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Better late than never! The bulletin may be off to a late start this season; thank you to the players and readers who kept inquiring about the next issue! Also, thank you to those who have already submitted games and more the bulletin. If you check out page 11, you'll see bulletin awards are back this season! Please pose questions, share games, opinions, stories, photos and more!

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Pat Connelly
CICL Bulletin Editor

CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE

Fall Business Meeting of August 26, 2015

At: Fermi in Batavia

Attendees:

Jorge Barrera (R. Knights)	Greg Bungo (DGCC)
Dan Eustace (ALU Dragons)	Irwin Gaines (Ratings Chair, Fermi)
Tony Jasaitis (East Division Chair, Hedgehogs)	Alexey Kochemirousky (Uchicago)
David Lee (Excaliburs)	Aaron Maney (Treasurer, DGCC)
Art Olsen (Central Division Chair, UOP)	Josh Persons (Slalom)
Kurt Stein (Willowbrook)	Jerry Thomas (Secretary, ALU Dragons)
Jim Thomson (President, Motorola Kings)	Bill Whited (Publicity Chair, Willowbrook)
Jeff Wiewel (West Division Chair, STCC)	Vic Zaderej (Molex)

MINUTES

President Jim Thomson called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. and welcomed the attendees. He said we have a good mix of people here.

A. OFFICERS REPORTS and STANDARD BUSINESS:

1. President – Jim Thomson

Jim mentioned that we had a number of proposals carried over from our last meeting. The ‘B’ team proposal and recruitment were worked on over the summer.

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 – Aaron Maney

Aaron Maney presented the treasurer’s report. He said he continues to gather information from Andy Mosley regarding historical costs from previous seasons, specifically 2013-2014. There was an actual negative cash flow of \$777 during the CICLs FY14-15. This upcoming season’s proposed budget for 2015-16 is planned to have a negative cash outflow of \$588.

A portion of this outflow is due to the budgeted 3yr. webhosting / domain renewal of \$323.64 that will occur in June 2016. Irwin asked if the \$325 dues credits under revenue causes our 2014-2015 deficit to be overstated. Aaron is clarifying the method of accounting being used and recognizes that the term “revenue” may have confused the matter, since it was actually referring to cash receipts.

The method being used is a modified cash basis of accounting. Almost everything is accounted for based on cash received and cash disbursed (vs. income and expense). The budget presented at the meeting shows historical inflows and outflows of cash for the period of 08/01/2014 – 07/31/2015 as found in the 3 years’ worth of financial statements obtained from the bank.

Cash receipts and cash disbursements would've been exactly the same whether or not the 325.00 credits were included.... the "modified" part of this method relates to how the organization addresses liabilities. Its sole purpose is to assist in the planning for liabilities that the CICL will be obligated to meet in the future. Domain renewal is the most obvious.

With regards to the dues credits, we are essentially planning for the reduced amount of cash that we will be receiving because XYZ team/s will have to pay less than the normal dues. This coming season, for example, if the dues credits were left out of the budget, the amount of funds anticipated from upcoming dues would be short of what was planned. It is also helpful to show how dues credits from previous seasons influenced the end amount of cash received for that particular season, even if they have already been applied.

In 2014-2015, for example, the actual hard cash received was the \$1,200 shown. If the credits had not been applied then it would've looked like we received \$1,525. This would've have reduced the apparent amount of cash outflow down to (453.16).

So, if one was to reconcile the cash between periods using the (\$453.16) amount, the ending cash balance in the bank would be off by that amount.

2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
500.00	500.00
(325.00)	(250.00)
25.00	-
\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,250.00
262.50	300.00
112.70 (a)	-
0.24	0.50
\$ 1,575.44	\$ 1,550.50
\$ 880.50	\$ 800.00
783.06	750.00
325.00	-
174.93	175.00
65.00	65.00
-	323.64
-	-
100.00	-
-	-
10.00	10.00
14.11	15.00
\$ 2,352.60	\$ 2,138.64
\$ (777.16)	\$ (588.14)

The proposed 2015-16 Fall Budget was based on 20 'A' teams, no change in dues, and -the new individual bulletin incentives. -There will be a deficit of \$588.14. After the 'B' discussion (see the 'B' team proposal section for the details), attendees decided that 'B' team dues would be \$60. Attendees approved the budget: vote 14 for and 2 abstentions.

