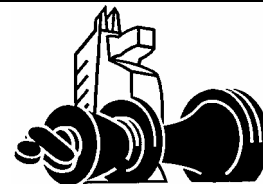


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WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (Director)
Jan 6	Kickoff Swiss (Anderson)
Jan 8	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Jan 13	Kickoff Swiss (Anderson)
Jan 20	Kickoff Swiss (Anderson)
Jan 27	Kickoff Swiss (Anderson)
Feb 3	Club Championship (Ekerenkoetter)
Feb 5	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Feb 10	Club Championship (Ekerenkoetter)
Feb 17	Club Championship (Ekerenkoetter)
Feb 24	Club Championship (Ekerenkoetter)
Mar 3	Champ'ship Makeup (Ekerenkoetter)
Mar 5	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Mar 10	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
Mar 17	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
Mar 24	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
Mar 31	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
Apr 2	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Apr 7	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Apr 14	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Apr 21	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
Apr 28	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)

Club Championship Qualifications

Club members have agreed on a qualification in order to claim the title of club champion. To qualify the player has to be a supporting club member. A supporting club member is one who has played in at least 12 regular club games (USCF rated) in the calendar year preceding the club championship tournament.

This does not exclude anyone from playing in the championship, as all members are welcome, or from winning the tournament, but that player cannot claim the title of club champion if he has not qualified. That title will only go to a supporting club member with the best tournament result.

New 2005 WCCC Officers

Donald Anderson, President
Jim White, Chief TD and Treasurer

Thanks to all for your vote of confidence in me to be president of the club. I suppose it is my turn after all these years. But I hope to do more than to ceremoniously hold the position. My only goal for 2005 is to increase club participation on Thursday nights. I see that coming about with increased attendance from existing members and with new members joining the club. I will need your support

and ideas in order to accomplish this. Drop me a note at dranders@us.ibm.com or better yet, share your ideas with me at the club.

Jim White continues to hold the Chief TD and Treasurer positions. This is exemplary given that Jim recently moved to South Jersey and comes a good distance.

~ Donald

Web Radio Show

Dan Heisman of Main Line Chess Club hosts a web radio show Thursday evenings from 9-10pm. If you can't make the club those nights maybe you can tune in. Catch Dan on www.chess.fm.

New US Chess Web Page

The USCF has a new format for its member webpage at <http://www.uschess.org/msa/>

The general page shows your current rating. The Rtg. Supp. shows your ratings history. But the coolest is the Tnmt. Hst which shows the entire cross table of the tournaments played. Check it out.



FYI

The longest Chess game theoretically possible is 5,949 moves

In the match between Britton and Crouch in 1984, the Black player checked his opponent forty three consecutive times!

The record of moves without capture is of 100 moves during the Match between Thornton and M. Walker in 1992.

Source: Chess Live Wire Newsletter, 11/19/04

Your Moves

This section of *The West Chess* showcases games played by our members. All members are encouraged to submit *any* game or combination they have played, with or without commentary.

White: **Roy Eikerenkoetter - 1696**

Black: **John Denton - 1840**

Event: Western States Open

Date: October, 2004

On October 13, 2004, Ray Cornell and I flew out to Reno, NV to plan in the West States Open. Ray in the U2200 Section, scored 4-2 and won \$180.00. I played up (U2000) and managed to win 1, lose 3 and draw 2. My losses in rounds 2 and 3 spoiled any chances I may have had to win any prize. But my win in the last round boosted my confidence.

Here it is: 1.d4 f5 2.♘g5 ♟f6 3.♞d2 e6 4.♞gf3 ♘e7 5.♘xf6 ♘xf6 6.e4 0-0 7.exf5 exf5 8.♘e2 c5 9.c3 b6 10.0-0 d6 11.♙b3+ d5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.♞fe1 ♗h8 14.♘f1 a5 15.♞e5 a4 16.♙b5 ♘xe5 17.♞xe5 ♙d6 18.♞e8 ♗g8 19.♞ae1 ♞c6?? (see diagram)



[19...♘d7 20.♞xf8+ ♗xf8 21.♙d3 White's edge is slight.]
20.♞c4! ♙g6
21.♞xf8+ ♗xf8
22.♙xc5+ ♗g8
23.♙xd5+ ♗h8
24.♞d6 1-0

