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**CARTER WINS RECORD 13TH VERMONT STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

David Carter, of Winooski, won his record thirteenth Vermont State Chess Championship, held on October 28-29 in Burlington. Carter scored +3 -0 =1 to win clear first. Co-champions was avoided by a hard-fought draw in round four on board two between Jack Hanson (2032) and Josh Rubin (2143). The two Vermonters finished tied for 2nd -5th place with Doug Pader (2200) of New York who lost only to Hanson and Frank Prestia (1922), a twelve-year old from Long Island, NY whose only loss was to Carter in round three.

Though the list of Vermont Champions prior to 1969 is incomplete, Carter is believed to have won the Championship more times than any other player (1976, '78, '83, '84, '85, '88, 2009, '10, '11, '14, 15, 16, and 2017). Allan Shaw, now retired from chess [not permanently, we hope] has won the championship seven times and been co-champion two others (1979, '81, 82, '86, '90, '95, '96, '97, and '1998).

The U1810 section was won by Cam Buchholz with a perfect 4-0 score and John Mazzucco won the U1410 section, also with a 4-0 score.



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**Treasurer's Report November 2017**

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David Amato, James Asaro, Michael Ashooh, James Brannen, Gary Bergeron, Aidan Breen, Peter Brosseau, Cam Buchholz, Dave Carter, John Carvellas, Walter Chesnut, Lucci Deruzza, Roland Ekstrom, Ted Fink, Eric Hernandez, Dave Johnson, Larry Lane, Christopher Lee, Dan Lee, John Mazzucco, Parker 'Monty' Montgomery, Robert Nichols, Ben Parker, Larry Parker, Slim Pickens, Carleton Plourde, Graham Resmer, Cathy & Doug Ryan, and Mike Winslow (30).

**CLUB NOTES**

**Club Swiss July 13 – August 3**

Jon "Jonny-K" Kuehne won a clear first with a score of +3-0=1. Jon beat Slim Pickens, Doug Ryan, and Mick Corrigan and drew with Bob Nichols. James Asaro and Doug Ryan tied for second with 3-1 scores. In the under 1500 group, Cameron Buchholz and Carleton Plourde tied with 3-1 scores. 31 players competed with two 16-player, a twenty-two player, and a twenty-four player rounds!

**Club Swiss August 10 –31**

This event ended in a two-way tie for first between Cathy Ryan and Ted Fink. Cathy had another great tournament scoring wins over Asaro, Gary Bergeron and Walter Chesnut and losing to one of Vermont's new expert-rated players, Ian Dudley. Fink also had a banner tournament, defeating Aiden Breen, Bob Nichols and Kuehne; his loss was to Parker "Monty" Montgomery. Ben Parker scored 2-2 to win the under 1500 group. The nights consisted of two sixteen and two eighteen player rounds.

***More Club Notes on next page.***

Puzzle answers:  
A) 1...Qb2 a good example of the deflection motif.  
B) 1...Qf1+ 2. Bg1 Qf3+! with mate to follow.  
C) 1. Qxg6+ Kg8 (if ...Kxg6 2. Bf5#) 2. Be6+ Rf7 3. Qxf7+ Kh8 4. Ne8  
D) 1. Qxa6!! Black lose big after 1...bxa6 2. Rxb8+ Kxb8 3. Nc6+  
E) 1. Rc7!! a beautiful example of *Zugzwang*, from the German word *Zug* (move) and *Zwang* (compulsion) describing a position in chess where every move loses. Here after a few remaining pawn moves (1...b5 1...a5 or 1...h4 Black will lose one of his remaining pieces).



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### CLUB NOTES

#### Club Swiss September 7-28

Bob Nichols won a clear first with a perfect four wins. Bob beat Mike Winslow, Chesnut, Asaro and Pickens. Asaro and Pickens tied for second with 3-1 scores. Sasha Kagle won the under 1500 group with a +3-1=0 score, defeating Ben Parker, Larry Parker and Edward Eagan and losing only to Winslow from the upper group. Attendance continued strong with two nine-board, one eleven-board and one eight-board round(s).

