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Left to right: Alex Li, Alexander Jiang, Austin Jiang, Xavier Negron
Texas Scholastic Team Champions representing Vandegrift High School in Austin

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From the Desk of The Editor

Hello Texas!

This is my debut issue as Editor of *Texas Knights*. It all started when I sent an email to TCA asking where my copies of the magazine were. I figured I misspelled my address, or something similar. I sure didn't plan on needing to write them myself! It's been quite the whirlwind experience so far. From the time that I said I'd give being Editor a try, to this issue being printed, was under 3 weeks!

First, let me say a big thanks for all of the help to those taking me under their wings and giving me the opportunity to bring *Texas Knights* back. Thank you to Franc Guadalupe for giving me insights into his experience as *Texas Knights* Editor. A very special thank you to Barb Swafford. She has been invaluable in helping get my feet on the ground. And a big thanks to our contributors.

To all of our members, welcome back to Texas Knights, I hope you enjoy this and future issues.

In this issue we have a preview from the U.S. Open and the results of the Texas State and Scholastic Championships. We have a game-by-game narration by U.S. Junior Girls Closed Championship winner, WCM Claudia Munoz, and our Spotlight on... article is from WFM Maggie Ni.

I would also like to bring your attention to the **August 2014 issue of** *Chess Life*. The article, **Chess Gets an A+ in Texas**, continues the discussion of the success of Chess in education and it's expansion in Texas.

For those that contribute (or would like to contribute), please send articles, photos, games, results, etc. to me. You can find my postal and e-mail addresses on Page 2. It is increasingly important that I get some tournament games for every issue. Tim Brennan, the author of the *Tactics Time!* books, has agreed to write a column for us, and he will create Tactics Puzzles from games played by Texans for our enjoyment, but I need some games to send him (and he does write for the amateur chess player, so the experience/rating of players really doesn't matter). I would like to publish two more issues this year, if at all possible, so the **deadline for the next issue is September 15th!!!!**

Finally, a reminder, members should have received a voting ballot for the TCA election by now. It is important to make your choices and get them mailed back to TCA by August 27th!

—- Jeff French

TCA Treasurer's Report - August 1, 2014

September memberships October memberships November memberships December memberships December memberships January memberships February memberships March memberships March memberships May memberships July memberships July memberships 2013 SW Open memberships 2013 Texas Girls State Championship 2013 Texas Grade & Collegiate 2014 Texas Masters memberships 2014 Texas State Scholastic Championship 2014 Texas State Scholastic memberships 2014 Texas State and Amateur 2014 Texas Open/Texas Team Region 3 Scholastic Championship tournament Region 5 Scholastic Championship tournament		\$0.00 60.00 10.00 10.00 70.00 30.00 60.00 10.00 40.00 706.50 74.00 281.00 51.00 11,801.53 92.50 482.50 250.00 119.00
Region 6 Scholastic Championship tournament Region 8 Scholastic Championship tournament		273.00 1,300.00
	Total	\$15,862.03
Expenses Texas Masters Banner Texas State Comptroller Filing Fee Ballot and Mailing		850.00 167.11 100.00 129.51
	Tota	al \$1,246.62
August 1 2014 WF checking account balance BOA checking account balance		\$17,235.11 \$15,207.45

From Our TCA President

Hello Chess friends,

Let me introduce to you all Jeff French. Jeff just started as our new Texas Knights editor. He is excited to be in this position and we sincerely hope that we will now be back on our regular schedules. Please communicate with him any material that you may want published.; Upcoming events, summary of past events, pictures and what not. We welcome Jeff and wish him the best. Please help him succeed.

Abed Munoz had taken our Facebook pages to new levels. We boast over 1500 likes. Unfortunately he has stepped out as the admin. We are looking for a new individual who can become admin to our FB pages, post information and keep it current and entertaining. If you are interested, let me know. Thank you Abed.

Barbara Swafford recently sent out ballots to everyone. Will you please return them promptly.

The Southwest open is scheduled for August 29 – September 1, in Irving, TX. We will also have our annual meeting on August 31st. Please plan to attend.

Thank you all for your patience and support.

Vish

Lakshmana Viswanath President.

Minutes of the 2014 Spring TCA meeting 2/8/14

Present: Lakshmana Viswanath (Vish), Luis Salinas, Forrest Marler, Sergio Lopez, Jorge Trevino, Tony Meza, Fred Mueller, Alexey Root, Franc Guadalupe, Barb Swafford, Eddie Rios, Anthony Guerra, Curtis Brooks, Jonas del Angel, Bo Githoro, Richard Newman.

Called to order by Vish at 8:40 p.m.

Motion to waive reading of and to accept the minutes of the Fall 2013 Fall 2013 TCA meeting made by Jorge Trevino, seconded by Tony Meza. 7 for, no abstentions.

The Treasurer's Report was made by Barb Swafford.

President's Report. Vish congratulated Region 8 for a record-setting regional and noted that it was covered in Chess Life Online. 1548 participants. Richard Newman, an assistant director for the tournament, accepted congrats on behalf of Region 8. Vish then thanked Abed Munoz for his work on the TCA Facebook page. Vish said that regional directors were needed for Regions 1, 4, and 9. He also called for new, active members for the TCA Scholastic Committee.

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Alexey Root said that 14 people attended the Thinking with Chess: Teaching Children Ages 5-14 TCA-sponsored seminar on Saturday and encouraged more attendance at the next seminar on Sunday.

Old Business. Luis Salinas moved that the deadline for TCA bids be moved from June 1 to July 15. It was noted that only if two bids are tied (in the eyes of the TCA board) would the membership have to decide between those bids at the fall business meeting. The Motion passed with 15 for, no abstentions.

Luis Salinas motioned to make the previous motion (re July 15) effective immediately. Jorge Trevino seconded. 15 for, no abstentions.

New business: Jonas del Angel passed out a motion (and reasoning behind the proposal) for dividing Region 8. There was a discussion. Vote on this motion will be at the September meeting as old business at that meeting. Vish tabled the motion for now.

Binny Nanavati proposed a conference call for March 26, 9-10 p.m. Vish asked if there was interest and there was so the call will be held as an open forum to ask TCA questions and discuss issues.

Vish asked for TCA Web site volunteers and Sergio Lopez and Jorge Trevino volunteered.

Fred Mueller, Denton High School chess club sponsor, raised concerns about how the Region 2 tournament was run on Jan. 18, 2014. There was discussion. Vish proposed for the TCA board to write a letter to the Region 2 tournament director outlining the concerns and stressing that guidelines for region tournaments must be followed in future years.

There was a question about the Region 8 tournament's rotation by Richard Newman. Vish answered that regionals and the state tournament should rotate. Jorge reported on developments in McAllen chess.

Move to adjourn by Luis Salinas, seconded by Franc Guadalupe. All for, no abstentions. Adjourned 9:45 p.m. Minutes taken by Alexey Root in the absence of Binny Nanavati.



Don't Forget to cast your vote!
We MUST receive your ballot by
August 27th, 2014 so it can be
counted.

Spotlight On ... WFM Maggie Ni

My Chess Life – by Maggie Ni

I'm living in Houston, Texas. I'm 9 years old with 6 years of Chess experience. I won my first state trophy when I was four years old, then I couldn't stop to collect the local, state and national beautiful rainbow trophies and international prizes.

Ok, back to where I was, grandma and grandpa went shopping for something ... a chess board! When they got home, I was curious about the shapes and started "moving" them immediately. After learning what chess was and how to move the pieces, I played with a couple of boys whose age were twice of me, it made me feel SO good after I won those boys; then I was encouraged by my parents' friends to attend the tournament, although my parents thought I was too young to play competition event. I went and won, also I



Photo by Ling Zhang

was suddenly attracted by the glittery trophy. I knew I couldn't stop. Just in one month later, I held up my first state champion trophy at 13th Texas State Scholastic Championship.

Since then, I have played over 100 tournaments, but the most favorite one with the highest trophy was the tournament I got sick when I was five. So here are the details I still remember, I won the first two games at the beginning then got sick, my mom bought some medicine to the tournament, but I couldn't eat at all. My mom said: "Let's go buy some ice-cream." So we bought a chocolate Popsicle and ate, all I could taste was the rich chocolate plus vanilla coming down my throat. We did it over and over again until the last game my cheeks turned pink, my temperature was higher (F 1020) and my stomach ached, I felt so cold even with my coat on and I felt tired without energy to even hold my head. My dad asked me if I wanted to go home, I said "no!" After the director TD Mr. Franc Guadalupe announced the game started, I took off my coat, waved to my parents, and shook hands with my opponent. The game begun...., after one and half hours, I walked out with my "soft" legs, dragged my coat, but smiled to my mom and dad: "I won!" My dad grabbed me immediately, we rushed out quickly to buy fever medicine, no one told me how long I slept in the car after I ate the medicine, but all of a sudden I felt a shake and mom said:"Wake up, sweetie!" I could hear my mom and dad said they were passing out the trophies up to the 10th place. My dad carried me and ran fast, just on time, the 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st, when they called my name for the first place with the perfect score 7.0, I smiled with my pink cheeks and walked to the Mr. Guadalupe, shook hands with him and turned around, waved to the crowded room and received the biggest shinning trophy. I looked at it and thought of the courage, the trophy was the biggest one I had and taller than me!

