



TCA Newsletter February 2018

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TN Chess News

Burnett Wins in the 3rd Annual Smokey Mountain Chess Tournament

The Smokey Mountain Chess Tournament at Dollywood DreamMore Resort drew in 116 players from nine states. The event took place January 5-7, 2018 and unfortunately no Dolly sightings were reported. Here are the winners:

Open Section: (26 Players)

Champion	- IM Ronald Burnett	- Antioch, TN	- 4.5	- \$600.00
2nd Place	- Roman Kozelov	- St. Louis, MO	- 4.0	- \$100.00
2nd Place	- Todd Andrews	- Nashville, TN	- 4.0	- \$100.00
Expert-1st	- Kaleb Gosdin	- Flintstone, GA	- 3.0	- \$300.00
Expert-2nd	- Alan Kantor	- Crossville, TN	- 1.5	- \$100.00
Class A-1st	- Alexander Rutten	- Alpharetta, GA	- 3.5	- \$300.00
Class A-2nd	- Joshua Campbell	- Franklin, TN	- 3.0	- \$ 50.00
Class A-2nd	- Dhruv Chandra	- Franklin, TN	- 3.0	- \$ 50.00

Amateur Section: (54 Players)

Champion	** - David Hayes	- Huntsville, AL	- 4.5	- \$300.00
2nd Place	- David Mueller	- Knoxville, TN	- 4.0	- \$ 25.00
2nd Place	- Jan Blasenak	- Greenville, SC	- 4.0	- \$ 25.00
2nd Place	- Farnood Farmand	- Dandridge, TN	- 4.0	- \$ 25.00
2nd Place	- Eric Ramsay	- Murfreesboro, TN	- 4.0	- \$ 25.00
Class C-1st	- Benjamin Blair	- Johnson City, TN	- 3.5	- \$200.00
Class C-1st	- Ronit Chandra	- Franklin, TN	- 3.5	- \$200.00
Class D-1st	- Shirley Kong	- Germantown, TN	- 3.0	- \$200.00
Class D-1st	- Delbert Harrison	- Lexington, KY	- 3.0	- \$200.00

Novice Section: (36 Players)

Co-Champion	- Austin Rhea	- Knoxville, TN	- 4.5	- \$125.00
Co-Champion	- Violet DeCredico	- Chattanooga, TN	- 4.5	- \$125.00
Class F-1st	- Jose Vowell	- Knoxville, TN	- 4.0	- \$100.00
Class F-2nd	- Antonio Vowell	- Knoxville, TN	- 3.5	- \$ 25.00
Class F-2nd	- Mason Pafunda	- Friendsville, TN	- 3.5	- \$ 25.00
Class G-1st	- Alexandra Padezhki	- Ripley, TN	- 3.0	- \$ 75.00
Class G-1st	- David Snodgrass	- Knoxville, TN	- 3.0	- \$ 75.00
Unrated-1st	- Wesley Idell, II	- Knoxville, TN	- 3.0	- \$ 75.00
Unrated-1st	- Matthew Phillips	- Cookeville, TN	- 3.0	- \$ 75.00



Violet DeCredico takes on a dinosaur





Congratulations to all the players! The TCA is very thankful to our gracious hosts at Dollywood DreamMore Resort. How about that coffee bar and hot apple cider every day, a wonderful tournament hall! We have been approved to hold the tournament again next year so we hope to see you all back again in 2019! Please feel free to share your own feedback with us about the event to info@tnchess.us.

Read the Fine Print

Attention all chess coaches: Scholastic Team Regional Tournaments are approaching, and it takes a keen eye to notice the change. The cost per team has increased and if you don't read the finer details of the flyer, you might have missed it. A-Teams are now \$50 each if received by the cutoff date. B-Teams are now \$30 if received by the cutoff date. Complete flyer is included below in the coming attractions.

Top Ten Tennessee Chess Players

IM Jake Kleiman 2480

IM Ron Burnett 2430

NM Curt Jones 2418

FM Todd Andrews 2398
NM Alex King 2334
NM Graham Horobetz 2290
NM Yuri Barnakov 2286
NM Forest Chen 2280
NM Dean Lee 2275
NM Paul Harless 2255

Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame

The Tennessee Chess Association proudly honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to chess in Tennessee either through their accomplishments over the board, or through their efforts at organizing, and/or promoting chess activity in Tennessee. If you know of someone you would like to nominate to the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame, please contact the TCA Board of Directors. Nominations can only be made by TCA members and must include supporting documentation. The deadline is March 31, 2018 for the current term. Inductions will take place at the 2018 Tennessee Open Labor Day weekend.

Patron Members

The TCA wishes to send special thanks to the 2016-2017 Patron Members. Without their contributions, much of what the TCA accomplishes would not be possible.

