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## 2018 TCA Elections!



*TXWCC Participants (from Left) - Seated: Margaret Bailon-Labednick, Wendy Reed, Claresse Roberts, WIM Dr. Alexey Root, and Sheba Yaru. Standing: WCM Camille Kao, Nicole Niemi, Ambriette Reed, Yue Chu, WFM Devina Devagharan, Rheanna English and Barb Swafford.*

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## From the Desk of the Editor

Hello Texas,

Welcome to the 6th and final issue of *Texas Knights* Volume 59. This volume is my 25th issue, which also means it's the first issue of my 5th year as Editor. It's been an often fun, always interesting ride. I'm always intrigued to find out where the journey takes me next. This issue may be early. I wanted copies to take with me to the U.S. Open for some possible fund raising.

It's TCA Election time again. Make sure you check out the election info and Candidate Statements starting on **page 18** of this issue.

In this issue:

- We have articles, games and photos from two tournaments. Specifically, the 2018 Texas Women's Chess Championship and the San Antonio City Championship.
- Our Treasurer, Barb Swafford, provides us some insight into the representatives for some of the national tournaments.
- Tim Brennan, gives us some Tactics puzzles in which the last Red River Shootout was the source of the games used.
- Robert Myers shares more of his travels and chess-related commentary.
- And we have a Texas Chess History article from 20 years ago about a young *Child Prodigy*.

Be sure to checkout the July issue of *Chess Life*. In particular the article about the U.S. Championship, starting on page 20, in which GM Jeffery Xiong and GM Alexander Onischuk, both from Texas, participated.

Also check out the Summer 2018 issue of *American Chess Magazine* which has two articles about UTRGV's success in the Collegiate Final Four. Articles start on Pages 52 and 54.

**A final reminder:** If you plan on attending the U.S. Open, I'm inviting all Texas Participants to sit down for a chat. Who knows, our conversation may just make it into a future issue of *Texas Knights*. I have receive contact info from some of you. I'll be touching base when I get there.

The next issue of *Texas Knights* should be in your mailbox around the first week of October.

— **Jeff French**



## From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone,

We have scheduled and held the Texas Senior Championships. I was there this past Sunday, and really enjoyed the excitement that this event brought to the players in all sections. I listened in the skittles room as some young college students analyzing their game and observed some of the games in the playing hall as well. It did my heart good to see (one of our Region Directors) Tom Crane participating in the very tough event. Plus, Texas now has a Representative designated to participate in the Tournament of Champions. Coming up at the end of this month, is a culmination of several championship events getting together in Wisconsin at the U.S. Open. However, that is not the end, we still have the Southwest Open scheduled, which is being organized by Luis Salinas. As always, see you at the boards. Thank you everyone and please consult our TCA calendar for events happening close to you.

— *Eddie*

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## Texas Denker, Barber, National Girls and Senior Representatives

By Barb Swafford

TCA has nominated its representatives for these prestigious tournaments that are held at the US Open. Playoffs were held for the Denker and Barber between the highest finishing players at the North/Central and South Texas Scholastic Championships. Emily Nguyen, 1<sup>st</sup> Place in South Texas High School Championship chose to compete for the Denker so highest finishing girl in North/Central Texas High School Championship was nominated for National Girls Tournament.

Emily Nguyen was nominated to represent Texas at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Sam Capocyan is the Alternate. Learn more at **[www.denkerchess.com](http://www.denkerchess.com)**.

John Capocyan was nominated to represent Texas at the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. Joaquin Razo is the Alternate. Learn more at **[www.barberchess.com](http://www.barberchess.com)**.

Angela Chen was nominated to represent Texas at the National Girls Tournament of Champions. Learn more at **[www.nationalgirlschess.com](http://www.nationalgirlschess.com)**.

And Gregg Stanley was nominated to represent Texas at the National Seniors Tournament of Champions. He came in first at the 2018 Texas Senior Chess Championship held July 14 and 15 in San Antonio. Learn more at **[www.nationalseniorchess.com](http://www.nationalseniorchess.com)**.

Good Luck to all our players.

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## WFM Devina Devagharan Crowned 2018 Texas Women's Chess Champion

By Victor Yaward, Chess Reporter



Woman FIDE Master and National Chess Expert Devina Devagharan scored 3-1/2 out of 4 points to take clear first at the 2018 Texas Women's Chess Championship. Maritta Del Rio Sumner (left in photo), President and CEO of Sumco, LP, presented the "2018 Texas Women's Chess Champion" award and title to WFM Devagharan (right in photo). WFM

Devagharan plays at the Arlington Chess Club, is from Euless, has a peak US Chess rating of 2174, and is ranked Number 40 for all USA women.

Yue Chu, from Plano, scored 3 points and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place on tiebreaks (right in photo). She has a peak US Chess rating of 1976 and is President of the University of Texas at Austin Chess Club. She is also a Club Director. Marita Del Rio Sumner (left in photo) presented her award.

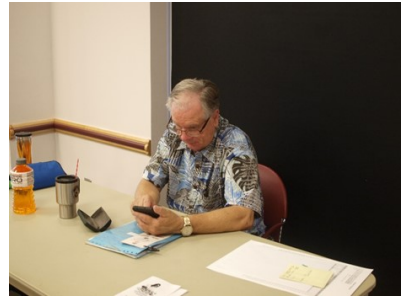


Ambriette Reed (right in photo) scored 3 points and was crowned "2018 Texas Women's Novice Chess Champion". Ms. Reed is from Roanoke and ranked Number 57 for USA girls age 17. She is the Alliance Chess Club Treasurer, Founding President of the Eaton High School Chess Club (2016 - 2017) and is a Club Tournament Director. Maritta Del Rio Sumner (left in photo) presented Ambriette's prize and title.



The two-day rated event was held June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, in the North Richland Hills Library, and was sanctioned by the US Chess Federation and the Texas Chess Association. Serious Chess Players, based out of Bedford's American Legion Post 379, was the sponsoring affiliate.

Jim Hollingsworth was the Chief Organizer and Tournament Director and was capably assisted by the Championship's Adjutant, Dale Chaney (in the photo) and several tournament directors and volunteers. Texas Knights Editor Jeff French was the Chief Assistant Tournament Director. Floor Tournament Directors were two Texas Chess Association Directors, Tom Crane and Woman Candidate Master Claudia Munoz.



Jeff French, Tom Crane and Alliance Chess Club President Louis Reed provided outstanding photography support (1.3+ gigabytes of photos). Louis Reed also designed the Awards Ceremony layout. Alliance Chess Club Vice President Wendy Reed (in the photo) played in the Championship. She is also an artist who uses knitting needles as brushes and yarn as her canvas. Her husband, Louis, observed and commented "Wendy plays better when she knits during her games!" She generously donated her handcrafted artwork as gifts for all the players and guest speakers.



Barb Swafford (right in the photo) received the "2018 Texas Women's Unrated Champion" award and title from Maritta Del Roi Sumner. Ms. Swafford scored 1-1/2 points and is from Crowley. She is our long-serving Texas Chess Association Treasurer and is Secretary/Treasurer of the Dallas Chess Club. She is also a sponsor and strong supporter for Texas Women's Chess.

The US Chess Federation has roughly 91,000 active members. Nearly 12,000, are Texans. 12 players competed in this Texas Women's Chess Championship, at the North Richland Hills Library, during the weekend of 23-24 June. The record of 13 was almost broken, but a few players backed out due to other commitments.

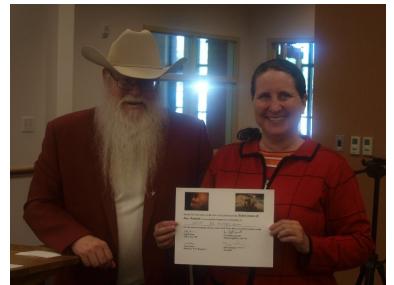
## The Other Winners

Midway through the final round, Jim Hollingsworth quietly passed a 3x5 card to Jeff French with these words “If there’s going to be an upset, Clarese is the one to do it!” About 20 minutes later Jim’s prophecy came true. Was it a magic crystal ball or was it his knowledge of Clarese Roberts because she is his best student at the Fort Worth Veterans Chess Club?



Whatever, she received the Tammie Jo Shults Award for biggest upset (in photo with Jim Hollingsworth). Ms. Roberts is from Fort Worth and is a retired US Air Force veteran and Marine. She is the most active member of the Fort Worth Veterans Chess Club. This was her first rated tournament.

The Saint Joan of Arc Award (for most hard-fought victory) was presented to Woman International Master and National Chess Master Dr. Alexey Root (in the photo with Jim Hollingsworth). WIM Root won the U.S. Women’s Chess Championship in 1989. WIM Root also earned her Ph.D. in education from UCLA in 1999. Since the fall of 1999, she has been a lecturer at The University of Texas at Dallas, teaching online courses about chess in education. She is the author of several chess-related books.



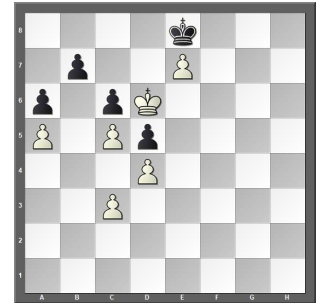
Wendy Reed (in the photo with Jim Hollingsworth) won the Best Photo Award for wearing a “chess dress” with one black shoe and one white shoe while standing next to a chess board. Ms. Reed is a Club Director and Co-Founder/Vice President of the Alliance Chess Club.





The Athena, Goddess of Wisdom and War Award (for most brilliant game) was presented to Woman Candidate Master and National Chess Expert Camille Kao (in the photo with Jim Hollingsworth). WCM Kao is from Austin, has a peak rating of 2024 and is ranked Number 70 for all USA women.