After that, I defended TX State Champions, won Junior US Open, won All Girl National, and earned my first WFM title at Pan-America Championship; I went to places like Chicago, Florida, Peru, and many more. My chess journey is still on, and my next one would be the World Youth Chess Championship in Dubai. I will enjoy fighting at the toughest junior chess championship.

If someone says "Chess is boring because it is just sitting", I would tell you that it is not the truth, it has a war on the chess board; if you are a little kid, I would tell you how the trophy is glimmering when you hold up; if you are a growing kid, I would tell you that you can earn real outdoor money for ice-creams and games; if you are a girl, I would tell you how good feeling it is when your opponent boy or adult say: "I cannot believe I lost to a little girl!"

Chess is smarter's game. I love it.

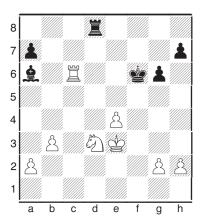
2014 US Open

The 115th US Open Championship this year took place in Orlando, Florida from July 26th to August 3rd. GM Conrad Holt from Kansas, currently attending the University of Texas at Dallas, won the US Open Title. The top Texan at the US Open, GM Giorgi Margvelashvili, won his ninth round game, giving him 7.5/9 points, to tie for first place with GMs Holt, Fidel Corrales Jiminez, Illia Nyzhnyk, Alexander Shabalov and IM Michael Mulyar. GM Holt was the winner of a tiebreak playoff against IM Mulyar. GM Margvelashvili took 3rd Place. Texas was represented by 26 of the 385 players that participated.

Holt,Conrad (2645) -Mulyar,Michael (2544) [D30]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA, 03.08.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nbd2 Nbd7 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne5 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Qf3 Qe7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Qh3 g6 15.Rae1 Nf6 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Qh6 Be5 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Nf3 Qe7 20.Qh4 Rfe8 21.Re2 Ne4 22.Qxe7 Rxe7 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.Rec2 Rec7 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Nd2 Ba6 27.Nxe4 Bd3 28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.Nxc5 Bf5 30.f3 Rd8 31.e4 Bc8 32.Rc2 Kf8 33.Kf2 Ke7 34.Ke3 f5 35.Nd3 fxe4 36.fxe4 Ba6 37.Rc7+ Kf6 38.Rc6+ 1-0



Standings of Texas Players at the 2014 US Open

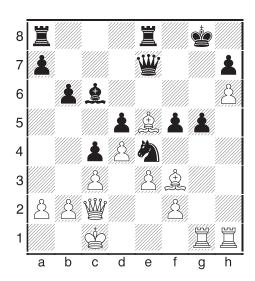
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3 GM	Margvelashvili, Giorgi	2641	7.5	46.0	57.0	38.5	W144	W 35	W 43	D 17	W 38	D 6	D 26	W 20	W18
13	Li, Ruifeng	2420	7.0	41.5	50.0	34.5	W379	W 94	D 69	D 22	W 75	L 30	W 49	W 71	W43
20 FM	Langer, Michael	2286	6.5	43.0	53.0	34.0	W 60	W 36	L 75	W163	W 71	D 25	W 66	L 3	W91
27 GM	Chirila, Ioan Cristian	2602	6.5	40.5	49.5	35.5	W230	W113	W 81	L 39	W129	D 23	W 65	D 41	D26
58	Liu, Bovey	2206	6.0	36.0	44.0	28.5	W171	W143	L 49	L161	W272	D 70	D114	W140	W118
63	Gater, Daniel Brent	2228	5.5	43.0	52.5	33.0	W198	W 98	L 5	W123	W134	W 90	L 6	D106	L32
73	Carr, John B	2132	5.5	40.0	49.0	30.5	W192	W131	L 6	D135	W124	D 82	W167	L 19	D93
76	Serna, Jeffrey Michael	2054	5.5	39.0	46.5	30.5	W229	W267	D 24	W 74	L 31	L 46	D160	W246	D87
84	Kalyan, Suchinder	2080	5.5	38.0	45.5	28.0	W219	L 6	W381	D131	W114	L 67	W137	L102	W197
109	Ramachandran, Karthik	2272	5.0	42.0	51.5	30.5	W178	W121	D 80	D 33	W 49	L 42	D 57	L 34	D120
115	Huo, Rannon	1723	5.0	38.5	44.0	28.5	W319	L112	W309	W 55	L 81	W182	D 56	D138	L57
139	Wang, Justin	1855	5.0	34.0	37.5	25.5	W338	D 12	L203	-H-	W261	W293	L106	L 75	W245
147	Wang, Jason	1795	5.0	31.5	31.5	22.5	D291	- X -	L 99	-H-	W154	L113	D189	D179	W218
162	Zhu, Harvey	1684	4.5	24.0	43.5	25.0	L 51	W296	W182	L113	W249	W185	L 71	D167	L107
164	Munoz, Claudia E	2075	4.5	24.0	42.5	25.0	D260	W324	W266	L 12	L127	W145	L120	D217	D151
199	Davis, Charles R	1662	4.5	19.5	34.0	19.5	L110	W377	L101	W343	L123	L235	W311	W309	D160
206	Aparicio, Ricardo	1517	4.5	18.0	29.0	20.5	L117	W365	L249	W151	-F-	W374	L196	W334	D176
221	Hung, Daniel	1734	4.0	28.5	38.5	21.0	W339	L117	W151	L129	L293	W154	L130	L202	W308
226	McNutt, William Howard	1678	4.0	27.0	39.0	19.5	L 44	W338	L 55	D308	D189	W347	L 61	W317	L144
240	Thomas, Rodney	1897	4.0	22.5	34.5	17.0	L 6	D263	L181	D277	W370	- H -	W259	L172	D256
250	Wilson, Jonathan	1721	4.0	20.0	32.0	22.5	W369	L 57	W324	-H-	L 78	W261	L 59	L101	-H-
294	Yelakanti, Vishnu	1565	3.5	22.0	33.0	16.5	- X -	L 71	L 93	D264	L177	D295	W344	L182	D276
315	Kuzma, Steve	1416	3.0	23.5	36.0	13.0	L 36	L 60	W363	D192	L172	D241	L251	L284	W362
333	Burklow, Freddy Ronnie	1498	3.0	17.5	26.5	12.5	L112	L309	W374	L319	D303	D311	L255	L327	W365
336	Lu, Tommy	2152	3.0	16.5	28.5	20.0	L177	W241	W382	L 25	W258	L 77			
370	Emery, Paul Richard	1555	2.0	13.0	23.0	10.0	L121	L178	D279	- H -	L240	W325	L309		
383 FM	Schwartz, Ylon	2289	1.0	0.0	10.0	9.0	W193	L 68							

Following are **Rounds 5 thru 7 & 9** of the US Open games played by **GM Margvelashvili.** (**Round 8** can be found later in this article. It was by played against **FM Michael Langer**, another Texas participant)

Margvelashvili, Giorgi (2641) – Ewing, Gabriel (2158) [B11]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (5), 30.07.2014

1.d4 f5 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 g6 4.e3 Nh6 5.Nf3 Nf7 6.Bf4 c6 7.Ne5 Nd7 8.Nxf7 Kxf7 9.g4 e6 10.gxf5 exf5 11.Ne2 Qe7 12.c3 Nf6 13.Nc1 Bg7 14.Nd3 Re8 15.Be2 Bd7 16.Qc2 b6 17.0-0-0 Kg8 18.h4 c5 19.Bf3 Ne4 20.Ne5 c4 21.Rdg1 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Bc6 23.h5 g5 24.h6 1-0

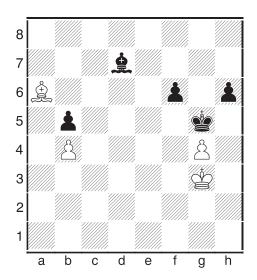


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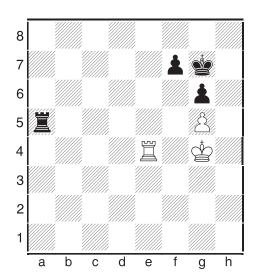
Sheraton DFW Airport Hotel 4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway Irving, TX 75063 Sheng, Joshua (2316) – Margvelashvili, Giorgi (2641) [B66/02] 2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (6), 31.07.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0-0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 a6 10.f4 b5 11.Bxf6 qxf6 12.Kb1 Bb7 13.f5 Qa5 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.a3 Rg8 16.Be2 Rg5 17.h4 Re5 18.Bg4 Rc8 19.Rhe1 Rc4 20.Qa7 Qc7 21.Bf3 Rcc5 22.q4 Kd8 23.Re2 Kc8 24.Na2 Rc4 25.b3 d5 26.Qf2 Bc5 27.Qf1 Rd4 28.Rxd4 Bxd4 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qd1 Rxe2 31.Qxe2 Be5 32.Qd3 Qc5 33.Nb4 Qg1+ 34.Qd1 Qxd1+ 35.Bxd1 d4 36.Be2 Bd6 37.Bd3 h6 38.Kb2 Kc7 39.Bf5 Bxb4 40.axb4 Kd6 41.c4 dxc3+ 42.Kxc3 Ke5 43.Kd3 Kf4 44.Bd7 Bd5 45.Bc8 Bxb3 46.Ke2 Bd5 47.Kf2 Bc6 48.Kf1 Kg3 49.Ke1 Kxh4 50.Kf2 Be8 51.Kf3 Kg5 52.Bxa6 Bc6+ 53.Kq3 Bd7 0-1



