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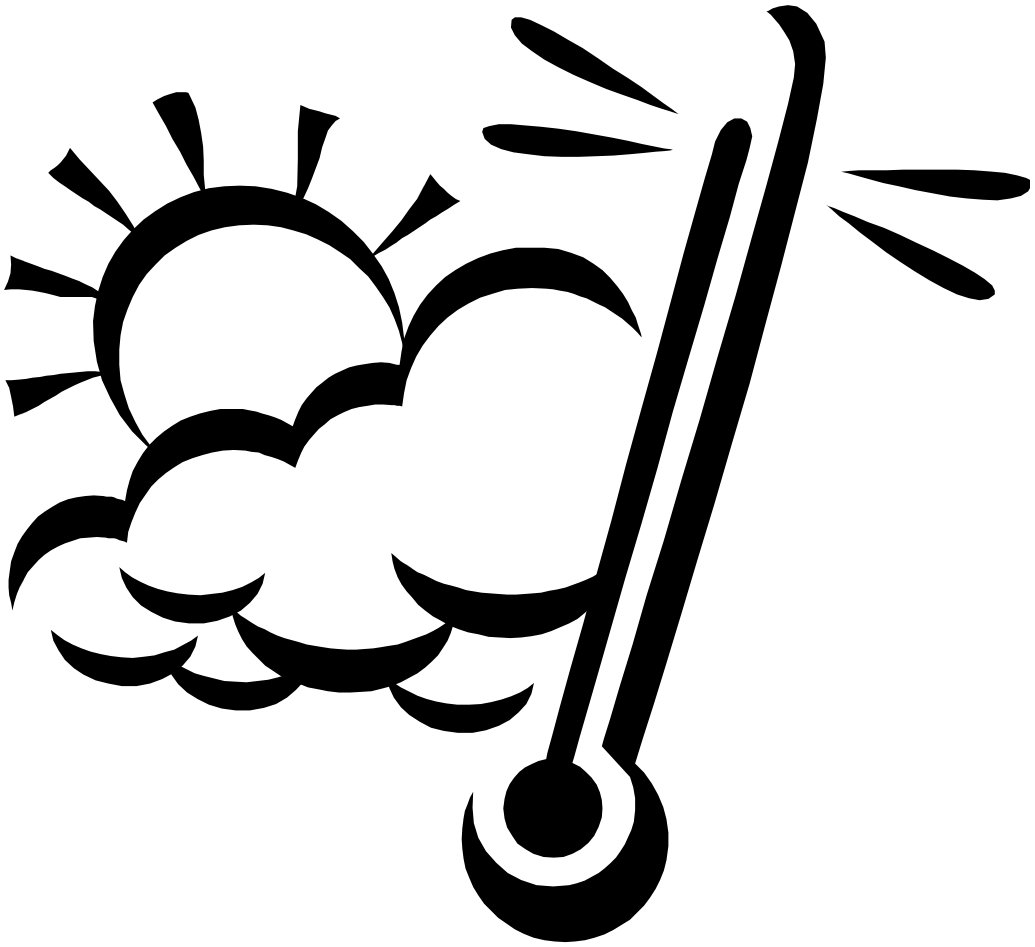

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September 2012 USCF Rating List

(From USCF Website, Regular Rated within Last Year)

Rank	Player	Rating	Rank	Player	Rating
1	Aaron Kahn	2420	51	Joseph Paris	1963
2	Atulya Shetty	2406	52	Manmohan Das	1960
3	FM Ildar Salakhutdinov	2364	53	Justin Chen	1954
4	FM Seth Homa	2358	54	Jeff Aldrich	1953
5	Leonid Strugach	2304	55	Jacob Fortuna	1946
6	FM David Sprenkle	2245	56	Stanley Jarosz Jr	1942
7	Eric Fischvogt	2210	57	Joel Halloran	1942
8	Thomas Ward	2210	58	Ashley Carter	1929
9	Michael Bowersock	2206	59	Gregory Bailey	1926
10	Kevin Noren	2200	60	James Sawaski	1917
11	Kevin Czuhai	2200	61	Gary Pratt	1917
12	Ariel Levi	2194	62	Michael R Smith	1910
13	Ameer Ghobrial	2185	63	Duane Croel	1909
14	Safal Bora	2181	64	Zoran Stojanovski	1904
15	John Brooks	2180	65	Allen Wickering	1904
16	Eugene Brumley	2179	66	Daniel Libby	1902
17	Thomas Hartwig	2167	67	Justin L Brown	1901
18	Alisher Sanetullaev	2164	68	Tony West	1899
19	Jim Marfia	2157	69	Michael A Smith	1899
20	Edward Song	2154	70	Don Vandivier	1893
21	Robert O'Donnell	2134	71	Gary Kitts	1891
22	Jalen Wang	2133	72	Rob Drake	1875
23	Michael Chen	2124	73	Raymond Garrison	1869
24	David Hahn	2123	74	Virginia Vandenburg	1869
25	Alex Strugach	2114	75	Christopher Schmidt	1866
26	Robert Ciaffone	2108	76	Jennifer Skidmore	1864
27	Ratko Bojanovic	2108	77	Thomas La Forge	1864
28	Tony Palmer	2103	78	Bryan Wilson	1862
29	Anthony Nichols	2098	79	Thomas Triplett	1857
30	Epiphany Peters	2083	80	Mandy Lu	1857
31	Jack Wood	2080	81	Ronald De Luca	1856
32	Bradley Rogers	2055	82	Binu Gerald	1855
33	Alan Gregg	2045	83	Stewart Wilkinson	1847
34	Apurva Virkud	2044	84	James Abbott	1847
35	Manis Davidovich	2039	85	Michael Dang	1838
36	Andrew Beider	2031	86	Ben Li	1831
37	Andrew Konishi	2025	87	Kevin Jackson Sr	1830
38	Leyun Wang	2020	88	Justin Aldrich	1827
39	Alexander Deatrick	2015	89	Kiran Bemarkar	1827
40	Benjamin Brandt	2011	90	Krishna Venkatasubba	1822
41	Peter Chen	2009	91	Matthew Trujillo	1822
42	Morgan Everett	2007	92	Bradley E Walker	1819
43	Barry Endsley	2002	93	Frederick H Lahr	1816
44	John Drexel	2000	94	Lonnie W Rutkofske	1816
45	Reynaldo Santiago	2000	95	Kayeen Kemp	1814
46	Eric Larson	1998	96	Nicholas King	1805
47	William Rhee	1993	97	Kyle Webster	1804
48	Loyd Gentry	1993	98	I.C. Matias	1802
49	Andrew Catlin	1974	99	Tom Manion	1802
50	Bronson Gentry	1972	100	Kameron Tolliver	1800
			100	Michael Skidmore	1800

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Current Michigan Champions

2012 Michigan Open	Atulya Shetty
2012 Michigan Open Reserve	Lawrence Yuhas
2012 Michigan Open Booster	Jason Zheng
2011 Michigan Amateur	Justin Chen
2012 Master/Expert Champion	Safal Bora
2012 Expert Champion	Morgan Everett
2012 Class A Champion	Benjamin Brandt
2012 Class B Champion	Daniel Libbey
2012 Class C Champion	Timothy P. Johnson
2012 Class D Champion	Guarev Gidwani
2012 Class E Champion	Andrew Schremser
2012 Novice Champion	Chirag Rudrangi
2012 Bottom-Half Class Over 1900	David Sprinkle
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2012 Bottom-Half Class U1100	Leigh Ziegler
2011 Michigan Action	Atulya Shetty
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2012 Senior Champion	Morgan Everett
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2011 Michigan Women's	Epiphany Peters
2011 Michigan Women's Reserve	Erica Forshaw
2012 Primary K-3 Team	Redford Washington Parks F
2012 Primary K-3 Team Reserve	Detroit F.L.I.C.S. A
2012 Elementary K-5 Team	Redford Washington Parks B
2012 Elementary K-5 Team Reserve	Redford Washington Parks D
2012 Elementary K-6 Team	Ann Arbor Clague Capablanca
2012 Junior High K-9 Team	Ann Arbor Greenhills A
2012 Junior High K-9 Team Reserve	Redford Washington Parks F
2012 High School 9-12 Team	Ann Arbor Skyline
2012 High School K-12 Team Reserve	Byron
2012 Michigan Junior	Atulya Shetty
2012 Michigan Young Junior	Jalen Wang
2012 Michigan Young Junior Reserve	Luke Hawver Daniel Khain
2012 Michigan Children's	Ben Li Harrison He
2012 Michigan Children's Reserve	Anirban Sarkar
2012 Michigan Young Children's	Justin Liang
2012 Michigan Young Children's Reserve	Thomas Brown
2012 Michigan Collegiate	Nitai Leve
2011 Scholastic Club K-12 Team	J-FORCE
2011 Scholastic Club K-12 Individual	Alan Sun Justin Chen
2011 Scholastic Club K-8 Team	Troy All-Stars
2011 Scholastic Club K-8 Individual	Federick Zhao Ryan Li
2011 Scholastic Club K-5 Team	J-FORCE
2011 Scholastic Club K-5 Individual	Ryan Gudal Michael Pappas Zhehai Zhang
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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader:

Sometimes putting the next *Michigan Chess* magazine issue is like a great summer vacation. You never want it to end 'cause there's always a new activity to do or another exciting place to visit is discovered. On the other hand, there is the working vacation (the adult readers know all about this!) where that precious time off from work is spent on a project needing doing and it takes forever and ever...Then there's the plain ol' "want to sit on your keister, drink coffee, and watch the world slowly go by" vacation. Sometimes it is a combination of all three, especially when long overdue after many, many hours spent working and meeting life's challenges.

This issue is like all of these vacations rolled up into one. During these past few months, article after article kept coming in. Include countless cups of coffee, more jobs wanting doing than time to do them, a smattering of technical problems with the Editor's computer, and this issue was certainly long in the making.

Now warm – some would say downright hot! – weather means more vacations and lots of outdoor activities. Keep hydrated, wear plenty of sunblock, and don't forget to spend time indoors with the air conditioning turned on high and play CHESS!

The *Michigan Chess Magazine* is a collaborative, volunteer effort. The more members who contribute to the magazine, the better it is. The publishing team encourages you, the reader and MCA membership to submit your games and articles. We will help you edit and annotate your games, or you may provide your own. Games submitted in PGN format are preferred, but any format is accepted. Your articles about chess events, both club activities and tournaments, are especially welcome.

In addition, many thanks to the following individuals for their contributions to this issue:

Jeff Aldrich	*Seth Homa*
Jennifer Skidmore	*Darrin Sherrer*
Apurva Virkud	*Andy Catlin*
Rose Homa	*Michael Smith*

Finally, this will be my last issue as the MCA Editor because of commitments to family and work. Jeff Aldrich will step into this role.

Thank you for your support of MCA!

Best regards,
Scott Faust, Outgoing MCA Editor

Jeff Aldrich here: I realize that most of you will be receiving this issue in October, my focus in this issue was to get out the issue Scott had done most of the work on. The Magazine will be produced on a regular schedule with whatever content I have available. Continue sending your contributions for Michigan Chess Magazine to michessmag@gmail.com.

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Lake Superior Chess Association	www.lakesuperiorchess.org

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National/International Chess Websites

United States Chess Federation	www.uschess.org
World Chess Federation (FIDE)	www.fide.com
Chess Federation of Canada	www.chess.ca
English Chess Federation	www.englishchess.org.uk
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Ann Arbor Skyline Wins High School Championship

By Michael Smith, Tournament Director

The 2012 High School Team Championship drew 24 teams from around the state. It was held at Oakland University on February 25. The two early favorites were Ann Arbor Huron, led by Master Atulya Shetty, and Ann Arbor Skyline, lead by expert Eric Larson. Those two teams outrated the rest of the field by a couple hundred points. Detroit Metro league champion Cass Tech has also won this tournament way too many times to ever be counted out.

