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Virginia Open

by Mike Atkins

Expert Andrew Samuelson (soon to be *master* for sure!) went 5-0 to win the 2005 Virginia Open, a rare perfect slate for a non-GM in an open tournament. Moreover, he played a super-tough field to earn his 2570 performance rating. His opponents in the final four rounds were 3-time Virginia State Champ FM Macon Shibut; young NM Alex Barnett (2004 ACC Blitz Champ); IM Oladapo Adu; and several-time Maryland State Champion NM Stan Fink. Quite a performance from Andy, who always seems a good sport about both his wins and losses. Check out several of his games in this issue.

Five players finished with 4-1 scores: Fink (always tough in time pressure; one opponent who didn't know Stan thought he had a time advantage when Stan had a couple minutes to make 15+ moves. For Stan that's almost too much time!), FM Ilye Figler (always tough and playing well this tournament), Adu (who christened Samuelson "The Assassin" during the event), Ray Kaufman (still playing well after barely missing an IM norm at Hastings and an undefeated result at the Baltimore Open), and Larry Larkins (who has improved his rating over 200 points in the past year; a long series of lessons from state champ Daniel Miller seem to have lit Larry's chess fire!).

The Amateur section of the Virginia Open is usually a logjam, especially with the current five-round format. This year three players wound up on top with 4½-½ scores. The section's highest rated player, William "Jack" Barrow (a former Virginia State Amateur Champ), trailing by half a point, knocked off previously undefeated W Robert Harrison in the final round to join Ted Udelson & Jim Cope in the winners' circle after the latter two played it safe with a quick draw. Udelson took home the plaque and 2005 Virginia Open Amateur Champ laurels on tiebreak.



Reigning Virginia state amateur champ Nick Halgren, Bill Carroll & Harrison finished with 4 points apiece and shared the class B prize. Class C went to Bernice Bullock, Jesse Lie & Joan Schlich. Top class D was won by Lolita Harris (who scared some higher-rated players in the Virginia Closed last September). Raymond Wang, Daniel Arico & Danille Campbell shared the U1200 honors while Jarrod Rotch was winning the U1000. Jarrod had quite a tournament as he also picked up the Top Upset prize (790 points!). His performance rating here was over twice his rating, and he stands to gain 200+ points! Top Unrated was split between Kwanh Ho & Phillip Cacurak.

No one could ever make a living trying to predict tournament turnouts. I've seen the advance registration double to triple in size at site, and I've also seen it raise by only 50%. With 95 advance entries and space for just 166 people in our playing room, there was a worry this year that I'd have to turn people away at the door - something I've never done in 31 years of directing. Fortunately, 'only' 41 registered at the door, avoiding the crisis and still making it a grand turnout! Indeed, this 37th annual Virginia Open was the largest one since 1998.

We decided to do a special scholastic entry this year, with a reduced fee for teams who entered from the same school. We had three trophies and, appropriately, three teams signed up. Top team honors went to Longfellow Middle School, followed by Ballou High School and Colesville School.

Snow also returned to the Virginia Open this year. It started Saturday evening and fell right through noon on Sunday, totaling a good 4 inches. Luckily, as forecasted, the sun broke through and dried the roads, making it easier for chess players to return safely home.

Thanks are due Catherine Clark for picking up delicious pastries and Krispy Kream doughnuts! The VCF officers met during the tournament and will be sending out requests for future volunteers and potential officers. We need some new blood, new ideas and fresh energy. Think about helping the Virginia Chess Federation!



This coming June 17-19th the same Springfield Holiday Inn venue will host the Richard Delaune Memorial, in honor of the many-time Virginia and Maryland state champ who passed away last May. We hope to see a lot of you there! More details will appear in *Chess Life* and the next issue of *Virginia Chess*.

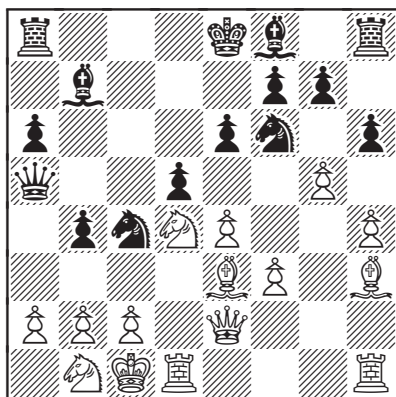
Last Round

Here are the decisive top-board games from the last round in the Open and Amateur sections:

ANDREW SAMUELSON – STAN FINK

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cxd4 5 Nxd4 e6 6 Be3 a6 7 f3 b5 8 g4 h6 9 Qd2 Bb7 10 O-O-O Nbd7 11 h4 b4 12 Nb1 d5 13 Bh3 Ne5 14 g5 Nc4 15 Qe2 Qa5



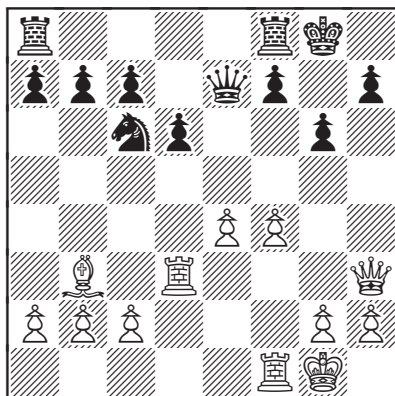
16 b3! Nxe3 17 Qxe3 Qxa2?! 18 gxf6 Rc8 19 exd5 Bxd5 20 Rh2 Bc5 21 fxg7 Rg8 22 Qe5 Qa1 23 Re2 Bxd4 24 Qxd4 Qxd4 25 Rxd4 Bxf3 26 Re3 Bh5 27 Rxb4 Rxg7 28 Rb7 Rg1+ 29 Kb2 Bg6 30 Nc3 Rh1 31 Bxe6 fxe6 32 Rxe6+ Kf8 33 Rxg6 Rxh4 34 Rxa6 Rh3 35 Rf6+ Kg8 36 Nd5 Re8 37 Rg6+ Kf8 38 Nf6 Re7 39 Rxe7 Kxe7 40 Ng8+ Kd7 41 Rxh6 Rg3 42 Nf6+ Kc7 43 Nd5+ Kb7 44 c4 1-0



JACK BARROW – ROBERT HARRISON

MODERN

1 e4 d6 2 d4 g6 3 Nc3 Bg7 4 Nf3 Bg4 5 Be3 Nd7 6 Bc4 Bxf3 7 Qxf3 e6 8 Rd1 Ne7 9 Qh3 O-O 10 O-O e5 11 Ne2 exd4 12 Bxd4 Bxd4 13 Nxd4 Ne5 14 Bb3 N7c6 15 f4 Nxd4 16 Rxd4 Nc6 17 Rd3 Qe7



18 f5! Qxe4 19 f6 g5 20 Re3 Qg6 21 Re7! Rae8 22 Bxf7+! Rxf7 23 Rxe8+ Rf8 24 f7+ Kg7 25 Rxf8 Kxf8 26 Qc8+ 1-0

More Games...

