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Jerry Lawson Interviews Tom Shupe, MVP Chess

Editor's note: Jerry Lawson contributes regularly to Virginia Chess. Tom Shupe is the Alexandria-based founder of MVP Chess and its related YouTube site. He is an award-winning chess coach, scholastic tournament organizer, and aspiring National Master.

Tell us a little about your background.

I learned chess as a kid, but I did not start playing competitively until I was an adult. Around 2010, I suffered a spinal cord injury and could no longer play squash, which had been my main competitive outlet. Chess became an essential part of my life as I adjusted to living with a disability and looked for a new way to compete and improve.

I played my first US Chess rated tournament at age 29 in 2013. I was an "adult improver" before there were many of us around. I played tournaments in New York City, primarily at the Marshall Chess Club. In 2020, I achieved a USCF rating over 2000 while playing at the Arlington Chess Club.



Over the years, in part because of my disability, I experienced various challenges in tournament and club settings. Worries about whether I would be comfortable enough to play, or whether I could physically last until the end of a multi-day tournament, could overshadow the joy of playing and improving. I even had phases where I didn't play over the board at all. From those experiences came





my idea to design and host truly accessible tournaments. Tournaments where the setting is comfortable, welcoming, and accessible, and where anyone would want to play. From that original idea, about fifteen years later, MVP Chess was born.

Outside of chess, I earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Syracuse University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania. I spent fifteen years working in the finance industry, including at a major investment bank and a financial regulator. *[Tom's bio is available on LinkedIn.]* I live in Alexandria, Virginia, with my wife, daughter, and cat, Chess.

What is MVP Chess?

MVP Chess is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Virginia. Our mission is to make chess accessible for everyone and to develop growth-minded players. Our logo is a pawn promoted to a queen, symbolizing growth.

MVP stands for Most Valuable Player. I love sports and wanted to make a clear connection between chess and athletics. I think it is important for kids to see that chess is cool and that it can be an authentic competitive outlet, like a sport. Chess is an especially cool sport because you can keep playing your whole life!

I love it.

Our mission to make chess more accessible isn't just about individuals with disabilities. It's also to make chess financially accessible and socially accessible. As to the latter, creating more opportunities for girls in chess is an integral part of our work. Teaching chess in schools, there have been elementary school clubs with no girls signed up, but 15 or more boys.

That's great too. You are doing some big things.

I teach the MVP Chess after-school chess programs at local elementary schools in Alexandria, keeping the number of programs relatively small so I can personally teach them and ensure high-quality instruction. We also organize monthly US Chess rated tournaments for scholastic players. And I teach online one-on-one lessons for competitive scholastic players. We also run community outreach programs, such as our recent one with the Adaptive Fitness Legion.

How is MVP Chess different from other scholastic chess organizations?

We are a nonprofit organization, and our mission drives everything we do: making chess accessible to everyone. The way to create accessibility is to knock down barriers: financial, physical, social, and emotional.

We offer free or reasonably priced chess programming for kids at all levels. Competitive chess isn't the right choice for every kid, but every child can benefit from learning chess.



We focus on high-quality instruction that develops critical thinking skills, emotional intelligence, self-control, and a growth mindset. Not even Magnus Carlson wins every game. So we also teach how to lose and bounce back. We do this by meeting students where they are and never sacrificing the quality of instruction.

I personally direct every tournament, teach every lesson, and coach every after-school club in order to maintain that standard.

2026 Virginia Scholastic & College Chess Championships

hosted by

**Thomas Jefferson High School
for Science and Technology**

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, 2026

6560 Braddock Rd., Alexandria VA

WHAT: The Virginia Chess Federation (VCF) is partnering with Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology for the 2026 Virginia Scholastic & College Chess Championships.

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, 2026, with a Blitz Tournament on Friday night, March 6th.

REGISTRATION: We will open Registration at www.vachess.org by December 1st, 2025. Specific entry fees have not yet been determined; they are pending final logistical arrangements with the venue. **Please do not contact TJ High School**, they are relying on the VA Chess Federation to answer all questions about the tournament and event logistics.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS: TBD. We will seek agreements with hotels close to the High School. Details will be posted on the VCF website, www.vachess.org.

