



**Final 2011
Chess Journalists of America
Awards Committee Report**

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General synopsis of this year's awards

I'd like to start off taking a moment to thank the late and great John Hillery for whom I had a lot of respect for his ability to argue his point with vigor and heart. I never got to meet this fine gentleman but I'll note his legacy of caring for the CJA lived on through a closing of a loophole in the CJA Chess Journalist of the Year Award.

Among all categories in this year's competition there were a total of 110 entries submitted making this a new competition high number of entries received. (The old record was set in 2008 with a total 07 entries submitted.) This number was also an increase of 18 from last year's total. I'd like to believe this a testament that prospective and current members have realized that not only do I continue to lead this committee transparently but that the entire committee is following suit in being fair.

Once again the competition brought in several new members and return a few others who had been out the membership for a while. The entire membership should not expect the awards competition to serve as the principal method for recruiting new members nor as the sole means of revenue. To believe so on any case is setting the organization as a whole for complete financial failure.

Our 3 sophomore categories brought out a total of 16 entries as we recognized the very best in story, layout and USCF state chapter website. I will defer to our secretary/treasurer on his finance report for income figures related to the awards competition.

One of my gripes last year was the inability to send out a blast/mass email to the membership, I added a electronic newsletter within the CJA Awards Committee website which allowed me to communicate with over 30 members. Unfortunately these were 30 plus members who had submitted entries and therefore I had their email addresses. Moving forward within renewal/new memberships there has to be a method of asking that the membership provide email address for faster communication. It'd have to be noted that one will not receive constant emails that border SPAM email.

Last year to save the organization lots of funds I uploaded the text files onto a committee website I designed. It allowed to save in photocopying while allowing the judges to download the files at their ease. This year I also sent the award judges the files on a cd so as to reduce the need to download, save their ISP's download bandwidth and free their time up substantially. (Should the judge misplace the cd or be away from it they could always go onto the committee website and download and mostly all of the files.)

I ended last year stating,

I can with comfort note this year's competition was at minimum well done and a reward of a testament of having conducted it. My core goal of being and keeping the awards competition impartial, ethical and transparent were met and at times excelled. I, I can sleep well, to my fellow awards judges a giant thank you to each and to our president thank you for your communication and outstanding leadership.

Well I'll quip and note I had one member thank me for my work as chair of this committee and as chief awards judge but I was quick to note all the kudos and accolades goes to the judges. I'm a fiery person but humble too, as a leader on any level I give all the praise to the excellent people under me while yet personally taking all the negative comments anyone can address. I am well certain that the awards competition

- ^ with the vast majority of loopholes further closed;

- ^ has today an excellent grading system;

- ^ has a superb tie-break system;

- ^ has been bought clarity in the form of guidelines for the judges on what to look for per each category

I know with a shadow of doubt that the committee and I have done an excellent job and I continue to sleep well. Any negative comment anyone can concoct is in the minority when compared to the enormous amount of praise this committee has received.

~ Ramon

The CJA Awards Judges

Excluding myself we had 2 CJA Members volunteer to serve as awards judges, I anticipate having several of the remaining members back next year. Short of crawling on my knees I really appreciate each of last year's award judges. We had 2 judges [Steve Ferrero (N.J.) and Karl Heck (Upstate N.Y.)] not renew their CJA memberships. Their absence is not only felt hard in the awards committee but as members who could have submitted each of their respective USCF state chapter magazines for any category including but not limited to the CJA Best State Magazine/Newsletter Award category.

One additional award judge noted that they would not be able to serve because they had work commitment which would not give this individual adequate time.

Another award judge received their awards package but was out the country to receive it.

The final award judge from last year mentioned they might be able to judge but sounded 50/50. In hopes of saving the CJA the cost of photocopying and postage I opted to save the organization the money and this year passed on this individual.

