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Southern Nevada



Chess Club



Hi everyone,

We now have about 380 mail list subscribers and about 20 paid members.
Welcome to all!

Recent tournaments

We teamed up with Min Wang and Noble Collegiate Academy to direct four tournaments for the kids on their campus. A total of 28 kids participated in one or more rounds. It's wonderful to see all the previous students gaining more experience and proficiency while we also welcomed a batch of first-timers! We're planning to do it again over the Winter Break in December. So far away, yet so close.

Our July Beginner and 700+ tournament was a huge success with 20 players split into the two sections. Along with returning players, we also had some new ones join as well; both kids and adults. Some kids who thought they were "experts" before the competition now realize they overestimated their abilities while some adults who thought they'd lose to nine-year olds discovered they were right. It was a great time with lots of laughs and everyone agreed they're eagerly looking forward to the next one.

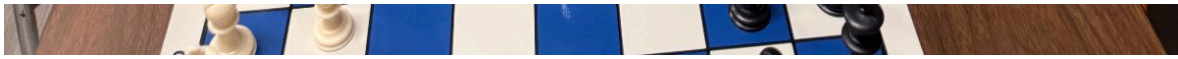
Our Thursday Night Series for players rated 900+ also increased in number this month as we had 16 players competing in Round 1 of the four round weekly

month as we had 10 players competing in round 1 of the four round weekly series. The Series continues with Round Two tonight @ 6:00pm. All Rounds in our flagship tournament have a time control of G75+15. Round 3 and 4 will be July 25 and August 1. Single nights are available for \$20.

The August Series will have the following dates: August 8, 15, 27, and 29. Note the 27th is a Tuesday and we'll be skipping the week of August 22 to allow our players (and me!) time to prepare for the Las Vegas Open.

A link to all results from completed tournaments posted on the USChess site can be found on our [website](#).





Some of the kids at a recent NCA-SNVCC tournament



Our recent Beginner and 700+ Tournament



July Thursday Night Series Round 1

Membership

Our membership program takes full effect on August 1. The \$100 annual Dues are a great deal for players who compete regularly since they can take \$10 off one tournament each month. Beginning Friday night, August 2 @ 6-9pm, paid Members can also participate free in weekly Casual Chess and socializing. We will also try introducing our players to additional strategy and thought-provoking games.

Upcoming tournaments

We have some exciting activities coming up in August:

As mentioned above, Casual Chess starts Friday 8/2. Paid members are free. Others will pay the regular fees of \$7.

Sunday August 4: Blitz. Double Rounds of G3+2. The Top-scoring adult will win a free entry to the 2024 Las Vegas Open Saturday Night Blitz Tournament while the top-scoring youth will win a free entry to the 2024 LV Open Sunday Youth Blitz Tournament. If we have enough players to split into two sections, top-scoring players in both age groups from all sections will win the free entries. Note there is a minimum player attendance of 7 players to award the prizes.

Sunday, August 11: We have another Grand Master Simul with local GM Richard Bitoon (USCF:2429, FIDE:2374). The previous simuls with GM Zbigniew Pakleza and GM Ben Finegold were huge hits. We expect this one to be as equally popular among our members. Following the Simul on the same day will be our next Beginner and 700+ tournament. As mentioned above, July had 20 players and we expect to match or exceed that number in August. First-time players are welcome alongside those with some experience in the lower section. The Upper section will have players who are rated 700 and above.

Sunday August 18 will see the return of our popular Scholastic tournaments. We're opening the tournament to students in Grades 2-9 and will divide into two sections based on grade level or experience as needed.

2024 Las Vegas Open at the Rio Hotel

The 2024 Las Vegas Open at the Rio Hotel is scheduled for August 23-25. Please see the link on our website to view all details of the adults and kids tournaments scheduled throughout the 3-day weekend. This event attracted close to 250 players last year. The Las Vegas Open is co-sponsored with Vegas Chess Festivals and the Southern Nevada Chess Club.

Las Vegas Chess School

After taking two months off for Summer break, International Master Andranik “Coach Andy” Matikozyan with the Las Vegas Chess School returns with Tuesday afternoon group lessons for kids beginning August 6 @ 4:30-5:30pm.

One-on-one lessons for kids

We also have a number of great teachers interested in introducing kids to the joys of Chess. Parents of interested students, age 6 and above, are invited to contact Marvin with questions and to determine a convenient schedule. We’ll be making a serious effort this Fall to reach youngsters throughout the Southern Nevada area.

Coming soon: details for the the 2024 Nevada State Seniors and Nevada State Championship.

Hope to see everyone soon!

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