White: **Mark Byerly - 1522**

Black: **Donald Anderson - 1608**

Event: 1st Saturday Quad

Date: November 6, 2004

1.d4 ♟f6 2.♞c3 g6 3.♘g5 ♘g7 4.f3 c6 5.e4 0-0 6.♙d2 d6 7.♘h6 ♙c7 8.0-0-0 ♞d8 9.♘g7 ♗xg7 10.g4 ♞bd7 11.h4 h5 Attempting to stop the pawn storm. 12.♘e2 ♞h8 13.g5 ♞e8 14.f4 ♞b6 15.♞f1 d5! Blocking the advance of the d-pawn and preventing White from controlling the a1-h8 diagonal with a route to the King. 16.f5 ♞d6 17.fxg6 fxg6 18.e5 ♞f5 19.♙f4 ♘e6! Blocking the

advance of the e-pawn and connecting the Rooks.
 20.♔d3 ♖af8 21.♗f3 ♗f7 22.♗xf5 ♗xf5 23.♜g3
 ♗hf8 24.♗xf5 ♗xf5 25.♞ge2 ♜d8 26.♞f4 ♔c8
 27.e6 ♞c4 28.♞d1 ♜b6 29.b3? (see diagram)



White's b2 was already protected by the Knight on d1. 29...♜xd4!! Double threat of mate on a1 and an attack the Knight on f4. 30.bxc4 ♗xf4 31.♜h3 ♗f5 32.♜a3 c5 33.♜xa7

dxc4 34.♜a5 ♖d5 35.c3?? (35.♞c3 is better.) ♜f4+ 36.♜b2 ♜d2+ 37.♜b1 [37.♜a3 ♖d6] 37...♜d3+ 38.♜c1 ♔xe6 All of Black's pieces are mobile and White's are stuck and uncoordinated on the edge of the board. 39.♜b6 ♜d2+ 40.♜b1 ♔f5+ 41.♜a1 ♜c1+ With mate in one. 0-1 In the game White's Rook at h1 never left its initial position.

White: Bucher – 976
 Black: Crable - 752
 Event: 1st Saturday Quad
 Date: December 4, 2004

This is an interesting game by some novices that was submitted for publication. Check out the nice tactical motif. 1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♞f6 3.♞c3 e6 4.♞f3 ♔b4 5.♔d2 b6 6.a3 ♔xc3 7.♔xc3 ♔b7 8.e3 a5 9.b4 ♞e4 10.♜c2 ♞xc3 11.♜xc3 a4 12.♔d3 ♞d7 13.c5 ♔a6 14.b5 ♔c8 15.0-0 0-0 16.e4 ♞f6 17.♖ae1 dxe4 18.♔xe4 ♞xe4 19.♖xe4 f6 20.♜c4 ♜d5 21.♜xd5 exd5 22.♖e7 bxc5 23.dxc5 c6 24.b6 ♖f7 25.♖e8+ ♖f8 26.♖xf8+ ♜xf8 27.♞d4 ♔b7 28.♞e6+ ♜g8 29.♖e1 ♖e8 30.♜f1 ♔c8 31.♞c7 ♖xe1+ 32.♜xe1 ♜f7 33.♜d2 ♜g6 34.♜d3 ♜f5 35.♜d4 h5 (see diagram) Now White makes a nice move to win the game.



36.♞xd5!! ♜e6
 37.♞f4+ ♜f7
 38.♞xh5 g6 39.♞g3
 g5 40.♞e4 ♔a6
 41.♞d6+ ♜e6 42.b7
 ♔xb7 43.♞xb7
 ♜d7 44.♜e4 ♜c7
 45.♞d6 ♜b8
 46.♜f5 1-0

White: Roy Eikerenkoetter -
 Black: Jim White -
 Event: Kickoff Swiss
 Date: Jan 6 2005

[A45] 1.d4 ♞f6 2.♔g5 d6 3.♞d2 ♞bd7 4.e4 g6 5.♔c4 ♔g7 6.h3 c6 7.♔b3 b5 8.c3 a5 9.a3 0-0 10.♞gf3 c5 11.0-0 ♔b7 12.♖e1 c4 13.♔c2 e5 14.♞f1 ♜c7 15.♜d2 ♖fe8 16.♞g3 ♖e7 17.♖ad1 ♖ae8 18.dxe5 dxe5 19.♜d6 ♜c8 20.♜d2 ♞c5 21.♜e3 ♜c7 22.♖d2 ♞e6 23.♔h6 ♔h8 24.♖ed1 ♖d8 25.♖xd8+ ♞xd8 26.♔g5 ♞e6 27.♔h6 a4 (see diagram)