#### Club Swiss October 5 – 26

The October Club Swiss ended in a three-way tie between Nichols, Asaro and Doug Ryan - all with 3-1 scores. Nichols beat Cathy Ryan, Pickens and Larry Lane before losing to Asaro in round four. James also beat Mike Ashooh and Ted Fink and missed a week. Doug beat Walter Chesnut, Sasha Kagle and Gary Bergeron and had a forfeit loss for a missed round.

#### Club Swiss November 2 – 30

The November Club Swiss marked the return of your editor to regular Thursday night chess. I won the event with a +4-0=0 beating Doug Ryan, Nichols, Asaro and Bergeron. Asaro and Cameron Buchholz finished second-third with 3-1 scores. Carleton Plourde was tops in the U1500 group going 2-2.

#### Vermont Welcomes Strong Chess Players

Our Club [and the State] has seen the addition of many new players over the past year, but three new players are in the top-ten; with true chess pedigrees.

In mid-August, I received an email from a woman asking what night the Club met as her dad, now 82, was moving to Wake Robin in Shelburne. To my surprise her dad was **Rolf Wetzell**, a long-time player in New England chess, primarily in MA.

I wrote back with specifics and confirmed that he was indeed, the Rolf Wetzell (c. 2200) that I had played three times in the 1980s. Rolf started playing chess at age six and became a Master in 1984. Shortly thereafter, published the well-received, *Chess Master at Any Age*, by Thinkers Press.

**David Amato Petty** recently moved to Vermont with his wife and young daughter. David became a Master in 2013, playing most of his chess in the Rochester, NY area. Currently, rated 2145 by the USCF, David has not been active in USCF play since June 2014.

**Phil Van Dusen** is a recent transport from Maryland. Phil lives in southern Vermont and is currently rated 2043. He played only three USCF events between 1999 and 2017 before playing three recently in Vermont.



WEEKEND



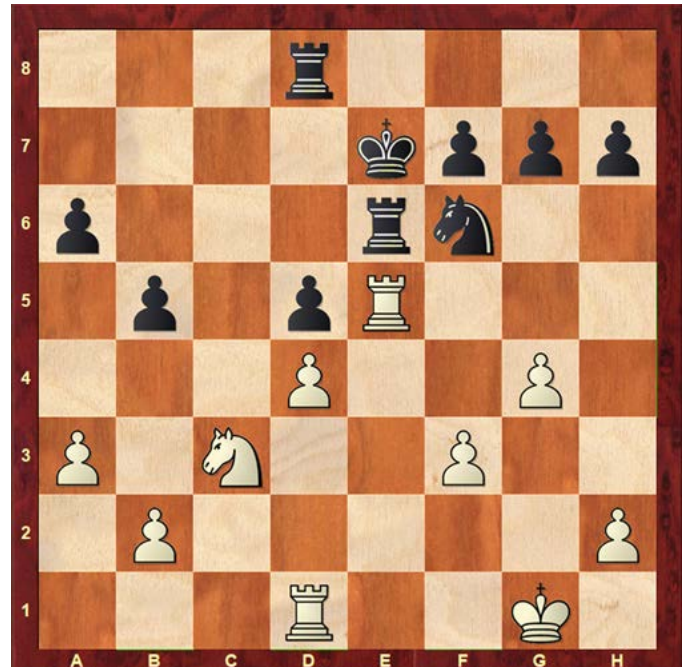
WARRIORS

Vermont State Championship, Round 2

White: Jack Hanson (2030) Black: Doug Pader (2200)  
[D35] English Opening Notes by David Carter, NM

Jack Hanson has been playing very well over past two years raising his rating from 1857 in April 2016 to 2061 (a solid Expert rating) before the Vermont Open. Here Jack plays it close with Master Doug Pader of New York before Pader makes a mistake at the end.

- 1.c4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. cxd5 exd5 4. d4 c6 5. Nf3
- Nf6 6. Bf4 Bd6 7. Bxd6 Qxd6 8. e3 Bf5 9. Bd3
- Bxd3 10. Qxd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 0-0 12. Nd2 Rfe8
- 13. f3 Rad8 14. Nb3 a6 15. Rae1 c5 16. dxc5
- Nxc5 17. Nxc5 Qxc5 18. Qd4 Qc4 19. Rd1
- Qxd4 20. exd4 b5 21. a3 Re6 22. Rfe1 Kf8 23.
- Re5 Ke7 24. g4! (Diagram to the right) White gains valuable space on the kingside.



