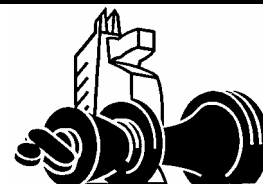


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WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (Director)
March 11	Game 10 Round Robin (Anderson)
March 18	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
March 25	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
April 1	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
April 3	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
April 8	March Madness Swiss (Anderson)
April 15	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
April 22	Club Championship Lecture / Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
April 29	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
May 1	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
May 6	Spring Swiss (Eikerenkoetter)
May 13	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
May 20	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
May 27	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
June 3	Summer Swiss I (Anderson)
June 5	1 st Saturday Quad (White)
June 10	Game 10 Round Robin (White)
June 17	Summer Swiss II (White)
June 24	Summer Swiss II (White)

White to Mate in 2



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Club Observes 30th Year

The West Chester Chess Club celebrates 30 years! It was founded by Will Thalheimer and Jay Ryan on November 20, 1974. The Club met at the West Chester YMCA from 1974 to 1976, then at the Chester County Federal Bank from 1977-1978, and finally at the United Methodist Church in 1979.

“About a year after I helped found the West Chester Chess Club...I was introduced to a fine gentleman named John Chamberlin. Mr. Chamberlin had been one of the leading players in the Brandywine Chess Club in the 1940s. ...It was heartening to know that there had been a chess club in West Chester before, and that we

weren't trying to do something that had never been accomplished before in the area." –Jay T. Ryan

New Club Champion

Hail! Hail! A new Club Champion has been crowned. Joe Mucerino beat the circuit to become our newest champion. Details will appear in the next newsletter.

History of Club Champions

1975	Keith Johnson and Tom Bham
1976	Jay Ryan
1977	Jay Ryan
1978	Ray Cornell
1979	Jay Ryan and Will Thalheimer
1980	Ray Cornell
1981	Larry Klein
1982	Ray Cornell
1985	Dave Morse and Luis Morenilla
1986	Dave Morse and Paul Powell
1987	Dave Morse
1988	Dave Morse
1989	Lou Buccino
1990	Dave Morse
1991	Lou Buccino
1992	Lou Buccino
1993	Michael Bury
1994	Michael Bury
1995	Michael Bury
1996	Michael Bury and George Chressanthis
1997	Michael Bury and Dave Morse
1998	Michael Bury
1999	Michael Bury
2000	Michael Bury
2001	Michael Bury
2002	Michael Bury
2003	Mel Ross
2004	Joe Mucerino

WCCC Officers

Jim Merickel, President
Jim White, Chief TD and Treasurer

White to Mate in 2

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Answer: 1. ♖e5+

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.

White: **Charles Jay (1609)**

Black: **Kevin Connelly (1406)**

Event: 1st Sat Quads

Date: January 3, 2004

[B86]

1.e4 c5 2. ♘f3 d6 3. ♙c4 e6 4.d4 cxd4 5. ♘xd4 a6
6. ♘c3 ♘f6 7. ♙d3 ♙e7 8.0-0 b5 9. ♖e1 0-0 10. ♙g5
♙b7 11.a3 ♘bd7 12. ♖f3 ♖b6 13. ♙e3 ♖c7 14. ♖g3
♖fc8 15. ♙h6 ♙f8 16. ♖ad1 ♘h8 17. ♙g5 h6 18. ♙xf6
♘xf6 19. ♖e3 d5 20.e5 ♘h7 21. ♘xe6

(See diagram.)



21... ♖b6 [21... fxe6
22. ♖g6 ♘g5 23.h4
♖f7 24.hxg5 ♖xg6
25. ♙xg6 d4 26. ♖xd4
♙c5] 22. ♘xf8 d4
23. ♙xh7 dxe3 24. ♖d6
exf2+ 25. ♘f1 ♖c7
26. ♖xh6 ♖xf8 27. ♖h5
f5 28. ♙xf5+ ♘g8
29. ♙e6+ ♖f7 30. ♖h3
♘f8 31. ♙xf7 ♖xf7?

