Chief Tournament Director's Note to All Players

Hi, everyone. I'm Tina Schweiss, your Chief TD for this weekend's VA Closed and Commonwealth Games. After some challenging experiences with Chess.com and other large commercial sites crashing in the middle of tournaments due to the extreme load, we have decided to move this event onto the private server owned by my affiliate, the Hampton Roads Chess Association. The site is a LiChess clone, so if you've used LiChess, it will be familiar to you. We are in the process of updating the Virginia Chess Federation website with detailed instructions for this weekend, including how to initiate your games.

I will be hosting a practice session Friday evening at 8 PM. Unfortunately, I can't do it earlier because I have a webinar from 6:30-7:30, and I'm sure many of you are in school or working up to 5 PM or so. I'll send out a Zoom link for questions once we have the final entry list -- expect that link Thursday night or Friday morning. **But please plan to meet on the server at the server address provided to you by email at 8 PM on Friday**. Feel free to log in and look around prior to that. Since it's only used by our affiliate for our rated events, you may only find a smattering of players online at non-club times if you are looking for a way to test out the site. But a free account on LiChess will serve the same purpose, as our site is a clone that duplicates LiChess's look and feel.

Please keep PRIVATE the URL we sent you by email. We rely on privacy to keep outsiders from creating accounts on our site.

Below you will find your usernames for this weekend. The pairings will be done based on your actual Regular OTB ratings, so please don't worry about the provisional site rating. Pairings will be posted on the website, and white will initiate the game -- instructions forthcoming on the VCF website.

I'm going to send your passwords to you individually. If you have password reset issues, your accounts are affiliated with the e-mail you used for registration.

We hosted our National Chess Day event on this server on Saturday October 10th, and we've been using it on Tuesday nights as well—with NO PROBLEMS. I also have multiple chess coaches using it for in-class game play on most other weeknights. I know you will enjoy the platform, and I'm looking forward to a smooth event this weekend!

Feel free to reach out directly to me with any questions or issues with the site.

Tina (cschweiss2@gmail.com)

For the players who registered on or before October 11th, here are your assigned UserNames. Each of you will be sent, by separate individual email, your login information.

Player's Real Name	Assigned UserName on the Game Server
Keerthi Sri Bommisetty	VCF_Guest_KeerthiBo
Ronen Kai Wilson	VCF_Guest_RonenWi
Edward White	VCF_Guest_EdwardWh
Joseph A Micklos	VCF_Guest_JosephMi
Isaac Chiu	VCF_Guest_IsaacCh
Charles Leamon Compton	VCF_Guest_CharlesCo

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Jadon E Gary	HRCA_JadonGa
Jonathan Hai Anh Ngo	HRCA_JonathanNg
Alen Abhilash	HRCA_AlenAb
Timothy F McCall	HRCA_TimothyMc
Enqi Angela Wang	VCF_Guest_EnqiWa
RAJESH PANDIT	VCF_Guest_RajeshPa
Stephen Elliott Lapinel	HRCA_Adult_StephenLa
THEODORE DEAN COVEY	VCF_Guest_TheodoreCo
Vedant Mayur Dixit	HRCA_VedantDi
Kevin Richard Walsh	VCF_Guest_RichardWa
Sam Schenk	VCF_Guest_SamSc
Eric Scott Jensen	VCF_Guest_EricJe
Aasa Dommalapati	VCF_Guest_AasaDo
J. Lee Bennett	HRCA_Coach_Lee
Darsh Shetty	VCF_Guest_DarshSh
Additional Player Names TBD	If you do not see your name, contact Tina Schweiss: cschweiss2@gmail.com