If there had been a Best Game prize at the Virginia Open, this one would at least have been in the running. Black sacrificed two exchanges to get a couple passed pawns moving. Later White had to give up a rook apiece for each of the two pawns — quite a good return on the original investment!

BORIS PRIVMAN - TIM HAMILTON

ENGLISH

Notes based on remarks by Tim Hamilton after the game

1 c4 Nc6 2 g3 e5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Bg2 Bc5 5 e3 O-O 6 Nge2 Re8 7 O-O a6 (Tricking White into thinking the bishop wants to retreat to a7...) 8 d4 Bf8 9 d5 Nb8 10 a3 d6 11 e4 c6 12 dxc6 bxc6 13 h3 Be6 14 Qd3 Nbd7 15 Na4 Nc5! 16 Nxc5 dxc5 (Black's doubled pawns are actually strong because they cannot be attacked whereas

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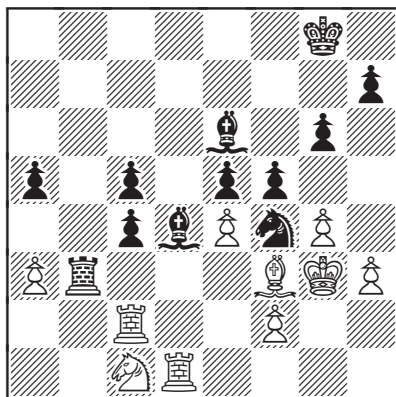
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they control important squares on the d-file.) **17 Qc3** (The attacking on e5 doesn't concern Black. 17 Qc2, preparing Rd1, would have at least impeded Black's plan on dominating the d-file. I might have replied 17...Qc8) **17...Qd7 18 Kh2 Rad8 19 Be3 Qd3 20 Qxd3 Rxd3 21 Rac1 Rb8 22 Rc2 Rdb3 23 Bc1** (if 23 Rb1 Rxa3) **23...Nd7 24 Re1 Nb6 25 Bd2 Nxc4 26 Bc3 Nxb2 27 Nc1 Rxc3 28 Rxc3 c4 29 Bf1 Bc5 30 Kg2 Bd4 31 Rc2 a5** (So that my c-pawn can advance later without exposing this pawn to capture.) **32 Be2 g6 33 Bg4 f5 34 Bf3 c5 35 g4 Nd3 36 Rd1 Nf4+ 37 Kg3 Rb3!**



(Not the only way to win, of course, but it's very nice to be able to sacrifice the second exchange and also forceful since both ...Rxa3 and ...exf4 are threatened.) **38 Nxb3 cxb3 39 Rcd2 fxg4 40 hxg4 g5** (Anchoring the knight makes it so I don't have to worry about him sacrificing one of the exchanges back by Rxd4 etc) **41 a4 c4 42 Rc1 b2 43 Rxb2 Bxb2 44 Rb1 c3 45 Bd1 Ba2 46 Bc2 Bxb1 47 Bxb1 Ne2+ 48 Kf3 c2 49 Bxc2 Nd4+ 50 Ke3 Nxc2+ 51 Kd3 Na3 0-1**

LARRY LARKINS – RUSTY POTTER

RUY LOPEZ

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 O-O f6 6 d4 exd4 7 Nxd4 c5 8 Ne2 Qxd1 9 Rxd1 Bd7 10 Nbc3 O-O-O 11 Bf4 Ne7 12 Bg3 Ng6 13 Nf4 Ne5 14 Ncd5 Re8 15 f3 Bc6 16 b3 b6 17 Nh5 Kb7 18 Rd2 c4 19 Kh1 Re6 20 Rad1 cxb3 21 axb3 Rg8 22



Nhf4 Re8 23 Ne2 Bd6 24 Nd4 Bd7 25 Ne3 g6 26 Nd5 Rgf8 27 Ne2 Bc8 28 Bf2 Nd7 29 Ng3 Rf7 30 c4 Be5 31 f4 Bd6 32 b4 Bf8 33 Rb1 h5 34 h4 c6 35 Nc3 Bh6 36 Nce2 Ne5 37 c5 b5 38 Rbd1 Nc4 39 Rd8 Rfe7 40 Rxe8 Rxe8 41 Bd4 Bg4 42 Re1 Re6 43 e5 fxe5 44 Bxe5 Re8?! 45 Ne4 Nxe5? 46 Nd6+ Ka8 47 Nd4 Rf8 48 fxe5 Bd2 49 Ra1 Be3 50 Nxc6 Bc8 51 e6 Bf4 52 e7 Bxd6 53 cxd6 Re8 54 Ne5 Kb7 55 Rc1 Be6 56 Kh2 a5 57 Rc7+ Kb6 58 Rc6+ Kb7 59 bxa5 b4 60 Rb6+ Ka8 61 Rxb4 Ka7 62 Rb6 Bf5 63 Nc6+ Ka8 64 Rb8+ Rxb8 65 Nxb8 Kxb8 66 e8Q+ Kb7 67 Qb5+ 1-0

OLADAPO ADU - TOM ALSTON

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5 6 Ndb5 d6 7 Bg5 a6 8 Na3 b5 9 Nd5 Be7 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 c3 f5 12 exf5 Bxf5 13 Nc2 O-O 14 Nce3 Be6 15 a4 b4 16 cxb4 Nd4 17 Bc4 f5 18 O-O f4 19 Nc2 Nf5 20 Rc1 Ra7 21 Re1 Bh4 22 Re4 Rg7 23 Bf1 Bxf2+ 24 Kxf2 Qh4+ 25 Kg1 Qg5 26 Nxf4 exf4 27 Rxe6 Nh4 28 Kh1 Nxg2 29 Bc4 Kh8 30 Qxd6 Rd8 31 Qe5 Qxe5 32 Rxe5 f3 33 Bd5 Nf4 34 Rf5 Nd3 35 Rf1 f2 36 Bc4 Nxb2 37 Be2 Rdg8 38 R5xf2 Nxa4 39 Bc4 1-0