Round 3 saw a matchup of the two favorites. Atulya Shetty of Huron beat Larson on Board 1, but Skyline proved to have too much depth, with strong "B" player Michael Dang winning on Board 2 over the steadily improving Jeffery Zhang, Nate Simon winning on Board 4, and Kevin Hsing holding Valery Peng to a draw on Board 3. Cass Tech defeated Okemos 3.5 to .5 to improve to 3-0 and earn a matchup with Skyline for the Championship.

Round 4 saw Skyline sweep Cass Tech 4-0 to become state champions. Skyline is a new school; this is only their fourth year in existence. Huron and Cass Tech took second and third with a score of 3-1. Detroit Douglas, Detroit Martin Luther king, and Troy High took 4-6 with 2.5 points. Byron took 1st place in the 11 team reserve section, with 3.5 points. Huron B and Cass Tech B took 2nd and 3rd with 3 points.

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2012 Michigan H.S. Championship Section

1st Place, Ann Arbor Skyline

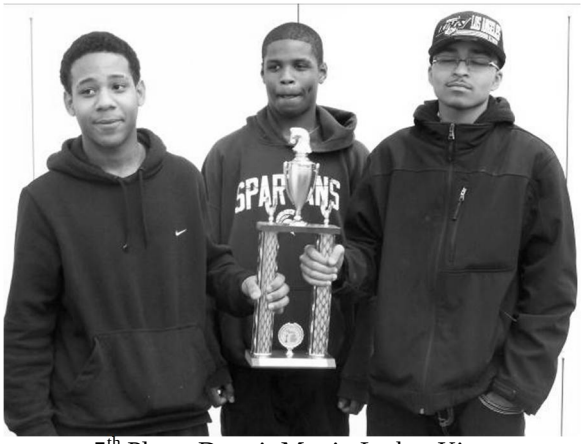
2nd Place, Ann Arbor Huron

3rd Place, Detroit Cass Tech

4th Place, Detroit Douglas

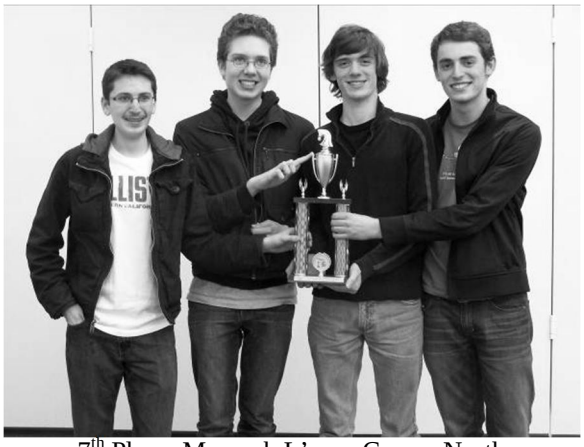
2012 Michigan High School Team Championship Results

No.	Name (Seed)	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	AA Skyline Eagles (2)	1571	W11,4.0	W9,4.0	W2,2.5	W3,4.0	4.0
2	AA Huron River Rats (1)	1594	W13,4.0	W5,4.0	L1,1.5	W10,4.0	3.0
3	Detroit Cass Tech (3)	1238	W6,3.5	W8,4.0	W12,3.5	L1,0.0	3.0
4	Detroit Douglass (12)	810	-B-,4.0	L12,1.5	D13,2.0	W9,2.5	2.5
5	Detroit MLK GKnights (6)	1071	W10,4.0	L2,0.0	D9,2.0	W11,3.5	2.5
6	Troy H.S. (9)	931	L3,0.5	W7,4.0	D10,2.0	W12,2.5	2.5
7	Macomb L'Anse Creuse North (5)	1097	L8,1.5	L6,0.0	-B-,4.0	W13,3.0	2.0
8	Detroit Finney A (13)	810	W7,2.5	L3,0.0	L11,1.5	-B-,4.0	2.0
9	Detroit Country Day (10)	928	W12,3.0	L1,0.0	D5,2.0	L4,1.5	1.5
10	Flint Kearsley (11)	876	L5,0.0	-B-,4.0	D6,2.0	L2,0.0	1.5
11	Clio H.S. (8)	933	L1,0.0	D13,2.0	W8,2.5	L5,0.5	1.5
12	Okemos H.S. (4)	1108	L9,1.0	W4,2.5	L3,0.5	L6,1.5	1.0
13	Monroe A (7)	976	L2,0.0	D11,2.0	D4,2.0	L7,1.0	1.0



5th Place, Detroit Martin Luther King

6th Place, Troy



7th Place, Macomb L'anse Creuse North

8th Place, Detroit Finney A *(not pictured)*

9th Place, Detroit Country Day

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2012 Michigan H.S. Team Reserve

1st Place Reserve, Byron

2012 Michigan High School Team Reserve Results

No.	Name (Seed)	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Score
1	Byron Eagles (3)	836	W11,4.0	W7,4.0	D2,2.0	W4,3.0	3.5
2	AA Huron River Rats (1)	983	W10,4.0	D4,2.0	D1,2.0	W6,4.0	3.0
3	Detroit Cass Tech B (4)	796	D8,2.0	D5,2.0	W11,3.0	W9,3.0	3.0
4	Detroit Cody A (7)	637	W6,3.0	D2,2.0	W5,4.0	L1,1.0	2.5
5	Detroit Country Day B (11)	229	-B-,4.0	D3,2.0	L4,0.0	W10,4.0	2.5
6	Spring Lake Lakers (2)	911	L4,1.0	W8,4.0	W7,4.0	L2,0.0	2.0
7	Goodrich (8)	576	W9,4.0	L1,0.0	L6,0.0	W11,4.0	2.0
8	Monroe B (6)	664	D3,2.0	L6,0.0	L9,1.0	-B-,4.0	1.5
9	Detroit Finney B (5)	667	L7,0.0	D10,2.0	W8,3.0	L3,1.0	1.5
10	MLK GKnights 2 (9)	312	L2,0.0	D9,2.0	-B-,4.0	L5,0.0	1.5
11	Detroit Cody B (10)	252	L1,0.0	-B-,4.0	L3,1.0	L7,0.0	1.0

2nd Place Reserve, Ann Arbor Huron B

3rd Place Reserve, Cass Tech B

4th Place Reserve, Detroit Cody A

5th Place Reserve, Detroit Country Day B

6th Place Reserve, Spring Lake

2012 Michigan H.S. Team Championship
Championship Section Board Cross Tables

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	Score
BOARD 1							
1	Shetty, Atulya Ary, AA Huron River Rats	2303	W8	W9	W2	W7	4.0
2	Larson, Eric Danie, AA Skyline Eagles	2079	W10	W13	L1	W3	3.0
3	Croxton, Devaughn, Detroit Cass Tech.	1450	W12	W11	W5	L2	3.0
4	Prior, Nathan, Macomb L'Anse Creuse North	1361	D11	L12	-B-	W8	2.5
5	Jain, Nishant, Okemos H.S	1217	W13	D6	L3	W54	2.5
6	Dubois, Devin, Detroit Douglas	971	-B-	D5	L8	W13	2.5
7	Patterson, Alex, Flint Kearsley	1267	L9	-B-	W12	L1	2.0
8	Carter, Michael, Monroe A	1198	L1	W10	W6	L4	2.0
9	Brunson, Joseph, Detroit MLK GKnights	1291	W7	L1	L13	D10	1.5
10	Pender, Cameron, Clio H.S	1116	L2	L8	W11	D9	1.5
11	Durrah, Jacob, Detroit Finney A	1030	D4	L3	L10	-B-	1.5
12	Shu, Wayne, Troy H.S.	1342	L3	W4	L7	-U-	1.0
13	Puleikis, Robertas , Detroit Country Day.	nnnn	L5	L2	W9	L6	1.0
BOARD 2							
14	Dang, Michael, AA Skyline Eagles.	1765	W21	W26	W16	W18	4.0
15	Dubose, Carrenza, Detroit Douglas	830	-B-	W25	D22	W26	3.5
16	Zhang, Jeffery, AA Huron River Rats	1588	W22	W17	L14	W20	3.0
17	Herbert, Joseph, Detroit MLK GKnights	1203	W20	L16	W26	W21	3.0
18	Brown, Demetrius, Detroit Cass Tech	1504	W24	W19	D25	L14	2.5
19	Underwood, Rodney, Detroit Finney A	932	D23	L18	D21	-B-	2.0
20	Lemon, James, Flint Kearsley.	870	L17	-B-	W24	L16	2.0
21	Pender, Zachary, Clio H.S	1081	L14	W22	D19	L17	1.5
22	Peracha, Saqib, Monroe A.	1010	L16	L21	D15	W23	1.5
23	Semrau, Jacob Davi, Macomb L'Anse Creuse Nort	804	D19	L24	-B-	L22	1.5
24	Kim, Lawrence, Troy H.S	695	L18	W23	L20	D25	1.5
25	Patke, Mayank, Okemos H.S	1222	L26	L15	D18	D24	1.0
26	Chand, Sid, Detroit Country Day	1093	W25	L14	L17	L15	1.0
BOARD 3							
27	Peng, Valerie, AA Huron River Rats	1359	W34	W30	D28	W38	3.5
28	Hsing, Kevin King, AA Skyline Eagles.	1307	W39	W35	D27	W29	3.5
29	Moore, Yosef, Detroit Cass Tech	1060	W31	W36	W37	L28	3.0
30	Britton, Dontez, Detroit MLK GKnights	1059	W38	L27	W35	W39	3.0
31	Lee, Inbum, Troy H.S.	800	L29	W32	W38	W37	3.0
32	Spehar, David Paul, Macomb L'Anse Creuse North	1091	D36	L31	-B-	W34	2.5
33	Peterson, Kory, Detroit Douglas	727	-B-	L37	D34	D35	2.0
34	Hammer, Abby, Monroe A	873	L27	W39	D33	L32	1.5
35	Gudivada, Ajay, Detroit Country Day	604	W37	L28	L30	D33	1.5
36	Lee, Robert E, Detroit Finney A	592	D32	L29	L39	-B-	1.5
37	Liu, William Lin, Okemos H.S.	1191	L35	W33	L29	L31	1.0
38	Crandell, Jacob, Flint Kearsley	986	L30	-B-	L31	L27	1.0
39	Clayton, Robert, Clio H.S	923	L28	L34	W36	L30	1.0
BOARD 4							
40	Simon, Nate Joseph, AA Skyline Eagles	1136	W50	W43	W42	W45	4.0
41	He, Rolland, Troy H.S	887	D45	W46	W51	W49	3.5
42	Lee, Jinwoo, AA Huron River Rats.	1126	W52	W47	L40	W51	3.0
43	Sun, Amy Tong, Detroit Country Day	923	W49	L40	W47	W48	3.0
44	Frailey, David, Detroit Finney A.	688	W46	L45	W50	-B-	3.0
45	Arrington, Roderiq, Detroit Cass Tech	940	D41	W44	W49	L40	2.5
46	Ehlmann, James Hay, Macomb L'Anse Creuse Nort	1133	L44	L41	-B-	W52	2.0
47	Estell, Emilio, Detroit MLK GKnights	734	W51	L42	L43	W50	2.0
48	Price, Omar, Detroit Douglas.	715	-B-	L49	W52	L43	2.0
49	Kulkarni, Prateek, Okemos H.S	805	L43	W48	L45	L41	1.0
50	Rozboril, Dylan, Clio H.S	612	L40	W52	L44	L47	1.0
51	Berta, Amy, Flint Kearsley	384	L47	-B-	L41	L42	1.0
52	Halstead, Stan, Monroe A.	nnnn	L42	L50	L48	L46	0.0
ALTERNATES							
53	Sanford, Khody, Detroit Douglas	1037	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
54	Achanta, Aditya, Troy H.S	733	-U-	-U-	-U-	L5	0.0
55	Lamblin, Brooke, Clio H.S	449	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
56	Thompson, Ricky, Detroit Finney A	nnnn	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0