Position after 20.g4!

- 24...h6 25.h4 Kf8 26. g5 hxg5 27. hxg5 Nh7
- 28. Kf2 Rxe5 29. dxe5 Nxe5 30. Rxd5 Rxd5
- 31.Nxd5 Ne6 32.Nb4 Nc7= (Diagram, next page)

Knight endings are often compared to King and pawn endings because, just like when two kings are in "opposition" with each other, the side with the move is at a disadvantage. This holds true for knight endings because unlike the rook or bishop, the knight cannot move and still cover a key square, like protecting the pawn on a6.

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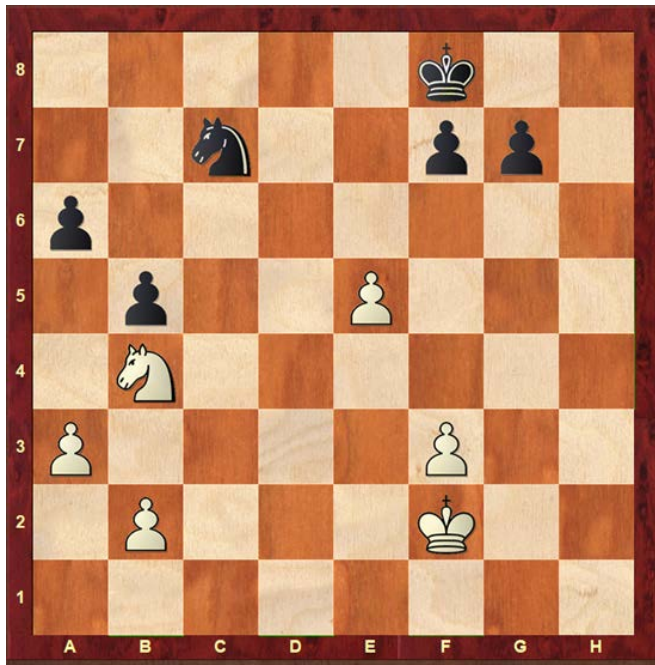
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Position after 32...Nc7

33.Ke3 Ke8 34.Kd4 Kd7 35.Kc5 a5 36.Nd5 Ne6+ 37.Kb6 b4? 37...Nd4 Holds the draw. 38.axb4?! Even stronger is 38.a4 after which White will play Kxf5 and have a passed rook pawn which are deadly against an opposing knight. 38...axb4 39.Nxb4 Nd4 40.f4 Ne2? Black still has drawing chances after 40...Ke6 41.Kc5 Nb3+ 42.Kc4 Na5+ 43.Kd4 Nb3+ 44.Ke4 Nc5+ 45.Ke3 Nb3= 41.Nd3 White has a decisive advantage. The Black knight is far away from White's passed pawn and White's knight covers everything. 41...f6 42.exf6 gxf6 43.b4 Kd6 44.b5 Nc3 45.Ka6 Kc7 It's no use. The white king will be able to get to e6 and capture the f6-pawn and save his own f-pawn. For example, if 45...Nd5 46.b6 Nxb6 47.Kxb6

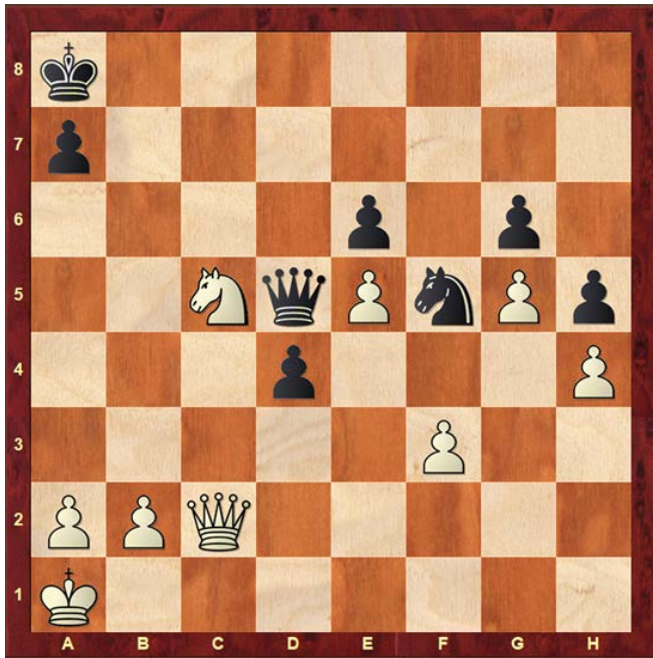
47...Kd5 48.Kc7 Ke4 49.Kd6 Kxd3 50.Ke6 Ke4 51.f5+- and wins. 46.b6+ Kb8 47.Nc5 1-0