[31... ♘xf7 32. ♖f5+] 32. ♖f5 1-0

White: **Deborah Quinn (1820)**

Black: **Roy Eikerenkoetter (1780)**

Event: U.S. Amateur Teams East

Date: Feb. 14, 2004

Notes by Roy Eikerenkoetter

1.e4 e5 2. ♘f3 ♘f6 3. ♘xe5 d6 4. ♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d3
♘f6 6.d4 d5 7. ♙d3 ♙e7 8.0-0 0-0 9. ♙f4 c6
10. ♘bd2 ♘bd7 11. ♖e1 ♘b6 12.c3 ♙g4 13. ♖c2
♙h5 14. ♘e5 ♙g6 15. ♘xg6 fxxg6 16. ♘f3 ♘h5
17. ♙g3 ♘xg3 18.hxg3 ♙f6 19. ♘e5 ♖d6 20.b3

♖ae8 21.f4 c5 22.♖ad1 cxd4 23.c4 dxc4 (See diagram) According to Fritz 8, Whites last move should have been refuted by 23.Qc5! to prevent her bishop from checking the Black king, in which case, she would just be a pawn down.



24.♗xc4+ ♖xc4 (only move) **25.♖xc4+ ♖e6 26.♖xd4 b6 27.♖d7 ♗xe5 28.♖xe5 ♖xd7 29.♖xd7 ♖xe5 30.fxe5 ♖e8 31.♖xa7 ♖xe5 32.♖b7 b5** Black should be able to draw this. **33.a4 bxa4 34.bxa4 ♖e2 35.♖a7 h5 36.a5 ♖a2 37.a6 ♗h7 38.♖a8 g5 39.a7 g4** White could have jettisoned her g-pawn (39.g4!) and still have maintained equilibrium. **40.♗f1 g5 41.♗e1 h4 42.gxh4 gxh4 43.♖b8 ♖xa7 44.♖b4 ♖a1+ 45.♗f2 ♖a2+ 46.♗f1 ♖a1+ 47.♗e2 ♖a2+ (1/2-1/2)**

White: **Donald Anderson (1566)**
 Black: **Oscar Torrijos (1501)**
 Event: 1st Saturday Quad
 Date: Mar. 6, 2004

This is a classic case of developing the queen too early in the game. **1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♖f6 3.♗c3 g6 4.♗e2 ♗g7 5.h3 c5 6.♗f3 0-0 7.dxc5 ♖a5 8.0-0 ♖xc5 9.♗e3 ♖h5? 10.♗g5 ♖h6??** (See diagram)



[10...♖h4 11.♗f3 I would have gone for the draw from here.] **11.♗xf7 ♖h4 12.♗g5 ♖xe4 13.♗xe4 ♗xe4 14.♗h6+ ♗h8 15.♗c1 ♗c6 16.♗c4 e6 17.♖d3 ♗c5 18.♖xd6 ♗e4 19.♖d3 ♗c5 20.♖d1 ♗e5 21.♗e2 ♗d7 22.♖d6 ♗e4 23.♖a3 ♗c6 24.♗e3 ♗f7 25.♗xf7+ ♖xf7 26.♗f3 ♗f8 27.♖a5 b6 28.♖e5+ ♗g7 29.♖xe6 (1-0)**

White: **Jim Merickel (1585)**
 Black: **Tim Riccardi (1892)**
 Event: Liberty Bell Open, Round 3
 Date: Jan. 17, 2004

