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June 2014 Elite Summer Chess Tournament. CICL Section foreground; Standing (in background) TD Jeff Wiewel.
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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. Also, please send us your feedback on CICL events, rules, bulletin, etc. Remember, this year we are offering awards for various types of Bulletin Submissions, including articles about matches and tournaments, photo submissions, game analysis, and more!

Thank you! Special thanks to our contributors for this issue, Dan Dugovic, Alex Pehas, Brian Smith, and Torriente Tolliver.

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Remembering Jim Warren: Part 2

Games and article by Alex Pehas, (DRGNS)
Game Analysis by Patrice Connelly (WMBTS)

John Donaldson's book, *A Legend on the Road*, about Bobby Fischer's 1964 simul tour includes interesting history about Jim Warren. Jim played Fischer in two simul. In both he was the last to finish and hence had to play "one on one" making moves quickly. Jim drew both games.

Fischer, Bobby-Warren, Jim
Fischer Simul, Chicago, 03/22/64
Result 1/2-1/2

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Be3 Be7 8. O-O O-O A very sound, calm game so far; both sides castling kingside and even in development.
9. Bb3 Bd7 10. f4 Nxd4 11. Bxd4 Bc6 12. Qe2 b5 Black offers a queenside in exchange for White's center pawn.
13. Nxb5 Bxb5 14. Qxb5 Nxe4 15. f5 Bf6 16. Qd3 Bxd4+ 17. Qxd4 d5 Rather than retreating the knight to the now available f6 square, Black protects and simultaneously advances in the center.
18. c4 dxc4 19. Qxd8 Rfxd8 20. Bxc4 Nd2 21. Rfc1 Nxc4 22. Rxc4 exf5 23. b4 Rd2! Rook on the second rank! 24. a4 g6 25. b5 Re8 26. Kh1 Ree2 Despite the rapidly advancing queenside pawns, Black keeps calm and uses his rooks to threaten the kingside, while improving their positions.
27. Rg1 Ra2 28. h3 Re4



Position after 28...Re4

Black now can attack White's queenside majority.

29. Rgc1 Rxa4 30. Rxa4 Rxa4 31. Rc7 h5 32. Kg1 h4 33. Kf2 Kg7 34. Rb7 Kf6 35. Rc7 Rb4 36. Rxa7 Rxb5 37. Rc7 Re5 38. Ra7 g5 39. Rb7 g4 40. Rb6+ Re6 41. Rb4 Kg5 42. Rb5 Kf4 43. Rb4+ Re4 44. Rb7 f6 45. Rb6 Kg5 46. Rb5 Re5 47. Rb8 Ra5 48. Rb2 Ra3 49. Rc2 gxh3 50. gxh3 Rxh3 Black may be up in pawns, but knows it will be difficult trying to promote doubled isolated pawns- especially against Fischer! 51. Rc8 Ra3 52. Rg8+ Kf4 53. Rh8 Ra2+ 54. Kg1 Kg3 55. Rg8+ Kf3 56. Rh8 Rg2+ 57. Kh1 Rg4 58. Kh2 Ra4 59.

Rh6 Ra2+ 60. Kh3 f4 61. Rxf6 Ke3 62. Kxh4 f3 63. Kg3 Rg2+ 64. Kh3 Rg8 65. Ra6 f2 66. Ra3+ Ke2 67. Ra2+ 1/2-1/2 A fantastic, solid game against the to-be World Champion!

Warren faced off against Fischer only a few months later. Donaldson's book quotes Jim after 13. Nxb5 in the following game: "After this move, Fischer looked up from the board at me and said, 'Didn't I make this mistake against you before?' Bear in mind this was two months after the first game, many simuls and hundreds of games later, as he was on tour through the country. What a memory!"

Fischer, Bobby-Warren, Jim
Fischer Tour Simul, Cicero, IL 05/20/64
Result 1/2-1/2

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Be7 8. Be3 O-O 9. O-O Bd7 10. f4 Nxd4 11. Bxd4 Bc6 12. Qe2 b5 13. Nxb5 Bxb5 14. Qxb5 Nxe4 15. f5 Bf6 16. Qd3 Bxd4+ 17. Qxd4 d5 18. c4 dxc4 19. Qxe4 cxb3 20. fxe6 Qb6+ 21. Kh1 fxe6 22. axb3 Qxb3 23. h3 Qxb2 24. Qxe6+ Kh8 25. Qe7 Rxf1+ 26. Rxf1 h6 27. Rf8+ Rxf8 28. Qxf8+ Kh7 29. Qf5+ Kg8 30. Qc8+ Kh7 31. Qf5+ g6 32. Qa5 Qb6 33. Qa2 Qb7 34. Qa1 Qc7 1/2-1/2

Jim was quite a chess player and organizer. I feel fortunate that I got to meet Jim at the old Western Electric Hawthorne plant way back in the 1960's. What I remember most about Jim is that he was such a nice person!!