Xu,Grant (2294) – Margvelashvili,Giorgi (2641) [B21/05] 2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (7), 01.08.2014

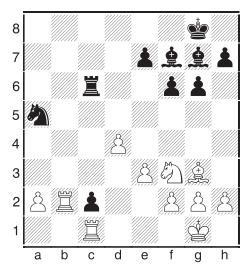
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.Bxd3 d6 5.c4 Nf6 6.h3 e6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Be7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Rc1 b6 12.b3 Bb7 13.Bb1 Rc8 14.Qe2 Qc7 15.Nd2 Qb8 16.f4 Rfe8 17.g4 g6 18.a4 Bf8 19.Qf2 Ba8 20.Rfe1 Bq7 21.b4 Red8 22.Bd3 a5 23.bxa5 Nc5 24.Bf1 bxa5 25.Bxc5 Rxc5 26.Rb1 Qc7 27.Nb5 Qe7 28.Bg2 Rdc8 29.Qe2 Nd7 30.Qd3 Bf8 31.Red1 Nb6 32.Nb3 Rxc4 33.Nxd6 Qxd6 34.Qxd6 Bxd6 35.Rxd6 Rb4 36.Rc1 Rxc1+ 37.Nxc1 Bxe4 38.Bxe4 Rxe4 39.Rxb6 Re1+ 40.Kq2 Rxc1 41.Rb5 Rc4 42.Rxa5 Rxf4 43.Kg3 Rb4 44.g5 Rb3+ 45.Kg2 Rb4 46.Kg3 Rb3+ 47.Kg2 Rb7 48.h4 Kg7 49.Kg3 Rb3+ 50.Kg2 Rb7 51.Kg3 Rc7 52.Ra8 Rc3+ 53.Kg2 Rc5 54.Ra7 Rf5 55.Kg3 h6 56.Kg4 Rf1 57.Kg3 Rg1+ 58.Kh2 Rf1 59.Kg3 hxg5 60.hxg5 e5 61.a5 e4 62.Re7 Rf5 63.Kq4 Rxa5 64.Rxe4 $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$



Margvelashvili, Giorgi (2641) - Burke, John (2280) [D80]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (9), 03.08.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Qc2 f6 12.Qe4 Bf7 13.Qxb7 c5 14.Bg3 Qc8 15.Qb5 a6 16.Qa4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Ra7 18.Rfc1 Nb6 19.Qa5 Qc6 20.Rab1 Rb7 21.Rb4 Rc8 22.Rcb1 c3 23.Bxa6 c2 24.Rc1 Nc4 25.Bxb7 Nxa5 26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Rb2 1-0





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The **2014 US Open** also hosted a number of side events during the tournament. There were participants from Texas in many of them. Of particular note, **Ruifeng Li** won in the **Week-end Swiss Tournament** out of a total of 52 participants. **Abhiram Chennuru** captured an impressive **2nd Place** in the **Scholastic U1000** competition. **Bovey Liu** and **Claudia Munoz** took **3rd Place** in their respective tournaments. The Texas participant standings for each tournament are provided below.

Week-end Swiss Tournament

(of 52 Participants)

No. Name Rate Pts Rnd1 Rnd2 Rnd3 Rnd4 Rnd5
1 Li, Ruifeng 2420 4.5 W 18 W 46 W 16 W 14 D2
22 Davis, Charles R 1662 2.5 W 30 L 2 W 35 D 24 L8

Denker HS Championship

(of 46 Participants)

No. Name Rate Pts TBrk1 TBrk2 TBrk3 Rnd1 Rnd2 Rnd3 Rnd4 Rnd5 Rnd6 19 Jiang, Austin Zhiy 2240 3.0 13.5 20.0 13.0 W 30 L 7 W 29 W 24 L 11 L8

Barber K-8 Championship

(of 48 Participants)

No. Name Rate Pts TBrk1 TBrk2 TBrk3 Rnd1 Rnd2 Rnd3 Rnd4 Rnd5 Rnd6 3 Liu, Bovey 2206 4.5 18.0 20.5 15.0 D 32 W 22 D 18 W 2 D 17 W14

National Girls Invitational Championship

(of 44 Participants)

No. Name Rate Pts TBrk1 TBrk2 TBrk3 Rnd1 Rnd2 Rnd3 Rnd4 Rnd5 Rnd6 3 Munoz, Claudia E 2075 5.0 17.0 19.0 15.0 L 28 W 35 W 16 W 23 W 10 W6

Scholastic

(overall results of 57 Participants, 2nd and 8th place in Elem U1000 Section of 29 Participants)

 Sect
 No. Name
 Rate Pts TBrk1 TBrk2 TBrk3 Rnd1 Rnd2 Rnd3 Rnd4 Rnd5 Rnd6

 Elem U1000
 30 Chennuru, Abhiram
 998 3.5 9.0 10.0 9.5 W 54 W 38 W 32 D 31 --- --

 Elem U1000
 36 Chennuru, Anshu
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Game 15

(of 28 Participants)

No. ID Ttl Name Rate Pts Rnd1 Rnd2 Rnd3 Rnd4 Rnd5
13 14930904 Wang, Justin 1855 3.0 W 27 L 5 W 25 L 14 W19
17 14930890 Wang, Jason 1795 2.0 D 2 L 16 D 21 W 25 L10

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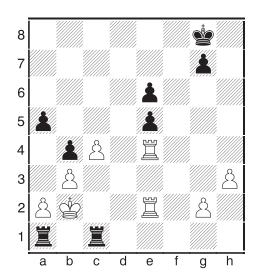
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23 Serna, Jeffrey Mic	2054 9.0	W 95,2.0	D 18,1.0	L 7,0.0	D 82,1.0	W 81,2.0	D 35,1.0	W53,2.0
50 Wang, Justin	1855 7.5	L 53,0.5	W 98,2.0	D 64,1.0	W 63,1.5	L 10,0.0	W 60,2.0	L30,0.5
57 Wang, Jason	1795 7.0	L 5,0.0	L 72,0.5	L 98,0.5	W 96,2.0	W 93,2.0	L 71,0.5	W83,1.5
58 Hung, Daniel	1734 7.0	D 12,1.0	L 3,0.0	W 85,2.0	D 29,1.0	L 45,0.0	W102,2.0	D54,1.0
63 Kalyan, Suchinder	2080 6.5	W 72,2.0	L 16,0.5	D 49,1.0	L 50,0.5	D 80,1.0	L 32,0.0	W89,1.5
81 Zhu, Harvey	1693 6.6	D 35,1.0	L 36,0.0	D103,1.0	W109,2.0	L 23,0.0	W107,2.0	L42,0.0
89 Huo, Rannon	1723 5.5	L 7,0.0	W 97,2,0	L 31,0.5	D 91,1.0	W 98,1.5	L 33,0.0	L63,0.5

Ruifeng Li won in the **Week-end Swiss G/60 side event** which took place on the first week-end of the **2014 US Open**, he also had the second highest standing, at **13th Place**, of all Texas participants at the tournament. Here are **Rounds 6 thru 9** of his games.