White to Move



Mate in 4

Jim Hollingsworth (in the photo) presented the well-deserved Molly Pitcher Award (for best comeback win) to Woman FIDE Master and National Chess Expert Devina Devagharan (right in the photo).



## The Heart of Texas Chess



During the Saturday evening Women's Banquet, held in conjunction with the Championship, Barb Swafford received the Texas Chess Association "Heart of Texas Award" for her many years of selfless service. Ms. Swafford is our long-serving Texas Chess Association Treasurer and is Secretary/Treasurer of the Dallas Chess Club.

Thousands of Texas scholastic and youth chess players proudly display trophies in their homes that were personally assembled and delivered to tournament directors by Barb Swafford.

**Editors Note:** It is impossible to include the 17 page article provided by the author. However, the full 2018 TXWCC article can be found along with the digital edition of Texas Knights on [TexasChess.org](http://TexasChess.org).

# 2018 Texas Women's Chess Championship

North Richland Hills, TX USA 23-24 June 2018

Jim Hollingsworth, Chief TD

#	Player	USCF Rtg	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Total
			COL	OPP	COL	OPP	COL	OPP	COL	OPP	
1	WFM Devina Devagharan 2018 Texas Women's Chess Champion	2115	W 7	B 4	W 6	W 3	1	0.5	1	1	3.5
2	WIM Alexey Root	2002	B 8	W 5	B 3	B 4	1	1	0	0.5	2.5
3	WCM Camille Kao	1995	W 9	B 6	W 2	B 1	1	1	1	0	3
4	Yue Chu 2nd Place - 2018 Women's Chess Championship	1889	B 10	W 1	B 5	W 2	1	0.5	1	0.5	3
5	Nicole Niemi	1809	W 11	B 2	W 4	W 8	1	0	0	1	2
6	Rheanna English	1753	B 12	W 3	B 1	W 9	1	0	0	1	2
7	Ambriette Reed 2018 Texas Women's Novice Chess Champion	1064	B 1	W 11	B 8	B 10	0	1	1	1	3
8	Margaret Bailon-Labednick	0911P12	W 2	B 9	W 7	B 5	0	1	0	0	1
9	Sheba Yeru	0114P17	B 3	W 8	BYE	B 6	0	0	1	0	1
10	Barb Swafford 2018 Texas Women's Unrated Chess Champion	0464P07	W 4	B 12	B 11	W 7	0	1	0.5	0	1.5
11	Wendy Reed	0456	B 5	B 7	W 10	W 12	0	0	0.5	0	0.5
12	Clarese Roberts	NEW	W 6	W 10	HALF	B 11	0	0	0.5	1.5	1.5

Texas Women's Chess Championship winner **WFM Devina Devagharan's** score was 3.5/4. Below are her games. Annotations provided by Chief Tournament Director **Jim Hollingsworth**. All of the tournament games are included in this issue's associated Games.pgn file found on **TexasChess.org**.

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**Devagharan D. (2115) –  
Reed, Ambriette (1064) D13]**  
2018 TXWCC (1.1), 23.06.2018

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**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5  
4.Nc3 e6 [4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Nf6  
6.Qb3 e6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Qb6  
9.Qxb6 axb6 10.e3 Bd7 11.Bb5  
Bb4 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ne4  
14.c4 Nc3 15.a4 dxc4 16.Bxc4  
Rxa4 17.Rxa4 Nxa4 18.Ra1 Na5  
19.Ne5 Nxc4 20.Nxc4 f6 21.Rb1  
Bc6 22.f3 Kd7 23.Nxb6+ Nxb6  
24.Rxb6 Ra8 25.Rb2 Ra1+  
26.Kf2 f5 27.Bg3 Bd5 28.Be5 g6  
29.Bg7 h5 30.h4 Ra2 31.Rxa2  
Bxa2 32.e4 ½-½ (32) Marshall,F–  
Capablanca,J San Sebastian  
1911]**

**5.Bf4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.e3 Nf6  
8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Rc1 Bxc3  
11.Rxc3 Bb7 12.Bg5 Rc8 13.a3  
Qe7 14.Ne5 h6 15.Bxf6 Qe8  
[≤15...gxf6?? 16.Qg4+!! Kh8  
17.Qh5 fxe5 18.Qxh6+ Kg8  
19.Qh7#]**



**16.Qg4 g6 17.Qh4 h5 18.Qg5  
Kh7 19.Qxh5+!! Kg8 20.Qh8#  
1-0**

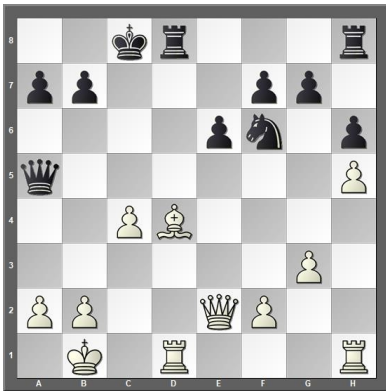
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**Chu, Yue (1889) –  
Devagharan, D. (2115) [B19]**  
2018 TXWCC (2.1), 23.06.2018

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**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4  
4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3  
[6.h4 h6 7.Nh3 e6 8.Nf4 Bh7  
9.Bc4 Nf6 10.0-0 Nd5 11.Qg4 Qf6  
12.Re1 Nxf4 13.Bxf4 Kd7 14.d5  
Bf5 15.dxe6+ fxe6 16.Rad1+ Ke7  
17.Nxf5+ 1-0 (17) Rose,S (1837)–  
Tubbs,M (1814) RRSO XVI (Davis  
OK) 2018]**

6...Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3  
 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6  
 12.0-0-0 Bd6 13.Ne4 Nxe4  
 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.g3  
 0-0-0 17.c4 c5 18.Bc3 cxd4  
 19.Nxd4 Bc5 20.Nb3 Qc6  
 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Be5 Nd7  
 23.Bd4 Qa5 24.Kb1 Nf6 ½-½



**Devagharan, D. (2115) –  
 English, R. L. (1753) [A58]**  
 2018 TXWCC (3.2), 24.06.2018

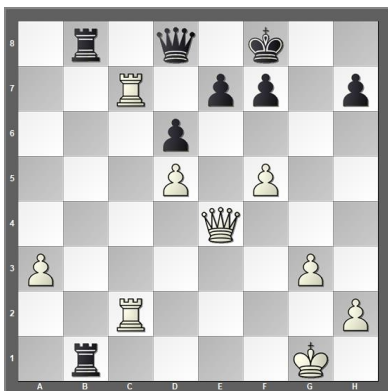
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5  
 [4.e3 d6 5.cxb5 a6 6.Nc3 axb5  
 7.Bxb5+ Nbd7 8.Qe2 g6 9.Nf3  
 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 Bb7 12.e4  
 Ne8 13.Re1 e5 14.dxe6 fxe6  
 15.Bc4 Nc7 16.Bg5± Qe8  
 17.Rad1 Ne5 18.Rxd6 Nxf3+  
 19.gxf3 h6 20.Be3 (20.Nb5)  
 20...Qe7 21.Bxc5? (21.Red1;  
 21.Rb6) 21...Qg5+ 22.Kh1 Qxc5-  
 + 23.Red1 Qh5 24.Kg2 Ra5 25.f4

Qh4 26.f5 gxf5 27.Rd7 fxe4  
 28.Rxc7 Rg5+ 29.Kf1 Qxh3+  
 30.Ke1 Bxc3+ 31.bxc3 Qxc3+  
 32.Kf1 Qh3+ 33.Ke1 Bd5  
 (33...Rg1+ 34.Kd2 Rd8+ 35.Kc2  
 Rdx1) 34.Bxd5 exd5 35.Kd2  
 Qh2 36.Rdc1 Rg2 37.Ke3 Qe5  
 (37...Qf4+ 38.Kd4 Rxf2) 38.Rc8  
 d4+ 39.Kd2 Qa5+ 0-1 (39) Su-  
 kharnikov, L (1900)–  
 Hollingsworth, J (1863) Norman  
 2005 [F Berry]]

4...a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6  
 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 Bg7 9.Nf3 0-0  
 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Qc2 Nb6 12.Rd1  
 Nfd7 13.e4 Ne5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5  
 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Bf1 c4 17.Be3  
 Qc7 18.f4 Bg7 19.Qf2 Reb8  
 20.Rac1 Nd7 21.Bh3 Rb4  
 22.Bxd7 Qxd7 23.Bd4 Bxd4  
 24.Rxd4 Rab8 25.Rd2 Qb7  
 26.Rcc2 Bb5 27.Qd4 Ra8 28.a3  
 Rb3 29.Nxb5! Qxb5 30.Rxc4!±  
 Rb8 31.Rdc2! Qd7 32.f5 gxf5  
 33.Rc7! Qd8 34.exf5 Rxb2  
 35.Qg4+ Kf8 36.Qe4 Rb1+ 1-0  
 ⊕ [Time trouble. Rheanna Eng-  
 lish, a Local Tournament Director  
 from San Antonio and a member  
 of the San Antonio Chess Team,  
 was not crowned Champion, but  
 played like a champion. Most

importantly, she spoke as a true champion when nominating her victorious opponent for the Molly Pitcher Award (for best comeback win) with these eloquent words:

⊕ This game exemplifies what it means to be a chess player. Facing an opponent desperate for a little pride, the pressure was on. Greatness is measured in part by your composure kept when someone is really digging into you. This player dug deep into her soul to go home with this award. Many rating points were saved in this heroic fight. ⊕



**Devagharan, D. (2015) – Kao, Camille (1995) [D15]**  
2018 TXWCC (4.1), 24.06.2018

[D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4 White was 2.5 out of 3 while Black had a perfect 3.]

