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From the Desk of the Editor

Posted by Louis Reed

Greetings fellow Texas chess fans,

Once again, thank you to all of our contributors. Without the content that they submit, we would not have a magazine. We are always on the lookout for more content. Please send your annotated games, stories, tournament results and photos (please provide accreditation information) to **txknightsed@gmail.com**.

As I am writing this, from my self-imposed social distancing platform, I hope that you are all well and in high spirits. As you all are keenly aware, many of our over the board events have been postponed or canceled outright, but we will get through this because we are all Texans (even if you're new here) and chess will be there for us again!



Bust of Frank James Marshall, two time United States Chess Champion (1909-1936), and me at the Marshall Chess Club in Manhattan

On a lighter note, just prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, I had finished working the Grandmaster (GM) and International Master (IM) Round Robin norm events at the Marshall Chess Club in Manhattan before making my way back to Texas. This was the final requirement needed towards me obtaining the FIDE Arbiter (FA) title. If all goes as scheduled, the 91st FIDE Congress, set to begin on July 29th in Khanty-Mansiysk Russia, should be able to approve my application.

I could not have achieved this requirement had it not been for my wonderful friend, WIM Beatriz Marinello, FA Bryan Quick and all of the fantastic staff members at the Marshall Chess Club.

The Marshall is truly one of America's sparkling chess gems and once we all get passed this current challenge, you should definitely consider a visit. They hold many events each week and you are certain to get worthy challenge as the club is a frequent haunt to many strong players including the likes of IM Jay Bonin, coauthor of "Active Pieces: Practical Advice from America's Most Relentless Tournament Player".

Until next time, stay healthy, play chess online or with family, enjoy some quiet time and be sure to wash your hands!

Sincerely,
Louis Reed

President's Note Mar. 2020

Posted by Tom Crane



These are very trying times given the severity of Coronavirus around the world. It has certainly halted everything we have become accustomed to in our daily lives and that includes our Royal game. There's next to no chess tournament's or even casual club play. We were able to fit in the State South Scholastic with over 1,100 players, but State North is postponed.

Hopefully the necessary medical testing and vaccines will be available, and some semblance of normalcy will be re-gained so we will be able to run the Texas State and Amateur Memorial Day weekend followed by State North May 29-31.

On a side note if the lack of tournament chess is becoming an issue you might consider an on-line tournament. I played my first one hosted by the Arlington Chess Club earlier this week. Other than my horrible play the event went quite smoothly. At my station in life I have seen a lot of things and I know the axiom "eventually this will pass" will be true and our lives, including the Royal game will return to normal. However, during this hiatus the on-line option is very viable.

When we do get back to some state of harmony there will be tournaments to run which were postponed and there is also a USCF Executive Board Election this summer. Just because you're a USCF Member does not mean you can vote, you must register. In order to be qualified to register as a US Chess Voting Member, you must be a current US Chess member who will be 16 or older on June 30th of the upcoming election cycle. You must also register no later than May 1, 2020. The link to register is shown below.

<https://secure2.uschess.org/voter-registration.php>

Lakshmana Viswanath (more commonly known as Vish) is our candidate from Texas. While the Coronavirus has stopped our lives, the election will still be held and our Great State still has the MOST USCF members. Having Vish on the Board will ensure our voices in Texas are heard on the numerous issues of our Federation. One of these was the decision to not allow scoring devices at National Scholastic USCF events. The Lone Star State can change the course of the election. Please register to vote and consider all the candidates fairly.

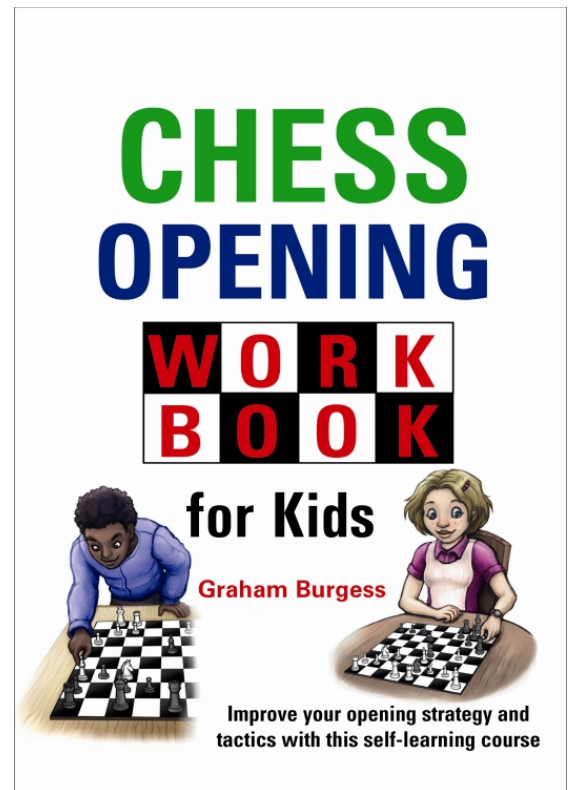
Lastly, same message this issue as the last, and this is one I take very seriously. TCA has a HUGE perception problem as non-value added. Why – because people don't know or understand what we do. Tens of thousands, that's right tens of thousands of players show up and play our events that YOU make happen. The players and scholastic parents know somebody did something to make it happen, but there's not much thought past that. "We", the Texas Chess Association provide the organizational infrastructure for chess across the State that facilitates these events being run. Think about all of them, Scholastic State(s), Texas State and Amateur, Southwest Open, all the Regions, Texas Women's, TCA Girls, Texas Senior and I'm leaving some out. When you support TCA by buying a membership or playing in one of our events, you're supporting chess across our state. Please focus on the talking points when you get engaged on the value proposition of TCA.

Lastly, go play in or run an event, it's the number one thing you can do to support chess.

