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Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, PA – Fall 2015, Part 3

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Membership Drive games. The purpose behind these newsletters is to include as many games as possible played by NPCC members and others irregardless of the strength of the players. We want to include everyone's games, not only the most challenging. Of course, some will be more instructive than others: however, they all will be permanently recorded for your review. Thanks to all for submitting games!

Games from the NPCC 2015 Membership Drive Tournament: Round: 3

Submitted by Joe with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Shawn Curtis (1646) Black: Joseph Mucerino (2124) Date: 9/25/2015

[B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit] 1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bq4

5.Be2 e6 6.0-0 f6 [D]



7.Nh4 Bxe2 8.Qxe2 Qe7 9.Nc3? (Joe -?)(Joe - Now black wins a pawn.) [9.Nf3!?= is an interesting alternative] 9...fxe5 **10.Nb5?** [Better is 10.Nf3!? is the best option White has 10...e4 11.Ne5] **10...0-0-0** [Weaker is 10...Qxh4 11.Nc7+ Kd7 12.Nxa8 exf4 13.Qb51 11.Nf3 a6 12.a4? (Joe - Sometimes a good idea, but it does not work in this position.) [Better is 12.Nc3 exf4 13.d31 **12...e4** [Weaker is (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 12...axb5 13.axb5 Nd4 14.Qxe5 Nxf3+ 15.Rxf31 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Qd7? (Joe -Black should capture the knight because it is safe to do so. I was afraid that the b pawn might be used to cramp black's king.) [With this move, Black loses his initiative] [Better is 14...axb5!? might be the shorter path 15.axb5 Nh61 15.d3 exd3 **16.Qxd3** [16.Qe3 b6 (16...axb5?! 17.Rxf8 d4 18.Qf2=) 17.Na3 dxc2] **16...Nh6** [16...axb5 17.axb5 Ne7

18.Bq5] 17.Qc3 axb5 (Joe - Now I captured on b5, because I could get both the knight and the pawn.)

18.axb5 [D]



18...Qxb5? (Joe - A terrible mistake that blunders black's extra piece. Can you see what white should do?) [18...Qc7 19.Qq3 Qb6=] **19.Ra5?** (Joe - That was not the answer. While walking around the room waiting for Shawn to move, it dawned on me that white has 19.Bxh6! gxh6 20.Rf7. At the board, I saw that 20...Rd7 was met by 21.Ra8+ Kc7 and white wins the bishop on f8. However, after 20.Rf7 Kb8 (the only other way to stop mate) white has 21.Qa3! I thought a satisfactorily reply was 21...Qa6, with the idea of if white plays 22.Qb3? looking for mate on b7, 22...Qxa1+ is with check. I also saw that white could trade queens with 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.Rxa6. Being a piece up, I superficially thought a trade of queens would be good, but what I overlooked was that white's rook gives checks on the sixth rank and the game is drawn by perpetual check.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) (Joe - After that, it was pretty much cleanup.) [Better is 19.Bxh6 would hold out 19...qxh6 20.Rf7]

19...Qb6 20.Bd2 Nf5 21.Rf4 c4+ 22.Kh1 Bc5 23.q4 Ne7 24.Qh3 Bb4 [D]



25.Bxb4 Qxb4 26.Ra8+ Kd7 27.Rxd8+ Kxd8 28.Qe3 Qxb2 29.Qd2 Qxe5 30.Qa5+ [D]



30...Qc7 31.Qa8+ Kd7 32.Qa4+ Qc6 33.Qb4 b6 34.Rf7 d4+ 35.Kg1 Qc5 36.Qa4+ Kd6 [Better is 36...b5 seems even better 37.Qa1 h5 38.q5 d3+ 39.Kf1 dxc2 40.Qc1] **37.Qa7 Re8 38.Rxq7** [38.Kf1 desperation 38...b5 39.Qa6+ Nc6 40.Qb7] 38...d3+ 39.Kq2 d2 40.Qa1 40...Qd5+ 41.Kh3 d1Q 42.Qa3+ Qc5 43.Qq3+ Kd7 44.Qg2 Qe3+ 45.Kh4 Qh6+ [D] (p.2) **0-1**

Position after 45...Qh6+ (From p. 1)



Round: 3

Submitted by Michael with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Eric Funk (2074) Black: Michael O'Gara (1717)

Date: 9/25/2015

[B37: Sicilian: Maroczy Bind with 5...Bg7, sidelines] 1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nc2 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 [D]