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3** [3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Bf4 Bg4 last book move 7.e3 (7.Qb3 Bc8±) 7...e6 (7...Nc6 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3=) 8.h3 (8.Qb3 b5 9.Ne5 Bf5±) 8...Bh5 (8...Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Bd6 10.Bd3=) 9.Be2 (9.Qb3 b5=) 9...Be7 (9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.0-0=) 10.Qb3± b5 11.Rc1 Nbd7 12.a4 White threatens to win material: a4xb5 12...b4 Black threatens to win material: b4xc3 13.Na2 White threatens to win material: Na2xb4 13...Rc8? (⊔13...Ne4= and Black could well hope to play on) 14.Bxa6+- Rxc1+ 15.Nxc1 0-0 16.Nd3 Ne4 (16...Qa8 17.Bb5 Nb6 18.0-0+- (18.Nxb4?! Qa5 19.0-0 Qxb4 20.Qxb4 Bxb4=) ) 17.Bb5 Ndf6? (17...Nb8 18.g4 (18.Nxb4 is clearly inferior 18...Qa5⌘) 18...Bg6 19.Ke2+-) 18.Nde5 (18.Nfe5!? might be the shorter path 18...Qb6 19.f3 Rc8 20.fxe4 dxe4+-) 18...Qc8 (18...Qc7 19.Nc6 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Nxd6 21.Qxb4+-) 19.Nc6 Qb7 20.Nxe7+ (⊔20.g4!?) and White can already relax 20...Bxg4 21.hxg4 Nxg4+-) 20...Qxe7 21.Ne5 Rc8 22.Nd3 Nd7

( $\Delta$ 22...Bg6 23.Rf1 Qd8+-)  
 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Qxb4 ( $\Delta$ 24.f3  
 keeps an even firmer grip 24...g5  
 25.Bh2+-) 24...g5± 25.Bh2 Qc6  
 26.Nc5! White gets the ad-  
 vantage 26...Nxc5 27.dxc5 Qxc5  
 28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.Kd2 (29.0-0  
 Be2 30.Ra1 Rc4±) 29...Bg6±  
 30.Rc1 Rxc1 31.Kxc1 Bd3 32.g3  
 (32.b4!? f6±) 32...Kf8 33.f4 gxf4  
 (33...f6!?±) 34.gxf4 Ke7 35.Kd2  
 (35.b4 Kd6±) 35...Bf1 (35...Bf5  
 36.b4±) 36.h4 Kd7 37.Bg3 Kc6  
 38.b4 1-0 (38) Munoz,C (2069)-  
 Alcala,J (1500) Zaragoza, Coa-  
 huila, Mexico 2015]

**3...Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4** [4...h6 5.Bf4  
 Bf5 (5...dxc4 6.e4 b5) 6.Qb3f b6  
 7.cxd5 cxd5 (7...Nxd5□) 8.Nb5+-  
 Na6 9.Qa4 Bc8 10.Nc7# 1-0 (10)  
 Lower,V (1400)-Baxter,R (1598)  
 Stwtr 2005 (10.Nd6#) ]

**5.e3 b5!? 6.a4 b4 7.Na2 Bf5**  
**8.Nxb4 Nd5 9.Na2 e6 10.Bxc4±**  
**Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.h3 Nd7**  
**13.Bd3 Bg6 14.Bxg6 hxg6**  
**15.Nc3 N7f6 16.Ne5 Qc7 17.Bd2**  
**Qb7 18.Nd3 Rab8 19.Rb1 Nb4**  
**20.Nxb4 Bxb4 21.b3 Nd5**  
**22.Ne4 Rfd8 23.Qc2 Bxd2**

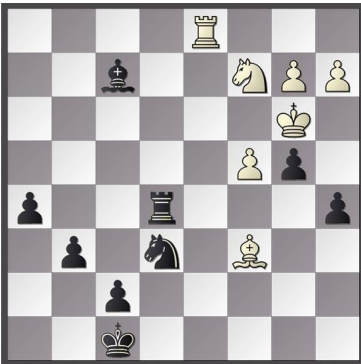
**24.Qxd2 Nb4 25.Qc3 Qe7**  
**26.Nd2 Rd5 27.e4 Rdd8 28.Nf3**  
**Qd6 29.Rfd1 Qf4 30.Qe3 Qd6**  
**31.Rd2 a5 32.Rbd1 Qc7 33.Rc1**  
**Qd6 34.Ne5 c5?! 35.Rxc5!±**  
**Rdc8 36.Nc4 Qd8 37.Rxc8 Rxc8**  
**1-0**

[Time trouble for both. This in-  
 credible battle transitioned in a  
 Rooks and pawns endgame with  
 White having an extra passed  
 pawn on the g-file v. Black hav-  
 ing one on the a-file. For the last  
 15 moves White had 15 seconds  
 on her clock. Black had only 2.  
 This was a real barn burner!]

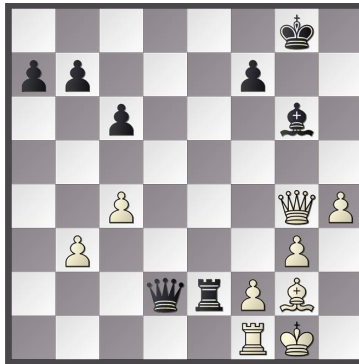


# Tactics Time!

These positions came from games played in Texas or elsewhere by (at least one) Texas Player. **Answers can be found on page 18.**



**1. Paul Dyba – John Hendrick**  
Texas Open Austin 1996  
Black to Move



**2. Curtis Williams – Jim Edmunds**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
White to Move



**3. Larry Deputy – Carmen Chairez**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
Black to Move



**4. Maxwell Barnes – Tom Crane**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
White to Move



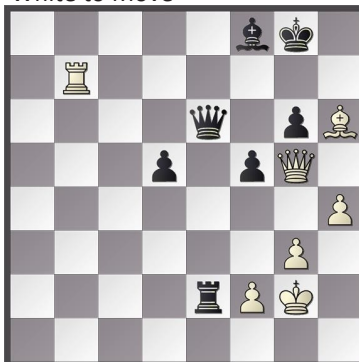
**5. Tommy Hay – Louis Reed**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
White to Move



**6. Rebecca Rutledge – Rick Gran**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
White to Move



**7. Bob Curtis – Roy Cram**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
White to Move



**8. Louis Reed – Tommy Hay**  
RRSO XVI 2018  
Black to Move

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# USCF TOP PLAYERS FOR TEXAS - July 15, 2018

