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President's Message by Robert L. Greer

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What a great year and a whirlwind as well, my goal was to hold more tournaments and encourage growth and development of Chess in WV. I take no credit for the breadth of the size and number of tournaments played around the state, but I want to thank the TD's and sponsors for the effort to provide opportunity to chess players of all levels from beginners to masters. You only need to read about Adi Patel to see what time and effort can accomplish. Congratulations to all our State Champions.

Growth also presents challenges which we seem to have survived without. Had you told me that I would have had to resolve a residency issue for one of our State Representatives to a USCF qualified tournament or traveled outside the state to learn from others how they operate. I want to thank John D Rockefeller, V, President of the Maryland Chess Association for allowing me to TD a Maryland scholastic event this past winter. If the name sounds familiar it is because his father is the senior Senator from WV and co-sponsor of the creation of National Chess Day.

The WV Chess community has also suffered losses this year as John "Jack" Homer and Charles Szasz retired from directing the WV Scholastic Championships. These two gentlemen have "single handedly" been scholastic chess in WV for most, if not all of the past half century. The WVCA also lost an institution in the retirement of Thomas O. Bergquist. While there has been nearly an annual transition of other officers, Tom had been the WVCA Treasurer since 1960. He was honored and recognized at the WVCA meeting when Ben Good was elected to replace him. Every member of the WVCA over the past fifty years owed a great debt of gratitude to these three gentlemen and the others that have made chess in West Virginia a lasting and challenging experience. I for want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each for their years of dedicated service to WV Chess.

With the retirement of Mr. Homer, so too have we seen the end of the WVSCA. Maybe it is fitting that the WVSCA goes out on the high of Adi Patel winning the champions of champions Barber (K-8) tournament in Orlando as part of the US Open. Fear not however, Scholastic chess will continue in WV. I am confident that there are responsible adult volunteers willing to keep scholastic chess alive and growing and WVCA annual meeting will determine the structure of the scholastic organization.

Finally, I want to thank the WVCA membership for their support and confidence in me in my ability to lead this group of those who I consider to be my friends.

Yours,
Bob
President, West Virginia Chess Association

Editor's Note:

August 26, 2014

My name is Ben Cowley, and I'm currently the WVCA 2014 Editor. I hope you'll find this bulletin informative but also a part of the history of chess in West Virginia. We have a tight-knit community of chess players, and while our tournaments have great competition, I like to think of them more as family reunions. In this bulletin, you'll find new rivalries forged by necessity, annotated games from the experts (a huge thanks to John Roush, Ben Good, and Mark Hathaway!), and some pictures that try to capture the intensity. If you have any suggestions to make this bulletin more useful or easier to peruse, please let me know.

I also think that the public has been slow to adopt chess as a top sport for one main reason: a lack of nicknames. Basketball has Air Jordan, the Postman, Birdman. Football has Easy-E, JJ Swatt, and the Bus. But alas, chess players rarely have nicknames. In an effort to generate public interest, I will suggest nicknames for some of the top players (determined by Grand Prix points) in the state. Interestingly, most players' last names already provide a nice start for great nicknames.

Ben "Pretty Good" Good
Mark "Gets his way" Hathaway
Christopher "Ironsides" Greer
Mike "the Fuzz" Felton
Lawrence "the Scissors" Douglas
Carl "the River" Hudson
Bob "the Prez" Greer
Mike "It'll cost ya" Price
Chris "Cue ball" Que
Paul "the Punisher" Davis
David "the Gentleman" Bruner
Ben "the Instigator" Cowley
Caleb "Lucky 8's" Aites

Armando "the Doc" Lopez
Markle "the Butcher" Butcher
Lewis "the Sandman" Sanders
Jim "the Meadows" Fields
Richard "Wise eyes" Cowley
William "the Nice guy" Rice
Charles "the Taker" McCallister
John "the Rusher" Roush
Davide "the Barber" Saville
David "the Huntsman" Hundley
Mike "the Baker" Baker
Scott "Fireball" Matheny

Thanks, and I hope to meet you across the chessboard one day!

Ben Cowley
WVCA Editor

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Special feature: Training the Baker

by Mike Baker

Like most of us, work and life had kept me busy the last few years. I had played neither the quantity nor quality of chess that made me happy, so I began searching for something to reboot my chess. At the same time, I wanted to find something exciting to do to enjoy the free time changes at work and home had recently created. While flipping through a chess magazine, I found the perfect combination of the two in an advertisement for the Prague Chess Train. This was a five day excursion through central Europe, playing chess during the train ride between cities and touring the city in the evening before getting up the next day and starting again.

I had assumed it would be FIDE rated or at least Czech rated, but was wrong in both cases. After further research, I found it was an unofficial tournament with a G/20, d10 time control and prizes from the entry fee. While I am not a fan of quick chess, I felt it was the perfect combination of chess and adventure. I signed up, and my brother went along for the non-chess aspects of the trip. We landed in Prague early on October 10, 2013 and took the day to acclimate to the time zone and grab some food before abandoning sightseeing due to a downpour in the evening. Early the next morning, I set out for the train station for the opening ceremony and some details on the events. I had learned GM Vlastimil Hort, a world championship contender in the 1970s, would be playing in this event.

Pairings were quickly done and assigned by train cars (named after world champions), and I found myself playing an FM in the first round from Germany, and was pleasantly surprised that I had worked up a decent position. A decent position that quickly fell apart when his knight captured my anchor pawn and any hopes of glory quickly crumbled along with my pawn structure. So began my 11 round struggle and reminder of why I don't like quick chess. Over the next few days, we played 2-3 rounds each day before a stopover for an evening and night in a European city. My mornings and early afternoons were filled with games against European players from Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Sweden. My evenings were spent touring castles, gardens, statues and an occasional pub or two in Regensburg, Germany; Salzburg, Austria; Innsbruck, Austria; and Cesky Krumlov, Czech. My final score of 1 win, 5 draws, and 5 losses left Europe without fear of losing any titles or pride to me, but did give me an interesting chapter for my retirement home days. GM Hort won the tournament with some interesting endgames that I was able to watch.

We finished out with another full day in Prague to see the King Charles Bridge, the Astronomical Clock in Old Town Prague, and the Cathedral of Saint Vitus before searching for and eventually finding a memorial plaque to Wilhelm Steinitz. Another week was spent in Europe to visit Budapest, Amsterdam, and a few other cities to make sure I got my airfare's worth out of the trip. While not necessarily my best game, I submit my 9th round against Jon Loman from Sweden for your review.

Mike Baker vs. Jon Loman

(ann. by Mike Baker)

1. e4 d5 2. exd5

Not real familiar with the opening, but I couldn't resist playing the Scandinavian against a Scandinavian!

2. ... Nf6 3. Nc3 Nxd5 4. Nxd5 Qxd5 5. Qf3 e6 6. Qxd5 exd5 7. d4 Bf5 8. c3 Nd7 9. Nf3 h6 10. Be2 Bd6 11. O-O O-O 12. Re1 Re8 13. Bd2 Re2 14. Bb5 Rad8 15. Bxd7 Bxd7

Here he offered a draw which was fair, but I wanted to play further as we both had plenty of time.

16. Rxe7 Rxe7 17. Re1 Rxe1 18. Bxe1 f6 19. Nd2 g5 20. f3 Kf7 21. g4 Kg6 22. Kg2 f5 23. Bg3 f4 24. Be1 b6 25. Kf2 Bb5 26. b3 h5 27. h3 hxg4 28. hxg4 Ba6 29. Nb1 and a draw offer. (1/2-1/2)

He accepted and, in very heavy accented English, noted I played a most uninteresting variation of this opening.



GM Hort (championship contender from the 70s and 80s) analyzing the game

One of my opponents,
Jon Loman.





The chess train itself.

A plaque in honor of William Steinitz, the first world chess champion, in Prague (his birthplace).



The Prague Astronomical Clock

The Alps overlooking Innsbruck



Old news

As a blast from the past, 2013 marked 80 years since a West Virginian native took on one of America's leading chess masters at the time. Here is an excerpt of the story from 1993:

Charleston Daily Mail (Charleston, West Virginia)
12 November 1933

Fred Hammond, Commonwealth Gas star, was the only member of the Charleston Chess club to register a win over I. A. Horowitz in his simultaneous exhibition held in the Daniel Boone club rooms Thursday. This was the eighth in a series of similar exhibits Horowitz has held in Philadelphia, Washington and other cities, beginning a good-will tour he is planning to conduct throughout the country. In the various other cities, where he has played approximately 100 games, he had suffered no defeat; and by no means did he quit Charleston in such a manner! In addition to Hammond's victory, H. Landis Marks, of Huntington, Mrs. T. A. Snyder, and Walter Crede, both of Charleston, scored draws.

From here Horowitz journeyed to Cleveland leaving with the impression of returning to the city soon. To quote Horowitz: "I was rather surprised at the chess power of your city. It is as strong as any I have yet visited."

Before beginning the exhibition, Horowitz presented an interesting instruction talk, dissertating upon the Ruy Lopez and Petroff defense. He also made statements upon the past tourneys of international interest in which United States has walked off with the crown. On a whole, the evening was the most favorable of all the chessical type to be staged in Charleston.

From the Horowitz exhibition held here November 9, comes the following game played by Fred Hammond, the lone city player to defeat the youthful star.

I. A. Horowitz vs. Fred Hammond

1. Nf3 Nc6 2. d4 d5 3. c4 dxc4 4. d5 Nb4 5. Qa4+ c6 6. Qxb4 cxd5 7. e4 e6 8. Qc3 h6 9. exd5 exd5 10. Bf4 Nf6 11. Nbd2 b5 12. Be2 Bc5 13. O-O d4 14. Qc1 d3 15. Bd1 Be6 16. a4 a6 17. axb5 axb5 18. Rxa8 Qxa8 19. b3 Qa2 20. bxc4 bxc4 21. Bb3 Bxf2+ 22. Rxf2 cxb3 23. Nc4 Qa4 24. Nd6+ Ke7 25. Qc7+ Qd7 26. Qc5 Ra8 27. Nb5+ Kd8 28. Bc7+ Ke8 29. Nd6+ Kf8 30. Nxf7+ Kg8 31. N7g5 Ra1+ 32. Rf1 Rxf1+ 33. Kxf1 d2 34. Nxd2 Qxd2 35. Nf3 Qd3+ 36. Ke1 Ne4 37. Qb6 Bc4 0-1

Young news

On July 29, 2014, eighth grader Advait Patel beat all other State champions in the Barber Championship held in Orlando, Florida. Adi's family lived in Logan, WV until a fire at their business forced them to relocate this summer.

Adi had qualified to represent the WV Chess Association by virtue of his residence at the time and his outstanding performance leading up to the nomination deadline. Adi played his first tournament at the WV State Junior Championship held in Bridgeport, WV on September 5, 2010.



Adi Patel, the Champion of Champions of the 2014 Barber Tournament

Tournament Replays

List of tournaments covered in this bulletin:

2013 WV Action Championship, June 29, 2013
Barney Fife Tournament, July 20, 2013
Beckley Chess Club Open #7, July 20, 2013
21st Parkersburg Homecoming, August 18, 2013
2013 WV State Championship, August 31, 2013
2013 WV Junior Championship, September 28, 2013
2013 National Chess Day, October 12, 2013
15th Mountaineer Open, October 26, 2013
Beckley Fall Open, November 2, 2013
2013 Charleston Chess Club Championship, November 23, 2013
Bridgeport Library #1, January 11, 2014
WVU vs. CMU Collegiate Chess Match, February 8, 2014
2014 WV Senior Championship, March 14, 2014
2014 WV Scholastic Championship, March 22, 2014
2014 WV Action Championship, May 17, 2014
2014 Peter DuPuy Memorial, May 31, 2014
Bridgeport Library #2, June 14, 2014
Beckley Summer Open, July 19, 2014

2013 WV Action Championship, June 29, 2013

Mark Hathaway successfully defended his Action Chess title with a perfect 6-0 score at the 2013 West Virginia Action Championship. The redoubtable Ben Good finished second with a 5-1 score, losing only to Mr., Hathaway. The Greer brothers, Chris and Robert won the class prizes.

