HE SUPERB Millennium Chess Festival returned for its 4th edition to the Ramada Plaza Resort hotel in Virginia Beach, March 28-30. A total of 260 players entered in four sections, with a good contingent of titled players crowning the open group. Grandmasters Julio Becerra, Alex Sherzer and John Fedorowicz tied for 1st with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  scores. Sherzer and Fedorowicz entered the final round at 4-0 and drew, while Becerra defeated US Champion GM Alex Shabalov to enter the winners' circle. More grandmasters—Alexander



Goldin, Ildar Ibragimov & Pavel Blatny—were joined by IMs Benjamin Finegold & Irina Krush at 4-1. At  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , State champion Macon Shibut, shared the U2400 prize with Boris Privman. John Timmel was top U2300, also with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points.

In the Under 2000 section, Baltimore's Ian Buchanan won clear 1st with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  points. Robert Walker paced the field with his 4-0 start, but he lost to Buchanan in the last round and had to settle for a share in a nineway tie for 2nd place. Others scoring 4-1 were John Thompson, Joey Gasis, Mark Liatti, Tatiana Vayserberg, Kebadu Belachew, Jim Kinsman, Jacqueline Guglielmi & Dan Hauser. Beau Horner, also with 4-1, claimed the U1850 prize.

In the Under 1600 section, Justin Burgess, Jimmy Davies & James Barbieri tied for first with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  apiece. It was a section whose last round was marked by a spirit of consolidation, as all three of the winners got there by drawing their final game—Burgess and Davies versus each other, Barbieri versus Adam Culbreth. Jim Grantz, Jack Bolsen, Matthew Walker, Aaron Hodges & Andrew Briscoe all joined Culbreath in the runners-up tie at 4-1.

Yakov Shlapentokh-Rothman & William Thompson paced the Under 1300 group, also with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  scores. Thompson's result was especially eye-catching inasmuch as his starting rating of 787 made him one of the lowest ranked players in the field! William Salyer, Thomas Hoffmann, Phil Whittington, Tan Dang & Ryan Thunder Rust all came next with 4 points apiece.

The tournament was again immaculately organized by Tom Braunlich and Rodney Flores. A gorgeous playing site, efficient and conflict-free direction by Ernie Schlich, Mike Atkins, and the generous sponsorship of the host hotel, Cellar Door/Beach Events, local restaurants Papa John's Pizza, The Jewish Mother, Otani Japanese Steak House and Krispy Kreme Donuts, as well as Technical Game Services all made for a perfect chess experience. Bonuses included a raffle prior to the last round, a WBC blitz tournament (GMs Becerra & Jaan Ehlvest tied for 1st/2nd with  $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; GM Ildar Ibragimov was clear 3rd with 8-2), and Saturday night's Grandmaster Exhibition Dinner. This latter event, which was inaugurated last year, allowed participants to dine on a catered meal while GMs Shabalov and Fedorowicz provided entertainment, playing a game from separate rooms with commentary for the audience.

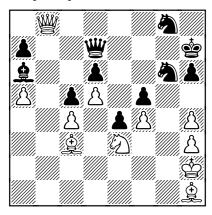
Editor's Note: As we go to press we do not yet have confirmed lists of all class prize winners. Hopefully that can come next issue, along with annotated games (send **yours** in!) including the Exhibition Dinner game.



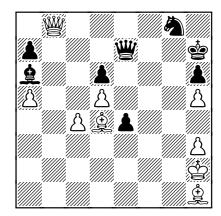


King's Indian

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40 h5! Nxf4 41 Nxf5! Ne2 (41...Qxf5 42 Qc7+ and Black's king is cornered. More on this theme to follow...) 42 Ba1 Nd4 43 Nxd4 cxd4 44 Bxd4 Qe7

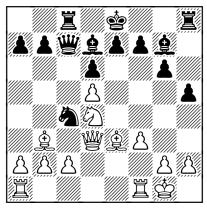


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#### Julio Becerra - Alexander Shabalov Sicilian

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15 Ne6 fxe6 16 dxe6 Bxe6 17 Qxg6+ Kd7 18 Qxg7 Rhg8 19 Qd4 a6 20 Rf2 h4 21 Qxh4 1-0

#### Ildar Ibragimov - Alex Sherzer Giuoco Piano

Notes by GM Alex Sherzer

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Bc5 4 c3 Nf6 5 d3 d6 6 Nbd2 a6 7 Bb3 Ba7 8 Nf1 0-0 9 Ng3 h6 10 0-0 Be6 11 Re1 Re8 12 Bxe6 Rxe6 13 Nh4 d5 14 Qf3? (14 Nhf5) 14...Nxe4 15 dxe4 Qxh4 16 Nf5 (16 exd5 Rf6 17 Nf5 Qxf2+ 18 Qxf2 Bxf2+ 19