10.Ne3 Rc8 11.Rb1 e6 12.f4 a6 13.Bf3 Qc7 14.Qd3 [Better is 14.e5!? is an interesting alternative 14...Ne8
15.b4±] **14...Rfd8** [14...Qxf4!? 15.Ned5
Qb8 16.Nxb6 Ne5] **15.g3** [D]



15...Nb4 16.Qe2 d5 17.exd5 [Better is 17.e5!? is worth consideration 17...Ne4 18.a3] 17...exd5 18.a3 Nc6 19.Ncxd5 Nd4 20.Nxc7 Nxe2+ 21.Bxe2 Rxc7 22.Bf3 Ne4 23.Nd5? [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 23.Nd5? (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game.] [Better is 23.b4= is the best option White has.]
23...Rxc4 24.Nxb6? [Better is 24.Ne3 Rc7 25.Re1] 24...Bd4+
25.Kh1 Bxb6 26.f5 Rc2 27.Bf4
Rf2 28.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 29.Kg2 Bxf3+
[29...Bc8!? seems even better 30.g4 gxf5 31.Bg5] 30.Kxf3 gxf5 31.Rc1
Nd3 32.Rc6 [D]



32...Nxf4 [32...Bd4!? keeps an even firmer grip 33.Rxa6 Re8 34.Kg2]
33.Rxb6 Ng6 34.Rxa6 Rd3+
35.Ke2 Rb3 36.Rd6 [36.Ra5 does not solve anything 36...Rxb2+ 37.Ke3 Rxh2 38.Rxf5 Ra2] 36...Rxb2+
37.Rd2 Rb3 38.Ra2 Ne7 [38...f4 and Black can already relax 39.gxf4 Nxf4+ 40.Kd1 Rd3+ 41.Kc1] 39.a4 Nc6 40.a5 Na7 [Better is 40...Rb7!? seems even better 41.Ke3] 41.a6 Kg7 42.Kd2 h5 43.Kc2 Rf3 44.Ra5 [D]

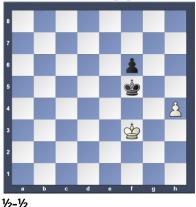


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(Cont. from prev. col.) 44...Kg6 [Better is 44...Kf6!? makes it even easier for Black 45.Rd5 Ra3 46.Rd6+ Ke5 47.Rb6] 45.Rd5 Ra3 46.Rd6+ f6 47.Kb2 Nb5 [47...Ra5 might be the shorter path 48.Kc3] 48.Rb6? [Better is 48.Rd5] 48...h4? [Stumbles just before the finish line] [Better is 48...Ra5 and Black has reached his goal 49.Rc6 Na7] 49.Rxb5 Rxa6 50.gxh4 Ra7 [50...Ra4 51.h5+ Kg5 52.Kc3] 51.Kc3 Rh7 52.Rb4 Re7 53.Kd3 Re1 54.Rf4 [D]



54... Rh1 55.Rf2 Rg1 56.h5+ Kxh5 57.Rxf5+ Kg6 58.Rf2 Re1 59.Re2 Rxe2 60.Kxe2 Kg5 61.Kf3 Kf5 62.h4 [D]



Round: 3

Submitted by copy of score sheet with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Don Forest (1382) Black: Don Funk (1614) Date: 9/25/2015

[D40: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Tarrasch with 5 e3] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Bg5 Be7 4.Nf3 d5 5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 0-0 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 [D] (p.3) 9...cxd4 10.exd4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Bd7 13.Ne5 Nbd5 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Rc1 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Rfd8 17.Re1 Nd5 18.Ba4 b5 19.Bxe7 [D] (p.3) 19...Nxe7 [Less advisable is 19...Qxe7 20.Bxb5 Qa3 21.Bc4] 20.Bb3 a5 21.a4 bxa4 (Text cont. p3) Page 2 of 6

Position after 9.0-0 (From p. 2)



Position after 19.Bxe7 (From p. 2)



(Cont. from p.2) 22.Bxa4 Qd6 23.Re5 [23.Qd3 Nd5=] 23...Rdc8 [23...Qxe5! 24.dxe5 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rc8] 24.c4 Nc6 25.c5 [This push gains space] 25...Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Nxd4 27.c6 [A strong pawn] 27...f6 28.Re3 [28.Re4 e5 29.f4 Rab8=] 28...Rc7 29.Kf1[D]