The tournament was held on June 29, 2013 at the public library in Ripley, West Virginia. Charles McCallister and the Ripley Chess Club sponsored the event, which drew 11 participants. John Roush directed the tournament.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Mark S. Hathaway	2125	W 5	W 3	W 2	W 7	W 9	W 8	6.0
2	Benjamin M. Good	2029	W 8	W 11	L 1	W 3	W 5	W 7	5.0
3	Markle W. Butcher	1884	W 7	L 1	W 4	L 2	W 10	W 5	4.0
4	Christopher Greer	1121	H	W 6	L 3	L 5	W 11	W 10	3.5

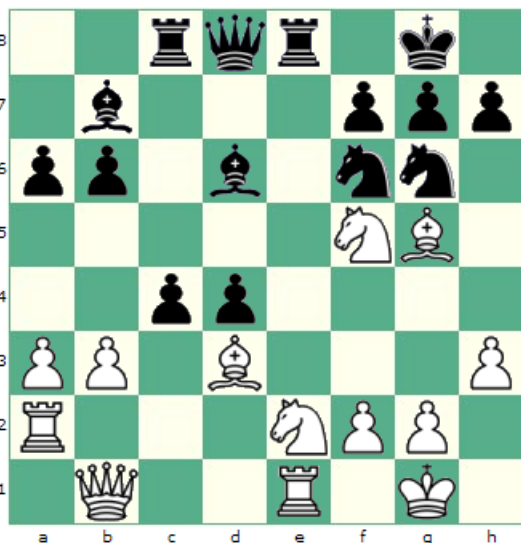
5	Carl E. Hudson	1577	L 1	W 8	W 11	W 4	L 2	L 3	3.0
6	Robert L. Greer	1186	H	L 4	D 10	L 9	B	W 11	3.0
7	Charles R. McCallister	1213	L 3	B	W 9	L 1	D 8	L 2	2.5
8	Mike D. Price	1211	L 2	L 5	B	W 11	D 7	L 1	2.5
9	Philip M. Lewis	1705	L 11	W 10	L 7	W 6	L 1	U	2.0
10	Robert V. Greer	947	H	L 9	D 6	B	L 3	L 4	2.0
11	Douglas W. Snuffer II	1042P6	W 9	L 2	L 5	L 8	L 4	L 6	1.0

Markle Butcher (1884) vs. Mark Hathaway (2125)

Nimzo-Indian def. Rubinstein var.

(ann. by John Roush)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e3 O-O 5. Bd3 d5 6. Nge2 b6 7. O-O Bb7 8. a3 Be7 9. Qc2 Nbd7
 10. Bd2 c5 11. Rfe1 a6 12. b3 Rc8 13. Qb1 Bd6 14. Ng3 Re8 15. Ra2 Nf8 16. Nce2 Ng6 17. h3
 Nh4 18. e4 cxd4 19. exd5 exd5 20. Bg5 Ng6 21. Nf5 dxc4



22. Nxd6

This move loses quickly, but the position is already greatly in favor of Black. Tiger 13.0 suggests 22. Bxc4 b5 23. Bd3 Bc5 24. b4 Bb6 25. Rc2 Qd5 26. f3 Qe5 27. Rxc8 Rxc8.

22... Qxd6 23. Bxc4 b5 24. Bd3 Qd5 (0-1)

The double threat of ...Qxg2 mate and ...Qxg5 winning a piece is decisive.

Ben Good (2029) vs. Markle Butcher (1884)

Bishop's opening

(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Be7 4. d3 d6 5. f4 Nc6
5... exf4 6. Bxf4 O-O 7. Nf3 c6 8. Bb3 d5 9. e5 Ng4 10. a3 d4 = Tiger 13.0
6. Nf3
6. f5!? Na5!? looks more interesting, but is probably no better or worse than the game continuation.
6. ... Bg4 7. h3 Be6 8. Nd5 Qd7 9. c3 O-O-O 10. Qa4 Kb8 11. Kf2
*Sneaky! Ben prepares f5, winning a piece by making sure that after ...Bxd5 13. exd5 Nd4 14. Qxd7 Nxf3 is not with check. Tiger 13.0 suggests 11. Bb3 exf4 12. Bxf4 Nh5 13. Bh2 f5 14. O-O Nf6 15. Ng5 Bxd5 16. exd5 Nxd5 17. Nf7 += and also evaluates the position as += after 11. f5 Nxd5 12. fxe6 Nb6 13. exd7 Nxa4 14. Bxf7 Nc5 15. Bc4 Na5 16. b4 Nxc4 17. bxc5 Na5 18. cxd6. 11... Rhf8?
11... Rdc8 to give the N a retreat square.
12. f5 Bxf5
12 ... Bxd5 13. exd5 and the knight has no safe square.
13. exf5 Qxf5 14. Be3 e4 15. Nxe7 Nxe7 16. Bxa7+ Kc8 17. Rhe1 Nc6
17... exf3 18. Rxe7 fxc2+ 19. Kxc2 Qg5+ 20. Kh1 Nd5 21. Re2 Nf4 22. Rg1 Qh4 23. Re3.
18. dxe4 Nxe4+ 19. Kg1 Nc5 20. Bxc5 Qxc5+ 21. Kh1 (1-0)*

Mark Hathaway (2125) vs. Ben Good (2029)

Sicilian def. Najdorf var.

(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be2 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. O-O Be7 9. f4 Nc6
Perhaps 9...exf4 may be a bit better. These positions aren't easy for Black.
10. f5 Bxb3
10... Qb6+ 11. Kh1 Bxb3 12. axb3 O-O 13. Bg5 h6 14. Bxf6 Bxf6 15. Nd5 Qd8 16. Bc4 Bg5 17. f6
+/- Tiger 13.0]
11. axb3 Nd4 12. Bd3 d5 13. exd5 Nxd5 14. Be4 Nxc3 15. bxc3 Nc6 16. Qe2 Qb6+ 17. Kh1 Bf6 18.
Be3 Qc7 19. Bc5 Ne7 20. Qe3 O-O 21. c4 Rfe8 22. Rad1 Nc8 23. Rd3 Rb8 24. Rfd1 b6 25. Ba3 Rd8
(1-0)
At this point the score sheets peter out. This is an unfortunate side effect of Game in 30. White appears a bit better here and in fact he did ultimately win.

Mark Hathaway (2125) vs. Philip Lewis (1705)

Philidor's def.

(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 e5 3. Nf3 Nd7 4. Bc4 c6 5. c3 Ngf6 6. Qe2 Nb6?

6... Be70-0

7. dxe5 Nxc4 8. exf6 Qxf6 9. Qxc4 Be6 10. Qe2 Be7 11. Bg5 Qg6 12. Bxe7 Kxe7 13. O-O Bh3 14. Ne1 Rhe8 15. Nd2 Kf8 16. Qd3 d5? 17. Qxh3 (1-0)

Mark Hathaway (2125) vs. Mike Price (1211)

Alekhine's def.

(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 dxe5 5. Nxe5 c6 6. c3

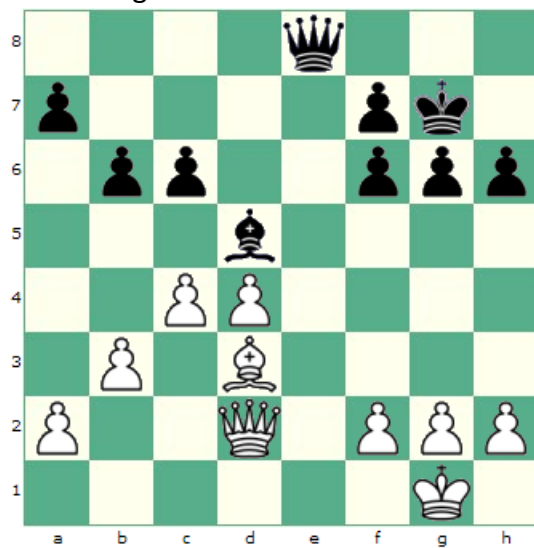
6. Qf3 Be6 7. Bc4 g6 8. O-O Bg7 9. Nc3 Nd7 10. Nxd5 cxd5 11. Bb5 +/- Tiger 13.0

6... Nd7 7. Nxd7 Bxd7 8. Bd3 g6 9. O-O Bg7 10. Re1 O-O 11. Nd2 Be6 12. Ne4 b6 13. Bg5 h6 14.

Bh4 Nf4 15. Bf1 Re8 16. Bg3 Nh5 17. Be5 Nf6 18. Nxf6+ Bxf6 19. Bxf6 exf6 20. Bd3 Bd5

20... Qc7 21. Re3 Bd5 22. Qe2 Rxe3 23. Qxe3 Kg7 24. b3 a5 25. Re1 a4 26. c4 2 Tiger 13.0

21. Qd2 Kg7 22. Rxe8 Qxe8 23. Re1 Qd7 24. b3 Re8 25. Rxe8 Qxe8 26. c4



26... Be4??

It is a shame for Mike that, after playing pretty well so far, he now comes up with a real howler.

26... Be6 27. Be2 g5 28. f4 Qd7 29. g3 g4 30. Bf1 f5 31. Bg2 Kf6 32. d5 cxd5 33. cxd5 +/- Tiger 13.0.

27. Qe3 Qe6 28. Qxe4 Qc8 29. g3 Qa6 30. a4 c5 31. Kg2 Qa5 32. d5 f5 33. Qe5+ Kg8 34. d6 Qc3 ??

Merely hastening the inevitable. One wonders if time shortage played a part in this move and perhaps move 26 as well.

35. Qxc3 (1-0)

Carl Hudson (1577) vs. Ben Good (2029)

Reti Opening

(ann. by John Roush)

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 g6 4. d3 Bg7 5. Nbd2 O-O 6. O-O c5 7. e4 Nc6 8. c3 d4 9. cxd4 Nxd4 10. Nb3 Nxf3+ 11. Qxf3 Qc7 12. Bd2

I wondered why Carl didn't try 12. Be3 ... 14.Rc1 until I noticed 12...Bg4!



13. Qf4 e5 14. Qg5 h6 15. Qh4 g5 16. Bxg5 hxg5 17. Qxg5 b6 18. f3 Be6 19. Rf2 Nh7 20. Qe3 a6 21. h4 f5 22. exf5 Bxb3 23. axb3 Rxf5 =+/-+ Tiger 13.0.

12... Be6 13. Rfc1 Bxb3 14. axb3 Nd7 15. Bc3 e5 16. Qe3 b6 17. b4 Rfd8 18. bxc5 Nxc5 19. Bf1 Qd7 20. Rd1 Nb3 21. Ra3 Nd4 22. Rd2 Bf8 23. Ra1 Nb3 24. Rdd1 Nxa1 25. Rxa1 Bc5 26. Qg5 Bd4 27. h4 Kg7 28. h5 h6 29. Qd2 gxh5 30. Kh2 Qe7 31. f4 exf4 32. Qxf4 Bxc3 33. bxc3 Qg5 34. Qf3 h4 35. g4 Qd2+ 36. Bg2 Rxd3 37. Qf4?? (0 – 1)

Phillip Lewis (1705) vs. Robert V. Greer (947)

(ann. by John Roush)

1. c4 d5 2. cxd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 e5 6. Nf3 f5 7. Qa4 b5 8. Qxa5 Nxa5 9. Nxe5 Bb7 10. Bxb7 Nxb7 11. Nxb5 O-O-O 12. Nxa7+ Kb8 13. Nac6+ Kc8 14. Nxd8 Kxd8 15. Nf7+ Kc8 16. Nxb8 Nf6 17. d3 Ng4 18. Bf4 Bb4+ 19. Kf1 Bc5 20. e3

... and White nursed his large material lead to a win in another two dozen moves. (1-0)

Doug Snuffer II (1042P6) vs. Robert L. Greer (1186)

Two Knight's def.

(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. O-O O-O 6. Ng5 h6 7. Nxf7 Rxf7 8. Bxf7+ Kxf7

Doug betrays his inexperience. Despite the “point” count, trading a B & N for a R & P in a middle game is usually a poor idea. In the present position, Black has a lead in development to boot meaning he already holds a meaningful advantage.

