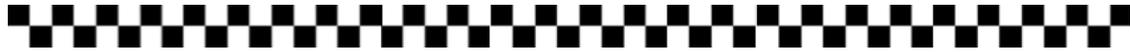




## Tennessee Chess News

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## 2019 Tennessee Open Results



*Sunday Final Round at the 73rd Annual TN Open State Chess Championship held at Montgomery Bell State Park September 13-15, 2019*

2019 TN OPEN - OPEN SECTION								
No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5
1	Melvin, Bill	2200	4.5	W19	W9	W6	W5	D2
2	Andrews, Todd	2360	4.5	W26	W16	W8	W3	D1
3	Logozar, Elijah	2133	4	-X-	W14	W4	L2	W9
4	Burnett, Ron	2410	4	W10	W20	L3	W7	W8
5	Pickard, Sid	2163	3.5	W28	W17	D7	L1	W12
6	Flynn, William	1618	3.5	W13	W11	L1	D16	W18
7	Beatty, Jonathan	2038	3.5	W31	W22	D5	L4	W14
8	Rambha, Hemachandra	2111	3	W33	W23	L2	W17	L4
9	Freeman, Tyler	1872	3	W21	L1	W22	W11	L3
10	Deere, Travis	1776	3	L4	W21	L16	W31	W20
11	Bishop, Timothy	1987	3	-X-	L6	W15	L9	W23
12	Kong, Sydney	1842	3	D15	W29	D18	W20	L5
13	Caveny, Aaron	1816	3	L6	L27	W29	W15	W21
14	Gee, Michael	1800	2.5	W24	L3	D23	W30	L7
15	Shuey, Michael	1679	2.5	D12	W30	L11	L13	W25
16	Herbers, Charles	1924	2.5	W32	L2	W10	D6	-N-
17	Chavez, Christian	1904	2.5	W27	L5	W19	L8	-H-
18	Smith, Brian	2018	2.5	L22	W31	D12	W27	L6
19	Brady, Stephen	1775	2.5	L1	W25	L17	W24	-H-
20	Spinrad, Jerry	1961	2	W25	L4	W26	L12	L10
21	Veys, Henry	1629	2	L9	L10	W28	W26	L13
22	Steed, Adam	1761	2	W18	L7	L9	L25	W32
23	Jackson, Ian	1680	2	W34	L8	D14	-H-	L11
24	Spears, Jeffrey	1507	2	L14	W28	L30	L19	W31
25	Kong, Shirley	1510	2	L20	L19	-B-	W22	L15
26	Chandra, Ronit	1779	2	L2	W32	L20	L21	W27
27	Ford, Leonard	1635	1.5	L17	W13	-H-	L18	L26
28	Illukpitiya, Chira	1700	1.5	L5	L24	L21	W29	-H-
29	Li, Justin	1641	1.5	-H-	L12	L13	L28	-B-
30	Chandra, Dhruv	1923	1.5	-H-	L15	W24	L14	-N-
31	Li, Bin	1667	1	L7	L18	W32	L10	L24
32	Nguyen, James Le	1643	1	L16	L26	L31	-B-	L22
33	Brady, Stephen	1775	0	L8	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-
34	Harris, Benjamin	2052	0	L23	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-

