



TCA Newsletter August 2017 Volume 62, Issue 2

TN Chess News

2017 TN Open

Please join us for the [2017 Tennessee Open State Championship](#) and [Scholastic State Championship](#) this Labor Day weekend! Our Annual Membership Meeting will take place during this event on Sunday at 1:00pm in the cafeteria at Valor.



2017 Tennessee Open State Championship

\$3000*Guaranteed* \$3000

September 1 - September 3, 2017

Valor Collegiate Academy 4527 Nolensville Pike Nashville, TN 37211

<u>Open Section</u>	<u>Entries</u>	<u>Amateur U1600</u>
<p>1st Place.....*Plaque + \$400 2nd Place..... 250 3rd Place.....200</p> <p>Expert 1st Place.....*Plaque + \$200 2nd Place.....150</p> <p>Class A 1st Place.....*Plaque + \$175 2nd Place.....125</p> <p>Class B & Below 1st Place.....*Plaque + \$150 2nd Place.....75</p> <p><small>**Unrateds are only eligible for the top 3 prizes in the Open Section and Unrated Prize in Amateur Section.</small></p>	<p>Enter online at www.tnchess.org or Mail to: Chris Prosser 733 Long Hunter Ct Nashville, TN 37217 615-426-7105 Regioniii@aol.com</p> <p>*Make Checks to: TN Chess Association *Plaques to top Tennessee residents.</p> <p>TCA Membership Meeting: 1:00 PM Sunday September 4</p> <p>IM's & GM's free entry (\$55.00 entry fee deducted from winnings of \$200.00 or more.)</p> <p>USCF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TCA MEM REQ FOR TN RESIDENTS</p>	<p>1st Place.....*Plaque + \$225 2nd Place.....175 3rd Place.....150</p> <p>Class D 1st Place.....*Plaque+\$125 2nd Place.....75</p> <p>Class E 1st Place.....*Plaque + \$100 2nd Place.....75</p> <p>Class F & Below 1st Place.....*Plaque + \$100 2nd Place.....75</p> <p>Unrated 1st Place.....*Plaque + \$100 2nd Place.....75</p>

Entry Fee: \$55.00 both sections if mailed by 8/25 (Online until 8/30) \$65.00 later and at site

Special Scholastic Entry Fee:
 USCF Youth/Schol Players may play for Plaque Only (no money prize) \$30.00 mailed by 8/25 (8/30 OL) \$40.00 later and at Site.

Registration: Fri. 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 Sat. 7:30-8:30 AM CDT

Byes:
 1/2 point bye available for any one (and only one) round if requested at or before Registration.

Rounds:
 5 Round Swiss

Rounds:
 Rnd 1 Friday 7:00 PM or Sat 10:00 AM
 Rnd 2 and 3 Saturday 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM
 Rnd 4 and 5 Sunday 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM

Time Control: G/120; d5

Other Information:
 Wheelchair accessible

USCF ID: _____	Rating: _____	Exp Date: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	DOB: _____
Section: _____		
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____	
1/2 Point Bye Round # _____	Entry Fee: \$ _____	TCA Dues: \$ _____
		USCF Dues:\$ _____



**2017 Tennessee Open Scholastic
Scholastic Chess Tournament
Saturday - September 2, 2017**

Valor Collegiate Academy 4527 Nolensville Pike Nashville, TN 37211

<p>Sections: High School (Grade 12 & Below) Junior High (Grade 9 & Below) Elementary (Grade 6 & Below) Primary (Grade 3 & Below)</p> <p>Prizes: Trophies for 1st through 5th place for all sections.</p> <p>Entry Fee: \$15 if mailed by August 25, 2017 \$25 later and at Site (Online - \$15 till 8/30) TNCHES.ORG</p>	<p>Registration and Check-in: 7:30-8:30 AM CDT Saturday – September 2, 2017</p> <p>Rounds: Four (4) Round Swiss System Round 1 at 9:00 AM CDT Other Rounds: ASAP (no break)</p> <p>Time Control: Game/30;d5</p> <p>Membership Requirements: USCF Rated; USCF Membership required; available at site. TCA Membership required for TN residents; available at site.</p>	<p>Some students play in the Scholastic and Open tournaments. To do this, you must play in the Friday night round or take a first round bye in the Open tournament.</p>
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Entries

