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Content for the next issue needs to be delivered to the Editor by **July 10th!**



From the Desk of the Editor

Hello Texas,

I am running a tad later than usual in getting this issue out to you ... again, work has taken over control of a lot of my free time lately and I finally got an opportunity to work on TK over Memorial Day weekend (thankfully, I had all 3 days off).

I mentioned last time that we should exceed the 200 Tactics Time puzzles mark with this issue (and we have). Thanks, again, to Tim Brennan for providing his time and expertise at creating Tactics puzzles for us to enjoy.

We have some Results, Photos and Games from some tournaments. Specifically, the 2018 Texas Teams Open, the 16th annual Red River Shootout (RRSO) which yours truly participated in, the Waco City Championship and the Fort Worth Veteran's Open.

On **page 28**, I have provided an overview of what to expect (and what you need to do) to participate (vote or even run as a candidate for one of the 4 officer positions; President, Vice President, Treasure or Secretary) in the upcoming TCA Officer elections. Please take a couple minutes to look it over. Ballots will be distributed on or around July 15th.

Texas Knights Contributors Please Note: The next issue is going to be right smack dab in the middle of a really busy time for me. I have to get the ballots distributed and on the 29th I head to the US Open to represent Texas as a USCF delegate. I can usually allow for about 10-15 additional days to receive content for an issue of Texas Knights. I really need to have ALL contributions in my hands and ready for inclusion in Texas Knights NO LATER THAN July 18th. I appreciate your understanding.

One final note: The Treasurer's report will no longer be published in Texas Knights. It will be hosted on the TCA Webpage (<https://TexasChess.org>).

Thanks to everyone that contributed to this issue. The next issue of Texas Knights should be in your mailbox around the first week in August.

— **Jeff French**

Correction: In the previous issue, in the RRSO III historical article, it was stated that 'US Chess Original Life Master Nick Schoonmaker won the Florida *State* Chess Championship in 1989 and 1994' ... it was actually the Florida *Class* Chess Championship. Thanks to Harvey Lerman, Editor of **Florida Chess** for *setting the record straight*.



From the Desk of the TCA President

Hello everyone, the action continues.

In the north, Luis is hosting the Texas State and Amateur tournament this coming weekend. This tournament has a fide section and the chief is Francisco Guadalupe. While in the south, I am the chief of the Texas Open and the Texas Junior Scholastic on the same weekend. There is chess in all parts of Texas in different events. We have the Texas Seniors in San Antonio/Austin area in July. We have Texas Women's in the Dallas area, not to mention all leading to The South-

west Open.

However, while ending one action, we are starting another. Please note that the ending deadline for submitting regional tournament bids is July 15. Please check the bidding sheet for tournaments available to bid on is available on the TCA website. I will be updating the sheet to reflect 2019. Regionals must come before State as far as scholastics is concerned.

Over the past year, as President, I have worked with a very dedicated group of volunteers, and I wish to thank them all. I may be the CEO, but it takes so many more to keep things going, I could not have done it without your support. We have a consistent TK issue production, secured a new web master that has enhanced the site and is working alongside of the TK editor, and our new Facebook Manager to update all of our information. Our TCA calendar manager is always busy now, organizers constantly sending their events to be listed. Our bookkeeper always on track, our new secretary is very effective, and I have also managed to visit different events, organizers throughout different parts of the state. As always, thank you for your support, and see you at the boards.

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North/Central and South State Scholastics Meeting Minutes

Summarized by J.P. Hyltin, TCA Secretary

Several motions were deferred to the SWO because they have no influence on Scholastic Chess in Texas. This is a summary of the motions that passed.

Luis Salinas offered an update to Section 2 C of the bylaws, referring to the enforcement of scholastic section eligibility rules. "There should be no exceptions granted. On this the ruling is very unclear, and there have been no ruling on this. Every decade or so someone lets a 6th grader play in the Elementary school section." He went on to explain with examples that selective enforcement can have the appearance of bias when there are some situations that exceptions are made. So, the point is to have clear and comprehensive rules with no exceptions. The motion passed 26-0 in the South Region and 34-0 in the North.

Luis offered a motion to close the loophole that allows a kid to play up in a section. This concerns home school delineation of grades to middle school designated sections. Luis explained there were past rulings where a 6th grader in a private school grades with grades K-6 were required to play in a middle school section. It discourages participation when you can't play with the kids in your school as part of your team. The discussion on this motion covered a wide range of questions, and anyone who has questions about the motion should look up those minutes, because your concerns are likely addressed there. This motion does not affect public or private schools, only homeschools, and specifically designates all K-5 homeschool players are in the Elementary sections, while grades 6-8 players are in middle school, and 9-12 is High School. The discussion acknowledged some private schools have differing grade delineations, and this update does not affect private schools. In the south, the motion passed 27-0 with 1 abstention. In the North, this motion passed 24-1, with no officially recorded abstentions.

Next motion – If a regional doesn't draw 350 players, they can have an open regional event, which means they can have players from other regions play. If you don't make the threshold, you don't have to have an open regional event, but you are allowed to. If you do exceed that number of participants, you may not have an open event. This is already a rule, but the threshold is 150 players. The idea of increasing that number is to allow the events to draw enough players to have a chance of being profitable. In the south, the motion passed 25-0 with 2 abstains, and in the

north the vote passed 28-0 with no recorded abstentions.

Richard Newmann offered a motion intended to promote financial transparency. "All Scholastic TCA events must disclose fees collected and incumbent expenses verified by receipts with a list of all parties that received more than \$200. This must be disclosed within the first 60 days after the event. Any tournament less than 100 players is exempt from this requirement. This includes regional scholastic tournaments. The report should go to the TCA treasurer and properly published." In the south, this motion passed 27-0. In the north, 28-2, with no recorded abstentions.

A motion was offered after a lot of discussion related to specifics of Region 10 regional tournament awards, and the selection of the region 10 director. This appears to be a reaction to prior events. The specific motion is "All region 10 TCA scholastic chess tournament bids to include regionals have to be disclosed after the closing day of the bidding process. Each school district within region 10 will have 1 vote. No one can vote on a bid they are receiving compensation from. The scholastic member and the regional director shall reside within region 10. Each school district within region 10 will have 1 vote on who the regional director and scholastic member is." Luis pointed out that the regional directors are on the board of directors for TCA, and "I'm not sure you should be letting other people pick who is on the board of directors of TCA." In the south, the vote was 14-0 with 8 abstentions. There was a very lively discussion of this motion in the north region, but the motion carried 24-3, with 3 abstains.

Next Motion - "Anybody receiving monetary gain from a TCA Scholastic event must submit to a background check through TCA once per year." In the south, this passed 14-0 with 2 abstains. In the north, it was 19-0 with 4 abstains.

Vish introduced a new motion. "All TCA events must disclose fees collected and incumbent expenses verified by receipts with a list of all parties that received more than \$200. This must be disclosed within the first 60 days after the event. Any tournament less than 100 players is exempt from this requirement. This includes regional scholastic tournaments. The report should go to the TCA treasurer and be properly published." This was tabled to be discussed at the Southwest Open.

Texas Teams Open 2018

The **Texas Teams Open** was played in Kingsville on April 14th. There were 6 teams consisting of 4 players per team. The **University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley** team secured the top spot (**see cover photo**).

Individual results:

#	Name	Team	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Tot
1	JOSHUA D RUIZ C	UTRGV	W14	W5	W6	W17	4
2	FELIX JOSE YNOJOSA APONTE	UTRGV	W15	W7	W8	W24	4
3	YANNICK KAMBRATH	UTRGV	W13	W9	W12	W20	4
4	OSCAR CANO	South Texas Middle School	W18	W16	W11	W23	4
5	CHRISTIAN LEOS	Bill Wheeler	W21	L1	W17	W14	3
6	CARLOS DELEON	South Texas Middle School	W17	W14	L1	W21	3
7	BILL WHEELER	Bill Wheeler	W19	L2	W24	W15	3
8	WILLIAM HOWARD MCNUTT	South Texas Middle School	W24	W15	L2	W19	3
9	TIMOTHY RIVERS	Bill Wheeler	W22	L3	W20	W13	3
10	HENRY VELASQUEZ SR	Bill Wheeler	W23	L11	W18	W16	3
11	DEREK DURON	UTRGV	W16	W10	L4	W18	3
12	MICHAEL CASAS	South Texas Middle School	W20	D13	L3	W22	2.5
13	JACKSON ALLEN CLAUNCH	Wood Pushers	L3	D12	W22	L9	1.5
14	GARRETT B CARLL	Wood Pushers	L1	L6	W21	L5	1
15	RUBEN DOMINGUEZ JR	Wood Pushers	L2	L8	W19	L7	1
16	JASON CUMMINGS	Wood Pushers	L11	L4	W23	L10	1
17	GRIFFIN H WHITE	White Sharks	L6	W21	L5	L1	1
18	ANTHONY NGUYEN	White Sharks	L4	W23	L10	L11	1
19	EDWIN MIRANDA	Tiger Sharks	L7	W24	L15	L8	1
20	HAYDYNN NGUYEN	White Sharks	L12	W22	L9	L3	1
21	GAVIN SAHA	Tiger Sharks	L5	L17	L14	L6	0
22	ERIC RYNCHER	Tiger Sharks	L9	L20	L13	L12	0
23	AUSTIN STOECKER	Tiger Sharks	L10	L18	L16	L4	0
24	MARK KUBECKA	White Sharks	L8	L19	L7	L2	0

