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**GM Valentin Iotov – 2013 Texas State Champion!**

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## From the Desk of The Editor

**T**his edition includes the TCA Election Ballot. For those of you who are voting members (at least 16 years old), please take a moment, fill out your ballot and send it back quickly (sorry for the short deadline) in the self-addressed envelope. Be sure to enter your name on the envelope, but not in the ballot, as I need to verify that you are an eligible voter. After the verification process, I will open the envelopes at the TCA meeting, and group the ballots so that candidates will not know who voted for them. The votes will be counted on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 AM during the TCA meeting which will take place at the **Southwest Open**. Speaking of that event, please see the announcement in page 28. We hope to see you there. If you have not signed up yet to play, please do so right away!

The focus of this issue is the **Texas State and Amateur Championship**. As you saw on the cover, our newest Texas Champion is **Grandmaster Valentin Iotov**, a student at University of Texas at Dallas. The Amateur Championship was won by young **Tianming Xie**. Tianming is not only a good chess player, he is also great in another sport. Find out what that is in the tournament article.

I am also covering the **U.S. Championship** where I was the Chief Arbiter, the **U.S. Women's Championship**, the **U.S. Junior Closed**, and the **U.S. Open**. In those events, Texas was well represented! I will also take a look at the new **Houston City Championship**.

In this issue, the **Spotlight is on...WCM Claudia Munoz**. Claudia recently won the U16 Division of the All-Girls National Championships. I invite you to check out Claudia's very popular website, Chesscampeona.com. It is very informative and is in both English and Spanish!

Once again, I ask you to submit games, pictures and tournament results to me. I love to recognize our players, but I need your help! Speaking of submitting things to me, I just noticed that the email listed on page 2 has an error. The correct email address is [flguadalupe@aol.com](mailto:flguadalupe@aol.com)

Lastly, I want to thank our TCA President, Clemente Rendon. He is not seeking re-election and we are going to miss his service tremendously! Thanks, Clemente!

*Franc Guadalupe*

## TCA Treasurer's Report April 29, 2013

### Income

September memberships	\$125.00
October memberships	500.00
November memberships	100.00
December memberships	0.00
January memberships	0.00
February memberships	35.00
March memberships	65.00
April memberships	35.00
2012 SW Open memberships	455.00
2012 Texas State Grade memberships	324.00
Texas Masters memberships	12.50
Texas Junior Teams Tournament	75.00
Region 3 Scholastic Championships	
Region 5 Scholastic Championships	160.00
Tournament & memberships	219.00
Region 6 Scholastic Championships	
Region 7 Scholastic Championships	397.00
	<u>55.00</u>

Total    \$2,558.00

### Expenses

Texas Masters tournament	
USCF Affiliate dues (2 years)	1000.00
	<u>80.00</u>

**April 29, 2013**

Total    \$1,080.00

**WF checking account balance**

**BOA checking account balance**

\$16,302.93  
\$9,508.05

## Spotlight on ... WCM Claudia Munoz



*Photo Betsy Dynako*

Today is a very important day for me as it is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the time of writing this article. I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation American as my grandparents, from both sides of my parents, arrived in the United States seeking a better quality of life. There example is a source of inspiration for me in my chess career.

I am a 15-year old teen born in Wichita Falls, Texas. I am currently rated 2026 USCF. I have

played in 64 rated tournaments to be exact. I learned how to play chess when I was 6-years old as my father “discovered” this talent in my life. He has been my chess coach ever since and no, he is not a master. He is a person that knows how to teach and explain things to me.

No, I was not a chess wonder kid who was 1800 rated at 7 years of age. For me the road has been much different. My father believed in quality over quantity this is why at my 2026 rating I have not played in 200 plus tournaments like many my age. I applied myself in my chess studies so that when at the board I did not have to play over and over to be where I am at in this moment.

I had not played more than 5-USCF rated events when I made my debut in international chess as part of the American team to play in the 2007 North American Youth Chess Championship in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

I went undefeated as I won the gold medal and earned my FIDE Woman Candidate Master title – I was 9-years old. Ninety days later I won the 2008 Susan Polgar National Open in my category – undefeated as well. Later that summer I participated in the 2008 Pan American Youth Championship in Argentina where I had my first true taste of international competition.

It was painful but invaluable.

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For about two years I was quiet and only the Dallas Chess Club knew of my existence. In 2010, I decided that I wanted to play in the World Youth Chess Championship in Greece but I was only rated 1490, so in 90 days with God's help I went on rating rampage and increased about 300 points getting that chance to travel to Europe – I was 11 years old.

I did quite well in Europe but I wanted more.

For the next two years I competed in the 2011 & 2012 Pan American Youth Championships in both Colombia and Peru. In Colombia I was on board 1 in the last round playing for a medal and the Woman FIDE Master title. I had gone on a four game winning streak, but Peru was too strong for me as a blunder in the opening cost me the medal stance. However my chess breakout stage of my life was while I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the Pan American Youth in Peru. I spoke with my parents and I told them I was tired of chess performance and level.

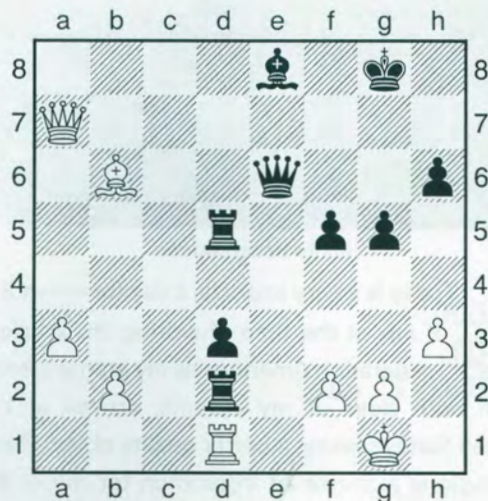
I asked them for more chess. From that August day in 2012 until the present, I got stronger jumping from 1890 to 2026. I have had two bad performances during this time but the rest has been awesome. I arrived in Chicago in April of this year as the number #1 seed in the ALL GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP and went undefeated. I also received an invitation to the first ever 2013 National USCF Girls Invitational to be held prior to the U.S. Chess Open, this is an enormous Honor as I am the official Texas

representative. I will also be playing in the U.S. Open, my first ever.

*(Here is one of Claudia's games from the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Girls National)*

### Eng, Rachel (1971) – Munoz, Claudia (1866)

10th Annual All-Girls National (4), 27.04.2013  
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6  
 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7 8.Bd3 Nf5 9.Bxf5  
 exf5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.a3 a5 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qd3  
 0-0 14.Be3 Rfd8 15.Rfc1 Rac8 16.Rc2 g6  
 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Rac1 f6 19.Na4 Qd8 20.Nc5  
 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Bf7 22.Qb5 Rb8 23.exf6 Qxf6  
 24.Bf4 Ra8 25.Qxb7 Nxd4 26.Nxd4 Qxd4  
 27.Be3 Qg7 28.Bf4 g5 29.Bd6 Rad8 30.Bc7  
 Rd7 31.Rxa5 Bh5 32.h3 Ree7 33.Ra8+ Be8  
 34.Rc8 Qf7 35.Qb6 d4 36.Bd8 Re6 37.Qa5 h6  
 38.Bb6 Re2 39.R8c2 d3 40.Rd2 Qe6 41.Rcd1  
 Rd5 42.Qa7 Rxd2 Diagram



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## From our TCA President



Greeting Texas chess players,

First and foremost, thank you being a supporter of the Texas Chess Association (TCA). It is because of your support that the TCA has existed for 78 years and continues today.

As some of you may have heard, I will not run for re-election as TCA president. I have proudly served as TCA President for seven terms and vice-president for two terms. The time spent with the organization has been gratifying; we have fulfilled the noble mission of our association to promote chess throughout Texas. We have organized Texas tournaments, regularly communicated and shared chess news and tournament games, financially supported Texas players so that they could attend local, state, national and global chess tournaments, and arranged for chess in education conferences. We accomplished our mission while remaining fiscally conservative and prudently managing a surplus fund for future endeavors.

For every purpose there is a season, and regrettably the time has come for me to transition to other ventures. I will continue to be involved with the chess community and attend tournaments. I will confidently leave in the knowledge that the organization continues to be blessed with talented and dedicated people who will undoubtedly continue to promote chess throughout Texas. I implore you to take the time to vote for the new leadership that will best serve the association. Also, volunteers are always welcome. Please consider donating some of your time and talents to a very worthwhile organization.

Throughout the years I have meet many wonderful people through chess. It is near impossible to do them justice and mention them all in this letter. However, I would like to end this letter in the same spirit it began, with a few thank yous. Vis, for your unwavering support, constant enthusiasm, and ruthless demand for efficiency. Barbara, for your meticulous organization, dedicated service, and generous nature. Alexey, for your intellectual wit, flawless educational presentations, and your constant inspiration. Tim, for your leadership model, allowing us to travel the country, and the many opportunities you gave Texas chess players to pursue a higher education. Selby, for your friendship, brainteasers, and years of creating a wonderful publication. Victor, for your practical sense, good natured humor, and spirit of excellence. J.J. Garza for your dedication as a coach, your constant positivity, and your ability to create a warm environment for everyone to enjoy the game. Rusty, for your creativity, passion, and vision for greatness. Francisco, for your professionalism, copious energy, and bringing in countless National tournaments to Texas. Rade, for your infinite patience, engaging stories, and

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unique perspective that builds an appreciation for the game. Finally, J.J. Guajardo for introducing chess on a grand scale to South Texas, giving the community such a positive gift.

Respectfully submitted,

**Clemente Rendon**

## Meet our TCA Candidate for President



Hello everyone,

It is that time again. It is time for TCA elections. Clemente Rendon, our current president has decided that he will not be seeking reelection. I applaud his efforts during the past years. Among other things he brought peace to a conflicted group. Things are much better off now than ever before. His decision to step down also brings about a vacancy and an opportunity.

I had served as the VP during his term. My sons involvement in scholastic chess got me into volunteering for chess. That had taken me to become a National Tournament Director. You might have seen me running a tournament or

playing in one. I am running for the president's slot. I do not have any vested financial or other interests that will conflict with this position. My goal will be simple - promote chess. Promoting and supporting tournaments and players at the local/ club level, moving larger tournaments around, and minimizing conflicts. I will work towards a larger involvement for all.