Mo,Jack (2124) -Li,Ruifeng (2420) [B12]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (6), 31.07.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Be7 9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.Kb1 Rc8 12.Bd3 b5 13.h3 h4 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Ne5 16.Nd4 0-0 17.Nf5 b4 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Ne2 Qb7 20.Nd4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Rhe1 Qd5 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Bxe5 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 dxe5 26.b3 Rc5 27.Re4 a5 28.Rxh4 Rd5 29.Re2 Rf1+ 30.Kb2 Rdd1 31.c4 Ra1 32.Rhe4 Rfc1 0-1

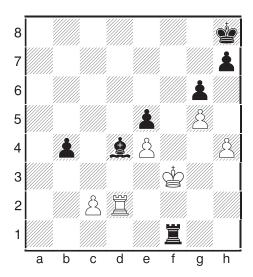


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Titus, Andrew (2093) -Li, Ruifeng (2420) [B25]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (7), 01.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e6 7.q4 Nfd7 8.Bq2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.0-0 Rb8 12.Rad1 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Qc7 14.a4 b6 15.f4 Bb7 16.Qf2 Bc6 17.f5 b5 18.axb5 axb5 19.b3 Qb7 20.Rfe1 Ra8 21.h4 b4 22.Nb1 Ne5 23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.g5 exf5 25.Qxf5 Bc5+ 26.Kh1 Bd4 27.Nd2 Bd7 28.Qf1 Ra2 29.Qd3 Bb5 30.Nc4 Bxc4 31.bxc4 Ra3 32.Qe2 f5 33.Rd3 f4 34.Rb1 Qc8 35.Qf3 Ra4 36.c5 Kh8 37.Rdb3 Qxc5 38.Qd3 Bc3 39.Rf1 Raa8 40.Qf3 Rfd8 41.Rbb1 Rd2 42.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 43.Rxd1 Bd4 44.Qb3 Qf8 45.Qf3 Rc8 46.Qe2 Qc5 47.Rd2 Ra8 48.Bf3 g6 49.Bg2 Ra1+ 50.Bf1 Qc3 51.Rd3 Qe1 52.Qxe1 Rxe1 53.Kg2 Rc1 54.Rd2 f3+ 55.Kxf3 Rxf1+ 0-1



Thompson, Reece (2095) -Li, Ruifeng (2420) [B16]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (8), 02.08.2014

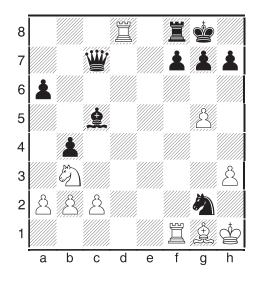
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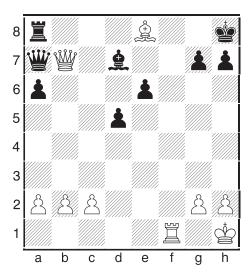
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2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (9), 03.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Qd3 Qc7 7.Be2 a6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Qd3 0-0 11.Bq5 Ne8 12.Rad1 f5 13.exf5 Rxf5 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Rxf1+ 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Ne4 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 d5 19.Qb4 Bd7 20.Bh5 Qe5 21.Qxb7 Qxe3+ 22.Kh1 Qa7 23.Bf7+ Kh8 24.Be8 1-0











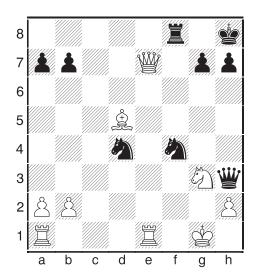
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FM Michael Langer had the 3rd highest standings of all participants from Texas. He came in **20th Place.** Here are **Rounds 6 thru 9** of his games. **Round 8** was played against fellow Texas participant **GM Giorgi Margvelashvili.**

Langer, Michael (2286) – Thompson, Reece (2095) [B12]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (6), 31.07.2014

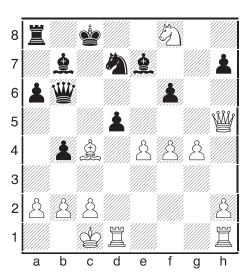
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Langer, Michael (2286) – Brashaw, Daniel (2124) [B20]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (7), 01.08.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0 -0 Nbd7 10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Qh3 b4 13.Nce2 Bb7 14.Ng3 d5 15.Nh5 Qa5 16.Ng7+ Kd8 17.Qh5 Rf8 18.Ngxe6+ fxe6 19.Nxe6+ Kc8 20.Bc4 Qb6 21.Nxf8 1-0



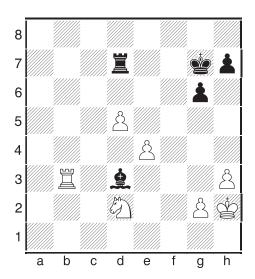
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Margvelashvili, Giorgi (2641) -Langer, Michael (2286) [E10]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (8), 02.08.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Bd3 Bg7 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Nbd2 Nh5 11.Nc4 Nb6 12.Ne3 Re8 13.a4 c4 14.Bc2 c3 15.bxc3 Bxc3 16.Ra3 Bb4 17.Ra2 Qc7 18.Bb2 Bc3 19.Bxc3 Qxc3 20.Qd4 Nf4 21.Kh2 Ne2 22.Qd1 Nf4 23.Qd2 Qxd2 24.Nxd2 Ne2 25.a5 Nd7 26.Nec4 Nc3 27.Rb2 Nc5 28.Nxd6 Rd8 29.Nb5 Nxb5 30.Rxb5 b6 31.axb6 axb6 32.Rfb1 Nd7 33.R5b2 Ba6 34.f3 b5 35.Bd3 f5 36.Bxb5 fxe4 37.Bxd7 Rxd7 38.fxe4 Bd3 39.Rb8+ Rxb8 40.Rxb8+ Kq7 41.Rb3 1-0



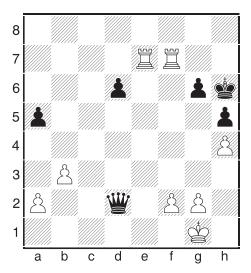


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Langer, Michael (2286) - Gatica, Jose (2076) [B19]

2014 US Open Orlando, FL, USA (9), 03.08.2014

1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Qa4+ Nbd7 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.d3 a6 10.Qa3 Nb6 11.Qb3 Bg4 12.Ng5 Nxc4 13.dxc4 b5 14.h3 bxc4 15.Qxc4 Qc8 16.Qf4 Bf5 17.0-0 h5 18.Qb4 Qd7 19.Rd1 a5 20.Qa3 Bc2 21.Rd4 Ne8 22.Rd2 Bf5 23.Re2 Nd6 24.Bf4 Rfe8 25.Nf3 Nc4 26.Qb3 Bd3 27.Ree1 Rac8 28.Ne5 Qf5 29.Nxd3 Qxd3 30.Rad1 Qf5 31.Bc1 Nd6 32.Nb5 Ne4 33.Qe3 Nd6 34.Nxd6 exd6 35.Qxe8+ Rxe8 36.Rxe8+ Kh7 37.Re2 Qb1 38.b3 Be5 39.Red2 Qf5 40.Bb2 Bf4 41.Re2 Bh6 42.Bc3 Qc8 43.Rd3 Qa6 44.Re8 Bg7 45.Rde3 Bxc3 46.Rxc3 Qb5 47.Re7 Qxd5 48.Rf3 Kh6 49.Rfxf7 Qd2 50.h4 1-0





USCF TOP PLAYERS—JULY 2014

	OVERALL			AGE 16			AGE 13 (continued)	
8	Onischuk, Alexander	2733	14	Jiang, Austin	2240	68	Garcia, Miguel	1915
12	Sadorra, Julio	2685	20	Ng, Daniel	2197	78	Leal, Luis A	1893
14	Ramirez, Alejandro	2673	31	Lu, Tommy	2152	81	Verma, Ritik	1881
15	Macieja, Bartlomiej	2661	37	Jiang, Alexander	2123	-		
28	Yotov, Valentin L	2626	40	Shao, Andy	2110		AGE 12	
40	Chirila, Ioan Cristian	2602	52	Munoz, Claudia	2075	1	Li, Ruifeng	2420
52	Ludwig, Daniel	2587	75	Shan, Devan	2000	7	_	2206
54	Yang, Darwin	2582	90	Kaliyur, Rohith	1958		Liu, Bovey	
62 75	Gorovets, Andrey Xiong, Jeffery	2566 2548				13	Xie, Tianming	2098
80	Berczes, David	2541		AGE 15		22	Devagharan, Devina	2050
92	Bakre, Tejas	2523	17	Malhotra, Akshay	2190	41	Palang, Warren	1916
-	Jam ey rejas	_5_5	19	Obili, Abhishek	2174	45	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1912
	65 AND OVER		22	Vaidya, Atulya	2156	46	Jiang, Maxwell	1902
32	Simms, Gary	2222	26	Han, Curran	2142	55	Jagadeeshi, Sudarshana	1871
95	Chase, Stephen	2044	43	Kowal, Joshua	2069	57	Kao, Camille	1865
			44	Wlezien, Alexander	2065	60	Dong, Dylan	1859
	50 AND OVER		48	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2057	70	Li, David	1827
19	Bradford, Joseph	2459	55	Mao, Marcus	2013	91	Eswaran, Pranav	1753
	LINDED 24		64	Brannon, Joshua	1974	92	Rose, Samuel	1751
Е	UNDER 21	2582	68	Annigeri, Sanjay	1959	97	Eranki, S M S Chaitanya	1743
5 7	Yang, Darwin Xiong, Jeffery	2548	70	Jacob, Andrew	1954	100	Chen, Alex	1737
23	Li, Ruifeng	2420	73	Zhao, Annie	1949			
53	Chiang, Jonathan	2337	80	Xiang, Evan	1931		AGE 11	
63	Pamatmat, Jarod	2307	87	Palang, Caissa	1914	11	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2106
70	Lin, Dachey	2299		.0544		26	Buergler, Jacob	1887
74	He, Tommy	2288	_	AGE 14	2227	27	Frutos, Chase	1882
77	Shao, Bob	2281	5	Chiang, Jonathan	2337	32	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1870
			9 10	Lin, Dachey	2299 2288	33	Liu, Kevin	1865
	AGE 18		16	He, Tommy O Lu, Andrew H	2171	43	Fan, William	1822
21	Vasquez, Simon, III	2154	30	Capocyan, Sam	2106	44	Tsuei, Kai	1814
25 27	Ukoli, James	2104 2102	58	Hsieh, David	1998		•	1795
31	James, Dylan S Kalyan, Suchinder	2102	50	risicii, bavia	1330	47	Wang, Jason Ganesh, Anirudh	
45	Leos, Christian	2040		AGE 13		55	•	1757
	Rhodes, Tyler	1851	2	Xiong, Jeffery	2548	57	Mao, Andrew	1753
	, ,		21	Nguyen, Anthony	2154	58	Liu, Glen	1747
	AGE 17		40	Krishna, Ram	2032	62	Narang, Ijay	1737
1	Yang, Darwin	2582	50	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	1979	72	Huo, Rannon	1723
10	Pamatmat, Jarod	2307	54	Trakru, Priya	1968	76	Le, Collin Khoi	1707
14	Chiang, Sarah	2238	59	Weisberg, Mark	1940	80	Gopalakrishnan, Pranav	1703
26	Zhang, Vincent	2167	62	Premkumar, Hiren	1931	80	Yue, William H	1703
42	Xiang, Ellen	2073				92	Tian, Samuel W	1687
66	Johnson, Perry	2003		1.0		93	Lu, Jonathan	1684
100	Prabhakaran, Karthik	1904		16				