MACON SHIBUT - BORIS REICHSTEIN

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 c3 Nf6 3 e5 Nd5 4 d4 cxd4 5 cxd4 e6 6 Nf3 d6 7 a3 Nc6 8 Bd3 Be7 9 Qc2 h6 10 0-0 Bd7 11 Qe2 Rc8 12 Bd2 dxe5 13 dxe5 Bg5 14 Nc3 Bxd2 15 Nxd5 Ba5 16 Ne3 Bc7 17 Rfd1 Qe7 18 Rac1 a6 19 Nc4 b5 20 Nd6+ Bxd6 21 exd6 Qf6 22 a4 0-0 23 axb5 axb5 24 Qe4 g6 25 Bxb5 Nb8 26 Bxd7 Nxd7 27 Rc7 Qd8 28 Qc6 Nb8 29 Qc1 Na6 30 Rxc8 Qxc8 31 Qxh6 1-0



The Tidewater Community College Chess Club is back!
The club meets every (non-holiday) Monday in the Cafeteria (Building D - the "Kempsville" Building) of the Tidewater Community College's Virginia Beach campus (1700 College Crescent Road, Virginia Beach) from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.



RALPH ZIMMER – STAN FINK

ENGLISH

1 Nf3 c5 2 b3 b6 3 g3 Bb7 4 Bg2 Nf6 5 Bb2 e6 6 O-O Be7 7 c4
 O-O 8 e3 a6 9 d4 cxd4 10 exd4 d5 11 Ne5 Ra7 12 Nd2 dxc4 13
 bxc4 Bxg2 14 Kxg2 Nfd7 15 Ndf3 Rc7 16 Qa4 Nxe5 17 Nxe5
 b5 18 cxb5 Qd5+ 19 f3 axb5 20 Qd1 Rfc8 21 Rf2 Nc6 22 Nd3
 Bd6 23 Rd2 Na5 24 Nf2 Nc4 25 Re2 Bb4 26 Rc1 h6 27 Qb3 Bd2
 28 Rd1 Bg5 29 h4 Be7 30 Bc1 Ra7 31 Ne4 b4 32 Kh2 Rca8 33
 Qb1 Nb6 34 Rdd2 Qf5 35 Kg2 Nd5 36 Qb3 Rc7 37 Bb2 Rac8 38
 a3 Nc3 39 Bxc3 Rxc3 40 Nxc3 Rxc3 41 Qd1 Qxf3+ 42 Kg1 b3
 43 Qa1 Bd6 44 a4 Qc6 45 d5 Qc5+ 46 Kg2 b2 47 Rxb2 Rxg3+
 0-1

ANDREW SAMUELSON – ALEX BARNETT

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cxd4 5 Nxd4 a6 6 Be3 e5 7 Nb3
 Be7 8 f3 Be6 9 Qd2 Qc7 10 g4 b5 11 g5 Nfd7 12 a4 bxa4 13
 Rxa4 Nb6 14 Ra1 Nc4 15 Bxc4 Qxc4 16 Na5 Qc8 17 Nd5 Nd7
 18 b3 Rb8 19 Rd1 Bxd5 20 exd5 Ra8 21 O-O O-O 22 Nc6 Re8

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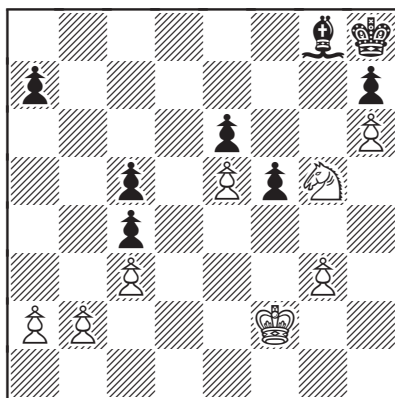


23 f4 exf4 24 Bxf4 Bf8 25 Qf2 Nc5 26 Bg3 Qd7 27 Rd4 Ne4 28 Qg2 Nc3 29 Rd3 Ne4 30 h4 f5 31 gxf6 Nxf6 32 Bf4 Kh8 33 c4 Qf5 34 Rdf3 Qe4 35 Bg5 Ng8 36 h5 h6 37 Bd2 Nf6 38 Bc3 Ng8 39 Qg3 Nf6 40 Rxf6 gxf6 41 Rxf6 1-0

RAYMOND KAUFMAN - LARRY LARKINS

KING'S INDIAN ATTACK

1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 g3 Bd6 6 Bg2 Nge7 7 O-O O-O 8 Re1 Qc7 9 c3 Bd7 10 Qe2 f6 11 h4 Rad8 12 h5 Be8 13 h6 g6 14 Nh4 d4 15 f4 Kh8 16 e5 fxe5 17 Ne4 Nd5 18 Nxd6 Qxd6 19 fxe5 Qd7 20 Bg5 Ne3 21 Bxe3 dxe3 22 Rf1 Bf7 23 Qxe3 Qxd3 24 Qg5 Bg8 25 Rf6 Rde8 26 Raf1 Qd8 27 Be4 Bf7 28 Bxc6 bxc6 29 Qe3 Qe7 30 Nf3 Rb8 31 Ng5 Bg8 32 Rxf8 Rxf8 33 Rxf8 Qxf8 34 Qf4 Qf5 35 Qxf5 gxf5 36 Kf2 c4 37 Ke1 c5 38 Kf2



A couple pushes of the a-pawn and Black will run out of playable moves. 1-0

TIMOTHY ROGALSKI - WILLIAM VAN LEAR

CARO-KANN

1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 cxd5 4 Bd3 Nf6 5 c3 e6 6 Bf4 Be7 7 Nd2 O-O 8 Ngf3 Nc6 9 O-O a6 10 a4 g6 11 Re1 Re8 12 h3 Nh5 13 Bh2 Bd6 14 Bxd6 Qxd6 15 Ne5 Nxe5 16 dxe5 Qb6 17 Nb3 Bd7 18 a5 Qd8 19 Nd4 Rc8 20 Qd2 Qh4 21 Bf1 Qf4 22 Qxf4 Nxf4 23 g3 Nh5 24 Kg2 Rc5 25 Ra3 Rec8 26 Rea1 Kf8 27 Rb3 R8c7 28 Rb6 Ke7 29 f4 Ng7 30 g4 Kf8 31 Ra3 Ke7 32 Kf3 Kd8 33 Ke3



