



**The Check Is in the Mail  
November 2009**

**2002 GOLDEN KNIGHTS  
CHAMPIONSHIP ENDS**



Chuck Cullum has won the 2002 Golden Knights. Chuck was born on 17 July 1944 and raised a proud Dorchester boy. Married for the last eight years to a beautiful southern belle, father to three grown children and five grandkids, Chuck has enough businesses and hobbies to keep him very busy – with just enough time for CC play. Chuck states that his approach to CC seems to echo that of Burton, Duliba, O’Connell and others – take your time! Study! Use the books and databases, set up the position on the board and move the pieces around! And above all, leave

it alone if you are preoccupied with other matters!

Chuck avoids OTB tournament play as it reminds him too much of what his normal life is like: hectic, fast-paced, constantly dealing with distractions and sometimes annoying people.

**2002 STANDINGS:**

Chuck Cullum	41.70
R, Scott Ireland	39.55
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Donald Schultheis	39.50
Donald Schultheis	39.10
Donald Schultheis	38.50
John Hillery	37.50
Laurence Bonsack	37.25
Bleys Rose	35.05
Brad Lundstrom	34.95
Michael Buss	33.90
Paul Albanesi	32.40
Corky Schakel	32.35
Robert Miehm	31.75
Gerald Weiner	31.60
Preston Polasek	30.45
William Jemty	29.50
Walter Brower	29.40
Gary Adams	28.90
William Jemty	28.90
Robert Miehm	27.80
Wes Hopkins	27.25
Norman Furse	26.15
Richard McLaughlin	26.15
William Jemty	26.00
David Porter	25.55
Paul Kolis	25.50
A. J. Zeppa	25.05
Guido Stueber	24.55
Donald Cotton	19.40
William Jemty	18.15
Ronald Comstock	17.15
James Fisher	17.00
David Lay	16.65
Gerard Van Deene	13.80

## GAME OF THE MONTH

The technique of good correspondence chess lies in playing good moves –  
Graham Mitchell

### MODERN DEFENSE (E90)

White: Chuck Cullum (2416)

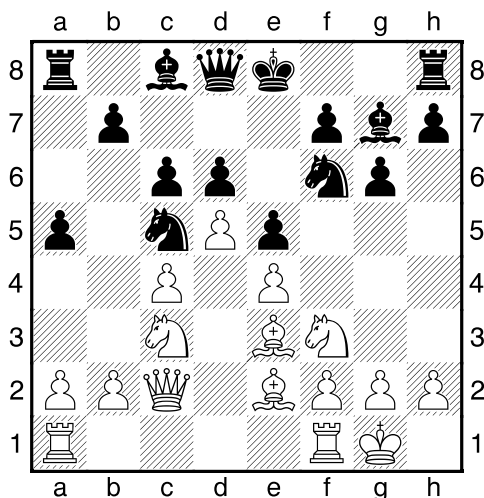
Black: Preston Polasek (2237)

2002 Golden Knights Final

1.d4 c6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nbd7  
5.e4 e5 6.Be2 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.d5

8.Re1 0-0 9.Bf1 a5 10.dxe5 Vostrotin-  
Koehs, ICCF email 2003 drawn shortly]

8...Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be3



10...Qc7?

A natural move, but a careless one. White now wins a Pawn after which it is a “matter of technique”. Black can afford to castle, after which if White tries to win the e-Pawn, Black will play ...Re8 regaining the button.

11.Nxe5! Nfxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Nxc6  
Nc5 14.Nd4 0-0

White has pocketed a free Pawn and has a winning edge. Now White sets his sight for the d6 Pawn.

15.Nb5 Qb6 16.Bf4 Bf5 17.Qd2 Ne4  
18.Qe3!

With the Queens off the board it only gets easier for White.

18...Qxe3 19.fxe3 Bxb2 20.Rab1 Be5  
21.Bd3!

Now Black has to face the threat of g4 as well as 22. Bxe4 Bxe4 23. Nxd6. Faced with these threats, Black does best to take the offered exchange.

21...Nd2 22.Bxf5 Nxf1 23.Kxf1

Also good for White was 23. Bd3 Bxf4 24. exf4 Ne3 25. Nxd6 but this is simpler.

23...Bxf4 24.exf4 gxf5 25.Nxd6

Two passed Pawns in the center, two unguarded Pawns under attack, an active Rook and a handsome Knight -- what more would White want for the exchange ?