	AGE 10			AGE 8 (continued)			GIRLS UNDER 21 (continued)	
4	Gu, Brian Fanyuan	2045	59	Jiang, Andrew	1323	47	Xiang, Evan	1931
14	Hawthorn, Charles	1886	67	Swinford, Henry	1295	51	Palang, Caissa	1914
26	Vivekananthan, Anish	1843	77	Chen, Mason	1273	58	Chu, Yue	1871
31	Niu, Baron T	1810	81	Tao, Arthur	1264	59	Kao, Camille	1865
45	Wang, Eric	1720	82	Lu, Kevin	1261	61	Venkataraman, Madhumitha	1855
49	Eranki, S A Maruthi	1704	85	Jiang, Albert	1249	74	Nguyen, Brittany	1799
57	Yan, Austin K	1689	91	Yan, Edward	1222	80	Abella, Clarissa	1789
60	Costa, Diego	1683					,	1739
63	Balderas, Adolfo	1679		AGE 7 AND UNDER		98	Nguyen, Anh	1739
			4	Polavaram, Rithik	1706		CIDIC LINEDED 46	
-	AGE 9	1020	29	Capocyan, John	1351	4.4	GIRLS UNDER 16	2400
6	Frutos, Cole	1930	34	Pham, Vinh	1308	11	Nguyen, Emily	2106
8	Metpally, Jason	1914	59	Nguyen, Sebastian	1164	15	Devagharan, Devina	2050
9	Vaidya, Atreya	1884	91	Gomez-Quinonez, Fernando	1082	17	Trakru, Priya	1968
11	Wang, Justin	1855	94	Lau, Ignatius	1079	20	Zhao, Annie	1949
12 22	Hawthorn, Henry Wang, Yanke	1851 1758	96	Aung, Christopher	1074	21	Xiang, Evan	1931
24	Shi, Eric	1744				23	Palang, Caissa	1914
27	Nguyen, Anh	1739		WOMEN		29	Kao, Camille	1865
28	Hung, Daniel	1734	4	Nemcova, Katerina	2362	40	Nguyen, Brittany	1799
29	Ni, Maggie	1724	15	Chiang, Sarah	2238	44	Abella, Clarissa	1789
39	Zhu, Harvey	1684	35	Nguyen, Emily	2106	58	Nguyen, Anh	1739
40	Mcnutt, William	1678	43	Munoz, Claudia	2075	66	Ni, Maggie	1724
43	Rajaram, Rudransh	1646	45	Xiang, Ellen	2073	67	Zheng, Christine	1721
44	Wei, Alexander	1643	51	Devagharan, Devina	2050	71	Venkataraman, Sara	1713
47	Yue, Roy H	1638	67	Jamison, Courtney	1989	76	Liu, Hannah	1698
50	Xie, Mckinley	1624	68	Trakru, Priya	1968		,	
54	Kumarappan, Ganesh	1616	75	Zhao, Annie	1949		GIRLS UNDER 13	
64	Romo, Benjamin	1578	80	Xiang, Evan	1931	5	Nguyen, Emily	2106
74	Lu, Jayden	1545	85	Palang, Caissa	1914	6	Devagharan, Devina	2050
90	Chathapuram, Shashvat	1479	96	Chu, Yue	1871	10		1865
98	Liu, Kevin	1455	98	Kao, Camille Y	1865		Kao, Camille	
						20	Nguyen, Anh	1739
	AGE 8			GIRLS UNDER 21		25	Ni, Maggie	1724
6	Tang, Andrew	1798	1	Chiang, Sarah	2238	59	Mitra, Aishwarya	1518
7	Trakru, Rohun	1775	16	Nguyen, Emily	2106	72	Yi, Angela	1454
22	Wang, Harry	1545	21	Munoz, Claudia	2075	83	Bhat, Puja	1394
27	Casas, Michael	1525	23	Xiang, Ellen	2073	87	Xia, Annie	1386
28	Yi, Ziduo	1505	28	Devagharan, Devina	2050	88	Mitra, Apsara	1380
30	Oberoi, Shelev	1493	39	Trakru, Priya	1968	92	Dodd, Ariadne	1371
33	Patil, Vedant	1469	44	Zhao, Annie	1949	93	Vasquez, Angelica	1368
43 50	Razo, Joaquin Peng, Eric V	1406 1384		•		96	Uppuluri, Anuja	1351
50 57	Pham, Minh	1338						
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2014 US Junior Girls Closed Winner, WCM Claudia Munoz

The **2014 US Junior Girls Closed Championship** in New Hampshire from July 17th to July 21st ended in a 4-way tie with WCM Claudia Munoz, from Texas, emerging the victor after tiebreakers. Let's let Claudia tell us, in her own words, how it all came together for her.

It started with an email. I received an email from Mr. Alex Relyea that I was being invited to the first ever U.S. Girls Junior Closed Chess Championship in the nation for U-20 girls, at that time I was 2060. As a 16 years old teen simply receiving this email was awesome. My chess calendar for the summer had already been drawn up by my father back in New Year's so I was unsure if I would go. I was scheduled to play in the 2014 National Girls Invitational in Orlando, Florida as the Texas representative but this event was 72 hours after the one I was being invited. My parents did the financial math and after dropping the World Youth Chess Championship in South Africa out of the September calendar, I confirmed my participation for the Girls Junior Closed in the University of New Hampshire.

The participants were:

WCM Apurva Virkud (2240), WCM Maggie Feng (2205), WFM Jennifer Yu (2162), Carissa Yip (2141), WFM Akshita Gorti (2113), Alice Dong (2096), WFM Kimberly Ding (2087), WCM Claudia Munoz (2075), Becca Lampman (2059), Alexandra Wiener (2021)

It did not take long for me to realize that I had nowhere else to go but up..



We played two games per day for four days and in the fifth and final day we played the final round. All the boards were broadcasted LIVE on the Internet!

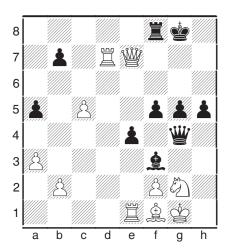


In the first two rounds I defeated both of my opponents: Alexandra Wiener and WFM Jennifer Yu. By now I was in first place and I maintained the lead through the entire event.

Munoz, Claudia – Wiener, Alexandra [A56]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (1.2), 17.07.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.e3 cxd4 4.exd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Be3 d5 8.c5 Nc6 9.a3 a5 10.Bd3 Re8 11.0-0 e5 12.Bb5 e4 13.Ne5 Rxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Bd4 Nfg4 16.h3 Qh4 17.Nxd5 Nf3+ 18.gxf3 Qxh3 19.fxg4 Bxg4 20.Nf4 Qh4 21.Be2 Rd8 22.Ng2 Qg5 23.Be3 Qe7 24.Qc2 Bf3 25.Rad1 Rf8 26.Qd2 Qe6 27.Rfe1 Qh3 28.Bf1 Qg4 29.Qd7 f5 30.Bd4 Bxd4 31.Rxd4 h5 32.Qe7 g5 33.Rd7 1-0

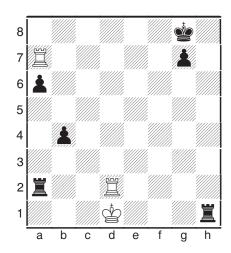




Yu,Jennifer – Munoz,Claudia [A18]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (2.5), 17.07.2014

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Ne4 5.Nf3 Be7 6.d4 c5 7.Bd3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 a6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Bd3 b5 14.Ng5 h6 15.Ne4 cxd4 16.cxd4 f5 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.Rc1 Bd7 19.Qg4 e5 20.Qg3 Qd8 21.Bxh6 Nxd4 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Bg5 Qd6 24.Rfe1 Rae8 25.Bb1 Bc6 26.Re3 Nf5 27.Bxf5 Rxf5 28.Rec3 Bd5 29.Rd3 Qg6 30.Rxd5 Rxg5 31.Qh3 Rf8 32.g3 Rgf5 33.Rd2 Qf7 34.Qg2 Rf3 35.Ra1 e4 36.h3 Qc4 37.Qf1 Qc3 38.Qc1 Qxc1+ 39.Rxc1 e3 40.fxe3 Rxg3+ 41.Kh2 Rxe3 42.Rc7 Rff3 43.Rdd7 Rxh3+ 44.Kg2 Rhg3+ 45.Kf2 Rxa3 46.Ra7 b4 47.Rd4 Rgc3 48.Ke2 Ra2+ 49.Kd1 Rh3 50.Rd2 Rh1+ 0-1

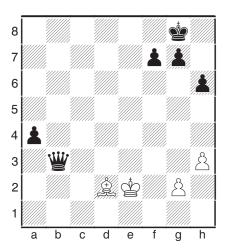


In the 3rd round I suffered my first loss to WCM Apurva Virkud. It was a painful loss because it seemed that I had done every possible blunder in the opening to lose the game.

