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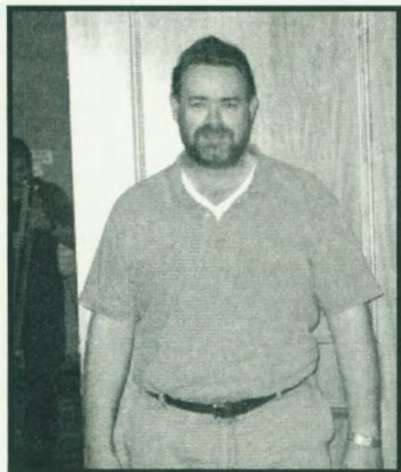
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NM Nicholas Schoonmaker

2004 Texas State & Amateur Championship

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2004 Texas State & Amateur Championship

Texas Crowns Two New Champions

149 players turned out to compete in two sections at the Texas State and Amateur Championships held May 28th - 31st in Plano. NM Nick Schoonmaker won the twenty-one player Championship section to win his first State title scoring 5.5 out of 7. Igor Shtern and Amon Simutowe rounded out the top three. Karl Disher topped the 128 player Reserve section with 6.5 out of 7. David Phillips took second place with 6 of 7 points.

Jason Doss Directed for the Fort Worth Chess Club.

(Crosstables will be printed in the next issue of TK.)

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Championship Section

- 1st NM Nicholas Schoonmaker \$560
- 2nd FM Igor Shtern \$350
- 3rd IM Amon Simutowe \$140
- 1st U2400 NM Michael Kujovic \$210
- 1st Expert John Wilson \$420
- 2nd Expert Mark Dejmek \$105
- Deepyaman Datta \$105

Amateur Section

- 1st Karl Disher \$420
- 2nd David Phillips \$210
- 1st Class B Anjali Datta \$280
- 2nd Class B Daniel Nelson \$70
- 1st Class C Samuel Fung \$280
- 2nd Class C Alan Chen \$35
- Sigifredo Franco \$35
- 1st Class D Tapiwa Gwaza \$280
- 2nd Class D Imre Janko \$70
- 1st Unrated Madhav Ayyagari \$140

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Blackmar Diemer D00

T. E. Kolenda 1423

Anjali Datta 1766

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (1)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 exf3 5.Qxf3

An ambitious sacrifice of a second pawn. Black does well to decline, in my opinion.

5...c6 6.Be3 Bg4 7.Qf2 e6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Nge2 0-0 10.0-0 Nd5N

10...Nbd7 11.Qh4 Bh5 12.Bg5 Bg6 13.Bxg6 fxc6 14.Qh3 e5 15.Qe6+ Kh8 16.dxe5 Ng8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Qxe7 Nxe7 19.e6 Nf6 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.a3 Kg8 22.b4 a6 23.Ng3 b5 24.Nge4 Nfd5 25.Nxd5 Brodie,H-Mitchell,J/Las Vegas 1993/EXT 2001/1-0 (51)

11.Nxd5 exd5 12.Qg3 [12.Ng3] 12...Bxe2 13.Bxe2 Bf6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Rf3 g6 16.Raf1 Bg7 17.c3 f5 18.h4 Nf6 19.Bg5 Kh8 20.Qf2 Qd7



21.Bxf5??

White goes beserk. 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.g4 levels.

21...gxf5 22.Rxf5 Ne4 23.Qf4 Rxf5 24.Qxf5 Qxf5 25.Rxf5 Rf8 26.Rxf8+ Bxf8 27.Bf4 Bd6 28.g3 Bxf4 29.gxf4

Kg7 30.Kg2 Kg6 31.Kf3 Kh5 32.f5 Kxh4 33.Kf4 Nf6 34.Ke5 Kg5 0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

French: Advance Variation C02

Andrew Whatley 2330

George Rector 2147

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (1)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Bd7 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.b4 Bb6 8.b5 Na5 9.Bd3 Rc8 10.0-0 Ne7 11.a4 Ng6 12.Ra2 Nc4 13.Re2 0-0 14.Kh1N

Whatley's move looks stronger than 14.Bc2 f5 15.exf6 Qxf6 16.Qd3 Rfe8 17.Ng5 Nd6 18.h4 Nf5 19.h5 Ne5 20.Qh3 Rc4 as played in Jonkman-Schwartzman, Wijk aan Zee 1994.

14...Qc7 15.Rfe1 Ra8 16.h4 Rfc8 17.h5 Nf8 18.Nbd2 a6



19.Bxc4! dxc4 20.Ne4 axb5 21.Nd6 Rd8 22.Bg5 Rxa4

Fritz 8 suggests the ugly 22...f6 23.exf6 Bc6 24.f7+ Kh8 25.Bxd8 Rxd8 26.Rxe6 Bc5, but White keeps the advantage with 27.Re8 Bxf3 28.Qxf3 Qxd6 29.axb5.

23.Qc1 Bc6 24.Bxd8 Qxd8 25.Qf4 Qe7 26.Nc8 Qc7 27.Nxb6 Qxb6 28.Re3 h6 29.Nd4 Nh7 30.Rg3 Ng5?

Black had to play 30...Qd8 in order to defend g7. 31.Qxh6?? loses to 31...Qh4+
31.Qg4+- Kf8 32.f4 Ne4 33.Qxg7+ Ke7 34.Rxe4! Bxe4 35.Qf6+ 1-0

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Colle D04
Nich Schoonmaker 2220
Alex Echeverry 2060
Texas State Chp. May 2004 (1)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Bd3 Bg4 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.h3 Bh5

Natural, but 6...Bxf3 gives Black an easier game.

7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.f4 Bxd3 10.cxd3

The point of White's move order, covering the hole on e4.

10...e6 11.g5 Nxe5 12.fxe5 Ng8 13.0-0 h6 14.g6 f6 15.Qg4 f5 16.Qh5 0-0-0 17.Nf3 Kb8 18.Bd2 a5?!



19.Rfc1

White can go after the Exchange with 19.Ng5 Nf6 20.Bxa5 Qxa5 21.exf6, and I expect that Black won't be able to generate enough counterplay.

19...Qb6 20.Rab1 Qa6 21.Ne1 Ne7

22.b4 a4 23.Rc3 Nc8 24.Ng2 Na7 25.Nf4 Re8 26.Rcc1 Nb5 27.Be1 Qa7 28.Bf2 Nc7 29.Qd1 Be7 30.h4 Bd8 31.Kg2 Nb5 32.Kh3



It's hard to see how White can make progress here.

32...a3?

Giving White a concrete target. The Nf4 can be exchanged for Black's best piece, the Nb5; after that, the a-pawn is easy pickings.

33.Rb3 Re7 34.Qd2 Rhe8 35.Ne2 Bb6 36.Bg3 Rf8 37.Bf4 Qa6 38.Nc3 Na7 39.Rd1 Rfe8 40.Qc1 Nb5 41.Nxb5 Qxb5 42.Rxa3 Kc7 43.Qb2 Kd7 44.h5 The scoresheet is unreadable after this point.

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Petroff Defence C42
Richard Roseborough 1575
Glenn Funk 1842
Texas State Chp. May 2004 (1)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Nc3 Nd6

The more common 4...Nxc3 5.dxc3 f6 6.Nh4 g6 7.f4 Qe7 8.f5 Qg7 isn't to everyone's taste.

5.Bb3 Nc6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 0-0



Black can free his game immediately with 7...e4 8.Nxe4 Nxe4 9.Rxe4 d5

8.Nd5 Bf6 9.d3 h6 10.Bd2 Nf5 11.Nxf6+ Qxf6 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.Bc3 d6 14.f4 Nh4 15.fxe5 Qg5 16.Bd5 c6 17.Bf3 d5 18.Bd2?? Nxf3+ 0-1

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Sicilian Najdorf B90
Ali Morshedi 2285
Barry Endsley 2006
Texas State Chp. May 2004 (2)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Be3 Be7 9.g4 Nc6

Black is at least equal after the thematic 9...d5 10.g5 (10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Bxd5=) 10...d4 11.gxf6 Bxf6 **10.g5 Nd7 11.Qd2 Nb6 12.Nd5 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb8 14.0-0-0 N8d7 15.f4 Qc7 16.Kb1 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Rhf1 Bd8 19.fxe5! Nxe5**

The open lines for White's pieces more than make up for giving the Black Knight a fine outpost on e5.

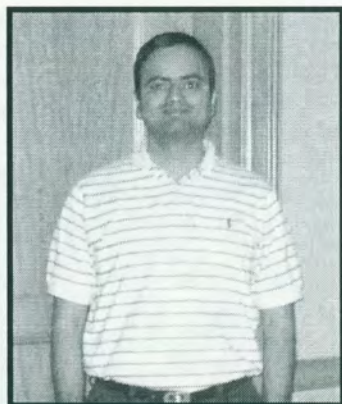
20.Rf4 Qc7 21.Qg2 Be7 22.h4 0-0 Castling into it, but 22...0-0-0

Quote from a Great...

"A good player is always lucky."

Jose Raul Capablanca

doesn't look like any fun for Black after
 23.Rb4 Rde8 (23...Rd7 24.Bb6 Qb8
 25.Qh3 Bd8 26.Qc3+ Bc7 27.Bd4+/-)
 24.Bb6 Qd7 25.Na5
 23.h5 Rac8 24.Nd4 Nc4 25.Bc1 Ne5
 26.Rh1 Qd8



Madhav Ayyagari
 1st Place - Unrated Section

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27.g6 Bf6

White also break through after
 27...fxg6 28.hxg6 h6 29.Ne6 Rxf4!
 30.Nxd8 (30.Bxf4) 30...Rg4 31.Nc6!
 and Black loses material.

