3.0/9.0 - Vishnuvardhan
- 8th-9th - 2.5/9.0 - Turgut, Loncarevic
- 10th - 2.0/9.0 - Shankar



{Jesse Kraai recently completed his GM norms at Foxwood open Tournament and is our newest GM. I needed to win this game to catch him.}

**1. Nf3 b6 2. g3**

{Its always best to counter a fianchetto Bishop with your own fianchetto Bishop}

**2... Bb7 3. Bg2 c5 4. O-O Nf6 5. a4**

{Other possibilities: d4, d3, b3, e3, c4, Nc3.}

**5... e6 6. Na3 Be7 7. b3 O-O 8. a5 d5**

(8... bxa5 9. Nc4 d5 10. Nxa5 Ba6 11. d3 Qc7 12. Bb2 Nbd7)

**9. Bb2 Nc6 10. axb6 Qxb6 11. d3 Rfd8 12. Nd2 a5 13. Rb1 Ba6 14. Re1**

{Now I'm ready to open the game with e4.}

**14... Rab8 15. e4 Qc7 16. exd5 exd5 17. Qe2 Bb7**

{Not: (17... Re8 18. Bxf6 gxf6 19. Qg4+ Kh8 20. Bxd5+-)}

**18. Nb5 Qd7 19. Nc3 Re8 20. Na4 Nd4 21. Qd1 Bc6 22. Nc3 Bd6 23. Ne2 Nxe2+ 24. Rxe2 Rxe2 25. Qxe2 Re8 26. Qf1 Be5**

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## Warren Junior Program Report by

**ANDREA ROSEN**

Twenty-seven top Illinois chess players, ranging in age from 7 to 18, were named as 2007 Illinois Chess Association Warren Junior Chess Scholars. The goal of the Warren Junior Scholar program is to identify nationally ranked Illinois youth chess players, and provide them with opportunities for subsidized individual and group instruction with masters and grandmasters. The program aims to nurture the highest-potential students so they can bring their game to an even higher level and be competitive on a national and international stage. The students come from across

Illinois, and represent city, suburban and downstate areas, and include 26 boys and 1 girl.

To qualify for the honor, players needed to be ranked in the top 35 for their age group in at least one USCF supplement in 2006, and be in at least the top 50 for their age

on the February, 2007 supplement. Players ages 10 and over must also have played in at least 10 regularly rated, non-scholastic tournament games in the past 12 months in order to be considered eligible, and must not yet have graduated from high school.

The Warren Junior Program was founded many years ago by one of ICA's co-founders, Helen Warren, who recognized that Illinois had many talented junior players who were stalling at a critical level in their development because they weren't getting the kind of training that top youth in some other areas of the country were receiving. The program was active for many years before taking a hiatus in 2005. It started up again in 2006 under the auspices of the ICA. I have served as

the program's volunteer director since that time.

An added goal of the program under my direction is to provide public recognition of our top player's accomplishments, and to promote chess in the community. All 2006 Warren Scholars received plaques honoring their achievement, which were presented at the K-8 and high school state championships. This year, the K-8 students received plaques, also presented publicly at the state championships in



Bloomington on March 11. In addition, press releases about the award are being sent to local newspapers in each of the Warren Scholar's hometowns

For the second year in a row, the Warren Scholars have been invited by the Chicago Mayor's Office of Special Events to take part in the Taste of Chicago. On Sunday, July 1, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., the Warren Scholars will have a tent in the Family Village area of the festival, where they will offer informal instruction and blitz games, and, if space allows, some simultaneous exhibitions. Almost 20 of the Warren Scholars, along with a multitude of adult volunteers and supporters, participated in last year's Taste, which attracted scores of festival-goers.

The Warren Scholars are also available for other community events. They are a great attraction at neighborhood festivals, company picnics, business grand openings, or other special events. For information on how you can bring the Warren Scholars to your community event, send me an email at [warrenprogram@ilchess.org](mailto:warrenprogram@ilchess.org).

Another special event we held last summer was a 2-day mini-camp just prior to the U.S. Open, which was attended by close to 20 Warren Scholars. Special thanks to Zack Fishman and Chess Education Partners for donating the space. We are also grateful to the instructors who provided top-notch training at the camp: Dmitry Gurevich, Gregory Kaidanov, and Jan van der Mortel. Special thanks also

to Grandmaster Yury Shulman, who has provided some individual instruction to Warren students.