Munoz, Claudia – Virkud, Apurva [D37]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (3.5), 18.07.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Qxd5 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Bd3 Qa5+ 11.Ke2 Nc6 12.a3 Bf6 13.Qc2 h6 14.h3 e5 15.Bh2 Be6 16.b4 Qb6 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Qb1 a6 19.Rhd1 Rfd8 20.Kf1 Bd5 21.Be4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Qb5+ 23.Kg1 Qa4 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.Qxd3 Rd8 26.Qc3 e4 27.Nd4 Nxd4 28.exd4 Bxd4 29.Qc7 Bb6 30.Qc4 Rd1+ 31.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 32.Qf1 Bxf2+ 33.Kxf2 e3+ 34.Kg1 e2 35.Qxd1 exd1Q+ 36.Kf2 Qb3 37.Bf4 Qxa3 38.Bd2 b6 39.Ke2 a5 40.bxa5 bxa5 41.Kf2 a4 42.Ke2 Qb3 0-1

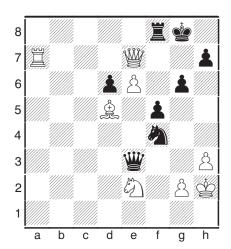


In the 4th round I defeated WFM Kimberly Ding...

Munoz, Claudia – Ding, Kimberly [E77]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (4.1), 18.07.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Bd3 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.0-0 c4 11.Bc2 b5 12.a3 a5 13.Re1 Ba6 14.h3 b4 15.axb4 axb4 16.Nb5 Qb6+ 17.Nbd4 Nbd7 18.Ba4 Red8 19.Be3 Nc5 20.Nc6 Rf8 21.e5 Nh5 22.Kh2 f5 23.Qd2 Bb7 24.Qc2 c3 25.bxc3 b3 26.Bxc5 Qxc5 27.Qxb3 Ba6 28.e6 Rfe8 29.Nfd4 Bc4 30.Qb7 Bxd5 31.Ne7+ Rxe7 32.Qxe7 Qxc3 33.Ne2 Qe3 34.Bc6 Rf8 35.Bxd5 Bxa1 36.Rxa1 Nxf4 37.Ra7 1-0

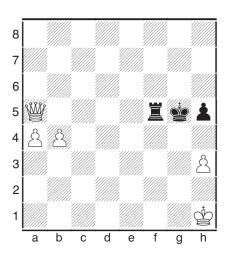


...followed by a 5th round to Carissa Yip in a game where I was leading by position!
They say the hardest game to win is a won game, whoever said that was not lying!

Yip,Carissa – Munoz,Claudia [B05]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (5.2), 19.07.2014

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c4 Nb6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.Be3 Nc6 11.exd6 cxd6 12.b3 d5 13.c5 Nd7 14.a3 f5 15.Qd2 Bf6 16.Ng5 Bf7 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.f4 Nxc5 19.dxc5 d4 20.Kh1 dxc3 21.Qc2 Bd4 22.Rad1 Rd7 23.Bc4 Qf6 24.Bxd4 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Qxd4 26.Bxe6+ Kh8 27.Bxf5 Qxc5 28.b4 Qc4 29.Bd3 Nd4 30.Qd1 Qd5 31.Re1 Rc8 32.Re5 Qf7 33.Qg4 Rc7 34.Qh4 g5 35.Qxg5 c2 36.Bxc2 Rxc2 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Re7 Ne6 39.Rxf7+ Kxf7 40.Qd7+ Kf6 41.Qxb7 Rc7 42.Qe4 Re7 43.Qe5+ Kf7 44.a4 Ng7 45.Qc5 Ne6 46.Qf5+ Kg7 47.Qq4+ Kf7 48.f5 Nq7 49.Qc4+ Kf6 50.Qh4+ Kf7 51.f6 Nf5 52.Qf2 Kxf6 53.g4 Re5 54.gxf5 Rxf5 55.Qxa7 h5 56.Qb6+ Kq5 57.Qa5 1-0

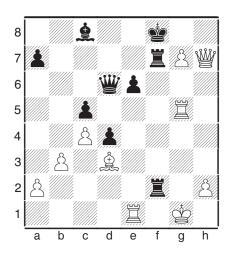


In the 6th round I defeated WFM Akshita Gorki. At the end of this round I noticed I was the only girl with 4 wins! Most of the other girls had two wins and a lot of draws.

Munoz, Claudia – Gorti, Akshita [E32]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (6.3), 19.07.2014

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Nf3 c5 6.e3 b6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.Qxc3 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.dxc5 bxc5 12.b3 d6 13.Bb2 Nd7 14.Nd2 Ndf6 15.f3 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Qe7 17.Bd3 Rad8 18.Rae1 Qd7 19.e4 fxe4 20.Bxf6 Rxf6 21.Bxe4 d5 22.Rd1 d4 23.Rfe1 Ba6 24.Qg5 Qd6 25.Bd3 h6 26.Qh5 Bb7 27.Re5 Rc8 28.Rde1 Rc7 29.f4 Bc6 30.g4 Bd7 31.g5 Rxf4 32.gxh6 Bc8 33.Qg6 Rcf7 34.Rg5 Rf2 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.hxq7+ 1-0

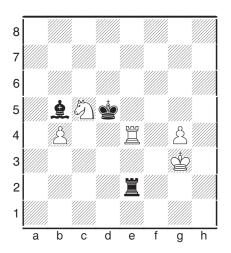


In the 7th round I drew with Alice Dong and I am so thankful for that draw because I dropped a pawn in the opening and played 50-plus moves without getting that pawn back in compensation but I fought tooth and nail.

Dong, Alice – Munoz, Claudia [C13]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (7.4), 20.07.2014

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Ne4 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.Nxe4 dxe4 8.Qe2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Qg5+ 10.Kb1 f5 11.Nh3 Qe7 12.f3 c5 13.fxe4 cxd4 14.exf5 Rxf5 15.g4 Rf8 16.Rxd4 Nc6 17.Rd6 Bd7 18.Bg2 Rac8 19.a3 Rc7 20.Rhd1 Rfc8 21.R1d2 Na5 22.b3 Be8 23.Kb2 Rc5 24.Nf4 Bf7 25.Qd3 q6 26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Qxd8+ Qxd8 28.Rxd8+ Kg7 29.Nd3 Rc7 30.Rd6 g5 31.h3 h6 32.Be4 Kf8 33.Ne1 Ke7 34.Rd2 Be8 35.Rf2 Nc6 36.Bxc6 Rxc6 37.Rf6 Rc5 38.Rxh6 Rxe5 39.Nf3 Rd5 40.c4 Rc5 41.b4 Rxc4 42.Nxq5 Bd7 43.Kb3 Rf4 44.Rh7+ Kd6 45.Nf7+ Kd5 46.Nd8 Rf3+ 47.Kb2 Ba4 48.Nxb7 Rf2+ 49.Kc3 Rc2+ 50.Kd3 Ra2 51.Ke3 Rxa3+ 52.Kf2 e5 53.Nc5 Bb5 54.Re7 Rxh3 55.Rxa7 e4 56.Re7 Rh2+ 57.Kg3 Re2 58 Rxe4 1/2-1/2

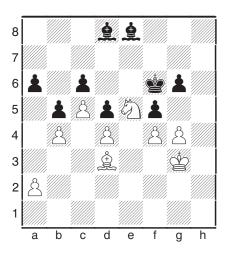


In the 8th I drew WFM Maggie Feng in a tight locked game.

