

ST. TERESA'S CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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general news

- **REMAINING SCHEDULE** - all kids come to every meeting - **MAY 5, MAY 19**
- SUMMER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE is attached as a second page to this newsletter..
- US College Championship - Congrats to U. of Texas (Dallas) for winning the 2009 President's Cup – the "Final Four" of Chess! (April 5)

team tournament in reno - uscf rated !! - this friday, may 8, 6:30pm

- St. Teresa's will field a 5 person team to play a 5 person team from HUNSBERGER Elementary, at the Reno Chess Club
- Hunsberger is the Reno elementary school champion, out of 14 schools that competed in team play.
- **GO TIGERS !!**

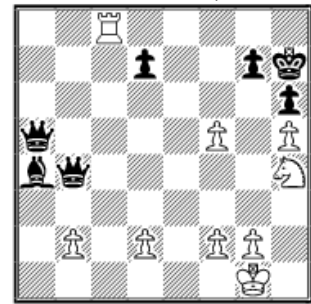
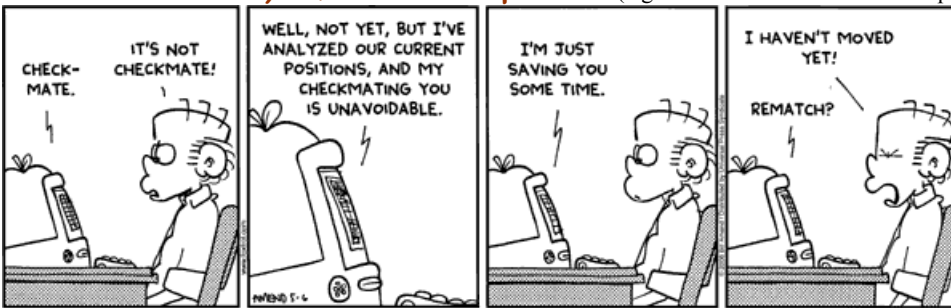
Rating updates

— our top-6 rated players, through games played on April 21:

1. Ricky Frewert 1220	3. Nick Fischer 1040	5. Paul Honein 998
2. Riley Gruber 1078	4. Wyatt Cartier 1004	6. Stuart McElhaney 976

chess comic du jour & bonus puzzle

(a good one from Chess Café's April contest; answer in footer!) –



chess quote du jour

– "Chess is life." and "All I want to do, ever, is to play chess." – Bobby Fischer

chess in history – Robert James "Bobby" Fischer is considered by many to be the greatest chess player of all time. He was born in Chicago in 1943 and brought up in Brooklyn. He learned to play chess at the age of 6 and soon became deeply absorbed in the game. At the age of 13 he became the youngest national junior chess champion in the USA and at the age of 14 he became the youngest senior US Champion. In 1958, at the age of 15, he became the youngest Grandmaster in the history of chess.

Fischer broke the Soviet domination of the World Championship when he became the first American to win the title by defeating Boris Spassky of the USSR in Reykjavik, Iceland in 1972. Fischer and Boris Spassky battled for the World Chess Championship in the most widely followed match in the history of Chess. It was a disastrous start for Fischer, who lost the first 2 games in strange fashion. The first game was lost by an uncharacteristic blunder in a clearly drawn endgame. The second game was lost by forfeit, when Fischer refused to play the game in a dispute over the playing conditions. When the tournament organizers refused to give into his demands and the match appeared destined for a forfeit victory for the reigning Champion, Spassky yielded since it would have been a hollow victory. The third game was moved to a back room, away from the cameras whose presence had upset Fischer during the first game. The match continued and Bobby Fischer fought his way back and decisively defeated Spassky by a final score of 12.5 - 8.5, having won 7 and losing only 1 of the remaining games. Fischer's win was a momentous victory for the United States during the time of the Cold War. The iconoclastic American almost single-handedly defeating the mighty Soviet chess establishment that had dominated world chess for the past quarter-century.