After the meeting, Aaron updated the treasurer's report and updated CICL 2015-16 Fall Budget. The CICL 2015-16 Fall Budget and the approved dues form are on the CICL web site. **The dues are \$75 for 'A' team and \$60 for 'B' teams for this season.**

Team captains should submit their team dues payment

(\$75 'A' teams, \$60 'B' teams) to:

Make all checks payable to: **Chicago Industrial Chess League**

Remit payment to:

ATTN: Aaron Maney
Chicago Industrial Chess League
352 Green Valley Drive
Naperville, IL 60540-5116

4. Division Chairs:

North (renamed to Central)-Art Olsen, Chair

Art said that the Renaissance Knights team is moving to the East leaving 3 teams in the North returning. Later in the meeting, the Willowbrook 'A' team agreed to join the North which will be renamed the Central Division - see the Divisional realignment section for more details. The Harper Junior Club is a possibility as they have a chess club where Art's daughter is a member. Bill Whited agreed to contact them.

East-Tony Jasaitis, Chair

Tony said the East lost one combined team, the ENOVA and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Renaissance Knights is joining from the North Division. Two new teams are joining - the University of Chicago as an 'A' team and the Slalom Consulting as a 'B' team. He may be able to create a combined team of the Trading Technologies with some previous Hedgehog players.

West-Jeff Wiewel, Chair

Jeff explained that, with the exception of Molex which is becoming a 'B' team, all other teams are returning. He said that Willowbrook may have a second team which would be a 'B' team. St. Charles is likely to have a second team as a 'B'. If the Dragons and Tyros players also form additional 'B' team, a 4 team West 'B' division would be created. The other 'A' teams make up the other West Division.

5. Playoff Chair-Brian Smith

Jim Thomson said Brian told him the playoffs went smoothly. Brian is not continuing as Playoff Chair, so this position is open. Jim asked for candidates. There were no candidates. Jim said this role had been done by the president and he would do it this season if no one could be found for it.

6. Publicity Chair-Bill Whited

Bill said he was working on recruitment. He had contacted Sears and did not receive an email reply after the initial contact. He said the Glenbard School System at the district (multiple schools) level was a future candidate. Also, the Glenwood chess club in the south area was very active and could be interested.

7. Bulletin Editor-Patrice Connelly (via email)

Patrice will continue as bulletin editor for the 2015-2016 season.

Last season we published a total of 7 bulletins, which was an increase from the previous season. More submissions were received than in the previous season, and we awarded four of the five categories for bulletin awards (we did not have any submissions for the fifth type of category). Patrice worked with the Ratings Chair and the President to

confirm recipients, which worked well. She received positive feedback from the bulletin award recipients.

For game analysis content in the bulletin, last season included only player-analyzed games, as it was difficult to liaison with Steve Tennant to analyze games. Patrice is happy to reach out to him again, or work with anyone else who would like to analyze games for the bulletin.

Patrice would like to ask the league to consider again offering awards for bulletin submissions. Last season the league allocated \$50 towards gift certificates for awards, which were presented at the June banquet. Patrice proposes the same award allocation towards the five types of categories again: Base player-analyzed game; CICL Match Recap; Photo, Tournament recap; and readers'/editor's choice. As with the previous season, if no suitable submissions are received for a category, no award will be presented for that category.

Attendees unanimously approved the awards for bulletin submissions.

Note, all games are available on the web site for anyone to analyze and send to Patrice.

8. Webmaster-Irwin Gaines

Irwin said he is switching over to the new CICL web site this week. He will provide an article for the bulletin explaining the new web site. Bill Whited asked Irwin to give him administrator access to our social media sites (facebook, etc.) as he would like to use them as Publicity Chair. Irwin agreed and will let Bill control and maintain our social media sites. Irwin mentioned that the webmaster and rating chair roles are connected.

7. Rating Chair-Irwin Gaines

Irwin said reporting match results and creating ratings has been very, very easy. People have been good submitting match scores via email to Irwin. The online score reporting tool is hard to use, but you can use it to submit your rosters by printing the screen shot.

Irwin said there were few complaints about ratings last season. He will put in the summer tournament ratings shortly.

Jim Thomson said that we should fix the online score reporting tool. Irwin replied it is written in an unusual and difficult to understand language.

