

# THE NC GAMBIT



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**Matthew Noble wins North Carolina Invitational on tie-breaks.**

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**Justin Daniel earns berth in Denker tournament with win and leads Harding High to state Scholastics Title.**

277 youngsters flocked to West Charlotte High School for the North Carolina state scholastic chess championships on March 3rd and 4th. For the first time the field was divided into eight sections with the traditional K-12, K-8, K-5, and K-3 sections and four class sections (K-12 u1300, K-8 u1000, K-5 u900, and K-3 u800). Trophies were given to the top ten individuals, and top three teams (three players per team) in each section.

In the K-12 championship section, the Harding High School team was clearly the dominant team in the field. Expert Justin, regular contender Kaustubh Pimputkar, and local giant-killer Daniel Tapia teamed up for a convincing 6½ point margin over the second placed team. Daniel, with a perfect 5 point score, also earned North Carolina's spot in the Arnold Denker tournament of champions in Framingham, MA in August. Pimputkar only ceded one draw to take clear second, and Tapia nailed down clear third with an undefeated four point score.

The K-8 section saw Mike Richards of Charlotte take the middle school state championship with a perfect five point score. Following in second were Euphemia Mu, Brandon Brown, and Adam Salloum a point behind. Chapel Hill's Philips Middle School lead by Matthew Wofford, Adam Holmes, and Yajing Gao took the team title with 9½ points.

The K-12 u1300 section was one of four sections with 7 rounds at an G/60 time control, as opposed to the 5 round G/90 in the K-12 and K-8 championships. (along with the K-8 u1000, K-5, and K-3 championship sections). E. J. Sharif of Charlotte blew through the field by winning all seven games and taking the section by two points over five players including Chucky Talbert, Robert Matson, Brandon Merz, Nick Bambara, and Jeorg Talbert. Host West Charlotte High won the team prize behind Bambara, Jeorg Talbert, and Matthew Green with 14½ points.

Jered Williams earned the crown in the K-8 u1000 division, the largest in the tournament by 26 players with 69 total, by going perfect as well. I'John Gatewood was in clear second a point behind. Half a point behind Gatewood were Robert Caldwell, Matthew Green, and Trey Brumley. Charlotte's Cochrane Middle won the team state title on tie-breaks from Marie G. Davis Middle. Each had 16½ points.

By far the most hotly contested section of the tournament was the K-5 championship section with noone winning more than five of the seven games and ten of the 41 players withing a point of first. Frank Mu, Michael Karigan, and Jared Morse all survived the fracas with 5½ point scores to claim a share of the title. Right on their heels with five points were Amelia Wheelless, Mark Miller, and Erik-Henning Thiede. Charlotte's Amay James Montessori wrestled away the team crown by scoring 13½ points

The K-3 championship was taken by Carter Bengé who won all seven games. This section was the only one in which the top four places were clear with Britt McDaniel second at six points, Reina Talbert third at five points, and Cody Oyama fourth at 4½ points. Hendersonville's Immaculata won the team with 13 points.

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As the official quarterly publication of the North Carolina Chess Association, the mission of the *Carolina Gambit* is threefold: to provide up-to-the-date news and information about past, present, and future tournament activities; to provide a forum for the analysis of games and the discussion of issues that are important to the members; and to promote and encourage the growth and development of local club activity throughout the state.

## Notes from the editor.

I would first like to thank those who contributed games and articles for the last few issues of the *Gambit*, especially regular contributors Al Carlson and Kevin Hyde. This is the eighth issue I have put together (First as the permanent editor) and it helps me out a ton when others pitch in. My goal as editor is to be able to produce at least 96 pages of material in the *Gambit* each year. Of course I will need some help in doing so.

Particularly, I will need such items as theoretical articles, humorous articles, game analysis, and puzzles. I can also accept small pictures and cartoons done on graphics files. If anyone can write a regular column it would greatly enhance our newsletter. This edition we received no games that I know of, but fortunately I was able to find a good one on the Charlotte Chess Club website ([www.charlottechess.com](http://www.charlottechess.com)). I will also start covering some more World events when I get a chance.

I will be compiling another *Gambit* sometime around the beginning of July. After that our schedule will be for releases at the beginning of October, January, April, and July. Deadlines for article submission will be one week before the release date. As of right now I'm setting the deadline for the next *Gambit* for July 1st.

