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Editor's Notes:

Congratulations on ending another great year! The Play-offs at Fermilab were a success, as well as our end of the year Blitz and Individual Tournaments. Everyone helped make this year and the banquet a success. Special thanks to everyone who contributed games, photos, and information to the Bulletin.

We're always looking for submissions! As always, feel free to submit stories, games, chess news, and information about local chess events to the bulletin, even over the summer. Please email submissions to Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org.

Best to all,

Patrice Connelly
CICL Bulletin Editor



-Photo Courtesy Wayne Ellice

Steve Tennant goes over a position at the CICL Banquet.



Special Recognitions:



This year, as usual, we recognized some special achievements that happened this past season:

CICL Individual Tournament: This year's Individual tournament, game 75/5 second delay, was held during play-offs at Fermi Lab.

1st Place Winner: Scott Allsbrook

2nd Place Winner: There was an impressive five-way tie in this year's CICL Individual Tournament! Each winner received a \$5 prize. The Winners are (in alphabetical order):

Greg Bungo

Dan Dugovic

M. Engelen

Nik Goncharoff

Rudy Padilla



-Photo courtesy Len Weber

The trophies and awards lined up at the banquet; waiting to be awarded!

Centurion Award: A very special recognition goes to Joe Cygan, who achieved his Centurion status of a hundred games played this season! (Joe actually has played a 106 CICL games!)

Our Most Valuable Players: The MVPs for the 2012-2013 Season for each Division are:

CICL East Division: Igor Tsyganov - It was a very tough decision between two players who both led the East Division in scoring at 8.5 points out of 10, Igor Tsyganov (8-1-1) and Rob Eaman (7-0-3) To decide, the division chairman considered the number of matches in which the player's result made a positive difference in the match outcome. Igor's play created a positive outcome (avoided lost match) in 4 matches, Rob's only 2 matches. Also considered were the results in terms of "critical minimum" (eg, if only a draw was needed for a positive match outcome, that was a half-point even if they player won). Igor came out on top in that view as well, 2.5 - 1.5. Thus the East Division MVP is Igor Tsyganov, with a most Honorable Mention to Rob Eaman!

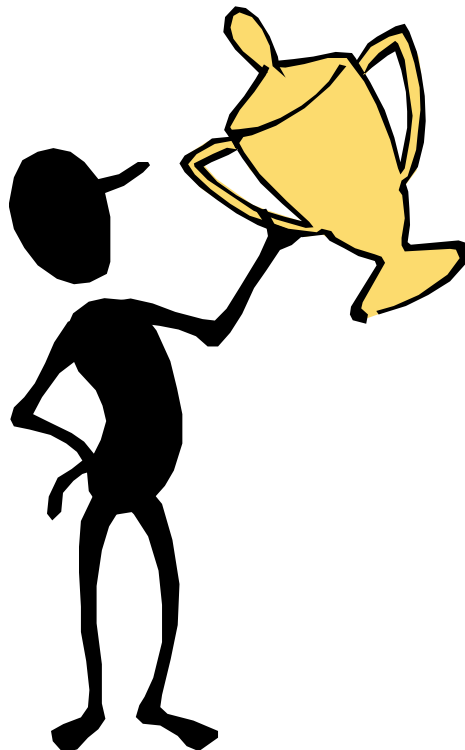
CICL North Division: Larry Cohen Larry went 8-0-1 mainly on board 2.

CICL West Division: Tenzing Shaw Shaw scored at least 7.5 points on counting boards. He had 6 wins and 3 draws.

Most Improved Player: Our Most Improved Player goes to John Ramos of UOP, who achieved a 163 point rating gain this season!

Biggest Upset Award (Individual): Warren Jiang, a 553 Point Game Upset!

Biggest Upset Award (Team) Chopper Trading, an average 228 Points per board Match Upset!



Division Standings:**West Division:**1st Place: Fermi2nd Place: Wombats3rd Place Downers Grove Chess Club**North Division:**1st Place: Motorola Knights2nd Place: AONRK**East Division:**1st Place: Rogue Squadron2nd Place: Northwestern3rd Place: DRW

Play-off Photo courtesy Andy Mosley and Steffen Klug

Playoff Results:**1st Place: Downers Grove Chess Club****2nd Place: DRW**

No.	Name	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3
1	Downers Grove	2.5	W7,4.5	W4,3.5	D2,3.0
2	Motorola Kings	2.0	W3,4.5	D5,3.0	D1,3.0
3	Rogue Squadron	2.0	L2,1.5	W6,4.0	W5,4.0
4	DRW	2.0	W6,3.5	L1,2.5	W7,3.5
5	Fermi	1.5	W8,3.5	D2,3.0	L3,2.0
6	Wombats	1.0	L4,2.5	L3,2.0	W8,4.0
7	Aon Ren	1.0	L1,1.5	W8,5.0	L4,2.5
8	Northwestern	0.0	L5,1.5	L7,0.0	L6,1.0

CICL Banquet Blitz Tournament.

There were so many players would wanted to fit in one more blitz game with fellow CICL players before summer that there were three sections in the Blitz Tournament this year!

Section 1 Final Standings:

Winner: S. Tennant, 4 Pts
F. Allsbrook, 3 Pts
T. Freitag, 3 Pts
J. Thomson, 2.5 Pts
S. Klug, 1.5 Pts
M. Acosta, 1 Pt

Section 2 Final Standings:

Winner Gaddiel Tan, 5 Pts
Rob Eamon, 4 Pts
J. Cygan, 3 Pts
Chuck Dobrovolny, 2 Pts
Sonny Mata, 1 Pt
J. Duffy, 0 Pts

Section 3 Final Standings:

Winner: M. Frank, 5 Pts
A. Olsen, 3 Pts
F. Sureth, 2 Pts
M. Byrne, 1.5 Pts
A. Mosley, 1.5 Pts
K. Olsen, 1 Pt



-Photo Courtesy Len Weber

Players face off in the end of the year Blitz Tournament!

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Spring Business Meeting of April 24, 2013

At: Fermi in Batavia

Attendees:

Greg Bungo (DGCC)	Irwin Gaines (Fermi)
Tony Jasaitis (Hedge)	Andy Mosley (Treasurer, AonRen)
Brian Smith (DGCC)	Jerry Thomas (Secretary, ALU Dragons)
Jim Thomson (Motorola Knights)	Jeff Wiewel (STCC)
Katherine Zack (Banquet Chair via phone)	

MINUTES

President Irwin Gaines called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. and welcomed the attendees.

1. OFFICERS REPORTS:

A. President – Irwin Gaines

Irwin said this meeting was a week late because last week matches were still being played that determined playoff teams.

