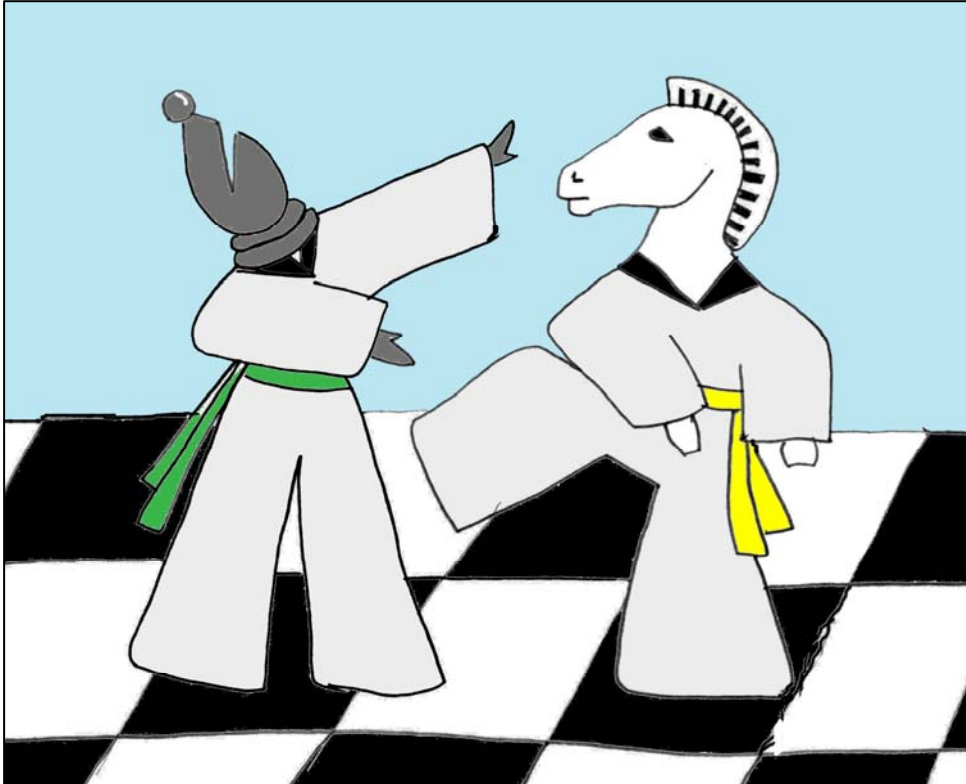


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**The CICL is now on Facebook!** Please "like" our page to get CICL updates, pictures, and more! Check us out here: <https://www.facebook.com/ChicagoIndustrialChessLeague>

**We're bringing back awards for bulletin submissions!** This season we are offering five awards (in the form of gift cards) for various types of bulletin submissions. Check out the list below, and read a full recap and description of the awards in the Fall Business Meeting Minutes.

**Your Opinions count!** Bulletin Awards will be based on reader response received by the Editor, so please let us know what you think of bulletin submissions, or if you have your own response to an article!

Please email submissions and feedback to [Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org).

Kicking off another great year,

Pat Connelly  
CICL Bulletin Editor

**Bulletin Award Categories** (see page 11 in the Fall Business Meeting Minutes for full description!)

**Best player-analyzed game:** Walk readers through one of your games and your thinking process!

**Best CICL Match Recap:** Share a match from this season with readers- perhaps it's a high-stakes match competing for a championship slot, or just a fun evening of camaraderie!

**Best Non-CICL Tournament Reporting:** Share your tournament experiences outside the CICL! Give readers a recap of a recent tournament and your experience and thoughts on the event; and maybe share a game or two!

**Best CICL-Photo:** Are you the player always bugging everyone else for a team photo? Here's your chance to encourage them! Share a photo of CICL players in action- at a match, a chess event, playing, in analysis, or just gathering at an event! Include a description with your photo so readers know what they're seeing!

**Readers' Choice:** Based on reader response to submissions, we'll award a "Reader's Choice" award to any of the above-mentioned categories or other types of submissions, that helps generate reader feedback. So what are you waiting for? Email us something at [Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org](mailto:Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org) today!

# President's Letter

by Brian Smith, CICL League President

As the 2014-2015 season of the CICL gets underway, here are some reminders and news to help us get the season started smoothly. More info about the items below can be found in the CICL's constitution on the CICL website, at [http://www.chicagochessleague.org/cicl/rules/CICL-const\\_5Sept2014.pdf](http://www.chicagochessleague.org/cicl/rules/CICL-const_5Sept2014.pdf). "Note: this version of the constitution includes all changes approved at the 2014 Fall Business Meeting."