EVENT FORMAT: The tournament has nine (9) sections:

- College: One section, with all games on Saturday.
- K-12 Championship and K-12 Under 1400
- K-8 Championship and K-8 Under 1200
- K-5 Championship and K-5 Under 1000
- K-3 Championship and K-3 Under 600

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

- Friday, March 6th: On-site Registration for the Main Event and Blitz. Round 1 of BLITZ is at 6:30 PM.
- Saturday, March 7th: Rounds 1-3 at 9 am, 12:30 pm, and 4:30 pm. College Section games are at 9, noon, 3 pm, and 6 pm. Parents & Friends tournament starts at 12:45.
- Sunday, March 8th: Rounds 4-5 at 9:30 am and 1:30 pm. Awards Ceremonies held by section as soon as possible after the last game finishes in a section.

TEAMS: Teams must be comprised of players who attend the same school. A school is not required to have a "chess club" or "official school team" to form a team for this tournament. Two or more players who go to the same school and play in the same section of the tournament are automatically considered a team for the purposes of this tournament. More details will be available when we open registration.



You are not charging kids to play in your tournaments. How are you able to do that, and why?

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, MVP Chess reinvests all of its revenue back into its mission. The after-school chess programs I teach in Alexandria help fund our tournaments. We also donate ten percent of after-school club registration fees to each school's PTA. In addition, as a nonprofit, tax-deductible donations fund a lot of our work.

How can people support your scholastic chess projects?

We are always glad to receive donations through this website. We care deeply about our mission, and we appreciate our supporters a great deal:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/mvp-chess>

Financial accessibility is very important to us. Through teaching in elementary schools, I have seen many students who want to play chess but cannot afford registration fees. We already offer scholarships for after-school programs, and offering free-rated tournaments was a natural extension of that approach.

Our tournaments are currently held at the newly renovated Mount Vernon Rec Center. I wanted to offer not only free tournaments but also excellent conditions for players and parents alike. We've gotten great feedback from everyone about the Mount Vernon Rec Center, including the comfort of the accommodations.

What are the most important things you learned from your work with MVP Chess?

I have learned how important chess can be in helping to develop a growth mindset and learning to treat losses as opportunities to improve.

As a competitive chess player myself, I've gone through quite a journey - and it continues! But I've had times where I was so focused on rating points that I lost sight of bigger goals and even lost the joy of chess. It's been very rewarding and inspiring to work with kids because they are so fearless in learning. So being less afraid to take some risks is definitely a lesson I've learned.

I have also gained a great deal of patience and a deeper appreciation for the work that teachers do every day in schools.

Finally, MVP Chess has reinforced my belief that individuals can have a positive impact in their local communities.

I started designing websites shortly after the World Wide Web was invented and it takes a lot to impress me. I think your website and YouTube site are something special.

Thanks very much for the kind words. I designed the website using Squarespace. I focused on a streamlined user experience that's easy to navigate and has everything you need and nothing you don't. We're continuing to tweak it as the organization evolves.



My dad was a huge fan of my YouTube channel and really encouraged me to start it. He passed away in early 2025. His last gift to me was a green screen, which I started using recently. I really learned a lot from doing the Bobby Fischer series, and I'm enjoying analyzing the games submitted by players from the MVP Chess K-12 Quad Tournaments. It's great training material and helps our players cultivate a growth mindset. The kids are very eager to give me their score sheets after a great game!

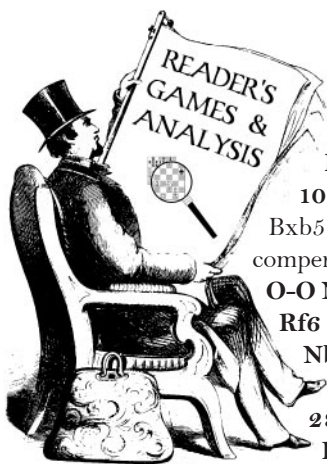
I'm in the YouTube Partner Program, and the Bobby Fischer series has gotten great traction. But honestly, I don't think my channel will ever have millions of subscribers. I refuse to use clickbait titles or cringe thumbnails that make chess seem easy. Chess is hard. That's what makes it great.

