

A Passed Pawn Promoted

by Fred Eric Spell

*"I have had many names and forms."
- Chaitanya Neuhaus*

Chaitanya (Chai) Neuhaus passed away on May 5th, 2012, only a month after being diagnosed with leukemia.

I met Chai only once and that was when he played in the first tournament that I ever organized - the inaugural *Monument Open* in August of 2009. He went 6/6 in the Under 1500 section, took home some money and gained 122 points. Sadly it was the last time I ever saw him.

What follows is some kind words spoken about him from some of his fellow chess players, a game from the *Monument Open* he played in, and a selection of some of Chai's poetry.

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"I did not know Chai very well, but we did play some USCF rated correspondence games together. He was always very courteous, and seemed like a great guy. His handle was "Still Sky", which reflected his spiritual nature."

Tim Brennan

"Chai Neuhaus was a Boulder, CO chess player. I played him a few times at the Boulder Chess Club and watched him play Ginny Gaige a few times. He was a deep person."

Brian Wall

**Chai Neuhaus (1447)
Michael Martinson (1227)
Monument Open I
August 23, 2009
Round 2**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nf3 Be7
5.e3 Nc6 6.h4 h6 7.Bf4 Bb4 8.Be2 Ne4
9.Qd3 Qe7 10.O-O Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bd6
12.Rae1 Bd7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nd2 e5
15.e4 O-O-O 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.Bf3 Qxa2
18.Ra1 Qe6 19.d5 Qd6 20.dxc6 Bxc6

21.Bg4+ Kb8 22.Qe3 b6 23.Ne4 Qe7
24.Bf3 Qxh4 25.Nc5 Bxf3 26.Na6+ Kc8
27.Qxf3 e4 28.Qf5+ Rd7 29.Rfd1 Rhd8
30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Rd1 Qe7 32.Nb8 Kxb8
33.Rxd7 Qa3 34.Qxe4 Kc8 35.Re7 Qc1+
36.Kh2 Qg5 37.Qa8# 1-0

Ascension

*I just keep
falling
backwards
off this cliff*

*heels over head,
earth rushing
up to swallow
my body
whole.*

*Hands clasped,
the prayer
knives
through
the Void
and I follow
bleeding
gratitude.*

Seeds

*Are you fertile?
Full of longing*

*For Truth?
If I tell you the secret
will you hold it
closer than your heart?
More precious than
your last breath?*

I think not.

*Ten minutes from now
Beauty will dance before you
and you will start to dream
Or*

*Fear will whisper
a nightmare in your ear
and you will try to hide your
naked
ness.*

*Or tomorrow
you will go to work
and forget you ever heard
This.*

*Are you willing to die
for Truth?*

*Really?
How romantic!*

*Are you willing
to just stop lying?
For once?
It's all I ask.*

*Do not move
(It is simple.)
until the whole
Universe
moves.*

Truth.

Water flows into water

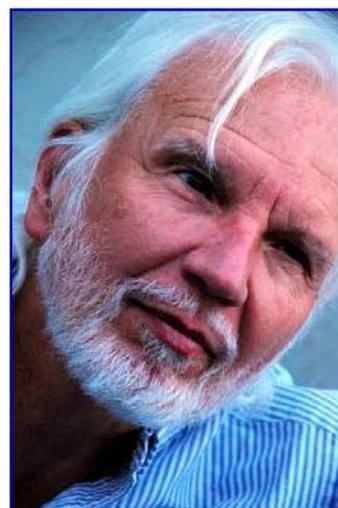
*If you really
want to drown
in God,
you must first
stop breathing
air.*

*Understand this.
Air is not water.
Only water
is God.*

*It is not easy,
though
to drown
yourself.
You will need
some help.*

*Best friends are good
accomplices.
Enemies also work.*

*Just hand them your last breath,
and make them promise
not to give it back
'til you've turned as blue as Krishna
and they're dancing at your feet.*



Chai Neuhaus