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<b>39<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Open</b> January 29-31, 2016		
5 Rd Swiss, 40/110, SD/30, d10. OCA membership reqd of Ohioans	Embassy Suites Hotel, Airport Dr See page 22 for Flyer	5 Sections, Top 4 prizes gtd. OCA Grand Prix Event
<b>MOTCF</b> March 4-5, 2016		
Watch for details from the Dayton Chess Club		
<b>2016 Columbus Open</b> June 17-19, 2016		
Play in the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University! Watch for details from the Central Chess Club		





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39<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Open Chess Tournament

January 29-31 or 30-31, 2016, Columbus, Ohio

80GP, JGP

Site: [Embassy Suites Airport Hotel](#), 2886 Airport Dr, Columbus OH 43219, 614-536-0500, beautiful facility! \$114/night thru January 22<sup>nd</sup> (ask for “Cardinal Open Chess Tournament” group rate, or [online reservations here](#)), includes full hot breakfast and nightly manager’s reception. Other food options within easy walking distance. Free parking, free shuttle to airport and Easton Town Center for shopping, dining and entertainment.

5 Sections: Open (FIDE), U2100, U1800, U1500, U1200. See also separate flyer for the Jr. Cardinal run concurrently for scholastic K-12/U1300 players (5-SS G/75 d5). Open section FIDE rated except rounds 1&2 of 2-day schedule.

Important! Open section using FIDE Laws of Chess (LOC). Players are *strongly* advised to familiarize themselves with the LOC and how they differ from USCF rules. Players 30 minutes late will forfeit. Electronic communication devices prohibited unless turned off (not just on silent/vibrate). Full LOC [here](#), summary of USCF differences [here](#).

Format: 5 round Swiss, 40/110, SD/30, d10. 2-day option, rounds 1&2 G/75, d/10. One ½-point bye any round, commit by end of round 2. Reentry available all sections. Sets provided, ***please bring clocks!***

Prizes: \$10,000, ***top 4 prizes in Open section guaranteed!*** Others based on 200 paid entries (re-entries count as 1/3), ***prizes will be added if more!***

- **Open** \$1200-800-500-350, \$100 bonus for clear 1<sup>st</sup> or on tie breaks, \$50 upset, all guaranteed; 80 Grand Prix points (enhanced); U2300 class prizes \$450-300
- **U2100** \$900-450-200-100; \$50 upset
- **U1800** \$900-450-200-100; \$50 upset
- **Female** best score any section, \$110 class prize
- Unrated and provisionally rated players not eligible for upset prizes.
- Unrated players limited to winning third place prize in all sections except Open.
- All sections Jr. Grand Prix eligible. See USCF for details.
- OCA Grand Prix points, all sections. See [www.ohchess.org](http://www.ohchess.org) for details.
- **U1500** \$700-350-170-100; \$50 upset
- **U1200** \$700-350-170-100; \$50 upset

Entry Fee: In advance, \$90 by 1/21, then \$100; on site \$105. GMs & IMs free, \$90 deducted from winnings. Check or credit card for [online entry](#) or mail entry with check payable to Fellowship of the King Chess Club, 2720 Airport Dr. Suite 150, Columbus OH 43219-2219; on site entries cash or credit card, no checks. Refund less \$7 admin fee if withdraw by 5pm 1/29, no refund thereafter. Re-entry \$30.

Ohio Chess Association: Current membership required of Ohio residents, optional for all others. Benefits include entry fee discounts at many Ohio tournaments, quarterly *Ohio Chess Bulletin*, automatic entry in Ohio Grand Prix, vote for OCA trustees/USCF delegates, and help support chess in Ohio!

Schedule: **3-day:** Registration Fri 5-6:30pm, Rounds 7:15; Sat 10 & 5; Sun 9 & 3:15.  
**2-day:** Registration Sat 8:15-9:15am, Rounds 10, 1:30, then merge w/ 3-day 5pm; Sun 9 & 3:15.  
Optional free G/75 d5 bonus games Sat 1:30 & Sun noon; results rated but don’t count for tournament.

Side FIDE Blitz Tournament: Saturday 9:30pm, entry fee \$20, 70% paid out as prizes. 5-SS, 2 games/round, G/5, d0, pairings, rounds & sections at TD’s discretion based on entries. FIDE LOC & Article B4 apply.

On line Registration [Click here](#), pay by credit card or check. **Flyer and paper entry form** at [www.neilley.com/chess](http://www.neilley.com/chess). Contact Grant Neilley, [grant@neilley.com](mailto:grant@neilley.com) (preferred) or 614-314-1102.

If viewing this flyer in hard copy, underlined text links are available in online flyer at [www.neilley.com/chess](http://www.neilley.com/chess)

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# 52nd CINCINNATI OPEN

April 1-3, 2016 • Hilton Garden Inn, Blue Ash

5-Round Swiss • An Ohio Grand Prix Event

**Sections and Prizes:** Prizes based on 100 entries, else proportional. Prizes split among tied players.

Open	\$600 - 450 - 350 - 250	Top Under 2200	\$225 - 175
U2100	\$450 - 350 - 250 - 180		
U1700	\$350 - 250 - 180 - 140		
U1300	\$225 - 150 - 125 - 100		

*Unrated may not win more than the third-place prize amount except in the Open section.*

*Players may choose to play up but may not play up more than one section.*

*Section assignments and pairings based on April 2016 official USCF ratings (if available, otherwise March 2016), except that unofficial ratings will be used for players who are officially unrated.*

**Time Control:** G/150, d10 except 2-day schedule rounds 1 and 2 G/75, d5

**Schedule:** 3-Day — Friday 7:00, Saturday 10:00 & 5:00, Sunday 9:00 & 3:00  
2-Day — Saturday 10:00, 1:00 & 5:00, Sunday 9:00 & 3:00

**Byes:** Maximum of two half-point byes; must commit by 4:30 pm Saturday.

**Advance Registration:** \$99 — entry must be received by March 30, 2016.

- *By mail:* Mail completed entry form to Cincinnati Open, 9180 Pinewood Drive, Loveland, OH 45140-8234 with check payable to "Cincinnati Scholastic Chess." Entry form is part of flyer. Our flyer will be available at various chess events and also can be downloaded from our website, <http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open/>.
- *Online:* Online entry form at <http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open/>; pay entry fee through PayPal using PayPal account or credit card.

**Onsite Registration:** \$110

- Friday, April 1 from 5:30–6:30 pm or on Saturday, April 2 from 9:00–9:30 am. Pay with cash, credit card, or check payable to "Cincinnati Scholastic Chess."

**GMs/IMs:** No entry fee; \$99 deducted from prize.

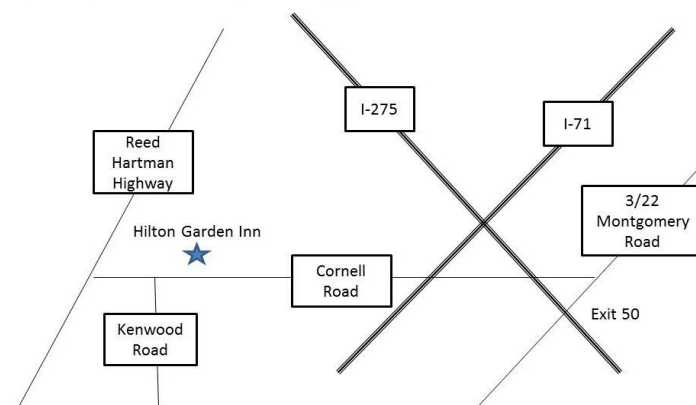
**Entry Fee Discounts:** Deduct discount(s) from entry fee as applicable.

- \$10 loyalty discount for anyone who played in the 2015 Cincinnati Open.
- \$3 discount for current Ohio Chess Association (OCA) members. (You may purchase or renew an OCA membership with your tournament entry.)

**Hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn, 5300 Cornell Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242. Room rate \$99 for room with king bed, \$105 for room with two queen beds. **Reserve by Friday, March 18, 2016 to ensure rate and room.** For reservations, call 513-469-6900, reference code "CSC", or use link on our website to book online.

- Indoor swimming pool
- Fitness center
- Complimentary WiFi
- Complimentary business center

**Information:** Information and advance entries posted at [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com). Email questions to [info@chesscincinnati.com](mailto:info@chesscincinnati.com), or text/call Alan Hodge 513-600-9915.



## Message from the President of the Ohio Chess Association

Dear OCA Members:

It is almost Thanksgiving as I write this, so I felt it was appropriate to give thanks for the chess in Ohio.

Thank you to all of the organizers who create and sustain the many events around the state, often taking money out of their own pockets to cover costs and prizes. Their time, work and other contributions to the Ohio Chess Association make our state a better place to play.

Thank you to all of the tournament directors. Long days on your feet, being a target for every complaint, and often doing it all for free: thanks for keeping our tournaments running smoothly.

To my fellow Trustees and Officers of the OCA, thanks for all you do to support chess in Ohio.

And to our members, thank you. So many of you have become my friends and I look forward to seeing you at tournaments throughout the year. To be honest, that's the best part of this job (have I mentioned the other perks?).

The holiday season is here. Let us give thanks to those who help keep our chess community alive and strong. Let us give thanks for the opportunity to play such a rich game.

Whatever holidays you celebrate, I hope that the season brings you great joy and happiness.

Your President,

*Evan Shelton*

OCA Annual Membership Meeting  
September 6, 2015

The annual membership meeting was held during the Ohio Chess Congress at the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University campus in Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order by President Evan Shelton at 3 p.m. Membership Chair Cheryl Stagg reported there are currently 256 OCA members. 5% of the membership (13) must be present in person to constitute a quorum. 18 members being present, a quorum was established.

Minutes of the last membership meeting were distributed and approved.

Ohio Grand Prix awards were presented by Grant Neilley and Cheryl Stagg. A check for \$800 (funded by donations, not OCA funds) and a trophy was awarded to Blake Baumgartner, who garnered the most cumulative points in Open sections of OGP events over the last year. Class prizes of \$25 and a trophy were also presented to:

- Expert Jason Wang
- Class A Nolan Song
- Class B Yutong Cao
- Class C Chris Bechtold (third year in a row)
- Class D Steve Phillips
- Class E James Brickey

Treasurer Cheryl Stagg reported for the 12 months August 2014 through July 2015, OCA gross receipts were \$5,304 and expenses \$5,544. The ending bank balance was \$5,967, down \$240 from the prior year. Receipts were boosted by a number of multiple year membership purchased prior to the dues increase on January 1st. Membership as of August 31st is 261, up about 7% from the prior year. A motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report; motion passed.

Kelly Bloomfield raised a question about who will organize MOTCF in the future. The event was founded by OSU Chess Club, and for the last four years has been organized by Dayton Chess Club. A lengthy discussion ensued. As MOTCF is not an OCA event, no action was taken.

Grant Neilley present a report from the Bylaws Committee (attached). After brief discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed to publish the report in the OCB for membership review and input.

The next order of business was election of Trustees. This being an odd-numbered year, all odd-numbered districts are up for election. In addition, if any even-numbered district is currently represented by a non-resident of that district, and a resident expresses a desire to serve, those even numbered districts are up for election as well.

Nominations were made as follows:

- District 1: resident Cunyed Tolek nominated
- District 2: current non-resident trustee Fred Schwan; resident Mike Joelson nominated
- District 3: resident John Dowling nominated
- District 4: current non-resident trustee Eric Gittrich; no resident nominated
- District 5: resident Joe Yun nominated
- District 6: resident trustee Riley Driver; no nominations are in order.
- District 7: resident Steve Charles nominated
- District 8: current non-resident trustee Grant Neilley; no resident nominated
- District 9: resident John Miller nominated
- District 10: current non-resident trustee Patrick Miller; resident Grant Perks nominated.

District 4, 6, and 8 trustees will continue with the second year of their term. All others nominated were elected.

OCB Editor Mike Steve noted the current issue is late but will be forthcoming shortly. Submissions for content would be appreciated, but needed as soon as possible for this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Neilley, Secretary

OCA Trustee Meeting  
September 6, 2015

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held during the Ohio Chess Congress in Columbus Ohio, immediately following the annual membership meeting. President Evan Shelton called the meeting to order at 4pm. Present were trustees Cunyed Tolek, Mike Joelson, John Dowling, Eric Gittrich, Riley Driver, Steve Charles, Grant Neilley, and John Miller, and officers Evan Shelton, Cheryl Stagg and Mike Steve. Eight of the ten trustees being present, a quorum was established.

Secretary Grant Neilley distributed minutes of the January 2015 trustees meeting, which were then approved.

The following nominations were made for election of officers:  
President, Evan Shelton  
Vice President, Riley Driver  
Secretary, Grant Neilley  
Treasurer/Membership Chair, Cheryl Stagg

As there were no contested offices, a motion was made, seconded and passed to elect all nominees.

The President reappointed Mike Steve as OCB Editor.

Time was limited due to the final round of the Congress starting at 4 p.m. The President will contact trustees shortly to schedule a working meeting. Meeting adjourned 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Grant Neilley, Secretary

Lee, Keevin	Cincinnati	45237	9
Lin, Katherine	Columbus	43204	7
Liu, Alan	Solon	44139	2
Liu, Aristo	Akron	44321	5
Liu, Edison	Akron	44321	5
Ma, Samantha	Akron	44313	5
Mackowiak, Andrew	Cincinnati	45238	9
Mantia, Tony	Bellbrook	45305	6
March, William	Zanesville	43701	8
Massick, Laine	New Albany	43054	7
Massick, Sam	New Albany	43054	7
Mayhew, Dominic	Shaker Heights	44122	2
Mazuchowski, Tom	Sterling Hts MI	48310	20
Mccartney, Casey	Mineral City	44656	8
Mcclellan, Harvey	Xenia	45385	6
McCrea, Gabrielle	Westerville	43081	7
Medicherla, Sanjay	Dublin	43016	7
Miller, John	Cincinnati	45229	9
Miller, Ken	Sandusky	44870	1
Miller, Patrick	Powell	43065	4
Moeser, David	Cincinnati	45230	9
Mohanselman, Adeti	New Albany	43054	7
Mumaw, John	Johnstown	43031	7
Murrey, Keith	Massilion	44646	5
Murthy, Pappu	North Olmsted	44070	2
Neilley, Grant	Columbus	43219	7
Nekervis, Robert	Columbus	43214	7
Niro, Frank	Lexington KY	40503	20
O'Hanlon, Dan	Huntington WV	25701	20
O'Meilia, Casey	Dublin	43016	7
O'Neil, Karthik	Cleveland	44111	2
Oram, James	Columbus	43201	7
Paganini, Xavier	Westerville	43081	7
Papenhausen, Mark	Galion	44833	4
Pappu, Ananth	North Olmsted	44070	2
Parish, Kalind	Oberlin	44074	2
Partee, Isaac	Mason	45040	9
Patuwo, David	Copley	44321	5
Paxton, Larry	Cincinnati	45212	9
Perks, Grant	Thornville	43076	10
Pershing, Frank	Canton	44708	5
Phillips, Steve	Fort Thomas KY	41075	20
Pisini, Dakshin	Delaware	43015	7
Pisini, Venkateswara	Delaware	43015	7
Pokrzywa, John	Curtice	43412	1
Pounraj, Karthikeyan	Gahanna	43230	7
Prabu, Sneha	Dublin	43016	7
Presler, Wendel	Circleville	43113	7
Rachuri, Sujan	Dublin	43017	2
Raghukanth, Udbhav	Powell	43065	4
Ragner, John	Akron	44306	5
Rajan, Akul	Mason	45040	9
Ramer, Scott	Upper Arlington	43212	7
Randolph, John	West Chester	45069	4
Redmon, Tim	Hilliard	43026	7
Reinarts, Joshua	Wooster	44691	5
Reinarts, Nathan	Wooster	44691	5
Rezack, Thomas	Elkmont AL	35620	20
Rice, Joseph	Carmel CA	93923	20
Rief, David B.	Cincinnati	45244	9
Rogers, L. Thad	Macon GA	31204	20
Rutherford, Dave	Millford	45761	10
Rutherford, Tyler	Columbus	43232	7
Sampath, Aja	Dublin	43016	7
Sampath, Tej	Dublin	43016	7