Chess Opening Workbook for Kids

Posted by Alexey Root

The [CHESS OPENING WORKBOOK FOR KIDS](#) (Graham Burgess) 128 pages (230 mm by 178 mm), hardback, published by Gambit, has a PDF of its table of contents and 12 of its problems at the Gambit website. As its table of contents makes clear, this book does not teach opening move orders. You are not going to learn the first five to ten moves of any opening. Instead, FIDE Master Burgess presents tactics problems which arise from openings. The only opening that he consistently names is the Cambridge Springs variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined. Its trap comes up frequently in the problems. Burgess does not give the move order that gets to the following "Cambridge Springs" position, problem #3 in the "Double Attack" chapter. Black is to move.



Black to Move

Did you figure out the answer? The position arises on move 8 after White has blundered by playing 8. ♕d3? Black will play 8... ♜xg5!, when after 9. ♖xg5 dxc4 White is dropping a piece because of the attacks on the bishop on d3 and the knight on g5.

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Queens are present for both sides in each problem, which is a defining feature of openings. Queens are often traded off after the opening stage of a chess game.

One nice feature of CHESS OPENING WORKBOOK FOR KIDS is that you do not need a chess set and board to read through it. Just stare at each diagrammed problem and try to solve it in your head, like you would do for a tactics problem on a website. Moreover, staring at a printed page is probably better for you than staring at a computer screen, as the latter may cause "Computer Vision Syndrome" or "Digital Eye Strain."

Unfortunately, Burgess's solutions are not always complete. Take a look at this position, in the ♙xh7+ chapter. That's your hint for this White to Move position.



White to Move

Burgess gives the solution as follows "Yes, 11. ♙xh7+! wins rather easily. After 11.... ♚xh7 12. ♖h3+ ♜g8 13. ♗h5 Black has no good defence against the threat of mate on h8." But Burgess does not explain what happens after 11.... ♚h8, ignoring the bishop on h7. White is still better, but it is not checkmate. I explored this particular position in my [March 2, 2020 article for SparkChess titled "You can be the hero."](#)

At the end of the book are seven tests, with answers given after the tests. Various points, from 1 (easy) to 5 (difficult), are assigned to each answer depending on the difficulty of the problem. I was not pleased that one of my answers was not listed, so I could not give myself 3 points on the self-scoring rubric. Here is the position, from Test 3 "More Trapped Pieces."



White to Move

Apparently, this position is after 9 moves of an opening, though Burgess does not tell which opening. I chose 10. $\text{N} \times \text{h}5$, which is not listed as correct. Yet it works just as well as the given move 10. $\text{B} \times \text{e}7$ $\text{K} \times \text{e}7$ 11. $\text{N} \times \text{h}5$ $\text{N} \times \text{h}5$ 12. g4 $\text{B} \times \text{g}6$ 13. h5, trapping the bishop. With my move order, 10. $\text{N} \times \text{h}5$ $\text{N} \times \text{h}5$ (10.... $\text{N} \times \text{g}5$ 11. hxg5 and I still win a piece) 11. $\text{B} \times \text{e}7$ $\text{K} \times \text{e}7$ and I transpose into the given line.

As you can see from the three chess positions I have provided in this article, the tactics problems are not for beginners. So if the chess “kid” in your life is rated under 1200, this book would likely be too frustrating. As a current chess expert, and a former master, I definitely got some problems wrong. Yet others, like two “White to Move” problems given above, I felt I got right but was told by the answer key that I was wrong. Thus, in my opinion, Burgess’s “Solutions” sections need to be improved.

Burgess’s book could also be improved by indicating which openings generated which positions in the text, perhaps by including a brief note within each solution (such as “arises from the King’s Gambit”). For the “Stop Press!” problems, which Burgess stated are from recent games, he should give locating information for each game (such as players’ names, location, date).

If you want a challenging collection of tactics problems where queens are present, CHESS OPENINGS WORKBOOK FOR KIDS is a choice worth considering.

Alexey Root

The “New Chess Books” columnist, Dr. Alexey Root, is volunteering for Texas Chess Association by writing this column. Alexey Root was the 1989 U.S. Women’s Champion. She is a Woman International Master. Buy her books at this link: [amazon.com/author/alexeyroot](https://www.amazon.com/author/alexeyroot). She teaches Chess Online courses for The University of Texas at Dallas. Information on registering for those courses is at this link: <https://www.utdallas.edu/chess/education-programs/>

SAN ANTONIO 1972

A TEXAS SIZED TOURNAMENT

The year 1972 was an exciting year for American chess to say the least! Of course, the talk of the chess world was its newly crowned World Champion...Bobby Fischer! However, it was a Texas fast-food chain owner that hosted the strongest chess tournament in the United States in nearly 50 years!

It is fascinating to hear interesting stories about chess history and I encourage others to read about the great masters of the past.

Let's look back at the great 1972 chess tournament in San Antonio, Texas!

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LUBOMIR KAVALEK, *USA*
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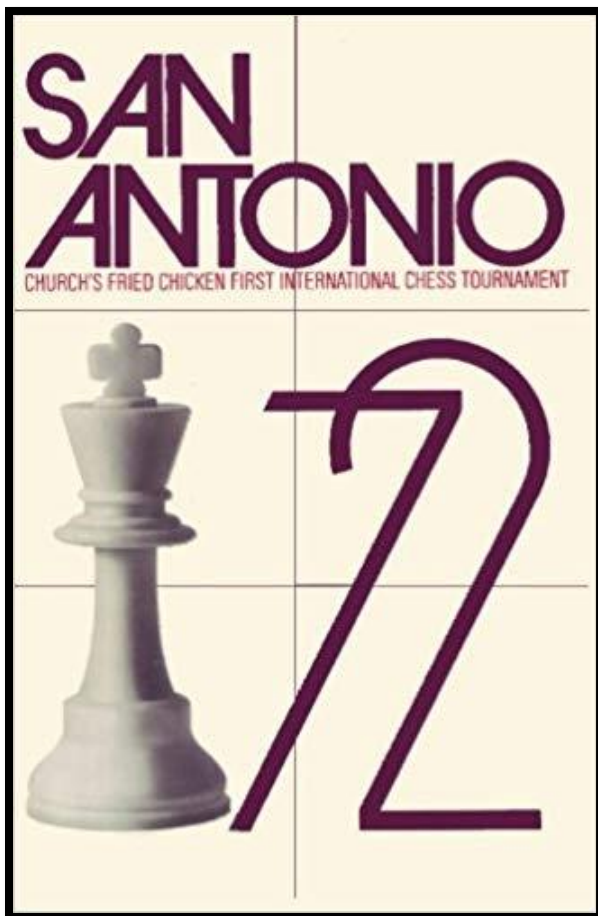
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San Antonio
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The San Antonio 1972 Tournament was full of great games, but the story of the tournament was the superior skill of the visiting players. Grandmasters Portisch, Karpov and Petrosian shared the top prize with 10.5/15 and Gligoric finishing half a point behind the pack. Not a single American finished in the top half. Despite Fischer's recent dominance, it was clear the USA was still far behind the world's elite players.

