

# New Mexico Chess Clubs

## Bear Canyon Chess Club - Albuquerque

Bear Canyon Senior Center, On Pitt St off of LaGrimaD'Oro Just N of Montgomery/Eubank in Albuquerque. Mon. Wed.Fri. 12:30 P.M. Casual, small, friendly group. No organized pairings. Contact Lloyd Gustafson at 821-2083.

## Borders Book Store - Santa Fe

Mondays: 7 til 10pm on Montezuma in the Samburgco Ctr, Santa Fe. Casual chess, lots of blitz, and sometimes slower rated matches. Some of the newest players mingle here with some of the state's best. GM Jesse Kraai presents a lecture every Monday night at 6pm - to 7pm, just before the club starts (free) The lecture is usually geared for young players in the 800-1300 range.

## Cherry Hills Chess Club - Albuquerque

Meets from 1-5pm on the first Saturday of each month. At Cherry Hills Library in NE Albuquerque. Contact: Rod Avery at [rlavery@msn.com](mailto:rlavery@msn.com)

## Coronado Chess Club - Albuquerque

Coronado Chess Club - Wednesdays 7pm at Frontier Restaurant on Central Ave. at Cornell, across from UNM in the furthest East Room. Starting September 2008, one unrated rounds, G30, weekly, plus informal games and analysis 'til late in the night (Frontier is open 24/7). This is a long-standing club with character. To get paired in for the evening, arrive before 7pm and talk to Richard Sherman (839-4218). \$5 per year or \$1 for one night. Sets/boards available. Bring Chess clocks.

## Foothills Chess Club - Albuquerque

Now the THIRD Sunday of every month from 2-6 p.m Foothills Fellowship Church, located on the Southwest corner of Candelaria and Tramway in NE ABQ. Contact Oren Stevens at 298-2534 [orenstevens@aol.com](mailto:orenstevens@aol.com). USCF rated games. Stop by and give the Foothills club a try!

## Four Corners Chess Club

Still going after 40 years! The club meets in room 1008 at San Juan College on Tuesdays. For times and more info, contact Ken Weisner at 505-598-6442 or [email:weisken@hotmail.com](mailto:email:weisken@hotmail.com)

## Los Alamos Chess Club

Thursdays 6:30 - 10:30pm at the Betty Ehart Senior Center (downstairs). Contact Gerard Jungman at 667-0369 (days) or Tom Pigott at 662-6962.

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Meets Monday nights at 7pm during Spring and Fall semesters on the NM Tech campus in Socorro, in "Old Jones" 2nd floor. Directions: Take I-25 exit 150 onto California Street. Turn right into Bullock Ave. (KFC at the corner). At the third intersection you will see the campus. Keep going straight. The street curves left. At stop sign, turn into the left parking lot.

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University of New Mexico Chess Club - Monday nights 7pm during the regular semester. Stop by for casual chess in the Student Union Building -- Spirit Room. UNM Chess Club is free and drop-ins are welcome. Alumni and non-students are also encouraged to visit. Contact President Anthony Chen at: [antchen@unm.edu](mailto:antchen@unm.edu) for more.

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Casual chess on Thursday nights starting at 7pm. The club meets at Barnes and Noble on 3701- A Ellison Dr. NW, Albuquerque off Rt #528....near Cottonwood Mall, between Sam's Club and Walmart. For more info, contact Holly McRoberts. [queenhjm@aol.com](mailto:queenhjm@aol.com)

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## The Masters Touch In Chess

**From Left:** 2007 Women's U.S. Champion IM Irina Krush, IM David Pruess, GM Jesse Kraai and IM John Donaldson together at the Donaldson simul and lecture on May 22. Two other Master-level players (not pictured) rounded out this unique gathering of Masters for an Albuquerque event. *See page 3.*

Photos by John Baxter

## From the Editor

Last time we asked for feedback and contributions for the next DK. So far I received one comment in feedback mode so I am guessing that everybody else loved it. And this issue is even better as it has more contributions from NMCO members. The DK you are reading has a lot of history! Ron Kensek explains how he established the NM champions list for the last 60 years, while Chris Candelario gives us an extract from his forthcoming book about his dad, John Candelario, who was (we think) the 1948 NM state champ!

Thanks also to Art Byers who annotated whole sections of recent tourneys, and to Preston Harrington and Jason Stoneking for sending in game analysis.

As usual, I just wrote notes to some games, but Art Byers and John Baxter did all the work of putting the magazine together. Thanks to all.

*Jim Johnston*

*Desert Knight Editor-in-Chief*



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Excellent	!!
Good	!
Interesting	!?
Dubious	?!
Bad	?
Blunder	??
Check	+
Double Check	++
Checkmate	#

White Winning	+-
White advantage	+/-
White small edge	+/=
Equal	=
Black Winning	-+
Black advantage	-/+
Black small edge	=/+
Unclear position	∞
Better move is	>=

**On the cover and left:** IM John Donaldson (left) was a blur of activity at his simul on May 22, but had time to meet with locals and Masters alike!

mann is drawn deeper into the murderous intrigue, he finds that he, his patients, and his daughter may all be pawns in a game larger in scope than anything he could have imagined."

Some of the conversations seemed a little stilted to me, and one of the

diagrams for the correspondence game was incorrectly set up, but I thought the whole book was great. I couldn't wait to see how the Zugzwang would occur on the chess board of life.....

### *President's Message, Continued from page 3*

*Tell us what you think!* What kind of additional tournaments would you like to see organized between the majors? The best way to tell us is to leave a post on the nmchess.org forum.

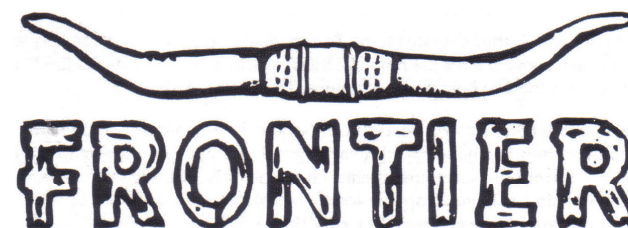
### Volunteers

I have been fortunate to work with some excellent volunteers this year. Some of the same people have volunteering their time just as they have in the several years past. We also have seen some new blood come on board and make an excellent addition.

NMCO always is looking for more volunteers to benefit chess in New Mexico. Presently our greatest need is for tournament directors (TDs). Would you or someone you know like to become a TD? It is very simple process to become a TD. Send me an e-mail (silasperry@live.com) and I'll let you know what you can do to help. Additionally the election for new officers is only a few months away. Even if you are not interested in one of the traditional positions, we have other ways you can help. We thank you in advance for your concern!

Wishing you a great year in chess,

*NMCO President, Silas Perry*



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## “Zugzwang”

By Ronan Bennet (Review by Jim Johnston)

If you like reading thrillers but find that all the sex and violence is just okay but you would really prefer a little more chess in the story, then this is the novel you are looking for!

You may not know of Ronan Bennet. He is an author from Belfast, N. Ireland, who, with GM Dan King, currently writes a “how to play chess” column for the Guardian newspaper in England. Check out <http://sport.guardian.co.uk/chess/> for their website. You will also find a column there by Jon Speelman and Leonard Barden’s column which has been in the Guardian every week since 1956

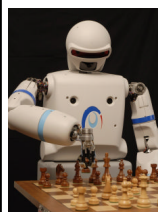
Zugzwang’s protagonist, Dr Spethmann, is a psychiatrist working in St Petersburg in 1914. He is an amateur chess player who is anticipating the great tournament of 1914 while he plays correspondence with another character. We pick up their game as it trades down to an ending with Qs and pawns, and most chess players who have looked at the title will soon see the winning idea. However, the doc’s opponent brings him a new patient, Rozental, who is about to compete in the GM tournament but has a major persecution complex.

Chess history buffs will note a close resemblance to Rubinstein in this character.

St Petersburg 1914 is generally remembered for Lasker’s amazing comeback to win the tournament just ahead of Capablanca. The Tsar then bestowed the title of Grandmaster on the top finishers. Rubinstein was one of the favorites, yet he suffered the first of a series of setbacks there. So did Rozental. One wonders why the author changed the player’s name.

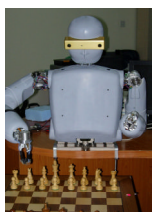
Several scenes are set in the venue of the international GM tournament but there is a lot more plot in the novel. Concentration is needed to keep track of the many characters and events. Another theme is the rise of the Bolsheviks. At the start of the story a man is murdered with our psychiatrist’s business card in his pocket. Spethmann’s daughter joins the revolutionaries, and soon the doc, his daughter and Rozental are all caught up in the Bolshevik terrorist movement against the Tsar. The Doc despairs of ever getting Rozental ready to compete.

It is difficult to sum up the complex plot of this novel, but the blurb on the dust jacket says “as Dr. Speth-



**It does not compute! It does not compute!**

Your opinion is important to us!  
Contact the DK Editorial Team with any questions or suggestions. See page 3 for DK Team and NMCO Officers contact info.



## President Message

**Leading chess commentator IM John Donaldson visits New Mexico!**

IM Donaldson's lecture and simul was heavily attended thanks to announcements appearing in both the Albuquerque Journal and the Alibi. This continues the trend of excellent press coverage that chess in New Mexico has been enjoying resulting from the efforts of our own VP and marketing director, John Baxter. Not only was there a large crowd for this event, but at one point GM Jesse Kraai, IM David Pruess, 2007 Women's US Champion IM Irina Krush were all spotted in the room. These players were returning from the recently concluded U.S. Championship. New Mexicans had a real treat to see such great players in their home state. The excitement did not end there, however, as IM Donaldson was against a real challenge; his opponents in the simul. New Mexicans garnered *four* wins and *five* draws. What a great night for chess in New Mexico!

### Octagons

Between the major tournaments this year, two tournaments with eight player sections were held. The benefit of the octagon format is that three games of 90 minutes in one day can be played without allowing the possibility of a section having more than one perfect score. In other words, it allows for a one day tournament with an intermediate time control and a probable clear winner in each section. *Continued on page 47*

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# The 2008 Memorial / Senior Open

Days Inn of Albuquerque, January 19 & 20, 2008

By Jim Johnston

Seventy-nine (79) players showed up at Day's Inn in January for the memorial /senior. It was good to see so many players from neighboring states. Indeed, in the Keffer section most of the excitement at the top was provided by 2 visitors from Texas. Top seed, Gary Simms, found that all his opponents raised their game against him, while fellow Texan, Matt Lofton, managed to win all his games including a 3<sup>rd</sup> round win against NM Simms. David Langlois turned in his best result for some time by taking clear 2<sup>nd</sup> on 3.5, while Silas Perry, Douglas Thigpen, Tony Schroeder and Wayne Hatcher were 3<sup>rd</sup>= on 2.5 with Tony and Wayne sharing the Senior championship. In the Greenup (U1800) section, Jason Stoneking and Emre Erlingarlar both won the first 3 games then drew with each other in the last round to share 1<sup>st</sup> prize. Hector Martinez and Joseph Padilla tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> on 3 points. Art Byers' report on the Zing section follows our selection of games from these two sections.

## W: Gary Simms B: Derick Arellano NMCO Memorial/Senior, Keefer Section [Reti]

Arellano finishes the tourney with another upset draw

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.d3 Nc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e5 7.h3 Be6 8.e4 now W is playing the King's Indian with a move in hand 8...d4 9.Ng5 Be7 10.f4 Qc7 11.f5= [=11.Nxe6+/- ] 11...Bd7 12.a4 Na5 13.b3 g6 14.Ndf3 h6 [=14...Nc6 ] 15.Nxf7! surely B won't survive this 15...Kxf7 16.Nxe5+ Kg7 17.Nxg6+- W has 3 pawns and the attack for his N 17...Bd6 18.Bf4 Nc6 19.Qd2 [=19.Nxh8 ] 19...Rh7 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Qf4 Qxf4 22.gxf4 Nb4 23.Rf2 Kf7 24.Bf3 Rg8 25.Kh2 [=25.Rg2 ]

25...Rhg7 26.Rg1 Rxc6

[>=26...Ke8 ]

27.Rxc6+- Rxc6 28.fxc6+ Kxc6

with 2 passed pawn and R for 2 pieces W is winning. f5 should bring a swift conclusion

29.Rg2+ Kf7 30.Bd1 [=30.Kg3 ]

30...b5 31.axb5 Bxb5 32.f5 Nc6

33.Rg6 Ne5 34.Rxb6 Kg7 35.Rh4

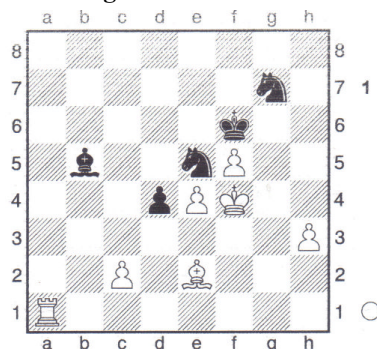
a5? still Kg3 is best

36.Rf4 a4 37.bxa4 Bxa4 38.Rf1 c4

39.dxc4 Nxc4 40.Be2 Ne5 41.Bd3

Bc6 42.Kg3 Ne8 43.Kf4 Kf6

44.Ra1 Ng7 45.Be2 Bb5



## Puzzle Solutions From Page 35 Compiled By DK Puzzle Master Daniel Pasono

Puzzle solutions always look for the best move each player could make for each of their moves. Moves that have Black play into White's plans (or vice versa) aren't considered because it's not what you'd see in a real game (unless the other player is forced into it, of course)

Puzzle 1 -- White to move

1. Qc4+ Qxc4 (alt: Re6)

2. Nd6+ Kf8

3. Rxe8# (alt:3. Qxe6, and Black can't stop both Qf7# and Qe8#)

Puzzle 2 -- Black to move

1. ... b3

2. cxb3+ Kxc3

3. b4 Kc4

4. b5 axb5#

Puzzle 3 -- White to move

1. Qxf6+ exf6 (if ... Kg8, then Nh6#)

2. Bxf6+ Kg8

3. Nh6#

Puzzle 4 -- Black to move

1. ... Nf4

2. Kh7 Bg5

3. Kh8 Ng6+

4. Kh7 Nf8+

5. Kh8 Bf6#

Puzzle 5 -- White to move

1. Qd8+ Kxd8

2. Bg5++

if 2. ... Ke8, then 3. Rd8#

if 2. ... Kc7, then 3. Bd8#

Puzzle 6 -- Black to move

1. ... Ng3+

2. Kg1 Rf6

3. g8(Q) Ne2+

4. Kh2 Rh6+

5. Kg2 Rg6+

6. Qxg6 Nf4+

7. Kg3 Nxc6

And White can't stop Black from queening the A pawn.

Puzzle 7 -- White to move

1. Rxg6+ hxg6

2. Qxg6+ Kf8

3. Qg7+ Ke8

4. Re1+ Kd8

5. Qe7+ Kc8

6. Rc1+ Kb8

7. Qc7#

Puzzle 8 -- Black to move

1. ... Rxb1+

2. Kxb1 Bc3

if 3. Ka2, then 3. ... Be6+

if 4. Ka3, then 4. ... Ra8#

if 4. Kb1, then 4. ... Ra8 and White can't

stop Black's Ra1#

if 3. White makes any other move, then White can't stop Black's Ra8, Ra1#

Puzzle 9 -- White to move

1. Rxd7+ Kxd7

2. Qb7+ Ke8

3. Qxg7

Giving White a Queen and Pawn vs Rook advantage



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# "This Crazy World of Chess"

Written By GM Larry Evans (Mini-Review by Art Byers)

Five time U.S.A. National Chess Champion, Chess Hall of Fame member and chess columnist since 1971, Larry Evans has published more than 20 chess books. His latest is a reprint of many of his chess columns from 2002 through 2006 crammed into 101 chapters and some 294 pages.

So if all this material has been printed before and in fairly recent years, what is there to recommend your purchasing Evans' newest book? The fact remains that most of us have only read a small fraction of the material and just about all of it is very interesting.

Yes, if all you want is in depth Grand Master analysis of the games of top players, you won't find it here – although Evans does reprint some 40 well known games with, at best, a very sketchy line or two of annotation.

There are other pressing reasons why you will find the book interesting and very informative. It is a compilation of recent history of worldwide chess. GM Evans has never been one to pull his punches. In this book he documents the corruption in the FIDE including outright bribery for votes that defeated Bessel Kok in his attempt to lead FIDE, the USCF's shameful waste of money collected as dues from American players, the totally unjust treatment of GM Susan Polgar who was not given a reasonable time to recover from the birth of her first child and so was excluded from defending her Women's World Championship Title.

Evans was a confidant of Robert Fischer and he has interesting stories to tell about Bobby and other American icons that he knew personally - such as Denker and Horowitz, World Champions Lasker, Alekhine and Capablanca.

For the rising generations of chess youngsters who do not know all this history, Evans book will be a revelation. Not the least of the book's attractions is the retail price of \$9.95. These days when many less valuable soft cover books go for prices up to \$30, this is well within the pocketbook of the new generation.

