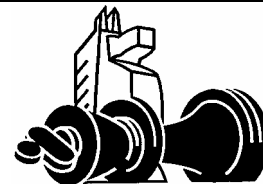


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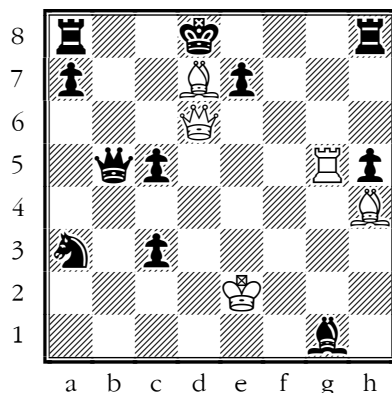
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WCCC Schedule

Date(s)	Event (<i>Director</i>)
Sept 29	Fall Swiss I (Eikerenkoetter)
Oct 1	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Oct 6	Fall Swiss I (Eikerenkoetter)
Oct 13	Fall Swiss I (Eikerenkoetter)
Oct 20	Fall Swiss I (Eikerenkoetter)
Oct 27	Fall Swiss II (Anderson)
Nov 3	Fall Swiss II (Anderson)
Nov 5	1st Saturday Quad (White)
Nov 10	Fall Swiss II (Anderson)
Nov 17	Fall Swiss II (Anderson)

White Mates in 2



See page 2 for answer.

Chess League

The Masterminds Chess Club is trying to organize a chess league for the Philadelphia area. If interested please let us know.

The preliminary rules and proposed amended rules are attached at the end of this newsletter. I also have a limited number of hardcopy available at the Club for your review.

Below are some of the highlights:

1. Rating limits for each section are:
 - a. Open section: Open to all players, average team rating must be under 2200.
 - b. Reserve section: Open to all players under 2000, average team rating must be under 1600.
2. League games, in general, are played on weekends.
3. A match shall consist of four boards.
4. Time control shall be 30 moves in 90 minutes with a sudden death following of 30 minutes. G/45 is also under consideration.
5. The League shall award a trophy or plaque to the winning team in each section.
6. At the end of the season if there are two teams in the same section which are tied for first then a tiebreak match will occur.

WCCC Officers

Donald Anderson, President
Jim White, Chief TD and Treasurer

White Mates in 2

1. ♖×b5 e×d6 2. ♖×c5#

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.

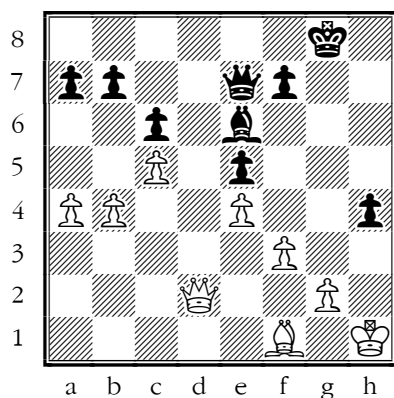
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Black: Keith Johnson - 1740

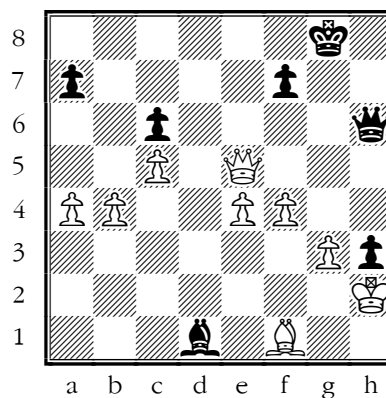
Event: Dollar Swiss

Date: June 2, 2005

1.c4 ♖f6 2.♗c3 g6 3.♗f3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0
6.h3 e5 7.d×e5 d×e5 8.♖g5 ♗bd7 9.♖e2 h6
10.♖h4 c6 11.0-0 ♖e7 12.♖c2 ♖e8 13.♖ad1
♗f8 14.♖g3 ♗h5 15.♖h2 ♗f4 16.♖fe1 g5 17.a3
♗8g6 18.♖f1 ♖e6 19.b4 ♖ad8 20.c5 ♖×d1
21.♖×d1 ♖d8 22.♖d2 h5 23.♖d1 ♖d7 24.♖d7
♖×d7 25.♗×g5 ♖h6 26.h4 ♖g4 27.f3 ♖×g5
28.h×g5 ♖e6 29.♗e2 ♖×g5 30.♗×f4 ♗×f4
31.♖×f4 ♖×f4 32.♖f2 h4 33.♖g1 ♖e3+ 34.♖h1
♖g5 35.a4 ♖e7 36.♖d2