Team Results:

#	Name	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Tot
1	UTRGV	W4 [4.0]	W2 [4.0]	W3 [3.0]	W5 [4.0]	4
2	BILL WHEELER	W6 [4.0]	L1 [0.0]	W5 [4.0]	W4 [4.0]	3
3	SOUTH TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL	W5 [4.0]	W4 [3.5]	L1 [1.0]	W6 [4.0]	3
4	WOOD PUSHERS	L1 [0.0]	L3 [0.5]	W6 [4.0]	L2 [0.0]	1
5	WHITE SHARKS	L3 [0.0]	W6 [3.0]	L2 [0.0]	L1 [0.0]	1
6	TIGER SHARKS	L2 [0.0]	L5 [1.0]	L4 [0.0]	L3 [0.0]	0



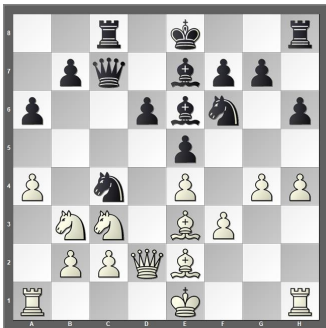
Palacios High School & Middle School Participants - Photo provided by Eddie Rios

Game from the tournament annotated with Fritz 16 Tactical Analysis. Diagrams = Tactics, try to solve!

Leos, Christian (2468) – Ruiz C, Joshua D (2079) [B90]
Texas Teams Open 2018, 14.04.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.a4 e5
7.Nb3 Be6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Be2
Rc8 10.Qd2 Be7 11.h4 [Better is
11.0-0=]

11...h6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.f3 Nb6
14.g4 Nc4



15.Bxc4!

Qxc4 16.0-0-0 b5 17.axb5 axb5
[...b4 is the strong threat.]

18.Kb1 b4f [Black is more active.]

19.Na4 [White should play
19.Na2]

19...Nd7
20.Nac5? [20.Nc1]

20...Nxc5 21.Bxc5 Qa6?
[21...dxc5+ 22.Qh2 f6]

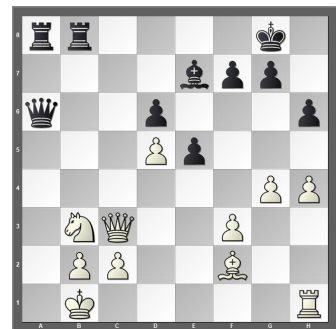
22.Bf2? [22.Bxb4= and White is
okay. 22...Qa4 23.Ba3]

22...Ra8+ [(-> ...Qa2+)]

23.Qxb4 0-0 24.Rd5? [24.Qa5
Qc6 25.Qc3]

24...Bxd5 [Black is clearly win-
ning.]

25.exd5 Rfb8 26.Qc3 [26.Qa5
Qxa5 27.Nxa5 Rxa5 28.Rd1]



26...Rxb3!

27.cxb3 Qa1+ 28.Kc2 Qxh1
29.Qc6 Ra1 [Accuracy: White =
15%, Black = 67%.] 0-1

RRSO XVI - Texas Dashes Oklahoma's FOUR-PEAT Dreams 30-22

By Victor Yaward, Chess Reporter

(Davis, OK. 21 April 2018) Oklahoma's dreams of a FOUR-PEAT were spoiled by Texas, 30 to 22, in the 16th RRSO chess match between two teams representing each state. After a 45-minute weather delay, things were looking good for the Okies, thanks to rookie Jimmy Nazario's decisive win on board 20, at 12:35 PM, giving the Okies a 3-point lead (5.5 to 2.5). By 1:18 PM, Texas had slowly battled back and knotted the score (7.5 to 7.5) with a board 4 draw between Oklahoma chess legend Shaun Graham-Bowcaster and Texas rookie Cory Klauss.



RRSO XVI Round One Action

Oklahoma has the White Pieces
Photo by Jeff French

One minute later, Texas Team Captain Chris Wood scored the go ahead point on board 25 and Texas never trailed again. At halftime, Texas led 14 to 12. In the first half, Oklahoma had played with all white pieces. Since the second half would see the colors reversed, and Texas was playing with all white pieces, there was a slight promise Texas could finally halt a three-year drought in this classic match.

In the second half, Rookie Gabriel Teubner swept board 22 to narrow the gap for Oklahoma (3:21 PM, 16-13). Then six straight wins by Texas (Rookie Sam Rose, Bob Curtis, Rookie Taj Mohammed, Rookie Katrina Muller, Tom Crane, and Doug Schwetke)



Texas Ends 3-Year Drought Wins 16th RRSO 30-22

From left to right:
RRSO Policy Board Member Tom Crane holding original trophy
Chief Organizer & TD Jim Hollingsworth
Texas Chess Team Captain Chris Wood with new
Frank Kim Berry RRSO Trophy

made things look like the beginning of a rout (3:47 PM, 22-13). However, three straight wins by Oklahoma (Rookie Scott Baker, Rebecca Rutledge and Tommy Hay) put that hypothesis in doubt (4:08 PM, 22-16).

The teams traded points until Texas Rookie Jim Kirk scored an upset “Ace” on board 1 (4:30 PM, 25-18). Danny Dunn and Rubin Wells battled to a draw in the French Advance opening (4:36 PM,

25.5-18.5). Oklahoma’s Curtis Williams refused to budge and won on board 9 (4:52 PM, 25.5-19.5). Finally, Wichita Falls native Kenny Salan swept board 19 to clinch RRSO XVI for Texas (5:01 PM, 26.5-19.5). The final game ended with a draw, on board 5, between Rookie Francisco Tort and Wayne Hatcher (5:39 PM, 30-22).

Both teams had 11 rookies in the match section. The final score was Texas 30, Oklahoma 22. Oklahoma will have to wait for its FOUR-PEAT.



Eleven Texas Rookies played in the RRSO XVI Match Section

Photo by Jeff French

“We’re real proud of our team’s effort in RRSO XVI.” Said Phil Stegall, first-year Oklahoma Team Captain. “Rebecca Rutledge and two of our rookies, Scott Baker and Gabriel Teubner, swept their matches, 2 -0. Paul Hodgden, Shaun Graham-Bowcaster, Curtis Williams, Jeremy Brown, and Tommy Hay also gave us a boost by winning their individual matches. Our 11 rookies really impressed us. We’re looking forward to more great things from them next year.”

“Kudos to Tom Crane and the Tarrant County Chess Club for a delicious Victory Dinner.” Said Chis Wood, first-year Texas Team Captain. “The BBQ dinner Tom brought in was absolutely fabulous. And I don’t know which was more fun; the match or the speed chess tournament afterward. Sam Rose is one heck of a player; swept his board 2-0 and for dessert went 9-0 in the speed event.”

Jeff French, Texas Knights Editor, has been publishing about RRSO for years. “Jim Hollingsworth twisted my arm to play in my first RRSO,” said Jeff, “and I’m glad he did. RRSO is an incredible experience. There’s nothing else like it in the chess world. And a real bonus for me was selling four Texas Knights subscriptions!”

Tarrant County Chess President Tom Crane also commented, “Each year the RRSO is a hallmark event for me personally, and this year was no different. Both teams recruited to win, the event was toughly and fairly competed, and we brought home the ‘Coveted Traveling Trophy’. My long-term commitment is to continue my involvement with and play in RRSO XXV (our ‘heritage event’). Special thanks to Jim Hollingsworth for taking a very active role in promotion, planning and execution of the event.”

For RRSO XVI, organizers used the “BRAZOS” pairing system which had been successfully tested in two Texas tournaments. Both team captains, looking at the



2d Infantry Reunion

Over 30 years ago, two Army Captains stationed in Korea met. One asked, “Say, do you play chess?”

Mike Donovan (left) Jim Hollingsworth (right)
Photo by Leon Tolliver

one-by-one, based on ratings classes. For example, if Oklahoma had a Class B player without a suitable opponent the other team's priority became recruiting a Class B Texan. The result was 26 match section boards, each with an Okie and a Texan facing off for two games that count in the final score.

“Last year, like too many times before, had a large Murray County Open.” Said Jim Hollingsworth. “When one side shows up with too few players, the result is a lot of low rated players (and sometimes masters) in the Murray County Open with no individual impact on the team match. This year was much better. A small Murray County Open was available to fill any substitute needs. The players in the match section knew their games would count. We received a lot of compliments for being able to fill 26 match boards.”

