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Zofchak Memorial

by *Christina Schweiss*

THE 30th ZOFCHAK MEMORIAL OPEN, a VCF Cup event hosted by Hampton Roads Chess Association, was held November 4-6 at the Sleep Inn Lake Wright Norfolk. The tournament drew 92 players in the main event and 28 players in the Friday night Blitz event.

In Blitz, Tyson Brady took clear 1st with 7½ out of 8 points. Anastasiia Fedulova, an unrated newcomer from Russia, took clear 2nd with 7. Timothy McCall finished 3rd with 6½, and Chris Williams and Cayden Jackson split 4th with 6. Bryce Wells was the Top Unrated, and William Marotta earned the Top U1200 class prize.

The five-round main event included a one-day U1000 section playing at G/40; d5 for trophy prizes, and a two-day tournament with Open and U1600 sections playing for prize money.

In the U1000, Pranav Maddipatla finished in clear 1st with 4½ and surpassed the 1000 rating mark for the first time! Newcomer Georgy Shabanov was 2nd on tiebreaks over Jeffrey Zhang & Thierry Edang, all at with 4-1. The 5th place trophy went to Trai Corte on tiebreaks. Ishaan Potnuri earned the Top U800 trophy, and Clifton “CJ” Frank the Top U600 trophy. Aarush Parimi took home Top Unrated. Madhesh Pillai was Top U400. Fully one third of the section consisted of new or unrated players as over-the-board chess surges in the wake of the pandemic.

In the U1600 group, Lee Bennett captured clear 1st place with 4½ points. Kenneth Moody, Bruno Estigarribia & Lawrence Li split 2nd/3rd and Top Unrated with 4 points apiece. All three are relatively new to tournament chess (provisional or unrated), continuing the post-pandemic trend of strong players emerging from two years of self-learning and practice online. Two additional unrated players finished with even scores in this strong section. Lenny Buelmann-Prok took the Top U1200 prize with a plus score of 3 points.

In the Open section, up-and-coming 14-year-old Timothy McCall had a major breakthrough tournament. Timothy scored significant



upsets in 4 of his 5 rounds en route to finishing in clear 1st with 4½ points. In doing so he pushed his rating all the way from 1769 to 1909! Experts Yogeshwar Yehamandram, Larry Larkins & Nick Failon split 2nd/3rd/4th places, each scoring 4 points.

Jason Rothschild - Timothy McCall

Slav

1 d4 d5 2 c4 c6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e3 e6 5 Nf3 Bd6 6 Be2 Nbd7 7 O-O O-O
8 b3 Qe7 9 Bb2 Rd8 10 Qc2 Nf8 11 e4 dxe4 12 Nxe4 Nxe4 13 Qxe4
Ng6 14 Bd3 b6 15 h4 Bb7 16 c5 bxc5 17 h5 Nf8 18 dxc5 Bxc5 19 Qe5
f6 20 Qe2 Rd5 21 h6 Rh5 22 hxg7 Qxg7 23 Bc4 Re8 24 Rac1 Qh6 0-1

Timothy McCall - Yogeshwar Yehamandram

Morra Gambit Declined

1 e4 c5 2 d4 cxd4 3 c3 d3 4 Bxd3 Nc6 5 Nf3 d6 6 Be3 Nf6 7 Nbd2
d5 8 O-O e6 9 Qc2 Qc7 10 Rad1 Be7 11 Rfe1 h6 12 exd5 Nxd5 13
Ne4 Nxe3 14 Rxe3 O-O 15 h3 f5 16 Ned2 e5 17 Bc4+ Kh8 18 Rde1
Bf6 19 Bb3 e4 20 Nh2 Be5 21 Nhf1 f4 22 R3e2 f3 23 gxf3 Bh2+?
24 Nxb2 Bxb3 25 Qxe4 Rf4 26 Qg6 Raf8 27 Re8 Qd7 28 Bc2 Kg8
29 Qh7+ Kf7 30 Bg6+ Kf6 31 Rxf8+ Kg5 32 Rxf4 Kxf4 33 Bd3 1-0