DR. MARTIN KATAHN
PAT KNIGHT SMITH
PETER LAHDE
PAUL SEMMES
R. K. SHIMABUKURO
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COMING ATTRACTIONS

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

February 24, 2018 [250K Tree Day](#) @ Nashville Chess Center

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

March 24, 2018 [TN Scholastic Team State Championship](#)

@ TN Tech University, Cookeville, TN

March 31, 2018 [Lakeway Spring Open](#) @ Lakeway Community Church,

Morristown, TN

April 14, 2018 [TN All-Girls State Championship](#)

@ Nashville Chess Center, Nashville, TN

April 21, 2018 [2018 Cumberland County Spring Open](#) @ Cumberland County

Community Complex, Crossville, TN

May 11-13, 2018 [2018 National Elementary Championship](#)

@ Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

May 18-20, 2018 [2018 Tennessee Senior Open](#) @ Fair Park Senior Center,

Crossville, TN

Summer 2018 [Nashville Chess Center Summer Camps](#)

August 31- September 2, 2018 [Tennessee Open State Championship](#)

2018
TENNESSEE STATE SCHOLASTIC
TEAM CHESS TOURNAMENT
(Open to Tennessee Students Only)

REGIONAL QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS
SATURDAY - MARCH 3, 2018

<u>REGION 1</u> Knoxville Center Mall 3001 Knoxville Center Dr Knoxville, TN	<u>REGION 2</u> Brown Elementary School 3766 Dunbar Road Crosville, TN	<u>REGION 3</u> Montgomery Bell Academy 4001 West End Ave Nashville, TN	<u>REGION 4</u> Idlewild Elementary 1950 Linden Ave Memphis, TN
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Sponsored by the Tennessee Chess Association

CHAMPIONSHIP SECTIONS

High School (open to grades 12 and below), **Junior High** (open to grades 9 and below), **Elementary** (open to grades 6 and below), **Primary** (open to grades 3 and below).

ENTRY FEE: In Advance - \$50.00 per team if mailed by 2-23-18
Late Entry - \$60.00 per team.

All Teams must register by Wednesday, February 28th at 5:00 pm.

No changes in team lineup will be permitted after that time.

COACHES MEETING: Saturday 8:15 am

(All teams should have a representative present)

CHECK-IN AT SITE: 7:30 am to 8:15 am Saturday

*(All teams **must** check in at this time
or they will not be paired for the first round)*

ROUNDS: 4 Round Team Swiss. 1st round at 9:00 am. Other Rounds as announced at tournament. (May be less than 4 rounds if less than 5 teams in a section.)

TIME CONTROL: Game/60;d5

TROPHIES: Top 5 teams in each section
Plaques to top team in each section

B-TEAM DIVISIONS

SECTIONS: Based on the number of teams.

ENTRY FEE: In Advance - \$30.00 per team if mailed by 2-23-18. Late Entry - \$40.00 per team

All Teams must register by Wednesday, February 28th at 5:00 pm

No Changes in team lineup will be permitted after that time.

CHECK-IN, ROUNDS, & TIME CONTROL same as Championship Section.

TROPHIES: Based on number of teams.

(Minimum of 2 trophies awarded)

STATE TEAM FINALS
Saturday - March 24, 2018

Health and P.E. Building, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN

Qualification: Top 4 teams from each championship

Section in each region may play

Rounds/Sections/Time Control: Same as Regionals

Entry Fee: None

Trophies: Top 6 Teams in each section, Plaques to top 4

Players & coach on top teams.

Hotel: TBD

*This will be made known
By Regionals*

Registration: All teams must be registered with their Regional Scholastic Coordinator by 5 pm on **Monday, March 12th**. **NO CHANGES** in a team line-up will be permitted after that time.

Coaches Meeting: Saturday 8:15 am

(All teams should have a representative present)

Check-In Site: 7:30 am to 8:15 am Saturday.

*(All teams **must** check in at this time
or they will not be paired for the 1st round.)*

Tennessee Tech University will award four-year University Service Scholarships to the first place and second place teams of the High School Section as follows: \$4,000 per year each to four members on the first place team, and \$2,500 per year each to four members on the second place team. For more information, see www.tntech.edu/scholarships/chess.