The 15-round event was an exciting spectacle held at the Hilton Palacio del Rio along the Riverwalk. Not since New York 1924 (Capablanca, Alekhine and the winner Lasker) had so many strong players competed on American soil.

The Soviet and European players got off to an early lead, especially displaying their prowess with the White pieces. Paul Keres led the event early including a brilliant finish to his first round game with Hort (see puzzles). Donald Byrne commented he was “surprised by Keres’ strength at age 54”.

Karpov took the lead during the middle of the event but could not hold off the late round heroics of Lajos Portisch. Petrosian was solid throughout, holding true to his reputation, the only player to finish without a loss.

The final round saw two quick draws. Petrosian finished in ten moves, walked across the room to inform Karpov of his result, then Karpov drew moments later. Portisch defeated Larsen in a tense 35-move game in the final round to tie for the lead. The winners earned \$2,333 each. Canadian IM Duncan Suttles earned his GM title with his performance in San Antonio 1972.

List of Participants:

GM Anatoly Karpov

GM Tigran Petrosian

GM Paul Keres

GM Lajos Portisch

GM Svetozar Gligoric

GM Vlastimil Hort

GM Bent Larsen

GM Henrique Mecking

GM Walter Browne

GM Larry Evans

IM Duncan Suttles

IM Donald Byrne

IM Julio Kaplan

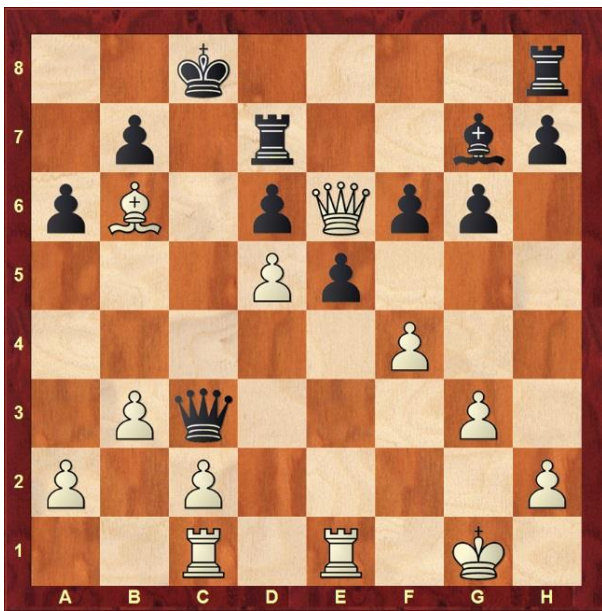
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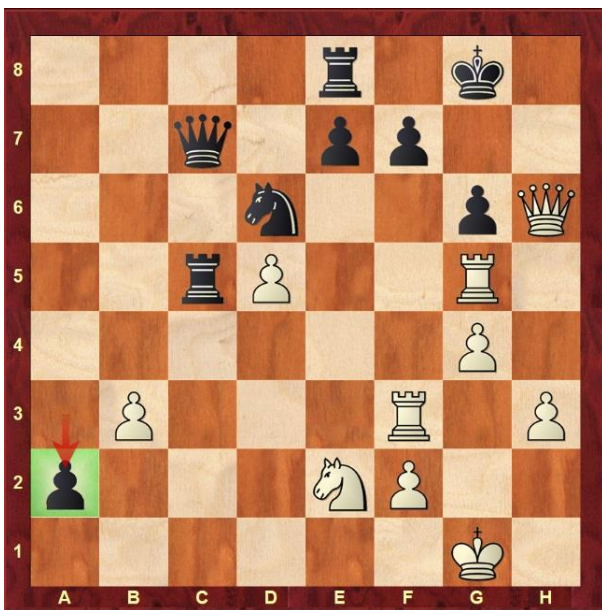
Mario Campos-Lopez



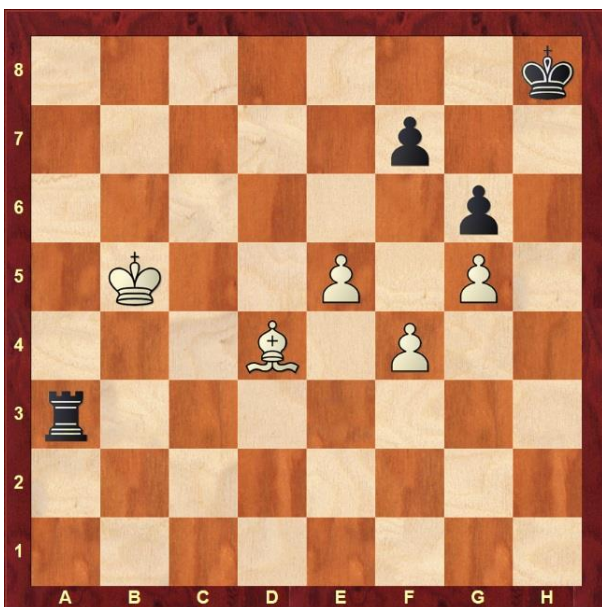
(Left) Gligoric ponders his next move. (Right) Karpov and Larsen play their opening moves.