B. Secretary – Jerry Thomas

Jerry said there were no changes to the fall business meeting minutes published in the October bulletin. The minutes were unanimously accepted.

C. Treasurer – Andy Mosley

Please see the CICL web site for a summary of our 2012-13 budget, and the 2012-13 projected actual results based on the year so far. The league is running a deficit as expected.

Andy mentioned the amount for basic dues was a little more since there is one more team and one very late team dues. For next year, Irwin suggested that Andy ask the Division chair involved to reach out to the late dues paying teams. We will discuss the late dues fees at the Spring meeting.

Andy described a Web hosting and domain fee due in the Fall. This fee covers 2 years. He contacted Tom Friske who said he is not interested in getting reimbursement for the prior fee that Tom paid. Andy has established a small limit club credit card to pay expenses where online payment is required such as the Web hosting and our organizational fees expenses. Andy asked what are the Publicity Fees. Irwin replied that they are funds available to Matt Vail for publicity. To his knowledge, Matt has not used anything. Irwin will check with Matt.

D. Division Chairmen:

West-Jeff Wiewel, Chairman

The West division was won by Fermilab with 6.5 match points in nine rounds. Three teams tied at 6-3 with the Wombats taking second on tie-breaks (they beat Downers Grove and Willowbrook), Downers Grove taking third on tie-breaks (they beat Willowbrook) and Willowbrook taking fourth (their three losses were to the three teams ahead of them). Saint Charles went 5.5-3.5 and took fifth (after beating Downers Grove

and the Wombats and drawing Fermi). All five teams came within 4.5 game points of having a 9-0 match score (the Wombats were within 4 game points).

The Tyros were the other team with a shot at the play-offs going into the final week.

In the 45 matches there were 9 tied matches and 12 matches where the winner scored only 3.5 points, which is a testament to how close the matches were in general. 26 of the 45 matches could have had a different match score if the result of a single game was changed.

The West division sends Fermi, the Wombats and Downers Grove to the play-offs, all of which have confirmed that they will participate.

The West division MVP is Tenzing Shaw of Saint Charles. He is the only player to score at least 7.5 points on counting boards. He had 6 wins and 3 draws.

The Pawns had some difficulties with getting line-ups late in the season (forfeiting two matches) and hopefully will have better success next year. The schedule was designed to end a week early, but four matches ended up scheduled during the final week between the end of the schedule and the actual end of the season.

At the meeting, Jeff mentioned that Spring Break delayed matches and was the reason for late last round matches.

North-Jim Thomson, Chairman

MVP – Larry Cohen is this year's North Division MVP winner! Larry went 8-0-1 mainly on board 2.

Jim said the Motorola Kings finished in 1st at 8-0-1 and AonRen finished in 2nd place at 5-3-1. Jim mentioned the North would have the same 4 teams for next season.

East-Tony Jasaitis, Chairman

MVP - It was a very tough decision between two players who both lead the East Division in scoring at 8.5 points out of 10, Igor Tsyganov (8-1-1) and Rob Eaman (7-0-3)

To decide, I looked at the number of matches in which the player's result made a positive difference in the match outcome. Igor's play created a positive outcome (avoided lost match) in 4 matches, Rob's only 2 matches. I also counted the results in terms of "critical minimum" (eg, if only a draw was needed for a positive match outcome, that was a half-point even if they player won). Igor came out on top in that view as well, 2.5 - 1.5.

Thus the East Division MVP is Igor Tsyganov, with a most Honorable Mention to Rob Eaman!

At the meeting, Tony said the Rogues finished first by 1 ½ match points and Northwestern was second based on tiebreaks. All matches were played with some forfeits in the last round. School schedules always negatively impact round schedules. Captains worked hard to get matches in including doing split matches. Tony held a micro Swiss for their 10th (last) round with 1 change in the top team pairing (1 vs. 4 and 2 vs. 3). All teams liked this.

2. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Bulletin Editor –Patrice Connelly (via email)

I cannot attend the meeting tonight, but wanted to send a brief report. We've published three bulletins this year, with potentially a fourth one at the end of the season. It's a bit less than the following years- I think it's been a busy year for everyone, so we received fewer submissions!

I would be happy to learn how to post bulletins directly to the website in order to save time (rather than going through multiple people) if someone could walk me through it. Steve Tennant was the informal(?) Games Editor this year. Unfortunately, he did not yet have email, so was limited in receiving/preparing games. He has just set up email, and would be happy to volunteer as games editor next year. He could receive submissions via email, or even paper scores sent to his address.

B. Webmaster – open

No report.

Irwin reported he made one change to the front Web page to include the playoff pairings. The 3 Division Chairs are keeping their Web pages up to date.

C. Games Editor –Steve Tennant

No report.

Irwin said games were not being turned in to him. He has about 50% from the North, 25% from the East, and 50% from the West. Half are PGN files and half are scans of the scoresheets. Attendees asked Irwin to post what he has to the Web. Irwin wanted to see if he had a representative sample first. Several attendees gave Irwin more game sheets and he agreed that there was not representative sample and would post both the PGM files and scans to the Web. Jim Thomson volunteered to create PGN files from the North Division games handed in and to do this for the North Division on an ongoing basis. Irwin explained that we need to divide out the entry of games as it is too much for 1 person with perhaps 2 for each of the other Divisions. Jim Thomson volunteered to do this for the North Division. Irwin asked the East and West Division chairs to look for 2 volunteers to enter PGN's from scoresheets.

Irwin will post statistics on which games have been turned in and what is missing in the Web. The following is a summary of the actions to be taken on games submission:

- 1) Division chairs will encourage more submissions.
- 2) Someone will be identified to enter games in PGN.
- 3) These will made permanent positions going forward.
- 4) Irwin will post the PDF's (game scans) and PGN's unless a very unrepresentative sample.

D. Rating Chairman-Jeff Balicki (via email)

1. 2012-2013 Season Rating Reports

Rating reports were published monthly or more frequently throughout the season using match result input from the Division Web Pages. One match was not reported prior to the scheduled end of the regular season delaying the publishing of the end of regular season reports. I appreciate the efforts of the Division Chairmen to maintain the Division Web pages and the Captains to timely submit online match results, rosters, and roster updates.

2. Summer Tournament

No requests have been made for a Summer Tournament for next season.

3. Rating Report Changes

Starting next season and going forward, the Division Top Ten Report is planned to only include players on a roster who have played in the current or prior season and have been credited with a minimum number of CICL rated games. Allowing for the fact that the CICL is structured around seasons rather than an ongoing calendar year, this is consistent with the approach used by the USCF Top 100 list (active players within the past year) and more restrictive than the FIDE Top 100 list (active players within the past two years). No other rating report changes are planned.