Frankly, I believe that your YouTube site's "production values" (including layout, graphics, presenter demeanor, and effectiveness) are better than those of Hikaru Nakamura (3 million+ subscribers) and Gotham Chess, aka Levy Rozman (7 million+ subscribers). Your decision to include detailed commentary on every game in Fischer's My 60 Memorable Games is inspired. Kids need role models, and while Fischer's off-the-board conduct was not ideal, his playing skills make him a good one. Okay, I don't want to sound too much like an MVP Chess fanboy, so let's move to another topic: What does the future look like for MVP Chess?

In the short term, we plan to continue offering high-quality, accessible monthly scholastic tournaments, after-school clubs, and online one-on-one lessons. Our long-term dream is to open a dedicated, fully-accessible chess center in Alexandria, Virginia, and to expand the programs and events we offer. But no matter how we grow, everything we do will be driven by our mission to make chess accessible and develop growth-minded players.

Want to learn more about Tom? Check out his Coach of the Month interview at Chess.com: <https://www.chess.com/article/view/coach-of-the-month-tom-shupe>



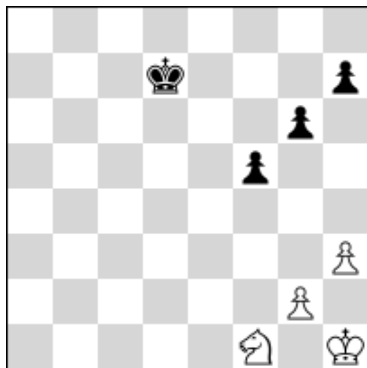


Larry Larkins - Jeffery Song 2026 Northern Virginia Open

1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Nd4 4 Bc4 g6 5 d3
Bg7 6 f4 d6 7 Nf3 Nf6 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Bd2 O-O
10 h3 Nf6 11 Be3 b5 12 Bb3 [12 Nxb5? Nxb5 13
Bxb5 Qa5+; 12 Bxb5 Nxb5 13 Nxb5 Qa5+ 14 Nc3 Rb8
compensation] 12 Nxb3 13 axb3 b4 14 Ne2 Bb7 15
O-O Nd7 16 Qc1 f3 17 exf5 Rxf5 18 Ng3 Rf7 19 Ng5
Rf6 20 f5 Nf8 21 N5e4 Bxe4 22 dxe4 Nd7 23 Qd2
Nb6 24 Rf3 a5 25 Kh1 a4 26 bxa4 Nxa4 27 e5 Rf8

{diagram}

28 f6! Nb6 29
Raf1 [29 Rxa8
Qxa8 30 fxe7! [but
not 30 fxg7? Rxf3] 30 Rxf3 31 Qxd6! winning]
29 exf6 30 exd6 Nd7 31 Bxc5 Nxc5 32 Qd5+
Kh8 33 Qxc5 f5 34 Qxb4 Rb8 35 Qc5 Rxb2 36
Rd3 Qb8 37 d7 Rd8 38 Rfd1 Rb1 39 Nf1 Rxd1
40 Rxd1 Qe5 41 Qxe5 Bxe5 42 c4 Kg7 43 c5
Kf7 44 c6 Ke7 45 Re1 Kd6 46 Rxe5 Kxc6 47
Re7 Rxd7 48 Rxd7 Kxd7 {diagram}



49 Kg1 f4 50 Kf2 Ke6 51 Nd2 Kf5 52
Kf3 g5 53 Ne4 h6 54 Nd6+ Ke6 55 Ne8
Kf5 56 Ng7+ Kg6 57 Ne6 Kf5 58 Nd4+
Ke5 59 Ne2 Kf5 60 g4+ Ke5 [60...fxg3
61 Nxg3+ Kf6 62 Kg4 Kg6 63 Nh5 Kf7 64
Kf5 etc] 61 Nc3 Kd4 62 Ne4 Ke5 63 Nc5
Kd6 64 Nd3 Ke6 65 Ke4 Kf6 66 Kd5 Kg6
67 Ke6 h5 68 Ne5+ Kh6 69 Kf6 hxc4 70
hxc4 Kh7 71 Nf3 Kh6 72 Nxc5 f3 73
Nxf3 Kh7 74 g5 Kg8 75 g6 Kf8 76 Nd4
Kg8 77 Nf5 Kh8 78 g7+ Kh7 79 Ne7 1-0