2012 Michigan H.S. Team Championship
Reserve Section Board Cross Tables

No.	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	Score
BOARD 1							
1	Wilsdon, Adam, Byron Eagles	923	W11	W8	W2	W6	4.0
2	Shen, Michael, AA Huron River Rats	1153	W7	W6	L1	W5	3.0
3	Price, Daniel, Detroit Cass Tech B	856	W9	L4	W11	W10	3.0
4	Kitze, Parker, Detroit Country Day B	nnnn	-B-	W3	L6	W7	3.0
5	Johnson, Jacob, Spring Lake Lakers	1049	L6	W9	W8	L2	2.0
6	Cromer, Khaled, Detroit Cody A	804	W5	L2	W4	L1	2.0
7	Rozier, Tia, MLK GKnights 2	453	L2	W10	-B-	L4	2.0
8	Caryl, Benjamin, Goodrich	nnnn	W10	L1	L5	W11	2.0
9	Snyder, Samuel, Monroe B	739	L3	L5	L10	-B-	1.0
10	Morrison, Nico, Detroit Finney B.	603	L8	L7	W9	L3	1.0
11	James, Terrance, Detroit Cody B	337	L1	-B-	L3	L8	1.0
BOARD 2							
12	Matthews, Gage, Byron Eagles	880	W21	W19	W13	W20	4.0
13	Blaauw, Ian, AA Huron River Rats.	1148	W17	W20	L12	W14	3.0
14	Patton, Sara, Spring Lake Lakers.	929	W20	W16	W19	L13	3.0
15	Britton, Delano, Detroit Cass Tech B	744	L16	W18	W21	W22	3.0
16	Xincheng, Dong, Monroe B	nnnn	W15	L14	W22	-B-	3.0
17	Johnson, Denayus, MLK GKnights 2.	382	L13	W22	-B-	L18	2.0
18	Kilaru, Sai Srikar, Detroit Country Day B.	306	-B-	L15	L20	W17	2.0
19	Trubiano, Andrea, Goodrich.	nnnn	W22	L12	L14	W21	2.0
20	Smith, Christina, Detroit Cody A.	803	L14	L13	W18	L12	1.0
21	Jordan, Montinice, Detroit Cody B	200	L12	-B-	L15	L19	1.0
22	Stone, Michael, Detroit Finney B.	761	L19	L17	L16	L15	0.0
BOARD 3							
23	Mccann Jr, Donson, Detroit Cass Tech B.	790	W33	W29	W31	W30	4.0
24	Rutland, Brandon, Detroit Cody A.	630	W26	W25	W29	W27	4.0
25	Bromberg, Franklin, AA Huron River Rats	981	W32	L24	W27	W26	3.0
26	Wieland, Raphael, Spring Lake Lakers	887	L24	W33	W28	L25	2.0
27	Burman, Nathan, Byron Eagles	864	W31	W28	L25	L24	2.0
28	Thompson, Colten, Goodrich.	nnnn	W30	L27	L26	W31	2.0
29	Dong, Yu, Detroit Country Day B	nnnn	-B-	L23	L24	W32	2.0
30	Frailey, Joseph, Detroit Finney B	nnnn	L28	W32	W33	L23	2.0
31	Bryant, Kevin, Detroit Cody B.	101	L27	-B-	L23	L28	1.0
32	Floyd, John, MLK GKnights 2	101	L25	L30	-B-	L29	1.0
33	Murphy, Isaac, Monroe B.	nnnn	L23	L26	L30	-B-	1.0
BOARD 4							
34	Wilsdon, Brandon, Byron Eagles	679	W41	W40	L35	W37	3.0
35	Glazer, Nir, AA Huron River Rats.	650	-B-	L37	W34	W39	3.0
36	Roberson, Jacqueli, Detroit Finney B	618	L40	-B-	W42	-B-	3.0
37	Shelton, Michael, Detroit Cody A.	314	W39	W35	W38	L34	3.0
38	Surapaneni, Dhiraj, Detroit Country Day B.	101	-B-	-B-	L37	-B-	3.0
39	Howe, Spencer, Spring Lake Lakers	780	L37	W42	W40	L35	2.0
40	Kowalczyk, Stephen, Goodrich	501	W36	L34	L39	W41	2.0
41	Howard, Omira, Detroit Cody B.	370	L34	-B-	-B-	L40	2.0
42	Nielsen, Lakota, Monroe B	nnnn	-B-	L39	L36	-B-	2.0

The Holland Junior Open

By Tamara Posthuma

42 juniors competed at Holland Christian High School on March 24, 2012 in the second annual Holland Junior Open, organized by HollandChess.com. David and Tamara Posthuma coordinated the planning and preparation, while the four Sections were very smoothly run by Tournament Directors Eugene Brumley and Derrick Baker. The players displayed admirable fighting spirit along with very good sportsmanship, and everyone had a great time. This year's event had increased emphasis on taking notation, so juniors could learn from their games. As an added bonus, anyone with a perfect score (5/5) would receive a free semester in the Holland Scholastic Chess Training program, and Malachi Jobin was the only player with five wins.

Congratulations to Isaac Zylstra for winning the Top Rated Section for the second time, and Malachi Jobin won the Reserve Rated Section. Luke Klein and Joseph Klein took First Place in their Sections, and Nick Barr won the K-2 Section. Special thanks to Gold Sponsor Haworth Corporation for their continued sponsorship, along with Silver Sponsors Servinsky Engineering and Dr. Tony Palmer for generously supporting and promoting the Holland Junior Open.

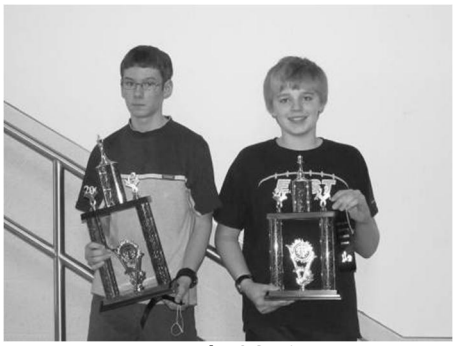
All participants were awarded an event ribbon for attending, and players in the two rated sections received the latest Lake Effect Chess Newsletter to review and study. Thanks to everyone who made the second Holland Junior Open such a success!

Over 750 Section
From the front: Karthik Vuyyuru (5th), Joshua Postuma (3rd), Andrew Schremser (2nd), Isaac Zylstra (1st). Right photo: Joshua Vander Meulen (4th)

Rated Reserve Section
From the left: Daruri Daksheh (2nd), Andre Oravitan (5th), Malachi Jobin (1st), Preston Johnson (4th), Ben Hylen (3rd)

Unrated K-2 Section
Front: Charlie Reese (3rd). Middle (from left): Nick Barr (1st), Allen Eich (2nd). Back: Constantin Stanescu-Bellu (4th).
Not pictured: Sarah Alferink (5th)

Unrated 3-6 Section
Front Row (from left): Joseph Klein (1st), Kaleb Pakard (2nd), Noah DeHollander (3rd). Back Row: Abhisek Pusty (5th), Joe Barr (4th).



Unrated 7-8 Section
Luke Klein (1st), Keith Takens (2nd)

Chess Battles in the Detroit VA

By Darrin Sherer

There are battles being fought at the John D. Dingell Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Detroit (Detroit VA).

These particular battles take place right in the south section of the Detroit VA's cafeteria. The stakes they played for were not about life or death, nor good versus evil. They played to improve memory skills, enhance problem solving techniques, encourage them to be inventive, and in some ways enhance their lives. The game they played was chess.

The participants are in and outpatient veterans, volunteers, stakeholders, hospital staff, and anyone that wants to come in and try their luck, or in a chess sense, their skill.

The chess program at the Detroit VA is under the department of Volunteer Service, and William Browning, Chief, Volunteer Services states that this activity has been occurring for years. "The chess program has been going on for over 10 years now, and we do consider it a success. The late Harold Steen (died in 2008) was instrumental in creating this program for our veterans at the Detroit, VA. I would be remiss if I didn't mention his name for starting and creating this chess program. But, moving forward, volunteer Michael Frazier is the head of this particular program for our vets, and they usually find time within their busy schedule to participate."

Mr. Harold Steen was a retired Chrysler Corporation Executive who tirelessly promoted chess throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. His work earned him a place in the Michigan Chess Association Hall of Fame, and his memory lives on in Detroit in the form of a yearly tournament named in his honor.

When asked who can participate, Browning stated "Anyone and everyone can participate in the program even if you are not familiar with the game. The volunteers are there to help out. I have been told that novice players spent a few sessions with the guys, and within 2 weeks were decent players!" Mr. Browning went on to state that "we are using chess therapy for some vets but we clearly are not prescribing it. Most vets that take part are participating through their own free will."

During the activities in the cafeteria, the volunteer coordinator, Michael Frazier, was asked about the program's present condition. "Mr. Steen was instrumental in starting this, and we wanted to keep his memory alive. But for the last 5 years we've had it up and running, and the resident teachers and resident experts that are members." Guys like Ulysyss Harris, resident expert and Robert Romy, and Al Foster should be mentioned.

Frazier continued: "The club used to meet in the main recreation hall in the hospital, but the vets decided that they wanted to eat while they played, and this lunchroom is a much bigger venue than before."

There were 12 players on that particular day and two were in wheelchairs with a table propped between them while they pondered their moves.

Chess has many benefits for veterans and patients, and medical doctors in the area eschew their virtues. "Chess," says Dr. Matt Spector, University of Michigan Health Care Systems, "Exercises your mind and allows for critical thinking." Another MD, Lorenz Duce, US Department of Veterans Affairs, Ann Arbor, MI declares that, "through chess and the use of cognitive thinking the process delays certain onset of dementia and Alzheimer's disease in some cases, in that it helps to keep the brain sharp."

From battling episodes of Post-traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), or coping with bouts of depression, a number of veterans state that they come here to escape their difficult lives, and chess helps pass the time, as well as force them to make constructive thought provoking moves.

"I am a patient and a participant in one of the Wellness classes here" says Fred Brown, a US Army veteran "and chess helps me relieve tension, and conquer stress. This activity is one of the pleasures of my life I enjoy doing. It totally helps me to relax."

Walter McKniant, a Vietnam era veteran stated, "The fellowship with other veterans is what I enjoy. It makes my day. I make it a point to come here. It's a pleasant environment, it's safe, and I love being around other people and getting out of the house."

The wheelchair bound veteran's face seems to lighten up while he's making his move. The bundle of energy that seems to come from his hands is directed at the chessboard and his opponent. "Checkmate!" he exclaims.

The game of chess is purported to have originated in what is now northern India or Afghanistan around 600 A.D. Thousands of games have been created since that time, but chess is one of the few that has survived. From that auspicious start, chess is one of the most popular board games in the world. It has no boundaries or borders, you don't have to speak the same language as your opponent, and you can be deaf and blind and still play. Today it is one of the world's most widely played games.

And the benefits and virtues of chess seem limitless as the testimonials of the veterans state.

When asked when they meet, Frazier told me that they met every Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm in the Detroit, VA's cafeteria.

When asked does the chess club have a name, Frazier happily stated, "we call it 'The Farm'"

"The Farm?"

"Yes, it means that when you come here you gotta go to work!" he chuckled.

Chess does have its benefits. Improving self-confidence and self-esteem are surely two more.

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2011 World Youth Chess

By Apurva Virkud

The 2011 World Youth Chess Championships was held in Caldas Novas, Brazil from November 17 – 27. The USCF had one of the largest representations with 63 players, 10 coaches and parents. I represented the U14 Girls section along with Sarah Chiang, Rachel Gologorsky and Lilia Poteat. The tournament was held in a convention center about 5-6 minutes from our hotel. There were only 9 rounds instead of the usual 11.

I reached Caldas Novas on November 16. It was a long journey from Detroit, to Atlanta, to Brasilia, to Goania and a 2 hour bus ride to Caldas Novas (also known as middle of nowhere). We were assigned our coaches during our first team meeting. My coach was GM John Fedorowicz.

I had a good start to the tournament. First round I played a local player and won easily. My 2nd round was against a strong player from India and I could only manage a draw with white. 3rd round, I lost to a player from Iran who came in 5th place. I won my next 3 rounds against Canada, Ukraine and Georgia. I was happy with my performance. I had 4.5/6. In between, we had a free day. We took a 2 hour bus tour to their 'downtown'.