I have both the time and energy to commit to this position and enjoy what I do. I cannot make any promises but one. The minute I become ineffective, I will resign and not cling on to the position. Thank you for your support.

*Vish*

**Lakshmana Viswanath**

Others seeking re-election are:

**Binny Nanavati – Secretary**

**Barbara Swafford – Treasurer**

*Once again, please mail your ballot back, using the envelope provided with this issue. Please print your name on the envelope and mail the ballot back immediately! Only TCA members who are at least 16 years old may vote. If you have a family membership, all family members residing at the household, who meet the age requirement, may vote.*

*Thanks!*

*Editor*



## TEXAS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2013 Texas State and Amateur Championships took place at Fort Worth, 24-27 May. Twenty-nine players participated in the Championship, including Grandmasters Valentin Iotov and Tejas Brakre. At the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> Round, it was GM Yotov (Iotov on FIDE) who collected the Champion's trophy. (Standings on page 30)

### Yotov, V (2636) – Sawyer, B (2277)

2013 Texas State Champ (2), 25.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5  
6.Nf3 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.a3 Bd6  
10.b4 a6 11.Qb3 Nbd7 12.Bb2 Rb8 13.b5  
axb5 14.Nxb5 Be7 15.Qc2 c6 16.Nc3 Bd6  
17.a4 Rc8 18.Bf5 g6 19.Bh3 Ra8 20.Nd2 Re8  
21.e4 dxe4 22.Ncxe4 Bf8 23.Bxd7 Nxd7  
24.Rfe1 Qe7 25.d5 Ne5 26.d6 Qd8 27.f4 Nd7  
28.Qc3 f6 29.Qb3+ Kh8 30.Ng5 Nc5 31.Nf7+  
Kg7 32.Nxd8 Rxe1+ 33.Rxe1 Nxb3 34.Nxb7



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### Li, Ruifeng (2311) – Green, Austen (2211)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championships  
Fort Worth (2), 25.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
Nc6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5  
9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 d4 12.Ne2 Bg4  
13.Bg5 Re8 14.Re1 Bh5 15.Qd2 Bxe2  
16.Rxe2 Rxe2 17.Qxe2 Qd6 18.Re1 Diagram



18...h6? 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20.Qe4 f5 21.Qxf5 Kf8  
22.Bc4 Nd8 23.Re4 a6 24.Bd5 Ra7 25.Rxd4  
b5 26.c3 Re7 27.Be4 Qb6 28.Kf1 Re6 29.Qh7  
Rf6 30.Bf5 Ne6 31.Bxe6 Rxe6 32.Rd7 Re1+  
33.Kxe1 Qe6+ 34.Kf1 Qxd7 35.Qxh6+ Kg8  
36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Qc5+ Kg8 38.Qd4 Qf5  
39.Qd1 Qf4 40.Qd8+ Kh7 41.Qd3+ f5  
42.Qh3+ 1-0

Langer, Michael (2307) –  
Yotov, Valentin (2636)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (3), 25.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3  
Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nf6 8.0-0-0 Be7 9.Kb1  
b5 10.f3 Bb7 11.g4 0-0 12.g5 Nh5 13.Nce2  
Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Rac8 15.Qd2 d5 16.Ng3 d4  
17.Nxh5 dxe3 18.Qg2 Bxg5 19.Nxg7 e2  
20.Bxe2 Qxc2+ 21.Ka1 h6 22.Nh5 Rfd8 23.a3  
b4 24.axb4 a5 25.b5 Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Rc4  
27.b3 Rb4 28.Rb1 a4 29.Bf1 axb3 Diagram



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The battle between young stars...

Li, Ruifeng (2311) – He, Tommy (2246)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (3), 25.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Bf4  
Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qd3 Qb6 8.Ndb5 e5 9.Be3  
Qa5 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Nxc3 Ng4  
13.h4 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Nd4 15.h5 d6 16.Ne2  
Nxe2+ 17.Bxe2 Qc7 18.h6 g6 19.Qd2 Rd8  
20.f4 Qe7 21.Rhf1 exf4 22.Qd4 Qf8 23.Qf6

Be6 24.Qxf4 Rac8 25.Kb1 Qe7 26.Rd4 d5  
27.exd5 ½-½



2013 Champion vs. Future Champion?

Yotov, Valentin (2636) – Li, Ruifeng  
(2311)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (4), 26.05.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3  
Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3  
Bb7 10.Ng5 a6 11.Nce4 Be7 12.Nxf6+ gxf6  
13.Nf3 c5 14.Be4 Qb6 15.0-0 Rc8 16.Bxb7  
Qxb7 17.Qe2 f5 18.Rd1 0-0 19.d5 exd5  
20.Qd3 Nb6 21.Qxf5 Qc6 22.Bd2 Qg6 23.Qh3  
Bf6 24.Bc3 Bxc3 25.bxc3 Kh8 26.Ne5 Qe6  
27.Qh5 Rc7 28.Nd3 Qf6 29.Nf4 Qxc3 30.Qh6  
Rb8 31.Nh5 f6 32.Rac1 Qe5 33.Rxc5 Rf7  
34.Rc6 Qg5 35.Rxf6 Qxh6 36.Rxh6 Rc7 37.g4  
Rc2 38.g5 Kg8 39.Nf6+ Kf7 40.Nxd5 Na4  
41.Nf4 Rc5 42.h4 Nb6 43.Rdd6 Nc4 44.Rd7+  
Ke8 45.Rhxh7 Re5 46.Rdg7 1-0

Li, Ethan (2099) – Bakre, Tejas (2514)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (4), 26.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 d5  
6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qc2 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Be7 9.e4 0-0  
10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Bb2 cxd4 13.cxd4  
Rc8 14.Qe2 Na5 15.Rac1 Qd6 16.Rfe1 h6  
17.Ba6 Qb8 18.d5 exd5 19.exd5 Bd6 20.Bxb7  
Qxb7 21.Qd3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Rd8 23.Nh4 Bf8  
24.Rd1 Qc7 25.Nf5 Qf4 26.d6 Nb7 27.g3 Qg4  
28.Be5 Nc5 29.Qc2 Qf3 30.Rd4 Re8 31.Ne7+  
Bxe7 32.dxe7 Ne6 33.Rd7 Qh5 34.Bc7 Ng5  
35.f4 Nf3+ 36.Kh1 Qb5 37.Qd1 Qc6 38.Rd6  
Qxc7 39.Rd8 Qxe7 40.Rxe8+ Qxe8 41.Qxf3  
a5 42.Qd5 Qe6 43.Qd8+ Kh7 44.Qd3+ f5  
45.Kg2 a4 46.Kf3 g5 47.g4 Qb3 Diagram



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Vaidya, A (2099) – Jayaraman, A (2293)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (4), 26.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0  
6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Be3 e5 8.d5 a5 9.Nd2 Nc5  
10.a3 Ne8 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Rxa1 13.Qxa1

Na6 14.Qa3 f5 15.f3 Bh6 16.Bxh6 Qh4+  
17.Kd1 Qxh6 18.c5 Qe3 19.c6 Qd4 20.cxb7  
Bxb7 21.Bxa6 Bxa6 22.Qxa6 Qxc3 23.exf5  
gxf5 24.Qa5 e4 25.Re1 e3 26.Nf1 Qd3+  
27.Kc1 e2 28.Rxe2 Qxe2 29.Nd2 Qxg2  
30.Qb5 Qxh2 31.Qd7 Qe5 32.f4 Qxd5 0-1

Yotov, Valentin (2636) – Lin, Dachev  
(2226)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (5), 26.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5  
d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.Bg5 Re8  
10.Nf3 h6 11.Be3 c4 12.Bc2 b5 13.a3 a6  
14.Qd2 Kh7 15.0-0 Nbd7 16.Rae1 Bb7 17.Bd4  
Qc7 18.Re3 Nh5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nd4 Qd8  
21.f4 Diagram



21...Bc8 22.Kh2 Qf6 23.Rf2 Kh7 24.e5 Qg7  
25.e6 Nc5 26.f5 Nd3 27.fxg6+ Qxg6 28.Rxd3  
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Bakre, Tejas (2514) – Yotov, Valentin (2636) 2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013



The battle of the GMs!

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Rd1 Qa5 13.Qc2 Rad8 14.e4 e5 15.Be3 exd4 16.Bxd4 Bc5 17.Ba2 Ng4 18.Ne2 g5 19.h3 Nge5 20.Bc3 Qb6 21.a5 Qc7 22.b4 Be7 23.Nd4 g6 24.Rd2 g4 25.hxg4 Nxg4 26.e5 Ndx5 27.f4



27...Ne3? 28.Qe4 N5c4 29.Re2 c5 1-0

Breckenridge, Steven (2381) – He, Tommy (2246)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Bc4 e6 7.cxd4 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 dxe5 12.dxe5 b6 13.h4 Bb7 14.h5 Qc7 15.Bd3 Rfd8 16.Bb1 Rac8 17.Qe4 g6 18.Qf4 Rd5 19.Re1 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bd6 21.Qxf7+ Qxf7 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.hxg6+ hxg6 24.Be4 Re5 25.Bf4 Rxe4 26.Bxd6 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxc3 28.a3 b5 29.Rd1 ½-½

Lin, Dache (2226) – Li, Ruifeng (2311)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 e6 5.e3 Bd6 6.Bg3 Qe7 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.c5 Bc7 9.f4 b6 10.Qa4 Bb7 11.b4 b5 12.Qd1 a5 13.a3 0-0 14.Nf3 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Ra8 17.Qb2 Qf8 18.Bd3 Qb8 19.0-0 g6 20.Ne5 Qa7 21.Qc2 Kg7 22.h3 Qa3 23.Rb1 Bd8 24.Be1 Nf8 25.Bd2 Qa7 26.e4 Qb8 27.exd5 exd5 28.f5 N6d7 29.Bf4 Bc7 30.Re1 Qd8 31.Bh6+ Kg8 32.Qf2 Nxe5 33.dxe5 d4 34.e6 fxe6 35.fxg6 Nxg6 36.Bxg6 hxg6 37.Rf1 Qe7 38.Qxd4 Re8 39.Qg4 Kh7 40.Bg5 Qd7 41.Qh4+ Kg8 42.Ne4 Qd4+ 43.Kh1 Be5 44.Bf6 1-0