White to move and win!
Browne – Kaplan, Round 3



White to move and win!
Keres – Byrne, Round 8



White to move and win!
Keres – Hort, Round 1

Paul Keres defeated 9 World
Champions in his lifetime.

“The prize fund is too big!” complained
Petrosian.

The Soviet players
wanted it more evenly
distributed so as not
to tempt anyone to go
for it all.



Ken Smith was known
for always playing
what is today called
the ‘Smith-Morra
Gambit’, when an
opponent did not play
the Sicilian GM Bent
Larsen asked *“Why not
play c5 against him? It
wins a pawn!”*



World Champion
Bobby Fischer was in
attendance on the
final day and called
the quick last round
draws “chicken”,
possibly alluding to
the sponsor of the
event.

















Answers:

1. Re4 +-

1. Rxf7 a1=Q 2.Kg2 +-

1. e6+ Kg8 2. e7 Ra8 3. Bf6

San Antonio 1972

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
1		Portisch, Lajos	2640	*	½	1	0	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	10.5 / 15	
2		Petrosian, Tigran V	2645	½	*	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	10.5 / 15	
3		Karpov, Anatoly	2630	0	½	*	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	10.5 / 15	
4		Glisgoric, Svetozar	2575	1	0	0	*	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	10.0 / 15	
5		Keres, Paul	2600	0	½	½	½	*	1	½	1	1	1	0	½	½	1	1	9.5 / 15	
6		Hort, Vlastimil	2600	0	½	½	½	0	*	½	1	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	9.0 / 15	
7		Suttles, Duncan	2470	½	½	0	0	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	9.0 / 15	
8		Mecking, Henrique	2570	½	0	½	½	0	0	½	*	1	½	½	1	1	1	½	1	8.5 / 15
9		Larsen, Bent	2625	0	0	½	½	0	1	½	0	*	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8.5 / 15
10		Byrne, Donald	2470	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	*	1	0	½	1	1	1	7.0 / 15
11		Evans, Larry Melvyn	2545	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	0	0	*	½	0	½	½	1	6.5 / 15
12		Browne, Walter S	2530	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	0	1	1	½	*	1	0	0	1	6.5 / 15
13		Kaplan, Julio P	2470	0	½	½	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	*	1	½	0	5.0 / 15
14		Campos Lopez, Mario		½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	*	1	½	3.5 / 15
15		Saidy, Anthony Fred	2425	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	½	0	*	1	3.5 / 15
16		Smith, Kenneth R	2395	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	½	0	*	2.0 / 15

I'm sure by now you are asking the question, "what happened to the chicken place?" Today Church's Chicken has over 1,000 locations in 30+ countries, and annual revenue is over \$800 million...

The subsequent success of Church's Chicken leads us to only one logical conclusion...more companies need to sponsor big chess events like San Antonio 1972!



By **NM Christopher Toolin**
Executive Director NTCA



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Texas Chess Association Election 2020

Posted by TCA

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be submitted to the Editor of Texas Knights via email to txknightsed@gmail.com by 11:59:59 PM CDT on June 1, 2020. Nominees must be members in good standing of the Texas Chess Association as well as residents of the state of Texas.

Texas South Scholastic Championships Results

Posted by Jim Hollingsworth

1,055 total players. Many thanks to the tournament directors, staff, coaches, parents, and volunteers.

In the 83-player High School section congrats to:

Kevin Liu (6.0/7 points)

Ambica Yellamraju (6.0/7 points)

Michael D. Thomas (6.0/7 points)

In the 71-player HS MS section congrats to:

Kevin S. Flores (7.0/7 points)

In the 127-player MS Championship section congrats to:

Kevin Zhou (6.5/7 points)

In the 117-player MS JV section congrats to:

Marco Sanchez (6.5/7 points)

Rigoberto Cantu Cepeda (6.5/7 points)

In the 32-player MS Novice U600 section congrats to:

Marrisa Moya (6.0/7 points)

Mahasvin Puli (6.0/7 points)

Srijan V. Konda (6.0/7 points)

In the 163-player Elem Championships section congrats to:

Sunny Zhang (7.0/7 points)

In the 149-player Elem JV U800 section congrats to:

Daniel Alejandro Espinosa (7.0/7.0 points)

In the 42-player Elem Novice U500 section congrats to: Liam Toledo (6.5/7 points)

In the 145-player Primary Championship section congrats to: Priyansh Garg (7.0/7 points)

In the 126-player K-1 Championship section congrats to: Samuel Perales (7.0/7 points)

Region III Champion

Posted by Jim Hollingsworth



Congratulations to Chess Expert Cole Frutos for winning the 2020 Region III Championships High School Section in Lewisville on January 25th. He scored 4.5/5 points to top a 30-player section. Along the way he beat one Expert and drew another.

North Texas Chess Academy (NTCA) sponsored the 312-player championships consisting of eight sections. US Chess Original Life Chess Master and Senior Tournament Director Chris Toolin was Chief TD. Chess Expert and Local Tournament Director David Gaston was Chief Assistant TD. Floor TD's and/or Tournament Aides were Jeff Sullivan, Mike Bowden, Renessh Parappurathu, and David Harvey.

NTCA, located in Carrollton, has sponsored 275 tournaments involving over 1,500 players since its founding in June 2016. NTCA has 12 staff offering chess lessons, coaching, Grand Master lectures, simultaneous exhibitions, and at least 20 summer camps every year.

Cole Frutos began his chess career in July 2010. Since then he's played 1,480 rated games including three wins and one draw against masters. He is ranked in the 98th percentile for all USA Juniors. He is ranked in the 95th percentile for all USA players and in the 98th percentile for all Texans. He is also ranked in the Top 100 for Quick Rating Top Under Age 16 (number 83) and Blitz Rating Top Under Age 16 (number 96).