25...Rfd8 26.c5 Ra6 27.Nxf5 Rf6  
28.Ne7+ Kf8 29.Rxb7 Rxf4+ 30.Kg1  
1-0

The simplest win is 30...Re8 31. d6 Rd4 32. h3! a4 33. Nf5 and the Pawns will advance.

## US TENTH in 15 OLYMPIAD

The US team consisting of Daniel Fleetwood, Jason Bokar, Tim Murray, Joseph DeMauro, Gary Kubach, and Stephen Jones finished in eleventh place in the 15 Olympiad Final. The US was led by three Grandmasters and three Senior IMs against a tough field. Norway, led by World Champion Ivar Bern, finished first, Germany, led by Hans-Marcus Elwert, runner-up in the 18<sup>th</sup> World Championship, second, and the Netherlands, by former World Champion Joop van Oosterom, third. Special mention should be made of GM Daniel Fleetwood who finished with an even score at top board. The bright spot for the US, however, was the performance by GM Jason Bokar, scoring 8-5. Among his opponents Jason had to face XV World Champion Gert Timmerman with whom he tied for second but took the bronze on tie breaks.

### 15 Olympiad Final Standings

1. Norway	48-30
2. Germany	47-31
3. Netherlands	46 ½-31 ½
4. Portugal	43 ½-34 ½
5. Russia	42 ½-35 ½
6. Slovenia	41 ½-36 ½
7. Estonia	39 ½-38 ½
8. Austria	38-40
9. Lithuania	37-41

10. Ireland	36-42
11. United States	34 ½-43 ½
12. Latvia	34-44
13. Kazakstan	30-48
14. Poland	28-50

Defense is the hardest. Here Bokar defends and defends until his Polish opponent finally collapses from exhaustion.



### GRUNFELD DEFENSE (D)

**White:SM Krystof Wiacek (2528)**

**Black:GM Jason Bokar (2571)**

**ICCF Olympiad 15 Final ICCF 2006**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7  
5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxc3 7.Nxc3 e6  
8.Qd2 exd5 9.Qe3+ Kf8 10.Qf4 Bf6  
11.h4 h6 12.Nf3 Kg7 13.0-0-0 Be6  
14.g4 c5 15.e4 cxd4 16.Nxd4 Bxd4  
17.Rxd4 Nc6 18.Rxd5 Bxd5 19.exd5  
Nb8 20.Rh3 Qf6 21.Qd2 Nd7 22.f4 Qb6  
23.Rg3 Rad8 24.h5 gxh5 25.Na4 Qc7+  
26.Kb1 Nf6 27.g5 hxg5 28.Rxg5+ Kf8  
29.Qd4 Rh6 30.a3 h4 31.Bh3 b6 32.b4  
Rg6 33.Nc3 Rxg5 34.fxg5 Ng8 35.g6 f6  
36.Bf5 Qe5 37.g7+ Kxg7 38.Qg4+ Kf8  
39.Be6 Qg3 40.Qh5 Kg7 41.Qf7+ Kh6  
42.Bf5 Qg7 0-1

## OCTOBER RESULTS

### Swift Quad

Jaun Le Roux 09SQ07 5 ½-½

### John Collins

Michael Hensley 07C46 5 ½-½  
David McCann 08C12 5 ½-½  
Thomas Everson 07C23 5 ½-½  
Louis Biasotti 08C05 4 ½-1 ½  
Stephen Fairbairn 08C05 4 ½-1 ½  
Greg Whitlock 08C38 5 ½-½

### Walter Muir

Thomas Hullsiek 09W24 6-0  
James Sawaski 08W44 5-1  
Souvik Roychoudhury 08W44 5-1  
Wade Reaves 08W49 5 ½-½  
Sandip Chattopadhyay 09W14 5 ½-½

### Trophy Quad

Ken Koeplin 07Q08 5-1

### Palciauskas Tournament

Jeffrey Baffo 08P03 5 ½-½

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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## CALL FOR MINIATURE GAMES !

December will be the month for our usual miniature games presentation. If you have won (or lost) (or drawn!) an

interesting, amusing, instructive, agonizing, surprising, original or slashing correspondence game of 20 moves or under, please send it to me for possible publication in the December issue.

**If you like chess jokes, you can find more at [www.chess.com](http://www.chess.com)**

Two chess players are playing a correspondence game. White lives at the South Pole, and Black lives at the North Pole. The postal service is rather slow and play proceeds at the rate of one move per year. After 22 years of play, white makes a daring queen sacrifice, the consequences of which are by no means clear. A year later, as he sees the postman returning, he is very excited. He thinks "Will Black take my Queen ?" "Is the sacrifice sound ?"