Above: This photo shows Jim participating in another simul, this one in 1960 against George Koltanowski, Chicago Sun Times Chess Columnist. Seated left to right, the players are: Robion Kirby, Edward Smith, Jim Brotsos, Eva Aronson, Jim Warren, and Harold Stanbridge. Photo Courtesy Jim Brotsos

Two 2014 CICL Individual Tournaments

by Brian Smith (DGCC)

For many of its earlier years, the CICL organized "Tornado" weekend individual tournaments. In a survey taken in Spring 2014, CICL members indicated a high interest in the CICL having more events such as CICL rated individual tournaments. 2014 saw the return to our earlier traditions with two individual tournaments, in addition to the one held on Playoffs Saturday.

On June 21, 2014 eight CICL members played in a tournament held at the Naperville campus of DePaul University. On December 28, 2014 another tournament was held at Benedictine University in Lisle with six players. Both were a section within a tournament that also included USCF rated sections and unrated scholastic sections. They were organized by St. Charles Chess Club's CICL team member Jeff DiOrio. Jeff is president of Elite Chess, see www.elitechess.net Jeff also TDed the December CICL section. Jeff Wiewel, St. Charles Chess Club CICL team captain, TDed the June tournament. Both tournaments consisted of three rounds and were played at G/60 with 5 second delay. Trophies were awarded to the top finishers. The games were rated by the CICL and count towards the players' Centurion awards. Detailed results and game scores are available on the CICL's website.

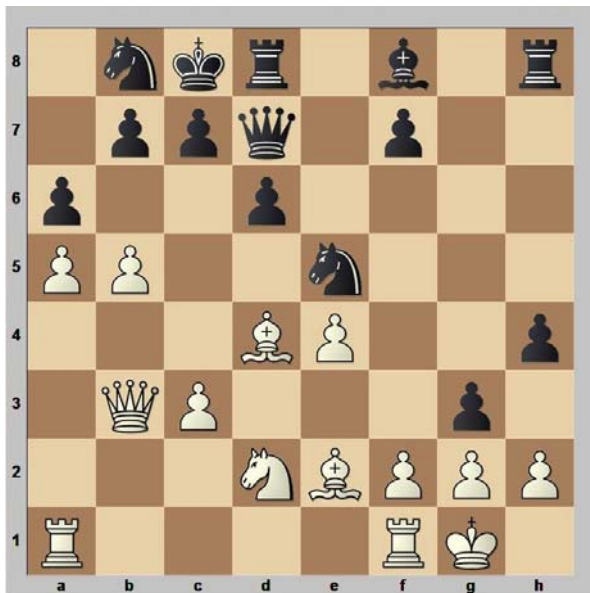


Top finishers from the June 2014 CICL tournament are pictured above: 4th place Sonny Mata (BCBS), 1st place Mark Engelen (Excaliburs), 3rd place Daniel Dugovic (DGCC) and organizer Jeff DiOrio. Not pictured is 2nd place Howard Cohen (AONRK). Andy Mosley (AONRK), Steve Kuhlmann (Rooks), Dean Arond (CICL alumnus), and Matt Battaglia (DGCC) also played.



The players from the December 2014 CICL tournament are pictured above: Larry Cohen (AONRK), 1st place Brian Smith (DGCC), 2nd place Chuck Dobrovolny (Tyros), 5th place Scott Kolb (STCCC), 3rd place Andy Zaleiski (STCCC), and 4th place Eapen Kuruvilla (Tyros).