9. d3 d6 10. Qe1?! Nd4 11. Qe3 Nxc2 12. Qf3 Nxa1 13. Nd5 Nc2 14. Bd2 Bg4 15. Qg3 Qd7 16. h3 Bh5 17. Rc1 Nd4 18. Be3?? Ne2+ 19. Kf1 Nxc3+

...and Black went on to win in a few moves. (0-1)

Barney Fife Tournament, July 20, 2013

The Morgantown Chess Club held the Barney Fife Tournament, which saw 12 players for a nice summer tournament. First and second places were shared between the Pittsburgh player Thomas Magar and Morgantown native Caleb “Lucky 8’s” Aites. Markle “the Butcher” Butcher cleaved his way to take third place.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Thomas P. Magar	2205	W 7	W 6	W 3	D 2	3.5
2	Caleb I. Aites	1922	W 11	W 8	W 6	D 1	3.5
3	Markle W. Butcher	1901	W 10	W 4	L 1	W 8	3.0
4	David L. Bruner	1722	W 5	L 3	W 10	D 7	2.5
5	Jacob S. Matheny	1854	L 4	D 7	W 12	W 9	2.5
6	David F. Hines	1648	W 9	L 1	L 2	W 10	2.0
7	Joseph M. Baker	1648	L 1	D 5	W 11	D 4	2.0
8	Michael Felton	1700	W 12	L 2	D 9	L 3	1.5
9	Richard W. Cowley	1275	L 6	W 12	D 8	L 5	1.5
10	Steven R Haskins	1652	L 3	W 11	L 4	L 6	1.0
11	Travis Martin	1341	L 2	L 10	L 7	W 12	1.0
12	Vanessa Martin	847P4	L 8	L 9	L 5	L 11	1.0

Beckley Chess Club Open #7, July 20, 2013

Robert Canary scored a perfect 4-0 to win the Beckley Chess Club Open #7 ahead of a field of ten. Daniel Phillips scored 3-1 to capture second place. This event was contested on July 20, 2013 in Beckley, West Virginia. The Beckley Chess Club sponsored the tournament. David Hundley organized and directed the event.

(written by John Roush)

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
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1	Robert Canary	1976	W 8	W 2	W 7	W 4	4.0
2	Daniel A. Phillips	1283P10	W 3	L 1	W 5	W 7	3.0
3	James C. Fields Jr	1552	L 2	D 7	W 9	W 8	2.5
4	David G. Michael	1586	W 9	D 6	D 8	L 1	2.0
5	Charles Gilbert	1298P20	L 6	W 9	L 2	W 10	2.0
6	John E. Roush	2048	W 5	D 4	U	U	1.5
7	David W. Hundley	1481	W 10	D 3	L 1	L 2	1.5
8	Sam Timmons	1319	L 1	W 10	D 4	L 3	1.5
9	Charles R. McCallister	1028	L 4	L 5	L 3	B	1.0
10	Dalphine Fields	783P7	L 7	L8	B	L5	1.0

Kanawha Valley Open, August 3, 2013

August 3, 2013 marked the first appearance of Dr. Armando Lopez on the West Virginia chess scene, and it was pretty impressive. Dr. Lopez scored 3-0 to share first place with our own home-grown talent, Mark Hathaway. Philip Lewis, Ack Morgan, Jeff Hohn, James Fields, and Carl Hudson scored 2-1 to share the under-1900 prize. First place for under-1500 participants was shared by Sam Rhodes and Dale Eggleton, also at 2-1. The tournament was sponsored by the Charleston Chess Club and held at the WVSSPA Building in Charleston, WV. John Roush directed the event, which drew 24 players.

(written by John Roush)

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Mark S. Hathaway	2134	W 20	W 12	W 4	3.0
2	Armando Lopez	2083	W 11	W 9	W 5	3.0
3	Robert Canary	1970	W 14	D 13	W 6	2.5
4	David Saville	2008	W 10	W 8	L 1	2.0
5	Jeff E. Hohn	1883	W 16	W 17	L 2	2.0
6	Ack Morgan II	1724	W 15	W 23	L 3	2.0
7	Philip M. Lewis	1682	L 17	W 16	W 13	2.0
8	Carl E. Hudson	1580	W 22	L 4	W 15	2.0
9	James C. Fields Jr	1556	W 21	L 2	W 17	2.0
10	Dale Eggleton	1372	L 4	W 18	W 23	2.0

11	Samuel E. Rhodes	1368	L 2	W 21	W 22	2.0
12	Matthew T. Richardson	1596	W 18	L 1	D 14	1.5
13	David W. Hundley	1497	W 19	D 3	L 7	1.5
14	Sam Timmons	1387	L 3	W 19	D 12	1.5
15	Danny Booth	1225	L 6	W 20	L 8	1.0
16	Mike D. Price	1213	L 5	L 7	W 21	1.0
17	Charles R. McCallister	1210	W 7	L 5	L 9	1.0
18	Christopher Greer	1156	L 12	L 10	W 20	1.0
19	Thomas J. Davis II	1230P5	L 13	L 14	H	0.5
20	Jack E. McMahon	1355	L 1	L 15	L 18	0.0
21	Douglas W. Snuffer II	838P15	L 9	L 11	L 16	0.0
22	Dalphine Fields	783P9	L 8	F	L 11	0.0
23	Miguel R. Lopez	634	F	L 6	L 10	0.0

Philip Lewis (1682) vs. David Hundley (1497)

Queen's pawn game

(ann. by John Roush)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 e6 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. O-O Bd6 7. Nbd2 Qc7 8. g3 cxd4 9. cxd4 Bd7
9 ... h5!?

10. Qc2 g6 11. a3 Rc8 12. e4 Qd8 13. Qb1 e5

13... dxe4 14. Nxe4 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 O-O 16. b4 Re8 17. Be3 Qf6 18. Bg5 Qg7 19. Qd1 h6 20. Bh4
Bc7 = Tiger 13.0

14. exd5 O-O?

14... Nxd5 15. Nc4 Be6 16. dxe5 Be7 17. Rd1 O-O 18. Be4 Bc5 19. b4 b5 20. Bg5 +/- = Tiger 13.0

15. dxc6 Bh3 16. dxe5 Rxc6 17. Re1 Bc5 18. exf6 Qb6 19. Ne4 Rxf6 20. Nxf6+ Qxf6 21. Be4 Re8

22. Be3 Bd6 23. Qd3 Qe7 24. Ng5 Bg4 25. Rad1 Be5 26. Bd5 Bf5 27. Qc4 Rc8 28. Qh4 h5 29.

Bxf7+ Kh8 30. Bd4 Rc5 31. Bxc5 Qxc5 32. Rd8+ Kg7 33. Rg8+ Kh6 34. Nf3 Qa5 35. Qb4 Qc7 36.

Qf8+ Kh7 37. Ng5# (1-0)

Armando Lopez (2083) vs. Jeff Hohn (1883)

Nimzowitsch def.

(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 b6 2. d4 Bb7 3. Bd3 e6 4. Ne2 Na6

4...c5.

5. a3 c5 6. d5 Nf6 7. c4 e5 8. O-O Be7 9. f4 d6 10. fxe5 dxe5 11. Ng3 Qd7 12. Nf5 Rg8

12... O-O 13. Nxe7+ Qxe7 14. Bg5 Nc7 15. Bxf6 gxf6 16. Nc3 Kh8 17. Rf5 ±/ Tiger 13.0
13. Nc3 Nc7 14. Rb1 g6 15. Nxe7 Kxe7 16. Bg5 Nce8 17. Qf3 Bc8
17...Qd6 18.Nb5 +-
18. Bxf6+ Kf8 19. Bxe5 (1-0)

Armando Lopez (2083) vs. Sam Rhodes (1368)

Ruy Lopez Exchange var.
(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 bxc6 5. O-O d6 6. d4 Bg4 7. dxe5 Bxf3 8. Qxf3 dxe5 9. Qc3
Qd6 10. Nd2 Qe6 11. Nc4 Bd6 12. f4 f6 13. Nxd6+ Qxd6 14. Be3 Ne7 15. Bc5 Qe6 16. f5 Qf7 17.
Bxe7 Qxe7 18. Qxc6+ Kf7 19. Qd5+ (1-0)

Ack Morgan (1724) – Dan Booth (1225)

Sicilian def. Labourdonnais var.
(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. Nxd4 Nxd4?! 5. Qxd4 d6 6. Bc4 Nh6 7. Bxh6 e5 8. Qd5 Be6 9.
Bb5+ Ke7 10. Qxb7+ Kf6 11. Bd2 Be7 12. Nc3 Rb8 13. Qa6 Rb6 14. Qa4 a6 15. Be2 Qc7 16. Nd5+
Bxd5 17. exd5 g6 18. Bh6 Bf8 19. Qh4+ Kf5 20. Bd3+ e4 21. Qf4# (1-0)

Mark Hathaway (2134) vs. Matt Richardson (1596)

Pirc-Robatsch def.
(ann. by John Roush)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Bg5 Bg7 5. Qd2 O-O 6. O-O-O c6 7. Bh6 b5 8. Bxg7 Kxg7 9. f3 Qa5
10. a3 Nbd7 11. Kb1 e5
11... Qc7 12. d5 a6 13. g4 h6 14. h4 Rh8 15. h5 gxh5 16. gxh5 Bb7 = Tiger 13.0
11...Rb8 also looks interesting.
12. Nge2 Nb6 13. Nc1 Be6 14. Nb3 Qa6 15. dxe5 dxe5 16. Nc5 Qc8 17. Qd6 Re8 18. g4 Nc4 19.
Bxc4 Bxc4 20. b3 Be6 21. g5 Ng8 22. Qxe5+ Kf8 23. Qd6+ Ne7 24. h4 Rd8 25. Qe5 Ng8 26. Rxd8+
(1-0)
26... Qxd8 27. h5 Qb8 28. Nxe6+ fxe6 29. Qxe6 Qe8 30. Qd6+ Ne7 31. hxg6 Qxg6 32. Qf6+ Qxf6
33. gxf6 Ng6 34. Rxh7 Tiger 13.0

Jim Fields (1556) – Armando Lopez (2083)

English Opening

(ann. by John Roush)

1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 b6 3. e4 Bb7 4. Nc3 e6 5. Be2 Nc6 6. d4 cxd4 7. Nxd4 Qc7 8. O-O Nf6 9. Be3 Rc8
10. Qd2 Ne5 11. Ndb5 Qb8 12. Bf4 a6 13. Qd4 d6 14. Rad1

Typically, Jim can't seem to bring himself to behave sanely and just retreat the N. I'm not sure what he was hoping to achieve by pitching the N. Perhaps he forgot about the N at f6 and though 15. bxe5 dxe5 16. Qd7 was mate. Anyway, a better continuation is 14. Na3 Qc7 15. Be3 Be7 16. Qxb6 Qxb6 17. Bxb6 Nxe4 18. Nxe4 Bxe4 19. f3 Bb7 20. b3 = Tiger 13.0.

14... axb5 15. Nxb5 Bxe4 16. Nxd6+ Bxd6 17. Qxd6 Qxd6 18. Rxd6 Nxc4 19. Rc1 Nxd6 20. Bb5+ Ke7 (0-1)

21st Parkersburg Homecoming, August 18, 2013

The 21st Annual Parkersburg Homecoming Chess Tournament was held on Sunday, August 18, 2013 at the Parkersburg Municipal Building at 2nd & Market Streets in Parkersburg, WV. Thirteen players competed in the Rated section, and six players competed in the Non-Rated section.

The position of Parkersburg Homecoming Champion this year was shared by two players, Advait Patel of West Logan, WV and Benjamin Good of Stonewood, WV. I'd especially like to congratulate Adi for his achievement this year. Adi's very first tournament was the 2010 Parkersburg Homecoming, during which he earned a rating of only 399. Three years and 1700 rating points later, Adi has demonstrated his resolve by tying for the championship title. I'd also like to congratulate Ben for his second Homecoming championship. His first was in 2010, when he stole the title from reigning champion Tom Magar.

Two class prizes were awarded in the rated section. Ack Morgan of Sistersville, WV won the U1800 prize. The U1600 prize was shared by James Fields and Dalphine Fields, both of Elkview, WV. The first place award in the non-rated section went to Gerald Honaker of Athens, OH. The second place award in the non-rated section went to Trevor Samuelson of Belpre, OH.

Congratulations to the prize winners, and thanks to everyone who turned out to make this a great tournament! We hope to see you all next year!