He tears open the reply and sees, "Jadoube".

## 50-MOVE RULE IN ICCF PLAY

As computer strength increased, certain positions (such as R+B vs. R and Q vs. 2 B's endgames, among others) were found to have solutions that would exceed the 50-move rule. These positions are recorded now in Nalimov Endgame Databases and are available for free online. OTB play continues to uphold the 50-move rule. An argument has been proposed in ICCF play (to be decided upon in the 2010 ICCF Congress in Turkey by the Rules Commission). The argument is made that CC being more scientific and practical, the OTB oriented 50-move rule contradicts the basic correspondence chess approach, supposing an artificial restriction to the mathematical solution of a problem. What do the USCF readers think ?

## Obituaries

### Ralph J. Bos

Ralph Bos of Seal Beach, California, born on Valentine's Day 1931, died on 2 October 2009. Ralph was an active member of USCF CC play.

#### SICILIAN DEFENSE (B40)

**White: Ralph Bos (1715)**

**Black: Michael Franco (1552)**

#### 2004 Golden Knights

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.a3 Ne7 4.Bc4 d5  
5.exd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Nb6 7.Ba2 N8d7  
8.d3 Be7 9.Bf4 Nd5 10.Bg3 N7f6  
11.Nbd2 Nh5 12.Re1 Nxc3 13.fxg3 e5  
14.Nxe5 Be6 15.Qf3 0-0 16.c4 f6  
17.Nc6 bxc6 18.Rxe6 Nb6 19.Re2 Qd4+  
20.Kh1 Qd7 21.Rd1 Na4 22.Ne4 f5  
23.Nc3 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Kh8 25.Bb3 Bf6  
26.Rc2 Rfe8 27.h4 Re6 28.Kh2 Re5  
29.Ba4 f4 30.Bxc6 fxg3+ 31.Kg1 Qe6  
32.Bxa8 Re1+ 33.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 34.Qf1  
Qe3+ 35.Kh1 Qh6 36.Qf5 Qxh4+  
37.Qh3 Qf4 38.Qc8+ 1-0

### ShozDijji ShisInday

ShozDijji ShisInday born 8/30/55 died on August 29, 2009 on Texas' Death Row where he had been imprisoned for twenty-seven years. ShozDijji, born Danny Thomas, claimed to be of Master strength, but this is the only game (fragment) I have of his play. He died before making his fifth move.



#### GROB ATTACK (A00)

**White: ShozDijji ShisInday**

**Black: Alex Dunne**

#### Postal 2009

1. g4 d5 2. h3 e5 3. Bg2 Nc6 4. d3 Bc5  
0-1

R. Scott Ireland, second place finisher in the 2002 Golden Knights is a photographer and a member of the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior. His website has some outstanding astronomy and volcano photos..

His chess may not be quite as fiery, but in the following game he makes it plenty hot for A. J. Zeppa.

You can view Scott's nature photos at [www.rsiphotos.com](http://www.rsiphotos.com)



**BOGO-INDIAN DEFENSE (E11)****White: R. Scott Ireland (2195)****Black: A. J. Zeppa (2092)****2002 Golden Knights Final**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7  
 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d5 7.0-0 Rd8 8.Qc2 Nc6  
 9.Rd1 dxc4 10.Qxc4 e5 11.dxe5 Ng4  
 12.Nc3 Ncxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Qe4 f5  
 15.Qf4 Bd6 16.Nb5 Nf7 17.Nxd6 Nxd6  
 18.Bb4 a5 19.Ba3 Qxe2 20.Re1 Qg4  
 21.Bd5+ Kh8 22.Bxd6 Qg6 23.Rac1  
 Qxd6 24.Qxd6 cxd6 25.Rc7 a4 26.Ree7  
 Ra5 27.Bxb7 Bxb7 28.Rxb7 Rg8 29.b4  
 axb3 30.axb3 d5 31.Red7 Ra1+ 32.Kg2  
 Rd1 33.b4 d4 34.b5 d3 35.Kf3 h5 36.b6  
 Kh7 37.h4 Rd2 38.Ke3 Rd1 39.Rbc7 f4+  
 40.gxf4 Re8+ 41.Kf3 d2 42.Rxg7+ Kh8  
 43.Rh7+ Kg8 44.Rcg7+ Kf8 45.Rd7  
 Kg8 46.Rxh5 Rb1 47.Rxd2 Rb3+  
 48.Kg4 Rxb6 49.Rg5+ Kf8 50.Rdd5  
 Reb8 51.Rdf5+ Ke7 52.Rg7+ 1-0

Donald Schultheis of Baltimore, MD,  
 finished third in the 2002 GK. He shows  
 that he is a hard man to beat in this fine  
 defensive effort against John Hillery.