Larry Larkins - Timothy McCall

Queen's Pawn Game

1 d4 d5 2 Bf4 Nf6 3 e3 c6 4 c3 e6 5 Nd2 Bd6 6 Bg3 Bxg3 7 hxg3 h6 8
Bd3 Nbd7 9 f4 b6 10 Qe2 Qc7 11 Ngf3 c5 12 Ne5 Bb7 13 a4 a5 14 O-O
Ne4 15 Bb5 Nf6 16 Ndf3 O-O 17 g4 Nxe5 18 Nxe5 Ne4 19 Rf3 c4 20
Rh3 f6 21 Ng6 Rfd8 22 Qe1 Kf7 23 Nh4 Bc6 24 Bxc6 Qxc6 25 Nf3 Rh8
26 Qf1 Ke7 27 Nh4 Kd7 28 f5 Kc7 29 Qf4+ Kb7 30 fxe6? Qxe6? [*Why
not 30...g5? —ed*] 31 Ng6 Rhe8 32 Re1 Rad8 33 Qf5 Qc6 34 Nf4 Rd6 35
Rh5? Ng5 36 Qg6 Re7 37 Qc2 Qe8 38 Kf2 Ne4+ 39 Kf3 Ng5+ [*still 39
... g5 Δ ...f5 —but a draw clinched 1st place for Black*] 40 Kf2 ½-½

Tom Belke, - Darsh Shetty

Queen's Gambit Declined

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e3 Be7 5 Be2 O-O 6 g4 dxc4 7 Bxc4 e5
8 g5 Nfd7 9 h4 exd4 10 exd4 Nb6 11 Bb3 Re8 12 Be3 Be6 13 Bxe6
fxe6 14 Nge2 Nd5 15 Qd2 Nc6 16 g6 Nxe3 17 gxh7+ Kh8 18 Qxe3



Northern Virginia Open

Marriott Washington-Dulles Airport

45020 Aviation Dr, Dulles, VA 20166

January 6-8, 2023

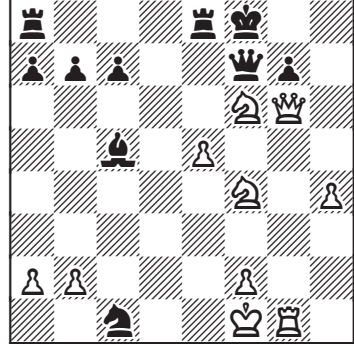
5-SS in three sections: Championship (open) & Amateur (under 1800) sections will be FIDE & USCF rated. Novice (under 1200) USCF rated only. Unrated players must play in the Amateur or Novice, limited to \$300 place prize in Amateur, \$250 in Novice. (A player without USCF rating but rated in another USCF-recognized system (eg, FIDE, Canada, most European and Asian countries) is NOT Unrated.) *Championship*: Minimum rating 1600, no unrateds. \$\$ 790-535-355, top Expert \$225, top A \$205, top Upset rds 1-5 \$140. Plaque to 1st place. *Amateur (Under 1800)*: Round 1 at 7:30 pm Friday. \$\$ 560-390-260, top C \$190, top D \$180, top Upset rds 1-5 \$130. Plaque to 1st place. *Both*: Rd 1 Friday night game/90 with 30-sec time increment from move one, rds 2-5 40/90, SD/30, with 30-sec time increment from move one. Rds 7:30, 10-4:30, 10-4:30, *Novice (Under 1200)*: \$\$ 400-300-200, top U1000 \$160, top U800 \$150, top Unrated not winning a place prize \$105, top Upset rds 1-5 \$125. Trophies to 2nd U1000, 2nd U800, 1st & 2nd u600, and 2nd unrated. Saturday & Sunday only, no Friday round. Rds 1-3 G/60, with 10-sec time increment from move one, rds 4-5 G/90, with 10-sec time increment from move one. Rds 10-2-6, 10-2:30. *Enter*: Online www.vachess.org, \$110 through New Years Eve, 12/31/22, \$125 1/1/23 thru 1/4/23, \$140 thereafter and at site. On site registration Friday, Jan 6, 3pm-6:45pm. Championship & Amateur entries received after 6:45pm will be paired for rd 2 on Saturday. Saturday, Jan 7th, 7:30-9:15am. Novice entries received after 9:15am will be paired for rd 2. Championship & Amateur players who did not enter in time for rd 1 can enter Saturday morning with ½pt bye. One ½pt bye allowed in any round, must declare during registration or 30 min before the start of rd 2. Reentry after rd 1 with ½ pt half-point bye \$45. VCF will retain \$5 from players who withdraw before rd 1. Mail checks payable to "VCF", include Name, Address, Email, Phone Number, USCF ID, Section & optional bye request. Due to the Christmas mailing season, mail entry by Monday, Dec 26 Mike Hoffpauir, ATTN: NoVa Open, 405 Hounds Chase, Yorktown, VA 23693-3356. Info: www.vachess.org or Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com, text to 757-846-4805