Be8 34 Bd3 Re7 35 Nb3 Rcc7 36 Kd4 Bc6 37 Nc5 Ne8 38 Rab3 f5
 39 exf6 Nxf6 40 g5 Nd7 41 Nxb7+ Bxb7 42 Rxb7 Nc5 43 Rb8+
 Kd7 44 R3b6 Rf7 45 f5 e5+ 46 Kxd5 gxf5 47 Bc2 e4 48 b4 Rc8
 49 Rd6+ Kc7 50 Rxc8+ Kxc8 51 Kxc5 Re7 52 Rf6 1-0

RAY KAUFMAN – MACON SHIBUT

NIMZOWITSCH

1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 Bg4 5 d5 Nb8 6 Be3 g6 7 Qd2
 Bxf3 8 gxf3 c6 9 0-0-0 Nbd7 10 h4 Qa5 11 Kb1 cxd5 12 Nxd5
 Qxd2 13 Nxf6+ Nxf6 14 Rxd2 a6 15 c4 Rc8 16 Bh3!? Rxc4 17
 e5 Nd7 18 exd6 e6 19 Rc1! Rxc1+ 20 Kxc1 Nb8 21 Bd4 Rg8
 22 Ba7 Kd7? (It appears 22...Nc6 23 d7+ Ke7 24 Bc5+ leads to
 a draw by repetition: 24...Kf6 25 Bd4+ Ke7 26 Bc5+ Kf6 27 Be3
 Ke7 etc, as White can't play 28 Bc5+ Kf6 29 d8Q+? Nxd8 30 Rxd8
 because of 30...Bh6+ 31 Rd2 Rc8!) 23 Bxb8 Bh6 24 Bc7 f5 25 Bf1
 Bxd2+ 26 Kxd2 g5 27 h5 g4 28 b4 g3 29 fxg3 Rxg3 30 b5 Rxf3
 31 bxa6 bxa6 32 Bxa6 Rf2+ 33 Ke3 Rxa2 34 Bb5+ Kc8 35 Bb6
 Ra3+ 36 Kf4 e5+ 37 Kxe5 Rb3 38 d7+ Kb7 39 d8Q Rxb5+ 40
 Kf4 Rxb6 41 Qd7+ 1-0

ILYE FIGLER – DANIEL MILLER

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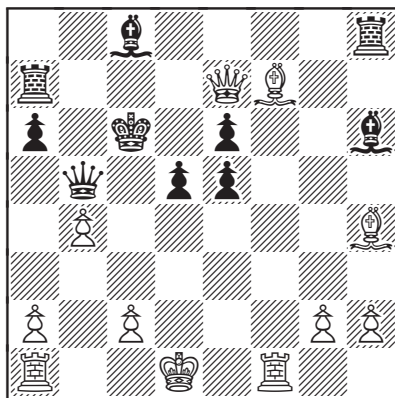
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 13 Nb3 Nd7 14 Rfd1 Qb6 15 Rac1 a5 16 Nc5 Nxc5 17 dxc5 Qc7
 18 e5 O-O 19 Qe2 Rfd8 20 Qe4 g6 21 h4 h5 22 g4 hxg4 23 Qxg4
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 Bf6 29 Rh1 Rae8 30 Rh7+ Rxh7 31 gxh7+ Kh8 32 Kh1 Qg7 33
 Qh5 Re7 34 Nh4 Bxh4 35 Qxh4 b4 36 Rg1 Qxh7 37 Bxh7 Rxh7
 38 Qxh7+ Kxh7 39 Rd1 Ba6 40 Rd7+ Kg6 41 Ra7 Bc4 42 Rxa5
 Kf5 43 Kg2 Ke5 44 Kf3 Bb5 45 Ke3 Kd5 46 a4 bxa3 47 Rxa3
 Kxc5 48 Ra1 Kd5 49 Rd1+ Ke5 50 Rc1 Kd5 51 Rd1+ Ke5 52
 Rd8 Bc4 53 f4+ Kf6 54 Kd4 Bd5 55 Rh8 Kg7 56 Rh5 Kg6 57
 Rg5+ Kf6 58 Kc5 Ke7 59 Rh5 Kf6 60 Kd6 Kg6 ½-½



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SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cxd4 5 Nxd4 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Nc6 8 Nxc6 bxc6 9 e5 h6 10 Bh4 g5 11 fxg5 Nd5 12 Nxd5 cxd5 13 Qh5 Qa5+ 14 Kd1 Bg7 15 Bd3 dxe5 16 Rf1 Ra7 17 Bg6 hxg5 18 Bxf7+ Kd7 19 Qxg5 Bh6 20 Qe7+ Kc6 21 b4 Qb5



22 Qf6? (22 Be8+ Rxe8 23 Qxe8+ Bd7 24 Qf7 Qxb4 25 Qf2 Qg4+ 26 Ke1 Qe4+ 27 Kd1 Be3) 22... Rxf7 23 Qxf7 Qxb4 24 Be1 Qd4+ 25 Ke2 Rf8 26 Qxf8 Bxf8 27 Rxf8 Qxa1 28 Rxc8+ Kd7 29 Rc5 Qxa2 30 Bd2 Qa4 31 h3 Qe4+ 32 Kf2 a5 33 c3 a4 34 Ra5 Qc2 35 Ke1 e4 36 h4 Qb1+ 37 Ke2 Qd3+ 38 Ke1 e3 39 Ra7+ Kd6 40 Bc1 Qxc3+ 41 Kd1 Qd4+ 0-1



RICHARD DELAUNE MEMORIAL

June 17-19, 2005

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Three sections: Open, U2200 & U1600. \$\$3000. Several GMs who knew Richard will be playing. More details next issue! Check Clearinghouse: <http://members.cox.net/arlingtonchessclub/clearinghouse.htm>



Frank Creasey

On Tuesday, January 4th, at the age of 57, veteran chess player and promoter Frank Creasey died of complications from open-heart surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota.

Frank was a native of Roanoke, Va. Frank was generous with his time in promoting the Royal Game. He variously served as President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Roanoke Valley Chess Club for over 15 years.

He was a VCF Delegate to the USCF Open business meeting, and a Certified Tournament Director. Frank was the chief TD for many open tournaments. He was selected to direct the prestigious Virginia Masters-Experts Invitational tournament a record four times. The vast majority of these events were directed without pay, with Frank often digging down deep into his own pocket to help defray costs.