Here are four positions from the June and December 2014 individual tournaments.



after 19...g3



after 7...a6

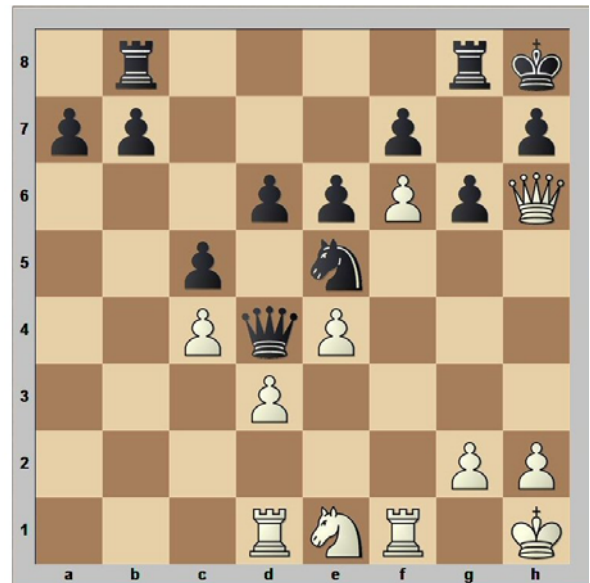
Above left, June 2014 Tournament: Mark Engelen vs. Dean Arond. **20. h3** (20. bxa6 is somewhat better, for example 20... gxh2+ 21.Kh1 bxa6 22. Rab1 Qe6 23. Qxb8+ Kd7 24. Qb7 Rg8 25. Bxe5 Qxe5 26. Nc4 Qg5 27. Ne3 Bh6 28. Rb6 Qc5 29. Nd5 h3 30. g3 Rb8 31. Qxb8 Rxb8 32. Bg4+ f5 33. Bxf5+ Ke8 34. Rxb8+ Kf7

35. Rb7 Kg8 White wins) **20... gxf2+ 21. Rxf2 Rg8** (21... Qe6 22. Nc4 axb5 23. Qxb5 Qe8 24. Qxe8 Rxe8 25. Bxe5 dxe5 26. Bg4+ Black is still under tremendous pressure) **22. Ba7** (22. bxa6 Nxa6 23. Rb1) **Qxh3** (22... axb5 23. Bxb5 Qxh3 24. a6 Nxa6 25. Bxa6 bxa6 26. Qa4 Bh6 27. Rb1 Rxg2+ 28. Rxg2 Be3+ 29. Bxe3 Qxe3+ 30. Kh1 Qxc3 31. Qxa6+ Kd7 32. Qf1 White wins) **23. Bxb8** (23. bxa6) **Ng4?** **24. gxQh3** Black resigned about 10 moves later.

Above right, June 2014 Tournament Dean Arond vs. Howard Cohen. Interesting but incorrect is **8.Nd5? exd5 9. exd5 Nd8** (9... Nce7 is better) **10. Re1+ Be7** (10... Ne7 is better) **11. Bb3** (11. Qd4! and White's dual threats of d6 and Qxg7 win) **11... d6** but now White does not have enough threats. Black won on move 32.



after 6...c5



after 28. Kh1

Above left, June 2014 Tournament Matt Battaglia vs Steve Kuhlmann **7. e5 dxe5 8. dxe5 Ng4** (8... Nh5 or 8... O-O are relatively better, but still lost) **9. Bxf7+! Kf8** (9... Kxf7 does not work either 10. Ng5+ Ke8 11. Ne6 Qb6 12. Nxg7+ Kf8 13. Qxg4 Kxg7 14. Qh4 Qe6 15. Nb5) **10. Ng5 Qb6 11. Qxg4** (or 11. Nd5) **Nxe5 12. Qf4 Bf6 13. Nd5 Qd6 14. Nxf6 Nxf7 15. Nd7+** and White won on move 23. (A similar idea with Bxf7+ occurred in the same tournament. Dean Arond vs. Andy Mosley 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. O-O Nxe4 5. d4 d6 6. dxe5 Nxe5 7. Nxe5 dxe5 8. Bxf7+! Kxf7? 9. Qxd8 and Black has lost his Queen.)