Heritage Event, Grand Prix, Junior Grand Prix

30 US Chess Grand Prix Points



Nb4 19 Rc1 e5 20 dxe5 Nd3+ 21 Kf1 Bc5 22 Qg5 Nxc1 23 Nf4 Kxh7
 24 Qg6+ Kg8 25 Rg1 Qd7 26 Ncd5 Qf7 27 Nf6+ Kf8 (diagram)
 28 Qf5 Qc4+ 29 Kg2 gxf6 30 Ng6+
 Kg8 31 Kh2 Qe6 32 Ne7+ Kf8 33
 Qxe6 Rxe7 34 Rg8mate 1-0



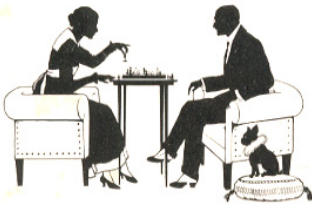
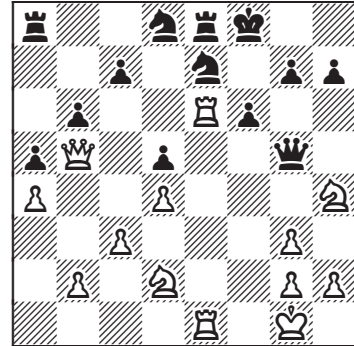
Hampton Roads Chess Association
 looks forward to hosting its next major
 event at this location, the Coastal
 Virginia Open, on February 3-5, 2023.

Jackson Twilley - Esat Omer Demirel French

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5 exd5 4 Bd3 Nc6 5 Nf3 Bd6 6 O-O Nge7
 7 c3 O-O 8 Re1 Bf5 9 Bg5 f6 10 Bh4 Bxd3 11 Qxd3 Qd7 12 Bg3
 Bxg3 13 fxg3 Qf5 14 Qb5 Rfc8 15 Nbd2 Kf8 16 Re2 a5 17 a4 b6
 18 Rae1 Re8 19 Re6 Nd8 20 Nh4 Qg5

(diagram)

21 Qxe8+ Kxe8 22 Rxe7+ Kf8 23
 Re8+ Kf7 24 R1e7mate 1-0



Christopher Williams - Jadon Gary Albin Countergambit Declined

1 d4 d5 2 c4 e5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 exd4 5 exd4 Be6 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 Qb3 Bxc3+
 8 bxc3 Qe7 9 Ba3 dxc4 10 Qb2 Qd8 11 Be2 Qc8 12 O-O Nbd7 13 Rfe1
 Nb6 14 Bxc4 Nxc4 15 Qb5+ Kd8 16 Qg5 Nxa3 17 Qxg7 Ke7 18 Rxe6+
 Qxe6 19 Re1 Qxe1+ 20 Nxe1 Rag8 21 Qh6 Nc4 22 Qf4 Rc8 23 d5 b5 24
 Nf3 Nxd5 25 Qd4 Rhd8 26 h3 c5 27 Qe4+ Kd6 28 Qxh7 Rd7 29 Qh6+
 Kc7 30 Qa6 Nxc3 31 a4 Kb8 32 axb5 Rd6 33 Qa1 Rd1+ 0-1

BENJAMIN BLUNDERCHECK'S ROCK N ROLL CHESS RIOT

Hampton History Museum, 120 Old Hampton Ln, Hampton, Va
Saturday, January 14, 2023, 12-5pm

Be among the first to experience the CHESS RIOT! It's a CONCERT AND A TOURNAMENT with a big interactive twist and, and we can guarantee that you have never experienced this tournament format before! Suitable for all ages and skill levels, be ready for a full afternoon of chess themed entertainment!

SUPER CHEAP \$10 entry fee, with cash prizes! Free to the public to observe if not playing the tournament. Enjoy the show and casual chess!

CHESS PLAYERS BE WARNED: This will NOT be a QUIET tournament! Look at the name! You will be playing in a rock n roll concert type environment. That being said, we are not turning up to 11, the noise level will be kept reasonable. The lights will be dimmed. We will have live music in between games and less distracting music during the games to keep the energy level high!