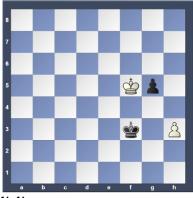


29...Kf7 30.Ke1 e5 31.f4 exf4 32.Re4 Re8 33.Rxe8 Kxe8 34.Rc5 Ke7 35.Rxa5 Kd6 36.Ra8 Nxc6 37.Bxc6 Kxc6 [37...Rxc6 38.Re8] 38.Kf2 Kd6 39.Re8 Re7 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) 40.Rxe7? [40.Rb8 Ke5 41.Kf3] 40...Kxe7 41.Kf3 g5 42.Kg4 Ke6 43.Kh5 Kf5 44.h3 Ke4 45.Kxh6 f3 [Better is 45...Ke3 ends the debate.] 46.gxf3+ Kxf3 47.Kg6 f5 48.Kxf5



½-½ Round: 4

Submitted by Mike & Tony with selected Fritz comments [shown thus-ly].

White: Michael O`Gara (1614) Black: Anthony Durkin (1751) Date: 10/9/2015

[D15: Slav Defense: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.e3 Bg4 8.Be2 [D]



8...Ne4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 [Instead of 11.Kxe2 Qd5 12.Bf4 Qb5+ 13.Ke1 e5 (13...Qxb2?! 14.Qb1 Qc3 15.Qxb7=) 14.Bxe5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Rd81 **11...Qd5 12.Bf4 Nb4** [Better is 12...e5!? and Black is still in the game 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Rd8=1 13.0-0 Nd3 [Black can be proud of that piece.] [An ideal square for the black knight.] 14.Bg3 f5 15.h3 [Better is 15.b3!?] Rc8 [15...Nxb2? doesn't lead to anything significant 16.Nxe4 Discovered attack: d2. e2-b2 16...Na4 17.Ng5] **16.Nb3 e6** 17.Nc1 Nb4 18.a3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 18.a3 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 18...Nc6
19.Qc2 Be7 20.Ne2 g5 21.Nc3
Qd8? [21...Qd7 22.Na4 Nd8 23.Qd1]
22.Qe2 [Better is 22.Qb3 and the scales tip in favor of White 22...Qd7
23.Na4] 22...h5 23.Rad1 Bd6?
[Better is 23...h4 and Black can hope to survive 24.Bh2 Bd6] 24.d5 Ne5
25.Bxe5 [Better is 25.dxe6!? Qe7
26.Nb5 Bb8] 25...Bxe5 26.dxe6
Qe7 27.Rd7 Qxe6 28.Rxb7 h4?
[Better is 28...g4!? 29.Rd1 Rc7
30.Rxc7 Bxc7] 29.Rd1 [D]



29...g4? [29...Rc7 30.Rxc7 Bxc7 31.Qc2] 30.hxg4 fxg4? [30...h3 31.Nd5 Bh2+ 32.Kxh2 hxg2+ 33.Kxg2] 31.Rdd7 [Better is 31.Nd5 makes it even easier for White 31...Rg8 32.Re7+ Qxe7 33.Nxe7 Kxe7 34.Qxa6] 31...Bc7? [Black crumbles in face of a dire situation] 32.Rdxc7 Rxc7 33.Rxc7 Kd8 [33...g3 what else? 34.f4 h3] 34.Ra7 Rh6 35.Qd1+ Ke8 36.Qa4+ Kf8 37.Qxe4 [D]



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(Cont. from p.3) 37...Qxe4 38.Nxe4 Re6 39.Nc5 Rc6 40.Nxa6 [Better is 40.b4 and White has reached his goal 40...a5 41.Rxa5 Rh6] 40...g3 41.fxg3 hxg3 42.Kf1 Rc1+ 43.Ke2 Rc2+ 44.Kf3 [D]



1-0 <u>Round: 4</u>

Submitted by Olin with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Chase Vitulich (Age 11)

(1297)

Black: Olin Mastin (1584)

Date: 10/9/2015

[B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit]
1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3
Nc6 5.Bc4 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Qc2 d6
8.h3 [Black is behind in development]
8...a6 [D]



[White has a very active position] 9.Bf4 b5 10.Bd5 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.Bxc6+? [D]



[Better is 12.Bxf7+ would keep White alive 12...Kxf7 13.Ng5+ Ke8 14.Qb3=]