Schmidt, Richard	Batavia	45103	9
Schroeder, James	Vancouver WA	98661	20
Schwan, Fred	Pt Clinton	43452	1
Schwind, Michael	Fremont	43420	1
Shelton, Evan	Blacklick	43004	7
Shen, Christopher	Powell	43065	4
Skinner, Darryl	London	43140	7
Slagle, Jim	Marion	43302	4
Smaltz Jr, John B.	Toledo	43606	1
Smith, David	Columbus	43202	7
Smith, Marc	Columbus	43228	7
Smith, Naphtali	Columbus	43214	7
Song, Nolan	Mason	45040	9
Souayvixay, Kian	Columbus	43220	7
Sridhar Yehamandram, Y	Miamisburg	45342	6
Srivastava, Vikram	Dublin	43016	2
Stagg, Cheryl	Dublin	43016	7
Stark, Gregg	Westerville	43082	6
Stern, Benjamin	Naperville IL	60563	20
Steve, Michael	Columbus	43232	7
Stewart, Tyran	Columbus	43206	7
Stewart, William	Columbus	43206	7
Stopa, John	Columbus	43231	7
Strothers, Ken	Timberlake	44095	2
Suganraj, Brian	Mason	45040	9
Sullivan, Daniel	Kettering	45440	6
Sunkad, Ayush	Lewis Center	43035	7
Surber, Wesley	San Antonio TX	78266	20
Sutton, Dana	Bucyrus	44820	4
Tancinco, Benjamin	Columbus	43235	7
Tari, Hafez	Columbus	43210	7
Taylor, Donald	Cincinnati	45238	9
Terrible, Dan	Philo	43771	8
Thall, Andrew	Columbus	43215	7
Thomas, Andrew	Ironton	45638	7
Thomas, Myron	Reynoldsburg	43068	7
Thomas, Will	Reynoldsburg	43068	7
Thompson, David	Columbus	43221	7
Timko, Leonard	Dayton	45419	6
Tolek, Cuneyd	Sylvania	43560	1
Turner, Bill	Reynoldsburg	43068	7
Vador, Mihir	Dublin	43016	7
Vail, Richard	Delaware	43015	4
Veliu, Everest	Columbus	43221	7
Vilenchuk, Elina	Columbus	43235	7
Vojinovic, Goran	Columbus	43221	7
Wang, Jason	Mason	45040	9
Wang, Matt	Lewis Center	43035	4
Weaver, Andersen	Columbus	43229	7
Webber, Matthew	Columbus	43202	7
Whalen, Jr., Howard	Pemberville	43450	1
White, Dennis	Pickerington	43147	9
Wikle, Leonard	Eaton	45320	6
Wilhelm, Mark	North Canton	44720	5
Wise, William	Akron	44333	5
Wright, William B.	Strongsville	44149	2
Wu, Justin	Dublin	43016	6
Wygle, Steve	Dublin	43016	7
Xie, Luke	Dublin	43017	7
Yoder, Nathan	Canal Winchester	43110	7
Yuan, Matthew	Dublin	43017	7
Yun, Joe	Canton	44721	5



Current Membership Listing

Adams, Bill	Bucyrus	44820	4	Eismann, Jacob	Blacklick	43004	7
Adams, Emil	Columbus	43214	7	Eismann, Ron	Blacklick	43004	7
Allsbrook, Fred	Naperville IL	60565	20	En Passant Chess	Coraopolis PA	15108	20
Ananiadis, Constantine	Wellington	44090	2	Fan, Cody	Cincinnati	45236	9
Antoline, James	Rocky River	44116	2	Fang, Ethan	Mason	45040	9
Atlantic Chess News,	Moris Plains NJ	7950	20	Feng, Maggie	Dublin	43016	7
Back, Larry	Middletown	45042	9	Ferkins, Ethan	Upper Arlington	43221	7
Bagnall, Walter	Chillicothe	45601	10	Franklin, William	Dayton	45432	6
Baker, Victoria Singkai	Mt Vernon	43050	4	Frentz, Alex	Dublin	43016	7
Baker, Vincent Jingwei	Mt Vernon	43050	4	Friedman, David	Kettering	45440	6
Balyan, Aryan	New Albany	43054	7	Friscoe, Lou	Columbus	43212	7
Barnakov, Yuri	Fairborn	45324	6	Fronczak, Wayne B.	Troy	45373	6
Bartler, Joshua	Cincinnati	45247	9	Fu, Andrew	Solon	44139	2
Basalla, Robert	Berea	44017	2	Fu, Reid	Solon	44139	2
Bath, John	Gahanna	43230	7	Gallagher, Daniel	Parma	44134	2
Baumgartner, Blake	Mason	45040	9	Galupo, Peter	Westerville	43081	7
Bechtold, Chris	Richmond IN	47375	20	Ganci, Paul	Cincinnati	45245	9
Behnen, William	Cincinnati	45241	9	George, Adith	Sidney	45365	6
Blaine, Roger	Osceola IN	46561	20	Ghosh, Shourjya	Dublin	43017	7
Blocker, Calvin	Cleveland	44120	2	Gittrich, Dennis J	Columbus	43215	7
Bojja, Dinesh	Dublin	43017	7	Gittrich, Eric L	Columbus	43205	7
Bo1, Robert / Susan	Pataskala	43062	7	Gladwin, Ashley	Columbus	43230	7
Boor, Carl Brandon	Columbus	43231	7	Glaser, Art	Brecksville	44141	2
Borde, Kunal	Dublin	43016	7	Goddin, Bobby	Bloomington IN	47404	20
Borkar, Om	Dublin	43016	7	Goldenberg, Antony	Newark	43055	7
Brackenridge, Keith	Mason	45040	9	Goldenberg, Tim	Newark	43055	7
Brackenridge, Kyle	Mason	45040	9	Gong, Boyi	Columbus	43202	7
Brickey, James	Fairborn	45324	6	Griggs, Walker	Mount Vernon	43050	4
Brigh2od Chess Assoc.	Painesville	44077	2	Guehl, David	Vandalia	45377	6
Britt, Tom	Hilliard	43026	7	Hansbrough, Mike	Incinnati	45227	9
Buckeye Chess Cub	Reynoldsburg	43068	7	Harkins, Jim	Shaker Hts.	44120	2
Burns, Daniel R.	Westerville	43081	7	Hayes, John	Columbus	43202	7
Butterman, Glen L.	Marion	43303	4	Hayes, Richard	Bethesda	43719	8
Calpin, Donald C	Westerville	43082	4	Hill, Bruce	Dayton	45459	6
Cao, Elton	Miamisburg	45342	6	Hodge, Alan	Loveland	45140	9
Cao, Stanley	Dublin	43016	7	Hoehne, Brad	Columbus	43202	7
Carroll, David	Columbus	43221	7	Hoffman, John	Columbus	43202	7
Carroll, Mark	Columbus	43221	7	Howell, Daniel	Youngstown	44505	5
Casden, Alan	Worthington	43085	7	Huang, Evan	Columbus	43221	7
Challan, Robert	Cincinnati	45246	9	Huang, Stella	Hilliard	43026	7
Charles, Steve	Galloway	43119	7	Huebner, Karl	Delaware	43015	4
Chejarla, Rohit	Westerville	43082	4	Hurst, Nick	Wooster	44691	5
Chen, Winston	Columbus	43210	7	Joelson, Michael	Cleveland	44120	2
Cheng, Emma	Columbus	43235	7	Kallam, Karthik	Dublin	43017	7
Cleveland Pub Library	Columbus	44110	2	Kasiurak, Zach	Grandview Hts	43212	7
Clifford, Paul	Columbus	43223	7	Keating-Adams, Noah	Liberty Twp	45011	9
Codogni, Christopher	Columbus	43204	7	Kellett, Paul	Columbus	43209	10
Cook, Stanley	New London	44851	4	Kelley, DeShawn	Columbus	43206	7
Curt, Walter	Springfield	45504	6	Kelley, Michael	West Chester	45069	9
Davis, Jeffrey	Cincinnati	45213	9	Kelley, Noah	Worthington	43085	7
Dayton Chess Club	Dayton	45402	6	Kelly, Patrick	Marietta	45750	10
Demetruk, David	McDonald	44437	5	Kelly, Patrick	Columbus	43229	7
Diebert, Chuck	Gahanna	43230	7	Kim, Dae San	North Olmsted	44070	2
Dotson, Roy	Marysville	43040	3	Kim, Young	North Olmsted	44070	2
Dowling, John	Lima	45806	3	Kleban, Joe	Dublin	43017	7
Driver, Riley	Dayton	45402	6	Koebel, Claire	Hilliard	43026	7
Driver, Sharon	Dayton	45402	6	Koebel, Jeremy	Hilliard	43026	7
Du, Kevin	Copley	44321	5	Kumar, Arvind	Dublin	43016	7
Edington, Larry	Marion	43302	4	Kutell, Evan	New Albany	43054	7
Edmond, Gordon	Columbus	43211	7	Lake, James T.	Cincinnati	45236	9
Eisen, Zane	Shaker Heights	44120	2	Larkin, Duane	Cincinnati	45231	9

OCA Annual Financial Report

August 2014 through July 2015

Item	Year 2015	Year 2014	% Change
Bank Balance	\$5,966.95	\$6,207.11	-4%
Revenue	\$5,304.00	\$1,745.84	204%
Expenses	\$5,544.16	\$4,168.27	33%

As of fiscal year ending July 31, 2015, the OCA bank balance decreased 4% over last year. This represents a significant improvement over the 28% decrease at last fiscal year end. Revenue increased 204% primarily due to members (22) opting for multi-year renewals which added \$1,380 to our account. A 7% increase in membership as well as a rate increase effective January 1, 2015 also contributed to the increased revenue. The OCA contributed \$1,000 to the Midwest FIDE Norm event which contributed to the 33% increase in expenses over last fiscal year.

Note from Your Editor

So many rated events, so few tournament reports. Thanks to Kelly Bloomfield and Grant Neilley for providing reports on events they organized and submitted for ratings this past quarter. All information from event summaries was extracted from USCF cross tables. It is not possible and likely not necessary to publish them all, but the players and organizers deserve at least to have their support for chess acknowledged and their name spelled correctly. The importance of this has become deeply impressed upon me, having sifted through hundreds of back issues of Chess Life, Chess Review, the Ohio Chess Bulletin (sadly I still lack a complete set of the OCB), as well as dozens of newspapers for information on the Ohio Chess Championship events and our champions. Mistakes are frequent; corrections in later issues or editions few.

This is an appeal for cross tables from “more recent” championships, in order to establish such basic information as who played whom round by round. If color assignments can be determined, or even game scores uncovered so much the better. Do you have anything on the 1978 Ohio Championship, Dayton; 1982 Ohio Championship, Lima; or 1990 Ohio Championship, Columbus? If you have original materials you want back, I will scan them and return them. If you have a personal interest in expanding your set of data related to the Ohio Championships, I will share with you what I have.

See the inside cover for contact information. Help me recover and preserve Ohio’s chess heritage. Eventually somebody will appreciate our efforts. <MLS>

Congratulations to Myron Thomas, Ohio's newly minted Associate National Tournament Director! Myron lives in Pickerington, and often works tournaments along with his teenage son Will, who is a certified Local TD.

OCA Annual Membership Report  
August 31, 2015

As of August 31, 2015, OCA membership increased 7% with 18 net new members. Lifetime memberships increased by one due to a database correction.

Membership Distribution by Type, August 2015 vs. August 2014

Level	August 2015	August 2014	% Change
Adult	145	126	15%
Junior	67	72	-7%
Family	22	19	16%
Lifetime	21	20	5%
Affiliate	6	6	0%
Total	261	243	7%

Membership Distribution by District

District	Count	Ratio to Total
1	7	3%
2	25	10%
3	2	1%
4	18	7%
5	17	7%
6	27	10%
7	97	37%
8	4	2%
9	42	16%
10	5	2%
20 (Non-Ohio)	17	7%
Total	261	100%

The alphabetical list of the members provides city, zip, and district number on pages 21–22 in this issue.

## The 71st Ohio Chess Congress

The 71st Ohio Chess Congress was held at The Ohio State University this year and hosted by the Chess Club of OSU. The Great Hall Meeting Room in The Ohio Union was the playing site and all the feedback from the players and spectators was very positive as far as the accommodations go. The old Ohio Union was torn down in 2007 and in 2010 the new current state of the art facility opened its doors with a price tag of around \$117,000,000. The new Ohio Union is simply amazing and is the envy of most other universities. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Stacey (my wife) for her help with registrations and tear down, Ben Tancinco for his help with my DGT boards and lastly, Cheryl Stagg for handling all the OCA membership renewals. Without people like this... these events would not be possible.

There were a couple of new things I would like to point out in regards to this year's event. First, a whopping 84 % of the entry fees were returned in prizes. This is very unusual for a tournament of this size. I was able to do this because of the reduced fees for space rental that we receive in being a "sports club" at OSU. Second, all of the profit (\$1151.00) was split between the Chess Club of OSU and the Ohio Chess Association (OCA). The OCA portion of the profits is "earmarked" for Scholastic Chess Scholarships in the upcoming season. If the OCA fails to use the money for this, then it must come back to the Chess Club at OSU.

When I put together my bid for the Congress I decided to try to run it as a "Class Prize" event rather than the typical under prizes. This would let us see who the top Class players are in the state. Another thing I tried to prevent was sandbagging by requiring all non-rated players to play in the open section

and limiting the amount of winnings a provisional player could win. I was simply trying to protect all the hard work players put in by keeping out someone who was really "1900" from playing in the lower section and winning money away from the players who work so hard.

A big congratulation goes out to this year's State Champions:

Open	IM Goran Vojinovic
Expert	Luke Xie
Class A	Tyran Stewart, Kevin Du, and Xavier Paganini (3-way tie)
Class B	Joseph Kleban and Tyler Rutherford (2-way tie)
Class C	Jacob Eismann
Class D	Stella Huang
Class E	Dinesh Bojja

As a wrap-up of this year's event, I thought it would be interesting to somehow show the different levels of thinking in chess. I aspire to be a better chess player and I am interested in what it takes to get to the next level so I asked one player from each section (Reserve: Kathy Lin, Premier: Joeseph Kleban, and Open: John Miller) to pick one of their games and analyze it without the help of an engine. I also sent the same 3 games without the analysis to GM Vladimir Georgiev and asked him to analyze all three games as well. These games are provided elsewhere in this issue.

A big THANK YOU to: Kathy, Joseph, John, and Vladimir!! I hope you all enjoy the analysis and thank you for supporting this year's Congress!



## Ohio Chess Academy

With close to twenty years of training experience, Chess Master Carl Boor has provided professional and engaging chess service to schools, groups and individuals.

For over fifteen years he has coached over one thousand students in homes, schools, churches and the internet. His students have come from a wide range of demographics and skill levels. Student's need more than just knowledge in order to achieve their potential.

In his own words, "It is critical for a coach to not only have a strong knowledge base, but also to inspire and build confidence. I pride myself on being able to balance these elements in my teaching while at the same time create a fun, yet structured, learning experience."

