# Southern Nevada

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the new members who've joined us recently. I'm aware that the number of email messages i've sent recently are none to few but that's due to the move and assisting with advance planning for National Open and related youth events.

# **Facility Update**

Bridgeopolis Chess has completely vacated the Club space where we played over 100 events during the past 2+ years on Tropicana and Durango. We've been setting up the new space at 6284 Spring Mountain Road and also renamed ourselves to The Southern Nevada Chess Club (a dba of Bridgeopolis LLC). We are sharing the entire building with the Las Vegas Chinese School and appreciate them greatly for offering to sublease to us.

The new facility is significantly larger than our previous one. We can fit all 22 tables into the main playing area. There are individual rooms which we can access as well. One of them, "Room 7", is already setup as a Skittles room. Our small refrigerator is now in that room. The main room has an adjacent full kitchen with stove, microwaves, coffee makers, and full-sized refrigerator.

For the kids, we now have a fenced-in grass backyard.

You may continue sending email to <u>marv@bridgeopolis.com</u> or to <u>marv@snvchess.com</u>. Both addresses go to the same mailbox on my computer/phone. Our new website is <u>https://snvchess.com</u> although the old website simply points visitors to the new site. All Paypal and Venmo payments should continue pointing to the previous addresses, <u>marv@bridgeopolis.com</u> for Paypal and @bridgeopolis for Venmo, since Venmo allows only one Business name and it's a hassle to switch.

I'm hoping we can arrange some additional events like Club picnics and other parties in the backyard and scheduling some Casual Chess days for members. After the weather cools down in the Fall, we could have some outdoor Chess games.

# **Events**

## **Thursday Series**

Our first tournament in the new facility will be the June Thursday Series. For this month, the Series will be held on June 13, 20, 25, and 27th. Note that three of these days are Thursdays and one is a Tuesday. This tournament appeals to players rated 900+, with some of our regulars being 1800+, with one round of G75+15 each night. To register for the June Series, please see our new website.

### **GM Simul for everyone**

We're having a SPECIAL event on Saturday June 15 @ 10:00am. Thanks to SNVCC member Peter Bodziony for the introduction, we have arranged with visiting Grand Master Zbigniew Pakleza (2560 USChess, 2489 FIDE) from Poland to have a simul for kids and adults. This Simul is an unrated game where the Guest (GM Pakleza) plays upto 25 players simultaneously. For this event, players will have clocks setup with 25+5 for them and 2 hours +5 seconds for the GM on a single game. We must have a minimum of 10 players to run the event and a maximum of 25 players. Kids and Adults may participate and it may be announced on social media like Facebook.

**Scholastic:** Immediately following the Simul, we will have our first Scholastic tournament at the new facility on Saturday June 15 @ 1:00pm. This kids-only tournament for players in grades 2-8 is great for experienced and inexperienced young players.

The cost for the Simul is \$35 for all. Kids who participate in the Simul and the Scholastic Tournament will receive \$10 off the entry fee for their Tournament. The registratiopn link for the Simul and Tournament can be found on our website.

NCA Kids Summer Chess Camp and tournaments Speaking of tournaments for kids, Noble Collegiate Academy is once again having a daily summer Chess camp with tournaments in June and July. We'll be running some tournaments for their campers but have some room for others. To join the camp, please contact Min Wang at <u>babyuniversity001@gmail.com</u>. If you have a player interested in the tournaments only, please register using the link on our website. The June dates

**The Las Vegas Chess School** which offers group lessons to kids on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30pm is taking June and July off but we have some interest in having "one hour mini-lessons" on some days. If you're interested, please email me.

We're planning to have a **Quads Tournament** on Saturday June 22 for cash prizes. The Time Control will be G20+5 so the games will not affect your regular rating. The cost will be \$35 with \$20 of the entry fee going to the prize pool for each quads. First Place will win \$60 and Second place will win \$20. The registration link is not yet available and will be published shortly.

Other tournaments being planned include a Blitz Tournament on Sunday June 23 and a Beginner tournament on June 29th. And, for Nevada Chess (the State

Affiliate), we are beginning to explore dates and ideas for the Southern Nevada State Championship.

I want to wish all our SNVCC members who are playing in the National Open and related youth tournaments the best of luck in their games. I'll be working all the youth events and assisting with Chess Control and setup before the weekend but if you see me, please say "hi" even if I'm running from one room to another. Apologies in advance if I only say "hi" while running. You can also text or email me with any questions where I might be able to help. Also, as a personal favor, **please mention the Club to any local players you meet in your adventures.** There will be flyers for SNVCC and I'll always be happy to answer questions about us when I have a minute.

Stay tuned for more!

Thanks! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon and introducing our new location!

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