Whether 3 or 8 the size of the judging pool (8 judges) does not and did not hinder not one iota the results of this year's competition. Would I like the 8 of last year? Sure! But this year's 3 is not to denied the fact that they did an above excellent job which matched the full 8 of last year and if not did more. On any given year I'd need 3 and would not and will not take another judge on the committee unless I get a mass exodus of committee members. It's simple to get members on this committee but harder to vet them and their ability to be fair or have some expertise in chess journalism.

LTD Ramon Antonio Hernandez, *CJA Awards Committee Chairman and Chief Judge*

J. Franklin Campbell, *CJA Awards Judge*

NTD NM Randall D. Hough, *CJA Awards Judge*

I continue with personal and profound gratitude in our award judges their diligence and dedication leaves a lot to respect in each individual.

~ Ramon

Changes this Year

a. Elimination of and introduction of a new category

I eliminated the CJA Best Streamed Video of Chess News Award category as it was a category which last year fielded an individual and mild entry. This by no means should be construed as I being against video news as the decision was far from that, as too my thought. The area itself has not been concretely invested and pushed further by individuals. I do monitor that area of chess journalism but in the amount of entries possible it is just not strong today. As with any possible new or current category, I will mull it over and revisit it on annual basis.

New as a category this year was the CJA Best Features Article Award category. This was a no brainer and should have longed been a part of our awards competition. For any newsletter, magazine or news concentrated website, where there is hard news, there should also be a features section. I am glad to have introduced and was proud of the entries we received.

b. Closed the loophole on the CJA Chess Journalist of the Year Award (CJotY)

Following up on my committee report from last with respect to the CJotY award where we had one entry. The esteemed individual won the award on the basis of default as no one else fielded an entry. Our by-laws state the entire membership is to vote on that award, however in an attempt to save the organization the cost of mailing out a mass mailing to the entire membership with the name of one individual for a yes or no vote would have been time and money consuming. The executive board entertained my request that they and the awards committee vote in favor of or not of that entrant. Both the executive board and the awards committee each casted their vote and the individual won.

No matter how you see it, one individual should not be allowed to win the most coveted of all CJA Award categories on the basis of the fact that they are the only one person who submitted a package for consideration of that award. I want to once more clarify, I am adamant that last year's winner was more than deserving and certainly had my vote. But this is the scenario which I do not want to run into: Jane/Joe Doe submits a package for consideration for the CJotY award which has crappy or even below mediocre entries on their own individual merits. They are the only individual who submitted an entry for that award category. Now no matter how you vote or for all that who votes, this individual is guaranteed the award.

Then the ramifications of this individual winning are:

They get to forever claim to be a CJA Chess Journalist of the Year and in accordance to our By-Laws

Article 2 (B) The Chess Journalist of the Year is awarded an Honorary Membership unless two members of the Executive Board oppose such awarding. they'd be entitled to the great possibility of winning a free lifetime "honorary" membership into the CJA.

We can not afford to dole out free lifetime memberships when we are a very small membership organization. We further can not hand individuals the most coveted award on the basis that they were the sole entrant.

I listened to a past executive member, not that I ever disagreed with their argument but not like they ever got the core of my argument which dwindled on the fact that there was a loophole.

This year within the award guidelines/rules I clearly embedded the text that closed the loophole. There were no entries for that category, had we received an entry I would have mailed their check back. (All material submitted becomes property of the awards committee judge and is not returnable. In addition, less costlier to the organization to send a check back than a complete CJotY award package)

We did have one individual inquire about the award but given the instructions speak for themselves I didn't reply back.

c. Nominating an entry

We had one individual inquire as to nominating an individual for an award (CJotY) and I immediately notified them that nominations of entries are not allowed as some individuals may not want to their work considered regardless of whichever award category it may be. Submission of entries by the individual themselves is not something new and is used by award competitions in major journalism organizations. Submission of entries as they are today has not been issue and given both the number of entries and more importantly the number of individuals submitting entries it is not something I will look to change. Ironically the individual who was to be “nominated” had a CJA membership which expired long ago. Using the excuse that this individual is too shy to nominate their own own work doesn't fly with me and either that individual or their friend should be reminded to renew their membership as it'd go a long way in strengthening our organization.