One element that was part of the program several years ago included grants to school chess clubs to help provide professional instruction. If fundraising efforts for the Warren Program are successful, I would like to reinstate those grants.

The Warren Program wouldn't exist if there weren't people to help fund it. If you're reading this article, you already have an abiding interest in chess and know what it can do for young people. But I believe the program does much more than create great chess players—it goes a long way towards nurturing very bright, talented children and teens who will

become leaders in many fields. As a school board member in a Skokie elementary school district, I know that state public schools often don't provide gifted children with the kinds of services and programming they need to foster their abilities. Illinois is one of the few states that does not mandate or provide funding for gifted and talented programming, putting many students at risk of becoming underachievers. For many of the young people who are part of the Warren Program, the study of chess at a top level helps fill a need that their schools don't meet. The process of intensive study and personal mentoring that is required to improve at the top levels of chess fosters the kind of discipline, hard work, perseverance and grace under pressure that will naturally translate not just to success in chess but in many other areas of life. I am convinced that the students in this program will become adult leaders in many fields, and an investment in the Warren Program is an investment in the leaders of tomorrow.

We are very grateful to last year's donors: The St. Charles Chess Club, the City of Chicago, Zack Fishman and Chess Education Partners; Ilya Korzhenevich and Chess Scholars, and Anthony Jasaitis.

We hope that you will consider joining them to help grow this program and allow our top youth to shine. Bear in mind also that the Illinois Chess Association is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization, and your contribution will generally be tax-deductible! Please consult with your tax advisor.

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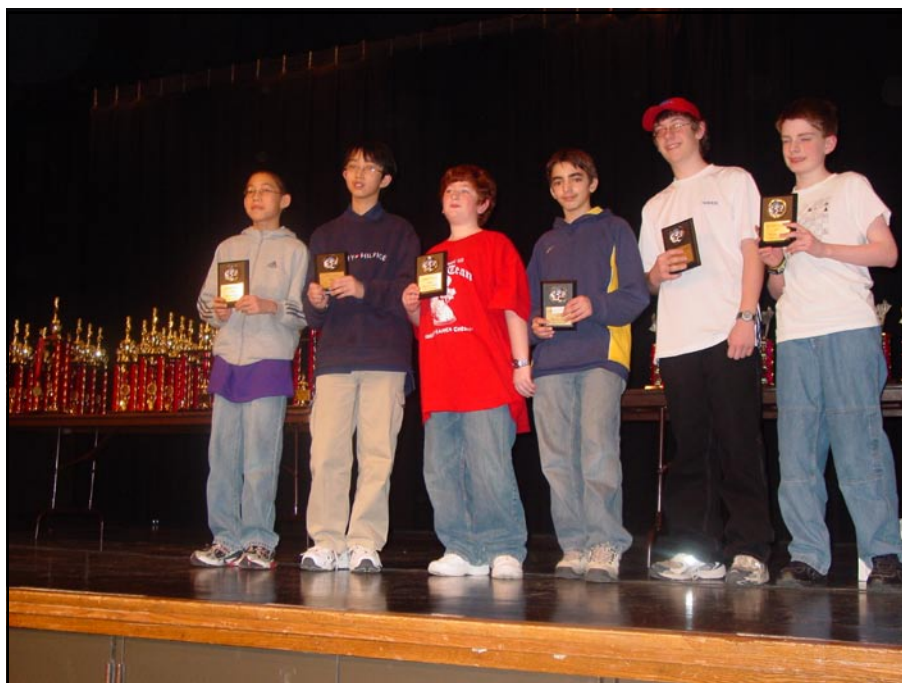
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Above: Jason Chien, Kent Cen, Josh Dubin, Eric Rosen, Michael Auger and Trevor Magness display their Warren plaques.

Previous Page: Warren Scholars Bryce McClanahan, Jyotsna Bitra, Zachary Holecek, Gurveer Singh and Phillip Parker-Turner display their Warren plaques that they received at the state championship award ceremony on March 11.

