

The Chess Journalist

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Brief Introductory Note:

I don't think he did it intentionally, I really don't. Nonetheless, when Dr. Mark Taylor left the position of editor for *The Chess Journalist*, he seemed to have cursed that position. Since he left, we have had numerous people attempt to step into that role. There were several award-winning, nationally known, and extremely talented writers who tried. However, for one reason or another, their efforts have been frustrated and no one has been able to publish an issue. Our most recent editor, Phil Simpkins, was waylaid by an unexpected eye surgery. It is a relief to know he is expected to fully recover but editing had to be put on hold and a published issue remained elusive.

As was brought up in last year's meeting, the White Collection at the Cleveland Public Library, does not curate website content. So, if we wish to have our articles and awards preserved, they need to be produced in a more permanent form suitable for archiving. There have been readers interested in submitting articles, but they have not been included in this focused issue so we could cover the awards that were not published for the past few years and look forward to the upcoming year. I am confident that Mr. Simpkins will be able to return to editing and incorporate articles into future issues.

I do hope you enjoy receiving this poor succession of Dr. Taylor's work and are inspired to write and/or become involved with upcoming issues of *The Chess Journalist*.

Sincerely,

Joshua M. Anderson

Update on U.S. Chess: A Living History

This project is put together by the Chess Journalists of America, World Chess Hall of Fame, and U.S. Chess Trust. We are in the process of interviewing chess players noted either because of their play or role in chess governance.

Materials donated to the project will be held at the World Chess Hall of Fame. The oral history recordings and printed transcripts will be held by all three groups.

If you are interested in more information or would like to become involved with the project, please contact Joshua Anderson at joshuamiltonanderson@gmail.com.

Needed:

The organization needs a new webmaster. Bethany Carson is stepping down from this role after the annual meeting on August 7th at 1:00 P. M. The position pays \$150 per quarter. If you are interested, please contact Joshua Anderson at joshuamiltonanderson@gmail.com.

Prize List for 2015 CJA Awards**TOP FIVE:**

Chess Journalist of the Year -- Winner: **Mike Klein**, nominated by U. S. Chess Federation (USCF)

Best Story of the Year -- Winner: **Reconnecting with Caissa** by **GM James Tarjan** - January 2015 *Chess Life*, Submitted by *Chess Life*

Best Chess Column -- Winner: **The Practical Endgame** by **GM Daniel Narditsky** - *Chess Life*
(Honorable Mention -- **Novice Nook** by **NM Daniel Heisman** - ChessCafe.com)

Best State Magazine/Newsletter -- Winner: **Northwest Chess**, editor: **Jeffrey Roland**, Submitted by Eric Holcomb

Best Book (paper-printed only) -- Winner: **Liquidation on the Chess Board** by **GM Joel Benjamin** - New in Chess
(Honorable Mention -- **The Classical Era of Modern Chess** by **Peter J. Monté** - McFarland & Company, Inc.)

VISUAL ARTS:

Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout -- Winner: **Chess Life, August 2014**, edited by **Daniel Lucas**, Senior Art Director **Frankie Butler**, Submitted by USCF

(Honorable Mention -- **Chess Life, November 2014**, edited by **Daniel Lucas**, Senior Art Director **Frankie Butler**, Submitted by USCF)

Best Chess Photojournalism -- Winner: November 2014 Cover of *Chess Life*, photos by **Austin Fuller**, Submitted by USCF

(Honorable Mention -- December 2014 Cover of *NorthWest Chess* - **Adam Porth, photographer & NorthWest Chess**)

Best Chess Art -- Winner: **Square One**, December 2014 Cover of *Chess Life* - **Keith Halonen**

(Honorable Mention -- "Chess and the Blackfeet Nation", March 2015 Cover of *Chess Life* - **Sue Todd**)

NEWSPAPER MEDIA:

Best Regular Newspaper Column -- Winner: **A Knight's Tour** by **Bill Cornwall**

Best Regular Newspaper Article of Local Interest -- Winner: **Gareyev Repeats at American** by **Bill Cornwall**

The following categories are open to journalist and publications both in print and those found online.