This was my wild third round game, where I was lucky to win.

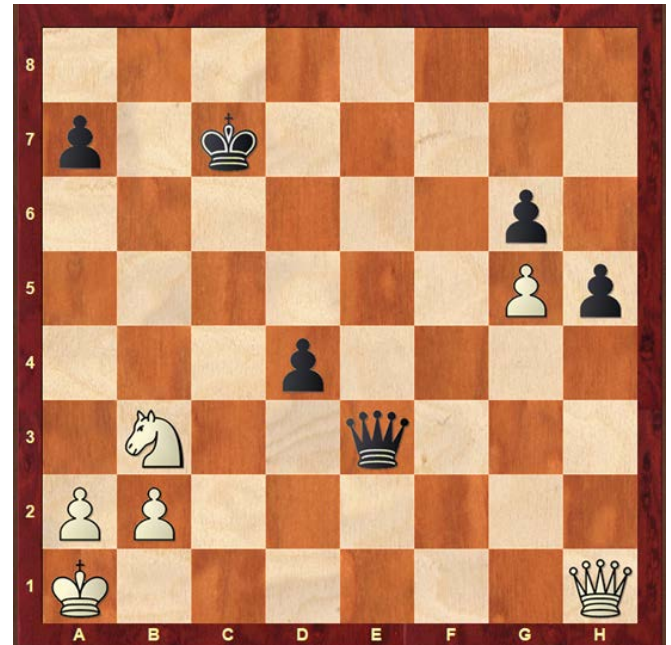
**Vermont State Championship, Round 3**

White: Paris Prestia (1950) Black: David Carter (2249) [D36] Queen's Gambit Declined Exchange Variation

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Qc2 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nge2 g6 11.0-0-0 Ndf6 12.h3 Ng7 13.g4 Be6 14.Ng3 0-0-0 15.Na4 Kb8 16.Kb1 h5 17.f3 Qc7 18.Qf2 Ka8 19.g5 Nfe8 20.h4 Nd6 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.e4 b6 23.Nb3 Be6 24.Rc1 Qd7 25.e5 Ndf5 26.Ne2 Ne7 27.Rc3 Bf5 28.Bxf5 Qxf5+ 29.Ka1 Qd7 30.Rhc1 Rc8 31.Nf4 Ne6 32.Nxe6 fxe6 33.R1c2 Rhf8 34.Nc1 Rc7 35.Nd3 Rfc8 36.Nf4 c5 37.dxc5 d4 38.Rc4 bxc5 39.Nd3 Nf5 40.Rxc5 Not 40.Nxc5 Qd5-+ 40...Rxc5 41.Rxc5 Rxc5 42.Nxc5 Qd5 43.Qc2 (Diagram, next page). After fighting hard for equality, Black finally achieves a good game and then... 43...Qxe5?? Better is 43...Nxb4 44.Ne4 Kb7 45.Nd6+ Kb6 46.Nc8+ Kb7 47.Nd6= 44.Nd3 White threatens mate on c8 as well as a deadly check on c6. 44...Qb8 45. Qc6+ Qb7 46.Qe8+ Qb8 Here, I thought White would take a draw by perpetual check. Neither of us saw the forced mate.