- Reminder: the ***new default time control*** is 45 moves in 90 minutes with 5 second delay and then sudden death in 60 minutes with 5 second delay, if a clock that supports delay is available. And if no clock is available for that supports delay for a game, the default time control for that game is 45/90 and then SD/60 with no delay. By default there are no adjournments. The current constitution has details about this around Page 21, at [http://www.chicagochessleague.org/cicl/rules/CICL-const\\_18June2014.pdf](http://www.chicagochessleague.org/cicl/rules/CICL-const_18June2014.pdf)
- The CICL's website's ***home page was redesigned*** over the summer. Other improvements can also be found for it. The new homepage will be released soon. You can now check it out at <http://chicagochessleague.org/splash.html> Feedback can be sent by email to the webmaster at [web@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:web@chicagochessleague.org)
- I encourage submissions to the ***CICL's Facebook*** page. Some formats (like video) are highly suitable there. Facebook users, remember to "like" the CICL's Facebook page for updates. Note, you do not need to have a Facebook account to read the CICL's Facebook page. It is at: [www.facebook.com/ChicagoIndustrialChessLeague](http://www.facebook.com/ChicagoIndustrialChessLeague)
- The CICL has added a new officer position. The ***Playoffs Chair*** will organize the CICL's league championship playoffs, working closely with the Playoffs TD and other officers. The Playoffs Chair is a senior officer role in the CICL. His impact on the smooth operation of the Playoffs will be similar to the impact that a Division Chair has on the operation of his division during the regular season. This officer position is currently vacant. Questions about, and volunteers to be the Playoffs Chairman can email league president Brian at [president@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:president@chicagochessleague.org)
- The ***scores of all games*** of a match must be collected and submitted no later than two weeks after that match. All teams will have stamped, addressed envelopes to submit the scores at the start of this season. The home team captain is to hand an envelope out at each match. Both captains are to make sure their team members put the yellow copies in the envelope. The home captain is to mail in the envelope immediately after the match. Submission of PGN or other electronic formats is also encouraged, to be completed within two weeks. CICL webmaster Irwin will make available on the CICL website a status chart showing what matches are more than two weeks behind. Followups, including by your Division Chair, will be made with any captain who is a late submitter! Questions can be sent to Irwin at [web@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:web@chicagochessleague.org)
- Captains, ***team dues are due now, please*** pay promptly to league Treasurer Andy. This can be done by using the dues form available on the CICL's website and page 15 in the bulletin. Questions may be sent to league Treasurer Andy at [treasurer@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:treasurer@chicagochessleague.org)
- Captains, if you haven't already, submit your ***roster for the new season*** to Ratings Chair Irwin, or send him an email letting him know that no changes are needed. Email to [ratings@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:ratings@chicagochessleague.org)

## Division Schedules

Schedule and Team Information available on West Division Homepage at:

<http://www.chicagochessleague.org/westdiv>

(Match detail provided by online entry tool.)

| Rnd | Play By | Roster  | (A)                            | (B)                            | (C)                            | (D)                            | (E)                            |
|-----|---------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1   | 9/26    |  FERMI   | <a href="#">STCCC at PAWNS</a> | <a href="#">FERMI at WMBAT</a> | <a href="#">WCC at MLXAC</a>   | <a href="#">ROOKS at DRGNS</a> | <a href="#">DGCC at TYROS</a>  |
| 2   | 10/17   |  DGCC    | <a href="#">MLXAC at DRGNS</a> | <a href="#">TYROS at PAWNS</a> | <a href="#">DGCC at WMBAT</a>  | <a href="#">ROOKS at FERMI</a> | <a href="#">STCCC at WCC</a>   |
| 3   | 11/7    |  MLXAC   | <a href="#">TYROS at FERMI</a> | <a href="#">DRGNS at STCCC</a> | <a href="#">MLXAC at DGCC</a>  | <a href="#">ROOKS at WMBAT</a> | <a href="#">WCC at PAWNS</a>   |
| 4   | 12/5    |  ROOKS   | <a href="#">STCCC at ROOKS</a> | <a href="#">WCC at DGCC</a>    | <a href="#">FERMI at MLXAC</a> | <a href="#">WMBAT at PAWNS</a> | <a href="#">DRGNS at TYROS</a> |
| 5   | 1/09    |  PAWNS   | <a href="#">PAWNS at DRGNS</a> | <a href="#">WCC at FERMI</a>   | <a href="#">WMBAT at MLXAC</a> | <a href="#">ROOKS at DGCC</a>  | <a href="#">STCCC at TYROS</a> |
| 6   | 2/6     |  TYROS  | <a href="#">DGCC at STCCC</a>  | <a href="#">FERMI at DRGNS</a> | <a href="#">TYROS at ROOKS</a> | <a href="#">WMBAT at WCC</a>   | <a href="#">PAWNS at MLXAC</a> |
| 7   | 2/27    |  DRGNS | <a href="#">STCCC at FERMI</a> | <a href="#">DRGNS at WMBAT</a> | <a href="#">DGCC at PAWNS</a>  | <a href="#">TYROS at MLXAC</a> | <a href="#">ROOKS at WCC</a>   |
| 8   | 3/20    |  STCCC | <a href="#">FERMI at DGCC</a>  | <a href="#">MLXAC at STCCC</a> | <a href="#">DRGNS at WCC</a>   | <a href="#">WMBAT at TYROS</a> | <a href="#">PAWNS at ROOKS</a> |
| 9   | 4/10    |  WMBAT | <a href="#">MLXAC at ROOKS</a> | <a href="#">WCC at TYROS</a>   | <a href="#">WMBAT at STCCC</a> | <a href="#">PAWNS at FERMI</a> | <a href="#">DRGNS at DGCC</a>  |

Schedule and Team Information available on North Division Homepage at:

<http://www.chicagochessleague.org/northdiv>

| Round   | End Date    | AonRen         | Kings          | UOP            | Excaliburs |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Fall Business Meeting - Wed Aug 27            |             |                |                |                |            |
| 1   | Fri, Sep 19 | @ Excaliburs   | @ UOP          | vs. Kings      | vs. AonRen |
| 2   | Wed, Oct 15 | vs. UOP        | vs. Excaliburs | @ AonRen       | @ Kings    |
| 3   | Fri, Nov 07 | @ Kings        | vs. AonRen     | vs. Excaliburs | @ UOP      |
| Thanksgiving - Thu Nov 27                     |             |                |                |                |            |
| 4   | Fri, Dec 05 | @ UOP          | @ Excaliburs   | vs. AonRen     | vs. Kings  |
| Christmas - Thu Dec 25, New Years - Thu Jan 1 |             |                |                |                |            |
| 5   | Fri, Jan 09 | vs. Excaliburs | vs. UOP        | @ Kings        | @ AonRen   |
| 6   | Fri, Jan 30 | vs. Kings      | @ AonRen       | @ Excaliburs   | vs. UOP    |
| 7   | Fri, Feb 20 | @ Excaliburs   | @ UOP          | vs. Kings      | vs. AonRen |
| 8   | Fri, Mar 13 | vs. UOP        | vs. Excaliburs | @ AonRen       | @ Kings    |
| 9   | Fri, Apr 03 | @ Kings        | vs. AonRen     | vs. Excaliburs | @ UOP      |

Schedule and Team Information available on East Division Homepage at:

<http://www.chicagochessleague.org/eastdiv>

| <b>SCHEDULE</b>                               |                |                       |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
|---|----------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (Match detail provided by online entry tool.) |                |                       |   |                                    |                                    |                                    |
| <b>Rnd</b>                                    | <b>Play By</b> | <b>Bye</b>            | <b>(A)</b>                              | <b>(B)</b>                         | <b>(C)</b>                         | <b>(D)</b>                         |
| 1   | 10/10          | <a href="#">ROGUE</a> | <a href="#">ENOVA 2.5<br/>CITGR 3.5</a> | <a href="#">DRW at<br/>UNION</a>   | <a href="#">BYE at<br/>ROGUE</a>   | <a href="#">HEDGE at<br/>NWEST</a> |
| 2   | 10/31          | <a href="#">DRW</a>   | <a href="#">ENOVA at<br/>NWEST</a>      | <a href="#">DRW at<br/>BYE</a>     | <a href="#">HEDGE at<br/>UNION</a> | <a href="#">CITGR at<br/>ROGUE</a> |
| 3   | 11/21          | <a href="#">NWEST</a> | <a href="#">HEDGE at<br/>ENOVA</a>      | <a href="#">BYE at<br/>NWEST</a>   | <a href="#">UNION at<br/>ROGUE</a> | <a href="#">CITGR at<br/>DRW</a>   |
| 4   | 1/23           | <a href="#">UNION</a> | <a href="#">ENOVA at<br/>DRW</a>        | <a href="#">ROGUE at<br/>HEDGE</a> | <a href="#">BYE at<br/>UNION</a>   | <a href="#">NWEST at<br/>CITGR</a> |
| 5   | 2/13           | <a href="#">CITGR</a> | <a href="#">UNION at<br/>ENOVA</a>      | <a href="#">CITGR at<br/>BYE</a>   | <a href="#">NWEST at<br/>ROGUE</a> | <a href="#">DRW at<br/>HEDGE</a>   |
| 6   | 3/6            | <a href="#">HEDGE</a> | <a href="#">ENOVA at<br/>ROGUE</a>      | <a href="#">NWEST at<br/>DRW</a>   | <a href="#">CITGR at<br/>UNION</a> | <a href="#">BYE at<br/>HEDGE</a>   |
| 7   | 4/13           | <a href="#">ENOVA</a> | <a href="#">ENOVA at<br/>BYE</a>        | <a href="#">ROGUE at<br/>DRW</a>   | <a href="#">HEDGE at<br/>CITGR</a> | <a href="#">NWEST at<br/>UNION</a> |



## CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Fall Business Meeting of August 27, 2014

At: Fermi in Batavia

### Attendees:

|   |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Greg Bungo (DGCC)                                     | Jim Condron (Willowbrook)       |
| Chuck Dobrovolny (Tyros)                              | Irwin Gaines (Fermi)            |
| Tony Jasaitis (Hedgehogs)                             | Andy Mosley (Treasurer, AonRen) |
| Art Olsen (UOP)                                       | Brian Smith (President, DGCC)   |
| Jerry Thomas (Secretary, ALU Dragons)                 | Jim Thomson (Motorola Kings)    |
| Jeff Wiewel (STCC)                                    | Bill Whited (Willowbrook)       |
| Patrice Connelly (Bulletin Editor, WOMBATS) via phone |                                 |

### MINUTES

President Brian Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and welcomed the attendees to the 58<sup>th</sup> season of the CICL. He reviewed the Rules of the Road for the Meeting to keep the meeting moving as there is a large agenda.

#### **A. OFFICERS REPORTS and STANDARD BUSINESS:**

##### **1. President – Brian Smith**

Brian Smith appoints the following officers and thanks them for their ongoing service to the CICL:

- Patrice Connelly, Bulletin Editor
- Irwin Gaines, Ratings Chairman
- Irwin Gaines, Webmaster
- Steve Tennant and Irwin Gaines, Games Editor
- Chuck Dobrovolny, Trophies Chairman
- Katherine Zack, Banquet Chairman

The president also wishes to recognize the efforts over the summer by the following group to bring together multiple agenda items to improve the CICL. Although it should be noted that the level of involvement by these six individuals varied on specific proposals. This recognition does not mean necessarily in each case those proposals represent these individual's opinion or endorsement, but rather in general reflects the group's overall consensus. That group is:

- Tony Jasaitis
- Jim Thomson
- Jerry Thomas
- Jeff Wiewel
- Irwin Gaines
- Brian Smith

##### **2. Secretary – Jerry Thomas**

Jerry said there were no changes to the spring business meeting minutes. The minutes were published in the bulletin. Attendees approved the minutes unanimously.