NEWS or FEATURES:

Best Tournament Report Article -- Winner: **Fire and Ice** by **Mike Klein**, November 2014 *Chess Life*

(Honorable Mention -- **Stop Me if You've Heard This Before** by **Mike Klein**, August 2014 *Chess Life*)

Best Features Article -- Winner: **Reconnecting with Caissa** by **GM James Tarjan** - January 2015 *Chess Life*

(Honorable Mention -- **How to Catch a Chess Cheater** by **Howard Goldowsky** - June 2014 *Chess Life*)

Best Instructive Lesson -- Winner: **The Browne Endgame** by **IM Danny Kopec** and **Daniel Kostovetsky** - June 2014 *Chess Life*

Best Review -- Winner: **Unwrapping the Enigma** by **John Hartmann** - January 2015 *Chess Life*

Best Humorous Contribution -- Winner: **He is Virtually Unbeatable as Black** by Colin Patterson - March 2015 *Chess Life*

Best Historical Article -- Winner: **Our Diamond Anniversary** by **Al Lawrence** - September 2014 *Chess Life*

(Honorable Mention -- **The Match That Wasn't** by **Neil Brennen**- July 2014 *Chess Life*)

Best Analysis -- Winner: **July Madness** by **GM Ilya Smirin** - September 2014 *Chess Life*

The following categories are open only to online journalist and their websites.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

Best [USCF] State Chapter Website -- Winner: www.chessmaine.net, Submitted by Daniel DeLuca

Best Chess Blog -- Winner: Chess Book Reviews by John Hartmann

Prize List for 2016 CJA Awards

TOP FOUR:

Chess Journalist of the Year -- Winner: **Al Lawrence**, nominated by US Chess

Best Story of the Year -- Winner: **The Struggle** by **Pete Karagianis** - March 2016 *Chess Life*, Submitted by *Chess Life*

(Honorable Mention -- **The Square** by **Nathan Smolensky** - *Chess Horizons*, Holiday 2015)

Best Chess Column -- Winner: Cracked Grandmaster Tales / Why Do Grandmasters Blunder? by **IM Jeremy Silman** - Chess.com

Best State Magazine/Newsletter -- Winner: **Northwest Chess**, editor: **Jeffrey Roland**, Submitted by Northwest Chess

BEST BOOK:

Best Book - Instructional (paper copy) -- Winner: **Is Your Move Safe?** by **NM Dan Heisman** - Mongoose Press

(Honorable Mention -- **Basic Chess Openings for Kids** by **FM Charles Hertan** - New in Chess)

Best Book - Other (paper copy) -- Winner: **Jose Raul Capablanca: A Chess Biography** by **Miguel A. Sanchez** - McFarland Publishing
(Honorable Mention -- **Joseph Henry Blackburne: A Chess Biography** by **Dr. Tim Harding** - McFarland Publishing)

Best Electronic Book -- Winner: **The True Origins of Chess: Ancient Greece - Yes, India - No** by **Dr. Gerald M. Levitt** - Gerald M. Levitt

VISUAL ARTS:

Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout -- Winner: **Chess Life, January 2016**, edited by **Daniel Lucas**, Senior Art Director **Frankie Butler**, Submitted by US Chess

(Honorable Mention -- **Chess Life, March 2016**, edited by **Daniel Lucas**, Senior Art Director **Frankie Butler**, Submitted by US Chess)

Best Chess Photojournalism -- Winner: **Millionaire Chess**, *Chess Life*, January 2016, pp. 22-20, photos by **David Llada**, Submitted by US Chess

Best Single Photo -- Winner: **The Struggle**, March 2016 Cover of *Chess Life* - **David Llada**

Best Chess Art -- Winner: **The Chess Game**, *Chess Life*, August 2015, p. 10 - **Yael Maimon**
(Honorable Mention -- **GM Walter Browne**, *Chess Life*, cover October 2015 - **Scotty Phillips**)

NEWSPAPER MEDIA:

Best Regular Newspaper Column -- Winner: "**Fearsome attacker Tate, a local favorite, dies at 58**" and "**A Valentine's Day over-the-board mating match -- times three**" (10/27/2015 & 2/9/2016) by **David Sands**

Best Regular Newspaper Article of Local Interest -- (Honorable Mention: "**California Women Do Well**" (5/15/2016) by **Bill Cornwall**)

The following categories are open to journalist and publications both in print and those found online.