4. Rating Information

3 Divisions

24 Teams

380 players on a roster, including 111 players who were removed from their roster at the end of the regular season due to lack of participation.

268 players played one or more rated games and 1 player was credited with a forfeit win and did not play a game.

706 rated games, including 31 forfeited games but not including a number of rated games not played because of agreed upon 4 and 5 board matches.

113 Matches, including 2 forfeited matches.

- Division Top Ten Report Modification -Jeff Balicki (via email)

Action:

1. The Ratings Chairman will modify the Division Top Ten report next season to include only players on a current team's roster with 9 or more rated games **and active in the current or past season.**
2. Any CICL member with a logical objection to this change should make it known in the **next two weeks.**

Background:

I was asked to look into the validity of the players on the Division Top Ten report. One or two people suggested that we should show a report like they do in baseball. I took some time to consider these requests, what's been shown on the report historically, and the purpose of the report and here are my findings.

First, the Division Top Ten Report does not appear to have any functional purpose. Reports published by the Rating Chairman take time and effort to write, maintain, review and publish; to this end I would like to minimize the amount of additional effort expended on reports without functional purpose. The Division Top Ten report does not drive any awards, determine playoff eligibility, nor give a player any special privilege such as a discount on a banquet ticket. It's just a view of data and one of many that may be of interest to a few or many. For the most part, I plan to address views of data by means of extracts. Currently the extract provided may be used to create this report or some variant on it. Since this report has been part of the CICL for many years, I'm not planning to eliminate it at this time but that could always be an option going forward.

Second, it's not clear to me that until recently the Division Top Ten Report had a consistent logic as to who appeared on the list and who did not. I suspect there may have been manual manipulation of the report to get it to appear as some viewers might like. Of special interest are those just short of making the report making appeals to have those on the report removed for some reason or another so that they may take their place. I prefer to avoid manipulating the report or hearing out emotional appeals on a case by case basis by establishing a Division Top Ten report that is based on clear logic, whether everyone agrees with it or not at any particular moment. I first looked into the baseball reporting because that appeared to be the strongest example of the ones given to me by those objecting to the report. Two points led me to quickly give up on this example: 1) Baseball stats start at zero at the beginning of the season where the CICAL ratings do not. 2) The organizational structure of baseball is much different than the organizational structure of the CICAL; the most pertinent is that baseball has 162 regular season games and the CICAL typically has 9 or 10 regular season games; so where batting average may be based upon a progressive higher amount of "at bats" as the season progresses and where most batters on such list play daily, the average CICAL player does not play as many games to justify setting a # of games criteria nor are there enough games in the season to make it worthwhile. The Chess Olympiad was another general example provided but without specifics all I could find were top rating lists at the end of the event and not while the event was in progress; at the end of the event compared to the end of the CICAL season our rating lists line up well. Two other analogies from the chess world are the USCF top 100 list and the FIDE top 100 list; proportionally for their population both of these lists are much more selective than the CICAL list so this example is still appropriate even though it is top 100 and not top 10. Both the USCF and FIDE lists only include players with established ratings. For CICAL purposes, we are going to use 9 or more rated games as our cut-off; I'm open to discussion on this point as to the number of games but once established, the number will stay constant. Unless anyone objects, we'll use 9 games. Both the USCF and FIDE lists include players who have not played in the most recent tournament or have not been actively playing for some period of time; the USCF keeps players on the list for up to a year and FIDE keeps players on the list for up to two years. Since the CICAL uses seasons instead of years, there is logic to using the season as a measure of time instead of a year; this also simplifies the programming logic since otherwise the database would need to be modified to store the last time a player played; since the Division Top Ten report does not have any functional purpose, the extra effort and data storage does not seem justified. Each season team captains provide a list of players they expect to play in the upcoming season. By the end of the regular season it is easy to see if the player has played in the current season or not; if not, the player is removed from the roster at that time. From this list of players, also known as team rosters, the candidates for the Division Top Ten report will be selected. The question remains as to whether to exclude candidates who have not played in the current season, the current or prior season, or the current or prior two or more seasons. I suggest that we exclude candidates who have not played in the current or prior season. This compromise provides some continuity of the list based upon available information and is similar in effect to what is done in the USCF. Unless there are any objections, the Division Top Ten report will be modified as such beginning next season.

Third, the impact of the aforementioned report change for this year would have been that one player from the West would have been removed from the report at the beginning of

the season and all subsequent reports; one additional player would have been added to the report to make up for the removed player. At the end of the regular season, the reports will look the same whether a change to the report is made or not since at that point any inactive player is removed from a team's roster and, by default, all reports.

Conclusion:

There are many ways to look at data, more than one view may be considered correct, and reasonable people may agree to disagree. Rating extracts allow anyone to view data as they see fit. Reports published by the Rating Chairman take time and effort. Filtering through feedback from a few people, I made a decision to modify the Division Top Ten report for next year to address concerns that inactive players may otherwise appear on the report year after year.

Thank you all for your contributions to make the CICL what it is today.

Attendees discussed and accepted unanimously Jeff's proposal.

E. Publicity Chairman-Matt Vail (not present)

No report.

Irwin needs to get in touch with Matt. Irwin will email Matt to focus on new North teams since that Division has only 4 teams.

F. Banquet Chairman-Katherine Zack (via phone)

Date: Friday June 14 with dinner at 6:45 P.M.

See banquet report below - #5.

G. Trophy Chairman-Chuck Dobrovolny

No report.

Chuck will do trophies and expects them to be a little more expensive. Chuck is busy dealing with flooding issues.

3. ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS

A. President

Irwin Gaines agreed to serve, but was willing to step down if there was other candidates. He asked if anyone was interested in serving. He said the new president could even take over after the summer. He asked the attendees to check for candidates. This item was tabled while people checked for other candidates.

B. Secretary

Jerry Thomas agreed to continue. There were no other nominees. Jerry was unanimously elected.

C. Treasurer

Andy Mosley agreed to continue. There were no other nominees. Andy was unanimously elected.

D. Publicity Chair (Appointed)

Irwin will contact Matt Vail to see if he will continue.

E. Division Chairmen (Elected by division captains)

Division chairmen will be elected by their division's captains.

4. PLAYOFFS

A. Determine Playoff Teams

Qualifiers and 1st round pairings were determined, posted to the Web page, and the team captains involved notified. They are:

Kings (W) @ Rogue

DGCC @ AonRen (W)

Northwestern @ Fermi (W)

DRW (W) @ Wombats

TD Jeff Wiewel

B. Site not determined:

Jeff will email the person who arranged for last year's playoff site to see if that site or a similar site is available.