d. Honorary members submitting entries

1) Last year we had one honorary member submit an entry and this year we went twice that number. When I inherited chairing this committee I kept the committee chair's permission of allowing honorary members to submit their first entry in for free [their subsequent entry continues being the \$8.00 charge which everyone else pays too]. After typing the entry form and pasting the same text used for the honorary member I researched whether an honorary member has the “right” to enter their first entry for free and came up with the fact that this is a committee chair courtesy call and not a CJA By-Laws provision as

Article 2 (D) Honorary members are not required to pay dues, but have all other rights and obligations of Regular Membership, including the right to hold office.

I want to state I will not be changing that courtesy but am divulging in an on going transparent and fair manner I conduct myself and this award competition that this is indeed a committee chair [courtesy] call and despite the fact I could can be revoked.

2) Of the 2 honorary members who submitted an entry this year, one submitted a website entry which didn't have his name directly attributed to it but he was part of the organization which the entry was. Understand I vet each entry thoroughly to make sure there is a by-line or that web entry was done by the entrant. This one entry didn't have their webmaster's name on any page but as an organization this individual was listed and thereby must have been allowed in as an entry as that organization as they

a. might have had several members which serve as webmasters

b. might have neglected to list the name of their webmaster either within the footer or on a “Contact Us” page

Online entries were told

· Online entries: Entries which appear on the internet must provide the URL which contains the entry. The writer's name must be attributed to the name of the individual on the award's cover sheet.

To close that loophole, individuals applying for the CJA Best [USCF] State Chapter Website Award and the CJA Best General Chess Website Award next year will read something to the point that the name of the webmaster is to be mentioned somewhere either within the footer or in a staff contact page. If the name of the name of the webmaster is not visible in either of 2 locations or the name of that individual does not match the name of the entrant the entry will be rejected. I do not mind a state chapter webmaster submitting their website for consideration but I do mind John Doe submitting the website as an entry for someone else as a) that is nominating and there is no nominating allowed and b) the individual regardless of the association to the organization is not the tireless webmaster.

Why should we lose the possibility of gaining an additional member in the form of that state chapter webmaster while losing out also on the cost of an entering an entry by the honorary member invoking their courtesy entry?! Apart from all that it throws in an additional entry into that category where the webmaster didn't even know their website was entered? I accepting the entry was based on the fact it was legit to the award category and that was a loophole but did flag that loophole to correct next year.

I do not anticipate this making a ripple in the shore within the CJA Best Chess Blog Award as blog websites have the name of the writer plastered everywhere under the same domain name. If I felt they'd be an issue I'd be quick then to request the name of the webmaster be coded into the blog's website to prove they are one in the same.

e. Allowing CJA Foreign Members to submit entries

I had 2 CJA Members (full members from the U.S.A.) inquire as to whether CJA Foreign Members may submit entries to any of the award categories to which I replied no. Logistically, as I explained it'd be impossible for an award judge let alone all of them to be expected to read the various respective languages throughout the world. It was further explained to them that the CJA is the USA's governing organization on chess journalism and such an award concept would be best suited on an international level as i.e. International Federation of Chess Journalism and if they felt strongly they should start it up. Even on that level it'd be hard for an individual to have read various languages nevertheless at the CJA it'd be impossible and a flat out no.

Given the size of the award judges this year I will not be specifying who recused themselves from an award category as it'd be simple to then who which judge voted for what. I will define the recusements as last year the next year when the pool of award judges grows once more. The reasoning for recusements were told me by each judge and were acceptable and appreciative. I did not have to recuse any award judge for possible conflict of interest.

Reimbursements

Though we received \$1,020.00 in total amount received for the awards competition this year (this figure includes \$32.00 overpaid and which had to be repaid back by the CJA) As last year, goal one on reimbursements was too not have to buy too much while yet keep the bill very low. Again in keeping with my transparency core value I am posting my expense report reimbursed back to me and am detailing it to you all as I did to our secretary/treasurer.