10. Games Editor-Steve Tennant and Irwin Gaines (report by Irwin Gaines)

Irwin congratulated captains and especially division chairs for game submissions. He received all except 1 match. We put all game scores except for 2 matches on the web. He could not decipher 1 of the matches. The stamped envelopes worked well.

11. Trophy Chairman-Chuck Dobrovolny (via email)

Chuck reported that RTM got paid and everyone's happy with their trophies. Vic Zaderej will get his Centurion award when we play Molex. Matt Vail will get his officer award when I see him during the season.

12. Banquet Chair-Katherine Zak (no report)

A new banquet chair for this coming season is needed. Jim described the duties consisting of securing a banquet venue and dealing with them.

B. ELECTIONS and APPOINTMENTS

Appointments – Jim said that the person is in the role last year, he will reappoint them.

Bulletin Editor – need a bulletin editor to take over when Patrice finishes this season. It would be best for the new bulletin editor to work with Patrice to learn this.

Ratings Chair, Webmaster – Irwin agreed to continue.

Trophy Chair – Chuck agreed to continue.

Banquet Chair – Jim asked the attendees to contact their team members to see if anyone was willing to do this.

C. OLD BUSINESS (see web site for full text of these proposals)

1. Simplified B Team Proposal

Jim mentioned that the committee quickly coalesced to 4 player ‘B’ teams with a lower rating cap. However, 2 weeks before our meeting there were many emails about other details of this proposal. Attendees discussed whether a player could play on both an ‘A’ and a ‘B’ team. Attendees decided that if a Division consisted of both ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams, then the player could not play on both teams. If there was a separate Division just for ‘A’ teams and another one just for ‘B’ teams, then the player could play on both. Attendees unanimously approved this proposal with this revision about players participating on multiple teams. Jim Thomson will revise the proposal.

2. Revised and New Team Admittance

-Renaissance Knights Jorge Barrera of the Renaissance Knights explained that the AON players are dropping out and they have office space downtown for a playing site. They wish to move to the East Division. Tony Jasaitis said that East Division matches currently start at 6 P.M. Jorge said that was OK. Attendees unanimously approved this revised team.

-University of Chicago Alexey Kochemirousky of the University of Chicago described his proposed East Division ‘A’ team consisting mainly of 2nd year students. They are in Hyde Park, but could possibly play at a downtown site. This would be an uncapped team. Attendees unanimously approved this new team.

-Slalom Consulting Josh Persons of Slalom Consulting described his proposed East Division ‘B’ team. They have 8 players and 2 perspective rooms for a playing site and they are downtown. Attendees unanimously approved this new team.

- Trading Technologies Tony Jasaitis said he is working on forming this team which would be a ‘B’ team in the East Division.

- Molex/Aurora Vic Zaderej of Molex explained they wanted to become a ‘B’ team in the West Division. Attendees unanimously approved this revised team.

3. Division Alignment

Jim Thompson displayed a Chicago Area map of the teams and the Divisions. The North Division has only 3 teams and needs at least one more team. Attendees agreed that one or more of the West Division teams needed to move to the North Division. After quite a bit of discussion about the travel required, Bill Whited agreed to move his Willowbrook ‘A’ team to the North Division for this coming season. The teams in the North Division then decided to rename their division to the Central Division since this better described where their teams were located.

4. ‘B’ League

Bill Whited of Willowbrook, Aaron Maney of Downers Grove Chess Club and Jeff Wiewel of St. Charles Chess Clubs said that their teams would have a 2nd team which would be a ‘B’ team in the West. Dan Eustace of Dragons said that the Dragons and Tyros might have players to form a ‘B’ team, but needed to discuss this with their players.

5. Eligibility Rules

Partly addressed by ‘B’ Teams. Remainder deferred.

6. Rating Comparison

Irwin, the rating chair, said he reviewed this and it is not a problem. He also could not see any rating improvement needed. Ratings will not be changed.

D. NEW BUSINESS – Further Improvements for the CICL

1. Ratings Cap on Chess Business Organizations

The proposal is "A company or organization that has a stated chess related purpose and hires/admits significant numbers of employees/members based on their chess playing abilities to perform functions dependent on these abilities will be subject to the rating cap for club teams."