Carl Boor achieved the National Master Title in 1998, Fide Master in 2009, Senior Master in 2012, and is a three-time Ohio Champion (2002, 2007, 2011). He was July 2012 World Open co champion and Midwest Class co champion for a combined win of over \$10,000 in prizes. His games and analysis have appeared in Chess Life, USChess.org and New In Chess Magazine and he even invented his own chess opening, "The Boor Attack" (1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.f3 !). Visit Carl Boor's web site at <http://www.ohiochessacademy.com/> for more information.

Rg4 68. Rf1 0–1

691\_Cs03b. GM Vladimir Georgiev annotates this game.

**Barnakov, Yuri (2251) — Miller, John (2058) [A08]**

2015 Ohio Championship (4) 09.08.2015. **1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 c5 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. O–O e5 5. d3 d5 6. Nbd2 Be7 7. c4 d4 8. a3 O–O 9. Rb1 Ne8** An odd move. Why not. 9. ... a5 or 9. ... Qc7, useful moves. 10. b4 ?! cxb4 –/+ **10. b4 Qc7 11. b5 Na5** It is probably better to keep the knight in the center with Nd8. Now the knight will be out of the game for a long time. **12. a4 Rb8 13. e4 b6** A closed position in which both opponents are maneuvering. **14. Ne1 Bg5 15. Nef3 Bh6 16. Nh4 g6 17. Ndf3 Bg7** 17. ... Bxc1. I prefer this move, because all the Black pawns are on dark squares and the White bishop is more active than the Black one! 18. Qxc1 f6 19. Ne1 Nd6 20. f4 exf4 21. gxf4 Qg7 Black is better due to space advantage in the middle. **18. Ne1 Qe7 19. f4 !** White is following his ideas. **19. ... exf4** 19. ... f6 should be a better choice to keep the enemy pieces blocked–passive. **20. Bxf4 Ra8** 20. ... Nc7 !? for several moves I do not understand why Black played Ne8. **21. e5 Bb7 22. Nhf3** What about the knight on e1 now? I do not see a good future with that knight. 22. Qe2 with the idea of Nef3, improving the placement of pieces. **22. ... Nc7 !** Finally Black connects the rooks and improves the knight. **23. Rb2 Ne6** Black is better now. All the Black pieces have become active somehow. The White pieces are protecting the pawn on e5! **24. Re2 Nxf4 25. gxf4 Rae8 !** Improving the worst piece and preparing f6. **26. Nd2 Qd7 ?** Why not f6? I don't understand. It is never good to change the ideas every few moves because in the end you will be with empty hands! 26. ... f6 –+ (A) 27. Bxb7 Nxb7 28. Ndf3 fxe5 (28. ... Bh6 29. Ng2) 29. fxe5 Rf5 winning a pawn.) (B) 27. Nef3 Bh6. **27. Ne4 Bxe4** 27. ... f6 again; it is better to open the bishop on g7 and to create a weak pawn in the White position. **28. Bxe4 Qg4+ 29. Ng2 Bh6** Since

26...Qd7 Black is playing really bad moves, only improving White pieces. **30. Kh1 Kh8 31. Bd5 Re7 32. Qe1 Nb7** 32. ... Rfe8 looks logical with previous move Re7. 33. e6 fxe6. **33. Re4 !** with idea f5. If 33. 33. e6 Nd6. **33. ... Qh3 34. Qe2 Qc8 35. Qf2 Bg7 36. Rfe1 Nd8 37. Nh4** Really good play by White the last few moves. Improving the pieces all the time and preparing f5 with big advantage. **37. ... Rfe8 38. Qg3 ??** 38. f5! is connected with all previous moves as White is winning ... gaining material. 38. ... Rxe5 39. f6 Rxe4 40. fxg7+. **38. ... Qc7** In difficult positions all suggestions are bad, but probably Black should escape with the Bh6. **39. Nf3 ??** 39. f5 winning for White; I can't say anything more. So many moves to prepare f5 and to not play it, I have no idea why. 39. ... Bxe5 40. Qg5 A) 40. ... f6 41. Qh6 (41. Nxc6+ hxc6 42. Rh4+ Rh7 43. Qxf6+ Bxf6 44. Rxe8+ Kg7 45. Rg8#) B) 40. ... Bg7 41. Rxe7) **39. ... f6 ??** In a bad position, usually active play only helps the opponent because his pieces are more active! (39. ... Ne6 40. f5 (40. Qh4) 40. ... gxf5 41. Rh4 (better is 39. ... Qd7 40. f5 Qxf5) **40. exf6 ? +/-** exchanging good for bad pieces. 40. Nh4 winning with idea Ng6 to open h–file. f5 41. Nxc6+ (41. Qh3 +–) 41. ... hxc6 42. Qh4+ Bh6 43. Qxh6+ Rh7 44. Qxc6 **40. ... Bxf6 41. Nd2 Rxe4 ?!** Why not Ne2 with idea to go to e4. Why make the opponent happy during the game? 41. ... Nb7 improving the knight. **42. Nxe4 Qe7 43. Rf1 Rf8 44. Qh3 Nf7 45. Rg1 Kg7 46. f5** Finally... but it is the worst possible moment. Now Black can activate the knight on e5. **46. ... Ng5 ?** Losing a pawn. 46. ... Ne5 ! +/- The knight is really well placed on e5. **47. Nxc6 Bxc6 48. fxg6 hxc6** 48. ... h6 is better, keeping the king safer. **49. Qg4 Kh6 50. h4** The game is over. **49. ... Rf5 51. Be4 Re5 52. Qc8 Qf6 53. hxc6+ Rxc6 54. Rxc6 Kxc6 55. Kg2 Qf4 56. Qd8+ Kh6 57. Qh8+ Kg5 58. Qh3 Qd2+ 59. Kh1 Qe1+ 60. Kh2 Qf2+ 61. Qg2+ Qxc6+ 62. Kxc6 Kf4 63. Kf2 g5 64. Bf3 g4 65. Bg2 g3+ 66. Ke2 Kg4 67. Ke1 Kf4 68. Kd2 Kg4 69. Ke2 Kf4 70. Bh3 Kg5 71. Kf3 Kh4 72. Bg2** 1–0

## More Digging Around in OCA Roots

Having identified the cities hosting the Ohio Chess Championships since 1945, if not the actual venues for all, and the champion's name and score, we turn now to the governing body.

The first president of the Ohio Chess Association was A. Ray Phillips. He was born on a farm in Rooks County, Kansas, into a family that moved from Ohio to homestead in the new country. He earned his way through Campbell College in Holton, Kansas. The small school was planned in large part with funding from A. G. Campbell, a wealthy Utah mine owner who was a former resident of Jackson County, Kansas. It opened in 1880 and operated under the name Campbell Normal University.

Following graduation, Ray became involved in stereoscopy, and traveled across the west selling his views for a period of about four years. When World War I broke out, Ray enlisted in the army and attended Officer's Training.

He learned to play chess in 1913 from a student at Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1943, in Cleveland, he joined with Stanley Prague, S. S. Keeney, and others in establishing the Cleveland Chess Association. He served as president of the association for two years and as editor of the Cleveland Chess Bulletin for a year and a half.

In 1944 Ray was named a Director in the USCF and in 1945 he became the president of the newly established Ohio Chess Association. He served in this capacity through 1947, and as editor of the Ohio Chess Bulletin from 1945 through 1949. From a slow start of two issues the first year, the bulletin appeared in 12 issues in Ray's last full year as editor. After providing two issues in 1950, the job of OCB editor passed to S. S. Keeney.

This information was extracted from a profile of USCF Directors. As more information becomes available, it will be integrated into a form of electronic scrap book that will be posted for viewing by interested readers. Your contribution would be gratefully received.



**Qb4 41. fxcg6+ Kxg6 ??** 41. ... Kg8 keeping the king safe. **42. Rg2+** now all the White pieces will attack the Black king...so the attack is decisive. **42. ... Kf5 43. Rf1+** 43. Qd3+ Ke6 44. Bd2+ **43. ... Ke6 44. Qc2 Rxe3 45. Qf5#** 1–0

691\_Cs02b. GM Vladimir Georgiev annotates this game.

**Rutherford, Dave (1803)—Kleban, Joseph (1722) [B24]**

2015 Ohio Championship (5) 09.08.2015. **1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 e6 4. Nf3 Nge7 5. g3 g6 6. Bg2 Bg7 7. O–O O–O 8. Ne2 d5 9. d3 a6** I can't understand the idea of this move. If Black wants to play b5 why not immediately? Probably best is b6 with the idea d takes e and Ba6. 9...b5 !?; 9. ... b6 ! with the idea to finish development! **10. a4** Guards against b5. **10. ... Bd7** I don't see the difference between the bishop on c8 and on d7; that's why this is just losing time. Better is 10. ... b6. **11. c3 Qa5** Why not develop the rook first? What is the queen doing on a5?. 11. ... Rc8. **12. Be3 Rac8 13. Bf2 Rfd8 14. Qb1 ?** 14. e5 ! I believe White is ready to start an attack on the king side because he is bringing all the pieces there. Qb1 is not connected with previous moves. **14. ... Nb8 ??** Black missed the opportunity to activate his own pieces! Why does the knight go to the side from the center? Never make your own pieces worse... try to improve them. 14. ... dxe4 ! 15. dxe4 e5 =. **15. e5** Finally White decided that it is time to start an attack. The idea is correct, but White missed the way to gain material. 15. b4 ! winning material. 15. ... cxb4 16. cxb4 Qc7 17. Rc1 Qd6 18. Bc5 gaining material. **15. ... Qc7** Black has no idea what to do ... playing without any idea! **16. b4** This is not a mistake but chess is a logical game. I don't like to change the ideas every other move. Looks like White is playing one step left one step right! 16. d4; 16. g4 ! after White gains a space advantage on the king side with e5, this is the most logical way to continue to play on the same side. **16. ... c4 ?** keeping his own pieces passive. 16. ... cxb4 ! to improve own piece placement! 17. cxb4 Qc2. **17.**

**a5 ??** Clearly a strategic mistake, letting the Black pieces become active! 17. d4 ! and all Black pieces are stuck on the queen side. That's why I would limit them and start to play on the opposite wing. **17. ... cxd3 18. Qxd3 Bb5 !** Finally one of the Black pieces becomes an attacking one. **19. Qd2 Qc4** 19. ... Bxe2; why not gain a pawn??? I can't see real compensation for that pawn. 20. Qxe2 Qxc3 21. Bc5 ! Rxc5 22. bxc5 Qxc5+ 23. Qf2 Qxf2+ 24. Kxf2 Nec6 25. Rfb1 Rd7 with idea Bf8 and Bb4, Black is better. **20. Nfd4 Nf5** 20. ... Nbc6 is the logical way to try to trade this good knight. The knight on e7 is better placed than the other one on b8! **21. Nxb5 Qxb5 22. g4 !** Limiting the Black knight and starting the attack on the right side. White simply has a space advantage and the majority of his pieces are on the king side. **22. ... Ne7 23. Bc5 ?** 23. Bb6 gaining time to lift the rook on the third rank. 23. ... Re8 24. Rf3. **23. ... Nec6 +-** 23. ... Rxc5 !! Don't worry about passive pieces. The Black rooks have no open file so it is a good trade the passive rook for a really active and powerful piece!!! 24. Nd4 Qc4 25. bxc5 Qxc5 ≈/= . **24. Rf3 Bf8** 24. ... Nd7 is better to keep the only defender next to its own king. **25. Bb6 ?** 25. Bxf8, exchanging the last defender, after which the attack should be unstoppable! 25. ... Rxf8 26. Rh3 d4 (26. ... Ne7 27. f5 bringing the most powerful piece into attack.) 27. Nxd4. **25. ... Re8 26. Bf1 Nd8 27. g5 ??** 27. f5 +-. Why not open all your own pieces immediately and to make the enemy king weaker! **27. ... Qd7 28. Ng3** How does White plan to mate the enemy king without the queen? I have no idea. 28. Qe1 ! Nbc6 29. Rh3 attacking the most vulnerable square in Black's position. **28. ... Ndc6 29. Nh1 ??** The knight into the corner makes a really ugly picture. I would never ever even think about such move! **29. ... d4 !!** Black grabs the opportunity and finally is improving his own pieces! **30. Nf2** A few moves in a row in which White is playing with the same piece. Can that be good??? I doubt it! 30. Rd3 should be a better way to continue the game. dxc3 31. Qf2 (31. Qxc3 Nxb4 32. Rxd7 Rxc3 33. Rxb7 =) 31.

... Qe7 32. Bc5 Qc7 33. Rxc3 keeping some pressure. **30. ... dxc3 31. Qxd7 Nxd7 →+** Somehow White has managed to ruin an excellent position in the last few moves. Let's guess why. The play one step right and one step left is not logical in chess game and playing with one piece too many moves in a row also! **32. b5 Nxb6 33. bxc6 Nd5 34. cxb7 Rc6 35. Ne4 Rb8 36. Rc1 c2 ??** Why not 36. ... Rxb7. It's simple, take the most dangerous White piece! 37. Nxc3 Bb4. **37. Rb3 !** Again we have an equal position. **37. ... Bb4 38. Bd3 Rxb7 39. Rxc2 Rbc7 ?** 39. ... Rxc2 ! 40. Bxc2 Nxf4 going into a pawn ending! **40. Rxc6 Rxc6 41. Nf6+ !** Good trade... now the White rook will be a really active one! **41. ... Nxf6 42. Rxb4 Nd5 43. Rb8+ 43. Rc4 !** with the idea to exchange the active Black rook. 43. ... Rxc4 44. Bxc4 Nb4 45. Kf2 Kf8 46. Ke3 Nc6 47. Bxa6 Nxa5 48. Bb5. **43. ... Kg7 44. Ra8 Nb4 45. Bf1 h5 ?** 45. ... Rc5 winning a pawn, nothing to think about for a better solution. 46. Bxa6 (46. Bd3) 46. ... Rxa5 47. Bb7 Rxa8 48. Bxa8 Nd3 –/+ **46. Kf2 Kh7** It looks like Black is simply waiting to lose the game. 46. ... Rc5 is the only move. **47. Ke3 Kg7 48. Kd4 Kh7** Passive defense will always lose a game. How many moves in a row has Black played only with the king? **49. Rb8 Nd5 50. Bg2 Rc7 51. Bxd5 ?** bad decision. 51. Rb6 is a simple win... White needs to create a passed pawn and with a king up (the Black king is stuck on king side) will easily promote. 51. ... Nxb6 (51. ... Nxf4 52. Bc6) 52. axb6 Rc8 53. b7 Rd8+ 54. Kc5) **51. ... Rd7 52. Kc5 Rxd5+ 53. Kb6** A blunder, now White is losing. 53. Kb4 with a draw. **53. ... Rb5+ 54. Kc7 Rxa5 55. Kd6 Ra1 ??** 55. ... Kg7 ! Black needs to cover the weak pawn on f7 first. 56. Ke7 Rb5 57. Ra8 Rb7+ 58. Kd6 Rb4 →+. **56. Ra8 ??** PASSIVE DEFENSE ALWAYS LOSES!!! 56. Rf8 !! and now White is winning. 56. ... Kg7 57. Ke7 a5 58. Rxf7+ Kg8 59. Kxe6 a4 60. Kf6 a3 61. Ra7 a2 62. Kxg6 Kf8 63. Kf6 Kg8 64. g6. **56. ... Kg7** The rest of the game is not so interesting! **57. Ke7 Rf1 58. Rxa6 Rxf4 59. Ra3 Rf5 60. h4 Rxe5 61. Ra4 Rf5 62. Rb4 e5 63. Re4 Rf4 64. Rxe5 Rxh4 65. Re1 Rf4 66. Rh1 Re4+ 67. Kd6**

## Tournament News in Brief

Rated chess activities were held in eight of the ten OCA districts in the third quarter.

