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# *Southern Nevada*

## **Chess Club**



Hi everyone,

Welcome to our new subscribers!

There's a lot to announce in this update.

We ran **our first Chess960** event last weekend with a field of 12 players. Congratulations to Tom Brownscombe and Kevin Melendez for tying for the win. Tom won the unrated Tournament by Tie Break. The tournament was a huge success with everyone playing saying they enjoyed it and would play again. See below for our next one.

With July flying by, we just finished the 5th of six **Friday rated tournaments for the kids at Noble Collegiate Academy**. We typically have 24-28 players. Anyone under the age of 14 may participate in this Friday's final tournament of the series where we have a few spots available.

Our **Monthly Thursday Series** for players rated above 900 continues with Round 3 this Thursday evening. As many of our players are vacationing or otherwise traveling, this month's tournament is smaller than usual but anyone rated 900+ may join for the remaining one or two sessions. We play one round of G75+15 each.

We're scheduling a **Blitz tournament** for July 27 @ 1:00pm. Depending on the number of players, we'll have single or double rounds along with Amazon Gift Card Prizes for First and Second place.

Our next **Beginner and 700+ Swiss tournament** is scheduled for Sunday August 3 @ 1:00pm. This tournament is perfect for adults and kids who are either brand new to the game or have a few games under their belt and would like to increase their ratings. It's also for players who are rated above 700. As usual, with enough players, we'll split into two sections.

Exciting and New: **Unrated Chess960 tournament.** Sunday August 17 @ 12:30pm. Our first one went very smoothly and everyone had a great time so we're doing it again!

Chess960, also known as freestyle Chess, takes its name as a result of 960 different possible starting positions. Time control: G25+5. We will go over some basic rules before the start of the tournament. Notation is not required for this tournament and results will not be submitted to US Chess so USCF Membership is not required although prizes of free entry to our future regular tournament does require USCF membership to redeem. Small Amazon Gift Card prizes do not require USCF Membership. Kids and Adults are invited. If this tournament gets sufficient interest, we'll add it to our monthly schedule. Note the unusual start time of 12:30 and not 1pm in order to give players a few minutes before each round to study the board. The top two winners each earn a free entry to any of our regular Single-day tournaments or \$20 off a monthly Series if they are rated over 900.

Here's a new one that's been requested by several of our players. We're running a tournament on two consecutive Saturdays, August 23 and 30 @ 1:00pm, for players over age 12 and rated under 1200. Waivers may be requested. We'll call it **Two Saturdays G60+10**. We'll have two games of G60+10 on each of the two days. This event is specifically geared to adults (and mature kids) who want longer time controls in their games but are either

not rated high enough to play in our Monthly night series or are unable to play at night.

Here's another new event for August. **Unrated Coffee Tournament with Owen Carver of Café do Paraíso**. Owen is one of our newest subscribers and owns a home-based Coffee Roasting business called Café do Paraíso. He sells his coffee at the Summerlin Farmer's Market every Saturday and puts out a Chess board in his booth for his customers. He also says there's more than enough interest among adults and kids to run an UNRATED tournament to introduce his customers to tournament Chess. So we are collaborating on one scheduled for Sunday August 24 at our Club. This tournament will have three rounds with all sort of prizes (read: coffee and free entries) and socializing. The tournament will begin at 1:00pm but socializing and coffee samples will be available at 12:30. If you're one of our hundreds of subscribers who've never played in one of our regular tournaments, this one is for you! Even if you've got some Chess experience but would be interested in meeting some people new to the Chess scene, you're welcome to join. Due to the special nature of this tournament, the paid member discount is not available. We are limiting attendance to the first 40 who register.

**Casual Chess** is cancelled this Friday July 25 but we expect to return in August.

Those of you who became paid members of SNVCC last July will have your **memberships expire** at the end of this month. You may join or renew for \$100/annual using the registration link at the top of our website. Paid annual membership entitles you to \$10 off one Club tournament each month as well as free entry to our Casual Chess nights on most Fridays. We will check your membership status when you register for any tournament and apply the discount. For a family with more than one paid member, the renewal fee is still \$150/annual.

Registration links for all above activities can be found on our [website](#).

An idea I'm tossing around in my head: **PACK**. An acronym for Parents and Adults with Checkmating Kids. Let me know what pops into your mind when you read this. More on this as I solidify the idea.

Lastly, as I've previously announced, I'm stepping down from my role as President of **Silver State Chess Association** and from the Board of Directors so that I can devote more attention to running the Club and other personal interests. Voting is currently underway to elect two of three candidates who are running for the Board from Las Vegas as well as one of two candidates running to serve Nevada at-large. Members on the Board of Directors volunteer for two years and are responsible for organizing the State tournaments including the State Scholastic, State Seniors, and State Championship. You can find the link to the ballots on our website or click [here](#). Voting will end on August 1. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about SSCA or anything else mentioned here.

Hope to see everyone soon!

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