Congratulations again for your Champion's achievement and title, Cole Frutos. Well played and well earned.

Photo by Barbara Osborne — at Music City Mall Lewisville.

Region II Championship Report – Creekview Middle School

Posted by Louis Reed



Front row – 1st place U500 Canon Chapman

Second row (left-to-right) – 5th place U500 Aiden Ford, 2nd place U900 Mateo Zagal, 4th place U500 Donovan Price and 2nd place U500 Jacob Bentley

Third row – Landon Sor, Evan Hurst, Daniel Navarrette, John Morales and Kylar Davis

Top row – Elijah Keller and Coach Eduardo Zagal

Photo by Eva Zagal at Wedgwood Middle School

On February 2, 2020 the TCA Region II Championship was held at Wedgwood Middle School in Fort Worth, TX. Capturing top honors for First Place U500 Team was Creekview Middle School. This is the first year for Creekview to have a chess club and a chess team. This is what Coach Eduardo Zagal had to say about his squad.

“We practice twice a week and utilize the ChessKid app. I assign homework on the app and they complete it in between practice days. We have played in several tournaments but fell short of our goals. This tournament, considered a ‘home’ game, really motivated the kids to play well. All have reached a peak rating as a result of Region II. We have our sights set for State chess tournament in Houston this year.”

Unfortunately, the North/Central Texas State Championship has been postponed, but hopefully we will still be able to hold it later on in May. Congratulations Creekview Middle School and best of luck at State!

TCA Official Club Memberships Increase 900 Percent in only Two Months

Posted by Jim Hollingsworth

At the end of December 2019, Texas had 113 US Chess affiliates, but only two TCA chess clubs. By the end of February the number of TCA chess clubs increased to eighteen with Plainview Home School Chess Club being the latest edition.

During the September TCA Membership Meeting, pricing versus benefits for individual clubs were considered. With no printed Texas Knights it appeared the cost was too high and benefits too low for Texas chess clubs. The decision to combine lower pricing with increased services and promotion produced immediate results when the program was kicked off in January.

The price to become an "Official TCA Chess Club" is now only \$10. Previous cost was \$25 and \$40 for Foreign Clubs. Scholastic Chess Club price is unchanged. Sponsors must be current TCA members.

On Facebook, TCA Chess Clubs enjoy increased exposure and promotion for their tournaments. Meanwhile the TCA Webmaster greatly improved our website's design (second time in two years and he won an award from Chess Journalists of America the first time). Club sponsors can now fast-track tournament announcements, results, reports, and photos directly to the website.

For clubs using this new system, tournament results will appear on the front page of the TCA website under "What's Happening in Texas Chess". Send summary and photos to texaschessweb@gmail.com

For tournament announcements, sponsors simply complete the form using this link: <https://texaschess.org/forms/club-announcements.php>

Of course to ensure bigger turnouts, sponsors should continue notifying Lori Balkum, the State Clearing House Administrator, at Lori.Balkum@austinchestournaments.com

Go TCA!

Region II Under 900 Champion

Posted by Jim Hollingsworth



Congratulations to Drew Shafer (left in the photo) for winning 1st Place on tiebreaks in the Under 900 section of the 2020 Region II Championships. Young Master Shafer scored 4.5/5 and gained 171 rating points. He is ranked in the 62nd percentile for both all USA Juniors and all Texas chess players. He is a member of the Waco Home School Chess Club run by Deborah Shafer and Dan Shafer. The club consists of home-school students, grades K-12, and averages 20-25 players every meeting.

TCA President and Region II Director Tom Crane (right in the photo) awarded the prize. Local TD Doug Stephens was Chief TD of the 81-player championships which consisted of three sections. Senior TD Christopher Joseph Wood was Chief Assistant TD. Club TD Alex Yenne was the Floor TD.

Tom Crane, Doug Stephens, and Chris Wood are all members of the Texas Chess Team which will do battle against the Oklahoma Chess Team, in RRSO XVIII, on April 18th in Davis, Oklahoma. As all serious Texas 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 leads the series 10-7 despite playing on the road year after year.

Congratulations again to Drew Shafer for making Waco, Region II and all of Texas proud. Go Texas Chess Team and go TCA!

Photo by Deborah Shafer — at Waco Homeschool Chess Club

Top Texas Players for March

Posted by TCA

Overall

5	Xiong, Jeffery (13648621)	2786
11	Onischuk, Alexander (12625186)	2720
25	Li, Ruifeng (13768313)	2637
48	Yang, Darwin (12945617)	2565
51	Duque, Raymond D (12470979)	2559
54	Root, Douglas D (10452881)	2556
56	Hernandez, Holden (15169615)	2545
61	Wang, Justin (14930904)	2540
=64	Fernandez, Daniel (20058682)	2534

Top Women

10	Nguyen, Emily Quynh (13942431)	2348
31	Li, Rachael (15452300)	2189
51	Nguyen, Anh Nhu (13942081)	2075
57	Yellamraju, Ambica (15105036)	2067
72	Munoz, Claudia Elizabeth (13481236)	2019
77	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina (10374651)	2000
99	Yellamraju, Aparna (15105042)	1950

Top Age 65 and Over

4	Bradford, Joseph Mark (10378583)	2444
=40	Hulse, Brian (10078644)	2200
=40	Simms, Gary (10403227)	2200
74	Malazarte, Ernesto L (13517950)	2133

Top Age 50 and Over

11	Duque, Raymond D (12470979)	2559
13	Root, Douglas D (10452881)	2556
27	Bradford, Joseph Mark (10378583)	2444
82	Feinstein, Michael (12026920)	2247
=93	Land, Chris K (12449564)	2233