Copies of the receipts for each listed as follows were sent to our secretary/treasurer, the total reimbursement was \$35.79 down from last year because one individual submitted a \$79.00 check erroneously addressed to me which I used to begin defray the cost of the awards competition. I did notify our secretary/treasurer of this, (in reality I was to have reimbursed the cost either way. Be it by a check made out to me by mistake or by filing it to the treasurer, I did disclose it to the treasurer and basically meant I receive a smaller reimbursement check)

Check processing fee

Receipt dated: 6/17/2011
Total: \$1.47
Purpose: Check processing fee

Receipt dated: 7/7/2011
Store: Staples
Total: \$27.00
Purchased: Photocopying
Purpose: Photocopying of awards entries and other material

Receipt dated: 6/27/2011
Store: FedEx Office
Total: \$34.87
Purchased: Photocopying
Purpose: Photocopying of awards entries and other material

Receipt dated: 7/11/2011
Store: USPS Morris Heights Station
Total: \$44.05

Purchased: USPS Priority Mail postage
Purpose: Mailing our awards judges their complete package containing the award entries for review.

Receipt dated: 7/21/2011
Store: USPS Morris Heights Station
Total: \$7.40
Purchased: USPS Priority Mail and Signature Confirmation postage
Purpose: Mailing our CJA Treasurer all award checks and copies of the cover sheet/entry they pertain to.

The only 2 items not mentioned above are the cost to print the award certificates and the cost to mail it securely to our president for their signature. Each item are not listed because that comes in the weeks ahead and therefore has not occurred just yet so as to get noted above.

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CJA Best Story of the Year Award

Introduced last year, we had 5 entries submitted for this sophomore category.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Story of the Year					
A Chess Child's Next Chapter	2	1	2	5	Co-Runner-up
Best Lessons of a Chess Coach	0	1	2	3	
Chess Travels, Revisited	0	0	1	1	
Czechmate	1	2	1	5	Co-Runner-up
The Grandmaster Who Did It His Way	2	2	2	6	Winner
					<i>PERFECT SCORE</i>

There was a tie for 2nd Place but the clear and Perfect Score" favorite was easily determined as all award judges voiced the similar sentiment for one entry.

CJA Best Story of the Year (2011) Award
is presented to

The Grandmaster Who Did It His Way

submitted by the United States Chess Federation.

CJA Best Chess Column Award

6 Entries were submitted in this category as well.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Chess Column					
Back to Basics	0	1	2	3	
Chess	2	0	2	4	
Chess to Enjoy	1	2	2	5	Runner-up
Endgame Lab	2	2	2	6	Winner <i>PERFECT SCORE</i>
The Chess Detective	0	2	1	3	

CJA Best Chess Column Award
is presented to

Endgame Lab

submitted by the United States Chess Federation.

CJA Best State Magazine/Newsletter Award

With 3 entries returning from last year, 2 of them tied for 2nd Place but 1st place was reigning champ Georgia Chess edited by Mark N. Taylor.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best State Magazine/Newsletter					
<i>Chess Horizons</i>	1	1	1	3	Co-Runner-up Winner Co-Runner-up
<i>Georgia Chess</i>	1	2	2	5	
<i>Northwest Chess</i>	0	2	1	3	

CJA Best State Magazine/Newsletter Award

is presented to

Georgia Chess

submitted by the USCF State Chapter Affiliate of Georgia.