28.Rxf6! gxf6

28...Qxf6?? 29.gxh7+ Kh8
 30.Bg5+-

29.g7 Re8 30.Nf5 h6 31.Nxh6+ Kh7
 32.Qe4+ Kxg7 33.Nf5+ Kh8 34.Qf4
 Ng4 35.Qxg4 Rg8



36.Qg6!

A pretty finish. 36.Qg6 fxe6
 37.hxg6#; 36.Qg6 Rxe6 37.hxg6+ Kg8
 38.g7 with mate next move;; 36.Qg6
 Qf8 37.Qxf6+ Kh7 38.Bh6 with the
 threat of Bg7 followed by Qh6 mate.

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Grunfeld Reversed D02

Thomas Crispin 2200

Andrew Whatley 2330

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (2)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Bf5
 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.c4 e6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.b3
 Ne4 9.Bb2 Qa5 10.Rc1N 0-0

Not 10...Nxc3 11.Bxc3 Qxa2
 12.Ra1 dropping the lady.

11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 Rad8 13.Rfd1



13...dxc4??

Inexplicable. A touch-move issue,
 or did Whatley fall asleep? Well, such
 things happen (albiet on rare occasions)
 even to very strong players...
 13...Qb6 avoids the next move.

14.Nd5! Bb4

Going after two pieces for the
 Queen with 14...Qxd5 15.Bxd5 exd5

doesn't really offer much for Black
 either.

15.Qxb4 Qxb4 16.Nxb4 a5 17.Nc2
 cxb3 18.axb3 Nf6 19.Ne3 Be4 20.Nc4
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Sicilian B36

Mark Dixon 1904

Bradley Anderson 1731

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (2)

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Ne6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 g6 5.e4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Nxd4
 8.Qxd4 Bg7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Qd2 Be6
 11.Rc1 Qa5 12.f3 Rfc8 13.b3 a6 14.0-
 0 b5 15.Nd5 Qxd2 16.Bxd2 Nxd5
 17.cxd5 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Bd7 19.Rfd1
 Bb2 20.Rb1 Bc3 21.Bg5 f6 22.Be3 b4



23.Rdc1 a5 24.Rc2 a4 25.Be4 axb3
 26.axb3 Kf7 1/2-1/2



Samuel Fung, Class C Champion

Nimzowitsch-Larsen A01

Kalin Nonchev 2079

Larry Moss 2202

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (3)

1.b3 b6 2.Bb2 Bb7 3.e3 e6 4.f4 f5
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0



It's good to see that people still have a sense of humor!

8.h3 e5 9.e4 Ne4 10.Qe1 Bf6 11.d4
Ne6 12.Nc3 Nb4 13.Qd1 Qe7 14.a3
Nc6 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.Ne5 d6 17.Ng4
cxd4 18.exd4 d5 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.fxe5
Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Rf8 22.Qc1 Qf7
23.Qe3 Ne7 24.Rf1 Qg6 25.Rxf8+
Kxf8 26.Qf4+ Qf5 27.Qxf5+ exf5
28.Bc1 Nc6 29.Bb2 Na5 30.exd5
Bxd5 31.b4 Nc4 32.Bc1 h6 33.h4 Ke7
34.a4 a6 35.Kf2 b5 36.a5 Bf7 37.g4
Ke6 38.gxf5+ Kxf5 39.Be3 h5 40.Bc1
g6 41.Kg3 Ke6 42.Kf4 Kd5 43.Be3
Be6 44.Bf1 Bf5 45.Bg2 Nb2
46.Kg5?? Ke6?? [46...Nd3+] 47.Bd2

I assume this was a time forfeit.

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Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Symmetrical English A31

Mark McCue 1859

Bruce Lewkowski 1610

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (3)

1.Nf3 e5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Be2 Bg7
8.Be3 0-0 9.f3 Bd7 10.Qd2 Re8 11.0-

0 Rc8 12.Ra1 a6 13.Rfd1 Ne5 14.b3
Nc6 15.h3 Rc7 16.f4 Qc8 17.Kh2 e5
18.Nf3 Nd4?! 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.Bxd4
Nxe4 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.Bxg7 Kxg7
23.Bf3 Re6



24.Qd4+

More thematic is 24.f5! gxf5
25.Qf4 Bc6 26.Rxd6 Bxf3 27.gxf3
Rg6 with advantage for White.

24...Kg8 25.Bg4 f5 26.Bf3 Bc6
27.Bd5 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 Rc5 29.Qd2
Rc7 30.Re1 Rce7 31.Qd5 Kf7 32.Re3
Qc6 33.Rxe6 Rxe6 34.Qxc6 bxc6
35.Rd1 Ke7 36.Rd2 Re4 37.g3

Moving pawns unnecessarily isn't
often a good idea in Rook endings.
37.Kg3 is better.

37...Ke6 38.Kg2 d5 39.cxd5+ cxd5
40.Kf3 Kd6 41.g4 d4 42.a3? Re3+
43.Kf2 Kd5 44.gxf5 gxf5 45.h4 Ke4
46.b4 Kxf4?

Black misses an easy win with
46...Rf3+ 47.Ke1 Rxa3+
47.Rxd4+ Re4 1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

French C17

Ali Morshedi 2285

Thomas Crispin 2200

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (3)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5
5.Bd2 Ne7 6.dxc5 Nd7 7.Qg4 Bxc5
8.Nf3 a6N

An interesting innovation in a rela-
tively rare sideline.
9.Bd3

9.Na4!? Ba7 (9...Ng6 10.Nxc5
Nxc5 11.h4+/=) 10.Qxg7 Rg8 11.Qxh7
Qc7 and if 12.Bb4 Nxe5! 13.Bxe7
Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 Qe5+ 15.Be2 Rh8=
9...Ng6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Rfe1 Nc5
12.Bf1 b5

White's vigorous reaction makes
this thrust appear dubious.

13.b4! Nd7 14.Bd3 Nb6 15.a4! bxa4
16.Nxa4 0-0 17.Qh5 Nc4 18.Bg5 Bd7
19.Nc5 Qe8 20.Nxa6 Rc8 21.Bxe7
Qxe7 22.Nc5 Rc7 23.Ra6 Rb8
24.Ng5 h6



25.Ngxe6! Bxe6 26.Nxe6

Morshedi misses his chance to end
the game immediately with 26.Rxe6!!
fxe6 27.Qxg6 Rxc5 (forced: if
27...Rbc8 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Bg6 and
Black must pitch the Queen with
29...Qf7 to avoid mate) 28.Qh7+ Kf8
29.Bg6 Qc7 30.Qh8+ Ke7 31.Qxg7+
Kd8 32.Qf8+ Kd7 33.Qf7+ Kc8
34.Qxe6+ Qd7 35.Bf5 Qxe6 36.Bxe6+
with an easy endgame win.



26...Qxb4 27.Rf1 Re8??

Ending the game. The "obvious" 27...Re7 isn't really so obvious after 28.Bxg6 Qb5! 29.Nxg7! (29.Raaf fxe6 30.Bd3 Qe8) 29...Qxa6 30.Nf5 Rxe5 31.Bxf7+ Kh7 32.Bxd5! Qg6 (32...Rxd5?? 33.Qf7+ Kh8 34.Qg7#) 33.Qxg6+ Kxg6 34.g4! . OK, so everyone isn't a Kasparov or a Fritz 8.

28.Bxg6?

28.Nxc7! Rxe5 29.Bxg6! Rxb5 30.Ra8+ Qf8 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Bxb5 ends matters.

28...fxg6 29.Qxg6 Rce7 30.Nd4?

A time forfeit? 30.f4 Rb8 31.Qd3 keeps a huge advantage for White.; 30.Nd4 Nxe5 31.Nc6 Nxg6 32.Nxb4 Nf4 is about level.

1-0*Notes by Drew Sarkisian*

Sicilian Dragon B73
Michal Kujovic 2328
Ali Morshedi 2280
Texas State Chp. May 2004 (4)

The scoresheets for this game were quite confusing. On one of them, Kujovic was playing White, on the other, Black! I guessed Morshedi played Black due to the fact that he signed his name on the Black side of both scoresheets. Still, I could be wrong...

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Kh1 Bd7 10.f4 Rc8 11.Nxc6

Experience shows that 11.Nb3 is best here.

11...bxc6 12.Bxa7 c5 13.e5 Ne8 14.a4 Qa5 15.Nb5 Be6 16.Qe1 Qa6 17.Qh4 f6 18.a5 Bd7 19.Nxd6 Qxa7 20.Nxc8 Bxc8 21.Bc4+ Kh8 22.Bd3 Kg8 23.c3 Nc7 24.b4 cxb4 25.Bc4+ Kh8 26.cxb4 Qd4

Trying for a Queenside light-square blockade with 26...Qb8 runs into 27.b5! Nxb5 28.Rab1 Ba6 29.Qf2 fxe5 30.Bxb5 Bxb5 31.Qb2 exf4



(L-R) Class B Winners
 Daniel Nelson (2nd Place)
 & Anjali Datta (1st Place, Champion)

32.Qxb5 Qxb5 33.Rxb5+/-
27.Rac1 Bb7

**28.b5?!**

Overlooking Black's next. Trading Black's active Queen with 28.Qf2! appears to be quite strong: 28...Qxf2 (not 28...Qd8 29.Qa7 Bd5 30.Rfd1 e6 31.Bb3 and White mops up nicely) 29.Rxf2 fxe5 30.Rd2 exf4 31.Rd7 f3 32.Bf1! Be5 33.gxf3 Rxf3 34.Bg2 Bf4 35.a6 Bxa6 36.Bxf3 Bxc1 37.Rxc7 Bd2 38.Ra7 . The b-pawn will cost Black material.]

28...Nxb5 29.Qf2

29.Bxb5 Qd5 hits both b5 and threatens mate at g2.

29...Qxf2 30.Rxf2 Nd4 31.Rb2 Bc6 32.e6 Bh6 33.Rb6

Trying hard to win; White has faith in his passed a-pawn. Hunkering down with 33.Rf2 was also possible.