**OCA District 1.** Three events were held in Toledo, attracting 147 players. The organizers are Ryan Daniel Clayton and James F. Jagodzinski of the Greater Toledo Area Chess Club.

The Toledo July 2015 Swiss (July 11) had 4 rounds in two sections plus an extra section, attracting 51 players. Time Control: G/85; d5. **Open Section.** Rohan Talukdar: 4.0; John C Bidwell: 3.5; Manis Davidovich, Surya Parasuraman, Soumya Kulkarni, Nicholas Konovalenko: 3.0. **U1600 Section.** Joe Kanous: 4.0; Briant Hamor Lee, Howard Ted Whalen Jr, Jeffery Moore: 3.0. **Extra Section.** Linzie Tuck defeated Arjun Bajaj.

The Toledo August 2015 Swiss (August 8) had 4 rounds in two sections plus an extra section, attracting 49 players. Time Control: G/75; d5. **Open Section.** Ryan Daniel Clayton: 3.5; Kevin Noren, John C Bidwell, Manmohan Das, Mathew Leach: 3.0; Manis Davidovich: 2.5. **U1600 Section.** Paul G Chamberlin, Jade Ge, Alex Kong: 3.5; Michael Schwind, Robert C Lewis, Eric Morris: 3.0; John B Smaltz, Michael Zihan Zheng, Brooks Chupp, Riley W Olson, Dingjia Shen: 2.5. **Extra Section.** Jeannie Zhang defeated Aathmanathan Muruganathan.

The Toledo September 2015 Swiss (September 12) had 4 rounds in two sections, attracting 47 players. Time Control: G/75; d5. **Open Section.** Ryan Daniel Clayton, John Larry Hibbler: 3.5; Brad Lee Heilman: 3.0; John C Bidwell, Manmohan Das, Justin Meek, Torrance Henry Jr: 2.5. **U1600 Section.** Briant Hamor Lee: 4.0; Dinh Dang Bui, Michael David Coon: 3.5; Paul G Chamberlin, Howard Ted Whalen Jr: 3.0; Michael Zihan Zheng, Justin Richard Bossenbroek, Dr Nathan Ramanathan: 2.5.

**OCA District 2.** Fifteen events were held in venues in Beachwood, Cleveland, Parma, and Solon, attracting 753 players. The principal organizer is William B Wright of the Parma Chess Club.

Parma Jul14 (July 14) had 3 rounds in 7 sections with 28 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1:** Zane Eisen, Jeremy Hunter Metrik: 2.0; **Section 2:** Tim Clos: 3.0; **Section 3:** Gregory S Juneja: 3.0; **Section 4:** David Wayne Bumba: 2.5; **Section 5:** Vincent Chen, Immanuel Halm, and Dae San Kim: 2.0; **Section 6:** Mark D Seaton: 2.0; **Section 7:** Timothy M Whitney: 3.0.

Parma Jul21 (July 21) had 3 rounds in 7 sections with 28 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1:** William B Wright: 2.5; **Section 2:** Jim Nicks: 2.0; **Section 3:** Johnny P Hall III: 3.0; **Section 4:** Mark D Seaton: 3.0; **Section 5:** Jasen Lai: 2.5; **Section 6:** Michael A Palmer: 3.0; **Section 7:** Timothy M Whitney: 3.0.

Mustard Seed Monster (July 25) in Solon, organized by the Cleveland Chess Center and directed by Joe Yun, has 4 rounds in 4 sections with 88 players. Time Control: G/45; d5. **Open Section Results.** Benjamin W Weaver: 3.5. Other top finishers included Gabriel Ewing: 3.5; Zane Eisen, Trey Modlin: 3.0.

**U-1900 Section Results.** Gregory S Juneja, Daniel Bogert, Ralph Tan, and Young Kim: 3.0. Xavier Nicolo Paganini followed with 2.5. **U-1500 Section Results.** Nikita Shkliaev: 4.0; John Cuturic, Gil Covarrubias Jr, Christopher D Berry, James Zhou, Andrew M Hu, David Lauinger followed at 3.0.

Parma Jul28 (July 28) had 3 rounds in 8 sections with 34 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1:** Aristo S Liu: 3.0; **Section 2:** Ari Terjanian: 2.5; **Section 3:** David Wayne Bumba: 3.0; **Section 4:** Damon Rucker, Patrick Leland Beatrez: 2.0; **Section 5:** Timothy M Whitney: 3.0; **Section 6:** Hansen Song: 3.0; **Section 7:** Mitchell Otis Ferris: 3.0; **Section 8:** Alicia Harper: 3.0.

Parma Aug4 (August 4) had 3 rounds in 7 sections with 28 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1:** William B Wright, Pappu Murthy: 2.5; **Section 2:** Damon Rucker: 3.0; **Section 3:** Jim Nicks, Johnny P Hall III: 2.0; **Section 4:** Vincent Chen: 3.0; **Section 5:** Hansen Song: 2.5; **Section 6:** Andrew Langsam: 3.0; **Section 7:** Louis W Adams Sr, Joseph M Erjavec Jr: 2.0.

The Cleveland Open Blitz (August 8) was a Continental Chess Association Event in 8 rounds, attracting 32 players. Time Control: G/5; d0. Priyadharshan Kannappan of Missouri: 8.0; Michael Zukerman: 6.0; Ater H Gorgis, Zachary P Thompson, Beilin Li, Kevin N Roulhac, David E Demetruk: 5.5.

The Cleveland Open (August 7–9) was a Continental Chess Association Event in 6 sections with 5 rounds, attracting 221 players. Time Control: 40/110,SD/30;d10. **Section 1 - 1300.** Charisse Janice Woods, Trenton Cole Rothan: 4.5. **Section 2 - 1700.** Ater H Gorgis, Ryan D Knapp, Diamond Abdus-Shakoor: **Section 3 - 2100,** Ari Terjanian, Jonathan Zhou, Kent Lui: 4.5. **Section 4 - Open.** Jay Richard Bonin: 4.5. **Section 5 - Cle Quad.** Calvin Marshall: 3.0. In **Section 6 - Cle Extra,** Patrick Leland Beatrez defeated Gregory S Juneja.

Parma Aug11 (August 11) had 3 rounds in 6 sections with 26 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1.** William B Wright, David Allen, Richard Gedeon: 2.0. **Section 2.** Jonas M Reed Jr, Johnny P Hall III: 2.0. **Section 3.** Hansen Song, Vincent Chen: 2.0. **Section 4.** Jim Nicks, Gregory S Juneja, Darrington Gladman: 2.0. **Section 5.** Joseph M Erjavec Jr: 3.0. **Section 6.** Liam Resnick: 3.0.

Parma Aug18 (August 18) had 3 rounds in 7 sections with 30 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1.** Wiclaw Zakrzewski, Wuyanbu Zutali: 2.0. **Section 2.** Aristo S Liu: 3.0. **Section 3.** Sri Rahm, Gregory S Juneja: 2.0. **Section 4.** David Wayne Bumba, Vincent Chen: 2.0. **Section 5.** George Liszniansky, Andrew Langsam: 2.0. **Section 6.** Paul Brunovsky, Lisa Krysh, Paul J Buccino: 2.0. **Section 7.** Jeffrey Jiminian: 3.0.

Solon Summer Sizzler (August 22) was organized by the Cleveland Chess Center, James Paul Varrone and Joseph E Yun directing. Time Control: G/30; d5. The event had 4 sections with 4 rounds, attracting 64 players. **Section 1 Open,**

Goran Vojinovic: 4.0; Zane Eisen, Boyd M Reed: 3.0; William B Wright, Gabriel Ewing, Pappu Murthy, Aristo S Liu, Vincent Jingwei Baker: 2.5. **Section 2 U1800**, Jeffrey Schmoldt: 3.5; Vincent Chen, Hansen Song, Butch Kless: 3.0; Ralph Tan, Vishal Senthilkumar, Laine Massick: 2.5. **Section 3 U1400**, James Zhou: 4.0; Bayethe Rowell, Ajay Subramanian: 3.0; Samantha Ma: 2.5. **Section 4 U1000**, Sihe Wang: 4.0; Christian Thornton, Caleb Sun, Michael Keselman, Kyle Andrew Leibovitch: 3.0.

Parma Aug25 (August 25) had 3 rounds in 6 sections with 26 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1:** Pappu Murthy: 3.0; **Section 2:** Patrick Leland Beatrez: 3.0; **Section 3:** Johnny P Hall III, David Wayne Bumba: 2.0; **Section 4:** Immanuel Halm, Joseph M Erjavec Jr, Young Kim, Dae San Kim: 2.0; **Section 5:** Paul Brunovsky: 3.0; **Section 6:** Thomas Arthur Graske, Timothy M Whitney at 2.5.

Parma Sept1 (September 1) had 3 rounds in 6 sections with 26 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Top finishers were as follows. **Section 1:** Pappu Murthy, Kujtim Meta: 2.0; **Section 2:** James L Harkins Jr: 2.5; **Section 3:** Jim Nicks: 3.0; **Section 4:** Johnny P Hall III: 3.0; **Section 5:** Ari Terjanian: 3.0; **Section 6:** Leo Izen at 3.0.

Tinkham Veale Blitz Madness (September 3), sponsored by CWRU Chess Club with Roman Kowalysko directing, had 10 rounds and attracted 9 players. Time Control: G/5; d0. Gabriel Ewing: 8.0; Calvin Marshall, Roman Kowalysko: 6.0; Michael Swearingin, Adam Harold Gerver: 5.0.

PWC September (September 19) was held in Solon, sponsored by the Cleveland Chess Center and directed by James Paul Varrone and Joseph E Yun. The event had 4 rounds in 4 sections and attracted 63 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. **Section 1 Open Results.** Annorjan Naguleswaran: 4.0; Gabriel Ewing, Vincent Jingwei Baker, Joel Jaffe: 3.0. **Section 2 U1800 Results.** Ralph Tan: 3.5; Vincent Chen, Destynn Keuchel, Adam Harold Gerver: 3.0. **Section 3 U1400 Results.** Samantha Ma: 4.0; Sean Tan: 3.0. **Section 4 U1000 Results.** Christian Thornton scored 4.0 to capture first place, followed by Patrick Woo: 3.5; Edison Liu, Henry Wang, Ethan Force: 3.0.

Sunday Classes September (September 27) was organized by the Cleveland Chess Center, Michael Joelson directing. The event had 3 sections with 6 rounds and an extra section, attracting 53 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. **Section 1 Open Results.** Patrick Leland Beatrez: 5.0; Dae San Kim: 3.5; Ralph Tan, Hansen Song: 3.0. **Section 2 U1000 Results.** Wesley Lai: 4.0; Haoqi Zhang: 3.5. **Section 3 U500 Results.** Veda Palomo: 5.5; Patrick Woo, Shamith Murthy, Adithya Kalyanam, Justin Shin: 4.0. In the **Extra Games Section**, Ishita Kopparapu scored 1.5; Alicia Harper, Patricia Tan, Jason Xi scored 1.0.

**OCA District 3.** No rated events were reported.

**OCA District 4.** One event was held in Marion, attracting 20 players. Marion Chess Club Championship (September 26) was directed by Larry Edington with 4 rounds and attracted 20 players. Time Control: G/40; d5. Charles M Diebert: 4.0, followed by Mark Papenhausen, James W Slagle, Xavier Nicolo Paganini, Frank R Hamilton Jr: 3.0.

**OCA District 5.** Four events were held in Akron, attracting 103 players. The organizer is Joe Yun of the Akron Chess Club (ACC).

ACC Octagonals had three rounds with 38 players in 5 sections. Time Control: G/45; d5. **Section 1 Results.** William B Wright: 3.0; Pappu Murthy, Annorjan Naguleswaran: 2.0; Benjamin W Weaver, Zane Eisen: 1.5; Michael Joelson: 1.0; Bobby Steen, Jonny Botek: 0.5. **Section 2 Results.** Trey Modlin: 3.0; Peter Muresan, Alan Liu, Jonas M Reed Jr: 2.0; Md Mahfujul Haque Khan, Donnie Tillman, Wuyanbu Zutali: 1.0; Aaron Vanhorn: 0.5; Tim Clos: 0.0. **Section 3 Results.** Reid Fu, Jasen : 2.5; Xavier Nicolo Paganini: 2.0; Andrew Fu, Vincent Chen: 1.5; Ian Golias, Benjamin Zakhary: 1.0; Young Kim: 0.0. **Section 4 Results.** Benjamin Becker Batton: 3.0; Brett Dale, Dae San Kim, Ethan Wang: 2.0; Leo Izen, Enoch Wang: 1.0; James Paul Varrone, Mike Borton: 0.5. **Section 5 Results.** Andrew Cook: 2.5; Jimmy Zhu, Emily Anne Lucak: 2.0; John Snopko: 1.5; Anna Ault: 1.0.

ACC August Open (August 15) had 4 rounds and attracted 15 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. Zane Eisen: 3.5; Oluwatoyin Jegede, Pappu Murthy, Bobby Steen, Vincent Jingwei Baker: 3.0.

ACC August Premier and Reserve (August 15) had two sections and attracted 20 players. Time Control: G/30; d5. In the **Premier Section**, Aaron Vanhorn: 3.5, followed by Kenneth Oswald Dennard III, Brett Dale: 3.0. In the **Reserve Section**, John Snopko: 4.0, followed by Collin Stump: 3.0.

ACC September (September 12) had three sections and an extra rated game section. The event had 4 rounds and attracted 30 players. **Section 1 Open Results.** Annorjan Naguleswaran: 4.0; Aristo S Liu, Vincent Jingwei Baker: 3.0. **Section 2 Premier Results.** Edward James Sayers: 3.5; Clay Wrocklage: 3.0. **Section 3 Reserve Results.** Edison Liu: 3.0; Collin Stump: 2.0. In the **Extra Rated Game**, Collin Stump defeated Patrick Finley.

**OCA District 6.** Fifteen events were held in Dayton, attracting 186 players. The organizer is Riley Daniel Driver of the Dayton Chess Club (DCC).

#23 Keep Building the Ark Quick (July 10), 4 Rounds, 12 Players. Time Control: G/24; d5. Yuri Anatolievich Barnakov: 3.5; Noah Keating-Adams, Jason Yuyang Wang: 3.0; William Sedlar, John M Miller, Caleb D Jaquish, Yutong Cao, Shawn Michael Irish: 2.0; Jeffrey W Baugham, Chad Drager: 1.5; Christian Bechtold: 1.0; David Teague: 0.0.

#24 Ten Days and Counting Quick (July 17), 3 Rounds, 4 Players. Time Control: G/24; d5. Alex Ian Cretsos: 3.0; Jeffrey W Baugham: 2.0; Ben Wettle: 1.0; Alan L Zucksworth: 0.0.

#25 Two Days and Counting Quick (July 24), 4 Round, 12 Players. Time Control: G/24; d5. Yuri Anatolievich Barnakov: 4.0; William Sedlar, John M Miller: 3.0; George Ramayya, Adith Joshua George: 2.5; William Franklin: 2.0; Jeffrey W Baugham, Shawn Michael Irish, Christian Bechtold, Ben Wettle, J O Henry: 1.0; Stephen Peterangelo: 0.0.