(written by Matt Richardson)

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Advait Patel	2143	W 6	W 5	W 4	D 2	3.5
2	Benjamin M. Good	2045	W 7	W 3	W 5	D 1	3.5
3	Ack Morgan II	1730	W 8	L 2	W 11	W 9	3.0
4	John E. Roush	2046	W 11	W 10	L 1	U	2.0
5	Jeff E. Hohn	1871	W 13	L 1	L 2	W 12	2.0
6	Reginald L. Best Jr	1717	L 1	W 9	W 7	U	2.0
7	James C. Fields Jr	1547	L 2	W 13	L 6	B	2.0
8	Dalphine Fields	835P12	L 3	B	L 9	W 11	2.0
9	Alexander B Reed	904	H	L 6	W 8	L 3	1.5
10	Dave Rutherford	1842	W 12	L 4	U	U	1.0
11	Jordan J. Whistler	1564	L 4	W 12	L 3	L 8	1.0
12	Charles R. McCallister	1206	L 10	L 11	B	L 5	1.0
13	Mike D. Price	1205	L 5	L 7	U	U	0.0

2013 WV State Championship, August 31, 2013

The 2013 WV State Championship was held in the historic town of Elkins, WV, nestled between the eastern mountains and the valley of the west. It was a three day event, two matches a day, with 90 minutes for 35 moves, and then 60 minutes added on for sudden death. This event is the pinnacle for the region, allowing plenty of time to make solid moves. While a three day event is not possible for all players, this format probably will not change in the near future as long as many players still make the trip (this year had 22 players!). Mind you, that is also including multiple concurring football games. Thanks to Bob Greer for directing over the event!



There were some great matches, and the emergence of Dr. Armando Lopez as a serious headache for those who wanted the crown. The Doc took first honors, with Ben Good snagging second place. U-1900 winner was Robert Graham, U-1600 winner was Lawrence Douglas, and U-1300 winner was Richard Cowley. The highest achieving scholastic player was Miguel Lopez.

Miguel Lopez took top Scholastic honors.



Richard Cowley won the U-1300 section.



Lawrence Douglas took the U-1600 section.



Ben Good took runner up at the 2013 WV State Chess Championship. Sorry for the blurry photo!

Dr. Armando Lopez was the overall champion of the 2013 WV State Chess Championship held in Elkins, WV.





Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Armando Lopez	2120	W 9	W 14	W 7	W 2	W 3	D 5	5.5
2	Benjamin M. Good	2061	W 12	W 5	W 4	L 1	W 6	D 3	4.5
3	John E. Roush	2053	W 10	H	W 17	W 7	L 1	D 2	4.0
4	Chris Que	2036	W 16	W 15	L 2	D 5	W 10	H	4.0
5	Robert Graham	1872	W 19	L 2	W 12	D 4	W 14	D 1	4.0
6	Lewis F. Sanders	1871	W 20	L 7	W 9	W 17	L 2	W 12	4.0
7	David Saville	2000	W 11	W 6	L 1	L 3	W 16	D 9	3.5
8	Paul W. Davis	1813	H	L 17	W 13	L 10	W 15	W 14	3.5
9	Michael Felton	1703	L 1	W 21	L 6	W 13	W 19	D 7	3.5
10	James C. Fields Jr	1629	L 3	W 18	D 14	W 8	L 4	W 16	3.5
11	Lawrence L. Douglas	1554P19	L 7	W 20	D 15	L 14	W 21	W 17	3.5
12	David W. Hundley	1521	L 2	W 19	L 5	W 21	W 17	L 6	3.0
13	Richard W. Cowley	1274	L 14	W 22	L 8	L 9	W 20	W 19	3.0
14	Markle W. Butcher	1860	W 13	L 17	D 10	W 11	L 5	L 8	2.5
15	David L. Bruner	1674	W 21	L 4	D 11	L 16	L 8	W 20	2.5
16	William H. Rice	1416P13	L 4	H	W 18	W 15	L 7	L 10	2.5
17	Benjamin R. Cowley	1759	W 22	W 8	L 3	L 6	L 12	L 11	2.0
18	Chistopher Greer	1103	H	L 10	L 16	L 19	W 22	H	2.0
19	Miguel R. Lopez	760	L 5	L 12	W 22	W 18	L 9	L 13	2.0
20	Dalphine Fields	811P18	L 6	L 11	L 21	W 22	L 13	L 15	2.0
21	Malcolm F. Larose	724P6	L 15	L 9	W 20	L 12	L 11	L 22	1.0
22	Brian L. Cox	647P6	L 17	L 13	L 19	L 20	L 18	W 21	1.0

Chris Que (2049) vs. Ben Good (2045)

(ann. by Ben Good)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Ngf6 11.Bf4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Qc7 13.c4

O-O-O and Ne4 are also common

13...e6 14.b4

Extremely aggressive play. Bc3 is the more sane approach.

14...Bd6 15.Ne2

Normally White would play Ne4.

15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qe2 After this, White would have control of e5, but his King needs to find a safe spot yet.

15...e5

This is ill-timed. O-O is better.

16.c5 Be7 17.Nc3

White misses the opportunity to go after the weakness on f5 created by Black's ...e5. Nh4 is best.

17...exd4

17...a5 is even better to undermine the c5 pawn.

18.Qxd4 b6

Again ...a5 is better.

19.Bf4 bxc5 20.bxc5 Qa5 21.Kf1

21.Bd6 Bxd6 22.cxd6 O-O 23.O-O Necessary as the e-file is open. 23...Qxh5 For the moment, White's d6 pawn is immobile, but hard to attack. This must be better for White than the game continuation.

21. ...Nxc5 22.Qc4 Qa6

The trade isn't necessary just yet. 22...O-O 23.Nd4 Ne6 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Rh3 (25.Qxe6+ Kh8 26.Rh3 Bb4) 25...Qf5 26.Rf3 Nd5)

23.Qxa6 Nxa6 24.Rb1 Nb4 25.Nd4 Nbd5

O-O is better. White is a pawn down but has more activity and could easily win the pawn back if Black is not careful.

26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Bd2

27.Be5 f6 28.Bg3 {and Black will likely have to give back the pawn.

27. ...c5 28.Nf5 O-O 29.Rh3

29.Bxh6 is an interesting tactical possibility. 29...Bf6 is probably best.

29. ...Bf6 30.Rd3 Nb6 31.Be3 Rac8 32.Rd6 Kh7

Black is starting to consolidate. White probably needs to play a4 and hope to drive the Knight away from guarding d7 to get counterplay.

33.Rc1 Be5 34.Rd2 c4 35.f4 c3 36.Rdc2

36.Rd3 Bf6 37.Nd6 Rc6 38.Ne4

36...Bf6 37.Bxb6

37.Nd6 Rc6 38.Ne4 Nd5 {This is the difference between Rd3 and Rdc2.

37. ...axb6 38.Nd6 Ra8 39.Ne4 Bd4 40.Nxc3 Bxc3 41.Rxc3 Rxa2

With the extra pawn and the Rook on the 7th, Black is on the verge of winning. These positions can be deceptive, though.

42.Rb1

42.Re1 Rd8 43.Re2 looks to be a better attempt.

42. ...Rd8 43.Kg1 Rdd2 44.Rg3 Rab2 45.Rc1 Rf2 46.Rg4 f5

going into a forcing sequence to trade a pair of rooks and leave a winning endgame.

47.Rg6 Rxf4 48.Rc7 Rb1+ 49.Kh2 Rh4+ 50.Kg3 Rg4+ 51.Rxg4 fxc4 52.Kxg4 b5 53.Rb7 b4 54.Kg3 b3 55.Rb8 b2 56.Kg4 g5 57.hxg6+ Kxg6 58.Rb6+ Kf7 59.g3 h5+ 60.Kg5 h4 61.Rb7+ Ke6 62.Rb6+ Kd5 63.Rb5+ Kc4 64.Rxb2 Rxb2 65.gxh4 Kd5 66.h5 Ke6 67.Kg6 Rg2+ 68.Kh7 Kf7 69.h6 Rh2 (0-1)

Lewis Sanders (1871) vs. Ben Cowley (1759)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Bc5 3. d4

The fittingly-named Lewis Gambit, which I've never encountered before. (0.00)

3. ... exd4

Better is 3. ... Bxd4. (+0.29)

4. Bxf7+ Kxf7 5. Qh5+ g6 6. Qd5+ Kg7 7. Qxc5 Nc6 8. Bg5 Qe8 9. Nd2 d6 10. Qa3 Nf6

Black desperately wanted to develop, but this would bring the Black king too out in the open.

One idea is 10. ... a5, followed by Nb4 to attack some weak squares in White's camp. Before move 10, it was roughly even. (+0.71)

11. f3 Be6

Better was 11. ... Qe5, bringing the lady into action. (-0.29)

12. Ne2 d5 13. O-O dxe4 14. fxe4 Rf8 15. Nf4 Rf7 16. Qg3 Bd7?

Allows for a simple but large gain in material. (+6.40)

17. Bxf6+ Rxf6 18. Nh5+ Resigns (1-0, +7.41)

Lawrence Douglas (1554P19) vs. Ben Cowley (1759)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Be7 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bg5 h6 6. Bh4 O-O 7. e3 c6 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. O-O Re8 10. Bg3 b6 11. Rc1 Bb7 12. cxd5 exd5 13. a3 Bf8 14. Qc2 Rc8

Black seems to be shifting from plan to plan while White slowly builds up. (+0.46)

15. Qb1 c5 16. Ne5 Nxe5 17. Bxe5 Bd6 18. Bxd6 Qxd6 19. Bf5 Rc6 20. Rfe1 Bc8 21. Bxc8 Rexc8

22. h3 a6 23. Qd3 cxd4 24. exd4 b5 25. Rcd1 b4 26. axb4 Qxb4 27. Re2 a5 28. Rde1

Black has been consistently putting pressure on the queenside and the c-file, while White has focused on the e-file. The position looks drawish. (-0.22)

28. ... Rc4??

Leaving a pawn and then a fork wide open. (+3.32)

29. Nxd5 Qd6 30. Ne7+ Kf8 31. Nxc8 Rxc8 32. Qa3 Qxa3 33. bxa3 Rc3 34. Re3 Rc2 35. R1e2 Rc1+

36. Kh2 a4 37. Re5 Rd1 38. Ra5 g6 39. Rxa4 Nd5 40. Rc4 Nb6 41. Rc6 Na4 42. Rec2 Rxd4 43.

R2c4 Rxc4 44. Rxc4 Nb6 45. Re4 Nd5 46. a4 Ne7 47. a5 Resigns (1-0)

2013 WV Junior Championship, September 28, 2013

The 2013 WV Junior Championship saw a three-way tie for first: Jesse Tustin, Jasmine Tustin, and Benjamin Wallace (3.0). U-700 had a four-way tie for first: Franklin Cavallo, Chase Compton, Christopher Muto, and Kayla Gaynor (3.0). U-400 had a clear winner with Eli Campbell (4.0).

Shown are the top five players of the open section.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Jesse T. Tustin	1241	W 3	W 4	W 5	L 2	3.0
2	Benjamin M. Wallace	1180	L 4	W 5	B	W 1	3.0
3	Jasmine R. Tustin	113	L 1	B	W 4	W 5	3.0
4	Sam Timmons	1330	W 2	L 1	L 3	B	2.0
5	Elias L. Garden	901P25	B	L 2	L 1	L 3	1.0

2013 National Chess Day, October 12, 2013

The 2013 National Chess Day tournament, held in St. Albans, WV, was won by Dr. Armando Lopez (4.0), with Mark Hathaway coming in second (3.5). The U-1600 section had a three-way tie for first: Carl Hudson, Sam Timmons, and Dale Eggleton (2.0).

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Armando Lopez	2142	W 13	W 7	W 5	W 4	4.0
2	Mark S. Hathaway	2141	W 9	W 3	D 4	W 6	3.5
3	Gary Cummings	1791	W 14	L 2	W 9	W 7	3.0
4	Advait Patel	2124	W 10	W 6	D 2	L 1	2.5
5	David Saville	2000	H	W 8	L 1	W 11	2.5
6	Lewis F. Sanders	1903	W 11	L 4	W 8	L 2	2.0
7	James C. Fields Jr	1618	W 12	L 1	W 14	L 3	2.0
8	Carl E. Hudson	1572	W 15	L 5	L 6	W 12	2.0
9	Dale Eggleton	1370	L 2	W 15	L 3	W 14	2.0
10	Sam Timmons	1307	L 4	D 11	D 12	W 13	2.0
11	Vishnu V. Kasireddy	1105	L 6	D 10	W 15	L 5	1.5
12	Miguel R. Lopez	891	L 7	W 13	D 10	L 8	1.5
13	Chistopher Greer	1050	L 1	L 12	B	L 10	1.0

14	Dalphine Fields	807P21	L 3	B	L 7	L 9	1.0
15	Benjamin M. Owen	733P3	L 8	L 9	L 11	B	1.0

Advait Patel (2124) vs. Mark Hathaway (2141)

(ann. by Mark Hathaway)

At the start of this event we had the same rating.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4

Nimzo-Indian defense

4. e3

Rubinstein

4. ... O-O 5. Bd3 d5

5... c5

6. a3

6. Nf3

6... Be7

I refused to give him an easy endgame in large part because I didn't fear his offensive ability in the middle-game. 6. ... Bxc3+ refusing to lose time in retreat, but giving him a lasting advantage of the two bishops for the endgame 7. bxc3 b6

7. cxd5

7. Qc2, 7. Nf3

7. ... exd5 8. Nge2

I expected 8. b4 or 9. b4.