NEWS or FEATURES:

Best Tournament Report Article -- Winner: **Caruana, Paikidze Clinch 1st U.S. Championships** by **FM Mike Klein**, Chess.com

Best Features Article -- Winner: **Remembering GM Walter Browne** by **AI Lawrence** - October 2015 *Chess Life*, p. 32

Best Instructive Lesson -- Winner: **Going Deep** by **GM Jim Tarjan** - November 2015 *Chess Life*, p. 40

(Honorable Mention -- **Winning with Botvinnik** by **GM Lev Alburt**- February 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 24)

Best Review -- Winner: **Staying Relevant** by **John Hartmann** - January 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 14
(Honorable Mention -- **Sicilian Dragon** by **John Hartmann**- March 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 14)
(Honorable Mention -- **Another Fischer Book** by **Vanessa West**- February 16, 2016 USChess.com)

Best Humorous Contribution -- Winner: Pete's Pathetic Chess: 'Never Good' by **Pete Cilento** - August 24, 2015 Chess.com

Best Historical Article -- Winner: **The Marshall Chess Club Turns 100** by **Dr. Frank Brady** - September 2015 *Chess Life*, p. 40

Best Interview -- Winner: **Overlapping Worlds** by **Dr. Tim Redman** - December 2015 *Chess Life*, p. 39

Best Analysis -- Winner: **The Kislik Variation Reaches the Top** by **IM Erik Kislik** - April 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 26

(Honorable Mention -- **Openings for Amateurs - and Grandmasters** by **Pete Tamburro** - March 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 28)

Best Club Newsletter/Magazine -- Winner: **En Passant - Pittsburgh Chess Club** edited by **John Barraso**

The following categories are open only to online journalist and their websites.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

Best [USCF] State Chapter Website -- Winner: **Illinois Chess Association** <http://il-chess.org/>, Editor-in-Chief **Bill Feldman**

(Honorable Mention -- <http://www.chessmaine.net/chessmaine> by **Daniel DeLuca**)

Best General Chess Website -- Winner: <http://ocfchess.org/>, **Frank Berry** (Owner/Editor), **Jim Hollingsworth** (Webmaster)

Best Electronic State Newsletter -- Winner: Colorado Chess Informant, Editor: **Fred Eric Spell**

(Honorable Mention -- Iowa Chess News: En Passant, Editor: **Mark Capron**, Webmaster: **Bethany Carson**)

Prize List for 2017 CJA Awards

TOP FOUR:

Chess Journalist of the Year -- Winner: **Vanessa West**

(Honorable Mention -- **Pete Tamburro**)

Best Story of the Year -- Winner: **Chess Life Turns 70!** by **Al Lawrence** - September 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 20. Submitted by *US Chess*

(Honorable Mention -- **GM Timur Gareyev Sets Blindfold Chess World Record** by **Jay Stallings and Jennifer Vallens** - March 2017 *Chess Life*, p. 38. Submitted by *Jennifer Vallens*)

Best Chess Column -- Winner: **Chess to Enjoy** by **GM Andy Soltis** - June 2016 and August 2016 *Chess Life* p. 16

(Honorable Mention -- **The Practical Endgame** by **GM Daniel Naroditsky** - July 2016 and October 2016 *Chess Life* p. 46/48)

Best State Magazine -- Winner: **Northwest Chess** edited by **Jeffrey Roland** - June 2016 to May 2017

BEST BOOK:

Best Book - Instructional (paper copy) -- Winner (tie): **Maneuvering: The Art of Piece Play** by **Mark Dvoretsky** - Russell Enterprises

Best Book - Instructional (paper copy) -- Winner (tie): **Chess for Hawks** by **IM Cyrus Lakdawala** - New in Chess

Best Book - Other (paper copy) -- Winner: **H.E. Bird: A Chess Biography with 1,198 Games** by **Hans Renette** - McFarland

(Honorable Mention -- **W. H. K. Pollock: A Chess Biography with 523 Games** by **Olimpiu G. Urcan and John S. Hilbert** - McFarland)

VISUAL ARTS:

Best Chess Magazine/Newsletter Layout -- Winner: **American Chess Magazine, Spring 2017**, edited by **Josip Asik**, Submitted by American Chess Magazine

Best Chess Photojournalism -- Winner: **David Llada: A Common Thread**, *Chess Life*, October 2016, p. 28, photos by **David Llada**, Submitted by US Chess