He had an OTB USCF rating in the 1850 – 1900 range and was an avid postal player.

He will be remembered by all who knew him as a true chess lover and as a kind, friendly, easy-going fellow, and as someone who never forgot who his friends were in life.

I certainly count myself lucky to say that he was one of the very best friends that I ever had in my life. He is sadly missed by all of us who knew him.

He is survived by three sisters and his wife Sharon.

—*Rusty Potter*



David Zofchak Memorial

by *Ernie Schlich*

The 15th annual Zofchak Memorial tournament was almost postponed from its traditional November schedule due to problems finding an affordable site. But thanks to hard work by Bob Collins and Chess Club faculty advisor Mario Scribner, the event was again held at the Virginia Beach campus of Tidewater Community College College.

Larry Larkins won clear 1st place with a score of 4½-½. Adam Sultan finished half a point behind in clear 2nd. Adithya Balasubramanian, Danny Derby, Harold May & Ettie Nikolova tied for 3rd. Other prizewinners included Raymond Cheng & Ryan Thunder Rust (= top 1500-1800), Rossano Cruz (top 1200-1499/unr), Ted Rust (2nd 1200-1499/unr), Henry Haubold (top U1200), and Kevin Zhou (2nd U1200) The complete final crosstable is available online at www.home.earthlink.net/~eschlich/Archives/2004/04-11-21%20zofchak.html

With the site finalized only a week before the start of the tournament I knew we would have a small turnout, so getting as many the 21 entries was a pleasant surprise. The top player entered was state champion Dan Miller. With an expert and 6 class A players also in the field, the event promised to provide a challenge for everyone. The upsets started early upset: already in round one Ryan Thunder Rust managed to nick Miller for a draw. Ryan had good results at the recent Emporia Open and Virginia Closed too, proving himself to be an up-and-coming young player.

RYAN RUST - DANIEL MILLER

THREE KNIGHTS

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 d3 0-0 5 Be2 d5 6 exd5 Nxd5 7 Bd2 Nc6 8 0-0 Bxc3 9 Bxc3 Nxc3 10 bxc3 Be6 11 d4 Qf6 12 d5 Rad8 13 c4 Bg4 14 Nd2 Bxe2 15 Qxe2 Nd4 16 Qe4 Rfe8 17 c3 Nf5 18 Qc2 b6 19 a4 a5 20 Rad1 Nd6 21 Rfe1 Qh4 22 c5 bxc5 23 Ne4 Nxe4 24 Qxe4 Qh5 25 Qc4 Rd6 26 Qxc5 Rh6 27 h3 Rg6 28 Rd3 Qg5 29 Rg3 Qd2 30 Qe3 Qxd5 31 Rxc6 hxc6 32 Qe4



Qb3 33 Qc6 Qb8 34 Qd5 Qb2 35 Qxa5 Qd2 36 Rf1 c6 37 Qc5 Qd5
 38 Qxd5 cxd5 39 Rd1 Rd8 40 a5 Kf8 41 Kf1 Ke7 42 Ke2 Kd6 43 a6
 Ra8 44 Ra1 Kc5 45 a7 Kb6 46 Rd1 Rxa7 47 Rxd5 f6 48 Rd2 Kc5 49
 g4 Kc4 50 Rd6 Kxc3 51 g5 Rf7 52 Ke3 Kc4 53 f4 Kc5 54 fxe5 Re7 55
 gxf6 Rxe5+ 56 Kf4 Rf5+ 57 Kg4 gxf6 58 Rd8 Rd5 59 Rg8 Rd4+ 60
 Kf3 g5 61 Rf8 Rf4+ 62 Kg3 Kd6 63 h4 Ke7 64 hxg5 ½-½

The final round game to decide the tournament winner was a battle between Larry Larkins and Adithya Balasubramanian. Adithya did not appreciate the need to be able to chase Black's queen off the 2nd rank and Larry finished an impressive game in 35 moves.

ADITHYA BALASUBRAMANIAN - LARRY LARKINS

KING'S INDIAN ATTACK

1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 c5 4 Ngf3 Nc6 5 g3 Bd6 6 Bg2 Nge7 7 0-0 0-0
 8 Re1 Qc7 9 Qe2 f6 10 Nf1 d4 11 N3d2 e5 12 a4 Na5 13 c3 Be6 14 c4
 Nec6 15 Ra3 Nb4 16 Nb3 Nxb3 17 Rxb3 Qa5 18 Ra3 Nc2 19 Qxc2
 Qxe1 20 Bd2 Qe2 21 f3 f5 22 exf5 Rxf5 23 Qb3? (Precludes exchanging
 or forcing out the Black queen; 23 Qb1 Rxf3 24 Qe1 was better) 23...Rb8
 24 Ra1 Rxf3 25 Bxf3 Qxf3 26 Qc2 Bh3 27 Bg5 Rf8 28 Bf4 exf4 29 Qf2
 Qxf2+ 30 Kxf2 fxg3+ 31 Kg1 Rxf1+ 32 Rxf1 gxh2+ 33 Kh1 Bxf1 34
 a5 Bxd3 35 a6 Be4# 0-1

Bob Collins and Adam Sultan were fighting for a possible 2nd place on board 2.

ROBERT COLLINS - ADAM SULTAN

SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Qb6 6 Nxc6 bxc6 7
 Bc4 e6 8 0-0 d5 9 exd5 cxd5 10 Bb3 Bd6 11 Be3 Qb8 12 h3 0-0 13
 Qf3 Bb7 14 Qe2 a5 15 Rfd1 Be5 16 Na4 Bc6 17 c3 Ne4 18 Nc5 Nxc5
 19 Bxc5 Rc8 20 Ba3 Bb5 21 Qg4 Bf6 22 Rd2 a4 23 Bc2 Rc4 24 Qe2
 Rxc3 25 Bxh7+ Kxh7 26 Qh5+ Kg8 27 bxc3 Bxc3 28 Rad1 Bxd2 29
 Rxd2 Qf4 30 Rc2 Rb8 31 Bb2 Bd3 32 Rc6 Bc4 33 a3 Qh6 34 Qe5 Rb3
 35 Rc8+ Kh7 36 Rc7 f6 37 Qxf6 Qxf6 38 Bxf6 Rxa3 39 Rxg7+ Kh6 40
 Re7 Kg6 41 Rxe6 Kf5 42 Rd6 Rd3 43 g4+ Kf4 44 Kg2 Rd1 45 Bh4?
 (45 Bg7) a3 46 Bg3+ Ke4 47 Re6+ Kd4 48 Re3 a2 49 Be5+ Kc5 50 Bb2
 a1Q 51 Bxa1 Rxa1 52 Kf3 d4 53 Re5+ Kd6 54 Re8 Bd5+ 55 Ke2 Bc4+
 56 Kf3 d3 57 Rd8+ Ke7 58 Rd4 Re1 59 h4 Ke6 60 h5 Ke5 0-1