Regardless of Residence or Federation

<b>Overall</b>			<b>Age 16 (continued)</b>			<b>Age 9</b>		
8	Xiong, Jeffery	2737	90	Sonawane, Atharv	1991	7	Kunka, Harshid	1984
11	Onischuk, Alexander	2718	91	Gadbois, Roland	1988	12	Sheehan, Ethan	1890
21	Li, Ruifeng	2681	93	Rose, Samuel Edward	1986	23	Gutla, Aryan	1784
21	Stukopin, Andrey	2681				52	Nandhakumar, Vaseegaran	1624
23	Dragun, Kamil	2678		<b>Age 15</b>		62	Elangovan, Ramya	1571
29	Sadorra, Julio C	2651	12	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2303	68	Jin, Tony	1552
30	Steingrimsson, Hedinn	2648	39	Liu, Kevin	2140	77	Hiwale, Ronak	1515
41	Maciej, Bartlomiej	2615	44	Huang, Max	2107	87	Gao, Tianwen	1491
54	Gorovets, Andrey	2580	50	Huo, Rannon	2087	98	Miramontes, Luis	1459
57	Kadric, Denis	2578	56	Fan, William G	2049			
59	Yang, Darwin	2575	58	Ganesh, Anirudh	2046		<b>Age 8</b>	
66	Zierk, Steven	2565	61	Buergler, Jacob	2043	7	Li, Rachael	1797
68	Preotu, Razvan	2562	66	Tsuei, Kai	2023	17	Woodward, Andy Austin	1653
70	Hevia Alejano, Carlos Antonio	2559	67	Frutos, Chase	2022	43	Zhang, Sunny	1487
77	Hernandez, Holden	2553	79	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	1988	46	He, Logan	1463
88	Arribas Lopez, Angel	2539	80	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1987	61	Li, Jacob	1389
91	Drozdowski, Kacper	2534	92	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1961	73	Qin, Samuel	1347
94	Rao, Prasanna Raghuram	2530				91	Membrilla, Gael	1295
97	Vazquez, Guillermo	2521		<b>Age 14</b>		99	Veremjov, Mihail	1280
			11	Vivekananthan, Anish	2261			
			12	Kung, Thomas	2243		<b>Age 7 and Under</b>	
22	Hulse, Brian	2213	31	Peng, Peter	2138	9	Mei, Ethan R	1453
73	Malazarte, Ernesto L	2123	39	Niu, Baron T	2090	22	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi	1243
91	Probasco, Robert D	2065	47	Hawthorn, Charles	2044	36	Ramanujakootam, Nehaan	1162
99	Chase, Stephen M	2051	56	Yan, Austin K	2010	55	Anderson, Klym Renaud	1090
30	Simms, Gary	2205	59	Ganthapodi, Maanav S	2000	73	Lau, Andrew	1033
			73	Deleon, Carlos	1958	73	Meng, Joshua	1033
			88	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1929	77	Wei, Colin	1029
75	Land, Chris K	2263				88	Sunil, Arush	1007
80	Hayward, Keith R	2259		<b>Age 13</b>		89	Lopez, Abram Matias	1004
90	Feinstein, Michael J	2244	2	Wang, Justin	2427			
			11	Metpally, Jason	2206			
			13	Hung, Daniel	2204			
<b>1</b>	<b>Xiong, Jeffery</b>	<b>2737</b>	37	Vaidya, Atreya	2094			
3	Li, Ruifeng	2681	38	Wang, Yanke	2071			
12	Preotu, Razvan	2562	41	Kumarappan, Ganesh	2061		<b>Women Overall</b>	
29	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2469	52	Hawthorn, Henry	2025	15	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2303
41	Wang, Justin	2427	56	Rajaram, Rudransh	2017	17	Apecheche, Yanira Vigoa	2286
75	He, Tommy	2348	59	Frutos, Cole	1997	20	Danella, Mariam	2270
82	Lin, Dachev	2337	61	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1994	22	Heredia, Carla	2268
82	Liu, Bovey	2337	83	Mcnutt, William Howard	1938	23	Andrenko, Iryna	2266
			83	Yellamraju, Ambica	1938	29	Chiang, Sarah	2234
			85	Zhu, Harvey	1936	64	Devagharan, Devina	2079
2	Preotu, Razvan	2562	94	Ma, Albert Z	1910	78	Munoz, Claudia Elizabeth	2050
14	He, Tommy	2348	96	Ramesh, Sreenevash	1908	89	Kao, Camille Y	2018
15	Lin, Dachev	2337				95	Alston, Angela Jennifer	2006
28	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2234		<b>Age 12</b>				
34	Moore, Alex Michael	2212	16	Trakru, Rohun	2114		<b>Women Age 65 and Over</b>	
			23	Gundam, Rohit	2056	5	O'Neill, Julia	1800
			28	Obero, Shelev	2014	19	Hardesty, Brenda	1216
			34	Rorrer, Grayson	1982	26	Bundrant, Diana	477
			44	Mei, Austin R	1937			
			59	Deviprasath, Sharvesh	1880		<b>Women Age 50 and Over</b>	
			84	Casas, Michael	1802	4	Alston, Angela Jennifer	2006
						14	O'Neill, Julia	1800
				<b>Age 11</b>		56	Hardesty, Brenda	1216
			6	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2149	65	Jamison, Helen	1086
			61	Yang, Benjamin	1844	70	Lamont, Olga Alexandra	968
			90	Welsh, Vinh	1722	75	Irwin, Marla	934
			95	Ray, Ujan	1709	90	Bundrant, Diana	477
				<b>Age 10</b>			<b>Girls Under Age 21</b>	
			22	Capocyan, John Patrick	1867	6	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2303
			25	Pathak, Rudransh	1852	27	Devagharan, Devina	2079
			40	Gardezi, Aarsal	1789	35	Munoz, Claudia Elizabeth	2050
			52	Jin, Qiheng	1754	45	Kao, Camille Y	2018
			56	Zhang, Andrew H	1741	50	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1994
			71	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1695	54	Trakru, Priya Nikita	1979
			72	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar	1690	70	Yellamraju, Ambica	1938
			80	Bai, Yang	1666	74	Palakollu, Samritha	1914
			85	Lance, Ethan Rockwell	1652	93	Yellamraju, Aparna	1869



<b>Girls Age 18</b>			<b>Girls Age 15 (continued)</b>			<b>Girls Age 10 (continued)</b>		
27	Martinez, Yvette	1385	93	Alcantara, Korina	884	43	Hwang, Alexis	1274
33	Moya, Savannah	1244	99	Muzquiz, Melanie S	787	51	Seals, Ayre	1233
38	Chang, Kristy	1152				67	Reddy, Tanvi	1168
40	Morrison, Nicole Leigh	1068				70	Pande, Nayonika	1157
41	Reed, Ambriette D	1063	28	Dadwal, Saanvi	1548	82	Milova, Vladislava	1088
44	Lee Sang, Bridget	1015	32	Perera, Dimanthi	1517	88	Iyer, Niyati	1060
45	Salinas, Arianna Dolores	1011	36	Manohar, Riya	1508	93	Nakkala, Sharvi Reddy	1031
46	Mendez, Brianna A	992	53	Basepogu, Sharon	1399	93	Mehta, Tanisi	1031
51	Solorzano, Roxana L	904	54	Azim, Risa	1396	97	Nair, Pallavi	1022
55	Gonzalez, Janeth	758	55	Bautista, Reyna	1382			
58	Alvarado, Angelica	659	60	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1310			
59	Cruz, Sarina	647	63	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1286	7	Elangovan, Ramya	1571
63	Delgado, Samantha L	375	64	Restle, Jane	1285	11	Gao, Tianwen	1491
			73	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1230	20	McNutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1404
			85	Chaudhary, Shreya	1103	35	Akella, Sravya Suparna	1208
<b>Girls Age 17</b>			87	Martinez, Aileen	1099	36	John, Natalie Michelle	1200
8	Trakru, Priya Nikita	1979	90	Krishnan, Aashika	1068	62	Cruz, Vivica	1038
9	Palakollu, Samritha	1914	99	Molina, Lizbeth M	1016	70	Balci, Ayda	985
13	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1834				79	Martinez, Erika Beatriz	953
16	Qureshi, Sadia	1800				84	Laskaris, Evie	933
17	Zheng, Christine	1784				86	Sharan, Neha	932
32	Le, Tu	1481	4	<b>Girls Age 13</b>	1994	89	Galvez, Samantha	908
33	Salazar, Lillian	1466	6	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1938	90	Kirumaki, Shreya	905
35	Garza, Ariel Francis	1421	11	Yellamraju, Ambica	1869	91	John, Ashley Danielle	900
42	Solis, Crystal Marie	1230	13	Yellamraju, Aparna	1785	96	Alanis, Juliana Cristina	880
51	Capetillo, Emily	1160	64	Gunukula, Renee	1326			
56	Cervera, Maria B	1110	69	Deora, Saaniya	1274			
61	Hale, Abbie	1017	71	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh	1267			
67	Castillo, Julianna Deanda	986	77	Flores, Madelyn A	1234	2	Li, Rachael	1797
70	Reyes, Amelinda A	913	81	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1209	5	Zhang, Sunny	1487
79	Crossman, Jennifer Love	743	87	Wang, Catherine	1179	23	Hosur, Sanmita	1116
81	Hipolito, Anateresa	696	89	Basepogu, Sarah	1155	24	Parajulee, Aditty	1109
83	Hurtado, Mariana Veronica	640	92	Olivares, Rianne	1152	58	Pan, Angela Helen	788
84	Wallace, Ashlyn	523	98	Hernandez, Madelyn J	1098	65	Fat-Anthony, Raichelle	762
89	Valdez, Dianey	113	100	Castillo, Isabella Deanda	1096	72	Contreras, Rosario Nayeli	732
						74	Rodriguez, Brandie Michelle	724
						76	Saldivar, Karolina A	720
<b>Girls Age 16</b>						80	Srinivas, Deeptha	707
6	Devagharan, Devina	2079	25	Naidu, Suchitra	1536	87	Rodriguez, Jayden Ella	690
10	Kao, Camille Y	2018	29	Aggarwal, Manika	1484	91	Gutierrez, Victoria Angelique	679
33	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1677	37	Binoj, Gaayathri	1426	95	Ku, Chloe	669
38	Zhu, Yining	1535	43	Pulido, Emma Rose	1397	98	Cervantes, Makayla	658
41	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1514	46	Furman, Jessica	1387	100	Gomez, Nelly Daniela	647
50	Tovias, Lauren	1229	48	Padilla, Karlee	1367			
52	Babaria, Niyati Rakesh	1195	56	Hernandez, Sarah	1317			
53	Solis, Gabriela	1189	62	Ghatti, Saisneha	1283			
56	Gonzalez, Jolie Marie	1166	75	Vasquez, Izabel Amparo	1187	6	<b>Girls Age 7 and Under</b>	1243
57	Oliveira, Lauren Ryleigh	1146	78	Athila, Akshaya	1160	20	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi	866
58	Flowers, Ava	1130	83	Braun, Peyton Alexandra	1138	21	Wang, Crystal	866
63	Delgado, Victoria E	1101	98	Wu, Alison	1044	29	Barba, Isabella	805
66	Hernandez, Victoria A	1069	100	Iyer, Madhalasa	1014	29	Gonzalez, Addison	756
77	Tankus, Nikki	954				30	Zhao, Yvonne	742
89	Voliber, Alyssa	786				31	Garza, Brithany	738
95	Tamosaitis, Wynter	703				35	Yu, Karina	714
96	Lee Sang, Sarah Marie	696	13	<b>Girls Age 11</b>	1625	37	Lopez, Celeste Catalina	689
100	Uhlrig, Mariana L	567	40	Chennuru, Anshu	1283	44	Loredo, Isabellah	660
			55	Bandaru, Tanvi	1215	46	Salinas-Luebbert, Regina	653
			58	Jacinto, Gianna G	1188	47	Penk, Kaylin	644
			60	Milligan, Madison	1183	49	Iturbe, Olivia	632
			61	Cardin, Maddie	1183	54	Milova, Elizaveta S	609
			61	Pilla, Ananya Valli	1182	59	Milova, Elizaveta S	609
2	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2303	68	Solis, Natalie	1161	61	Nguyen, Amy	550
24	Cheng, Angela	1693	69	Holmes, Natalie Faith	1159	71	Castillo, Leah I	549
26	Zhou, Julia	1641	75	Nitturi, Rajni	1135	80	Ramirez, Yareli	512
35	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1543	80	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1107	83	Cantu, Sophie	510
44	Boren, Isabel	1439	92	Lopez, Kathya Vanessa	1051	86	Goswami, Mohini	508
45	Ramesh, Kaavya	1437				90	Nair, Aditi	498
46	Murgulet, Ioana	1415				93	Ramirez, Isabella	491
47	Vasquez, Angelica	1401				97	Martinez, Mia	463
52	Bautista, Ilse V	1356	4	<b>Girls Age 10</b>	1695	98	Thouda, Sanjana	459
59	Ravichandar, Shreya	1255	24	Wang, Kalia Yuke	1445			
56	Santana, Sol Celeste	1156	25	Balaji, Sai Sangeetha	1417			
69	Miller, Ashlyn	1145	32	Uviedo, Violette	1417			
87	Rao, Sonia	944	36	Sinha, Tavishi	1338			
				Ham, Emily	1310			