**Kxg5 55. Kg2 Qf4 56. Qd8+ Kh6 57. Qh8+ Kg5 58. Qh3 Qd2+ 59. Kh1 Qe1+ 60. Kh2 Qf2+ 61. Qg2+ Qxg2+ 62. Kxg2 Kf4 63. Kf2 g5 64. Bf3 g4 65. Bg2 g3+ 66. Ke2 Kg4 67. Ke1 Kf4 68. Kd2 Kg4 69. Ke2 Kf4 70. Bh3 Kg5 71. Kf3 Kh4 72. Bg2** Yuri zugged me. If I could have got to the queen side I could swindle a draw. It's tough to swindle a stronger player especially a battle hardened master. I don't need to give lines. They're obvious now with understanding or computers analysis. I will say that I enjoy shooting from the hip on openings. I used too much time to do so. Cheers to Yuri he won his next round as well. I recovered and miniature my opponent in the last round in a Smith Morra. I thought about this loss that entire game. 1–0

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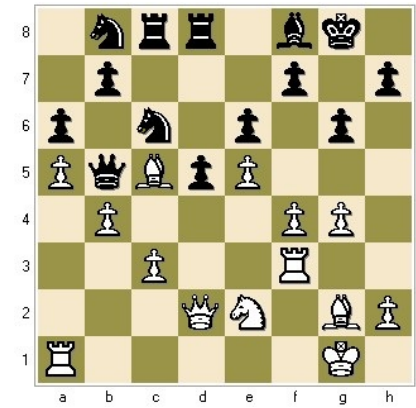
**Schmidt, Richard (1380) — Lin, Katherine (1347) [B92]**

2015 Ohio Championship (4) 09.08.2015. **1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 Nc6** 6. ... e5 is the main move. **7. O–O g6** Black wants to fianchetto the bishop, which means an unusual Dragon. **8. Be3 Bg7 9. a3?** This is the first mistake in the game. I don't understand the idea of this move. It simply looks like losing time instead of a useful move like Qd2! (A) 9. Nxc6 this is the first move I will count now, because the Black king is still into the middle. bxc6 10. e5 dxe5 11. Qxd8+ Kxd8 12. Bc4 ∞ Rb8) (B) 9. a4 This is much more logical than a3, preventing b5 in future. (C) 9. Qd2! Continue to develop pieces and connect the rooks. **9. ... O–O 10. f4 Qb6 ??** Never put your own queen in a pin. The queen is the most valuable piece and now there is a possibility of some tactic!. **11. Nf5 !** White grabs the opportunity using the pinned queen. **11. ... Qc7 12. Nxc7** now White is clearly better. They captured the most important Black piece, the fianchettoed bishop. This means White won the opening battle and the Black king is weaker now. **12. ... Kxg7 13. Qd2** 13. Qe1 looks more logical to develop the

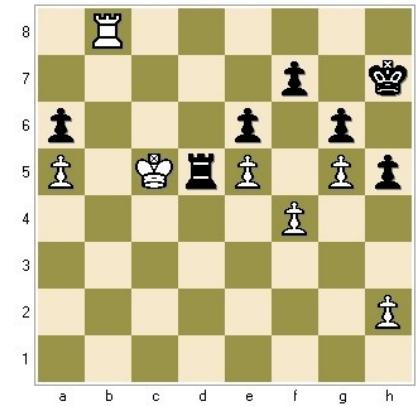
queen from here, with idea Qh4 where the queen is closer to the weak Black king.) **13. ... Bg4** Black develops their last piece. **14. f5 ?!** 14. Bd3 ! White needs more pieces to attack and also f5 is a real threat now because the bishop will be trapped on g4. 14. ... Kg8 (14. ... b5 15. f5 gxf5 16. Bh6+) 15. f5 gxf5 16. exf5 with idea h3 and g4. **14. ... Kg8 ??** 14. ... Bxe2 ! Always when the opponent has the advantage try to trade pieces. It is clear that when we are under pressure the enemy pieces are more active than our own pieces! **15. Bh6+ Kg8 16. Bxf8** 16. Qxe2 Rfe8 Black will not lose any material and have counter play due to a great square on e5 for the knight. 16. ... Bxf1 Black wins.) **15. Bh6 !?** 15. Bd3 simple... the Black bishop on g4 is trapped. **15. ... Bxe2 !** look above as to why this is a good move!. **16. Qxe2 Rfd8** 16. ... Rfe8 !? Probably here it is better to go with the rook to cover the pawn on e7 and to aim at the White queen . You never know what will happen in the future. **17. Nd5 ??** during the attack never give the opponent time to bring more pieces in to help defend. That's why we need to play forcing moves like fxc6. 17. fxc6 ! opens the rook on the f–file and makes enemy king weaker. 17. ... hxc6 (17. ... fxc6 18. Qc4+ during the attack we need the most powerful piece to mate enemy king. 18. ... Kh8 19. Qf7 Rg8 [19. ... Qb6+ 20. Kh1 Rg8 21. Nd5 Removing the defender on f6 and opening the diagonal a1–h8 with a winning position. All the White pieces are really active.] 20. Rxf6) 18. Rxf6 !! removing the only defender. 18. ... exf6 (18. ... Qb6+ 19. Rf2 Qxb2 20. Qe1 +–) 19. Nd5 now with every move White will bring more pieces in to attack. 19. ... Qc8 20. Nxf6+ Kh8 21. Qf2 with winning attack... Black has no defenders near the king, White attacks with 3 pieces so... 3 minus 0 is clearly winning attack!! **17. ... Nxd5 18. exd5 Ne5** Now the position is equal with Black having a super knight on e5 which helps defend the king and counter play on queenside as well. **19. b3** overlooking the pawn due to weak king. 19. Kh1 Now it is necessary to improve our own king.) (19. Be3) **19. ... Qc5+ 20. Kh1 Qxd5 21. Rad1**

**Qc5** Now Black is clearly better, a pawn up and an active knight. To realize the advantage Black needs to improve all the pieces and to try to trade pieces as well. **22. a4 Qc8 ?** making a well placed piece into a bad placed piece and losing a tempo to improve the other pieces. 22. ... b5 ! a simple idea to improve the rook on a8! **23. Qe4 Qc6** offers to trade queens a good idea in this position. **24. Qe2** Better is 24. Rd5 with the idea to take off the most powerful enemy piece, for example.... f6 25. fxc6 hxc6 26. Rxe5 dxe5 27. Qxc6+ **24. ... f6** good move blocking the rook on f1 and improving their own king as well. **25. fxc6 hxc6 26. Rf2 Qd7 ?!** 26. ... b5 Black needs to improve their pieces, (to try to play with all their pieces) somehow Black is playing only with the queen for many moves now which is always bad idea. 27. Rd4 **27. h3** Improving king placement, I like this move. **27. ... Kf7 28. Bf4** excellent move with the idea to take off the monster on e5!. **28. ... Qe6 29. Qe3 f5 ??** king safety is everything in the game. Never make your own king weak!!!. **30. Bg5** 30. Re1, probably winning a pawn due to the pin on the queen. **30. ... Rh8** Again. 30...b5 ! (30. ... Rac8) **31. Kg1 Kg7** And again 31. ... b5 !, look above. Black is ignoring one of the main chess rules. Develop all the pieces! (31. ... Rac8) **32. Re1** The rook is better here rather than on d1! **32. ... Qd7 ?** 32. ... b5 ! **33. Qd4 !** Exploiting the weak Black king and starting an attack. **33. ... Qc7 34. Bf4 !** Now the bishop is also attacking the most important Black piece. **34. ... Rad8** Finally the rook enters into the game, but too late. **35. c4** A good move improving White's pawn structure and limiting the Black queen. **35. ... Kf7 36. Qc3** 36. c5 is a better with idea in order to create more weaknesses in Black's position. **36. ... Nc6 37. Bg5 Rde8 38. g4 !** Weakening Black's king and improving White's worst piece... the rook on f2. **38. ... Qb6 39. Be3 ?** 39. gxf5 !! Why did White play g4 on previous move? Always follow one's ideas until the end. 39. ... gxf5 40. Kf1 with a winning position. **39. ... Rxh3** 39. ... Qb4 –+ Many moves ago I mentioned that Black should try to exchange the pieces! **40. gxf5**





**25. Bb6** The move Bb6 actually is best; if Bxf8 Kxf8. Black is threatening d4 and Rc4. **25 ... Re8** **26. Bf1** This is a very impressive and creative move with the threat of Nd4 trapping the queen. And if Black moves the knight, Nd4 comes anyway. **26 ... Nd8** **27. g5** This is not good. Nd4 is exceedingly better. **27 ... Qd7** **28. Ng3** **Ndc6** **29. Nh1** Nh1 is bad. Ne2 activates the knight a lot easier. **29. ... d4** This is very strong. **30. Nf2** **dx c3** **31. Qxd7** **Nxd7** **32. b5** This is the only move. **32. ... Nxb6** This is bad. Nb4 wins. **33. bxc6** **Nd5** **34. cxb7** **Rc6** **35. Ne4** **Rb8** **36. Rc1** **c2** Everything is forced. **37. Rb3** **Bb4** **38. Bd3** **Rxb7** **39. Rxc2** **Rbc7** **40. Rxc6** **Rxc6** **41. Nf6+** Even this is forced. It is a very long variation. **41. ... Nxf6** **42. Rxb4** **Nd5** **43. Rb8+** This is a clear draw. **43 ... Kg7** **44. Ra8** **Nb4** **45. Bf1** **h5** Now I can move my king back between h7 and g7. **46. Kf2** **Kh7** **47. Ke3** **Kg7** **48. Kd4** **Kh7** **49. Rb8** **Nd5** **50. Bg2** **Rc7** **51. Bxd5** **Rd7** **52. Kc5** **Rxd5+**



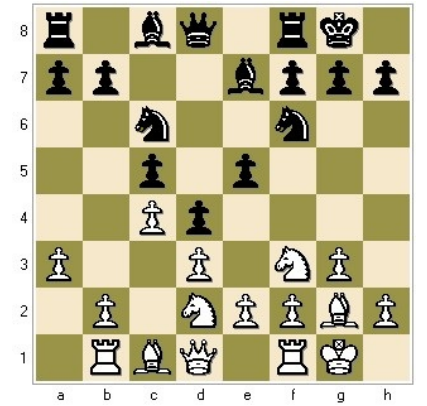
**53. Kb6** If Kb4 Rd4+, then White could repeat this with Kc5. Or he could move back Kb3 then Rd5. At that point White can only protect it with Kb4. Then if Black chooses to repeat it, it's a draw. However, now it's dead lost.

**53 ... Rb5+** **54. Kc7** **Rxa5** **55. Kd6** **Ra1** **56. Ra8** **Kg7** **57. Ke7** **Rf1** **58. Rxa6** **Rxf4** **59. Ra3** **Rf5** **60. h4** **Rxe5** **61. Ra4** **Rf5** **62. Rb4** **e5** **63. Re4** **Rf4** **64. Rxe5** **Rxh4** **65. Re1** **Rf4** **66. Rh1** **Re4+** **67. Kd6** **Rg4** **68. Rf1** White resigns in view of being 3 pawns down and being dead lost. 0–1

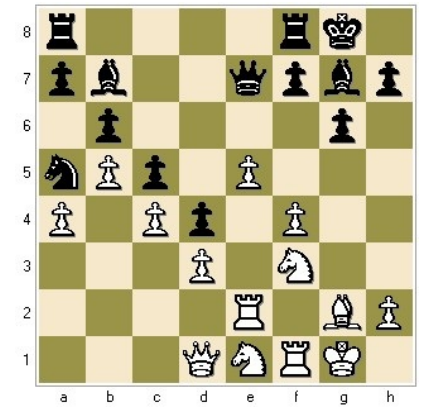
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**Barnakov, Yuri (2251) — Miller, John (2058) [A08]**

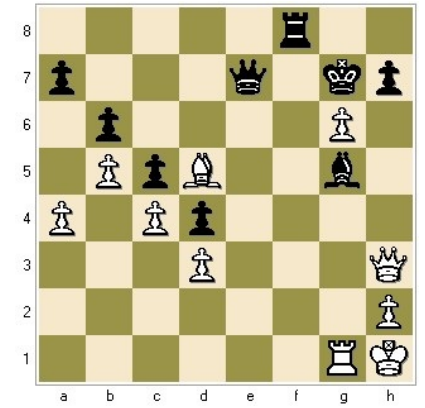
2015 Ohio Championship (4) 09.08.2015. **1. Nf3** **Nf6** Just what the doctor ordered, a flexible and easy to equalize opening. **2. g3** **c5** **3. Bg2** **Nc6** **4. O-O** **e5** **5. d3** **d5** **6. Nbd2** **Be7** **7. c4** **d4** **8. a3** **O-O** **9. Rb1**



I felt as though the sides are reversed and I had the opening side of a KID. By the time all pieces would develop I thought I held more space and had the initiative. **9 ... Ne8** **10. b4** **Qc7** **11. b5** **Na5** **12. a4** **Rb8** **13. e4** **b6** **14. Ne1** **Bg5** **15. Nef3** **Bh6** **16. Nh4** **g6** **17. Ndf3** **Bg7** **18. Ne1** **Qe7** **19. f4** **exf4** **20. Bxf4** **Ra8** **21. e5** **Bb7** **22. Nh3** **Nc7** **23. Rb2** **Ne6** **24. Re2** **Nxf4** **25. gxf4**



I matched Yuri in calculation up to this point and felt I had the better of it due to the bishop pair and clear targets in the pawn structure. I needed to play my pawn breaks better. I missed my chance earlier to play f5. **25 ... Rae8** **26. Nd2** I was afraid to play f5 or f6 here. I thought I could achieve the break later when the queen was safe and not defending the queen's bishop. **26 ... Qd7** **27. Ne4** **Bxe4** **28. Bxe4** **Qg4+** **29. Ng2** **Bh6** **30. Kh1** **Kh8** **31. Bd5** **Re7** **32. Qe1** **Nb7** **33. Re4** **Qh3** **34. Qe2** **Qc8** **35. Qf2** **Bg7** **36. Rfe1** **Nd8** **37. Nh4** **Rfe8** **38. Qg3** **Qc7** **39. Nf3** **f6** **40. exf6** **Bxf6** **41. Nd2** **Rxe4** **42. Nxe4** **Qe7** **43. Rf1** **Rf8** **44. Qh3** **Nf7** **45. Rg1** **Kg7** **46. f5** **Ng5** **47. Nxc5** **Bxc5** **48. fxc6**



I've been tricked after holding the balance in a worse position. I missed my chances earlier but calculated well enough to get a chance to draw. Time pressure just overtook me because my opponent was much stronger than I when it was decisive toward the result. The better player usually wins. **48 ... hxc6** **49. Qg4** **Kh6** **50. h4** **Rf5** **51. Be4** **Re5** **52. Qc8** **Qf6** **53. hxc5+** **Rxc5** **54. Rxc5**

2015 Dayton Chess Festival (July 27–31) at DCC, Riley Daniel Driver organizer and Boyd M Reed TD, assisted by Riley Daniel Driver and Anand Dommalapati. Three sections attracted 30 players. **Dayton Masters Results.** 10 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: 40/90, SD/30; +30. Jeffery Xiong, Vladimir Georgiev, Giorgi Margvelashvili, and Ruifeng Li: 6.0; Dejan Bojkov, John David Bartholomew: 4.5; Nikola Mitkov, Farai Mandizha: 4.0; Calvin Blocker: 2.5; Carl Boor: 1.5. **Dayton Futurity A.** 10 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: 40/90, SD/30; +30. Davis Whaley: 7.5; William Sedlar: 7.0; Noah Keating-Adams: 6.5; Walker Kyle Griggs: 6.0; Akshita Gorti, James A Mills, Jason Yuyang Wang: 4.0; Ram Dake, Anagh Kulkarni: 3.0; Benjamin Coraretti: 0.0. **Dayton Futurity B.** 10 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: 40/90, SD/30; +30. Abhinay Dommalapati: 8.0; Aasa Dommalapati: 7.0; Yutong Cao, Justin Thomas Storn: 5.5; Isaac Daniel Partee, Bruce Hall Bryant Jr, William Franklin, Christian Bechtold: 4.5; Joshua M Bartler: 1.0.