I lost my last 3 rounds to players from Russia (one of them won the Silver) and Azerbaijan. I ended up with 4.5/9. I was glad to have this experience. I would like to thank GM Fedorowicz for preparing me against my opponents and my parents for supporting me. I also thank MCA for the stipend, Jenny Skidmore for initiating the Dollar drive and MCA members for your generous contribution.

2011 Michigan Open Report

By Jennifer Skidmore

For the second time in the 62-year history of the Michigan Open, it was held at McGuire's golf resort in Cadillac. Between their games, several players were able to take advantage of the greens. The highlight of the tournament was the performance of 2011 Michigan Open Champion, Atulya Shetty. Atulya was undefeated, scoring 5 wins and 2 draws. 2011 was a hallmark year for Atulya as he tied for the Michigan Junior Championship, crossed the 2300 mark, and became the youngest player ever to win the Michigan Open. Earlier this summer, Atulya tied for first at the Cleveland Open. Apurva Virkud finished in clear second place with 4 wins, 1 draw, and a loss to our champion. Apurva's Michigan Open result rounded out a summer of victories for Apurva which included winning the Susan Polgar Girls Invitational and crossing the 2000 mark at the Indianapolis Open.

To mark the return of the event, we hosted a unique challenge where players were able to add their 2011 score to their 1999 score. Justin Aldrich won the "Cadillac Shuffle" along with first place in the Reserve section. The Booster section was won by Ed Mandell whose 7-0 score was the only perfect one in the tournament. In order to add an element of "fun for all" to the event, we added a side competition for clubs. Clubs listed players from across the 3 sections and then added the top 4 scores together. The Genesee Chess Club, from the Flint area, and the Garden Market Café chess club, from Ann Arbor tied for first place. The Genesee chess club, which was led by Justin Aldrich took first place on tie-breaks. Leading the Garden Market Café was 2011 Michigan Open Champion, Atulya Shetty.

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2011 Michigan Open, Open Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Score
1	Shetty, Atulya Ary (2)	2269	W2	W15	D7	W14	D3	W18	W6	6.0
2	Virkud, Apurva (17)	1983	L1	W30	W22	D11	W32	W10	W7	5.5
3	Homa, Seth (1)	2321	W16	D13	W10	W7	D1	D6	D4	5.0
4	Hahn, David (5)	2132	L21	W34	W26	D15	W20	W8	D3	5.0
5	Larson, Eric Danie (12)	2031	W27	D28	D13	W19	L6	W16	W11	5.0
6	Czuhai, Kevin (3)	2204	W19	W8	L14	W20	W5	D3	L1	4.5
7	Fischvogt, Eric V (4)	2200	W17	W25	D1	L3	W15	W14	L2	4.5
8	Paris, Joseph (19)	1964	W22	L6	W35	W32	D10	L4	W18	4.5
9	Palmer, Tony (6)	2126	L20	D29	L24	W30	W35	W19	D12	4.0
10	Chen, Michael L (9)	2079	W26	W21	L3	W28	D8	L2	D14	4.0
11	Catlin, Andrew G (10)	2073	L28	W27	W25	D2	D16	W13	L5	4.0
12	Wang, Leyun (11)	2067	D29	W36	L20	D24	D28	W31	D9	4.0
13	Bora, Safal (13)	2023	W30	D3	D5	L18	W25	L11	W24	4.0
14	Wang, Jalen (14)	2020	W33	W35	W6	L1	D18	L7	D10	4.0
15	Gregg, Alan Michae (15)	2017	W31	L1	W34	D4	L7	D24	W20	4.0
16	Deatrick, Alexande (16)	1996	L3	D24	W36	W21	D11	L5	W25	4.0
17	Smith, Michael (22)	1910	L7	L18	D30	W36	D21	W34	W27	4.0
18	Ciaffone, Robert B (7)	2106	L25	W17	W29	W13	D14	L1	L8	3.5
19	Jarosz Jr, Stanley (20)	1933	L6	W33	W31	L5	W22	L9	D21	3.5
20	Aldrich, Jeff R (21)	1919	W9	D32	W12	L6	L4	W28	L15	3.5
21	Croel, Duane (24)	1897	W4	L10	-H-	L16	D17	W35	D19	3.5
22	Webster, Kyle D (31)	1769	L8	-B-	L2	W23	L19	D26	W31	3.5
23	Chen, Peter L (18)	1976	L34	L26	W33	L22	W29	L27	W32	3.0
24	Bailey, Gregory E (23)	1900	L32	D16	W9	D12	D31	D15	L13	3.0
25	West, Tony D (26)	1862	W18	L7	L11	W27	L13	W32	L16	3.0
26	Rutkofske, Lonnie (28)	1833	L10	W23	L4	L35	D36	D22	W34	3.0
27	Manion, Tom A (33)	1757	L5	L11	-B-	L25	W30	W23	L17	3.0
28	Chen, Justin Lu (25)	1896	W11	D5	D32	L10	D12	L20	-N-	2.5
29	Ananiadis, Constan (27)	1833	D12	D9	L18	-H-	L23	W36	-N-	2.5
30	Hawver, Evan W (32)	1757	L13	L2	D17	L9	L27	W33	-B-	2.5
31	Wendel, Robert Art (35)	1602	L15	-B-	L19	W34	D24	L12	L22	2.5
32	Beider, Andrew M (8)	2092	W24	D20	D28	L8	L2	L25	L23	2.0
33	Skidmore, Michael (29)	1800	L14	L19	L23	-B-	L34	L30	W36	2.0
34	Sun, Alan Tong (30)	1774	W23	L4	L15	L31	W33	L17	L26	2.0
35	Huerta, James R (34)	1663	-B-	L14	L8	W26	L9	L21	-N-	2.0
36	Thurman, John B (36)	1600	-B-	L12	L16	L17	D26	L29	L33	1.5

2011 Michigan Open, Reserve Section Standings

No.	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Score
1	Aldrich, Justin M (2)	1771	W31	W8	D10	W18	W2	D3	W5	6.0
2	Schmidt, Christoph (10)	1695	W12	W35	W4	W13	L1	W8	D3	5.5
3	Morbito, Matthew D (4)	1748	L23	W31	W26	W11	W17	D1	D2	5.0
4	Dellinger, Patrick (6)	1736	W22	W13	L2	L27	W11	W18	W10	5.0
5	Stockman, David (23)	1527	L20	W25	W38	W33	W18	W17	L1	5.0
6	Beckwith, Stan L (8)	1720	-H-	W20	L17	D9	W16	W19	D12	4.5
7	Sherer, Darrin (9)	1697	D11	L26	D39	D24	W36	W31	W17	4.5
8	Futrell, Jeff (13)	1680	W25	L1	W20	W19	W23	L2	D9	4.5
9	Guilfoyle, Jeffrey (14)	1678	D24	L30	W29	D6	W38	W23	D8	4.5
10	Ignasiak, William (21)	1551	W28	W21	D1	L17	W30	W14	L4	4.5
11	Spangler, Richard (28)	1496	D7	W29	W14	L3	L4	W30	W22	4.5
12	Beagle, Brad A (29)	1488	L2	-B-	W34	W35	L14	-X-	D6	4.5
13	Lorenzon, Marco (11)	1693	W34	L4	W22	L2	D20	W24	D14	4.0
14	Bailey, Dennis Gre (12)	1684	D39	W32	L11	W26	W12	L10	D13	4.0
15	Servinsky, Mark S (17)	1597	L36	L38	W32	L20	W28	W34	W23	4.0
16	Swathell, Gary D (27)	1500	L35	L27	-B-	W22	L6	W38	W30	4.0
17	Schwiebert, Loren (16)	1636	D32	W39	W6	W10	L3	L5	L7	3.5
18	Beane Jr, Joe (20)	1573	W38	W36	W23	L1	L5	L4	D19	3.5
19	Ghantasala, Anirud (22)	1535	L21	W28	W37	L8	W35	L6	D18	3.5
20	Kulkarni, Soumya (36)	1318	W5	L6	L8	W15	D13	L22	W31	3.5
21	Walker, Bradley E (5)	1742	W19	L10	W36	L23	W33	-F-	-U-	3.0
22	Reddick, Forrest (18)	1588	L4	W34	L13	L16	W32	W20	L11	3.0
23	Morian, William Ro (25)	1503	W3	W33	L18	W21	L8	L9	L15	3.0
24	Moerdyk, Matt (30)	1458	D9	D37	L33	D7	W29	L13	D26	3.0
25	Bedy, Noel (31)	1423	L8	L5	-H-	D32	D37	D36	W38	3.0
26	Posthuma, Joshua (33)	1385	D29	W7	L3	L14	L31	W37	D24	3.0
27	Jiang, Kevin (35)	1363	-B-	W16	L35	W4	-U-	-U-	-U-	3.0
28	Smith, Marilyn (40)	nnnn	L10	L19	L31	-B-	L15	W39	W36	3.0
29	Grzegorczyk, Ronal (15)	1671	D26	L11	L9	W37	L24	D33	D34	2.5
30	VanHorn, Dewayne (19)	1588	D37	W9	-H-	-H-	L10	L11	L16	2.5
31	Roome, Eric (24)	1523	L1	L3	W28	D36	W26	L7	L20	2.5
32	Holt, Dan J (32)	1402	D17	L14	L15	D25	L22	-B-	D37	2.5
33	Chen, Joy Rong (38)	1200	-B-	L23	W24	L5	L21	D29	-N-	2.5
34	Busch, Andrew (39)	nnnn	L13	L22	L12	-B-	W39	L15	D29	2.5
35	Lu, Mandy (7)	1734	W16	L2	W27	L12	L19	-N-	-N-	2.0
36	Ye, Austin (34)	1375	W15	L18	L21	D31	L7	D25	L28	2.0
37	Kotekal, Subhodh (37)	1218	D30	D24	L19	L29	D25	L26	D32	2.0
38	Wood, Nathan (41)	nnnn	L18	W15	L5	W39	L9	L16	L25	2.0
39	Harper, Derrick Ki (26)	1500	D14	L17	D7	L38	L34	L28	-U-	1.0
40	Skidmore, Michael (1)	1800	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
41	Hawver, Evan W (3)	1757	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0

2011 Michigan Open, Booster Section Standings

No.	Name	State	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Score
1	Mandell, Ed (1)	MI	1374	W19	W11	W5	W17	W2	W3	W6	7
2	Li, Ben (32)	MI	nnnn	W6	W18	W17	W3	L1	W5	D4	5.5
3	Wellman, Julian (3)	MI	1312	W13	W12	W14	L2	W16	L1	W11	5.0
4	Larson, Ronald Gar (5)	MI	1274	L14	D15	W26	W7	W10	W16	D2	5.0
5	Meyer, David (9)	MI	1126	W26	W20	L1	W11	W14	L2	W12	5.0
6	Sun, Anna Tong (15)	MI	959	L2	W24	W21	D10	W15	W9	L1	4.5
7	Burton, Mathias (22)	MI	695	W10	D21	L9	L4	W24	W23	W15	4.5
8	Kotekal, Anjan (23)	MI	659	W28	W31	D16	W27	W9	-N-	-N-	4.5
9	Hodge, Larry (6)	MI	1248	-X-	L14	W7	W12	L8	L6	W20	4.0
10	Webster, Bruce (10)	MI	1059	L7	W30	W19	D6	L4	D17	W16	4.0
11	Song, Matthew X (12)	MI	988	W29	L1	W20	L5	W28	W14	L3	4.0
12	Zhong, Eric (13)	MI	988	W25	L3	W23	L9	W20	W18	L5	4.0
13	Ye, Jason (17)	MI	928	L3	W25	L18	L20	W29	W28	W22	4.0
14	Bailey, Thomas (29)	MI	nnnn	W4	W9	L3	W18	L5	L11	W25	4.0
15	Schwiebert, Kyle (8)	MI	1159	L17	D4	W30	W21	L6	W22	L7	3.5
16	Lemon, James (20)	MI	838	W27	W28	D8	-B-	L3	L4	L10	3.5
17	Ryskamp, John F (4)	MI	1301	W15	W23	L2	L1	D22	D10	-N-	3.0
18	Payne, Otho D (11)	MI	991	W24	L2	W13	L14	W19	L12	-N-	3.0
19	Murembya, Saano (16)	MI	941	L1	W29	L10	W26	L18	L20	W30	3.0
20	Dillon, Glenn Matt (30)	MI	nnnn	W22	L5	L11	W13	L12	W19	L9	3.0
21	Gregg, Theodore A (7)	MI	1172	D30	D7	L6	L15	D26	W24	-N-	2.5
22	Sun, Amy Tong (14)	MI	985	L20	L26	W25	W23	D17	L15	L13	2.5
23	Hogarth, Frank (18)	MI	887	-B-	L17	L12	L22	W31	L7	D29	2.5
24	Hawver, Ryan Michael (24)	MI	608	L18	L6	W29	D25	L7	L21	W28	2.5
25	Ghantasala, Vishnu (25)	MI	457	L12	L13	L22	D24	W30	W29	L14	2.5
26	Beach, Benjamin (21)	MI	821	L5	W22	L4	L19	D21	D30	-N-	2.0
27	Ananiadis, Stavros (28)	MI	nnnn	L16	-B-	W31	L8	-U-	-U-	-U-	2.0
28	Kulkarni, Saket (31)	MI	nnnn	L8	L16	-B-	W31	L11	L13	L24	2.0
29	Brooks, Jahlin C (26)	MI	416	L11	L19	L24	W30	L13	L25	D23	1.5
30	Hawver, Luke (19)	MI	855	D21	L10	L15	L29	L25	D26	L19	1.0
31	Lorenzon, Anna (27)	MI	141	-B-	L8	L27	L28	L23	-N-	-N-	1.0
32	Jordan, Antowine M (2)	MI	1331	-F-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0