(Honorable Mention -- **The Shaman Sees Checkmate: Teaching Chess in the Amazon**, *USChess.org*, May 2017, photos by **Vincent Roazzi Jr.**, Submitted by USChess.org)

Best Single Photo -- Winner: **Karjakin Set to Challenge Carlsen**, June 2016 *Chess Life* p. 20 - by **David Llada**, submitted by US Chess

Best Chess Art -- Winner: **Chess Life Turns 70!**, *Chess Life*, Cover, September 2016, by **Scott Raymond**, submitted by US Chess

NEWSPAPER MEDIA:

Best Regular Newspaper Column -- Winner: Chess Column: **Thoughts from the champ on chess, intuition, and fashion** and **Hans Berliner, the D.C. boy who conquered the postal chess world**

(September 27, 2016 and February 22, 2016) by **David Sands**, Washington Times

Best Regular Newspaper Article of Local Interest -- Winner: "**Chess: A Knight's Tour**" (April 28, 2017) by **Bill Cornwall**, The Los Angeles Times

The following categories are open to journalist and publications in print.

NEWS or FEATURES, PRINT:

Best Tournament Report - National/International -- Winner: **A Golden Age Returns** by **FM Mike Klein**, January 17, 2017 in *Chess Life* p. 22

(Honorable Mention -- **Olympiad** by **GM Sam Shankland, et al**, *American Chess Magazine*, Fall-Winter/2016 -2017, p. 9-64)

Best Tournament Report - State/Local -- Winner: **IM's Nagle and Brooks Win 62nd Iowa Open** by **Mark Capron, Sean Nagle and Joseph Wan**, October 1, 2017, submitted by the Iowa State Chess Association

Best Features Article -- Winner: **A Complicated Man** by **GM Yasser Sierawan** - October 2016 *US Chess*, p. 36

Best Instructive Lesson - Print -- Winner: **Queen Endings Demystified** by **GM Alex Fishbein**, *American Chess Magazine*, Spring 2017

(Honorable Mention -- **How to Lose to a 1400** by **FM Jon Jacobs**, *Chess Life*, August 2016, p. 40)

Best Analysis -- Winner: **Top Three US Games** by **GM Ivan Sokolov** - American Chess Monthly, Spring 2017 *American Chess Magazine*, p. 14-25

Best Historical Article -- Winner: **John W. Griggs, when Chess Touched Politics** by **John Hilbert** - Annual *NJ Chess*

(Honorable Mention -- **The Murky Origins of Chess** by **Dr. Gerald M. Levitt** - May 2017 *Chess Life*, p. 40)

Best Humorous Contribution -- Winner: **How to Lose to a 1400** by **FM Jon Jacobs**, *Chess Life*, August 2016, p. 40

Best Interview -- Winner: **It Ain't Over Till It's Over** by **Josip Asik** - *American Chess Magazine*, Fall-Winter/2016 -2017, p. 84-89

Best Review -- Winner: **Dvoretsky Retrospective** by **John Hartmann** - December 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 14

(Honorable Mention --: **Everyman Roundup** by **John Hartmann** - October 2016 *Chess Life*, p. 12)

Best Chess Club Newsletter -- Winner: **En Passant** by **John Barraso** - June 2016 to March 2017 *Pittsburgh Chess Club*

Best Single Club Publication -- Winner: **David Elliott Memorial Cup Booklet** by **Eric Johnson** - February 2017 *Allentown Center City Chess Club*

The following categories are open to journalist and publications found online.

NEWS or FEATURES, ONLINE:

Best Tournament Report - National/International - Online -- Winner: **Carlsen Wins Rapid Playoff, Defends World Championship** by **FM Mike Klein**, November 30 on Chess.com

(Honorable Mention -- **Carlsen Beats Nakamura to Win GM Blitz Battle** by **FM Mike Klein**, October 27 on Chess.com)

(Honorable Mention -- **A Winner's Tale: GM Chirila on Millionaire Chess 2016** by **GM Cristian Chirila**, October 16 on USChess.org)

(Honorable Mention -- **Kostya's Magical Reykjavik Open: A Recap!** by **IM Kostya Kavutskiy**, May 18 on USChess.org)

Best Tournament Report - State/Local - Online -- Winner (tie): **Amsterdam Pub Crawl Tournament Marks 25th Anniversary** by **Peter Doggers**, May 17, 2017 on Chess.com