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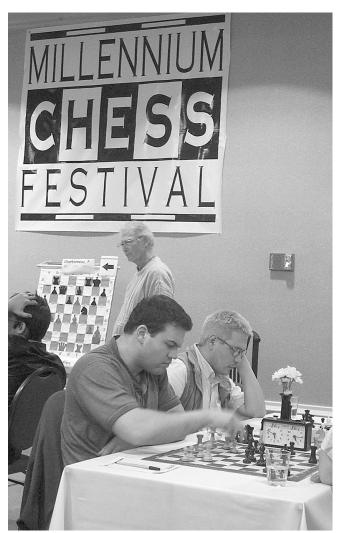






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GM Alex Sherzer tied for 1st in the open section. Sitting next to him is GM Ildar Ibragimov

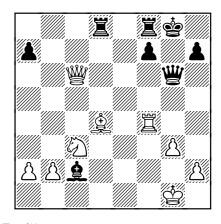


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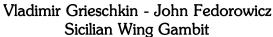
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#### Andrew Samuelson - Adrian Negulescu Caro-Kann

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 g6 4 Be3 Bg7 5 f3 dxe4 6 fxe4 e5 7 Nf3 exd4 8 Nxd4 Nh6 9 Be2 Ng4 10 Bxg4 Qh4+ 11 g3 Qxg4 12 Qd2 Qh5 13 0-0 0-0 14 Rf4 Bg4 15 Raf1 Nd7 16 Nf5 gxf5 17 Qxd7 Bh6 18 exf5 Bxf4 19 Rxf4 Rad8 20 Qxb7 Bxf5 21 Qxc6 Bxc2 22 Bd4 Qg6



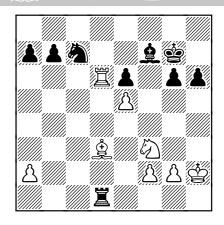
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#### Pavel Blatny - Jaan Ehlvest Sicilian

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#### Floyd Boudreaux - Macon Shibut Old Indian

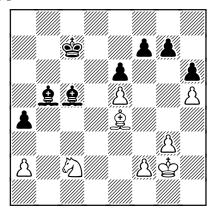
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f3? Bxc4 31 Bxc4 Qxh3 32 Qe1 Nh5 33 f4 Bb6+34 Be3 exf4 35 Bxb6 fxg3 36 R1a2 Rxb6 37 Bxa6? (37 b5 Qc8 (or 37...Rab8 38 Rxa6 Nf4 △ g2) 38 Be2 Nf4) 37...Rbxa6 0-1 (38 Rxa6 Rxa6 39 Rxa6 Qh2+ 40 Kf1 g2+ 41 Ke2 g1Q+)

#### Tom Braunlich - Ildar Ibragimov Trompovsky

1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5 e6 3 e4 h6 4 Bxf6 Qxf6 5 Nf3 d5 6 Nbd2 c5 7 e5 Qd8 8 c3 Qb6 9 Qb3 Nc6 10 Be2 Bd7 11 0-0 Be7 12 c4 Qxb3 13 Nxb3 dxc4 14 Bxc4 cxd4 15 Nbxd4 Nxd4 16 Nxd4 Rc8 17 Bd3 Rc5 18 Nf3 0-0 19 Be4 Rfc8 20 Bxb7 Rb8 21 Be4 Rxb2 22 Rab1 Rxb1 23 Rxb1 Bd8 24 g3 Bb6 25 Rb2 Kf8 26 Kg2 Ke7 27 h4 Kd8 28 Re2 Kc7 29 h5 a5 30 Ba8 a4 31 Ne1 Bb5 32 Rc2 Rxc2 33 Nxc2 Bc5 34 Be4



34...Bc6 35 Bf3 Kb6 36 g4 Bb5 37 Be4 Be2 38 Kg3 Kb5 39 Bh7 Kc4 40 Bg8 Kc3 41 Ne1 Bc4 42 Bxf7 Bxa2 43 f4 Bb3 44 f5 a3 45 fxe6 a2 46 e7 Bxf7 0-1