Chess Trivia Quiz, Part 4

Presented by Jennifer Skidmore

This was originally compiled by Ken Long, Seth Homa, Nate Solon, Michael Smith, and Jennifer Skidmore for the 2011 Knight Relocation Camp. We hope that the rest of the Michigan Chess community would enjoy this as well. Please submit your answers to jmscamelot@gmail.com. Those with perfect scores will be entered into a drawing for free entries to Friday Knight Quads.

This is the fourth of a six-part series for Michigan Chess - Editor

1. Which family member taught Bobby Fischer to play chess?

2. Name this opening: 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6
    a. The Slav Defense
    b. The King's Indian Defense
    c. Alekhine's Defense
    d. Nimzo-Indian Defense

3. Who was the youngest ever Grandmaster, and how old was he when he achieved the title?

4. What was the result of the first Karpov – Kasparov world championship match?

5. What is the Troitzky Line?

6. Who was the first official World Chess Champion?
    a. Steinitz
    b. Kasparov
    c. Fischer
    d. Zukertort

7. What relatively new competition combines "the #1 thinking sport and the #1 fighting sport"?

8. Name this opening: 1.e4 c5
    a. Pirc Defense
    b. Sicilian Defense
    c. Justin Bieber Defense
    d. Alekhine's Defense

9. Who did Bobby Fischer defeat in the Candidates matches to earn the right to play Boris Spassky for the World Championship?

10. What is the value of the word "queen" in a game of Scrabble?

Where do "hustlers" play chess in New York City?

11. From which country was Alekhine?

12. How many captures would the a2 pawn need to make to promote on h8?

13. Name this opening: 1.e4 Nf6
    a. Justin Bieber Defense
    b. Ruy Lopez
    c. Alekhine's Defense
    d. English Opening

14. From which country was Tal?

15. When was the last time the U.S. Open chess tournament was in Michigan?

16. Which of the following is NOT in the Michigan Chess Hall of Fame?
    a. Mike Skidmore
    b. Pete Nixon
    c. Ben Finegold
    d. V. E. Vandenburg
    e. Paul Poschel

17. Who was the winner of the "Evergreen" game?

18. In which language is the chess magazine 64 published?

19. Which world-class player (for which an opening and checkmate method are also named) was also a famous musician and composer?

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Seth Homa at the 2012 Philadelphia Open

By Seth Homa

FM Seth Homa was kind enough to annotate some of his games from the 2012 Philadelphia Open.

David Filipovich (2199)
FM Seth Homa (2374)
2012 Philadelphia Open, Round 6
April 7, 2012
E66 King's Indian

Notes by FM Seth Homa

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0–0 0–0 5.d4 d6 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 c5 10.Qc2 Rb8 11.b3 b5 12.Rb1
Much more common is 12.Bb2 e5
12...Bf5
Provoking e4. It looks a little weird to be provoking such a move, but it does coax another pawn into the path of the g2–bishop.
13.e4 Bd7 14.Bb2 e5
A very complicated, strategic battle has begun. The whole board is under siege by both sides.
15.f4?
This natural move is the losing mistake.

I was expecting 15.Rbe1 followed by White's usual regrouping of Nd1 and Bc3 before beginning play in the center with f2–f4.; The point of 12...Bf5 can be seen most clearly in the variation 15.dxe6 Bxe6! and the e4–pawn blocks the g2–bishop's control of the d5–square. Meanwhile, the regrouping ... Na5–c6–d4 is on the way. *(*If *15...fxe6* then *16.e5!* gives White very interesting play for the pawn, as given by Filipovich in the post-mortem. *16...dxe5 17.Nce4* White's active pieces give him enough compensation for the pawn.*)*

Black to Play

15...exf4!
First the diagonal is opened.
16.gxf4 bxc4
Then the b-file.
17.bxc4
17.Nxc4 runs into the same kind of blow after 17...Nxc4 18.bxc4 Ng4 19.Nd1 Rxb2! 20.Rxb2 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Nxh2!! and with 22...Qh4 coming next, White is lost.
17...Ng4!
Threatening to jump into the e3–square. This is why White had to play Rbe1 before playing f4.
18.Nd1

Black to play

18...Rxb2!! 19.Rxb2 Bd4+ 20.Kh1
This is the position Black had foreseen on move 15. Now 20...Qh4 21.Nf3! is a big problem, so how to find a way around that?
If 20.Nf2 then 20...Ne3! and White loses all kinds of material.

Black to Play

20...Nxh2!! 21.Nf3
If 21.Kxh2 Qh4+ 22.Bh3 Qxh3#; Or 21.Re1 Qh4! and a devastating discovered check cannot be avoided.

21...Nxf1 22.Nxd4 Ng3+ 0-1
White resigned, as 22...Ng3+ 23.Kh2 Qh4+ 24.Kg1 cxd4 gives Black too much material.

FM Seth Homa (2374)
Christopher Gu (2369)
2012 Philadelphia Open, Round 7
April 7, 2012
B19 Caro-Kann, Classical

Notes by FM Seth Homa

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bf4 Qa5+ 12.Bd2 Bb4
Black's most popular line these days.

White to Play

13.c3 Be7 14.c4 Qc7 15.0–0–0 Ngf6 16.Kb1 0–0 17.Bc1 Rfd8 18.Qe2 c5
White seems to get a strong attack after this move.

White to Play

19.d5! exd5 20.Nf5!
This is White's ideal square for the knight and it was definitely worth the pawn to get it.

Obviously not 20.Qxe7?? Re8

20...Bf8 21.g4!
In opposite-side castling scenarios, it is important to be the first one to land a blow against the other side's king.

21...Re8
Black sank into deep thought, but could not find a way to defang White's attack.

Other lines to show how potent White's attack can get: 21...dxc4 22.g5! hxg5 23.Nxg5 Nb6 24.Rdg1; 21...Nb6 22.g5! hxg5 23.h6 g6 24.Bxg5; 21...Nxg4 22.Rdg1 Ndf6 23.Nxh6+ Nxh6 24.Bxh6 Re8 25.Qc2

22.Qc2 Re4
Black knew White would try to open the g-file for a rook, so he comes up with an interesting way to obstruct White's plan - by putting his own rook on the g-file!

23.cxd5 Rxg4

White to Play

24.N3h4!

A strong move. It turns out the rook is unstable on the g4–square and will be forced to move away after all.

If 24.Rhg1 then after 24...Rxg1 25.Rxg1 Kh8 there does not appear to be a clear-cut way through Black's defenses.

24...Kh8 25.f3 Rb4 26.d6 Qd8?
Better defense could have been put up with 26...Qc6! although Black was already severely short of time. I had planned: 27.Bd2 Rb6 *(*Rybka notes the better idea of *27...Ra4* organizing counterplay on the a-file. It seems that even here, though, White is better. For example: *28.Rhg1 Nxh5 29.Nxh6 Rxh4 30.Nxf7+ Kg8 31.Qg6* and Rybka likes White's attack.*)* 28.Bc3 Nd5 29.Nxh6!

27.Bd2
White simply improves the position of all his pieces before striking a blow.

27...Rb6 28.Bc3
I think a lot of players would be tempted by 28.Ba5 winning the exchange. Honestly...I am not sure I even saw the possibility. After all, the key to the position is Black's king. It's

a good thing I didn't notice it, as Black gets counterplay after 28...Rxb2+! 29.Qxb2 Qxa5

28...Ra6

White to Play

29.Qb3!
All of White's pieces are focused on the kingside, but the blow comes on the queenside. Black has no satisfactory defense to the threat of Qxf7.

29...b5

If 29...Qe8 then simply 30.Rde1

30.Qxf7 Qe8 31.Ng6+ Kh7 32.Nxf8+ Qxf8 33.Qg6+ Kh8

White to Play

34.Rhg1! 1-0
Black resigned as his situation on the board and on the clock was impossible.

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Homa Takes the Great Lakes!

Annotations by FM Seth Homa, Thomas Hartwig, Michael Chen, and David Meyer. Photos courtesy of Rose Homa. Report compiled by Andy Catlin

2012 Great Lakes Open Champion FM Seth Homa is congratulated by Great Lakes Organizer Stan Beckwith. Stan works year round to make his tournament a jewel in the crown of the Michigan tournament circuit.

Photo courtesy of Rose Homa

FM Seth Homa won the 2012 Great Lakes Open, ceding only a fourth round draw to Dearborn Expert Thomas Hartwig. Forrest Reddick (Roseville) and Russell McCracken (Newberry) topped the reserve section.

We start the report with the outstanding rook endgame played by the two tournament winners in their fourth round match up. Both players have provided extensive game annotations to Seth's fine technical win!

FM Seth Homa (2379)
Thomas Hartwig (2162)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 4
May 13, 2012
C43

Notes by FM Seth Homa and Thomas Hartwig

Seth: Entering this round, three players were tied for first place with 3 points: Thomas Hartwig, Epiphany Peters, and myself.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4

Seth: More popular at the top level is 3.Nxe5

3...Nxe4 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.dxe5

Seth: Black's idea is based on the fork trick 5.Bxe4 d5 6.Bd3 e4

5...Nc5!?

Seth: I've not encountered this move before. I was only familiar with 5...d5

6.Be2?!

Seth: Weak.

6...d5

Seth: Returning to more familiar territory. Black could possibly punish White's lame retreat with 6...d6!

Thomas: 6...d6! is also playable due to 7.Bg5 Qd7! 8.exd6 Bxd6

7.0–0 Be7 8.Be3 Be6

Thomas: 8...Bg4?! doesn't quite work due to 9.Nc3 Bxf3? 10.Bxf3 d4 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Bxd4+–; 8...0–0

9.Qc1!?

Seth: Planning to put pressure on Black's center with Rd1 and c4.

9...0–0 10.Rd1 Qe8

Thomas: I spent a long time considering 10...Nd7 and ...f6 but rejected it for some reason although it was the best move: 11.Bf4 f6 12.exf6 Nxf6=

11.Nbd2

Seth: I spent a lot of time here trying to decide between this and 11.Nc3. For example: 11.Nc3 Rd8 12.Nb5 Rd7 13.c3 and with Nbd4 on the way, White looks pleasantly placed.

Thomas: 11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Rd8=

11...Rd8 12.c3 Ne4?!

Seth: This felt rushed. I was expecting 12...Bf5 and was planning to meet it with 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 a6 15.b4 with a roughly balanced position.

Thomas: Again I didn't trust 12...f6 for reasons that are not clear to me now, and I wanted to trade some pieces to gain space to maneuver. However after this White starts to get a pull. 13.exf6 Rxf6=

13.Qc2 Bf5 Thomas: Now I start to get into trouble because I am getting strategically desirable trades but White is gaining time with these trades.