## Tactics Time! Answers

### Answers:

1. **43...Nc5#**
  2. **32.h5** attacks the pinned Bishop.
  3. **29...Rbc8** traps the White Queen. Variation from the game.
  4. **23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Qg8+ Nxg8 26.Nf7#** Smothered mate!
  5. Tommy missed a haymaker with **20.Bd6** forking the two Rooks.
  6. **11.Be6** pins the Queen to the King.
  7. **17. a4** attacks the knight, which is pinned to the Queen.
  8. White left his light squares weak allowing **45...Qe4+** which leads to checkmate **46.Kg1 Re1+ 47.Kh2 Qh1#**
- Cover. 16.Rxf6!** Removing the defender of the h5 square causes a lot of pain for Black. For example: **16...Qxf6 17.Qh5+ Qh6 18.Nxf7+ Rxf7 19.Bxh6**

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## 2018 Texas Chess Association Elections

The 2018 TCA Election is already underway. This is an Electronic only election. The single person that requested a paper ballot wasn't not eligible to receive a ballot because of an expired membership. So there were no paper ballots distributed.

You may vote for one candidate for each office. You also have the ability to write-in a candidates name or abstain from voting for any or all offices.

You should have received your ballots around midnight on July 15th. We did have some issues with valid emails not receiving ballots. The ballot distribution issues that could be resolved, have been resolved. If you feel you should have received a ballot, but haven't, please contact me at [texasknightsed@gmail.com](mailto:texasknightsed@gmail.com). Please provide your name and mailing address so that we can validate your membership. Also provide the email address you would like your ballot sent to (especially if it is different than the one you contact me with to attempt to resolve your lack of a ballot(s). If you have a family membership and believe you should receive more than one ballot, it would be helpful to have that information as well. Remember, all regular members age 16 and over, who are residents of Texas, can vote.

Following are the Candidate Statements for each candidate that decided to provide one. Even though the Ballots this year did have profiles with candidate information and photos, the Candidate Statements in TK may be different. If you haven't already voted (many have), please take a couple minutes to review the Candidate Statements before making your selection.

## Candidates for TCA President



### Eddie Rios

Hello everyone, It has been a short and busy year. I have really enjoyed all the activities and new friendships that have transpired. As I said before, it has been a busy year, we have taken steps in the right direction and accomplished quite a bit. I have learned much from my predecessors and fellow friends. We are almost recovered and completely updated on most of our systems. There are still some things I need to accomplish this year. Hopefully, with your support I can do this. Then Texas Chess Association will be able to step forward in any direction it pleases. I could not have done this without all the help and knowledge of all the membership and officers. Together, I think we can continue to progress and grow. My agenda this year, along with those things I am currently working on, will be to concentrate on growth and promotion. We now have our TCA web site, Facebook, and Texas Knights, running, to help improve information exchange. Our bidding spreadsheet is up and ready to go for 2019. Thank you everyone for a wonderful year, and I hope you will give me an opportunity for another year.



### Tom Crane

I started as a Chess Dad in 1998 when my son played in elementary school. My involvement has grown over 20 years to currently include being the President of the Tarrant County Chess Club and Region II Director for about twelve years. I believe I can improve our organization and I've outlined some goals I plan to achieve if elected.

- Ensure TCA Business information is visible to all including: Up-to-date by-laws, all TCA Meeting Minutes, upcoming motions (published prior to the meeting).
- Ensure transparency of monetary distribution for TCA events.
- Finish defining the policy on background checks – Motion passed but the mechanics of implementing the policy - not addressed.
- Establish a set of goals for our organization that are reasonably achievable, tracked, and reported on to the membership. What gets measured, tracked and reported on, gets done.
- Improve adult chess support and continue our *excellent* support of scholastic chess.

I have managed billions of dollars of technical development in my professional career. I am known as someone that gets things done. My chess career leads to the same conclusion. References to both will be provided on request. I would appreciate your vote.

## Candidates for TCA Vice President



### **Forrest Marler**

In the past 20+ years, I have happily served the TCA in many roles including the Scholastic Committee as both chair and member (first Region V and now Region VI), Region V Director, TCA Secretary, and Vice-President.

In the late 1990's, I made the motion to create the Texas Women's Championship as a TCA event and ran the very first one in 1999.

Also in the late 1990's, I along with Larry Young, created the Regional Scholastic Championships. This tournament has given thousands of young players a local large event for them to play in as well as an excellent preparation for the State Scholastic Championships.

I would be happy to continue serving you and the TCA as Vice-President.



### **Estanislao Anzaldúa**

Howdy,

My name is Estanislao "Tanis" Anzaldúa, and I am running for the position of Vice-President. I am a product of the Brownsville chess scene having played chess for the last 18yrs, and a Local TD for 5yrs. I have only been a member of the TCA for a few years, but I have been growing more active each year.

I understand that my age may very well play against me, however, I have had the privilege of working with exceptional mentors that I believe have prepared me for such roles. I have held numerous successful positions within other organizations at the club, district/regional, and state levels, and I have earned each of their respects.

I have no personal gain for this position, only my passion for chess and the wonders that it can do for the TCA and its members.

Thank you for your support, cheers!

## Candidates for TCA Secretary



### **Lonann French**

My name is Lonann French and I'm running for Secretary of Texas Chess Association. I have a Masters degree in IT Management and enjoy promoting the game of chess for Texas.

I've been affiliated with TCA since 2014 when my husband became editor of the affiliated TCA magazine, Texas Knights. I've had the opportunity to work TCA's elections, provide photo support, and attend TCA business meetings. In 2016, I approached TCA to use their election process as a business challenge to complete my MBA. My results were presented at the annual business meeting and it provided solid analysis for using an automated voting system.

By becoming Secretary, I will bring organizational skills to maintain accurate and transparent documentation for TCA's bi-laws, record minutes for all relevant meetings, and ensure elections are conducted according to TCA's guidelines.

## Candidates for TCA Treasurer

### **Barb Swafford**

*Barb chose to not provide a Candidates Statement.*

### **Some final information about the Ballots:**

- Elections will automatically conclude at noon on August 31st, 2018
- The ballot is pretty simple to use ... select all of your officer selections, you can click/tap the Information link under a Candidate's name (if available) to view the Candidate's Profile. Then at the bottom of the selections, you will hit a button to Verify your selections. You will then be presented with a list of your selections. Clicking/Tapping Submit Ballot will complete your vote. Until you Submit your ballot, from the Verification screen, you haven't actually voted.
- After you Submit your ballot(s) you can no longer see or change your selections.

# San Antonio City Championship

By J.P. Hyltin

The San Antonio City Championship drew 93 players in 2 sections. Held on June 30-July 1, this year there were a few surprises. I was the target of the first one. As tournament director, I am aware of a maxim that goes like this: "How does a tournament start an hour behind schedule? One late registration at a time." Thus when a new player walked in 2 minutes after the registration had closed, I was determined not to get sucked into the trap. While firmly explaining that registration has been closed, I offered a half point first round bye. This young man politely asked if there was any way to avoid that, and he apologized saying they did try to call and contact us. I hear that a lot and I'm not fully buying it, but I looked over to Ross Johnson, the pairing TD, and Ross said he's not far down the pairing path, and we can squeeze him in. I entered his member number, and looked at the rating to determine the appropriate section.

It was 2585.

I had just chewed out an IM for being 2 minutes late.

And it turned out I was completely in the wrong. He did call the organizer, who sent me an email at 7:30am, that I missed. Thus was my red-faced introduction to 15 year old Advait Patel. I apologized a lot of times to him and his dad, and I hope he knows how happy I am he made it. They drove down from Oklahoma that morning.

And suddenly we had a tournament that included 2 IMs, including Miguel Medina Paz, an FM (Michael Langer), a local celebrity master (Selby Anderson, returning from a long layoff from tournament chess), master and 4 time City Champion Jesse Lozano, and 3 other masters – under 2200, but holding a national master certificate. Those 8 players would compete for a prize fund over \$3000, and the top prize in the 29 player open section of \$500.

The first prize was split between the 2 IMs, Miguel Medina Paz and Advait Patel, taking home a slightly increased amount of \$454.08. They drew a spirited game in round 3.

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## Patel, Advait – Medina Paz, Miguel

San Antonio City Championship (3)

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+  
6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 c4 9.Be2 Nbc6 10.Nf3  
f5 11.Qg3 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bd7 13.h4 f4 14.Qg4 Rf5  
15.h5 h6 16.Nh4 Rf7 17.Rh3 Raf8 18.Rf3 b5 19.Rd1  
Qxa3 20.Bxf4 Rxf4 21.Rxf4 Qxc3+ 22.Rd2 Rxf4  
23.Qxf4 Qa1+ 24.Rd1 Qb2 25.Ng6 Nxc6 26.hxc6  
Be8 27.Qg4 Nd8 28.Qh4 Nc6 29.Qg4 Nd8 30.Qh4  
½-½



*IM Miguel Paz and IM Advait Patel*

The open section also awarded the coveted San Antonio City Championship trophy, although the top 3 players (Patel, Medina Paz, and Langer are not San Antonio residents). And which of the 5 eligible masters took the trophy? It was Class A player Stephen Hough (photo) – Another surprise! Stephen got a check for \$267.11 and made notes on his critical last round game.