**Congratulations to the 2007 Warren Scholars**

Michael Auger, Kayin Barclay, Alex Bian, Jyotsna Bitra, Tony Cao, Kent Cen, Jason Chien, Josh Dubin Zachary Holecek, Zach Kasiurak, Trevor Magness, Bryce McClanahan, Gavin McClanahan, Daniel McNally Aakaash Meduri, Ilan Meerovich, Gopal Menon, Chris Nienart, Phillip Parker-Turner, Eric Rosen, Ben Rothschild, Gordon Ruan, Gurveer Singh, Sam Schmakel, Adam Strunk, Johnny Vela, Kevin Velazquez



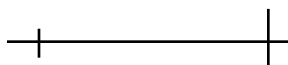
**When "Playing the Opponent" is O.K.**

For a long period during my chess improvement phase- when I was going from 2100 to 2200 and trying to maintain the master level rating- one of my biggest weaknesses was time management. It was nice, in some ways, to know my own weakness- I could work on it, improve it, focus solely on correcting the chink in my armor. However it was also psychologically difficult to train against such a weakness as, more often than not, a contest between two equal contestants will feature time pressure at some stage or another. Moreover, I did not want to throw away any games in the process of strengthening my time management skills, and so still tried to balance devoting enough time to crucial positions without "overdoing" it.

To help remedy my clock control, I started playing action (G/30) time controls at the Valley Club in Scottsdale, AZ. The club is run by an "Action Specialist," Life Master Joel Johnson. Joel plays at a number of rated action clubs and, he informed me, once was second in the US in USCF-rated games played in a year. I was able to win our first match in a nice ending, before losing several in a row at later club meetings because I could not find an answer to Joel's offbeat black defense 1. d4 b5?! It led perfectly into his chaotic, attacking style.

At any rate, I threw the book out the window and decided to stop playing the board. Against Joel, I

needed something solid, controlled, and simple. And so, focusing on the clock, I forgot about my standard openings and went in for the English. This game is actually the first time I have ever played 1. c4 in tournament practice...



**(1) Karagianis,P (2181) - Johnson,J (2242) [A26]**  
Valley Club G/30 GCS, 11.03.2007  
[Karagianis,Pete]

I have played 1. d4 against Joel twice, and lost both games to his 1. ...b5 defense despite achieving what I felt was a favorable position in the opening. I spent too much time trying to unravel his tactics, and played some poor moves in the middlegame both times, allowing him to achieve too strong of a position. In this game, I decided to see how he would play if I began the game with 1. c4.

**1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2**

I was happy to see he had adopted a relatively mainline setup.

**4...g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rb1**

This move begins my plan of conducting a simple, straining attack on the queenside. I want to keep things easy and avoid his tactical strength in open positions. Not too strangely, that doesn't last long... my own defect sometimes is that I am always itching for a fight.

**8...a5 9.a3 h6 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Be6 12.b5 Nb8 13.Bb2**

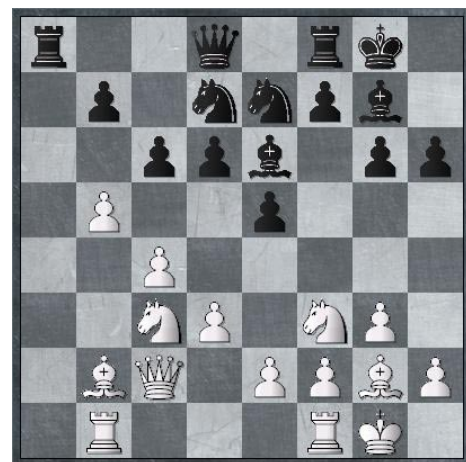
I also considered Qb3, or Nd2. Let's look at the more interesting of those moves, 13. Nd2

[13.Nd2 !? 13...d5 14.Qb3 (14.Nb3 was also worth a look, with the idea of using the newly weakened c5 square.) 14...c6 (14...e4 15.dxe4 d4 16.Nd5 ) 15.Ba3 White is probably slightly better here- mainly because his minor pieces look more active. But there is nothing concrete.]

**13...c6 14.Qc2**

Equally non-concrete. I just wanted to finish development.

**14...Nd7**





My instincts told me this was a mistake. I felt, the move before, that if I could play Ne4 while the d6 square was unguarded, it must be good. My computer engine does not confirm this theory, so let's pit human intuition against machine calculation.

### 15.Ne4 d5

[15...Qc7 16.b6 Nxb6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.c5 Qd8 19.cxb6 I felt I may be better here with pressure on e5, and a nice home for my knight on c4 or Nd2-b3-c5.]

### 16.Nd6 !

This move looks entirely unconventional, but I felt at the time that it must offer me an advantage, and was the only move which would try for one. The knight looks trapped in black's territory, but a few tactical devices will soon prove otherwise. I did not have time to calculate everything over the board, so let's look at the variations now.