DCC X-15 Blitz (August 2), 6 Rounds, 20 Players; Time Control: G/5; d0. Ruifeng Li: 5.0; Goran Vojinovic, Walker Kyle Griggs: 4.5; Davis Whaley, Rithwik Mathur: 4.0.

DCC Aviator Open 2015 (July 31 – August 2), 5 Rounds, 36 Players; Time Control: G/90;+30. Vladimir Georgiev: 4.5; Goran Vojinovic, Ruifeng Li, Carl Boor: 4.0.

DCC #26 No More Counting Quick (August 7), 4 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. Alex Ian Cretsos: 4.0.

DCC #27 Beautiful Day in Paradise Quick (August 14), 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. William Sedlar: 4.0; Alex Ian Cretsos, Christian Bechtold: 3.0.

DCC #28 Saucey Quick (August 21), 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. William Sedlar, Yuri Anatolievich Barnakov: 3.5; Jason Yuyang Wang: 2.5.

DCC #29 Days Are Getting Shorter Quick (August 28), 4 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. Yuri Anatolievich Barnakov: 4.0; Tyler Rutherford: 3.0.

DCC #30 Typical Quick (September 4), 3 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. David M Friedman: 3.0; Steven James Anderson: 2.0.

Dcc #31 Friday NIGHT QUICK (September 11), 4 Rounds, 9 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. David M Friedman: 4.0; Alex Ian Cretsos: 3.0.

DCC NFL Kickoff Blitz (September 12), 10 Rounds, 6 Players; Time Control: G/5;d0. William Sedlar: 10.0; Robert Chenault: 7.5.

DCC #32 Chile Independence Day Quick (September 18), 4 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. William Sedlar: 4.0; Jeffrey Schmoldt, Jason Michael Thiese: 3.0.

DCC #33 Wright Bros Open Prep Quick (September 25), 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/24;d5. William Sedlar: 4.0; Yutong Cao, Jason Michael Thiese, William Franklin: 2.5.

**OCA District 7.** Twenty-nine events (including the annual Ohio Chess Congress) were held in Columbus and Reynoldsburg, attracting 445 players. Organizers include Kelly Ohio Chess Bulletin 69-1

Bloomfield of the Buckeye Chess Club (BCC) as well as Chess Club of OSU, Lou Friscoe of the Central Chess Club, and Grant Neilley of the Fellowship of the King Chess Club (FOTK).

BCC Thurs G26 3 (July 2) in Reynoldsburg, 4 Rounds, 6 Players; Time Control: G/26; d3. Charles M Diebert: 4.0; Shawn Michael Irish: 2.5; Christian Bechtold: 2.0; Andrew Steven Thall: 1.5; William E Kirby, Nick Hurst: 1.0.

CCC Greek Gift Quick Swiss (July 6) in Columbus, 4 Rounds, 12 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5 . Thomas J Britt: 4.0; Alexander Stephen Frentz: 3.0; William C Stewart, Casey O'Meilia: 2.5; Thomas D Stafa, Benjamin Tancinco, Tyler Rutherford: 2.0; Xavier Nicolo Paganini, Brad Hoehne, Daryl Dean Skinner: 1.5; Katherine Lin: 1.0; Lou Friscoe: 0.5.

BCC Thur Quad (July 9) in Reynoldsburg, 3 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/30; d5. Benjamin Tancinco: 2.5; Aryan Balyan: 1.5; Peyman Majidi, Udbhav Raghukanth: 1.0.

CCC Pope Francis Quick Andean Swiss (July 13) in Columbus, 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. Thomas D Stafa: 4.0; William C Stewart: 3.0; Gregg Stark: 2.5; Brad Hoehne, Lou Friscoe, Christian Bechtold: 1.5; Tyler Rutherford: 1.0; Katherine Lin: 0.0.

Tari V Tancinco (July 16) in Reynoldsburg was a double round robin match between Haze Tari and Benjamin Tancinco. Time Control: G/10; d5. Tari won 3 games and lost 1 game.

2015 Columbus Open (July 17–19) at Ohio State University Chess Club in Columbus had 3 Sections, 5 Rounds, 121 Players; Time Control: Round 1–2: 30/90, SD/60; d5, Round 3–5: G/120; d5. **Open Section Results.** Goran Vojinovic, Bryan G Smith: 4.5; Sergey Kudrin, Walker Kyle Griggs, Scott Ramer, John Lodger Hughes, Maggie Feng at 4.0. Remaining results are Carl Boor, Pratik Shriwas, John B Randolph: 3.5; George O Umezina, Stephen L Wygle, Thomas J Britt, William Sedlar, Luke Bohua Xie, Justin F Notter, Blake K Baumgartner, Trey Modlin, Sam Massick, Russell Wilson, Jason Yuyang Wang, Roman Kowalysko, Surya Parasuraman, Gregg Stark: 3.0; James A Mills, Alan Casden, Zane Eisen, Vikram Srivastava, John R Hayes II, Joel Jaffe, Kevin Wang, Karthikeyan Pounraj, Vincent Jingwei Baker, Aswath Bommanan, Amador Victorino Delamerced III, Soureesh Motur, Reid Fu, Brian Sujanraj, Tim Goldenberg: 2.5; Michael Opaska, Thomas D Stafa, Benjamin Tancinco, David E Demetruk, Shourjya Ghosh, Nolan Xuhui Song, William C Stewart, Adam C Steed, Soumya Kulkarni, Justin Sun Liang, Joseph Warren Kleban: 2.0; Pete Markiewicz, Matthew Webber, Arvind Sai Prasad, Brad Hoehne, Yutong Cao, Akash L Narayanan: 1.5; Deshawn Kelley, Hafez Tari, David Bruce Davis, Bobby Goddin, Om Borkar, Isaac Daniel Partee: 1.0; Ashwin Kalyanakumar: 0.5; Annorjan Naguleswaran, Jean-paul Pegeron, Nicholas Wall: 0.0. **Premier Section Results.** Jasen Lai: 5.0; Dave Rutherford, Patrick B Miller, David Guehl, Kian Souayvixay, Sujan Rachuri: 4.0; Antonio Ulloa, Tyler Rutherford, James T Lake: 3.5; Lou Friscoe, Eric James Yussman, Daryl Dean Skinner, Aja Sampath, Adith Joshua George, Leo Izen, William Franklin, Evan E Shelton: 3.0; Daniel Paul Cunningham, Jeremy Koebel, Dakshin Pisini, Christian Bechtold, Sanjay S Medicherla: 2.5; Kem E Templeton, Evan Y Huang, Daniel R Burns, Emma Cheng, Aryan Balyan, Ethan Josiah Ferkins, Kevin Ren, Mark Carroll,



Udbhav Raghukanth: 2.0; Kunal Dattatraya Borde, Peter L Galupo, Justin Wu, David Carroll, Vasishta Malisetty, Bill Adams, Anish Devineni, Dominic James Mayhew, Dinesh Bojja: 1.5; Gregory S Juneja, Skylar L Garrett: 1.0; Dae San Kim: 0.5; Christian Bechtold: 0.0. **Reserve Section Results.** Katherine Lin: 5.0; Bruce Hill: 3.5; Jimmy Zhu, Srikrishna Kondaveeti: 3.0; Sneha Prabu, Yogeshwar Sridhar Yehamandram, Matt Wang, Lohith Savardekar: 2.5; Sreeman Koka: 2.0; Donald Charles Calpin: 1.5; Smriti Sakhamuru, Bradley T Heffron: 1.0.

Return of Joe Crump Quick Swiss (July 20) at Central Chess Club in Columbus, 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. William C Stewart, Xavier Nicolo Paganini, Brad Hoehne, and Casey O'Meilias: 3.0; Tyler Rutherford: 2.0; Lou Friscoe, Joseph Patric Crump: 1.0; Katherine Lin: 0.0.

2015 July Sunday in the Park (July 26) at Central Chess Club, 4 Rounds, 16 Players; Time Control: G/45; d5. Gregg Stark: 3.5; Charles M Diebert, David M Friedman: 3.0; Jeremy Koebel, Christian Bechtold, Skylar L Garrett: 2.5; Lou Friscoe, Justin Wu, Joseph Patric Crump: 2.0; Paul Alan Counts, Peter L Galupo: 1.5; Brad Hoehne, Tyler Rutherford, Dan Carr, James Oram: 1.0; Alan Feng: 0.0.

Kasich Joins the Clown Car Round Robin (July 27) at Central Chess Club, 7 Rounds, 7 Players; Time Control: G/10; d5. William C Stewart: 5.0; John Russell Stopa, Joseph Patric Crump: 4.0; Benjamin Tancinco: 3.0; Gregg Stark, Lou Friscoe: 2.0; Brad Hoehne: 1.0.

2015 August Sunday in the Park (August 2) at Central Chess Club, 4 Rounds, 12 Players; Time Control: G/45; D5. Charles M Diebert: 4.0; Thomas D Stafa: 3.0; Xavier Nicolo Paganini, Aja Sampath, Joseph Patric Crump: 2.5; David M Friedman, Benjamin Tancinco, Evan Y Huang: 2.0; Skylar L Garrett: 1.5; Justin Wu: 1.0; Peter L Galupo, Bradley T Heffron: 0.5.

BCC Thurs 8/6/15 Quad (August 6), OSU CC, 4 Players; Time Control: G/26; d3. Steven J Schaeffer: 2.5; Benjamin Tancinco: 2.0; Tyler Rutherford: 1.0; Kelly Matthew Bloomfield: 0.5.

Megyn Rags on Trump Round Robin (August 10) at Central Chess Club, 7 Players; Time Control: G/10; d5. Gregg Stark: 5.0; William C Stewart, Brad Hoehne: 4.0; Casey O'Meilias: 3.5; Christian Bechtold: 3.0; Tyler Rutherford: 1.5; Katherine Lin: 0.0.

Trump-Kasich Would Take Ohio Swiss (August 17) at Central Chess Club, 4 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. Naphtali Anthony Smith: 3.5; Thomas D Stafa, Xavier Nicolo Paganini, Casey O'Meilias: 2.5.

BCC Thursday Night Quad (August 20), OSU CC, 3 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/26; d3. Benjamin Tancinco, Daryl Dean Skinner: 2.5; Nick Hurst: 1.0; Michael Jeremy Thomas: 0.0.

BCC Saturday 8/22/2015 (August 22), OSU CC, 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/60; d5. Charles M Diebert, Stephen L Wygle: 3.0; Deshawn Kelley, Naphtali Anthony Smith: 2.5.

Friscoe Mania Returns Round Robin (August 24) at Central CC, 9 Rounds, 9 Players; Time Control: G/10; d5. Naphtali

Anthony Smith: 8.0; Alexander Stephen Frentz: 7.0; Xavier Nicolo Paganini: 6.0; William C Stewart: 5.0.

BCC Thursday Night Quick (August 27) at OSU CC, 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/26; d3. Benjamin Tancinco, Tyler Rutherford: 3.0; Naphtali Anthony Smith, Hafez Tari: 2.5.

Pundit Apoplexia Quick Swiss (August 31) at Central Chess Club, 4 Rounds, 14 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. Deshawn Kelley, Xavier Nicolo Paganini, Tyler Rutherford, Brad Hoehne: 3.0; Thomas D Stafa: 2.5.

BCC Thurs 9/3/2015 (September 3) at OSU CC, 3 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/25; d5. Benjamin Tancinco, Aryan Balyan: 2.5.

2015 Ohio Chess Congress (September 4 - 6). 4 Sections, 107 Players. See cross table in this issue.

Go Buckeyes Double Round Robin Blitz (September 7) at Central CC, 10 Rounds, 6 Players; Time Control: G/5; d2. Deshawn Kelley: 9.5; William C Stewart: 6.5; Tyler Rutherford: 5.5.

BCC Quad 9 10 2015 (September 10) at OSU CC, 3 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/15; d5. William Sedlar: 3.0; John M Miller: 2.0; Alassane Sow: 1.0; Tyler Rutherford: 0.0.

2015 September Sunday in the Park (September 13) at Central CC, 4 Rounds, 17 Players; Time Control: G/45; d5. William Sedlar: 4.0; Thomas J Britt: 3.5; Hafez Tari, John M Miller, Thomas D Stafa: 3.0.

Feel the Bern Quick Swiss (September 14) at Central CC, 4 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. Brad Hoehne: 3.5; Gregg Stark, William C Stewart: 3.0; Tyler Rutherford: 2.5.

BCC Thurs Quad 9 17 2015 (September 17) at OSU CC, 3 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/30; d5. Kelly Matthew Bloomfield: 3.0; Tyler Rutherford: 2.0; Aryan Balyan: 1.0; William Edward Burke Jr: 0.0.

Scumbag Scott Walker Walks Out (September 21) at Central CC, 4 Rounds, 10 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. Casey O'Meilias, Lou Friscoe: 3.0; Tyran Stewart, Brad Hoehne: 2.5.

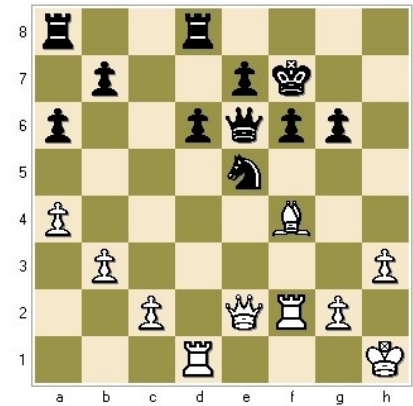
BCC Thurs G30 D5 9 24 15 (September 24) at OSU CC, 4 Rounds, 6 Players; Time Control: G/30; d5. Naphtali Anthony Smith: 4.0; Benjamin Tancinco: 3.0.

OSU Chess Club 9242015 G15 (September 25) at OSU CC, 9 Rounds, 9 Players; Time Control: G/10; d0. Hafez Tari: 9.0; Deshawn Kelley: 8.0; Tyler Rutherford, Jordan Singer, Winston Z Chen: 5.0.

Yogi Berra Sudden Death Quick Swiss (September 28) at Central CC, 4 Rounds, 8 Players; Time Control: G/20; d5. John Russell Stopa, Gregg Stark, William C Stewart, Casey O'Meilias: 3.0.

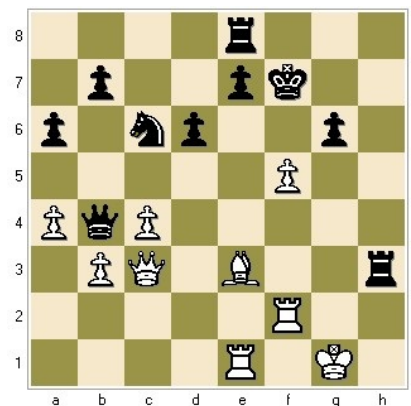
**OCA District 8.** One event was held in Lore City, attracting 17 players, and one event was held in Cambridge, attracting 21 players.