36..♖f8 37.♖h6+ ♖e8 38.♖h8+ ♖f8 39.♖×e5
♖h6 40.♖b8+ ♖e7 41.♖×b7+ ♖f8 42.♖b8+
♖g7 43.♖e5+ ♖g8 44.f4 h3 45.g3 ♖g4 46.♖h2
♖d1



47.♖c4 ♖×a4 48.♖e8+ ♖h7 49.♖×f7+ ♖g7
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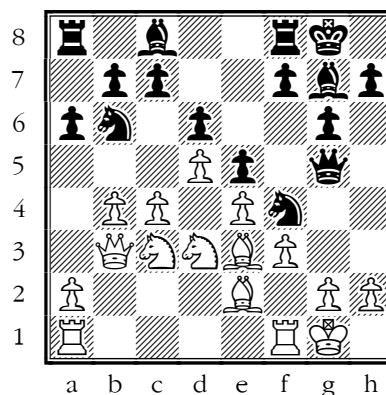
White: Greg Shaffer - 1761

Black: Donald Anderson - 1662

Event: Summer Swiss II

Date: August 18, 2005

[E94] 1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 g6 3.♗c3 ♖g7 4.e4 d6
5.♗f3 0-0 6.♖e2 ♗bd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 a6 9.♗e1
♗c5 10.f3 ♗h5 11.b4 ♗d7 12.♗d3 ♗f4 13.♖e3
♗b6 14.♖b3 ♖g5



15.♗×f4 e×f4 16.♖f2?? [16.♖×b6 c×b6 17.♖fd1 ♖h3
18.♖f1 Protecting the g2 square.] 16...♖h3 17.g4
f×g3! 18.h×g3 ♖d4! 19.♖fd1?? [19.♖h2 ♖×f1
20.♖×f1 ♖×f2 21.♖×f2] 19...♖×g3+!! 20.♖h1 ♖g2#
0-1

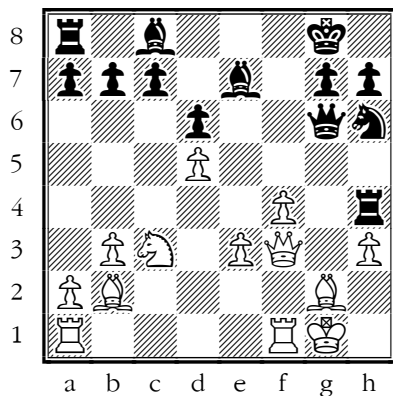
White: Bill Atkinson – 2165

Black: Charles Jay - 1603

Event: Tri State Ladder

Date: NA

1.c4 f5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.g3 d6 4.d4 e6 5.♘c3 ♘c6
6.d5 exd5 7.cxd5 ♘e5 8.♙g2 ♘xf3+ 9.♙xf3 ♙e7
10.0-0 0-0 11.b3 ♘d7 12.♙b2 ♘e5 13.♙g2 f4
14.gxf4 ♙xf4 15.e3 ♙h4 16.♚c2 ♚e8 17.f4 ♘g4
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♘h6 ½-½