On a scale of 1 to 5, I rate it as a "4" and part of this is that it is well bound and will not fall apart with use as do many inexpensive paperbacks.

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## Do You See The Better Move?

Sound off! Your opinion counts! Send your comments and suggestions to the NMCO Form at: [forum@nmchess.org](mailto:forum@nmchess.org)

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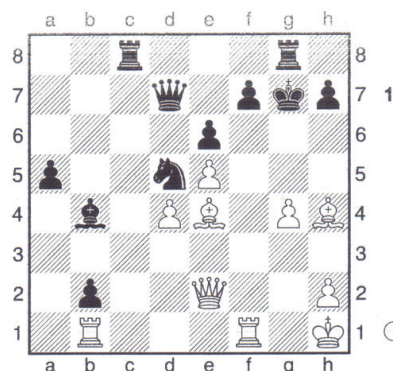
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46.Rb1 not Bb5 as B has mate in 1 by Nh5  
46...Ne6+ 47.fxe6 Bxe2 48.Rb6 Ng6+ 49.Kg3 Ne7 50.Rd6+- Bd1 51.c3 Bc2 52.cxd4 Bxe4 53.Kf4 Bf5 54.d5 Nxd5+ 55.Rxd5 Bxh3 56.Rh5 Bxe6 57.Rh6+ Ke7 58.Ke5 Bf7 59.Ra6 Bc4 60.Ra7+ Ke8 61.Kd6 Bb5 62.Rb7 Ba6 63. Rb2 Bc4 64.Rc2 Bb3 65.Rf2 Bc4 66.Rc2 Bb3 1/2-1/2

**W: Carlos Santillan**  
**B: Douglas Thigpen**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Keefer Section**  
**[Sicilian]**

Here's an exciting game in the Sicilian W tries Karpov's favorite line with Be2 but B counter-attacks on the Q-side

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.a4 W prevents b5 but weakens b4 square.  
Now B can try Nc6-b4  
7...Be7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Be3 b6 [>=9...Nc6 ]  
10.f4+/- Nbd7 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.Nb3 Nc5 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.Qe2= [>=14.e5 ]  
14...d5 15.e5 Nd7 16.Bf2 0-0 17.g4 c4 18.Rfd1 Rad8 19.Kg2 Bc5 20.Bh4 Rc8 21.Bg3 Qb6 22.Rab1 d4 23.Ne4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 [>=24.Bxe4 ]  
24...Qb4 25.c3 Qxa4 26.cxd4 Bb4 27.Kh1 Nb6 28.Qe2= [>=28.f5 ]  
28...a5 29.f5 Qd7 30.f6+/- Nd5 31.fxg7 Kxg7 32.Bh4 [>=32.g5 ]  
32...Rg8 33.Rf1 c3 34.Be4 cxb2  
Diagram



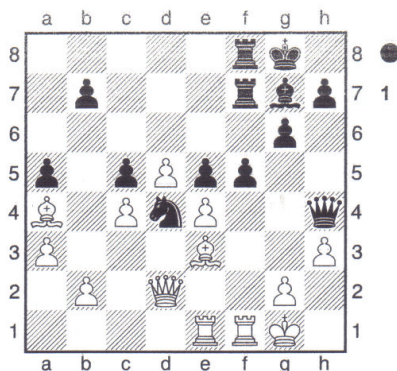
35.Qf2? [35.Qxb2+/- ]  
35...Nc3+ 36.Qf6+ Kf8 37.Bxh7 Nxb1 38.Qh6+ Ke8 39.Bxg8 Qd5+ 40.Kg1 Qxd4+ 41.Kh1 Qe4+ 42.Kg1 Qxg4+ 43.Bg3 Qxg8 44.Qe3 Bc5 0-1

**W: Derick Arellano**  
**B: Tony Schroeder**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Keefer Section**  
**[King's Indian]**

Derick Arellano scores an upset when 2nd seed Schroeder grabs a hot pawn. Derick should show up more often.

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.d5 Nd4 Schroeder likes this line. With the other N still on g8, this one is well protected as it lands right in W's center  
7.Nge2 Bg4 8.Qd3 [>=8.f3 Nxe2 9.Bxe2 Bd7+/- ]  
8...Bxe2 9.Bxe2 c5 10.0-0 Ne7 11.Rab1 a5 12.f4 f5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Bd1 W decides to get the inactive B into the game  
14...0-0 15.Ba4 Nc8 16.a3 Nb6 17.Bb5 Qe7 18.Rbe1 Rf7 19.Na4

Nxa4 20.Bxa4 Raf8 21.h3 Qh4  
22.Qd2



can B win a pawn here?

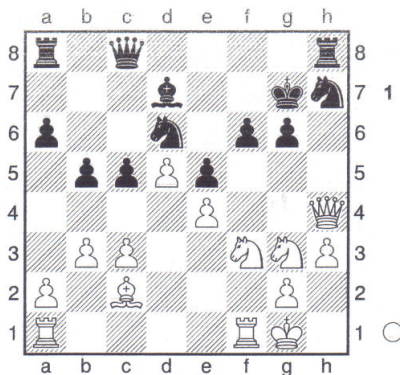
22...Qxe4?? not this way. The move  
fe is playable but Qd8 is good 1st  
23.Bg5 the Q is trapped  
23...Nf3+ 24.Rxf3 Qxc4 25.Bb3  
Qb5 26.d6 [>=26.Rc3 ]  
26...e4 27.Rxe4 fxe4 28.Bxf7+ Rxf7  
29.Rxf7 Kxf7 30.Qd5+ Ke8  
31.Qe6+ it's # in 4 all checks 1-0

**W: David Langlois**  
**B: Matthew Campbell**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Keefer Section**  
**[Ruy Lopez]**

Langlois took second. Against Colo-  
rado expert, Matthew Campbell, he  
gradually builds up the pressure to  
crash through against the B King  
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4  
d6 5.0-0 Bd7 6.c3 the Steinitz de-  
fense deferred

6...Nf6 7.Re1 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2  
b5 [>=9...exd4 ]  
10.Bc2 h6 [>=10...Bg4 ]  
11.Nf1+/- Re8 12.h3 [>=12.Ng3 ]  
12...Bf8 13.Ng3 g6 14.Nh2

[>=14.Be3 ]  
14...Qc8 15.f4 Bg7 [>=15...exd4 ]  
16.Be3 Na5 17.b3 c5? exd is still  
the best chance  
18.fxe5+/- dxe5 19.d5 [>=19.dxe5 ]  
19...Nb7 20.Rf1 h5 21.Qd2 Nd6  
22.Bh6 h4? [>=22...c4 ]  
23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Qg5+/- Nh7  
[>=24...Qd8 ]  
25.Qxh4 f6 26.Nf3 Rh8?  
[>=26...c4 ]



27.Nxe5!+- B is lost  
27...g5 28.Nh5+ Kh6 29.Ng4+ Kg6  
[>=29...Bxg4 ]  
30.e5+ f5 31.Nf4+! gxf4 32.Qh6+  
Kf7 33.Qxd6 Nf8 34.e6+ Bxe6  
35.dxe6+ Nxe6 36.Bxf5 Rd8  
37.Bxe6+ Qxe6 38.Rxf4+ 1-0

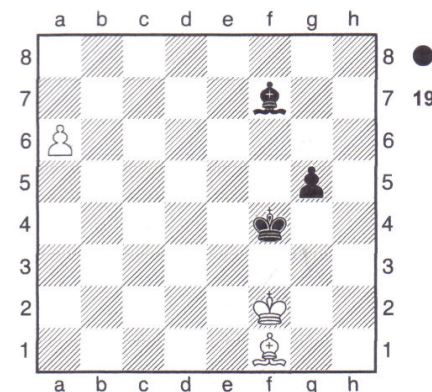
**W: Gary Simms**  
**B: Wayne Hatcher**  
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**Keefer Section**  
**[English]**

In round 1 our new tournament di-  
rector puts up a solid defense to  
draw against top seed Simms  
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0  
e6 5.c4 c5 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 d6 8.Nc3

two bishops and extra pawn. This will not easy for both sides. But I feel invigo-  
rated, and El Dragón's bloodshot eyes look weary.] 46. Bd4! [Containing the  
knight.] Nb8 47. Bf6 [Be4 is another try.] Bc6 48. g5+ [Looks better than Bf1 as  
the text forces Black's hand.] Kh5 49. Bf1 [Bxc5 or Bf3+ could be a slower win.]  
Nd7 50. Be2+ Kh4 51. Bd3 [Bc4 also looks strong.] Nxf6??

[JSC - Forcing pawn equality, he takes my bishop? Why did my crazy Russian  
foe play this losing move? Maybe because he smells of bargain-basement (cheap)  
vodka? (CC - Does this sound familiar with another Russian IM who used to  
compete here?) Perhaps El Dragón thought he could play anything against me  
and hold the draw for the \$40 first prize money. CC Evidently, every contestant  
paid \$5 to play with winner taking it all (a good prize fund for 1947-48). 51. ...  
Bd5 or Nf8 may hold, but can also lose with astronomically long and complex  
variation where I worked up a few obscurities into the 90s. Perhaps a reader with  
a complex chess program can realize the reality of this position before 51. ...  
Nxf6 and file a report on this endgame.] 52. gxf6 Bd5 53. a4! [JSC - I spy the  
win! Like JR Capablanca, it is the pawn farthest from the king I need to nurture.  
CC - Evidently, my father had also studied all of José Raul Capablanca's games.  
Yet, another stellar chessic roll model.] Kg5 54. f7!

[JSC - I temporarily deflect the bishop from my queen rook eight to king rook  
one (a8/h1) diagonal, giving El Dragón a pawn and at least two free tempi.]  
Bxf7 55. a5 Kf4 56. a6 g5 57. Bf1!!



[Stunning! John plans to play Bg2 which ends all debate. An amazing contest in  
any day and age!] 1-0

The story goes that El Dragón knocked over his remaining pieces and storm  
trooped from the room. Whether or not he was making it as an artist, or couldn't  
stand losing his first game of chess in Taos can only be eternal speculation, but  
he was never reportedly seen again in the New Mexico territory.

33. Nf6+ Kf7 34. Bh5+ Ke7 35. Re4+ a rich variation to say the least] **26...Qxg6 27. Rh3**

[Slightly better than Ng3 or Ne3 {Fritz: Better is 27.Ng3!?!}] **27....d5?** [Ne5! forcing 28. Bxe5] **28. cxd6 Qxd6 29. Ne3 Qe6 30. Nxc4 Bxc4 31. Qe3 Nd7 32. Qg5 Qg6** [Maybe not so forced.]

[JSC - It takes King Kong nerves to play this position! CC - Black most likely should have found 32. ... Qd5! 33. Be5+ Kf7

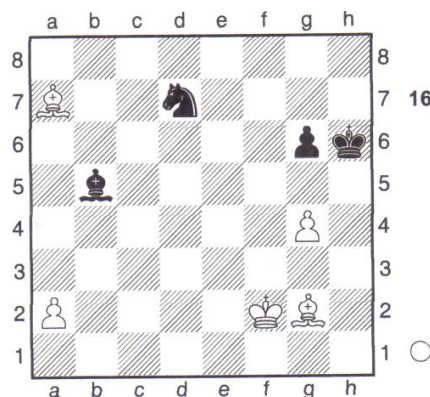
**33. Qxg6 hxg6 34. O-O-O!?** [Amazing! White continues the aggression; however, g5 appears to be more conservative.]

**34...Nb6 35. Rd6 Kh7** [35. ... e3 36. Bd4] **36. Rxc6 e3?** [Rac8!] **37. Rc7! Rac8!**

[This ultra-sharp variation implodes if Black continues to push his e-pawn 37.... e2 38. Bf6+ Bf7 39. Rxf7+ Kg8 40. Rg7+ Kf8 41. Bh4! e1=Q+ 42. Bxe1 Rxe1+ 43. Kd2 Re7 44. Rf3+ Ke8 45. h7 Nc4+ 46. Kc2 Kd7 47. Rd3+ Nd6 48. Bxa8] **38. Rxa7 Bb5**

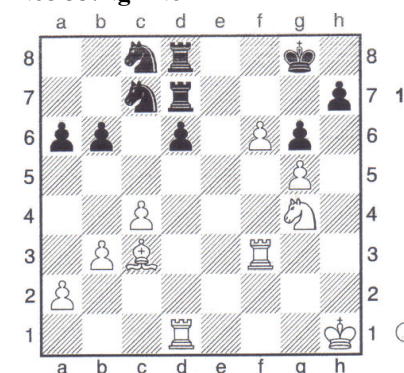
[Black quickly traps into mate if he tries to queen his e-pawn. 38. ... e2?? 39. Bd4+ Kg8 40. h7+ Kf8 41. Bg7#] **39. Rxe3!?**

[JSC - 39. king moves to queen one(!) looks to be more forcing CC - My father's correct with at least these three variations: a. 39. ... e2+ 40. Ke1 Red8 41. Bd4+ Nd7 42. a4; b. 39. ... Rcd8+ 40. Bd4+ Rd7 41. Rxd7+ Bxd7 42. Rxe3 Bxg4+ 43. Ke1 Rxe3+ 44. Bxe3; c. 39. ... Bd7 40. Bd4 Re7 41. Ke1 Nc4 42. Bd5 Rb8 43. Rxd7 Rb1+ 44. Ke2 Rb2+ 45. Kd3 Ne5+ 46. Bxe5 Rxd7 47. c4 e2 48. Re3 Rxa2 49. Bg7 e1=Q 50. Rxe1 Rg2 51. Re8 all with relatively easy wins.]{Fritz gives 39.Rxe3 an Exclamation point -rating John's over the board move as best} **39....Rxe3 40. Bd4+ Nd7 41. Bxe3 Rxc3+ 42. Kd2 Rd3+ 43. Ke2 Ra3+ 44. Kf2 Rxa7 45. Bxa7 Kxh6**



[JSC - Now we reach the true endgame I welcome in this slightest edge with the

**Nbd7 9.d3 a6 10.Qd2 0-0 11.e4 Qc7 12.Rae1 Rfe8 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rad8 15.Kh1 Bf8 16.f4 Nb8 17.Nc2 Re7 18.Bf3 Red7 19.Qg2 Nc6 20.g4 Ne8** [ $\geq 20...Re7$ ] **21.Rd1+/- g6 22.h4 Bg7 23.g5 Ne7 24.Ne3 Qb8** takes the Q away from the action [ $\geq 24...Qc5$ ] **25.h5 Qc7 26.f5 exf5 27.exf5+- Bxf3 28.Qxf3 Bxc3 29.Bxc3 Qb7** B trades as many attacking units as possible **30.hxg6 Qxf3+ 31.Rxf3 fxxg6 32.f6 Ne8 33.Ng4 Nc7**



**34.Re1?** W misses a shot [34.f7+ Kf8 35.Nf6 Rxf7 36.Rdf1+-] **34...Kf8 35.Bb4 Re8 36.Rfe3 Rxe3 37.Rxe3 a5 38.Ba3 Na6 39.Ne5 Rd8 40.Ng4 Nc5?** [40...Rd7=] **41.Kg2 Re8 42.Bxc5 bxc5 43.Rxe8+ Kxe8 44.Ne3 Nb6 45.Kf3** [ $\geq 45.Nd5$ ] **45...Kf7 46.Ng4 Ke6 47.Ke4 Nd7 48.Ne3 1/2-1/2**

**W: Jim Johnston**  
**B: Bob Hampton**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Keefer Section**  
**[Bogo-Indian]**

Comic relief time. Readers probably imagined that your editor never made mistakes. In this game I succeed in missing the winning move 3 times!