On another note, I will be moving in the next few weeks. My e-mail will remain at [jeffjones@chessunion.com](mailto:jeffjones@chessunion.com) and I can still be reached at (919)553-3721 although there may be a delay on phone messages. I will post my new mailing address on the NCCA message board as soon as I get the new address.

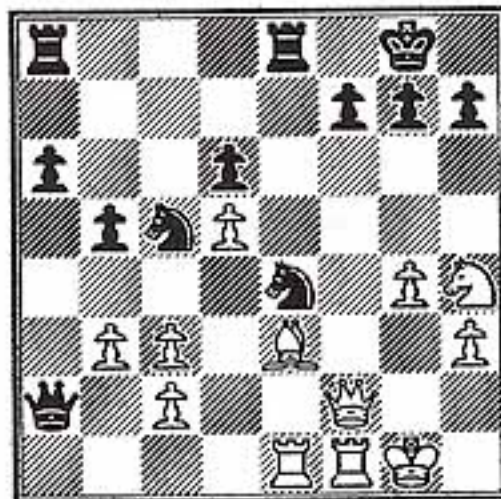
Finally, I would like to apologize to Thad for not being able to submit this in time for advertising the class championships. It's our policy to provide up to a full page ad to any NCCA members running a national Grand Prix event in North Carolina (tournaments like Land of the Sky, LPO, NC Class) that requires NCCA membership.

Thanks,  
Jeffrey Mason Jones  
editor

## Patzer's Puzzlers

Composed by Jeff Jones

White has a nice mate in seven here. The first couple of moves are relatively obvious but the others are little tricky. Answer on page 4.



What's 's best move?

Oops: In my analysis of my game with Bill Hargrove in the last issue of the *Gambit* I cited an incorrect move. After 27... Kg8 28.Qg4! Qg2 The move should've been Qh4 instead of Qh5.

-Jeff Jones-

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# North Carolina's FIDE rated players!

Player	Rating	Nat'l Fed.	Current residence
1.GM Julio Becerra	2538	CUB	Charlotte
2.IM Mikhail Nepomniashay	2450	RUS	Greensboro
3.IM Jonathan Schroer	2350	USA	Cary
4.IM Mansour Kadhi	2349	YEM	Raleigh
5.Michael Klein	2325	USA	Chapel Hill
6.FM Leonid Filatov	2307	USA	Durham
7.FM Robin Cunningham	2297	USA	Greensboro
8.WGM Martha Fierro	2287	ECU	Charlotte
9.FM David Levin	2281	USA	Monroe
10.Larry Tapper	2250	USA	Asheville
11.Armin Burghart	2200	GER	Charlotte
12.Matthew Hoekstra	2192	USA	Charlotte
13.Greg Samsa	2080	USA	Hurdle Mills

## 2001 North Carolina Invitational Crosstable

March 10-11, 2001 UNC-Charlotte, games and full write-up in next issue.

Player	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
IM Jonathan Schroer	2458		0	1	1/2	1	1	3 1/2
NM Matthew Noble	2261	1		1/2	1/2	1/2	1	3 1/2
NM Mathhew Hoekstra	2331	0	1/2		0	1	1	2 1/2
FM Robin Cunningham	2243	1/2	1/2	1		1/2	0	2 1/2
NM John Kirby	2250	0	1/2	0	1/2		1	2
NM Alexander Kvit	2207	0	0	0	0	1		1

Phi Kappa Blanca CVII  
: Patrick McCartney (1929)  
: NM Greg Samsa (2214)  
 Raleigh, NC  
 24 March, 2001  
 Patrick McCartney annotator