Position after 43. Qc2



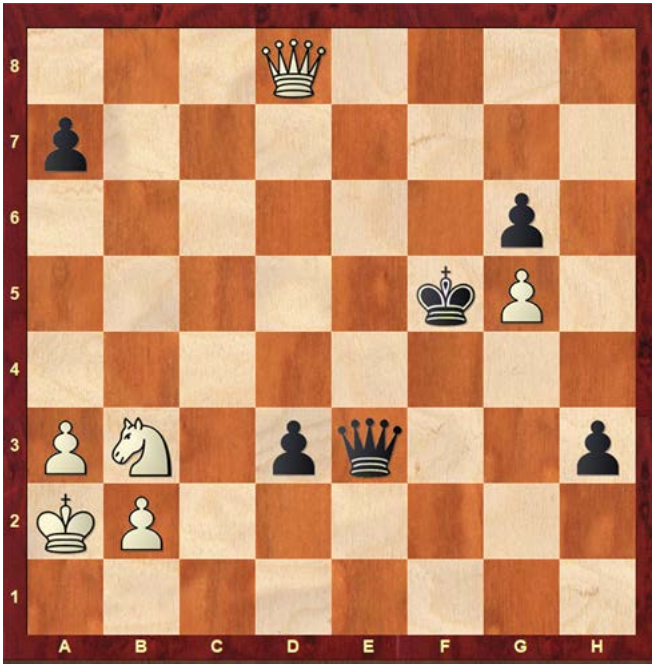
Position after 54. Nb3

**47.Qxe6** Correct, leading to a mate. The draw with Qc6+ was probably a distraction for White. **47...Nxh4** Black provides another distraction by offering his knight to avoid the mate or perpetual check. **48.Qe4+** 48. Nc5 forces mate in three. **48...Qb7 49. Qxh4?!** White is still winning, but it's more difficult now. **49...Qxf3 50. Nc1** During still the game, I thought 50.Nf2 was better, but the text move is the best. **50...Qe3 51.Qh1+ Kb8 52.Qh2+ Kb7 53.Qh1+ Kc7 54.Nb3?** *Diagram, above, right.* This moves the knight further away from Black's passed pawns. **54...Kd6?** Better was 54...h4 55. Qf1 h3 56.Qc4+

**55.Qd1?** This move gives back all of White's advantage. 55.Qf1 Keeps a winning edge. **55...Ke5** or 55...d3 **56. a3** Better was 56.Qf1 Qxg5 57.a4 h4 58.Ka2 Qf4 59.Qb5+ and white keeps some advantage. **56...h4 57. Ka2 h3 58.Qc2 d3 59.Qc7+ Kf5 60.Qd8?** *Diagram, next page.* A losing move; better is 60.Qd7+ Kxg5 (or 60...Kf4 61.Qd6+ Kg4 62.Qxg6 h2 63.Qc6 Qf3 64.Qe6+ Qf5 65.Qc6 Qf3=) 61.Qd6 Kh6 62.Nc5 d2 63.Nb3 d1Q 64.Qxd1 h2 65.Nd4 Qg1 66.Qd2+ Kh5 67.Qe2+ Kh6 68.Qd2 **60...Kg4?** Black misses pushing his passed pawn with 60...h2! and wins. **61. Qd7+** 61.Qd6 still keeps the draw. **61...Kg3 62.Qd6+ Kg2 63.Nd4??**



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Position after 60. Qd8

White still had a draw with 63.Nd2 Qxd2 64.Qxg6 Qf4 65.Qc6+ Kg1 66.g6 d2 67.Qc5+ Kf1 68.Qd5 h2 69.g7 Qg4 70.Qb5+ Ke1 71.Qe8+ Kd1 72.g8Q Qxg8+ 73.Qxg8 h1Q **63...Qe4 64.Ne6 h2 65.Nf4+ Kf1 66.Nxd3 h1Q 67.Qf6+ Qhf3 68.Qc3 Qfxd3 69.Qc1+ Kg2 70.Qc7 Qe6+ 71.Ka1 Qd1+ 72.Qc1 Qxc1#**

I have always agreed with the sentiment I found in GM Donner's excellent book, *The King*, Donner states, "Winning a game due to mere chance [i.e. undeservedly, Ed.] gives much greater joy and satisfaction than winning with correct play." This was an amazing game from the perspective of shifting advantages, which demonstrates how

My second-round game was an 82-move meat grinder where Andy played very well most of the way. Notes are by both players.

