



# *Southern Nevada*



# Chess Club



Hi everyone,

It was exciting to see so many faces at the National Open who played at Bridgeopolis over the last 2+ years and who've told me they can't wait to play at Southern Nevada Chess Club (SNVChess). I was working all the youth events in the Red Rock ballroom but managed to sneak away at times to visit Sunset and El Dorado. Kudos to all our parents who toughed out the parental waiting area with the crowds and temperatures and a special thank-you to the parents of some of our kids who covertly hooked me up with food contraband so I could avoid various issues. Results from some National Open tournaments are posted to USChess at <https://www.uschess.org/msa/AffDtlTnmtHst.php?A6020060>. The remaining ones will be posted when available to the same site.

With the National Open behind us, I can now start devoting full attention to SNVChess and even Nevada Chess.

In response to some of you asking about the 2024 Nevada State Championship, I met with Fred Roscher and his colleagues from the Reno Chess Club along with Nevada Chess Board Member Eric Ostertag from the Northern Nevada Chess Club to discuss ideas for the 2024 Nevada State Championship. We'll hold the two respective qualifiers sometime in September with the State Championship to be held sometime in November. There are still

some major details to be worked out but we'll announce everything in the coming weeks.

For this Saturday, I've arranged with GM Zbigniew Pakleza from Poland to host a Simul at SNVChess at 10:00am. We need a minimum of 10 challengers. We currently have only two. Players will have 25+5 on their clocks while GM Pakleza will have 2 hours. The cost is \$35 and the registration link can be found on our website. If you draw or win, you get a free tournament of your choice at SNVChess, excluding the Monthly Series. If you lose, we'll negotiate the penalty (yes, I'm kidding about the penalty)

Following the Simul, we'll host a scholastic tournament at 1:00pm. Kids who participate in the Simul will receive \$10 off the Scholastic. Please fill out the registration form on the website.

Talking about Simuls, At the National Open, I also talked with GM Ben Finegold and he's agreed to do a short lecture and Simul for us on June 29 @ 10:00am. The cost would also be \$35. Following that Simul, we'll have a Beginner and 700+ tournament. Any player who plays the Simul with Ben will get \$10 off the Tournament. There are a minimum of 10 players required for this Simul. I'm sure Ben would also agree to pictures and autographs; especially for the kids. No clock for this one unless required after a reasonable amount of time.

We've received about 5 new entries on our mail list since the National Open so I'm assuming some or all of them are a result of the someone(s) mentioning us. To those of you who did mention us to other local players, Thanks!!

Several players have been asking about having some Casual Chess. I'm opening the Club for FREE Casual Chess this Sunday, Fathers Day, from 1:00pm - 5:00pm for Casual Chess and general Open House. C'mon by and say hi! Kids, bring your dads and moms, too! USCF Membership is not required

for this event. I'll be around to answer any questions you may have about Competitive Chess, USCF, SNVChess, etc. Note: while I'm not taking reservations or advance signups for this event, please do email me if you intend to come by. If the Club is empty at 3:00pm, I will end the event then.

Our Monthly Series starts in two days. We've already got some registrations and I expect a few more. Please register on the website for this tournament which appeals primarily to players with ratings greater than 900. Some of our regulars have ratings around 1800. This will be our first tournament at the new SNVChess Club Space. Round 1 is Thursday @ 6:00pm with Rounds 2-4 on Thursday June 20, June 25, and June 27 respectively.

Min Wang at NCA still has room in her Summer Chess Camp and tournaments for kids. The Chess Camp is daily and the tournament rounds are on Mondays and Fridays. We had 14 players in yesterday's tournament for rounds 1 and 2. To join the camp, including the tournaments, please contact Min at [babyuniversity001@gmail.com](mailto:babyuniversity001@gmail.com). To register your son or daughter in the tournament only, please see the [SNVChess.com](http://SNVChess.com) website.

I'll announce Quads with cash prizes and other tournaments for June and July in the coming days.

Thanks everyone! Hope to see you soon!

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