Langer, Michael (2307) –

Green, Austen (2211)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Ndb5 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3 d5 9.exd5 exd5 10.Bd3 0-0 11.0-0 d4 12.Ne2 Bg4 13.Bg5 Qd6 14.f3 Bh5 15.Ng3 Bg6 16.f4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rfe8 18.Nf5 Qe6 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Rad8 21.Qxa7 b6 22.h3 Qc6 23.Rf2?? Ra8 The queen is trapped! 0-1

Ramachandran, Karthik (2213) –

Lamby, Philipp

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c5 3.e3 e6 4.c4 Nf6 5.cxd5 exd5  
6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.0-0  
0-0 10.b3 Nb6 11.Bb2 Ne4 12.Nc3 Qd6  
13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.Qd3 a6 15.Nxe4 dxe4  
16.Qxe4 Rd7 Diagram



17.Nd4 [17.Ng5 g6 18.Qc2] 17...f6 18.Qg4  
Re8 19.Nf5 Qf8 20.b4 h5 21.Qh3 1-0

Alexandrov, Olzhas (2121) –

Sawyer, Bradley (2277)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.f4 Nc6  
6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.d3 0-0 9.Kh1 b6 10.g4  
f5 11.gxf5 gxf5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Qe2 Qd7  
14.Rae1 Rae8 15.Qf2 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nf5  
17.Bc3 Ncd4 18.Ng3 Nxf3 19.Bxf3 Bxc3  
20.bxc3 Nh4 21.Bxb7 Qxb7+ 22.Ne4 Nf5  
23.Qf3 Re7 24.Ng5 Qxf3+ 25.Rxf3 h6 26.Nh3

Kf7 27.Kg1 Ke8 28.Kf2 Rg8 29.Rg1 Reg7  
30.Rxg7 Rxx7 31.Ng1 h5 32.Nh3 Ke7 33.a4  
Rg4 34.Kf1 Kf6 35.Nf2 Rg8 36.Ne4+ Ke7  
37.c4 d5 38.cxd5 exd5 39.Ng3 Nd4 40.Re3+  
Kd6 41.c3 Ne6 42.Nxh5 Rf8 43.Rf3 Rh8  
44.Ng3 Rxh2 45.Nf5+ Kd7 46.Ne3 d4 47.cxd4  
Nxd4 48.Rf2 Rh3 49.Nc4 Ke6 50.Nb2 Kf5  
51.Kg2 Rh4 52.Nc4 Rxf4 53.Nd6+ Kg4  
54.Re2 0-1

Green, Austen (2211) – Yotov, Valentin  
(2636)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3  
Qc7 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Nd7  
10.Nce2 Be7 11.b3 0-0 12.Bb2 Rb8 13.c4  
Nxd4 14.Nxd4 b6 15.Rc1 Bb7 16.Bh3 Bf6  
17.Qd2 Rfe8 18.Bg2 Rbc8 19.Nf3 Bxb2  
20.Qxb2 Nc5 21.Qc2 e5 22.Bh3 Ne6 23.Qd2  
Rcd8 24.Bg2 Bc6 25.Rcd1 Qb7 26.Qe3 Rf8  
27.Bh3 Nc5 28.Nd2 b5 29.b4 Ne6 30.Bxe6  
fxe6 31.c5 dxc5 32.Qxc5 Bxe4 33.Nxe4 Rxd1  
34.Rxd1 Qxe4 35.Qb6 Qf5 36.Rd8 Rxd8  
37.Qxd8+ Kf7 38.Qd7+ Kf6 39.Qd1 e4  
40.Qd8+ Kg6 41.h4 e3 42.Qe8+ Kh6 43.fxe3  
Qb1+ 44.Kg2 Qxa2+ 45.Kh3 Qd5 46.g4 Qf3+  
47.Kh2 Qxg4 48.Qe7 Qe2+ 49.Kg3 Qxe3+  
50.Kg4 Qe4+ 51.Kh3 Qf3+ 52.Kh2 Qf6 0-1

Breckenridge, Steven (2381) –

Bakre, Tejas (2514)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nf3 e6 5.d4 cxd4  
6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb3 Be7 9.0-0 dxe5  
10.Nxe5 Nc6 11.Nf3 Bf6 12.Be3 Nd5 13.Nbd2  
Nxe3 14.fxe3 0-0 15.Ne4 Be7 16.Rc1 Na5  
17.Bc2 b6 18.b4 Bxb4 19.Nfg5 h6 20.Qh5 f5  
21.Qg6 hxg5 22.Nxg5 Qxg5 23.Qxg5 Bb7

24.Bxf5 Rxf5 25.Rxf5 exf5 26.Rc7 Bf8 27.Qxf5  
 Rd8 28.e4 Ba6 29.h4 Bc4 30.Rxc4 Nxc4  
 31.Qe6+ Kh7 32.Qxc4 Rxd4 33.Qxd4 Bc5  
 34.Qxc5 bxc5 35.g4 Kg6 36.g5 Kh5 37.e5 Kg6  
 38.e6 1-0

**He, Tommy (2246) – Lin, Dachey (2226)**

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
 Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nge7 4.0-0 a6 5.Ba4  
 d6 6.c3 Bd7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Re1 Be7 9.Nbd2 0-0  
 10.Nf1 Qe8 11.Bc2 Bf6 12.Ng3 Bg4 13.d5  
 Nb8 14.h3 Bc8 15.b4 Bd8 16.a4 Nh4 17.Be3  
 h6 18.Nxh4 Bxh4 19.Nf5 Bf6 20.Qg4 Kh7  
 21.Qh5 Qd8 22.Nxh6 gxh6 23.Bxh6 Rh8  
 24.Re3 Bh4 25.Rf3 f5 26.exf5 Qf6 27.g4 Kg8  
 28.g5 Rxh6 29.Qe8+ Qf8 30.Qxf8+ Kxf8  
 31.gxh6 Nd7 32.Kh2 Nf6 33.Rg1 Bd7 34.Rg6  
 Be8 35.Rg4 Diagram



35...Bh5? [35...Nxg4+ 36.hxg4 Bf7] 36.h7  
 Nxg4+ 37.hxg4 Kf7 38.Rh3 Bxf2 39.Rxh5 Rh8  
 40.c4 Be3 41.g5 Bxg5 42.Rxg5 Rxh7+ 43.Kg2

Rh4 44.Bd3 Rd4 45.Be2 Rd2 46.Kf2 a5 47.b5  
 Ra2 48.Rh5 Kg7 49.f6+ Kg8 50.f7+ Kxf7  
 51.Rh7+ 1-0

**Li, Ruifeng (2311) – Ramachandran, Karthik (2213)**

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
 Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bg5 dxc4 8.d5 Ne5 9.Be2  
 Bxf3 10.gxf3 h6 11.Bf4 Ned7 12.Bxc4 g6  
 13.Nb5 Qa5+ 14.Kf1 Rc8 15.Qe2 Kd8 16.Kg2  
 a6 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Be3 Qa5 19.Na7 Ra8  
 20.b4 Qc7 21.d6 exd6 22.Rac1 Qb8 23.Bxf7  
 Rxa7 24.Bxa7 Qxa7 25.Rhe1 Ne5 26.Bb3 g5  
 27.Qc2 Qb8 28.Qf5 Be7 29.Rxe5 dxe5  
 30.Rd1+ 1-0

**Jayaraman, Arvind (2293) – Langer, Michael (2307)**

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
 Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5  
 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.Nf3 a6  
 10.Bd3 b5 11.a3 0-0 12.0-0 Nb6 13.f5 N8d7  
 14.Bg5 Bf6 15.h4 Qe7 16.Kh1 Ne5 17.Nxe5  
 Qxe5 18.Qe1 Bxg5 19.hxg5 f6 20.Qh4 fxg5  
 21.Qxg5 Ra7 22.Qf4 Qf6 23.g3 Rg7 24.Kg2  
 Nd7 25.fxg6 Rxg6 26.Qe3 Qg5 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8  
 28.Rf1+ Kg7 29.Qxg5 Rxg5 30.Nd1 Nf6  
 31.Ne3 Rh5 32.Rh1 Rxh1 33.Kxh1 Ng4  
 34.Nxg4 Bxg4 35.Kg2 Kf6 36.Kf2 Ke5 37.Ke3  
 c4 38.Bc2 a5 39.b3 cxb3 40.Bxb3 Bh3 41.Bc2  
 Bf1 42.a4 b4 43.Bb3 Bh3 44.Bc2 Bd7 45.Bb3  
 Be8 46.Bc2 Bg6 47.Bd3 b3 48.Bb1 h6 49.Bd3  
 0-1

Vaidya,Atulya (2099) –  
Guadalupe,Francisco (2317)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5  
Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nf3 Ne4 9.Bxe4  
Bxg5 10.Nxg5 Qxg5 11.Bf3 0-0 12.0-0 Re8  
13.Rc1 Nf8 14.g3 Ng6 15.Bg2 Ne7 16.b4 a6  
17.a4 Nf5 18.Nb1 Nd6 19.Nd2 Bg4 20.Bf3  
Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qe7 22.Qd1 a5 23.Qb3 axb4  
24.Qxb4 Ra7 25.Ra1 Rea8 26.Rfb1 Kf8  
27.Rb3 b5 Diagram



28.Rba3? [28.Qc3 Nc4 29.Nxc4 dxc4 30.Rb4]  
28...Nc4 29.Qxe7+ Kxe7 30.Nxc4 dxc4 31.a5  
Kd6 32.Kf1 c5 33.a6 cxd4 34.exd4 Kc6 35.Rf3  
Rxa6 36.Rxa6+ Rxa6 37.Rxf7 b4 38.Ke1 b3  
39.Kd2 Ra2+ 40.Kc1 c3 41.Rf5 Ra1# 0-1

Lamby,Philipp – Widener,A (2165)

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0  
6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8

10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Ng4 12.0-0 Nxe5 13.Bf4  
Nbd7 14.d6 Qb6 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Rxe5  
17.d7 Bxd7 18.Qxd7 Qxb2 19.Qxf7+ Kh8  
20.Bf3 Qxc3 21.Qxb7 Rae8 22.Rad1 c4  
23.Bc6 R5e7 24.Qb1 Rc8 25.Kh1 Be5 26.Bd7  
Rb8 27.Qe4 Qa5 28.Qxc4 Qc7 29.Qxc7 ½-½

### TEXAS STATE AMATEUR

Tianming Xie dominated the 2013 State Amateur  
with 6.5 points in seven games.