Enter online at www.tnchess.org
or mail to:
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Nashville, TN 37217
615-426-7105
Regioniii@aol.com

**Make checks to:
TN Chess Association**

USCF ID: _____	Rating: _____	Exp Date: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	DOB: _____
Section: _____	Grade: _____	School: _____
Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Email: _____	
1/2 Point Bye Round # _____	Entry Fee: \$ _____	TCA Dues: \$ _____
		USCF Dues: \$ _____

Super Nationals VI



K-6 Playing Area at Super Nationals VI. There were four more ballrooms full of kids just like this!

The United States Chess Federation just hosted the largest rated chess tournament in the world of all time, and they did it right here in our great state of Tennessee! This record-breaking event took place over Mother's Day weekend in May drawing in 5,577 players to the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. Players competed across 25 sections based on their grade level and experience. The Tennessee Chess Association is very proud of all our chess kids and teams who helped contribute to this amazing event. Tennessee National Prize Winners include:

K-12 U800- Chandler McCook, 13th Place
Ethan Edwards, 25th Place
Central Magnet School, 10th Place Team

K-9 Championship- Alex Kalams, 1st Place for Ratings 1000-1199
Vishnu Pratap, 3rd Place for Ratings 1000-1199
Michael Xie, 3rd Place for Ratings Under 1000
Campbell Home School, 4th Place Team
Montgomery Bell Academy, 9th Place Team

K-9 U1250- Giovanni Costilla, 20th Place
Douglass K-8 Optional School, 12th Place Team

K-9 Unrated- D'Brandon Robinson, 5th Place

Douglass K-8 Optional School, 6th Place Team
Tri-Cities Christian Schools, 7th Place Team

K-8 Championship- Leo Chang, 2nd Place for Ratings 1300-1399

K-8 U1000- Edgar Bwire, 20th Place
Douglass K-8 Optional School, 11th Place Team

K-8 U750- Milind Muthiah, 21st Place
Mason Pafunda, 27th Place
Joshua Guaz, 35th Place
Central Magnet School, 24th Place Team

K-6 Championship- Logan Wu, 7th Place
Nasi Rahman, 1st Place for Unrated
William Peng, 2nd Place for Ratings 1300-1399
Fuller Hessel, 3rd Place for Ratings 1200-1299
Middleton Henry, 2nd Place for Ratings 1000-1099
Henry Veys, 1st Place for Ratings 800-899
Houston Middle School, 5th Place Team

K-6 U1400- Jonathan Mehrotra, 3rd Place
Valor Collegiate Academy, 12th Place Team

K-6 U1000- Gregory Gomez, 14th Place

K-6 Unrated- Kris Escamilla, 6th Place
Valor Collegiate Academy, 3rd Place Team
Idlewild Elementary School, 4th Place Team
East End Prep, 8th Place Team
Christ the King, 9th Place Team

K-5 Championship- Jason Shen, 23rd Place
Hemi Rambha, 25th Place
Grahamwood Elementary, 5th Place Team
K-5 U1200- Sunny Cui, 17th Place
Michael Kong, 20th Place
Jacob Dong, 20th Place
St. Bernard Academy, 15th Place Team

K-5 U900- Vishal Parikh, 3rd Place
Adam Griffith, 32nd Place
Tyler Reynolds, 41st Place

Jonathan Goldfeder, 45th Place
Robiyahon Sahibnazarova, 45th Place
Ian Franks, 45th Place
Sudeep Kundavajjala, 45th Place
Harding Academy, 12th Place Team
Grahamwood Elementary, 21st Place Team

K-3 Championship- Ronit Chandra, 25th Place

K-3 U700- Miles Campbell, 14th Place
Harry Connolly, 35th Place
Justin Guo, 35th Place

K-3 Unrated- Julia Green Elementary, 9th Place Team

K-1 U500- Gurnoor Sandhu, 2nd Place
An Nguyen, 4th Place
Ethan Xie, 14th Place
Harshith Dhanapal, 20th Place
Julia Green Elementary, 5th Place Team
University School of Nashville, 7th Place Team
Grahamwood Elementary, 15th Place Team

Remarkable results from our Tennessee K-12 players! Congratulations winners and special thanks to all who helped make this event one we will never forget!