### 16...Qc7

[16...Nc5 17.cxd5 Qxd6 18.dxe6 Nxe6 19.bxc6 Nxc6 20.Rfc1 White has a lot of activity]

### 17.bxc6

Now it gets interesting. I considered two main moves here: 17. ...bxc6 and 17. ...Qxc6! which I felt was black's best.

### 17...Qxd6

This move was a surprise.

[17...bxc6 capturing with the pawn is not the best, because now I can make c6 a target and get my knight to c4. 18.cxd5 and cxd5 is not possible thanks to the pin. 18...Bxd5 19.Nc4 Again, with nice activity and the c6 pawn as an eventual target. This position is equal, but I felt I

would be comfortable, at the very least.;

17...Qxc6 I thought this was black's best chance at playing for an advantage. After the game, Joel said he did not like it at all! 18.Nb5 dxc4 This was the move I was worried about. I saw Nfd4 in my calculations but did not realize how crazy it could get. 19.Nfd4 Qb6 (Trying to include the win of the pawn fails to a very interesting tactical continuation. 19...cxd3 20.Nxc6 dxc2 21.Nxe7+ Kh7 22.Rbc1 Bb3 23.Bd5 ! 23...Ba4 24.Nc3 Rfe8 25.Bxb7 ! 25...Rab8 26.Nxa4 And white can hold on to the piece.) ]

### 18.cxd7 dxc4 19.dxc4 Bxd7 20.Rfd1 Qc7

Now I saw an exchange sac that is probably not sound, but in g/30 I had to try it. My engine confirms that it actually isn't bad, giving black only -0.12, which means equality. If I can have dynamic equality, with all the play and attacking ideas, I will go for it! Nice to know it's actually not as roguish as it appears.

### 21.Bxe5 !???



### 21...Bxe5 22.Nxe5 Ba4 23.Qc3!

The idea... now Ng4 is a major threat.

### 23...Bxd1 24.Rxd1

This is only second best. I didn't have enough time to work out Rxb7!

[24.Rxb7 !! 24...Qd6 (24...Qa5 25.Qxa5 Rxa5 26.Rxe7 and Bd5 is on the way.) 25.Rd7 Qa3 26.Qxa3 Rxa3 and Bd5 is on the way!]

### 24...Rfd8 25.Rb1 Rab8

This is without doubt the mistake that lost the game. Black was still in a pickle after other tries, but this is too passive and doesn't meet the Ng4 threat.

[25...Ra4 !? was an interesting try. Remember: play to be active!!! 26.Bxb7 Rb8 27.Ng4 Rxc4 28.Nf6+ Kf8 29.Nh7+ Kg8 30.Nf6+ Kf8 (30... Kh8 trying to escape the repetition, would be a mistake. 31.Qa1 Rc3 32.Ne4 !) 31.Nh7+ and draw.]

### 26.Ng4 Nf5

Now white just has too much, and wins back the exchange with interest.

### 27.Nf6+ Kf8 28.Nd5 Rxd5 29.Bxd5 Kg8 30.Qf6!

white's pieces are on all the right squares.

### 30...Kf8 31.Rb6 !

Fixing the b-pawn and readying a powerful maneuver.

### 31...Ng7 32.Qb2

...the powerful maneuver. Now Rf6 is a major problem.

### 32...Ne8 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Qxb7 Qxb7 35.Bxb7

And white went on to win. **1-0**

# CHESS FROM THE MIDDLE

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Chess From the Middle

## Springtime Chess, Internet Stuff, and Moving the Pawns

Hello once again my chessic Illinois friends. Well Spring is here along with all that this means. In the chess world it means big scholastic tournaments the end of school and the end of a lot of chess league activities. Sure there is more too. It means the coming of the Chicago Open. Of course it also heralds the coming Summer season as well with the World Open, U.S. Open and a bevy of other tournaments too.

What does Spring mean for you? Do you plan on playing in any of these tournaments? Are you going to do something for the Spring or Summer involving Chess? Of course it can depend on where you live too. If you live in the city then the outside chess venues will get more populated. There is also the new chess club that Angelo Young has going. (the "Touch Move" Chess Center, which recently hosted the "Masters vs. Youth" FIDE Invitational event. [-ed]) It certainly looks to be a great place to go. Sure there are also the existing clubs still and they seem to be great too.