I wanted to trade queens, as this would give me the best chance of surviving his attack. He smartly declined. **24. Qe2 f6** I wanted to give my king another square to go to so I could get my rooks on the g and h files. It is important to note that at this point, my opponent and I each had less than 10 minutes remaining before we met time control. **25. fxc6 hxc6 26. Rf2 Qd7 27. h3 Kf7 28. Bf4 Qe6**



This was very hard to navigate with little time. Many of my pieces are pinned ... the pawn on f6 was pinned to the king and the pawn on d6 was pinned to the queen—I had to move the queen or else the knight would have been lost. **29. Qe3 f5** I only had 38 seconds left at this point, but I felt this move, f5, was very weak. It allowed his bishop to move to g5, and this caused me problems later on. Perhaps a stronger move would have been Rh8. **30. Bg5 Rh8** Although I played Rh8, the queen no longer attacks h3. **31. Kg1 Kg7 32. Re1 Qd7** I think I played this so the queen was not pinned to the knight. **33. Qd4 Qc7** The queen is now pinned to the pawn—he will win the knight if I do not move the queen. I cannot move the knight because it is pinned to the king. **34. Bf4 Rad8** Trying everything I can to save my knight at this point. **35. c4 Kf7** Getting the king out of the pin. **36. Qc3 Nc6 37. Bg5 Rde8 38. g4 Qb6** Pawn on f6 is pinned to the king, but rook on f2 is pinned to White's king. **39. Be3 Rxh3** I only had 16 minutes left on my clock, so I did not have enough time to fully analyze the position. I saw the bishop was

pinned to his queen, so I took a chance. **40. gxf5 Qb4**

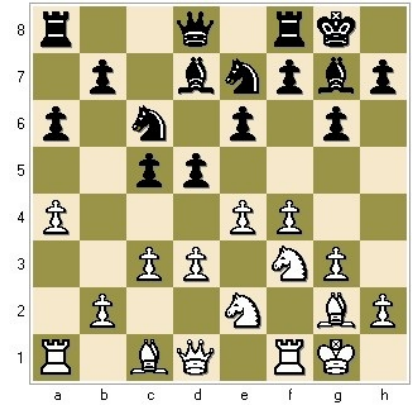


He was able to take now that his rook was no longer pinned. Thought at some point he would be able to win my queen if he was able to get an extra tempo, so I moved her, attacking the queen (and rook). **41. fxg6+ Kxc6** I knew my king was going to be wide open, but did not really think of anything at this point. I tried to stay off the dark squares to avoid the bishop, and wanted to get to d7, as here I thought I would be safe. **42. Rg2+ Kf5 43. Rf1+ Ke6 44. Qc2 Rxe3** I thought he had blundered here! We both were low on time, but I was under more time pressure—only 6 minutes left at this point. I actually offered a draw the previous move, and he said he wanted to wait a few more moves. I did not see the checkmate! It still seems that White is winning, though. If I move the rook to h5, it can be forked with Qg6+. If I go Kd7, Qf5 wins the rook as well. With 44. ... Qa5, White can go 45. Qe4+ Qe6 46. Qg4+ and wins the rook or 44. ... RQa5 45. Qe4+ Ne5 46. Qf5#. **45. Qf5# 1-0**

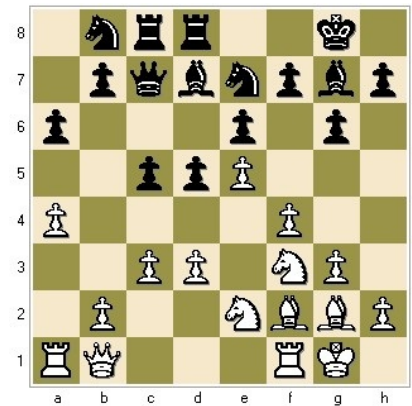
691\_Cs02a. Joseph Kleban, Premier Section, annotates his game.

**Rutherford, Dave (1803) — Kleban, Joseph (1722) [B24]**

2015 Ohio Championship (5) 09.08.2015. **1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 e6 4. Nf3 Nge7 5. g3 g6 6. Bg2 Bg7 7. O-O O-O 8. Ne2 d5 9. d3 a6 10. a4 Bd7 11. c3**



This move is very interesting. It allows c4 in the future. However, it does not allow me to play d5, and allows White to play future b4 which is quite strong. **11. ... Qa5** This move is bad after Be3 the queen is trapped at a5 until something else can protect c5. **12. Be3 Rac8** As said before, now I have to play Nb8 in view of Nd2 then Ng3. **13. Bf2** I do not like this move. It is a waste of tempo. Although it does not look like tempo would be an issue, Black is only a few moves away from a very solid position. If Black is able to get in Nb8 Qc7, Black has very interesting ideas of c4 or b5. **13. ... Rfd8 14. Qb1 Nb8 15. e5 Qc7**



**16. b4** This is a very strong move. **16. ... c4 17. a5** This move is very bad. White should play b5! followed by invading the a-file. **17. ... cxd3 18. Qxd3 Bb5 19. Qd2 Qc4 20. Nfd4 Nf5 21. Nxb5 Qxb5 22. g4 Ne7 23. Bc5 Nec6 24. Rf3 Bf8**



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**Mar. 12**  
**Toledo March Swiss**

Open, 4SS, Rnd. 1 G/75 d5, Rnds. 2-4  
G/85 d5. The University of Toledo  
Health Science Campus, Mulford  
Library Basement Cafe, 3000  
Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614.  
Can split into 2 sections if enough  
players. EF: \$20 by 3/10, \$25 at site.  
Reg.: 9-10 a.m., Rds.: 10, 1, 4, & 7.  
Prizes: \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st  
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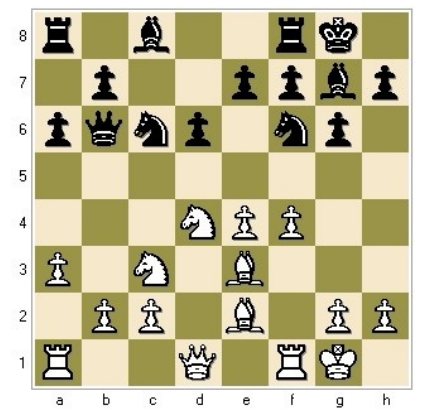
**Apr. 1-3 or 2-3**  
**52nd Cincinnati Open**  
See flyer on page 22.

**Annotated Games from the 2015 Ohio Championship**

691\_Cs01a. Katherine Lin, Reserve  
Section, annotates her game.

**Schmidt, Richard (1380) — Lin,  
Katherine (1347) [B92]**

2015 Ohio Championship (4)  
09.08.2015. **1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4**  
**cx d4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2**  
**Nc6 7. O-O g6 8. Be3 Bg7 9. a3**  
**O-O 10. f4 Qb6**



I spent a bit of time on this move and  
not sure whether it was a strong or  
weak move. I was attacking the  
pawn on b2, and the bishop on b3  
was not protected, so I did not  
consider the knight on d4 moving.

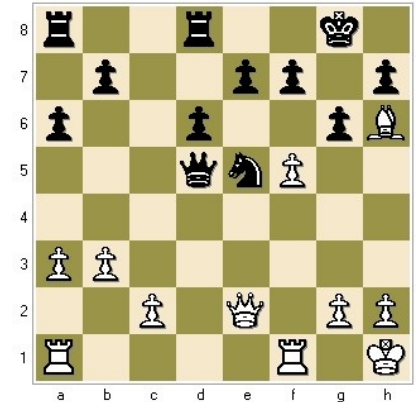
2015 Ohio Senior Open & Championship ■ Lore City, OH ■ 09-19 / 09-20 ■  
Fellowship of the King CC ■ Grant Neilley ■ 5 Rounds, 17 Players ■ Round 1:  
G/75;d10, Round 2: G/75;d10, Round 3: G/90;d10, Round 4: G/90;d10, Round 5:  
G/90;d10

1	Grant S Perks	2018	W 12	W 5	H	W 6	W 4	4.5
2	John Dowling	2047	L 8	W 9	W 5	W 7	W 6	4.0
3	Mark Wilhelm	1960	W 9	W 8	W 10	D 4	H	4.0
4	Steve E Charles	1938	W 13	W 7	D 6	D 3	L 1	3.0
5	David Guehl	1713	W 17	L 1	L 2	W 15	W 11	3.0
6	Jeff E Hohn WV	1912	W 15	W 10	D 4	L 1	L 2	2.5
7	Joseph E Bello Sr PA	1836	W 14	L 4	D 11	L 2	W 15	2.5
8	Kem E Templeton IN	1736	W 2	L 3	W 13	D 11	U	2.5
9	Michael Schwind	1532	L 3	L 2	H	W 13	W 14	2.5
10	John Russell Stopa	2200	W 11	L 6	L 3	W 12	U	2.0
11	Robert A Florian	1692	L 10	W 15	D 7	D 8	L 5	2.0
12	Walter B Bagnall	1657	L 1	W 17	H	L 10	U	1.5
13	David B Rief	1665	L 4	D 14	L 8	L 9	W 17	1.5
14	Frank E Pershing III	1256	L 7	D 13	L 15	W 17	L 9	1.5
15	Anthony Francis PA	1393	L 6	L 11	W 14	L 5	L 7	1.0
16	Grant Neilley	1304	U	U	W 17	U	U	1.0
17	Lee Marinelli SC	0983	L 5	L 12	L 16	L 14	L 13	0.0

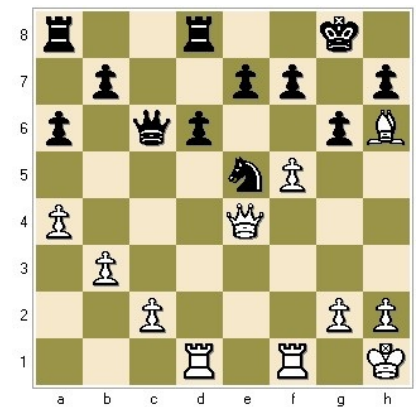
**11. Nf5 Qc7** I did not anticipate this  
move. I thought it was very clever, as  
the knight protects the bishop on e3!  
Furthermore, the knight cannot be  
taken as the queen is attacked, and  
the knight is attacking my bishop on  
g7. I could not think of any counter  
attack or way to defend.

I wonder if Qxb2 would be an option,  
attacking the knight on c3. In the  
end, I moved the queen back, but I  
do not quite see why ... perhaps I  
thought this was the safest square,  
and that it protected d6 if I moved the  
pawn on e7.

**12. Nxd4 Kxd4 13. Qd2 Bg4** I  
wanted to trade my last bishop  
because I liked the spot on g4 for my  
knight, as his dark squared bishop  
had nowhere to go. **14. f5 Kg8** Good  
move on his part, as it released a lot  
squares for his dark squared bishop.  
Also, he threatened Bh6+, winning  
the exchange. **15. Bh6 Bxe2 16.**  
**Qxe2 Rfd8 17. Nd5 Nxd5** I did not  
want to double my pawns, so I  
traded the knight. **18. exd5 Ne5 19.**  
**b3 Qc5+ 20. Kh1 Qxd5**



Not sure if he willingly gave up the  
pawn or not. His rook was able to  
attack the d-file, though he is down  
a pawn. Regardless, he still has  
superior position. **21. Rad1 Qc5 22.**  
**a4 Qc8 23. Qe4 Qc6**



2015 Ohio Senior Open & Championship (September 19 - 20).  
Fellowship of the King CC, 5 Rounds, 17 Players. See report  
and cross table in this issue.

SUNDAY BLITZ QUAD (September 27). Fellowship of the  
King CC, 6 Rounds, 4 Players; Time Control: G/5; d0.  
Deshawn Kelley: 5.0; Charles M Diebert: 3.5.

**OCA District 9.** Six events were held in Cincinnati, attracting  
106 players.

July Quick (July 24), Cincinnati Chess Club directed by Duane  
E Larkin, 4 Rounds, 15 Players; Time Control: G/24; d5.  
Sergey Berchenko: 4.0; Hans Multhopp, Justin Thomas Storn:  
3.0; Daniel Paul Cunningham, Jeffrey Stuart Davis: 2.5; Alan  
S Falkingham, Yven Destin, Andrew L Ehrman, Kevin Storn:  
2.0; James T Lake, Ramesh Boury: 1.5; Mark Bennett, Chris M  
Alge: 1.0; George Brown, Eric Winter: 0.0.

Cincy Tornado Fluid Moves (July 25) sponsored by Chess  
Earth with Robert Chenault and Jeffrey Stuart Davis directing,  
3 Sections, 4 Rounds, 24 Players; Time Control: G/60; d5.  
**Open Section Results.** William Sedlar: 3.5; Yuri Anatolievich  
Barnakov Blake K Baumgartner: 3.0; Noah Keating-Adams,  
Ram Dake, Daniel Paul Cunningham: 2.5. **Section 2 Results.**  
Arnold L Franklin: 4.0; Rithvik N Kilaparathi: 3.0; Skylar L  
Garrett, Steve A Phillips: 2.5. **Section 3 Results.** Robert  
Chenault and Brian Nester played one game that was drawn.

QTC RR Bayless (July 1 - August 23) sponsored by Chess  
Earth with Robert Chenault, 10 Rounds, 5 Players; Time  
Control: 40/120; d5. Blake K Baumgartner: 6.5; Denton Dykes  
II: 4.5; Ram Dake: 4.5; Anthony Wayne Bayless: 3.5; Robert  
Guerrant: 0.0.

Summer Quad (August 14 - August 28), Cincinnati CC Robert  
Chenault, 3 Sections, 12 Players. Time Control: G/45; +45.  
**Section 1.** Robert Chenault: 2.0; Duane E Larkin, Alan S  
Falkingham: 1.5; Keevin Lee: 1.0. **Section 2.** Mark Bennett,  
Andrew L Ehrman: 2.0; Taylor Wallace Barker III, Andrew W  
Boniface: 1.0; Eric Winter: 0.0. **Section 3.** Ram Dake, Mark  
Bennett, Jonathon Hibbard: 1.0; Yven Destin, Andrew W  
Boniface: 0.0.

Cincy Tornado 2015 Unorthodox Chess (August 28),  
sponsored by Chess Earth with Robert Chenault, 2 Sections, 4  
Rounds, 26 Players; Time Control: G/60; d5. **Section 1**  
**Results.** Yuri Anatolievich Barnakov, Ram Dake: 3.5; Alex Ian  
Cretsos: 3.0; Blake K Baumgartner: 2.5. **Section 2.** Robert  
Challan: 3.5; Steve A Phillips: 3.0; Mark Bennett, Ethan Fang:  
2.5.

2015 CINCY TORNADO POSITIONAL BY NATURE  
(September 26), sponsored by Chess Earth with Robert  
Chenault, 3 Sections, 4 Rounds, 24 Players; Time Control:  
G/60; d5, **Section 1 Open.** Maximilian Joseph Zinski: 3.5;  
William Sedlar, Blake K Baumgartner, Steffen Thieme, Nolan  
Xuhui Song, Yutong Cao, Evan Y Huang: 2.5. **Section 2**  
**U1600.** Skylar L Garrett: 4.0; Nik Sutliff: 3.0; Albert L Nelms:  
2.5. **Extra.** Steven Luttrell defeated Kevin Ren in one game.

**OCA District 10.** No rated events were reported.

**Grant Neilley Reports**

**2015 Ohio Senior Championship Report**

17 players from five states gathered at Salt Fork State Park  
Lodge near Cambridge on September 19th & 20th for the first  
Ohio senior event in five years. The rustic lodge with massive  
pine beam and stone architecture, a carpeted playing hall  
featuring a glass wall overlooking forested hills and Salt Fork  
Lake, and the quiet tone of the event all drew rave reviews  
from players, many vowing to return next year. Time controls  
were G/75 and G/90 with 10-second delay, which was long  
enough for serious competition, but short enough to allow for  
generous breaks between rounds to relax and visit with family  
and friends.

Third-seed Grant Perks took home the Ohio Senior Champion  
trophy with a score of 4.5/5, while second and fifth seeds John  
Dowling and Mark Wilhelm tied for second with 4 points each.  
Lee Marinelli of South Carolina, who only recently turned to  
playing rated chess at age 73, was presented the trophy for  
"eldest" player. Anthony Francis from Pennsylvania took the  
first place "Young'uns" trophy for under age 50.