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**Hough, Stephen (1987) –**  
**Lozano, Jesse James (2244) [A08]**  
San Antonio City Ch, 01.07.2018

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**1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e6 4.0–0 Ne7 5.d3 0–0 6.e4 d5 7.Nbd2 c5** [The King's Indian Attack is not a very principled opening, but it can lead to some strong positional attacks. Black's setup looks normal, except the pawn on d5 is usually on d6, keeping a fluid center.] **8.Re1 Nbc6 9.Qe2 b6 10.e5** [Going for a well known attack. White runs the h-pawn and tries to play on the dark squares around Black's King, while Black runs the Queenside pawns to gain counterplay. Fischer-Myagmarsuren 1967 is a good example.] **10...a5 11.c3 Ba6? 12.a4!** [Slowing Black's attack.] **12...Rb8** [If Black goes for 12...c4 White plays 13.d4 and vice versa. Black should have played 11... a4.] **13.Nf1** [Starting a common plan, Nf1–h2–g4–f6.] **13...b5 14.axb5**

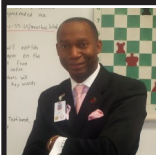
Other winners in the open section included Grayson Rorrer U2000 1<sup>st</sup>, Anh Nguyen and Benjamin Romo tied for U2000 2<sup>nd</sup> & U1900 1<sup>st</sup>, and Frewin Alexis and Darshan Koushik tied for the U1900 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. In the reserve section, Philip Martinez captured 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$427.11 with his last round win over Black Herrera. I wish I had the game score. Other winners in the Reserve section included Alfredo Garcia, Blake Herrera and Alexander Rodriguez tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael Montez, Mario Guerra, and Isaac George tied for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> U1600, and Raghav Aggarwal U1400 1<sup>st</sup>, and Angel Nunez U1400 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Soesbee too the unrated prize.

All of the rounds ran on time, and this year we were able to secure more rooms, so we had plenty of space. I want to thank the amazing Ross Johnson and his magical custom pairing program that makes the transition from registration to 1<sup>st</sup> round pairings almost a 1-button-push operation. Kudos also to the San Antonio Chess Club and Louis Rimpel, who secured the site, brought donuts and relentlessly pursued the final reporting information from the tired TDs who would rather have been sleeping, but were happy to have the task behind them. I think this year's event raised the bar for how a tournament should run every year. Now, we just have to repeat the luck of having 2 IMs show up.

I hope to see you all next year!

*Editor's Note: There was not enough room for 2 additional games that were included in the article but have been included in the Games.pgn with the digital issue on [TexasChess.org](http://TexasChess.org).*

**Rxb5 15.h4 Qb6 16.h5 Rb8 17.Ra2** [Preventing Black's main idea of an exchange sac, although the Rook is awkward.] **17...Qd8 18.h6 Bf8 19.N1h2 Nf5 20.Ng4 Be7 21.Bf4 Rb3 22.Rd1 Qb6 23.Rd2 d4** [Black is out of counterplay and recognizes he needs to make a sacrifice to break through. Otherwise, White's dark square play is very strong.] **24.c4 Nb4 25.Ra3** [I was starting to get into time trouble. 25. Ra4 is also good.] **25...Rxd3** [25...Nxd3 is another option, but importantly 26.Rxd3 Bxc4? 27.Rdxb3! Bxe2 28.Rxb6 wins for White.] **26.Raxd3 Bxc4 27.Ne1? Bxd3** [27...g5 28.Nf6+ Bxf6 29.Qg4 Kh8 30.exf6 gxf4 31.Ra3 is very unclear. However most players wouldn't open their King up like this.] **28.Nxd3 c4 29.Ne1?** [Again 29... g5.] **29...d3 30.Qe4 Rc8 31.Nf3 Nc2 32.Rxc2 dxc2 33.Qxc2 a4 34.Bg5 Nd4? 35.Bxe7!** [I couldn't believe it at first, but it works!] **35...Nxc2 36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.Ng5 Qc7 38.Nxf7#**



## Coach's Corner - e4!

### How I Took Down 2 Titans

by Robert L. Myers

What do you do when you are requested to come to the home of an NBA Legend, recent NBA Hall of Fame inductee to run a chess camp right before your 2018 European Chess Tour? Or, what do you do when you are invited to sit and play a game of blitz with the World's greatest blindfold chess champion? You jump right in, well, sort of, right?

Three months earlier The Chess Academy was nearly 8 thousand miles away in the opposite direction of Europe on the country island of Japan extending the hand of chess to all that would receive it. We then returned and rushed to prepare for our state chess tournament. Then two months later on a countryside landscape 6 thousand miles in the opposite direction with rolling hills of grapes eager for harvesting, at 9 am exactly, church bells ring in the distance inviting worshippers to prayer on a crisp Sunday in the Tuscan Region just outside of Florence, Italy which at one point was the richest city in the world. Florence, the jewel of Italy. A cool breeze carried the scent of my fresh baked croissant and raspberries in the morning air reinforcing the idea that art is in everything including possibly the richest museum, containing more renaissance art than any other place in the world. There are 63 art museums in Florence, the Uffizi Gallery is the finest because of the Medici Family. The Academy Museum contains the David, Michelangelo's marble masterpiece. Claudio, our expert tour guide says, "The Medici family insisted because of their love for art that the art exhibits remain open to the public." There are 10 million visitors a year to the small town of Florence, on this excursion 52 excited teens, adult chaperones, parents and group leaders descend upon the quaint Italian community with eager anticipatory bliss. Now all of this would have been wonderful and truly blissful if my thoughts weren't 6 thousand miles away at the Math Strategies, Rubik's Cube and Computer Technology Systems and Chess Camp at McGrady Summer Camp.

CleRenda McGrady, best selling author and wife of Tracy McGrady, T-Mac, NBA Legend, was on a quest to get The Chess Academy to teach chess to their oldest son specifically and their other children. Our initial contact came

after I enjoyed the posts of this amazing family on social media of their summer trip to Africa last year. The Chess Academy appeared on her radar after our comments on CleRenda's daily posts of her family and their exploits. This is what the reality show producers must live for, pure entertainment with intelligence, education, excitement, drama, and enthusiasm. I was hooked watching T-Mac walk with "Swag" with tribespeople, the **Maasai** (also called Masai) a Nilotic ethnic group of semi-nomadic people located in Kenya and northern Tanzania. They performed the dance called Adamu ("**the jumping dance**") and is performed when a circle is formed by the warriors, and one or two at a time will enter the center to begin jumping while maintaining a narrow posture, never letting their heels touch the ground. This was pure entertainment and I would eagerly await the next post from CleRenda of their youngest, smiling and joining in with the Maasai.

So how did I take down the first Titan Tracy McGrady? Well, T-Mac is funny, friendly, very smart, humble, rhetorical, self-deprecating and little goofy, just like we love our 7-time NBA Allstars, to be, down to Earth, genuine and real. No chip on his shoulder, no hidden agenda with anyone just more real than any of us expected, just ask his teammates from Toronto, Orlando, Houston or San Antonio. T-Mac was named Most Improved Player and was selected to his first of seven consecutive All-Star Games by the NBA. This McDonald's All-American had forgone college to go straight from high school to the professionals. T-Mac led the league in scoring for two straight seasons and was a true triple threat with too many other accolades to mention here. Our friend and Chess Coach John J. P. Hyltin won't like this but T-Mac would shock the basketball world on December 9, 2004, when as a Rocket he put up 13 points in the final 35 seconds in a comeback victory against the San Antonio Spurs that remains one of the greatest comebacks in NBA history. Coach J. P. won a bet against me two years ago when his titan of a team, the Spurs, knocked out my Rockets. I had to drive to San Antonio, buy dinner at an awesome Mexican Restaurant, Maria Mia Bistro at the Rivercenter on the Riverwalk by the Marriott, great mar-



garitas by the way, and wear Spurs gear. I got payback with J. P. from Tokyo of this year when The Chess Academy was on tour in Japan. I sent him a pic of me watching the Rockets destroy the Spurs on my iPad on the tour bus at 8:30 am Wednesday, March 13, but 10:30 pm, CST Tuesday, March 12 in the States. Payback is sweet, the final score, Spurs 93, Rockets 109.

Back at Camp McGrady, I walk in T-Mac's gym, his likeness painted on the gym floor center court, going to the rim for one of his monster dunks. T-Mac is putting up 30-foot shots with ease. I say, "Now you've gotta make 4 in a row so I can say I saw you do it live." He reached out his massive hand, it dwarfed mine, and said, "What's happening Coach? Welcome to my home." Later in camp as we casually transitioned from Rubik's cube to Math Strategies, one of my basketball players, my son a Level 1 Certified Chess Coach now, knowing that I'm the former shooting coach of the varsity basketball team at my campus, picked up a Spaulding basketball beside the table and suggested that I challenge T-Mac to a free throw contest. Another camp goer suggested we play an exhibition game of chess. CleRenda says that T-Mac is a strong chess player. With no official rating, I would guess around 1600 - 1800 elo. And this is where the first Titan should have gone down.



You've seen the meme of a chess photo with the lone white Pawn on a chess board facing a complete set of black pieces that says, "This is Sparta!" From the line in the film "300" starring Gerard Butler, uttered from Greek King Leonidas in his famous stage of a mere 300 Spartans against legions of Persians at Thermopile, The Hot Gates.