Nashville Chess Center and Valor Collegiate Academy training and camping in the skittles room.



Julia Green Elementary Chess Teams celebrating their successes back at school.

Tennessee Chess Mom Makes Her Move at Super Nationals VI

Monique Campbell is a Tennessee Chess Mom who is taking her family's chess education to the next level. She is mom to Josh, Harry, Max, and Georgia. Along with her husband, Rock, they are raising a family of extraordinary chess players. The oldest is the current Nashville High School City Champion, Josh, age

sixteen. He leads the Campbell Home School Chess Team, our 2017 Tennessee High School Team State Champions. Harry is twelve years old and 2017 Nashville Elementary City Champion. Next in line is nine year old Max, who dominates his section at tournaments and already has more than 150 rated chess events under his belt. The youngest Campbell is four year old Georgia. She has just spent her entire summer getting serious about her chess career at the 2017 Nashville Chess Center Summer Camp Series.

About two years ago, Josh and Harry were taking a chess lesson with their coach FM Todd Andrews. Monique walked in at the end and caught the last part of his conversation with them. He was discussing their lack of knowledge regarding chess history and how important it was for their growth and maturity as chess players. What he said made sense to Monique, so she went home that day determined to find a way to fix this lack of historical chess perspective. She knew it would have to be something really fun like a board game to get and keep their interest. She came up with some ideas to combine all the best game playing concepts she'd experienced herself, things like skill, luck, competition, and knowledge. Although the main goal was to teach chess history, she also decided to include other chess related subjects that the kids would find interesting. And there's some tactics, positional puzzles and openings in the game as well.

To play the game, each player starts as a pawn (expert) with a chess rating of 2000. The goal is to climb the ranks of the chess world: NM, FM, GM etc., collecting rating points until you reach World Champion. To accumulate these points you need to answer the questions on the game cards correctly. If you got the answer right you keep the card and its allocated points (points range from 25 up to 100 depending on difficulty). If you got the answer wrong then you pass the card to the next player and they get a try. The card is passed along so that every person will have a turn at guessing. If the card remains unanswered then it's thrown into the center prize fund to be collected by the person who lands on the winning square. This concept provides hope for all young players who see this as their opportunity to overtake the older more knowledgeable kids! The game has over 350 cards. Subjects covered include: 19th Century players, 20th Century Players, 21st Century Players (this includes the most popular players of today both here in the U.S and Worldwide), Women Players, Child Prodigies, Famous Chess books and their authors, Famous Games throughout history, Chess quotes from prominent players, Places where important games were played, Fun facts, Openings for White and Black, Tactics Challenge cards (mostly 2 move mates some easy, some tricky), Best Move cards (positional question cards), Chess Celebs (famous actors, musicians, artists and more who were or are avid chess players), Guess who cards showing the faces of players throughout history (you have to guess who they are), Chess sets (name the country of origin

for this set chosen for it's unique design reflecting the culture from where it came), and lastly, some basic True or False and Multiple Choice.

Monique recently started sharing her game with the chess community at Super Nationals VI and at the Nashville Chess Center. It's called Chess Trivopoly. For more information, visit www.trivopoly.com. Congratulations to Monique on her accomplishment! Tennessee is proud to have someone who shows so much dedication and advocacy for her children's education. Tennessee Chess Moms are the best!