28.♜a7 ♞c5 29.♔g5 ♖e8 30.♔xf6 ♔xf6 31.♖d5 ♔e7 32.♖xe5 ♖a8 33.♖xe7 ♜xe7 34.♜b6 ♔xe4 35.♔xe4 ♞xe4 36.♜c6 ♖e8 37.♞xe4 ♜xe4 38.♜xb5 ♖a8 39.♜h2 h5 40.h4 ♜f4+ 41.♜g1 ♖b8 42.♜xa4 ♖xb2 43.♜a8+ ♖b8 44.g3 1-0

White: Charles Jay
 Black: Bill Atkinson
 Event:
 Date: 2004

1.e4 c5 2.♞f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♞xd4 ♞f6 5.♔d3 e5 6.♞b3 d5 7.exd5 ♞xd5 8.0-0 ♔e7 9.♖e1 ♞c6 10.♔b5 f6 11.♜h5+ g6 12.♜h6 ♜f7 13.f4? (see diagram)



13..♜b6+ 14.♜h1 ♜xb5 15.fxe5 ♞xe5 16.♞c3 ♞xc3 17.bxc3 ♔d7 18.♔f4 ♔d6 19.♖e4 ♞g4 20.♜h4 ♔xf4 21.♖xf4 ♜h5 22.♜g3 ♖he8 23.♖d1 ♞f2+ 0-1

White: **Joe Mucerino (2011)**
 Black: **Charles Jay (1489)**
 Event: Kickoff Swiss, Round 2
 Date: Jan 13, 2005

1.d4 ♟f6 **2.♟f3** g6 **3.♞g5** ♞g7 **4.♟bd2** d5 **5.e3**
♞g4 6.c4 0-0 **7.♞b3** ♞c8 **8.♞xf6** ♞xf6
 Trying to save the pawn with 8...dxc4 fails to
 9.♞xe7. **9.cxd5** ♟d7 **10.♞c1** a6 **11.♞c3** ♟b6
12.e4 ♞d7! (see diagram)



Setting a trap that I fell into headfirst. I was very overconfident with my extra pawn and my central pawn formation. **13.♞xc7??** Grabbing a second pawn that I had my eye on for the last few moves. A few moments later, I

realized that I had lundered, but hoped Charles would trade queens. No such luck. **13...♞c8!**
14.♞xb7 ♞xc1 Now black is winning, period.
15.♞e2 ♞b5+ **16.♞e3** ♞g7! Threatening the murderous 17...♞h6
17.♞xb5+ I thought that it was necessary to give up more material. If 17.g4 (to block 17...♞h6 with 18.g5), black has 17...f5, a move that black should have played at some point to undermine white's center. Also, 17.e5 meets ♟xd5, and 17.♞e5 ♞xe5 18.dxe5 liquidates too many pieces. **17...♞h6**
18.♞e2 ♞xh1 **19.♞xa6** ♞b8! Forcing the exchange of queens. **20.b3** Being down so much material, I realized that my only chance was to push my passed pawns. **20...♞xb7** **21.♞xb7** ♞a1
22.a4 ♞b8 **23.♞a6** ♞a2 **24.♞d3** ♞a3?! Looking for the cheap shot 25...♟xa4. Black should consider 24...♞xd2 25.♟xd2 ♞xd2, giving back some material for a simplified game. **25.♞c2**
 Praying black will allow **26.♞b2** **25...♞xd2**
26.♟xd2 Now 26.♞b2 fails to 26...♞b4 **26...♞a2**
27.♞d3 ♞f8 **28.♞b5** ♟c8 **29.♞d7** White cannot allow 29...♞xb5 30.axb5 because the pawns are too weak. **29...♟a7** **30.f4** f6 **31.♞g4** ♞e8 **32.♞f3**
 Guarding the g2 pawn so I can move the knight.
32...♞c8 Again, black should give up just a little material with 32...♞xd2 33.♞xd2 ♞xb3. What's the point of being rich if you are not willing to spend any of your money? **33.♟c4** h5 **34.e5** ♞d8 **35.d6**
fxd5 **36.dxe7+** ♞xe7 **37.fxe5** This is better than 37.dxe5, leaving white with two pawn chains instead of three, because the two center pawns

are more mobile than the four pawn verses two pawn majority on the kingside. **37...g5** **38.h3** g4
39.hxg4 hxg4 **40.♞e4** Winning material with 40.♞xg4 ♞xg2 41.♞xc8 is no good because white is so far behind in material that he must keep as much material on the board as possible. The bishop is also needed to help advance the central pawns. **40...♟c6** **41.d5** ♟xe5?+ (see diagram)



Black gives up the knight too quickly.

42.♟xd5 ♞cc2
43.♟c4

To cover the a3 and b2 squares. I think white can eke out a draw now.