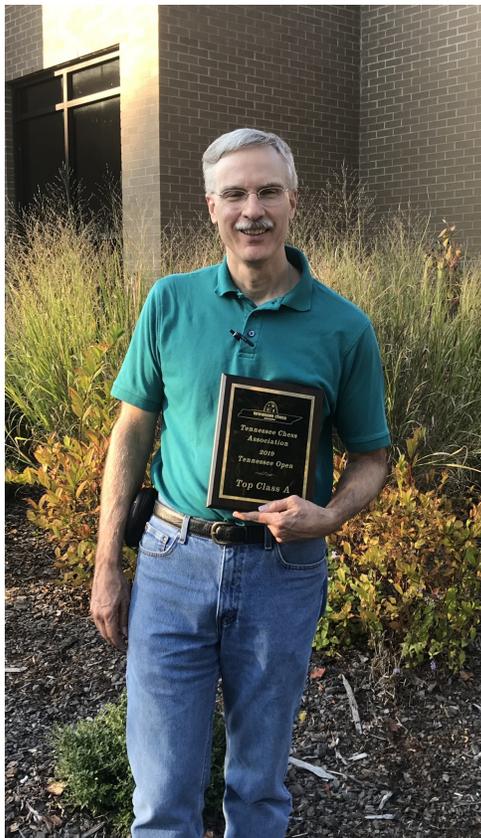
2019 TN OPEN - AMATEUR SECTION								
No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5
1	Pan, Steven	1433	4.5	W20	W24	D2	W6	W4
2	Moore, Zachary	1533	4.5	-X-	W16	D1	W10	W7
3	Boston, Ralph	1500	4	W15	W11	L4	W17	W5
4	Chan, Gilbert	1596	3.5	W26	W21	W3	-H-	L1
5	Donnan, Alexander	1369	3.5	D23	W31	W9	W13	L3
6	Li, Angela	1428	3.5	W27	W30	D8	L1	W16
7	Robinson, Billy	1401	3.5	W34	D12	W23	W8	L2
8	Saggi, Kunaal Sing	1528	3.5	W25	W19	D6	L7	W22
9	Beatty, Mark	1545	3.5	W17	D10	L5	W15	W21
10	Liu, Matthew	1396	3	W32	D9	W12	L2	D11
11	Toledo, David	503	3	W22	L3	-X-	D16	D10
12	Evans, Brandon		3	W14	D7	L10	-H-	W26
13	Ostroski, Nicholas	1564	3	L19	W20	W25	L5	W18
14	Thiemann, Norbert	1442	3	L12	W28	D15	D18	W25
15	Kalaga, Aneesh	990	2.5	L3	W26	D14	L9	W28
16	Ostroski, William	1275	2.5	W18	L2	W24	D11	L6
17	Shirley, Peter K	1151	2.5	L9	W32	W27	L3	D20
18	Larkins, Diesel	579	2.5	L16	-B-	W19	D14	L13
19	Kalaga, Ashish	1208	2.5	W13	L8	L18	D24	W31
20	Cao, Dongwen	924	2.5	L1	L13	W33	W29	D17
21	Hall, Stewart	1395	2.5	W33	L4	-H-	W23	L9
22	Tims, Jonathan	1223	2.5	L11	W34	W30	-H-	L8
23	Pfeil, Daniel	unr	2	D5	W35	L7	L21	D24
24	Barrett, Ryan	895	2	W29	L1	L16	D19	D23
25	Xiao, Stephen	1082	2	L8	W33	L13	W30	L14
26	Rambha, Ghandatta	1301	2	L4	L15	W34	W28	L12
27	Murphy, Michael	732	2	L6	W29	L17	L31	W34
28	Deere, Timothy	804	1.5	D35	L14	W31	L26	L15
29	Eddy, Kenneth	1454	1.5	L24	L27	W32	L20	D30
30	Chen, Joe	831	1.5	-B-	L6	L22	L25	D29
31	Li, Jared	933	1.5	-H-	L5	L28	W27	L19
32	Tennent, Richard	696	1.5	L10	L17	L29	W33	-H-
33	Nguyen, John Le	584	1	L21	L25	L20	L32	-B-
34	Brooks, Robert G	717	0.5	L7	L22	L26	-H-	L27
35	Kennedy, Dan	1430	0.5	D28	L23	-F-	-U-	-U-



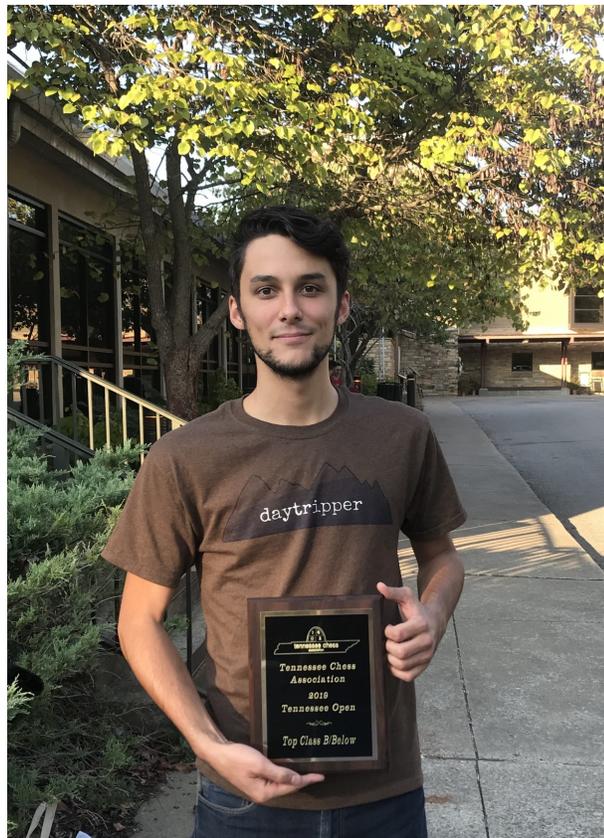
2019 TN State Champion, FM Todd Andrews



2019 TN Open Top Expert, Elijah Logozar



2019 TN Open Class A Winner, Timothy Bishop



2019 TN Open Class B Winner, William Flynn



*2019 TN Open Class D Winner, Alexander Donnan with Chris Prosser, TCA Board Member*