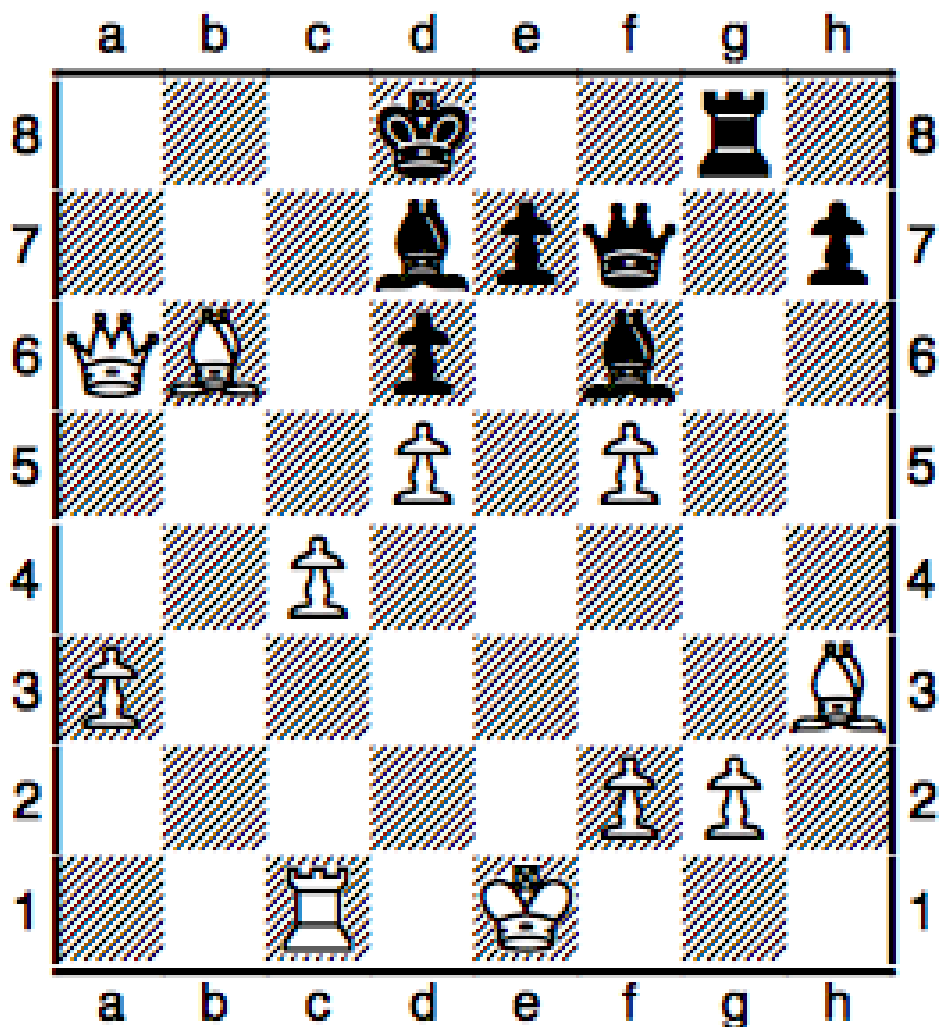
Monique with daughter, Georgia sharing her game at Super Nationals VI with Bruce Pandolfini



Trivopoly at the Nashville Chess Center Summer Camp

Chess Puzzle

Teimour Radjabov vs. Francisco Vallejo Pons
Blindfold game, Monaco, 2007



Position after 29.Bb6+. Black resigned here. Why?
Hint: After Black's only move 29...Ke8, White can force checkmate in two moves. Can you find it?

Today's Game is from the Melody Amber Blindfold and Rapid Chess Tournament, an unusual event which is a favorite among chess fans. The 12 players compete in a double round robin, where half of the games are played without sight of a chessboard ("blindfolded"), and the other games are played at a rapid time control of about 30 minutes for each player for the entire game.

Today's Puzzle: In the position shown in the diagram, White has just played 29.Bb6+ and Black has only one legal move, 29...Ke8. However, Black resigned in this position because White will force checkmate in two more moves. Can you find it? The complete game is given below and contains the solution.