Top Under Age 21

1	Xiong, Jeffery (13648621)	2786
5	Li, Ruifeng (13768313)	2637
14	Wang, Justin (14930904)	2540
71	Liu, Bovey (13862594)	2353
74	Nguyen, Emily Quynh (13942431)	2348
77	Lin, Dachev (13147854)	2339
78	Vivekananthan, Anish (14709825)	2338
80	He, Tommy (13354250)	2333
97	Chiang, Jonathan (13091096)	2312

Top Age 18

2	Li, Ruifeng (13768313)	2637
9	Liu, Bovey (13862594)	2353
28	Kirumaki, Ronit (14860268)	2203
31	Hullahalli, Adarsh (15213358)	2193
34	Eliezer, Segev (14001536)	2186
36	Logozar, Elijah Arthur (14194968)	2173
38	Mohammadi, Sina (14116846)	2163
67	Blakeman, Cole (14130588)	2047
75	Dammann, Jorn (14160745)	2009
76	Krishnan, Aadarsh (13662666)	2005
86	Toliver, James Charles (15986715)	1963
88	Sonawane, Atharv (14932640)	1961
92	Verma, Ritik (13745958)	1940
=92	Fernandes, Nathaniel (13808023)	1940

Top Age 17

10	Nguyen, Emily Quynh (13942431)	2348
32	Buergler, Jacob (13807888)	2146
38	Liu, Kevin (14737573)	2110
43	Palang, Warren Jesse (14236063)	2089
50	Huo, Rannon (14469403)	2075
=59	Fan, William G (14502963)	2052
=61	Rose, Samuel Edward (15193773)	2050
85	Srivatsav, Aadarsh (14822666)	1987
=90	Frutos, Chase (14296461)	1971

Top Age 16

14	Kung, Thomas (14583075)	2290
22	Gu, Brian Fanyuan (14100620)	2210
45	Ganthapodi, Maanav S (14060533)	2091
47	Mao, Andrew Sun-Rong (14290440)	2077
61	Ganesh, Anirudh (14480784)	2035
68	Hawthorn, Charles (14435718)	2018
=72	De Leon, Carlos D (14987180)	1995

Top Age 15

11	Vivekananthan, Anish (14709825)	2338
15	Metpally, Jason (14442338)	2285
30	Hung, Daniel (14504425)	2185
51	Niu, Baron T (14701436)	2098
60	Wang, Yanke (14793255)	2081
63	Nguyen, Anh Nhu (13942081)	2075
73	Ramesh, Sreenevash (15121826)	2054
77	Chikkodi, Nitin (15437455)	2038
82	Yeung, Wesley (15082053)	2015
84	Walmer, Benjamin (15768363)	2013

85	Peng, Peter (14604658)	2012
93	Rajaram, Rudransh (14548776)	1992

Top Age 14

1	Wang, Justin (14930904)	2540
11	Oberoi, Shelev (14961028)	2232
12	Rorrer, Grayson (16027820)	2216
23	Gundam, Rohit (14908373)	2179
39	Vaidya, Atreya (14280422)	2089
41	Kumarappan, Ganesh (14920281)	2079
=43	Yellamraju, Ambica (15105036)	2067
47	Zhu, Harvey (14456124)	2061
57	Hawthorn, Henry (14435724)	2035
=62	Zheng, Peter (15075977)	2005
71	Wang, Eric (16054134)	1979
73	Dai, George (14854945)	1974
81	Deviprasath, Sharvesh (14761270)	1951
82	Yellamraju, Aparna (15105042)	1950
84	Mcnutt, William Howard (14715106)	1941
=87	Pathak, Dhruv (15270590)	1932

Top Age 13

24	Polavaram, Rithik Sai (14621150)	2169
33	Trakru, Rohun (14723608)	2120
45	Yang, Benjamin (14963616)	2080
67	Tang, Andrew (14554791)	1997
88	Ahmed, Kabir (15189693)	1922

Top Age 12

47	Capocyan, John Patrick (15015302)	1927
49	Pathak, Rudransh (15361216)	1921
73	Zhang, Andrew H (15271786)	1879

=73	Wang, Kalia Yuke (15495443)	1879
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Top Age 11

8	Sheehan, Ethan (15799078)	2143
14	Gutla, Aryan (15649846)	2080
21	Friedman, Andrew Charles (15582135)	2024
24	Gardezi, Aarsal (15924106)	2009
32	Nandhakumar, Vaseegaran (15816768)	1954
43	Melillo, Lucius Fox (15570195)	1888
79	Raghuraja, Sri Avishkar (15309935)	1776
87	Bai, Yang (15242967)	1757

Top Age 10

2	Chen, Ryo Wenyu (16914802)	2221
3	Li, Rachael (15452300)	2189
6	Kunka, Harshid (15430006)	2123
=32	Liu, Eric Chang (16650666)	1902
38	Nair, Ajitesh (15930555)	1859
76	Hiwale, Ronak (15548138)	1696
91	Membrila, Gael (15850922)	1650

Top Age 9

1	Woodward, Andy Austin (16302012)	2154
23	Zhang, Sunny (15903555)	1721
29	Qin, Samuel (16123997)	1661
39	Srinivas, Deeptha (16688348)	1607
=41	Meng, Joshua (16485720)	1604
46	Qin, Timothy (16124174)	1589
52	Sunil, Arush (16427438)	1573
55	Zafar, Faris (16646544)	1560
82	Zhou, Brian Xing (16029627)	1473

87	Wei, Colin (16614580)	1453
88	Lopez, Abram Matias (15939947)	1452
97	Veremjov, Mihail (16449287)	1416

Top Age 8

=10	Wang, Kyle Yiwen (16586700)	1660
20	Liu, Nathan Chang (16650672)	1565
22	Wu, Andrew (16967853)	1541
24	Qi, Hengtai (16733242)	1539
25	He, Justin Shandong (16464792)	1528
36	Shivam, Zephan James (16004042)	1481
38	Yang, Daniel (16464806)	1478
40	Shu, Bruce (16929407)	1454
43	Ramachandran, Advait (16764382)	1422
64	Bhangale, Likhith Vijay (16764726)	1325
73	Korupola, Samanyu (16758352)	1306
78	Gonzalez, Addison (16587594)	1286
82	Senthil, Aditya (16653164)	1280
84	Ramanujakootam, Nehaan (16401792)	1278
93	Tucker, Gavin Wayne (16420806)	1238
=93	Karabulut, Onur (16862650)	1238
97	Zhao, Yvonne Y (16465046)	1227
100	Burnham, Bennett C (16756753)	1217