33...Bxf4 34.Rd1 Rd8 35.a6 Bc7 36.Rb2 Ba8 37.a7 Kg7 38.Ba6 Be5

Here's a weird possibility (explored with Fritz 8): 38...Nxe6!? 39.Rxd8 Nxd8 40.Rb8 Be4 41.Be2 Kh6 (the point of this move will be apparent shortly) 42.Bf3 Bxf3 43.gxf3 Nc6 (with the Black King on g7, White could play 44.Rg8+! Kxg8 45.a8Q+) 44.a8Q Nxb8 . One Black places his Bishop on d6, he should be able to build a fortress with the two minor pieces plus the two pawns.

39.Rb7 f5 40.Rc1?

40.Rxe7+ Kf6 41.Rd7 Re8 42.Bc4 Nxe6 43.Bxe6 Rxe6 44.Rd8 Be4 45.a8Q Bxa8 46.Rxa8 and Black likely holds. White's now heading for trouble...

40...Nxe6 41.Rb5

Last chance for 41.Rxe7+

41...Bd4?

Black's minors can make themselves felt with 41...Bf4 42.Ra1 Nd4! 43.Rbb1 Rd7 44.Bf1 Nc6 and the a-pawn falls after 45.Rb8 Nxb8 46.axb8Q Bxg2+ 47.Kxg2 Bxb8+ **42.Rc8??**



In complicated games, mistakes often come in bunches. White should have tried 42.Rb8 Bxa7 43.Rxd8 Nxd8 44.Rc8 Be4 45.Rxd8 Be

42...Rxc8?

Right idea, wrong move order. 42...Nf4! 43.h3 Rxc8 44.Bxc8 Bxg2+ 45.Kh2 Bxa7 46.Rb4 Be4 leaves Black with a winning ending.

43.Bxc8 Nf4?

Black can still keep a winning advantage with 43...Nc7 44.Ra5 e5 .

Now the game peters out to a draw.
 44.Bb7 Bxa7 45.Bxa8 Bd4 46.g3 Ne6
 47.Rb4 Bc5 48.Rc4 Bd6 49.Kg2 Kf6
 50.Ra4 g5 51.Bc6 Nc7 52.Bd7 Nd5
 53.Ra5 Ne3+ 54.Kf3 f4 55.h4 h6
 A tough battle!

1/2-1/2



(L-R) Amateur Championship
 David Phillips (2nd Place)
 Karl Disher (1st Place, Champion)

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24...f5

24...Qh6!?!/=+

25.Na4 Rc4

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Veresov D01

Karl Disher 1946

John Dotson 1800

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Nxe4
 dxe4 5.c3 Qd5 6.Bh4

I'm not certain the point of this
 move...the Bishop is now relegated to
 the sidelines for at least one more
 move. 6.Bf4 made more sense.

6...Bf5 7.e3 Nd7 8.Qa4 c6 9.c4 Nb6
 10.cxd5 Nxa4 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.b3
 Nc3 13.Ne2 Nd5 14.Rc1 Nb4 15.Nc3
 e6 16.Na4

16.f3 exf3 17.gxf3 Bd3 18.Kd2
 Bxf1 19.Rhxf1 is slightly better for
 White.

16...Nxa2 17.Rxc6 Bb4+ 18.Kd1 Ba5
 18...Ba3

19.Bb5 0-0 20.Ke2 Nb4 21.Rc5



21...Bb6

Or 21...Nd3 22.Bxd3 exd3+
 23.Kf3 Bb4 24.Rc4 a5 25.e4 Bg6
 26.Ke3 d2. Black's d2 pawn appears to
 be a thorn in White's side, but Black's
 Bishop on g6 is shut out of the game
 for the moment.

22.Rxf5 exf5 23.Be7 Rfc8??

Maybe Black overlooked White's
 26th move. 23...Ba5 24.Bxf8 Kxf8
 looks even.



24.Bxb4 Rc2+ 25.Bd2 Ba5 26.Rd1 a6
 27.Bc4 Kf8 28.Ke1 Bxd2+ 29.Rxd2
 Rc1+ 30.Rd1 Rc2 31.d5 Ke8 32.d6
 Ra7 33.Nc5 a5 34.g3

34.Bb5+ Kd8 35.Rd5! finishes
 things a bit more quickly. (35.Rd5 f6
 36.Ne6+ Kc8 37.d7+; 35.Rd5 g6
 36.Re5; 35.Rd5 Rxc5 36.Rxc5)
 34...g5 35.Rd5 f4 36.Rxg5 Kf8
 37.Ne6+

Flashy, but unnecessary. 37.Rf5 or
 37.d7 work just as well here.

37...fxe6 38.Bxe6 Rg7 39.Rxg7 Kxg7
 40.d7 f3 41.d8Q Re2+ 42.Kd1 Rxf2
 43.Qg5+ Kf8 44.Qf6+ Ke8 45.Qf7+

1-0

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Sicilian Dragon B78

Brandon Ware 1739

Paul Haney 1886

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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 Bd7
 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qd2 Nc6 10.0-0 Ne5
 11.Bb3 Rc8 12.g4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Rxc4
 14.Rdgl

14.h4 is most common, and
 14.Kb1 is also played, both with good
 results. White starts to mix up plans
 over the next few moves.

14...Qa5 15.h4 Rfc8 16.Nb3 Qa6
 17.Bd4?! [17.h5] 17...b5 18.a3 e5
 19.Be3 Be6 20.Qd3?



20.Kb1!?
 20...Rxc3! 21.bxc3 Bc4 22.Qd1

Or 22.Qd2 Qxa3+ 23.Kd1 d5 and Black's initiative endures.

22...Qxa3+ 23.Kd2 d5 24.Qa1

Forcing the Black Queen to a better square, but White's toast anyway after 24.g5 dxe4 25.gxf6 Rd8+ 26.Nd4 exd4 27.cxd4 Bh6!

24...Qd6 25.Rd1 Bxb3 26.cxb3 dxe4+ 27.Kc2 Qc6 28.fxe4

28.Qa5 Bf8 29.g5 Nd5 30.Rxd5 Qxd5+

28...Nxb4 29.Rhe1 Qxe4+ 30.Rd3 Qg2+ 31.Rd2 Qf3 32.Qxa7 e4 33.Bd4 e3 34.Rde2 Qe4+

Driving the King to a better square. 34...Ra8 first was more accurate.

35.Kb2 Ra8 36.Qc5 Bf8 0-1

Notes by NM Mark Dejmek

English A31

Deepyaman Datta 2048

Mark Dejmek 2117

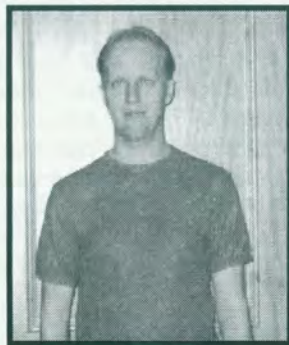
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d5

This is quite an interesting gambit. Unlike many other gambits for Black, it is not so easy for White to just return the material and gain an edge. Often Black gets his pawn back and keeps his "compensation."

6.cxd5 Bc5

6...Bb4+ is also quite good. Keene indicates that the fact that Black has



Imre Janko

Class D - 2nd Place Winner

two good choices here "suggests that his opening has already been a success."

7.e3 0-0 8.N5c3 e4 9.a3 a5 10.Bb5

I believe this is White's first inaccuracy. White has some light-square issues, so it might make more sense for the bishop to stay closer to home, say on e2.

10...Qe7 11.Nd2 Rd8 12.Qa4 Bf5 13.Nb3

13.b4? runs into trouble after **13...axb4! 14.Qxa8 bxc3 15.Nb3 Na6+**

13...Nbd7 14.Nd4 Bg6 15.Bxd7

The bishop will be sorely missed.

15...Nxd7!

Other recaptures ensure that Black can win back the d5 pawn, but Black chooses instead to activate his pieces for an attack on the White king.

16.Nde2 Bd6

The immediate threat is ...Nc5-d3+.

17.0-0 Nc5 18.Qd1 Bh5 19.Qc2 Ra6!

One more piece joins in the assault. Now ideas like ... Bxb2+ are definitely in the air.

20.h3 Qh4 21.Nb5!?

Moving a piece farther away from the kingside seems like the wrong idea, but the move is not so easy to refute.

21...Be5 22.Nf4



22...Bf3!!

Black leaves the c5 knight hanging and puts another piece en prise. As Tal used to say, "They can only take one at a time!"

23.g3

On 23.gxf3 I had intended 23...Rh6 which does indeed win, but much simpler is 23...Bxf4 e.g., 24.exf4 Qxh3 25.f5 exf3+. The only try to keep the game going is 23.d6!, locking the a6 rook out of the kingside. But after 23...Ne6 Black still retains a strong initiative.

23...Bxf4!

Lights out! Taking the queen leads to mate on the move with 24...Rg6+, and 24.Kh2 runs into 24... Qxh3+ 25.Kxh3 Rh6#.

0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

QGD D30

Nich Schoonmaker 2220

Michal Kujovic 2328

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nbd2 f5

Black seems to score well in this variation.

6.b3 Nd7 7.Qc2 Qf6 8.Bb2 Ne7 9.Bd3 b6 10.a3 Bb7 11.b4 g5 12.0-0 g4 13.Ng1 a5



14.c5 bxc5 15.bxc5 Bc7 16.f3 gxf3 17.gxf3 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.f4 0-0 20.Ng3 Rb8 21.Rhg1+ Kh8 22.Rg3 Ra7 23.Rd1 Rab7 24.Bc3 Ng6

If I read the scoresheet correctly, Black offered a draw here.

25.Ne5

White declines the offer, and burns 27 minutes on his clock.

25...Ndxе5

Black returns the compliment, taking 25 minutes for this move.

