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Welcome to day 3 of the International Chess Festival. Today the action heated up in the Open Section of the National Open as the top players began to face each other. We had a Puzzle Solving Competition which was enjoyed by all participants. GM Ben Finegold gave a simul and you can see him in action below. WIM Annie Wang had an autograph session. The International Youth Chess Championship continued to go strong with many players. We had two blitz tournaments last night for the night owls who enjoy staying up all night playing chess.

Don't forget next year the Chess Festival will be from June 23 to June 26, 2016.



2015 National Open playing hall.



GM Ben Finegold in simul action.

Today instead of a GM game we have a game where young Jonathan Chen was given kudos by his opponent for his well played draw.

Cecil Sloan vs Jonathan Chen

National Open Round 4

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6
4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7
Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 O-O 9.Bd3
h6 10.O-O c5 11.Qd2 cxd4

Here 11.....c4 was played in Smilowski vs Dakic Brno Czech Republic 1994. 1-0.



16.cxd3 c5 17.d4 Rb8 18.Ne2
cxd4 19.Nxd4 Qb4 20.Rf2

1/2-1/2

GM Walter Browne gave us an exciting game in round 4 of the National Open.

GM Browne vs NM Niemman

National Open Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3
Ba6 5.Qa4 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5
7.dxc5 bxc5 8.O-O Be7 9.Nc3
O-O 10.Rd1 d6 11.Bf4 Qb6
12.Rab1 Bc6 13.Qc2 Rd8 14.e4
Qb7 15.Ne1 h6



16.a3 a5 17.Qe2 a4 18.e5
dxe5 19.Rxd8+ Bxd8 20.Bxe5
Bxg2 21.Nxg2 Nc6 22.Nb5
Nxe5 23.Qxe5 Ne4 24.Nd6
Nxd6 25.Qxd6 Qe4

Perhaps 25.....Be7 is stronger.
Black has slight edge though.

26.Rd1 Bf6 27.Qxc5 Bxb2
28.Ne3 h5 29.Rd7 g6 30.Qe7
Rf8 31.Qb4 Bd4 32.c5 e5



33.Qxa4??

That is all it takes in chess, one
mistake and the game is over.
In this case the queen is lost.

33..... Rb8 34.Nf1 Bxf2+
35.Kxf2 Qxa4 0-1



1st Place GM Moradiabadi



**The Spirits of Chess Invitational
Blitz tournament** was won by GM
Elshan Morabiabadi with a score of
5-2. Second and third places with
a score of 4 1/2-2 1/2 were held by
GM Maghami and GM Kachiyan.
Next with 4-3 were GM Bachmann
and GM Dlugly. Finally with 2 1/2
was GM Molner and with 2 was
GM Rhode.

We had another 44 players playing
in the Sectional Blitz Tournament.

Back to the National Open a draw
between two strong grandmasters
is the following game, enjoy.

GM Nyzhnyk vs GM Dlugly

National Open Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2
O-O 5.c4 d6 6.O-O c6 7.Nc3 Qa5
8.h3 e5 9.e4 Nbd7 10.Re1 exd4
11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Bf1 Re8 13.Rb1
a6 14.a4



14....Qc5 15.Nb3 Qb4 16.Bd2
Nf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qxb3 18.Qd1 Qxd1
19.Rbxd1 Nd7 20.a5 Nc5 21.Bf4
Be5 22.Re3 Ne6 23.Bh6 Rb8
24.Na4 Nc5 25.Nb6 Bg7 26.Bf4
1/2-1/2



GM Molner vs GM Dreev



GM de Firmian vs GM Kamsky

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Both players are responsible for reporting results! Please post on the pairing sheet and turn in a score sheet with the result clearly marked and signed by both players.

Electronic Device Policy

Las Vegas Chess Festival's electronic device policy and other anti-cheating rules are posted on our website and on pairing boards.

Dropping Out? Need a Bye?

Be sure to sign the sheet at the Registration Desk – nobody wants to sit at an empty board!

Alan & Janelle Losoff

Tournament Organizers

USCF 50th Anniversary NATIONAL OPEN

Time Control 40/90, SD/30,
increment 30

Ballroom A – C

Sunday

Round 5 10:00 AM

Round 6 4:30 PM

Winner's Circle

Cash Bar 9:00 PM

Friday Ballroom F

National Open Blitz

Sunday 10:00 PM Ballroom D

\$3,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

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Ballroom E

Saturday-Sunday 9AM-11PM

FREE LECTURES

Conference Room 11

Sunday

1:00 PM

The SNIPER! - Reloaded

GM Ron Henley

3:30 PM

USCF President's Forum

Ruth Haring

Analysis of Your Games

GM Ben Finegold

Conference Room 7

Sessions start 2 Hours after start of each round and run about 3 hours. National Open players age 14 and under who wish to have a game considered for the FREDDIE best played game prize must bring it to one of the first five analysis sessions. Only rounds 1 to 5 will be considered.

The International Youth Chess

Sunday

9:30 AM Side Event Awards

10:00 AM & 1:00 PM Rounds 4 and 5

4:00 PM Closing Ceremony