Top Age 7 and Under

6	Pendse, Vihaan (16802540)	1466
28	Petukhov, Arthur (16615802)	1287
29	Kandikayala, Srikar (16803213)	1270
34	Ganesan, Vikash (16427685)	1249
38	Chen, Wenqiao (16931696)	1223
=41	Wu, Zekai Bryson (17092643)	1211
57	Tendulkar, Ojas (16963734)	1117

82	Srinivas, Kruthagna (16958336)	1033
89	Bitoon, Jarl Reyhan Lee (16319996)	1015
100	Contreras, Mckenzie (16799284)	953

Top Women Age 65 and Over

22	Hardesty, Brenda (12662345)	1202
28	Lamont, Olga Aleksandra (12914777)	1003

Top Women Age 50 and Over

5	Root, Alexey Wilhelmina (10374651)	2000
55	Kneen, Melanie (14214440)	1212
56	Hardesty, Brenda (12662345)	1202
70	Lamont, Olga Aleksandra (12914777)	1003

Top Girls Under 21

5	Nguyen, Emily Quynh (13942431)	2348
16	Li, Rachael (15452300)	2189
30	Nguyen, Anh Nhu (13942081)	2075
36	Yellamraju, Ambica (15105036)	2067
70	Yellamraju, Aparna (15105042)	1950
79	Qureshi, Sadia (14024572)	1922
95	Wang, Kalia Yuke (15495443)	1879

Top Girls Age 18

7	Qureshi, Sadia (14024572)	1922
=22	Bhat, Puja Prashant (15107027)	1485
28	Cervera, Maria B (14511381)	1196
34	Flores, Victoria I (13775545)	1143
36	Hernandez, Victoria A (14537410)	1093
41	Delgado, Victoria E (13795821)	945
46	Hipolito, Anateresa (15929386)	823

47	Chryst, Bailey (14391215)	813
54	Huynh, Jade (16265941)	542

Top Girls Age 17

3	Nguyen, Emily Quynh (13942431)	2348
19	Cheng, Angela (14749252)	1749
24	Bao, Yuliang Eunice (14037652)	1692
37	Murgulet, Ioana (14534577)	1455
44	Bautista, Ilse (14830728)	1343
45	Ravichandar, Shreya (15454292)	1310
46	Tovias, Lauren (15389620)	1272
48	Oliveira, Lauren Ryleigh (14317248)	1255
50	Solis, Gabriela (14270191)	1230
51	Flowers, Ava (15638255)	1207
57	Gonzalez, Jolie Marie (14969471)	1143
64	Herrera, Alexandra (14103793)	1015
82	Alcantara, Korina (14270205)	769
=87	Rogers, Jaslynn (15549394)	699
89	Clarke, Raelyn (15625148)	681
91	Pena, Kristie (14864090)	672

Top Girls Age 16

18	Gomboluudev, Enkhjin (14079545)	1630
20	Zhou, Julia (14776267)	1596
27	Perera, Dimanthi (15472681)	1497
31	Bautista, Reyna (14904542)	1414
37	Basepogu, Sharon (16109156)	1401
41	Manohar, Riya (15144924)	1358
44	Reistle, Jane (15444033)	1274
47	Martinez, Margarita N (14657542)	1267
49	Vasquez, Angelica (14007117)	1247
50	Melgarejo, Fernanda (14499190)	1238

53	Garcia, Emily Alexis (14273535)	1232
55	Salinas, Brianna (14263303)	1217
=63	Miller, Ashlyn (15625127)	1128
65	Chaudhary, Shreya (15745271)	1127
69	Ramirez, Patricia N (14816595)	1107
74	Mata, Liberty Elizabeth (17100528)	1056
77	Krishnan, Aashika (14384361)	1022
81	Yarrington, Silvana V (15520625)	936
85	Garcia, Aracely E (14025156)	911
88	Trevino, Rianna R (15930178)	855
=93	Cole, Katriel (15038986)	780
95	Garza, Lauren Isabella (14948521)	749

Top Girls Age 15

5	Nguyen, Anh Nhu (13942081)	2075
55	Basepogu, Sarah (16174052)	1425
71	Gunukula, Renee (15178886)	1305
73	Hernandez, Madelyn (15050888)	1288
=82	Thompson, Sarah (16973746)	1173
86	Ramprakash, Adhithi (16191281)	1166

Top Girls Age 14

2	Yellamraju, Ambica (15105036)	2067
5	Yellamraju, Aparna (15105042)	1950
35	Ghatti, Saisneha (15245156)	1541
38	Padilla, Karlee (15050825)	1487
56	Babaria, Rajvi Rakesh (15590307)	1333
66	Aggarwal, Manika (14905498)	1277
71	Balderas, Ana Luisa (14480475)	1237
88	Spicer, Mcmillin Victoria (16361580)	1146
89	Mallick, Lipika (16785738)	1145
98	Iyer, Madhalasa (15713452)	1116

=98	Lucero, Amalie (15955905)	1116
100	Perry, Emily (15353484)	1113

Top Girls Age 13

17	Furman, Jessica (15027828)	1666
28	Chennuru, Anshu (15442104)	1567
37	Naidu, Suchitra (15042647)	1518
50	Vasquez, Izabel (14986976)	1427
54	Hernandez, Sarah (15464318)	1370
57	Pulido, Emma R (15280313)	1348
60	Solis, Natalie (15065656)	1336
=66	Athila, Akshaya (15914204)	1303
70	Cardin, Maddie (16095710)	1295
85	Davila, Deborah Haddasah (15898967)	1200
94	Nitturi, Rajni (15588094)	1136
98	Zhang, Taylor Chengyue (15506878)	1116
99	Thornhill, Eowyn (16269876)	1111
100	Pilla, Ananya Valli (14998655)	1108