He was a full point ahead these seven players who  
tied for second place: Duy Nguyen, Anthony  
Nguyen, Jonathan Allen, Rodney Thomas, Navid  
Hakim, Marcus Mao, and Ronnie Rubit.

In addition to the hardware and the money,  
Tianming's outstanding performance earned him a  
70-point rating jump and moved him into the  
ranks of the Chess Experts! Chess, however, is not  
the only thing he is an expert in – Tianming is also  
a Nationally ranked ping-pong player! Great job,  
Tianming!!

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**TOP PLAYERS FROM TEXAS - USCF**

**OVERALL**

4	Onischuk, Alexander	2739
9	Ramirez, Alejandro	2689
30	Ludwig, Daniel	2597
40	Yang, Darwin	2561
42	Duque, Raymond	2559
70	Xiong, Jeffery	2496
89	Fernandez, Daniel	2461
92	Bradford, Joseph	2451

**65 AND OVER**

29	Simms, Gary	2200
48	Culler, Ralph	2162
55	Watson, Tracy	2131
76	Laverty, Alan	2063
87	Chase, Stephen	2042

**UNDER 21**

4	Yang, Darwin	2561
9	Xiong, Jeffery	2496
44	Li, Ruifeng	2326
45	Pamatmat, Jarod	2324
50	He, Tommy	2312
65	Lin, Dachey	2287
66	Chiang, Jonathan	2285
68	Altschuler, Jason	2282
96	Chiang, Sarah	2234

**AGE 18**

9	Altschuler, Jason	2282
40	Chandra, Kevin	2080

**AGE 17**

22	Su, Dion	2128
24	Chang, Derek	2120
29	Vasquez, Simon, III	2090
34	Kalyan, Suchinder	2064
44	Balakrishnan, Naveen	2023
52	Leos, Christian	2001
68	Yang, Sylvia	1942
74	Liang, Justin	1924

**AGE 16**

1	Yang, Darwin	2561
6	Pamatmat, Jarod	2324

10	Chiang, Sarah	2234
15	Zhang, Vincent	2184
28	Ukoli, James	2088
32	Xiang, Ellen	2072
43	James, Dylan	2008
66	Zhu, Caroline	1947
71	Johnson, Perry	1938
77	Rhodes, Tyler	1924
85	Prabhakaran, Karthik	1892

**AGE 15**

19	Ng, Daniel	2123
22	Jiang, Austin	2117
26	Lu, Tommy	2101
27	Shao, Andy	2100
39	Jiang, Alexander	2054
49	Munoz, Claudia	2026
83	Istafanous, Andrew	1901

**AGE 14**

15	Malhotra, Akshay	2142
22	Han, Curran Ray	2097
23	Wlezien, Alexander	2089
34	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2016
35	Kowal, Joshua A	2013
51	Xiang, Evan	1944
53	Jacob, Andrew	1936
58	Brannon, Joshua	1919
68	Annigeri, Sanjay	1884
69	Kotta, Venkat	1880
82	Murthy, Aaditya	1835
92	Shan, Devan	1817
95	Palang, Caissa	1810

**AGE 13**

1	He, Tommy	2312
2	Lin, Dachey	2287
3	Chiang, Jonathan	2285
14	Vaidya, Atulya	2153
20	Obili, Abhishek	2067
28	Lu, Andrew	2008
37	Capocyan, Sam	1969
63	Nguyen, Brittany	1871
66	Mao, Marcus	1864
69	Hsieh, David	1853

**AGE 12**

1	Xiong, Jeffery	2496
21	Chen, Christopher	2018
32	Nguyen, Anthony	1969
42	Trakru, Priya	1911
46	Krishna, Ram	1887
51	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	1868
	Arunachalam,	
53	Palaniappan	1857
59	Verma, Ritik	1828
62	Premkumar, Hiren	1825
69	Abella, Clarissa	1804
72	Weisberg, Mark	1795
75	Cooper, William, Jr	1786
88	Li, Kevin	1749

**AGE 11**

1	Li, Ruifeng	2326
4	Liu, Bovey	2181
11	Xie, Tianming	2029
31	Jiang, Maxwell	1885
32	Devagharan, Devina	1880
35	Li, David C	1866
44	Palang, Warren	1815
	Jagadeeshi,	
59	Sudarshana	1737
68	Kao, Camille	1696
74	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1682
79	Reza, Maverick	1670
83	Fernandes, Nathaniel	1657
84	Dong, Dylan	1656
87	Chen, Alex	1647
89	Ogunfunmi, Tomisin	1643
92	Rao, Rohit	1639
94	Eswaran, Pranav	1635

**AGE 10**

13	Frutos, Chase	1927
14	Nguyen, Emily	1904
15	Fan, William	1871
20	Tian, Samuel	1799
29	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1754
32	Buergler, Jacob	1737
41	Lu, Jonathan	1675
44	Huo, Rannon	1668
46	Liu, Glen	1656



## **F JULY 2013 RATING SUPPLEMENT**

47	Yue, William	1653
49	Ganesh, Anirudh Gopalakrishnan,	1649
50	Pranav	1643
54	Keval, Vivek	1626
55	Guo, Zachary	1624
73	Le, Collin Khoi	1589
77	Kaliyur, Shreyes	1581
82	Liu, Kevin	1567
90	Narang, Ijay	1549
98	Vijay, Akash	1524

### **AGE 9**

4	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	1928
15	Hawthorn, Charles	1795
16	Vivekananthan, Anish	1776
30	Wang, Eric	1691
31	Mao, Andrew	1682
35	Niu, Baron	1650
39	Breslav, Nikita	1621
41	Robitaille, Luke	1618
44	Costa, Diego	1606
85	Balderas, Adolfo, Jr	1460

### **AGE 8**

7	Ni, Maggie	1738
8	Frutos, Cole	1688
9	Vaidya, Atreya	1684
11	Zhu, Harvey	1668
12	Hung, Daniel	1650
15	Hawthorn, Henry	1630
19	Wang, Yanke	1594
20	Yue, Roy	1585
30	Shi, Eric	1498
36	Rajaram, Rudransh	1474
42	Bansal, Aryaman	1452
45	Liu, Kevin	1436
47	McNutt, William	1423
49	Nguyen, Anh	1420
58	Wei, Alexander Chathapuram,	1384
78	Shashvat	1309
83	Sheldon, Koby	1302
93	Cooper, James	1281

### **AGE 7 AND UNDER**

2	Wang, Harry	1641
4	Tang, Andrew	1592
7	Polavaram, Rithik	1562
16	Xie, Mckinley	1411
22	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1382
23	Trakru, Rohun	1374
30	Lu, Kevin	1311
37	Chen, Mason	1263
42	Jiang, Albert	1237
46	Patil, Vedant	1214
57	Peng, Eric	1172
63	Casas, Michael	1156
67	Acevedo, Anthony Gomez-Quinonez,	1130

71	Fernando	1100
73	Zeng, Brady	1095
76	Yan, Edward	1090
82	Sudhakar, Gauravaram	1065
92	Swinford, Henry	1044

### **WOMEN**

11	Nemcova, Katerina	2290
14	Chiang, Sarah	2234
36	Xiang, Ellen	2072
43	Munoz, Claudia	2026
44	Jamison, Courtney	2021
61	Zhu, Caroline	1947
63	Xiang, Evan	1944
64	Yang, Sylvia	1942
76	Trakru, Priya	1911
78	Nguyen, Emily	1904
85	Devagharan, Devina	1880
89	Nguyen, Brittany Venkataraman,	1871
98	Madhumitha	1839
99	Lopez, Vanessa	1836

### **GIRLS UNDER 21**

1	Chiang, Sarah	2234
13	Xiang, Ellen	2072
19	Munoz, Claudia	2026
32	Zhu, Caroline	1947
34	Xiang, Evan	1944
35	Yang, Sylvia	1942
42	Trakru, Priya	1911
43	Nguyen, Emily	1904

47	Devagharan, Devina	1880
49	Nguyen, Brittany Venkataraman,	1871
56	Madhumitha	1839
60	Palang, Caissa	1810
61	Abella, Clarissa	1804
63	Sarna, Kristen	1795
64	Zhao, Annie	1793
77	Chu, Yue	1760
82	Ni, Maggie	1738
93	Zhang, Victoria	1709
99	Kao, Camille	1696

### **GIRLS UNDER 16**

8	Munoz, Claudia	2026
17	Xiang, Evan	1944
23	Trakru, Priya	1911
24	Nguyen, Emily	1904
26	Devagharan, Devina	1880
28	Nguyen, Brittany	1871
35	Palang, Caissa	1810
36	Abella, Clarissa	1804
37	Sarna, Kristen	1795
38	Zhao, Annie	1793
48	Ni, Maggie	1738
60	Kao, Camille	1696
69	Zheng, Christine	1645
73	Qureshi, Sadia	1629
86	Su, Meiyi	1572
92	Venkataraman, Sara	1559

### **GIRLS UNDER 13**

8	Trakru, Priya	1911
9	Nguyen, Emily	1904
10	Devagharan, Devina	1880
13	Abella, Clarissa	1804
17	Ni, Maggie	1738
20	Kao, Camille	1696
23	Zheng, Christine	1645
25	Qureshi, Sadia	1629
57	Rodriguez, Dominique	1474
61	Mitra, Apsara	1448
71	Nguyen, Anh	1420
88	Mitra, Aishwarya	1370
89	Bhat, Puja	1367
92	Garza, Ariel	1345

Speaking of the Texas Amateur, we spotted these two tournament officials playing a game during one of the rounds!



Yes, that is Assistant TD Lori Riley playing TCA Treasurer Barbara Swafford! Humm...they did not report the result!