#### John Timmel - Rusty Potter Caro-Kann/King's Indian Attack

1 e4 c6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 g6 4 g3 Bg7 5 Bg2 e5 6 Ngf3 Ne7 7 0-0 0-0 8 c3 Nd7 9 Qc2 b6 10 Re1 Ba6 11 b4 Rc8 12 a4 Qc7 13 Bh3 f5 14 Ba3 c5 15 b5 Bb7 16 Qa2 Kh8 17 Bg2 h6 18 Nh4 Bf6 19 exd5 Bxh4 20 gxh4 Qd6 21 c4 g5 22 Nf3 Ng6 23 h5 Nf4 24 Nxe5 Nxe5 25 Rxe5 Rce8 26 Rxe8 Rxe8 27 Qd2 Re2 28 Bb2+ Kg8 29 Qc3 Rxb2 30 Qxb2 Nxg2 31 Kxg2 Qf4 32 Qe2 Qd6 33 Re1 Bc8 34 Qe8+ Qf8 35 Qg6+ Kh8 36 Re8 1-0





Former world championship candidate GM Jaan Ehlvest was the top-rated player at the Millennium Festival but a last defeat by IM Irina Krush left him out of the prize money.

#### Bill Keogh - Joey Gasis Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 f4 g6 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bb5+ Nc6 6 0-0 e6 7 Bxc6+ bxc6 8 d3 Rb8 9 Qe1 Ne7 10 Kh1 0-0 11 b3 d5 12 e5 Nf5 13 g4 Nd4 14 Nxd4 cxd4 15 Na4 Qe7 16 g5 Rb5 17 Rf3 h5 18 gxh6 Bh8 19 Rg3 (19 h7+) 19...Kh7 20 Qg1 c5 21 Rg4 Bd7 22 Ba3 Rc8 23 Rf1 Ra5 24 Bc1 Bxa4 25 bxa4 Rxa4 26 f5 exf5 27 Rxf5 Rxa2 28 Bg5 Qe6 29 Rf6 Bxf6 30 Bxf6 Rxc2 31 h4 Rb8 32 h5 Qxg4 33 Qxg4 Rb1+ 34 Qg1 Rxg1+ 35 Kxg1 a5 36 hxg6+ Kxg6 37 e6 fxe6 0-1



Millennium Chess Festival founder and organizer Tom Braunlich

#### James Burden - Larry Kaufman Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 a4 a6 8 Na3 Be6 9 Bg5 Be7 10 Nc4 0-0 11 Bxf6 Bxf6 12 Qxd6 Nd4 13 0-0-0 b5 14 Qxd8 Rfxd8 15 Nb6 Rab8 16 Ncd5 Bg5+ 17 Kb1 bxa4 18 h4 a3 19 b3 (19 hxg5? Bxd5 △ 20 Nxd5 Rxb2+) 19...Bh6 20 Bd3 Kf8 21 Ka2 Bxd5 22 Nxd5 Rdc8 23 c3 Nxb3 24 Bxa6 Rc6 25 Rb1 Rxa6 26 Rxb3 Rxb3 27 Kxb3 Rg6 28 g3 Rg4 29 Re1 Bd2 30 Rd1 Bh6 31 Re1 Bd2 32 Re2 Bc1 33 c4 Rg6 34 c5 Bb2 35 Rc2 Rc6 36 Nb4 Rc8 37 c6 Ke8 38 Nd5 Bd4 39 Kxa3 Kd8 40 Kb4 Rb8+ 41 Kc4 Rb1 42 Kd3 Rb3+ 43 Ke2 Rb2 44 c7+ Kc8 45 Ne7+ 1-0

#### Daniel Pomerleano - Benjamin Finegold Sicilian

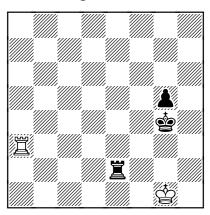
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Floyd Boudreaux, of Maryland, vs GM Julio Becerra



Ra3+ 37 Kf2 Kf7 38 Rd6 Ra4 39 Kf3 Ke7 40 Rb6 Rd4 41 Ra6 Rd3+ 42 Kf2 Rd6 43 Ra8 Ke6 44 Re8+ Kd5 45 Kf3 Kd4 46 Re7 Ra6 47 Rd7+ Ke5 48 Re7+ Kd5 49 Re8 Ra3+ 50 Kf2 Ra4 51 Kg3 Re4 52 Rd8+ Ke5 53 Re8+ Kd4 54 Rf8 Re6 55 Kf3 Re3+ 56 Kf2 Re6 57 Kf3 Rd6 58 Re8 Kd3 59 Re7 Kd4 60 Re4+ Kd5 61 Re8 Rd7 62 Rf8 Ke6 63 Re8+ Kf7 64 Ra8 Rd3+ 65 Kf2 Ke6 66 Ra5 Rd5 67 Ra8 Rd4 68 Kg3 Rd3+ 69 Kf2 Ke5 70 Ra6 Rd6 71 Ra5+ Rd5 72 Ra6 Rb5 73 Kf3 Rb3+ 74 Kf2 Rd3 75 Rb6 Rd6 76 Rb5+ Rd5 77 Rb6 Rd2+ 78 Kf3 Rd3+ 79 Kf2 Rd4 80 Kg3 Rd5 81 Kf3 f5 82 gxf5 Kxf5 83 Rb7 Kg6 84 Kg2 Rd2+ 85 Kg1 Kh5 86 Rc7 Kh4 87 Rc3 Kg4 88 Ra3 Re2...