12...Bxc6 13.e5 Nd7 14.exd6 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 14.exd6 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 14...0-0 [Better is 14...e6 and Black gets the upper hand 15.Kb1 Rc8+] 15.dxe7 Qxe7 [White has an active position.] 16.Bd6 [D]



16...Bh6+ [Better is 16...Qf6 and Black hangs on 17.Bxf8 Rxf8=] 17.Kb1 Qf6 18.Bxf8 Nxf8 19.Rhe1 [D]



19...Bd7?? [Leads to further unpleasantness.] [Better is 19...Bxf3!? 20.gxf3 Qxf3±] 20.Ka1 [Better is 20.Nd5 makes sure everything is clear 20...Qg7 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Rxd7 Nxd7 23.Qc6] 20...Bf5 21.Ne4 Qg7?? [The final mistake, not that it matters anymore.] [21...Qb6 22.Ne5] 22.g4 [Better is 22.Qc6 finishes off the opponent 22...Bxe4 23.Rxe4 (23.Qxe4?! Rc8)]

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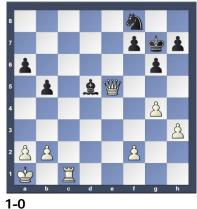
(Cont. from prev. col.) 22...Rc8± 23.Qb3 [D]



23...Be6? [Better is 23...Bxe4 24.Rxe4 Qf6±] 24.Qa3 Rc2 25.Nd4 Rc1+ 26.Rxc1 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 Qxd4 28.Qe3 [D]



28...Qd5?? [28...Qxe3 29.fxe3 f5 30.gxf5 Bxf5] 29.Nf6+! Kg7 30.Nxd5 Bxd5 31.Qe5+ [D]



Round: 4

Submitted by Joe & Eric with their comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Joe Mucerino (2124) Black: Eric Funk (2074)

Date: 10/9/2015

(Eric - Some readers might assume I am implying black still has winning chances at the end.

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(Cont. from p.4) I am making no such claim and no realistic winning chances remain (the win disappeared with my mistake on move 35). I am withdrawing the last section of comments.)

(From Eric:

"Olin.

Below is my game with Joe. The comments and analysis are mine and mine alone (I don't use Fritz, Rybka, etc...)."

[D04: Colle System] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nbd7 5.Nbd2 q6 6.Bd3 Bg7 7.0-0 [D]



8.Qe2 0-0 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 [D]



(Eric - White now gains an active position. 10... cxd4 11.cxd4 Nd5 was more accurate.) 11.Qxe4 cxd4 12.cxd4 (Joe -The isolated gueen pawn is common in this type of position. It helps control the c5 and e5 squares.) [Weaker is 12.Qxe7 dxc3 13.Rb1 Bf6] 12...Nf6 13.Qh4 [White has an active position] 13...Bq4 14.Ne5 Qc8 (Joe - A slight error. Rybka prefers 14...Be6.) [14...Be6 15.b3=] 15.Bh6 Bf5 [D]



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16.Rac1 Qe6 (Eric - Despite the awkward placement of my pieces I might actually be O.K. here. For example, 17.Bc4 Qd6=; 17.Rfe1 Bxd3 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nxd3 Qxa2 20.Rxe7 Qb3=. Joe's next move looks best.) 17.Bxf5 Qxf5 18.Bxq7 Kxq7 **19.Rc7 Nd5** [A comfortable square for the black knight.] 20.Rxb7 Rab8



(Eric - I'm counting on active piece play to equalize.) 21.Rxa7 (Eric - The main alternative 21.Rxb8 Rxb8 22.b3 leaves black active options: 22... Rc8. 22... Qc2, and 22... a5.) **21...Rxb2** 22.Qq4 Qc2? (Joe - Black had to trade queens.) [22...Qxg4 23.Nxg4 Rc8 24.Ne5=1 23.a4? (Joe - Missing 23.Qf3! The idea is to get black's knight to move, so white's rook can capture on e7 and put more pressure on f7. If 23.Qf3 Rxa2 then 24.Rd7 wins the pawn on e7.) [23.Qf3 Rxa2 24.Rd7 Nf6 25.Rxe7 Qb2±] 23...Nc3? (Joe - The computer likes 23...Rb1.) [23...Rb1!? 24.g3 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Ne3+ 26.fxe3 Rb8=1 24.h4? (Joe - More solid is 24.h3, so the pawn is protected. I had ideas of pushing

24...h5 25.Qf3? [D]

the h pawn down the board.)



