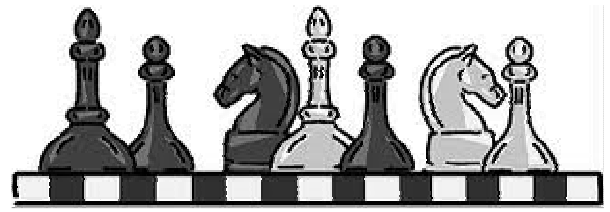


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Antelope Valley Chess *PLAYER OF THE YEAR*

The *AV Chess House* is sponsoring the 1st Annual Antelope Valley Chess *PLAYER OF THE YEAR* competition. The rules are simple:

- ♔ Every USCF-rated game played in the Antelope Valley counts*
- ♔ Every USCF-rated game won gives the winner 1 POY point
- ♔ Every USCF-rated game drawn gives each player .5 POY point
- ♔ Every USCF-rated game lost gives the loser .25 POY point
- ♔ Only Antelope Valley residents are eligible to win this competition

The 2012 Antelope Valley Chess *PLAYER OF THE YEAR* competition runs from May 1 through December 31.

The person with the highest number of POY points by December 31, 2012 wins 1st Place and earns the right to take possession of the Traveling Trophy until unseated by the 2013 winner. Also, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place each receive a certificate declaring their 2012 POY status.

* Be sure the Tournament Director informs the *AV Chess House* of USCF-rated games by contacting daa@mahowald.org



2nd Annual Chess Essay Contest!

The *AV Chess House* is sponsoring the 2nd Annual Chess Essay Contest open to any K-8 student who resides in Antelope Valley. There is **no fee** to enter the contest. The title of the essay must be "Chess is Valuable Because ..." and the essay must discuss the benefits gained from learning and playing chess and should include a positive experience you've had through chess. Essays must be at least 200 words but no more than 500 words and will be judged in three categories: Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8. **The winner in each category will receive a Tournament Quality Chess Set.** Winners will be the judges is final. Essay Contest, 3710 Entries must be 7, 2012. Entries must (no cursive) or typed.



announced May 14. The decision of Send contest submissions to: Chess Neola Way, Lancaster CA 93536. received on or before Monday, May be double spaced, either handwritten Entries must include a cover sheet

with the following information: Entrant's full name and address; Entrant's age, grade, and school name; Parent/guardian's name, phone number, and email address.

All submissions become the property of *The AV Chess House*. In the event no suitable entries are received in a category, *The AV Chess House* reserves the right to eliminate that category and award a second winner from one of the remaining categories.

Next QUADs Tourney

When: Saturday, May 5
10am – 2pm
Where: *AV Chess House*.
Time Control: Game/30
Prizes: 1st \$30 each QUAD
2nd \$15 each QUAD
Rounds: 10:15, 11:30, 12:45
Required: PreRegistration &
USCF Membership
PreRegister: daa@mahowald.org
Fee: \$15 on-or-before 5/2
\$20 after 5/2

\$10 if prepaid by 4/25
Non refundable.

CHECK CHESS CLUB



The Check Chess Club meets at the *AV Chess House* on Wednesdays, 5-6:30 pm. The club is open to all ages and skill levels and attendance is **free!** Chess sets are provided. For more information, contact daa@mahowald.org

Edwards Air Force Base Chess Tourney April 20!

- Who: Open to **anyone** age 6 and up.
What: Sections: ages 6-8, 9-12, 13-18, Open
Rounds: 3
Time Control: G/30
Where: Edwards Air Force Base Oasis Community Center
When: Friday, April 20, 6pm
Why: This annual tournament is held to crown the Base Chess Champion.
How: If you already have access to the Base, register at 6pm on Friday, April 20. If you need help getting on the base, contact gregory.slay@edwards.af.mil by Thursday, April 19.

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Improving Your Board Sight #1

by USCF National Master Kevin W. Fleming

This is the first in a series of tests to improve your ability to 'see' a game several moves in advance. Set up the starting position on a chess set if you desire, but don't touch the pieces. Just as you must do in a game, move them only in your mind.