More on Greece later. That's the way T-Mac, must have felt in 2004 against the San Antonio Spurs, basketball Titans in Texas with their legendary Titan of a coach, Greg Poppavich. I remember talking extensively at Super Nationals 2 years ago with Grand Master Maurice Ashley about how amazing "Coach Pop" is at adjusting to create a win to demolish the Rockets playoff hopes in 2016. But in this story with only 35 seconds remaining there wasn't much the Spurs or their coach could do against the Rocket's star player down 68 - 76. I think I'll send GM Ashley a copy of the pic of me on the bus watching the Spurs go down in flames also.

I will attempt to share what happened in 2004 later but my words and everyone else's that have ever written about T-Mac's taking down the Titans of the Alamo City pale in comparison. The Spurs were leading most of the game but with just seconds remaining Spurs fans hearts sank as the ball rolled right into T-Mac's hands and he heads up the court and drops a 3-pointer to tie, McGrady pulled up 26 feet away. In a post-game interview, T-Mac said, "Man, to be honest with you this really hasn't hit me yet, T-Mac said when asked about his scoring tear, "but what am I thinking? I'm just thinking, 'Don't quit. Just get the ball up and just try to get a shot off. When they take the ball out, try to get a steal. And if we don't get a steal, foul and put them on the free-throw line." Sometimes you've to take on a Queen's gambit. A fellow writer from San Antonio said, "It took a remarkable combination of unlikely occurrences for the Houston Rockets even to have a chance to score 13 points in the final 35 seconds to defeat the Spurs 81-80 at the Toyota Center. Mostly, it took unreal shooting by Tracy McGrady. McGrady, the two-time NBA scoring champion, made four 3-point shots and scored 13 points in the final 35 seconds, including a 26-footer with 1.7 seconds remaining, to send the Spurs west down Interstate Highway I-10 back to San Antonio." The Spurs, for their part, were disheartened after watching a game that seemed to be in their grasp chopped off - they were up 10 with 1:02 remaining - it was snatched away by T-Mac's heroics." My words and everyone else's that have ever written about T-Mac's heroism pale in comparison. You have to see it to believe it. T-Mac narrates it on the following link. <https://youtu.be/9C6gDS9YGAU>.

You'll need help from your opponents to take down Titans. They will need to make inaccuracies, miscalcula

tions and downright blunders. The Spurs contributed to T-Mac's heroism. As in chess, veritable innumerable things have to happen to defeat a Titan across the board. T-Mac just could not miss and two of his 3-pointers came from 3 feet behind the line. I'm thinking they should have given T-Mac 5 points each for those. Coach Pop said, "That's an awful lot of stuff to have to happen," Popovich said, "but we contributed and Tracy was great. And he got Timmy (All-Star Tim Duncan) in an awkward way and made the four-point play down the stretch." T-Mac held this win above their heads like Medusa in the "Piazza di Toyota Center."

Back in camp, I tossed T-Mac a Rubik's Cube, my long-time student now Level 1 Certified Chess Coach, Aaron Lazo, A-Lo, holds the record among our chess teams at solving the cube, 19 seconds. A-Lo is sitting beside T-Mac. "Man, I've had one of these since I was a kid, still can't solve it." Maybe it took forcing him out of his element and away from the media to bring out this side him, but in my opinion, it's just another sign of how cool this husband, father of 4 kids and all around great guy T-Mac really is. "Holding the cube he says to Aaron, "Mix it up for me so I can solve it." A-Lo complies after a few seconds of solving, mixes it up hands the unsolved cube to T-Mac and walks away. T-Mac, eyes huge, non-verbal acumen speaking volumes and says, "Hey Man! Where you going?! Don't leave me." And laughs with that infectious smile. Later he's walking down the court with the ball in one hand, I point to a chess board, raise one eyebrow like The Rock, he says, "You'll beat me in chess and I" --- he doesn't finish the sentence nor does he need to. He just puts up a 30 footer from where he's standing. Swish! Smiles and looks at me. I, like my Rubik's Cube guru, simply walked away.

The mishegas in all of the struggle of winning/losing and overcoming the struggle of competitive chess is that even in the midst of losing a chess match, winning a basketball game or solving a Rubik's Cube there is and can be a glimpse of glory. My glimpse of glory was taking down another Titan. He's on the cover of Chess Life, "Blindfold King" set the record by playing 64 consecutive blindfold games, winning 54, losing 8 and drawing 2, setting a new world record. He's a great friend of The Chess Academy, my buddy GM Timur Gareyev. I was invited by my friends of The CCB, Chicago Chess Blitzers, and Nathan Kelly to watch Armageddon as they so aptly entitled the "Cage Match" between GM Timur Gareyev



and "GOD" Master Daniel X Jones. (No idea why Master Daniel X Jones calls himself "GOD" in my acquiescent voice I probably would have gone with a lower case letter "g" as not to offend the Omniscient one but I digress.) This is the CCB's actual social media advertisement. "This Thursday at 12 noon central standard time "The Battle Of Armageddon" GOD vs GM Timur Gareyev. Watch via live stream as the most epic battle of the year goes down! "Just when ya'll thought I was out... They pull me back in." - GOD (Al Pacino Voice). Who will prevail? Format: 5/3 min games, then the 1st to reach 10/ bullet games." So you know we had to watch. Leaving T-Mac's Chess Camp we tune in and sync the audio from the mobile device to the car audio. Now wired in at 12:40 pm CST, GM Timur was already up 3 to 0 in the 3 minute games.

The guys in Chicago are so dramatic, it is "The Chicago way" in my Sean Connery - Jimmy Malone, from the film The Untouchables voice. The film stars Robert DeNiro - Al Capone, Kevin Costner - Elliott Ness, Andy Garcia as George Stone. The CCB carries that bravado with pride and have taken down Detroit, New York and any other Titan breathing. The match was first to 5 wins 3-minute time control and first to 10 in 1-minute lightning blitz games. The level of trash talking on social media leading up to the match was insane... Good luck with Timur Gareyev Bro. were my words to Master Daniel X Jones.

That's the attitude chess players MUST have to be victorious. When you are facing a seemingly unbeatable opponent, a Medusa, when the odds are not in your favor, the chips are down, things look gloomy and there is no

hope in site, "Give me the ball." That was T-Mac's attitude and Daniel X's. On the 10 hour flight over to Italy and Greece, I watched a documentary about Master Card Magician, Richard Turner. He practices 16 hours a day --- every day. By the way, he's blind. That is the attitude that it takes to take down Titans. One such Titan was Medusa. We stood in the Piazza della Signoria looking at the sculpture of Perseus with the head of Medusa by Benvenuto Cellini. It tells the story of Perseus and Andromeda, located in the Loggia dei Lanzi of the Piazza della Signoria in Florence. The sculpture depicts an overwhelming opponent taken down by a Titan, Perseus. Probably how Master Daniel X Jones felt versus GM Gar-eyevev. That final score, 15 -0, in favor of GM Timur Gar-eyevev, is narrated and analyzed with great acuity by GOD, Daniel X Jones here: <https://www.facebook.com/GodDanielX/videos/425597894609210/>

In the Museum of Delphi in Greece, my quench for chess and constant thoughts from 6 thousand miles away were abated when one of my students, Jaylan, asked, "How did I get a draw, I'm way better than that kid?" She happened to ask inside the museum and what happens when your passion comes up? You break out your nifty app on your mobile and analyze away while standing around 2,000 year old statues of gladiators. This was the only draw during the entire 2018 Chess Tour. We usually schedule exhibition matches or skittles games "across the pond" with scholastic teams and chess clubs in advance. You can just set up a board anywhere in Europe and get a solid game from anyone from a bartender or waiter. In the Piazza Navona, at Panzirone Ristorante in Rome, Italy, my favorite square and favorite restaurant in Rome where the filming of American Assassin, Michael Keaton and Dylan O'Brien, took place they even have the same table cloths that they used in the movie 2 years ago, with Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi, Fountain in the backdrop. It represents the 4 greatest rivers, Nile, Rio de Plata, Danube and Ganges rivers, plus the 2 gods of the 2 greatest oceans Poseidon and Neptune, Pacific and Atlantic Oceans in the Piazza Navona in Rome, Italy. It was designed in 1651 by Gian Lorenzo Bernini for Pope Innocent X. Kabir and Arben my waiters (Arben, he looks like Christian Ronaldo) we were watching the World Cup and after they were off work we were supposed to get in a quick game, didn't happen. Kabir told me of the chess shop in the Piazza and I picked up a sweet portable magnetic board. Note to self, take extra cash for chess sets in Europe.

We enjoyed sunsets aboard the Minoan near Igoumenitsa, Greece, on the way to a 500 year old monastery in Meteora built near 2,000 foot limestone rocks. You can see the monasteries in the distance in Meteora built on limestone rocks. Lots of praying there, 8 hours a day, 8 hours of work, 8 hours of rest which leaves very little time for chess. My best game was against Ioannis (John in English) M. Ksanthakis, our Tour Director. Our game was near the monasteries on the tour bus, I took it to the cliff overlooking the landscape amongst the clouds. The view is spectacular. The monasteries were built on rock cliffs in the deltaic plains of Meteora. The cliffs rise to a height of more than 400 meters, 1,300 feet. There in the Pineios Valley near the Thessalian plains by Kalambaka. Ioannis didn't tell me he was 3rd in scholastic chess in Greece when he was in school until after the match. He's a jolly gregarious guy with a laugh like the Chewbacca Lady totally viral with over 10 million views on YouTube. It's impossible to watch and not at least chuckle. <https://youtu.be/y3yRv5Jg5TI> -- I was grateful he didn't laugh during our match. "Coach, you got me. This is hopeless." Had he started to laugh we both would have awakened everyone on the tour bus. Ioannis M. Ksanthakis and T-Mac. Yes, a forfeit is a win. Come on now, does anyone actually think I could take down a two-time NBA Scoring Champion on his home basketball court?! Really? He did forfeit the chess match. And that is how I took down two Titans.