... ½-½ The game was drawn after another thirty or so moves—scorekeeping stopped in the 'suddendeath' finish. In any case, White has achieved the so-called Philidor Position, a dead cold draw if he knows what he's doing. The correct procedure initially is just to leave the rook on the 3rd rank and mark time, eg R-b3-a3. To threaten progress Black must advance his pawn to g3 to cover his king's march to h3, trying to set up mating threats. But the instant Black plays ... g3 he deprives his king of cover against checks from the rear. So then White should immediately transfer his rook to the 7th or 8th rank, whereupon the draw becomes trivial. For example: 89 Rb3 Ra2 90 Rc3 Kh4 91 Rb3 g4 92 Rc3 g3 93 Rc8 Kh3 94 Rh8+ Kg4 95 Rg8+ Kf3 96 Rf8+, etc

This is the universal solution but it happens that in the particular case of the knight's pawn, which we have here, another way exists as well. White can draw here by purely passive defense, keeping the king on g1 and dropping the rook to the first rank to defend against mate.

#### Benjamin Finegold - Richard Delaune Semi Slav Anti-Meran Gambit

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 e6 5 Bg5 dxc4 6 e4 b5 7 e5 h6 8 Bh4 g5 9 Nxg5 hxg5 10 Bxg5 Nbd7 11 g3 Qa5 12 exf6 Ba6 13 Be2 0-0-0 14 0-0 b4 15 Ne4 Nc5 16 Nxc5 Bxc5 17 Be3 Bxd4 18 Bxd4 c5 19 a3 Rxd4 20 axb4 Qxb4 21 Qa4 Bb7 22 Qxb4 cxb4 23 Rxa7 Kb8 24 Ra4 Rd2 25 Bxc4 Rxb2 26 Rd1 Bf3 27 Re1 Rc8 28 Bd3 Bc6 29 Ra5 b3 30 Be4 Bxe4 31 Rxe4 Rcc2 32 Rf4 Kc7 33 Rb5 Kd6 34 Rf3 Rb1+ 35 Kg2 b2 36 Rd3+ Kc6 37 Rdb3 Kd6 38 h4 Rd1 39 Rxb2 Rxb2 40 Rxb2 Ke5 41 Rb8 Kxf6 42 Rg8 Kf5 43 h5 f6 44 h6 Rd7 45 Rg7 Rd8 46 h7 Rh8 47 Kf3 e5 48 g4+ Ke6 49 Kg3 0-1

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#### Irina Krush - Jaan Ehlvest Grünfeld

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7 5 Bg5 dxc4 6 e3 Be6 7 Nd2 Nd5 8 Nce4 h6 9 Bh4 Nd7 10 Bxc4 g5 11 Bg3 c5 12 Qb3 Nb4 13 Bxe6 fxe6 14 0-0 Nd5 15 Nxc5 Nxc5 16 dxc5 Qd7 17 Nf3 0-0 18 Ne5 Qc8 19 Rac1 a5 20 c6 bxc6 21 Rxc6 Qb8 22 Rxe6 Qxb3 23 axb3 Rf6 24 Rxf6 Bxf6 25 Ra1 Rb8 26 Rxa5 1-0

#### Jaan Ehlvest - John Rouleau King's Indian

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#### Joey Gasis - Ben Good Botvinnik Panov Attack

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Former state champions Rusty Potter and Steve Greanias

# 2003 Virginia Scholastic Championships

by Peter Hopkins

Five hundred thirty four young chess players met over the weekend of March 8-9 to compete in the 2003 edition of the Virginia Scholastic Chess Championships. The tournament, organized and conducted by

Ernest Schlich, a Senior TD from Norfolk, was Chief Director along with Woodrow Harris from Emporia. They were ably assisted by a team of eighteen USCF-certified Tournament Directors led by Senior TDs Bruce George of Manassas and Ernie's wife, Joan. The event ran smoothly from beginning to end thanks to the efforts of some 50-60 volunteers who provided support services ranging from computer pairings to food concessions. Other attractions included the very popular giant chess set, a simultaneous exhibition by USCF Master Russell Potter, closed circuit TV coverage of board one in the high school section, and fun & games for the non-chess playing siblings.