When you get out of the metropolitan area there is still a lot to do.

On Monday nights the Peoria Chess Club, a.k.a. the Greater Peoria Chess Federation, always has a great variety of chess activities to keep anyone's chess appetite satisfied.

On Tuesday nights, just 45 miles East, is the Bloomington-Normal

Chess Club. Dennis Bourgerie, Garrett Scott, and the others really provide a great chess experience too. I know that when I had the chance to go there I found really nice guys ready to beat the heck out of me on the chess board.

On Wednesday nights you'll find it a short trip to Springfield for their chess club action. David Long and Tom Knoedler along with the Springfield gang are also ready to "Capitalize" your chess experience.

Yes, with Spring the weather becomes nicer along with the driving conditions improving too. It's really not much of a drive to visit some of these chess clubs. No matter where you live, a nice drive will get you to some nice chess action on nearly any day of the week.

Of course there is also the Internet. For those that cannot or do not desire to get out, the internet still provides quite a chess experience. It seems that the server supported email type of slower chess is becoming more popular. Did you know that one of these originated from the Chicago area? Yes, the web site, ChessHere.com, is run by a few fellows in Chicago.

Of course there are still the "live" sites like ICC. The nice thing about sites like ChessHere.com, PlasticBishop.com, ItsYourTurn.com, QueenAlice.com, GameKnot.com, RedHotPawn.com and others like them is that you have a lot of time to make your moves- days, in fact, weeks, sometimes. I believe this is correspondence chess as it is meant to be.

I also found that live chess on ICC and FICS is really entertaining, as well. Sure there's the Blitz that we all know about. But there is also the slower time control stuff too. I find that I can hook up my DGT board and set to the computer and interface with either ICC or FICS and get very good Over the Board chess experience that rivals a real tournament. If you are interested, check out the Slow Time Control Bunch group, at stcbunch.net. They have a lot of activities that are all free. The group has activities on the 3 main servers, ICC, FICS and Chess Live.

The internet has proven to be quite the chess resource. Sure, we can play chess as I have mentioned above. There is also the group sites like this ICA website, the USCF site, the Greater Peoria Chess Federation (gpcf.net) site to name a few of the prominent ones pertinent to our readers.

Of course there are the individual's sites as well, like the internationally acclaimed Petros Karagianis blog site (chessunderground.org). A lot of these sites not only tell you about the individual chess players but give a lot of chess info as well making you a better player, perhaps.

There are also a lot of chess training sites available- both free and ones that cost money.

I think it would be a good idea for us to start a section or thread on our ICA Discussion Forum where we can share the web site addresses that we like. I will do that by the time you read this article. Please come to the Discussion Forum, register, and participate. Look for the thread titled, "Internet Chess Web Addresses". Go to it, read it and post to it with your offerings too. OK? I'll see you there.

## MAY 26, 2007. ANNUAL JUNCTION CITY BLUE SKIES CHESS TOURNAMENT.

5934 N. Knoxville (Rte 40) and Prospect, Peoria, Illinois.

5 Rounds/SS G/30, 5 second delay.

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Premier. Open Section: for all ages. Check-in: 8 to 9 am. Final registration with deletions due night before. Substitutions on Saturday prior to 8:30. Rounds: 9:30, ASAP, 12:30, ASAP, ASAP; Awards ASAP.

Awards: Scholastic Trophies--15 per division, and 2 upset per division; Open Division: Minimum Prizes Guaranteed 1st \$100 & 2nd \$75, Classes A, B, C, D, & Under \$50 each, up to 75% of the Open entry fees. To enter: e-mail preferred - malcomef@mtco.com or call (309) 367-4833. I'll return confirmation.

If no confirmation by Thursday night due to some unforeseen problem then backup e-mail to wzim@sbcglobal.net He will confirm.

## JUNE 16, 2007 USCF G/30 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

June 16, 2007. 5 Round Swiss USCF G/30 National Tournament, Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Ave., Joliet, IL 60431, J building, room J0006, USCF membership required.

Bring sets, clocks and boards. EF: (no credit cards, cash only day of event), \$30 pre-reg. before 6/12, \$45 at site (\$50 pre-reg if also entering USCF G/15 on 6/17 see below, \$75 for both at site reg.),

Prize Fund: \$1,600 b/60: M/X 300-150-120, A 140-110, B 130-100, C 120-90, D 110-80, E/F 100-70. Masters free entry, entry fee deducted from all winnings. Reg: 8:45-9:55am, Rounds:10, 11:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00pm.