Vermont State Championship, Round 2

White: Carter (2249) Black: Andrew Palmer (1806)  
[E94] King's Indian Defense/Petrosian Variation

**1.d4 Nf6** "Finally I get Black against DC; my record before this was +0-3=1 all with the White pieces."--AP **2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.0-0 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Bg5 Qe8 11.Nd2 h6 12.Be3** Some newsletter readers may recognize this position from my win over GM Ivanov in a prior issue of Thursday Knights. **12...Ncd7** A retreat of this knight is usually not good. Ivanov played 12...Nh7 which wasn't that good either. Better is 12...b6; or 12...Ng4. **13.Nb5?!** Without the knight on c5, White should just play 13.a3 and proceed with a queenside expansion with 14.b4. **13...Qd8 14.Na7?** (Diagram on next page) I was thinking I would capture Black's prized bishop on c8, but got an unpleasant reply. **14...Rxa7** "At first it looked natural to play ...Ne8 and ...f5, but then I thought, 'Hey that bishop will be trapped on a7'"-AP **15. Bxa7 b6 16. b4** White tries to free his bishop –DC "Should I play ...Ba6 or ...Bb7? it's deep, so I just chopped!"-AP **16...axb4?!**





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Position after 14. Na7?

In fact, 16...Ba6 followed by Qa8 and capturing the second piece for the rook gives Black the edge. **17. a4 Nc5** 17...bxa3 18.Nb3= Keeps the White bishop trapped, but it is more difficult to capture. **18.f3?** Protecting the king pawn? White could have gained an edge with 18. a5 Nfd7 19. Rfb1 **18...Ba6 19.a5 19...a5 Nfd7 20. axb6?** Better is 20.Nb3 f5 21.Kh1= **20...cxb6 21.Rfb1 Qc7 22.Rxb4 Qxa7 23.Kh1 f5** This move maybe not be quite as good as 23...h5; or 23...Qc7 but it is thematic and still winning for Black; well played by Andy. **24. Bd3** also good was 24.Rab1 **Nxd3?!** "Giving up my best piece! Oh, jeesssh."-AP Better is 24...f4 keeping the advantage. --DC

**25. Qxd3 Nc5?!** Giving back more of Black's advantage. Better was ...Bf6 activating the g7-bishop or ...Qb7, breaking the pin on the a-file. **26.Qb1 Rb8?!** "The beginning of my demise."--AP Now, Black has returned all of his advantage. Breaking the pin with ...Qc7 or ...Qe7 was better.--DC **27.Nb3 Qc7 28.Nxc5 dxc5 29.Rba4 Bb7 30.Ra7** I did not want to allow the position to open up with 30.exf5 30...e4! It is worth it for Black to give up a pawn to open the position for the two bishops. **30...Qd6 31. R1a3?!** Inaccurate. Both players miss the possibilities of ...b5! for Black. 31.Qb5 assures equality. **31...fxe4 31...b5! 32.exf5 b4 33. R3a5 e4** with a big advantage. **32.fxe4 Kh7 33.Rf3 Qc7 34.Qf1 Kg8 35.h3 Ra8?** Normally, it would be the right idea to trade a pair of rooks and have two pieces against the single rook. But here, as Andy says, "...my bishops are worthless!" **36. Rxa8+ Bxa8 37.Rb3 Bb7 38.Qa1 Bf8?!** 38...Bf6= would have likely held the position for Black. **39.Qa7?!** Better is 39.Qb2, securing the advantage. **39...Bd6?** Both players missed the amazing 'computer move' 39...b5! 40.Rxb5 Qf7 threatening a draw by perpetual check on f1 and f4 41.Qa3 or 41.Qa1 Ba6 winning back a critical pawn.





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**40.Qxb6** Andy puts up a tough fight for forty more moves, but the game is lost for Black.