Top Girls Age 12

7	Wang, Kalia Yuke (15495443)	1879
28	Ham, Emily (15901831)	1565
29	Reddy, Tanvi Chinthagunta (15071288)	1546
38	Uviedo, Violette (15529521)	1500
42	Hwang, Alexis (15326641)	1467
51	Pande, Nayonika (16097936)	1404
54	Mehta, Tanisi (16111376)	1362
56	Shivam, Annika Elizabeth (15553061)	1343
64	Holmes, Natalie Faith (15920977)	1298
70	Gomez, Frida Mariela (15236566)	1261
71	Wickramasinghe, Binadie (16549546)	1260

Top Girls Age 11

22	Akella, Sravya Suparna (15971184)	1537
=39	Gao, Tianwen (15616020)	1413
45	Sinha, Tavishi (15887670)	1349
50	Sun, Yimeng Jenny (16513258)	1323
56	Wang, Grace (16390874)	1308
60	Seals, Ayre Allbritton (16119346)	1300
=61	Sharan, Neha (16244002)	1279
63	Zhu, Suri (16405046)	1273
68	John, Natalie Michelle (15788696)	1226
71	Laskaris, Evie (16110744)	1201
73	Zhao, Lindsey (16422830)	1196
82	Milova, Vladislava (15868417)	1156
85	John, Ashley Dannel (15788675)	1140
87	Nair, Pallavi (15358020)	1134
=89	Kirumaki, Shreya (15557640)	1128
91	Pradeepkumar, Kalki (16240591)	1126

Top Girls Age 10

1	Li, Rachael (15452300)	2189
34	Hosur, Sanmita (16249172)	1347
41	Shankar, Aashritha Vidhya (16754301)	1289
44	Cruz, Vivica Renee (15529281)	1258
61	Caldera, Sophia (15824328)	1144
=61	Contreras, Rosario Nayeli (15940380)	1144
=66	Lu, Stephanie (16813314)	1103
69	Saldivar, Karolina A (15824548)	1097
72	Varma, Tanishi (16394972)	1068
73	Gomez, Nelly D (15546037)	1062
74	Prasath, Bhavishya (16904434)	1059
85	Cruz, Zeniahda (16578591)	1002
87	Echemendia, Briana (16521285)	993

Top Girls Age 9

6	Zhang, Sunny (15903555)	1721
7	Srinivas, Deeptha (16688348)	1607
17	Raghuraja, Sri Yashvi (15714811)	1328
43	Ku, Chloe (16364820)	1101
45	Kommuri, Sahithi (17064153)	1093
49	Krishnan, Mihika (16596204)	1068
58	Vijayaraghava, Aditi (16934847)	1033
62	Li, Xinyi (16547796)	1011
64	Mista, Wiktorja (16806041)	995
67	Wang, Crystal (16153233)	985
87	Satyanarayanan, Aarushi (16334642)	905
91	Liguez, Emma (15929804)	891
92	Gracia, Emma Cadence (16234356)	890
97	Milova, Elizaveta S (16189480)	864

Top Girls Age 8

7	Gonzalez, Addison (16587594)	1286
9	Zhao, Yvonne Y (16465046)	1227
15	Song, Joyce (16240543)	1047
17	Gao, Mia (16585100)	1038
=26	Anand, Vidarshanaa (16914116)	955
30	Garza, Brithany H (16105388)	943
31	Cantu, Sophie (16594941)	939
34	Guerra, Anahi D (16460955)	933
39	Bustinza, Lia A (16453503)	891
41	Laboriante, Jie (16505504)	879
=41	Quezada, Miranda I (16862451)	879
44	Katakam, Ashwika (16748183)	875
45	Chang, Chloe (17072498)	867
51	Nair, Aditi (16084710)	834
61	Chandak, Aisha (16786293)	779

62	Fox, Rogue Elysia (16595023)	777
65	Liang, Jane (16645906)	767
70	Manyam, Hansita N (16151518)	760
76	Tijerina, Katherine Abigail (16505573)	741
78	Barba, Isabella Olivia (15939911)	717
85	Desai, Keeana Gaurav (17105112)	653
86	Garza, Margarita (16844721)	638
93	Yan, Grace Shunli (16721851)	608
94	Coria, Fernanda L (16531977)	605
95	Iturbe, Olivia (16480771)	604
96	Bustos, Camila A (16458138)	599
98	Goswami, Mohini (16133423)	592
99	Ramirez, Yareli (16136931)	587

Top Girls Age 7 and Under

11	Srinivas, Kruthagna (16958336)	1033
17	Contreras, Mckenzie (16799284)	953
18	Senapati, Avni (16783067)	934
19	Cisneros, Ariana (16458150)	924
25	Ordorica, Maria Alexandra (16576588)	896
28	Ramirez, Mia L (16804793)	863
41	Garza, Aveli M (16805053)	755
43	Gao, Michelle (16529558)	752
49	Hernandez, Suri X (16583894)	713
50	Parame, Frances Jamie (16775616)	706
53	Vargas, Valerie (16819748)	692
59	Lu, Andie (16454622)	642
71	Hu, Avery (16747242)	589
72	Roefer, Riley Annalyn (16852585)	585
74	Smith, Magdaly Janiah (16786010)	581
76	Wang, Brianna (16816911)	570
77	Milova, Alexandra S (16443218)	567

78	Balci, Ayla (16876493)	565
85	Davidson, Enya (16763765)	528
92	Vivek, Aadhya (16816864)	487
94	Venkatesh, Adhithi (16515130)	484
=94	Garcia, Yadilu M (16819712)	484