8. ... Re8

8... c6 9. -- Bd6 is another good plan.

9. O-O Bf8

9... c6 didn't appeal since I was still considering ...c5 in one go. 9... Nbd7 Since I was considering ...c7-c5 I thought I might still have needed of ... Nb8-c6.

10. Qc2 c6 11. b4

according to Houdini, though I saw nothing wrong with it: 11. Bd2

11... Nbd7 12. f3 a5 13. Rb1 axb4 14. axb4 Nb6

I didn't really have time for 14... b5 15. -- because 15. e4 challenges pawn d5 and the threat of e4-e5 to kick Nf6 from defense of pawn h7 is too fast. 14. ... Nb6 (15... h6 16. exd5 Nxd5 17. Nxd5 cxd5 18. Bxb5) 16. e5 Nfd7 17. Bxh7+; 15... Nb6 16. -- Nc4)

15. e4 g6 16. e5

16. g4 dxe4

16. ... Nh5 17. f4

17. Be3, 17. Kh1

17... Ng7

Black is pretty solid on the light squares and White isn't threatening much on the dark squares.

18. Ng3 f5

If White doesn't trade, then his offensive plans are done for and his slightly weak pawn d4 & b4 could cause him some trouble. Certainly Black is no worse than equal.

19. Be3 Be6

19... Ne6 I wondered if White might sacrifice at f5 and create problems for me on the king-side.

20. b5 c5

A bit of trickery. Also good is 20... Nc4 21. Bxc4 dxc4 22. bxc6 bxc6.

21. Qf2

I was surprised he moved his queen toward the king-side. I tested the idea that he might go further with a few more moves on the king-side. 21. dxc5 d4 22. cxb6 (22. Bf2

Bxc5) 22... dxe3 23. Na4 Qd4 (23... Rxa4 24. Qxa4 Qxd3) 24. Ra1 e2+ 25. Rf2

e1=Q+ 26. Rxe1 Qxa4) (21. Nge2)

21. ... c4 22. Bc2 Qd7 23. Ra1 h5

How would White react? 23... Bf7

24. Nge2

blocking his queen further from the queen-side

24. ... Be7 25. h4 Rec8

This might have been the ideal time to trade rooks: when Qf2 has to defend pawn h4. 25... Rxa1

26. Rxa1 Ra8 27. Rxa8+ Nxa8 28. g3 Qd8 29. -- Qa5

26. g3

two tempi on the king-side for no real purpose

26. ... Qe8

Focusing on attacking pawn b5 instead of taking the a-file may have been my mistake, preventing me from getting winning chances. 26... Ne8 27. Rfb1; 27. Kg2 Nc7 (27. ... Nc7 28.

Na4); 28. Qe1 Rxa1 29. Rxa1 Nxb5; 28. Ba4 Nxa4 (28. ... Nxa4 29. Bxa4 b6 30. Qe1 26... Qd8 27. Rfb1 Rxa1 28. Rxa1 Ra8 29.

Qe1 Rxa1 30. Qxa1 Qa8 31. Qxa8+ Nxa8 32. Na4 b6 (32... Ne8 33. Nc5) 33. Nec3 Ne8 34. Nb2 Nec7 35. Ba4

27. Qg2

preventing ...Be6-f7xb5

27. ... Kf7 28. Rfb1 Qd8

I thought of this trade and hesitated too long. I should've done this before he thought to bring his queen back to the queen-side.} 28... Rxa1 29. Rxa1 Ra8 30. Qf1 Rxa1 31. Qxa1 Qa8 and the

pawn on b5 should prove to be a problem for White; 28... Qf8

29. Bf2 Ne8 30. Qf1

Now he realizes his queen was misplaced.

30. ... Nc7

30. ... Rxa1 31. Rxa1 Ra8

31. Qc1 Bd7

I thought it would be difficult for him to hold pawn b5, but we were both running low on time and it became difficult to find more ammunition.

32. Qb2

in time to prevent severe damage

32. ... Qe8

Here it seems I'm about to win pawn b5 by trading a-file rooks. But, there is a danger I could capture at b5 and then Rb1 skewers a piece. I just didn't have time to calculate it properly. 32...

Rxa1 33. Rxa1 Ra8

33. Na4 Nxa4 34. Bxa4 b6 35. Nc3 Ra5 36. Be1 Ra7 37. Kg2 Rca8 38. Bf2

Here's the question: can Black ever take at b5? Okay, defend pawn d5 with ...Ke6 first. But even then? 38. ... Qc8 39. Be1 Qb7 40. Bd2 Ne6 41. Be3 Nc7

41... Nc5 42. dxc5 Bxc5 43. Bxc5 d4+ 44. Kf2 dxc3 45. Qxc3 bxc5 46. Bd1 Ra2+ 47. Be2 Bxb5

42. Kf2 Ke6 43. Bd2 (1/2-1/2)

43. Bd2 Qc8 44. Be3 Qe8 45. Bd2 Nxb5 46. Bxb5 Rxa1 (46... Bxb5 47. Nxb5 Rxa1 48. Nc7+) 47. Bxd7+

15th Mountaineer Open, October 26, 2013

The 15th Mountaineer Open was held in the lovely Morgantown, WV, sponsored by the Morgantown Chess Club. Ten players came out to test their skills over the board. The competition was fierce: 7 players over 1500 (and those lower were certainly sandbagging or something!). David Hines took top honors with a score of 4.0.



Action at the 15th Mountaineer Open.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	David F. Hines	1867	W 6	W 7	W 3	D 2	3.5
2	Josuha J.L. Mankey	1864	h	W 9	W 4	D 1	3.0
3	Markle W. Butcher	1849	W 5	D 4	L 1	W 7	2.5
4	Benjamin R. Cowley	1767	W 8	D 3	L 2	W 5	2.5
5	Michael Felton	1700	L 3	W 8	W 6	L 4	2.0
6	William H. Rice	1437P12	L 1	W 10	L 5	D 8	1.5
7	Richard W. Cowley	1370	W 10	L 1	D 9	L 3	1.5

8	Jacob S. Matheny	1329P15	L 4	L 5	W 10	D 6	1.5
9	Paul W. Davis	1762	H	L 2	D 7	L 10	1.0
10	David L. Bruner	1609	L 7	L 6	L 8	W 9	1.0

Ben Cowley (1767) vs. Joshua Mankey (1864)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5

Always the daredevil, White chose the most exciting, brazen continuation of the French Defense: the Exchange variation. (+0.13)

3. ... exd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 Bd6 6. O-O Ne7 7. Nc3 O-O 8. Nb5 Bb4 9. Bd2 Bxd2 10. Qxd2 c6 11. Nc3 Nd7 12. h3 Bh5 13. Nh4 Bxe2 14. Nxe2 Nc8 15. Nf3 Nd6

White will need to plug up the holes on c4 and e4 to disallow the access of Black's knights. (-0.14)

16. Qf4 Ne4 17. Nd2 Ndf6 18. Nxe4 Nxe4 19. f3 Nd6 20. b3 Re8 21. Rae1 Qd7

A similar story, Black now needs to make sure White's knights can't reach c5 and e5. (0.00)

22. Nc1 f6 23. Nd3 b6 24. a4 Nf7 25. Qg3 Qd6 26. Qxd6 Nxd6 27. Kf2 Kf7 28. Rxe8 Rxe8 29. Re1 Rc8 30. Nf4 g5 31. Nd3 Nf5 32. c3 c5 33. g4

White ran into time trouble and eventually lost, but this was an equal position. (0.00)

Ben Cowley (1767) vs. Michael Felton (1700)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 b5 4. Nbd2 Bb7 5. g3 e5 6. Bg2 Nf6 7. O-O Be7 8. h3 d6 9. Nh2 g5

This may be too bold of a thrust, since White's plan is to expand on the kingside. Now Black's king does not have safe haven on either side of the board. White will try to gain a hold of both sides of the board, and place his knight at c4. (+0.46)

10. a4 b4 11. Nc4 Rg8 12. Ne3 Bc8 13. Nf5 Be6 14. Ng4 Qd7

White is trying his best to see which side of the board the Black king will end up on. In the mean time, he will try to coherently develop his pieces while Black finishes developing. (+0.71)

15. Nxf6+ Bxf6 16. Qf3 Rg6 17. Be3 O-O-O

Both kings are on opposite sides of the board. Time to pawn rush! (+0.46)

18. c3 Rh8 19. Rfc1 b3 20. d4

White is trying to rip open the center, while Black is trying to do the same to White's kingside.

20. ... h5 21. Qe2

Probably best is 21. d5, forking the minor pieces. However, White plans to create some drama by bringing his queen to Black's queenside theater. (+3.55)

21. ... Bxf5 22. exf5 Rgh6 23. Qa6+ Kc7 24. Bxc6 Qxc6 25. Qxa7+ Qb7 26. Qxb7+ Kxb7 27. dxc5 dxc5 28. Bxc5 Kc6

White is two pawns up with a strong endgame. (+2.77)

29. Bb4 Rd8 30. Rd1 Rhh8 31. Kf1 Rd5 32. Rxd5 Kxd5 33. Rd1+ Ke4 34. Rd7 Kxf5 35. Rxf7 Ke6 36. Rb7 e4 37. a5 Rc8 38. a6 Bxc3 39. Bxc3 Resigns. (1-0, +9.52)

Beckley Fall Open, November 2, 2013

First place: Dr. Armando Lopez (4.0). Second place: Carl Hudson (3.0).

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Armando Lopez	2151	W 8	W 9	W 4	W 3	4.0
2	Carl E. Hudson	1578	W 11	L 4	W 10	W 12	3.0
3	Robert Canary	1958	D 6	W 5	W 9	L 1	2.5
4	Gary Cumings	1789	W 7	W 2	L 1	D 6	2.5
5	David L. Bruner	1621	W 10	L 3	D 6	W 8	2.5
6	Edward S. Grych	1563	D 3	W 12	D 5	D 4	2.5
7	Gilbert L. Stone	1459	L 4	D 13	W 12	W 9	2.5
8	David W. Hundley	1514	L 1	W 10	W 11	L 5	2.0
9	James C. Fields Jr	1591	W 13	L 1	L 3	L 7	1.0
10	Kenneth Deel	1284	L 5	L 8	L 2	W 11	1.0
11	Miguel R. Lopez	882	L 2	B	L 8	L 10	1.0
12	Dale Eggleton	1332	H	L 6	L 7	L 2	0.5
13	Charles Gilbert	1302P22	L 9	D 7	U	U	0.5

2013 Charleston Chess Club Championship, November 23, 2013

First place: Adi Patel (6.0). Second place: John Roush (6.0).

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
1	Advait Patel	2189	*	W 6	W 5	W 3	W 2	W 8	W 7	D 4	6.5
2	John E. Roush	2058	L 1	W 6	W 5	W 3	*	W 8	W 7	W 4	6.0
3	Lewis F. Sanders	1880	L 1	W 6	W 5	*	L 2	W 8	L 7	W 4	4.0
4	Gary Cummings	1781	D 1	W 6	D 5	L 3	L 2	W 8	W 7	*	4.0
5	James C. Fields Jr	1601	L 1	W 6	*	L 3	L 2	W 8	W 7	D 4	3.5
6	Dale Eggleton	1335	L 1	*	L 5	L 3	L 2	W 8	W 7	L 4	2.0
7	Vishnu V. Kasireddy	1220	L 1	L 6	L 5	W 3	L 2	W 8	*	L 4	2.0
8	Dalphine Fields	800	L 1	L 6	L 5	L 3	L 2	*	L 7	L 4	0.0

Bridgeport Library #1, January 11, 2014

First place: Lewis Sanders (3.0). Second-Third: Markle Butcher, Mike Baker (2.5).