Best Tournament Report - State/Local - Online -- Winner (tie): **Lucky and Good: Lenderman and Yip Score at the Eastern Open** by **Jamaal Abdul-Alim**, January 1, 2017 on USChess.org

(Honorable Mention -- **Reunions and Victories at the Chesapeake Open** by **Jamaal Abdul-Alim**, January 18, 2017 on USChess.org)

Best Features Article - Online - Winner: **Inventions, Part I - III (Part I, Part II, and Part III)** by **Jamaal Abdul-Alim**, June 27-29, 2016 on www.worldchess.com

Best Instructive Lesson - Online -- Winner: **What is Your Goal in Chess?** by **Vanessa West**, June 16 on USChess.org

(Honorable Mention -- **How to Study Chess** by **Vanessa West**, November 1 on USChess.org)

Best Humorous Contribution Online -- Winner: **US Chess Launches Dating App to Bring Like-Minded Couples Together, Promoting the Romance of Chess** by **Bill Feldman** - April 1, 2017 on www.il-chess.org

(Honorable Mention -- **Pete's Pathetic Chess: The Worst Move Imaginable** by **Pete Cilento** - Feb 22, 2017 on Chess.com)

Best Historical Article Online -- Winner: **Inventions, Part I-III. (Part I, Part II, Part III** by **Jamaal Abdul-Alim** - June 27-29, 2016 on worldchess.com

(Honorable Mention --**The Forgotten Wizard: Reshevsky in Tulsa, 1921.** by **Tom Braulich** - May 2017 on www.ocfchess.org)

Best Interview Online -- Winner: **Ousted Iranian Player: 'My Wardrobe Should Not Be Anyone's Business!'** by **Mike Klein** - Feb. 28, 2017 on Chess.com

Best Review - Online - Winner: **Chess Tech University: Philosophy and Game Analysis (Part I and Part II** by **John Hartmann**, March 17 on USChess.org

(Honorable Mention -- **Magnus Carlsen on the Simpsons: The Portrayal of Chess in Pop Culture** by **Vanessa West**, March 17, 2017 on USChess.org)

Best Article in Mainstream Publication -- Winner: **Blindfold Chess King Reveals His Memory Tricks** by **Gus Lubin** – April 6, 2017

Best Club Newsletter/Magazine -- Winner: **Off da Rook.** by **Jennifer Vallens** - June 1, 2016

The following categories are open only to online journalist and their websites.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

Best [USCF] State Chapter Website -- Winner: **Maine Chess Association** www.ChessMaine.net, Webmaster: **Daniel DeLuca**

(Honorable Mention -- Illinois Chess Association. Webmaster: **Bill Feldman**)

(Honorable Mention -- Iowa State Chess Association. Webmaster: **Bethany Carson** and Assistant Webmaster: **Daniel Carson**)

Best Electronic State Newsletter -- Winner: Colorado Chess Informant, Editor: **Fred Eric Spell**

The Top Four

Chess Journalist of the Year

Winner: Mike Klein - Chess.com

Best Story of the Year

Winner: Cuban Chess: Community, Culture, and Change by Jacob Chudnovsky and Irina Medvedev - Chess Life - Sep 2017 – pp. 22-27, 71

Best Chess Column

Winner: Looks at Books by John Hartmann – Chess Life - Mar 2018 pp. 18-19 & Oct 2017 pp. 16-17

Best State Magazine/Newsletter

Winner: Northwest Chess - <http://www.nwchess.com/nwcmag/index.htm>

Best Book**Best Book - Instruction**

Winner: Carlsen vs. Karjarkan: World Chess Championship: New York, 2016 by Lev Alburt and Jon Crumiller

Best Book - Other

Winner: British Chess Literature to 1914: A Handbook for Historians by Tim Harding - McFarland Publishing - <https://mcfarlandbooks.com/product/british-chess-literature-to-1914/>

Visual Arts**Best Chess Magazine / Newsletter Layout**

Winner: August 2017 Chess Life

Best Chess Photojournalism

Winner: Aronian Leads After Rapid; Dramatic 3rd Day For Kasparov --
<https://www.chess.com/news/view/aronian-leads-after-rapid-dramatic-3rd-day-for-kasparov-5496>

Best Single Photo

Winner: Alexander Shabalov by Michael Williams – Chess Life - Mar 2018 - cover

Best Chess Art

Winner: 2018 U.S. Championship Previews by Paul Dickinson - Chess Life - Apr 2018 - cover