Attendees questioned what was significant numbers and how would anyone determine a company's hiring criteria. Jorge Barrera said that the Renaissance Knights hired people without chess expertise to run chess functions such as directing a tournament. Attendees, after some discussion, decided to remove the hiring criteria from the proposal. The revised proposal is "A company or organization that has a stated chess related purpose will be subject to the rating cap for club teams." Attendees approved this revised proposal: vote 14 For, 1 Against.

E. DISTRIBUTIONS:

- **Score *sheets*** Jim Thomson distributed score sheets to the teams that needed them.
- **Match result sheets** Jim also distributed match sheets to the teams that needed them.
- **Game Score sheet submission envelopes** Irwin Gaines distributed game score sheet submission envelopes to all the teams.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Jerry Thomas, Secretary September 1, 2015

'15 -'16 Chicago Industrial Chess League Budget Proposal - rev. 08/31/2015

Cash receipts	Actual 14-15	Budget 15-16	A TEAMS	
'A' team basic dues 19 x \$50	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 950.00	W	DGCC
'A' team banquet tickets 19 x \$25	500.00	475.00		DRGNS
Dues credits	(325.00)	(250.00) [A]		FERMI
Late fees	25.00	-		PAWNS
Total 'A' team receipts	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,175.00		ROOKS
			E	STCCC
'B' team basic dues 6 x \$35	\$ -	\$ 210.00		TYROS
'B' team banquet tickets 6 x \$25	-	150.00		WMBTS
Late fees	-	-		NWEST
Total 'B' team receipts	\$ -	\$ 360.00		DRW
			C	ROGUE
Other banquet receipts	\$ 262.50	\$ 275.00		HEDGE
Miscellaneous receipts	280.00	-		CIT
Savings account interest	0.24	0.50		UCHGO
Total other receipts	\$ 542.74	\$ 275.50		RENKT
Gross cash receipts	\$ 1,742.74	\$ 1,810.50	TOT	19
Cash disbursements				
Trophies, awards, recognition	\$ (1,047.80) [B]	\$ (800.00) [D]	B TEAMS	
Banquet	(783.06)	(750.00)	W	DGCC
Events	(174.93)	(175.00)		DRGTY
Miscellaneous disbursements	-	(323.64) [E]		MOLEX
General & Administrative	(514.11) [C]	(90.00) [F]		STCCC
Gross cash disbursements	\$ (2,519.90)	\$ (2,138.64)		SLM
			E	WCC
Change in cash flows	\$ (777.16)	\$ (328.14)	C	
			TOT	6

Dues Credits	2015 - 2016
Motorola Kings	\$ (75.00)
AON Renaissance Knights	(75.00)
Downers Grove Chess Club	(75.00)
Wombats	(25.00)
Total dues credit	\$ (250.00) [A]

Banquet	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
Team tickets 25 teams x \$25	\$ 500.00	\$ 625.00
Individual tickets 11 x \$25	262.50	275.00
Banquet cost	(783.06)	(750.00)
Net profit (loss)	\$ (20.56)	\$ 150.00

Trophies, awards, recognition	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
Trophies	\$ 651.00	\$ 650.00
Awards & Prizes	346.80	100.00
Bulletin incentives	50.00	50.00
Total awards	\$ 1,047.80 [B]	\$ 800.00 [D]

General & Administrative	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
Membership fees	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
Annual corporate filing	10.00	10.00
Postage & envelopes, general use	14.11	15.00
Score sheets	325.00	-
Games postage	100.00	-
Total general & administrative	\$ 514.11 [C]	\$ 90.00 [F]

Miscellaneous	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016
Website domain 3 yr. renewal	-	323.64
Total miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 323.64 [E]

Statement of Financial Position on August 26, 2015		
Checking account cash on hand	\$ 1,600.97	
Savings account cash on hand	200.01	\$ 1,800.98
Checks outstanding 3 x \$7.00		(21.00)
Dues credit accrual for 2015-16		(250.00) [A]
Domain renewal		(323.64) [E]
Cash available for disbursement		\$ 1,206.34

Statement of Financial Position on August 1, 2014		
Checking account cash on hand	\$ 694.05	
Savings account cash on hand	1,863.09	\$ 2,557.14
Dues credits for 2014-15		\$ (325.00)
Cash available for disbursement		\$ 2,232.14

Reconciliation of cash flows	2014 - 2015
Beginning cash balance, August 1, 2014	\$ 2,557.14
Cash receipts	1,742.74
Cash disbursements	(2,519.90)
Checks outstanding 3 x \$7.00	21.00
Ending cash balance, August 26, 2015	\$ 1,800.98

They're Back: Bulletin Awards for the 2015-2016 Season!