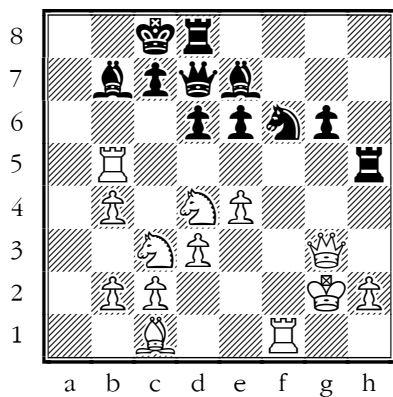
White: Michael Bury - 2207

Black: Charles Jay - 1516

Event: Summer's End Swiss

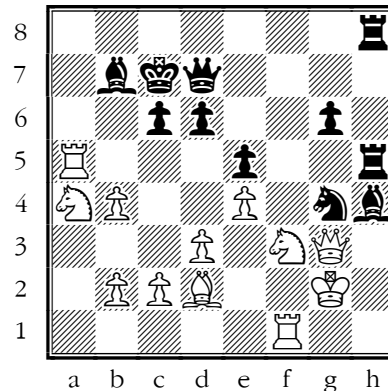
Date: September 1, 2005

[B07] Pirc Defence 1.e4 d6 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.f4 ♘c6
4.♘f3 ♙d7 5.♙c4 e6 6.d3 ♘a5 7.♙b3 ♙e7 8.0-0
♙c6 9.♚e1 ♚d7 10.♘d4 ♘xb3 11.axb3 a6
12.♚g3 g6 13.♚h1 h5 14.b4 h4 15.♚e1 b5 16.f5
h3 17.fxe6 hxg2+ 18.♚xg2 fxe6 19.♚g3 0-0-0
20.♙xa6 ♙b7 21.♙a5 ♙h5 22.♙xb5



22..e5 23.♘f3 ♙dh8 24.h4 ♘g4 25.♙d2
[25.♙h1± and White could well hope to play on ~
Fritz 8] 25...c6 26.♘a4 ♚c7 27.♙a5?

27..♙xh4!!



28.♘xh4 ♙xh4 29.♙g5 ♙h2+ 30.♚g1 ♙h1+
31.♚g2 ♙h2+ 32.♚xh2 ♙xh2+ 33.♚g3 ♙h7
34.♙f7+ ♚xf7 35.♚xg4 ♙g2+ 36.♚h3 ♙f3+ 0-1

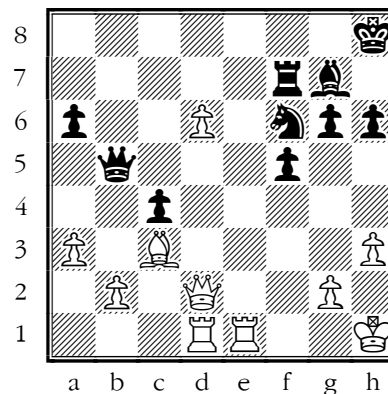
White: Roy Eikerenkoetter - 1654

Black: Bill Campion - 1633

Event: North Penn C.C. Team Tournament

Date: August 26, 2005

1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.e4 ♙g7 5.h3 0-0
6.♙d3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♙d7 9.♙e3 ♚h8
10.♘f3 ♘c6 11.a3 a6 12.♚d2 ♘g8 13.♙ab1 ♘e5
14.♘xe5 ♙xe5 15.f4 ♙g7 16.♘d5 ♙c8?? 17.♙b6!
♚e8 18.♘c7 ♚d8 19.♚a5 ♙xc7 20.♙xc7 ♙c8
21.♚h2 f5 22.e5 b5 23.exd6 e5 24.♚b4 exf4
25.♚xf4 ♘f6 26.c4 ♚b7 27.♙e2 bxc4 28.♙f3
♚b5 29.♚h1 ♙c6 30.♙xc6 ♚xc6 31.♙bd1 ♘d7
32.♚d2 ♚b5 33.♙a5 h6 34.♙c3 ♙f7 35.♙fe1
♘f6



36.♙xf6 ♙xf6 37.d7 ♙g5 d8(♚)+ ♙xd8
39.♚xd8+ ♚h7 40.♙e7 Resigns 1-0

Summer Swiss I, July 7 – July 28, 2005

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Michael Bury	2200	2203	U	W2	W4	W3	3
2	Donald Anderson	1639	1679	W12	L1	W8	W4	3
3	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1714	1727	U	W5	W9	L1	2
4	Jim Merickel	1633	1656	W6	W8	L1	L2	2
5	Charles Jay	1543	1546	L7	L3	W10	W9	2
6	Mel Ross	1775	1740	L4	L9	W12	D11	1 ½
7	Jim White	1718	1726	W5	U	U	U	1
8	Hal Marmorstein	1710	1700	W9	L4	L2	U	1
9	Shinan Jin	1541	1531	L8	W6	L3	L5	1
10	Santo Mazzeo	UNR	1203	U	U	L5	W12	1
11	Greg Shaffer	1761	1760	U	U	U	D6	½
12	Margaret Brakel	865	857	L2	U	L6	L10	0