26.fxe5 Qf7 27.Qd1 f4 28.Rf3 Qf5 29.Qc2 Qxc2+ [29...Qh5=] 30.Kxc2 fxe3 31.Rxc3 a4 32.Bb4 Bd8 33.Rf3 Be7 34.Nf1 Nh4 35.Rf7 Nf5 36.Kd3



36...Rxb4 37.axb4 Rxb4 38.Rxf5

White can settle for a draw with 38.Ne3 Rxd4+ 39.Kc3 Bxc5 40.Rc7 Bb4+ 41.Kb2 Rd2+ 42.Kc1 h5 43.Rc8+ with perpetual check.

38...exf5 39.Ne3 a3?

Looks like a time pressure mistake. 39...Rb3+! 40.Ke2 Rb2+ 41.Kf3 Rb3 42.Kf4 Rb4 43.Nxf5 Bxc5 and it appears White has nothing better than 44.Ke3. Now White is winning.

40.Nxf5 Bg5

40...Rb3+ 41.Kd2 Rb2+ 42.Ke3 41.Rxg5 h6

Only now does Black notice 41...a2?? 42.Nh6 and Black cannot avoid mate by Rg8 or Nf7.

42.Rg1 Rb3+ 43.Kc2 Rb2+ 44.Kc3

1-0



(L-R) Amon Simutowe, 3rd Place; John Wilson 1st Place, Expert; and Mark Dejmek, 2nd Place Co-Champion, Expert

Sicilian B53

Karl Disher 1946
David Phillips 1994

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (5)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 a6 5.Bg5 Nc6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Nc3 Ng4 9.Nd5 Nxe3 10.Qxe3 Qa5+ 11.c3 e6 12.Nb6 Rb8 13.Be2 Be7 14.0-0 Qc5



15.Qxc5 dxc5 16.e5 Bd8 17.Nc4 Be7 18.Rad1 Ke7 1/2-1/2

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Indian Defense A45

John Wilson 2176
Bradley Sawyer 2044

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (5)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nd2 d5 4.c3 b6 5.e3 Bb7 6.f4 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Ngf3 Ne9 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.0-0 h6 11.Ne5 g5?



11...a6
12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Bb5 0-0-0
13...Bc8 14.fxg5 and f7 falls.

14.Bxd7+ Rxd7 15.Nxd7 Kxd7 16.f5 Kc8 17.Qe2 Kb8 18.b3 Rf8 19.f6 Qd7 20.c4 Rg8 21.Qg4 Qd8 22.Qg3 g4 23.Qh4 Rg6 24.Rad1 Qh8 25.Qh5 Qh7 26.Qb5 h5 27.Qd7 h4

27...Bc8 28.Qe7 Qh6 29.Rf4 g3 30.h3 28.d5 Bc8 29.Qe7 Qh6 30.Rf4 g3 31.h3 Qh5 32.Rd2 e5 33.d6 cxd6 34.Qxd6+ Kb7 35.Qd5+ 1-0

Ruy Lopez C67

David Phillips 1994
Fergal McArdle 1805

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (6)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.dxe5 Nf5 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Ne2 h6 11.b3 Be6 12.Rd1+ Ke8 13.Nf4 Bc3 14.Rb1 Bb4 15.Bb2 Bd7 16.c3 Be7 17.Re1 Rd8 18.Rbd1 Bc8 19.c4 Bb4 20.Rxd8+ Kxd8 21.Rd1+ Ke8 22.Kf1 Be7 23.Re1 Kf8 24.h3 Nh4 25.Nxh4 Bxh4



26.g4 Bg5 27.Nh5 Rg8 28.f4 Be7 29.Rd1 g6? 30.Nf6 Bxf6? 31.exf6 Ke8 32.Be5 h5 33.Bxc7 Bd7 34.Re1+ Be6 35.f5 hxg4 36.fxe6 fxe6 37.hxg4 Kf7 38.Be5 Rd8 39.Ke2 b5 40.Rd1 Rh8 41.Rd7+ Ke8 42.Rxa7 g5 43.f7+

1-0



Sicilian Dragon B78

Jeffrey Sneden 1761

Neph Diaz 1638

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (6)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0
8.f3 Nc6 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8



11.g4?? [11.Bb3; 11.Nxc6] 11...Nxd4
12.Bxf7+ Rxf7 13.Bxd4 Qa5 14.h4 b5
15.a3 Rc4 16.e5 Rxd4 17.Qxd4 Nxd4
18.fxg4 Bxe5 19.Qb4 Qb6 20.Nd5
Qf2 21.Qe1 Qc5 22.Rf1 e6 23.Rxf7
Kxf7 24.Nb4 Qc4 25.Nd3 Bd4
26.Qb4 Qxb4 27.Nxb4 e5 28.g5 a5
29.Nd5 Bc6 30.c3 Bxd5 31.cxd4 Bf3
32.Rd3 e4 33.Rb3 Be2 34.Kd2 Bc4
35.Rc3 Ke6 36.b3 Bd3 37.Rc7 Kd5
38.Kc3 b4+ 39.axb4 axb4+ 40.Kd2
Kxd4 41.Re7 Bb1 42.Rxh7 e3+
43.Kc1 Bd3 44.h5 Kc3 45.h6 Be4
46.Re7 d5 47.Kd1 Bc2+ 48.Ke1 d4
49.h7 Bxb3 50.h8Q Bc4 51.Rxe3+
Bd3 52.Qc8+ Kb2 53.Rxd3 b3
54.Qc4 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon B34

Steven Villareal 1854

Daniel Nelson 1765

Texas State Chp. May 2004 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 g6 4.d4
cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nxc6
bxc6 8.e5 Ng8 9.f4 d5 10.Qf3 Nh6

11.h3 0-0 12.g4 Rb8 13.0-0-0 Qa5
14.Rd4? c5 15.Ra4

Better is the bizarre-looking
15.Rxd5 Bb7 16.Qd1 Rfd8 17.Bc4
Bxd5 18.Nxd5 e6 19.Ne7+ Kh8
(19...Kf8? 20.Nc6 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1
Qb6 22.Nxb8 Qxb8 23.Bxc5+ Kg8
24.Be7+/-) 20.Qe1 Qc7 21.g5 Qxe7
22.gxh6 Bxh6
15...Qb6



16.Bb5 d4 0-1

Notes by NM Mark Dejmek

Sicilian Sozju-Benko B57

Mark Dejmek 2117

Amon Simutowe 2452

Tx. State Amateur Chp. May 2004 (7)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bc4 Qb6 7.Ndb5 a6
8.Be3 Qa5 9.Nd4 Nxe4?!
This may be playable, but it is certainly very risky for Black and I was surprised to see it here.
10.Qf3 f5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.0-0-0
Qb4?

Black clearly overlooked White's next.
13.Rd4 Qa5 14.Nxe4 fxe4 15.Bf7+

A tough decision. I spent a long time looking at 15.Qf7+ Kd8 16.Rhd1 Bd7 17.Be6 Bxe6 18.Qxe6 when White is better, but no knock-out punch is in sight. Still, this may have been a better way to go.

15...Kd8 16.Qxe4 Bd7 17.Ra4

There were a lot of choices here, including 17.Rhd1, 17.Bd2, and

17.Be6. White opts to try to convert his edge in an ending.

17...Qf5 18.Qxf5 Bxf5 19.Bc4 Bc8

White is clearly in control here, but converting the full point is no easy task.

20.Rd1 Kc7 21.Be2 g6 22.Rd3 e5
23.Rb3 d5 24.Bb6+ Kd6 25.Ra5 h5
26.Bc5+?!

White should probably sit on the position here, with something like 26.h3 or 26.Kd1.

26...Kc7 27.Bxf8?!

Better is 27.Bb6+ with the idea Kd7?! 28.c4 Bb7 29.f4 Bd6 30.Bc5±
27...Rxf8 28.f3 g5 29.Ra4 g4 30.Rba3
gxf3 31.Rxf3 Rxf3?!

After 31...Rg8 White's edge has pretty well disappeared.

32.Bxf3 e4 33.Bxh5 Bb7!

The bishop will do a good job of supporting the center pawn roller from here.

34.Ra3 Rf8 35.Rg3 Rf2 36.Bg6 e5
37.h4 d4 38.h5 e3

A better route to equality may be 38...Rf1+ 39.Kd2 e3+ 40.Ke2 Rf2+ 41.Ke1 Bxg2=

39.Bd3 Be4

The last several moves were played in a mild time scramble. At this point, I thought I'd botched it, but with a minute left on my clock, I found the only saving move.

40.Kd1! Bxg2

Now with some time to look at the position, I was amazed to see that White is still calling the shots here.

41.h6 Bd5?!

A more active defense was 41...Bf1 A) 42.h7 Bxd3 43.cxd3 (43.h8Q?? Rf1#) 43...Rh2=/+; B) 42.Rg7+ Kd6 43.Rg6+ B1) 43...Ke5? 44.h7 Rh2 (44...Bxd3 45.h8Q+) 45.Bxf1 Rxh7 46.Rc6+; B2) 43...Ke7! 44.h7 Bxd3 45.cxd3 Rh2 46.Rxa6 Rh1+ 47.Ke2 Rh2+ 48.Ke1 Rh1+ 49.Ke2=

42.Rh3!

42.h7 allows Black to get the rook behind the h-pawn, since 42...Rh2

43.Rg8?? fails to 43...Bf3+ 44.Ke1 Rh1+ 45.Bf1 e2+

42...Rf8

Black had a crazy alternative in 42...c4 e.g., 43.h7 cxd3 44.cxd3 Bf3+ 45.Rxf3 Rh2 46.Rf7+ Kd6 47.Ra7 Rh1+ 48.Ke2 Rh2+ 49.Kf3 e2 50.Rxa6+ Kd5 51.Ra5+ Ke6 52.h8Q e1N+! (52...Rxb8 53.Kxe2 Rh2+ 54.Kf3+-) 53.Ke4 Rxb8 54.Ra6+ Kd7 55.Kxd4+/-

43.h7 Rh8

I thought the ending would win itself here, but they never do.