Because distractions and some noise should be anticipated, we encourage you to play unrated. Think of it as a celebration of the game, rather than trying to play the best chess of your life! However, we MIGHT offer a RATED section if enough BRAVE SOULS wish to prove they can play chess under any circumstances!

FORMAT: Games 1, 2, and 3 will be 5 minute blitz (G/5; d0); Game 4 will be 15 minutes (G/15; d3); Game 5: will be 30 minutes (G/30; d3)

There is a TWIST of LUCK to this tournament, with 2 rounds of Benjamin Blundercheck's brand new game, MUSICAL CHESS!! The lucky, and skilled winners of this wild group variation will receive points towards the tournament!

BENJAMIN BLUNDERCHECK and the POISONED PAWN provide the world's first ever CHESS ROCK between games! You don't want to miss this one-of-a-kind afternoon of FUN and excitement. Where else can you find that for ONLY \$10 ??

Please arrive NO LATER THAN 12:00 pm to check in for the first round. Late entries accepted up to 1:30pm, with up to a full point bye. Walk-ups welcome but PLEASE PRE-REGISTER TO HELP US PLAN!

Teachers will be on hand to teach the public how to play from scratch.

Organized by the US Chess Affiliate: BLUNDERCHECK! CHESS RIOTS. Co-Sponsored by The Hampton History Museum. Equipment provided by Hampton Roads Chess Association



Awesome Pawn Endgame!

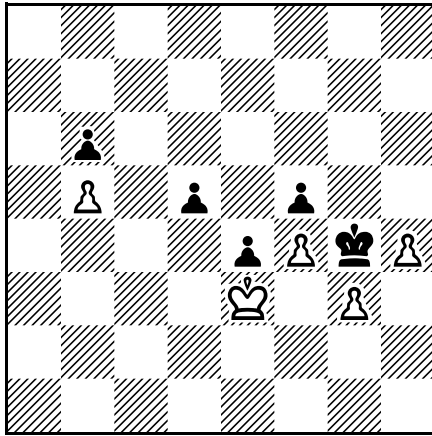
by Matt Grinberg



The starting position below was sent to me by Steve Young {probably New Mexico class A player Steve Young since, as noted last issue, Matt now resides in New Mexico; probably not the former 49ers Hall of Fame quarterback! —ed} from a quick game he played online with the Black pieces. In the actual game, with not much time on the clock, Steve chose to take a draw by threefold repetition. Afterwards he came to believe he had missed a win.

I expanded Steve's analysis by finding a better defense for White. Then, with help from computers, I discovered that Black wins after all—and in a manner that makes this the most awesome pawn endgame I have ever seen!

So, here you go: Black to play and mate in 18 moves!



63...d4+!

63...Kxg3? which wastes a crucial tempo: 64 h5 d4+ 65 Kxd4 Kf3 66 h6 e3 67 h7 e2 68 h8Q e1Q 69 Qh5+ Kxf4 70 Qh6+ and Black must either lose his f-pawn or allow a threefold repetition. Draw.

64 Kf2!

64 Kxd4!? loses in more routine fashion. 64...Kf3 65 h5 e3 66 h6 e2 67 h7 e1Q and the crucial difference is that Black queens first so now 68 h8Q there is the skewer 68...Qa1+!



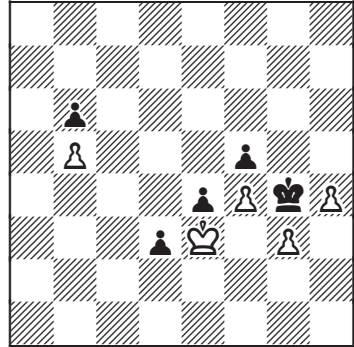
White could try to avert the skewer earlier, eg by 66 Kd5!? Instead of 66 h6, but after 66...e2 67 Kc6 e1Q between still having another pawn and the possibility of going directly for mate, the queen must win. To give one of many similar possible conclusions, 68 Kxb6 Qxg3 69 Ka7 Qg7+ 70 Ka6 Kxf4 71 b6 Ke4 72 b7 Qc7 73 Ka7 Kd5 etc.

This was Steve's original analysis. However, 64 Kf2 is a much tougher defensive try.

64...d3 65 Ke3

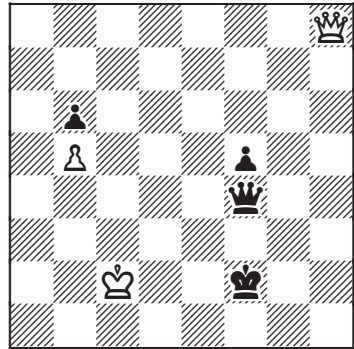
(diagram)

65...Kh5!