1.f4 d5 2.♗f3 ♗f6 3.e3 ♗g4 4.♗e2 e6 5.b3 ♗e7 6.♗b2 0-0 7.♗a3 c5 8.c4 ♗c6 9.♗c2?! [9.0-0 is due.] 9...♖c7 [9...dxc4! 10.♗xc4?! ♗e4 11.0-0 ♗xf3 12.♖xf3 ♗xd2 13.♖g3 g6+] 10.♗e5 ♗xe2 11.♖xe2 ♗d7 12.♗xd7 ♖xd7 13.d4 ♗h4+ 14.g3 ♗f6 15.0-0-0 cxd4 16.exd4 dxc4 17.bxc4 ♖c7 [17...♗a5!] 18.♗b1 ♖fd8 19.d5 ♗xb2 20.♗xb2 exd5 21.cxd5 ♗e7 22.♗e3 ♖ac8 23.♖d3 ♖d6 24.♖hd1?? [24.♖d2] 24...g6?? Worried about me? [24...♖b6+! 25.♖b3 (25.♗a1?? ♖c1+) 25...♖c3+ 26.♗b1 ♖xb3+ 27.axb3 ♖xb3+ 28.♗a1 ♖c5] 25.♖d2 f5 26.♖c3 ♖b6+ 27.♖b3 ♖c7 28.♖c3 ♖b6+ (1/2 - 1/2)

White: **Vishaldee Veghala (1878)**
 Black: **Jim Merickel (1585)**
 Event: Liberty Bell Open, Round 6
 Date: Jan. 19, 2004

1.c4 f5 2.g3 ♗f6 3.♗g2 ♗c6 4.♗c3 b6 5.d4 ♗b7 6.e4 fxe4 7.♗xe4 ♗xe4 8.♗xe4 g6 Preventing mate! **9.♗e2 e6 10.♗f4 ♗b4+ 11.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 12.♖xd2 ♖f6 13.0-0-0 ♗a5 14.♗xb7 ♗xb7 15.♖he1 0-0-0 16.h4 ♗d6 17.b3 ♖hf8 18.♗h3 c5! 19.dxc5?? [19.♖b2±] 19...♖a1+ (See diagram)**



20.♗c2 ♖xa2+ 21.♗c3?? [21.♗c1 ♖a3+ 22.♖b2 ♖xc5] 21...♖f3+ 22.♗d4 [22.♖e3?? ♗e4+] 22...bxc5+ 23.♗xc5 ♗b7+? I had to calculate but was lazy. [23...♖xb3!! 24.♗xd6 (24.♖xd6 ♖a3+) 24...♖b8+ 25.♗e7 ♖e8+ 26.♗xe8 ♗c7+ 27.♗e7 ♖f8#] 24.♗d4 ♖xd2+? [24...♖xb3! 25.♖b1 ♗a5 is good.] 25.♖xd2 ♗a5 26.♖b2 ♗xb3+ 27.♗e4 ♖c3 28.♖eb1 ♗a5 29.♗g5 ♗c6 30.♗f7 d5+ 31.cxd5 exd5+ 32.♗f4 ♖f8 33.♖b7 ♗d8? Going into a harder endgame. [33...h6!] 34.♖b8+ ♗c7 35.♖1b7+ ♗xb7 36.♖xf8 a5 37.♗g5 h6 38.♗e6+ ♗d6 39.♗d4 ♖c4 40.♗e3 ♗c5 41.♖c8+ ♗d6 42.♖g8 ♗e5 43.♖e8+ ♗f6 44.♖e6+ ♗f7 45.♖a6 ♖c7 46.♗b5 ♖d7 47.♗d4 ♗d8 48.♗e5 ♗b7 49.♗d4 ♗d8 50.♗d6+ (1/2 - 1/2)

First Saturday Quad, January 3, 2004

Quad 1

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Ray Cornell	2060	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Christ O'Connell	2161	D	*	D	W	2
3	Yury Polsky	2039	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Nigel Mitchell	1897	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 2

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Steven Matthews	1910	*	D	W	D	2
2	Dan Hauser	1881	D	*	W	D	2
3	Preston Ladson	1939	L	L	*	W	1
4	Richard Harry	1871	D	D	L	*	1

Quad 3

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Larsen	1848	*	W	D	W	2 ½
2	Mel Ross	1823	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Henry Haynes	1858	D	D	*	L	1
4	William Duley	1818	L	L	W	*	1

Quad 4

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Dulany	1790	*	D	D	W	2
2	Ray Cintron	1813	D	*	W	L	1 ½
3	Gary Wellmaker	1736	D	L	*	W	1 ½
4	Craig Fish	1789	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 5