(Joe - Better is 25.Qg5, again with the idea of attacking e7.) (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev.col.) [Better is 25.Qg5!? must definitely be considered 25...Re8 26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Qxe7 Ne2+ 28.Kh21 25...Ne2+ (Joe -Now the game begins to swing into black's favor.) 26.Kh2 Nxd4 27.Qd3? (Joe - I had an idea, but it had a hole in it. Better is 27.Qd5.) (Eric - Joe tries to force a gueen trade based on some tricky tactics. Better was 27.Qd5.) [27.Qd5 Qd2 28.Qe4= (<28.Rxe7 Qf4+ 29.Kh3 Rb3+ 30.f3 Ne2 31.Qxf7+ Rxf7 32.Rxf7+ Qxf7 33.Nxf7 Kxf7)1 27...Qc5! **28.Rxe7?** [Better is 28.Rd7 Qxe5+



(Joe - This is what I missed. I thought I was either going to capture the rook or have a discovered check.) 29...Rb4 (Eric - This is what Joe missed.) 30.Qc3 Qxh4+ 31.Kg1 Qd4 32.Qc7 Rxa4 33.Nf3 Qf6 34.Ne5 Qe6? (Joe - This returns material. Black is still better, but is no longer winning. 34...Re8 was preferred.) (Eric - The Queen is misplaced here. Keeping it simple with 34... Rfa8 leaves black on top; e.g. 35.Nd7 Qd4 36.Nb6 R8a7.) [Better is 34...Rfa8 and Black has it in the bag 35.Nd7 Qf4 36.Qxf4 Rxf4] **35.Nd7** Rc4? [D]



(Text cont. p6)

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(Cont. from p.5) (Eric - I'm seeing ghosts. I wanted to avoid 35... Rfa8 36.Nc5 Qc4 37.Qe5+. I should have played 35... Re8 36.Nc5 Qc4 37.Qc6 R4a8, holding everything.) 36.Nxf8 Kxf8 37.Qb8+ Kq7 [D]

38.Qb2+ Kh7 39.Rc1 Re4 40.Kf1 h4 41.Qc3 Rf4 42.Re1 Qf5 43.Re2 g5 44.Kg1 [D]



(Joe - Eric offered the draw. The position is difficult to win, because all of the pawns are on the same side of the board, and white's king is in front of the black pawns.)

(Eric - I could have tried for a mating attack with 44... Qb1+ 45.Kh2 Qf1 or played out the rook and pawn ending which results from 44... g4 45.Qc2, but I was no longer in a proper frame of mind. I offered a draw without moving.)

(Olin - Note: Eric has withdrawn the preceding comment as mentioned in his comment at the beginning of the game.) 1/2-1/2

Round: 5

Submitted by copy of score sheet with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: George Murphy (1332) Black: Dave Hamalian (1526)

Date: 10/16/2015

[Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Be7: Early deviations] 1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.) **Position after 7.Bd3** (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 7...dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0 a6 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.a3 c5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ne4 Be7 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.b4 Bd6 18.Qe2 0-0 [D]



19.Rc2 [19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qd3+ Kg8 22.Qxd6 Bxf3 23.gxf3 Rd8=] 19...Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Bxf3 21.Bxh7+? [Better is 21.gxf3 saving the game 21...Qg5+ 22.Kh1] 21...Kh8 22.g3 [22.gxf3 otherwise it's curtains at once 22...Qg5+ 23.Kh1] 22...f5 [D]



[22...f5 23.Bg6 Rf6] **0-1**

This concludes this issue. More games from the Membership Drive to follow in "En Passant - Fall 2015, Part 4."

Blank space can be used for notes. Not enough room to post another game.

Other places to play chess:

The below are for offhand non-rated games (clocks optional). Bring chess set.

Monday evenings about 6:00 to 10:00 PM, "Starbucks," 10 North Main Street, Doylestown

<u>Tuesday mornings</u> 9:30 AM to Noon at the Pennridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale. Located on route 113 near route 152

Wednesday evenings 7:30 to 10:00 PM, "Christ Reformed Church at Indian Creek" located at 171 Church Road (intersection with Cowpath Road), Telford, PA.

Allentown Center City Chess Club

Offer (from Eric C. Johnson): "For any of our events -- If three or more Lansdale players carpool together – the designated driver plays for free!"

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