“When Jim Hollingsworth approached me with his “BRAZOS” recruiting idea,”

RRSO XVI -- Final Results

Davis, OK 21 April 2018

Team	TX	Ave Pre Rtnq = 1594.9	30.0	OK	Ave Pre Rtnq = 1568.2	22.0		
Bd	Rating	First	Last	Rating	First	Last		
1	1939	JIM	KIRK	2.0	2107	LOGAN	ZACHARE	0.0
2	1894	RAFAEL	LLANOS	2.0	2048	NEIL	NAPUTO	0.0
3	1874	PHILLIP	FIORINI	0.5	1938	PAUL	HODGDEN	1.5
4	1873	CORY	KLAUSS	0.5	1987	SHAUN	GRAHAM-BOWCASTER	1.5
5	1864	FRANCISCO	TORT	1.0	1927	WAYNE	HATCHER	1.0
6	1842	MIKE	DONOVAN	1.5	1858	JIM	BERRY	0.5
7	1837	SAM	ROSE	2.0	1814	MIKE	TUBBS	0.0
8	1806	CHRIS	JOHNSON	2.0	1750	ERIC	JONES	0.0
9	1668	JIM	EDMUNDS	0.5	1719	CURTIS	WILLIAMS	1.5
10	1765	CARMEN	CHAIRES	2.0	1694	LARRY	DEPUTY	0.0
11	1763	TAJ	MOHAMMED	2.0	1675	LEON	TOLIVER	0.0
12	1402	BRANDON	LLEWELLYN	0.0	1577	SCOTT	BAKER	2.0
13	1700	DANNY	DUNN	1.5	1555	RUBIN	WELLS R	0.5
14	1700	ODRIE	APONTE	1.5	1551	BRUCE	WELLS B	0.5
15	1582	RUSS	HEISE	1.0	1530	SHANE	STONEHOCKER	1.0
16	1574	BOB	CURTIS	1.0	1655	ROY	CRAM	1.0
17	1570	CHRIS	DE LA CRUZ	0.5	1498	JEREMY	BROWN	1.5
18	1530	TOM	CRANE	1.0	1493	MAX	BARNES	1.0
19	1502	KENNY	SALAN	2.0	1365	ADLEY	BUFFORD	0.0
20	1500	DOUG	SCHWETKE	1.0	1305	JIMMY	NAZARIO	1.0
21	1436	LOUIS	REED	0.5	1263	TOMMY	HAY	1.5
22	1416	JEFF	FRENCH	0.0	1292	GABRIEL	TEUBNER	2.0
23	1343	ADAM	HART	2.0	1220	PHIL	STEGALL	0.0
24	1210	KATRINA	MULLER	1.0	1181	OMAR	ABOUZAHAR	1.0
25	1194	CHRIS	WOOD	1.0	1180	REX	RYCHLIK	1.0
26	684	RICK	GRAN	0.0	591	REBECCA	RUTLEDGE	2.0

said Oklahoma Chess Foundation President Jim Berry, I agreed we would try this for RRSO XVI and make improvements afterwards, just like we do after all RRSOs. Jim, Tom, Chris, Phil, and I worked very hard to fill the rosters. I am pleased we had 26 boards filled and qualified substitutes available in the Murray County Open. However, Oklahoma has 16,000 player games online. Texas has very few. This puts our experienced players at a huge disadvantage. I promise we're going to do something about that next year and level the field!"

The rosters were set and announced three weeks prior to allow time for the players to prepare. However, there were complaints the Texans have very few games online to study. "The Okies have a 16,000-game database online." Said Hollingsworth. "This does cause concerns. The level of play rises when both sides have comparable resources. However, it will take at least two years for Texas to achieve an acceptable level of online games." Hollingsworth echoed Jim Berry's remarks and added the organizers are looking at this issue and will find a way to make RRSO XVII more competitive.

The next RRSO is already scheduled for 27 April 2019. Recruiting season starts 15 January 2019. Interested players should look for the latest match information, around the 1st of the year, on two websites:

http://rrsochess.net/rrso_home.html#RRSO

http://ocfchess.org/ocf_tournaments.html

As all serious chess players know, the REAL Red River Shoot Out is a series of annual team matches between the most fanatical chess players in Oklahoma and Texas. Texas just won the title and leads the series despite playing on the road year after year after year.



2018 Texas Chess Team

Photo by Mike Tubbs



2018 Oklahoma Chess Team

Photo by Taj Mohammed

Editor's Note: RRSO XVI games follow. If you are interested in the rest of the games from RRSO XVI, they are included in the Games PGN provided with the Digital Edition of this issue of Texas Knights. Games provided here were annotated with Fritz 16 Tactical Analysis. Diagrams = Tactics, try to solve!

Naputo,Neil (2048) –

Llanos,Rafael (1894) [B01]
RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (1.2),
21.04.2018

**1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.Bb5+
Nc6 4.Nf3 a6 5.Bxc6+
bxc6 6.h3 e6 7.0-0 Nh6
8.d3** [White is slightly bet-
ter.]

8...Nf5 9.b3 a5 10.a4
[Better is 10.Nc3±]

**10...Ba6= 11.Ba3 Qc7
12.Re1 0-0-0** [12...Qb6=]

13.Nbd2 g5 [△13...Kb7]

**14.Nxg5± Rg8 15.Nxh7
Be7 16.Qh5?**

[16.Nf3+-]

16...Rg6 17.Nf6 [White
should play 17.Nf1]

17...Bxf6 18.exf6
[18.Qxg6 17 keeps fighting.
18...fxg6 19.exf6]

18...Rdg8!-+ 19.Bxc5?
[19.g4? Rh6-+; 19.Qxg6
Rxg6 20.Nf3]

19...Rxg2+ 20.Kf1 Qh2
[(-> ...Ng3+!)]
21.Nf3 Ng3+!

22.fxg3 Qh1+?→ [Black
wants a kill.]

[22...Bxd3+ 23.cxd3 Qh1+
24.Ng1 R8xg3 25.Ra2
Rxg1+ 26.Bxg1 Qxg1+
27.Ke2 Qg2+ 28.Kd1
Rxd3+ 29.Kc1 Qxa2
30.Qh8+ Kc7 31.Qd8+
Kxd8 32.Rg1 Qd2+ 33.Kb1
Rxb3+ 34.Ka1 Qb2#]

23.Ng1 [23.Bg1 leads to
mate. 23...R8xg3 24.Re2

Rxf3+!

25.Ke1 Qxg1+ 26.Kd2
Rxe2+ 27.Kxe2 Qg2+
28.Ke1 Rf1#]

23...Rxc2 [23...R8xg3?
24.Qf5-+]

24.Re2 Bxd3 25.Kf2?

[25.Qxf7 17 Bxe2+ 26.Ke1
Rxc5 27.Qxg8+ Kc7
28.Qxe6 Qxg1+ 29.Kxe2
Qg2+ 30.Ke1 (30.Ke3 gets
mated. 30...Rc3+ 31.Kd4
Qd2+ 32.Ke5 Qe2+ 33.Kf4
Qxe6 34.Rg1 Qe4+ 35.Kg5
Rf3 36.b4 Qf5+ 37.Kh6
Qxf6+ 38.Kh7 Rf5 39.bxa5
Rh5+ 40.Kg8 Rh8#)
30...Qxg3+ 31.Kf1 Qf3+
32.Ke1 Qh1+ 33.Kf2 Qh2+

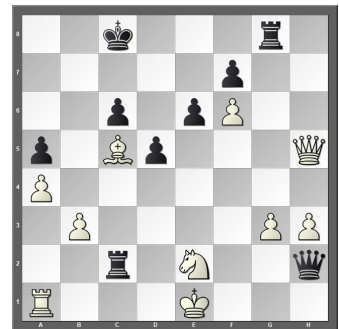
34.Kf1 Qf4+ 35.Ke1 Qg3+
36.Kf1 Qf4+ 37.Ke1 Qg3+]

25...Bxe2 [Black is clearly
winning.]

26.Nxe2 Qh2+!

[Not 26...Qxa1 27.Qxf7
Rxe2+ 28.Kxe2=]

27.Ke1



Rg5! 28.Qf3 [28.Qxg5
Qxe2#]

**28...Re5 29.Be3 d4 30.Rc1
Rxe2+** [△30...Rxe3
31.Rxc2 Rxf3 32.Rxc6+
Kb7 33.Rc5 Re3 34.Rb5+
Kc6 35.Rc5+ Kxc5 36.Kd1
Qxe2+ 37.Kc1 Rxg3 38.b4+
axb4 39.h4 Rg1#]

31.Kd1 [△31.Kf1 Rc2
32.Rxc2 Qxc2 33.Bf4]

31...Re1+! 0-1

Deputy, Larry (1694) – Chairez, Carmen (1765)

[A16]

RRSO XVI (Davis OK) (1.10),
21.04.2018

1.Nf3 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 g6
4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0
Nbd7 [LiveBook: 108
Games]

7.b4 [7.h3 deserves con-
sideration.]

7...c6 8.Rb1 Qc7 9.d3
[White is slightly better.]

9...e5 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Nd2
Nf8 12.h3 Bd7 13.b5 Ne6
14.e3 Rac8 15.bxc6 bxc6
16.Bb2 d5 17.Ne2 Qd6
18.Rfc1 Nc7 [18...Ng5=]

19.Ba1 Be6 [19...Ne6±]

20.Rb7 [Black must now
prevent c5.]



20...a6

[20...c5!±]

21.Rcb1

[21.c5!+- Qd8 22.Bxe5]

21...Nd7 22.Rc1 [22.cxd5±
cxd5 23.Rc1]

22...f6 [22...Nf6= remains
equal.]

23.cxd5± Nxd5 24.Ne4
Qa3 25.Bb2 Qa5 [Black
should play 25...Qe7]

26.a3 Bf8



27.Ra1

[27.d4!±]

27...h6 28.Qd2?
[28.Rb1± stays ahead.]