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 Nc6 6.Nc3** W keeps the 2 Bs

**6...0-0 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Bd7**

[8...Re8=]

**9.Qc2+/- Rac8 10.e4** [ $\geq 10.a3$ ]

**10...e5 11.d5 Nd4** stronger is Nb8-a6-c5

**12.Nxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 Bxd2**

**14.Qxd2 Nxe4 15.Qxd4 Ng5?**

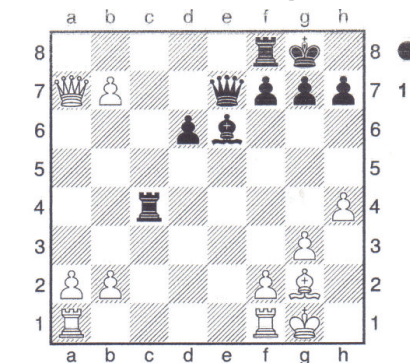
[ $\geq 15...Nc5$ ]

**16.Nf4+/-** trapping the N on g5

**16...Bf5?** [ $\geq 16...Rfe8$ ]

**17.h4 c5 18.dxc6 Ne6 19.Nxe6**

**Bxe6 20.cxb7 Rxc4 21.Qxa7**



After the game we decided that Qc7 would hold everything for B. Fritz disagrees

**21...Rb4??** convincing W that he has b8 covered [21...Qc7 22.a4 d5 23.a5 Rb8 24.a6+-]

**22.a3?** still winning, but b8(Q) wins on the spot

**22...Rb3?** [22...Rxb7 necessary as W can still promote]



**23.Rac1?** Qd7 well if b8 was available for a 4th time...

**24.Rd1 d5 25.Qd4?** [ $\geq$ 25.Bxd5! still good as taking back with the B allows b8 again]

**25...Qxb7 26.Rd2** and though W is still better B was able to hold on and draw 1/2-1/2

**W: Julian Trujillo**

**B: Nathan Mensay**

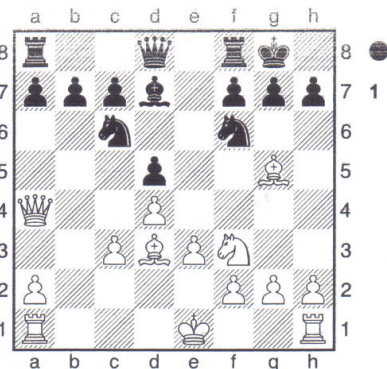
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**[Queen's Gambit]**

W gets an edge from the opening but misses a tactical sequence based on the loose Q

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.Bg5 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.e3 Bd7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3?**= Diagram [ $\geq$ 10.Qb3+/- ]



**10...Ne5 11.Bb5 Nd3+ 12.Kf1 a6 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Qc2 Qb5 15.Kg1** [ $\geq$ 15.Bxf6+/- ]  
**15...Ne4** +/- **16.Rb1 Qc4 17.Rb3?** Now Nathan mops up efficiently [ $\geq$ 17.Nd2 ]  
**17...Ndx2** +/- **18.Ne5 Qa4 19.Bh4 Nxb1 20.Kxb1 b6 21.Qb2 f6 22.Nf3**

**Qc4 23.Qc1 Qd3 24.c4 Qxc4 0-1**

**W: Matt Lofton**

**B: Gary Simms**

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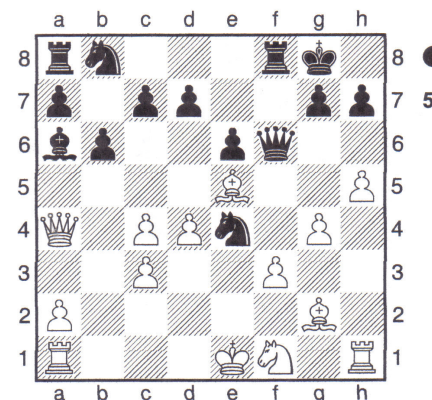
**[Reti]**

These visitors from Texas gave us a memorable 3rd round game. B is in trouble out of the opening and W offers the Q. When B refuses the offer and walks his K to the c file then B is winning. Finally W trades Qs and forces the f pawn through

**1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.g3 Bf5 4.Bg2 Nb4** [ $\geq$ 4...Qd7 ]  
**5.Na3 e6 6.0-0** +/- **Be7 7.c4 c6 8.Bd2 a5 9.c5 f6** the cause of trouble later. Nf6 is simple and good  
**10.Nh4 Bg4 11.Nc2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nxc2 13.Qh5+** [ $\geq$ 13.Rac1 Nxd4 14.Qg4 g5 15.Qxd4 e5 16.Qa4 gxh4 17.Qg4 +/- ]  
**13...Kd7** [ $\geq$ 13...Kf8 14.Rac1 Nxd4 15.Be3 g5 ]  
**14.Bh3?** [ $\geq$ 14.Rac1 ]  
**14...f5? 15.Nxf5! g6 16.Ng7 Nxd4** [ $\geq$ 16...gxh5 17.Bxe6+ Kc7 18.Bf4+ Bd6 19.Bxd6+ Qxd6 20.cxd6+ Kxd6 +/- ]  
**17.Qg4 Nf5 18.Nxf5 exf5 19.Qd4 Nf6 20.Rac1 Kc8 21.b4** +/- [ $\geq$ 21.Bg5 +/- ]  
**21...axb4 22.Bxb4 Ra4 23.a3 Re8 24.Qd1 Ra8 25.f3** +/- [ $\geq$ 25.Re3 ]  
**25...Nd7 26.Qc2 Bf6 27.Rxe8 Qxe8 28.Re1 Qf7 29.Qd2 Ne5 30.Qf4 Qg7 31.Bc3 d4 32.Bxd4** [ $\geq$ 32.Bb2 ]  
**32...Nxf3+ 33.Qxf3 Bxd4+ 34.Kg2 Qf7 35.g4**

[JSC - I feel an excellent move to unbind White's king side. CC - However, the reply 13. e5! d6 14. exd6 cxd6 15. Ba3 fxg3 16. Bxd6 Nf4 17. Bxf4 Qxf4 18. hxg3 Qc7 19. Qc2 h6 20. f4 Bb7 21. Ne3 would clearly be in White's favor.] **13....Qg6 14. g4 Nf6**

[14. ... d6 could actually lead to Black's advantage under the following circumstances 15. Kf2 Nf6 16. e5 dxe5 17. Ba3 Rd8 18. dxe5 Nfd7 19. Rd1 Qe8 20. Bc1 Qf8 21. Bh3 Nxe5 22. Rxd8 Qxd8 23. Bxf4 Nd3+ 24. Kg3 Nxf4 25. Kxf4 Qd6+ 26. Ke3 Qc5+ -+ ] **15. Bxf4!** [JSC - A quasi alternating maneuver propelling my queen's bishop into the game.] **Nxe4** [JSC - Almost good enough.] **16. h5! Qf6?! 17. Be5**



**17. Bxc7 Nxc3 18. Qc2 Qxd4 19. h6 g6 20. Rc1 Qxc4 21. Bd6 Rc8 22. f4 Nc6 23. Ng3 Qxa2 24. Qxa2 Nxa2 25. Ra1 Bc4 26. Ne4 Nab4 27. Bxb4 Nxb4 28. Nd6 Nc2+ 29. Kf2 Nxa1 30. Rxa1 Bd5 31. Nxc8 Rxc8 32. Bxd5** and now Black's best seems to be a5! ] **17....Qf7 18. Qc2**

[18. Bxc7 Bb7 19. Qc2 Na6 20. Be5 Ng5 21. Nd2 appears to give White a slight plus.] **Nd6 19. h6!** [An important incursion that cannot be ignored. 19. ... Nxc4 20. hg7 +/- ] **g6 20. c5 bxc5 21. dxc5 Nc4** [Ne8] **22. Bg7**

[22. Bxc7 Bb7 23. Rh3 Rc8 24. Bd6 Qf6 25. f4 Bxg2 26. Qxg2 Nc6 27. g5 Qf5 28. Ne3 Nxe3 29. Rxe3 is a whole different complication than what happens.] **22... Re8 23. f4 c6**

[Nc6 is another solution, {Fritz considers 23....c6 a serious error and highly recommends Chris's suggestion of 23...Nc6 as much better for black} and White can either play 24. Bxc6, Qa4, or Qe4 which appears to be the most centralized move. 24. Qe4 Nb2 25. Rh3 Rab8 26. Nd2 Qe7 27. Nb3 Bc4 28. Qc2 Nd3+ 29. Rxd3 Qh4+ 30. Kd1 Bxd3] **24. Qf2 e5 25. f5 e4 26. fxg6**

[26. Ng3 appears to make the job a lot easier 26. ... e3 27. Qc2 e2 28. Bf3 Ne3 29. Qb1 gxf5 30. gxf5 {Nf1 is a cheapo} 30. ... Qc4 31. Ne4 Rd8 32. Rh4 Qd3

# John S. Candelario Wins the 1948 New Mexico Championship

By Chris Candelario  
(Introduction by DK Assistant Editor Art Byers)

USCF Chess Master, Chris Candelario is writing a book about his chess experiences. Included is a lengthy chapter about the chess exploits of his father, John S. Candelario. With Chris's help, let's take a mystical time machine back to January 1948 where the New Mexico Championship was being contested in Taos. Here is the last round game that decided the outright winner. Notes in *Italics* are taken verbatim from John's hand written chess journal. All other comments and notation marks such as ! ? etc. are by Chris with an occasional suggestion by Fritz.

*JSC - "Right after World War Two, we (the U.S.A.) had a great influx of Europeans fleeing the madness. Herr Drâgor, whom we called 'El Dragón', Drævisch was rumored to be a Russian assassin, sniping only German Third Reich majors and above. The legend grew that he killed a hundred or more." The man they called "El Dragon" was an itinerant artist, chess master, black-jack player, and émigré from Petrograd. He was said to Gypsy around the country, mostly between California, Seattle, Chicago, Taos, and onto Lost Wages (Las Vegas), Nevada. He would spend the Summer and part of some Winters in Taos beating up us locals at chess morals." But my father got the better of him in this game to win the tournament and the title. This final contest is a testament to John's chessic will to win, and the crown jewel of his few remaining games.*

**07. John S. Candelario -vs- Drâgor "El Dragón" Drævisch § Rd. 7 1947-48 New Mexico Chess Championships / E21 Three Knights Var. Nimzo Indian Defense**

**1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Nf3!?** [The Three Knights Variation of the Nimzo Indian Defense is rarely seen in today's chess praxis. Bd2 {a most popular choice}, Qc2, or e3 are more common.] **Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 b6 6. Nd2 Bb7 7. f3?!**

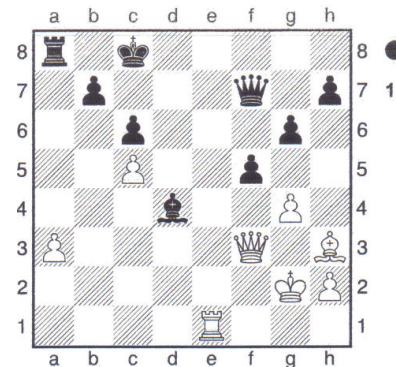
[Bb2, e3, & Nf3 are more sane replies. Qb3?! tends to displace this piece.] **7...Nh5! 8. g3 f5 9. Bg2 f4!** [*JSC - I think my Russia foe finds a strong (CC - masterful) move attempting crack open (lines to) White's king.*] **10. Nf1**

[10. g4 Qh4+ 11. Kf1 Nf6 12. Nb3 h5 13. Bxf4 Nxg4 14. Qe1 Qxe1+ 15. Rxe1 Rf8 16. Bxc7 Ne3+ 17. Kf2 Nxc4 is a wild sideline.] **10...O-O 11. e4 Ba6 12.**

**Qa4 Qg5** [*JSC - Moves on both sides that have been tightened (positionally forced) to this point. Now the game takes on the Royal Battle.*] **13. h4!?**

Desert Knight

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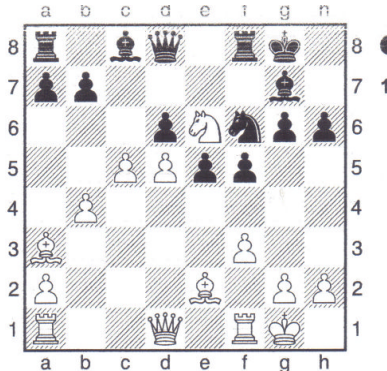
**35...Bxc5?** [ $\geq$ 35...Qa2+ and B should win 36.Re2 Qb1 37.Qf1 Qxf1+ 38.Kxf1 Rxa3 ]  
**36.gxf5 Kc7 37.f6 Qd5 38.Qxd5 cxd5 39.f7 Rxa3=** [ $\geq$ 39...Rf8-/+ ]  
**40.Rc1 Ra2+ 41.Kg3 Ra8?**  
[41...Ra3+ 42.Kf4 Ra4+ 43.Ke5 Rc4 44.Rf1= ]  
**42.Rxc5++- Kd6 43.Rb5 Kc6 44.Rb2 Rf8 45.Rf2 b5 46.Kg4 h6 47.Bf1 Kc5 48.Bd3 b4 49.Bxg6 Kd4 50.Re2 b3 51.Re8 Rxf7 52.Bxf7** Well B played some sub-optimal moves, but Lofton won all 4 games and the tournament 1-0

**W: Silas Perry**  
**B: Douglas Thigpen**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior, Keefer Section**  
**[King's Indian]**

Thigpen took 3rd. This was his only loss when W got a strong passed pawn on e6

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4** the bayonet attack  
**9...Nd7** [ $\geq$ 9...Nh5 ]  
**10.Ba3** [ $\geq$ 10.Be3 ]  
**10...f5** [ $\geq$ 10...a5=/+ ]

**11.Ng5 Nf6 12.f3 c6 13.c5 cxd5 14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 h6 16.Ne6**



the thematic move in this line. It seems that B will be able to round up the advanced pawn and be better. This game shows that it's not so easy!

**16...Bxe6 17.dxe6 d5= 18.Bb2 d4?**  
[18...Nh5= ]  
**19.f4+/- Ne8?** [ $\geq$ 19...Ne4 ]  
**20.fxe5+- Bxe5 21.Qb3 Qe7 22.Qd5 Bf6 23.Bxd4 Ng7 24.Bxf6 Rxf6 25.Bc4 Re8 26.Rae1 Nxe6** [ $\geq$ 26...Kh7 ]  
**27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.Re1 Kf7 29.Rxe6** if Qe6 Qb7 wins 1-0

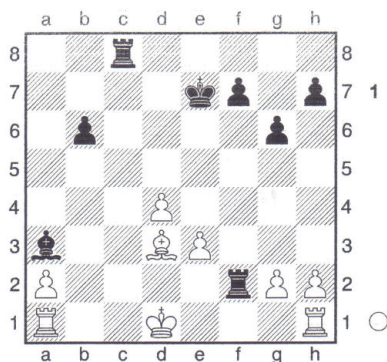
**W: Silas Perry**  
**B: Matt Lofton**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior, Keefer Section**  
**[Q.G.D. exchange]**

Lofton wins his 4th in a row. W snags a couple of pawns but gets way behind in development. The counter-attack is swift and convincing

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 g6** planning to gain a tempo on the Q



7.e3 Bf5 8.Qb3 Nbd7? [ $\geq$ 8...b6 ]  
 9.Qxb7+/- Rb8 10.Qxc6 Rxb2  
 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qc8+ Qd8  
 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Nxd5? [14.a3  
 only move to keep W's advantage]  
 14...Nb6-/+ 15.Nxb6 Bb4+/-/+  
 16.Kd1 Rd2+ 17.Kc1 axb6 18.Nf3  
 and finally W starts developing the  
 K-side  
 18...Rxf2 19.Ne5 Ba3+  
 [ $\geq$ 19...Kc7 ]  
 20.Kd1 Ke7 21.Nd3 Bxd3 22.Bxd3  
 Rc8



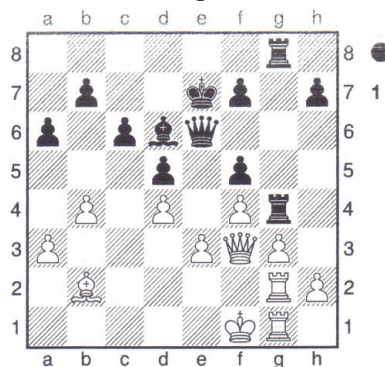
W is still a pawn up, but with rooks  
 like these it is not enough

23.Rb1 Rc3 24.Be4? f5 25.Ke1  
 Rxa2 26.Bd5 Rxe3+ 27.Kf1 Rb2  
 28.Rd1 Ree2 29.h4 Kf6 30.Rh3  
 Bb4 31.Rb3 Rf2+ 32.Kg1 Rxd2+  
 33.Bxg2 Rxb3 34.Rc1 Bc3 35.d5  
 Ra3 B decides to trade down to an  
 opposite Bs ending  
 36.Kf1 Ra1 37.Rxa1 Bxa1 38.Ke2  
 Ke5 39.Kd3 h6 40.Kc4 Kd6 41.Bh3  
 f4 42.Be6 Bf6 43.Bf7 g5 44.hxg5  
 hxg5 45.Bh5 Ke5 46.Bg4 Ke4  
 47.d6 f3 0-1

**W: Tony Schroeder**  
**B: Wayne Hatcher**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Keefer Section**  
**[Colle System]**

In round 4 the winner of Schroeder -  
 Hatcher would become NM Senior  
 Champ

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nd2  
 Bf5 5.Bxf5 W needs to hang on to  
 this B. Now Black has better  
 chances [ $\geq$ 5.Ngf3 ]  
 5...gxf5 6.Qe2 c6 7.Ngf3 Nbd7 8.c4  
 e6 9.b3 a6 10.Bb2 Qa5  
 [ $\geq$ 10...Rg8 ]  
 11.0-0= Ne4 12.a3 Ndf6 13.b4+/-  
 Qd8 14.Rac1 Bd6 15.Nxe4 Nxe4  
 16.Ne5 Qh4 17.f3 Ng5 18.g3 Nh3+  
 19.Kg2 [ $\geq$ 19.Kh1 ]  
 19...Rg8 20.f4 Ke7 21.Rc2 Rg7  
 22.Nf3 Qh6 23.Ng1 Nxd1 24.Rxd1  
 Rag8 25.Kf1-/+ Rg4 26.cxd5 exd5  
 27.Qf3 Qe6 28.Rcg2



28...Qh6?=  
 29.Kf2 Qh3 30.Bc3 Kd7 31.Bd2 h5  
 32.Qe2 h4 33.a4 hxg3+ 34.hxg3  
 Qh6 35.b5 axb5 36.axb5 Ra8 B has  
 a slight edge here but the game was  
 drawn after about 15 more moves  
 1/2-1/2

## The Denker and Polgar Qualifiers

By Jim Johnston

Congratulations to Rebecca DeLand, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from Bosque school. She won all 4 games in the Polgar qualifier, and will represent New Mexico at the Polgar tournament in Lubbock, Texas at the end of July.