CJA Best Tournament Report Article Award

Having had 17 entries, we had nearly twice the amount of entries from last year in this respective entry.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Tournament Report Article					
2010 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions Report	1	0	1	2	
2010 Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions Report	2	0	1	3	
2010 U.S. Masters Championship	0	2	1	3	
A champion's-eye view of the USAT South national championship	1	0	2	3	
Armageddon Your Pieces Wins US Amateur Team Playoff	0	1	2	3	
Best Lessons of a Chess Coach	0	1	2	3	
Botez on Top at the All-Girls Nationals	1	1	1	3	
Chess Travels, Revisited	1	0	1	2	
Gareyev Hot in Chicago; Holt Earns GM Norm	0	1	2	3	
Ivanov and Foygel 1 st at 79 th Massachusetts Open	2	1	1	4	
Kamsky Bids Adieu to Championship Drought	2	2	2	6	Winner <i>PERFECT SCORE</i>
Krush Triumphant	0	2	2	4	
Nakamura Solid and Almost Stellar in Moscow	1	1	2	4	
Texas Tech Prevails in Final Four of Chess	0	1	1	2	
Tiger From Madras Retains World Title In Lion's Den	0	2	2	4	
U.S. Left Out In The Cold	1	2	2	5	Runner-up
Zierk Greases U.S. Team's Wheels	0	1	2	3	

CJA Tournament Report Article Award is presented to

Kamsky Bids Adieu to Championship Drought

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout Award

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout					
The entire January/February 2011 issue of <i>Georgia Chess</i>	1	1	2	4	
The entire May 2011 issue of Chess Without Border's Newsletter	0	0	1	1	
The entire October-December 2010 issue of <i>Chess Horizons</i>	2	2	1	10	Winner
The entire September/October 2010 issue of <i>Georgia Chess</i>	1	1	2	9	Runner-up
The entire Winter 2011 issue of <i>Lake Effect Chess</i>	0	1	1	2	

Pitting 2 state chapters against each other after the first round of voting on tie-breaks the State Chapter of Massachusetts beat out the State Chapter of Georgia and every other competitor within this category.

CJA Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout Award is presented to

The entire October-December 2010 issue of *Chess Horizons*

submitted by the USCF State Chapter Affiliate of Massachusetts.

CJA Excellence in Chess Writing, Mainstream Media Award

Where last year we had no entry in it, this year one individual their work for consideration in the category

Category/Entry				Total	
Excellence in Chess Writing, Mainstream Media					
My Playing Weight	0	1	1	2	Winner

CJA Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout Award
is presented to

My Playing Weight

submitted by Dale Rigby and appeared in *Sport Literate* (Volume 7, Issue 1)

CJA Best Regular Newspaper Chess Column Award

This category had last year's winner Bill Cornwall (formerly with [The Fort Lauderdale] Sun Sentinel) of [The] *Los Angeles Times* facing David R. Sands of *The Washington Times*. Sands who apart from being *The Washington Times'* National and Politics Editor also serves as their chess columnist and in fielding an entry this year came back to the CJA after a hiatus period.

This is my opinion was the this year's best and yet most difficult category for an individual to judge as both entries were beyond outstanding to state the very least. In the end, Mr. Sands overtook Mr. Cornwall for the victory but I was certainly pleased to see what are perhaps the 2 sole regular newspaper chess columnist in the nation left face off.

Category/Entry	Submitted by	Ran in
Best Regular Newspaper Column		
Chess	David R. Sands	
		The Washington Times (March 8, 2011)
		The Washington Times (April 12, 2011)
		The Washington Times (February 2, 2011)
Chess: A Knight's Tour	Bill Cornwall	
		<i>Los Angeles Times</i> (April 14, 2011)
		<i>Los Angeles Times</i> (January 23, 2011)
		<i>Los Angeles Times</i> (April 3, 2011)

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Regular Newspaper Column					
Chess	2	1	2	5	Winner
Chess: A Knight's Tour	1	2	1	4	Runner-up

CJA Best Regular Newspaper Chess Column Award
is presented to

David R. Sands

submitted by chess columnist David R. Sands of *The Washington Times*.

CJA Best Regular Newspaper Local Interest Chess Column Award

Though he was the only entrant in the award category, Bill Cornwall's entry was so well received individually and independently by each award judge that his entry garnered a perfect score.