Newspaper Media**Best Regular Newspaper Column**

Winner: Bill Cornwall – Los Angeles Times -
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UkCsiJrUwkYb8qMb4lh_3G9lckKcqdE4

Best Regular Newspaper Article of Local Interest

Winner: Bill Cornwall – Los Angeles Times -

News or Features – Print**Best Tournament Report - National/International**

Winner: California Sun Beats Down on a Foggy British Island” by Michael Brown; pp. 30-33, 36-39 – American Chess Monthly #5

Best Tournament Report - State/Local

Winner: "Chicago! My Kind of Tourney" by Daniel Parmet with annotations by Ilya Smirin, Dmitry Gurevich, Akshat Chandra, Joshu Colas; pp. 118-126 – American Chess Magazine #3

Best Features Article

Winner: Chess in Excelsis by Joshua M. Anderson – Chess Life - Jan 2018 – pp. 24-31

Best Instructive Lesson

Winner: How to Reduce Your Chess Blunders – Chess Life – Dec 2017 – pp. 42-44

Best Review

Winner: Eat Your Oatmeal – John Hartmann – Chess Life – Feb 2018 – pp. 20-21

Best Humorous Contribution

Winner: Our 14th Annual Trivia Quiz by Andy Soltis – Chess Life - Dec 2017 – pp. 16-17, 69

Best Historical Article

Winner: "The Great American Chess Magazine War" by John S. Hilbert – American Chess Magazine - pp. 70-78

Best Interview

Winner: "25 Questions for Carol Meyer" by Pete Tamburro – American Chess Magazine #6 – pp. 120 - 124

Best Analysis

Winner: "Top Three US Championship Games" by GM Ivan Sokolov – American Chess Magazine #3 – pp. 16-25

Best Club Newsletter/Magazine

Winner: Pittsburgh Chess Club

Best Single Club Publication

Winner: Eric Johnson – Johnson v. Santo Match Booklet

News or Features – Online

Best Tournament Report - National/International

Winner: The American Open: SoCal's Chess Festival by Vanessa West - <https://new.uschess.org/news/american-open-socals-chess-festival/>

Best Tournament Report - State/Local

Winner: Vegas, Vacations & Victories: Alisa on the North American by Alisa Melekhina - <https://new.uschess.org/news/vegas-vacations-victories-alisa-north-american-open/>

Best Features Article

Winner: Jerry Spann: The Forgotten Man Who Will Never Be Forgotten by Tom Braunlich - <http://ocfchess.org/pdf/OCM-2017-08-01.pdf>

Best Review

Winner: A "Behind the Scenes" Guide to Brilliant Attacks - Review: Attacking Chess for Club Players by Vanessa West - <https://new.uschess.org/books/behind-scenes-guide-brilliant-attacks-review-attacking-chess-club-players/>

Best Historical Article

Winner: Why Bobby Fischer Came Back My Extraordinary Adventure with the World Chess Champion by Lou Hays - <http://ocfchess.org/pdf/OCM-2017-06-01.pdf>

Best Interview

Winner: Caruana: 'I Think My Chances Are About 50-50' -- <https://www.chess.com/news/view/caruana-i-think-my-chances-are-about-50-50>

Best Analysis

Winner: Alex Yermolinsky - En Passant - V. 57 Is. 4 – Oct 2017 - pp. 36-7 – <http://www.iowa-chess.org>

Best Club Newsletter/Magazine

Winner: Tarrant County Club Newsletter - https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/c37024_6a4e3437bdb544cc8691463c243dd256.pdf

Best Online Article in Mainstream Publication

Winner: Chess and The Hijab: Iran's Dorsa Derakhshani Finds Her Way -- <http://www.wbur.org/onlyagame/2017/09/29/chess-hijab-dorsa-derakhshani> -- September 29, 2017

Electronic Media**Best [USCF] State Chapter Website**

Winner: Texas Chess - <https://texaschess.org/>

Best General Chess Website

Winner: Chess.com - <https://www.chess.com>

Best Chess Blog

Winner: Playing the Quintessential American Tournament: The 2017 World Open -- <https://www.chess.com/blog/SamCopeland/playing-the-quintessential-american-tournament-the-2017-world-open> -- Jul 9, 2017