28...Qxd2 29.Nxd2 Nc5
30.Ra7 Nxd3 31.Bc3 Ra8
32.Rxa8 Rxa8 33.Be4
Nxc3 34.Nxc3 Nc5
35.Bxg6 Kg7 36.Bc2 Bxh3
37.Kh2 Be6 38.f3 [38.g4±
is a better defense.]

38...f5 39.e4 f4 40.g4
[40.gxf4± exf4 41.Ne2]

40...Rd8 41.Nf1 [41.Rd1]

41...Bc4 42.Kg2 Ne6 43.a4
a5 44.Rb1 Bb4 0-1

Editor's Note: The last two
games aren't annotated,
but they are 'Beautiful Mini-
atures' according to the
RRSO XVI Chief TD.

Johnson, Chris (1806) – Jones, Eric (1750) [A50]

RRSO XVI (Davis Ok) (2.8),
21.04.2018

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 Bb7
4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.f3
0-0 7.Nge2 d5 8.cxd5 exd5
9.e5 Ne8 10.0-0 f6 11.Qc2
h6 12.f4 fxe5 13.fxe5 c5
14.Bh7+ 1-0

Curtis, Bob (1574) – Cram, Roy (1655) [C02]

RRSO XVI (Davis OK)
(2.16), 21.04.2018

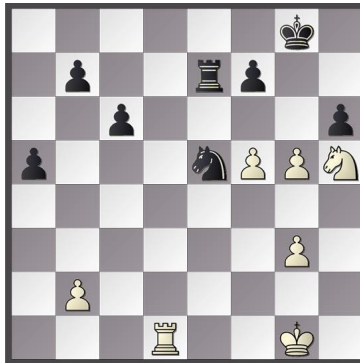
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5
4.c3 Nc6 5.f4 Be7 6.Nf3
Nh6 7.Bd3 cxd4 8.cxd4
Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.0-0 Be6
11.a3 Qb6 12.Kh1 Rc8
13.Nc3 a6 14.Rb1 Na7
15.Be3 Nb5 16.Qb3 0-0
17.a4 1-0

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.**



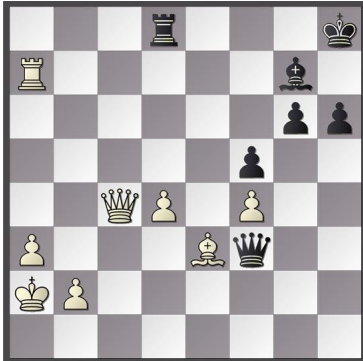
1. B. Macieja – Eylon Nakar
Dallas Fall Open 2017
 White to Move



2. C. Wheeler – Justin Sarkar
Dallas Fall Open 2017
 White to Move



3. Thomas Kung – Vincent Tsay
Dallas Fall Open 2017
 White to Move



4. John Hendrick – John Patty
Texas Open Austin 1996
 White to Move



5. Bill Patteson – Tony Neuzil
Texas Open Austin 1996
 White to Move



6. Nino Zamora – Wallace Short
Texas Open Austin 1996
 White to Move



7. Robert Chalker – Drew Sarkisian
Texas Open Austin 1996
 White to Move



8. John Hendrick – Jim Rohrbaugh
Texas Open Austin 1996
 Black to Move

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Overall			Age 16 (continued)			Age 11 (continued)		
5	Xiong, Jeffery	2753	42	Devagharan, Devina	2124	60	Yang, Benjamin	1844
6	Onischuk, Alexander	2749	59	Eliezer, Segev	2055	77	Ahmed, Kabir	1801
18	Li, Ruifeng	2689	65	Dammann, Jorn Fabian	2043	Age 10		
21	Stukopin, Andrey	2672	66	Mohammadi, Sina	2040	20	Pathak, Rudransh	1879
22	Dragun, Kamil	2663	69	Palang, Warren Jesse	2038	28	Capocyan, John Patrick	1833
30	Sadorra, Julio C	2647	74	Krishnan, Aadarsh	2031	30	Jin, Qiheng	1828
35	Steingrimsson, Hedinn	2630	76	Srivatsav, Aadarsh	2028	71	Zhang, Andrew H	1684
36	Macieja, Bartlomiej	2626	83	Zheng, Vincent	2012	80	Lance, Ethan Rockwell	1663
60	Gorovets, Andrey	2579	92	Sonawane, Atharv	1995	Age 9		
61	Yang, Darwin	2575	Age 15			12	Sheehan, Ethan	1853
68	Hevia Alejano, Carlos Antonio	2565	15	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2296	24	Gardezi, Arsal	1770
72	Preotu, Razvan	2557	47	Liu, Kevin	2109	27	Gutla, Aryan	1709
74	Zierk, Steven	2554	17	Huo, Rannon	2108	31	Raghubaraja, Sri Avishkar	1707
76	Hernandez, Holden	2553	48	Huang, Max	2081	58	Prakash, Pradhyumna	1577
84	Arribas Lopez, Angel	2541	55	Fan, William G	2039	62	Elangovan, Ramya	1561
90	Rao, Prasanna Raghuram	2530	60	Buergler, Jacob	2035	67	Jin, Tony	1552
91	Drozdowski, Kacper	2528	66	Tsuei, Kai	2027	69	Nandhakumar, Vaseegaran	1545
96	Vazquez, Guillermo	2521	70	Ganesh, Anirudh	2017	77	Miramontes, Luis	1499
Age 65 and Over			76	Bandi, Rohit Choudary	2001	83	Gao, Tianwen	1484
22	Hulse, Brian	2213	78	Nguyen, Dang Minh	1987	97	Ramanujakootam, Nimesh	1433
34	Simms, Gary	2203	78	Frutos, Chase	1987	Age 8		
77	Malazarte, Ernesto L	2109	Age 14			3	Kunka, Harshid	1951
90	Probasco, Robert D	2065	11	Kung, Thomas	2225	9	Li, Rachael	1787
97	Chase, Stephen M	2051	37	Niu, Baron T	2082	42	He, Logan	1466
Age 50 and Over			41	Hawthorn, Charles	2060	62	Qin, Samuel	1392
73	Land, Chris K	2270	47	Ganthapodi, Maanav S	2025	78	Membrila, Gael	1341
83	Hayward, Keith R	2259	52	Yan, Austin K	2010	90	Wang, Kellen	1300
91	Feinstein, Michael J	2244	66	Deleon, Carlos	1958	94	Li, Jacob	1293
Under Age 21			70	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong	1952	97	Qin, Timothy	1287
1	Xiong, Jeffery	2753	80	Balderas, Adolfo Augusto, Jr	1929	Age 7 and Under		
3	Li, Ruifeng	2689	86	Koka, Abhinav	1911	6	Woodward, Andy Austin	1569
12	Preotu, Razvan	2557	88	Prabu, Advait	1908	10	Mei, Ethan R	1428
28	Ruiz C, Joshua D	2469	100	Woychuk, Jonathan K	1892	11	Zhang, Sunny	1413
48	Wang, Justin	2416	Age 13			17	Raghubaraja, Sri Yashvi	1305
72	He, Tommy	2350	9	Vivekananthan, Anish	2261	18	Veremjov, Mihail	1287
79	Chiang, Jonathan	2337	14	Metpally, Jason	2206	65	Abbasnia, Artin	1048
79	Liu, Bovey	2337	17	Hung, Daniel	2192	65	Lau, Andrew	1048
90	Lin, Dachey	2326	29	Peng, Peter	2138	71	Lopez, Abram Matias	1025
Age 18			36	Vaidya, Atreya	2115	96	Elangovan, Kavin	945
3	Preotu, Razvan	2557	41	Wang, Yanke	2075	<hr/>		
13	He, Tommy	2350	48	Hawthorn, Henry	2049	Women		
14	Chiang, Jonathan	2337	62	Rajaram, Rudransh	2003	15	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2296
15	Lin, Dachey	2326	68	Frutos, Cole	1980	19	Danelia, Mariam	2270
24	Vaidya, Atulya	2277	84	Zhu, Harvey	1941	21	Heredia, Carla	2268
26	Capocyan, Sam Lander Cabrera	2264	86	McNutt, William Howard	1938	22	Andrenko, Iryna	2266
35	Obili, Abhishek	2223	96	Ramesh, Sreenevash	1917	29	Inapuri, Ramya	2236
38	Lu, Andrew H	2200	99	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1915	30	Chiang, Sarah	2234
54	Moore, Alex Michael	2124	Age 12			59	Devagharan, Devina	2124
64	Nguyen, Duy Minh	2092	1	Wang, Justin	2416	80	Munoz, Claudia Elizabeth	2050
88	Hsieh, David	2009	1	Trakru, Rohun	2114	95	Alston, Angela Jennifer	2006
92	Nandula, Ram Aditya	1985	21	Kumarappan, Ganesh	2062	Women Age 65 and Over		
Age 17			24	Gundam, Rohit	2039	5	O'Neill, Julia	1800
1	Xiong, Jeffery	2753	27	Obero, Shelev	2017	20	Hardesty, Brenda	1216
28	Frenkel, Benjamin	2248	30	Rorrer, Grayson	1966	28	Bundrant, Diana	477
53	Nguyen, Anthony Quan	2140	36	Yellamraju, Ambica	1933	Women Age 50 and Over		
60	Premkumar, Hiren	2112	52	Mei, Austin R	1882	4	Alston, Angela Jennifer	2006
97	Nguyen, Khoa Minh	1991	61	Yellamraju, Aparna	1846	14	O'Neill, Julia	1800
Age 16			75	Deviprasath, Sharvesh	1824	56	Hardesty, Brenda	1216
1	Li, Ruifeng	2689	87	Casas, Michael	1802	69	Jamison, Helen	1088
8	Liu, Bovey	2337	99	Akella, Nitin Sriniketh	1764	73	Lamont, Olga Alexandra	977
19	Kirumaki, Ronit	2210	Age 11			77	Irwin, Marla	934
21	Hullahalli, Adarsh	2206	15	Polavaram, Rithik Sai	2092	90	Bundrant, Diana	477
23	Xie, Tianming	2199						