1.e4 Nf6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 g6 4.Ng3  
 Bg7 5.g3 O-O 6.Bg2 c6 7.O-O a5 8.  
 Re1 Na6 9.Qe2 e6 10.e5 Nd7 11.Nf1  
 a4 12.a3 b5 13.h4 c5 14.N1h2 Bb7 15.  
 Ng4 b4 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.Nf6+ Occupying  
 Black's weak point on the sixth  
 rank, and not allowing him to creat any  
 breathing room for his king. Kh8 18.  
 Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Bf6 Kg8 20.Qd2 bxa3  
 21.bxa3 Nc7 22.Nh2! Planning to an-  
 swer 22... Ne8? With 23.Ng4

then 23... Nf6 loses to 24 exf6 winning the  
 bishop since 24... Bh8 25.Nh6 is mate. h5 23.  
 g4 Ne8 24.Bxg7 Nxd7 25.gxh5 Nxd5 26.Qh6  
 f5 Black is going to have to play this eventually  
 anyway as White has more sever threats than  
 just winning a pawn after 26....Rac8 27.Bf3  
 since a move like 27... Ng7 leads to 28.Ng4  
 with the unstoppable threat of Nf6. 27.Qxg6+  
 Ng7 28.Rab1 Ba6 29.Rb6 Qf7 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7  
 31.Nf3 Kg6 32.Ng5 Bc8 33.Bxd5 Ra7 34.Bxe6  
 Kh5 35.Bxc8 Rxc8 36.Ne6 While this is still  
 winning, white's life can be made a lot easier  
 with 36.Kg2 Rg8 37.Kg3 Re7 +- Kxh4 37.Nxg7  
 Rxd7+ 38.Kf1 Kg4 39.Re3 f4 40.Re2 Kf3 41.  
 Rh6 Rg1+ 42.Kxg1 Kxe2 43.Rg6 Kd2 44.Kf1  
 Kxc2 45.Ke2 Kb3 46.Kf3 Kxa3 47.Rb6 c4??  
 Black's only chance at all comes with Rd8.  
 While Fritz gives this as +/-, after long analysis,

White still has the win here, but it's not easy. [48.Ke4  
 (48.Kf4 Rd3 =3D) Rd4 49.Kf5 Rb4 (49... Rd3 50.e6 Rd8  
 51.e7 Ra8 52.Ke6 c4 53.Rd6 c3 54.Rd8 Ra6 55.Kf5 Ra5  
 56.Ke4 c2 57.Rc8 c1=Q 58.Rxc1 Ra8 29.Rb1 Ka2 60.Rb7  
 a3 61.Kf4 +-) 50.Ra6 Rb8 and now white has two viable  
 moves, only one of which I believe wins for White: a) 51.  
 e6 Kb3 52.e7 a3 53.Rb6 Rb6 54.e8Q a2 appears insuffi-  
 cient for white: (a1) 55.Qe1 Kb2 56.Qa5 Rb4 57.Qc5 Rb3  
 58.Qd4 Kb1 59.Qa4 Kb2 60.Qd4 = (a2) 55.Qe5 Rb4 56.  
 f3 {56.Qa1 f3 cuts off white's king and the Queen can't  
 win on her own.} Rd4 57.Qe6 Ka3 (Kb2?? 58.Qb6! Rb4  
 59.Qc5 a1Q 60.Qb4 Kc2 61.Qe4 Kd2 62.d4 +-) 58.Qe1  
 Kb2 B)51.Kf4!! Kb3 52.e6 a3 53.Ke3 a2 54.f4 Kb2 55.f5  
 gives White a won game. 48.dxc4 Rxc4 49.e6 Ka2 50.e7  
 Rc8 51.Kxf4 a3 52.Ke5 Ka1 53.f4 a2 54.Ra6 Rc2 55.f5  
 Kb2 56.Rxa2+ Kxa2 57.f6 Rf2 58.Ke6 1-0

Taken from charlottechess.com



# North Carolina News

## Erb and Whittington take Pin Action II

Jeffrey Jones

Thirty players converged on the Rainbow Lanes Family Fun Center in Clayton for the Pin Action II chess tournament on March 10, 2001. David Erb of Cary and Evan Whittington of Clayton split first place in the tournament with 3½ points each.

Erb's tournament started with a victory over Gregory Duel. In round two David was knicked by Jacqueline Guglielmi for a draw, but recovered by defeating Burnice Bullock in round three and upsetting former North Carolina champ John Smithwick in round four.

Whittington, who coincidentally will be Erb's teammate in the national four-way chess championships in Washington D.C. in a couple of months took out Laurin Keller in the first round. He then drew with John Thompson, III in the second before scoring victories over Cheshire Linwood and Guglielmi in the last two rounds.