44.b3?

I thought I could win the a-pawn at my leisure and that stopping c4 was the first priority. Much better was 44.Bxa6 Kd6 (44...c4 45.Ke2 Be4 46.Rh4±) 45.Ke2±

44...a5 45.Rh6 a4!

I just overlooked this move.

46.Ke2 axb3 47.cxb3?

But it is only here that White throws away the win for good. After 47.axb3 White still has chances for the win. The idea is to bust Black with a timely b3-b4, and then win with the h-pawn, e.g., 47...Kd7 (47...Bf7 48.b4 c4 49.Bf5+-) 48.b4 c4 49.Bf5+ Ke7 50.c3+-

47...Kd7 48.Rh5 Kd6 49.Rh6+ Ke5 50.Rh5+ Kd6 51.Rh6+ Ke7?

I had already decided on the draw here, but really Black should have paid for this bit of tomfoolery. After 52.Bf5! Black is in a virtual zugzwang. A likely outcome is that he will be forced to defend the notorious R vs. R+B ending. For example, 52...c4 53.Rh4 cxb3 54.axb3 Bxb3 55.Rxd4 Kf6 56.Be4 Be6 57.Bd3 Bf5 58.Rf4 Rxb7 59.Rxf5+ Ke6 60.Ra5 Rh4 61.Kxe3.

52.Rh5 Ke6 53.Rh6+ 1/2-1/2*King's Indian E91***Mark McCue 1859****Gary Carlson 1641***Texas State Chp. May 2004 (7)*

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Na6 8.d5 e6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bf4 exd5 11.cxd5 Nc7 12.Nd2 b6 13.Nc4 Nfe8 14.a4 Ba6 15.Qd2 g5 16.Bg3 b5 17.axb5 Bxb5

**18.Nxd6?**

18.Nxb5 Nxb5 19.Ra6 gives White a monstrous Queenside bind.

18...Bxe2 19.Nxe8 Bxc3?

19...Rxe8 20.Bxc7 Qxc7 21.Qxe2

20.bxc3 Nxd5 21.Rfe1

21.Nc7! Nxc7 (the hairy 21...Nf4 22.Bxf4 Bxf1 23.Nxa8 gxf4 24.Qxf4 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 Qxa8 26.Rg1 Qc6 27.Kf3+ Kh8 28.Qe5+ f6 29.Qe7 Rg8 30.Rxg8+ Kxg8 31.Qxa7 produces a tough Queen ending for Black) 22.Qxe2 Ne6 23.Rfd1 and White's got the better game.

21...Bh5? [21...Rxe8] 22.exd5 Rxe8

23.d6 Qb6 24.c4 f5 25.Qd5+ Bf7

26.Qxf5 Qb4 27.Red1 Qb7 28.d7

Red8 29.Be5 Qc6 30.Rd6 Kf8

31.Rxc6

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Texas - Oklahoma Match

by Jim Hollingsworth

With 38 players, this is the Watauga Chess Club's largest tournament to date (excluding the 2004 Region 2 Championships). I enjoyed being the head tournament director because I got to watch some very good games by all the players. I also enjoyed the opportunity to visit with old friends like Tom Nichols, Gene Norman, Teddy Neighbors, and Bruce Wells.

Texas never trailed in the match. Although Oklahoma was outgunned on every board (rating-wise), they played like warriors and kept the match close in the first round. The last game played before the break was a tremendous battle between Frank Berry and Carmen Chairez. Frank had battled back and appeared to have a winning position. If he had been successful the match would have been tied at the break (just like last year). That had to be Round One's most exciting game.

In Round Two, a stunning and quick upset by Carl Latino over Aurelio Gonzalez the Tarrant County (Texas) Champion narrowed the score to 7-6. At that point, the Texans seemed to rally and scored nine of the remaining eleven points. By prior agreement, Texas only needed a tie (12 points) to retain the bragging rights and the new traveling trophy. The final 16 to 8 score is pretty decisive but does not reflect the fighting spirit of our friends from up north.

We have to give credit and special thanks to Omar Montemayor. He approached me personally during last year's match and offered to sponsor the 2004 rematch. Omar and the Wichita Falls Chess Club proved to be a wonderful hosts and great ambassadors for chess. Omar served very capably as the Assistant Director and donated the new traveling trophy that was published on our club's web site a few weeks ago. Omar and his club members made sure every possible need for the players was met. "Met" is an understatement. The location was outstanding, the free lunch of sandwiches and pizza was superb, and the hospitality of all the Wichita Falls Chess Club members was marvelous. I personally heard many laudatory comments from the players about Omar Montemayor and all his club members.

Thanks also go to Professor Carl Latino who traveled all the way from Stillwater to demonstrate the Chess Valet sensory chessboard and set. His invention generated a lot of interest among the Texas players. In addition to being an accomplished engineer and inventor, Professor Latino proved to all he can play outstanding chess. He was the only Oklahoma player to score a perfect 2-0 score in the match.

I want to mention and thank several others who con-

tributed towards making this historic match possible and enjoyable for all:

Frank Berry, who plays well and has a way of motivating procrastinators like me to get all the games ready.

Tom Nichols for being a true sportsman and Oklahoma's Captain for two years in a row.

Tom Crane, Captain of the Texas team and outstanding recruiter of chess talent.

Tom Kusnierz, best web master in all of chess for advertising the match.

The appeals committee: Tom Kusnierz (again), Frank Berry (again), Alex Relyea, and Tom Mc Caslin.

Life Master Nicholas Schoonmaker, Kevin Fleming, Julie O'Neill, Aubrey Rodgers, and Carl Latino (all 2-0).

The Texas B and C teams who were all ready to play against Oklahoma if needed.

All 38 players of this wonderful tournament.

And finally, Harold Ball for helping make all of Oklahoma aware of this historic rematch.

Alex Relyea, both team captains, and I are working on the details for next year's Red River Shootout at the University of Oklahoma. Rumor has it I may get to play in this one because I won't have to direct. Texas is going for a "Three-Peat" on that one. I wonder if Oklahoma will have anything to say about that? Enjoy the games! -- Jim Hollingsworth --

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

King's GambitC31

Falkbeer Counter

Thomas Nichols 2001

Nich Schoonmaker 2220

TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.1)

Wichita Falls, TX

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 c6 4.Nc3 exf4
5.Qe2+**

I don't like this move; the Queen interferes with the development of White's Kingside. More to the point is 5.Nf3 cxd5 6.d4 Bd6 7.Nxd5 Qa5+ 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Qe2+ Kd8 11.0-0 Re8 12.Ne5 Bxe5 13.dxe5 Nc6 14.Bxf4 with advantage to White in



7...cxd5!?

7...0-0. Black doesn't fear a potential Knight invasion at c7 due to the clumsy placement of the Queen on the e-file.
8.Nb5?! 0-0 9.Nc7 Bd6



10.Nxa8?

Falling for it. Discretion (read: bailing out) with 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.Nb5 was the better part of valor. Now White gets steamrolled.

10...Bxf4 11.Nf3 Re8 12.Ne5 Nc6 13.Qf2 Nxe5 14.Be2

Not 14.Qxf4 Nd3+ double-check, winning the White Queen.; 14.dxe5 Rxe5+ doesn't last for long either.

14...Ng6

Sufficient, but flashier was 14...Bd2+ 15.Kf1 Ne4 winning the Queen.

15.Kd1 Ng4 White resigned. 0-1

Benko Gambit A57

Kevin Fleming 2128

Leonid Sukharnikov 1988

TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.2)

Wichita Falls, TX

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.Nc3 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.bxa6 Qa5 10.Bd2 0-0 11.Be2 Bxa6 12.0-0 Rfb8 13.Rb1 Ne8 14.a3 c4?!

Thematic, but too ambitious, due to the discovered attack on the Black Queen after White's next move.

15.Na4! Qc7 16.Bb4 Bb5? 17.Nc3 Qb6+ 18.Kh1 Nc7 19.Nxb5 Qxb5 20.Nd4 Bxd4?

Black doesn't want to let the Knight reach c6; unfortunately, in trying to bolster the Queenside, he fatally weakens the Kingside.

21.Qxd4 Nb6 22.f5

Going after the weakened Kingside. Also strong was the greedy 22.b3

22...Na6 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Bc3 f6



25.Rxf6! exf6

25...e5 26.dxe6 Qe5 27.Qe3 loses massive material.

26.Qxf6 Ra7 27.Qxg6+ Kf8 28.Rf1+ It's mate in four. 1-0

Pirc Defense B07

Kent Gordon 1975

Joe Dean Veal 1952

TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.3)

Wichita Falls, TX

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 Nbd7 4.Nh3 e5 5.d5 g6N 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Nf2 a5 9.Nc3 Ne5 10.0-0 b6 11.g4 a4 12.Bg5 Ba6 13.h4 Bxf1 14.Rdxf1 b5 15.Nxb5 Qb8 16.c4 Nfd7 17.Na3 Rc8 18.Nd3 c6



19.Nb4??

Hanging a piece. 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.dxc6

19...Qxb4! 20.Qxb4 Nd3+ 21.Kb1 Nxb4 22.Rc1 exd5 23.exd5 Nc5 24.Rc3 Rcb8 25.Rd1 f6 26.Be3 Nba6 27.Nc4 Bf8 28.Na5 Rb5 29.Nc6 Kf7 30.a3 Be7 31.Rd2 Bd8 32.Rc4 Bb6 33.Rh2 Nd7 34.Bd2 Nac5 35.h5 g5 36.Bb4 Nb8 37.Nxb8 Rxb8 38.Bxc5 Bxc5 39.Rxa4 Rb3

Draw? Black wins this easily. Time trouble, perhaps?