Girls Under Age 21		
6	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2296
22	Devagharan, Devina	2124
34	Munoz, Claudia Elizabeth	2050
51	Trakru, Priya Nikita	1979
54	Kao, Camille Y	1974
66	Yellamraju, Ambica	1933
71	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1915
72	Palakollu, Samritha	1914
95	Yellamraju, Aparna	1846

Girls Age 18		
25	Guillen, Brianna	1552
32	Moya, Savannah	1373
35	Martinez, Yvette	1268
36	Lopez, Jessica	1218
42	Salinas, Arianna Dolores	1019
43	Mendez, Brianna A	992
44	Lee Sang, Bridget	980
50	Solorzano, Roxana L	921
53	Gonzalez, Janeth	758
57	Alvarado, Angelica	656
58	Cruz, Sarina	654
61	Delgado, Samantha L	375

Girls Age 17		
9	Trakru, Priya Nikita	1979
10	Palakollu, Samritha	1914
13	Abella, Clarissa Louise	1834
18	Zheng, Christine	1784
20	Qureshi, Sadia	1755
27	Garza, Ariel Francis	1526
32	Salazar, Lillian	1462
38	Solis, Crystal Marie	1263
51	Cervera, Maria B	1139
57	Morrison, Nicole Leigh	1068
58	Reed, Ambriette D	1064
60	Hale, Abbie	1017
61	Capetillo, Emily	1008
63	Castillo, Julianna Deanda	1007
75	Crossman, Jennifer Love	794
80	Hurtado, Mariana Veronica	640
83	Wallace, Ashlyn	578

Girls Age 16		
2	Devagharan, Devina	2124
8	Kao, Camille Y	1974
25	Bao, Yuliang Eunice	1693
32	Zhu, Yining	1535
34	Bhat, Puja Prashant	1514
37	Le, Tu	1481
49	Tovias, Lauren	1229
52	Babaria, Niyati Rakesh	1195
54	Gonzalez, Jolie Marie	1166
55	Flores, Victoria I	1151
58	Delgado, Victoria E	1082
60	Hernandez, Victoria A	1069
72	Harris, Rachelle	932
73	Reyes, Amelinda A	913
79	Chryst, Bailey	860
84	Voliber, Alyssa	790
90	Hipolito, Anateresa	694
93	Tamosaitis, Wynter	577

Girls Age 15		
3	Nguyen, Emily Quynh	2296
29	Cheng, Angela	1647
39	Cedillo Bocanegra, Ana Karen	1543
44	Vasquez, Angelica	1401
45	Murgulet, Ioana	1393
48	Bautista, Ilse V	1356
51	Boren, Isabel	1315

Girls Age 15 (continued)		
56	Ravichandrar, Shreya	1236
57	Solis, Gabriela	1216
63	Flowers, Ava	1168
64	Santana, Sol Celeste	1156
67	Miller, Ashlyn	1145
68	Oliveira, Lauren Ryleigh	1142
88	Rao, Sonia	944
98	Alcantara, Korina	872

Girls Age 14		
21	Zhou, Julia	1668
32	Manohar, Riya	1508
33	Perera, Dimanthi	1500
43	Azim, Risa	1439
53	Bautista, Reyna	1382
54	Salinas, Brianna Christina	1368
57	Garcia, Emily Alexis	1344
58	Basepogu, Sharon	1342
63	Restle, Jane	1285
70	Melgarejo, Fernanda	1230
73	Manoj, Aswathi	1213
80	Madhugiri, Shruthi	1149
84	Chaudhary, Shreya	1115
91	Martinez, Margarita N	1081
99	Ramprakash, Adhithi	1021

Girls Age 13		
8	Nguyen, Anh Nhu	1915
10	Ayinala, Shree	1835
71	Gunukula, Renee	1261
75	Flores, Madelyn A	1234
84	Deora, Saaniya	1142
85	Morales, Rhea	1137
89	Hernandez, Madelyn J	1098
92	Castillo, Isabella Deanda	1096
92	Han, Wenjing	1096

Girls Age 12		
3	Yellamraju, Ambica	1933
5	Yellamraju, Aparna	1846
35	Furman, Jessica	1459
39	Binoj, Gaayathri	1434
48	Aggarwal, Manika	1375
50	Padilla, Karlee	1367
52	Naidu, Suchitra	1357
60	Hernandez, Sarah	1316
62	Ghatti, Saisneha	1301
73	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh	1224
75	Wang, Catherine	1219
76	Balderas, Ana Luisa	1209
93	Braun, Peyton Alexandra	1138

Girls Age 11		
9	Chennuru, Anshu	1586
26	Pulido, Emma Rose	1397
39	Bandaru, Tanvi	1283
47	Solis, Natalie	1241
54	Athila, Akshaya	1215
62	Cardin, Maddie	1156
67	Nitturi, Rajni	1135
69	Vasquez, Izabel Amparo	1117
73	Duggirala, Bhavyashree	1107
92	Lopez, Kathy Vanessa	1045
97	Plasencia, Mariana Berlin	1026

Girls Age 10		
12	Wang, Kalina Yuke	1582
26	Balaji, Sai Sangeetha	1445
27	Uviedo, Violette	1422
33	Ham, Emily	1370
39	Sinha, Tavishi	1329

Girls Age 10 (continued)		
45	Hwang, Alexis	1283
54	Milligan, Madison	1218
59	Pande, Navyonika	1193
65	Holmes, Natalie Faith	1159
66	Jacinto, Gianna G	1152
81	Iyer, Niyati	1060
84	Nair, Pallavi	1056
88	Reddy, Tanvi	1040
93	Basepogu, Rachel	1024
95	Mehta, Tanisi	1012
98	Gomez, Frida Mariela	1004

Girls Age 9		
6	Elangovan, Ramya	1561
9	Gao, Tianwen	1484
16	McNutt, Kaitlynn Lee	1394
27	Seals, Ayre	1248
28	Akella, Sravya Suparna	1234
33	John, Natalie Michelle	1187
34	Cruz, Vivica	1173
59	Milova, Vladislava	1024
70	Balci, Ayda	985
76	Martinez, Erika Beatriz	953
78	Kirumaki, Shreya	937
82	Galvez, Samantha	922
85	John, Ashley Danielle	914
92	Alanis, Juliana Cristina	880
93	Vela, Arely	870
97	Back, Iliana	860
98	Caldera, Sophia	855

Girls Age 8		
3	Li, Rachael	1787
18	Parajulee, Aditty	1206
34	Hosur, Sanmita	992
37	Yong, Evelyn	952
50	Contreras, Rosario Nayeli	825
66	Fat-Anthony, Raichelle	762
69	Garcia, Karina V	740
75	Alejandro, Sofia I	717
77	Rodriguez, Jayden Ella	715
79	Cervantes, Makayla	704
82	Gutierrez, Victoria Angelique	696
92	Gomez, Nelly Daniela	655
98	Leal, Madison Faith	626

Girls Age 7 and Under		
3	Zhang, Sunny	1413
6	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi	1305
19	Yu, Karina	921
22	Garza, Brithany	868
22	Wang, Crystal	868
27	Lopez, Celeste Catalina	830
28	Loredo, Isabellah	814
36	Barba, Isabella	734
47	Nair, Aditi	668
50	Penk, Kaylin	653
50	Salinas-Luebbert, Regina	653
62	Milova, Elizaveta S	559
65	Yu, Amanda	551
66	Castillo, Leah I	549
76	Schroeder, Tessa	509
77	Liguez, Emma	508
79	Nguyen, Amy	505
83	Ramirez, Isabella	491
92	Guerra, Anahi D	447
93	Medina, Ellie Linda	444
95	Manyam, Hansita N	432
97	Rodriguez, Naissa	418
99	Ramos, Madison Fay	352

Tactics Time! Answers

Answers:

1. **13.Bxh7+ Nxh7 14.Qxd4** Variation from the game.
2. **38.Rd8+ Re8 39.Rxe8+ Kh7 40.Nf6+ Kg7 41.Rg8#** Variation from the game.
3. **27.Qxf6+ Kg8 28.Nf5 Kf8 29.Qh8#**
4. **43.Rxg7+! Kxg7 44.Qc7+** forks the King and Rook.
5. **36.Nxg6!** Black cannot recapture because of **36...fxg6 37.Qxf8+ Kh7 38.Qh8#**
6. **14.Nxc7+ Qxc7 15.Qxf7+ Kd8 16.Qxg7**
7. **28.Bb3+ Ne6 29.Rxb1**
8. **19...Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Rf3 Qxd4**

Cover. **19...Qb6** pins the knight on d4 which cannot be defended a second time. **20.Kh1 Bxd4**

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Hello Texas Chess friends,

Last year I got elected to the USCF executive board (thanks to all of you). I filled a one year slot. This means we are in an election mode again. I am barely in and here comes another USCF Board election.