U – Unplayed B – 1 Point Bye H – ½ Point Bye

Summer Swiss II, Aug 4 – Aug 25, 2005

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Michael Bury	2207	2211	W9	W2	W4	W5	4
2	Keith Johnson	1744	1762	W7	L1	W6	W4	3
3	Greg Shaffer	1762	1763	H	W12	L5	W9	2 ½
4	Mel Ross	1780	1778	W6	W5	L1	L2	2
5	Donald Anderson	1684	1690	W13	L4	W3	L1	2
6	Charles Jay	1500	1515	L4	W9	L2	W11	2
7	Francis McDyer	999	1129	L2	W13	W12	U	2
8	Jim White	1727	1728	W11	U	U	U	1
9	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1754	1721	L1	L6	W11	L3	1
10	Rob Upledger	1615	1626	U	U	U	W12	1
11	Margaret Brakel	729	727	L8	B	L9	L6	1
12	Shinan Jin	1547	1498	H	L3	L7	L10	0
13	Santo Mazzeo	1233	1074	L5	L7	U	U	0

U – Unplayed B – 1 Point Bye H – ½ Point Bye

First Saturday Quad, August 6, 2005 (Edited)

Quad 1

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Keith Thompson	1949	1974	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Preston Ladson	1957	1970	D	*	D	W	2
3	Joe Mucerino	2062	2047	L	D	*	D	1
4	Jeff Connolly	1979	1962	L	L	D	*	½

Quad 2

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Larry Dulany	1870	1900	*	D	W	W	2
2	Steven Matthews	1900	1911	D	*	D	W	2
3	Ed Chong	1905	1906	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Jim Larsen	1941	1909	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 3

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Mel Ross	1740	1779	*	W	W	D	2 ½
2	Charles Shaw	1795	1805	L	*	W	W	2
3	Keith Johnson	1753	1744	L	L	*	W	1
4	William Duley	1806	1779	D	L	L	*	½

Quad 4

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Cliff Batezel	1756	1803	*	W	W	W	3
2	Steve Pavolic	1777	1771	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Donald Anderson	1679	1688	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Roy Eikerenkoetter	1727	1691	L	L	L	*	0

Quad 5

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Bao Nguyen	1605	1645	*	D	W	W	2 ½
2	Jerome Winbush	1634	1645	D	*	W	D	2
3	Charles Jay	1546	1542	L	L	*	W	1
4	Jim Merickel	1656	1622	L	D	L	*	½

Quad 7

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	William Frame	1304	1315	*	W	W	W	3
2	Francis McDyer	973	999	L	*	W	W	2
3	Bradley Crable	802	815	L	L	*	W	1
4	Margaret Brakel	857	805	L	L	L	*	0

First Saturday Quad, September 3, 2005 (Edited)**Quad 3**

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Peter Lang	1804	1846	*	W	W	W	3
2	Mel Ross	1778	1766	L	*	W	L	1
3	Steve Pavolic	1771	1760	L	L	*	W	1
4	Keith Johnson	1762	1752	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 4

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Albert Starner	1614	1628	*	L	W	W	2
2	Donald Anderson	1690	1678	W	*	D	L	1 ½
3	Greg Iacullo	1606	1607	L	D	*	W	1 ½
4	Charles Jay	1515	1516	L	W	L	*	1

Quad 6

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Vladyslav Anderson	1383	1496	*	W	W	W	3
2	Alexander Luedtke	1418	1426	L	*	D	W	1 ½
3	Shinan Jin	1498	1474	L	D	*	D	1
4	Scott Laporte	1464	1429	L	L	D	*	½

Swiss

		Pre Rating	Post Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	Yi Ran Zhang	1297	1295	W6	D2	W3	2 ½
2	Andrew Ding	1128	1149	W4	D1	W5	2 ½
3	Sydney St Clare	959	969	W5	W6	L1	2
4	John Anderson	835	831	L2	D5	W6	1 ½
5	Michael Mullin	624	631	L3	D4	L2	½
6	Margaret Brakel	727	692	L1	L3	L4	0

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Proposal for Greater Philadelphia Chess League

by Leteef Street, Vice-President Masterminds Chess Club, June 2005

Tournament Rules

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1. Application of the Rules

1. These rules govern the Tournament of the Greater Philadelphia Chess League. (GPCL)
2. These rules may be amended by a majority of those present and voting at the regular fall meeting of the league.
3. Amendments applicable to the current season only may be made at any other meeting of the League, or by the Board of Directors after consultation with the captains of all affected teams.