Roger Pauley – Steve Jablon

Notes by Roger Pauley

During the blizzard, Jablon managed to make it to my house on foot. **1 f4 d5 2 Nf3 g6 3 e3 Bg7 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 O-O 6 cxd5 Nxd5 7 Bc4 Nxc3** [both 7...e6 and 7...c6 inhibit development; and 7...Be6 loses a pawn to 8 Qb3 eg 8...Nxc3 9 Bxe6. {In fact, 7...Be6 8 Qb3 Bxc3! 9 bxc3 Nc6 Δ ...Na5 = -ed}] **8 bxc3 c5 9 O-O Nc6 10 d4 Bf5 11 Ba3 cxd4 12 cxd4 Rc8 13 Rc1 Be4 14 Qd2 Re8? 15 Bxf7+ [This wins a pawn but surprisingly allows Jablon to create significant threats.] Kxf7 16 Ng5+ Kg8 17 Nxe4 Qd5 18 Nc3** [I wasn't sure what the best place to put the knight was; maybe f2 was better. My move did anticipate his reply.] **18...Qa5 19 Nb1 {19 Qb2 -ed} 19 Qa6 20 Rc2 Rcd8 21 Qe2** [I want to stop ...e5] **21...Qa5 22 Qc4+ {22 f5! and if 22...gxf5 23 Rc5 Δ Rxf5; or if 22...Rf8 23 Rxc6 bxc6 24 Bxe7 -ed} 22 Kh8** [I think 22...e6 was better, especially given how the game unfurled] **23 g3** [making luft for the king on a light square] **23...Qf5** [Suddenly threats begin to mount. I played my next move after considerable thought, anticipating the following tactical sequence.] **24 Rfc1 Qe4 25 Kf2** {diagram} **25...Nxd4?** [Both Jablon and I saw that taking the knight was suicide but Jablon missed my winning response. {Yes, but the other sacrifice 25...Rxd4! reduces White's options - his queen is attacked. 26 exd4 Bxd4+ 27 Kf1 Black has at least a perpetual check with 27...Qh1+ 28 Ke2 Qe4+ etc, or he can roll the dice with 27...e5!? -ed}] **26 Nd2! Qe6 27 exd4 Bxd4+ 28 Kg2** [How prescient seems my 23rd move.] **28...Qe3 29 Nf3 e5** [Black's best, I think, is to trade bishops by 29...Qxa3 30 Nxd4 but he's still losing in the long run.] **30 Qb3 exf4 31 Nxd4** [now it's all but over] **31...fxg3 32 hxg3** [32 Bb2 would have been quicker, but I'm a sadist at heart.] **32...h5 33 Bb2 Qe4+ 34 Nf3+ Kh7 35 Qf7+ Kh6 36 Qg7 mate 1-0**

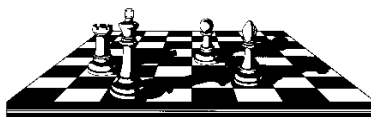


Steve Jablon - Roger Pauley

Notes by Roger Pauley

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 O-O ["Come and get me"... and he does.] **9 O-O-O Nxd4 10 Bxd4 Be6 11 g4 Qa5 12 h4 Rfc8** {12 Bxa2!? -ed} **13 a3 Rab8 14 h5 b5 15 hxg6 fxg6** [Maybe I should have played 15...b4!? right away and sacrificed two pawns] **16 g5 b4 17 gxf6**

{see diagram next page}





17...bxa3(?)

Obviously threatening mate in two. I think White has to play 18 Qh2 here to make luft and which also forces 18...h5, after which he is likely winning after 19 fxg7. Instead he blunders, allowing a beautiful combination.