##### **3. Treasurer – Andy Mosley**

Andy Mosley presented the treasurer's report. He mentioned that the banquet had a slight profit this year. The 2013-14 actual budget shows a slight surplus due to the banquet profit. Attendees asked for the following updates to the treasurer's report:

- add the \$325 dues credits to the Awards figure which changes the total disbursements and the Surplus(Deficit) which becomes a slight deficit.

The proposed 2014-15 Fall Budget is based on 22 teams, no change in dues, and the new individual bulletin

incentives. There will be a deficit of \$179.40. Attendees approved the revised budget unanimously with the dues remaining at \$75.

After the meeting, Andy updated the treasurer's report and updated CICL 2014-15 Fall Budget. The CICL 2014-15 Fall Budget and the approved dues form are on the CICL web site. The dues will remain \$75 for this season.

**Team captains should submit their team dues payment to:**

Andy Mosley, 1415 Downing Place, Apt 9P, Mundelein, IL 60060

Andy said that he will not be able to continue as Treasurer after the Spring Business meeting. If anyone is interested, he will walk them through what he does.

**4. Division Chairs:**

**North-Jim Thompson, Chair**

Jim said that the current 4 teams in the North are returning. There are no new teams. Jim has published the North Division schedule.

**East-Tony Jasaitis, Chair**

Tony said 6 of the 8 East teams are returning intact.

Two reconstructed teams are seeking approval to field two teams composed of players who played last season for BCBS, AMATS, and Enova, and (in previous seasons) Trading Technologies. None of these previous teams are able to field a company team. They wish to reorganize into two teams, each one representing two organizations.

– Playing at Enova's site is a team representing two organizations: Enova (4 players) and BCBS (4 players). They'd be able to recruit new players from either company.

– Playing at Trading Technologies is a team composed of 4 Trading Technologies players and alumni players. These alumni players are from the former BCBS team (about 4 players), the former AMATS team (2 players), plus perhaps other alumni players in the future. In order for the BCBS players to play as CICL-alumni players on this team, these 4 players, both team captains, the East Division Chair, and the CICL president need to agree to this. Both team captains and the 4 players have agreed. Tony, East Division Chair and Brian Smith, CICL president also agree. These agreements/waivers have to be renewed each season.

Attendees unanimously approved these 2 reorganized teams.

**West-Jeff Wiewel, Chair**

Jeff explained that all 10 teams are returning. He said that several captains changed and he will email the changes to the webmaster. Jeff has sent out a tentative schedule.

**5. Webmaster-(Irwin Gaines)**

With help from Geneca there is a prototype version of a new CICL web page at

<http://chicagochessleague.org/splash.html> Geneca is an Oakbrook Terrace software consulting firm and did this work pro bono.

The "Join Now" link will take you to a form where a prospective team or player can enter information that is mailed to publicity chair and division chairs. The "current Info" link takes you to a page with menus allowing access to all CICL current and archival information. (Note that the captain functions button that allows match entry is on the Actions menu on the upper right, mouse over the menu title to expand it). Please send comments or suggestions to

[web@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:web@chicagochessleague.org)



Irwin thanked everyone for their help getting updated captains and other information for the web site. On the new CICL web site, he added links to prior season standings, matches, and detailed information on the playoffs. Jim Thomson suggested a link to the annotated games. In response to a question, Irwin replied he has not updated the match entry tool.

## **6. Rating Chair-Irwin Gaines**

The ratings program and data have been transferred from Jeff to myself and is up and running, I have entered the data from the Jun 21 individual event and results are on the web site.

Before the new season starts I need rosters from all teams (or at least an email to [ratings@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:ratings@chicagochessleague.org) stating that your roster is the same as last year). As soon as I have all rosters I will publish an initial ratings report. IMPORTANT: recall that players who are not on your roster are not eligible to play on counting boards in league matches. Players on boards 1-3 must be added to your roster 72 hours before a match; players on boards 4-6 must be added before the match (no time limit).

To add a player to your roster send the player's name, estimated rating, and rating source (previous CICL rating, USCF rating, FIDE rating, captain's estimate, etc.) to:

[ratings@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:ratings@chicagochessleague.org)

[president@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:president@chicagochessleague.org) and

[west@chicagochessleague.org](mailto:west@chicagochessleague.org) (or north or east depending on what division you are in)

There are no planned changes to the rating system at this time.

## **7. Games Editor-Steve Tennant and Irwin Gaines (report by Irwin Gaines)**

With submissions over the summer there have been 393 games submitted plus all games from the playoffs (all up on the web). This represents 67/97 played regular season matches. We missed 2 matches from the North Division, 5 from the West Division, and 23 from the East Division.

## **8. Publicity Chair-Matt Vail (no report)**

## **9. Bulletin Editor-Patrice Connelly (via phone)**

We released four bulletins for the 2013-2014 season. Part of this was due to the bulletin editor's personal schedule, but it was also due to a decline in bulletin submissions. Players' submissions, including games, photos, and story articles decreased during the past two seasons (the 2012-2013, and 2013-2014). Though it's nice to have a bulletin for every month of the season, there's not always enough to fill it with. The editor hopes for the next season to release at least six bulletins. In the past submission deadlines were announced for each bulletin, but stopped that practice as many submitters were not always able to meet them.