2. Executive Director

1. The Executive Director as tournament director shall implement these rules.
2. The Executive Director may supplement these rules with statements of policy, interpretations, and precedents, such rulings to be published in the next bulletin.
3. The Executive Director shall see that a bulletin is published by six days prior to each match, to contain at least current team standings for all sections, results for each match, and any rulings made by Executive Director. The

bulletin shall be distributed to team captains via email or as otherwise arranged.

3. Team Captains

1. The team captain is the official team representative to the League.
2. The team captain is responsible for the conduct of matches and must see that GPCL and relevant USCF rules are enforced.
3. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that all team players are USCF members when they compete. Team captains will be held financially responsible for players who are not USCF members.
4. Both captains or their designated representatives must be present during all phases of a match, including adjournments.
5. A captain may advise his players as to general conduct and respond to questions of whether to offer or accept a draw and may answer questions about rules but may not give advice as to a position, strategy, or choice of moves, or call attention to a clock condition other than a defect.

4. Team

1. Only teams from the Philadelphia Metropolitan area may enter
2. Two weeks notice is to be given for a permanent site change; one week notice for a temporary site change.
3. A team captain must notify the Executive Director and the opposing team captain at least one week in advance of a site change.

5. Team Lineups

1. Rating limits for each section are:
 - a. Open section: Open to all players, average team rating must be under 2200.
 - b. Reserve section: Open to all players under 2000, average team rating must be under 1600.
2. A captain will assign his players to boards in order of the last published USCF ratings. If two players have the same rating, their board assignments will be left to the discretion of the captain.
3. With the consent of both team captains, one player on either or both teams may be reassigned to a lower board to avoid forfeits. Matches may also be played with a reduced number of boards with the consent of both captains.
4. An unrated player may be assigned a tentative rating by the team captain with the approval of the Executive Director.
5. Unrated players may play in any section, but only on the lowest boards unless assigned a rating. (See rule 5.4)

6. Unofficial ratings will be used only if a current published rating can't be found.
7. Computers are not allowed to play.

6. Players

1. A player must be a USCF member whenever he competes and may be called upon by his team captain to show proof of his USCF membership.
2. A player may play only one game per round.

7. Fees

1. The registration fee for a season shall be set by the Board of Directors. This rate shall prevail unless disapproved by two-thirds of the membership.

8. Match Schedule

1. Matches may be rescheduled with consent of both teams' captains and the Executive Director.
2. The Executive Director will postpone a match at the request of either captain if weather conditions or other emergencies require it or if insufficient notice has been given of the match.
3. Individual games may be pre-played or postponed.

9. Match Play

1. A match shall consist of four boards unless otherwise agreed upon by both captains.
2. The visiting team has white on odd numbered boards.
3. The home team shall provide site and standard equipment unless otherwise agreed in advance. Changes in playing site do not change home designation.
4. Time control shall be 30 moves in 90 minutes with a sudden death following of 30 minutes.
5. Team captains shall exchange lineups before the start of the match at 7:30 pm. Players arriving or absent after 8:30 pm forfeit their games.
6. Chess clocks will be used when available, but, in cases of insufficient clocks, the higher boards shall have priority in assigning clocks. Clocks added to games that have already begun shall split the elapsed time between players.

10. Disputes

1. In case of a dispute, the captains may agree to a temporary ruling, from which either or both may appeal to the Executive Director. If a game is

completed under such a temporary ruling, the result is conditional subject to resolution of the appeal.

2. If the captains do not agree on a ruling, either player may require an adjournment and seal his move pending a ruling by the Executive Director.
3. If in the interval between the adjournment of any disputed game and the final adjudication of the dispute, a draw is agreed upon by the players concerned, all protests shall be considered withdrawn and the game declared a draw.
4. If the Executive Director or his teammate is party to a dispute which requires a ruling, the President shall appoint a person to make the ruling.

11. Appeals

1. Any decision by the Executive Director may be appealed in writing to the Board of Directors, which shall hold an in-person hearing if requested by any three members of the Board.
2. No hearing shall be held without reasonable notice to all Board members and to all parties to the dispute.
3. The appeal may be decided by a majority of the Board members voting. The Executive Director shall not vote, nor shall any teammate of a player in a disputed game, nor any Board member who, in his own opinion, or in the opinion of the majority of the Board members, has a conflict of interest or who has not attended at least one hearing on the dispute. In the event of a tie vote, the Executive Director's decision is upheld.