Four players tied for third place as Kevin Kirby of Cary, John Smithwick of Henderson, Mike McHale of Greensboro, and Justin Armstrong of Chocowinity were a half of a point behind the champions.

Pin Action tournaments will be held again on June 16th and July 21st at Rainbow Lanes. Registration starts at 2PM and the tournament will begin at 3PM. More details can be found at [www.chessunion.com](http://www.chessunion.com).

## Champs and Playing Like Champs

Al Carlson

The Phillips Middle School chess team, NC State champions, arrived in a stretch limousine for the Mustang XX Scholastic chess tournament at McDougle Middle School on Saturday, March 17. Even though their highest rated player, Matthew Wofford, couldn't stay and participate because of other commitments, it was evident that Phillips came to play like champions in the four round tournament. In round one their number sixteen seeded Varun Puvanesarajah knocked off the tournaments number one seed. In round two their number nine seeded Adam Holmes defeated the number two seed. Their number twelve seeded Yajing Goa waited until the final round to dispose of the number three seed. At the end perfect 4-0 results allowed Holmes and Goa to share the K-12 section top prize. Suffering only a final round defeat by Holmes, newcomer Robby Mickunas of Cary took the prize for the best score by a participant playing in his first tournament. Thirty participated in the section.

Twenty-five participated in the K-5 section in which Salil Saxena of Durham and Mark Easley of Morrisville had perfect 4-0 results to share first. Zili Shi of Chapel Hill received the prize for the best score by a player playing in his first United States Chess Federation tournament.

The event was directed by Al Carlson. Jud Raven assisted. The Mustang Scholastic chess tournament for students in two sections, K-5 and K-12, will resume in the Fall. For more information call Mr. Jud Raven at the school.

## Fax Queue

Kevin Hyde

January 15, 2001

60 players competed in 3 Sections in the Game/25 quick-rated event with a \$7 entry fee; everyone played good chess, 21 players won a prize!

Winning in the Top Section where Neal Harris (\$36), Karl Eharsam (\$30), Klaus Pohl (\$24), Paul Calloway (\$15), and Michael Lipkin (\$15).

Winning in the Middle Section were Dan Horwitz (\$30), Branden Bartlebaugh (\$21), Joshua Milligen (\$21), James Riker (\$12), Brad McDanel (\$12), Chapman Thomas (\$5), Britt McDanel (\$5), Braden Rimbault (\$5), Michael Goforth (\$5), Jared Keenan (\$5), and Cris Mabry (\$5).

Winning in the Bottom Section were Josh Horwitz (\$18), Katie Stevenson (\$12), Tommy Wakefield (\$12), Landon Rimbault (\$6), and Anthony Cammarata (\$6).

## Wendy's XXIII

February 28-March 28, 2001

**Top section (1725+):** 1st: Justin Daniel 4½/5, 2nd: NM Frankie Newton 3/5

**Middle section: (1400-1725):** 1st-3rd: Dave Richards 3/5, Mike Isner 3/4, Paul Jenkins 3/4

**Lower Section (u1400):** 1st: Euphemia Mu 4/4, 2nd-4th: Frank Johnson 3/4, Michael Shoup 3/5, Randy Hunter 3/4



## Smokehouse XIII

March 17, 2001

**Top Section:** NM Frankie Newton, Justin Daneil, Dr. Armin Burghart 2/3 **Bottom Section:** Laurin Keller 3/3 Danesh Dadgar, Mike Ballenger 2

## Smokehouse XIV

April 14, 2001

**Top Section:** 1st: Patrick McCartney 2½, 2nd-3rd: NM Leland Fuerstman, Daniel Tapia 2 **Bottom Section:** 1st: Danesh Dadgar 3, 2nd: James Ulaky 2

## Patzer's Puzzlers answer

24. Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Nf5 Ne6 Of course Ra7 won't defend because the rook on e8 would be hanging. Rg8 fails as you will see by removing this and white's next move. 26.dxe6 Rg8 the only way to defend g7 for the time being 27.Nh6!! Somewhat of a version of Philidor's Mate gxh6 if the g-pawn doesn't move, 28.Qg8+ is coming whether the rook is there or not then after Rxxg8 29.Nf7 is mate. Of course, when the g-pawn moves whether it takes the knight or not this occurs: 28.Bd4+ Nf6 29.Bxf6+ Rg7 30.Qxg7#