**40...Bc8 41. Qxc7 Bxc7 42.Rb5?** Missing a decisive win with **42.Ra3+** where White threatens to win the c8 bishop and when it moves to play check and then pin the c7-bishop. **42...Bd6 43.Rb6 Bf8 44.Rxg6+ Kf7**

**45.Rb6 Bd7 46.Kg1 Ba4 47.Kf2 Bc2 48.Ke3 Be7 49.Rc6 Bd8 50.g3 Bg5+ 51.Kf3 Bd1+**

**52.Kf2 Bc2** The bishops are annoying for White, but this is a pretty easy win. **53.Rxc5 Bxe4 54.Rc7+ Ke8 55.h4 Bd8 56.Rc6 Be7**

**57.Re6 Kd7 58.Ke3 Bg2 59.Rxe5** This is not as good as **59.Rxh6 59...Bc5+ 60.Kd3 Bf1+**

**61.Kc3 Bd6 62.Rh5 Bxg3 63.Rxh6 Be1+ 64.Kb3 Be2 65.c5 Bd1+ 66.Ka3 Bf2 67.Kb4**

**Be2 68.Rh7+ Kd8 69.c6 Be1+ 70.Kc5 Bf2+ 71.Kd6 Bg3+ 72.Ke6 Bc4 73.h5 Be2 74.d6**

**Bg4+ 75.Kd5 Bf3+ 76.Kc5 Bf2+ 77.Kb5 Be2+ 78.Ka5 Bd4 79.h6 Be5 80.Kb6 Bd4+ 81.Kb7**

**Bf3 82.Rf7 1-0**

## Vermont State Championship, Round 4

White: Jack Hanson (2030) Black: Josh Rubin (2136)  
[A36] English Opening

This was the interesting last round draw that prevented either Jack or Josh Rubin from become co-champion.

- 1.c4 g6 2. Nc3 c5 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.e4 d6**
- 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 Rb8 9.h3 a6 10.f4**
- Ne8 11.f5 Nc7 12.b3 Nd4 13.Bb2 gxf5 14.Nd5**
- Nxd5 15.exd5 e5 16.dxe6 Bxe6 17.Bxd4 cxd4**
- 18.Nf4 Kh8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.Nxd5 Qg5**

Diagram below. An interesting position has



Position After 20...Qg5

been reached. White has a powerful knight in the center of the board and a good pawn structure, but White's his king position is weak. Black is up a pawn, albeit with two sets



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of doubled pawns and four pawn islands. If White can get some of the heavy material exchanged, it will improve his chances whereas Black should avoid exchanges and attack the weakened White g-pawn. **21.g4?!**

Well! That's one way of getting rid of the weak g-pawn! Better is 21.Rf3 Be5 22.Qc1 Qg7 23.Kg2 Rbe8 24.Nc7 and White's knight keeps Black from keeping a rook on the e-file or getting a rook to the g-file. For example, 24...Rc8 25. Nd5 Rg8 26.Ne7= **21...fxg4 22.Qxg4 Qxg4+?** As mention before, trading the heavy material will help White by diminishing the risk to the white king. Better is 22...Qh6 when Black maintains a small edge due to the weak white king position. **23.hxg4 Be5 24.Kg2 b5 25.Nf6 Rb7 26.Rf3 bxc4 27.dxc4 Re7 28.Raf1 Kg7 29.g5 Rh8 30.Ng4 Kg6 31.Nh6 Rf8 32.Rf5 Bg7 33.Rd5 Be5 34.Nf5 Re6 35.Nxd4 Bxd4 36.Rxd4 Kxg5 37.Rfd1 Rfe8 38.Rxd6 Re2+ 39.Kf1 Rxa2 40.R6d2 Rxd2 41.Rxd2 Rb8 42.Rd3 f5 43.c5 Kf4 44.Rc3 Ke5 45.Kf2 a5 46.Kf3 Kd4 47.Rc4+ Kd5 48.Kf4 Rxb3 49.c6!!** This move ensures the draw as the rook cannot be taken because of 50.c7 and a new queen next move. **49...Rb8 50.c7 Rc8 51.Ra4 Rxc7 52.Rxa5+ Ke6 53.Ra6+ Kf7 54.Kxf5 Rc5+ 55.Kg4 Rb5** 1/2-1/2

Hard fought; well-played.

Here is a very nice game played last summer by new club member, Rolf Wetzel. Rolf shows that age and experience can sometimes triumph over youth and skill.