Mail entries and checks payable (before 6-12) to: Dennis R. Doyle, 536 Springwood Drive, Joliet, IL 60431, no phone entries please. Book vendor on site. must be elected by the end of Rd. 2 NO SMOKING. BRING SETS, BOARDS & CLOCKS. ADVANCE ENTRIES: FRED MALCOME, 1000 LILAC LANE, METAMORA, IL 61548, (309) 367-4833

# Club News



## GPO Report

By Wayne Zimmerle

### 2007 Greater Peoria Open

Once a year Peoria holds a two day slow time control (Game 120) tournament. Last year we made a special effort to get Masters to show up. We contacted several in advance and offered them not only free entry but a 1year membership extension to the ICA. With this we were able to advertise in advance that we would have 4 Masters playing. We ended up with about 42 players. This year we didn't do that and ended up with 26 players.

I did get a few questions such as how many advance do you have so far? It was like if enough people are showing up we will too. In fact we will bring a group.

With this years advance entry fee being \$35 with a \$5 discount for ICA members (17 took advantage of this.) the GPO passed out \$640 dollars in prizes. Some players basically won prizes simply for showing up. Others had to earn them. I was especially impressed by the upcoming generation. Young Trevor Magness tied with Aleksander Stannov for first place. Trevor did this by drawing Aleksander in the fourth round.

Young Jason Chien tied for top B and also won the cumulative upset award.

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## Matt Cremeens Wins March Tournament

By David Long

The Springfield Chess Club hosted its first tournament of the year on March 24. Turnout was up; 23 chess players plus one houseman participated, the highest turnout at any SCC regular one-day tournament since December 2004.

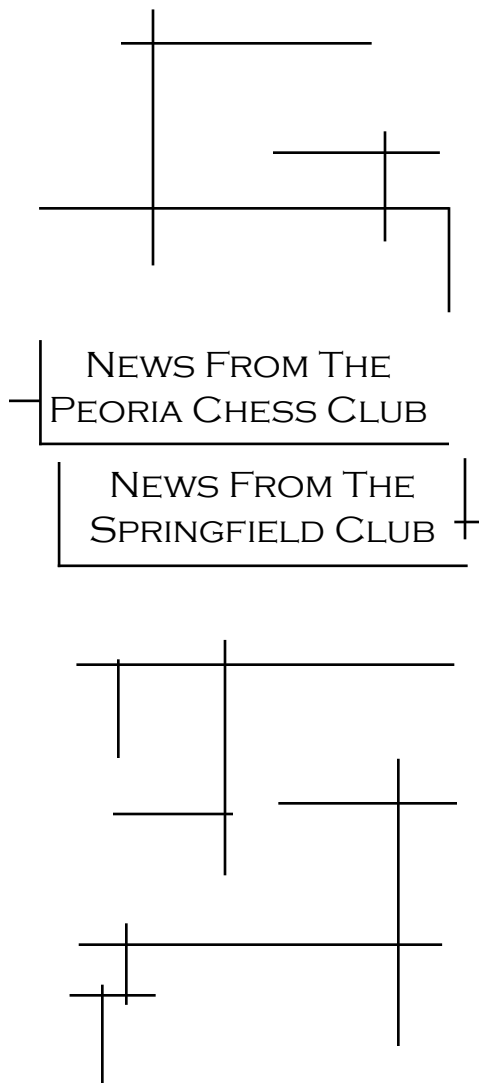
Turnout was sufficient that we were able to raise the prize fund from 57.5% of advertised (the requirement based on pre-tournament publicity) to 70%. Every little bit helps!

Matt Cremeens, of Springfield, swept the tournament and took first place with a perfect score of 4-0. A four-way tie for second place included the Class A-B and C-D prizes. The four runners-up were Richard Kujoth, Tobias Simpson, and Brian Villarreal, all of the Champaign-Urbana area, and Dan Tuttle, of St. Louis. They scored 3 points.

Will Kerns, of Franklin, won the Class E prize. He scored 2½ points. Ian Chong, and Marc Mc Conney, both of Champaign, scored 2 points and shared the unrated prize.

