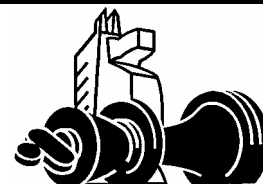


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WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (<i>Director</i>)
Oct 30	Thanksgiving Swiss (Anderson)
Nov 1	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Nov 6, 13, 20	Thanksgiving Swiss (Anderson)
Nov 27	Thanksgiving – Closed
Dec 4	Holiday Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Dec 6	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Dec 11, 18	Holiday Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Dec 18	ELECTION OF CLUB OFFICERS
Dec 25	Christmas – Closed
Jan 1	New Year’s Day – Closed
Jan 3	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Jan 8, 15, 22, 29	Kickoff Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Feb 4	Club Championship
Feb 7	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
Feb 11, 18, 25	Club Championship
March 4	Club Championship
March 6	1 st Saturday Quad (White)

White to Mate in 2



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Club Office Elections

On December 18, just before we finish the Holiday Swiss, we will hold elections of club officers for the coming year. Our current president, Keith Johnson, will not be able to continue as he is currently pursuing an advanced degree in mathematics at Penn State in State College.

Basically, Jim White has been chief cook and bottle washer and we certainly extend our thanks to him for the job he has done.

All positions are currently available. If you are interested but cannot attend the elections on December 18, please let Jim White or Donald Anderson know your position of interest.

1st Sat QUADS- A Smash

Attendance at the 1st Saturday Quads have been spectacular. We had 10 quads for the September 6th event. There are skill levels for every class.

Rodion Rubenchik (2339), Joe Mucerino (2075), and Ray Cornell (2043) as well as other highly rated players frequently participate.

Registration starts at 9 am. Looking for some fun on a cold Saturday this winter? Come play at the Club!

WCCC Officers

Keith Johnson, President
Jim White, Chief TD
Rob Upleger, Secretary
Jim White, Treasure

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Answer: 1. ♖g4

Your Moves

This section of *The West Chesser* showcases games played by our members. All members are encouraged to submit *any* game or combination they have played, with or without commentary. Some comments or variations not submitted may be included with the assistance of Fritz 8.

White: **Joe Mucerino (2075)**
Black: **Charles Jay (1455)**
Event: Thanksgiving Swiss
Date: November 13, 2003

[D00] Queen's Pawn Game

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♟c3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 ♟c6 5.d5 ♟b4 6.fxe4 e5 7.♟e3 ♟d6 8.♟f3 0-0 9.♞d2 a5 10.♟e2 ♟g4 11.0-0-0 ♟d7 12.h3 ♟xe3 13.♞xe3 f5 14.a3 f4 15.♞f2 ♟a6 16.g3 ♟c5 17.♞dg1 b5 18.♞g2 fxg3 19.♞xg3 ♞f6 20.♟d2 b4 21.♟cb1 bxa3 22.♟xa3 ♞h6 23.♟b1 ♞f6 24.♟ac4 ♞af8 25.♞g2 ♞g6 26.♞h2 ♞xg2 27.♞xg2 ♞f6 28.♟g4 ♟xg4 29.♞xg4 a4 30.♞g1 ♞f4 31.♞g2 ♞f6 32.♟xd6 cxd6 33.♞e1 ♞f4 34.♞e3 ♟f8 35.♞e2 ♞h4 36.♟c4 ♟e7 37.♞g2 ♞f4 38.♞g3 g6 39.♞e3 ♞h4 (See diagram)



40.♞d2 ♞xe4 41.♞xe4 ♞xe4 42.♞g5+ ♟d7 43.♟b6+ ♟c7 44.♟a8+ ♟b7 45.♞d8 ♞h1+ 46.♟a2 ♞xd5+ 47.♟b1 e4 48.♟b6 ♞c6 49.♟c4 ♟a7

50.♞a5+ ♟b8

51.♞d8+ ♟a7 1/2-1/2 (See diagram)



Classic Games

This section of *The West Chess* showcases classic games of the masters. It is hoped that these gems will be of help you in improving your game. This game is the first victory by a computer against a reigning world champion at a normal time-limit, making headlines around the world.