For this next season, Steve Tennant is happy to continue offering his game analysis as games editor. Due to technical difficulties, he is unable to receive email, and I would ask that games submissions continue to be sent to the bulletin email address instead of the games editor address, where I will relay them to Steve.

We hope to increase submissions through working with the webmaster/other officers on the CICL's new Facebook page, which could serve as a forum in which to both receive and post items for the bulletin, as well as announce when a new bulletin has been released. We would also like to encourage bulletin submissions by offering prizes, which will be discussed at the business meeting. Patrice mentioned Torriente Toliver is a regular columnist and Rob Eamon, a former bulletin contributor, has also volunteered to assist.

The Bulletin Editor was also added as an admin to the CICL Facebook web page.

## **10. Trophy Chairman-Chuck Dobrovolny (report deferred until Spring meeting)**

Chuck handed out the 3 replacement trophies where the name plates had to be revised.

**11. Banquet Chair-Katherine Zak (report deferred until Spring meeting)****12. Playoffs Tournament Director - Gary Janssen (report deferred until Spring meeting)****B. ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS**

**Appointments** – see president’s report.

**C. OLD BUSINESS - Improvements for League Championship Playoffs**

(see web site for full text of these proposals)

**1. Creation of Playoffs Chair officer role and update to Playoffs Tournament Director officer role**

Irwin Gaines reviewed this proposal of the Playoffs Chair officer role (see web for full proposal) describing the need to split off playoff responsibilities performed by the President to get an earlier start on tasks such as selection of the Saturday playoff site. Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

**2. Update of rules about playoff timeline and if a team drops out of playoffs**

Irwin Gaines reviewed this proposal (see web for full proposal) outlining what happened during our last playoffs. He said there were the following 3 main changes:

1. All playoff teams must commit by time of business meeting.
2. At end of business meeting, pairings are made.
3. Team dropping out after business meeting is treated as a Round 1 forfeit with a ½ point bye to the replacing team.

Attendees discussed how this applied under the various division schedules. Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

**3. Modify method to select teams for Playoffs related to if a team declines to participate in the playoffs prior to round 1 playoffs.**

Jim Thompson went over this proposal (see web for full proposal) and explained the rationale for the various rules. That rationale is to get the strongest teams and divisional representation in the playoffs. The method in the proposal is a one pass approach. Note, ineligible teams are counted in division size. Jim went over the chart illustration in the proposal. Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

**D. NEW BUSINESS – Further Improvements for the CICL****1. High School Alumni teams**

Jeff Wiewel went over this proposal (see web for full proposal) and described the makeup of this type of teams. No high school alumni teams are joining for the current season. There were various prospective high school alumni team. But only one so far has been identified as being just a little short of players and might join next season. Attendees asked for an addition to High School Alumni Eligibility proposal to cover students moving to another high school before graduating. It is:

- c) Former students at that high school no longer at that high school and no longer at any high school.

Attendees unanimously approved this revised proposal.

**2. Include maintenance of legal 501(c)7 status in treasurer's description**

Update the constitution to include what is an important responsibility of the Treasurer. Add to this section: III. League Officers, D. Treasurer, 1 “The Treasurer will”

- e) Maintain the CICL's legal status as a 501(c)(7) “social club” non-profit organization with the required government entities such as the IRS and State of Illinois.

Andy Mosley went over what this involves. Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

**3. USCF rule change related to castling and touching Rook first**

There was a USCF rules change at the beginning of August that goes into effect on 1/1/2015 and which affects the CICL. It states that the rook can no longer be touched first when castling since touch move would consider that to be a rook move and not a castling move. That aligns with the FIDE rule.

An acceptable USCF variation is to allow castling when the rook is touched first, but that needs to be announced or posted prior to the first round of an event being played. The CICL needs to decide about using the variation (allowing the rook to be touched first) or using what is now the standard rule (rook can no longer be touched first).

Jeff Wiewel said that the CICL could publicize this rule change to players during the first few months of the season (until 12/31/2014) and then start enforcing this rule. The USCF is doing something similar. He asked that captains mention this to their players. Patrice will publicize this in the bulletin. Attendees unanimously accepted adopting this USCF rule change with the start date of 1/1/2015 as Jeff suggested.

#### **4. Revive awards for best bulletin submissions – Patrice Connelly**

As President Brian Smith has pointed out, in the past the CICL bulletin offered prizes to players for submitting articles and games. The Bulletin Editor would like to propose bringing back this tradition for the 2014-2015 season. Proposed is five award categories for bulletin submissions. The winner in each category would receive a \$10.00 gift card to local restaurant/shop (to be determined), which would come out of the league's operating budget. The category winners would be selected by the Bulletin Editor, who may ask for input from other officers such as the President, Games Editor, etc., unless mentioned otherwise.

The proposed awards would be announced in the first bulletin of the season (Sept) as well as on the Facebook page. The prize winners would be determined by May and would be awarded their prizes at the end of the year Banquet. I am open to amending any of the proposed categories; these are just my original suggestions and thoughts.

#### **Proposed Award Categories for Bulletin Submissions!**

**Best player-analyzed game:** This recognition would go to the player who submits one of their own games with his/her own game analysis (e.g. games submitted by players but analyzed by the games editor are not eligible). The analysis would not need to be overly deep, but clearly convey the player's thought process and correctly consider the moves as well as the game conditions (e.g. time control/trouble, pre-game preparation, etc.)