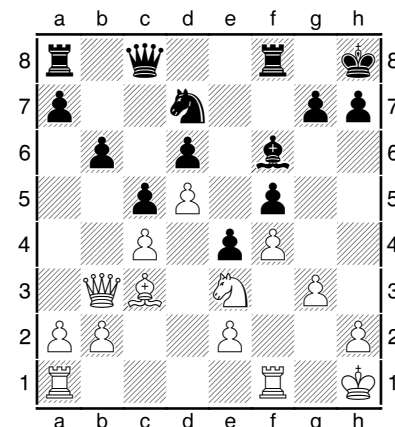
(1) Euwe, M – Alekhine, A [A84]

World Championship 16th Netherlands
(26), 03.12.1935

1.d4	e6	11.Bxc3	Bxg2
2.c4	f5	12.Kxg2	Qc8
3.g3	Bb4+	13.d5	d6
4.Bd2	Be7	14.Nd3	e5
5.Bg2	Nf6	15.Kh1	c6
6.Nc3	0-0	16.Qb3	Kh8
7. Nf3	Ne4	17.f4	e4
8. 0-0	b6	18.Nb4	c5
9.Qc2	Bb7	19.Nc2	Nd7
10.Ne5	Nxc3	20.Ne3	Bf6

This is the starting position of the test. Don't move the pieces until

after you've answered the question which follows move 24.



Consider the following moves:

21.Nxf5	Bxc3
22.Nxd6	Qb8
23.Nxe4	Bf6
24.Nd2	

Who is better off, and why?

Answer on page 5.

New Feature!

A six-article series on Improving Your Board Sight, by USCF National Master Kevin Fleming.

Chess @ Poppy Festival

April 21 – 22

Be sure to stop in at the Poppy Festival's Adventure Zone to check out the CHESS ACTIVITY! And it's not too late to volunteer to help out! To get free entry (an \$8/value) to the festival, just commit to at least 4 hours of assisting at the CHESS ACTIVITY by emailing daa@mahowald.org

Share Your Chess News!

The Chess in the Antelope Valley e-newsletter welcomes all Antelope Valley chess news. If you or another Antelope Valley resident had a great chess experience, whether or not the chess took place in Antelope Valley, let us know. Similarly, if you know of any upcoming Antelope Valley chess events or activities, share the news with us. All chess items should be sent to the e-newsletter editor daa@mahowald.org

Visit *The AV Chess House* website at chess4.us

CHESS OPPORTUNITIES

FOR ALL AGES

Monthly USCF-rated QUADs 10am – 2pm, 1st-Saturday-of-every-month. LOC *AV Chess House*. TC G/30. PZ 1st \$30; 2nd \$15. EF \$15 on-or-before Thursday, May 2; \$20 after 5/2. Pre-REG req – no walk-ins accepted. RDs 10:15, 11:30, 12:45. USCF req. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org
QUADs COST ONLY \$10 IF PREPAID BY 4/25 (non refundable)

Check Chess Club 5-6:30pm Wednesdays. LOC *AV Chess House*, 3710 Neola Way (near 37th & West Ave. J) Free club open to all ages and ability levels. Chess sets are provided – just drop in for a game or ten. No food allowed on the premises. Please park across the street from the building. Includes: free small-group lessons. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

Edwards Air Force Base Annual Chess Tournament 6pm, Friday, April 20. FULL DETAILS see page 2 of this e-newsletter. CONTACT: gregory.slay@edwards.af.mil

Improve Your Chess Play with Private Lessons Individual and small-group private chess lessons for Beginners, Beyond Beginners, and Intermediates of all ages. LOC *AV Chess House*. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

Bring Chess to Your Client Base Whether you work with seniors, preschoolers, families, special-needs populations, etc., *The AV Chess House* can provide a chess program tailored to your needs. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

Sunday Tournament 2pm Sundays. LOC Mason Lodge, 44702 Cedar Ave, Lancaster. TC G/30. PZ TBA. EF \$10. REG at door. RDs TBA. USCF req. CONTACT: knightblitz@verizon.net 661-917-7628.

FOR KIDS

Start a Chess Club at Your Child's School Students who participate in a once-a-week Chess Club reap numerous benefits, especially improvement in math and reading skills. To learn how to start a SCHOOL CHESS CLUB, CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

Parent & Tot Chess Time Workshops Free Chess Workshops for tots (by appointment) at the *AV Chess House*. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

FOR ADULTS

Casual Chess at Starbucks A free, casually-organized group of chess players meets at different Antelope Valley Starbucks at a variety of days and times. CONTACT: John Buck 661-816-1423

Chess@BeX 7:30-10pm, Mondays. LOC BeX Bar & Grill, 705 W Lancaster Blvd. Free, casual chess; occasional USCF-rated tourneys. CONTACT: robh.2010@yahoo.com

No Stress Basic Chess for Seniors Workshops Free Chess Workshops for seniors (by appointment) at the *AV Chess House*. CONTACT: daa@mahowald.org

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Answer to: Improving Your Board Sight #1

(Question is on page 3)

White is better off due to the massive mobile pawn center.