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Lewis F. Sanders	1908	W 13	W 14	W 7	3.0
2	Markle W. Butcher	1845	W 4	D 7	W 10	2.5
3	Joseph M. Baker	1636	D 10	W 15	W 9	2.5
4	Richard W. Cowley	1404	L 2	W 13	W 5	2.0
5	Christopher Greer	1127	W 6	W 8	L 4	2.0
6	Nicholas Palmer	411P11	L 5	W 16	W 14	2.0
7	Benjamin M. Good	2039	W 12	D 2	L 1	1.5
8	David L. Bruner	1574	D 9	L 5	W 11	1.5
9	Charles Gilbert	1382P25	D 8	W 12	L 3	1.5
10	Robert L. Greer	1142	D 3	W 17	L 2	1.5
11	McCoy Pepper-Jackson	286P11	D 17	W 18	L 8	1.5
12	James C. Fields Jr	1568	L 7	L 9	W 17	1.0
13	Robert A. Jordan	1317	L 1	L 4	W 15	1.0
14	William Haynes	925P9	W 18	L 1	L 6	1.0
15	Matthew Q. Ellis	613P11	W 16	L 3	L 13	1.0
16	Christian Palmer	327P24	L 15	L 6	W 18	1.0
17	John Kolodziej	385P11	D 11	L 10	L 12	0.5
18	Nathaniel Palmer	258P11	L 14	L 11	L 16	0.0

Jim Fields (1568) vs. Ben Good (2039)

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e3 Nf6 4. Nf3 c5 5. d4 Nc6 6. cxd5 exd5 7. Bd3 Bg4 8. Qa4 Bxf3 9. gxf3 cxd4 10. exd4 Qb6 11. Bb5 Be7 12. Bg5 O-O 13. O-O-O a6 14. Bd3 Nb4 15. Rhe1 Nxd3+ 16. Rxd3 Bb4 17. Bxf6 Bxc3 18. bxc3 Qxf6 19. Ree3 b5 20. Qb3 Qg5 21. Qd1 Rac8 22. Kb2 Rc4 23. Re5 Qh4 24. Qe2 Qd8 25. Rde3 b4 26. Re8 bxc3+ 27. Kc2 Qd7 28. Rxf8+ Kxf8 29. Rxc3 Qa4+ 30. Kd3 Rxc3+ 31. Kxc3 Qa3+ 32. Kc2 Qxa2+ 33. Kd1 Qxe2+ 34. Kxe2 Ke7 35. Kd3 Kd6 36. f4 Ke6 37. f3 Kf5 and Black eventually won when time trouble hit (0-1).

Ben Good (2039) vs. Markle Butcher (1845)

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bc4 g6 4. d3 Bg7 5. f4 d6 6. Nf3 exf4 7. Bxf4 O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. a4 Ne7 10. Bg5 Bd7 11. O-O c6 12. a5 Be6 13. Bxe6 fxe6 14. Bh6 Qd7 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. d4 Rad8 17. Rae1 Neg8 18. Qd3 Nh6 19. Ng5 Nf7 20. Nxf7 Rxf7 21. Rf3 Rdf8 22. Ref1 Qc7 23. b4 Qe7 24. e5 dxe5 25. dxe5 Nd5 26. Rxf7+ Rxf7 27. Rxf7+ Qxf7 28. Nxd5 exd5 29. Qe3 Qe7 (1/2-1/2)

Richard Cowley (1404) vs. Bob Jordan (1317)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bb5 Bd7 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 Bg4 7. Nd5 Nf6 8. Nxe7 Qxe7 9. c3 O-O 10. d4 Bxf3 11. Qxf3 exd4 12. Bxc6 bxc6 13. cxd4 Qd7 14. Bg5 Ne8 15. Qg3 Qe6 16. d5 cxd5 17. exd5 Qxd5 18. Be7 Rb8 19. Bxf8 Kxf8 20. Qe3 Qb7 21. b3 c6 22. Qe4 Nf6 23. Qd4 Qc7 24. Re3 c5 25. Qd3 Qc6 26. h3 Nh5 27. Qxh7 Nf6 28. Qh8+ Ng8 29. Qh4 Qd7 30. Rd3 a5 31. Rg3 Rb4 32. Qh8 g6 33. Qc3 a4 34. Qf3 Kg7 35. h4 Nf6 36. Qc3 Rd4 37. Qc2 Rxh4 38. Qc3 Rd4 39. Rh3 axb3 40. axb3 Qb5 41. Qc1 Qxb3 42. Qh6+ Resigns (1-0)

WVU vs. CMU Collegiate Chess Match, February 8, 2014

On February 8, 2014, the West Virginia University chess club challenged the Carnegie Mellon University chess club to some friendly matches at the Mountain Lair food court in Morgantown, WV. Taiwo Ajayi, WVU chess club president, organized the event, along with the Iorio brothers Lawrence and David. The CMU chess club president, Ben Cowley, and the rest of the CMU team graciously accepted, and arrived early in the morning for a two-part day: The



first part consisted of unrated 45 minute matches, and the second part consisted of an unrated 5min blitz tournament. CMU won the 45min portion, while WVU took top honors in the blitz tournament. More importantly, this match up was meant to promote collegiate chess, and develop a healthy rivalry between two local schools. CMU plans to host another match in Fall 2014, and continue such a fun event.



CMU won the 45-min tournament. (left to right: Alex Hallenbeck, Taiwo Ajayi, Ben Cowley, David Ioro)

45-min matches. Front match: Ben Cowley vs. David Ioro. Back match: Sukhada Kulkarni vs. Simba



Front match: Wei Wan vs. Lawrence Ioro. Back match: Sukhada Kulkarni vs. Scott Matheny



Sukhada Kulkarni (1763) vs. Jacob Scott Matheny (1342)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 Bc5 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 g5 8. Bg3

Black has a nice space advantage on the kingside, but this could turn into a liability, as it creates space around the Black king (and highlights White's lead in development). (-0.20)

8. ... Nh5 9. Nd2 Nxc3 10. fxc3

Better was 10. hxc3. It opens up the h-file for the White rook, and the f-file is still accessible via Qf3. (+0.19)

10. ... Be6 11. Bxe6

White uses some nice tactics to make use of the open f-file. (+0.14)

11. ... fxe6 12. Qh5+ Kd7

Better is 12. ... Ke7, with better defense of f7 with Qe8 and Rf8, fighting for the f-file. (+0.13)

13. Rf1 Nd4 14. Rf7+ Kc6 15. O-O-O b6 16. Nb3 Nxb3+ 17. axb3 Qc8 18. Qe2

Too passive, allowing Black some small counter-play. 18. Rdf1 would put the f-file firmly in White's hands. (+0.72)

18. ... Qa6 19. Kb1 Kb7 20. Qg4 Rhe8 21. Rdf1 Bd4 22. Na2 d5 23. exd5 exd5 24. Qd7 Rac8 25. Nb4

A nice sequence of moves that places the Black queen on a5 and the Black king on b8 (hello fork on c6!). (+5.01)

25. ... Qa5 26. Qc6+ Kb8 27. c3 Red8 28. Qa4

White saw a lead in material and a chance to trade queens. But perhaps it is better to be a bit more greedy here with 28. Qxh6 with a fine position. (+3.29)

28. ... Qxa4 29. bxa4 c5 30. Na6+ Ka8 31. cxd4 exd4 32. Re1 c4 33. Ree7 Resigns. (1-0).

Ben Cowley (1788) vs. David Iorio (1882)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O Bc5 5. Nxe5

I remember learning this trick in a Bruce Pandolfini book when I was a kid. It doesn't give much of an advantage, but it can unsettle an opponent and open up the board for White's development. (+0.39)

5. ... Nxe5 6. d4 Qe7 7. dxc5 Qxc5

Black's queen is now out in the open, allowing White to develop while attacking the spirited lady. (+0.95)

8. Nc3 O-O 9. Be3 Qb4 10. Qd4 Qxd4 11. Bxd4 d6 12. Rad1 a6 13. Be2 Re8 14. Rfe1

This position is crying out for 14. f4. It gives White a great center, stunting Black's growth while gobbling up even more space. (+0.58)

14. ... Bd7 15. Nd5

I did this to open up the position for my two bishops, but in reality it just dulls the fire, as it allows black the opportunity for a lot of trades down the e-file. (+0.22)

15. ... Nxd5 16. exd5 f6 17. f4 Ng6 18. g3 Bf5 19. c4 Re7

An interesting idea here is 19. ... Rxe2 20. Rxe2 Bg4, where equal trading gets rid of White's two bishops. Both players ran into time trouble, with the result of a White win by lucky blitz play. (1-0, +0.64).

Taiwo Ajayi (unrated) vs. Alex Hallenbeck (1977)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 c5 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Ne2 Nc6 5. Nbc3 d6 6. O-O e5 7. h3 Nge7 8. d3 O-O 9. Be3 Be6 10. Qd2 Nd4 11. Rac1

Too passive. Black is amassing some tactics that need attention. Perhaps better were 11. f4 or 11. Kh2. (-1.08)

11. ... Bxh3 12. Bxd4 Bxg2 13. Be3

White is going to lose material, but can make it less of a blow with 13. Bxe5, keeping a pawn in the trades. (-2.92)

13. ... Bxf1 14. Rxf1 Rc8 15. Kg2

Black is aiming to control the center, while White is focusing on a kingside attack.

15. ... d5 16. Bh6 d4 17. Bxg7 Kxg7 18. Nb5

Perhaps better was 18. Nd1, as else the Knight will be pushed around to the rim. (-3.57)

18. ... a6 19. Na3 b5 20. Rh1 h5 21. f4 f6 22. g4 Rh8 23. fxe5 fxe5 24. gxh5 Rh6 25. Ng3 Qd6 26. Qg5 Qf6 27. Qg4 Qf4 28. Qd7 Qg5 29. Rf1 Rf8 30. Rxf8 Kxf8 31. Qd8+ Kf7 32. Qd7 Rxh5 33. Kf2 Rh2+ 34. Resigns

(0-1, Mate-in-two).

Taiwo Ajayi (unrated) vs. Ben Cowley (1788)

(ann. by Ben Cowley)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4

The Scotch Gambit has been played against me more often recently, and should be an opening in everyone's repertoire, as it can be tricky. This was the first game I played after learning it. (0.00)

4. ... Nf6 5. e5 d5 6. Bb5 Ne4 7. Nxd4 Bd7 8. Bxc6 bxc6 9. O-O Be7 10. Bf4 O-O 11. Nd2

These are basically the standard moves. Black has the two bishops and a scintillating open b-file. Black should be aiming to control and open up the center with c5, etc. White's usual goals are to push the e- and f-pawns down Black's throat, usually creating an open and complicated position. (-0.29)

11. ... Ng5 12. Bxg5 Bxg5 13. N2f3 Be7 14. Qd3 Rb8 15. b3 g6 16. Rae1 Be6??

Yeah, that happened. Whoops! (+2.29)

17. Nxc6 Qd7 18. Nxb8 Rxb8 19. Nd4 c5 20. Nxe6 Qxe6 21. Rd1 Rd8 22. f4 Qb6 23. Kh1 Qe6 24. Rde1 c4 25. f5 cxd3 26. fxe6 dxc2 27. exf7+ Kf8 28. Rc1 d4 29. Rxc2 d3 30. Rd2 Bg5 31. Rdd1 d2 32. e6 Rc8 33. e7+ Kxe7 34. f8=Q+ Rxf8 35. Rxf8 Kxf8 36. Kg1 Ke7 37. Kf1 Kd6 38. Ke2 Kc5 39. h4 Bf4 40. Kf3 Resigns (1-0)

2014 WV Senior Championship, March 14, 2014

John Roush won the inaugural WV Senior Championship (Charleston, WV) on tiebreaks over David Saville. Each scored 4/5. James Fields won the U1600 section.



A picture of the Championship Trophy

A picture of Bob Mahan awarding John Roush the trophy



A picture of Bob Mahan awarding Jim Fields the cash prize (\$75) for the Under-1600 winner



A picture of Mark Hathaway (3rd Prize, \$50, in the Open Section) playing John Roush in the decisive game. David Saville and John Roush shared First and Second Prize in the Open Section (\$100 each).