12. Penalties

1. A team forfeits on a board when its player has a higher USCF rating than one of its players on a lower board.
2. The Executive Director may declare a match forfeited by both teams if the result is not reported by the Wednesday following the match.
3. Forfeits made in advance of a match will be made on the lowest boards.
4. Though forfeited, any game played between two USCF members will be rated.
5. If a team deliberately lists an ineligible player, or lists a player who does not intend to play, the team shall forfeit all lower boards.
6. If a player or a team member not playing interferes with a game in violation of the rules of chess, his own game (if still in progress) may be declared lost by his team or the opposing team be awarded an extra game point.
7. The Executive Director has the power to bar:
 - a. from playing or captaining during the subsequent season, a captain failing to provide 24 hours notice of his team's

forfeiture of a match to the opposing team captain and Executive Director;

- b. from League play for the rest of the season, a team forfeiting all of its games in a match, or 50% of its games in two consecutive matches, or a total of 10 individual games during a season;
 - c. from League play for the subsequent season, a team forfeiting all its games in either of the last two matches of the current season;
 - d. from League play for the rest of the season, a player forfeiting two games in a season;
 - e. from League play until he is reinstated at an annual meeting, any player who is penalized twice under Rule 12.6 ; and
 - f. from League play, for the rest of the season, any team not paying league fees within one week after the completion of the first round of the season.
8. Home site rules concerning smoking and drinking shall be in effect for all GPCL matches. Players shall be warned once and forfeited for future violations.
 9. The Executive Director shall have the power to impose any penalty authorized by USCF.

13. Prizes

1. The League shall award a trophy or plaque to the winning team in each section and medals for all the members of the winning team in each section, and trophies or plaques to the individuals with the highest score in each section. (“board prize”)
2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

14. Playoffs

1. If at the end of the season there are two teams in the same section which are tied for first in score, tiebreaks will be used to designate a home team which will host a playoff match to determine the first place team. In case of a tie, the team with the better tiebreaks will be declared the winner.
2. If more than two teams are tied, tiebreaks will be used to select two teams to play a playoff match according to the provision of Rule 14.1.
3. Only players who have played at least once for their team during the season may participate in a playoff match.

Constitution and By-Laws

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Greater Philadelphia Chess League

Article II. Purpose

The purposes of the Greater Philadelphia Chess League are:

- to enable its members to play the game of chess;
- to conduct tournaments, matches and other forms of chess competition
- to promote the popularity of the game of chess and;
- to encourage the growth of the game of chess by programs of participation in cooperation with public institutions.

Article III. Membership

Membership shall consist of teams, as defined in the League Playing Rules, which compete in the regular team tournament of the League. At League meetings, a representative of each team which has completed a League tournament during the previous year and announces its intention to compete in the following League tournament shall be entitled to one vote. Representatives of new teams or teams which competed previously without completing their schedule shall be entitled to one vote upon payment of the required entrance fee for the coming League tournament.

In the event that any member of this organization shall be guilty of conduct which, in the judgment of three-fourths of the membership, shall tend to bring the game of chess into disrepute, the member's membership shall be revoked.

Article IV. Organization

The elected officers of this organization shall be: a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Director. Officers shall be elected at each fall organizational meeting and serve for a term of one year. Should a vacancy occur between elections, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. No person shall hold more than one of the above offices, except to fill a vacancy which occurs between elections.

The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers of the League and shall conduct the business of the League in the intervals between membership meetings. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to one vote at meetings of the League and meetings of the Board of Directors. No individual at any meeting shall be entitled to more than one vote.