The suggestion 18 Qh2 does not in fact force ...h5. After 18...axb2+ 19 Kd2 Bxf6 there is no mate, eg 20 Qxh7+ Kf8 21 Bxf6 exf6. However, 18 Nb5! looks good for White. Therefore 17...bxa3 was incorrect. Black should have played 17...bxc3

18 Bxc3 Rxc3 19 Qxc3 (not 19 fxg7? Rxb2!) Qxc3 20 bxc3 Bxf6 with excellent compensation for the exchange. -ed

18 Nd5? axb2+ 19 Bxb2 [the move he believed was his salvation] Rxb2! 20 Kxb2 [the queen is immune due to ...Rcxc2mate] 20...Rb8+ 21 Nb4 Rxb4+ 22 Kc3 Bxf6+ {22 Qa3mate} 23 Kd3 Rd4+ ... 0-1



Virginia Coastal Open Rescheduled to May 15-17

The Virginia Coastal Open, originally scheduled for Jan 31-Feb, was rescheduled due to blizzard conditions. The new date for CVO will be May 15-17, 2026, at the Wyndham Oceanfront in Virginia Beach. New room block links will be available soon at the updated pricing for May.

The organizers appreciate everyone's patience, understanding, and flexibility, and hope to see you at the rescheduled CVO and some of their other upcoming tournaments:

- 2/21 - Sherwood Showdown (scholastic) at Sherwood Forest Elementary
- 3/21 - Battle on the BB-64
- 4/18 - Seven Cities School Chess Championship
- 5/15-17 - Coastal Virginia Open (new date)
- June/July/August -- summer tournaments TBD
- September - Zofchak Memorial
- October - National Chess Day





Personal & General

From the Editor



I guess it was switching to a “hybrid” Zoom/In Person format that led to a change in the agenda at the Virginia Chess Federation (VCF) Annual Business Meeting last Labor Day weekend. Always in the past there have been committee reports, including an Editor’s Report, and I went to this past year’s meeting with things I intended to talk about. But they never asked me to give a report. I didn’t speak up and volunteer one because, frankly, I was fine with it. I don’t care for meetings anyway and I was more than happy to get out early and rest for the first round of the state championship.

So I will give my ‘report’ here. I have been editing VIRGINIA CHESS for over 35 years, which may be longer than most VCF members have been alive. In that time I have unfailingly put out six issues a year, except for once during the pandemic when there was no chess activity, and no material submitted for publication. We had only five issues that year including one “double issue”.

I’m fine with continuing as Editor, so please don’t read what follows as complaining or trying to get out of the job. Nor am I fishing for greater appreciation. I regularly hear kind words and encouragement from VIRGINIA CHESS readers, which means a lot to me. That said, as a simple value proposition, it’s time that VCF seriously consider whether or not a print publication is worth the effort and expense.

In preparing this piece, I looked into whether our neighbors to the north and south still printed newsletters. They used to, but somewhere along the line that changed.

The Maryland Chess Association web page offers a link for anyone (not just members) to sign up to receive a “MCA General Newsletter” evidently at no cost. The link takes you to a form where you provide a name and email address. No physical mailing address is mentioned, so I conclude the MCA newsletter exists in digital form only. Signing up gets you on a mailing list. I have no idea how often it goes out or what it looks like.

The North Carolina chess web page offers a link to present and past issues of the NORTH CAROLINA GAMBIT. Examining them, it’s pretty clear that the linked pages *are* the newsletter. The main web page also has links to annual Treasurer’s reports, which I see contain no lines for newsletter expenses. So here too, I conclude there is no print form newsletter.

Between printing and mailing, each issue of VIRGINIA CHESS costs the VCF \$700-800, which is to say about \$4500 per year. What do we get for it? Well, there’s certainly value in simply ‘touching base’ with the membership half a dozen times



a year. Chess players enjoy reading about chess, reading about events they played in or events they may have missed. For some, a tangible 'reminder' in their mailbox may be the difference between renewing their membership or not.

At the same time, it must be acknowledged that the direction of the world is pointing digital. Even famous, big city newspapers have not really found a business model that comes to grips with this fact. More than ever before, people have a wealth of chess stuff — liChess, ICC, chess.com, Puzzle Rush, Nakamura streams, ChessDojo, GothamChess, Perpetual Chess Podcast, tens of thousands of other podcasts, a million YouTube videos — a click away. It's no wonder if they don't care that much about a state newsletter.

Personally, relocating away from northern Virginia and certain other life changes in my household have substantially withdrawn me from an active presence in Virginia chess life. That makes it harder for me to drum up material for publication. However, it had been getting harder to fill the pages for a while now, even without that.

