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TN Chess News

Tennessee has a New State Champion



The 2016 Tennessee Open State Championship took place Labor Day Weekend in Nashville at Valor Collegiate Academy. For three days, 71 players competed, and Alex King (pictured above) won the weekend, undefeated earning the title of 2016 Tennessee State Champion. Congratulations Alex!

The Scholastic State Championship took place Saturday and brought 65 players from all across the state. Our winners for 2016 are Hemi Rambha and Michael Bowling, Co-Champions for High School, Arya Jalem for Junior High, Ronit Chandra for Elementary, and Aditya Jalem for Primary. Great work to all our youngest competitors and special thanks to Valor Collegiate Academy for being such generous hosts!



Round 4- Mariano Sana vs. Alex King with onlooker, Jerry Wheeler



*Amateur Champion,
Robert Bentley*



Expert Champion, Ben Harris



Class B Champion, Scott Cantrell



*Class A Champion,
Clay Polk*

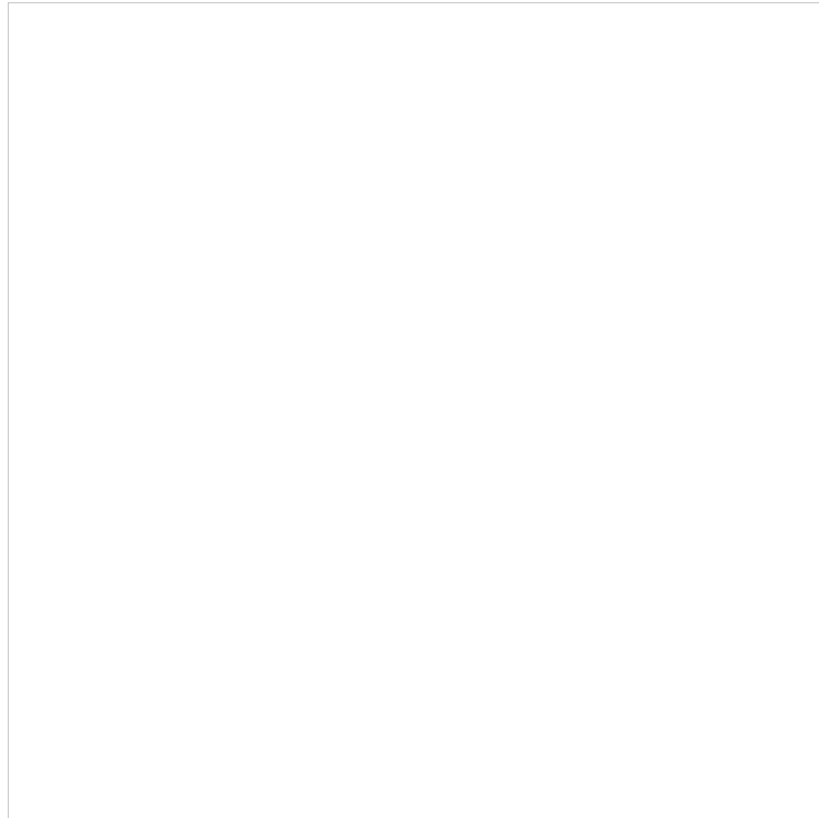


Unrated Champion, Rich Larmi

New National Chess Master Title in TN

Congratulations to Forest Chen, a 9th grade student of Farragut High School. He has been awarded National Chess Master Title by USCF on October 13, 2016. He is currently the youngest National Master in Tennessee and ranking on four US Chess Top 100 Lists, including Quick Rating Top Under Age 16, Blitz Rating Tops Under Age 21 and 16, and Top Age 14.

2nd Annual Smoky Mountain Chess Tournament Last Call



Chess Puzzle

In the position shown in the diagram, White has sacrificed a bishop to lure the Black king to h6 and can demolish Black's pawn shield and force a quick mate with another piece sacrifice. What is White's best move? The complete game is given below and contains the solution.

Capablanca, Jose Raul - Jaffe, Charles

1.d4 This is an excellent way to begin the game, and so is 1.e4. 1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 This move temporarily blocks White's black squared bishop. A more common choice is 3.c4. 3...c6 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e4 White gains space in the center, frees his bishop at c1, and threatens to win a piece with 9.e5. 8...dxe4 9.Nxe4 Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Nf6 11.Bc2 h6 Black prevents 12.Bg5 but weakens the pawns in front of his king. 12.b3 b6 13.Bb2 Bb7 14.Qd3 If Black's knight at f6 is removed, White would threaten checkmate by 15.Qh7. Black must defend carefully. 14...g6 Again Black weakens his pawns; better is 14...Re8. 15.Rae1 Nh5 16.Bc1 Kg7 After this natural move, White breaks through with a sacrifice. Much better is 16...Nf4 or 16...Bf4. 17.Rxe6 Nf6 Black cannot take the rook because 17...fxe6 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.Qh7# is checkmate. 18.Ne5 c5 Black overlooks White's threat and is quickly demolished. 19.Bxh6+ Kxh6 See the diagram. 20.Nxf7+ White removes the pawn defending g6 and forces an immediate mate, e.g., 20...Rxf7 21.Qxg6#, 20...Kg7 21. Qxg6#, 20...Kh7 21.Qxg6# or 20...Kh5 21.Qh3#. Black resigned. 1-0