Black begins a triangulation maneuver to put White in zugzwang.

65...Kxg3?! *may* also win. But it is not completely clear, it would certainly be more taxing for a human player, and it takes more than 30 moves longer. To give just a taste of the analysis, 66 h5 d2 67 Kxd2 Kf2 68 h6 e3+ 69 Kc2 e2 70 h7 e1Q 71 h8Q Qe2+ 72 Kc3 Qe3+ 73 Kc2 Qxf4 (diagram)



Black can always reach something like this by force after 65...Kxg3. I removed the b-pawns so that I could query the Shredder Tablebase and it pronounced White checkmated by move 126. Replacing the b-pawns, Houdini proposed the continuation 74 Qb2 Qc4+ 75 Kd1+ Kf1 76 Qe5 f4 77 Qe1+ Kg2 78 Qd2+ Kg1 79 Qd6 Kf1 80 Qd7 Qe2+ 81 Kc1 f3 82 Qd5 Kf2 83 Qd7 Qe3+ 84 Kc2 Qe5 85 Qd8 Qe4+ 86 Kd2 Kg2 87 Qg5+ Kf1 88 Qh5 f2 89 Qg5 Qg2 90 Qh4 Qd5+ 91 Ke3 Qe6+ 92 Kd2 Qa2+ 93 Kc3 Qd5 94 Kb2 Ke2 95 Qg4+ Ke1 96 Qh4 Qd3 97 Ka2 Qxb5. From here we can go back to the Shredder Tablebase to complete the job: 98 Ka3 Qd5 99 Kb2 b5 100 Qg3 Qd4+ 101 Ka2 b4 102 Kb1 Kd2 103 Qh2 Qe4+ 104 Kb2 Qc2+ 105 Ka1 Kc3 106 Qg3+ Qd3 107 Qc7+ Kb3 108



Qf7+ Qc4 109 Qxc4+ Kxc4 110 Kb2 f1Q 111 Kc2 Qe1 112 Kb2 b3 113 Ka3 Qa1 *mate*. Note that the mate comes 13 moves earlier than in previous Shredder the probe, seemingly confirming what logic suggests, which is that the b-pawns make winning easier for Black to win—if you can call such nuanced shepherding forward of the f-pawn “easier”...

At any rate 65...Kh5! affords a much more ‘human’ way to win, to say nothing of being 33 moves quicker.

66 Kd2 Kh6! 67 Ke3

White can nix the triangulation idea by retreating his king, but allowing the e-pawn to just advance gets him mated by about move

2nd Coastal Virginia Open

Sleep Inn Lake Wright - Norfolk Airport

1521 Premium Outlets Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23502

February 4-5, 2023

\$\$ b/70 entries in Open and U1600: *Open* \$800-500-300-150, top Upset rds 1 & 2 \$25 bookstore credit. *Under 1600* \$700-400-200, top U1200 \$100, top Unrated \$100; Unrated winning a place prize limited to \$250. Top Upset rds 1 & 2 \$25 bookstore credit. *Under 1000* Trophies to top 5 overall, top U800, top U600. Medals to other participants with even or plus scores, participation ribbons to remainder of players. Schedule and Time Controls: *Open & U1600* Sat Feb 4 rd 1 10AM (G/75 + 10), rds 2-3 at 2pm & 6:30pm (G/90 + 10). Sun Feb 5 rds 4-5 at 10am & 2:30pm (G/90 + 10). U1000 Sat Feb 4 only, rds at 10-12-2-4-6 (G/40; d5). Entry Fees: *Open & U1600* \$85 through Sat 1/28, \$95 beginning Sun 1/29 and onsite; *U1000* \$25 through Sat 1/28, \$30 beginning Sun 1/29 and onsite; One ½-pt bye if requested prior to the start of rd 3. Re-entry allowed after rd 1 only (no re-entry in U1000). Re-entry fee \$30. No unrated players in the Open Section. FIDE-titled players free, EF will be deducted from any prize money earned. Hotel: chess rate \$64+tax at the Sleep Inn or \$74+tax at the adjoining Quality Inn, must reserve by January 21st. Many restaurants nearby and the Norfolk Premium Outlets are across the street! COVID protocols: Masks optional. Supplies available to sanitize equipment. Friday Night Blitz Side Event, February 3 at 7pm: 4-SS double rounds, Game/5; d0. Single section, EF \$30 through Sat 1/28, \$35 beginning Sun 1/29 and onsite. \$\$ based on entries. *Enter*: Online at www.kingregistration.com/event/CVO23; or onsite during Friday blitz 2/3 or no later than 8-9:15am Sat 2/4. Cash, checks, PayPal, Venmo, and Cash App accepted on site. VCF membership is required for Virginia players. Join or renew at www.vachess.org. Questions: Christina Schweiss or Robbie Jackson, Senior TDs, Hampton Roads Chess Association, hrca@hrchessclub.org, 757-472-5909