Arlington Open

by *Mike Atkins*

IM Larry Kaufman, his son Ray and William Marcellino tied for 1st at the 4th Arlington Open, held Dec 4-5, 2004. They each scored 4½-½. Four experts shared the Expert prize with 4 points; Andy Samuelson, Doug Photiadis, Tim Rogalski & Chris Sevilla. Top A honors were shared by Matt Grinberg, John Farrell, Lew Hucks & Jim Guill. Julien Scharl, Shinsaku Uesugi & Aryan Khojandi shared the B prize. Krishna Bindumadhavan took clear first C and Glenn Shelton likewise won class D alone. Tom McGrath & Arman Khojandi split top U1200 and, in his first event, Michael Serrato took top Unrated honors.

THE EVENT WAS MARRED by a despicable act of thievery. On Saturday, a set, board, clock and all the scorebooks a kid had ever used were stolen. On Sunday night, the thief struck again, filching my computer case! He left the computer and printer and walked off with just the black leather case. I had had the case for 8 years, it was a wonderful case, full of memories. All it contained was a \$45 refund, a \$10 VCF membership, \$8.50 in random coins and a brush. What the thief probably thought he'd taken was the money bag containing all the tournament entries. Fortunately, *that* was in my hand as I was walking about paying prizes and cleaning up.

Don't the thieves realize that directors and organizers are the last people you rip off because they simply won't have tournaments at a location anymore? Some jerk out there has probably eliminated Arlington/GMU campus as a tournament site. I simply cannot trust the site anymore. I hope they are happy with the \$65 they got in an old beat up computer case with no strap, not worth anything to anyone other than me. If you, the thief, read this, shame on you. Not only did you probably lose a tournament site, when you stole the chess bag on Saturday, you stole a kids complete history of rated games, all the scorebooks he had ever used—something that is irreplaceable. Shame on you.



Returning to the tournament, the early story was the performance of affable Michael Abron. He took a bye in rd 2 to teach kids and sandwiched that between first- and third- round wins over masters Alex Barnett and DC Champion Sal Rosario. Fate and odds brought Michael back down to earth on Sunday as he lost both games, but still his Saturday performance gave him Top Upset honors for the tournament.

**JOHN FARRELL – LARRY
KAUFMAN
ENGLISH**

1 c4 Nf6 2 g3 c6 3 Bg2 d5 4 d4 dxc4 5 Nf3 Bf5 6 Nbd2 e6 7 O-O Nbd7 8 Nxc4 Nb6 9 Qb3 Nxc4 10 Qxc4 Be7 11 Bd2 Qb6 12 b3 O-O 13 Rfd1 Rfd8 14 Bc3 a5 15 a4 Be4 16 Ne5 Bd5 17 Bxd5 exd5 18 Qd3 Ne4 19 Be1 Bd6 20 f3 Bxe5 21 fxe4 dxe4 22 Qxe4 Bxd4+ 0-1

**ANDREW SAMUELSON – PETER LANG
BISHOP'S**

1 e4 e5 2 Bc4 Nf6 3 d3 Be7 4 Nc3 O-O 5 f4 d6 6 Nf3 exf4 7 Bxf4 Nh5 8 Be3 Bh4+ 9 g3 Bf6 10 O-O Bxc3 11 bxc3 Bg4 12 Qd2 Bxf3 13 Rxf3 Nf6 14 Bg5 Nbd7 15 Raf1 Ne5 16 Rxf6 gxf6 17 Bxf6 Re8 18 Qh6 1-0

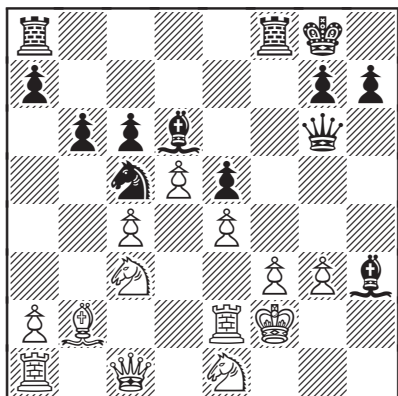
**MICHAEL ABRON – SAL ROSARIO
TORRE**

1 d4 Nf6 2 c3 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 Bg5 d6 5 Nbd2 h6 6 Bh4 g5 7 Bg3 Bf5 8 h3 Nbd7 9 Qb3 O-O 10 e3 c5 11 Be2 b5 12 O-O Rb8 13 Qd1 Re8 14 Bh2 e5 15 g4 Bg6 16 Kg2 e4 17 Ng1 Rb6 18 a4 c4 19 axb5 d5 20 Ra5 Nf8 21 Qa4 Qd7 22 Ra1 h5 23 b3 hxg4 24 hxg4 Nxg4 25 bxc4 Bh5 26 Bg3 Rh6 27 Rxa7 Qf5 28 b6 Ree6 29 b7 Nxe3+ 30 fxe3 Bxe2 31 b8Q Bg4 32 Rf1 Bh3+ 33 Nxh3 Qxh3+ 34 Kf2 Ref6+ 35 Ke1 Qg2 36 cxd5 Rh1 37 Qc4 Rxf1+ 38 Nxf1 Qc2 39 Qbb3 Qg2 40 Ra2 Rxf1+ 41 Qxf1 Qxg3+ 42 Qf2 Qh3 43 Qb7 Qh5 44 Ra7 1-0

**JOHN MEYER – WILLIAM MARCELINO
DUTCH**

1 d4 f5 2 g3 Nf6 3 Bg2 e6 4 b3 d5 5 Nf3 Bd6 6 O-O Qe7 7 c4 c6 8 Bb2 O-O 9 Qc1 Ne4 10 Ne5 Nd7 11 f3 Ng5 12 Nd3 b6 13 Nc3 dxc4 14 bxc4 e5 15 d5 f4 16 e4 Nc5 17 Ne1 Nh3+ 18 Bxh3 Bxh3 19 Rf2 Qg5 20 Re2 Qg6 21 Kf2 fxg3+ 22 hxg3