### MCC Hot Summer Days Swiss, Round 3

Natick, MA August 15, 2017

White: Rolf Wetzell (2000) Black: Nithin Kavi (2225)

**1.d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.c4 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 h6 10.Bh2 Qc7 11.c5! Nf8 12. Rc1 Qd8 13.b4 d5?!** This gives up all counterplay; better was 13...Bf5. **14.b5 Ne4 15. a4 Nxc3 16.Rxc3 Nd7 17.Qb3 e5** A good try for counter-play, but it gives the powerful d4-square to White's knight. **18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nd4 Qf6 20.Rcc1 Nd7** If 20...Bd7 21.a5 cxb5 22.Nxb5 and Black must give up his queen's bishop and a big advantage to White. **21.Bd6 cxb5 22.Nxb5 Ne5 23.Nc7** There goes the exchange (Black loses a rook for the knight) and the game; White relentlessly keeps the pressure on the rest of the way. **23...Bd7 24.Nxa8 Rxa8 25.Qxd5 Bc6 26.Qxe5 Qxe5 27.Bxe5 Bxe5 28.Bb5 Re8 29.Rfd1 f5 30.Bxc6 bxc6 31.Rd7 a5 32.Rb1 f4 33.Rbb7 fxe3 34.fxe3 Bc3 35.Re7 Rf8 36.Rbc7 1-0**



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## West Newbury (MA) Fall Open, Round 4

October 14, 2017

White: Chris Chase (2394) Black: David Carter (2264)  
[C47] King Pawn Opening - Unusual

Chris Chase and I competed in junior events when we were in our teens. He has always been quite a bit higher rated, but my score against him before this game was +2-2=2. Before this game, I lead the tournament with a score of 3 wins and no losses. Chris was 2-1, so he had to beat me to tie for first.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Be2 *Diagram*



Position after 4. Be2

An unusual move, but typical for Chris who likes to play closed positions. 4...d5 When one side plays passively in a double king-pawn opening it is important to strike quickly to

seize the initiative. 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nxc3 7.bxc3 e4 8.Nd4 Nxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 After 9...Qxd4, White has excellent compensation for the pawn. I was content to keep pace on development. 10.c3 0-0= 11.Bc4 b6 To develop the bishop on the long diagonal and blunt any counter-play on the open b-file. 12.f3 Bb7 13.fxe4 Bxe4 14.Qe2 Bg6 15.a4 Bd6= Black's pieces are well placed; the position is equal. 16.Qf3 Qh4 17.g3 Qh3 18.Ba3 Rad8 To complete my development. 19.Bxd6 Rxd6 20.a5 h5 21.axb6 axb6 22.Ra8 Qd7 23.Re1 Rd8 24.Re5 c6 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Qe3 Kf8= White controls the open e-file, but Black remains solid. 27.Be2 f6 28.Qf4 Kg8 29.Re3 Bf7 30.h4 Aggressive, but it is difficult to win a position with rooks and queens still on the board and a weak king position like White has. 30...g6 31.g4 hxg4 32.Bxg4 c5 Undoubling White's pawns, but also opening the d-file where Black is strong. 33.dxc5 bxc5 34.Re2 Rd3 35.Rg2 Qd6 36.Qf2 Bd5 37.Bf5 A nice threat. 37...Rf3 38.Qe2 Rg3 This seals the draw. 39.Be4 Forced; 39...Bxe4 now pieces will be exchanged leaving just the queens; 1/2-1/2





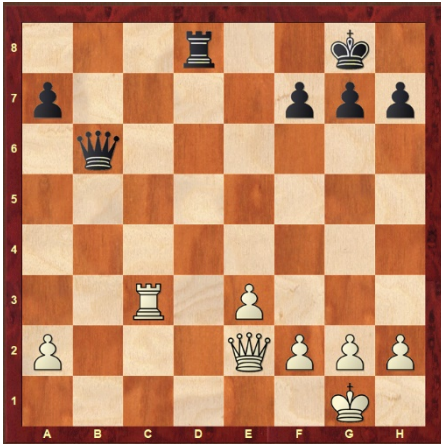
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**A & B are Black to move and win.  
C, D and E are White to move and win.  
(Answers on page 3)**

**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**



**E**



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