A VCF Cup Event



Vocation Corner

by Mike Callahan

The pandemic and *The Queen's Gambit* have dramatically increased the number of raw chess talents of all ages. There's 25-30 million people that play chess in America—that's 1 out of every 13 Americans—although only 90,000 are USCF members. We've reached the point where we don't need more players!?! What we need are more qualified coaches, competent tournament directors, business savvy affiliates, aggressive promoters, generous sponsors, sponsored events, and partnership publicity to properly serve the players that already exist! Here I inaugurate a new column, "Vocational Corner," dedicated to finding a better balance between volunteerism and entrepreneurship with the hope of more efficiently increasing the number of people being properly served real chess!

Chess, whether we want to accept it or not, has evolved into a \$40 million industry in North America! I know, right?! Over the last two decades chess has become an increasingly unbalanced/inhibited vocation. That's why young people only want to play. By that I mean we've been propagating and characterizing chess as being a calling, a mission, a life's work, a purpose, a function, a position, a niche, a pursuit, a craft, a specialty, a thing, or a bag. That doesn't pay the bills! To evolve, serve chess, and serve our chess youth, we are forced—not "must decide to", *forced*—to incorporate, master, and hold in equal esteem the other synonyms for vocation like: a profession, an occupation, stature, a career, a job, work, employment, a goal, a trade, a business, and financially rewarding. I'm not suggesting we turn chess into, money, money, money all the time for everything. I'm suggesting we find a balance between volunteerism and entrepreneurship. Chess should have begun this transition from being a lopsided 'vocation' 20 years ago!

More and more players are returning to the chessboard. Clubs are reopening! New clubs are popping up all over the place. Everyone has a chess app these days! New players are looking to test their



new skills anywhere they can. In the novice section of this year's Virginia Scholastic Championship, fully 29% of the players were playing in their first tournament. Who's going to service them? The USCF advises going to "libraries, senior centers, recreation halls, or other venues your target audience may frequent." Like I said earlier, the numbers indicate that we already have enough players. I suggest going to PTA meetings, school assemblies, school Principals, Police Stations, Fire Stations, School Board meetings, Chamber of Commerce meetings, church meetings, city council meetings, community meetings, teacher's meetings, and small businesses. There's a 1 in 13 chance someone there will be a chess player and that your being there to speak for "chess in your community" will be appreciated! It really won't matter how great a speaker you are.

Talking to small business owners about chess is a rejection-free task. I'm speaking from years of experience! If you offer to use your club to help them promote their business, they will find some way to help chess. It may be their logo, products, services, equipment, coupons, space, sponsorships, connections, and even cash. When you offer to advertise their business instead of asking for a donation, it's tax deductible whether you are a 501(c)(3) or not! It's not about asking for donations, it's about visibility, recognition, branding, and beneficial partnerships. The whole dynamic changes when you tell them you don't want a donation, you want them to be your customer!

Load up... hats, t-shirts, jackets, scarves, bandanas, pens, window stickers, bumper stickers, pencils, socks, magnets, stationary, flyers, cards, logos, banners, backpacks, mugs, cups, a newsletter, tournaments, the website, Facebook, Twitter, PSAs... The list is endless. Everywhere you promote your club is a potential place to promote a community business!! These are also great places to help your members find employment!

I know you need help and you have a lot of questions. Don't hesitate to contact me. (Mike Callaham, VCF Vice President, 804-426-6058 (no texting), waterman2010kir@aol.com). More to come in the next issue.





Chess Clubs

Odds are that a huge number of changes have occurred since the beginning of the pandemic. We're publishing the best available list of Virginia chess clubs, fully recognizing it will contain errors, so readers can provide corrections! Please address updates to editorvcf@gmail.com

■ **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 ■ **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 ■ **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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