**Best CICL Match Recap:** In the past some players have penned articles to report upon some of the more memorable CICL matches, whether it was due to high stakes (e.g. competing for a place in the championship) or fun comradery (see Tony Jasaitis' rendition of the "Zoo crew" vs AMA "Pirates" in the March 2012 bulletin).

**Best Non-CICL Tournament Reporting:** Many players like to share their non CICL-tournament experiences. This award would be applicable to a recent tournament (e.g. one that occurs during the current CICL season, or previous summer), that includes the player's experience at the event, description of the event, and may or may not include the player's games. It can apply to a tournament outside the CICL both that also offers a CICL section (such as the recent "Elite Chess" tournament this past June).

**Best CICL-Photo:** Many players photograph their matches, some club teams photograph their club meetings and events, and some players do a great job at capturing a moment of tension or relief at other tournaments. This award would be for a submitted photo taken by a CICL player recently (e.g. during the current CICL season) that depicts CICL players' participation, whether it's the act of playing, analyzing, or even gathering during a match or meeting. It does not have to be taken at a CICL event. The photo should be accompanied by a caption that describes the subject of the photograph.

**Readers' Choice:** This award could apply to any kind of bulletin submission, including the abovementioned categories, that helps generate reader feedback. The selection of this award would be based on feedback (in the forms,

of comments, additional dialogue, etc.) received by the bulletin editor in response to the article. The bulletin editor will also solicit votes for this award on the CICL Facebook page.

Brian Smith said our survey indicated players wanted to see more bulletin content. Patrice Connelly went over these prizes. Attendees discussed if member voting was possible, but decided it was unworkable. Attendees noted that if no suitable submissions for a category were received, the bulletin editor would not award that category's prize.

Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

### **5. Game Score submissions**

The draft notes (that is, not yet approved at the following meeting, but otherwise the final version) for the 2014 CICL Spring Business Meeting state:

Game submissions.

Attendees decided to have both (home and away) captains send in the scoresheets. Stamped addresses envelopes will be provided to all captains. Captains have 2 weeks after the match to get the scoresheets to Irwin. Irwin will publish the results of submissions by team. This will be a proposal at the Fall meeting.

A vote of "yes" for this proposal removes from VI. Rules of Team Competition, B. Team Captain's Responsibilities at Matches, 6. Host Team Captain's Role this item:

d) The home team captain or designated associate must collect all copies of score sheets of all played games of a match and submit them to the Games Editor no later than two weeks after a match. Electronic submissions are acceptable.

And a "yes" vote adds to VI.B this item:

9) Collection and Submission of Game Scores

The captain (or his designated associate) of both teams (home and away) must collect the copies of score sheets recorded by his team members of all played games of a match. Both captains must submit them to the Games Editor no later than two weeks after a match.

Electronic submissions are acceptable.

Irwin Gaines described the problems with having visiting captains create a 2<sup>nd</sup> envelop of game submissions at a match. He said both captains need to be more vigilant to see that game scoresheets are put in the envelop. He saw no attempt by any team to not submit game scoresheets. For game submission attendees agreed that since all teams will have envelopes at start of year we will remind all teams to always have an envelope out at each match, that both captains should attempt to make sure their team members put the yellow copies in the envelope, and that the home captain should mail in the envelope after the match. Submission of pgn or other electronic formats is also encouraged. Irwin will make available a status chart showing what matches are more than two weeks behind (current chart shows what is in but does not include dates showing if the submissions were late). Tony said he would prompt his East teams to send in the envelopes. Division chairs will ask their captains (home and visiting) to look for the envelop and see that it gets filled.

After some discussion, Attendees decided these steps were enough and would not ask for visiting captains to provide envelopes as stated in this proposal.

### **6. Collection of team dues, late fees, and ineligibility to play if very overdue – Andy Mosely**

A vote of "yes" removes from II. League Functions, B. League Funds, 1. Dues. This sentence: Veteran teams must pay their dues to the League treasurer prior to the start of the third month of the playing season, and new teams must pay prior any matches being played. Teams not paying their dues by the required date will be ineligible for further competition until their dues are paid.

And a vote of "yes" replaces the above sentence with the following two paragraphs:

New teams must pay their dues prior to any matches being played.

For veteran teams: dues will need to be postmarked 9/30. Up until December 31st, teams can still be full participants as long as all dues – including late fees are paid. Teams not paying their dues by December 31st will be ineligible from further competition – including the postseason – until all dues are paid in full and notification has been sent by the treasurer to the division chair that activities can resume for the delinquent team.

Attendees extensively discussed how to get teams to pay their dues in a more timely manner and what to do if a team does not pay by 11/30 (end of third month). The current constitution states that the team not paying then is ineligible for further competition. Attendees concluded that details on what happens when a team becomes ineligible needs a definition relating to their played matches and pending matches. Then attendees discussed problems associated with reinstating a team when they pay their dues.

Jeff Wiewel suggested that ineligible teams would receive 0 game points for those matches scheduled to be played after 12/31 and through the point where the team pays their team dues. Their opponents would keep their original points. Chuck Dobrovolsky suggested making the nonpaying team ineligible for the playoffs and any league prizes. Division chairs mentioned problems with removing teams in mid-season and then reinstating them and wanted to avoid this if possible.