Above right, December 2014 Tournament Brian Smith vs Scott Kolb. **28... Ng4** (28... g5 29. Qh3 g4 30. Qg3 wins easily for Black) **29. Qh4 Ne3** (29... Ne5 30. Qh6 g5 still wins Black) **30. Rf3** (better is 30. Nf3 which wins for White 30... g5 (if Black instead moves his Q, it is worse, for example 30... Qc3 31. Ng5 h5 32. Nxf7+ Kh7 33. Ng5+ Kh6 34. Qf4 Ng4 35. f7 Qf6 36. fxg8=Q Rxg8 37. Qxf6 Nxf6 38. Rxf6 Kxg5 39. Rxe6) 31.Qe1 Nxg2 32. Kxg2 engine says this wins for White, but it does not look easy) **30... Nxd1** (30... g5 still wins or Black) **31. Qxh7+** Black resigned as 31... Kxh7 32.Rh3#

June 2014 CICL Tournament Game and Analysis

by Dan Dugovic, (DGCC)

Dan Dugovic took 3rd place in the June 2014 CICL tournament. He shares his 2nd round tournament game and analysis with us! To see Dan's other games at the Elite Chess tournament, check out his Elite Chess Summer open article on his blog at Chess.com at <http://www.chess.com/blog/DandyDanD/elite-chess-summer-open>

"My round 2 game was against King's Gambit specialist Howard Cohen. In our previous tournament game the tactics worked in my favor. As Black, could I make history repeat itself?"

1. e4 e5 2. f4 Bc5 3. Nf3 d6 4. f5? Nc6 5. c3 d5! 6. Bd3?



Position after 6. Bd3?

Into the jungle we go!

6... Nf6 7. Qe2 O-O 8. b4 Bb6 9. b5 Nb8! 10. exd5 e4 11. Bc4 Bxf5??



Position after 11...Bxf5??

(11... exf3 12. Qxf3 I assumed that White would quickly play g4, etc. but 12... g6! stops White's attack before it starts!)

12. Nd4 Bg4 13. Qf2 Nbd7 14. O-O Ne5 15. Bb3 c5 (15... Nd3 16. Qe3 Re8 Stockfish assures me that Black is better, but I distrust it.) 16. dxc6 bxc6 17. bxc6 Nxc6 18. Bb2 Nxd4? 19. cxd4 Qd7 20. Na3 Rad8 21. Nc2
Draw agreed. White's fortress is impregnable.

Promotion: Earning Your Black Belt in Chess

“Breaking Wood and Blocks”

By: Torriente Toliver (WMBTS)

To show mastery of the body, many martial arts schools promote students through physical tests. One of the iconic tests of speed, strength, skill, and spirit is the challenge of breaking. Honestly there are many black belts walking around that have only broken the lead (graphite) of their pencils, but there is something to be said about those who have completed the daunting task of annihilating a board of wood or a cinder block. The primary issue surrounding martial arts is if it works. We all know someone who supposedly studied for years and knows all of this deadly stuff, but rarely if ever are these skills put on display without a cooperative opponent. This is also true about chess. Many claim an opening or theory to be sound, but they lose game after game trying to prove it. Breaking, like winning, removes all doubt.

“On Breaking Wood”

Adults and children cower at the idea of trying to break wood regardless of its thickness. This is logical because it will hurt if you fail and sting even if one is successful. Normal people do not want to suffer in any way if possible. This fragility prevents us from taking necessary risks and performing adequate follow through with the risks we take. It is simple physics. Force equals mass times acceleration. Thus a swift attack with a large body (multiple pieces) is “forceful”. One just has to get over the nerves and understand the principles at work. Paul Morphy 101: Develop quickly, attack intently, win forcefully.

“On Breaking Blocks”

Brute force and an unconditioned body is a catastrophic combination. Very strong people have failed at brick breaking because there is a technique to it. Wood is easy. Swing fast and hard equals success, but blocks hit back. Newton’s third law clearly states that every action has an equal and opposite reaction. In chess this means a failed attack can lead to a successful destruction of your king. The people who break blocks have had to repeatedly condition their bodies by ramming into harder and tougher obstacles until they no longer feel the fear or pain of failure. They know what to do how to do it and execute forcefully, yet with a calm confidence that is almost terrifying.

Let’s look at a 2003 game with “breaking” moves.

Elson,Askari (2157) - Corbin,Phillip (2235)

BAR-ch, 2003

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Bc4 cxb2 5.Bxb2 e6



Position after 5...e6

This is how you break wood. 2 pawns for 2 developing moves.

6.Nf3 Bb4+ 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.0-0 d6



Position after 8...d6

After 8 moves White has made 6 developing moves while Black has only made 2, but Black is still ahead 2 pawns.

9.Qe2 Bxd2 10.Qxd2 Nxe4 11.Qf4 Nf6 White sacrifices 1 more pawn to place Black in the interesting position of having 1 developing move and 3 pawns to 5 for White. Some calculate that a pawn is equal to a move/tempo, but with this definition white is still ahead. Sadly this is where the skill to break wood ends and the skill to break blocks begins. Anyone can give up material to develop, but far less can translate the advantage into something viable.