Both team and individual state champions were recognized in each section. The K-12 section included 80 players representing twelve teams. In the K-8 section there were 133 players on nineteen teams. K-5 drew 153 players and twenty teams. K-3 topped all sections in numbers with 166 players and twenty seven teams. The individual winner of the K-12 section is the candidate for the Denker Tournament of High School Champions to be held in Los Angeles in August. Trophies were awarded to the top twenty individuals in each section and to the top ten teams in each section. All players who did not win a trophy but scored at least 4 points were awarded medals and all participants received a ribbon.

Undefeated and untied with a perfect 6-0, Robert Brady of McLean won the title of 2003 Virginia High Schools Chess Champion. On Robert's behalf, the VSCA donated \$150 to the Virginia Chess Federation which will, in turn, help to defray Robert's expenses for participation in the Denker

tournament. Also undefeated, Ruixin Yang placed second in the K-12 section. Ruixin's score of  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  reflects his draw with Fredericksburg's Andrew Miller in the 4th round. Of the four players tied for third with scores of 5-1, two—Kai Huang & Shekar Sidarth—are teammates of Brady and Yang. This powerful foursome, with an average USCF rating of 1875, carried the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology in Alexandria to first place in the team competition. Fairfax County's Hayfield Secondary was second, followed by Spotsylvania County's Chancellor High School, the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond and Chesapeake's Western Branch High School.

The middle school (K-8) section also had one clear winner with a perfect 6-0. Ryan Fitzgerald, representing Benjamin Franklin Middle School in Rocky Mount, claimed the title of 2003 Virginia Middle Schools Chess Champion. Ryan's teammate Jared Casazza placed second with  $5\frac{1}{2}$  after drawing Staunton's Philip Chodrow in the fourth round. There was a six way tie for third, all with 5-1.





















the best tie breaks followed by Franklin's Malcolm Scott, Tyler Cook & Jesse Liu, both from Fairfax County's Kilmer Middle School, Jacob Feldman (unattached) and Jacob Steinhardt, also from Kilmer. Competition for the team title was fierce. Benjamin Franklin emerged as state champion, edging Kilmer by only one point,  $20\frac{1}{2}$  to  $19\frac{1}{2}$ . Chesterfield County's Manchester Middle School place third followed by Henrico County's George H Moody Middle School and Fairfax County's Longfellow Middle School.

Two players in the K-5 section scored perfect 6-0s, Andrew Friex, the only representative from Cub Run Elementary School in Fairfax County, and Dru Knox from Roanoke's Fishburn Park Elementary School. On tie breaks, Andrew was awarded the first place trophy and the title of 2003 Virginia Elementary Schools Chess Champion. No less than nine players had scores of 5-1. The third place trophy was awarded to Craig Saperstein from Churchill Road Elementary in Fairfax. Fourth went to Fishburn Park's Bhavesh Patel, fifth to Aryan Kohjani from Kent Gardens in Fairfax County. Fishburn Park was at the top of the team scores with  $19\frac{1}{2}$ , runner up Kent Gardens scored  $17\frac{1}{2}$ , Chesterfield County's Swift Creek Elementary School posted 17, Henrico County's Springfield Park Elementary had 16½ and Fairfax County's Churchill Road Elementary School, also with  $16\frac{1}{2}$ , was fifth.

In the K-3 section, Patrick Yu, representing Ashburn's Sanders Corner Elementary School in Loudoun County and Jason Deng from Henrico County's Springfield Park Elementary School both scored 6-0. Patrick's tie breaks earned him the first place trophy and title of 2003 Virginia Primary Schools Chess Champion. William Hantzmon of Charlottesville Catholic was third with 5½, Emily Collins, a home schooler from Roanoke placed fourth and Jeevan Karamsetty (unattached and unrated) was fifth. Fairfax County's Louise Archer Elementary School and Henrico's Springfield Park each compiled 18 points to top the twenty seven teams. The trophy and title went to Springfield



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Park on tie breaks. The Collegiate Schools team from Henrico County and Fairfax County's Kent Gardens each scored 17 points to place third and fourth respectively. Chesterfield County's Swift Creek Elementary score 16½ to place fifth.