43...♞xg2 This would be winning if black still had the knight. **44.d6** ♞d8 **45.♞xg2** ♞xg2 **46.♟e3**
♞g3 **47.♞e4** ♞d7 **48.b4** Hoping for 48...♞xd6
 49.♟f5 **48...♞f3?** **49.♟xg4** White cannot lose now.
49...♞a3?? The losing move. Black is still alive after 49...♞b3, but be careful, black cannot capture the b pawn. For example, if 49...♞b3 50.♞d5
 ♞xb4?? 51.♟e5 ♞c8 (51...♞d8 52.♟c6; 51...♞e8
 52.d7 followed by 53.♟c6) 52.d7 ♞c7 53.d8 ♞xg2
 54.♟c6. The correct move order is 49...♞b3
 50.♞d5 ♞d3 51.♞c5 ♞xd6. White still has winning chances, but black can put up resistance.
50.♟c5+ ♞d8 Of course, 50...♞xd6 51.♟c4
51.a5 ♞a4 **52.♞d5** ♞a1 52...♞xb4 53.♟c6 is another fork. **53.♞c5** ♞c1 **54.♟c4** ♞c8 **55.a6** 1-0

FYI

After each side has played three moves, the pieces could form any one of over nine million possible positions on the board.

The longest time for a Castling move to take place in a title match was the match game between Bobotsor vs. Irkov in 1966: 46. 0-0

The longest time recorded for a Chess player to make a move, goes to the International Grand Master Trois from Brazil with 2 hours and 20 minutes on the 7th move.

Source: Chess Live Wire Newsletter, 11/19/04

First Saturday Quad, October 2, 2004 (Edited)

Quad 4

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Dulany	1832	1835	*	W	D	D	2
2	Ray Cintron	1800	1800	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1623	1644	D	D	*	D	1 ½
4	Mel Ross	1778	1764	D	L	D	*	1

Quad 5

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	James Fisher	1677	1734	*	W	W	W	3
2	Jim White	1654	1657	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Nick Van Beek	1646	1651	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Ron Rodgers	1689	1647	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 6

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joe Casey	1618	1621	*	L	W	W	2
2	Charles Jay	1493	1524	W	*	W	L	2
3	Mark Byerly	1537	1522	L	L	*	W	1
4	Will Moyer	1525	1512	L	W	L	*	1

Swiss

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	James Blakey	1460	1538	W5	W2	W3	3
2	Jerome Winbush	1606	1598	W4	L1	W5	2
3	Nickolas Strauss	1461	1465	W6	W4	L1	2
4	Ron Thoman	1431	1406	L2	L3	W6	1
5	Kevin Pytel	1210	1208	L1	W6	L2	1
6	Margaret Brakel	990	971	L3	L5	L4	0

First Saturday Quad, November 5, 2004 (Edited)

Quad 1

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Luan Elezi	2063	2083	*	W	D	W	2 ½
2	Edmund Chong	1946	1949	L	*	W	D	1 ½
3	Keith Thompson	1942	1949	D	L	*	D	1
4	Jim Larsen	1917	1913	L	D	D	*	1

Quad 3

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Dulany	1811	1829	*	D	W	W	2
2	Mel Ross	1760	1762	D	*	W	L	1 ½
3	Ray Cintron	1800	1800	L	L	*	W	1
4	Gary Wellmaker	1709	1704	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 4

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1701	1740	*	W	D	W	2 ½
2	Eric Brandt	1752	1748	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	James Fisher	1734	1732	D	D	*	D	1 ½
4	Clifford Batezel	1709	1700	L	L	D	*	½

Quad 5

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim White	1661	1672	*	W	L	W	2
2	Mzx Dugan	1635	1650	L	*	W	W	2
3	Larry Donovan	1600	1607	W	L	*	D	1 ½
4	William O'Donnell	1663	1632	L	L	D	*	½

Quad 6

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Donald Anderson	1602	1652	*	W	W	W	3
2	Joe Casey	1594	1602	L	*	W	W	2
3	Charles Jay	1494	1487	L	L	*	W	1
4	Mark Byerly	1506	1465	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 7

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Ron Thoman	1406	1414	*	W	L	W	2
2	Brandon Walton	1227	1300	L	*	W	W	2
3	Jim Blakey	1487	1447	W	L	*	L	1
4	James McTeague	1258	1259	L	L	W	*	1

Quad 8

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Joel Fagliano	1133	1123	*	L	W	W	2
2	Phil Willis	1091	1089	W	*	L	W	2
3	Jeff Koroknay	661	842	L	W	*	W	2
4	Margaret Brakel	957	891	L	L	L	*	0

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