12.Rad1 0–0 13.Rxd6 Nbd7 Black's development is slow and the light squared bishop and queen's rook are out of play.

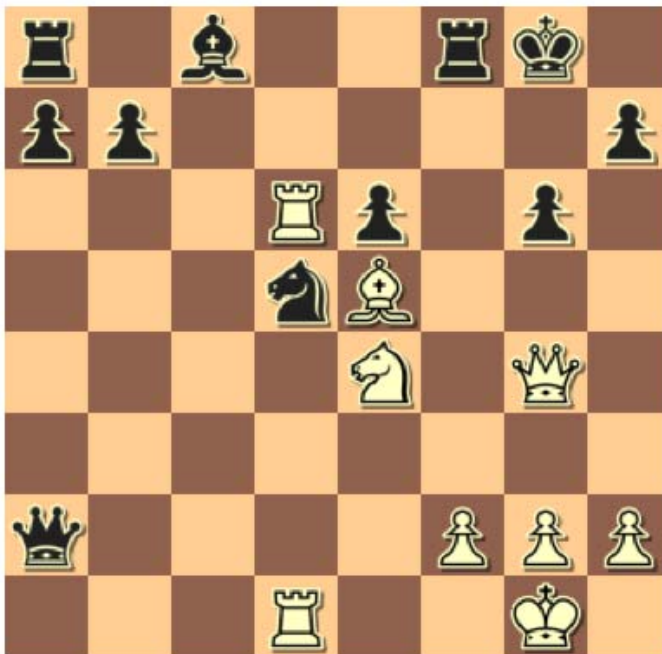
14.Rfd1 Qa5 It takes technique to convert mobility to victory. Controlling the center and an open file are great starts.

15.Ng5 The attack begins with the threats against h7.

Nb6 16.Bd3 Qa4 17.Be4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 f6 This is a beautiful series of moves that blocks the black queen, removes the defending knight and weakens Black's king's safety.

19.Bxf6 Nd5 20.Qg4 g6 White is only down a pawn now, but that is far from the point. White has 5 pieces attacking vs. 2 (possible 3 but the queen is moves away from helping) defending.

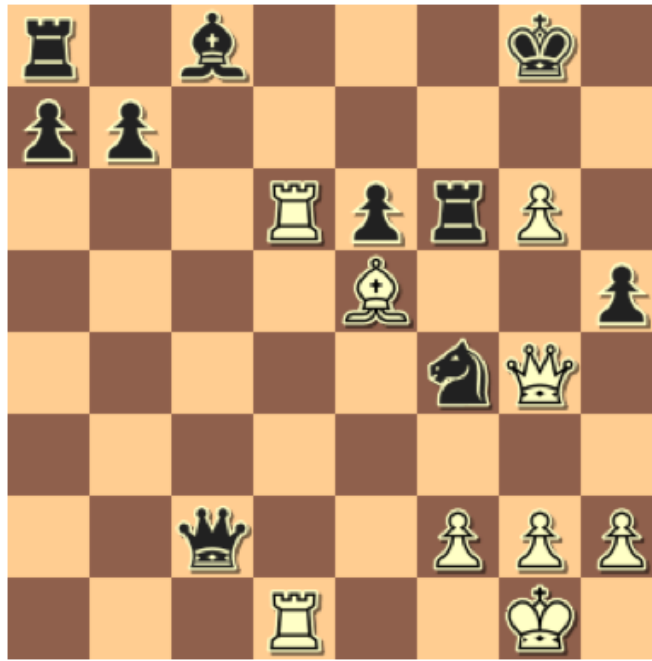
21.Be5 Qxa2



Position after 21...Qxa2

Black is running out of options. The queenside pawns will never become a threat, Black has 2 pieces out of play, and the king is almost exposed. This is the time to move quickly, intently and forcefully.

22.h4 Nf4 23.h5 Qc2 24.hxg6 h5 25.Nf6+ Rxf6 Keeping the speed/initiative and crashing through.



Position after 25...Rxf6

26.Rd8+ Kg7 27.Bxf6+ Kxf6 28.Qxf4+ Qf5 29.Rf8+ The end of the stack of blocks. Kxg6 30.Rxf5 exf5 31.Rd6+1-0

Playing for quick development and central control is good enough to overwhelm low class players. To beat stronger competition you need to condition yourself tactically and with positional understandings to break through the block of the higher ranks and earn your place.