White: **Deep Blue**
 Black: **Garry Kasparov (2820)**
 Event: Philadelphia
 Date: 1996

Sicilian Defense–Alapin. 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♖xd5 4.d4 ♟f6 5.♟f3 ♟g4 6.♟e2 e6 7.h3 ♟h5 8.0-0 ♟c6 9.♟e3 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♟b4 11.a3 ♟a5 12.♟c3N White launches an attack 12...♞d6 13.♟b5 ♞e7?! 14.♟e5! ♟xe2 15.♞xe2 0-0 16.♞ac1 ♞ac8 [16...a6 17.♟xc6 bxc6 18.♟c3=] 17.♟g5 ♟b6 [17...♞f8 18.♟xf6 gxf6 19.♟c4=] 18.♟xf6! gxf6 19.♟c4! ♞fd8 The pressure on the isolated pawn grows 20.♟xb6! axb6 21.♞fd1 f5 22.♞e3! ♞f6 23.d5! ♞xd5 Opening the d–file gets White a lot of play 24.♞xd5 exd5 25.b3! ♟h8? 26.♞xb6 ♞g8 27.♞c5 d4 28.♟d6 f4 29.♟xb7

This plan attracted a lot of comment from the media, with some drawing analogies with Civil War battles. (See diagram)



29..♟e5 Black prepares f3 30.♞d5 [30.♞xd4?? ♟f3+ 31.♟h1 ♞xd4+]

30...f3 31.g3 ♟d3 [31...♞e6 32.♞xe6! (32.♞xd4?! ♞xh3 33.♞xe5+ ♞g7 34.♞e8+ ♞g8 35.♞e5+ ♞g7 36.♞b8+ ♞g8 37.♞e5+=) 32...fxe6 33.♟c5+–] 32.♞c7± [32.♞c6!? ♞f4 33.♞c8 ♞f6+–] 32...♞e8??+– [32...♟f4 33.♞xf3 ♟xh3+ 34.♟g2 ♞xf3+ 35.♟xf3 ♟g7+–] 33.♟d6 [33.♞xf7?! ♞xf7 34.♞xf7 ♞e1+ 35.♟h2 ♟e5±; 33.♞xf7 ♞e1+ 34.♟h2 ♟xf2 35.♞xf3 ♟g4+ 36.♞xg4 ♞xf7 37.♞xd4+ ♟g8±] 33...♞e1+ 34.♟h2 ♟xf2 Threatening mate: Rh1 35.♟xf7+! ♟g7 36.♟g5+ ♟h6 [36...♞e7 37.♞xe7+ ♞xe7 38.♞xd4+ ♞f6 39.♞xf2 ♞xg5 40.♞d4+ ♟g6+–] 37.♞xh7+ [37.♞xh7+ ♟g6 38.♞g8+ ♟f5 39.♟xf3 ♞h1+ 40.♟g2+–] 1-0

The Master's Corner



Pennsylvania State Champ and FIDE Master Rodion Rubenchick demonstrates his chess talents in this issue of the newsletter with a game from the Northern VA Open.

White: **Wojtkiewicz, Aleks (2676)**
 Black: **Rubenchick, Rodian (2346)**
 Event: [D23] Northern VA Open, Alexandria, VA
 Date: February 24, 2002

I had won my first 3 games, and now had to face the highest seed w/Black. 1.♟f3 d5 2.d4 ♟f6 3.c4 c6 4.♞c2 dxc4 5.♞xc4 Through a roundabout way, we have now reached one of the main lines of the QGA, which normally arises as follows: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Qa4+ c6 5. Qxc4. White has an extra centre pawn, but Black has easy development. Theory considers this position to be equal, but in practice, White seems to do well. 5...♟f5 6.g3 e6 7.♟g2 ♟e7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e3 Normally, White chooses 9. Nc3 here, followed by e3, a4, and/or Rd1, depending on what Black does. GM Wojtkiewicz's plan is more subtle. He wants to keep his options open as to where to put the queen's knight. 9...♟bd7 10.♞d1 ♞c8 11.♞e2 ♞a5! A strong move. Black wants to connect the rooks, prepare e5 (or c5 in some instances), and interfere w/White's play on the q–side. 12.♟bd2 ♟e4 This is one of Black's main ideas in this variation -- trade of minor pieces on e4. 13.♟c4 ♞a6! Despite the strange location, this is the queen's best square. 14.♟f1 ♟d6 15.b3 ♟xc4 16.bxc4 c5 Black's plan is to give white either an isolani on c4 or hanging pawns on c4–d4. 17.♟b2 ♟f6 18.h3 ♟e4 19.♟d2 ♟c6 20.♟b3 ♟a4 With the bishop manœuvre, Black has prevented White from cramping White's queen w/a4–a5. 21.d5! White decides to radically change the central pawn structure. In return for his pawn weaknesses on the q–side, he gets control of the d–file. 21...exd5 22.♞xd5 b6 23.♞ad1 ♞c7 24.♞c2 ♞c8 25.h4 ♟xb2 26.♞xb2 ♟f6 Black is somewhat better here. Unfortunately, time trouble influenced the remaining moves. 27.♞d6 ♟e4 28.♞d3 ♞d7 29.♟g2 ♞xd3 30.♞xd3 ♟c6 31.♞c2 ♞e8 32.♟c1! ...getting the knight back to civilization. 32...♞f5 33.♞d1 (See diagram).