1. **General Rules.** Each team will play a 4-board match against a different team each round. Two players on each team will play the white pieces and two will play the black pieces. Color will alternate, with boards 1 and 3 having one color while boards 2 and 4 have the other color. Each team will score 1 point, ½ point or 0 points each round. A game score of 2 points for each team is a draw and each team will receive ½ point. More than 2 game points per round wins the match for the team, while less than 2 points loses. All teams will play 4 rounds unless the number of rounds in a section is changed because there are less than five teams.
2. **Schools.** A school may enter only one team in each Championship Section. Schools MUST play in their geographic region. Team members MUST all attend the same school.
3. **Teams.** A Team consists of 4 players from the same school. Up to 2 substitutes are allowed for a maximum of 6 players per team. A team must have at least 2 players to participate. For info on Home School Teams see tncchess.us.
4. **B-Team Division.** A school may not enter a team in the B-Team Division unless it has a team in the corresponding section of the Championship Division. Otherwise, schools may enter as many teams as they wish in the B-Team Division.
5. **Team Rating.** Calculated by setting all unrated players to 300, taking the highest ratings up to 4, and dividing by 4, regardless of the numbers of players on the team.
6. **Substitutes.** Up to 2 substitutes are allowed per team. All substitutes must be registered (in board order) with their team by the end of registration.
7. **Board Order.** Board order cannot be changed after registration ends. The team must play in the same board order each round. A team with only 3 players must forfeit Board 4 each round. If a board is to forfeit any round, all remaining players must close ranks to Board 1 for that round.
8. **Tie Breaks.** If two or more teams tie for 1st place, a 10 minute playoff match will be held to determine the champion. Finals Only - (G/10 playoff for 2nd Place in High School Section Only) Otherwise, tie-break Systems used to break ties for teams tying for trophies or to qualify for the State Finals will be (1) US Team; (2)Median; (3) Solkoff; (4) Cumulative; (5) Total game points for the team; and (6) coin toss.
9. **Dues.** No dues shall be required for any students to play in the regional tournaments. USCF dues will be required for all students at the State Finals.
10. **Equipment.** All participants should bring chess sets, boards, and clocks if they have them.
11. **Miscellaneous.** Unusual situations not covered by these rules will be dealt with by the Tournament Director at the site.

COUNTIES IN EACH REGION

Region 1: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, Washington.

Region 2: Bledsoe, Bradley, Clay, Coffee, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Jackson, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, White

Region 3: Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Summer, Trousdale, Wayne, Williamson, Wilson

Region 4: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, Weakley

To Enter: Send the following information for Each player: Name, Address, Telephone Number, Date of Birth, Sex, Grade, USCF Identification Number, and email address.

For Each Team provide the following information: School Name, School Nickname, Section Entered, Correct Fee, and coach information.

Make checks payable and send entry to person listed below for your region:

<p><u>Region 1</u> Gilbert Chan 12 Converse Lane Oak Ridge, TN 37830 tea.region1scholastic@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Region 2</u> Tim Sams 3059 Mountain Pointe Dr NW Cleveland, TN 37312 Cell: (423)503-2944 tsams7750@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Region 3</u> Chris Prosser 733 Long Hunter Court Nashville, TN 37217 Cell: (615)426-7105 regionIII@aol.com</p>	<p><u>Region 4</u> Mark Beaty 3864 Summer Ave Memphis, TN 38122 Cell: (901)330-1425 mrbeaty557@gmail.com</p>
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SEE TCA Web Site – tncchess.us



Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic Chess Championship

To Determine the State Champion for Girls 12th grade and under
Saturday, April 14, 2018 9:00am
Nashville Chess Center 2911 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37212



Championship Section K-12th Grade

USCF Rated

Open to All TN Girls 12th Grade and Under

1st Place: Title of TN All-Girls State Champion and
Invitation to be TN Representative in the US Girls at the
2018 US Open, Championship Trophy, Chess Prize Bag

2nd-3rd Place: Trophy, Chess Prize Bag

4th - 6th Place: Trophies

7th -10th Place: Medals

Entry Fee: Championship Section

\$20.00 if postmarked by April 10, 2018

\$30.00 at Site

Competition Section K-6th Grade

USCF Rated

Open to All TN Girls 6th grade and Under

1st - 3rd Place: Trophies, Chess Prize Bag

4th - 6th Place: Trophies

7th - 10th Place: Medals

Entry Fee: Competition Section

\$15.00 if postmarked by April 10, 2018

\$25.00 at Site

Primary Section K-3rd Grade

USCF Rated, Open to All TN Girls 3rd grade and Under

1st - 3rd Place: Trophies, Chess Prize Bag

4th - 6th Place: Trophies

7th - 10th Place: Medals

Entry Fee: Primary Section

\$15.00 if postmarked by April 10, 2018

\$25.00 at Site



USCF & TCA Membership required for all players. This tournament is only open to Tennessee Girls K-12.
Registration and Check-in 8:00-8:45am. Any players not checked in by 8:45 will not be paired for the first
round. Round 1 begins at 9:00am. 4 Round Swiss Format. Time Control G/60 d5.