1/2-1/2



5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 0-0



7.d4

RR 7.d3 c6 8.a4 (RR 8.fxe5 Nxe5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.Kh1 b5 11.Bb3 Qd6 12.Be3 Ng4 13.Bg1 Qh6 14.Qf3 Bc5 15.Qg3 Bxg1 16.Kxg1 a5 17.a4 b4 18.Nd1 Qg6 19.Rf3 Nf6 20.Qxe5 Bg4 21.Rf1 Be2 22.Re1 Rae8 Asauskas,H-Mensch,E/Budapest HUN 2002/The Week in Chess 383/1-0 (52)) 8...exf4 9.d4 d5 10.exd5 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nbx5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.Ne5 Be6 14.c3 f6 15.Nd3 g5 16.h4 Qd7 17.hxg5 fxe5 18.Ne5 Qd6 19.Qh5 Kg7 20.Bc2 Bf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 Kotic,D-Drasko,M/Banja Vrucica 1991/EXT 97/1-0 (58) 7...exd4



8.Qxd4N

RR 8.Nxd4 c6 (RR 8...Re8 9.Qf3 c6 10.Be3 Bf8 11.Rae1 Nc5 12.Bf2 Ng4 13.b4 Nxf2 14.bxc5 Ng4 15.h3 dxc5 16.Nde2 Nf6 17.e5 Nd7 18.Rd1 Qe7 19.Ne4 Nb6 20.Nd6 Nxc4 21.Nxc4 Qe6 22.Qc3 b6 23.f5

Relange,E-Peyrat,O/FRA 1990/EXT 2000/1-0 (37)) 9.Be2 Re8 10.Bf3 Bf8 11.Kh1 Nc5 12.Re1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nfd7 14.Be3 a5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5 16.a4 Bd7 17.Bf2 Rad8 18.Qd2 Bc8 19.Rad1 g6 20.Bh4 Be7 21.Qf2 Qb6 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 Soban,J-Friml,A/Olomouc 1999/EXT 2000/0-1 (63)

8...Nb6?

8...d5 wins outright

9.Be3 Ng4=+ 10.Bb3 c5 11.Qd2 c4 12.Ba4 Nxa4 13.Nxa4 Nf6 14.Nc3+= Be6 15.Rad1 Qa5



16.Nd5!

"A Michael Brooks type move"

16...Nxd5?!

16...Qd8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 (17...gxf6 18.f5 Bd7 19.Qd4+-) 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Bxb2 20.f5 Bc8 21.Bd4

17.Qxa5 Nxe3 18.Qc7+- Bd8 19.Qxb7 Bb6 20.Nd4

>=20.Rxd6

20...Rab8 21.Qa6 Nxc2+= 22.f5 Bd7 23.Qxc4 [23.Kh1] 23...Rfc8 24.Qd5 Ne3

24...Bb5 25.f6 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Qxd4 Bxf1 28.Kxf1 Rc1+= 25.Qxd6+- Rd8 26.Qf4 [26.Qg3=]

26...Nc2 27.Kh1 Nxd4 28.f6! Ne6 29.Qg3 Bc7 30.Qh4

30.Qc3 Bb5 31.Rfe1; 30.Qf2 g6 31.b3

30...Be5 31.fxe7 Bxe7 32.Qe7 Be8 33.Qxa7 Rxd1 34.Rxd1 Rxb2 35.a4 Kf8 36.a5 Bd4 37.Qa8 Nc7 38.Qd8 Nb5 39.h4 Be5 40.a6 Ra2

(see diagram, top of next col.)

Pirc Defense B09
Aurelio Gonzalez 1971
Carl Latino 1845
TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.4)
Wichita Falls, TX

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.h3 Nh5



6.Bc4N

Hmmm. 6.Nge2 e5 7.Be3 exf4 8.Bf2 Nc6 9.Nd5 Ng3 10.Bxg3 fxe3 11.Qd3 Be6 12.Ndf4 Qf6 13.c3 0-0 was fight in Schaffranietz-Tuerschmann, Bayern 1998. White's big mistake comes on the next move.

6...e5 7.dxe5?? Qh4+ 8.Kd2 Qxf4+ 9.Kd3 Qxe5 10.Nge2 Nc6 11.Be3 Qa5 12.Kd2 Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 Ne5 14.Bb3 [14.Bd3] 14...Ng3 15.Re1 Nxe4+ 16.Kc1 Nxc3 17.bxc3 Be6 18.Kb2 0-0-0 19.Bd4 Rhe8 20.Qe2 Bd5 21.Qf1 f5 22.c4 Nxc4+!

The Queen is overloaded after 22...Nxc4+ 23.Bxc4 Bxc4 24.Qxc4 (24.Qf3 Qb4+) 24...Rxe1+

0-1

Notes by Frank Berry

Pirc Defense B07
Frank Berry 1692
Carmen Chairez 1784
TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.7)
Wichita Falls, TX

1.e4 d6 2.f4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7

after 40.a6 Ra2



41.Qd5(+)

+ - but with both in time pressure White later blundered a winning position.

41...Nc3 42.Qc5+ Kg8 43.Rf1 f6 44.a7

Jim Hollingsworth: This was the most exciting game of Round One. All other boards had finished and White was mopping up his opponent. A win here would have tied the match. But there was very little time remaining. A finger slip forced White's king to move the only legal square allowing Black to win the Queen with a knight fork.

0-1

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Sicilian Rossolimo B30

James Starkey 1758

Earl Norman 1506

TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.9)

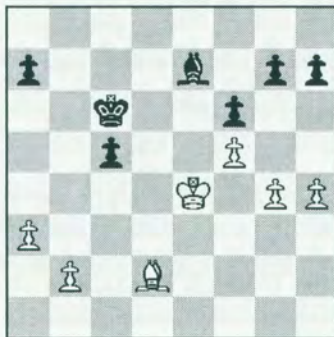
Wichita Falls, TX

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.exd5 Qxd5 7.dxe5?!

White can transpose into the Tchigorin Defense to the Queen's Gambit with 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 e4 10.Ne5

7...Qxd1+ 8.Kxd1 Bg4 9.Nc3 Nxe5 10.Bb5+ Nc6 11.Re1+ Be7 12.Ke2 0-0 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 Kb7 15.h3 Bxf3+ 16.Kxf3 Nf6 17.Rad1 Bb4 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1 20.Nxd1 Nd5 21.a3 Bd6 22.Bd4 f6 23.Ne3 Nxe3 24.Kxe3 c5 25.Bc3 Kb6 26.f4 Kb5

27.Ke4 Kc6 28.g4 Kd7 29.f5 Kc6 30.h4 Be7 31.Bd2



31...g6?

Black loses his way. 31...Bd6 32.g5 Bg3 33.h5 fxg5 34.Bxg5 Kd6 should be fine.

32.fxg6 hxg6 33.h5 gxh5 34.gxh5 Kd6 35.h6 Ke6 36.h7 f5+ 37.Kf3 Bf6 38.Bc3 Black resigned. 1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian

Philador's Defense C41

Julie O'Neill 1674

Nita Patel 1410

TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (1.11)

Wichita Falls, TX

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.f3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Qe2 Ne5 12.Bb3 Nfd7 13.0-0 Bxh4 14.f4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.f5 Bh7 17.Kb1 Bf6 18.g5 Bxc3 19.Qc4



19...Qe7 20.Qxc3 Qxe4 21.Qxg7 0-0-0

22.Qc3 Nb6?

22...hxg5=

23.Bxb6 axb6



24.Rhe1 Qxf5 25.Qxc6 Qa5 26.Re7 Qa7 27.Rd4 Qb7 28.Qxb7+ Kxb7 29.Bd5+ Kb8

The only move to keep playing was 29...Ka6, but Black is quite lost in any case.

30.Ra4

1-0

Notes by Drew Sarkisian and Jim Hollingsworth

Closed Sicilian B23

Nich Schoonmaker 2220

Thomas Nichols 2001

TX vs. OK Apr. 25, 2004 (2.1)

Wichita Falls, TX

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bc4 Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.f5 gxf5 9.Qe1 fxe4

An odd game: 9...e6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Ne7 12.Kh1 f4 13.e5 Ng4 14.g3 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5 16.gxf4 b5 17.Rg1 Bb7+ 18.Ne4 Kh8 1/2-1/2 Khalifman-Kuczynski, Germany 1993

10.dxe4 Bg4 11.Qh4

(see diagram, top of next page)

11...Bh5

A new move. Hodgson-Nunn, London 1978 continued 11...Bxf3 12.Rxf3 Ne5 13.Rh3 Ng6 14.Qg3 Qd7 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 e6 17.Bb3 d5 18.Qf3 c4 but White somehow generated some cheese with 19.Ba4 Qxa4 20.Qh5 Rfd8 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 22.Bh6



Bxh6 23.Rxh6 Ke8 24.Rf1 Rd7
 25.Qg8+ Nf8 26.Rxe6+! Kd8 27.Qxf8+
 Kc7 28.Qc5+ Kd8 29.Rh6 1-0
 12.Bg5 Bg6 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.Nd5
 Nxd5 15.exd5 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5
 17.Bxe7 Rfe8 18.Bf6 Bxc2 19.Bd3!
 Bxf6



20.Rxf6

Giving Black a defensive possibility. 20.Qxh7+! Kf8 21.Rxf6 leaves Black in the lurch: 21...Bxd1 (21...Bxd3 22.Qh8+ Ke7 23.Re1+ Be4 24.Rxe4+ Kd7 25.Rxf7+ mates) 22.Bg6+-
 20...Bxd1?