Brian held 4 different non-binding straw polls on the various proposals/suggestions, but no proposal had a consensus. Attendees agreed that we needed a small committee to come up with proposal that dealt with a suitable penalty that could be applied at 12/31 and which would get the few late paying teams (4) to pay their dues promptly.

Brian will email to get volunteers for this committee to prepare a proposal by 9/27 (within 1 month). The current dues will be due by 10/31 and the penalty fees will start after 10/31.

Post meeting: Brian emailed a request for volunteers. Andy Mosley, Greg Bungo, Tony Jasaitis, Art Olsen, Irwin Gaines, and Jeff Wiewel have volunteered.

### **7. Replace the rules about re-voting in a team due to too many board forfeits, and re-voting in a team due to it not completing the season (see top of P. 16 of constitution for both)**

This proposal brings what is documented in the CICL's constitution in line with what has been the CICL's long standing actual practice. A team's level of participation in the former season only provides one view of that team's viability in an upcoming season. And may not reflect changes, for example changes to a team's roster, which the Division Chairman may be aware of.

Remove from the IV. Team Structure, C. Teams: At The Start Of A New Season, And Mid-Season Updates, 1. "At the Fall business meeting" section these two items:

c) Teams who have failed to complete the previous season's playing schedule must be approved for reentry into the CICL.

d) Any team which forfeits an average of one-sixth or more of its games per match during a season may compete in the following season only after approval. An entire forfeited match will not be counted for this purpose.

Add to the IV.C, immediately following the 1. "At the Fall business meeting" section, this section:

2. At the Fall business meeting, a majority vote of team captains may be held for a team that may no longer be a viable team. For example, if a team in the previous season forfeited a whole match, or forfeited a significant number of boards throughout the season. A vote could then be taken to approve that team continuing in the CICL. The recommendation of that team's Division Chair is to be given strong consideration on this.

Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

### **8. Involvement of Div Chair in match scheduling is at his discretion**

This proposal brings what is documented in the CICL's constitution in line with what has been the CICL's long standing actual practice.

Section V. Rules of Team Competition, A. Scheduling, 3. Unscheduled Matches now says:

If team captains cannot agree on a match date by the last week of the time period for the round in which they are scheduled to play, they should each submit their first three choices of an evening during the following week to the division chairman. He should then use these choices and other pertinent facts to select a date most equitable to both teams.

Replace this section with the following (underlines indicate changes, and aren't to be kept in the constitution):

If team captains cannot agree on a match date by the last week of the time period for the round in which they are scheduled to play, they may each submit their first three choices of an evening during the following week to the division chairman. The division chairman, at his discretion, may then use these choices and other pertinent facts to select a date most equitable to both teams.

Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

### **9. Use Robert's Rules of Order at business meetings at president's discretion**

This proposal brings what is documented in the CICL's constitution in line with what has been the CICL's long standing actual practice. Formal rules of order that originated from the 1800's English parliament may or may not be appropriate to be strictly followed at a CICL business meeting.

Remove this section: II. League Functions, A. Elections and Meetings, 1. Rules of Order, which now states:

Business meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Change III. League Officers, A. President, 4. "Arranging for an adequate number of business meetings" (underlines indicate changes, and aren't to be kept in the constitution):

4. Arranging for an adequate number of business meetings and for the yearly election of Elected Officers. He shall preside over such meetings. He may, at his discretion, conduct these meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order. He conducts votes by email between business meetings, when they are required.

Attendees unanimously approved this proposal.

### **10. Any other New Business**

Brian Smith asked if there was any other new business. Attendees had no other new business.

### **E. DISTRIBUTIONS:**

- **Score sheets** Tony Jasaitis distributed score sheets to the teams that needed them.
- **Match result sheets** Tony Jasaitis distributed match sheets to the teams that needed them.
- **Game Score sheet submission envelops** Irwin Gaines distributed game score sheet submission envelops to all the teams.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.**

Jerry Thomas, Secretary September 3, 2014

To: Chicago Industrial Chess League Team Captains

Below are the assessments to each CICL team for the 2014-15 season. Please complete the form below and return it with a check made payable to the Chicago Industrial Chess League. Unless your team is making its payment late, the total assessment will typically total **\$75** for the season.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

|  |                |                 |
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| Annual Basic Dues per 6-player Team                  | <b>\$50.00</b> | _____           |
| Penalty if postmarked between 11/1/14 and 11/30/14   | \$5.00         | _____           |
| Penalty if postmarked between 12/1/14 and 12/31/14   | \$10.00        | _____           |
| Penalty if postmarked after 12/31/14                 | \$15.00        | _____           |
| Awards Banquet Ticket ( <u>1 required per team</u> ) | <b>\$25.00</b> | _____           |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ _____</b> |

The league constitution mandates that all existing team pay their dues **IN FULL (INCLUDING ALL PENALTIES)** by the third month of the season.

\*Note : Any team that pays after 10/31 only pays ONE penalty – not a sum of penalties. The most any team can be penalized is \$15 and that's if they pay after 12/31/2014

Any funds included with late payments in excess of the required amount will be considered a donation to the treasury.

Send payment (payable to the Chicago Industrial Chess League) with form to the following address:

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# Promotion: Earning Your Black Belt in Chess

by Torriente Toliver (WMBTS)

## “Leverage”

One thing that makes the martial arts so effective is leverage. It is the mechanical advantage that lets the weak defeat the strong. I once taught a small 10-year-old girl a headlock. Her father, a stereotypically built firefighter, asked her to show him the technique. She did. The next time I saw her she was hopping around and explaining how she made her dad tap out (resign) and hurt his neck. Realistically, any day of the week her father could fling her around like a rag doll, but with the leveraged technique locked on there was no safe escape.