Tournament organizers used to send me announcements of their upcoming events. VIRGINIA CHESS was an important vehicle for publicizing their tournaments. No one ever sends me tournament announcements any more, unless you count Mike Hoffpauir's brief "Mark Your Calendar" email reminders that I presume go out to 'everyone'..

I also used to receive tournament reports after events. Some included games, photos, lists of prizewinners. My appeals for such material at past VCF Business Meetings have resulted in organizers making an effort for an issue or two, but then it drops off again. It just doesn't bring them much benefit.

Over a year ago, I wrote a piece soliciting some regional correspondents for VIRGINIA CHESS. They'd have no fixed responsibilities or deadlines. Just someone active in chess in northern Virginia, the Richmond area, or Tidewater who would make a mental note to occasionally collect a couple scoresheets, take a photo, or jot down a quick report about some tournament they'd attended. That idea garnered no response whatsoever.

The Virginia Open is the VCF's biggest annual, long-running event. "*One of the most historic chess tournaments in the Mid-Atlantic region,*" I read somewhere. Okay, the 2026 Virginia Open was held in early January. No one bothered with publicizing it in the state newsletter. The only reason there was any announcement of the Virginia Open in our previous issue was that I happened to see something about it online just as I was putting the layout together. And you will find no report on the 2026 Virginia Open in this issue because I didn't attend myself, and no one has submitted anything.

Again, not complaining, just stating facts. \$4,500 a year is a substantial chunk of the VCF's annual budget. Is VIRGINIA CHESS still worth it?



More from the Photo Archives



Herbert Avram,
of Arlington, won three
consecutive Virginia
State Championships:
1952-53-54.



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We haven't printed our statewide chess club directory for quite some time. It's probably out of date and riddled with errors. Please send additions / corrections to the Editor.

Chess Clubs

■ *Alexandria*: Kingstowne Chess Club, Kingstowne South Center, 6080 Kingstowne Village Parkway, Tuesdays 7-9:30pm, info Gary McMullin, gary.at.kcc@gmail.com, (571) 295-5463 ■ *Pints and Pawns*, Back room at Mason Social, 728 N Henry St, Tuesday nights, 7-9pm, BYO set, www.meetup.com/Alexandria-Pints-Pawns-Chess-Club ■ *Arlington*: Arlington Chess Club, Arlington Forest United Methodist Church, 4701 Arlington Blvd, Fridays 7:30pm. Registration for rated Ladder and Action events ends 8pm. Blitz/Quick tourney first Friday of each month. Info www.arlingtonchessclub.com or email chrisney2@gmail.com ■ *Arlington Seniors Chess Club*, Madison Community Center, 3829 N Stafford St, Mondays, 9:30am, info 703-228-5285 ■ *Ashburn*: Ashburn Chess Club, Sakasa Tea and Coffee House, 44927 George Washington Blvd, Suite 125. Tuesdays 5pm, Saturdays 3pm. Bring board and set. Info www.meetup.com/Ashburn-Chess-Club/ or Scott Knoke, 703-433-2146 ■ *Blacksburg*: Chess Club of Virginia Tech, GB Johnson Student Center, Rm 102, Virginia Tech, Wednesdays 7-9pm ■ *Centreville*: DMV Rated Ladder, 13810 Braddock Rd. Rated games (time control 30/90, SD/30, d5) Mondays 6pm, PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED via email (dmvchess@gmail.com) or text message (703-415-6600). ■ *Charlottesville*: Charlottesville Chess Club, St Mark Lutheran Church, Rt 250 & Alderman Rd, Monday evenings ■ *Senior Center*, 1180 Pepsi Place, 6-8pm on Thursdays. Info 434-244-2977 ■ *Chesapeake*: Great Bridge United Methodist Church, corner of Battlefield Blvd & Stadium Dr, Tuesdays, 6:30-10pm, info 686-0822 ■ *Culpeper*: Culpeper Chess Club, Culpeper County Public Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, VA 22701. Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm 540-727-0695 ■ *Danville*: Danville Chess Club, Danville YMCA, 810 Main Street. Mondays 6:30-9:30 pm. Info John Thompson 434-799-8898 ■ *Fairfax*: Fairfax Chess Meetup, Earp's Ordinary, 3950 University Dr STE 210, Mondays, 6-8pm, BYO set, www.meetup.com/fairfax-chess-meetup-group ■ *Fort Eustis*: contact Sorel Utsey 878-4448 ■ *Fredericksburg*: Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania area chess players get together every Friday evening 6-10pm on the second floor of Wegman's in Central Park. ■ *Glenns*: Rappahannock Community College-Glenns Campus Chess Club, Glenns Campus Library, Tuesdays 8-10pm in the student lounge, info Zack Loesch 758-5324(x208) ■ *Gloucester*: Gloucester Chess Club, Gloucester Library (main branch), Tuesdays 5-8pm, www.co.gloucester.va.us/lib/clubschess.html ■ *Harrisonburg*: Shenandoah Valley Chess Club, Trinity Presbyterian Church, corner of S High (rt 42) & Maryland Ave (Port Republic Rd), Fridays 7:30pm ■ *McLean*: Booz Allen Hamilton CC, Hamilton Bldg, Rm 2032, 8283 Greensboro Dr. Thursdays, info Thomas Thompson, 703-902-5418, thompson_thomas@bah.com ■ *Mechanicsville*: Mechanicsville Chess Club, various times and locations—see www.mechanicsvillechessclub.org for up-to-date details ■ *Stonewall Library*, Stonewall Pkwy, Mondays 6:30-9pm 730-8944 ■ *Norfolk*: Larchmont Public Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd, Wednesday 6-9pm ■ *ODU Chess Club*, Webb Univ Ctr, Old Dominion University, info www.odu.edu/~chess ■