In the case of a tie for first place in the Championship Section, there will be a playoff G/10 d5.

Make checks payable to NCC

Questions? Tiffany Elliott(615)504-2329

tiffany.elliott@comcast.net

Registration is available online at www.nashvillechess.org Calendar



2018 Cumberland County Spring Open Chess Tournament

\$420 *Guaranteed* \$420

April 21, 2018

At Cumberland County Community Complex, 1398 Livingston Rd, Crossville, TN

Open Section (Open to All)	Amateur Section (Open to Under 1200)
1 st Place.....\$75.00	1 st Place.....\$75.00
Top Expert.....\$30.00	Top Class F.....\$30.00
Top Class A.....\$30.00	Top Class G.....\$30.00
Top Class B.....\$30.00	Top Class H & Below.....\$30.00
Top Class C.....\$30.00	Top Unrated.....\$30.00
Top Class D & Below....\$30.00	(Unrated eligible for Unrated Prize Only)

All Sections

<p>Registration: Saturday 7:30 – 8:30 A.M. CDT</p> <p>Entry Fee: \$15.00 if mailed by April 16, 2018 \$20.00 at site</p> <p>Format: 4 Rounds – Swiss System</p> <p>Time Control: Game/60;d5</p> <p>Rounds: 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. CDT For more information see www.cumberlandcountychess.org</p>	<p>Dues Required: USCF membership dues REQUIRED TCA membership dues required for Tennessee Residents</p> <p>Send Entries To: Harry D. Sabine P.O. Box 381 Crossville, TN 38557</p> <p>Contact: Harry D. Sabine (931)484-9593 or (931) 261-8440 hdsabine@citlink.net</p>
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2018 TENNESSEE SENIOR OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

Open to age 50 and older (born before May 18, 1968)

\$400 *Guaranteed* \$400

MAY 18 - 20, 2018

Sponsored by Tennessee Chess Association, Cumberland County Chess Club, City of
Crossville and Fair Park Senior Center

at the Fair Park Senior Center: 1433 Livingston Road, Crossville, Tennessee

<p><u>Rounds:</u> 5 Round Swiss</p> <p><u>Schedules:</u> Traditional Schedule (Game/120;d5) 1st Round - Friday at 4:00 pm 2nd Round - Saturday at 10:00 am 3rd Round - Saturday at 4:00 pm 4th Round - Sunday at 9:00 am 5th Round - Sunday 2:00 pm</p> <p>2 – Day Schedule: 1st Round - Saturday at 10:00 am 2nd Round - Saturday at 1:00 pm Rounds 1 and 2 Game/60;d5 (merges with Traditional Schedule for Rounds 3, 4 and 5) USCF membership required TCA dues required for Tennessee residents TCA dues \$10.00</p>	<p><u>INFORMATION</u></p> <p>Entry Fee: \$25.00 if mailed before May 12, 2017 \$35.00 later and at site \$10.00 entry fee for unrateds</p> <p>Registration: Friday 2:00 PM to 3:30 pm Saturday 8:00 AM to 9:30 am All times are Central Daylight Time</p> <p>Entries: Enter on line at www.tnchess.us or mail to: Harry D. Sabine P.O. Box 381 Crossville, TN 38557 Phone: (931) 484-9593 Fax: (931) 456-7624 Cell: (931) 261-8440 Email: *For Questions Only* hdsabine@citlink.net</p>	<p><u>PRIZES</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr><td>1st Place</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$150.00</td></tr> <tr><td>2nd Place</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$100.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Class A/B</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 50.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Class C/D</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 50.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Class E & Below</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 50.00</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PLAQUES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Top 2 Top Age 60 – 69 Top Age 70 - 79 Top Age 80 & Older (Plaques are for Tennessee Residents Only) Medals to all participants.</p> <p>Byes: ½ point bye available for any one (and only one) round if requested at or before registration.</p>	1st Place	\$150.00	2 nd Place	\$100.00	Class A/B	\$ 50.00	Class C/D	\$ 50.00	Class E & Below	\$ 50.00
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Crossville Quality Inn
4035 Highway 127 N
(I-40 at Exit 317)
Crossville, TN 38571
(931) 484-1551

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Rate - \$65.00 + tax for 1 - 4 persons
(must reserve by May 2, 2018)

For more chess events:

- www.chattanooga.chess.org
- www.nashville.chess.org
- www.memphis.chess.com
- www.knoxville.chess.org
- www.cumberlandcounty.chess.org
- www.jacksontn.chess.club.org
- www.shelbycounty.chess.com
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Bids

Deadline September 2, 2018- 2019 TN All-Girls State Championship

Deadline September 2, 2018- 2019 TN Senior Open

Deadline January 20, 2019- 2019 TN Open State Championship

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