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	John E. Roush	2100	W 11	D 8	W 5	W 2	D 3	4.0
2	David Saville	2028	W 9	W 3	W 8	L 1	W 7	4.0
3	Mark S. Hathaway	2129	W 6	L 2	W 11	X	D 1	3.5
4	Joseph Quinlan	1678	L 8	D 11	D 6	W 5	W 9	3.0
5	Jeff E. Hohn	1814	D 10	W 7	L 1	L 4	B	2.5
6	Joel E. Harrison	1738	L 3	D 9	D 4	W 11	U	2.0
7	David W. Hundley	1530	H	L 5	W 9	H	L 2	2.0
8	Marvin R. Barker Jr	2002	W 4	D 11	L 2	F	U	1.5
9	David L. Bruner	1556	L 2	D 6	L 7	B	L 4	1.5
10	J. Robert Mahan	1512	D 5	H	U	U	U	1.0
11	Michael Felton	1700	L 1	D 4	L 3	L 6	U	0.5

Mark Hathaway (2129) vs. John Roush (2100)

Round 5

(ann. by Mark Hathaway)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5

Ruy Lopez

3. ... a6

Morphy

4. Ba4 d6

Steinitz deferred

5. O-O

5. c3 is also played and I had a game in progress with that move on chess.com, 5. ... f5 6. d4 fxe4

7. Ng5. Also 5. c4 Duras

5... Bd7 6. c3 Nf6 7. d3

I was happy to go slow. John only needed a draw to share the tournament victory and I felt certain he wouldn't risk much. I also left Rf1 because Black's main line of offense is to open the f-file. Rf1 would be well placed to defend against that.

7. ... g6 8. Nbd2

8. h3 Bg7 9. Be3 O-O 10. Nbd2

8. ... b5

(8. ...Bg7)

9. Bc2 Bg7 10. a4

(10. h3)

10. ... O-O 11. b4

11. h3 was the alternative, and I didn't feel entirely safe moving that pawn when his main plan is a King's Indian-like attack with ...Nh5 and ...f7-f5 to open the king-side

11... Nh5 12. axb5

(12. Nb3)

12. ... axb5 13. Rxa8

deflecting his queen far from the king-side

13. ... Qxa8 14. Nb3 h6

He didn't seem to know what to do. I suggest ...Qd8 or ...Qe8.

15. d4

(15. Be3)

15... exd4 16. Nbx d4

my knight re-enters the fight. 16. Nfxd4 Ne5 17. Qe2 Nc4

16. ... Ne5

(16... Nxd4 17. cxd4 Bg4 18. Be3 Qa3 19. Qd2)

17. Nxe5 dxe5 18. Nf5

A knight sacrifice, though a sham in this instance; I also threaten pawn h6 & Bd7.

18. ... Bxf5 19. exf5 Nf4

threatening ...Qxg2# (19... Qc6)

20. Bxf4 exf4 21. fxg6 fxg6

Here I thought quite a while to try and find a way to put my queen in front while breaking through g6 to h7. Black has ...Qc6 to defend and that forced my choice.

22. Bxg6 Qc6

I thought this was good (and obviously John also did), but Houdini says it's quite bad.

23. Qd3

(23. Bc2 I considered this and Bb1, but felt Black could hide on a dark square like f8. This Houdini line shows how White might have tried to win. Re8 (23...

Bxc3 24. Qd3 Re8 25. h4) 24. Qd3 Kf8 (24... Bxc3 25. h3) 25. Qf5+ Qf6 26.

Qc5+ Re7 27. Qxb5 Qxc3 28. Qf5+ Qf6 29. Qc8+ Kf7 30. Qa8 Qe5 31. Bb3+ Kg6 32. h4)

23... Qc4

John wisely seeks a queen trade to keep his king safe and to achieve a draw. (23... Bxc3 24. Rc1)

(23... Qxc3 24. Qxb5)

24. Qd7 Qxc3

(24. ... f3 25. Bd3 Qxc3 26. Qd5+ Kh8 27. Qe4 Kg8 28. g3 (28. gxf3))

25. Qxb5

Though this kept the pawn advantage I felt my queen wasn't perfectly placed. I

looked at 25. Qd5+ Kh8 26. Qxb5 c6 27. Qb7. I didn't notice 25. Qe6+

Kh8 26. Bb1 Rd8 (26... Qxb4 27. Qg6 Kg8 28. Qh7+ Kf7 29. Bg6+ Kf6 30.

Bf5 Kf7 31. Rd1) 27. Qe7 Qd2 28. Qe4 Kg8 29. Qh7+ Kf7. White seems to have an advantage, but Houdini doesn't give a line that wins.

25. ... Qe5 26. Qc4+ Kh8 27. Rd1

(27. f3 Qd4+ 28. Qxd4 Bxd4+ 29. Kh1 Be5) I also thought of 27. h4 giving my king some air and guarding against ...Qg5 combined with ...f3. 27. ... Bf6 28. h5. Houdini really likes to line up the bishop and queen to attack at h7. (27. Bb1 Bf6 28. Rc1)

27. ... f3 28. g3 Qe2

Forcing queen trade by forking my queen and undefended rook: John does the same.

29. Qxe2

I knew this led to a simpler position, which might be a draw. I simply felt there was no better way forward. (29. Qc1 seemed risky, 29. ... Qe5 30. Qc6 Rf6 31. Qa8+ Rf8 32. Qe4 Qxe4 33. Bxe4 Bc3 is still very close to the drawn ending we played)

(29. Qd5 Qe5 (29... Rb8))

29. ... fxe2 30. Re1 Bc3 31. Rxe2 Bxb4

White is up a pawn, but Houdini's evaluation gives White only +0.70 advantage -- less than one pawn.

32. Rc2

preventing ...Bc5 for the moment

32. ... Kg7 33. Be4 Bd6 34. Bc6

I block pawn c7 and hope to have time to advance my king-side forces. But, John found a good active defensive idea.} (34. Kg2)

34... Rf5 35. Kg2

(35. Rc4 Bc5) (35. Re2 Rc5 {breaking the c6 blockade} (35... Bc5) 36. Ba4 Re5 37. Rc2 c5)

35... Rc5

breaking the c6 blockade may have been the goal, but here it forces a rook trade which secures the draw

36. Rxc5 Bxc5 37. f4

I had nothing to lose but time, so I kept playing.

37. ... Kf6 38. Kf3 Bd6 39. Kg4 Bc5 40. Kf3

He convinced me to push my pawns before my king. (40. Kh5 Bg1 41. g4 Bxh2

42. g5+ hxg5 43. fxg5+ Kg7)

40. ... Bg1 41. h3 Bc5 42. g4 Bb4

threatening ... Be1 to stop my pawns permanently

43. h4 Bd2 44. g5+ hxg5 45. hxg5+ Kg7 46. Kg4 Bc1 47. f5 Bb2

After this White needs Ke6 to support f5-f6+, but Black has ...Kg6xg5 and ...Bb2-a3 to guard f8. So, I tried to lure him into ...c5, blocking that diagonal. Even then he might be able to defend with ...Bc1xg5-h6 to guard, but there is room for error. Unfortunately I couldn't convince him to play ...c5.

48. Bd5 Bc3 49. Bb3 Bb2 50. Bc2

This prepares f6+ when g6 is guarded, but it also allows ...c5.

50. ... Bc3

He's not interested in pawn c7, just in guarding f6.

51. Kf3 Bb2 52. Bd3

Here John claimed a draw by 3-time repetition. I told him the last time his bishop went to c3 I had Bd3, but the time before I had Bc2 and the time before that I had Bd5. He retracted his claim.

53. ... Bc3 53. Ke3 Bb2 54. Ke4

I decided it was time to act.

54. ... Bc3 55. Kd5 Bd2

He correctly goes after g5.

56. f6+

The only way forward is the one where all of White's theoretical advantage disappears. 56. Ke6 Bxg5

56. ... Kf7

preventing Kd5-e6 and my Bd3 cannot check him away!

57. Ke5

(57. Bg6+ Kxg6 58. Ke6 Bxg5 59. Kd7 (59. f7 Bh6) 59... c5)

57... Bxg5 58. Bc4+ Kf8 (1/2-1/2)

2014 WV Scholastic Championship, March 22, 2014

The WV Scholastic Championship brought Kindergarten to high school students from around the state to test their abilities over the chessboard. There were four sections: K-3 (9 players), K-5 (21 players), K-8 (30 players), and K-12 (30 players), so the tournament had a great turn out. The winners included:

K-3: Justin Barker

K-5: Emerson Beall

K-8: Jasmine Tustin

K-12: Sam Timmons

Shown is the crosstable for the top 10 out of 30 for the K-12 section.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Sam Timmons	1387	W 3	D 4	W 10	W 2	W 8	4.5
2	Miguel R. Lopez	1435	W 5	W 9	W 7	L 1	W 4	4.0
3	Phillip Sears	909	L 1	W 17	W 24	W 21	W 10	4.0
4	Noah Stepp	1297	W 11	D 1	W 9	W 7	L 2	3.5
5	Elias L. Garden	964	L 2	W 15	W 22	D 6	W 17	3.5
6	Thomas Varner	828P5	L 24	W 23	W 19	D 5	W 16	3.5
7	Benjamin M. Wallace	1240	W 26	W 14	L 2	L 4	W 20	3.0
8	Andrew Stepp	1216	W 18	L 10	W 12	W 20	L 1	3.0
9	Jesse T. Tustin	1185	W 16	L 2	L 4	W 22	W 15	3.0
10	Jay Sheth	1076	W 19	W 8	L 1	W 11	L 3	3.0

2014 WV Action Championship, May 17, 2014

The 2014 WV Action Championship was held in Clarksburg, WV, with game-in-30min time controls. Ben Good emerged the winner with a score of 5.0. Second was Markle Butcher (4.5), U-1900 winner was Lewis Sanders (4.0), first place of U-1500 was split by Elias Garden and Charles Gilbert (3.0). The Scholastic U-1000 winner was Eli Campbell.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	Total
1	Benjamin M. Good	2056	W 10	W 2	L 3	W 7	W 5	W 4	5.0
2	Markle W. Butcher	1861	W 11	L 1	W 4	W 3	W 9	D 5	4.5
3	Lewis F. Sanders	1901	W 6	W 5	W 1	L 2	L 4	W 8	4.0
4	Edward Garner	1911	D 9	W 8	L 2	W 6	W 3	L 1	3.5
5	Aaaron Richardson	1700	W 12	L 3	W 9	W 8	L 1	D 2	3.5
6	Charles Gilbert	1467	L 3	W 12	D 8	L 4	W 7	D 9	3.0
7	Elias L. Garden	1134	L 8	W 11	W 13	L 1	L 6	W 12	3.0
8	Michael Felton	1700	W 7	L 4	D 6	L 5	W 12	L 3	2.5
9	Jordan J. Whistler	1569	D 4	D 10	L 5	W 11	L 2	D 6	2.5
10	Joseph M. Baker	1674	L 1	D 9	U	U	U	W 11	1.5
11	Marvin L. Boyce	1323	L 2	L 7	D 12	L 9	W 13	L 10	1.5
12	Robert V. Greer	982	L 5	L 6	D 11	W 13	L 8	L 7	1.5
13	Robert L. Greer	995	U	U	L 7	L 12	L 11	U	0.0

2014 Peter DuPuy Memorial, May 31, 2014

The 2014 Peter DuPuy Memorial (Charleston, WV) was won by GM Alexander Shabalov (4.5), with second place going to GM Bryan Smith (4.0). U-1800 top honors was captured by Jimmy Fuller (4.5), with Mike Holsinger and Vishnu Kasireddy (4.0) sharing 2nd and 3rd place.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Alexander Shabalov	2588	W 11	W 3	D 2	W 4	W 7	4.5
2	Bryan G. Smith	2555	X	W 10	D 1	W 7	D 3	4.0
3	Carl B. Boor	2371	W 12	L 1	W 13	W 6	D 2	3.5
4	Nikhilesh K. Kunche	2363	W 6	D 7	W 5	L 1	W 9	3.5
5	Mark S. Hathaway	2128	D 8	W 12	L 4	D 10	W 11	3.0

6	Lewis F. Sanders	1956	L 4	W 9	W 10	L 3	W 12	3.0
7	Christopher Y. Shen	2057	W 13	D 4	W 8	L 2	L 1	2.5
8	Vishal Menon	1842	D 5	W 11	L 7	L 9	D 13	2.0
9	Jeff E. Hohn	1816	L 10	L 6	B	W 8	L 4	2.0
10	Joseph J. Mucerino Jr	2123	W 9	L 2	L 6	D 5	U	1.5
8	Benjamin M. Good	2025	L 10	L 8	D 12	W 13	L 5	1.5
9	Markle W. Butcher	1850	L 3	L 5	D 11	B	L 6	1.5
10	Aasa Dommalapati	1703	L 7	B	L 3	L 11	D 8	1.5

Ben Good (2025) vs. Mark Hathaway (2128)

(ann. by Mark Hathaway)

1. e4

I still had a chance for money if I won. Ben did too.