Orange County: Wilderness Branch Library Chess Club, 6421 Flat Run Rd, Locust Grove VA 22508 most 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm 540-854-5310 ♔ *Reston:* Reston Community Ctr Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Thursdays 6:30-9:30 pm. Limited number of sets & boards available or bring your own. No fee but you must sign-in at each meeting ♔ *Richmond:* Henrico Chess Club, Virginia Center Commons food court, 10101 Brook Rd, Glen Allen, Va, Wednesdays & Fridays 6-9, www.henricochessclub.com, 443-823-5530 ♠ *Huguenot Chess Knights*, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 10660 Duryea Drive, Richmond, Va 23235-2107, 1st & 3rd Friday of each month, 7-11pm, info Walter Chester 804-276-5662 ♠ *Tuckahoe Chess Club*, Panera Bread, 1370 N Parham Rd (next to Regency Mall). Thursdays 5-9:30pm, casual games, blitz, rapid. Info Charles Chen 804-301-2097. ♔ *Roanoke:* Roanoke Valley Chess Club, Wednesdays 5:30-9:30pm in the Community Room of the Raleigh Court Branch Library, 2112 Grandin Road, SW. For more information www.roanokechess.com or www.facebook.com/roanokechess or contact Mike Huff info@roanokechess.com, phone 540-345-7365 ♔ *Stafford:* Bella Cafe, 3846 Jeff Davis Highway, Stafford VA 703-291-5690 very chess friendly - games most days - more show up Tuesdays 6-9pm ♔ *Virginia Beach:* Tidewater Community Chess Club, Bldg D ("Kempsville") Cafeteria, Tidewater Community College Va Beach Campus, 1700 College Crescent Rd. Mondays 7-10pm ♔ *Warrenton:* Warrenton Chess Club, St James Episcopal Church, 73 Culpeper Street, Warrenton VA 20186, Thursdays 6:40pm info <http://warrentonchessclub.com/> or email jonathan@maxwellchess.com Occasionally the church is unavailable and the club meets 1 mile away at the Warrenton Community Center, 430 East Shirley Avenue, Warrenton VA 20186 - check web page for announcements. ♔ *Waynesboro:* Augusta Chess Club, Books-A-Million, 801 Town Center Dr, every Saturday 10am-noon. Contact Alex Patterson 540-405-1111 or AugustaChessClub@gmail.com ♔ *Winchester:* Winchester Chess Club, Westminster-Canterbury Home for the Elderly, Tuesdays 7pm



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