Complete results can be found on the VSCA web site at www.vschess.org

#### Thomas Butler - Justin Burgess King's Indian

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Nf3 0-0 6 Be2 e5 7 0-0 Nc6 8 d5 Ne7 9 Be3 Nd7 10 Ne1 f5 11 f3 f4 12 Bf2 g5 13 Nd3 Ng6 14 c5 Nf6 15 cxd6 cxd6 16 Rc1 h5 (16...Rf7 17 Nb5 g4 18 Qd2 Bf8 19 Rc2 a6 20 Na3 gxf3 21 Bxf3 Ng4 22 Nc4 Nxf2 23 Qxf2 Nh4 24 Nb6 Nxf3+ 25 gxf3 Bh3 26 Nxa8 Rg7+ 27 Kh1 Bxf1 28 Qxf1 Qxa8 29 b3 Qd8 30 Rg2 Qc8 31 Nf2 Qc3 32 Nh3 Be7 33 Ng1 Qc8 34 Rxg7+ Kxg7 35 Qg2+ Kf7 36 Qg4 Qxg4 37 fxg4 h5 38 h3 hxg4 39 hxg4 Kg6 40 Nf3 Bd8 41 Kg2 b5 ½-½ Najdorf-Trufinovich, Mar del Plata 1953!) 17 Nb5 b6? 18 Nc7 Rb8 19 Nb4 Ne7 20 Nba6 Bxa6 21 Bxa6 Rf7 22 Ne6 Qe8 23 Nxg5 Rf8 24 Ne6 Rf7 25 Qb3 Nd7 26 Bb5 Rc8 27 Qa4 Ng6 28 Rxc8 Oxc8 29 Ba6 Ob8 30 Rc1 Nc5 31 Nxc5 bxc5 32 b3 Ne7 33 Bc4 Kf8 34 Be1 Nc8 35 Ba6 Nb6 36 Qb5 Qd8 37 Ba5 h4 38 h3 Bh6 39 b4 Qg5 40 bxc5 Rg7 41 Rc2 Nd7 42 cxd6 Qg3 43 Rc8+ Kf7 44 Qxd7+ Kg6 45 Qf5mate 1-0

#### Malcom Scott - Jesse Liu Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 d6 3 f4 Nc6 4 Bb5 Bd7 5 Bxc6 Bxc6 6 d3 Nf6 7 Nf3 e6 8 0-0 Be7 9 Qe1 d5 10 e5 Nd7 11 Rb1 0-0 12 Qg3 f6 13 f5 exf5 14 Bh6 g6 15 Bxf8 Qxf8 16 Rbe1 fxe5 17 Nh4 Bxh4 18 Qxh4 d4 19 Ne2 Qf7 20 b3 Qf6 21 Qxf6 Nxf6 22 Ng3 Re8 23 Nxf5 gxf5 24 Rxf5 Kf7 25 g4 Kg6 26 h4 Bd7 27 h5+ Kf7 28 Rfxe5 Rxe5 29 Rxe5 b6 30 Rg5 Bxg4 ½-½



#### Tyler Cook - Haitao Mao Sicilian

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Bc4 Bg7 7 0-0 0-0 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Qd2 Nxe3 10 Qxe3 Qb6 11 Rfd1 Nc6 12 Nxc6 bxc6 13 Qxb6 axb6 14 Rd3 b5 15 Bb3 Ba6 16 Rf3 c5 17 a3 Bb7 18 Nxb5 Bxe4 19 Re3 Bc6 20 Nc3 e6 21 Rb1 d5 22 Rh3 Rfb8 23 Kf1 c4 24 Ba2 d4 25 Nd1 c3 26 bxc3 Rxb1 27 Bxb1 dxc3 28 Nxc3 Rxa3 29 Ne2 Ra1 30 Rb3 Ba4 31 Rb8+ Bf8 32 c4 Bc2 33 Nc3 Bd3+ 34 Ke1 Bxc4 35 Kd2 Ra7 36 Ne4 Kg7 37 g4 Bd5 38 g5 Bxe4 39 Bxe4 Bd6 40 Rb3 Bf4+ 41 Ke2 Bxg5 42 Kf3 Kf6 43 Rb5 Ra3+ 44 Kg2 Ra2 45 Kg1 Bf4 46 Rb3 e5 47 Rh3 h5 48 Rc3 Kg5 49 Rh3 f5 50 Bd5 Rd2 51 Bc4 Kg4 52 Ra3 e4 53 h3+ Kg5 54 Bf7 Rd6 55 Kg2 h4 56 Bc4 Bd2 57 Be2 Kf4 58 Ra4 g5 59 Rc4 Ke5 60 Ra4 Bc1 0-1

#### Military Chess Tournaments



These events are open to all Active duty, Reserve, Retired, or Dependent military and DOD civilians. Contact Ernie Schlich at (757) 853-5296,

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#### Air Force Chess Tournament April 19 Langley AFB at the Brass Rail

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### MWR Mid-Atlantic Open #1 May 3

Devray Hall, Naval Štation, Norfolk, VA 4-SS, G/60 \$\$190 b/25. EF \$10 by 4/25, else \$15. Two sections: *Rated* (open to all) and *Unrated* (open to non-USCF members or those rated below 1000). See TLA in May *Chess Life*. Send entries and checks to Ernest Schlich, 1370 South Braden Crescent, Norfolk, VA 23502

### **US Amateur Team East**

by Ernie Schlich

The US Amateur Team competition is one of the highlights of the chess calendar. For several years now there have actually been four tournaments. run simultaneously different in regions of the country. Then, a short time later, the four regional winners meet via the internet to decide the absolute championship.