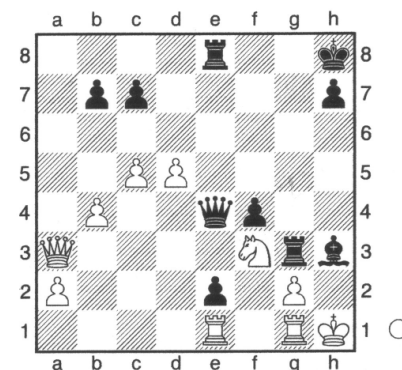
Our Denker tournament qualifier is John Flores. John is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and is home schooled. Kyle Leeds Tilley won a game from Flores at the K-12 part of the qualifying process, then John beat Kyle in the last round of the second stage of qualifying. This leveled the scores so both were declared co-champions, with John getting the qualification spot on tie break. An exciting finish! Here is the game that decided who would be going to Dallas.

**W: John Flores**  
**B: Kyle Leeds Tilley**  
**Denker Qualifier**  
**[King's Indian]**

This dramatic encounter determined  
 who would be the NM representative  
 at the Denker tournament.

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0  
 -0 5.e4 d6 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Ne8 8.Be2  
 [ $\geq$ 8.Bd3 since he moves it there 2  
 moves later]  
 8...f5 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Bd3=/+ Nbd7  
 11.exf5 Nc5 12.Bc2 gxf5 13.0-0 e4  
 14.Nh2 Kh8 15.Rb1 Qe8 16.Ne2  
 Nh5 17.b4 Nd7 18.Nf4 Nxf4  
 19.Bxf4 Ne5 20.Qe2 Qg6 21.f3  
 Nd3? [ $\geq$ 21...Qh5 ]  
 22.Bxd3+/- Bd4+ 23.Kh1 exd3  
 24.Qxd3 Be5 25.Qd2 [25.Bxe5+ is  
 strong as B has to struggle to keep  
 the pawn on e5 25...dxe5 26.Qc3  
 Qg7 27.Rfe1 Re8 28.Re2+- ]  
 25...Rg8 26.Rg1 Qg7 27.Bxe5 dxe5  
 28.f4 Qg3 29.Rb1+/- e4 30.Qd4+  
 Rg7 31.Qe5 Bd7 32.Rb1 Re8  
 33.Qd4 [ $\geq$ 33.Qxc7 keeps the p on  
 f4 and gives W strong passers]  
 33...Qxf4=/+ 34.Qxa7 e3

35.e5? Qe4 B is winning  
 36.Rb1 f4 [36...Reg8! looks like a  
 forced win 37.Rf3 e2 38.Qa3 e1Q  
 39.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 40.Rf1 Qe2 41.Qf3  
 Rxd2 42.Qxe2 Rxe2 ]  
 37.Nf3 e2 38.Re1 Rg3 better to grab  
 some pawns by Bh3 or Qd5  
 39.Qa3 Bxh3?



This was a good previous move, but  
 now W has a winning check  
 40.Qc3+! Kg8 41.gxh3 and the R is  
 pinned and can't get the piece back  
 41...Qxd5 42.Qb3 Qxb3 43.axb3  
 annotation stops here as the players  
 were down to 5 minutes, but W went  
 on to win 1-0



correct info of Eugene Shapiro [Refs 7-8], and he simply admitted the memory error. This does help Jack Shaw's impression that Gene should have been listed more than once – so memories can sometimes be right! Also, I decided to double check the 5<sup>th</sup> listing for Jack Shaw, which comes from (hardcopy) Chess Life and Review 1976, February p. 94 [Ref 9]. Eric Slud is listed as having won the tournament (this would be for 1975), with Jack Shaw clear second. Looking up the states associated with Slud both prior and after the tournament suggested to me he was not a resident – but this was a clear case of over-analysis. The last sentence in the relevant “Here and There” blurb was “Slud is state champion.” (Steve Sandager also verified this with a relevant Bulletin [Ref 27]). Oops! A completely bone-head mistake on my part! So, Jack was right after all!

One more detail. The list from the Bulletin [Ref 1] indicates Warren Miller took first on tie-breaks over Peter Cook in 1967. This is also stated in the relevant articles, though they only indicate who won the tournament (as opposed to who won the title). However, an eagle-eyed Sandager noticed that officially, they were co-champs as indicated by [Ref 10]. So, one has to be careful. The list on the web page is correct.

1950 – Edmund Czapski [Refs 11-12] (addition)  
 1951 – Jimmy Phillips [Refs 13-15] (addition)  
 1952 – Jimmy Phillips [Refs 16-19] (addition)  
 1955 – Eugene Shapiro [Refs 7-8] (correction)  
 1957 – Jack F. Shaw [Refs 20-21] (verification)  
 1958 – Jack F. Shaw [Refs 22-23] (verification)  
 1964 – Jack F. Shaw [Ref 24] (verification)  
 1966 – Troy Armstrong [Ref 26] (addition of first name)  
 1970 – Jack F. Shaw [Ref 25] (verification)  
 1975 – Eric Slud [Ref 8] (correction)

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**W: Gary Simms**  
**B: Munir Hammad**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Keefer Section**  
**[Bird's]**

In round 2 it was Munir's turn to scare the visiting master

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Be2  
 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 c5 7.Nbd2 Nc6  
 8.e4 Ng4 9.Nb3 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qb6  
 11.c3? [>=11.Bc4 ]  
 11...Be6 [>=11...Rd8-+ ]  
 12.e5 Rfd8 13.Qe1 Bxb3 14.axb3  
 c4+ 15.Kh1 cxb3 16.Ng5  
 [>=16.Qh4 ]

16...Nh6 17.Ra4? [>=17.e6+/- ]  
 17...e6 18.g4 a5 19.Qh4 Nb4  
 20.Ra1 Nc2 21.Rb1 Qc6+ 22.Bf3  
 Qc4 23.Kg2 Qd3 24.Kg1 Ne3  
 25.Bxe3 Qxe3+ 26.Kh1 Rab8  
 27.Qg3 a4 28.Ne4 Bf8 29.Rbe1  
 Qa7 30.Qh4 Kh8 31.Nf6 Bg7 32.f5  
 b5 33.Be4 g5 too bad. B could have  
 made his higher rated opponent suffer  
 here [>=33...exf5-/+ ]  
 34.Qxg5+- Qc7 35.fxe6 fxe6  
 36.Bxh7 Rf8? now B is lost  
 [>=36...b4 ]  
 37.Be4 Qf7 38.Rf3 Bxf6?  
 39.Qxh6+ Kg8 40.Rxf6 and B will  
 soon be mated [>=40.exf6 ] 1-0

### The 2008 Memorial / Senior Open Greenup Section

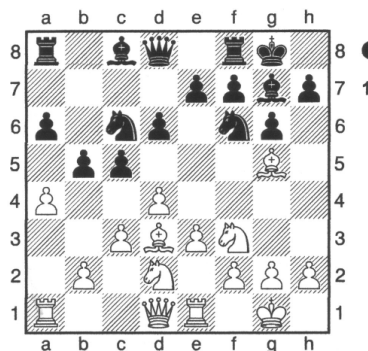
**W: Jason Stoneking 1668**  
**B: Jonathan Gardner 1543**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Greenup Section**

*Annotations by Jason Stoneking.*

Black gives White an extra pawn and doesn't manage to stop it from promoting.

1. d4 d6 2. Bg5 g6 –I'm out of my book already, but almost everything transposes into a Trompowsky from here.

3. e3 Bg7 4. Bd3 (Better might be Be2) ...c5  
 5. c3 Nc6 6. Nf3 a6 7. 0-0 Nf6 8. Nb-d2 b5 9. Re1 0-0 10. a4!  
 (Diagram 1)



Here's where I finally found a plan. Black's operations on the queenside seem premature and unsupported. This could have been played on move 9. 10...c4? –Losing material. I think 10...b4 was Black's best try

## Zugzwang or Zwischenzug?

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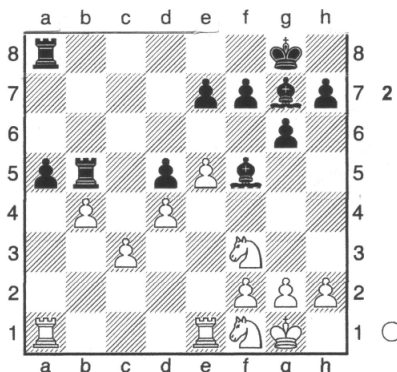
{10....Rb8 looks o.k. also. ed.} 11. axb5 cxd3 12. b5xc6 Qb6 13. Bxf6

–This intermezzo was designed to trade off the bad bishop and keep Black out of e4, but it seems unnecessary in retrospect.

13...Bxf6+/- 14. Nc4 Qxc6 15. Qxd3 Be6 16. Nc-d2 d5 17. e4 – The point is that if Black takes the pawn, White will break up the bishop pair with Nxe4 –threatening the B on f6- and then Nc5, forking the e6 bishop against the loose a-pawn. But Ra2 is more useful in this position.

17...Rf-b8 18. e5 –Trying to keep things closed, but helping to activate the 2 Bs. 17.e4 looks silly now.

18...Bf5! –Rearranging the Bs with tempo. 19. Qe2 Bg7 20. Nf1 –Better would have been Ra2, holding the b-pawn and preparing to double. 20... Qb5 –Black is getting active. 21. Qxb5 Rxb5 22. b4 a5 (Diagram2)



23. Rxa5? –Overestimating the one pawn advantage. Superior is 23.Ra3, holding the c-pawn and preparing to win Black's a-pawn outright. 23... Raxa5 24. bxa5 Rxa5 25. Ne3 Be4

26. Nd2 Bh6? –I think Black should keep the two Bs.

27. Nxe4 dxe4 –Now White has a passer. {+- ed}

28. g4 –Making luft for the king and preventing f5 forever. Still, c4 may have been more forceful here.

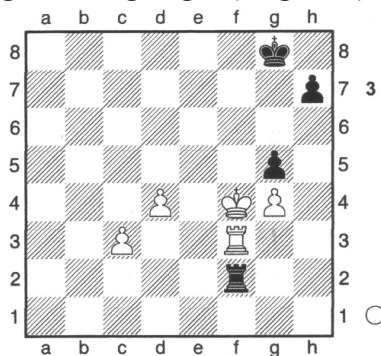
28...Bf4 29. Re2 –Planning Rc2 to avoid the pin, but this move is slow and unattractive. {Shredder 11 agrees with Jason's comment and suggests - 29.Nc4!? ed.} 29...Ra1+

30. Kg2 Bxe3 31. Rxe3 (fxe3?? Rc1!!) ...Rc1

32. Kg3 Rc2 33. h4 f5 34.exf6exf6 35. Kf4 Rxf2+

36. Kxe4 –Now the king can help the advancing passers.

36...Rg2 37. Kf4 Rf2+ 38. Rf3 g5+ 39. hxxg5 fxxg5+ (Diagram 3)



40. Kg3? Better is 40. Ke4! And White should penetrate now.

40...Rd2 41. Re3 Rd1 42. Kf3 Rf1+

43. Ke4 –Now White has the right idea! 43...Rf4+ 44. Ke5 Rxxg4 –Maybe too late already for Black.

45. d5 Rg1 46. Ke6 Kf8 47. Kd7! –The Black king is frozen out.

47...Rd1 48. d6 Rd5 –Not sure what Black is up to, but the situation is critical.

O'Keeffe, became a millionaire at age 22," the next phrase was changed (in [Ref 2]) to "and was credited with the state chess championship in 1958 (according to the book 'In His Native Land: The Early Modern Photography of John Candelario')." [Ref 2] However, the original cryptic phrase was "was the 1958 chess master", which is far from clear.

That same article claimed Jack Shaw "confirmed" John Candelario won the title, despite the obvious lack of specificity. Having also spoken to Jack about this, I think a much better characterization is that Jack believes John Candelario may have won the title sometime – i.e. a good lead, but hardly a "confirmation".

Chris Candelario later wrote a DK article [Ref 4] about his dad. Now there were much more specific dates, though he ended the article singling out one. The inclusion of the phrase "an honorable man" suggests possible concern on Chris' part that we perhaps doubt his father's claims. It is much more complicated than that. There are the memories of John Candelario, what John told Chris, what Chris heard at the time, and what Chris remembers now. The increase in specificity, if based solely on memories, is not how memory typically works. These might have been leads...

The USCF has recently released four DVD's of past Chess Life's and Chess Review's up to about 1975 (by that time Chess Life and Review). There is a wealth of information here, so I encourage anyone at all interested in local chess history to acquire their own copies to have more eyes trying to discover what is available. Using these, the list of New Mexico State Champions can be documented continuously back to 1949 – although this doesn't mesh with Chris' article. At the end of this article, I have included a list of new or verified or corrected NM State Champs. For the contested years, I have included multiple citations where possible. John Candelario is not mentioned.

Basically, the first four listings of Jack Shaw as State Champ can be verified through the use of these DVD's. Rather amusingly, we can actually add an official "half". In 1957, reigning champ Carl Freeman was transferred overseas, so the title went to the next in line, Jack Shaw. This was made official [Ref 5] undoubtedly so that Jack would qualify for George Koltanowski's "Champion of Champions" tournament. (This probably doesn't need an annotation on our list.) Max Burkett indicates Carl was known as "John" at the time. I have a yet unanswered e-mail into Carl to see how his name should be listed. Also, Burkett indicated Carl was about 16 at the time, so the transfer was likely due to his dad. Hans Berliner annotates his game with Jack in [Ref 6] from the "Champion of Champions" tourney.

Corrections have been found. Max Burkett had listed Ben Thurston as NM State Champ for 1955, but this was based on memory. I contacted him with the

# Chess Archaeology

By Ron Kensek

In the mid 90's, Al Williams (at the time at Los Alamos) created a website for New Mexico chess, mainly scholastic. To enhance the effort, I attempted to put together a list of past New Mexico State Champions primarily based on several Desert Knight's, "Here and There" articles and "yearbook" issues of Chess Life and Review dating back to the early 70's. Later, in order for Al to create "top 50" lists from the USCF, he needed (at the time) association with the state affiliate. So with NMCO's permission, he created a separate web page for NMCO and the State Champ list migrated to that page.

I didn't get too far on my own – only back to 1972 with four gaps. I requested help from Steve Sandager, figuring there was a fair chance it was his name missing in some of the years. It turns out Steve is also a pack rat, so in addition to filling in the blanks, he also included a list (and even a correction to that list – more on that later) of past State Champs dating back to 1957 from a back issue of the Chess Bulletin of NMSCA [Ref 1]. The NMSCA (New Mexico State Chess Association) was the USCF state affiliate prior to NMCO (NMCO only dates back to 1992). The Bulletin was the fore-runner of the Desert Knight (The DK straddled both organizations). Two former web-surfing champs, Max Burkett and Carl Freeman, contributed names back to 1953. Edmund Czapski for 1949 was found in a previously released set of CD's containing early Chess Review's.

The Bulletin's list included names of players who tied with the person awarded the title, as well as the person who won the tournament (if out-of-state). As indicated on the web page, we (Al Williams and I) decided to only list the person (or persons only if officially recognized as co-champs) who was awarded the title. This was surely the correct decision: Jack Shaw is already unhappy to be listed as having won 5 titles when he knows he only won 4 – the number would be much higher if we included the times he tied but was not awarded the title.

Chris Candelario contacted Al Williams about his dad, John S. Candelario (1916-1993), who passed the info along to me. (*For the 1948 NM championship, see the article in this issue: John S. Candelario Vs. "El Dragon" Ed*) At the time, the dates seemed a bit vague while based on memory and a cryptic passage, so I took them as possible good leads but nothing further. He later contacted Jeff Burch who wrote an article in the Desert Knight [Ref 2]. References were given but not cited, so it is not clear how to attribute the wording. By this time, Jack Shaw had indicated he should only be listed for four titles, so the focus was on the early years of 1957 and 1958.