22...Rxf3+! 23 Nxf3 Nd3+ 24 Ke3 Nxc1 25 Rxc1 Qxg3 0-1

DOUG PHOTIADIS - ALEX BARNETT
SICILIAN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 a6 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Bd3 Nf6 7 O-O d6 8 Kh1 g6 9 f4 Nbd7 10 f5 e5 11 Nde2 Bg7 12 Qe1 b5 13 a3 gxf5 14 Rxf5 Nc5 15 Rf1 Bb7 16 Qh4 Ng8 17 Ng3 Ne7 18 Nh5 Rg8 19 Bh6 Bh8 20 Nf6+ Bxf6 21 Qxf6 O-O-O 22 Qxf7 d5 23 Rae1 d4

24 Na2 Rg6 25 Qxh7 Qd6 26 Bf8 Re8 27 Rf7 Re6 28 Nb4 Nd7 29 Bxe7 R6xe7 30 Ref1 Nf6 31 Qf5+ Nd7 32 Rxe7 Qxe7 33 Qg6 Nc5 34 Rf7 Qe6 35 Qh7 Kb8 36 h3 Rc8 37 Qg7 a5 38 Re7 Qd6 39 Nd5 Bxd5 40 exd5 Rc7 41 Re8+ Rc8 1-0

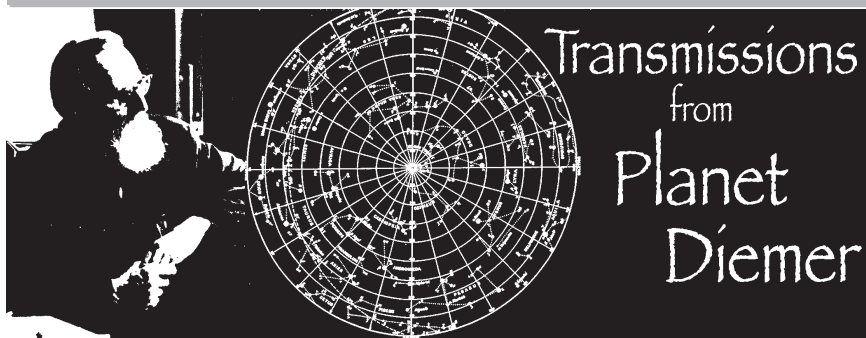
OLADAPO ADU - DANIEL CLANCY
FRENCH

1 e4 e6 2 d3 d5 3 Nd2 Nf6 4 Ngf3 Bc5 5 e5 Nfd7 6 d4 Be7 7 Bd3 c5 8 c3 Nc6 9 O-O g5 10 Bb5 g4 11 Ne1 cxd4 12 cxd4 Nxd4 13 Bxd7+ Bxd7 14 Qxg4 Nf5 15 Nef3 Qb6 16 Nb3 Bb5 17 Re1 Kd7 18 Be3 Nxe3 19 Rxe3 Rag8 20 Qf4 Rg7 21 Rc1 Rhg8 22 g3 h5 23 Rec3 h4 24 Nxh4 Rg4 25 Rc7+? (25 Qxf7 R8g7 26 Nc5+ Qxc5 27 Qxg7 Rxg7 28 Rxc5 Bxc5 29 Rxc5) 25...Qxc7 26 Rxc7+ Kxc7 27 Qxf7 R8g7 28 Qxe6 Rxh4 29 Qxd5 Bc6 30 Qa5+ Kb8 31 Qd2 Rxh2 32 Kf1 Bf3 0-1

Rational Grade Chess Championships

by Ruth E Chodrow

The following Virginia scholastic players were trophy winners in the National Grade Chess Championships held Dec 10-12 at Orlando, FL: Jeevan Karamsetty (2nd place, 1st grade), Yang Dai (10th place, 5th grade), Philip Chodrow (7th place, 9th grade) and Tyler Cook (9th place, 10th grade). In addition, the Virginia team of Jared Casazza, Ryan Fitzgerald & Malcom Scott from Franklin County High School won the 1st-place team trophy in the 10th grade division.



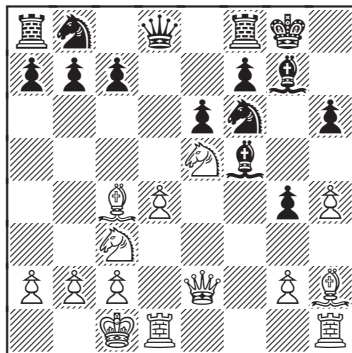
Tim Hamilton – Edgar De Castro

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Notes by Tim Hamilton

1 Nc3 Nf6 2 d4 d5 3 e4 dxe4 4 f3 exf3 5 Nxf3 g6 (the Bogoljubov Defense) **6 Bg5 Bg7 7 Qd2 h6 8 Bh4** (White has also tried 8 Be3 or 8 Bf4) **0-0 9 Bc4 Bg4** (It's not a pin!) **10 Ne5 g5** (Should I sac? Not yet...) **11 Bg3 Bf5 12 h4** (Very aggressive, in the spirit of the "Mad Dog Attack" BDG variation.) **12...Nh5 13 Bh2 g4** (13...Bxe5 14 Bxe5 Nc6 15 hxg5 Nxe5 16 dxe5 Qxd2+ 17 Kxd2 [Crafty] is unclear.) **14 0-0-0! e6** (Not venturing into 14...g3 15 Qe2 Nf4 16 Qf3 gxh2 17 Nxf7 Rxf7 18 Bxf7+ Kxf7 19 Qxf4, when the bishop is lost: 20 g4 is threatened and if 19...Kg6 then 20 h5+, etc.) **15 Qe2** (A critical decision faces Black. White now threatens to either advance the d-pawn or snap up the g-pawn. We had an interesting discussion after the game about the merits of 15...Qxh4!?, which De Castro thought was winning for Black. At the time it looked that way but now I don't know; 16 g3 fails to impress, but how about 16 Kb1!? g3 17 Bxg3! Qxh1! 18 Rxh1 Nxg3 19 Qe1 Nxh1 20 Qxh1 Nc6! when Black is slightly better but it's anybody's guess what will happen. Maybe there is something else?) **15...Nf6** (diagram)



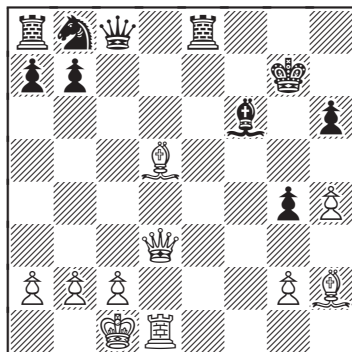
Calm before the storm...