Much infant blood was spilled on the chessboard that day. It was the Dallas Junior Chess Championship tournament. I was twenty years old and even though no one over nineteen was supposed to play in the tournament, I was allowed to play because my birthday had just taken place. The parents of the younger chess players did not appreciate my presence. I was the third highest rated player at the tournament. The two players rated above me were the eleventh and twelfth grade champions. Right below me on the ratings scale was a child prodigy named Tsubasa Onozaki. He was nine years old. The tournament took place at the Dallas Chess Club. This building was usually filled with crusty chain smokers. However, for this tournament all the regulars stayed away. Even grouchy chess players have a heart.

I swept through the first three rounds of the tournament. I felt guilty making little children go crying to their parents. And as I have already hinted, the parents were also none too pleased. The top four rated players, including myself and Tsubasa, had gone undefeated thus far in the tournament. We would be paired up against each other in the final round. If there was a tie the first place prize would be split, a trophy would be given to both players. The only way a clear cut winner would be determined would be if one game was a draw and the other game had a winner. With this knowledge we all gathered into the tournament room. We sat down at our boards. I was paired off against the young Mr.

Onozaki. His very supportive parents gave him a thumbs up as he sat down across from me. The other parents were giving me the evil eye. Tsubasa was at least as good a chess player as I was, but the parents only saw his frail little body sitting across the table from my six foot three inch two hundred and forty pound frame.

Let me digress for a moment to explain a few key rules of tournament play. The player with the white pieces moves first. That was Tsubasa. And the games are timed. Each player in this tournament got sixty minutes to play their entire game. A clock is placed on the side of the board. This clock has two buttons on top, one for the player with the black pieces and one for the player with the white pieces. When the game begins the player with the black pieces presses his button. This starts his opponents clock. When the player with the white pieces makes his initial move he presses his button, starting his opponent's clock and stopping his own. The buttons are pressed after each move until the game ends. The clocks played a key role in my game with Tsubasa. Tsubasa's first move was aggressive. I played a staid and solid defense. He, however, was making his moves very quickly. This meant he was already familiar with the particular opening position in our game. But at move ten, Tsubasa began to think longer about his moves. By move twenty I had a significant advantage in time. Unfortunately, my position on the board was in trouble. He had control of far more space than I did, and had only two of

my pawns. It was as if I was being squeezed to death by a boa constrictor.

As our game continued, many of the steely eyed parents had gathered around our chessboard. I'm sure they felt that a good boa constrictor squeeze was exactly what I deserved for brutalizing their children's egos, egos that were assuredly genetic and did not skip generations. Now, both Tsubasa and I knew far more about the game of chess than any of these parents. Occasionally we would look at each other over the board as if to say who do these idiots think they are. Every parent was emotionally wrapped up in the success of their child. They thought that if their children were smart, they were smart too. As more and more parents gathered around the chess table, a man with a beard broke through the masses and sat right by our game.

While all these parents had gathered, something very interesting was going on with our game. I had a completely losing position, but the disparity between our clocks had increased significantly. I had twenty minutes and Tsubasa only had four and a half. What's even more interesting was that I was apparently the only person to realize this. None of the parent's seemed to realize Tsubasa's time trouble, nor did Tsubasa. Now my opponent had plenty of time to beat me, but if he did not realize he was in time trouble he would continue spending a long time thinking about his moves. His time would run out, then I (the big bully) would win the game.

when his clock hit three minutes he still did not seem to notice the time trouble. However, I saw beads of sweat forming on some of the parents foreheads. The bearded man sitting next to us was sweating quite profusely. The tension reached palpable levels. I had concluded that my opponent did not realize his time trouble. and that I was going to win despite my losing position on the chessboard itself. Then it happened. I knew they couldn't stand the thought of my beating this little boy, especially since I was winning on time instead of on the chessboard. So, the bearded man sitting right next to us shouted out "Tsubasa, your time!" Tsubasa looked at his clock and with a surprised gesture hit his clock and made his move. He did not have any long thinks after that. He made his moves very quickly. My position was bad enough that I decided to resign two moves later. I had to settle for a tie for second place.

There was some justice for me however. All the parents that had looked at me so angrily now looked rather frightened. As I rose from my seat I gave them the evil eye. The bearded man knew he had violated tournament protocol. As I left the tournament I felt a little like Moses as the parents parted to let me walk through. The guilt on those parents faces made the game worth losing.



# Upcoming Events

## AUGUST 2018

**Aug. 4 360+minutes @ The Chess Refinery**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9701.tla>

**Aug. 11 TX Armed Forces Chess Fundraiser**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9411.tla>

**Aug. 18 2018 Waco August Swiss**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9796.tla>

**Aug. 18-19 DCC FIDE Open VIII**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/20109.ctla>

**Aug. 30-Sept. 3 84th Annual Southwest Open**

**Info:** See Advertisement on Page 31

## SEPTEMBER 2018

**Sep. 29 Texas Girl's State Championships 2018**

**Info:** <https://www.austinchess tournaments.com/files/TXGirlsStateChampionships2018.pdf>

**Sep. 29-30 2018 Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Championships**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9300.tla>

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Sep. 5, 12, 19, 26 Wednesday Swiss**

**Info:** 281-844-4139, <https://royalrooks.com/the-chess-lab>

**Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Sep. 6, 13, 20, 27 NTCA's Thurs. Blitz**

**Info:** <https://www.northtexaschessacademy.com/book-online/thursday-blitz-summer-only>

**Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 NTCA's Classical Fridays**

**Info:** 469-458-1919, [info@northtexaschessacademy.com](mailto:info@northtexaschessacademy.com)

**Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26 and Sep. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 NTCA's Sun. Swiss**

**Info:** <http://www.northtexaschessacademy.com>

**Aug. 11, 25, Sat Swiss 75 @ The Chess Refinery**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9700.tla>

## MONTHLY EVENTS

**Aug. 4 and Sep. 8 Arlington Chess Club Open**

**Info:** Text 817-507-7522, [club@arlingtonchess.com](mailto:club@arlingtonchess.com)

**Aug. 18 Many Springs**

**Info:** <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9533.tla>



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**Hotel rates:** \$89 for 1 person, \$99 for two people, \$109 for 3 people and \$119 for 4 people in a room. Room includes breakfast. Reserve at 972-929-8181 by 8/8 and ask for the rate SOU. After 8/7 the rate may not be honored. Hotel has complimentary hotel shuttle to/from DFW airport. Tournament has 4 Sections and scholastic side events:

**International Section:** (This section is Fide Rated and uses Fide Rules. USCF rules used for awarding prizes. **GM & IM norms possible! Prizes \$6000 G:** \$\$2400-1200-600-400-250, U2400 \$\$800-400. **EF:** GMs, foreign IMs, 2500+: \$25; Above FIDE 2000 or USCF 2200: \$200 by 8/24 else \$225; Rest \$400 by 8/24 else \$425. FIDE ratings used for EF / pairings /prizes. Tournament will be run using FIDE Rules. Non-USA Federation players must have/provide a FIDE ID number or they cannot play. (New players can get a FIDE ID number for their Country's Federation.) May use accelerated pairings if in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, IA Francisco Guadalupe, this would improve norm chances. Reg 8/33 6:00pm - 6:55 pm, Rds.: Thurs. 8/30 at 7:20pm, Fri. 8/31 at 1 pm & 7:20 pm, Sat. 9/1 at 2:10 pm & 7:20 pm, Sun. 9/3 at 11:30 am & 5:20 pm, and Mon. 9/4 at 9:20 am & 2:20 pm.

**U2300 Section:** (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules. USCF rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. USCF ratings used for pairing purposes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game unless arbiter decides to grant more time. Please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$\$ 800-400, U2100 \$600-300 base on 200 players in U2300, Reserve and Novice. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on.

**Reserve Section:** U2000. \$\$ 800-400-200. B \$600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125. based on 200 players in U2300, Reserve and Novice sections. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on.

**Novice Section:** U1400 and Unrated. \$\$ \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200 base on 200 players in U2300, Reserve and Novice sections. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. *All 3 (U2300, Reserve and Novice):*

Except for approved Electronic scorekeeping devices, no electronics are allowed in the playing area during the round. This includes rest rooms by the playing area. This rule applies to players, parents, coaches. TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$89 if received by 8/24, else \$99. \$82 Junior(U19) if received by 8/24 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant /Birthday during event/re-entry, \$55 if received by 8/24 else \$65 (Senior/Handicap/Additional family participant counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/28/18 all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/28/18. 4 day: Reg. Friday 8/31, 6:15 pm-6:50. Rds. Fri.: 7:20, Sat.: 2:10 pm & 7:20, Sun: 11:30 am & 5:20 pm, Mon.: 9:20 am & 2:20 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 9/1, 8-8:25 am, Rd. 1 at 9 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in U2300 section. Tournament may use CCA rules for foreign ratings and for minimum ratings. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. 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 (not in U2300 section). Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/2 at 8:30 am.

**K-12 Scholastic on Saturday, 9/1.** 5-SS, G/30 d5, EF: \$31 by 8/24, \$46 thereafter; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/29/17 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/29/18. No refunds after 8/29/18, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/30/18. Entries do not count toward base in Under 24, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 9:15-9:45 am, Rd. 1 at 10:20 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 Players who do not win a trophy. ALL: Ent: Texas Chess Association, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036.

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