Here are some of the games from the Texas Amateur:

**James, Brett – Kumarappan, Ganesh**  
2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (1), 24.05.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Nbd7 5.Bg2  
b6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Ne5 0-0 9.e3 Bd6  
10.f4 Ba6 11.b3 c5 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.Rf2 cxd4  
14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.exd4 Rac8 16.Nb5 Bxb5  
17.cxb5 Qb4 18.Nc6 Qa3 19.b4 Kh8 20.Rf3  
Qb2 21.Rb3 Qxa1 22.Qxa1 Rc7 23.a4 Nb8  
24.Nxb8 Rxb8 25.Rc3 Rbc8 26.Rxc7 Rxc7  
27.a5 bxa5 28.bxa5 g6 29.b6 Rb7 30.bxa7  
Rxa7 31.a6 Nd7 32.Qa5 Kg7 33.Bf1 f5 34.Bb5  
Nf8 35.Qb6 Ra8 36.a7 Rxa7 37.Qxa7+ Kh6  
38.Qe7 g5 39.Qxg5# 1-0

**Kneen, John Michael – Lu, Andrew**  
2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (1), 25.05.2013

1.a3 e5 2.e3 d5 3.d4 exd4 4.exd4 Nf6 5.Nf3  
Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nc3 Nc6  
10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ne4  
13.Nf4 c6 14.Nd3 Qb6 15.Be3 d4 16.Bc1 c5

17.Qg4 f5 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Qe2 Rae8 20.Nf4  
Bd8 21.Qc4+ Kh8 22.Nd3 Ne4 23.Re1 Bh4  
24.Re2 Nd6 [24...Qc6] 25.Rxe8 Rxe8 26.Qd5  
c4 27.Ne5 Rf8 28.Nd7 Bxf2+ 29.Kh1 Qd8  
30.Nxf8 Qxf8 31.Qf3 Qf5 32.Bf4 Ne4 33.Rf1  
h6 34.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 35.Qxf2 g5 36.Bg3 Qxf2  
37.Bxf2 d3 38.cxd3 cxd3 39.Be3 Kg7 40.Kg1  
Kf6 41.Kf1 Ke5 42.Ke1 Ke4 43.Kd2 a6 44.b3  
a5 45.a4 b5 46.axb5 Kd5 47.Kxd3 Kd6 48.g4  
Kd7 49.Kd4 Kc7 50.Kc5 Kb7 51.Kd6 Kb8  
52.Kc6 Kc8 1-0

**Nguyen, Anthony – Case, Rick**

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (4), 26.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3  
Nf6 6.Nd2 Qb6 7.Nc4 Qc6 8.e4 d5 9.Na3 a6  
10.e5 Nfd7 11.g3 Qb6 12.Rb1 e6 13.Nc2 Nc6  
14.a3 Be7 15.Bh3 h5 16.Ne2 h4 17.g4 g5  
18.Be3 c4 19.0-0 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.f4 Qd8  
22.Qd2 Rg8 23.Ne1 gxf4 24.Nxf4 Nb6 25.Qf2  
Rf8 26.Ng6 Rf7 27.g5 e5 28.Bxc8 Qxc8  
29.gxf6 Qg4+ 30.Qg2 Qxg2+ 31.Nxg2 h3  
32.N2h4 Kd7 33.dxe5 Rg8 34.Kh1



1-0

### Bonnell,Leo – Kneen,John Michael

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nge2 0-0  
6.Ng3 Nbd7 7.Be2 c5 8.d5 Nb6 9.Be3 Nfd7  
10.Qd2 Re8 11.0-0 Ne5 12.b3 Bg4 13.Rac1  
Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Qc8 15.h3 Ned7 16.a4 Nf6  
17.f4 Nbd7 18.Qf3 Rf8 19.Nd1 Qd8 20.Nf2 a6  
21.Nd3 Ne8 22.Qe2 b6 23.Bd2 Nc7 24.Bc3 e5  
25.dxe6 Nxe6 26.Bxg7 Nxg7 27.f5 Qh4  
28.Qe3 Rae8 29.Rf4 Qh6 30.fxg6 hxg6  
31.Rcf1 Ne6 32.R4f3 Qxe3+ 33.Rxe3 Nd4  
34.Nf4 Nf6 35.Nfe2 Nxe2+ 36.Rxe2 Kg7  
37.Rd1 Re6 38.Red2 Rd8 39.Kf2 Rxe4  
40.Rxd6 Rxd6 41.Rxd6 Re6 42.Rxe6 fxe6  
43.Ke3 Nd7 44.Ne4 Kh6 45.Kf4 Kh5 46.g3  
Kh6 47.Nd6 Kg7 48.h4 Kf6 49.Ne4+ Kf7 50.g4  
Kg7 51.h5 gxh5 52.gxh5 Kh6 53.Ng3 a5  
54.Kg4 Nf6+ 55.Kh4 Nd7 56.Ne4 Ne5

Diagram



57.Ng5 Nd7 58.Nxe6 Nf6 59.Nf4 Ne4 60.Nd5  
Nd2 61.Nxb6 Nxb3 62.Kg4 Nd2 63.Kf5 Kxh5  
64.Ke5 Kg6 65.Kd5 Nb3 66.Nd7 Kf7 67.Nxc5  
Nxc5 68.Kxc5 Ke7 69.Kc6 1-0

### Lobaugh,Doyle –

### Kumarappan,Ganesh

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (6), 27.05.2013

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.Nbd2 h6  
5.Bh4 g5 6.Bg3 Bg7 7.e3 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.c3  
c6 10.b4 b5 11.Qc2 Qb6 12.Ne5 0-0-0  
13.Nxf7 Rhf8 14.Nxd8 Kxd8 15.a4 Ba6 16.a5  
Qb7 17.Nf3 Nh5 18.0-0-0 Nxc3 19.hxc3 e5  
20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Rdf1 Ng4  
23.Bf5 Ne5 24.Rxh6 Nc4 25.Rh7 Rf7 26.Rfh1  
Qe7 27.Rh8+ Kc7 28.R8h7 Kd6 29.Rxf7 Qxf7  
30.Rh7 Qe8 31.Rd7+ Ke5 32.f4+ Kf6 33.fxc5+  
Kxg5 34.Qf2 Qxe3+ 35.Qxe3+ Nxe3 36.Bh3  
Bc8 37.Rxa7 Bxh3 38.gxh3 Nc4 39.a6 Nb6  
40.Rb7 Nc8 41.a7 Nxa7 42.Rxa7 Kf6 43.h4  
Ke6 44.h5 Kf6 45.h6 Kg6 46.h7 Kg5 47.h8Q  
Kg4 48.Rg7+ Kf5 49.Qf8+ Ke4 50.Re7+ Kd3  
51.Qf3+ Kc4 52.Kc2 d4 53.Qf7# 1-0

After six straight wins this draw clinches first place  
for Tianming!

### Xie,Tianming – Nguyen,Anthony

2013 Texas State and Amateur Championshi  
Fort Worth (7), 27.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Qe2 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2  
Bg7 6.0-0 d6 7.d3 Nd4 8.Nxd4 cxd4 9.f4 Ne7  
10.Nd2 Qc7 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.Ne1 Rc8 13.h4 h5  
14.Bd2 f5 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.b3 Qc7 17.Nf3 Bf6  
18.Rfe1 Qc5 19.e5 dxe5 ½-½

## 2013 U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

Two Texans participated in the 2013 U.S. Championship and both did very well! GM Alejandro Ramirez finished in a tie for first with GM Gata Kamsky but lost the title on a play-off. GM Alexander Onischuk, the Chess Coach at Texas Tech tied for third place. Both Texas players qualified for the World Cup! Here are the final standings:

1	GM	Kamsky, Gata	2741	6.5
	GM	Ramirez, Alejandro	2551	6.5
3	GM	Onischuk, Alexander	2666	6.0
	GM	Gareev, Timur	2674	6.0
5	GM	Holt, Conrad	2513	5.5
6	GM	Christiansen, Larry	2579	5.0
	GM	Shabalov, Alexander	2544	5.0
	GM	Robson, Ray	2620	5.0
	IM	Troff, Kayden W	2421	5.0
	GM	Benjamin, Joel	2534	5.0
	GM	Akobian, Varuzhan	2616	5.0
12		Norowitz, Yaacov	2451	4.5
	GM	Shankland, Samuel L	2612	4.5
14	GM	Kaidanov, Gregory S	2593	4.0
	GM	Shulman, Yuri	2570	4.0
	GM	Finegold, Benjamin	2505	4.0
	FM	Sevian, Samuel	2371	4.0
	GM	Hess, Robert L	2595	4.0
19	FM	Bryant, John Daniel	2442	3.5
20	GM	Ivanov, Alexander	2529	3.0
	GM	Arnold, Marc T	2538	3.0
	FM	Sammour-Hasbun, Jorge	2463	3.0
	GM	Khachiyan, Melikset	2518	3.0
	FM	Stripunsky, Alexander	2570	3.0

GM Conrad Holt, registered in the USCF as a Kansas player, lives in Texas most of the time as well, as he attends college at UTD, while GM Timur Gareev lived in Texas until his recent move to San

Diego. Timur and Conrad also advanced to the World Cup!

Ramirez pushed the top seed Kamsky to the limit. The first play-off game, at G/25 with 5-second increment, ended in a draw:

### Kamsky, Gata – Ramirez, Alejandro

2013 U.S. Championship, 13.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Qc7 8.Na3 d6 9.b3 a6 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.Qd2 Bd7 12.Rac1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc6 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.Nc3 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 b5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5 Rac8 19.cxb5 Qxb5 20.Nxf6+ exf6 21.e3 Rc6 22.Rxc6 Qxc6+ 23.Kg1 Rc8 24.Rd1 Qc2 25.Qxc2 Rxc2 26.a4 Rc6 27.Rd4 Kf8 28.Rb4 Ke7 29.Rb7+ Ke6 30.a5 Rc2 31.g4 h5 32.gxh5 gxh5 33.Kg2 f5 34.Rb6 Rb2 35.Kf3 Ke5 36.Rxa6 Rxb3 37.Ra8 Ra3 38.a6 f4 39.a7 Kf5 40.Ke2 fxe3 41.fxe3 h4 42.h3 Ra4 43.Kd3 Kf6 44.Kc3 Ke7 45.Kb3 Ra1 46.Kc4 Ra5 47.Kb4 Ra1 48.Kb5 Rb1+ 49.Kc6 Rc1+ 50.Kd5 Rc5+ 51.Ke4 Ra5 52.Kf4 Kf6 53.Kg4 Ra4+ 54.Kh5 Kf5 55.e4+ Kf6 56.Kxh4 d5 57.Kg3 dxe4 58.Kf4 Kg7 59.h4 Kh7 60.h5 Kg7 61.h6+ Kh7 62.Ke3 f5 63.Kf4 Ra6 ½-½

The second play-off game ended in a draw as well:

### Ramirez, Alejandro – Kamsky, Gata

2013 U.S. Championship, 13.05.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 Bb7 9.d3 d6 10.h3 Qd7 11.Nc3 Na5 12.Ba2 b4 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 c6 15.Ba2 c5 16.c3 Bc6 17.Bd5 bxc3 18.bxc3 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rab8 20.c4 Nb3 21.Rb1 Nxc1 22.Qxc1 Qxa4 23.Ra1 Qb3 24.Ra3 Qb7 25.Qa1 f5 26.Rxa6 Ra8 27.Ra2 Rxa2 28.Qxa2 Ra8 29.Rb1 Rxa2 30.Rxb7 Bf6 31.Rb8+ Kf7 32.Rb7+ Ke8 33.Rb1 Kd7 34.Rd1 h5 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 e4 37.dxe4 20

fxg4 38.e5 gxf3 39.exf6 gxf6 40.Rc1 f5 41.Rc3 Ke7 42.Re3+ Kf6 43.Re6+ Kg5 44.Rxd6 Rc2 45.Rc6 Kf4 46.Rh6 Kg5 47.Rh8 Rxc4 48.d6 Rd4 49.Rc8 Rxd6 50.Rxc5 Kg4 51.Rc4+ Kh3 52.Rc1 Rg6+ 53.Kh1 Rg2 54.Rc2 Rg7 55.Rc3 Kg4 56.Rc4+ f4 57.Rc8 Kf5 58.Rc3 Ke4 59.Rc4+ Kd3 60.Rxf4 Ke2 61.Ra4 Kxf2 62.Ra2+ Kg3 63.Kg1 Rb7 64.Rg2+ ½-½

The rules dictated that in case of a 1-1 tie, the playoff would end in an Armageddon match, where players bid for time and color. In sealed envelopes, Ramirez wrote the time 19:45, while Kamsky's envelope read 20 minutes even. Ramirez thus got 19:45 to Kamsky's 45 minutes, while Ramirez had black and draw odds.



The two reprised the opening from their first rapid game. Kamsky, needing to win, decided to keep all the minor pieces on the board this time. He slowly increased his square domination while Ramirez listlessly shuffled pieces round the last two ranks. Eventually Kamsky pushed forward, and Ramirez, getting low on time, decided to take his chances in an opposite-colored bishop endgame.

With Ramirez playing only on increment, he could not defend once Kamsky got his third passed pawn. Ramirez resigned after Kamsky denuded black's best defenders. After the game,

Kamsky told Ramirez that 37...e5 was the critical mistake, without which black should hold. Ramirez agreed, explaining that he did not see 39...g4 in his calculations.

## Kamsky, Gata – Ramirez, Alejandro

2013 U.S. Championship, 13.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.g3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Qc7 8.Na3 d6 9.Ndb5 Qd8 10.Bg5 Nc6 11.Qd2 a6 12.Nc3 Bf5 13.e4 Be6 14.Nd5 Nd7 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.b3 Re8 17.h3 Nde5 18.Kh1 Rb8 19.Nc2 Qd7 20.Nb6 Qd8 21.Be3 Nd7 22.Nd5 Nc5 23.f4 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.f5 Bxd5 26.exd5 Ne5 27.Nb4 Qa5 28.Bxc5 dxc5 29.Rxc5 Rbc8 30.Rxc8 Rxc8 31.fxg6 hxg6 32.Qf4 Qc7 33.a4 bxa4 34.bxa4 f5 35.Nc6 Nxc6 36.Qxc7 Rxc7 37.dxc6 e5 38.Bd5+ Kf8 39.g4 Ke7 40.gxf5 gxf5 41.Rxf5 Kd6 42.Bf3 Ra7 43.Rg5 e4 44.Bxe4 Be5 45.Rg6+ Kc5 46.Bf3 Kb6 47.Rg5 Ra5 48.h4 Kc7 49.h5 Kd6 50.h6 Rxa4 51.Rxe5 Kxe5 52.c7 Diagram



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## 2013 U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Our lone representative at this event was 16-year old Sarah Chiang. Sarah is the top girl under 21 in the Nation, but she was the second lowest rated player in the field. She had a tough start, losing her first five games, but recuperated nicely and finished with 2.5 points in the last four games!



1   WGM IRINA KRUSH	2489	8.0
2   WGM ANNA ZATONSKIY	2501	7.5
3   WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN	2385	6.5
4   WGM CAMILLA BAGINSKAITE	2356	4.5
5   WIM IRYNA ZENYUK	2327	4.5
6   WGM SABINA-FRANCESCA FOISOR	2371	3.5
7   WGM ANJELINA BELAKOVSKAIA	2334	3.0
8   WFM ALENA KATS	2204	3.0
9   WFM SARAH CHIANG	2252	2.5
10   WIM VIKTORIJA NI	2335	2.0

## 2013 U.S. JUNIOR CLOSED

The winner of the U.S. Junior Open qualifies for the Junior Closed of the following year provided the player is still eligible by age. Last year's winner of the Open was Karthik Ramachandran. Karthik, however, was not eligible to this year's U.S. Junior Closed because he was already 20 years old. Because of that, the organizers of the Closed decided to invite the runner-up to Karthik, and that was Sarah Chiang! She sure had a busy Summer!

In addition to Sarah, another Texan made the 10-player field, and that was the Nation's top 12-year old FM Jeffery Xiong! This was a very strong field, and for Sarah it was much stronger than the U.S. Women's Championship. She only managed only half-a-point but remained very upbeat and gained valuable experience. Jeffery did better but finished in a tie for 7<sup>th</sup> place. In spite of the results at this event, I am confident that both Sarah and Jeffery will accomplish much in the years ahead – they already have!

1   DANIEL A NARODITSKY	2558	6.5
2   SAMUEL SEVIAN	2464	6.0
3   LUKE C HARMON-VELLOTTI	2441	6.0
4   VICTOR C SHEN	2511	5.5
5   KAYDEN W TROFF	2528	4.5
6   YIAN LIOU	2469	4.5
7   ROBERT M PEREZ	2521	4.0
8   JEFFERY XIONG	2496	4.0
9   ATULYA SHETTY	2465	3.5
10   SARAH CHIANG	2234	0.5

Sarah plays the eventual Champion of the 2013 U.S. Women's Championship

Chiang, Sarah – Krush, Irina  
2013 U.S. Women's Championship,  
08.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2  
c5 6.a3 Ba5 7.Rb1 Na6 8.g3 Bb7 9.d5 b5  
10.Bg2 bxc4 11.0-0 0-0 12.e4 exd5 13.exd5  
d6 14.Qa4 h6 15.Bf4 Re8 16.Rfd1 Nb8  
17.Qxc4 Ba6 18.Nb5 Nbd7 19.Nec3 Ne5  
20.Qa4 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 a6 22.Qa4 Bb6 23.Ne4  
Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Qf6= Diagram



25.Re1 c4 26.Re2 Ng6 27.Qxc4 Nxf4 28.gxf4  
Kf8 29.Qb3 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Qg6+ 31.Qg3 Qxe4  
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In spite of the loss, Sarah played well and gained valuable experience against the top female player in the country!

## HOUSTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, I drove to the West side of Houston to check out our newest chess club, **Center 64**. I was particularly impressed with the club and the owners, Kwunnie Ng and Matthew Willis. The club is small but clean and well organized. The target number of players for the event was 50, and that is exactly the number they had!



Most of Houston's top players were in attendance, including IM Daniel Fernandez, FM Warren Harper, Francisco Guadalupe II, Bradley Sawyer and FM Chris Land. After a 2<sup>nd</sup> Round draw against expert Tommy Lu, IM Fernandez withdrew from the event, leaving Harper as the favorite. Warren did not disappoint, winning the Championship with 4.5 points in five rounds. His only blemish was a last round draw with Sawyer. Francisco, Chris, and Bo Githoro finished in a tie for second with 4.0 points each. Sawyer followed with 3.5 points.

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Here are three of the Houston City Champion's games...

### Curran Ray Han (2110) – Warren Harper (2409) [A70]

Houston City Championship (2), 22.06.2013  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5  
 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.h3 a6 10.a4  
 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nh5 12.Be3 Re8 13.Qc2 Rb8  
 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Be2 Qh4 16.Bxh5 gxh5 17.f4  
 Qg3 18.Rfe1 Bxh3 19.Nf1 Nf3+ 20.Kh1 Nxe1  
 Diagram



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### Warren Harper (2409) – Mbugua Bo Githoro (2118) [A90]

Houston City Championship (3), 22.06.2013  
 1.c4 e6 2.g3 f5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 d5 5.0-0 Bd6  
 6.Qc2 0-0 7.b3 Qe7 8.Bb2 c6 9.d4 Bd7  
 10.Ne5 Be8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.Ndf3 Bh5  
 13.Nd3 Rac8 14.Nfe5 Ng4 15.a4 Bg6 16.e3  
 Qe8 17.Qd2 Rd8 18.Nxd7 Rxd7 19.f3 Nf6  
 20.c5 Bb8 21.b4 Re7 22.Ne5 Nd7 23.Bc3  
 Bxe5 24.dxe5 a5 25.Bd4 Qb8 26.f4 b6

27.cxb6 Nxb6 28.bxa5 Nc4 29.Qc3 Rb7 30.a6  
 Rb3 31.a7 Qb7 32.Qxb3 Qxb3 33.Rfb1 Nb2  
 34.Rxb2 Qd3 35.Bf1 Diagram



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### Curtis Brooks (2143) – Warren Harper (2409) [B12]

Houston City Championship (4), 23.06.2013  
 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Ne2 e6 5.Be3 Qb6  
 6.b3 c5 7.c4 dxc4 8.bxc4 Nc6 9.d5 0-0-0  
 10.Ng3 Bg6 11.Nc3 Nxe5 12.f4 Qb4 13.Rc1  
 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.f5 exf5 16.Rf1 Re8  
 17.Nce2 Qb4+ 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Rf4 Bd6  
 20.Rb1 Qc7 21.Qa4 Nf6 22.Qxa7 Nxd5  
 23.Rd4 cxd4 24.Ba5 Qc6 25.Kf2 Qa6 26.Rc1+  
 Kd7 27.Qxd4 Qxa5 0-1



## 2013 U.S. OPEN

The 2013 U.S. Open took place in Madison, Wisconsin. Our State was well represented with 27 players among the 515 participants. In addition, I was the Chief Tournament Director and fellow Texan NTD Bill Snead was the Floor Chief.