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**May 19, 2007. Youth Chess Foundation of Chicago Scholastic Tournament.** Kennicott Park, located at 4434 S. Lake Park Ave. Unrated tournament open to all elementary (K-8) students. 4 or 5 round SS. Registration 9:00 - 9:30, Tournament 10:00 - 2:30, Trophy Presentation 2:45 (est.). Divisions: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced. Awards: Trophies to top 10 beginner, top 6 intermediate, top 5 advanced, top beginner team. Entries: By 4:00 P.M. 12/7, please send a player list (name, school, division entered) of players who have not played in a YCFC tournament to [accounting@aptpeople.com](mailto:accounting@aptpeople.com), or fax to 773-248-1007, attn: Michael Cardinale. Students who have played in a YCFC event this year or last year may sign up on site. For more information: Michael Cardinale, [accounting@aptpeople.com](mailto:accounting@aptpeople.com)

**May 19, 2007. TOUCH MOVE CHESS CENTER (Chicago Challenge)** two sections Open and U 1400 G/30 4SS Open to all. Limit to 26 Players EF: \$25, TMCC members, Ladies, Junior, Seniors \$ 20 (\$200 b/15 players) \$100 -\$ 60 U1800 \$40 & U1400 \$ 80 \$60 Based on 10 players. USCF Rated. ICA Membership required. Reg. 12:00 P.M - 12:45 P.M. Rounds: 1pm - 2pm - 3pm -4pm Bring your chess clock .NO SMOKING.773 -334 1569, 5639 N. Ashland Ave. Chicago IL Email: [Tmchesscenter@hotmail.com](mailto:Tmchesscenter@hotmail.com)

**May 20, 2007. 7th Kumbaya Scholastic Chess Tournament.** National-Louis University, 5202 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. 60077-4409. Presented by Chess-Ed. 4R-SS G/30. Schedule: Check in 10:30 a.m., round 1 11:00a.m., progressing as completed. Sections: USCF rated sections for K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, K-12/1000+; Non-Rated section. Awards, each section: Top 5 individuals; top 3 teams (top 3 scores/2 player min. for teams); remembrances for all players. Entry Fee: \$25.00 post marked by Monday, May 14, 2007, \$30.00 if received afterwards. No on-site registration. Register: On-line at [www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997](http://www.eventbrite.com/org/23735997), or send check payable to Chess-Ed., c/o A. Holt, 729 Colby Ct., Gurnee, IL. 60031.

Information: Alice Holt (847-367-9148) [aholt729@earthlink.net](mailto:aholt729@earthlink.net).

**May 20, 2007. Renaissance Knights Quest Tournament.** 4 Round Swiss, Game 30. Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL 60062. Three sections: Open (Adults and Juniors), U1200 (Juniors only) and U800 (Juniors only). EF: \$20 if postmarked by May 14, \$25 after. Limited to: 60 first entries received. \$5 discount to Renaissance Knights & Junior Knights members. Awards: Trophies top 5 each section, all others participation medal. Entries: online at [www.RKnights.org](http://www.RKnights.org) or mail to Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065-1074. Checks payable to Renaissance Knights. Questions (847) 867-5346 or email [rknightsccc@aol.com](mailto:rknightsccc@aol.com). More Information at [www.RKnights.org](http://www.RKnights.org)

**May 26, 2007. Annual Junction City Blue Skies Chess Tournament.** 5934 N. Knoxville (Rte 40) and Prospect, Peoria, Illinois. 5 Rounds/SS G/30, 5 second delay. This tournament is played outdoors at the newly refurbished Junction City Shopping Plaza. Tournament will be held indoors at same location in the event of bad weather. Entry Fee: \$12 per player (payable at site, check or cash). USCF membership required and can be purchased at site. You must show proof of USCF membership. Scholastic Sections: K-4 Under 500, K-6 under 700, K-12 Under 900, K-12 Under 1100, K-12 Premier. Open Section: for all ages. Check-in: 8 to 9 am. Final registration with deletions due night before. Substitutions on Saturday prior to 8:30. Rounds: 9:30, ASAP, 12:30, ASAP, ASAP; Awards ASAP. Awards: Scholastic Trophies--15 per division, and 2 upset per division; Open Division: Minimum Prizes Guaranteed 1st \$100 & 2nd \$75, Classes A, B, C, D, & Under \$50 each, up to 75% of the Open entry fees. To enter: e-mail preferred - [malcomef@mtco.com](mailto:malcomef@mtco.com) or call (309) 367-4833. I'll return confirmation. If no confirmation by Thursday night due to some unforeseen problem then backup e-mail to [wzim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wzim@sbcglobal.net) He will confirm.