After copying verbatim (without quotes) two phrases from Fine Arts Museum of NM web page [Ref 3], "He [John Candelario] sharpened knives for Georgia

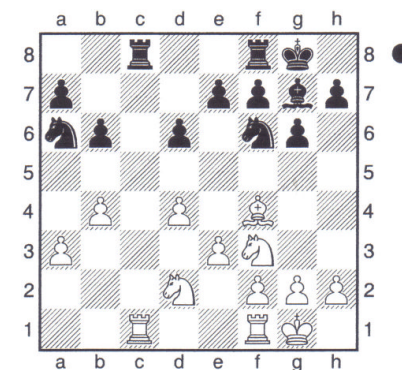
Desert Knight

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49. Kc6 Rd1? –Now it must be over.  
50. d7 g4 51. Re8+ Kf7 52. d8-Q Rxd8 53. Rxd8 h5 54. Kd5 h4 55. Ke4 h3 56. Kf4 h2 57. Rd1 Ke6 58. Kg3 h1-Q 59. Rxh1 Kd5 60. Kxg4 Resigns –Black suspects that I may know how to mate with a rook. 1-0

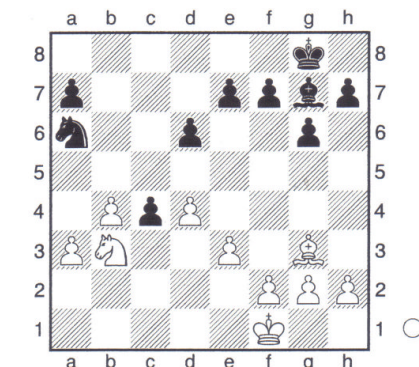
**W: Jason Stoneking**  
**B: Emre Erlinglar**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Greenup Section**  
**[London]**

In the last round these 2 met to decide the outcome of the U1800 section  
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.c3 cxd4 4.cxd4 g6 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Qa5+ 8.Qd2 Qxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 b6 10.0-0 Ba6 11.Bxa6+/- Nxa6 12.a3 Rac8 13.Rac1 d6 14.b4?



the day after the tourney the players went through the game at Jesse's Border's lecture. GM Kraai gave the winning idea Nd5 here as after the B retreats B has Nc3 and W is wishing he saw it coming! [ $\geq$ 14.e4 ]  
14...b5 B's plan involves shutting

down the Q-side pawns and hoping one day to plant a N on c4  
15.Nb3 Ne4 same idea of putting the N on c3 but now W can organize a better defense  
16.Nfd2 Nc3 17.Rfe1 Rc7 18.Kf1 Rfc8 19.Rc2 Nd5 20.Rxc7 Rxc7 21.Bg3 Nb6 22.Rc1 Nc4 23.Nxc4 Rxc4 24.Rxc4 bxc4



25.Na5 B had planned d5 here giving him a strong passed pawn, but at the 11th hour sees that the N will be lost to b5  
25...c3 26.Ke2 suddenly W is winning but he seems to have been peacefully inclined 1/2-1/2

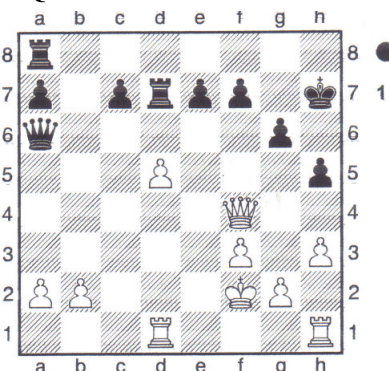
**W: Sandoval, Charles**  
**B: Quintana, Leroy**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Greenup Section**  
**[Scandinavian]**

Leroy already drew against Earlewine, and now holds top seed, Sandoval, to a draw.

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxe2 5.Nxe2 Qxd5 6.f3 Nc6 7.Nbc3 Qd7 8.Be3 g6 9.Qd2 Bg7 10.Rd1 h5 [ $\geq$ 10...0-0-0= ]  
11.Ne4 Nd5 12.Nc5 Qc8 13.Bf2+/-



b6 14.c4 bxc5 15.cxd5 Nxd4  
16.Nxd4+/- cxd4 17.Bxd4 0-0  
[>=17...Bxd4 ]  
18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Kh7  
20.Kf2 Rd8 21.Qe5 Rd7 22.h3 Qa6  
23.Qf4



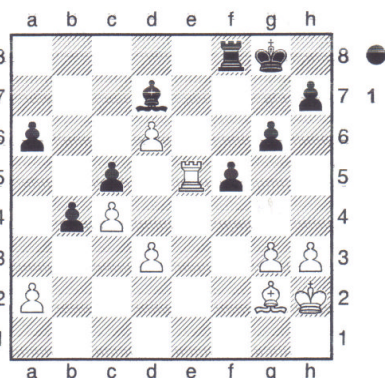
23...Qf6? [>=23...Kg8=+/+ ]  
24.Qxf6+/- exf6 25.Rd2 Rad8  
26.Rhd1 f5 27.Ke3 g5 28.Rc1 Rb8  
29.Rc6 a5 30.Ra6 Rb5 31.a4  
Rbx5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Ra7 Rc5  
34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 f4+ 36.Kd4  
Rc2 37.Rxa5 Rxb2 38.Rc5 Rb4+  
39.Ke5 Rxa4 40.Rxc7 Kg7 41.Kf5  
Ra3 42.Kxg5 Rxf3 43.Rc4 Rf1  
44.Rxf4 Rxf4 45.Kxf4 Kg6 46.Kf3  
Kg5 47.Kg3 f6 I'd say it looks  
drawish 1/2-1/2

**W:** Gardner, Jonathan  
**B:** Earlewine, Brad M  
NMCO Memorial/Senior,  
Greenup Section  
[English]

W plays Brad's favorite opening set-up against him and soon gets a comfortable edge

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3  
Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.e4 e5 7.Nge2 Nge7  
8.f4 f5 9.Be3 Nd4 10.h3 a6 11.Nd5

Nxd5 12.exd5 Nxe2? B trades his  
best piece  
13.Qxe2+/- b5 14.0-0 0-0 15.fxe5  
Bxe5 16.Bf4 Bd4+ 17.Kh2 Re8  
18.Qd2 Bg7 19.Rae1 Rxe1 20.Rxe1  
Ra7 21.b4 [>=21.Qe2 ]  
21...Rf7 22.bxc5 dxc5 23.Qe3 Bd4  
24.Qd2 b4 25.Re2 Bc3 26.Bg5 Bf6  
27.Bxf6 Qxf6 28.Qe3 Qd6 29.Qe8+  
Rf8 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Rxe5 Bd7  
32.d6



32...Re8 losing yet another pawn  
[>=32...Rc8 ]  
33.Rxc5 Rc8 34.Re5 Re8 35.d4  
Rxe5 36.dxe5 In Spassky's best  
games he often had a bunch of past  
pawns. Jonathan follows suit  
36...a5 37.Bd5+ Kf8 38.c5 Ke8  
39.c6 Bc8 40.e6 g5 41.c7 Bd7  
42.exd7+ Kxd7 43.Be6+ Kxe6  
44.c8Q+ Kxd6 45.Qxf5 1-0

**W:** Ewing, Gabe  
**B:** Lott, Michael  
NMCO Memorial/Senior,  
Greenup Section  
[Sicilian]

Here's an exciting battle in the  
Dragon variation

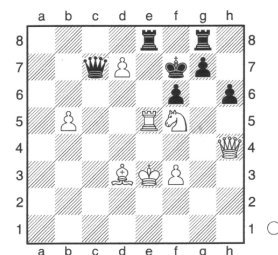
## The Puzzle Page

Compiled By DK Puzzle Master Daniel Pasono

When you've played chess in the past, what colors have you played? Black? White? (I certainly hope you haven't played any other colors). The puzzles in this issue are intended to be reminders that a player can see a puzzling position from either side of the board. Some of the puzzles below are setup for White to move first, some are setup for Black to move first. The 'Black to move' puzzles are intended to be more difficult than the 'White to move' puzzles (because it's tougher to win with Black, right?).

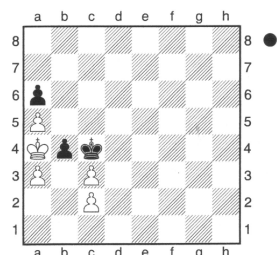
See page 45 for the answers, and remember, Have fun!

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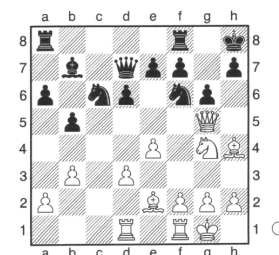
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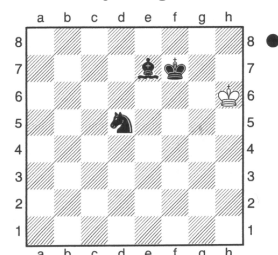
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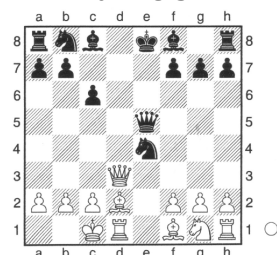
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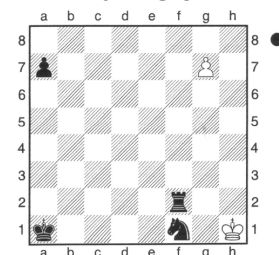
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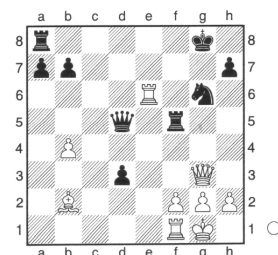
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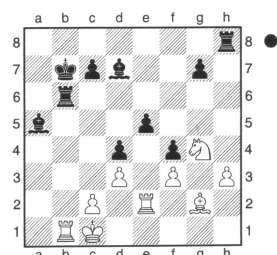
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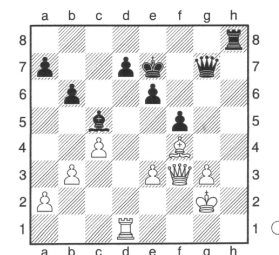
White to Move

**Puzzle 8**



Black to Move

**Puzzle 9**



White to Move

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**36.Rh1** By vacillating in his plans, black has given me time to break his attack by exchanges.

**36...Rfh8** [36...Rxb1 37.Kxb1 Re8 38.Rc1+/- ]

**37.Rxb6 Bxb6 38.Rc1 Bf8** Instead of this move, I thought black should have exchanged the B for my superior W N on f4, - & Shredder agrees. [38...Bxf4!? 39.exf4 Qg6 40.Qxg6+ Kxg6+/- ]

**39.Rh1+/-** Just trying to head for the end game. Shredder thinks I have a winning advantage - over the board, I was not that sure.

**39...Rxb1** Not black's best option. Avoiding the rook exchange keeps more black pieces for counter-play. Placing the R on g8 to protect the g4 pawn looks O.K..

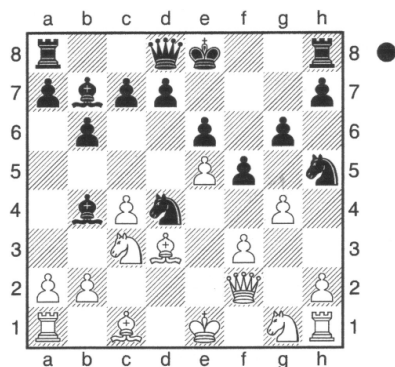
**40.Kxb1 Qh6+ 41.Kg2 Bd6??** I expected 41...Kf6 to prevent the invasion of the W Q. Now a second black pawn is lost.

**42.Qf5+ Ke7 43.Qxg4+/-** Two PASSED pawns up - Having reached a winning game, I managed to force the exchange of Q's and those passed pawns led to Black's resignation. **1-0**

## (2) Silas Perry - GM Kraai Pir Malecki Memorial (3) [English Defense]

Kraai finished the tournament with a neat brevity  
**1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 Bb7** in an article in Chess Life some time ago, Jesse explained that he stopped playing the English Defense because of the difficulties involved in this line

**4.Bd3 f5 5.Qh5+ g6 6.Qe2 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.f3 Nc6 9.e5?** [>=9.Be3= ]  
**9...Nxd4+/- 10.Qf2 Nh5 11.g4?**



11.Be3 and W can survive]  
**11...fxg4 12.Qxd4 gxf3** [>=12...Qh4+ ]  
**13.Qg4??** Now W is lost. He could have reached equality with [>=13.Nh3 Rf8 14.Bg5 f2+ 15.Kd2 Be7= ]  
**13...f2+ 14.Ke2 0-0 15.Ne4 f1Q+ 0-1**

## Upcoming Tournaments and Events

Keep These Dates Free then check *Chess Life* and [www.nmchess.org](http://www.nmchess.org) for more detailed information nearer the event.

### NMCO Tournaments:

**September 13/14**—The Santa Fe Open 9/13 & Blitz Championship 9/14

At The Santa Fe Woman's Club. SF.

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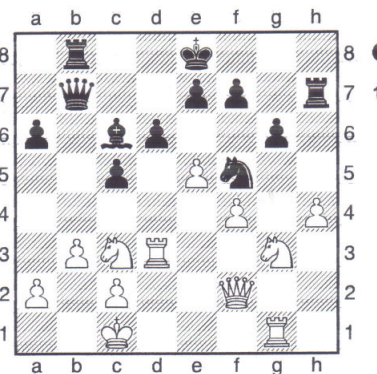
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**NMCO Annual Picnic.** July 20, Taylor Park

### Chess Tournament links of interest:

Scholastic Tournaments: [www.nmsco.org](http://www.nmsco.org)  
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**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.f3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Qd2 h6?** looks like B won't be castling [8...0-0 9.Bc4= ]  
**9.0-0 Bd7 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6?** [11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Be4 Qa5+/- ]  
**11...bxc6 12.g4 Qc8 13.h4 h5 14.gxh5** [14.g5 Nh7= ]  
**14...Nxb5 15.Nde2 Qb7** now B's attack looks quicker  
**16.Bd4 Rb8+/- 17.b3 Bxd4** [17...e5 18.Be3+/- ]  
**18.Qxd4= Rh7 19.f4** [>=19.e5 d5= ]  
**19...c5 20.Qe3 Bc6** [20...c4!?= ]  
**21.Rhg1+/- Ng7 22.Rg4?** [22.h5 Rxb5 23.f5 Qb4 24.fxg6 f5+/- ]  
**22...Bd7 23.Rgg1 Bc6 24.e5** [>=24.f5 gxf5 25.e5 ]  
**24...Nf5 25.Qf2 Bf3 26.Rd3 Bc6 27.Ng3**



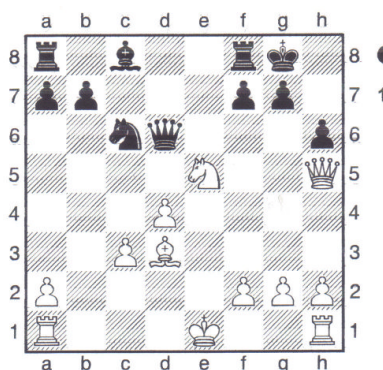
**27...Nd4?** [27...c4= ]  
**28.exd6+/- exd6 29.Re1+ Kd7 30.Nge4 f5 31.Nf6+** and W is winning  
**31...Kc8 32.Nxb7 Qxb7 33.Ne2 Nxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Kc7 35.Qg3 Be4 36.Rc3 Qh5 37.Rh2 Rb4 38.Qg5 Qh8 39.Rhh3 Qe8 40.Kb1 Rd4 41.Kb2 Rd2 42.Qf6 Rg2 43.Qg7+ Qd7 44.Qxd7+ Kxd7 45.Rhg3 Rh2**

**46.Rh3 Rg2 47.h5 gxh5 48.Rxb5 Rg4 49.Rh7+ Kc6 50.Ra7 Kb6 51.Rd7 Kc6 52.Rd8** and W won **1-0**

**W: Emre Enginarlar  
B: Hector Martinez  
NMCO Memorial/Senior,  
Greenup Section  
[Morra gambit]**

W gets a lot of quick wins in these lines

**1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.Ba3** [>=8.Nf3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Nc6 10.Bb5+/- ]  
**8...Be7** [8...Qc7 9.Ne2+/- ]  
**9.Qg4** [>=9.exd6!? Bxd6 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nf3+/- ]  
**9...0-0 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6** White has new hanging pawns: c3+d4  
**13.Bd3** [13.Qe4 Qa3 14.Qe3 b6+/- ]  
**13...e5 14.Qh5 h6** [>=14...g6!? would keep Black alive 15.Qh6 exd4= ]  
**15.Nxe5+/-**  
*Diagram*



**15...Re8??** [>=15...g6 16.Nc4 Re8+ 17.Kf1 Qf4 ]



16.Qxf7+ it's mate in 2 1-0

**W: John Baxter**

**B: Albert Zuo**

**NMCO Memorial/Senior,  
Greenup Section**

**[Sicilian: Löwenthal and  
Kalashnikov Variations]**

**Comment by Art Byers**

**Variations by Shredder 11**

John Baxter, playing at a 313 rating point disadvantage turns the initiative over to Albert Zuo who finally wins a pawn and then presses home the win.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bc4 Nf6

This position goes back as far as the 1834 match between McDonnell and De La Bourdonnais.

7.Bg5 Be7 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 Ceding Black the Bishop pair.