Up for grabs, was \$45,000 in prize fund plus additional special prizes. The strong field included 12 GMs, 5 IMs, one WGM, and 2 WIMs. Our own GM Julio Sadorra finished in a 3-way tie for first, but lost a play-off spot, for the Champion's Cup and a \$200 bonus, on tie-breaks. Julio had to "settle" for a share of the 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place money: \$4,182! Congratulations, Julio!

Here are the standings of our Texas players:

T1	GM Julio Sadorra	2655	8.0
T4	GM Ioan Cristian Chirila	2600	7.5
T8	GM Conrad Holt	2639	7.0
T8	CM Ruifeng Li	2350	7.0
T22	Mark Dejmek	2112	6.5
T22	Jame Ukoli	2092	6.5
T48	Vincent Zhang	2147	6.0
T48	Olzhas Alexandrov	2133	6.0
T48	Kevin Chandra	2099	6.0
T85	FM Michael Langer	2306	5.5
T85	John Carr	2137	5.5
T85	Curran Ray Han	2080	5.5
T85	Hiren Premkumar	1910	5.5
T143	Atulya Vaidya	2189	5.0
T143	Samuel Perez	1954	5.0
T143	Justin Liang	1924	5.0
T212	WCM Claudia Munoz	2036	4.5
T212	David Li	1852	4.5
T212	Rannon Huo	1826	4.5

T212	Atreya Vaidya	1793	4.5
T282	Harvey Zhu	1691	4.0
T282	Charles Davis	1620	4.0
T358	Steve Kuzma	1340	3.5
T410	Paul Emery	1602	3.0
T410	Collin Khoi Le	1613	3.0
T410	Roberto Martin Del Campo, Jr	1328	3.0
T483	Helen Le	926	2.0

And here are some of the games:

### Sadorra,Julio (2640) – Hough,Randall (2000)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (2),  
28.07.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 Ba6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 d5 8.cxd5 Bxf1 9.Kxf1 exd5 10.Qf3 0-0 11.g4 Re8 12.g5 Ne4 13.h4 Nc6 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Qf5 Qc8 16.Qxc8 Raxc8 17.Bd2 Ne7 18.Rc1 Nf5 19.Ke2 c6 20.Rc4 g6 21.Rhc1 Nxe4 22.Rxc6 Rxc6 23.Rxc6 Nf3 24.Bc3 Nxe4 25.d5 h5 26.d6 Kh7 27.d7 1-0

### Langer,Michael (2313) – Redkin,Dmitriy (2058)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (3),  
29.07.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5 11.exf5 Bxf5 12.c3 Bg7 13.Nc2 0-0 14.Nce3 Be6 15.Bd3 f5 16.Qh5 e4 17.Bc2 Ne7 18.Rd1 b4 19.0-0 bxc3 20.bxc3 Nxd5 21.Nxd5 Rc8 22.Bb3 Kh8 23.Nf4 Bxb3 24.axb3 Rf6 25.Ra1 Qf8 26.Rxa6 Rh6 27.Qg5 Rxc3 28.b4 Rb3 29.Rb6 Be5 30.Rb8 Qxb8 31.Qxh6 Qe8 32.Rc1 Bxf4 33.Qxf4 Qf8 34.Qd2 Qf6 35.Rc8+ Kg7 36.Rc7+ Kg6 37.g3 e3 38.fxe3 Rb1+ 39.Rc1 Rb3 40.g4 1-0

Sadorra,Julio (2640) –

Strenzwilk,Denis (2200)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (4),  
30.07.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Bf5 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bf4  
Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 a6 9.Nh4 Bg6  
10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bg3 Bd6  
13.Rc1 Bxg3 14.hxg3 Re8 15.Qb3 Rb8  
16.Na4 Nb6 17.Nc5 Qd6 18.Bf3 Nd8 19.Rfd1  
Na8 20.d5 e5 21.Ne4 Qe7 22.a4 a5 23.d6  
cxd6 24.Nxd6 Rf8 25.Nc8 Qb4 26.Rc4 Rxc8  
27.Rxb4 axb4 28.Qxb4 Nc7 29.Qc3 Nc6  
30.Bxc6 bxc6 31.Qxc6 Ne6 32.Qe4 Nc5  
33.Qc4 Ne6 34.Qb5 Rc5 35.Qb6 Rfc8 36.a5  
R5c6 37.Qb7 R6c7 38.Qe4 Rc5 39.a6 Ng5  
40.Qb7 R8c7 41.a7 1-0

Langer,Michael (2313) – Sadorra,Julio  
(2640)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (5),  
31.07.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ng3 Nf6 5.e5  
Nd7 6.Bd3 Nb4 7.Be2 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.Nb3 cxd4  
10.cxd4 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Bg5 0-  
0 14.Bh4 Kh8 15.Rc1 Bf4 16.Rb1 Qd6 17.Bg3  
Ne4 18.Bxf4 Rxf4 19.Nc1 Bd7 20.Nd3 Rf6  
21.Nde5 Raf8 22.Qd3 Be8 23.Qe3 Ne7  
24.Qb3 Nc6 25.Qe3 Bh5 26.a3 Ne7 27.Rbd1  
b6 28.h3 h6 29.Bd3 Bxf3 30.Nxf3 Rxf3 31.gxf3  
Nf5 32.Qe1 Nh4 33.Be2 Rxf3 34.Rc1 Qf4 And  
the GM knows it is mate-in-5 35.Rc8+ Kh7  
36.Qc1 Rg3+ 0-1

Carr,John (2104) –

Banerjee,Abhimanyu (1751)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (6),  
01.08.2013

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d3 0-0 5.e4 d6  
6.0-0 e5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Re1 h6 9.d4 Bg4 10.h3  
Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Qd7 12.Bg2 Rad8 13.Na3 d5

14.exd5 Nxd5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Bxh6 Qe6  
17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qe2 Rfe8 19.Rad1 f6 20.f4  
Qb6+ 21.Qf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Nxf4 23.gxf4 Nc6  
24.Bxc6 bxc6 25.Nc4 Kf7 26.Rxd8 Rxd8  
27.Re4 c5 28.Re2 Rh8 29.Rd2 Ke7 30.Kg3  
Rb8 31.Ne3 c6 32.h4 Ke6 33.f5+ gxf5 34.Kf4  
Rb7 35.Nxf5 Rc7 36.h5 Kf7 37.Rg2 Kf8 38.h6  
Rh7 39.Rd2 Ke8 40.Rd6 1-0

Chirila,loan (2600) – Borman,Kelly  
(2012)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (6.2),  
31.07.2013

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3  
e6 6.0-0 Nge7 7.e3 0-0 8.a3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5  
10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 Nf5  
13.Nxd5 Nxd4 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Bf4 Be6 16.Nc7  
Qxd1 17.Raxd1 Rad8 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Bxb7  
Bxb2 20.a4 Bf6 21.a5 e5 22.Bc1 Nd4 23.Be3  
Rf7 24.a6 Rc7 25.Kg2 Rdd7 26.Rd2 Kf7 27.f4  
exf4 28.Bxf4 Rc2 29.Rxc2 Nxc2 30.Be4 1-0

Holt,Conrad (2627) –

Chakraborty,Dipro (2304)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (6.4),  
01.08.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0  
6.h3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Be3 Nc5 10.Nd2  
a5 11.g4 c6 12.Be2 a4 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.Nxa4  
Qa5 15.Nc3 Nd7 16.a3 Rd8 17.Qc2 Bf8 18.0-  
0-0 Bd6 19.h4 Nb6 20.Nf1 Na4 21.Nxa4 Qxa4  
22.Ne3 Qxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Kf8 24.h5 g5 25.Rd3  
Ke7 26.Rhd1 f6 27.R1d2 Ra7 28.Bf3 Ra6  
29.Rb3 Bc7 30.Nf5+ Bxf5 31.Rxb7 Rd7  
32.exf5 cxd5 33.Bxd5 Bd6 34.Rb5 Raa7  
35.Rb6 Rd8 36.Be4 Rdd7 37.Rd3 Ra5 38.Bc6  
1-0

Aramil, William James (2332) –  
Sadorra, Julio (2640)

117th Annual US Open (7), 02.08.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c5 5.cxd5  
exd5 6.Bg2 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.dxc5  
Bxc5 10.Bg5 d4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Ne4 Qe7  
13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.Qd2 Rd8 15.Rfd1 Bg4 16.h3  
Be6 17.Ne1 Qf5 18.b3 Bd5 19.Rac1 Bxg2  
20.Kxg2 Rd6 21.Nf3 Re8 22.Qc2 Qd5 23.Rd2  
h5 24.Qc5 Red8 25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.Rcd1 Kf8  
27.e3 d3 28.Ne1 Nb4 29.e4 Ra5 30.a4 Ra6  
31.Kf3 Rad6 32.Kg2 Rc8 33.f3 Rc3 34.Kf2  
Rxb3 35.Rc1 Rc6 36.Rxc6 bxc6 37.Ke3 c5  
38.f4 c4 39.Rd1 c3 0-1

Sadorra, Julio (2640) –  
Hungaski, Robert (2541)

117th Annual US Open (8), 03.08.2013

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5  
c6 6.Qc2 Be7 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Bxe7  
Qxe7 10.0-0-0 Nb6 11.h3 g6 12.Nf3 Ng7  
13.g4 Be6 14.Kb1 h5 15.Ne5 0-0-0 16.Na4  
Nxa4 17.Qxa4 Kb8 18.Rc1 hxg4 19.Rc3 Qc7  
20.Rhc1

20...gxh3 21.Ra3 a5 22.Nxc6+ Qxc6 23.Rxc6  
Bd7 24.Rb3 h2 25.Rxb7+ 1-0

Sadorra, Julio (2640) –  
Lenderman, Aleksandr (2665)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (9),  
04.08.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 c5 5.d5 h6  
6.Bh4 d6 7.e3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qe7 9.Nf3 e5  
10.Qc2 g5 11.Bg3 e4 12.Nd2 Nbd7 13.Be2  
Kd8 14.a4 Ne5 15.0-0 Bf5 16.f4 exf3 17.Qxf5  
fxe2 18.Bxe5 exf1Q+ 19.Rxf1 Qxe5 20.Qxe5  
dxe5 21.Rxf6 Ke7 22.Ne4 b6 23.Kf2 Rag8  
24.Kg3 Rg6 25.d6+ Kf8 26.Kg4 Rhg8 27.h3  
h5+ 28.Kf5 Ke8 29.Kxe5 R8g7 30.Rxg6 Rxg6  
31.Nf6+ Kd8 32.Kf5 g4 33.h4 g3 34.e4 Rh6  
35.e5 Kc8 36.e6 fxe6+ 37.Kxe6 1-0