The East region tournament, in Parsippany, New Jersey, is the oldest and largest of the events. This year no less than four teams composed mostly of players from Virginia's Tidewater area participated. From C2 Shining C4 came home with the Top Virginia Team prize as well as a share of Top Military and Top U1800. Larry Larkings, Ernie Schlich, Victor Smith & Mark Butler made up the prizewinning quartet, with a team rating of 1707. Of the other local teams, King Jugler was likewise made up entirely of Virginia players: Etti Nikolova, Andy Briscoe, Jack Hoover & friend. This team expected to be much stronger, but Ed Lupienski & Ilya Kremenchugskiy had to drop out at the last minute. The strongest area team combined New Jersey's Dean Ippolito with our own Dan Miller. Rodney Flores & Dan Derby. Their average rating came out to about 2178. Another military team fielded Don McMahon (Coast Guard, from NJ), Pete Andreas (USNR, from Cleveland) and Virginians Tom Belke & Bob Collins. Without doubt their high point was McMahon's 1st rd draw against the young GM-elect Hiraku Nakamora.

From C2 Shining C4 could have swept all three prizes (Virginia, Military, U1800) had not this writer gone brain dead in the final round versus expert Dorothy Teasley. I dropped a pawn and misplayed the white side of a French. Still, she did not play as well as she may have in the past, when she was master strength, and so my desperate pawn storm against her castled king actually yielded me a winning position. But then I then had a blind spot and offered a draw, which she naturally accepted, and we wound up losing the Military and U1800 prizes on tiebreak.

My favorite story from the event occurred Sunday afternoon. I was in the skittles room reviewing my loss to a 2198 player. The organizers had arranged for GM Larry Christiansen to analyze games that afternoon. I asked him to explain where I had gone wrong. As we were investigating the position, Larry Larkins walked up and joined the discussion. Larry tends to be very positive while analyzing, and he and GM Larry came to a disagreement over Black's chances in a particular line. They started to play out the critical variation on my computer, a contest that ended guickly after a knight sac by GM Larry.

When he played the sac, Christiansen remarked, "I haven't analyzed this but it has to be good." Shortly thereafter he had to leave us to attend to other players/"customers." I opened the text box on the computer board and marked the variation as "GM LC vs. LL," whereupon our Larry said, "What the heck are you doing?" At this point, all the spectators realized that he had no idea who he had been playing, and there was laughter all around.

Tom Belke provides the following game, with computer-assisted notes, from the tournament:

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top 3 G: \$500-300-200, top X,A,B,C,D,U1200
each \$120, unr \$80. EF \$45 if rec'd by 4/17,
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#### Tom Belke - Alan Kantor 2003 US Amateur Team East London

1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bf4 Bf5 4 e3 c6 5 Bd3 Bg4 (5...Bxd3 6 Qxd3 Nbd7 7 Nbd2 =) 6 Nbd2 e6 7 h3 Bh5 8 0-0 Bd6 9 Bxd6 Qxd6 10 c3 Nbd7 11 Qc2 c5 12 c4 Bg6 13 Bxg6 hxg6 14 e4 (14 cxd5) 14...dxe4 15 Nxe4 Nxe4 16 Qxe4 0-0 17 Rfd1 Nf6 18 Qe5 (18 Qxb7? fails to 18...Rfb8 19 dxc5 Qxd1+ 20 Rxd1 Rxb7 -+) **18...Qxe5** (18...Qa6!?) 19 dxe5 Nh7 20 Rd7 b6 21 Rad1 a6 22 Rb7 Rab8 (or 22...Rfb8 23 Rdd7 Rxb7 24 Rxb7) 23 Rdd7 b5 24 cxb5 axb5 25 Rdc7 (25 Rxf7! looks very good, whereas after the text Black can fight on.) 25...Rxb7 26 Rxb7 b4 27 Rc7 Ra8 28 Rxc5 Rxa2 29 Rc8+ Nf8 30 b3 Ra1+ 31 Kh2 Rb1 (Hereabouts Black misses his last best chance. He should try something like 31...Ra2 with the point of drawing White's king out to g3 to defend f2. Then after a continuation analogous to the game, 32 Kg3 Rb2 33 Nd4 Rd2 34 Nc6, there would be a check to attack b3 with tempo, 34...Rd3+35 f3 f6 and White still has to prove what he can do. -ed) **32 Nd4 Rd1 33 Nc6 Rd7** (33...f6 34 Nxb4 Rb1 35 Rc3 +-) 34 Nxb4 f6 35 Nc6 Rb7 36 b4 Rb5 37 f4 Rb6 38 Nd4 (Simply 38 Kg3 was also good) **38...Kf7 39 Rc7+ Kg8 40 b5 Rb8** (40...g5 41 exf6 gxf6 42 fxg5 +-) **41 Rc6** (41 g4 seems even better) 41...Kf7 (41...g5 42 f5! (42 Nxe6?! Nxe6 43 Rxe6 gxf4±) 42...fxe5 43 Nxe6 maintains the winning chances because if 43...Nxe6 44 fxe6 Rxb5 45 Rc8+ Kh7 46 e7 etc) 42 b6 Nd7 43 Rc7 Ke8 44 **b7 Kd8 45 Nxe6+** (45 Rc8+! was the elegant way: 45...Rxc8 46 Nxe6+ Ke7 47 bxc8Q) 45...Ke7 46 Nc5 1-0