The game continued as follows:

24. ... g5 27.e5 Qe8
25.e4 gxf4 28.e6 Rg8
26.gxf4 Bd4 29.Nf3 ?!

(29 ed6 doesn't work because of 29

... Qe2 and the many mate threats.

Getting the Queen into the game by

29 Qh3 has been recommended as

better and it is very forcing! The

threat is that of taking the knight combined with the chance of White getting his knight to g5 and e7, nearly forcing Black to drop the exchange for a pawn.)

29. ... Qg6
30.Rg1 Bxg1
31.Rxg1 Qf6

(31 ... Qf5 is better. 32 ed7 R:g1+

33 K:g1 Q:d7 34 Kf2 and Black

has some drawing chances.)

32.Ng5 Rg7 36.Qe5 Qxe5
33.exd7 Rxd7 37.fxe5 Rf5
34.Qe3 Re7 38.Re1

35.Ne6 Rf8

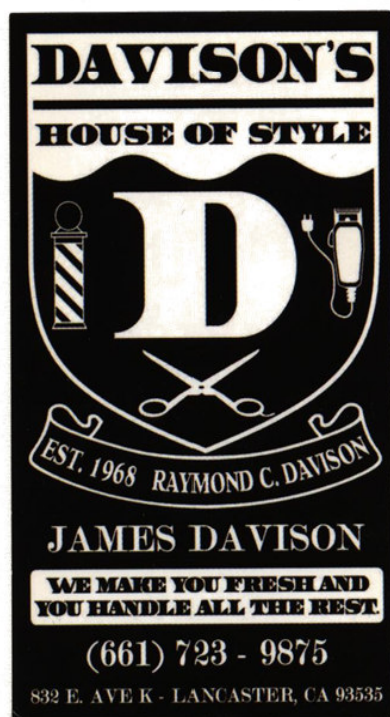
(Better is 38 Rg5.)

38. ... h6 43.Nd8 Kg7
39.Nd8 Rf2 44.Nb7 Kf6
40.e6 Rd2 45.Re6+ Kg5
41.Nc6 Re8 46.Nd6 Rxe7
42.e7 b5 47.Ne4+ 1-0

Chess @ The Barbershop



Davison's House of Style, located at the intersection of Challenger and East Ave K in Lancaster has a permanent chess table set up for those who walk in for a haircut – or to get in a chess game or two.



Chess Equipment

The *AV Chess House* buys in bulk and sells at cost just so that more Antelope Valleyans have access to chess equipment. To view items, contact: daa@mahowald.org

- \$2 Travel Chess Game – Suitable for Chess Award/Prize
- \$3 Pocket-Size Magnetic Chess Set – for Quick Study
- \$4 Standard Chess Board Mat – varied colors
- \$4 Chess Bag – includes Mat Carrier – varied colors
- \$15 Chess Bag – includes Internal Mat & Clock Compartments – blue
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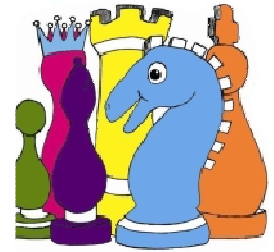
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Summer Chess Camps



The *AV Chess House* offers Summer Chess Camps! Camps can be tailored to an organization or group's needs and can be held at the organization's facilities or at the *AV Chess House* in Lancaster. To arrange a Summer Chess Camp for your organization or group, email daa@mahowald.org

PreSchool and/or Parent&Tot Chess Camp (for ages 3-5)

In tot-sized bites with lots of hands-on activities, three, four, and five-year-olds are presented with fun and easy chess activities. The tots learn how each of the six chess pieces move and a Chess Mini Game[®] to practice using each piece. Whether your organization chooses to run a Parent&Tot Chess Camp or a PreSchool Chess Camp, each is typically 90-minutes a day for 5 days.

The Benefits of

Chess for PreSchoolers

- ✓ fun social activity
- ✓ gently engages the brain
- ✓ stimulates the imagination
- ✓ improves concentration
- ✓ boosts memory
- ✓ enables decision making
- ✓ builds friendships
- ✓ teaches the pattern recognition skills needed in the learning of reading and math

The Benefits of Chess for Children & Youth

Math Development
Science Achievement
English Skills
Communication Abilities
Creativity
Concentration
Logical Reasoning
Critical Thinking
Memory
Problem Solving
Intellectual Maturity
Self Esteem
Analyzing Actions & Consequences
Planning Ahead
Complex Decision Making
Pattern Recognition
Sportspeopleship
Dealing With Undesirable Situations
Learning From Mistakes
Responsibility for Actions
Discipline
Measurable Individual
Accomplishments
Team Spirit
Commitment
Academic Competition
Belonging to a Positive & Diverse Crowd
Cultural Enrichment
Social Skills
Empathetic Awareness
Improved Attendance

Children's Chess Camp (for ages 6-8 or 6-10)

Fun, hands-on Chess Mini Games[®] are presented which teach Beginners how to play chess and strengthens the ability of Beyond Beginners and Intermediates. By the end of this 3-or 4-hour a day, 5-day Chess Camp, the children will be playing the full game of chess and, regardless of their incoming skill level, will have improved their chess skills.