Texas has a large contingent of chess players and really no representation at the national executive level. Scholastic chess is booming here and nationally. What I am finding out is that the challenges we face in the state level are similar at the national level too. As you may recall, I was part of TCA for over eight long years in one capacity or another. I left behind an organization stable and financially solid. The current TCA board under Mr. Eddie Rios is solidly following the successes from the past and improving upon them. I wish him and the board continued success.

Retention of members, 501 C(3) missions, fund raising and (needless to say keeping peace in the family) are all challenges US Chess also faces. In the short time that I have been a member, I do not have much bragging rights yet. But, I am working hard to make US Chess more inclusive. There are two positions open this year. Anjelina Belakovskia is also a current board member who has been working with me and seeking re-election. You can vote for up to two Board members and I humbly ask you to vote for us.

As always I am always available and you can reach out to me with any concerns you may have. Thank you very much. — **Vish**

Tom Crane, 2018 Fort Worth Veterans Chess Champion Carmen Chairez, Top Veterans Open Chess Honors

By Chess Reporter Victor Yaward



**Navy veteran Tom Crane (left)
2018 Fort Worth Veterans Chess Champion
Donna Gerron (right)
Veterans Chess Program Director**

Fort Worth, Texas (31 March 2018). U.S. Navy veteran Tom Crane, Region 2 Director for the Texas Chess Association, went undefeated on his way to winning the title of 2018 Fort Worth Veterans Chess Champion. Mr. Crane is President of the Tarrant County Chess Club and a US Chess Senior Tournament Director. He is also a member of the Alliance and Arlington chess clubs as well as a member of the Tarrant and Texas Chess teams.

Army Veteran Carmen Chairez, the top ranked chess player in Round Rock, Texas, also went undefeated and won Top Veterans

Open Championship Honors. Mr. Chairez is a member of the Waco Chess Club. He also is a member of the Waco and Texas Chess teams. Last Fall, he received the National Chess Master Bill Wall Texas Chess Legacy Award for outstanding service as a chess organizer, tournament director, coach, and mentor for young chess players (some of whom achieved Master level status).



**Army veteran Carmen Chairez (left)
2018 Veterans Open Chess Champion
Donna Gerron (right)
Veterans Chess Program Director**

Fort Worth Veterans Out Patient Clinic 2nd Annual Chess Championship Saturday, March 31, 2018 Chief TD: Jim Hollingsworth

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Jack Pena	1861	W 04 0	B 03 0	W 02 0	0.0
2	Jim Hollingsworth	1802	W 03 0.5	B 04 0.5	B 01 1	2.0
3	Carmen Chairez	1765	B 02 0.5	W 01 1	W 04 0.5	2.0
4	Tom Crane	1530	B 01 1	W 02 0.5	B 03 0.5	2.0

Website: http://seriouschessplayers.com/scp_fwopc_cc2_results.html
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The field was limited but formidable. It consisted of over 116 years of combined rated chess experience; including one expert who played on the Army Chess Team. "We had 14 players registered," said Tournament Director Jim Hollingsworth, "however we overlooked this was Easter weekend."

The Fort Worth Veterans Chess Club meets on Mondays, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Fort Worth Outpatient Clinic at 820 and Campus Drive.

Waco City Chess Championship

The Waco City Chess Championship was played on May 1st & 3rd. **Jason Howell** won the match against **Andrew Bar-Jona** 2.0/2. Jason annotated the games for our reviewing pleasure.

Bar-Jona, Andrew (2054) – Howell, Jason (1961) [C17]
Waco City Ch Match (1), 01.05.2018

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7
5.Qg4 c5!



[More aggressive than 5...Nf5, which is just asking for dark square difficulties after 6. Bd3, attacking the defender of g7.]

6.Nf3 [the pawn is poisoned at the moment. 6.Qxg7?! Rg8 7.Qxh7 cxd4 8.a3 Qa5! and White is struggling.]

6...cxd4 7.Qxd4?! [I expected 7.Nxd4 Qc7 (hitting e5 and c3) when 8.Qg3 leads to a complicated middlegame with chances for both sides.]

7...Nbc6 8.Bb5 [(White now threatens Qxb4)]

8...0-0 9.Bxc6 Nxc6 10.Qg4 f5! [10...d4? would have been great, if White didn't have 11.Bh6+]

11.exf6 [I'm assuming White did not care

for 11.Qg3 d4, which does look troublesome indeed. Then 12. Bh6 would not work quite as well here after 12...Qe7]

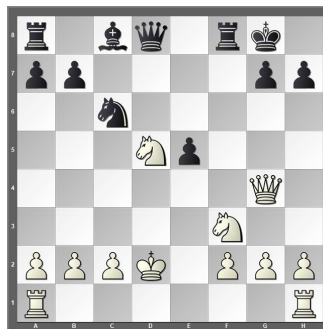
11...Qxf6 12.Bd2 [(c3 was under attack)]

12...e5+ [(Now where to put the queen...)]

13.Nxd5? [I'm really not sure what Andrew saw here. I chose another route to victory, but even just playing ...Bxg4 14. Nxf6+ Rxf6 is winning.]

[13.Qg5 looked like White's only try to struggle, but after 13...Qxg5 14.Nxg5 (14.Bxg5 d4 15.a3 e4+) 14...h6 15.Nf3 e4 16.Ng1 (16.Nxd5 Bc5!-) 16...Bc5 17.Nd1 d4 Black's advantage is obvious.]

13...Bxd2+ 14.Kxd2 Qd8



[White resigned here, since after 15.Qe4 Bf5 16.Qc4 Be6, the knight is lost.] 0-1

Howell, Jason (1961) – Bar-Jona, Andrew (2054) [B03]
Waco City Ch Match (2), 03.05.2018

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 [A lot of crazy games have resulted from the Alekhine's Defense Exchange Variation.]

6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0-0 9.b3



[Black wants to pick the white queenside apart with knights and pawn thrusts, so I shore it up before continuing with kingside development.]

9...Nc6 10.d5 Ne5 11.Be2 [Not allowing ...Ng4.]

11...f5!? [Very energetic, but loosening. Black threatens ...f4. I decided I was no longer opposed to the black knight going to g4, as long as I can trade it and double Black's pawns. Of course, I have to give up the bishop pair for this, but it turns out fine.]

12.f4! Ng4 [White replies to the alternative knight moves with 13. Nd4!]

13.Bxg4 fxg4 14.Nge2± Nd7 [14...e5!? might be Black's best try for complications. True, he will end up with an isolated d-pawn after 15.dxe6 Bxe6, but he could at least make it wild later with ...d5.]

15.Nd4 Nf6 16.0-0 Bd7 17.Qd3 [Eying the f5 square. White has a serious positional edge on the kingside that could easily turn into a decisive attack if Black's dark-squared bishop were gone. So while Black tries on the queenside, I work on getting a knight to f5.]

17...a6 18.Nce2 b5 19.Ng3 bxc4 20.bxc4 Qa5 21.f5!±

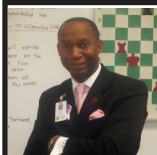


21...Kf7? [The pressure is really mounting now and Black realizes that 21...Qxa2 22.Ra1 Qb2 23.Rfb1+- loses the queen, so he tries to get some rook counterplay on the h-file while hoping his king can hide on f7. However, the new pin on the f-file leads to the end.]

22.fxg6+ hxg6 23.Ne4! [Threatening Ng5+ and Qxg6]

23...e5? [But it was hard to suggest anything else.]

24.dxe6+ [and Black resigned, since 24...Bxe6 25. Nxe6 Kxe6 loses to 26.Qxd6+ Kf7 27.Nxf6 and mate can only be temporarily avoided by ruinous loss of material.] **1-0**



Coach's Corner - e4!