20...Bxd3! 21.Rxd3 Qe7 22.Qg5+ Kh8 23.Rh3 Qe1+ 24.Rf1 Qe7 25.Qf5 f6 26.Qxf6+ Qxf6 27.Rxf6 is still better for White, but there's some chess to be played.

21.Qh6

Again, 21.Qxh7+ Kf8 22.Bg6 does the trick.

21...Re1+ 22.Kf2 Re2+ 23.Kf1 Bc2

24.Qxh7+ Kf8 25.Qh6+ Ke7



26.Bxe2 Rg8 27.Bh5 Bd3+ 28.Kf2 Bg6
 29.Rxg6 Rxg6 30.Bxg6 fxg6 31.Qxg6
 Qb6 32.Qe6+ Kf8 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.h4
 c4+ 35.Kg3 Qc7 36.h5 b5 37.Kf3 b4
 38.Ke2 a5 39.h6 c3 40.bxc3 bxc3
 41.Qg7+

Black resigned.

1-0

SHORT NEWS:

Fischer being held in Japan. Fischer was detained by immigration authorities in Japan on July 16th. Fischer, 61, is wanted in the US for his involvement in his 1992 rematch with Boris Spasky in Yugoslavia. Fischer's involvement was in violation of international sanctions imposed during the Balkan wars.

Texas has a new National Master. My name is Alex Chua. I am sixteen years old and will be a junior at Plano Senior High this year. I started playing chess at nine when I attended an after school chess program run by the late Steven Grubbs. At the time, Steven Grubbs was a member of the UTD chess team. Helen Jamison's children were also members of the

chess program. Helen Jamison encouraged me to participate in many chess competitions, join the Dallas Chess Club, and to start chess lessons with Steven Grubbs. I became a regular at the Dallas Chess Club, attending tournaments virtually every Friday and Saturday for several years. With the help of Luis Salinas, the members of the Dallas Chess Club, and eventually intensive training with FM Igor Shtern I have recently become a National Master and have won many tournaments including the 2002 U.S. Junior Open, where I received a four year scholarship to UTD, the 2003 and 2004 Texas State High School Championships, and the Watauga Many Springs Open #20.

[President's note: Alex attended the 2003 USCF Cadet which is a national, by invitation only event offered to the eight highest rated players in the country who were younger than age 16 as of January 1st. He was Texas's representative to the 2003 USCF Denker Tournament of State High School Championship. Alex has been invited to the 2004 Cadet and 2004 Denker. Earning a USCF National Master title while in High School is a rare achievement for Texas students. Prior to Alex the last players to do so were David John at the age 15 in 1997, and Igor Shtern in the early 1980's. --GJ]



Wautauga Many Springs Open

by Tom Kusnierz

The Watauga Chess Club held its 5th Quad tournament on May 1, 2005. A total of 19 players participated in 3 quads and a swiss section. The tournament was directed by yours truly, Tom Kusnierz. The tournament featured balanced sections throughout which produced hard fought games in each round. It was exciting to see so many new and beginning players in the lower sections. Their participation is a hopeful sign of continued growth in our overall player base.

Each tournament that I've directed has had its moment of controversy and this one was no exception. In round 1 in a quad 2 game between Stephanie Ballom (1678) and Don Dugan (1163), Dugan was up the exchange in the end game

when he moved his rook but mistakenly placed it on the wrong square. Instead of an obvious move to attack a pawn he inexplicably placed it diagonally opposite of the pawn. Dugan immediately recognized his misplacement after removing his hand from the rook and pushed it forward one square. Ballom called him on the "touch move" rule. I happened to be walking by at the time and witnessed the play. It broke my heart to rule against Dugan as he was on the verge of an upset, but the rules are the rules! As a result, Ballom immediately captured Dugan's rook and proceeded to easily win the game.

Many Springs Quad #5: Quad 1

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rtng</i>	<i>Rd 1</i>	<i>Rd 2</i>	<i>Rd 3</i>	<i>Tot</i>
Peter Yeh	2064	W2	D4	D3	2.0
Mark O. Gracey	1847	L1	W3	W4	2.0
Kent S. Gordon	1975	W4	L2	D1	1.5
Aurelio Gonzalez	1971	L3	D1	L2	0.5

Many Springs Quad #5: Quad 2

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rtng</i>	<i>Rd 1</i>	<i>Rd 2</i>	<i>Rd 3</i>	<i>Tot</i>
Stephanie Ballom	1678	W4	W3	D2	2.5
Paul Joseph Huspeni	1527	W3	L4	D1	1.5
Marvin L. Wells	1312	L2	L1	W4	1.0
Don Dugan	1163	L1	W2	L3	1.0

Many Springs Quad #5: Quad 3

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rtng</i>	<i>Rd 1</i>	<i>Rd 2</i>	<i>Rd 3</i>	<i>Tot</i>
Robert Van Housen	1159	W4	L3	W2	2.0
Jesse Vicario	1141	W3	W4	L1	2.0
Thomas E. Crane	1010	L2	W1	L4	1.0
Brandon A. Wells	890	L1	L2	W3	1.0

Many Springs Quad #5: Swiss

<i>Name</i>	<i>Rtng</i>	<i>Rd 1</i>	<i>Rd 2</i>	<i>Rd 3</i>	<i>Tot</i>
Thomas Anthony	832	W3	D2	W4	2.5
Madhav Ayyagari	unr.	W5	D1	W6	2.5
Steven King	unr.	L1	W7	W5	2.0
Israel Perez	unr.	W7	W6	L1	2.0
Matthew E. Wells	809	L2	B--	L3	1.0
Jacob Vicario	724	B--	L4	L2	1.0
Michael V. Swabowicz	unr.	L4	L3	B--	1.0

Chess Dad 101 - The Marketing Game

by Robert Rausch

Over sixteen-hundred kids competed in the Texas State Scholastic Championships in Houston earlier this year.

Sixteen-hundred.

Where did they come from? From Houston and Dallas and San Antonio and Austin and Corpus Christi and Galveston. They came from greater Southlake and Grapevine and Brownsville - the Chess Capitol of Texas. They came from broken homes and wealthy homes and impoverished housing projects. They came from families of African and Asian and European and Hispanic and Indian descent. They came from a wide array of socio-economic backgrounds and representing a significant cross-section of the world's known religions. And they came to play chess.

They actually came from 1972 as living proof of the expanding universe theory. They are floating remnants of the chess world's big bang: the Fischer-Spassky World Championship Match of 1972.

What? You thought they came because of some clever marketing scheme?

No sport does a worse job of selling itself, than chess. Think about it. When was the last time that you saw ANY television commercial or ANY magazine advertisement for chess equipment or a chess tournament in ANY mainstream publication? Can you imagine the NBA direct-marketing its product ONLY to professional basketball players? How about the PGA selling golf ONLY to touring pro's and club players? These and other major sports have become successful due to their ability to market their product to mainstream America.

The other seminal event in the recent history of United States chess has been the release of the 1993 movie Searching for Bobby Fischer. That film, chronicling real-life 7 year-old chess-prodigy Josh Waitzkin, dealt with parenting issues surrounding talented children and led to an explosion of interest in scholastic chess that continued into the late-1990's. How did the United States Chess Federation exploit the free piece offered by Paramount Pictures? By hawking equipment to members, of course.

What was the correct move?

Promoting scholastic chess.

Oh sure, there's the affiliate program and a discounted rate for scholastic memberships. The USCF even tried publishing a scholastic magazine for awhile (School Mates); but at the end of the day, it's focus is still on selling equipment to members. It's the same, equally (un)successful approach they take to marketing the game to adults.

Membership in the United States Chess Federation has hovered between 85,000 and 90,000 since 1995 and is poised to remain at that level for the foreseeable future. The national organization, it seems, is in a cramped position and unable to expand. As recently as November, 2003 the USCF was on the verge of bankruptcy with the printer of Chess Life refusing to run the magazine until payment was received. It's safe to say that the USCF, promoter and overseer of chess in the United States, will not emerge from its financial morass until it stops trying to fund itself by selling hymnals to the choir.

Growing the membership base involves REALLY PROMOTING scholastic chess - not just providing some lip-service affiliate program. It involves partnering with Walt Disney Studios to make the next great chess movie or Saturday-morning cartoon (hey, if vegetables can be cartoon characters, why can't chess pieces?). It involves making chess a viable spectator sport. The game too slow, you say? How about selling ESPN2 on the idea of a kids (12 and under) blitz championship from Disneyworld in Orlando? Make it a kid-friendly event with commentary from the National Junior Champion as the last five moves are replayed in slow-motion.

Responsibility for promoting and growing scholastic chess doesn't just fall on the shoulders of the USCF, either. State and local organizations must ensure that the tournament experience is a positive one for Junior players and their families - especially those attending their first event. During the aforementioned Texas State Scholastic Championships, some 3,000 or so parents, siblings, coaches and players idled in the hallway between rounds as there was no convenient waiting area. In spite of the fact that the Houston aquarium was only a couple of miles away and the Houston Rockets were playing in the adjacent building, no events were organized. There wasn't even a booth or table promoting the Texas Chess Association. There was however, a store in which books and equipment were for sale.

In short, PROMOTING scholastic chess isn't just about

teaching children the moves. It's about making the game fun and exciting for them - and their families. It's about providing something of value to them with their memberships - rather than simply the right to enter a tournament. Like what? Double the membership fee for scholastic players and give them a free chess set or a copy of Chess Master 9000 or Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess or Searching for Bobby Fischer or tickets to the next Harry Potter movie. Whatever... Just give me and the hundreds of other coaches throughout the state the tools that we need to increase membership and promote the game. There are 300 scholastic players in our district alone. Twenty or so are USCF members and maybe ten belong to the TCA.

Over sixteen-hundred kids proved that chess is alive and well in the state of Texas. Our goal should be to have each one of those kids bring a new player to the Texas State Scholastic Championship next year. Perhaps one of the new kids will indeed be the next Bobby Fischer - igniting interest in the game for the next generation of players.