We had such a great response from recognizing our bulletin submissions last season, that they've returned! We are continuing to recognize players who submit games/articles/etc to the bulletin, in the following five categories. Though we may not have had as many bulletins this season, there's still time to submit!

Best player-analyzed game: Walk readers through one of your CICL games and thinking process! Submit a recent game with analysis to the bulletin. The analysis doesn't need to be overly deep (we don't think you're Stockfish!), just clear!

Best CICL Match Recap: Share a match from this season, whether it's a high-stakes play-off match, or just a fun evening of camaraderie! The submission may also include games or photos, but a re-telling is fine too!

Best non-CICL Tournament Reporting: We know our players are active in many local and national tournaments outside the CICL, and we'd like to hear about it. Give readers a recap of a recent tournament experience, your thoughts, and maybe a game or too! This is applicable to tournaments (or other chess events) that occur during/post the CICL season.

Best CICL-Photo: Are you a shutter-bug, or the player on your team taking a selfie at the chess board? Share your pictures with us! Photos might be you or your teammates in action, an interesting local chess event, or may even be an older photo demonstrating the CICL's rich history of players, team, and CICL events.

Readers' Choice: Based on reader feedback to submissions we'll award an additional award to any of the above-mentioned categories or other types of submission that generate reader feedback.

So what are you waiting for? Email us something at Bulletin@ChicagoChessLeague.org today!

Reza Gholizadeh-Rob Eaman, Rogue at DRW, 10/15/15

Annotated by Rob Eaman

My first game against Reza. 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2?!

Less common than Bd3, as it allows black more time to develop without the threat of check on the e-file.

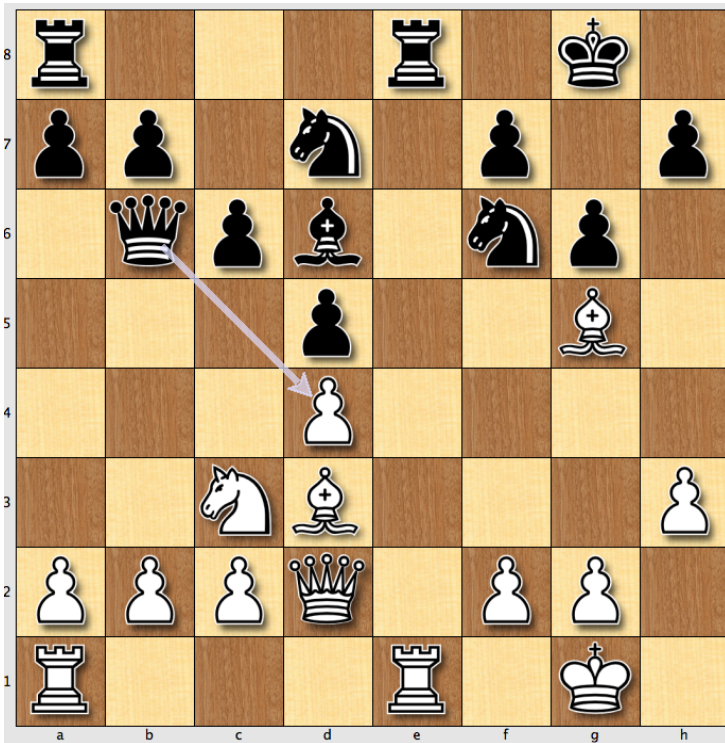
5... Nf6 6. O-O Bd6 Bd6 is allowed because there's no threat of an e-file check. More common is Be7 when the e-file is open.

7. Nc3?! This antithetical move prevents the common pawn push c4. 7... c6 8. Re1 O-O 9. Bg5 (9. Ne5 Bxe2 10. Qxe2 Re8 11. Qd3=+) 9... Nbd7 10. Qd2 Qc7 Threatening Bxf3 Bxf3 Bxh2+

11. h3 Bh5 (11... Bxf3 12. Bxf3=+ White's light-squared bishop doesn't fit well with this pawn structure, and is now poorly placed, but I didn't see this as an improvement over the continuation.