Beginning With the End

by Robert L. Myers

The phone rang and the voice on the other end said, "Are you ready?" My response, "For what?" The Director of Communications of my school district was on the line back May of 2014. The magnanimity of the call was regarding a featurette in the upcoming edition of I Am HISD, which features district students, graduates, employees, and other members of Team HISD. At the time I was continuing to work on becoming a Level V Certified Lifetime Master Chess Coach. There are only 8 in the world. The amount of time required and the sheer litany of things to accomplish is almost insurmountable. But I took a line from Sir Winston Churchill, "The pessimists see the difficulty in every opportunity and the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." So many years ago this journey began. The pure pusillanimity of my chess abilities pale in comparison to those more worthy of these accolades but I thought, Although I haven't played in a rated game since 2013, I have a mercurial official rating but a solid online rating and a tactics rating I'm really proud of, surely others are more worthy. But she said,

"You chose to invest in others first rather than yourself." She continued, "You're doing great work over there." So, reluctantly I figured why not, right? (Most players play upwards of 200 points of their listed official USCF rating) which is possibly why most TD's, tournament directors, allow players to play up a couple of hundred points above a listed rating. With that in mind dial-up McReynolds Middle School, 2014. At the time I was teaching Computer Technology and Business Information Systems, coaching chess at 4 campuses and basketball at another. As the Director of The Chess Academy I'm afforded the latitude to coach chess through Skype or other video technology to multiple campuses simultaneously including but not limited to those campuses domestically and abroad when I can't be there in person (even Superman can't be ubiquitous) even he has to take off the cape and tights some time. The director of communications wanted to schedule an interview which led to an article on how I became a nationally certified chess coach, which personal achievement made me the proudest, and who I'd love

to play against someday. I've met and played chess with the best Grand Masters, Masters, Experts and student chess players in the world, invited to have lunch with GM Susan Polgar at Brennan's in New Orleans, played blitz with GM Timur Gareyev, talked NBA playoffs and coaching styles with GM Maurice Ashley, traded jokes with GM Hikaru Nakamura and GM Irina Krush. The list goes on with chats with GM Garry Kasparov, Master Bruce Pandolfini and dinner with Masters Nick Matta and James Rousselle and my Brother from another Mother. Master Rene Phillips. What I'm saying is, "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever." - Mou Sung Gandhi. I've always believed that hard work beats talent every day of the week that ends in the letter "y." It was Max DePrie who said, "We cannot become what we want to be by remaining what we are." So, when the call to speak about the journey to Master Coach came followed by an email I suggested instead of responding to Cynthia DeMarco's written questions I suggested that she call me and conduct the interview on the phone. My excursion to Sugarland for an in-home chess lesson that day would have me commuting for over an hour and we could chat then. The results of that inter-

view are contained in this Houston ISD link:

<http://blogs.houstonisd.org/employeeenews/?p=4700>.

It would appear that the master of us all is time and time has a type of malfeasance with regard to getting things done. I can't say readily that I would recommend this path of Master Chess Coach for any other would be chess coach because of the arduous requirements; however, it is definitely worth the ride. Traveling over 100,000 miles in the 2017-18 school year alone, the final piece needed to complete this journey and receive final approval and confirmation of the USCF council for the final Level V Master Coach Certification is to complete my book, "End Game, e4." Along with this seemingly lifelong excursion, The Chess Academy coaches and players throughout our system have been interviewed and challenged on the scholastic



Captain Garza and fire station #11 The Heights, Houston



Firemen Competition covered by CBS affiliate KHOU-11

Level more times than I can recall. The Heights is an upscale area in Houston. The cynosure of one our sponsors, Coco Coffee, and Crepes, is located just northwest of downtown. A writer for the Houston Chronicle, Jaimy Jones, showcased one such encounter brilliantly in the US & WORLD section adeptly in an article written a few years ago:

https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/amp/At-this-chess-match-many-lessons-are-on-the-table-6652346.php#amp_tf=From%20%251%24s

"At this chess match, many lessons are on the table." --- The Chess Academy students and Houston Firefighters enjoyed "friendly" competition.

I remember starting The Chess Academy

with my first student, Jeannice Mitchell, a couple of years before her family was displaced by Hurricane Katrina. That first week she and a friend learned how to play and by week's end, 17 students gathered in my classroom learning to play the game. By the year's end, I had 185 kids on the team. Now our students ages range from 4 to 84, yes my dad is our oldest student. We have Chess Academy campuses and coaches on three continents and most of our students compete in chess tournaments across the globe. Students have traveled with me to Barcelona, Switzerland, Paris, Rome, Pisa, Tokyo, London, Monaco, Florence and domestically. You should see their faces when they see for the first time iconic places like the Colosseum, the Eiffel Tower or a long gaze at Mona Lisa in Paris at the Louvre or 180° opposite her to see the largest painting in the Louvre, The Wedding at Cana, Paolo Veronese, aka Paolo Caliari. It's huge, 30 meters diagonally.

I am blessed with the most amazing kids and parents. We travel to Greece and Italy in June, 2018 right after Cozumel. Many signed up to travel with us on our European Chess Tour 2019 we are going to Paris, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Rome to kick a

little butt in chess. So, here is my why: why did I start in the beginning with the end in mind? Well, I get to share my passion for chess and travel with my students by exploring new cities, towns and embarking on excursions that literally transport them mentally. Travel challenges them to achieve things in their lives that they never dreamed possible before. I'm blessed to motivate them to immerse themselves in new cultures. What I've discovered is that they are as excited to intrepidly take these journeys and leave their comfort zones and make their marks in the world.

After this weekend at the State Chess Tournament in Dallas, Texas we will prepare for the tropics, chess on a cruise to Cancun and Cozumel. Then the chess team will head back to Paris in July 2019. We will face Fabricio and his team then its on to Musée du Louvre, known as the largest museum in the world, described as "the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, the most parodied work of art in the world." We'll stop in Florence to see the David and go check out the Uffizi Gallery. Then sail on gondolas down the Grand Canal in Venice, lean on the Tower of Pisa, and stroll in the footsteps of Gladiators in the Colosse-

um and gaze at the ceiling in the Sistine Chapel. All of this after I finish my book.

As I reflect on this pilgrimage, I'm often reminded of the preparation it has taken me, much like our firefighters. For the firemen, that challenge a few years ago showed Captain Garza, from Station 11, that it takes a little more preparation and practice than a glance at a YouTube video on the way the face an opponent because chess has an omnifarious ability to unite firemen, policemen and all of us that aren't superheroes. This ain't checkers. It's not a sprint. It has been a full blown marathon. We all awake and begin our day with the opening, our start, and the idea of concluding, end game with success. At the beginning of this journey through chess the goal is checkmate, and it began with the end in mind.



Coach Myers with Bruce Pandolfini

Fritz 16 – *Resolve Score Sheet Problem* from the Classic Menu

by Jeff French

One of the new features I really like with Fritz 16 is the ability to resolve score sheet problems.

Scenario: You are on move 28 of entering a game from a score sheet. The next move to enter is a Knight move. Unfortunately, you didn't realize that both Knights of the color could move to the same square in the previous Knight move (it didn't indicate it on the score sheet, you moved the first one you saw). That was on move 17. What do you do?

Without this option:

- Delete Remaining Moves from before Knight move 17 on and re-enter the moves (with the correct Knight move) ... thanking the gods that it was only 11 move pairs lost.
- Save the game to a PGN ... use a Text Editor to modify the Knight Move, either do A, then cut and paste the remaining moves, or just continue adding moves to the PGN loaded game.
- Some other option that is even more painful.

With this option:

- Select the Resolve Score Sheet Problem Option, change the Knight move on move 17. Left-click Ok. Continue entering moves from the score sheet. Far better than the above options.

But wait! If you transferred the game from ChessBase with the File->Goto Fritz option, you won't see the 'Resolve Score Sheet Problem' option on the Home Ribbon! The Classic Menu is used when transferring from ChessBase and Fritz doesn't show the 'Resolve Score Sheet Problem' option on any of the Classic Menus, it's only available when you use the Enter & Analyze option from the Fritz Startup Screen! It sure would be nice to be able to access this feature when transferring from ChessBase! Well, you can ... you just have to do a little *Customization*... and you can even do it from the Classic Menu and have access without exiting (if you happen to have already transferred from ChessBase specifically in order to use this feature). So, while in Fritz 16 ...

- Start by accessing the File menu ... at the very bottom of the menu is Options, one above that is Customize ... left-click *Customize*.
- You should now see the Customize Window. What this window allows us to do is assign shortcut keys to pretty much any *command* in Fritz (ChessBase has a similar Customize window). We are going to find 'Resolve Score Sheet Problem' in the list of Commands (they are in alphabetical order, so scroll down to the 'Rs' and go from there).
- Left-click on the 'Resolve Score Sheet Problem -*' in the list and then left-click in the 'Input new shortcut:' textbox (to the right of the list).

- Now it's time to assign a shortcut to the 'Resolve Score Sheet Problem' command. I use Alt+R, since it's not used by Fritz for something else (For this shortcut, type on the keyboard ... hold down the Alt key and then press R, then lift your hand from the keyboard ... don't press shift unless you want to have to press Shift too to activate the shortcut! ... Alt+R should be visible in the textbox). Use whatever key combination you want for the shortcut ... you will be notified if it's already used in Fritz, I'd recommend not overwriting something already used, but that's up to you. Now left-click the Assign button below the textbox.
- Finally left-click the Apply button, followed by left-clicking the OK button to close the Customize Window (probably just left-clicking the OK button is required, but to be safe, I always left-click an Apply button if it's an option).

Now when you press Alt+R (no shift) on the Keyboard ... or whatever shortcut you assigned ... the Resolve Score Sheet Problem window should pop-up and the game should be awaiting your changes. Make any changes as-needed, left-click OK ... the game should now have the changed move(s) and you can go back to ChessBase with the changes by using the File->Goto ChessBase option and continue adding moves (or just stay in Fritz and finish it up, then go back to ChessBase when you are done).

You can, of course, start Fritz with the Enter & Analyze option and use the Ribbon option, but now the keyboard shortcut will be available too.

