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## Newsletter of the North Penn Chess Club of Lansdale, PA - Summer 2015, Part 1

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This issue will feature games played in the March Swiss following completion of the Winter Robin.

This round of newsletters is going directly from winter to summer omitting spring!

The purpose behind these newsletters is to include as many games as possible played among NPCC members 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 March Swiss Tournament:

#### Round: 1

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

White: Craig Gerland (1498) Black: Ira Siegel (947) Date: 3/13/2015

[D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4] 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3



5...Be7 6.h3 h6 7.Bf4 c6 8.b4 0-0 9.a4 b6 10.e3 [10.a5 bxc5 11.bxc5=] 10...Na6? [Throwing away the advantage] [Better is 10...a5!? 11.b5 bxc5 12.dxc5 Bxc5] 11.Qb3 Bb7 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 12.Ne5 Ne4? [D]



[Better is 12...Qc8] 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Be2? [There were better ways to keep up the pressure] [14.Bxa6 and White can already relax 14...Bxa6 15.Nxc6 Qd7 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7] 14...b5? [Causes even greater problems] [Better is 14...Nc7] 15.axb5 cxb5 16.Bxb5 Nc7 17.Ba4 Qd5 18.Nxf7! [D]



[Discovered attack: e5, f4-c7] **18...Qxb3?** [18...Rxf7 19.Bxc7 Discovered attack; 18...Kxf7 19.Bxc7 Discovered attack: with the idea 18...-- 19.Nxh6+ Threat 19...gxh6 (19...Kh7 20.Bxc7 Zwischenzug; 19...Kh8 20.Bxc7 Zwischenzug) 20.Bxc7 Zwischenzug] 19.Nxh6+ [Better is 19.Bxb3 and White has it in the bag 19...Bd5 20.Bxc7 Bxb3 21.Ne5] 19...qxh6 20.Bxb3 Bq5? [Better is 20...Bd5= was much betterl 21.Bxc7 **Rf7** [21...Kf7 is one last hope 22.b5 a6] **22.Bxe6 Rc8** [22...Bc6 does not solve anything 23.Bf4 Be7 24.Bxh6] 23.Bxf7+ [D] (Next col.) 23...Kxf7 24.Be5 Bf6

25.Rxa7 Ra8 26.Rxb7+ Ke6

**27.0-0 Kd5** (*Text cont. next col.*)

**Position after 23.Bxf7+** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev.col.) 28.Bxf6 [D]



## 1-0 Round: 1

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

White: Harry Hartman (923) Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 3/13/2015

[B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6] 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bxf7+? [D]



(Olin – A dubious sacrifice on the part of my opponent) [6.d3= was much better.]

(Text cont.p.2)

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(Cont. from p.1) 6...Kxf7-+ 7.Ng5+ Ke8 8.Qf3 [8.d3 Nf6] 8...Nf6 9.Qe2 Nd4 10.Qd3 [D]



10...h6 [10...Ng4!? keeps an even firmer grip 11.f4 e5 12.Nf3 exf4 13.Nb5] 11.Nf3 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Be6 13.h3 Bf7 [13...Rf8 seems even better 14.d3] 14.Re1 [14.e5 dxe5 15.Qxb7 Nd5] 14...Qd7 15.e5 dxe5 16.Rxe5 Qd6 [Better is 16...Rd8!?] 17.Qxb7 [D]



17...Qxe5 [17...Rd8!? 18.Re2 a6 19.d3] 18.Qxa8+ Kd7 19.Qxa7+ Qc7 20.Qa4+ Qc6 [D]



21.Nb5? [Causes further problems for White] [21.d3 Ra8 22.Qf4 g5] 21...Nd5 [Better is 21...Ra8 finishes off the opponent 22.Qf4 Qxb5 23.d3] 22.Qg4+? [22.Qa7+ Nc7 23.Nxc7 Qxc7 24.Qa4+ Qc6 25.Qg4+ Be6] 22...e6 [Better is 22...Be6 makes sure everything is clear 23.Qc4 Nb4] 23.c4 Nf6 [Better is 23...g5!? 24.d3 Nb4] 24.Qe2 Qe4 [D] (Next col.) 25.Nc3? [Better is 25.Qf1 and White has air to breath] 25...Qxe2 26.Nxe2 Rb8 27.d4 [27.b3 Nh5 28.Rb1 g5] (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 24...Qe4 (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 27...cxd4 [Better is 27...Ne4 28.dxc5 g5] 28.Rb1? [Better is 28.Nxd4 e5 29.Nf3] 28...e5 29.b3[D]