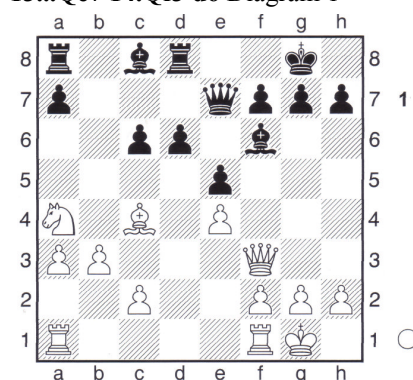
9.0-0 0-0 10.Nc3 Qb6 11.Na4?!

"Knight on the rim is dim". b3 or Rb1 were alternatives.

11...Qb4 12.b3 So White plays b3 anyway, this means 11.Na4 was a waste of a tempo.

12...Rd8 13.a3 13. Qf3 looks better.

13...Qe7 14.Qf3 d6 Diagram 1



White did not understand that the battle is over control of the center, specifically the d5 square. Black obviously did understand this. If the white N were still on c3, White would own d5.

15.b4?! Why? A wasted move. 15....c5 was no threat and would leave a hole on d5. Now again, if the white N was still on c3 it could jump into that hole. Therefore 15. Nc3 was the move.

15...Be6 16.Bd3 Shredder 11 prefers 16.Bxe6 as leading to equality in spite of the misplaced White Knight.

16...d5!? And Black wins the "d5" fight and has the initiative.

17.Rad1 a5 18.Nc5 Shredder likes 18.b5 d4 as = exchanging out the Black c-pawn

18...axb4 19.Nxe6 First play 19.axb4 then 20.Nxe6=

19...fxe6-/+ 20.axb4 Qxb4 21.exd5? [ >=21.Qh3!? Re8 22.Rb1=/+ ]

21...exd5-+ 22.Qh3 e4 23.Rb1 Qe7 24.Rfe1 Qd7

[>=24...Rf8 and Black wins 25.Be2 Bd4-+ when Black's Bishop is a centralized powerhouse and the pinned W pawn at f2 is under pressure.]

25.Qxd7 Rxd7 26.Be2 Rda7 27.c4 Maybe better is 27.Rb6 but Black still has a big advantage.

27...Ra1?? "a transit from better to worse." >=27...Bc3 would have made life much easier for Black 28.Rf1 d4-+ ]

28.cxd5?! [ White misses a good chance to almost equalize 28.Rxa1 Rxa1 29.Rxa1 Bxa1=/+ And with Bishops of opposite color - there may be some drawing chances.]

28...cxd5 29.Kf1 [Shred11:

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.f4 e5 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f5?=/+ [>=9.Be3+/= ]

9...gxf5 10.Nh4 fxe4 11.Qh5? [>=11.dxe4 ]

11...exd3-+ 12.Be4 f5 13.Bxd3 e4 14.Bc4+ d5 15.Nxd5 W is already 2 pawns down, and now he gives up a piece as well. Throwing everything at the King is now his best chance

15...Nxd5 16.Bg5 [>=16.Nxf5 ]

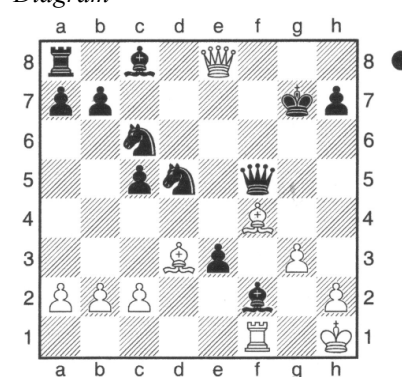
16...Qd7 17.Nxf5 Rxf5 18.Rxf5 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Qxf5 20.Qe8+?

[>=20.Rf1 ]

20...Kg7 21.Rf1 Bf2 22.Bf4 e3

23.Bd3

Diagram



23...Be6 [>=23...Nxf4 24.Bxf5 Bxf5 with Be4# to follow]

24.Qxa8 Nc7 25.Rxf2 exf2 26.Kg2 Qh3+ 0-1

**W: Byers, Arthur J**

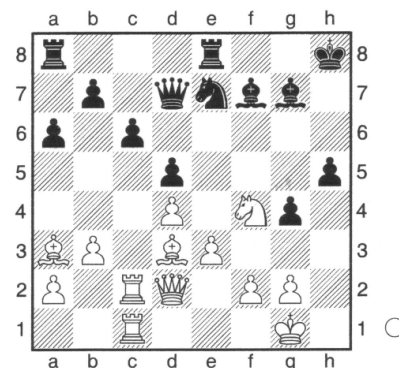
**B: Quintana, Leroy**

**Pir Malecki-Tutor Section**

*Notes by Art,*

*Variations by Shredder*

The following dozen and a half moves decided who became the winner.



It is decision time. The g6 square looks inviting for the white knight so...

26.Bxe7 Removing one defender of the g6 square.

26...Rxe7 27.Bg6

27...h4 Obviously bad is 27....Bxg6? 28.

Nxg6+ 28.Bxf7 Rxf7 29.Ng6+ Kg8

30.Nxh4 Winning a pawn. Now the question is: Can I hang on with the open h-file leading to the W K?

30...Qe6 31.Qd3 Rf6 32.g3 Raf8 Black wastes time doubling rooks on the f-file when he should be trying to double

rooks on the open h-file. Better would have been 32...Kf7 followed by moving the a8 R to h8

33.Ng2 Rh6 34.Nf4 to cover the square h3 Qf6 35.Kg2 Kf7 Shredder points out that 35....Qg5 can lead to equality. I

don't care for 36.b4 in the variation and would have played 36.Rh1 [35...Qg5 36.b4 Rxf4 37.exf4= ]

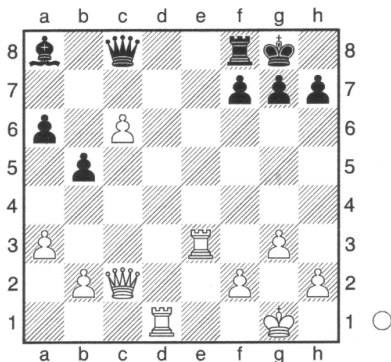
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For A Chess Event?**

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**W: GM Jesse Kraai**  
**B: Derick Arrellano**  
**Pir Malecki Memorial (2)**  
**[Catalan]**

Jesse made it look easy in round 2  
**1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4**  
**5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0-0 Rb8 7.Nc3 a6 8.e4**  
**b5 9.Qe2 Be7** B could grab a pawn  
 here by [9...Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4  
 11.Bf4 Qb6=+/= ]  
**10.Rd1 Nb4 11.Ne5+/-** now W  
 wins back his pawn and gradually  
 increases his advantage  
**11...Bb7 12.a3 Nd3 13.Nxd3 cxd3**  
**14.Rxd3+/- 0-0 15.Bf4 Nd7**  
**16.Rad1 Rc8** [>=16...Nb6 ]  
**17.d5 Nb6 18.Bh3 exd5 19.Bxc8**  
**Qxc8 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bc5**  
**22.Qc2 Bb6 23.Be3 c5 24.dxc6**  
**Bxe3 25.Rxe3 Ba8** Diagram

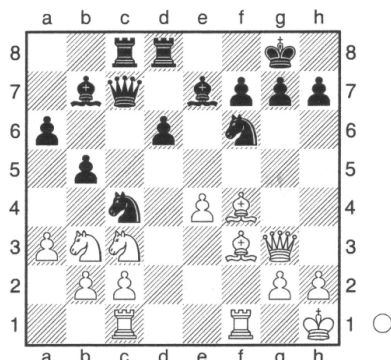


**26.c7 g6 27.Qc5 1-0**

**W: Raynaldo Fourzan**  
**B: Jim Johnston**  
**Pir Malecki Memorial (3)**  
**[Sicilian Nadjorf]**

Ray shared 2nd place after this win  
**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**  
**Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7**

**8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Nbd7** [>=9...Nc6 in  
 this line B wants to take on f4 so Nc6  
 is better to prevent Nd4]  
**10.Qe1 b5 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.a3 Rc8=**  
**13.Bd2 Qc7?** [13...a5 14.Nxb5?  
 (14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5  
 a4 17.Na5 Ba8 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.dxc6  
 Nb8= ) 14...Qb6+! ]  
**14.Rc1 exf4** [14...Rfe8 ]  
**15.Bxf4 Ne5 16.Kh1 Nc4=+/+ 17.Qg3**  
**Rfd8** Diagram



[17...Nxb2 18.Nd4 Rfd8 19.Nf5 Ne8  
 20.e5+/- ]  
**18.Nd4!** B does not recover from this  
**18...Bf8 19.Bg5 Nxb2?** [>=19...d5 ]  
**20.Ncxb5! axb5 21.Bxf6 Qc3**  
**22.Bxd8 Rxd8** [>=22...Qxd4 ]  
**23.Nxb5 Qc5?** [>=23...Qc4 24.Bh5  
 g6 25.Qf4 Bxe4 ]  
**24.c4 g6 25.e5 Bxf3 26.Qxf3 Rd7**  
 [>=26...f5 ; >=26...Qxe5 ]  
**27.e6 Re7 28.exf7+ Kg7 29.Qf6+ 1-0**

**W: David Langlois**  
**B: Silas Perry (1957)**  
**Pir Malecki Memorial (2)**  
**[Closed Sicilian]**

W gives up material to get his attack  
 going. When B defends everything  
 the counterattack brings home the full  
 point

**29.Rxa1!?** Rxa1 **30.Rxa1 Bxa1**  
**31.Bd1-/+** ]  
**29...Rxb1-+ 30.Rxb1 Ra1 31.Rxa1**  
**Bxa1 32.Ke1 Bd4 33.f4 Kf7 34.Kd2**  
**Kf6 35.g4?** Better is 35. Bb5 but  
 with the entry of the Black King into  
 the fight, White's game is lost no  
 matter what.  
**35...Bg1 36.h4 g6** Perhaps better is  
 36...d4  
**37.Ke1?** 37.Ba6 is better but Black

is still on top.  
**37...Be3-+ 38.f5 gxf5 39.g5+ 39.**  
 gxf5 Kxf5 **40.Kd1** and Black is still  
 winning.  
**39...Ke5 40.Kf1 d4 41.Bc4 Kf4**  
**42.Bg8 Kg4 43.Bxh7 Bxg5!!** The  
 clincher!! Albert shows why his  
 rating continues to rise.  
**44.hxg5 Kxg5 45.Ke2 Kf4** And  
 black was able to go on for an easy  
 win. **0-1**



## The 2008 Memorial / Senior Open Zing Section

Story and Photo By Art Byers

The Robert Zing section was the best attended at the Memorial Senior with 25 players signing in. Because of the large rating point spread in the group, all players under 1400, there were some mismatches, especially in the early rounds on Saturday. But of course, one of those mismatches led to Michael Orwat winning a prize for the "Biggest Upset" – some 370 points so who is to say what a mismatch really is??

With 25 players, even considering half point byes, we should have had at least 40 score sheets submitted for each of the four rounds or about 160 total just from this one section. For unknown reasons, we did not even come close to 20% of that total. We, the DK team, feel that each section and each player is equally important and so we discussed trying to print games from those of you who seldom or never have had a game in the magazine. That's hard to do with so small a response. It is our optimistic hope that in the future more of you will hand in legible scores.

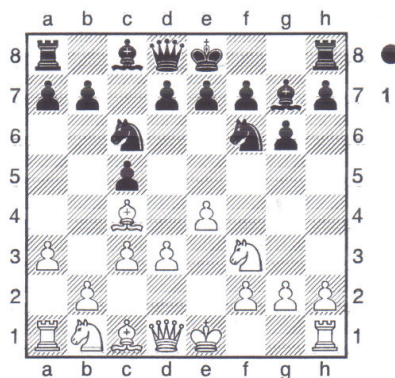
A small selection of 'Zing' Games begins on the next page.

## The 2008 Memorial / Senior Open Zing Section

**W: James, Larry**  
**B: Li, Tiange Peter**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Zing Section**  
**[c3 Sicilian]**

Comment by Art Byers, Variations by Shredder 11: Here is the last round draw between the two who tied for first. That it was a TENSE game shows in the shifting tide of battle on either side of equality. First one side, then the other gains some, but not sufficient advantage. one would suspect exhaustion, as much as anything, led to the agreed draw.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 g6 4.a3 4.d4!? might be slightly better.  
 4...Bg7 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.d3



[6.e5 is a move both players must have at least looked at. However, since both wanted to win and it could lead to an early exchange of Q's. it never happened. 6...Nh5 7.d4 d6 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bxf7 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bxe5= ]  
 6...d5=/+ 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 0-0  
 9.Re1 Bf5 10.d4 Nb6 11.Be2 cxd4  
 12.cxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxd4  
 14.Qxd4 Bxd4 15.Bf3 Rfe8

15....Na4!? sure looks interesting. What would you readers answer? Perhaps 16.Re2  
 16.Nc3-/+ Bxc3 17.bxc3 Rac8  
 18.Bxb7 Rxc3 19.Be3 e5 20.a4 Re7  
 21.Ba6 Bd3 22.Bb5 Bxb5 23.axb5 f5 [>=23...f6 ]  
 24.Bg5= Rd7 25.Bf6? 25. Rxe5, regaining a pawn and protecting the W p on b5, looks a lot better. The W B was in no danger on g5.  
 25...Nc4 26.f4=/+ Re3 27.fxe5 Rxe1+ 28.Rxe1 Rb7? 28...Rd5, centralizing the R looks like a better alternative.  
 29.e6 [Shredder says White missed his best chance here: 29.Rc1!? Rc7 30.e6 Rc8+- ]  
 29...Nd6+/- 30.Rd1 Ne8 31.Rd8 Kf8 32.e7+? [>=32.Rd7 Rxb5 33.Be7+ Kg7 34.Rxa7 Rb1+ 35.Kf2 Rb2+ 36.Kf3+/- ]  
 32...Kf7=/+ And the players shook hands! 1/2-1/2

**W: Avery, Rod**  
**B: Rempe, Gregory Mark**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Zing Section**  
**[English]**

Comment by Art Byers: Rod Avery is one of New Mexico Chess's best assets. Twice a week he teaches Chess to some 48 students at the Dennis Chavez elementary school and once a month gives a class to 40 youngsters at the Cherry Hill Library.

1.e4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bg2 e6 5.d4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 f5 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.e3 0-0 10.Nge2 Nc6

## The 2008 Pir Maleki Memorial

United World College, Montezuma, NM, April 26, 2008

By Jim Johnston



The Castle at the United World College. Photo by John Baxter

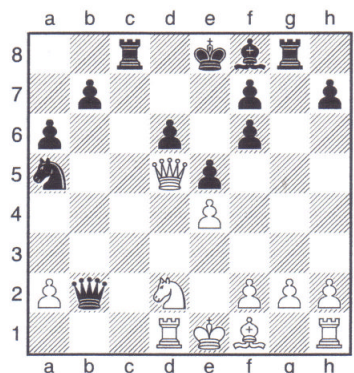
As usual, over 100 players made the trip to Montezuma, NM. This year TD Andy Nowak cranked up the competition with a couple of novelties. In the event of two players making perfect scores, there would be a 15 minute play-off game to determine who got the winner's plaque AND the cash prizes.

Andy also put a bounty on GM Kraai. The tournament flyer read: "beat the GM, win \$300. Tie the GM, win \$150. Lose to the GM, get consolation handshake. When the Professor (top) section formed there were eleven A and B players and one grandmaster, so it seemed unlikely that the bounty would be paid to anybody. And I was right again! In the Tutor section (U1800), Eric Barkmeyer and Zach Stuart both scored 4 wins, and Zach won the G/15. In the Sophomore (U1350) section Isaac Ewing won the play-off against Anthony Chen after both reached 4 points. Jesse Kraai made a perfect score in the Professor section, a full point ahead of Wayne Hatcher, Silas Perry and Raynaldo Fourzan.

We submitted an article on this tournament to Chess Life and it should appear in the July edition. Jesse selected and annotated games, while Andy Nowak wrote about the tournament and venue.

Following are some games that did not make the cut to appear in Chess Life.





Anthony leaves the a5 N unprotected, apparently on purpose, expecting a winning attack. Much better would have been 18....Rc5 19.Qd3 Qxb2+-. Tim defends well - and when Anthony does not find the best 23rd move - Tim Winds up the game with a mate.

**19.Qxa5+- Bh6 20.Nc4 Rxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxb2 22.Be2 Be3 23.Rxd6** [ $\geq$  23.Qa4+ Ke7 24.Qb3 Qxb3 25.axb3 Rxf2 26.Rc1+- ] **23...Kf8??** [ $\geq$  23...Bxf2+ 24.Kf1 Bb6+/- ] **24.Qd8+ Kg7 25.Qxf6+ Kg8 26.Rd8# 1-0**



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Art Glassman ready for any move at the 2008 Memorial / Senior. Photo by Art Byers

**11.0-0 g5 12.a3 Qe7** Gregory is attacking on the K-side but thus far White looks secure. The black Bishop still has to be developed and therefore the open c-file can be White's for the taking.