Tween's Chess Camp (for ages 9-12)

Similar to the Children's Chess Camp, the Tween's Camp is a more in-depth and faster paced experience. The fun, hands-on Chess Mini Games[®] and full games are presented for Beginners, Beyond Beginners, and Intermediates to learn and improve their chess abilities. This Chess Camp is 3-or 4-hour a day for 5-days.

Teen's Chess Camp (for ages 13 and up)

Three times each day during this 3- or 4-hour a day, 5-day Chess Camp the teens receive twenty-minute chess lessons. The rest of the time, they have fun yet structured and guided chess play using the techniques and strategies presented during the lessons. All of this is interspersed with 'teachable moments.'

Chess Camps for Special Needs Children are also available!

For more information or to schedule a Summer Chess Camp for your organization or group, email daa@mahowald.org



Teachers

Use Chess to Enhance Your Students' Reading and Math Skills

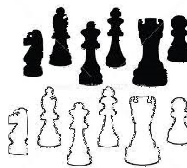
Even if YOU don't know how to play chess!

If you are a teacher looking for fun activities which will improve your students' reading and math skills, consider the Chess Mini Games[®] seminar offered by Professional Chess Teacher Daa (pronounced day) Anne Mahowald. Even if you don't know how to play chess, Chess Mini Games[®]

are

- easy to learn
- easy to teach
- fun & quick to play
- lasting academic benefits

and have



These Chess Mini Games[®] can be used with Preschool, Primary, or Elementary students. Research has shown that the pattern recognition skills needed in math and reading are readily improved through chess.

This fun, hands-on, four-hour seminar is available to teachers in the Antelope Valley at your facility or at the AV Chess House. To schedule a seminar for your teachers' group: daa@mahowald.org

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- Math Development
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- English Skills
- Communication Abilities
- Creativity
- Concentration
- Logical Reasoning
- Critical Thinking
- Memory
- Problem Solving
- Intellectual Maturity
- Self Esteem
- Analyzing Actions & Consequences
- Planning Ahead
- Complex Decision Making
- Pattern Recognition
- Sportspeopleship
- Dealing With Undesirable Situations
- Learning from Mistakes
- Responsibility for Actions
- Discipline
- Measurable Individual Accomplishments
- Team Spirit
- Commitment
- Academic Competition
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- ✓ builds friendships
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Bring Chess to Your Seniors!

No Stress Basic Chess for Seniors

Looking for an activity that provides a variety of rewarding benefits for your seniors? Chess Teacher Ms. Daa presents chess in fun and easily digestible bites. Her 6-week, 1-hour-a-week, chess classes are filled with an abundance of engaging, hands-on activities.

For more information or to arrange a program for your Senior Center, Parks & Rec, Community Ed, Library, or other organization, contact Ms. Daa. daa@mahowald.org

The Benefits of Chess for Seniors

- ✓ fun social activity
- ✓ keeps the mind active
- ✓ prevents or slows the effects of Alzheimer's*
- ✓ improves concentration
- ✓ boosts memory
- ✓ sharpens decision making
- ✓ improves critical thinking
- ✓ builds lasting friendships
- ✓ encourages youthful perspective
- ✓ secret to finding eligible bachelors

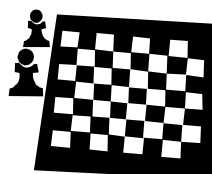
* [Alzheimer's – The Forgetting](#) by David Shenk

About Ms. Daa

Daa (day) Anne Mahowald has been teaching chess for over 25 years. She's a TOP 100 U.S. WOMAN 'QUICK CHESS' player and a national speaker on Chess in Education issues. Ms. Daa was named the 2008 MINNESOTA CHESS COACH OF THE YEAR. She possesses a BS in Math Education and an MA in Educational Psychology, both from the University of Nebraska, and a *Certificate for Mainstream Teachers of ESL Students* from Minnesota's Hamline University.



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