Seth: White is also doing well after 13...f5 ! (Thomas) 14.exf6 Nxf6 15.Ng5 Thomas: 15...Bc8

14.Bd3 Nxd2 15.Rxd2 Bxd3 16.Rxd3

Seth: I was happy with these exchanges as it seemed the d-pawn was now a little weak. In the future, the e5–pawn could become the basis for a kingside attack.

16...Qd7

Thomas: This is an important move. Although White has a normal advantage I should still be OK.

17.Rad1 Qf5

17...Qe6 Seth: 18.Bf4 (Thomas: 18.Qb3 b6! 19.Rxd5?? *(19.Bf4!?)* 19...Na5!!) 18...Rd7 with a slight pull for White.

18.Qd2

Seth: Setting a positional trap.

Thomas: Black has to play very precisely against 18.Qb3 , and this may have given me difficult problems over the board.

18...Na5! 19.Qb5 b6 20.b4?! *(20.Rxd5?? c6)* 20...c6! 21.Qa4 Nc4 22.Qxc6? Nb2 However his move also is not easy to meet and I immediately went wrong.

18...Nxe5?

Seth: I was expecting 18...Rfe8 which protects the d5–pawn indirectly, for example: 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Rd8 21.Qb3 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Nxe5 etc.;

Thomas: It was hard to find, but 18...Rd7! was a very precise move that still would have held the balance. 19.Rxd5 Rxd5 20.Qxd5 Rd8 21.Qb3 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Nxe5=

19.Nxe5 Qxe5 20.Bf4!

Seth: 20.Rxd5 Rxd5 21.Qxd5 Qxd5 22.Rxd5 is just a draw.

Thomas: 22...Bd6=

20...Qf6 21.Bxc7 Rd7 22.Bf4

Seth: White has a definite advantage thanks to the isolated d-pawn.

Thomas: I spent about 20 minutes thinking here, and realized Black's position is highly unpleasant.

22...Bc5

Seth: Otherwise White would have repositioned his bishop to the d4 square and begun probing Black's kingside pawns with his queen and rook.

Thomas: 22...Rfd8 23.Be3 Qe6 24.Bd4 *(24.g3?! d4!; 24.c4? d4!)* 24...Qa6 25.a3±

23.Be3

Seth: White has nothing against exchanging a bishop and a rook...but definitely not both rooks (imagine white rook on d4, white queen on d2, black rook on d6, black queen on d8 - White wins the d5–pawn by playing c3–c4. This is THE key thematic idea behind playing against the IQP).

23...Bxe3 24.Qxe3

Seth: I wasn't sure this was the right recapture.

24...Qa6 25.a3 Qb5

Seth: Black is hoping his piece activity will offset his structural weakness.

26.Qd2?

Seth: I kicked myself right after making this braindead move. Why give Black the e-file?

Seth, Thomas: Simply 26.R1d2!± was better because Black does not get to play 26...Re8

26...Re8! 27.Re1

Seth: A pair of rooks must come off. Now if White plays 27.Rd4 like he wants to, then Black invades with 27...Re2

27...Rxe1+

Seth: Maybe a better try was 27...Re6!?

28.Qxe1 Rd8

Seth: 28...Qxd3?? 29.Qe8#

29.Qd2

Seth: Fortunately, my slip on move 26 had cost me nothing. White has still retained his slight advantage.

29...g6 30.g3!

Thomas: White threatens 31 Rd4 and 32 c4. 30.Rd4 Re8 31.g3 Re5!²

30...Qc6

Seth: Black plans ...b5, shutting down White's c3–c4 idea.

31.Qg5

Seth: The position won't win itself. White has to combine threats to the d-pawn and Black's king (principle of two weaknesses). Also interesting was 31.h4!? intending the loosening h4–h5 if allowed.

Thomas: 31.Rd4 b5²

31...Re8!?

Seth: This surprised me. Black ditches the weak d-pawn in order to activate his rook. I'm not sure it's enough compensation though.

Thomas: Possibly the wrong decision. I chose to go into a rook ending a pawn down because I thought it was easier to defend than the position I was in. 31...Rd6

32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Rxd5 Re2 34.Rb5 b6 35.Kg2 Kf8

Seth: Maybe Black should have first flicked in 35...h5!?

36.Kf3 Rc2 37.g4!?

Seth: Using the fact that Black has not played ...h5 yet.

37...h6 38.h4 f6 39.a4 Ke7

Seth: This position should be winning.

40.h5?

Seth: Impatience! This was a much more serious slip than 26.Qd2. Black comes very close to equalizing now.

40...f5!

Seth: If Black can liquidate all the kingside pawns, his drawing chances go up exponentially.

41.g5!

Seth: I made this move after about 30 minutes and it is probably the best way to keep winning chances alive.

41.gxf5 gxh5 42.Kg3 Kf6 seemed holdable for Black.; Also drawn was 41.hxg6 fxg4+ 42.Kxg4 Rxf2 43.g7 *(*(Thomas:) *43.Rf5 Rg2+ 44.Kh5 Rh2+ 45.Kg4 Rg2+)* 43...Rg2+ 44.Kh5 Rxg7 45.Kxh6 Rg2

41...hxg5

Seth: Losing would be 41...gxh5 42.gxh6 Kf6 43.Rxf5+ Kg6 *(43...Kxf5?? 44.h7)* 44.Rxh5

42.hxg6

Seth: I wasn't sure what to make of 42.h6 , so I decided to keep my extra pawn. Thomas: 42...Kf7 43.a5 Kg8 44.axb6 axb6 45.Rxb6 Kh7

42...Kf6 43.Rxf5+!

Thomas: I had missed this.

43...Kxg6

Seth: 43...Kxf5?? 44.g7

44.Rb5

Seth: So White has maintained one kingside pawn to target, but is it enough for a win? I am not sure.

44...Kf6 45.Kg3

Seth: If 45.Ke3 then 45...g4!

45...Kg6 46.f3

Seth: Even though White's king wins the race to the queenside after 46.f4 gxf4+ 47.Kxf4 Kf6 48.Ke4 Ke6 49.Kd3 , the fact that all the pawns are on one side indicates that the position should be drawn.

46...Kf6 47.Rb4 Kf5 48.Rb5+ Kf6 49.a5

Seth: This liquidates the queenside entirely, but I saw no other way to make progress. 49.Kg4 Rg2+ 50.Kh3 Rf2 51.Kg3 Rc2

49...bxa5 50.Rxa5 Rxb2 51.Rxa7 Rc2!

Seth: Rooks belong behind passed pawns.

52.Rc7 Ke5

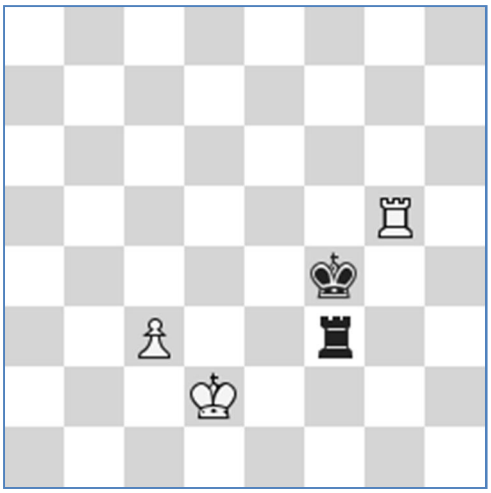
Seth: Honestly, this position feels and smells like a draw. Proving it, however, is rather hard.

53.Rc8 Rc1

Seth: I do not like this move, though Rybka disagrees. Maybe Black can shuffle his king back and forth and hold that way? My king cannot move, and if I advance the c-pawn then the black king approaches the white rook.

54.Kf2

Seth: Now my king is free to swing over. White's plan is to have the king escort the c-pawn up the board and have the rook protect the f-pawn for as long as possible.
54...Kf4 55.Rc4+ Ke5 56.Ke2 Kf5 57.Rc8 Kf4 58.Rf8+ Kg3?
Thomas: For a long time the position has been straddling close between a win and a draw. I am not sure if the position is tenable after 58...Ke5 , but it was a better defensive try. After this my king gets cut off.
59.Kd2!
Seth: Precise. The logical 59.Kd3? coughs up an immediate draw: 59...Rf1! 60.c4 Rxf3+ 61.Rxf3+ Kxf3 the pawn endgame is drawn. 62.c5 g4 63.c6 g3 64.c7 g2 65.c8Q g1Q etc.
59...Rf1 60.Rf5!
Seth: With the king on d2, Black cannot take the pawn with check. The second point behind White's play is that . ..g4 can be met with fxg4, which will keep the white rook protected.
60...Rxf3
Seth: 60...Rf2+ 61.Ke3!
61.Rxg5+ Kf4



White to Play

Seth: The climax of the game. Would you choose: 1) 62.Rd5 Ke4 63.Rd4+ Ke5 64.Kc2 setting up the Lucena position OR 2) 62.Rh5 Ke4 63.Kc2 preventing the black king from reaching the 5th rank?
62.Rh5!!
Thomas: A great move. I thought he had to try to cut me off on the d-file with 62.Rd5, but this is much stronger.
Seth: Chess is a long ways from being solved, but positions with 6 pieces or fewer HAVE been definitively figured out by computers. I am referring to "Nalimov tablebases," and one can easily find these for free on the internet. Thanks to these handy little devices, we can say for certain that 62.Rd5 draws and 62.Rh5 wins.
I almost played 62.Rd5 , but then I noticed the position after 62...Ke4 63.Rd4+ *(63.c4 Rh3* should be tenable (Thomas)*)* 63...Ke5 resembled a position I had seen in Dvoretsky's Endgame Manual (owners of the book may refer to page 153 of the 3rd edition). Black draws by using frontal rook checks. 64.Kc2 Rf8! 65.Kb3 Rb8+ 66.Ka4 *(*Or *66.Rb4 Rh8!* and the white rook must return to d4 to prevent the black king from getting closer.*)* 66...Rc8 67.Kb4 *(*Or *67.Rd3 Ke4 68.Rh3 Kd5)* 67...Rb8+ 68.Kc5 Rc8+ 69.Kb4 Rb8+ 70.Ka5 Rc8 71.Kb4 Rb8+ etc.
62...Ke4 63.Kc2 Rf1 64.Kb3 Rb1+ 65.Kc4 Rb8 66.Rb5 Rc8+ 67.Kb4 Kd3 68.Rd5+ Ke4 69.c4
Seth: The pawn moves closer to its final destination.
69...Rb8+ 70.Rb5 Ra8 71.Rb6!
Seth: Using the same technique of cutting the king off, only one rank further up the board.
71...Ra1 72.c5 Rb1+ 73.Kc4 Rc1+ 74.Kb5 Kd5
Seth: Or 74...Rb1+ 75.Ka6 Rc1 76.c6 Kd5 77.Kb7 Kd6 78.Rb2! Rxc6 79.Rd2+ winning.
75.Rd6+ Ke5 76.Rd2! 1-0
Seth: With the pawn having crossed the 4th rank, it is finally safe to set up the Lucena position. Black resigned.

To newcomers of the game, here are some variations that illustrate White's winning methods: 76.Rd2 Ke6 77.Kb6 Rb1+ 78.Kc7 Rc1 79.c6 Ke7 80.Kb7 Rb1+ 81.Kc8 Rc1 82.c7 Rc3 Now that the pawn has reached the 7th rank, White has to get his king out of the way without being checked endlessly by the black rook. 83.Re2+! First driving the enemy king away. *(*Not *83.Kb7?! Rb3+ 84.Kc6 Rc3+ 85.Kb6 Rb3+ 86.Ka5 Rc3* and the white king has to return to c8 to escape the checks. *87.Kb6 Rb3+)* 83...Kf7 *(*If *83...Kd6* then *84.Kd8! Rxc7 85.Rd2+* wins the rook.*)* 84.Re4! Beginning the process called "Building a bridge." The rook will be used to shield the king from rook checks. 84...Rc1 85.Kb7 Rb1+ 86.Kc6 Rc1+ 87.Kb6 Rb1+ 88.Kc5 Rc1+ 89.Rc4! and the pawn turns into a lovely queen.