Munoz, Claudia – Feng, Maggie [A84]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (8.1), 20.07.2014

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d5 5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bd2 Qe7 9.Qb3 Ne4 10.Rac1 Nd7 11.Ne2 Ndf6 12.Bc3 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.f3 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Rac8 16.c5 Bb8 17.b4 b5 18.Qc2 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.e4 a6 21.exf5 exf5 22.Rce1 Rce8 23.Nc3 g6 24.Qf2 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Re8 26.g3 Bc7 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.Qe2 Qxe2 29.Nxe2 Bc8 30.f4 Kf7 31.Kf2 Kf6 32.Ng1 Bd7 33.Nf3 Be8 34.Ke3 Bd8 35.h3 h5 36.Ne5 Bc7 37.g4 hxg4 38.hxg4 Bb8 39.Kf3 Bc7 40.Kg3 Bd8 ½-½



Entering the final round there was a four way tie for first place. Two of the four tied players would face each other in the last round so that left the other to fend for ourselves.

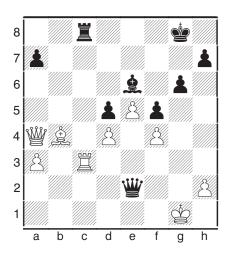
I faced Becca Lampman of Washington. She is the nicest person you will ever meet on a chess board! I was going for the win but a blunder equalized my position and I had to settle for a draw.

Lampman, Becca – Munoz, Claudia [E20]

2014 US Girls Junior Closed Championship Manchester NH, USA (9.2), 21.07.2014

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.e3 0-0 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Ne2 e5 11.0-0 Be6 12.Ra2 Qc7 13.Rd2 e4 14.Bb1 exf3 15.gxf3 Rfe8 16.Ng3 Na5 17.e4 Qxc3 18.Rd3 Qc7 19.e5 Nd7 20.f4 f5 21.Rd2 g6 22.Rg2 Rf8 23.Qf3 Rf7 24.Ba2 Nc4 25.Rc2 b5

26.Bxc4 bxc4 27.Ne2 Rb8 28.Bd2 Nf8 29.Bb4 Qb6 30.Qc3 Rfb7 31.Bd6 Ra8 32.Nc1 Nd7 33.Rff2 Qc6 34.Rb2 Nb6 35.Qc2 Rc8 36.Na2 c3 37.Rb3 Na4 38.Rxb7 Qxb7 39.Bb4 Qc6 40.Rf3 Qc4 41.Qxa4 Qxa2 42.Rxc3 Qb1+ 43.Kg2 Qe4+ 44.Kg3 Qe1+ 45.Kg2 Qd2+ 46.Kh1 Qe1+ 47.Kg2 Qe2+ 48.Kg1 ½-½



	Yu	Munoz	Ding	Yip	Gorti	Dong	Feng	Lampman	Wiener	Virkud	Total
Yu	Х	0	1/2	1	0	1	0	1	1	1/2	5.0
Munoz	1	Х	1	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0	5.5
Ding	1/2	0	Х	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	4.5
Yip	0	1	1/2	Х	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1	4.0
Gorti	1	0	1	1	Х	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	5.5
Dong	0	1/2	0	1/2	1	Х	1/2	0	1	0	3.5
Feng	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	Х	1/2	1	1/2	5.5
Lampman	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	Х	1/2	1/2	5.0
Wiener	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	Х	0	1.0
Virkud	1/2	1	1/2	0	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	Х	5.5

Final Results

Three of the four had also drawn with 5.5-points so I felt sad and disappointed thinking I would come in third place at least.

The organizers went to 5th place winner to hand them their cash prize, then the fourth place winner, followed by the 3rd place winner. Then they mentioned the second place winner and by now I was really sad thinking I had not even made the top five!

Suddenly they announced, "And the winner of the 2014 Girls Junior Closed Championship and the winner of the 10K dollar scholarship to the University of New Hampshire and hopefully will get invited to next year's U.S. Women's Championship – Claudia Munoz!"

I cried! I was in shock, happiness, disbelief with emotions running through my body from and to every direction!



I was totally unware that on tiebreakers I had won because I had the most wins!

I was handed my plaque and diploma as well as \$1,200 dollars in cash. Pictures were taken with the organizers and then the Dean of the University arrived, I mean everything came at me fast as I was so happy!

I thank the organizers of this important event Alex Relyea and Nita Patel. The friendly tournament directors Kenneth Ballou and Matt Phelps. Last but not least, I thank Dean J. Michael Hickey, the Dean of the University of New Hampshire and their beautiful campus.

I am honored to say that the first ever Champion of the Girls Junior Closed Championship was a Texan! As a Hispanic teen chess player this is an awesome blessing.

* All photos by Claudia Veronica Munoz

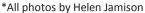




Just in: As a result of her win at the U.S. Junior Girls Championship, FIDE Zonal President and USCF Director of Events, Franc Guadalupe, has selected and invited Claudia to be our representative at the 2014 World Junior U20 Girls Championship, and she has accepted! The event will take place in Pune, India, 5 - 20 October. Congratulations Claudia!

2014 Texas State and Amateur Championships

The **2014 Texas State and Amateur Championships** took place from May 23rd to May 26th in Ft. Worth. A total of 34 participated in the Open tournament and 128 participated in the Amateur tournament. **IM Darwin Yang** won the tournament with a tie for second place by **NMs Franscico Guadalupe II** and **Dachey Lin**.





IM Darwin Yang, Texas Champion 2014



NMs Francisco Guadalupe II and Dachey Lin 2nd Place Winners

2014 STATE AMATEUR TOP 10

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Mao, Marcus S	1962	1991	W12	W14	D19	D21	W13	W38	W2	6.0
2	Trakru, Priya	1918	1964	W83	W40	W20	W38	W3	W9	L1	6.0
3	Davis, Brandon D	1910	1958	W44	W43	W8	W16	L2	W22	W7	6.0
4	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	1943	1964	W66	W53	D18	W27	W10	D7	W11	6.0
5	Mikhail, Peter	1927	1936	W41	W91	L38	W43	W20	D8	W31	5.5
6	Vaidya, Atreya	1837	1859	W80	H	L24	W56	W33	W52	W17	5.5
7	Kaliyur, Rohith	1965	1969	W75	W58	W26	D9	W30	D4	L3	5.0
8	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	1787	1837	W108	W28	L3	W73	W21	D5	D15	5.0
9	Premkumar, Hiren	1857	1898	W73	W59	W87	D7	W67	L2	D10	5.0
10	Trujillo, Matthew	1712	1812	W113	W54	D17	W23	L4	W16	D9	5.0

2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

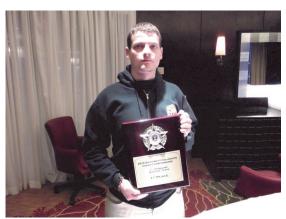
#	Name	Ratng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	IM Darwin Yang	2570	W25	W3	W29	D5	W4	D2	W8	6.0
2	NM Francisco Guadalupe II	2299	D9	W21	W12	W29	W5	D1	D4	5.5
3	NM Dachey Lin	2273	W24	L1	W13	D7	W9	W16	W5	5.5
4	NM Ruifeng Li	2362	W33	W32	W10	D8	L1	W11	D2	5.0
5	GM Carlos Matamoros	2558	W26	W15	W27	D1	L2	W8	L3	4.5
6	Abhishek Obili	2168	D8	L17	W24	W18	D12	W15	D10	4.5
7	Jesse Lozano	2035	L32	B	W19	D3	L11	W23	W16	4.5
8	CM Daniel Rodriguez	2360	D6	W30	W17	D4	W10	L5	L1	4.0
9	NM Mark W Dejmek	2109	D2	D22	W23	W27	L3	D10	D11	4.0
10	FM Michael Langer	2326	W16	W31	L4	W15	L8	D9	D6	4.0
11	NM Nicholas Schoonmaker	2214	L18	D16	W31	W25	W7	L4	D9	4.0
12	Odunayo Ajiboye	2005	H	W20	L2	W26	D6	D19	D15	4.0
13	Sam L Capocyan	2098	H	H	L3	W31	D25	D17	W21	4.0
14	David Wisecup	2018	L15	W34	H	L22	H	W26	W23	4.0
15	Andrew H Lu	2163	W14	L5	W28	L10	W29	L6	D12	3.5
16	Robert Sanchez	2129	L10	D11	W20	W32	W22	L3	L7	3.5
17	NM Nelson M Lopez II	2209	D30	W6	L8	H	D23	D13	D20	3.5
18	WCM Claudia E Muñoz	2060	W11	L29	D22	L6	L21	W31	W24	3.5
19	Tianming Xie	2125	L29	W33	L7	W28	D27	D12	H	3.5
20	NM James V Rohrbaugh	2200	D21	L12	L16	D24	W28	W25	D17	3.5
21	WFM Emily Quyn Nguyen	2034	D20	L2	L25	B	W18	D24	L13	3.0
22	NM Akshay Malhotra	2200	H	D9	D18	W14	L16	U	H	3.0
23	Anthony Nguyen	2114	L27	W26	L9	W30	D17	L7	L14	2.5
24	Devina Devagharan	2053	L3	D25	L6	D20	B	D21	L18	2.5
25	NM John B Carr	2151	L1	D24	W21	L11	D13	L20	H	2.5
26	NM Atulya Vaidya	2197	L5	L23	B	L12	D31	L14	W30	2.5
27	NM Jarod Pamatmat	2320	W23	W28	L5	L9	D19	U	U	2.5
28	Duy Minh Nguyen	2066	W34	L27	L15	L19	L20	L30	W31	2.0
29	NM Jeffrey De Jesus	2357	W19	W18	L1	L2	L15	U	U	2.0
30	Brian F Gu	2056	D17	L8	H	L23	U	W28	L26	2.0
31	Curtis Fukuchi	2008	B	L10	L11	L13	D26	L18	L28	1.5
32	NM Alfred Carlin	2201	W7	L4	H	L16	U	U	U	1.5
33	Alexander D Jiang	2139	L4	L19	U	U	U	U	U	0.0
34	NM Austin Z Jiang	2229	L28	L14	U	U	U	U	U	0.0

2014 Texas Scholastic Championships

The **2014 Texas Scholastic Championships** took place in Houston on February 8th and 9th with a Blitz tournament on February 7th. There were a total of 1005 participants.