A final *gotcha* that you should be aware of (and something I had happen to me) ... if you haven't saved your game in ChessBase when you use the File->Goto Fritz option, you will be prompted to save the game (because ChessBase is trying to close). Believe it or not, your best option is to select No ... but that's not the point here ... if you ignore the prompt ... ChessBase will stay open ... so when you return to ChessBase from Fritz you will be prompted to open another instance of ChessBase ... if, by chance, you don't open another instance, it will try to re-import the game from Fritz into the current instance and fail ... in-fact, it will fail to a point where it might crash ChessBase ... so now, Fritz is closed, ChessBase has crashed ... where's your game? Well ... it could be gone ... but before you start over ... open Fritz and see if it's still there ... I didn't realize it, mumbled a couple choice words and started over. But, when I later returned to Fritz, it was all still waiting for me there, even with the changed move(s) that I transferred to Fritz to fix. Now, if you want, just use the File->Goto ChessBase option (since ChessBase shouldn't be open) and you'll be good-to-go with just a minor hic-up along the way. Unfortunately, that was just my experience, it may be gone. The lesson ... let ChessBase close... when prompted, select an option, when you use File->Goto Fritz in ChessBase... and definitely before returning to ChessBase using File->Goto ChessBase in Fritz.

2018 Texas Chess Association Elections

Overview

The **Texas Chess Association (TCA)** yearly Officer Elections are quickly approaching. We will, again, be using ElectionBuddy.com to host our elections. Before you receive the next issue of *Texas Knights*, you will very likely receive your ballot(s). Candidate introductions will be included, as profiles, in the Electronic Ballots and they will be published in the next (July-August) issue of *Texas Knights*.

Voting Members:

- If you plan on casting your vote in this years election, please make sure we have your valid email address on file.
- You must have an active membership on July 1st in order to receive a ballot. You must be a resident of Texas and 16 years of age (or over) on September 1st to be qualified to vote.
- Like years prior, if you want a paper ballot, you must request one by July 1st.
- Electronic ballots must be submitted no later than Midnight on Friday, August 31st.
- Completed paper ballots must be received not later than close-of-business on Friday, August 31st.

Candidates:

- We will be taking advantage of the ElectionBuddy.com candidate profiles this year (150 words max). *Texas Knights* also provides a free are (half-page) to all candidates for candidate introductions. You can pay for additional space. It is highly recommended that you include photographs for use on either/both options.
- If you wish to take advantage of either/both options, I must have the ElectionBuddy.com candidate profiles no later than July 1st and/or the Texas Knights candidate introductions no later than July 15th.
- All candidates will be sent one or more Test Election Ballots (electronic only). So you can see (and requests changes) before the official distribution on July 15th.

If you have any questions, contact me at TexasKnightsEd@gmail.com.

2018 Texas Senior Chess Championship

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July 14-15

5 Round Swiss, G/90+5

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Rounds: Saturday 9am, 1pm, 6pm
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Entry Fee: \$40 if received by June 30
\$45 up to July 13
\$50 on site.

Prizes: \$500 Prize fund based on 24 entries.
1st \$200, 2nd \$100 U1800 \$100 U1400 \$100
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Side Events: Saturday – 8 player sections, 3 RDS, G90+5, EF \$30, Prizes 1st \$100 2nd \$60
Sunday – 8 player sections, 3 RDS, G60+5, EF \$30, Prizes 1st \$100 2nd \$60
Details on web site. The side events are similar to the SA Families tournaments.

Registration: Make checks payable to J. P. Hyltin,
Mail it to 9311 Autumn Sun, San Antonio, TX 78254.

Online: <https://www.homemail.org/chesstournaments/>

Information: Tournament directors J. P. Hyltin, Jesse Lozano
Email jphyltin@yahoo.com

About the site: Accommodations include ADA Compliant handicap-accessible suites, gym, a breakfast bar, coffee and water service, and all the expected amenities. I highly encourage you to take advantage of the \$114 chess tournament rate before July 1. You may read more and make reservations at <http://www.comfortinnsuitesairport.com/>

Upcoming Events

JUNE 2018

JUN. 2 360+minutes @ The Chess Refinery

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

JUN. 2-3 First Chess In Action Swiss Open (Katy, Houston)

Info: <http://www.ChessInAction.org>

JUN. 6 Lubbock Open Chess Tournament

Info: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/ttuchess/events/index.php>

JUN. 8-10 Houston City Championship 2018

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9692.tla>

JUN. 9 Stratagem Summer 2018 Tournament

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9456.tla>

JUN. 9-10 NTCA 2nd Annual Summer Open

Info: info@northtexaschessacademy.com

JUN. 10 East Plano Summer Splash Classic

Info: 214-212-0185, RobJonesChess@gmail.com

JUN. 16 Beat the Heat Chess Tournament

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9743.tla>

JUN. 16-17 2018 Waco June Swiss

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9717.tla>

JUN. 23-24 2018 Texas Women's Chess Championship

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9162.tla>

JUN. 30-JULY 1 2018 San Antonio City Championship

Info: <http://sanantoniochess.com>, 210-384-4797, lhrloUIS@yahoo.com

JULY 2018

JUL. 6-8 OR 7-8 4th Austin Chess Club Summer Open

Info: See advertisement on page 31

JUL. 14-15 2018 Texas Senior Championship (and side events)

Info: See advertisement on page 29

JUL. 14-15 International Chess Week DCC Fundraiser

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, <http://www.dallaschess.com>

JUL. 20-22 OR 21-22 Houston Summer Chess Festival

Info: 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971

JUL. 21-22 2018 DCC Summer Insanity

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, <http://www.dallaschess.com>

JUL. 28 Queen City of the Prairie Open

Info: <http://www.uschess.org/tlas/9582.tla>

WEEKLY EVENTS

JUN. 2, 9, 16 QD Academy/Parkway Chess

Info: 214-212-0185, RobJonesChess@gmail.com

JUN. 3, 24 Scholastic Sunday @ The Chess Refinery

Info: <http://www.thechessrefinery.org/scholastic-tournaments.html>

JUN. 5, 12, 19, 26 Houston Chess Lab Tuesday Night Swiss

Info: <http://www.royalrooks.com>

JUN. 6, 13, 20, 27 and JUL. 11, 18, 25 Wed Swiss @ The Chess Refinery

Info: <http://www.thechessrefinery.org/wednesday-swiss.html>

JUN. 7, 14, 21, 28 and JUL. 5, 12, 19, 26 NTCA Thursday Blitz

Info: info@northtexaschessacademy.com

JUN. 16, 23, 30 Sat Swiss 75 @ The Chess Refinery

Info: <http://www.thechessrefinery.org/saturdays.html>

JUN. 17, 24 and JUL. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 NTCA The Sunday Swiss

Info: info@northtexaschessacademy.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

JUN. 2 and JUL. 7 Arlington Chess Club Open

Info: Text to 817-507-7522, club@arlingtonchess.com

JUN. 9 and JUL. 21 Many Springs

Info: 817-296-4287, <http://tarrantcountychessclub.org>

JUN. 16-17 and JUL. 28-29 DCC FIDE Open

Info: 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com, <http://www.dallaschess.com>



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Time Controls, All Sections:

- G/90 with 60 sec. inc. per move. **2-day:** Rd 1, G/90 with 5 sec. delay.

Sections and Prizes (100% Guaranteed):

- **Championship** (rated 1800+): \$800 \$400 \$200, **U2200:** \$300 - \$150, **U2000:** \$250 - \$100
- **Reserve** (rated 1400-1799): \$450 \$250 \$100, **U1600:** \$200 - \$100
- **Novice** (rated U1400): \$250 \$125 \$75, **U1200:** \$125 - \$75, **U1000:** \$75

“Playing up” is not allowed. July 2018 supplement used to determine section placement and pairings. Players whose current, unofficial rating would place them in a higher section may ask for an exception. Unrateds placed at discretion of chief TD. Unrateds eligible only for place prizes. All USCF members invited to play; however, space is limited to the first 160 registrants, maximum of 60 per section (exceptions made for players 2200+).

Championship EF: \$55 mailed by 5/15, \$65 thereafter / on site.

Reserve EF: \$50 mailed by 5/15, \$60 thereafter / on site.

Novice EF: \$45 mailed by 5/15, \$55 thereafter / on site.

Re-entry \$25, all sections.

Schedule:

- **3-day:** Registration (if space available) Fri. 7/06 **6-7pm**. Rounds 7/06 **7:30pm**, 7/07 **1pm - 7pm**, 7/08 **9:30am - 3:30pm**.
- **2-day:** Registration (if space available) Sat. 7/07 **8:00-8:40am**, Round 1 **9:00am**, then merge with 3-day schedule.

One ½ point bye available if requested before the end of Round 2.

Online registration (preferred):

<https://www.austinchess tournaments.com/events/824>

Credit cards ok online, cash or credit cards onsite. \$10 fee deducted for all withdrawals. No refunds after June 15, 2018.

USCF TLA: TBD

Mail entry information (registration form) and/or check payment to:

Lori Balkum, P.O. Box 1386, Round Rock, TX 78680.

Make checks payable to AustinChessTournaments.com.

Info: Lori.Balkum@AustinChessTournaments.com, **Ph:** 512-417-9008



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Tactics Time!

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Andy Zamora – Joshua Newsham
Texas Open Austin 1996
Black to Move