**SICILIAN DEFENSE (B80)****White: Don Schultheis (2363)****Black: John Hillery (2241)****2002 Golden Knights Final**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Bb5+  
 Nd7 9.0-0 a6 10.Ba4 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7  
 12.Re1 Be7 13.a4 b4 14.Na2 Nc5  
 15.Nxb4 Nxe4 16.f3 Nc5 17.c3 Rc8  
 18.Qe2 d5 19.Rad1 Rc7 20.Bc2 0-0  
 21.Nd3 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 g6 23.f4 Bc5  
 24.g3 Rb8 25.Rd2 Bc8 26.Bd1 a5  
 27.Kg2 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Qxd4 29.cxd4  
 Ba6 30.Re3 h5 31.Rb3 Rxb3 32.Bxb3  
 Rb7 33.Bd1 Rb4 34.b3 Kg7 35.h3 Kf6  
 36.Kf2 g5 37.fxc5+ Kxc5 38.h4+ Kg6  
 39.Bc2+ Kg7 40.Bd1 Kh6 41.Ke3 Bb7  
 42.Rf2 Kg6 43.Bc2+ f5 44.Bd1 Ba6  
 45.Bc2 Kg7 46.Bd1 ½-½

This is bruising chess: both sides make  
 mistakes but the last loses.

**KING'S INDIAN ATTACK (A08)****White: David McCann (1996)****Black: Eric Holmes (1949)****John Collins 2008**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 d5 4.Nbd2 e6  
 5.g3 Bd6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1  
 Bc7 9.c3 Ng4 10.d4 c4 11.h3 Nf6 12.e5  
 Ne8 13.Nf1 b5 14.a3 f6 15.exf6 Nxf6  
 16.Ng5 e5 17.Be3 e4 18.h4 h6 19.Nh3  
 Bg4 20.Qd2 Na5 21.Bxh6 gxh6 22.Qxh6  
 Qe7 23.Ng5 Qg7 24.Qxg7+ Kxg7  
 25.Ne3 Rae8 26.a4 Nb3 27.axb5 Nxa1  
 28.Rxa1 Bb6 29.Bh3 Bxh3 30.Nxh3 Rf7  
 31.Nf5+ Kh8 32.Nd6 Rfe7 33.Nxe8  
 Nxe8 34.Nf4 Rd7 35.f3 exf3 36.Kf2 Nc7  
 37.Re1 Nxb5 38.Kxf3 Bxd4 39.cxd4  
 Nxd4+ 40.Kg4 Nb3 41.Nh5 Rf7  
 42.Re8+ Kh7 43.Kg5 Rg7+ 44.Nxg7  
 Kxg7 45.Re7+ Kf8 46.Rxa7 Nc5 47.h5  
 Ne4+ 48.Kg6 Nxg3 49.h6 1-0

It's a familiar, but always beautiful  
 dance: The queenside is the floor for all  
 the action until there is a quick slide and  
 the game is decided on the kingside.

**SICILIAN DEFENSE (B22)****White: Steven Van Enk (2566)****Black: William Young (2055)****Walter Muir 2007**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6  
 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.dxc5 Qxc5 7.Na3 a6 8.Be2  
 e5 9.Be3 Qe7 10.0-0 b5 11.Nc2 Qb7  
 12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 Qxb2 14.Nb4 Bxb4  
 15.cxb4 0-0 16.b5 Ne7 17.Bc1 Qc3  
 18.Bd2 Qc7 19.bxa6 e4 20.Nd4 Bd7  
 21.Ra3 Qd6 22.Qa1 Bg4 23.Bg5 Bxe2  
 24.Nxe2 Nfd5 25.Rd1 Qe6 26.Nf4 Nxf4  
 27.Bxf4 Ng6 28.Be3 Nh4 29.Bg5 Ng6  
 30.a7 Rfc8 31.Qa2 Qg4 32.Qd5 h6  
 33.Bxh6 gxh6 34.Rg3 1-0