GM Valentin L Yotov won the Southwest Collegiate Tournament out of 17 participants. Students from the **University of Texas at Dallas** won the Collegiate Team Tournament out of 3 teams that participated.

* All photos by Franc Guadalupe



GM Valetin L Yotov Collegiate Winner

SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE TEAM WINNERS

#	Name	Score
1	Univ Texas Dallas - Cnt: 6	14.5
	GM Valentin L Yotov 4.5	
	GM Ioan Chirila 4.0	
	GM Conrad Holt 3.0	
	GM George Margvelashvili 3.0	
	GM David Berczes 2.5	
	IM Arthur Calugar 2.0	

SOUTHWEST COLLEGIATE TOP 10

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	GM Valentin L Yotov	2607	DUTD	W13	W12	W2	D3	W4	4.5
2	GM Ioan Chirila	2588	DUTD	W14	W4	L1	W5	W3	4.0
3	GM Conrad Holt	2629	DUTD	D5	W9	W7	D1	L2	3.0
4	IM Andrey Gorovets	2603	TXTECH	W16	L2	W13	W6	L1	3.0
5	IM Max Cornejo	2444	BUTB	D3	D8	W11	L2	W16	3.0
6	GM Holden Hernandez	2593	BUTB	D15	W10	W8	L4	D7	3.0
7	GM Anton Kovalyov	2703	BUTB	D10	W11	L3	W12	D6	3.0
8	GM George Margvelashvili	2622	DUTD	D9	D5	L6	W14	W12	3.0
9	NM Luis Torres	2381	TXTECH	D8	L3	D15	W17	D10	2.5
10	GM David Berczes	2557	DUTD	D7	L6	D14	W13	D9	2.5

Austin Zhiy Jiang won the Texas High School Championship out of 133 participants. The Team Championship was won by students from **Vandegrift High School** in Austin (see **front cover** for Team photo) out of 24 teams that participated.



Austin Zhiy Jiang High School Winner

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

#	Name	Score
1	Vandegrift High - Austin - Cnt: 4	21.5
	Austin Zhiy Jiang 6.5	
	Alexander D Jiang 5.5	
	Xavier E Negron 5.0	
	Alex Li 4.5	



TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 10

#	Name	Rtng	Team	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Austin Zhiy Jiang	2154	AVNDGR	W88	W77	W28	W7	D3	W2	W10	6.5
2	Tommy Lu	2170	HBELLR	W121	W30	W18	W11	W5	L1	W13	6.0
3	Dylan James	2083	AAHMSH	W66	W69	W22	W65	D1	D4	W12	6.0
4	Alexander D Jiang	2103	AVNDGR	W96	W32	W14	W6	D10	D3	D8	5.5
5	James O Ukoli	2102	BHANNA	W62	W101	W33	W12	L2	W16	D7	5.5
6	Duy Minh Nguyen	2038	RRRRHS	W81	W41	W29	L4	W21	W15	D9	5.5
7	Christian Leos	2030	CCCOLE	W60	W44	W17	L1	W29	W39	D5	5.5
8	Curran Ray Han	2066	HBELLR	W61	W37	W23	D10	D27	W14	D4	5.5
9	Alexander Wlezien	2090	ALASA	W70	W50	W20	D27	D16	W31	D6	5.5
10	Daniel J Ng	2202	HJVILL	W82	W15	W24	D8	D4	W27	L1	5.0

Jacob Sundby won the High School JV U1000 Championship out of 100 participants. The JV U1000 Team Championship was won by **Mario Olguin, Joseph Filazzola, Luis Luna** and **Albert Barbosa** from **United South High School** in Laredo out of 17 teams that participated.

Bovey Liu won the Texas Middle School Championship out of 149 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Anthony Nguyen, Emily Quyn Nguyen, David Hsieh** and **Tejas Karuturi** from **Canyon Vista Middle School** in Austin out of 23 teams that participated.

Eduardo D Heredia won the Texas Middle School JV U900 Championship out of 70 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Eduardo Heredia, Emiliano Perez, Jose Palacio** and **Allen Gump** from **BL Gray Junior High** in Mission out of 12 teams that participated.

Jorge E Fernandez & Nicholas Callaghan tied for first place in the Texas Middle School Novice U600 Championship out of 38 participants. The Team Championship was won by Jacob Rodriquez, Tyler Morton, Nathan Carlson and Tyler Moss from Zundy Junior High in Wichita Falls out of 7 teams that participated.

Kevin Liu won the Texas Elementary Championship out of 125 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Diego Costa, Adolfo Balderas, Luis E Gonzalez** and **Leann Castro** from **Hudson Elementary** in Brownsville out of 22 teams that participated.

Brandon Fang won the Texas Elementary JV Championship out of 87 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Diego Medina**, **Andres Cantu**, **Mathew Soliz** and **Emily Garcia** from **N L Trevino Elementary** in Edinburg out of 17 teams that participated.

David S Wang won the Texas Elementary Novice U500 Championship out of 65 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Alexis Mascorro, Isabella Soto, Natili Ramirez** and **Karen Lozano** from **Champion Elementary** in Brownsville out of 11 teams that participated.

CM Cole Futos won the Texas Primary Championship out of 82 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Wesley Yeung, Helen Le, Jason Nguyen** and **Evan Xing Lai** from **Laurel Mountain Elementary** in Austin out of 15 teams that participated.

Edward Contreras won the Texas Primary JV U700 Championship out of 60 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Rigoberto Rubio**, **Israel Medina**, **Diego Tovar** and **Daniel Mejia** from **B Brite Elementary** in Brownsville out of 13 teams that participated.

Vedant Patil won the Texas K-1 Championship out of 108 participants. The Team Championship was won by **Jorge A Vadillo, Gianna Vadillo, Jesus Lear Jr** and **Samantha Hernandez** from **Americo Paredes Elementary** in Brownsville out of 16 teams that participated.

The Blitz Tournament was won by **Dylan James** with 5.0 points. **Christian Leos** and **Hiren Kumar** took 2nd and 3rd place respectively with 4.0 points each. There were 52 participants.

The Bughouse Tournament was won by **Alexander** & **Austin Jiang**. The team of **Dylan James** & **Steven Young** took 2nd Place with the team of **Miguel Garcia** & **Genta Kaieda** taking 3rd Place. There were 46 teams that participated.

For detailed results please see http://www.dallaschess.com/2014%20Texas%20Scholastic/index.htm

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 27

Many Springs 68

Info: Tom Crane 817-296-4287, tcrane5000@gmail.com or http://www.tarrantcountychessclub.org/.

OCTOBER

OCT. 11

Celebrate National Chess Day in Historical Downtown McKinney, TX Info: Contact Susan Berger chessonthesquare@gmail.com, 214-207-5433.

OCT. 18-19

Amarillo October Open

Info: Bill Snead, 2111 S. Travis St., Amarillo, TX 79109, 806-372-4387 for questions.

OCT. 25-26

2014 DCC Fide Open IX

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com.

OCT. 31-NOV 2, OCT. 31 OR NOV. 1-2

18th Annual Texas Grade and Collegiate Championships

Info: www.dallaschess.com



Don't Forget to cast your vote!
We MUST receive your ballot by
August 27th, 2014 so it can be
counted.

80th Annual Southwest Open AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 1

TROPHIES PLUS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40 (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 8/21, else \$99. \$80 Junior(U19) if received by 8/21 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant \$52 if received by 8/21 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/ Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires prepayment. After 8/27/14 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/27/14. 4 day: Reg. Friday 8/29, 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. 8/30, 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: \$96/96/96/96, 972-929-8181 reserve by 8/18 and ask for Dallas Chess Club rate. \$96 rate includes continental breakfast for up to 2 people staying in room. Additional Breakfast vouchers at special price of \$9.95. Up to two 1/2-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 8/31 at 9:00 am.

K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 8/30. 5-SS, G/30 d5, EF: \$31 by 8/21, \$45 after; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/27/14 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/27/14. No refunds after 8/27/14, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/27/14. 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. ALL:

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