Category/Entry	Submitted by	Ran in
Best Regular Newspaper Article of Local Interest		
Chess: A Knight's Tour	Bill Cornwall	
		[Fort Lauderdale] <i>Sun Sentinel</i> (November 28, 2010)
		[Fort Lauderdale] <i>Sun Sentinel</i> (December 19, 2010)
		[Fort Lauderdale] <i>Sun Sentinel</i> (September 12, 2010)

Category/Entry				Total		
Best Regular Newspaper Article of Local Interest						
Chess: A Knight's Tour	2	2	2	6	Winner	PERFECT SCORE

CJA Best Regular Newspaper Local Area Interest Chess Column Award is presented to

Chess A Knight's Tour printed in the [Fort Lauderdale] *Sun Sentinel*

submitted by chess columnist Bill Cornwall of [The] *Los Angeles Times* for his chess columns in the [Fort Lauderdale] *Sun Sentinel* *

* = Mr. Cornwall's regular chess columns ended in the end of 2010, that is well into the period for which an entry could be considered and therefore despite he's employed by a different regular newspaper his chess column at the *Sun Sentinel* were allowed for consideration.

CJA Best Chess Photojournalism Award

At 12 entries, we doubled in number of entries in this respective award category which is fantastic as any editor who believes they can have a magazine/newsletter and not have photos which captivate a moment is destined to have a cluttered and bleak product.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Chess Photojournalism					
Chess Challenge DC	0	0	1	1	
Cover of August 2010's <i>Chess Life</i>	0	2	1	3	
Cover of February 2011's <i>Chess Life</i>	2	1	1	9	Runner-up
Cover of June 2010's <i>Chess Life</i>	1	2	2	10	Winner
Cover of November 2010's <i>Chess Life</i>	1	1	1	3	
Cover of October-December 2010's <i>Chess Horizons</i>	0	1	1	2	
Finegold Lady Gaga	0	0	1	1	
Hikaru Nakamura	0	2	1	3	
Ice Chess	0	1	1	2	
National Chess Day	1	0	0	1	
On the cover	0	1	1	2	
Robert Hess Chosen 2010 Samford Fellow	0	2	2	4	

We had 2 entries tie after the 1st Round but after tie-breaks, the

CJA Best Chess Photojournalism Award
is presented to the

Cover of June 2010's *Chess Life*

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Features Article Award

A dozen entries were submitted in this nascent award category.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Features Article					
A Winning Weekend	0	2	2	4	
Best Lessons of a Chess Coach	1	2	2	5	
Coffeehouse Chess	0	0	1	1	
Eagles Partner with ASAP in Thrilling Event for Philly Youth	2	1	1	4	
FISCHER-SPASSKY, GAME 7	0	0	2	2	
Involuntary Retirement	2	2	2	12	Winner
Moving up the Ladder: A Class Player on Gaining 200 Rating Points	0	1	2	3	
Nakamura - Carlsen, Private Blitz Match	1	1	2	4	
Playing Chess Opens Door to College Scholarships	1	1	1	3	
Teenage chess grandmaster has all the right moves	0	1	2	3	
The Planning Intellect	0	2	2	4	
The Staunton Code (Part I)	1	1	1	9	Runner-up

Though there were 2 entries which finished tied for after the 1st Round of voting but the

CJA Best Features Article Award

is presented to

Involuntary Retirement

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Instructive Lesson Award

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Instructive Lesson					
Conversation with a Grandmaster	2		2	4	Winner
Defending the Citadel	2		1	3	Co-Runner-up
It's About Time	0		1	1	
Tactical, Positional, and Opening Mistakes	2		1	3	Co-Runner-up
Vasily Smyslov's Opening Contributions	0		2	2	