Burnett, Ronald (2417) – Chirila, Ioan  
(2600)

117th Annual US Open Middleton (9),  
04.08.2013

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.d4  
Bg7 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 c5 8.Rb1 0-0 9.Be2 b6  
10.0-0 Bb7 11.e5 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxe5 13.Bf3  
Qc7 14.Re1 Nd7 15.Ba3 Rfe8 16.Nb5 Qc8  
17.Bg4 f5 18.Bf3 a6 19.Nd4 Bf6 20.Qb3+ Kh8  
21.Qf7 Ne5 22.Bxb7 Qxb7 23.Qe6 Nd3  
24.Rxb6 Qc7 25.Rc6 Qa5 26.Bb4 Qa4 27.Rb1  
Nxb4 28.Qc4 Qxa2 29.Qxb4 a5 30.Qb6 a4  
31.Nxf5 Ra6 32.Qb8 Qxb1+ 33.Qxb1 Rxc6  
34.Ne3 a3 35.g4 Ra8 36.Qa2 Rxc3 37.Kg2  
Rb8 38.Qf7 Rxe3 39.g5 Bg7 0-1



## 79th Annual Southwest Open August 30 – September 2

### 40 Grand Prix Points (Enhanced)!

7SS. Doubletree DFW Airport North, 4441 W John Carpenter Fwy, Irving, TX 75063. \$\$ 8,950 b/175 full entries, 75% Gtd. 3 Sections and scholastic side events: **Open:** (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. USCF rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game.) Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. Note, please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$\$ 1,000-500-250, 2200-2399 \$700, U2200 \$700-350. **Reserve:** U2000. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec increment. \$\$ 800-400-200. B \$600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125. **Novice:** U1400 and Unrated. Rounds 1-3 G/90 with 30 sec. increment, rounds 4-7 G/120 with 30 sec. increment. \$\$ \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200. All 3: TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$88 if received by 8/22, else \$99. \$80 Junior(U19) if received by 8/22 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant \$52 if received by 8/22 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/28/13 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/28/13. 4 day: Reg. Friday 8/30, 6:15 pm-7:15. Rds. Fri.: 7:45, Sat.: 2:30 pm - 7:30, Sun.: 10:45 am - 5:00 pm, Mon.: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 8/31, 9-9:30 am, Rd. 1 at 10 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in Open section. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. HR: \$82/82/82/82, 972-929-8181 reserve by 8/8 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. \$82 rate includes breakfast for up to 4 people staying in room. Up to two ½-pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Tournament reserves the right to use an analog clock with equivalent time control under special circumstances. Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/1 at 9:00 am.

**K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 8/31.** 5-SS, G/30, d/5, EF: \$31 by 8/22, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/28/13 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/28/13. No refunds after 8/28/13, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/28/13. Entries do not count toward base in Open, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 8:15-8:45 am, Rd. 1 at 9:30 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: *K-12 Championship* and *K-12 U1000*. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unrateds. Medals to those who do not win a trophy.

Ent: Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, [info@dallaschess.com](mailto:info@dallaschess.com) [www.dallaschess.com](http://www.dallaschess.com) NS. NC. W. FIDE. JGP for Non scholastic side events

## **2013 DENKER, BARBER & NATIONAL GIRLS INVITATIONAL**

Three Texas young players made the trip to Wisconsin to represent us at these National events.

Our Denker Tournament of High Schools Champions representative was Vincent Zhang. Vincent, rated 2158, finished in a tie for 20<sup>th</sup> place in a very tough field that included 11 players rated over 2300, among the 48 participants.

In the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions our representative was Atulya Vaidya, rated 2198. Atulya finished in a tie for 15<sup>th</sup> place with 3.5 points in six rounds. This National event had 50 participants, including eight masters!

In the first ever National Girls Invitational Tournament, our representative was Woman Candidate Master and USCF Expert Claudia Munoz. (See "Spotlight on...")

Claudia has been very busy representing us at National and International events! She chronicles her travels in her popular website. Claudia got off to a great start, winning her first three games but did not finish as well. Claudia finished in a tie for 9<sup>th</sup> place among the 40 participants. As reported by her mom on Claudia's website, she was having difficulty sleeping which caused her to withdraw from the U.S. Open after eight rounds. But, we know Claudia and we are confident she will bounce back, stronger than ever! We are looking forward to her participation in upcoming International events!

We hope to read more about these three events, from our representatives, in the next issue of Texas Knights.

All three players also participated on the U.S. Open. Please see page 25.

**DO NOT FORGET, PLEASE MAIL YOUR  
ELECTION BALLOT QUICKLY. THANKS!**

**Also, as you have noticed, I have a lot of coverage of Texas players at National events, and that is because I am involved in them! I do not want to neglect our Texas Affiliates so, please, send me tournament results, pictures, and games. The cut-off for the Fall issue is 15 October. Please email them to me at [flguadalupe@aol.com](mailto:flguadalupe@aol.com)**

**Thanks again!**

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## 2013 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

#	NAME	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	<b>GM Valentin L Yotov</b>	2636	W19	W15	W4	W5	W6	L7	W8	<b>6.0</b>
2	FM Tommy O He	2246	W23	W9	D5	D12	D4	D3	W6	5.0
3	NM Steven Breckenridge	2381	D25	W22	L21	W15	W11	D2	W7	5.0
4	FM Michael Langer	2307	W14	W10	L1	W9	D2	L8	W11	4.5
5	NM Ruifeng Li	2311	W20	W8	D2	L1	W21	L6	W10	4.5
6	NM Dachey Lin	2226	H---	W18	W7	W21	L1	W5	L2	4.5
7	GM Tejas Bakre	2514	W13	D21	L6	W22	W12	W1	L3	4.5
8	NM Austen J Green	2211	W24	L5	D14	W23	W9	W4	L1	4.5
9	NM Francisco Guadalupe II	2317	W16	L2	W13	L4	L8	W20	W14	4.0
10	NM Karthik Ramachandran	2213	W28	L4	D23	D25	W13	W12	L5	4.0
11	FM Arvind Jayaraman	2293	D18	W25	L12	W14	L3	W19	L4	3.5
12	NM Philipp Lamby	2220	W26	H---	W11	D2	L7	L10	D13	3.5
13	Andrew J Widener	2165	L7	W29	L9	W18	L10	W25	D12	3.5
14	Atulya Vaidya	2099	L4	W28	D8	L11	W26	W21	L9	3.5
15	NM Bradley J Sawyer	2277	W29	L1	W24	L3	D19	W16	U---	3.5
16	Olzhas Alexandrov	2121	L9	L23	W29	D20	W25	L15	W18	3.5
17	Abhishek Obili	2043	L21	H---	L22	L26	W24	W23	W27	3.5
18	Cristian Carvajal	2081	D11	L6	D19	L13	W23	W22	L16	3.0
19	NM James V Rohrbaugh	2200	L1	D26	D18	W24	D15	L11	D20	3.0
20	Austin Z Jiang	2090	L5	L24	W28	D16	W22	L9	D19	3.0
21	NM Christopher Toolin	2275	W17	D7	W3	L6	L5	L14	U---	2.5
22	Ethan Li	2099	H---	L3	W17	L7	L20	L18	W24	2.5
23	Krishnan Warrior	2035	L2	W16	D10	L8	L18	L17	D26	2.0
24	Ramy Farrag	2002	L8	W20	L15	L19	L17	W26	L22	2.0
25	NM Mark W Dejmek	2122	D3	L11	W26	D10	L16	L13	U---	2.0
26	Alexander D Jiang	2058	L12	D19	L25	W17	L14	L24	D23	2.0
27	Robert Sanchez	2070	U---	U---	U---	W28	U---	U---	L17	1.0
28	Matthew Campbell	2013	L10	L14	L20	L27	U---	U---	U---	0.0
29	David W Phillips	2046	L15	L13	L16	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

# 2013 U.S. Class Championships

September 27-29 or 28-29

5SS – \$11,100 b/200 paid full entries

Master Division (both schedules), G/90, 30-sec inc.; Others, G/120, d5 (2-Day, Rd 1, G/90, d5)

*Enhanced Grand Prix (50GPP)!*

Marriott Houston South at Hobby Airport, 9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/houhh-houston-hobby-airport-marriott/> Free parking! \$87 HR valid until 9/6. Code: USCUSCA Reserve early! After that date, rate may or may not be honored. 713-943-7979

8 Sections. September Rating Supplement

<u>Master (2200 and up, FIDE rated):</u>	\$1,250-\$650-\$400 , (U2400: \$400-\$200-\$100)
<u>Expert (2000-2199):</u>	\$800-\$400-\$200
<u>Class A (1800-1999):</u>	\$800-\$400-\$200
<u>Class B (1600-1799):</u>	\$800-\$400-\$200
<u>Class C (1400-1599):</u>	\$800-\$400-\$200
<u>Class D (1200-1399):</u>	\$800-\$400-\$200
<u>Class E (Under 1200):</u>	\$400-\$200-\$100
<u>Unrated:</u>	\$300-\$100

*Participants may play up one Class. Champion's plaque for all division winners, on tie-breaks.*

**Entry Fee:** \$75 by 9/6, \$85 after. **Special EF:** \$45 by 9/6, \$55 after, for all Class E and Unrated Divisions, and for U18 in Class C and D. Special EF counts as 2/3 of a full entry. Reentry (\$30) from 3-Day to 2-Day schedule or within same schedule allowed.

**Byes:** Up to two half-point byes, any round, if requested before end of Rd 2.

**Rounds (3-Day):** Friday 8pm - Saturday 2pm & 6:30pm - Sun 9:30am & 2:30pm.

**Rounds (2-Day):** Saturday 9:30am (G/90, d5), then merges with 3-Day Schedule at 2pm.

**U.S. CLASS SCHOLASTIC – 5SS, G/30 d5 – ENTRY FEE \$20 by 9/6, \$25 after**

**Four Sections: K-12, K-9, K-6, K-3. Rounds:** Saturday - 10am, 11:30am, 1:15pm, 2:30pm, 3:45pm

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