Radjabov, T (2729) – Vallejo Pons, F (2679) 1.d4 f5 The Dutch Defense is an aggressive opening rarely seen in top competitions today. 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.h4 White immediately begins an attack to weaken Black's kingside. Calmer alternatives include 4.Nf3 and 4.g3. 4...d6 5.h5 Nxh5 6.Rxh5 gxh5 White has sacrificed the exchange (rook for knight) to wreck Black's kingside pawns and expose Black's king. 7.e4 Be6 8.Be2 Bg7 9.Bxh5+ Kd7 Black's king must flee and cannot castle now that it has moved. 10.d5 Bg8 11.exf5 An interesting alternative is 11.Bg4 when 11...fxg4 is bad due to 12.Qxg4+ and 13.Qxg7. However, black has the in-between move Bxc3+ and black survives. 11...Qf8 12.Bg4 Bf6 13.Nge2 Na6 14.Be3 Bf7 15.Ne4 Rg8 16.Bh3 Kc8 Black is trying to untangle his pieces and find shelter for his king. White's freer position gives him attacking chances, which compensate for his material deficit. 17.Qd2 Be8 18.Rc1 c5 19.Nf4 White's knight aims for e6, a strong outpost deep in Black's territory. 19...Bd7 20.Ne6 Qf7 21.a3 b6 22.b4 White is trying to open lines of attack towards Black's king. 22...Nc7 23.bxc5 bxc5 Now White crashes through; better is 23...dxc5. 24.Nxc7 Kxc7 25.Qa5+ Kc8 26.Nxc5 a6 Black cannot take the knight because after 26...dxc5 27.Bf4 White's threat of 28.Qc7# is crushing. 27.Nxa6 Rxa6 28.Qxa6+ Kd8 29.Bb6+ See the diagram. Black resigned here because he cannot avoid checkmate, i.e., 29...Ke8 30.Qa8+ Bc8 31.Qxc8# 1-0

Notation: King: K; Queen: Q; Rook: R; Bishop: B; Knight: N; Pawn: (no letter is used for the pawn); x: captures; O-O: castles kingside; O-O-O: castles queenside; +: check; #: checkmate; 1-0: White won; ½ - ½: draw; 0-1: Black won.

Game and Analysis Provided by TCA Vice President, Paul Semmes.

Upcoming Tournaments & Events

August 26, 2017 [Knoxville Open](#)

@ Centerpointe Church, Knoxville, TN

September 1-3, 2017 [Tennessee Open State Championship](#)

@ Valor Collegiate Academy, Nashville, TN

September 2, 2017 [Tennessee Scholastic State Championship](#)

@ Valor Collegiate Academy, Nashville, TN

September 23, 2017 [Overbrook Scholastic City Qualifier](#)

@ Overbrook School, Nashville, TN

October 14, 2017 [Cumberland County Fall Open](#)

@ Cumberland County Community Complex, Crossville, TN

October 21, 2017 [Meigs Scholastic City Qualifier](#)

@ Meigs Magnet School, Nashville, TN

November 4, 2017 [Valor Scholastic Final City Qualifier](#)
@ Valor Collegiate Academy, Nashville TN

November 24, 2017 [Shopping Day Chess Camp and Tournament](#)
@ Nashville Chess Center, Nashville, TN

December 2, 2017 Central Magnet Open and Scholastic Tournament
@ Central Magnet School, Murfreesboro, TN

January 5-7, 2018 [3rd Annual Smoky Mountain Chess Tournament](#)
@ Dollywood's DreamMore Resort, Pigeon Forge, TN

January 15, 2018 [MLK Jr. Chess Camp and Tournament](#)
@ Nashville Chess Center, Nashville, TN

January 27, 2018 [TN Regional Scholastic State Qualifiers](#)

February 10, 2018 3rd Annual Ron Seaney Memorial Tournament
@ Percy Priest Elementary, Nashville, TN

February 17, 2018 [TN Scholastic Individual State Championship](#)
@ TN Tech University, Cookeville, TN

February 19, 2018 [President's Day Chess Camp and Tournament](#)
@ Nashville Chess Center, Nashville, TN

March 3, 2018 [TN Scholastic Team Regional State Qualifiers](#)

March 24, 2018 [TN Scholastic Team State Championship](#)
@ TN Tech University, Cookeville, TN

April 7, 2018 [TN All-Girls State Championship](#)
@ St. Cecilia, Nashville, TN

May 11-13, 2018 [2018 National Elementary Championship](#)
@ Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

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Bids

Deadline September 2, 2017- 2018 TN All-Girls State Championship

Deadline September 2, 2017- 2018 TN Senior Open

Deadline January 21, 2018- 2018 TN Open State Championship

Membership



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