# Charlottesville Open To Change Site!

Sad news for VCF members—the Best Western in Charlottesville, which has hosted the Charlottesville Open and the Virginia Closed for several years, is *gone*. Mark Johnson worked very hard and found a nice replacement, the Best Western Cavalier Inn. However, the net result is that site costs have gone up and entry fees must rise to cover them.

This has been a difficult year. The VCF has experienced organizational problems with several events. Federation officers are working hard to find new venues at reasonable costs, but it will be difficult to find arrangements as good as we've enjoyed in the past. We will do everything possible to keep costs down, and hope you will continue to support and enjoy our events.

13th Annual...

#### Charlottesville Open July 12-13, 2003 Best Western Cavalier Inn 105 North Emmet Street Charlottesville, VA, 22905

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### Arlington Chess Weekend

Five tournaments in a single weekend constituted the Arlington Chess Weekend, Feb 22-23 at George Mason University/Arlington campus. All told, 107 players played 236 games over 5 different tournaments. The premiere tournament was the 41-player Arlington Tornado, which was won by IM Oladapo Adu with a score of 4-0. IM Larry Kaufman, Ilye Figler & Alex Barnett tied for 2nd. Adu also won the Quick tournament and thus becomes 2003 Arlington Chess Club Quick Champion! Full results are at <a href="http://members.cox.net/arlingtonchessclub/weekend.htm">http://members.cox.net/arlingtonchessclub/weekend.htm</a>



#### Book Review by Salvador Rosario

### Starting Out: The French

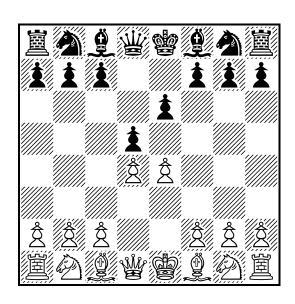
by Byron Jacobs \$16.95 Everyman Chess

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Attention all beginners! Are you tired of playing 1...e5 against 1 e4? Are you fed up trying to deal with the myriad opening possibilities when you stay with symmetrical setups? Are you interested in dictating the course of events? Are you ready to the plunge into asymmetrical openings? How much would you be willing to pay for such an opening?

#### Wait! Don't answer!

Are you interested in an opening that had the likes of Botvinnik and Uhlmann as its avatars? Are you drawn to a defense that is as rock-solid and dynamic as they come? Now how much would you be willing to pay for such a defense?



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Does the promise of opportunities to sacrifice of exchanges, pieces, and pawns for the initiative appeal to you? And take note—this defense has defeated the likes of Jose Capablanca, Boris Spassky, Bobby Fischer and other champions. *Now* how much would you be willing to pay?

#### Wait! Don't answer!

Normally an opening of this quality would only be available for \$50.00 or \$60.00. But for a limited time only, (until Everyman stops printing them) you can purchase *Starting Out: the French*, by Byron Jacobs. And the price is only \$16.95! Yes that is right—only \$16.95!

This is an excellent beginner's text for those shopping for more variety in their opening repertoire. It offers a collection of recent games as examples of the various strategic ideas. (Fischer-Larsen 1971 is about the oldest prototype included). Chapters include good descriptions of what Black can expect from each variation. Position appraisals are accurate, pithy, and occasionally funny. (See "both sides stand worse," p 100). The selection of variations will not overwhelm a beginner, with author Jacobs guiding the way through basic Winawer, Classical, Tarrasch, and others setups. Starting Out: The French is a solid building block for those who wish to take the asymmetrical opening step.

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