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TN Chess News

2016 Tennessee Open State Championship Returns to Nashville



VALOR COLLEGIATE
Academy

The 2016 Tennessee Open State Championship will take place Labor Day Weekend in Nashville. The event is being hosted by Valor Collegiate Academy located at 4527 Nolensville Pike.

Valor is the first school in Nashville to include chess curriculum for all its students. All students attend chess class with a Nashville Chess Center Coach once a week as a part of their regular school day. There are also after-school chess clubs for the students that just can't get enough. In their first year, the middle school had the highest math and science scores in Middle Tennessee schools for their grade level, but chess can't take all the credit of course. The teachers, staff, and family volunteers of Valor are an amazing crew, all working towards a common goal: encouraging kids with a moral compass to guide their futures.

if you'd like to check out this amazing program, join us for the 2016 TN Open. For flyer and more details visit www.tnchess.us

Remembering Bill Hall (1969-2016)

Tennessee has lost a special member of the chess community. Bill Hall did amazing work for US Chess as Executive Director from 2005 until 2013 and reigned as Cumberland County Chess Champion for ten years. His contributions to chess are far-reaching and will carry on for years to come. Here's a look back at some of Bill's expert moves on the board with analysis provided by TCA Vice President, Paul Semmes.

Hall, Bill - Snow, C.

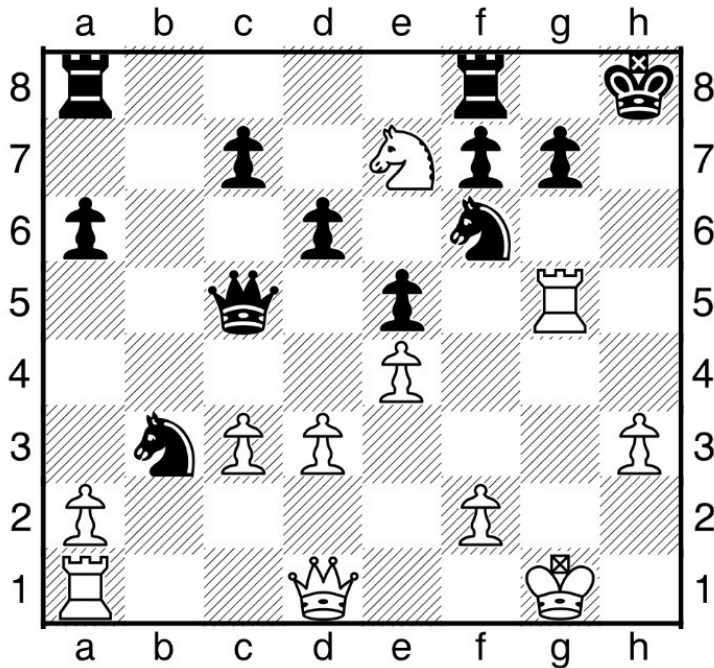
2003 Cumberland County Championship

Crossville, TN

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.e4 e5 3.Bb5 After an unusual move order, the normal starting position of the Ruy Lopez opening is reached. 3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 This aggressive placement of Black's bishop can lead to very lively play, but also allows the "fork trick" 7.Nxe5 Nxe5 8.d4 and White regains his piece with a space advantage. 7.c3 d6 8.d3 White could play aggressively with 8.d4 but instead chooses a quieter continuation. 8...Bg4 9.Re1 h6 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Nf1 b4 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng3 Qb8 14.Nf5 Qb6 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 bxc3 17.bxc3 Qc5 18.g4 Bg6 19.N3h4 White attacks Black's bishop, supports his knight at f5 and opens the third rank for the rook at e3. Black's bishop is not protected because the f-pawn is pinned by White's bishop. 19...Bh7 20.Rg3 White's rook joins the attack against Black's king. 20...Na5 21.g5 hxg5 22.Rxg5 Bxf5 Black needed this bishop to help provide cover for his king; 22...Nxb3 was better. 23.Nxf5 One of White's threats is 24.Rxg7+ Kh8 25.Qd2 with mate to follow quickly, e.g. 26.Qh6+ Nh7 27.Qxh7#. 23...Nxb3 Black's knight attacks the c1 and d2 squares and thus defends against the threat mentioned previously; after 24.axb3 g6 Black would be OK. White, however, has another idea. 24.Ne7+ Kh8 See the diagram. 25.Rh5+ Nh7 26.Rxh7+ 1-0 26...Kxh7 27.Qh5# is checkmate. White could also have sacrificed his queen with 25.Qh5+ Nh7 26.Qxh7+ Kxh7 27.Rh5# With this win, Bill Hall continues his reign as Cumberland County Chess Champion.

Congratulations Bill!

Chess Puzzle



White to move and checkmate in three moves. From 2003 Cumberland County Championship, Bill Hall - C. Snow

Upcoming Tournaments & Events

September 2-4, 2016 [Tennessee Open State Championship](#)

Nashville, TN

September 24, 2016 [Overbrook Scholastic Nashville City Qualifier](#)

Nashville, TN

October 8, 2016 [Cumberland County Fall Open](#)

Crossville, TN

October 22, 2016 [Meigs Scholastic Nashville City Qualifier](#)

Nashville, TN

November 5, 2016 [Valor Scholastic Nashville City Qualifier](#)

Nashville, TN

December 16-18, 2016 [K-12 Grade Nationals](#)

Nashville, TN

January 28, 2017 Regional Scholastic Championship

February 18, 2017 State Individual Scholastic Finals

March 4, 2017 Regional Scholastic Team Championship

March 25, 2017 State Scholastic Team Finals

April 8, 2017 Tennessee All-Girls State Championship

Nashville, TN

May 12-14, 2017 Super Nationals K-12 Championships

Nashville, TN

May 19-21, 2017 TN Senior Open

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Deadline September 4, 2016- 2017 TN All-Girls State Championship
Deadline September 4, 2016- 2017 Senior Open
Deadline January 22, 2017- 2017 TN Open State Championship
Deadline May 20, 2017- 2018 TN Winter Open

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