**Farewell to a Champion**

Joseph Shaffer, 1970 Ohio Chess Champion, passed away  
Monday morning, July 20, 2015, at the age of 87, in ProMedica  
Toledo Hospital. He was born on January 16, 1928, to Jacob  
and Reba Shaffer in Philadelphia, PA. He attended the  
University of Chicago followed by receiving his bachelor's,  
master's and doctorate degrees from Temple University in  
Philadelphia. After receiving his Ph.D. in psychology, he was  
appointed director of test administration at Temple University.  
Dr. Shaffer was recruited in 1966 to join the faculty of the  
Department of Psychology at The University of Toledo.

As a young man, he enjoyed playing chess and baseball, and  
running track. His love of chess continued throughout his life  
as demonstrated by winning many tournaments including the  
state championships of Illinois, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

At the 7-round Ohio Championship held in Royer Commons at  
the Ohio State University September 5 - 7, 1970, he posted 5  
wins, 0 losses, and 2 draws for a score of 6.0, matching that of  
Richard Kause, Tom Wozney, and David Lane. He was  
awarded the title on tiebreak, having defeated Harold Snyder,  
Paul Szilagyi, Blaine Newcomb, and Jean Hugon in the early  
rounds, then drawing with Robert Burns and Richard Kause,  
and defeating Vernon Burk in the final round. The event  
attracted 145 players. The tournament report in the Ohio Chess  
Bulletin included a photo of Dr. Shaffer holding two trophies,  
a permanent trophy and a larger traveling trophy engraved with  
all the name of past Ohio champions.

Dr. Shaffer competed in the Ohio Championship event in 1967  
(drawing with tournament winner Thomas Wozney), 1969–  
1971, 1973–1976, 1979, 1980–1981, and 1984. He achieved  
the United States Chess Federation ranking of Life Master.



Event Calendar

Dec. 26  
State of Ohio G/45 Championship

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30  
5/SS, G/45 d5. Sheraton Cleveland  
Airport Hotel, 5300 Riverside Dr.,  
Cleveland, OH 44135. Prizes: \$3,500  
(b/75 paid). In 4 Sections. Open:  
(Guaranteed)-\$1000-\$500; U2200  
\$300. U2000: \$350-\$150; U1800  
\$150. U1600: \$350-\$150; U1400:  
\$150. U1200: \$200-\$100; U1000:  
\$100. EF: \$50 by Dec 19th, then \$60.  
Free to GM, IM. No prize deduction.  
Registration: Online, Flyer:  
www.progresswithchess.org, Mail:  
Checks payable to Progress with  
Chess, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland,  
OH 44120, Site: Sat. 9-11:30 am. Rds.:  
12:00-2-4-6-8. Byes (1/2 point), must  
commit before start of round 2, limit 1.  
Late entries receive round one 1/2  
point bye. Info: 216-321-7000,  
mdjoelson@progresswithchess.org

Dec. 27  
State of Ohio Blitz Championship

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 6  
7SS, G/5 d0. Sheraton Cleveland  
Airport Hotel, 5300 Riverside Dr.,  
Cleveland, OH 44135. Prizes: \$1000  
(b/50 paid). In 2 Sections. Open:  
\$400-\$200; U2200: \$50; U2000: \$50.  
U1800: \$150; U1600, U1400, U1200  
\$50 each. EF: \$20 by Dec 19th, then  
\$25. Free to GM, IM. No prize  
deduction. Reg.: Sunday 9-11:30. Rds.  
12:00 then ASAP. Online Flyer and  
Registration:  
www.progresswithchess.org. Entries,  
checks payable to: Progress with  
Chess, 12200 Fairhill Rd., Cleveland,  
OH 44120. Info: 216-321-7000,  
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Jan. 9  
Toledo January Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd. 1 G/75 d5, Rnds. 2-4  
G/85 d5. The University of Toledo  
Health Science Campus, Mulford  
Library Basement Cafe, 3000  
Arlington Ave., Toledo, OH 43614.  
Can split into 2 sections if enough  
players. EF: \$20 by 1/7, \$25 at site.  
Reg.: 9-10 a.m., Rds.: 10, 1, 4, & 7.  
Prizes: \$360 b/20, \$100-50, 1st  
A,B,C,D/Under \$40, 1st U1600 \$50.  
Ent: James Jagodzinski, 7031  
Willowycck Rd., Maumee, OH 43537.  
419-367-9450.

2015 Ohio Chess Congress ■ September 4 - 9. 2015 ■ OSU CC ■ Kelly Matthew  
Bloomfield, Benjamin Tancinco ■ 4 Sections, 107 Players

Section 1 - Open ■ 5 Rounds, 38 Players; Time Control: 30/90,SD/60;d5

1	Goran Vojinovic	B	W34	W5	W6	D2	4.5
2	Scott Ramer	W19	W24	W8	D4	D1	4.0
3	Yuri A Barnakov	W 21	L27	W20	W13	W9	4.0
4	Carl Boor	D13	W18	D7	D2	W14	3.5
5	Maggie Feng	W25	W10	L1	W17	D8	3.5
6	William B Wright	W 14	W 17	W 27	L 1	D 7	3.5
7	Thomas J Britt	W 33	D 20	D 4	W 21	D 6	3.5
8	Luke B Xie	W 23	W 30	L 2	W 27	D 5	3.5
9	James A Mills	H	W 36	D 16	W 18	L 3	3.0
10	Alan Casden	W 38	L 5	D 12	H	W 26	3.0
11	Michael Joelson	D 36	L 31	D 33	W 35	W 20	3.0
12	Vincent J Baker	L 30	W 32	D 10	D 19	W 24	3.0
13	John M Miller	D 4	H	W 28	L 3	W 27	3.0
14	Vikram Srivastava	L 6	W 15	W 35	W 16	L 4	3.0
15	Andrew Thomas	L 17	L 14	B	X	W 32	3.0
16	Zane Eisen	D 32	W 28	D 9	L 14	D 18	2.5
17	Naphtali A Smith	W 15	L 6	W 22	L 5	D 21	2.5
18	Hafez Tari	W 37	L 4	W 34	L 9	D 16	2.5
19	John Dowling	L 2	D 26	W 32	D 12	D 22	2.5
20	Abhinav C Ramaswamy	W 35	D 7	L 3	W 23	L 11	2.5
21	Robert W Basalla	L 3	W 29	W 30	L 7	D 17	2.5
22	David E Demetruk	L 24	B	L 17	W 28	D 19	2.5
23	Nolan X Song	L 8	D 33	W 29	L 20	B	2.5
24	Blake K Baumgartner	W 22	L 2	D 25	D 26	L 12	2.0
25	Jason Y Wang	L 5	W 38	D 24	H	U	2.0
26	Gregg Stark	L 34	D 19	W 36	D 24	L 10	2.0
27	Stanley Cao	W 29	W 3	L 6	L 8	L 13	2.0
28	Udbhav Raghukanth	B	L 16	L 13	L 22	W 33	2.0
29	Nathan B Yoder	L 27	L 21	L 23	X	W 35	2.0
30	Pappu Murthy	W 12	L 8	L 21	D 33	U	1.5
31	John R Hayes II	H	W 11	U	U	U	1.5
32	Shourjya Ghosh	D 16	L 12	L 19	W 36	L 15	1.5
33	Matthew Yuan	L 7	D 23	D 11	D 30	L 28	1.5
34	Deshawn Kelley	W 26	L 1	L 18	F	U	1.0
35	Bill Adams	L 20	B	L 14	L 11	L 29	1.0
36	Steve E Charles	D 11	L 9	L 26	L 32	U	0.5
37	William B Wright	L 18	U	U	U	U	0.0
38	Alexander S Frentz	L 10	L 25	U	F	U	0.0

Section 2 - Premier ■ 5 Rounds, 48 Players; Time Control: 30/90,SD/60;d5

1	Tyran Stewart	H	W 6	W 33	D 4	W 7	4.0
2	Kevin Y Du	X	W 15	D 4	W 13	D 3	4.0
3	Xavier N Paganini	W 38	W 31	W 29	D 7	D 2	4.0
4	Tyler Rutherford	W 27	W 37	D 2	D 1	W 13	4.0
5	Joseph W Kleban	D 26	H	W 32	W 33	W 12	4.0
6	Jacob Eismann	W 42	L 1	W 43	W 29	X	4.0
7	Patrick B Miller	W 32	W 19	W 12	D 3	L 1	3.5
8	Yutong Cao	D 16	W 26	D 23	W 30	D 11	3.5
9	Daryl D Skinner	H	L 16	W 26	W 27	W 24	3.5
10	Dana V Sutton	L 33	W 35	D 27	W 39	W 25	3.5
11	David B Rief	W 46	L 13	W 37	W 23	D 8	3.5
12	Dave Rutherford	W 44	W 17	L 7	W 16	L 5	3.0
13	Sujan Rachuri	W 34	W 11	W 22	L 2	L 4	3.0
14	James T Lake	L 31	L 20	W 45	W 32	W 33	3.0
15	Jeremy Koebel	W 36	L 2	W 18	D 20	D 16	3.0
16	Eric Gittrich	D 8	W 9	W 41	L 12	D 15	3.0
17	Isaac D Partee	W 45	L 12	L 20	W 44	W 36	3.0

Jan. 29-31 or 30-31  
39th Cardinal Open, Columbus

5-SS, 40/110 SD/30 d10 (2-day rds.  
1&2 G/75 d10). Sets provided, bring  
clocks. 1 bye any round. Open section  
FIDE rated & Laws of Chess, others  
US Chess only. Re-entry any section.  
\$10,000 in 5 sections, top 4 prizes  
guaranteed, rest b/200 paid entries,  
prizes added if more! OCA Grand Prix.

See flyer on page 23.

Feb. 13  
Toledo February Swiss

Open, 4SS, Rnd. 1 G/75 d5, Rnds. 2-4  
G/85 d5. The University of Toledo  
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Mar. 4-6 or 5-6  
2016 Arnold Schwarzenegger Open

Trophies Plus Grand Prix Points: 30  
Arnold Sports Festival 2016 - 18,000  
Athletes - from over 80 countries –  
competing in over 50 sporting events...  
Arnold Schwarzenegger should stop by  
our venue at some point during the  
tournament. 5SS, 30/90 SD 60 d5  
(2-day option, rds. 1-2 G/90 d5  
schedules merge starting round 3 for all  
sections). The Greater Columbus  
Convention Center, 400 North High  
St., Columbus, OH 43215.

Entry or more information:  
<http://buckeyechess.com/Arnold> or  
<http://arnoldsportsfestival.com/chess> or  
mail to: Buckeye Chess Club, 6321 E.  
Livingston Ave. Suite E,  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. Questions:  
Chairman of Chess –  
Bloomfield.40@gmail.com or  
614-668-5588.

Mar. 11  
15th Annual Queen City Classic  
Chess Tournament

G/30 d5. Paul Brown Stadium, Club  
West, Downtown Cincinnati, OH. 14  
School Sections, includes rated and  
non-rated. NO ON-SITE

18	Christian Bechtold	W 47	L 22	L 15	W 41	W 31	3.0
19	Aja Sampath	W 21	L 7	L 25	W 40	W 30	3.0
20	C Fred Schwan	L 22	W 14	W 17	D 15	D 23	3.0
21	Ethan Fang	L 19	H	D 44	W 43	W 34	3.0
22	Riley D Driver	W 20	W 18	L 13	D 25	F	2.5
23	Tim Goldenberg	D 30	W 39	D 8	L 11	D 20	2.5
24	Lou Friscoe	W 35	L 33	H	W 31	L 9	2.5
25	Evan Shelton	H	D 41	W 19	D 22	L 10	2.5
26	Justin Wu	D 5	L 8	L 9	W 45	W 39	2.5
27	Sanjay S Medicherla	L 4	W 42	D 10	L 9	W 38	2.5
28	Benjamin Tancinco	W 48	L 29	L 30	L 34	W 44	2.0
29	James A Antoline	W 40	W 28	L 3	L 6	U	2.0
30	Aryan Balyan	D 23	D 43	W 28	L 8	L 19	2.0
31	Russell Stinson	W 14	L 3	W 46	L 24	L 18	2.0
32	Daniel R Burns	L 7	W 36	L 5	L 14	W 42	2.0
33	Elina Vilenchuk	W 10	W 24	L 1	L 5	L 14	2.0
34	Kunal D Borde	L 13	D 46	D 40	W 28	L 21	2.0
35	Dae San Kim	L 24	L 10	L 42	B	X	2.0
36	Akul Rajan	L 15	L 32	B	W 42	L 17	2.0
37	Ethan J Ferkins	B	L 4	L 11	L 38	W 43	2.0
38	Emma Cheng	L 3	D 40	L 39	W 37	L 27	1.5
39	John G Sefton	H	L 23	W 38	L 10	L 26	1.5
40	David Carroll	L 29	D 38	D 34	L 19	D 45	1.5
41	Kenneth A Strothers	D 43	D 25	L 16	L 18	F	1.0
42	Evan Y Huang	L 6	L 27	W 35	L 36	L 32	1.0
43	William Franklin	D 41	D 30	L 6	L 21	L 37	1.0
44	Dakshin Pisini	L 12	D 45	D 21	L 17	L 28	1.0
45	Mark Carroll	L 17	D 44	L 14	L 26	D 40	1.0
46	Matthew Webber	L 11	D 34	L 31	U	U	0.5
47	Matthew Webber	L 18	U	U	U	U	0.0
48	Daniel R Burns	L 28	U	U	U	U	0.0

Section 3 - Reserve ■ 5 Rounds, 24 Players; Time Control: 30/90,SD/60;d5

1	Stella Huang	W 15	W 22	W 6	D 4	W 10	4.5
2	Karthik Kallam	W 19	L 6	W 22	W 13	W 11	4.0
3	Richard J Schmidt	W 24	L 5	W 15	W 6	D 4	3.5
4	Dinesh Bojja	D 21	W 20	W 14	D 1	D 3	3.5
5	Dominic J Mayhew	W 17	W 3	W 8	U	U	3.0
6	Katherine Lin	W 16	W 2	L 1	L 3	W 18	3.0
7	Peter L Galupo	L 14	L 11	W 21	W 8	W 16	3.0
8	Victoria S Baker	W 18	W 13	L 5	L 7	W 19	3.0
9	Ron Eismann	L 22	W 19	W 16	L 11	W 15	3.0
10	Joshua M Bartler	H	W 21	D 12	W 14	L 1	3.0
11	Adeti Mohanselvan	L 12	W 7	W 17	W 9	L 2	3.0
12	Ethan Calvin F Eckert	W 11	L 14	D 10	L 15	W 21	2.5
13	Karthik O'Neil	W 23	L 8	W 20	L 2	D 14	2.5
14	Winston Z Chen	W 7	W 12	L 4	L 10	D 13	2.5
15	Alan Feng	L 1	W 18	L 3	W 12	L 9	2.0
16	Samantha Ma	L 6	W 23	L 9	W 22	L 7	2.0
17	Cuneyd Ali Tolek	L 5	W 24	L 11	L 18	W 22	2.0
18	Matt Wang	L 8	L 15	W 23	W 17	L 6	2.0
19	James Oram	L 2	L 9	W 24	W 20	L 8	2.0
20	Aaron P Sherwin	B	L 4	L 13	L 19	W 24	2.0
21	Tej Sampath	D 4	L 10	L 7	W 23	L 12	1.5
22	Yogeshwar Yehamandram	W 9	L 1	L 2	L 16	L 17	1.0
23	Rohit Chejarla	L 13	L 16	L 18	L 21	B	1.0
24	Alixandra Mary A Eckert	L 3	L 17	L 19	B	L 20	1.0

Section 4 - Extra

1	Ethan J Ferkins	W 2	1.0
2	Aaron P Sherwin	L 1	0.0