Though there were 2 entries which finished tied for 2nd Place, the

CJA Best Instructive Lesson Award
is presented to

Conversation with a Grandmaster

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Review Award

This was a tight award category with a 1 point more forcing a 2 tie-break voting round but the clear favorite won with a perfect score.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Review					
A Collector's Valentine	0	1	2	3	
Challenging the Ruy Lopez	1	2	2	5	Co-Runner-up
Frank Brady's Masterpiece	2	2	2	6	Winner <i>PERFECT SCORE</i>
Ivan Sokolov, The Ruy Lopez Revisited	1	0	1	2	
Old In Chess	0	1	2	3	
Wojo's Weapons: Winning with White, Volume 1	2	1	2	5	Co-Runner-up
Youth Breeds Experience	2	1	2	5	Co-Runner-up

CJA Best Review Award
is presented to

Frank Brady's Masterpiece

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Humorous Contribution Award

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Humorous Contribution					
The U.S. Chess Scoop: An Amateur Invades the World Amateur Te	2	0	2	4	Runner-up Winner
<i>Weekly Chess News</i> (April Fool's Supplement)	1	2	2	5	

After the first round of voting there were two entries in a tie, they were sent back to the eligible awards judges who revoted those two entries. The Runner-up for the CJA Best Humorous Contribution Award goes to An Evening with Campo and the

CJA Best Humorous Contribution Award is presented to

The Georgia Chess Repeater (April Fool's Supplement)

submitted by the USCF State Chapter Affiliate of Georgia.

CJA Most Notable Achievement in Correspondence Chess Award

Category/Entry				Total	
Most Notable Achievement in Correspondence Chess					
Enter the Centaur	2	2	2	11	Winner
The 2008 USCF Absolute Championship	1	1	1	8	Runner-up

This award category had to go to a 2nd round tie-break and the winner was subsequently chosen

CJA Most Notable Achievement in Correspondence Chess Award is presented to

Enter the Centaur

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Historical Article Award

We had twice as much award entries in this respective award category than last year and 1 award judge recusing himself.

Category/Entry				Subtotal	
Best Historical Article					
A Brief Moment In Chess Time	2		0	2	Co-Runner-up
A Forgotten Chess Tale: Hapley's Project	1		2	5	Winner
The McDonnell – La Bourdonnais Match	0		0	0	
Victory at Leningrad	2		0	2	Co-Runner-up

CJA Best Historical Article Award

is presented to

A Forgotten Chess Tale: Hapley's Project

The entry was submitted by Yasser Seirawan of *Northwest Chess*.

CJA Best Interview Award

In contrast to last year, twice the amount of entries were submitted in this award category.

Category/Entry				Total
Best Interview				
Counterplay: An Interview with Robert Desjarlais	1	0	2	3
Getz and Kekelidze Claim Top Honors in Maryland Open	0	0	1	1
Kamsky On The Record	1	2	2	5
Profiling Brady	2	2	2	6
Tamaz Wins as Luke Wows in Philly Open	0	0	1	1
TIM McGREW DOSSIER	0	1	2	3