Article V. Duties of Officers and Board of Directors

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the League and of the Board of Directors; and appoint any such administrative officers as the Board of Directors might deem necessary.
2. The Vice-President shall assist the President in special reference to external affairs of the League; preside at any meetings in the absence of the President; and succeed to the office of President should that office become vacant.
3. The Secretary shall
 - a. keep the minutes of the meetings;
 - b. carry on the correspondence of the League; and
 - c. send notices of meetings to the members.
4. The Treasurer shall
 - a. collect and deposit all authorized dues and other funds received for the League;
 - b. make disbursements authorized by the Board of Directors; and
 - c. furnish a financial statement to the Board of Directors when requested.
5. The Executive Director shall arrange and direct the tournament among members conducted by this organization under the rules and conditions as promulgated by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director shall not simultaneously be a team captain.
6. The Board of Directors shall formulate a program of activities for the organization including cooperative efforts with other organizations, formulate additional duties for any officers as might be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, and under the designation "Executive Committee" preside over conflicts between members, unless satisfactorily resolved by the Executive Director.

Article VI. Dues

The dues for membership in this organization shall consist of entrance fees or other fees required under the League Playing Rules (see 7.0 in Tournament Rules) for participation in the regular League Tournament.

Article VII. Meetings

The regular annual meeting of the members and the Board of Directors shall be held on such a day and at such a place as shall be decided upon by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Upon written request of one-third of the members, a special meeting shall be called by the President within twenty days. The Secretary shall notify all members and officers ten days prior to any regular or special meeting. The Board of Directors may meet at any reasonable time and place upon call of the President or upon written request of any three members of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular or special membership.

Article IX. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a number of team representatives and Board of Director members equal to one third of the number of team representatives and Board of Directors members present at the previous annual meeting and including a quorum of the Board of Directors.

A quorum of Board of Directors shall consist of a majority of the Board of Directors including at least one of the President or Vice-President.

Article X. Impeachment

Impeachment proceedings may be initiated by petition to the Board of Directors by two officers or submission to the Board of Directors of a petition signed by a number of members equal to a quorum.

The Board of Directors shall set a hearing date.

The officers and members will hear arguments from a representative of the petitioners; then the officer being impeach shall respond.

Members and officers may ask questions of both sides.

When satisfied both sides have been given a complete and fair hearing, the officers and members shall convene privately to discuss and then vote.

A two-thirds majority is necessary to remove the officer in question.

***** Major League Chess Club Seasons: Philadelphia Style

To allow more clubs to participate in a Chess Club League, the following format is recommended:

1. League games, in general, are played on weekends during the day.
2. Multiple club teams play on the same day at the same location.
3. Each team plays multiple rounds against a different opposing club team each round.
4. Round byes are issued when an odd number of teams participate on a given weekend.
5. Not all teams have to play every weekend.
6. Each team can be composed of different players for each round.

Example:

Philadelphia Chess League: Masterminds, Franklin Mercantile,
Huntingdon Valley Chess Society,
Main Line Chess Club, U. of Pa. Chess
Club, Temple Chess Club

Sunday, September XX, 2005:

Round 1 (10:00 A.M. G/45) Masterminds versus Franklin Mercantile
Huntingdon Valley versus Main Line
Temple gets a BYE.
U of Pa. could not make it that day.

Round 2 (12:30 P.M. G/45) Masterminds versus Huntingdon Valley
Franklin Mercantile versus Temple
Main Line gets a Bye

Round 3 (3:00 P.M. G/45) etc.

The Masterminds team from the morning round leaves to do other things while a new set of masterminds players, who had other things to do in the morning replaces the morning masterminds team for the 12:30 round. For the 3:00 P.M. round, some of the Masterminds

players from the morning are done what they are doing and come back and replace some of the second round masterminds players for the 3:00 P.M. round.

Everybody goes home at 5:00 P.M.

Another weekend club team tournament is scheduled to allow U. of Pa. to start getting in their games and to let clubs play each other who have not yet played this season.

I think this format offers great flexibility and convenience. It will allow more clubs to participate. It has less chance of folding for lack of participation.

The critical issue is the LOCATION. Perhaps Masterminds can host the Weekend League Team matches or since it is a "Philadelphia" league, perhaps the city has facilities for hosting this.

I called it the "Philadelphia Style" because I bet this format might be a little unique. But I think it could catch on nationwide.

I hope the "short" time control (G/45) will not be an issue. This is not about playing six hour chess games. That's what the World Open is for. This is about promoting chess clubs and inter-club competition in the Greater Philadelphia area. And the Sunday format should not be a problem.

Teams can have some players play in the morning and other players play for the same team in the afternoon. And for those who will miss the late night cigar smoke filled rooms and playing chess until Midnight, they can find a league that still does that kind of thing and good luck to them.

Bob Lakata