12. Nh4 Bg6 13. Bd3 Rfe8 14. Nf5 White's light-squared bishop will be even worse after this exchange (unless he swaps it for a knight, which I sensed white didn't want)

14... Bxf5 15. Bxf5 g6 16. Bd3 Qb6!



Position after 16...Qb6!

Attacking both b2 and d4. White has several responses to consider, all of which involve retreating a piece.

17. Ne2?! Probably the worst of the possible moves, as the knight has no good follow-up squares. (17. Bf1

Rab8 18. Na4 Qc7=+) (17. Be3 Qxb2? 18. Reb1 Qa3 19. Nb5!! cxb5 20. Rb3 Qa6 21. Bxb5 Ne4 22. Qe1 Bh2+ 23. Kxh2 Qe6=) 17... Ne4 18. Bxe4 Rxe4 19. c3 Black's advantage is now materializing with the better-placed pieces and dominance along the b8-h2 diagonal.

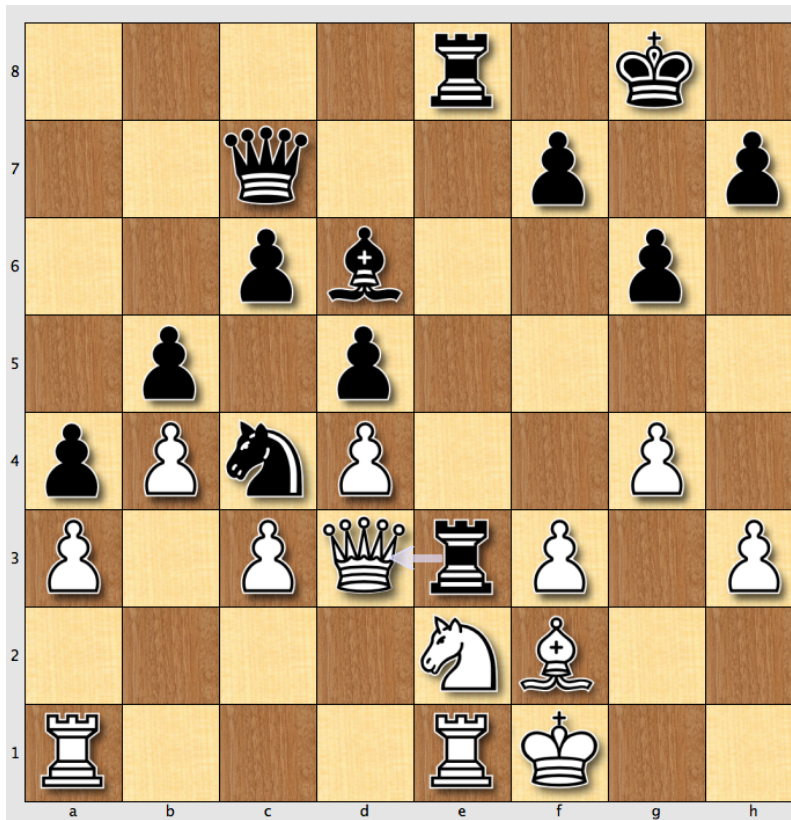
19... Rae8 White's running out of ideas for moves at this point. **20. f3?! R4e6 21. b4 Qc7** Further locking down white's ability to move along the b8-h2 diagonal while opening up b6 for the knight. (21... Ne5?! 22. Nf4 Nc4 23. Qf2=+ With the net effect that white's knight received a reprieve.)

22. Bh4 Nb6 23. Bf2 Nc4 A devastating post that white cannot remove without a great deal of trouble. Fritz has black up roughly 1.75 pawns at this point.

24. Qd3 a5 25. a3?? a4! And now white's rook is forced to hold the a-file.

26. Kf1 b5 White is in a near zugzwang position, with very few good moves.

27. g4?? Re3!!



Position after 27...Re3!!

I calculated this line through move 31 in order to make this exchange sacrifice, but I missed a couple of computer suggestions.