**13.Rae1** An alternative would have been to place the f1 Rook on e1 and the a1 Rook on c1.

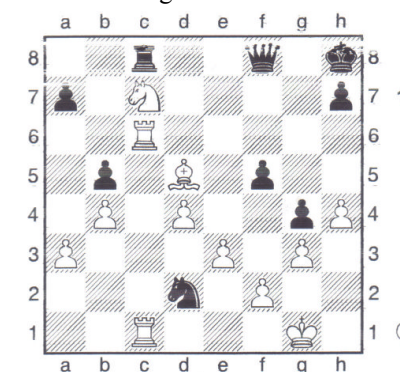
**13...Qg7 14.Nb5 Qh6 15.Nd6 b6 16.Nxc8 Raxc8= 17.Rc1 Rf7**

**18.Rc2 Ng4** [The following could lead to exchange of all Rooks and the game becomes drawish.

**18...Rfc7 19.Rfc1= ]**

**19.h3+/- Nf6 20.b4 g4 21.h4 b5** Better is for Black to double rooks on the c-file **21....Rfc7** and the likely answer would be **22.Rfc1**.

**22.Nf4+/- Re7? 23.Rfc1 Ne4?** Loses the c6 N. [Black could have tried entering the complications of: **23...Rec7 24.Nxe6 Ne4 25.Nxc7 Nxd2 26.Rxc6 Qf8 27.Bxd5+ Kh8+-** Variation Diagram



but White should still have good winning chances because his two rooks equal or better the black Q and the 2 pawns plus, one of them passed, can make problems for Black..]

**24.Bxe4 fxe4 25.Rxc6 Rxc6 26.Rxc6+- Qf8 27.Rxe6 Rc7 28.Nxd5 Rd7 29.Nf6+ Kg7 30.Nxd7** and White soon gave checkmate. **1-0**

**W: Bunts, Paul**

**B: Ewing, Isaac (1147)  
NMCO Memorial/Senior,  
Zing Section  
[Old Indian]**

Frequent NMCO player Paul Bunts takes his opportunities and wins his best game of the tournament.

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 b6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Bg5 Nc6** [5...Ne4 6.Nxe4 Bxe4 7.Nd2+/- ]

**6.Qa4** Both sides have an undeveloped B. 6.e3 looks better than bringing the Q out this early.

**6...Qd7 7.Bxf6 exf6** The guide rule is to usually take pawns toward the center unless there is some tactical or strong positional reason not to do so. In this case, 7.... gxf6!? was the move.

**8.e4+/- Bg4 9.Be2 Bxf3=+ 10.Bxf3 Nxd4 11.Qd1 c5** [11...Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Be7 13.0-0=+ ]

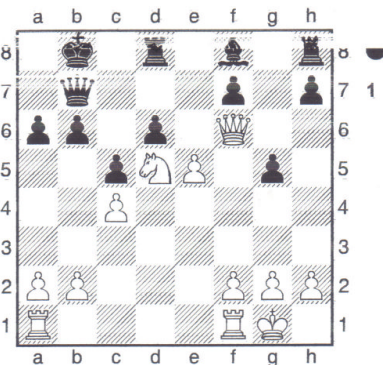
**12.Qd3 a6 13.0-0 g5?** The undeveloped f8 B will cost black dearly. Shredder suggests **13....Be7**

**14.e5+- 0-0-0** What else? **14 ...Ra7** allows 15. exc opening a file for the W Rooks and the K must flee to the Q-side anyway..

**15.Nd5 Nxf3+** Having to give up a well placed N - but the W B was too dangerous on the long diagonal. The flip side of this coin is that the W Q becomes a very active force in Paul's hand.



16.Qxf3+- Qb7? 17.Qf5+ Kb8  
18.Qxf6



this 3rd Q move in a row forks both rooks.

18...Be7 19.Nxe7+- With the win of the Black B, White now has the game in hand.

19...dxe5 20.Qxe5+ Better is the obvious: 20.Nc6+! winning the exchange.

20...Ka8 21.Nd5 b5 22.b3 bxc4  
23.bxc4 h6 24.Rab1 Qc6 25.Nb6+  
Ka7 26.Qe7+- Kb8 27.Nd7+ +  
27...Ka8 28.Rfd1 h5 29.Nb6+ Kb8  
30.Rxd8+ 1-0

**W: Herrington, Preston**  
**B: James, Larry**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Zing Section**  
**[Queen's gambit]**

Comment by Art Byers, Variations  
by Shredder 11:

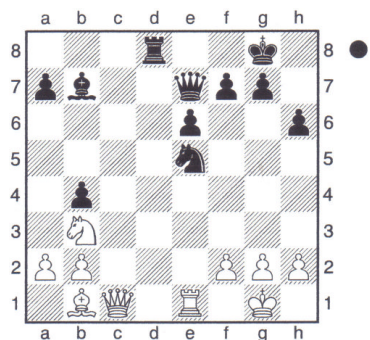
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6  
5.e3 Be7 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 h6  
8.Bh4 0-0 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 b5  
11.Bd3 Bb7 12.Rc1 Rc8 All this is a  
common "Book" position  
13.Re1 b4= 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe7  
Qxe7 16.Bxe4+/-

16...Nf6 The wood chopping is over. Shredder 11 thinks black has the slightest of advantages, but Black is not happy with his backward c-pawn and, in the next few moves, solves that problem.

17.Bd3 17.Nd2 is also O.K..

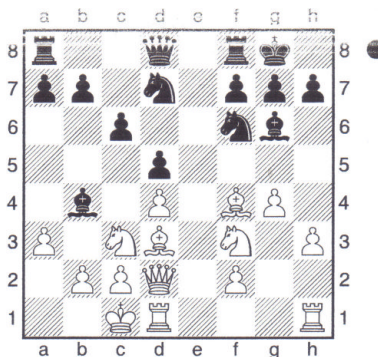
17...c5= 18.e4 Rfd8 19.Bb1 cxd4=/  
+ 20.e5? Down the road, this advanced white pawn might be hard to defend. [>=20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Qxd4 Qc5=+/=]

20...Nd5 [20...Rxc1!? 21.Qxc1 Nd7  
22.Nxd4 Nxe5 23.Nb3+- Variation  
Diagram



and where would YOU put the Black N? d7,g6, g4, d3 or c6? Decisions - decisions! That's what makes Chess such a great game!

21.Qxd4 Nb6 [Interesting is  
21...Nc3 22.Qf4 (22.Qxa7?? a poisoned pawn 22...Ne2+ 23.Kf1 Nxc1-  
+) 22...Nxb1 23.Rxb1 Bxf3 24.Qxf3  
-/+ ]  
22.Rxc8=+/= Nxc8 23.Qg4 a5 24.Be4  
Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qc7 26.h3 Ne7  
27.Qe2 Ng6 28.g3 Qb6 29.Rd1?  
Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Qc7 31.Qe2 Qc6  
Controls the open long diagonal  
Diagram



13...Ba5 missing a tactical sequence  
[>=13...Ne4 14.Bxe4 Bxe4 15.Qe3  
Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qf6 17.Qe3 Rae8+- ]

14.Bg5 b5 15.Ne5 Qc7 16.Nxd7=  
[>=16.Nxg6+/- ]

16...Nxd7 17.f4? [>=17.Bf4 ]

17...Bxd3+- 18.Qxd3 b4 19.axb4  
Bxb4 20.Na2 Bd6 21.f5 Rab8  
22.Rhf1 f6 23.Bd2 Rfe8 B wants to  
protect e6 and the e file but is over-  
cautious [>=23...Qb7 24.Bc3 Nb6  
25.b3 a5 26.Bxa5 Qa7 27.Bxb6  
Qxa2 28.Bc5 ]

24.g5 Re4 25.g6 Qb6 26.gxh7+  
Kh8= [>=26...Kxh7 ]

27.b3? losing a center pawn  
[27.Bc3= Rbe8 28.Rfe1 Kxh7  
29.Rxe4 Rxe4 30.Re1= ]

27...Qxd4-/+ 28.Qxd4 Rxd4 29.c3  
Re4 30.Kc2 Kxh7 31.Rg1 Rbe8  
32.Rg6 Ne5 33.Rg2 Nf3 34.Nc1  
Ne1+ [>=34...Nh4 35.Rf2 Bg3  
36.Rff1 R8e5 37.Nd3 Rxf5 ]

35.Bxe1 Rxe1 36.Rd4 R8e4  
37.Rgd2 Bf4 38.Rxe4 [>=38.Rd1 ]

38...dxe4 39.Rd1 now B can trade  
all the pieces and win the pawn end-  
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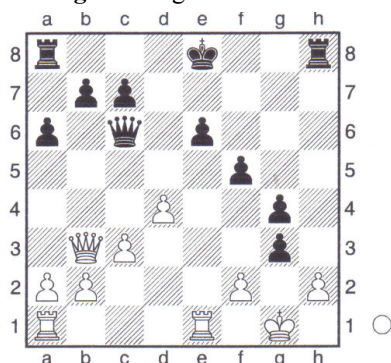
39...Rxd1 40.Kxd1 Bxc1 41.Kxc1  
Kh6 42.Kd2 Kg5 43.Ke3 Kxf5  
44.c4 Ke5 45.b4 f5 46.c5 g5 47.b5  
cxb5 48.c6 Kd6 0-1

**W: Martinson, Timothy**  
**B: Chen, Anthony [B21]**  
**UNM Octagon**  
**[Shredder 11 (30s)]**

B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit Comment by Art B & Shredder: Tim took first in the Grizzlies section - and this last round seesaw game was the clincher. Anthony came out of the opening with a distinct advantage and gave everything back when he hung a piece expecting that his pressure on the white King would offer full compensation - and more. As the poet, Robert Burns, said: The best laid plans of mice and men "Aft Gang Aiglay."

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3  
Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bf4 6. Bc4 planning  
a quick 0-0 is another safer approach. But if you like to play a gambit, "Safe" is not your mentality.  
6...d6 7.Nb5 [7.Bb5 e5 8.Bg5 Nf6= ]  
7...e5=+/= 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Bg5 a6  
10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nc3 Rg8 12.Qb3  
Na5 13.Qd5 Be6 14.Qd2 Rc8  
15.Nd5+- [15.g3 Qb6 16.Rc1 Qc5 -  
/+ ]  
15...Bxd5 [>=15...Nc4 16.Bxc4  
Rxc4+- ]  
16.Qxd5? [>=16.exd5 Qb6 17.b3-/  
+ ]  
16...Qb6-+ 17.Rd1 Qb4+ 18.Nd2  
Qxb2?? Diagram

misses that his e6 pawn is pinned.  
 18.....0-0-0 was a necessity.  
**19.Qb3??** White has the right idea - putting pressure on the backward pawn on e6, - but this move wastes a tempo and would have given black a chance to defend the pawn with 19.....Kd7 connecting the black rooks and equalizing. Much better would have been the immediate 19. d5 [ $\geq$  19.d5 Qc5 20.Rxe6+ Kd7+- ]  
**19...hgx3??** Diagram



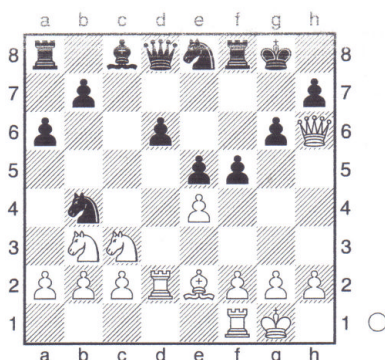
Oblivious to any danger, black fixates on his own attack. [ $\geq$  19...Kd7 20.d5 exd5= ]  
**20.Rxe6+- Qxe6 21.Qxe6+** With this substantial material advantage, White went on to win. 1-0

**W: Sallade, Jeffrey**  
**B: Wright, Tristan [B34]**  
**UNM Octagon**  
**[Shredder 11 (30s)]**

B34: Sicilian: Accelerated Dragon with 5 Nc3: sidelines Comment by Art Byers & Shredder. Jeff produces a quick win when Tristan opens a highway to his King.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4  
 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6

7.Qd2 a6 [7...0-0 8.Be2= ]  
 8.Be2+/- e5 [8...0-0!?+/- ]  
 9.Nb3+/- 0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.Rad1 Ne8 12.Bh6 This common move is known as : "The Dragon Slayer".  
**12...Bxh6+/- 13.Qxh6 Nb4 14.Rd2 f5??** Opens up the a2 -g8 diagonal on the Black K. Diagram

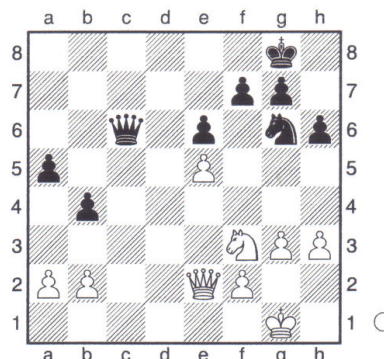


[ $\geq$  14...Be6 15.Nc5 Qc7 16.Nxe6 fxe6+/- ]  
**15.Bc4+- d5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5+** There is no way Black can stop disaster: 17. ...Qxd5 18.exd5 OR 17....Rf7 18.Bxf7+ and the B Q is lost anyway. 1-0

**W: Kyle Leeds Tilley**  
**B: Jim Johnston**  
**Octagons Tiger Section**  
**[French]**

The French exchange is supposed to be dull and drawish. Here opposite side castling livens it up

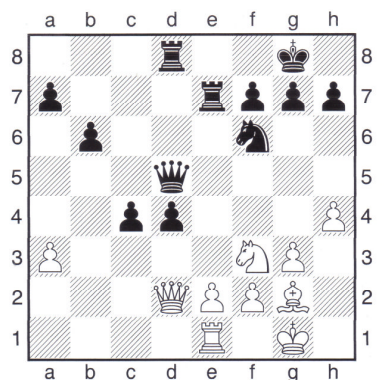
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 c6 6.Bf4 Bg4 7.Be2 Be7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.g4 Bg6 12.Bd3 Bb4=/+ 13.a3 Diagram



**32.Nd4?? Qd5+- 33.Nb5** [holding out longer in a losing position: 33.Nc2 Nxe5 34.Ne1+- ]  
**33...Nxe5 34.Kf1? Qh1# 0-1**

**W: Herrington, Preston**  
**B: Willman, Brian**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior**  
**Zing Section**

Comments by Preston Herrington



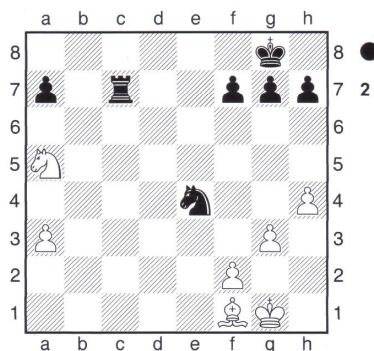
This last round game had a direct bearing on first place and the prize money split. Larry James and Peter Li were tied at the top with 3.5

points and Brian could have joined them with a Win over Preston.. Comment is by Preston Herrington with a few brief additions by Editor AB.

Art Byers, after seeing that I had salvaged a draw out of this game, proclaimed "You must be a magician" and he asked me to annotate the end game. The position is after White's move 29.Qd2. Black has an overwhelming position. I had blundered away the exchange and two pawns - Brian was killing me!  
**29...Qa5** Offering exchange of Q's.  
**30.Qxa5** Normally, I know to avoid exchanges when down material but I liked the idea of doubling Brian's pawns on the a-file. (A smart correct decision. Players have to know when to break the guide rules. I'd give 30.Qxa5 a "!" ed.)

**30...bxa5 31.Rd1** Desperately trying to fend off his connected pawns.  
**31...d3** I expected 30....c3 which is what Fritz suggests.  
**32.exd3** At least now I have only one pawn with which to deal.  
**32...cxd3?** Loses the pawn. Fritz suggested, and I expected, 32...Rxd3  
**33.Bf1! d2** Fritz like several moves better: Best was ...Ne4  
**34.Rxd2** Not Nxd2 which would set up a pin after ....Red7. At this point Fritz has black less than three pawns ahead (Shredder 11 evaluates as -3.6 in black's favor. ed)  
**34...Rxd2 35.Nxd2 Ne4** Best was Re1 pinning my Bishop.  
**36.Nc4 Rc7 37.Nxa5**  
 Diagram 2





Now we're even in pawns. I'm down the exchange. But I was worried he would be able to eliminate my a-pawn and promote his.

**37...Nd2** Hoping I'll let him win my Bishop.

**38.Bg2** Avoiding the pinning and winning of my Bishop. Also on g2 the B protects b7 and c6 for my knight.

**38...Rc1+ 39.Kh2** My K and B are both safe now.

**39...Nc4?!** Best was ...Ra1 going after my pawn.

**40.Nc6** Now I would love to have our knights take the a-pawns, leaving me with just the K-side to worry about.

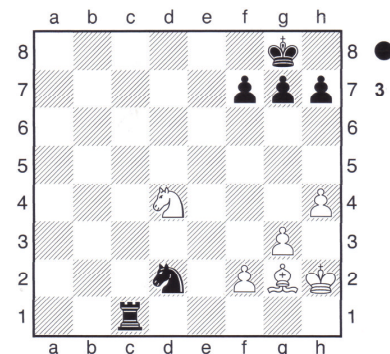
**40...Nxa3?!** Giving me my wish! Best was ...a6 or ...a5 keeping Brian's pawn alive.