29...g5 30.g4 Bg6 31.Rb2 d3 32.Nc3 e4 33.Na4 Ne8 [Better is 33...h5 makes it even easier for Black 34.gxh5 Nxh5 35.Bxg5 Bxb2 36.Nxb2 Rf8] 34.Nc5+ Kc6 35.Na4 Bxb2 36.Bxb2 Ra8 [D]



[Better is 36...d2 and the rest is a matter of technique 37.Nc3 Ra8 38.Nd1 Rxa2 39.Be5] 37.Kf1 Nc7 [37...Nd6!? and Black can already relax 38.Bg7 e3 39.fxe3 Nxc4 40.Nc3 Nxe3+ 41.Kf2] 38.Ke1 Ne6 39.Be5 Nf4 40.Kd2 Nxh3 41.Kc3 [41.Bd4 otherwise it's curtains at once 41...Ng1 42.Kd1] 41...Nxf2 42.c5 Nxg4 43.Kb4 Nxe5 44.a3 e3 45.Nb6 e2! [Mate attack] 46.Nxa8 e1Q+ 47.Ka4 Be8 48.b4 Kb7+ [48...Qd1+ 49.Ka5 Nc4+ 50.Ka6 Qa4#] 49.Ka5 Nc4# [D] (Next col.)

Position after 49...Nc4# (From prev. col.)



0-1 Round: 2

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

White: Olin Mastin (1500) Black: Robert Kampia (1757)

Date: 3/27/2015

[C44: Ponziani Opening and Scotch Gambit] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 h6 4.g3 Bc5 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nbd2 a6N 8.Nc4 [D]



8...d6 9.Be3 b5 10.Bxc5 bxc4 11.Be3 Be6 12.h3 Rb8 13.Qc1 Qd7 14.Kh2 Ne7 15.Bd2 Rfc8 16.Re1 cxd3 17.cxd3 Qb5 [D]



18.Bxh6? [Better is 18.d4= would allow White to play on 18...exd4]
18...gxh6 19.Qxh6 Nh7 20.Ng5
Nxg5 21.Qxg5+ Kf8 [D] (p.3)
22.h4? [Better is 22.b3 Qxd3
23.Rad1] 22...Qxb2 [22...Qxd3?!
23.Rad1 Qb5 24.b3] 23.Rf1 Qd4
24.Bh3 Bxh3 25.Kxh3 Rb2
(Text cont. p.3)

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#### Position after 21... Kf8 (From p.2)



(Cont. from p.2) **26.f4** [26.Qh6+ what else? 26...Ke8 27.Qe3] **26...Qxd3 27.fxe5 Qxe4** [D]



28.Rxf7+?! [28.Rae1 there is nothing else anyway 28...Qg2+ 29.Kg4-+ Rb4+]
28...Kxf7 29.Rf1+ Ke8 30.Qh5+ Kd7
31.Qf7 Qg2+ 32.Kg4 Rb4+ 33.Kg5
Qxg3+ [D]



[33...Qxg3+ 34.Kh6 Rxh4+ 35.Qh5 Rh8#] **0-1** 

# Round: 2

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

White: Don Funk (1677) Black: Craig Gerland (1498) Date: 3/27/2015

[A45: Trompowsky Attack] 1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.Nd2 Nc6 5.f4 Nb4 [D] (Next col.) 6.Ngf3 Nxd3+ 7.cxd3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Nd5 10.Nc4 c5 11.Bd2 cxd4 12.exd4 Bg4 13.h3? [13.Kh1!?]

13...Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxd4+ [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 5...Nb4 (From prev. col.)



Position after 14...Bxd4+ (From prev. col.)