28. Bxe3 Rxe3 And all of white's retreat squares for the queen suffer from the possibility of a Ne3+ or Nd2+ fork

29. Qd1 Rxf3+ (29... Bg3!? 30. Kg2 Bf2! 31. Kh1 Qe7++) (29... Bxb4 \$5 30. Kg2 Bxa3++) **30. Kg1** (30. Kg2 Ne3+ 31. Kxf3 Nxd1 32. Raxd1) (30. Kg2 Qe7!? 31. Ng1 Re3 32. Nf3 Qf6 33. Ra2 Qf4++) (30. Kg2 Ne3+ 31. Kxf3 Nxd1 32. Raxd1 Qe7 33. Ng1 Qh4 -+) **30... Bh2+!** (30... Ne3! 31. Qd2 Bh2+ 32. Kh1 Rxh3++) **31. Kh1 Rxh3**

White resigned amidst a painful position. 0-1

Chicago Chess Center Pre-opening Plus-Score #1

Saturday, February 13, 2016, Conference Chicago at University Center, 525 S. State Street, Chicago

Conference Chicago at University Center, 525 S. State St., Chicago. 4/SS, G/65 + 5s delay. In one section; accelerated

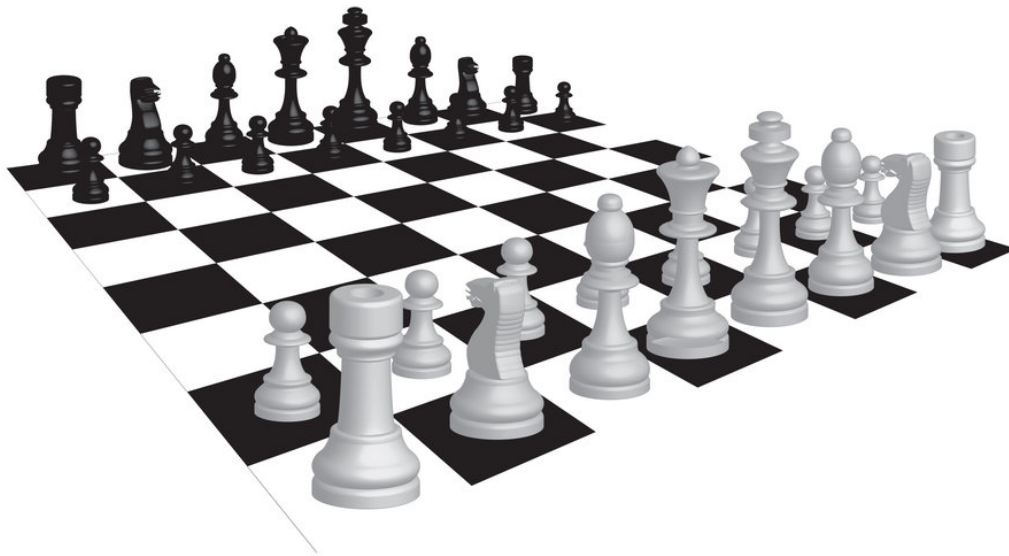
4/SS, G/65 + 5s delay. In one section; accelerated pairings in rounds 1 and 2.

Rounds: 10 AM; 1:30, 4, 6:30 PM.

Entry: [\\$35 in advance](#), \$40 on-site. On-site registration 9 to 9:45 AM.

Prizes: \$200 for 4.0/4, \$100 for 3.5/4, \$50 for 3.0/4, \$25 for 2.5/4.

Boards and sets provided; bring clocks. Site is wheelchair-accessible. No smoking. For more information and online registration, visit chichess.org/events.



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2016 U.S. Amateur Team Championship North February 19-21, 2016

The 2016 U.S. Amateur Team Championship North will take place February 19-21, 2016 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 2016 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 5th, \$180 if received USPS or online by 6pm on February 12th, \$200 online until 6pm on February 19th 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 19th, \$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 19, 5:30pm-6:30pm. Round 1; February 19, 7pm, Round 2; February 20, 10am, Round 3; February 20, 4pm, Round 4; February 21, 10am and Round 5; February 21, 3:30pm.

2-day, onsite registration/check-in February 20, 8am-9:30am. Round 1; February 20, 10am, Round 2; February 20, 1pm then merge with 3-day schedule in Round 3.

Northern Blitz Championship: 5 round Swiss, Saturday night, February 20. 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. \$95.00 chess rate single-double-triple-quad until 2/6/16, 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 Teams name and roster (plus ID#), captains email and phone number, and desired schedule. Info: 815-955-4793 before 8pm. Or click [here to register online](#)

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