The weird thing about leverage is that strong people use it all the time until they meet an even stronger person. Why do we forget all those great lessons we used to great effect for so long. We play gambits against opponents with weak positional understanding. We lock the position to avoid tactics. We know what to do and yet we lose. It is discipline. When discipline is lost the martial artist loses form and he tends to force techniques that are not appropriate for the situation. Chess players have to assess where and when they have the advantage and use that advantage to create more anxiety for the opponent. The following game shows how leverage and discipline work hand in hand. It is a blitz game that is good to look at because working under time constraints forces chess players to make conceptual moves that show the immediate understanding of the position/situation. Sometimes there no time to calculate and you have to be aware of what is going on. To exemplify this, I have chosen a blitz game for this week’s analysis.

### Hikaru Nakamura vs Dmitry Andreikin

#### World Blitz Championship (2010) · King's Gambit: Accepted. Muzio Gambit Wild Muzio Gambit (C37)

**1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4** If you are going to use this gambit you must be disciplined because there are chances to derail white’s plan, but they require you to assess and reassess the value of your material advantage, your leverage. **3. Nf3 g5 4. Bc4 g4 5. O-O** White takes up a nice position on the ropes and proceeds to become black’s punching bag purposefully. **5...gxf3 6. Qxf3** 3 developing moves and king safety for the knight. There are 17 points of material pointed at f7 and the only thing in the way is the f4 pawn. This is how you create leverage.

#### Position after 6. Qxf3





**6...Bh6 7. d4** White adds control of the center to the expanding list of compensation. **7...Qh4 8. Nc3 Nc6 9. Nd5** Whoa! Black has to make the choice of Nxd4 or Kd8. Both seem playable, but it takes a lot of calculation. This is what white wanted from the beginning, tough choices. Choices take time and time affects quality of moves. **9...Kd8 10. c3 d6 11. Nxf4** Black needs to take a stand right here right now. Black has been playing it safe but white is slowly equalizing.

**11...Nge7** Bg4, Qg4, or Bf4 would all be better. Black needs to develop, create space for his king to hide, and connect his rooks.

Position after 11...Nge7



**12. g3 Qg4 13. Qg2 Bd7 14. h3 Qg8** Both rooks are moves away from doing anything useful.

**15. Nh5 Bxc1 16. Raxc1** Now because he cramped himself, black is connecting white's rooks. I'm all for trading down, but it looks like more material will fall on the black side. **16...Qg5 17. g4 Ng6 18. Rce1 Rf8** Finally, black is developing. **19. Qg3 Qh4** "every Russian schoolboy knows a knight on the rim..." **20. Qxh4+ Nxh4 21. Nf6 Ng6 22. Nxh7** 2 pawns for the piece and black is playing a piece down because of the inactive a8 rook. Theoretically one might say white is up 2 pawns.

**Rh8 23. Ng5 Be8 24. Bxf7** 3 pawns and 2 are connected and passed. **Ke7 25. Kg2 Rf8 26. Bb3 Bd7 27. Kg3 Na5**

Black is showing signs of being unfocused. Black is making the same mistake of putting a piece out of play he made on move 19.

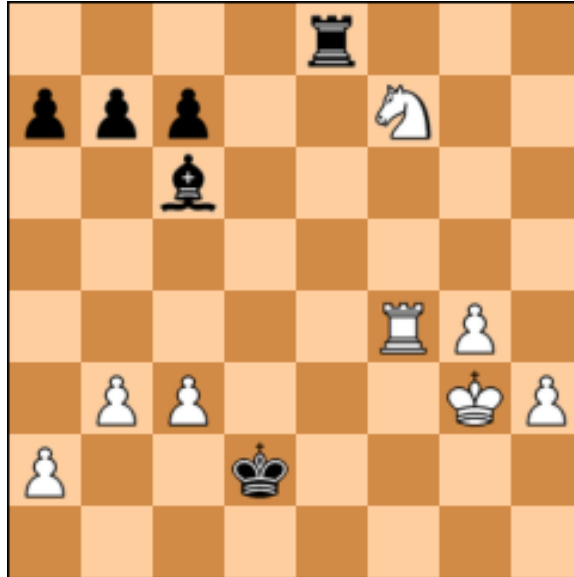
Position after 27...Na5



28. Bf7 Nh8 29. e5 Nxf7 30. exd6+ Kxd6 31. Rf6+ Kd5 32. Nxf7 Nc6 33. b3 The king is running out of squares.  
 33...Rae8 34. Rc1 Ke4 An ugly move but black needed to do something.  
 35. d5 Ne5 Nd7 is another interesting alternative that forces white to decide if his pawns are strong enough to beat the bishop. 36. Re1+ Kxd5 37. Rd1+ Ke4 38. Rf4+ Ke3 39. Re1+ Kd2 40. Rxe5 Bc6 41. Rxe8 Rxe8. The game ended three moves later when black resigned, wondering how he gave back the piece and two pawns without even a mating attack to show for it.

The focus to make good decisions when one is in a disadvantageous position is what the martial artist is about. Using leverage to sacrifice material only to have more useful material is darn good planning. Fighting back with the tactics and positional understanding that you trained is how you earn your black belt in chess.

42. g5 Re3+ 43. Kh4 Bd7 44. Rd4+ 1-0



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