15.Kh1 Bxa1 16.Rxa1 e6 17.g4 [17.a4 Rc8] 17...b5 18.Ne3 Nxe3 19.Bxe3 Qf6 20.Rd1 Rfc8 21.g5 Qd8 22.Rd2 Qd7 23.Kg2 Qc6 24.Qe4 [D]



24...Qxe4+ 25.dxe4 Rc6 26.Kf3 a6 27.Bd4 Rac8 28.Rd3 Kf8 29.h4 b4 30.Bf6 Ke8 31.Ke2 [31.Rd2 doesn't improve anything 31...a5] **31...R8c7** [31...Rc2+ and Black can already relax 32.Kd1 Rc1+ 33.Kd2 R8c2+ 34.Ke3] **32.Rd2 Rc2** 33.Kd3 Rxd2+ 34.Kxd2 Kd7 35.Bd4 [D] (Next col.) 35...Rb7 **36.Kd3 d5 37.e5** [37.exd5 does not solve anything 37...exd5 38.Be3 Rc7 37...Kc6 38.Be3 Rb5 **39.Kc2** [39.Bd2 does not save the day 39...a5 40.Be3 Rb81 39...Ra5 40.Kb2 Rc5! [D] (Next col.) **41.Bd4** (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 35.Bd4** (From prev.col.)



**Position after 40...Rc5!** (From prev.col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) [41.Bxc5 Kxc5 Combination] 41...a5 42.Kb1 Rb5 43.Kc2 Rb7 44.Kb2 Kb5 45.a4+ bxa3+ 46.Kxa3 Rc7 47.Kb2 a4 48.bxa4+ [D]



[48.Ka3 desperation 48...axb3 49.Kxb3] 48...Kxa4 49.Bc3 Rc4 50.Bd2 Kb5 51.Kb3 Kc5 52.Be3+ d4 53.Bd2 Kd5 54.Be1 Rc3+ [D] (p.4) [54...Rc3+ 55.Bxc3 dxc3 56.Kxc3 Ke4] 0-1

#### Round: 3

Submitted by Olin as copied from score sheet with my comments and selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Michael O`Gara

(1660)

Black: Eric Funk (2050) Date: 4/10/2015

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Position after 54...Rc3+ (From p.3)



(Cont. from p.3) [A52: Budapest Gambit] 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Qe7 [D]



[e5 becomes the focus of attention] 7.e3
Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.a3 Bxd2+
10.Qxd2 d6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Bd7
13.b3 Bc6 14.Bd1 Ng6 15.Bg3 Rae8
[D]



16.Re1 Nh4 17.f3 Nf5 18.Bc2 Nxg3 19.hxq3 Qq5 20.Kf2 Re6 21.Rh1 f5 22.b4 Rfe8 23.Rae1 b6 24.Qd4 [D] (Next col.) [White plans c5] 24...Qf6 25.c5 dxc5 26.bxc5 Rd8 [D] (Next col.) 27.Qh4 Rd2+ 28.Re2 Rxe2+ 29.Kxe2 Bb5+ 30.Kd2 Qxh4 31.gxh4 Re5 32.Bb3+ Kf8 33.cxb6 axb6 34.a4 Bd7 35.Re1 Ra5 [D] (Next col.) [Attacks the isolani on a4] 36.e4 Bxa4 37.Bxa4 Rxa4 38.exf5 Rxh4 [A rook endgame occurred] 39.Rc1 c5 40.Rb1 [40.Ke3 Rd4] **40...Rh6** [40...Rb4!? 41.Rg1 Kf7] 41.Ke3 Rd6 42.Ra1 c4 43.Ra7 Rc6 44.Kd2 c3+ 45.Kc2 h5 [D] (Next col.) (Text cont. next col.)

Position after 24.Qd4 (From prev.col.)



**Position after 26...Rd8** (From prev.col.)



**Position after 35...Ra5** (From prev.col.)



Position after 45...h5 (From prev.col.)



46.g4 h4 [Black has a new passed pawn: h4] 47.Ra1? [Better is 47.g5 is a viable option] 47...b5 48.Rh1? [Better is 48.Ra8+ Ke7 49.g5] 48...b4 (Text cont. next col.)