**June 1, 2007. Touch Move Blitz Tournament.** G/5. RR. Unrated/open to all. Club ladder rating. 5639 N. Ashland Chicago IL. 60660. (773) 334-1569 or Toll free 1-877-TOUCH 90. EF: \$12 Non-Member; \$8 TMCC members and 18 years old and under. Round starts between 7:00 P.M - 7:15 PM every Friday. 80% of entry fee returned. Bring your clocks. Email: Tmchesscenter@hotmail.com

**June 2, 2007 TP Quick Chess #7** Huge Tuley Park Chess Club For more information Tom Fineberg

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**June 3, 2007. Glenview Scholastic Tournament.** Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, IL 60026. 4 rounds g/30. USCF rated. Sections: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8. Awards: top 5 individual trophies, top 3 teams in each section; medals to all. Check in at 8 a.m. Start 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$20 per player. Information and on-line entry at: www.chessteachers.org. For more information call 312-927-4290

**June 3, 2007. Third Coast G/25 Open.** Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL 60062. Limited to 50 players. Prize Fund: \$650 (b/40) \$200 - \$150 - \$100 - \$50, top A/B \$75, top C/D \$75. Entry Fee: \$30 postmarked by May 28, \$35 after. \$5 discount to Renaissance Knights & Junior Knights members. Entries: online at www.RKnights.org or mail to Renaissance Knights, PO Box 1074, Northbrook, IL 60065-1074. Checks payable to Renaissance Knights. Questions (847) 867-5346 or email rknightsgcc@aol.com. More Information at www.RKnights.org

**June 8, 2007. Touch Move Blitz Tournament.** G/5. RR. Unrated/open to all. Club ladder rating. 5639 N. Ashland Chicago IL. 60660. (773) 334-1569 or Toll free 1-877-TOUCH 90. EF: \$12 Non-Member; \$8 TMCC members and 18 years old and under. Round starts between 7:00 P.M - 7:15 PM every Friday. 80% of entry fee returned. Bring your clocks. Email: Tmchesscenter@hotmail.com

**June 9, 2007. TOUCH MOVE CHESS CENTER (Cubs Challenge)** G/30 4SS Open to all. Limit to 26 Players EF: \$25, TMCC members, Ladies, Junior, Seniors \$ 20 ( \$300 b/20 players) \$120 -\$ 60 U1800 \$60 U 1400/UNR \$60 . USCF Rated. ICA Membership required. Reg. 12:00 P.M - 12:45 P.M. Rounds: 1pm - 2pm - 3pm -4pm Bring your chess clock .NO SMOKING.773 -334 1569, 5639 N. Ashland Chicago IL Email: Tmchesscenter@hotmail.com

**June 15, 2007. Touch Move Blitz Tournament.** G/5. RR. Unrated/open to all. Club ladder rating. 5639 N. Ashland Chicago IL. 60660. (773) 334-1569 or Toll free 1-877-TOUCH 90. EF: \$12 Non-Member; \$8 TMCC members and 18 years old and under. Round starts between 7:00 P.M - 7:15 PM every Friday. 80% of entry fee returned. Bring your clocks. Email: Tmchesscenter@hotmail.com

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**June 16, 2007. 5 Round Swiss USCF G/30 National Tournament,** Joliet Junior College, 1215 Houbolt Ave., Joliet, IL 60431, J building, room J0006, USCF membership required. Bring sets, clocks and boards. EF: (no credit cards, cash only day of event), \$30 pre-reg. before 6/12, \$45 at site (\$50 pre-reg if also entering USCF G/15 on 6/17 see below, \$75 for both at site reg.), Prize Fund: \$1,600 b/60: M/X 300-150-120, A 140-110, B 130-100, C 120-90, D 110-80, E/F 100-70. Masters free entry, entry fee deducted from all winnings. Reg: 8:45-9:55am, Rounds:10, 11:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00pm. Mail entries and checks payable (before 6-12) to: Dennis R. Doyle, 536 Springwood Drive, Joliet, IL 60431, no phone entries please. Book vendor on site.

**June 23, 2007 TP Quick Chess #8** Medium Tuley Park Chess Club For more information Tom Fineberg

**July 21, 2007 TP Quick Chess #9** Medium Tuley Park Chess Club For more information Tom Fineberg