Tournament winner Seth Homa battles runner up Thomas Hartwig.
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Thomas Hartwig (2162)
Ben Li (1818)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 2
May 13, 2012
D47

Notes by Thomas Hartwig

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Be7?!
5...Nbd7
6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0–0 Bb7 10.a3?!
This is a normal plan, but it doesn't actually work tactically. 10.e4! b4 11.Na4²
10...0–0 11.e4
This allows 11...c5! with equality, which black misses.

However surprisingly it is hard to get an advantage anyway because 11.Bd2 also allows black to get in ...c5.
11.Bd2 a6 12.b4 c5! 13.bxc5 Nxc5÷; 11.b4 a5 12.Rb1 Bd6÷; 11.Bc2 a6 12.e4 c5÷

11...h6?

After Black misses the chance for 11...c5, White has a serious advantage.
11...c5!÷

12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 exd5

13...cxd5 14.Bxb5±

14.Re1 Re8 15.Bf4

15.e6 fxe6 16.Bg6 Rf8 17.Rxe6±

15...Bf8!

The computer initially wants to play the strategically desirable move 15...Nf8, but then black gets shredded 16.Qd2 threatening a bishop sac.
15...Nf8 16.Qd2 g5! *(16...Ne6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6+–; 16...Qb6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxh6 c5 19.e6!+–)* 17.Be3 g4 18.Bxh6! gxf3 19.Qf4+–

16.Bc2 g6 17.e6!?

I spent some time here and also considered 17.Qd2, but couldn't decide which was better. As it turns out either move should be very good for white.
17.Qd2 Kh7 18.h4 *(18.e6!)* 18...Bg7 19.h5 Nf8±

17...Rxe6 18.Rxe6 fxe6 19.Qd3!

19.Bxg6?? Qf6–+

19...Qf6 20.Ne5! Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Qf7

21...Qf5 22.Qe2 Qh5 23.g4 Qh4 24.Bxg6±; 21...Qg5 22.Re1 Rd8 23.Re3 Bd6 24.f4+–

22.Qg3 Bg7

22...g5 23.f4!+–

23.Bxg6 Qd7 24.Re1 Bc8?

Black had a lost position anyway but this allows me to cash in easily.

25.Be8! Qe7 26.Bxc6 Bb7 27.Bxg7 Qxg7 28.Qxg7+ 1–0

Ben Li and his Dad.
*Photo courtesy of Rose Hom*a

Daniel Libby (1879)
Thomas Hartwig (2162)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 3
May 13, 2012

Notes by Thomas Hartwig

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.0–0 Bg4 7.Re1?!

This is an odd move that looks fairly pointless unless black justifies it by playing 7...e5.
7.Qb3 Qd7; 7.Qa4 Qd7

7...e6!

7...e5 8.d4! Bxf3? 9.exf3!±

8.a3?!

This is probably too extravagant, after which Black is better.

8...Bd6 9.b4 0–0 10.Bb2 a6 11.d3 e5

Now I am ready for this move.

12.Nfd2 Qb6?!

This is simply not a good move, it prepares 13...a5 but it runs into both Na4 and Nc4 in some lines.
12...a5! 13.b5 Qb6 14.Qa4 *(14.Nc3 Be6³)* 14...Be6 15.Nc3 Ne7³; 12...Rc8 13.Nc3 Be7!³

13.Nc3 d4

There is nothing better, but now white is doing fine again.

14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Qd8

15...Rac8 16.Rc1=

16.Rc1 Bxb4 17.Bxc6 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 bxc6 19.Rxc6

I initially evaluated this position as much better for Black, but in reality White should be OK.

19...Bc8 20.Rec1 Rb8 21.Qc2 Bb7 22.Rc7 Ba8 23.f3

23.Qc5 would have been a nice move.
23.Qc5! Rxb2?? *(23...Rb5=)* 24.Rc8+–

23...Qd6 24.Rc8?!

Probably too extravagant again.

24...g6 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Qc7??

The position has already become slightly awkward for white over the last couple of moves, but this is a serious blunder. I can only assume the tension got to white and he wanted to force simplifications with what appears to be a neat tactical trick. 26.Kf2³; 26.Ba1? Qxa3µ; 26.Rb1? Qb6µ

26...Qxc7 27.Rxc7 Rxb2 28.Rc8+

This was white's point, and he thought he was winning the a-pawn for the e2 pawn. However he hadn't calculated far enough because he is losing another pawn.

28...Kg7 29.Rxa8 Rxe2 30.Rxa6 Re3 31.Kf2 Rxd3

Although it isn't trivial, Black should be winning this ending.

32.h4 Rd2+ 33.Kf1 Ra2 34.a4 h5 35.a5 Kf8 36.Ra8+ Ke7 37.a6 Kf6 38.a7 Kf5 39.Ke1 e4?

The right idea, but 39... d3 was more accurate and this jeopardizes the win. 39...d3 40.Kd1 d2 41.Ke2 e4 42.Re8 Rxa7 43.Rxe4 Rd7 44.Rf4+ Ke6 45.Re4+ Kf6 46.Rf4+ Kg7 47.Kd1 Rd3 48.g4 f6 49.gxh5 gxh5 50.Rf5 Kg6 51.Rf4 Rd5 52.Rc4 Kf5 53.Rc6 Rd3–+

40.fxe4+?

We both missed a better defense with 40.Re8! Rxa7 41.Rxe4³. After the game continuation, the win is easy.

40...Kg4 41.e5 Kxg3 42.Rd8 Rxa7 43.Rxd4 Re7 44.Re4 Kf3 45.Re2 Kg4 46.Re4+ Kf5 47.Ra4 Rxe5+ 48.Kf2 Re4 49.Ra7 Kg4 50.Rxf7 Rf4+ 0-1

Daniel Libby had an outstanding tournament, scoring two wins and a draw against expert competition.
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Ken Schell (1507)
David Meyer (1198)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 3
May 12, 2012
E93

Notes by David Meyer

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3
The King's Indian defense
3...Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 0–0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Be2 Nh5
Preparing f4 and a king side pawn storm
9.Nd2 Nf4 10.0–0
If 10.Bxf4 exf4 I'd prefer the long diagonal and doubled pawns over pretty pawns and an inactive bishop any day
10...Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 f5
Threatening f4 trapping the bishop
12.f3 f4 13.Bf2 g5
The black bishops are temporarily shut down by Black's pawn chain.
14.Rab1
White plans to play b4 followed by c5 with a strong queen side attack
14...a5
Black spends time slowing down White's queen side attack in order to have more time to build an attack on White's king.
15.Kh1?
White is probably bracing himself for Black's attack. Kh1 leaves room for his dark squared bishop to retract to and still keep pressure on the g1–a2 diagonal
15...b6
Stopping all hope of a queenside attack for white. White is now faced with the issue of where to direct his forces.
16.Bg1
If the black g pawn were to ever make it to the third rank h3 would effectively lock the kingside
16...Nf6
Preparing g4
17.a4?
White surrenders all hope of a queenside attack. Better would have been 17.a3 preparing b4 and c5
17...g4
Black has sprung his attack. White now has his work cut out for him
18.Nb5
Hoping to find infiltration into black's queenside
18...Bd7
Black may now play Qc8 with ideas of sac'ing his light squared bishop on h3 if White were to advance his pawn
19.Rfc1

Black to Play

19...Nh5!!
Sacrificing a pawn and a Knight for an overwhelming kingside attack
20.fxg4 Ng3+! 21.hxg3 fxg3
Threatening Qh4+ Bh2 and Qxh2#
22.Nf3
Temporarily stopping most of Black's threats
22...Bxg4
Pinning White's defensive Knight
23.Rc3 Bxf3
Shattering another of white's defensive barriers
24.gxf3
If Q or Rxf3 then Qh4+ Bh2 and Qxh2#
24...Qh4+ 25.Kg2 Rf6
Activating Black's rook preparing to bring it to the Black-dominated h-file or bring the inactive a-rook in to the game
26.Kf1 Raf8
Capitalizing on the half open f-file
27.Qg2?
Shoring up the h-file defenses but leaving White's e4 pawn undefended. White has blundered. Surprisingly with perfect

play White had the power to withstand Black's onslaught and come back to win the game. Humans though are not computers; we make mistakes and that is how we grow

27...Qxe4

White is busted: his king stands in the fray of Black's attack.

28.Re1 Rxf3+ 29.Rxf3 Rxf3+0–1

Joy Chen gained 131 rating points enroute to her third place finish in the reserve. *Photo courtesy of Rose Homa*

Michael Chen (2081)
Manis Davidovich (2094)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 3
May 12, 2012

Notes by Michael Chen

Black to Play

19.Bf4! Qxf4 20.Nd7+ Ka8 21.axb6 1-0. Black resigns. Michael notes that 21.Qc8+ mates even faster 21...Nb8 22.Qxb8#.

Epiphany Peters plays Robert O'Donnell; James Sawaski fights Michael Chen. Reigning National Electronic Knights Correspondence Champion Sawaski started on a tear, taking down two experts before losing to Homa and Chen. The Newberry mathematician and writer may have been energized by the great buzz around his just-published young adult novel, The Next Chess Team.
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Don Vandivier (1887)
Thomas Hartwig (2162)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 3
May 13, 2012

Black to Play

White has just played 14 Qh5-g6?!. Now Black digs deep and finds **14...hxg5! 15.Bxg5 Qd7!!** Thomas Hartwig writes in his game notes, "Forced but winning. If 15...Be6?? 16.Bxe7 fxg6 17.Bxe6+! Kh8 18.Bxd6 wins; If 15...Kh8?? 16.Qh5+ Kg8 17.Bxe7 wins; If 15...Qc7?? 16.Bf6 wins. In the game, after **16.Bh6 Qg4 17.Qxd6 gxh6** Black had a big advantage and went on to win. Don Vandivier was so impressed by Thomas Hartwig's fine defense that he was generously showing his opponent's moves off later in the tournament!

The two reserve winners, Forrest Reddick and Russell McCracken, play out their fourth round draw at the far table. In the foreground, Sugar Island Chess Klub organizer Glen Schmiege plays Saint Clair's Noel Bedy. McCracken and Schmiege were two of the five U.P. players that made the trip south to play in Battle Creek.
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Greg Bailey (1900)
Michael Chen (2081)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 3
May 12, 2012

Notes by Michael Chen

Black to Play

13...Nf5! Michael Chen writes that "This wins a pawn because of the duel threats of 14...Nxe3 and 14...cxd4 15. exd4 Nxd4 since 16 Qxd4? loses to 16...Bc5."