Fermi and its cafeteria tables may be available. The attendees reviewed the areas where the tournament would be held and agreed that the areas were suitable. Irwin will contact Fermi management to make sure there are no other events scheduled for that date. By next Monday or Tuesday, Irwin will notify Jeff Wiewel.

Playoff times are 8:30 A.M. requested arrival, 9:00 sharp, 2 P.M. start of Round 2; 9:15 start of Individual Tournament.

C. TD(s)

Jeff Wiewel agreed to be tournament director.

D. 2nd Tier Event (individual tournament)

Irwin said it will be an individual tournament. Jeff will send out the announcement. Time control will be Game/60 with 3 rounds and a 5 second time delay if time clocks permit.

5. BANQUET (via phone by Katherine Zack)

Date: Friday June 14 with dinner at 6:45 P.M.

Katherine said the meals will be a 6 oz. Filet Mignon and 6 oz. Chicken Breast combination and a Broiled Tilapia based on the survey responses. Costs would be \$27 for the Tilapia and \$32 for the Filet combination. Each team was charged \$25 as part of their dues for a banquet ticket. After discussion, the attendees unanimously approved subsidizing this year's banquet to keep tickets the same at Adults \$25 and Children \$15. This would be for this year only. In the future, we need to poll with full prices including tax and gratuity.

Katherine mentioned that Alpine gives us a good value and comparable prices at other banquet places are higher. Katherine agreed to check about raffle prizes from restaurants in the Chicago area and ask for chess book donations from CICL players. Attendees agreed that dinner should start 6:45 P.M. Andy will give Katherine his address where banquet payments should be sent. That is: Andy Mosley, 1415 Downing Place, Apt 9P, Mundelein, IL 60060.

Next attendees discussed chess speakers for the banquet, Katherine agreed to contact Steve Tennant about being the banquet speaker - payment the same as last time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposal to eliminate adjournments

Adjournments proposal:

The CICL uses a default time control that includes adjournments. No other competition in the chess world uses adjournments. It is an unuseful anachronism in 2013.

The CICL has had lots of positive experience with matches played without adjournments. That is, using a time control of 45/90 followed by G/60, either with or without a 5 second delay. Adjournments have not been allowed for the last two rounds of the playoffs for several years. And similar time controls have been used successfully during the regular season, there are many examples in the East Division. By default, a 5 second delay would apply to both time periods, provided a clock is available that supports that. In any case, by default, adjournments would not be used.

The main change to the rules is in section V.F. "Time Control". The V.H "Adjournments" section would need a sentence added to the start of it with a disclaimer. It would say adjournments are not normally used, but here are rules for them if both players and both captains agree to allow an adjournment. An example of when this may be needed is at a playing site that has a fixed closing time, see section V.H.2. There would be a minor wording change in VI.B.3 "League Championship, Overview" to the sentence about how (just) the 2nd and 3rd rounds of the playoffs normally use 45/90 and G/60. A minor change to V.B.8 "Captains Responsibilities" (about how the captain may discuss with one of his players the suitability of adjourning) may also be helpful.

It is requested that the CICL votes for the above proposal at its upcoming 2013 Spring business meeting.

Meeting discussion of proposal: Jim Thomson said that adopting the time control of G/60 would affect not only adjournment possibilities, but also anyone in the second time control. Players would speed up their play and have a different mindset thinking that they only have 60 minutes for all their moves. Irwin said his Fermi team objected to this time control and any faster time controls.

Jerry Thomas mentioned that the 2 Alcatel/Lucent teams do not have time delay clocks or funds to purchase them. The two captains therefore oppose any proposal that requires 5 second delay clocks. Further, adjournments in the last few years are very rare and they do not see a need for this proposal. Jim Thomson said he is only aware of 1 adjournment in the North Division this year. Jeff Wiewel said he is not aware of any adjournments in the West Division except the one mentioned in the proposal.

Attendees discussed this at length coming to the conclusion that captains need to make their players aware of all playing site rules including site time limits, the time controls in use, and the possibility of adjournments. The East Division uses different time controls

(G/60) because of train schedules. Note, time controls other than 45/90 and 30/60 need to be agreed to by both players and not just by the team captains.

Attendees decided to table this proposal since there was no agreement on faster time controls. Irwin will establish an email list and interested parties can join it with a goal of creating a proposal for the Fall meeting.

B. Discussion of wild card playoff qualification

The team that missed the playoffs made the following suggestions for changes:

- A Play in match

- Make it harder for a division to get an overly generous allocation of playoff spots

It was more that the proponents wanted to make it harder for a division to get what they considered an overly generous allocation of play-off spots and wanted the numbers to be skewed more towards a more equal allotment (40% east or west, 30% west or east, 25% north with only a difference of 15% between the highest and lowest versus the actual 50% north, 30% east, 30% west with a difference of 20% between the highest and lowest).

Currently we look at the number of play-off slots that the division "deserves", which this year is 1 1/3 North, 3 1/3 West, 3 1/3 East, and use the fractional part to allocate PR bonuses to meet that (this year all of the fractions were the same so there was no difference in the PR bonuses). It sounds like they would like having those PR bonuses further modified to skew more to the larger divisions.

Attendees noted that this issue has been discussed multiple times in previous years with the result being the current performance rating scheme. An attendee pointed out interpretation of the rules about wild cards can be argued either way. The wording in the Constitution is unclear on the process to determine wild cards. Jim Thomson agreed to revise it to make it clear.

. Irwin will establish an email list and discussion group. Interested parties can join it with a goal of creating a wild card playoff qualification proposal for the Fall meeting.

C. Speed chess at Banquet

Irwin will email Art Olsen to see if he is available to be the speed chess tournament director at the banquet. Attendees asked if the speed tournament results cross table could be published. Irwin will arrange with Art for that.

7. Old Business

Constitution change for: Rules clarification for teams dropping out part way through season proposal

Irwin agreed to write up the Constitution changes requested at the last (Fall) meeting to spell out this.

8. Events Calendar

Dates:

- Playoffs final rounds Saturday, May 11
- Banquet Friday, June 14 dinner at 6:45 P.M.
- Fall Meeting Wednesday, August 28

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 P.M.