(Cont. from prev. col.) 49.Rxh4 Rc4 [Better is 49...b3+ and Black wins 50.Kxb3 c2] 50.Rh8+ Kf7 51.g5? [51.Rb8 Kf6=] 51...Rf4 [Better is 51...b3+ and Black has prevailed 52.Kxb3 c2 53.g6+ Ke7 54.Kxc4 c1Q+ 55.Kd3 Qb1+ 56.Ke3 Qxf5] 52.Rb8 Rxf5 53.Rxb4 [D]



53...Rxf3 54.Rb6 Rg3 55.Rc6 Rxg5 56.Rxc3? [Better is 56.Kxc3!? must be considered 56...Rd5 57.Rb6] 56...Rd5 57.Rc6 g6 58.Rb6 Kg7 59.Rb1 Kf6 60.Rf1+ [D]



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**NOTE:** Both players had stopped keeping score due to time pressure. The best I could do was to reconstruct the last few moves from information from Mike and Eric. Mike wrote in an email in which he attached a "pgn" file: "I don't have the finishing moves." but all my drawing chances were gone by the end of this file." All I know is that Eric definitely won, but I do not necessarily see how from this position. This position looks drawn. It looks like White can keep Black in a perpetual check pattern. Therefore, I do not think the final position shown as I have it can be the actual final position. I conclude some of the previous few moves as recorded (at least by me) are not the actual moves made in the game. Nevertheless, I wanted to keep this game in the newsletter because up to this point it was a very interesting game.

#### Round: 3

Submitted by Olin from copy of game score with selected Fritz comments [shown thusly].

White: Dr. Arthur Martella

(1087)

Black: Don Funk (1677)

Date: 4/10/2015

[A45: Trompowsky Attack] 1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nd2 Bg7 5.f4 c5 6.Ngf3 [D]



6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.N2f3 Qb6 10.a4 Nxd4 11.exd4 Bg4 12.c3 e5 13.fxe5 dxe5 14.Qe1 Rfe8? [Better is 14...Bxf3 15.a5 Qc6 16.Rxf3 e4 17.Rxf6 Qxf6] 15.Ng5? [Releasing the pressure on the opponent] [15.Nxe5 Nd7 16.Nxd7 (16.Nxg4?! Rxe1 17.Rxe1 Qd6=) 16...Bxd7 17.Qf2] 15...exd4 16.Qh4? [16.Qf2 h6 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.a5] 16...dxc3+ 17.Kh1 h5 18.bxc3 [D]



18...Be2 19.Bxe2 Rxe2 20.Qc4 Re7 21.Ba3 Qc7 22.Qb3 Re3 [Forfeits the clear win] [22...Ng4 seems even better 23.Nf3 Re3 24.Qa2] 23.Bb2? [23.Bc5 Re2 24.Rf3] 23...Rae8 24.Qa2 Re2 25.Rad1 R8e7 [Better is 25...Ng4 and Black can already relax 26.Qxf7+ Qxf7 27.Nxf7 Nf2+ 28.Rxf2 Rxf2 29.Nd6] 26.Qb3 [D] (Next col.) 26...Qc6 [Better is 26...Ng4 keeps an even firmer grip 27.Nf3 Rf2] 27.Rg1 [27.Rd8+ Ne8 28.Nf3] Ng4 28.Rd8+ Bf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Ba3 Nf2#! [D] (Next col.)

**Position after 26.Qb3** (From prev. col.)



Position after 30...Nf2#! (From prev. col.)



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### Round: 3

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

White: Bob (Kampia 1757) Black: Craig Gerland (1498)

Date: 4/10/2015

[B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6] 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 d6 7.h3 a6 8.a3 [D]



8...Nd4 9.Nh2 b5 10.Ba2 Bb7
11.Re1 Rc8 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Qd2
b4 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4
16.Nd1 Qb6 17.Nf3 Bf6 18.Bb3
Nc5 19.Bc4 Nxe4 20.Bxf7+ [D]
(Next col.) 20...Kxf7 21.dxe4 Qc5
22.Rc1 a5 23.c4 Kg7 24.Qe3?
[Better is 24.b3 and White could well hope to play on] (Text cont. next col.)

**Position after 20.Bxf7+** (From prev. col.)



(Cont. from prev. col.) 24...Qxe3 25.Rxe3 [25.Nxe3?? Bxb2 26.Rc2 Bc3] 25...Rc5 26.h4 [26.b3 Ra8] 26...h6 27.g3 g5 28.hxg5? [Better is 28.b3] 28...hxg5 29.g4 a4 30.Nd2 Be5 31.Re2 Bf4 [31...Bc8!? might be the shorter path 32.f3 Be6 33.Rc2] 32.Ne3 e6 33.f3 Rh3 34.Rf1 Rc8 35.Rff2 Rch8 36.Ndf1 a3 [36...Kf6 37.Kg2 Ba6] 37.bxa3 bxa3 38.Nd1 Ba6 39.Rc2 a2! [D]