1. ... c5 2. c3

Alapin Sicilian

2. ... Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 e6 6. cxd4 Nc6 7. Bc4 Nb6

(7... d6)

8. Bb3 d6 9. Qe2 Be7 10. Nc3 d5

This seemed safest under the circumstances and let me delay the big fight until I could be better developed.

11. O-O a5 12. a4 Nb4

preventing Bb3-c2

13. Nd2

I've never seen this, but it appeared he was preparing f2-f4.

13. ... O-O 14. Nb5

(14. f4 f5 15. exf6 Bxf6)

14... Bd7 15. Nb1

If he spends all day on the queen-side, then I'll be able to do more on the king-side. The game bounces back and forth between queen-side and king-side all the way to the end.

15. ... Kh8 16. N1c3 f5 17. f4 Rc8 18. Be3 Nc4 19. Bxc4 Rxc4 20. Rf3 Qb6 21. Rh3 Be8 22. Rf1 Bg6 23. Bf2 Kg8

I began to think of ...Kb8 and preparing ...g5.

24. Rd1 Qd8

stopping Bh4 for the moment

25. Rd2 Be8 26. Qe1 h6 27. Be3

waiting... (27. Bh4 g5 (27... Bxh4 28. Qxh4 Qb6 29. Qf2 Nc6 30. Rhd3 Na7 31. Nxa7 Qxa7))

27. ... Na6

aiming to break the b5 blockade

28. Rd1 Nc7 29. b3 Rc6 30. Bd2 Bb4 31. Nxc7 Rxc7 32. Nb1

*I expected 32. Na2 Bxd2 33. Qxd2 b6 34. Rc1 Rff7 35. Rhc3 Qc8 36. Kf2
32... Qe7*

With Bb4 defended Rh3 can't get back into play.

*33. Rc1 Rxc1 34. Qxc1 b5 35. axb5 Bxb5 36. Bxb4
(36. Re3 Qa7 37. Bxb4 axb4 38. Qd1 Rc8)*

*36. ... axb4 37. Qe1 Ra8
(37... Rc8)*

*38. Qc1 Ra2 39. Re3 Kh7
(39... Qa7 40. Qc8+ Kf7)*

40. g3 Qa7 41. Qd1 Qc7 42. g4 Qc2 (0-1)

I was perhaps playing a bit too fast at the end. Ben was to less than 5 minutes on his clock and I was pushing him. After this win I was tied with FM Carl Boor Jr., but about 5 minutes from the end of the tournament GM Bryan Smith decided he couldn't win, despite being ahead a pawn. That gave the FM another half point and it gave me zip, nada, zilch. Still, I was the highest-scoring non-master. (42... g6) (42... Kg6)

Bridgeport Library #2, June 14, 2014

Mike Baker turned on the oven to win the 2nd Bridgeport library event, going 3-0. Ben Good and Ed Garner drew each other in the first round and finished behind Mike at 2.5.

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Joseph M. Baker	1690	W 8	W 5	W 4	3.0
2	Benjamin M. Good	2022	D 3	W 8	W 6	2.5
3	Edward Garner	1918	D 2	W 13	W 9	2.5
4	Jacbo S. Matheny	1359P18	W 13	W 10	L 1	2.0
5	Christopher Greer	1231	W 9	L 1	W 10	2.0
6	Chance Taylor	640P12	W 7	W 12	L 2	2.0
7	Parker Benson	562P11	L 6	B	W 12	2.0
8	David L. Bruner	1504	L 1	L 2	W 13	1.0
9	Marvin L. Boyce	1293	L 5	W 11	L 3	1.0
10	Matthew Q. Ellis	775	W 11	L 4	L 5	1.0
11	John Kolodziej	573	L 10	L 9	B	1.0
12	McCoy Pepper-Jackson	272	B	L 6	L 7	1.0
13	William H. Rice	1413P23	L 4	L 3	L 8	0.0

Beckley Summer Open, July 19, 2014

First place honors were shared between Sam Timmons and David Hundley (3.5). Jim Fields captured third place (3.0).

Rank	Player	New Rtg	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	David W. Hundley	1634	W 6	W 9	W 7	D 2	3.5
2	Sam Timmons	1589	W 9	W 7	W 3	D 1	3.5
3	James C. Fields Jr	1597	W 5	W 4	L 2	W 6	3.0
4	Charles Gilbert	1435	W 8	L 3	D 5	W 10	2.5
5	Douglas W. Snuffer II	882P22	L 3	W 10	D 4	W 8	2.5
6	Joshua Dolin	831P4	L 1	W 8	W 10	L 3	2.0
7	David G. Michael	1549	W 10	L 2	L 1	U	1.0
8	Surya Perla	494P3	L 4	L 6	B	L 5	1.0
9	Robert Canary	1909	L 2	L 1	U	U	0.0
10	Jacob S. Blevins	494P4	L 7	L 5	L 6	L 4	0.0

Upcoming Events

76th WV State Championship

Date: August 30, 2014
Address: 1610 Washington St E
City: Charleston
Format: 6 round Swiss System
Time Control: 35/90 SD/60 d/5
Sections: Open
Entry Fee: \$40 by 8/20; \$50 at site
Prizes: Prizes: \$800 b/25: \$200-100-50, U1900 \$100-50, U1600 \$100-50, U1300 \$100-50. Trophy to top WVCA member and resident.
Registration Time: Sat 9-10:30
Round Times: Sat 11-5; Sun/Mon 9-3
Contact Name: John Everett Roush
Phone Number: 304-550-4103
E-mail Address: jroush@wvsspa.org

Other Details:

Byes: Maximum two per player. Half point bye requests must be made prior to start of tournament.

Make checks payable to Charleston Chess Club.

Annual WVCA business meeting Saturday at 9am. No smoking. Wheelchair accessible.

WVCA membership required, other states accepted for out-of-state players.

2014 WV Junior Championship

Date: September 13, 2014
Address: 127 E Pike St
City: Clarksburg
Format: 4 round Swiss System
Time Control: G/60 d/0
Sections: Over 700, 400-699, Under 400
Entry Fee: \$15
Prizes: Trophy to top Individual in each section. There will also be a team trophy awarded to the Top school team. To qualify as a team, your school must have 4 or more entrants. Team score is the sum of the results of the 4 highest scoring members on the team irrespective of section. The top placed WV resident in the Championship division will be the 2014 WVCA Junior Champion.
Registration Time: 9
Contact Name: Bob Greer
Phone Number: 304-641-9241
E-mail : greerlaw@aol.com

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY CHESS #3

SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

BRIDGEPORT, WV

OPEN TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS

All games will be rated by USCF

Date: September 20, 2014

Site: Bridgeport Public Library, Johnson Avenue, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Format: 3 Round Swiss System accelerated pairings, RDs 1& G/30, Rd 3-G/45 no delay

Schedule: Registration: Noon to 12:15pm

Entry Fee: Rounds: First Round – 12:30 pm subsequent rounds to follows as announced at the site. \$15 for Rated; Free for Unrated:

Sections: Unrated: Non USCF members only

Rated: Open all current and past USCF members

Prizes: Trophy to top Individual in each section. An award to top female in each section.

Entries: Harrison County Chess Club, c/o Robert L. Greer, P. O. Box 4338, Clarksburg, WV 26302

Checks payable to "Harrison County Chess Club")

Info: Email: greerlaw@aol.com Phone: 304-641-9241

Misc: No Smoking. USCF membership required in Rated Section (available onsite).

Winner of rated section to receive 85% of entry fee as prize fund

2014 National Chess Day

Date: October 10, 2014
Address: 1023 6th Ave
City: Saint Albans
Format: 4 round Swiss System
Time Control: G/60 d/5
Sections: Open, Scholastic
Entry Fee: \$25
Prizes: \$\$ based on 16: \$100-75-50, U1600 \$50-25
Registration Time: 9-9:45
Round Times: 10-12:30-3-5:30
Contact Name: Craig Timmons
E-mail Address: craigtimmons@gmail.com

16th Mountaineer Open

Saturday, October 25, 2014

Morgantown Chess Club, 100 Cobun Ave (Church basement), Morgantown WV 26501

Format: 4-SS, G/75 (w/5 second delay).

Schedule: Reg.9-9:45 Rds: 10am – 1pm – 4pm – 7pm

Half-point byes: Maximum one per player. Half-point bye requests for round 4 must be made before the start of round 3.

Entry Fee: \$25 postmarked by Oct. 18, \$35 at site.

Prizes: Two sections, \$\$500 b/28 (proportional payout common to both sections).

Open: \$120-80, U2000 \$60, Reserve (under 1800): \$90-60, U1600 \$50 U1300 \$40.

In the event of six or less players registering for either section, these will be combined (preserving overall prize fund)

Entries: Morgantown Chess Club, Terry Wassell, 104 Dustin Lane, Morgantown, WV 26501. (Checks payable to Morgantown Chess Club).

Info: Email: morgantownchess@gmail.com

Misc.: If available, A HOUSE player may be paired to avoid a bye. No Smoking, Wheel Chair Accessible. USCF membership required (available onsite). Sponsored & Organized by Morgantown Chess Club.

<http://morgantownchess.org/>

2013 WVCA Business Meeting Minutes

Welcome

As President John Roush was not present, Vice President Benjamin Good called the annual WVCA Business Meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2013 state championship tournament.

As Secretary-Treasurer Tom Bergquist was also not present, Vice President Good read the meeting minutes from the 2012 WVCA Business Meeting. Robert L Greer moved that the meeting minutes be accepted as read. David Bruner seconded the motion and it passed.

Vice President Good read the financial statement for the period from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. David Bruner moved that the financial statement be approved as read. James Fields seconded the motion and it passed.

Old Business

Vice President Good informed the members that the new \$5 Junior Membership was in effect.

Vice President Good discussed the advertisement on the WVCA website requested by Michael Felton regarding a donation to the WVCA for each car purchase from Ted's Auto Sales. Mr. Good mentioned that the advertisement was in place and Mr. Felton mentioned that the offer still stands, although no one has yet taken him up on the offer.

Vice President Good briefly discussed that Mr. Bergquist has in his notes that a copy of the WVCA bulletin is to be sent to the WV Department of Culture and History and that as far as he knows, copies are being sent.

New Business

No new business was discussed.

Election of Officers

President

David Bruner nominated Robert L Greer. Markle Butcher seconded the nomination.

James Fields nominated John Roush. David Hundley seconded the nomination.

James Fields moved that the nominations be closed. David Bruner seconded the motion.

Vice President Good called for a vote. Robert L Greer was elected President 5-3.

Vice President

Robert L Greer nominated John Roush. David Bruner seconded the nomination.

David Bruner moved that the nominations be closed. Markle Butcher seconded the motion.

There being only one nomination, Vice President Good declared John Roush elected by acclamation.

Bulletin Editor

After some delay, Michael Felton nominated Benjamin Cowley. The entire room seconded the motion.

Michael Felton moved that the nominations be closed. James Fields seconded the motion.

There being only one nomination, Vice President Good declared Benjamin Cowley elected by acclamation.

Secretary-Treasurer

David Bruner nominated Benjamin Good. Michael Felton seconded the motion. James Fields moved that the nominations be closed. Michael Felton seconded the motion. There being only one nomination, Vice President Good declared himself elected by acclamation. Vice President Good commented that this was the first time in 53 years that someone not named Tom Bergquist was Secretary-Treasurer of the WVCA.

At-Large Member

James Fields nominated David Bruner. It is uncertain who seconded the motion. Michael Felton moved that the nominations be closed. David Hundley seconded the motion. There being only one nomination, Vice President Good declared David Bruner elected by acclamation.

Delegates to the USCF

James Fields nominated Robert L Greer. David Hundley seconded the nomination. Robert L Greer nominated Chris Greer. David Bruner seconded the nomination. There being only two nominations, Vice President Good declared Robert L Greer primary delegate and Chris Greer alternate delegate by acclamation.

Bids for 2014 Championship Tournaments

State Championship

James Fields offered Charleston. There being no other bids, Vice President Good declared the bid accepted by acclamation.

Action Championship

Robert L Greer offered Harrison County. There being no other bids, Vice President Good declared the bid accepted by acclamation.

Junior Championship

Robert L Greer offered Harrison County. There being no other bids, Vice President Good declared the bid accepted by acclamation.

Dismissal

Michael Felton moved that the meeting be adjourned. Robert L Greer seconded the motion and it passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Good
WVCA Secretary-Treasurer