# North Carolina Chess Tournaments: May-July 2001

May 12, 2001	Charlotte
<b>Smokehouse XV</b>	
3-SS 30/60 SD/15 Old Smokehouse Dining Room, 1513 Montford Dr., Charlotte, NC. 10-man sections based on rating. \$\$100-50 b/10 in each section. EF:\$23 (-\$3 for Charlotte Chess Club members.) Reg.:945 Rds.:10-1-4. Leland Fuerstman (704)552-5656 or toll-free (888) 321-9292, lelandf@juno.com	
May 19, 2001	Clayton
<b>Upper Neuse Open and Junior Open</b>	
Rainbow Lanes FFC, 850 NC 42 W, Clayton, NC 27520, (919)553-4386. Open and U1600: 4-SS G/60 EF:\$15 (by 5/17)/\$20 at site Prizes: \$450 b/40 in these two sections Junior: 6-SS G/30 EF: \$5 (by 5/17)/\$7 at site 14 trophies up for grabs. Reg.: 9-945 Info: Jeffrey Jones, 2016 Cypress Ct. Clayton, NC 27520. (919)553-3721. jeffjones@chessunion.com <a href="http://members.aol.com/RabidRook/UpperNeuseOpen.html">http://members.aol.com/RabidRook/UpperNeuseOpen.html</a> official website.	
June 1-3, 2001	Hendersonville
<b>U.S Game 60 championships</b> see back cover for details.	
June 16, 2001	Clayton
<b>Pin Action III</b>	This tournament has been cancelled!!!!
July 18, 2001	East Flat Rock
<b>Wednesday Afternoon in the Park (QC)</b>	
4-SS G/29. 8-player sections: Rds.: 12:30-1:30-2:30-3:30 EF:\$5 Prizes: \$20-10 in each section. Info: Kevin Hyde, RR 1 Box 35A, Saluda, NC 28773. (828)749-1625. hyde@a-o.com	
July 21, 2001	Clayton
<b>Pin Action III</b>	
4-SS G/30 Rainbow Lanes FFC, 850 NC 42 W, Clayton, NC 27520, (919)553-4386. EF:\$10 Prizes b/entries. Reg.: 2-3 Rds.:3-4-5-6. Pairings accelerated after 20 players. Info: Jeff Jones, (919)553-3721, jeffjones@chessunion.com. <a href="http://members.aol.com/RabidRook/PinAction.html">http://members.aol.com/RabidRook/PinAction.html</a> for prize table.	

## CIABA run ends

Jeff Jones

The Chess in a Bowling Alley series ended its three year run on April 7th, 2001. The tournament has been usurped by the surprisingly popular Pin Action series. John Smithwick of Henderson went down in the nostalgia books (Well, maybe not.) as the final CIABA champ by winning all three games. Dan Garrett of Southern Pines came off a year-long hiatus to take second with 2½ points.

Winners in the under 1340 section were Ken McGrady of Cary and Brett Bolen of Clayton with 2½ points each. Of special note one player received three whites in this section due to black's 8+1=3- score in this section.

## Phi Kappa Blanca section winners

PKB 106: Mar. 24, 2001

OPEN: John Bidwell, Alan Patrick 2½ U1800: Evan Whittington, Dayne Nix, Alan Stephenson 2½ U1400: Charles Yu, John Wehrenberg, Al Carlson, Geoffrey Alexander 3

PKB 107: Apr. 21, 2001

OPEN: John Bidwell, Alan Patrick 2½ U1800: Charles Coleman 2½ U1400: Ben George 3

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Also included in this year's state scholastic were two 5 round Game/30 sections in the K-5 (u900) and K-3 (u800) sections.

The K-5 u800 section was won by Tate Sisk whose perfect score was trailed by one point by Chapman Thomas, Chiraag Kulkarni, Benjamin Westmoreland, Thomas Paradis, Ryan Womack, Robert Probst, and Tyler Grove. Hendersonville Elementary won this section's team title with 10½ points

After winning their first four games Sam Dawson and Kevin Chu drew to share the K-3 u800 crown. Four player were a half of a point off the pace including Braden Rimbault, Brandy Kirl, Dillon Brumley, and Brian Zunino. A third Hendersonville team, Veritas Academy claimed this state title.

