

Ruth Haring on Volunteering and her Chess Comeback

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Vice-president of the USCF executive board WIM Ruth Haring is active in both promoting chess and in playing. She recently volunteered at the Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Chess Club in Falls Church, VA, where her sister teaches. "They had a very big chess club, with students in grades 5-7th. They were enthusiastic but didn't have much instruction." Ruth taught them how to mate with a king and a rook vs. king and dropped off a couple of dozen copies of [Chess Life For Kids](#). Ruth also volunteers locally at the Nord Country School in Chico, California.



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Next up for Ruth is a December 10th lecture at the Fresno Chess Club, founded by the current USCF Clubs committee chair, Bob Rasmussen. ([See the CLO interview with Bob here.](#)) Last year, Ruth attended the Fresno club with her son, Theo Biyiasas, an improving Class A player. Theo challenged the club members to defend against the

bishop and knight vs. king endgame.

Ruth is also planning to participate in a USCF Board team at the [US Amateur Team East coming up next February](#). The team will consist of Randy Bauer, Bill Hall, Ruth Haring and Gary Walters.

Ruth, who used to play for the US Women's Olympic team, said that she still struggles with fitting in opening study with a busy schedule. One thing that has helped her is playing online and realizing that "people aren't that booked up anyway, especially against the lines I play, which are out of fashion." Below is one of her favorite online games from a chess.com FIDE rated players tournament.

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White: monty82

Black: Haring, Ruth

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7 5.Qd2 c6 6.f3 Nbd7 7.g4 h5 8.g5 Nh7 9.f4 b5 10.O-O Nb6 11.Nf3 b4 12.Nb1 Bg4 13.Be2 Nc4 14.Qd3 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Qa5 16.Be4 Qb6 17.Rhf1 e6 18.Bb3 O-O-O 19.Rd3 e5 20.fxe5 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Nxe5 22.Rg3 dxe5 23.Rxg5 Bh6 24.Bxf7 Rhf8 25.Be6+ Kb7 26.Nd2 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 exd4 28.Qg1 Qd8 29.Rxg6 Be3 30.Rg7+ Kb6 31.Qd1 Rf2 32.Kb1 Rxd2 33.Qf1 Qf6 0-1



Haring was also pleased to play the best combination she's ever played over the board at the [recent Western States Open in Reno, Nevada](#).



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"I finally started playing games that are nice games. That's nice. It's also fun to see my son getting better."

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