Not afraid of the Big Cats!! Peter Chen was able to draw against Tony "Le Tigre" Nichol's Fluffy Catalan. *Photo courtesy of Rose Homa*

State 12th Grade Champion Isaac Zylstra battles Northern Michigan strongman Greg Bailey
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Epiphany Peters (2074)
Jon Gotz (1809)
2012 Great Lakes Open, Round 1
May 12, 2012

White to Play

28 Rxe6+! Black resigns

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Jennifer Skidmore e-mail: jmscamelot@gmail.com
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Bay City Mall food court, 4101 E. Wilder Rd.
Mike Snobeck (989) 686-8001

Benton Harbor, Solid Grounds Cafe Chess Club Thursdays 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Solid Grounds Cafe, 124 Water Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022 "in the Arts District"
Carl Brecht e-mail: carlbrecht@netscape.net
All ages welcome! Hours of cafe for play anytime at www.Solid-groundsCafe.com

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First Congregational Church, 3rd & Marion St. in downtown Elkhart, IN ~ 7 miles south of State line
Roger Blaine (574) 257-9033 e-mail: reblaine@hotmail.com

Genessee County Chess Club (Flint) Tues 6:30 - 9:30 PM
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Flint, MI 48506
Jeff Aldrich (810) 955-7271
e-mail: jeffchess@charter.net

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Katy Ford (616) 240-0832
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Greenville Area Community Center, 900 East Kent Road
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Tony Nichols e-mail:sensie48910@yahoo.com
http://www.lansingchessclub.blogspot.com

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Ken Lamb (810)-599-4134or Matt Trujillo (810)-225-3000
website: http://www.livingstoncountychessclub.blogspot.com/
Email at livingstoncountychessclub@hotmail.com or lcchess@yahoo.com

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Horizon Books, 319 E. Mitchell St., Petoskey
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All the King's Men Chess Supplies / Warren

Oct 13 ***Chess for Charity VII***
The River (Church), 255 S Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48327. **5-SS**. Rated & Non-rated sections. **Reg:** e-mail preferred. **Rds:** 10-11-1-2-3. **EF:** $10, portion of EF goes to American Heart Association **TL:** G/30 (G25;d5). **$$:** Medals to 1st, 2nd 3rd each section. Parent/Child team, Best K-3, Biggest Upset. **ENT&INF:** dave@gamesinmichigan.com

Oct 13-14 UNIVERSAL FALL SWISS
All The King's Men Chess Supplies and Brain Games in the Parkview Square Strip Mall, 27170 Dequindre Rd,Warren, MI 48092. **5-SS.** Up to two ½-point byes; request prior to Rd. 3.TL: G/90. Rds: Sat, 12-3:30-7, Sun, 11-2:30pm. EF: $40 by 10/9, add $10 after. **Reg:** 9:30-10:30am. $$: $1200 (b/40, 6 per prize group). 1st $350, 2nd $250; Top 1900-2099, Top 1600-1899, Top 1300-1599, Top 1000-1299, U1000/Unr $120 each. Ent/Info: Dr. Ed Mandell, (586) 558-

4790. Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com, http://www.allthekingsmenchess.com

Oct 14 ***Lansing Mini Swiss*** **LCC Technology and Learning Center, Room 127.** Corner of Capital and Shiawassee Lansing, MI 48933 3- SS EG: 9:00-9:45 EF: $21.TL: G/85;d5. $$: 1st $75 2nd $48 ea sect. $100 to 3pt score sect of 8. RDS: 10, 1:30, 4:30. **ENT & INF:**Tony Nichols, sensi48910@yahoo.com

Oct 16 – Nov 13 ***Genesee County CC*** **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** Eastside Senior Center, 3065 N. Genesee Rd. Flint, MI 48506. **5-SS,** 1/gm/wk, Up to 2 half-point byes in rds 1-4. Please arrive by 6:25pm each week to be paired. **Reg:** 10/18 or 10/25, 6:00-6:25pm. **Rds:** 6:30/wk. **EF:** $8 ($6 U18) **TL:** G/90. **$$:** 1st, 2nd 3rd; Top U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000/Unr. **ENT&INF:** Jeff Aldrich 810-955-7271, jeffchess@charter.net

Oct 28 CANTON SUNDAY QUADS
Canton Public Library, 1200 South Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188. **3-RR**. **TL:** G/30 (G/25;d5). Rds: 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm. **EF:** $5. **Reg:** 11:30am-12:30pm. **$$:** $15 per quad . **ENT&INF:** mrwiz.usa@gmail.com

NOVEMBER TOURNAMENTS

Nov 2-4 SECOND ANNUAL FALL INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL The MET Hotel, 5500 Crooks Rd, Troy, MI 48098. **5-SS** (U1000 **4-SS**), One ½-point bye, req by end of rd 2. **TL:** 3-day: 40/2 SD/1; 2-day Rd 1-2 G/90, then merge; U1000: G/30. **Rds:** 3-day: Fri: 7pm, Sat: 11-6, Sun 10-4:30; 2-day: Sat 10-2 then merge. U1000: Sat: 10- 11:30-2-4. **EF:** Dates based on online reg, Open (FIDE-rated): 3-day: by 10/12: $103, by 10/26: $105, Site: $127; 2-day: by 10/12: $104, by 10/26: $106, Site: $129; Re-entries: $63. U1800: 3-day: by 10/12: $94, by 10/26: $96, Site: $115; 2-day: by 10/12: $95, by 10/26: $97, at site: $117; Re-entries: $58. U1400: 3-day: by 10/12: $66, by 10/26: $68, Site: $80; 2-day: by 10/12: $67, by 10/26: $69, Site: $82; Re-entries: $41. U1000: by 1012: $35, by 10/26: $37, Site: $40. GM, Foreign IMs, & WGMs free, $100 ded from prizes. Entries must be postmarked 4 days prior to website dates to obtain early pricing. Charge for returned checks: $10. Online registration: michiganchessfestival.com . **Reg:** 3-day: Fri. 5-6pm, 2-day: Sat 8:30-9:30am, U1000: Sat 8:30-9:30am. **$$:** $14,000 Guaranteed. Open Sect: $2,500-$1,500-$900-$500-$300-$100, U 2300: $900-$450, U2100: $700-$400, U1900: $400-150; U1800 Sect: $1,000-$600-$300-$225, U1600: $550-$300-$100; U1400 Sect: $750-$400-$250-$150, U 1200: $425-$200-$100; Max Unrated Prize capped at 3rd place in the section. U1000 Section: $150-$100-$75-$25, U800: $75-$50-$25, U 600: $75-$50-$25, Unr: $75-$50-$25. **ENT&INF:** Event organized by Alan Kaufman, Michigan Chess Festival LLC, Mail Payment accepted. Mail checks to MCFLLC, 4301 Orchard Lake Rd Ste 180 #B125, West Bloomfield, MI 48323. 248-497-6912. info@michiganchessfestival.com.

Nov 11 ★★2012 MICHIGAN WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS★★
All The King's Men Chess Supplies and Brain Games in the Parkview Square Strip Mall, 27170 Dequindre Rd,Warren, MI 48092. 2 Sect (Open, U1000) + Side Event, **4-SS**, One ½-point bye avail rd 1-3. **TL:** Open: Rd 1 G/75;d5, Rd 2-4 G/90;d5; U1000/Side Event: G/60;d5. **Rds:** Open: 9:15-12:15-3:15-6:40 , U1000/Side Event: 12:15- 2:15-4:15- 6:40 . **EF:** Open/U1000 $20 by 11/8, add $10 after, $5 discount if under 18; Side Event $15 by 11/8, add $10 after. Email entries ok for advanced price, pay by end of registration.
Make checks payable to Michigan Chess Association; Advanced payment also accepted through paypal. **Reg:** Open: 8:15-9am; U1000/Side Event: 8:15-11:45am. **$$:** Open: 1st $75 + troph, 2nd Troph, Top B,C,D,E/Unr Troph; U1000: 1st, 2nd Top U800, U600, U400, Unr Troph; Side Event: 70% of EF, structure dependent on entries. **Entries/Info:** Michael Smith, redwing_85@hotmail.com, (734) 625-5057, PO BOX 8064, Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Nov 11 ***Lansing Mini Swiss*** (SEE Oct 14)

Nov 17 ★★2012 MICHIGAN SCHOLASTIC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS★★
Lansing Convention Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 48933. NO COOLERS!!! NO GROUP FOOD!!! Individuals play in 4 sections: K-12; K-8; K-5; K-3. Individuals do not play members of their same club. **5-SS** TL: G/45 (G/40;d5) Rds: 9-11-1-3-5. EF: $15 by 11/9, $25 by 11/16. MCA required for all MI players. USCF required for K-5/K-8/K-12; USCF tournament memberships NOT accepted; Memberships should be purchased as part of registration; Make ALL checks payable to MCA; NO ON SITE REGISTRATION; On site check-in 7:30-8:15;
Players must be paid in advance or check-in before 8:15 in order to be paired in rd 1; all mailed entries must be post-marked 11/9; ALL CLUB ROSTERS MUST BE CONFIRMED BEFORE RD 1.**$$:** Trophies: Top 7 Individuals Overall + any with 4 points; Top 7 Clubs (top 4 individual scores from each club are used)
Entries/Info: Michael Smith, redwing_85@hotmail.com, 734-625-5057, PO BOX 8064, Ann Arbor, MI 48107; Paypal accepted for payment in advance. Email by 11/9 for this option. $1 per player processing fee will be added to cover paypal charges.

Nov 25-27 MOTOR CITY OPEN Sponsored In Part By Michigan Chess Festival, LLC! Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1500 Opdyke Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. 6-SS (5-SS in U1000 section). **HR:** $85 by 11/16, 1-800-593-5434 or www.cpauburnhills.com. **6-SS** (U1000: **5-SS**). 4 Sections: Open (FIDE-Rated), U1800, U1400, U1000. Top 3 Sections have 2-Day and 3-Day Schedules. 1-Day Only Schedule for U1000. Up to three ½-point byes, must be requested prior to start of Rd 4. Multiple Day Sections merge after Rd 3. Unrated eligible Only for Overall and Unr Prizes in all sections; may not be allowed in lower sections at discretion of Organizer/TD. **Special Event:** Lecture by Epiphany Peters on Sat 11/24, 5-6pm: $10. TL: Open, U1800, U1400: 3-Day: Rd 1-4 G/120, Rd 5-6 40/120 SD/30; 2-Day: Rd 1-3 G/45, Rd 4 G/120, Rd 5-6 40/120 SD/30. U1000: G/30. **Rounds:** Open, U1800, U1400: 3-Day: Fri 12-6, Sat 11-6, Sun 10-3:30. 2-Day: Sat 11-1-3-6, Sun 10-3:30. U1000: Sat 10:30-12:30- 2-3:30- 6. **EF:** By 11/19, add $10 after; Open: 3-Day: $103, 2-Day: $102. IM/GM Free (EF of $100 ded from prize); U1800: 3-Day: $83, 2-Day: $82, Re-Entry: $50. U1400: 3-Day: $63, 2-Day: $62, Re-Entry: $40; U1000: $30. **Reg:** 3-Day: Fri 9-11am, 2-Day: Sat 8:30-10am, 1-Day: Sat 8:30-10am. **$$:** $10,000, 80% Guaranteed! 50 (Enhanced) Grand Prix Points! Open: $4100 (b/48): $1300-$800-$600; U2400, U2200, U2000, U1800/Unr: $350 each. U1800 Sect: $3000 (b/48): $1000-$600-$400; U1600, U1400/Unr: $300-$200 each; U1400 Sect: $2100 (b/48): $600-$400-$300; U1200, U1000/Unr: $250-$150 each. U1000: $800 (b/38): $250-$200- $150: U800, U600/Unr: $100 each, Medals 3.5pts. Quartz Clock for Biggest Upset in Each Section! Entries/Info: Ed Mandell, All The King's Men Chess and Brain Games, Inc. 27170 Dequindre Road, Warren, MI 48092, (586) 558-4790, Fax: (586) 558-2046, Email: allthekingsmench@aol.com, Website: www.allthekingsmenchess.com .

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Dec 13 ***Genesee County CC*** **ACTION QUADS**
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PLAN AHEAD CALENDAR:

Jan 19-20, 2013 ★★ MICHIGAN MASTER/EXPERT & CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS ★★ Radisson Hotel / Lansing

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2012 MICHIGAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

October 6-7 2012

Warren, Michigan

All The Kings Men Chess Supplies
27170 Dequindre Road, Warren MI 48092

Directions: Located in the Parkview Square Strip Mall, directly behind the subway restaurant. The Mall is located on Dequindre Road just north of 11 mile road, which is 1.5 miles east of I-75 (11 mile road exit) and ¾ of a mile north of I-696 (Dequindre Road exit) in the city of Warren, MI

Format:	5 round swiss. Open to anyone rated under 2000. One half-point bye allowed in rounds 1-4.
Time Control:	G/120 with 5 second delay
Rounds:	Saturday 10:00, 2:30, 7:00 Sunday 10:00, 2:30
Entry Fee:	$25 by October 3, $35 after October 3, $5 discount if under 18 USCF and MCA memberships required
Prizes:	Trophies to: 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall; 1st and 2nd U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000, U800; 1st Unr, 1st U/18, 1st Over 64
Entries and Info:	Jeff Aldrich, 7453 Whippoorwill Ln, Davison, MI 48423 Phone: (810) 955-7271, e-mail: jeffchess@charter.net

Make Checks payable to **Michigan Chess Association**
Credit Card via Paypal accepted in Advance, email TD by Oct 3