Are we interested in searching for him?
Or just selling him a book?

For Your Information...

The following TCA Board members (listed in the order the votes were received) have responded, all in favor of Alex Chua's \$585 request to help fund his trip to the 2004 USCF Cadet Championship:

George John, President
Luis Salinas, Region 3 Director
Bruce Donohoe, Region 5 Director
Greg Wren, Region 6 Director
Tom Crane, Region 2 Director
Robert Sturgeon, Region 4 Director
Eduardo Rios, Region 7 Director
Mario Leal, Editor

These eight votes in favor are sufficient for the motion to pass.



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2004 TCA Campaign Statements

Dear TCA member,

I believe we have one of the best state chess associations in the nation here in Texas. I look forward to helping our organization stay as strong as it is. I believe that with the experience that I have acquired via Region-8 Director, I can help the president plan to nourish chess in Texas. There are parts in our state that have the potential to grow, however in order to achieve this we need to come with innovative ways to rotate major TCA tournaments in the different regions. This will not happen over night, but we can address these issues in the bylaws for future considerations. Chess has to be more accessible in areas that need nourishment. Thank you for your time and support.

Kindest regards,
Victor J. Flores

Dear Fellow Chess Players,

Without money, the best-intended strategies, the greatest ideas are useless, because they cannot be realized. As a result, a responsible, knowledgeable, and independent treasurer is crucial to any organization's success. Without integrity and foresight, a treasurer, more than any other officer, can compromise the success of an entire company, club, or association.

The TCA's current financial policy is anything but satisfactory. The significant cash available is not made any use of; it is not even properly invested. The purpose of the TCA is to spread chess, not to gather millions; and a significant share of its income should be spent on projects doing just that.

I am not by any means proposing to greatly increase expenditures or use up all of the TCA's savings; it is however hard to justify \$16,000 in savings for an organization with comparatively low cash-flows, especially since there are no capital-intensive investments ahead of us. This policy of excessive saving is depriving TCA members of benefits they are entitled to and will, in the long run, cost us many members. Further, with the lucrative state championship this year additional money will be available. These funds should be used for appropriate projects, and the remainder be profitably invested in ways suitable to a non-profit organization.

Finally, you may ask yourselves what qualifications will make me successful as the TCA treasurer. Currently I am pur-

suing my MBA at The University of Texas at Dallas, where I am also president of the prestigious chess club. I have previously served as the treasurer of a large chess club in my home country Germany.

I hope that both my ideas and my personal credentials convince you and already look forward to serving all of you in the coming year.

Thank you,
Marc A. Fuhrmann

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for TCA President. It has been my honor to be your President the past year, and look forward to your electing me to a second term. The past year has been a time of major change with a complete turnover in all elected positions, and the critically important position of Texas Knights Editor. Overall, I think the transition has been a smooth one, helped by the fact that I had prior experience as the TCA's Treasurer. The person elected to that position was unable to fulfill the duties of that position, and I performed those duties instead. I also assisted with some of the Secretary duties. My past experience as TCA Secretary was boon here as well. I continued as your Webmaster.

I appointed Brenda Hardesty as Scholastic Committee Chair. She and her committee have done an outstanding job this past year, and if elected I will reappoint Brenda. All Regional director positions were filled, and there were Regional Scholastic Championships in six of the eight regions. The chess set subsidy program continues to be popular.

The most important news that I have for you is that the TCA will be organizing the 2005 and 2007 State Scholastic Championships. These events, if managed correctly, should result in a considerable profit to the TCA. With those profits I hope to help bring events to areas that are underserved. For example, Region 8 (the Rio Grande Valley area) has our largest scholastic chess population, but has never held the TCA State Scholastic Championship. I would like to see that change. Should our cash reserves increase substantially, that will be much more likely. We also need to find cost effective ways to help increase non-scholastic tournament opportunities. Having significantly more money will help make that possible.

Given the stakes involved with the TCA organizing a state

scholastic championship, I think it vitally important that the TCA membership elect a candidate who has the necessary maturity and experience. I have the experience requirements necessary to become a USCF National Tournament Director (NTD), and plan to take my NTD exam in the near future, in time for the 2005 State Scholastic. I have organized three Region 5 Scholastic Championships, each had 300+ students. I have worked closely with major organizers in Texas over the past years, and have learned much from them. I know what it takes to make an event successful, and if reelected I will go into high gear working on the organization of this event beyond what has already been done.

I believe I have the necessary experience, maturity, and proven track record to assure that the critical jobs will get done. It is likely that this election will have more than one candidate running for TCA President. I very much appreciate your vote, and I urge you to cast your ballot and mail it in the provided envelope. Thank you.

Best regards,
George John
TCA President

Fellow Texas Chess players,

The major purpose of the Texas Chess Association should be to spread chess throughout Texas. The TCA is currently divided into eight regions; however currently the events, input, and tournaments do not accurately reflect these different regions. For example, during the 2004-2005 school year, the major TCA tournaments (Texas Grades, Texas Scholastic Championship and Southwest Championships) are all scheduled to be in Dallas. I believe that more organizers should be encouraged to bid in order to diversify tournament locations and make tournaments more accessible for everyone.

There are currently several autonomous chess organizations throughout Texas. Many Texas chess players do not realize just how many organizations exist. The Texas Chess Association should harness the energy and talents of these chess organizations. Although the following list is not exclusive, it just serves to illustrate the point of how many autonomous chess organizations exist in Texas. Some of the clubs include the Austin Chess Club, Brownsville Independent School District, Cajun Chess, Dallas Chess Club, Greater Fort Worth Chess Club, Houston Chess Club, Huntsville Chess Club, Laredo Chess Club, San Antonio Chess Club, TAMU Chess Program, Southwest Chess Enterprises, University of Texas at Brownsville Chess Program, University of Texas at Dallas Chess Program, USA Chess Inc, Waco Chess Club, and the Watauga Chess Club.

As president one of my top priorities would be draw from

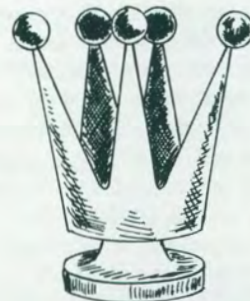
a greater pool of organizations, leveraging the collective strengths of these organizations to help create new synergies and enable Texas Chess Association to better promote chess throughout Texas.

One of my other objectives is to keep on promoting the current chess programs we have along with a few others. Some of our currently successful chess programs include the scholastic chess set program, the Denker and Polgar stipends, the tournament clearing house, and the Texas Junior Invitational Stipend. I would enjoy the opportunity to keep these programs and even to expand them. Amongst the new programs would be a scholarship program for the scholastic high school players, and an individual stipend for the National Primary, Elementary and Middle School Scholastic Championship. I would also seek to create a formal fundraising position; in order to have a TCA member solicit corporate sponsorship and to assist the treasurer manage TCA funds.

There is a myriad of chess events through Texas. Unfortunately, a lot of games go unpublished and events are left uncovered. At the same time our Texas Knights editor, Mario Leal, is doing in my opinion an excellent job every publication considering the limited support he is receiving. One of the major problems is a sense of apathy amongst potential contributors. One of my goals would be to continue to assist the Texas Knights editor in any way I can, including by encouraging more TCA members to contribute on a regular basis.

The past leaders of the TCA have been stockpiling the resources we need to ensure the continuous prosperity of Texas Chess. I believe that it is time to seize the day, to assist Texas Chess reach the level of glory that we all know it is destined for. I am therefore cordially asking for your vote to help Texas Chess reach that end.

Thank you,
Clemente Rendon



Southwest Open 2004

September 3-6, 2004 or September 4-6,2004

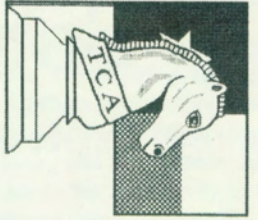
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Southwest Open 7-SS, (40/2,SD/1. Rounds 1-3 of 3-day G/120). Marriott Plano Dallas at Legacy Town Center, 7120 Dallas Parkway, Plano, TX 75024. . \$\$5300 b/175 full entries, 2 Sections and scholastic side events: Open: \$\$800-500-200,U2400 300, X 600-300. Reserve: U2000 & unrated. \$\$600-300. B,C,(D/under) each 400-100. Unrated. \$200. Both: TCA membership required. Other States Accepted. EF: \$44 if received by 8/25, \$55 at site. \$28 Junior(U19)/Senior(over 65)/full time College/Handicapped if received by 8/25, \$32 at site (counts ½ toward base). 4-day: Registration Friday 9/3, 6:15pm-7:10. Round 1 at 7:35. Rounds Friday: 7:35, Saturday:1:30-7:30, Sunday:11:15-5:30, Monday:8:45-3. 3-day: Registration Saturday 9/4 8-8:30 am, Rounds at 9, 1:30, 7:30 then merge with 4-day. Foreign Unrated must play in Open section. HR: \$75/75/75/75. 800-228-9290. Res. By 8/20,Mention Southwest Open Chess Rates. Up to two ½ point byes available if requested before end of round 2 and before any full point bye is awarded. Note that byes for both round 6 AND 7 is not permitted. TCA membership meeting on Sunday 9/5 at 8:30 am in Colorado Room. K-12 Scholastics on Saturday: 9/4. 5-SS, Rds 1-3 G/30, Rds 4-5 G/45, 2 sections K-12 and K-12 U800. EF: \$19 by 8/25, \$25 at site does not count toward base. Registration 8:15-8:45 am , Rounds 9:20-11-1-2:30-4:25. Prizes: K-12 Trophies to Top 7 individuals, top Under 1000, top unrated, top 3 teams. Prizes K-12 U800, top 10 individuals, top Under 600, top Under 400, top 3 unrated and top 3 teams.

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