Jerry Thomas, CICL Secretary April 29, 2013

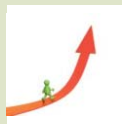
	2012-13 Budget	2012-13 Actual
Revenue		
Basic team dues	\$1,150.00	\$1,200.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Late fees	\$50.00	\$40.00 a)
Banquet surplus(deficit)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest income	\$10.00	\$5.79
Total Revenue	\$1,210.00	\$1,245.79
Disbursements:		
Trophies	\$850.00	\$850.00
Scoresheets	\$315.00	\$315.00 +
Playoff costs	\$150.00	\$150.00
USCF/ICA Dues	\$65.00	\$65.00 +
Scoresheet submission incentive	\$100.00	\$100.00
Publicity	\$150.00	\$150.00
Filing Fees	\$10.00	\$10.00 +
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$19.56 b+)
Total Disbursements	\$1,640.00	\$1,659.56
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$430.00)	(\$413.77)
Assets		
Checking account		\$1,679.58
Savings account		\$2,128.28
Banquet deposit with Alpine Banquets		\$300.00
Banquet deposit from teams		(\$600.00)
To be received		\$0.00
Deposit/credit for next year's dues		(\$200.00) est
Expenses to be paid		(\$1,250.00)
Net assets		\$2,057.86

Notes

- a) 5 Delinquent Teams
- b) \$10 reimbursement to Chuck re : GC
- \$9.56 reimbursement to Andy re : postage
- + PAID
- est Estimated if trophies declined

Addtl items needed for next year :

- \$5.00 Change of agent fee
- \$33.98 Domain fee
- \$190.80 Hosting Fee



Most Improved Players

Sunday, May 12, 2013

(the James E. Warren Award)

Player	Team	Rating	- Gain from Ineligible Games	- Base Rating	= MIP Rating Gain
RAMOS,J	UOP	1489	6	1320	+163
DIMOPOULOS,P	LOYLA	1604	0	1460	+144
JIANG,W	CHOPP	1450	0	1321	+129
KOMBLEVITZ,A	DRW	1292	0	1167	+125
COLEMAN,M	AMATS	1633	0	1510	+123
ACOSTA,T	LOYLA	1329	0	1218	+111
BARRERA,JORGE	AONRK	1697	0	1620	+77
GUGENHEIM,O	DRW	1665	0	1589	+76
JANSSEN,G	STCCC	1665	0	1589	+76
PERSONS,J	ROGUE	1672	0	1599	+73

Note: Players must have 9 or more rated games at the start of the season to be eligible.

Note 2: Direct impact of games between teammates and from rated only games has been removed.

(3) Martin, Matt (1649) - Smith, Brian (1626) [B01]

Playoffs Rd1 AonHewitt - DGCC (1.5), 30.04.2013

[blundercheck, my comments]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bd3 [I considered plans including Nc6 and/or an early e5, but incorrectly decided against them.]

5...c6 [book recommends 5...Nc6 6.Nge2 e5 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.Bc4 Bd6 10.d5 Ne7 11.a3 Bg4 12.Bg5 Qc5 13.Ba2 Nf5 14.Qd3 Nd4 15.Ng3 Be7 16.Bxf6]

6.h3 [last book move. White is playing to deny Black's light squared bishop a good place to develop to. 0.13/21]

6...e6 7.Nge2 Na6 [After the game, I was thinking this idea, to gain the 2 bishops, but wasting a lot of time, was a bad plan. At least the engines (see above) like it. 0.27/20]

8.0-0 [0.41/19] **Nb4** [0.49/21] **9.Bf4** [0.32/21] **Be7** [0.35/21] **10.Re1** [0.17/21] **Nxd3** [0.29/20]

11.Qxd3 0-0 12.Be5 Rd8 13.Ne4 Nxe4 [-0.16/19] **14.Qxe4** [-0.02/20] **Bd6** [I was starting to worry about attacks against Black's K. Wh Q to g4, Wh N to f4 and maybe h5. And at this point in the match I believe we were already up 2-0. So was willing to trade down. And instead of the B, had planned on Qd5. But after Wh Q to g4, Bl B to f8, Wh N to f4 seems to give Wh lots of initiative. 0.46/20]

15.Red1 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Bd7 17.Rd3 [wastes an important tempo, by not play Rd6 immediately 0.08/22]

17...Be8 [Bl's poor bishop, finally got off the bank rank last move, now has to return there. 0.08/20]

18.Rd6 18...Rxd6 [-0.51/22] **19.exd6** [-0.40/23] **Qd2** [What Wh was thinking was a strong passed pawn, will be be lost. Black now has the momentum. -0.36/21]

20.Nd4 Rd8 21.Qe5 Qb4 22.Nxe6 [I anticipated this, it is not good. -1.28/22] **22...fxe6 23.Qxe6+** [-2.93/21]

23...Bf7 24.Qe7 Qxd6 25.Qxb7 Qd7 26.Qb4 Re8 27.Kf1 Qd5 28.b3 Qe5 29.Re1 Qd5

[I know, exchanging the Q and R was theologically better. My opponent was hurting on the clock, and was making lots of instant moves with no calculation. So was thinking more complications would be better. I don't particularly like playing minor piece versus 2 (or 3) pawns.]

30.Rxe8+ Bxe8 31.Qe1 Qd7 32.c4 Bg6 33.Kg1 h6 34.c5 Kh7 [Now that Bl's K has a safe home, can Bl's Q stir up some problems for Wh? -1.68/26] **35.b4 Qd5 36.a3 Be4** [Baiting Wh into weakening the dark squares around his K, I assumed he play f3 here. -1.03/26]

37.f3 Bg6 38.Qe7 Qd4+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+ [-2.21/30] **40.Kg1 Qc1+ 41.Kh2 Qxa3**

42.Qb7 [This is the position I saw when going into the long series of checks. And had planned on playing Qa4 here. But then (with my clock now ticking down) saw a ghost. That after Qa4 and Bl b5, Wh could exchange Qs, sack a pawn and force the c pawn to promote with my B not being able to stop in time. But that is nonsense, B swings over via e8 and c7 just fine. Those darn moves with the B moving backward are easy to overlook. -2.21/26]

42...Bd3 43.Qxc6 Qxb4 44.Qd7 44...Bb5 45.c6 Qa4 [But Bl still has an easy win after Qc5, but I had 20 seconds left on my clock for this last move before time control, and overlooked all of White's checks. -0.03/26]

46.Qf5+ [0.07/28] **Kg8** [So now Bl has to trade his B for the c pawn. We'd already won the match with all other games completed. So I offered a draw, as Wh has an easy perpetual (but Wh didn't seem to see that, and was real happy to accept the draw). This is the 3rd game this season where I was up a minor piece for a pawn or two, and I've scored 2 draws and a loss in those 3 games. 0.07/29]

47.c7

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(7) Cohen,Howard (1875) - Dixon,Jeff S (2090) [C38]

Playoffs Rd1 AonHewitt - DGCC (1), 30.04.2013

[,jdixon1980@gmail.com]

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.d4 d6 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 h6 8.Nh4?! [A new move for me. The knight sacrifice is unsound according to Houdini. During the game I felt like accepting the gift would get me into trouble, and without calculating too deeply I decided to simply continue with development. I felt that I could challenge the soundness of the move as a simple loss of tempo, without risking any undue complications.]