[Deflection: c4] 40.Rxa2 Bxc4 41.Ra7+ Kf6 42.Nde3 Rh1+ 43.Kg2 Bxe3 [Better is 43...R8h2+ and Black wins 44.Nxh2 Rxh2+ 45.Kg1 Bxe3 46.Kxh2 Bxa7] 44.Nxe3 R8h2+ 45.Kg3 Rh3+ 46.Kg2 R1h2+ [Better is 46...Be2!] 47.Kg1 Bf1? [Ruins a very nice position] [Better is 47...Rxf2 is the best chance 48.Kxf2 Bd3=] 48.Rxh2 Rxh2 49.Kxh2 [D]



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#### Round: 3

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

White: Charles Siniari (1209) Black: Olin Mastin (1500)

Date: 4/10/2015

[B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6] 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.d3 a6 6.0-0 b5 7.Bb3 [D]



7...Bb7 8.Re1 d6 9.Bf4 Nf6 10.e5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Rxe5 Nd7 13.Re2 0-0 14.Qd2 e6 15.Bh6 Re8 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ne4 Qc7 18.Re3 Rad8 19.Rh3 [D]



19...h5 20.Qg5? [White lets it slip away] [Better is 20.Rxh5 gxh5 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qxh5+ Kg8 23.Qg5+ Kh7 24.Qh4+ Kg7 25.Qg5+ Kf8 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Qh4+ Kg8 29.Qg5] 20...Qe5? [Throws away the game] [Better is 20...Bxe4 secures the point 21.dxe4 f6] 21.Re1? [Throwing away the advantage] [Better is 21.Qxe5+ Nxe5 22.Nxc5] 21...Bxe4 22.Qxe5+ Nxe5 23.Rxe4 c4 [D]



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(Cont. from prev. col.) (Olin - This was not the best move. Have to see what Fritz suggests). [Fritz: Better is 23...Nc6!? would keep Black in the game 24.c3 c4 25.dxc4 Rd2 26.cxb5 axb5] 24.Rxe5 cxb3 25.axb3 Rc8 26.c3 f6 27.Ree3 e5 28.Reg3 Rh8 29.Re3 Rce8 [D]



(Olin - I think I should have played 29...Rhe8.) **30.Re4 f5 31.Re1 Kf6** [Better is 31...f4!? has some apparent merit] **32.Rhe3 Re6 33.d4 Rhe8 34.d5** [34.dxe5+!? Rxe5 35.Rxe5 Rxe5 36.Rxe5 Kxe5 37.Kf1] **34...Rd6 35.c4 g5 36.f3 h4 37.Rd1 Rc8 38.Rc3 Rc5** [D]



39.b4? [Not a good decision, because now the opponent is right back in the game] [Better is 39.Ra1]
39...Rxc4 40.Rxc4 bxc4 41.Kf2
f4 42.Ke2 Kf5 43.Rc1 Rxd5
44.Rxc4 Rb5 45.Kd3 [45.h3 Rd5]
45...Rd5+ 46.Kc3?? [Gives the opponent new chances] [Better is 46.Ke2= had to be tried to avoid defeat]46...Rd1 47.h3 Rg1
48.Rc6?? [D]



(Text cont. next col.)

(Olin - Charles blundered here big time!) [48.Kd3 is still a small chance 48...Rxg2 49.Rc8] 48...Rc1+! 49.Kb3 Rxc6 50.Ka4 Rc2 51.Kb3 Rxg2 52.Kc4 Rxb2 53.Kc3 Rf2 54.Kc4 Rxf3 55.Kc5 Rb3 56.Kc4 Rxh3 57.Kc5 Rc3+ [D]



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This concludes this issue. I have to keep the final size of the "pdf" file below 2MB or the file will not upload.

#### Other places to play chess: The below are for friendly off

hand non-rated games (clocks optional). Bring chess set.

Monday evenings about 6:00 to 10:00 PM, "Starbucks", 10 North Main Street, Doylestown, PA Tuesday mornings 9:30 AM to Noon at the Pennridge Community Senior Center in Silverdale, PA. 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. (Note: Suspended for the summer. Announcement will be issued when it reopens.

<u>Daily, Monday thru Friday</u> 8 to 4, Encore Experiences, (Senior Center), 312 Alumni Avenue, Harleysville, PA

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