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Donovan	1727	*	W	L	W	2
2	Ernest Cronin	1631	L	*	W	W	2
3	Albert Starner	1600	W	L	*	L	1
4	Nick Van Beek	1547	L	L	W	*	1

Quad 6

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Charles Jay	1609	*	W	W	W	3
2	Donald Anderson	1556	L	*	W	D	1 ½
3	Kevin Connelly	1406	L	L	*	W	1
4	Joe Casey	1462	L	D	L	*	½

Quad 7

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jerome Winbush	1443	*	D	W	W	2
2	Ron Thoman	1410	D	*	W	W	2
3	Richard Lathem	1376	L	L	*	D	½
4	David Wasiolek	1358	L	L	D	*	½

Quad 8

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Sylvia Whittington	1196	*	W	W	W	3
2	Dan Leonard	1132	L	*	W	W	2
3	Margaret Brakel	1066	L	L	*	W	1
4	Michael Mullin	582	L	L	L	*	0

Thanksgiving Swiss

Oct 30 – Nov 20, 2003

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Donald Anderson	1561	B	B	W9	W5	4
2	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1844	W5	W8	H	W7	3 ½
3	Lassaad Sanane	1484	B	B	B	D6	3 ½
4	Joe Mucerino	1997	H	L5	D6	W9	2
5	Jim Merickel	1653	L2	W4	W7	L1	2
6	Charles Jay	1562	L7	W9	D4	D3	2
7	Mel Ross	1816	W6	H	L5	L2	1 ½
8	Jim White	1664	W9	L2	U	U	1
9	Margaret Brakel	1156	L8	L6	L1	L4	0

B - 1 Pt Bye H - ½ Pt Bye U - Unplayed

Game 10

March 11, 2004

		Quick Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	Jim Merickel	1389	W9	W8	W7	D6	L5	L4	W3	L2	D10	5
2	Craig Klein	UNR	W8	W7	L6	W5	W4	W3	L10	W1	L9	6
3	Charles Jay	1243	L7	L6	L5	L4	L10	L2	L1	L9	W8	1
4	Joe Mucerino	1888	L6	W5	W10	W3	L2	W1	W9	W8	W7	7 *
5	Donald Anderson	1501	L10	L4	W3	L2	W1	W9	W8	L7	W6	5
6	Lassaad Sanane	1492	W4	W3	W2	D1	W9	W8	W7	D10	L5	7 *
7	Dan Leonard	UNR	W3	L2	L1	W9	W8	W10	L6	W5	L4	5
8	Francis McDyer	913	L2	L1	L9	L10	L7	L6	L5	L4	L3	0
9	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1582	L1	W10	W8	L7	L6	L5	L4	W3	W2	4
10	JimWhite	1656	W5	L9	L4	W8	W3	L7	W2	D6	D1	5

First Saturday Quad, February 7, 2004

Quad 1

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Keith Thompson	1969	*	W	W	W	3
2	Nigel Mitchell	1874	L	*	W	W	2
3	Yury Polsky	2021	L	L	*	W	1
4	Steven Leverich	1900	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 3

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Mel Ross	1840	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Ray Cintron	1834	D	*	W	W	2 ½
3	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1742	L	L	*	W	1
4	Gary Wellmaker	1882	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 4

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Brad Thomas	1651	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	James Fisher	1599	D	*	W	D	2
3	Ernest Cronin	1626	L	L	*	W	1
4	Jim Merickel	1655	L	D	L	*	½

Quad 5

		Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Charles Jay	1617	*	W	W	L	2
2	Nikolai Van Beek	1612	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Donald Anderson	1558	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Will Moyer	1467	W	L	L	*	1

Swiss

		Post Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	Salvatore Geraci	1240	W6	W5	L3	2
2	Dan Leonard	1090	L5	W3	W6	2
3	Jason Solloway	1092	W4	L2	W1	2
4	Eric Heayn	643	L3	W6	W5	2
5	Margaret Brakel	954	W2	L1	L4	1
6	David Bounds	296	L1	L4	L2	0

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