[8.h4 transposes to Nakamura-Ivanchuk 2010, which continued: 8...g4 9.Ne1 Qxh4 10.Bxf4 Nf6 11.e5 dxe5 12.dxe5 g3 13.Bxg3 Qxg3 14.exf6 Bf8 15.Nd3 Bd6 16.Qh5 Bg4 17.Bxf7+ Kf8 18.Qg6 Qh2+ 19.Kf2 Qg3+ Nakamura,H (2733)-Ivanchuk,V (2754)/Cap d'Agde CCAS Trophee KO rapid 2010 (3.2)/1/2-1/2; 8.Qa4 Bd7 9.Qb3 Na5 10.Bxf7+ Ke7 11.Qa3 Kxf7 12.Qxa5 c5! 13.Qa3 Qb6 Zvjaginsev,V (2642)-Akopian,V (2678)/EU-ch 11th playoffs rapid 2010 (2.3)/0-1 (13...Qc7!)]

8...Nf6!? [(7) Most of the time was spent deciding between the text and ...Nge7, as I quickly (probably too quickly) rejected the sacrifice for fear of being forced to carry out a nervewracking defense of my king before consolidating my material advantage.]

[Still, objectively best was apparently 8...gxh4! 9.Qh5 Qe7 10.Rxf4 Nf6-+ (or even 10...Nd8-+)]

9.Nf5 Bxf5 10.exf5 0-0N [In the only game in my database, 10...Ne7 was played in an U2000 section of an open tournament in 2004. Looking further ahead, my knight did end up tracing the path c6-e7-c8-d6xf5. In hindsight, it probably couldn't have hurt to start now.]

[10...Ne7 Klaversteijn Sozzo,J (1957)-Larsen Hagen,B/Calvia U2000 opA 2004 (3)/1-0]

11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qc2 Rae8 13.Nf3 d5 [(12) I considered three other moves]

[13...Ng4; 13...Ne7; 13...Ne4 14.Bd5]

14.Bd3 Ne4 15.Nh4?! Re7! [(13)]

[15...gxh4! 16.Rxf4 Bf6 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Rxe4 19.Qxe4 Re8-+; 15...Ne7!]

16.Bxf4?! gxf4 17.Rxf4 Nf6 18.Raf1 Rfe8 19.g4 Re1 20.Qd2 Qe7 21.Ng2 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Nh7 23.h4 Bf6 24.Qf2 Qf8 25.Bb5 a6 26.Ba4 b5 27.Bb3 Ne7 28.Ne3 c6 29.Qg3 Nc8 30.g5 hxg5 31.Rg4 Qe7 32.hxg5 Bxg5 33.Ng2 Nd6 34.Nf4 Nxf5 35.Rxg5+ Qxg5 36.Qf3 Ng3+ [36...Re3!]

37.Kf2 Ne4+ 38.Ke2 Nxc3+ 39.Kd3 Ne4 40.Kc2 Qg1 41.Nd3 Qh2+ 42.Kc1 Nhg5 [White resigned]

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(9) Bungo,G (2131) - Cohen,L (2135) [C13]

Playoffs Rd1 AonHewitt - DGCC (1.2), 30.04.2013

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.c3 0-0 9.Qd2 h6 10.Bd3 a6 11.0-0-0 b5 12.h4 Rb8 13.g4 Be7 14.b4 a5 15.a3 axb4 16.axb4 Ra8 17.Kb2 Bd7 18.g5 h5 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.gxf6 Qxf6 21.Ng5 Rfb8 22.Ne4 Qe7 23.Rhg1 f5 24.Nc5 Ra7 25.Qh6 Rba8 26.Bb1 Ra4 27.Rd3 f4 28.Qxf4 Nxb4 29.cxb4 Rxb4+ 30.Rb3 Rxb3+ 31.Kxb3 Bc6 32.Be4 Bd5+ 33.Bxd5 exd5 34.Qe5 Qxh4 35.Qxd5+ Kh7 36.Qxa8 Qxf2 37.Qe4+ Kg8 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Qxh5+ Kg8 40.Qe8+ Kh7 41.Rh1+

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DONE Round 1 We won 4.5 - 1.5

(4) Gugenheim,O (1666) - Tan,Gaddiel (1870) [B19]

Playoffs Rd2 DGCC - DRW (1), 10.05.2013

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 e6 7.h4 h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 10.Ne4 Bc7 11.Nc5 b6 12.Ne4 Nd7 13.Qc3 Ne7 14.Be3 f5 15.Neg5 hxg5 16.Nxg5 Nf8 17.f4 Qd5 18.Kf2 Nh7 19.Qd3 Nxg5 20.hxg5 0-0-0 21.c4 Qe4 22.Qxe4 fxe4 23.g4 Ng6 24.f5 exf5 25.gxf5 Rxh1 26.Rxh1 Rf8 27.f6 gxf6 28.gxf6 Rxf6+ 29.Ke2 Bf4 30.Rf1 Kd7 31.d5 cxd5 32.cxd5 Ke7 33.Bd4 Rd6 34.Bc3 Rxd5 35.Rg1 Rg5 36.Rh1 Rg2+ 37.Kf1 Rh2 38.Rg1 Kf7 39.Ke1 Be5 40.a4 Bxc3+ 41.bxc3 Ra2

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(17) Wakerly,Ralph (1830) - Caputo,Bill (1427) [C55]

Playoffs Rd2 DGCC - DRW (2.5), 11.05.2013

[Ralph]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.c3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.Re1 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 a6 10.Bb3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nf1 Qd6 13.Ng3 Bg6 14.Ne4 Qd7 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Bd2 Rad8 17.Rad1 Bf5 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Bc1 Bc5 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.b4 Ba7 22.d4 f6 23.dxe5 Qf7 24.e6 [24.Rxd8 Nxd8 (24...Rxd8 25.exf6 gxf6) 25.Qd2 f5]

24...Qe7 25.Rxd8 Nxd8 26.Qc4 Nxe6 27.Nd4 Bf7 28.Nxe6 Bxe6 29.Qe4 c6 30.Nf5 Qd7 31.Ne3 Bxh3 32.Qh4 Be6 33.a4 Bxe3 34.Bxe3 h6 35.Qh5 Bf7 36.Qd1 Qxd1 37.Rxd1 Be6 38.Bb6 Kf7 39.Rd8 Rxd8 40.Bxd8 Ke8 41.Bb6 Kd7 42.Kf1 g5 43.Ke2 Kd6 44.g3 h5 45.Kd3 f5 46.Be3 g4 47.Bg5 Kd5 48.Bf4=

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(5) Potts,Kevin (1880) - Gorodetskiy,E (1820)

Playoffs Rd2 DGCC - DRW Fermi Lab (2), 11.05.2013

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.a3 b6 5.c4 c6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Be2 Bd6 8.d3 Nbd7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Rc1 Qe7 12.Qb3 c5 13.b5 e5 14.cxd5 Bxd5 15.Qc3 [Discourages e4 though it might ensure a protected passed c pawn.]

