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Hi everyone,

Fourteen players participated in our Blitz Tournament on Sunday. Everyone played 7 double rounds of G3+2. Congratulations to winner Divyesh Balamurali on his win with a score of 13.5/14 and to Alex Skoczylas on finishing in second place with a score of 11.5/14. They won Amazon Gift cards totaling \$60 and \$40 respectively. The full results can be seen on the US Chess site at <https://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?202412081632>

We have several fun activities coming up this month. On Sunday, December 15 @ 1:00pm, we'll have our next scholastic tournament for kids in grades 2-12. This monthly tournament is perfect for kids who may be playing in their first regular-rated tournament as well as those who play often. The time control is G20+10.

Our next monthly Beginner and 700+ tournament is scheduled for Sunday December 22 @ 1:00pm. This monthly tournament is perfect for kids and adults of any rating, including unrated playing for their first time. With a sufficient number of players in both categories, under 700 and above 700, we can have two separate sections. Otherwise, we combine into one section. The time control is G25+5.

International Master Andranik Matikozyan is back in Vegas following his extended stay in Los Angeles. Co-sponsored by NCA and Matikozyan's LV Chess School, we'll have an advanced Chess camp for kids rated over 900 on December 23 and December 24th from 10am-3pm. The kids will have two hours of lectures from "Coach Andy" followed by an onsite lunch break and 2 hours of practicing what they've learned. Suitably experienced kids with ratings under 900 may request a waiver of the minimum rating requirement from Marvin or NCA's Min Wang.

On Thursday December 26 @ 11am, we'll have a midweek daytime tournament @ 11:00am for those players in the Camp as well as anyone else rated above 900 who would like to participate. The time control will be 4 rounds of G25+5. The fee for the tournament-only is \$30.

The Noble Collegiate Academy will have their semi-annual Chess camp and tournaments on their campus at 6000 W. Oakey during the week of December 30. Marv will direct Swiss Tournaments on Monday and Tuesday with a Blitz tournament on Thursday and an unofficial BugHouse Tournament on Friday.

Round 2 of our monthly G75+15 series is scheduled for Thursday December 12 at the usual starting time of 6:00pm and Casual Chess and Socializing is scheduled for Friday December 13 6-8:30pm

And now for a big announcement:

We will be organizing a larger tournament that we're calling The 1st Annual 702 Winter Classic for the weekend of February 21-23. There will be five rounds of classical Chess with two- and three-day schedules available. We'll have two sections with 1500 as the separator although players may opt to "playup" for an added fee. There will be approximately \$2000 in cash prizes for each section with an estimated 32 players in each section. The tournament will be held at our Club and is limited to 64 players. National Tournament Director Tom Brownscombe and Local Director Pierre DuCharme will help direct. I will be announcing this through US Chess in a few days but wanted to give

subscribers and members first crack at registration. I expect a few players from outside LV to attend. Registration and more info is live now on [King Registration](#).

Links with information and registration for above activities are published on our [website](#).

Coming Soon: Info on the Southern Nevada State Scholastic (March 1) and Warmup (Mid February) as well as the Southern Nevada State Girls Championship (March 8)

Hope to see everyone soon!

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