**41.Nxa7!** Now I see real drawing chances.

**41...Nc4 42.Nb5 Nd2 43.Nd4**

Diagram 3

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**43...g6** takes f5 away from my N  
**44.Ne2 Re1** Black is making no progress. Around this time I offered a draw, but Brian wasn't convinced yet. (*The lure of prize money?? ed.*)

**45.Nf4 Kg7 46.Nd3 Ra1** Wisely getting his rook away from my pesky Knight.

**47.Ne5 f6 48.Ng4** Fritz says Nc6 is a little better, but I wanted my N close to home.

**48...Nf1+ 49.Kh3** I preferred this to Bxf1 since I didn't want to trade down further. Fritz says Kh3 and Bxf1 are equally good.

**49...h5 50.Bxf1** I thought this was the best option, even though I preferred not to trade down. Fritz found a slightly better move that I hadn't considered. 50. Nh2

**50...Rxf1** I was worried he would play 50...hxg4+ since I felt my N was more valuable than my B. Fritz agreed with Brian that 50...Rxf1 was best.

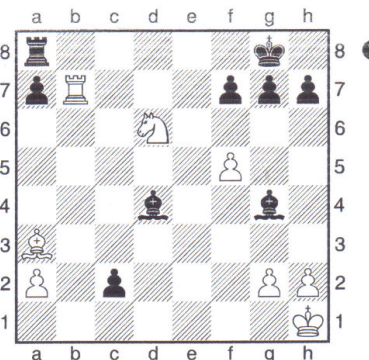
**51.Kg2** I almost missed this move. I thought I was bound to lose a pawn or my N.

**51...Ra1 52.Ne3 g5** Fritz liked almost any K or R move better. In my

**W: Holly McRoberts**  
**B: Julian Trujillo**  
**Octagons Tiger section**  
**[Evans Gambit]**

Want to play more tactics in your games? Try the Evans gambit. This was all very exciting...

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.b4 Bxb4 6.c3 Ba5 7.d4 d6 8.Ng5** since B can just castle out of trouble, W should have tried **8...0-0=+** **9.f4 exd4 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Kh1** not Qd4?? when Bb6 skewers the Q [ $\geq$  11.Be3 ]  
**11...c5 12.Nd2 Bg4 13.Ngf3 Nxe4** [ $\geq$  13...Bxd2 and now W would have to recapture on f3 with the g pawn but B plans a pawn fork]  
**14.Nxe4 d5 15.Nxc5 dxc4** [ $\geq$  15...Bc3 ]  
**16.Qxd4 Qxd4 17.Nxd4 Bc3 18.Rb1 Bxd4 19.Nxb7** after all the tactics B has one extra pawn and the 2 Bs. All 3 of these are so well placed that he is now winning  
**19...c3 20.f5?** [ $\geq$  20.Rb4 ]  
**20...Rfe8 21.Nd6 Reb8 22.Ba3 Rxb1 23.Rxb1 c2 24.Rb7** Diagram



**24...Bc5!** W's B is on overload  
**25.Bxc5 c1Q+ 26.Bg1 Qc6 27.Rb4**

**Bh3 28.Ne4 Bxf5 29.Ng3 Be6 30.a3 h6 31.Ne2 Bd5 32.Nf4 a5 33.Nxd5 Qxd5** [33...axb4?? **34.Ne7+** though B is still way ahead even if he blunders the Q!]  
**34.Rg4 Rc8 35.h3 Rc1 36.Rd4? Qxd4 0-1**

**W: John Baxter**  
**B: Mike Wylie**  
**Octagons Grizzlies section**  
**[Fritz 11 (30s)]**

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4  
Comment by Art Byers, Variations by Fritz 11. This game is instructive because it shows what can happen when a player tends only to his own plans, ignoring everything else on the board. Black pushes K-side pawns while wearing side blinders. It costs black his Q and white wins.  
**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 h6** A common 3rd move set would be 3.g3 g6=  
**4.Bf4 Bg4 5.Nbd2 Bxf3 6.Nxf3 Nf6 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 e6 9.0-0 g5 10.Be5 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6** All these exchanges reduce attacking possibilities for both players.  
**12.g3 g4 13.Nd2 h5 14.e4** a good move.  
**14...dxe4 15.Nxe4 Nxe4 16.Bxe4 f5 17.Bxc6+ Qxc6 18.Re1 h4??** In his haste to push K-side pawns, B

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# The 2008 UNM Octagon

University of New Mexico, March 1, 2008  
By Jim Johnston

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, NMCO and UNM held a tournament in the student's union building. We booked a small room with space for 40 players on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. 26 players showed up so we had 2 Octos and a decagon! TD Art Byers named the sections for wild animals thus encouraging ferocious attacking play. The Tigers section was won by Jim Johnston, Dante Archuleta won the Lions section and the Grizzlies section was won by Tim Martinson. There follow games from these winners plus a couple of other fun games.

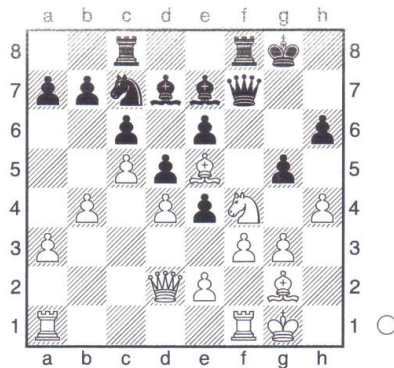
**W: Dante Archuleta**  
**B: Leroy Quintana**  
**Octagons Lions section**  
**[Dutch]**

## 1.h4

My associate Art Byers keeps telling me I need to give more explanations of moves in words. Well this is a beginner's move if he next plays Rh3, but Dante has been opening with h4 regularly and has achieved good results with it. Most of his opponents answer with e5 and d5 and try to hold the center. Leroy goes his own way and plays a Dutch setup, but ironically it is B who winds up with no space

1...f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.d4 Be7  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bf4 d6 7.c4 Qe8 8.Nc3  
Na6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0 Ne4  
11.Nxe4 fxe4 12.Ng5 d5 13.a3 h6  
14.Nh3 Qh5 well this is often  
played in the Dutch, but the Q is not  
doing much here. Maybe c5 would  
be an improvement  
15.b4+/- c6 16.c5 Rac8 17.Be5 Nc7  
18.Nf4 Qf7 19.f3 g5?

Diagram



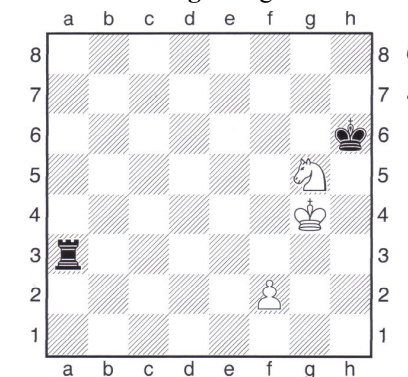
B has been steadily squashed back so now tries to get some space for himself. The attempt fails when W eventually takes over the h file  
Moral: if your opponent opens with h4 beware of playing g5

20.Nh3 Qg6 21.hxg5 exf3 22.exf3  
hxg5 23.g4 Rf7 24.Kf2 W hopes to  
get in Rh1, N anywhere, and Rh8#  
24...Ne8 25.Rh1 Nf6 26.Ke2  
[26.Rh2?? Ne4+ ]  
26...Nh7 27.Rh2 Bf6 28.Rah1 Bxe5  
29.dxe5 Kf8 30.Nf2 Ke7 31.Rh6  
Qg8 32.Qd3 Be8 [>=32...Nf8 ]  
33.Rxh7 Rxh7 34.Qxh7+ Qxh7  
35.Rxh7+ Bf7 36.Nh3 Rg8 37.Ke3  
b6 38.Bf1 bxc5 39.bxc5 a5 40.Be2  
a4 41.Bd1 Kf8 42.Bxa4 Be8 43.Rc7  
Rg7 44.Rxg7 Kxg7 45.Nxg5 1-0

mind, if I could eliminate all the pawns, I had an easy draw.  
53.hxg5 Fritz liked g4 a little better.  
53...fxg5 54.Nc2 Pestering his rook for a tempo. I thought my N might be better on d4. Fritz disagreed.  
54...Ra2 55.Nd4 h4? I was happy to see this move since I hoped to trade off all pawns. At this point Fritz says we are even. Much better was ....Ra4 or ... Ra6. If Brian wanted to move a pawn ....g4 was fine.  
56.Nf3?! I will still draw, but best was 56. gxf4.  
56...hxg3 a little better was ....h3+  
57.Kxg3 Better per Fritz was Nxg5. I was nervous about allowing ....gxf2 but my worries were unfounded.  
57...Ra3?! This will allow me to win his final pawn. Best was to guard it with ...Ra5 or to bring his K to f6, g6 or h6.

58.Kg4! Now I started wondering if I could actually WIN the game, but that was a bit much.

58...Kh6 59.Nxg5 Diagram 4



59...Ra4+ Brian thought this would win my Knight and the game. He

didn't see my reply.

60.f4! The game was agreed drawn after

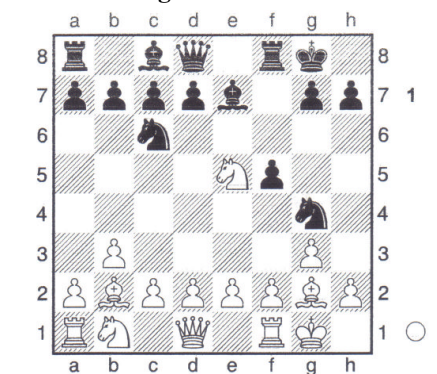
60...Kg6 61.Nf3 1/2-1/2

**W: Orwat, Michael David**  
**B: Sarracino, John S**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior**  
**Zing Section**  
**[Reti]**

Comment by Art Byers, Variations by Shredder 11: This blunder filled miniature won the \$50 prize for biggest upset. with a 370 point rating difference.

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.0-0  
Nf6 5.b3 Be7 6.Bb2 0-0 [>=6...e4  
would give Black some slight advantage 7.Ng5 0-0=+/+ ]

7.Nxe5+/- Ng4?



[>=7...Nxe5 8.Bxe5 ]

8.Nf3 White misses a simple check that wins the exchange. [>=8.Bd5+!? Kh8 9.Nf7+ Rxf7 10.Bxf7 ]

8...Bd6 9.Qe1 [>=9.Nc3 ]

9...f4 10.d3 Re8 11.Qc3 Re7

[>=11...Bf8 because it does not block the d7 pawn and does not tie

the B R to defense.]

**12.h4?** An unnecessary time wasting weakening of the white King's protection.

**12...Nge5** [ $\geq$ 12...Kh8 13.Qc4 Nh6= (<13...Rxe2 14.Ng5 Nh6 15.d4+/- ) ]

**13.Ng5??** A blunder that should have lost the game.

**13...Qf8??** Black answers with a blunder of his own missing a simple one move trap of the White Queen. [ $\geq$ 13...Bb4 and the W Q has no escape.]

**14.d4??** [14.Qd2 Ng4+- ]

**14...Ng4??** B misses still another winning opportunity. [ $\geq$ 14...Bb4 ]

**15.Qd3+-** Whew!! the W Q reaches safety.

**15...g6 16.d5?** [What does white have against simple development?  $\geq$ 16.Nd2 seems even better

16...Nf6 17.e4+- ]

**16...Nce5? 17.Qd4+- Nf7 18.Nxf7 Qxf7??** OUCH!! Black plays "Self Mate" by blocking the escape square for his K. However, even Kxf7 would have left W with a winning advantage. [ $\geq$ 18...Kxf7 19.Nc3 Be5+- ]

**19.Qh8#** Bingo!! and Michael is \$50 Richer! **1-0**

9) Padilla,Paul (1185) - Avery,Rod (953)

**NMCO Memorial/Senior, Zing Section**

[Caro Kann]

Comment by Art Byers. Variations by Rybka:

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e6** more usual is Bf5 here

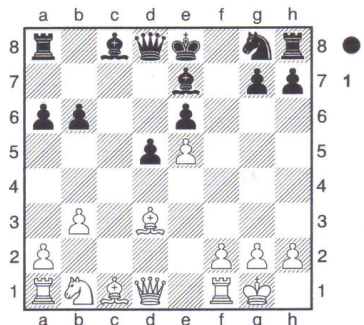
**4.Nf3 Nd7 5.Bd3 c5** Without this move, the Caro-Kann would not be a viable system.

**6.c3 b6 7.b3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.0-0**

**f6** Black has problems in the opening as his g8N has no good squares on which to develop. Rybka recommends 9.h5 as another solution.

**10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxd7+** Exchanging an active B for an inactive N. [11.Bd3 fxe5 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.dxe5

*Variation Diagram*



At this point, in the variation, Rybka offers 13...Nh6 which invites 14.Bxh6 doubling the black pawns and inviting a check by the white Q on h5. so we can be skeptical of the whole variation.]

**11...Bxd7+/- 12.Ba3** The coming exchange will make life easy for the black g8N

**12...Rc8 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nbd2 Nh6 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Re1 fxe5** [16...f5 17.Nb1= ]

**17.Nxe5+/- Nf7 18.Ndf3 Nxe5**

**19.Nxe5** This unassailable N is a real asset for W.

**19...Bb5 20.Rxc8 Rxc8** W has ceded the open file to Black.

**21.a4 Be8 22.Qd2 a5 23.g3 Qb4**

**24.Qxb4 axb4 25.Nd3 Rc3 26.Nxb4 Rxb3** The e6 pawn is pinned. Perhaps 26...Kf7 or 27.Bd7 was better.

**27.Nxd5 Bxa4 28.Rxe6 b5 29.Re3 Rxe3?** Wrong! this gives white con-

nected central passed pawns. Do almost anything else with the rook other than this exchange.

**30.fxe3+- Kf7 31.Kf2** 31.Nb4, blocking the black passed pawn, looks better

**31...Ke6 32.Nb4 g5??** [ $\geq$ 32...Kf5 +/- ]

**33.d5+ Ke5 34.e4!** The B K is tied up to defense.

**34...g4 35.Ke3 h5 36.Nc6+ Kd6**

**37.Kd4** And Black rightly resigned as the white pawns will roll. **1-0**

**W: Sarracino, John S**

**B: Wasilewa, Elizabeth**  
**NMCO Memorial/Senior,**  
**Zing Section**  
**[Vienna]**

Comment by Art Byers. Variations by Shredder 11: A fairly even game until one misstep hands White the game.

**1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Bc4 Bxc3 4.bxc3**

**Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.Qf3 d6 7.Bg5 Be6**

**8.Bxf6+/- Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.Bxe6**

**fxe6 11.0-0 d5 12.Nf3** [12.exd5

exd5 13.f4 Nd7= ]

**12...Nc6** 12....dxe4 13. dxe4 seems better as it breaks White's Q-side pawn structure

**13.g4 Rad8 14.Rhg1** White intends g5

**14...Kh8** It seems natural to get the B K out from under the eye of the W R but this move was not immediately needed. [14...dxe4 15.dxe4 Rd6 16.Kb2=/+ ]

**15.g5** 15.exd5 was O.K. also

**15...f5** [15...fxg5 16.Nxg5 Rf6 17.Rg3= ]

**16.g6 hxg6 17.Rxg6+/- dxe4**

**18.dxe4??** [ $\geq$ 18.Rdg1 Rd7 19.Ng5 + - ]

**18...Rxd1+/-** and the game is close to even.

**19.Kxd1 fxe4 20.Ng5 Rxf2 21.Nxe4 Rxb2 22.Kc1 Nd8??** *Uh-Oh!*

**23.Nf6** Faced with checkmate on g8, Black resigned. **1-0**

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Comment by Art Byers. B tries a speculative 11th move. It could easily have lost him the game, but does make this game interesting

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**

**g6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0**

**8.Nc3** W has more space, plans 0-0-0, controls d5 and the B on c4 eyes B's often weak f7 pawn, yet Fritz 11 says the position is about equal

**8...e5** [ $\geq$ 8...d6 ]

**9.Nb3+/- d6 10.Qd2 Be6 11.Nd5**

**11...Nxe4?** Bxd5 leads to equality but B wants more, and this unexpected move gives W chances to go astray

**12.fxe4+- Qh4+ 13.Qf2 Qxe4 14.Nd2 Qxc2 15.0-0 Qxb2** now B has 4 pawns for the piece, but this was, perhaps, one too many.

**16.Rab1 Qc2 17.Bb3 Qd3 18.Bc4 Qf5**

**19.Qxf5 gxf5 20.Rxb7 Na5 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Rc7 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Bxc4**

[ $\geq$ 23...f4 now was the time to get those pawns rolling]

**24.Rxc4 f4 25.Bf2 a6 26.Nd5** although Fritz says Brian still has the advantage, the sight of those central passed pawns had to be intimidating. **1/2-1/2**