33...h5 34.♘d3 g5?!
 Black decides to attack. However, it was probably better to sit and see how White intends to improve his position. **35.hxg5 ♖xg5 36.♗f4 h4 37.♘d5 f5 38.gxh4 ♖xh4 39.♗f4 ♕a4!!**

This startling bishop sacrifice forces a draw by perpetual check. It is risky for White to avoid it.[39...♕a4 40.♖xa4 ♖xf2+ 41.♔h1 (41.♔h2 ♖g3+ 42.♔h1 ♖h4+) 41...♖h4+ 42.♗h3 (42.♕h3? ♗f2+ 43.♔g2 ♖xe3+) 42...♗f2+ 43.♔g1 (43.♔h2? ♖xe3 44.♗d8+ ♖xd8 45.♕d5+ ♔h8 46.♗xf2 ♖h4+ 47.♔g2 ♖e2+) 43...♗xh3+ 44.♕xh3 ♖g3+ 45.♕g2 ♖xe3+ 46.♔h2 ♖h6+=] 1/2-1/2

First Saturday Quad, October 4, 2003

Quad 1

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Nigel Mitchell	1961	*	W	D	W	2 ½
2	Steven Matthews	1941	L	*	W	W	2
3	Yury Polsky	2038	D	L	*	W	1 ½
4	Mel Ross	1787	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 3

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1778	*	W	W	W	3
2	Kenneth Thomas	1685	L	*	W	W	2
3	Larry Donovan	1671	W	L	*	W	2
4	Robert Kampia	1728	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 4

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	James Merickel	1591	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	James White	1666	D	*	D	W	2
3	Michael Byrne	1644	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Albert Starner	1600	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 5

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Casey	1542	*	W	W	L	2
2	Joe Abner	1498	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Boris Michailenko	1468	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Charles Jay	1446	W	L	L	*	1

Quad 6

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Blakey	1416	*	W	W	W	3
2	Darryl Ransom	1189	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Ron Thoman	1318	L	D	*	D	1
4	Chris Brown	1235	L	L	D	*	½

Quad 7

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jerome Winbush	1304	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Henry Kim	1107	D	*	L	W	1 ½
3	Margaret Brakel	1095	L	L	*	W	1
4	Eric Heayn	546	L	W	L	*	1

August Swiss, 2003

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Mucerino	2075	W8	W10	W5	W3	4
2	Mel Ross	1850	W4	L5	W7	W6	3
3	Jim White	1662	W11	W8	W6	L1	3
4	Jim Merickel	1604	L2	W9	W11	W5	3
5	Rob Upleger	1621	W9	W2	L1	L4	2
6	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1710	U	W7	L3	L2	1
7	Donald Anderson	1654	U	L6	L2	W8	1
8	Babu Sundaresan	1614	L1	L3	W9	L7	1
9	Charles Jay	1455	L5	L4	L8	W11	1
10	Hal Marmorstein	1700	U	L1	U	U	0
11	Margaret Brakel	1085	L3	U	L4	L9	0

First Saturday Quad, September 6, 2003

Quad 1

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Rodion Rubenchik	2339	*	W	W	W	3
2	Zackary Tokar	1967	L	*	W	L	1
3	Preston Ladson	1954	L	L	*	W	1
4	Steve Mattews	1931	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 3

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Steve Jacoby	1805	*	L	W	W	2
2	Michael Guber	1819	W	*	D	L	1 ½
3	Eric Augenbraun	1781	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Mel Ross	1834	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 5

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1715	*	W	L	W	2
2	Albert Starner	1627	L	*	W	W	2
3	Donald Anderson	1640	W	L	*	L	1
4	Babu Sundaresan	1637	L	L	W	*	1

Quad 6

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Michael Byrne	1656	*	W	W	W	3
2	Robert Bellia	1535	L	*	W	W	2
3	Jim Merickel	1568	L	L	*	D	½
4	Phillip Riccobono	1488	L	L	D	*	½

Quad 7

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Will Moyer	1520	*	W	W	W	3
2	William Rhoads	1315	L	*	W	D	1 ½
3	Chris Brown	1288	L	L	*	W	1
4	Charles Jay	1407	L	D	L	*	½

Quad 9

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Kevin Connelly	1343	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Kevin Pytel	1160	D	*	L	W	1 ½
3	Nick Hiser	1151	L	W	*	L	1
4	Margaret Brakel	1086	L	L	W	*	1

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