15...Rac8 16.Rfd1 Nf8 17.Nc4 Bxc4?! [I would assume black would want to maintain the bishops even if it means retreating to b8 and a8. Now I will enjoy the vacated light squares.]

18.Qxc4 Rcd8 19.Nd2 Qc7 20.Bf3 Ne6 21.Bc6 Rf8 22.Nf3 h6 23.Nh4 Ng5?? 24.Ng6! e4 25.h4 Nh3+ 26.gxh3 Bg3 27.Bxf6 Bxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qh2+ 29.Ke1 Qg1+ 30.Kd2 Rxd3+ [30...Qf2+ 31.Kc3 Qxf6+ 32.Kb3 Qxg6 33.Qxe4]

31.Kc2 Qxg6 32.Bxe4

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(12) Klug (2166) - Tsyganov (2300) [E38]

Playoffs Rd2 DGCC - DRW (2), 11.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3 Qb6 7.e3 Qc7 8.Be2 a6 9.0-0 b6 [he is playing book] 10.e4 [thinking he could not play Bb7-because of e5, but it does not work]

10...Bb7 11.Bg5 [11.e5 Ng4 12.Bf4 f6 13.exf6 Qxf4 14.fxg7 Rg8 15.Qxh7 Qf7 I did not see Qf7 before]

11...Nc6 12.Qd2 Be7 13.Bf4 [13.Rfd1 my original thought 13...d6 14.Rac1 (14.Bxf6 does not work as intended 14...Bxf6 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Rxd6 Rd8 17.Rad1 Rxd6 18.Rxd6 Bxc3 19.bxc3 Ke7 20.e5)]

13...d6 14.Rfd1 Ne5 15.Qe3 [originally I wanted to take with Bishop, but did not like the open g file]

[15.Bxe5 dxe5 16.Qg5 Nxe4 17.Qxg7 Bf6 18.Qh6 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Ke7 I actually thought he would be winning here due to the monster bishop b7 and the open g file]

15...Rb8 [did not see that move coming] **16.Nd2 0-0 17.Rac1 Rfd8 18.h3 Rbc8 19.Na4** [I did not want to make commitments and I am happy with a draw]

19...Ned7 20.Nc3 [20.b4 I was worried about b5 20...b5]

20...Qb8 21.Nf3 Bc6 22.a3 e5 [my opponent said after the game, that he realized that I was not going to do anything] **23.Bg5 b5 24.b4 h6 25.Bh4 Nf8 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.a4?** [I had 10 minutes left for the game]

[27.cxb5! Bxb5 28.Nxb5 axb5 29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Rd5 Ne6 31.Rxb5, wins a pawn]

27...bxc4 28.Bxc4 Qxb4 29.Bxa6 Ra8 30.Bb5 Bb7 [30...Bxb5 31.axb5 Ra3 32.Rd3 Rc8 33.Rb1 Qxc3]

31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.Rxd5 Ne6 33.Rcd1 Nf4 34.Qd2?? Nxd5 35.Qxd5 Qc5 36.Qd2 Rac8 37.Ne1?
[Frustration]

37...Bg5 38.Qe2 d5 39.exd5 [after allowing d5 it is definitely over]

39...Rxd5 40.Rxd5 Qxd5 41.Nf3 Bf6 42.Nh2 [I wanted to play Nd2 and touched the knight]

42...Rc1+ 43.Nf1 e4 44.Kh2 Bg5 45.Ne3 Bxe3 46.Qxe3 Qe5+ 47.f4 Rc3

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Caleb lost and it is 2.5 -2.5 with Jeff the last one to play

(2) Hayhurst,Lyle (1912) - Dixon,Jeff S (2074) [C79]

Playoffs Rd2 DGCC - DRW (2), 11.05.2013

[Dixon,Jeff S.]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 [Setups with ...Bc5 often appeal to me, but this day I wanted to keep my dark square bishop safe behind the ranks 5...Bc5; 5...b5 6.Bb3 Bc5]

6.0-0 b5 7.Bb3 Na5 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Re1 [9.a4 Nxb3 10.Nxb3 Bd7 11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Qxa8 13.Bg5= Nakamura, H (2648)-Christiansen,L (2575)/USA tt sf ICC INT 2007 (1)/1/2-1/2]

9...0-0 10.Nf1 c5 11.c3 Nxb3 12.axb3 [12.Qxb3 Be6 13.Qc2]

12...Bb7 13.Ng3 g6 14.d4!? exd4 15.cxd4 Nd7 [15...Re8]

16.Bf4 Re8 [16...cxd4 17.Qxd4 (17.Nxd4) 17...Nc5]

17.e5?! [Opening the position for Black's bishop pair]

[17.d5! Qb6! gives the position a Benoni character with dynamic equality]

17...dxe5!? [17...d5 18.e6 fxe6 19.Rxe6 Bf8!? (19...Bf6)]

18.dxe5 [18.Nxe5 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Nc5!μ (19...Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Qxd4 21.Bxd4 Bb4³)]

18...Nf8 19.Ne4 [19.Qe2; 19.Nd2; 19.Qc2]

19...Ne6 [19...Qxd1! 20.Raxd1 Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Red8]

20.Bg3 Qxd1 21.Raxd1 Bxe4 22.Rxe4 Red8 23.Ree1 Rxd1 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Bxd8 26.Kf1 Kf8

27.Ke2 Ke8 28.Kd3 Kd7 29.Ke4 Kc6 30.h4?! [White makes a positional concession in a difficult position. It is already not easy for White to activate his queenside pieces, but this move seems to make it still more difficult]

[preferable was 30.Bh4 Bxh4 31.Nxh4 Ng5+ (31...Nd4!? 32.b4 Ne6!³) 32.Kf4 h6 33.Ke3 Kd5 34.f4 Ne6 35.f5! gxf5 36.Nxf5 h5³]

30...h5 [30...a5]

31.Nd2 Ng7 [I shunned 31...Nd4! 32.b4 Nf5!μ on account of allowing White to liquidate one of his doubled isolanis, but on the other hand, later I found myself struggling to arrange a queenside pawn lever, which here instead White provides! Importantly, the move 31...Nd4! prevents White's subtle maneuver Nf1–e3 (the knight is tied to the defense of b3) - see next note.]

