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# *Southern Nevada*



# Chess Club



Hi everyone,

Welcome to our new Subscribers who joined in the last week!

## **July Thursday Series**

Round 1 of July's Thursday series will start tomorrow, July 11, with usual 6:00pm start time. Subsequent rounds will be July 18, July 25, and August 1. The Thursday series is our flagship monthly tournament where players ranging in rating from about 900 to 2000 compete in one round of G75+15 each of four nights. We currently have 11 players playing one or more rounds. The Thursday Series is our most cost-effective tournament with advance cash fees of \$50 for all four rounds (\$12.50/round). Able to play some Thursday nights but not all? The entry fee is only \$20 for a single round.

## **Casual Chess**

Our recent Free Casual Chess event was a hit, too. We had about 10 players at one point. We'll start doing them on a weekly basis on Friday nights with selected weekend days beginning in August. It will be free for members and \$7 for guests.

## **July Beginner and 700+ Tournament**

Our next beginner and 700+ tournament will be this Sunday July 14 @ 1:00pm.

The [registration link can be found on our website](#). We already have 8 players registered with three over 700 and five players under 700. If we can get a few more players in both groups, we can have two separate sections. Early Bird paid members: if you joined already or will join before Sunday, you may deduct \$10 from the cost of this tournament.

### **Summer NCA Tournament for Kids**

Our Summer Tournament Series with Noble Collegiate Academy with four small tournaments for kids on two days each week is going great! We had 20 players on Monday for the conclusion of Week 3. The kids were separated into two sections based on rating. Congratulations to 7-year-old Raley who won all four games in the Lower-rated section. It's amazing to have watched her over the last year evolve from someone just learning how to move the pieces to confidently taking her opponents' Queens and checkmating. These kids learn VERY fast! "Week Four", the final NCA tournament of the summer, will be this Friday and Monday. If your player is under age 12, they can register for \$25. We have room for only 2-4 more players. It's held on the NCA Campus at 6000 W. Oakey @ 1:40pm and the registration form can be found on our website.

### **Membership Program starts August 1**

Beginning August 1, we'll be implementing an annual membership plan.

Solo players: \$100/year

Family players (2+ players in the same household): \$150/year

Membership benefits will include free access to weekly Casual Chess (with socializing and some other games, too) and \$10 off any one tournament each month. If you have some suggestions for other benefits we could offer, please do let me know.

Thank you to the players who have already joined! Your support is very touching! If you joined early, your membership takes effect on August 1 but we're offering \$10 off the July Beginner and 700+ tournament listed above as an added incentive. The Membership form and links to all our tournaments can be found on our website.

Of course, mail list subscribers who choose to not become members will still be able to play in our tournaments but without a discount.

## **Las Vegas Open**

The Las Vegas Open is scheduled for August 23-25 at the Rio. There are five tournaments which will be of interest to our Club including two Blitz tournaments (one for kids and one for adults) and a \$20,000 prize pool based on 200 paid entries. See <https://kingregistration.com/> and search for “Vegas” on the page.

The first benefit for kids to becoming a Member of our Club will be \$10 off entry fees to the Las Vegas Open Youth Tournament to be held on August 24 at the Rio.

## **Group Lessons for kids**

International Master Andranik “Coach Andy” Matikozyan, with the Las Vegas Chess School, will restart his Tuesday afterschool group lessons for kids in August. SNVCC also offers one-on-one lessons for kids who are starting at the very beginning with Introduction to Chess and how to move the pieces. We think six years old is the minimum age to take advantage of this program.

## **Haring / Barber / Denker / Irwin Tournaments**

Good luck to all our players going to Norfolk, VA to compete in the US Open and to the NV State participants who will compete and represent our state in the invitationals throughout the last week of July.

Club activities will be on hiatus as I will be on vacation in the SF Bay Area for an annual Board Game invitational convention from July 23 through July 30. I’ve attended it every year for the last 16 years (minus the Covid years). Of course, I’ll be available via email and text as always.

Hope to see you soon!

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