The parents/ coaches weren't completely left out of the action. A 5 round Game/90 tournament was held for them with Charles Palmer, a coach in Hendersonville winning first place. On Saturday night, coaches, students, directors, and anyone else willing played in a 4 round G/10. Igor Akushevich tied with Daniel Tapia for first in that section. Neal Harris, Spencer Singleton, and Nick Bambara were recognized as coaches of the year. Bambara's selection is interesting as he is the first person to play in the state scholastic and be recognized as a coach of the year (elementary school division) in the same year. Nick mother Jill was also recognized as volunteer of the year.

Next year's state scholastics will be held in Hendersonville with a date to be determined. A complete list of winners is on page 6.



# North Carolina State Scholastics

3-4 March, 2001 West Charlotte HS.

**K-12 championship:** 16 players, 5 rounds

1st: Justin Daniel 5, 2nd: Kaustubh Pimputkar 4½, 3rd: Daniel Tapia 4, 4th-6th Zachary Webb, Jay Tomsyck, Vincent Marino 3, 7th-9th: Nick Spurrier, Ian Sanders, Jim Cao 2½ 10th-11th: Neil Oatsvall, Robert Peng 2  
Teams: 1st Harding HS 13½, 2nd Greater Henderson County Home School 7, 3rd Enloe HS 6½

**K-12 u1300:** 28 players, 7 rounds

1st: E.J. Sharif 7, 2nd-6th: Chucky Talbert, Robert Matson, Brandon Merz, Nick Bambara, Jeorg Talbert 5, 7th Matthew Green 4½ 8th-11th: Kushang Patel, Kostia Fastovets, Benjamin Harris, Malcolm Scott 4  
Teams: 1st West Charlotte HS 14½, 2nd Vance HS 12, 3rd Harding HS 10½

**K-8 championship:** 28 players, 5 rounds

1st: Mike Richards 5, 2nd-4th Euphemia Mu, Brandon Brown, Adam Salloum 4, 5th-7th Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Brown, Matthew Wofford 3½, 8th-13th Fuliang Thong, Michael Shoup, Dan Horwitz, Adam Holmes, Brad McDaniel, Yajing Gao 3  
Teams: 1st Phillips MS 9½, 2nd-3rd Vance MS, Harding MS 8½

**K-8 u1000:** 69 players, 7 rounds

1st: Jered Williams 7, 2nd: I'John Gatewood 6, 3rd-5th: Robert Caldwell, Matthew Green, Trey Brumley 5½, 6th-11th: Ryan Vanhoy, Derek Norton, David Kirl, John Paul Allred, Brian Waritay, Ruayrie Campos 5  
Teams: 1st-2nd: Cochrane MS, Marie G. Davis 16½, 3rd: Charles D. Owen MS 15

**K-5 championship:** 41 players, 7 rounds

1st-3rd: Frank Mu, Michael Karigan, Jared Morse 5½, 4th-6th: Amelia Wheelless, Mark Miller, Erik-Henning Thiede 5, 7th-10th Ali Shirzad, Mac Stevens, Jay Goss, George Leef 4½  
Teams: 1st: Amay James Montessori 13½, 2nd: Barringer Academy 12½, 3rd: McKee ES 11½

**K-5 u900:** 43 players, 5 rounds

1st: Tate Sisk 5, 2nd-8th: Chapman Thomas, Chiraag Kulkarni, Benjamin Westmoreland, Thomas Paradis, Ryan Womack, Robert Probst, Tyler Grove 4, 9th: Kevin Chien 3½, 10th-18th: Ryan Levin, Kuniko Madden, Paige Holmes, Stephen Bloemsma, Cosmo Pernie, Glen Dawson, Nicholas DeMay, Scott Hammond, Andrew Bradshaw 3  
Teams: 1st: Hendersonville ES 10½, 2nd-3rd: Immaculata, Ephesus 9

**K-3 championship:** 22 players, 7 rounds

1st: Carter Benge 7, 2nd: Britt McDaniel 6, 3rd: Reina Talbert 5, 4th: Cody Oyama 4½, 5th-12th: Jeffrey Toton, Daniel Ginn, James Pingnot, Joshua Mu, Matt Horwitz, Iris Glaze, Stuart Pope, Sarah Dodd 4  
Teams: 1st: Immaculata 13, 2nd: Blythe 8, 3rd: Barringer 7