32.f3?! [Believe it or not, White discourages capture of the h4 pawn with the clever maneuver 32.Nf1! Nf5 33.Ne3 Nxe3! (33...Nxh4 34.f3 f5+!³) 34.Kxe3 Kd5μ but is still left with disgusting queenside pawns and a bad bishop, teetering on the brink of losing.]

32...Nf5μ 33.Bf4 [33.Bf2 Bxh4 34.Bxh4 Nxh4 35.g4 Ng2 (35...hgx4 36.fgx4 Ng2)]

33...Bxh4 34.g4 hxg4 [34...Ng7; 34...Nd4! see my comment to Black's move 31 35.b4 Bf2→]

35.fgx4 Ng7?! [35...Nd4!→]

36.Nf3 Bd8μ 37.Ng5? [trading pieces simplifies Black's task]

[37.Bd2]

37...Bxg5 38.Bxg5 Ne6 39.Be3 Nc7 40.Bd2 Nd5 [40...b4!]

41.Be1 Ne7 42.Bd2 Nc8? [In some mild time pressure with about four minutes for four remaining moves to time control at move 45, I was worried about the possibility of e5–e6, but I hadn't calculated any concrete variations. For some reason, I was actually *more* worried about threefold repetition (even though I wasn't even sure that e5–e6 wasn't winning for White!), e.g. 42...Nd5 (x2) 43.Be1 (x2) Nc7 (or 43...Nb6 and 44.e6 again must be at least considered) 44.Bd2(x2) and I cannot play 44...Nd5, which concerned me because I did not yet see the idea of ...b5–b4 and ...Kb5, and so I did not know how to play from there without making a concession.]

43.Be3 [My opponent correctly observed after the game that here White could have given Black terrific headaches with the move 43.e6!; a refinement of the same idea is 43.g5! Ne7 44.e6!]

43...Nb6 44.Bd2 b4!→ [Finally hitting upon the right plan!]

45.Be1 Nd5 46.Bd2 Nc7 47.Bg5 Kb5 48.Kd3 Ne6 49.Be3 Nd8! [With the idea of ...Nc6, forking the e5 pawn and the d4 square, and something has to give.]

50.Ke4 c4 [The rest is simple]

51.bxc4+ Kxc4 52.Bb6 Nc6 53.Be3 a5 54.Bb6 a4 55.Be3 b3 56.Bc1 Nb4 57.Be3 a3 [White resigned]

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DONE Round 2 We won 3.5 - 2.5

(14) Smith,Brian (1620) - Cygan,Joe (1820) [D35]

Playoffs Rd3 Motorola - DGCC (3), 11.05.2013

[Smith,Brian]

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.a3 Bd6 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bxg3 10.hxg3 Ne4 11.e3 Bf5 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Ne5 Nd7 [Like BI, Wh too can move his Q to 2nd rank and prepare to castle on either side. I was considering already Ne5 and Nxc6 when doing this, so Qc2 is not has harmless as it may look]

14.Nc4 [White didn't want to trade down too much, also has a Nd6+ cheapo] **14...Nf6** [or somewhat better 14...Nb60] **15.Be2** [15.Qb3 seems to cause some pressure 0] **15...Qe7** [prepares a possible 0-0-0, defends b7 and overprotects e4]

16.Qc2 [Like BI, Wh too can move his Q to 2nd rank and prepare to castle on either side. I was considering already Ne5 and Nxc6 when doing this, so Qc2 is not has harmless as it may look]

16...0-0-0 17.Ne5 h5? [BI needs to play something like Be6, but Wh is still after 17...Be6]

18.Nxc6! bxc6 [18...Qc7 19.Ne7+ followed by Wh QxQ and NxBf5]

19.Qxc6+ Kb8 20.Qb5+ Ka8 21.Qc6+ [21.Qxf5 0 Rd5 22.Qh3 g4 23.Qh4 When considering 18 Nxc6 I overlooked that Wh's Q gets semi-trapped here. Houdini show +2 here for Wh. But also shows +2 for Wh 20 move pairs later, with Wh's Q still stuck on h4. However shortly after that Wh wins, by promoting the d pawn. I was uncomfortable playing this odd position against a significantly stronger rated opponent with 30 minutes left on my clock to make it to move 45. BI's R will go to f5. In order to tie down Wh's Q on h4, BI's N and R are also tied down. So it is like Wh pieces are RRB vs BI's QR and all the play is on just the a thru d columns.]

21...Kb8 22.Qb5+ Ka8 23.Qc6+ [Wh offers a draw and BI has to accept. The other 5 boards were still playing and it looked reasonable for us, in this last round of the 2013 playoffs.]

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(6) Potts,Kevin (1880) - Balicki,Jeff (1920)

Playoffs Rd3 Motorola - DGCC Fermi Lab (3), 11.05.2013

1.b4 e5 2.a3 d5 3.Bb2 Bd6 4.e3 Nf6 5.c4 c6 6.Nf3 Qe7 7.Be2 0-0 8.d3 Rd8 9.Nbd2 Bf5 [Up until now, we have been playing the same moves as my game against Fennessey of the Wombats. I typically handle Bf5 with a timely Nh4 or even e4.]

10.0-0 Bg6 11.Qb3 e4 12.Nh4 Be5 [This was not a well timed Nh4. I couldn't find anything better than trading and hoping my better pawn structure was enough for a win.]

13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Bxe5 Qxe5 15.d4 Qe7 16.Rac1 a5 17.cxd5 axb4? 18.dxc6! Nxc6 [Now I have something to work with: My strong protected passer and his weak isolated b pawn.]

[18...Rxa3 19.c7 Rxb3 20.cxd8Q+ Qxd8 21.Nxb3±]

19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Rb1 Nbd5 21.Nc4 [21.Qxb7?? Qxb7 22.Rxb7 Ra2 23.Rd1 Nc3]

21...Rdb8 22.Nb6 Nxb6 23.Qxb6 Nd5 24.Qb3 Qd6 25.Rfc1 b5 26.Rc5 Nc7 27.Qc2 Ne6 28.Rcxb5 Rxb5 29.Bxb5 f5 30.Bc4 Kh7 31.Bxe6?! [I thought I would be able to quickly attack with Qc7 and Rb7, but I haven't addressed by back rank yet and black has ample defensive resources. It should still be winning, but black now has drawing chances.]

31...Qxe6 32.h3 Ra2 33.Qc7 g5? 34.Rb6 Qe8 35.Rb8 Qh5 36.Qc8 Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qa4 38.Qxf5+

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