Best Electronic State Newsletter

Winner: Iowa – En Passant – Mark Capron - <http://www.iowa-chess.org/en-passant>

Multimedia**Multimedia -- Best Mainstream Media**

Winner: Does It Take A Genius To Play 3D Chess? We Asked The Masters (HBO) --
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqoD1Xkmwro>

Multimedia - Best Educational Lesson

Winner: AlphaZero vs Stockfish Chess Match Highlights by IM Danny Rensch --
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6z1o48Sgrck>

Multimedia - Best Interview

Winner: Garry Kasparov Talks Chess And Artificial Intelligence --
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nPMkLBUYQ8&feature=youtu.be>

Multimedia - Best Tournament Report

Winner: Ding Liren Wins Cook-Off, Then Heads To Hospital With Fractured Hip -- (video embedded at end of article) -- <https://www.chess.com/news/view/cook-off-winner-ding-hospitalized-with-fractured-hip>

Special Achievement

Winner: Peter Dogger's Year Long coverage of FIDE

Winner: American Chess Magazine for the four issues

2019 CJA Awards

By Jennifer Vallens – Reprint from Chess Life, May 2019, page 36

The Chess Journalists of America once again sends out a call for nominations for the annual Chess Journalists of America (CJA) awards. The CJA awards recognize all facets of chess journalism, both print and online. The best chess articles, columns, photojournalism, layout, and online writing are honored within their respective categories. Recognized annually by their peers, the public, and members of CJA, the prestigious awards, which are open to anyone, showcase American works published in English between June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

Our CJA president, Joshua Anderson, will announce the awards at the annual CJA meeting (held during the U.S. Open), followed shortly by a complete listing on the CJA website. Award winners will be presented with online certificates that can be printed or copied. Additionally, they will be acknowledged in CJA's newsletter, *The Chess Journalist*, and will be listed permanently on the CJA website and on social media. There is an entry fee of \$15 for the first entry (this includes membership or renewal to CJA) and an \$8 fee for each subsequent entry. Additional award details can be found online at chessjournalism.org. Interested parties can also contact CJA Awards Committee Chairman Jennifer Vallens at info@chessjournalism.org.

Submissions must be received by June 18, 2019. With the exception of the book category, all submissions will be accepted online at www.chessjournalism.org/submitentry. For book entries, please contact Jennifer Vallens at info@chessjournalism.org and she will provide submission instructions.

CJA is a not-for-profit organization that encourages and promotes chess journalism. Membership is open to everyone at an annual membership fee of \$10 (foreign membership is \$15 per year).

2019 CHESS JOURNALISTS OF AMERICA AWARDS

The categories are as follows. Some new categories, highlighted in yellow (bold in this version), have been added this year.

TOP FOUR CATEGORIES

Chess Journalist of the Year

Best Story of the Year

Best Chess Column - Print

Best State Magazine/Newsletter

BEST CHESS BOOK

(SIX COPIES REQUIRED)

Best Chess Book – Instruction

Best Chess Book – Other (fictional, historical, photography)

BEST VISUAL ARTS

Best Photojournalism Article

Best Single Chess Photo

Best Chess Art (graphic design, cartoon, other)

Best Single Chess Magazine Cover

BEST PRINT

Best Regular Newspaper Chess Column

Best Single Article or Local Interest

Best Overall Chess Magazine

Best Feature

Best Interview

Best Tournament Report – National/International

Best Tournament Report – State/Local

Best Overall Club Publication

Best Instructive Lesson

Best Review

Best Analysis

Best Historic Article

Best Humorous Contribution

BEST ONLINE NEWS

AND FEATURES

Best Online Chess Blog

Best Feature Article

Best Online Interview

Best Chess Podcast

Best Single Podcast Episode

Best Tournament Report – National/International

Best Tournament Report – State/Local

Best Online Chess News

Best Online Newsletter or Magazine – State/Local

Best Instruction Lesson

Best Review

Best Analysis

Best Humorous Contribution

Best Historical Article

Best State Chapter Website

Best Overall Chess Website

BEST OTHER

Best Educational Lesson – print or online

Best Commentator for single event

Best Non Instructive Chess Video

Best Chess Article in Mainstream Publication – print or online

JUNIOR

Best Junior Chess Print Article

Best Junior Chess Online Article

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Special Achievement