Analysis provided by TCA Vice President, Paul Semmes

Upcoming Tournaments & Events

January 6-8, 2017 [Nashville City Championship](#)

January 6-8, 2017 [2nd Annual Smoky Mountain Chess Tournament](#)

Pigeon Forge, TN

January 16, 2017 [MLK Chess Jamboree](#)

Memphis, TN

January 16, 2017 [NCC 10th Annual MLK Chess Camp](#)

Nashville, TN

January 28, 2017 [Regional Scholastic Championship](#)

February 18, 2017 State Individual Scholastic Finals

Cookeville, TN

February 20, 2017 [NCC President's Day Chess Camp](#)

Nashville, TN

March 4, 2017 [Regional Scholastic Team Championship](#)

March 25, 2017 State Scholastic Team Finals

Cookeville, TN

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](#)

Crossville, TN

June 11-16, 2017 [Mid-South Chess Summer Camp](#)

Memphis, TN

June 19-23, 2017 [NCC Summer Camp #1](#)

Nashville, TN

June 26-30, 2017 NCC Summer Camp #2

Nashville, TN

July 10-14, 2017 NCC Summer Camp #3

Nashville, TN

July 24-28, 2017 NCC Summer Camp #4

Nashville, TN

A Shelby County Chess Tournament:

!!! MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY !!!

!!! CHESS JAMBOREE !!!

INDIVIDUAL SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENT

FOLLOWED BY A BLITZ MARATHON TILL 5PM

Jason's Deli Conference Room 3743 Poplar Ave. Memphis, TN

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2017

1st Round Starts 9 am

Format: 4 SS, G/30, d5 (4 Games, 30 minutes for each player, 5 seconds added after each move)

4 Sections: OPEN Rated, U600 Rated, K-3, Grades 4-8 Unrated, K-3 Unrated:

Rated requires USCF Membership. Unrated does not require USCF

membership. Join USCF at check-in desk.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each section Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals with ribbons to all other participants.

Pre-Registration: You may pre-register on-line at "www.shelbycountychess.com"

or in person at the Friday Knights Chess Club (Every Friday night 6:45-9:00 pm.

at Backyard Burger, 6466 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN)

On-Site Registration: Registration 8:30 am. – 8:50 am. (Visa, MasterCard,

Discover, & American Express credit cards accepted on-site) If you arrive after

8:50 am., you will be given a 1/2-point bye for the 1st Round and then paired for the remaining Rounds.

Entry Fee: Jamboree = \$15.00 per player by midnight Friday, January 13th and

\$20.00 thereafter and on site. !!!Tennessee Chess Association (TCA) members receive \$2.00 cash rebate when you check in!!!

You Can Join the Tennessee Chess Association (TCA) at the check-in desk.

Then a Blitz Marathon following Jamboree for \$5.00

Byes: A Bye (1/2-point) is available for any Round. Limit two byes per player. You must notify the Tournament Director of a requested Bye prior to the start of the third round.

Schedule: First Round starts at 9 am. Monday, January 16th. Remaining Rounds start shortly after each successive Round ends. No elimination --- everyone plays all Rounds! It is anticipated the event, including the awards ceremony, will end by 3 pm. THEN an Unrated BLITZ MARATHON for \$5.00 from 3-5 pm with pick-up till 5:30pm.

Miscellaneous: Players should bring their own chess boards, sets, and clocks, if available; USCF Rules will be in effect (e.g. Touch move rule). For more info, please call 901-276-4663.

Save the Date

JUNE 11-16, 2017
MID-SOUTH CHESS SUMMER CAMP

LAUSANNE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

1381 W. MASSEY RD. • MEMPHIS, TN 38120

FEATURING:

Grandmaster Alex Stripunsky, Grandmaster Joel Benjamin,
IM Teddy Coleman, IM Jake Kleiman, IM elect Parker Zhao,
NM Nolan Hendrickson, Expert Jenny Liu,
Expert Amey Pasarkar & more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT: **www.chesscamp.us**

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Notice:

The TCA is on the lookout for a new Website Coordinator. If you or someone you know has experience with handling websites, posting updates, coding, etc, please contact the Board of Directors. This is a volunteer position.

Bids

Deadline January 22, 2017- 2017 TN Open State Championship

Deadline May 20, 2017- 2018 TN Winter Open

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

Deadline September 2, 2017- 2018 TN Senior Open

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