16 d5! Qc8 17 Nxf7!? Kxf7 (If 17...Rxf7 18 dxe6 Re7 19 Rd7 White retains the upper hand, eg 19...Kf8!? 20 Rxe7 Kxe7 21 Qe5!) **18 Rhf1 Re8 19 d6!? cxd6** (Crafty—the computer engine that is—suggests the craftier 19...Kg6. I didn't consider that defense, but I suppose I would have taken on c7 and then maybe had a long think.) **20 Rxf5!** (Here Crafty prefers the materialistic 20 Nb5, eyeing the d6 square. I admit to not even looking at that move; but I also couldn't see any good defense for Black in what is about to follow. Can you?) **20...d5 21 Nxd5 exd5** (If 21...exf5 22 Ne7+ is strong, forcing Black to give up his queen by 22...Qxc4, but Crafty found something even stronger—a forced mate in 9: 22 Nxf6+!! {but 22 Nf4+ is weaker since Black can interpose the knight and a quick mate is quite elusive; try it!} 22...Re6! 23 Rd7+!! Qxd7! 24 Nxd7 Be5! 25 Qxe5 Ke7 26 Qxe6+ Kd8 27 Ne5 g3 28 Bxg3 Kc7 29 Nf7+ f4 30 Bxf4#) **22 Bxd5+ Kg6** (losing, but what else?) **23 Rxf6+! Bxf6** (He might as well take. 23...Kxf6 is obviously met by the rook check on f1) **24 Qd3+ Kg7** (*diagram*)

25 Bf7!!

Of course White was not tempted into playing the losing 25 h5?? Bg5+! 26 Kb1 Nc6, when he is suddenly a rook down with no attack left. Instead we have yet another sacrifice—and this time, the last.



Rather than accepting, it would have been relatively better for Black to enter the dismal pawn-down ending after 25...Kh8 26 Qg6 Bg7 27. Bxe8. Incidentally, either 24...Qf5 or 24...Kh5 on the preceding move would have lost to the same 25 Bf7+ (check!)

25...Kxf7 26 Qh7+ Ke6 (Overlooking something, but most moves lead to mate or to crushing loss of material. For instance, if 26...Kf8 27 Bd6+ Re7! 28 Bxe7+ Bxe7 29 Qh8+ is convincing; and after 26...Bg7 27 Rf1+ Ke6 28 Qe4+ and mate in three. The best try is 26...Bg7 27 Rf1+ Ke7! Then 28 Qxg7+ Kd8 29 Qf6+ (better than the tricky 29 Bxb8 Qc6! 30 Bg3 with only a slight edge for White) 29...Re7 30 Re1 Qd7 31 Bd6 Nc6 32 Bxe7+ Kc7! 33 Qf4+ Kb6 34 Qxh6 gives White two healthy pawns up and his attack still probably going on.) **27 Rd6# 1-0**

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Don Millican's Floating Chess Tournament

aka Kingstowne Quad #16/Cash Quad #2

by Don Millican

A few issues ago, Mike Atkins described a conspiracy of mishaps that plagued the George Washington Open last February (eg, Mike's leaving his printer cable home, then having its replacement not fitting the printer). This time the demons of tournament disasters bit me. Due to a scheduling mix-up, the latest incarnation of the Kingstowne Quads on December 11 had to pack up and move just minutes into round two!

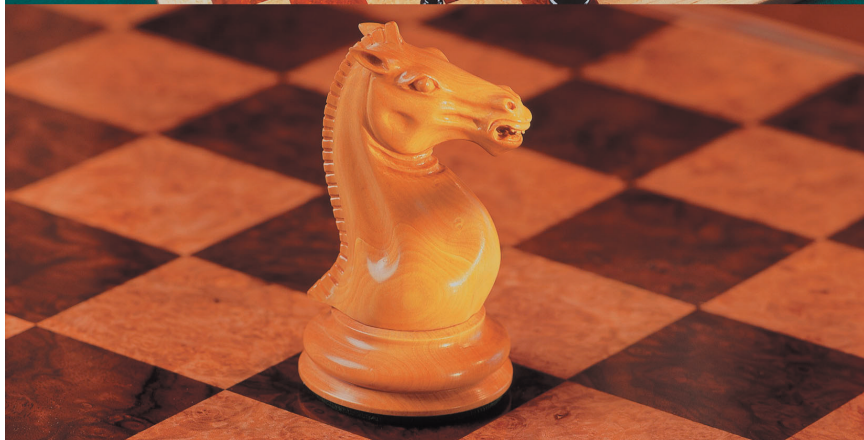
To their credit, the players took everything in stride. First, all games in progress were adjourned (with yours truly having to keep track of seven(!!) sealed-move envelopes). Then players, their equipment, and the TD and his equipment, moved to what was *supposed* to be our correct location just over two miles away, set up a new tournament room, and got the adjourned games restarted — a process that took about 40 minutes. One advantage of having many regulars at the Quads is that most players knew where the new location was, and no one got lost. While I was finishing up the process of leaving our old digs, an advance party of players went to the fallback site and had everything ready to go when I arrived!! Way to go guys!

Chess playing *was* sandwiched around the road show. Six players competed in the Cash Quad, with Andrew Samuelson & Dmitry Vekilov scoring $2\frac{1}{2}$ to tie for 1st and 2nd place, with Robert J Fischer's

2 points winning 3rd place money. Ten players competed in two sections for medals. In the top Quad, Michael C Callinan & Peter Kurucz tied with $2\frac{1}{2}$, with Callinan taking the silver medal on tiebreak and Kurucz getting the bronze. In the six-player lower Quad, Daniel Matz took the 1st place gold medal with $2\frac{1}{2}$. Ted Compher & Michael Daniels scored 2 with Compher taking the 2nd place silver medal on tiebreak, and Daniels went home with a bronze medal for 3rd.

According to Kingstowne Chess Club custom, after the final Quad of the year, achievement in the past year's overall series is recognized. In 2003 Timothy Rogalski was the most successful for 1600 and up, and Ted Compher was the most successful under 1600. The 2004 winners were Michael C Callinan (1600 and up) and Jimmy Wang (under 1600). Both received their trophies at the first Quad of the new year in January 2005.

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