**K-3 u800:** 31 players, 5 rounds

1st-2nd: Sam Dawson, Kevin Chu 4½, 3rd-6th: Braden Rimbault, Brandy Kirl, Dillon Brumley, Brian Zunino 4, 7th-10th: Layne Sanders, Kevin Huang, Emily Ginn, Russell Badalamenti 3½  
Teams: 1st-2nd: Veritas Academy, St. Gabriel 9½, 3rd-4th: Immaculata, W.D. Williams 8½

## Henderson County Scholastic Chess Championship

Kevin Hyde

April 7, 2001

144 players participated in the annual spring scholastic chess tournament. Ian Sanders of Greater Henderson County Home School Chess won the County Championship and the \$300 scholarship for the second year in a row with a perfect 3 - 0 score. Chris Griffin of Hibriten High in Lenoir won the High School / Middle School section with a perfect 4-0 score. Chapman Thomas of Hendersonville Elementary won the Elementary section with a perfect 5-0 score. Matt Horwitz and Britt McDaniel, both of Immaculata, tied for first in the Primary section with perfect 5-0 scores.

Cross tables are at <http://www.ioa.com/~hyde/hcsc01.htm>



## North Carolina Chess Association Club Directory

**Asheville** North Asheville Community Center. Wednesdays 6:30pm-10:30pm Contact: Jim Johnson (828)298-9254 Club Phone (828) 258-2453

**Asheboro** Public Library, corner of Worth and Cox. Tuesdays 6pm-9pm Contact Tom Hales (910)625-0761

**Burlington** Forest Hills Community Center. 227 Williamson St. Tuesdays 7:00pm-10:00pm Contact: Ron Garrett (336)584-6931

**Camp Lejeune** (Chess Beast Chess Club) Central Area Rec. Center (910)451-1942

**Cary** Borders Books at the corner of Walnut and Jones Franklin, just off US 1/64. Saturdays 1PM-5PM.

**Chapel Hill-Carrboro** Skylight Exchange. 435½ Rosemary St. Wednesdays 6pm-8pm. Open mic night afterwards.

**Charlotte** (<http://www.charlottechess.com>) Wednesday's 7-11 Wendy's 434 S. Independence Blvd. Contact : Leland Fuerstman (704) 643-3821 30/1 tournament game for members each meeting. \$100 for 5-0 in a session!

**Cherry Point** Road House (252)466-3027

**Elkin** (Yadkin Valley Chess Club) Shoney's at I-77 Exit 82 Tuesdays 7:00pm-11:00pm Contact: Scott Baldwin (910)368-2018 Chad Eller (910)667-3475 Steve Greenlee (910)835-6389

**Fayetteville** Kiwanis/Honeycutt Recreation Center. 353 Devers St. Thursday 6:00pm-10:00pm Contact: Paul Hughes (910)424-7489

**Fayetteville** (8-Squared Chess Club) The Coffee Scene. Westwood S/C, Corner on McPherson Church Rd. and Morganton Rd. Fridays 6pm-10:30pm Contact: Stanley Salas (910)868-2686 Neil Perkins (910)822-6168

**Gastonia** (Gaston County Chess Club) YMCA - 615 W. Franklin Blvd. Thursdays 7:00pm-10:00pm Saturdays 9:00pm-Until Contact: Carl Hanna (704)865-1515 Bob Muhl (704) 827-0874 Milton Tager (704)865-0421

**Greensboro** Folk Recreation Center. 3910 Clifton Rd. Mondays & Wednesdays 7:00pm-10:00pm Contact: Richard Ward (336)852-2854

**Hendersonville** Henderson County Public Library, (upstairs) 201 N. Washington St. Friday 1:00pm-4:30pm Contact: Charles Palmer (828)891-8968

**Hickory** (Masters of War Chess Club) Westmont Seniors Center. 1316 Main Avenue Drive NW. Tuesdays 5:15pm-Until Contact: "Bones" (828)874-3660