In 1975 FIDE refused to meet Fischer's conditions for a World Championship match with the Soviet Anatoly Karpov and Fischer refused to play. Consequently FIDE stripped Fischer of his title of World Champion and awarded it to Karpov. After this dispute Fischer dropped out of competitive chess and largely out of view, emerging occasionally to make erratic and often anti-Semitic comments, although his mother was Jewish. He died of kidney failure at the age of 64 on January 17, 2008 in a Reykjavik, Iceland hospital, after a long illness.

chess puzzles of the week:

Thanks to www.kidchess.com for the following:



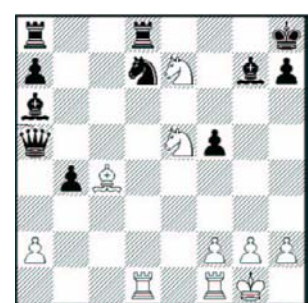
2.14.1. WHITE to move & mate in 1



2.14.2. BLACK to move & mate in 1



2.14.3. WHITE to move & mate in 1



2.14.4. WHITE to move & mate in 1

For questions, comments or suggestions to this Newsletter, please feel free to call Rick Frewert at 775-450-6935, or via email at rfrewert@earthlink.net.

Chess Café Puzzle Answer: **Ng6!** (Black can delay but not stop Rg8#)

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uscf tournament schedule

- For those interested, the following is a listing of the primary USCF sanctioned scholastic chess tournaments from now through September 2009. Call or email me for more info. I will be trying to go to LV and the MI Championship
- I have included the 4 primary areas within reasonable range of Carson City:
 - o Reno, Las Vegas, Sacramento and the Bay Area
- Note that the **Mechanics Institute (MI)** in SF is the oldest chess club in the US (1854) – a special place – website:
 - o <http://www.chessclub.org/index.php>
- “**Quads**” means a tournament with 4 person sections by similar club rating. You play the other 3 in your quad.
- “**Swiss**” is a popular tournament format for large fields, used for most open tournaments. Before the tournament, players (or teams) are ranked according to their ratings, and assigned seed numbers. In the first round, Players are paired according to their seeds. If there are ten players in a Swiss system, in the first round the number one seed will play the sixth seed, number two will play number seven, and so on. In following rounds, players are matched with opponents with the same or similar scores. A player and opponent can meet only once.

MAY

Fri.1-Sun.3	Annual CalChess State Scholastic Championships	San Jose
Sat. 9	California Capitol Regional Scholastic Tourn.	Folsom
Sat.16	Mechanics Institute Scholastic Quads	San Francisco
Sat. 23	Bay Area Chess Evening Scholastic Quads	San Jose
Sat. 23	California Capitol Scholastic Chess Tournament	Sacramento
Sat. 30	Let's Play Chess Quads	San Jose
Sun. 31	Cupertino Kids Quads	Cupertino

JUNE

Fri. 4	LV International Chess Festival – Scholastic Trophy Tournament	Las Vegas
Sat. 5 – Sun. 6	LV International Chess Festival – Susan Polgar World Open for Girls & Boys	Las Vegas
Sat. 6	Bay Area Chess Scholastic Swiss	San Jose
Sat. 6	Bay Area Chess Evening Scholastic Quads	San Jose
Sat. 20	Bay Area Chess Scholastic Swiss	San Jose
Sat. 20	Bay Area Chess Evening Scholastic Quads	San Jose
Sat. 27	Mechanics Institute Scholastic Quads	San Francisco

JULY

Sat. 11	Mechanics Institute Scholastic Championship	San Francisco
Sat. 18	Bay Area Chess Scholastic Swiss	San Jose
Sat. 18	Bay Area Chess Evening Scholastic Quads	San Jose

AUGUST

Sat. 15	Mechanics Institute Scholastic Quads	San Francisco
Sat. 22	Bay Area Chess Scholastic Swiss	San Jose
Sat. 22	Bay Area Chess Evening Scholastic Quads	San Jose

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 12	Mechanics Institute Scholastic Quads	San Francisco
Sat. 26	Bay Area Chess Scholastic Swiss	San Jose
Sat. 26	Bay Area Chess Evening Scholastic Quads	San Jose