Runner-up

Winner

PERFECT SCORE

CJA Best Interview Award

With a perfect score the

CJA Best Interview Award
 is presented to

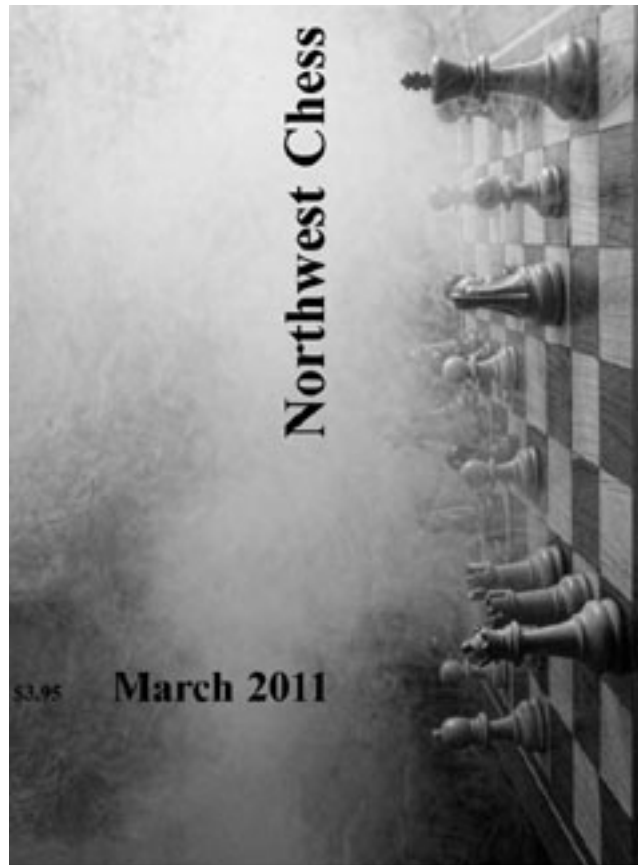
Profiling Brady

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Chess Art Award

This respective award category also caught a gain in number of entries submitted and as with the previous award category had one entry finish with a perfect score.

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Chess Art					
2010 Castle Chess Grand Prix Winner Varuzhan Akobian	1	2	1	5	Co-Runner-up
Cover of <i>Georgia Chess</i> September/October 2010 issue	0	1	2	3	
Cover of <i>Georgia Chess</i> January/February 2011 issue	0	2	2	4	
Cover of <i>Georgia Chess</i> May/June 2011 issue	2	1	1	4	
Cover of <i>Northwest Chess</i> March 2011 issue	2	2	2	6	Winner <i>PERFECT SCORE</i>
Challenging the Ruy Lopez	2	1	1	4	
Chess Success	0	2	1	3	
Irina's Nirvana	2	1	2	5	Co-Runner-up
King Riding the Space Shuttle	1	1	1	3	
The Inwood Seven	0	1	2	3	



CJA Best Chess Art Award
is presented to the

Cover of *Northwest Chess*' March 2011 issue

The entry was submitted by the States of Washington & Oregon's USCF chapters

CJA Best Analysis Award

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Analysis					
Keating, R – Karagianis, P	2	2	1	10	Winner
The Most Interesting Games of the 79 th Mass. Open	1	1	2	9	Runner-up
Two Knights Defense: 5. ... Nxd5 Vindicated.	0	1	2	3	

CJA Best Analysis Award
is presented to

Keating, R – Karagianis, P

The entry was submitted by the *Iowa Chess News En Passant* (IA.)

CJA Best [USCF] State Chapter Website Award

We had 1 additional entry (in the form of the State of Illinois) submitted in this category. Retaining their title with a perfect score in this respective award category was NoCal.

Category/Entry				Total		
Best [USCF] State Chapter Website						
Official website of the Northern California State's USCF chapter	2	2	2	6	Winner	<i>PERFECT SCORE</i>
Official website of the State of Illinois' USCF chapter	1	2	2	5	Runner-up	
Official website of the State of Maine's USCF chapter	2	1	1	4		
Official website of the State of Massachusetts' USCF chapter	2	1	1	4		

CJA Best [USCF] State Chapter Website Award
is presented to the

**Official website of the
Northern California State's USCF chapter**

The entry was submitted by the USCF Northern California State chapter.

CJA Best General Chess Website Award

Once again there were 2 entries submitted in this category. Facing a different competitor, the USCF retained their title with a perfect score in this respective award category.

Category/Entry				Total		
Best General Chess Website						
Official website of the United States Chess Federation	2	2	2	6	Winner	<i>PERFECT SCORE</i>
Official website of the West Michigan Chess Association	1	1	1	3	Runner-up	

CJA Best General Chess Website Award
is presented to the

**Official website of the
United States Chess Federation**

The entry was submitted by the USCF.

CJA Best Chess Blog Award

Category/Entry				Total	
Best Chess Blog					
Broken Pawn	2	1	2	5	Winner
Chessvine.com	0	0	1	1	Runner-up

CJA Best Chess Blog Award
is presented to

Broken Pawn

The entry was submitted by Hank Anzis of <http://brokenpawn1.blogspot.com/>