**High Point** Oakview Rec. Ctr. 540 James Rd. Tuesdays 7pm-10pm. Contact: Rick Sawyer (910)884-4444

**Jacksonville** (USO Chess Club) 9 Tallman St. Sundays 1:00pm-Late evening. Speed Chess & Match Play Contact: Jeff Walsh (910) 346-8349 E-mail: [cn1404@coastalnet.net](mailto:cn1404@coastalnet.net)

**Johnston County** (Upper Neuse Junior Chess Union) <http://www.chessunion.com> Contact: Jeff Jones (919)553-3721

**Lenoir** Contact: John Thomas (828)728-6945

**Monroe** St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 116 South Church St. Wednesdays 7:00pm-Until Contact: Irvin Engles

**New River MCAS** Base Command Center (910)937-5015

**Raleigh** Kiwanis Park Community Center. 2525 Noble Rd. Fridays 7:00pm-11:30pm Contact: Nita Witting E-mail: [look-ing@mindspring.com](mailto:look-ing@mindspring.com)

**Southern Pines** (Southern Pines Chess Club) Contact: Dan Garrett (910)692-6246 PO Box 144 Southern Pines, NC 28388 E-mail: [dg@pinehurst.net](mailto:dg@pinehurst.net)

**Statesville** Mitchell Community College Student Union Building - 2nd floor West Broad St. Thursdays 6:00pm-Until Contact: Jim Brandenburg (704)871-1782

**Washington** 7th Street Recreation Center 7pm-10pm Mondays. Contact: John Wehrenberg (252)946-4419

**Wilmington** (Seahawk Chess Club) Thursdays 7PM-11PM. Books a Million, Oleander Dr.

**Winston-Salem** Thursdays 7:30pm-Until Contact: Lee Zinzow (336)765-0753



### Other Clubs and Sources of information

**CMSCA** (Charlotte-Mecklenberg Scholastic Chess Association) <http://pweb.netcom.com/~gerben/cmsca.html>

**Fort Mill, SC** Scott gru-Bell (803)548-0952

**Greenville, SC** Wayne Williams (864)246-6363

**HCSCP** (Henderson County Scholastic Chess Program) Charles Palmer (828)891-8968

**Hillsville, VA** T. Scott Brown (540)728-7774 John Martin (540)728-4273

**Rock Hill, SC** Pete Danker (803)548-0955

**SCCA** (South Carolina Chess Association) Mike Spohn = President <http://www.scchess.org>

### Classifieds

**NM Leland Fuerstman** offers chess instruction. Call (704)542-7225 or e-mail [lelandf@juno.com](mailto:lelandf@juno.com) for details

**Damon Smith** is looking for A and B class players for rated matches. For info call (336)655-3426.



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## *U.S. Game/60 Chess Championship*

Hendersonville, North Carolina, March 12, 2001 - The U.S. G/60 Championship is an excellent opportunity to play chess in the scenic mountains of western North Carolina during the first weekend of June. There are two good reasons for this: location and tournament format.

The location is at the Quality Inn and Suites, Hendersonville, which has an indoor Olympic size heated pool, sauna, whirlpool/jacuzzi, fitness room, gameroom, billiards, ping pong, and indoor mini putt-putt. The surrounding area is very attractive to tourists with the world-famous Biltmore House, Carl Sandburg House, and Chimney Rock all within a half hour drive.

The tournament format has 7 games played over 2 or 3 days. If a player desires, he can take up to 3 byes and only play 4 games. If the earliest rounds don't go so well, a player can reenter and try again! The \$1500 guaranteed prize fund has a \$400 first place prize along with the trophy for the U.S. Game/60 Champion.

There are 18 other cash prizes available along with 5 scholastic trophies and 20 Grand Prix points. Although there will only be one section after the 2- and 3-day schedules merge, there are plenty of class prizes to allow lower-rate players the chance to win a minor prize.

The entry fee is only \$30 for preregistrants. A special scholastic entry fee of \$10 for trophies-only is also available. U.S. Chess Federation membership is required. This tournament will be a fun, affordable, and rewarding weekend.

Please plan to attend the tournament June 1-3, 2001.

For more information, see the website <http://a-o.com/hyde/g60.htm> or contact Kevin Hyde, phone 828-749-1625, or mail RR 1 Box 35A, Saluda, NC 28773.

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