Chess Goods for Sale

Jim Brotsos, co-founder of the CICL, is downsizing his chess collection and is offering chess sets, books, magazines, a clock & a demo board for sale. The 80 sets include playing, decorative, cultural, miniature, and electronic sets. The magazines include a few dating back to 1917!

If you're interested, please contact Jim at jabchc@ameritech.net or 773-757-8014 (or 773-775-5054). Catalogs of the above, plus photos of the sets, are available through email.



**Above; a ceramic nautical Set;
Right: a Wooden Staunton Set**



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

US Amateur Team Championship North

February 20-22, 2015

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The 2015 U.S. Amateur Team Championship North will take place February 20-22, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, Illinois.

Event Information: 5 round Swiss, open to 4 player teams with one optional alternate. Teams' average rating (January 2015 rating list) must be under 2200.

Time Controls: Game/90 +30s increment from move 1. Rounds 1 and 2 in the 2-day schedule play Game/60, d5.

Entry Fees: \$160 per team if received USPS or online by 6pm on February 6th, \$180 if received USPS or online by 6pm on February 14th, \$200 online until 6pm on February 20th and onsite.

Individuals wishing to play, send \$45 and request to be put on team by USPS and online by 6pm on February 14th, or \$50 thereafter. Team changes onsite or after 6pm on February 20th, \$20.

Prizes: Awards to top two teams, top teams with average rating Under 1900, Under 1600 and Under 1300. Award for Best Team Name, Best Costume or theme. Winning team qualifies for national play-offs. Prizes to best team composed of juniors (high school and younger), college team, best HS team, top Senior team, top team of coach and students. Prizes to top score on each board. Prizes are players choice of a selected clock or equivalent book store credit. Special raffle with prizes for players staying at the Hyatt!

Schedule: 3-day, onsite registration/check-in February 20, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Round 1; February 20, 7pm, Round 2; February 21, 10am, Round 3; February 21, 4pm, Round 4; February 22, 10am and Round 5; February 22, 3:30pm.

2-day, onsite registration/check-in February 21, 8am-9:30am. Round 1; February 21, 10am, Round 2; February 21, 1pm then merge with 3-day schedule in Round 3.

Northern Blitz Championship: 5 round Swiss, Saturday night, February 21. Entry fee \$25 if received USPS or online by February 18th, \$30 at site. Round 1; 8pm, 2 games with each opponent.

Hotel: Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173. Telephone 847-605-1234. \$89.00 chess rate single-double-triple-quad until 2/6/15, Free WiFi included with Room! Please reserve early.
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/USAmateurTeamChess>

To Enter: Make checks payable to and send to: Chess Weekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423. Please include Team's name and roster (plus ID#), captain's email and phone number, and desired schedule. Info: 815-955-4793 before 8pm. Or click [here to register online](#)

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Evanston Tri-Level

03/21/15 Levy Senior Center, Evanston, IL

4SS G/40 plus 5 second delay. USCF Dual Rated. Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL 60201. **Three Sections:** Gold: 1700 and over; Silver: 1200-1699; Bronze: Under 1200 and Unrated; 1600 - 1699 may play up to Gold; 1100 - 1199 may play up to Silver; published USCF Regular Rating determines eligibility; unrated players will be placed at TD discretion; sections may be combined at TD discretion; accelerated or decelerated pairings at TD discretion. Digital clocks are required and will be set to G/40 plus 5 seconds delay. **Schedule:** Registration 9:00-9:30 am, first Round 9:45 am, last round ends roughly 5:30 pm. Players who check in after 9:30 am will receive a half-point bye for the first round. You may take one half-point bye in any round but the last. **Entry Fee:** \$5.00, please pay cash (no checks) at the door. Masters and Experts play free. **Your Prize:** Four games of quality rated chess in a congenial atmosphere! **Pre-Registration Recommended: Entries:** send your name, USCF number, rating and phone number to Maret Thorpe enter@EvanstonChess.org. **Other information:** Junior players (under fourteen years) rated 900+ are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent throughout the event. Sorry, but we do not accept junior players rated under 900. Bring clocks. Wheelchair accessible. No Smoking. Limit: 52 players. For more information: www.evanstonchess.org