*2019 TN Open Class E Winner, Steven Xiao*



*2019 TN Open Class F Winner, David Toledo*



*2019 TN Open Top Unrated Winner, Brandon Evans*



*Prize Winner, Diesel Larkins with Chris Prosser, TCA Board Member*



*Prize Winner, Matthew Liu with players, Joe Chen and William Ostroski*

**2019 TENNESSEE OPEN PRIZES****OPEN**

1st	Todd Andrews	Plaque
1st	Bill Melvin	
3rd	Ron Burnet	

**EXPERT**

1st	Elijah Logozar	
2nd	Sid Pickard	Plaque
	Jonathan Beatty	

**Class A**

1st	Timothy Bishop	Plaque
2nd	Tyler Freeman	
	Sydney Kong	
	Aaron Caveny	

**Class B**

1st	William Flynn	Plaque
2nd	Travis Deere	

**AMATEUR**

1st	Zachary Moore	Plaque
2nd	Steven Pan	
3rd	Ralph Boston	

**CLASS D**

1st	Alexander Donnan	Plaque
2nd	Matthew liu	

**CLASS E**

1st	Peter Shirley	
2nd	Steven Xiao	Plaque

**CLASS F**

1st	David Toledo	Plaque
2nd	Deisel Larkins	
	Dongwen Cao	
	Aneesh Kalaga	

**UNRATED**

1st	Brandon Evans	Plaque
2nd	Daniel Pfeil	

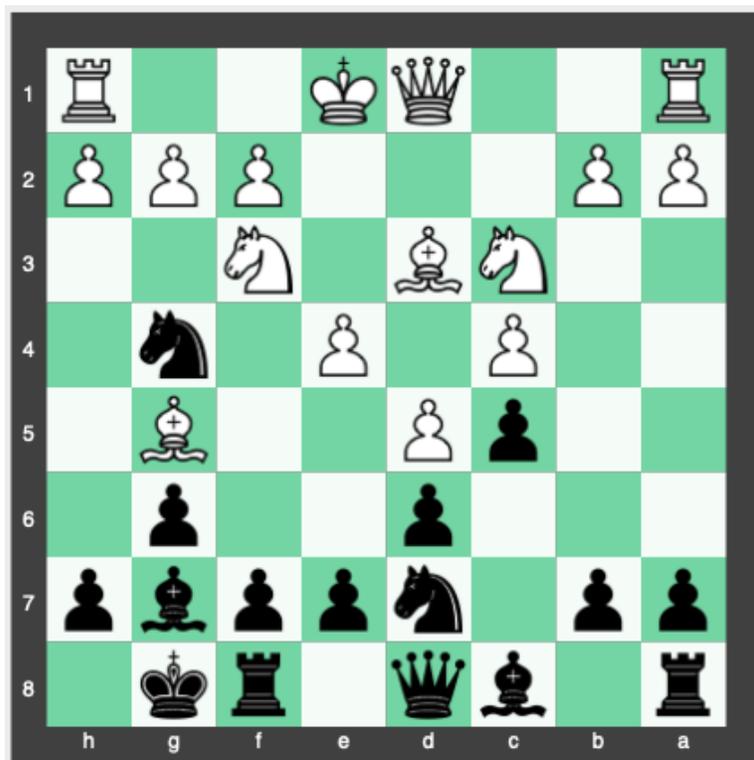
## Amateur Champ Dedication

By: Zachary Moore

I would like to dedicate my first ever TN Open Amateur Championship to Harry Sabine, whom I had the privilege of knowing from playing in many of the tournaments he directed over the years. Since 1995 I have played in over 120 tournaments, and Harry was always one of my most favorite TDs I ever had the privilege of knowing. He demonstrated the true Tennessee Volunteer Spirit with the dedication and hard work he poured into the numerous tournaments he directed. His passing is a hard hit to the TN chess community, but he will live on through the lives he touched and through everything he accomplished. We will always remember how strong he made TN chess, and I thank him for everything, especially the memories. I would also like to thank everyone at the TCA for continuing to host such great tournaments, and this one was no exception. Congratulations to Steven Pan from Alabama for the well fought Draw with me, and for tying for 1st in the Amateur Section! The miniature game I provide is from the final round and has a nice ending that I hope you all will enjoy. En Passant, Zach



Chris Prosser, TCA Board Member and Zachary Moore, 2019 TN Amateur Champion



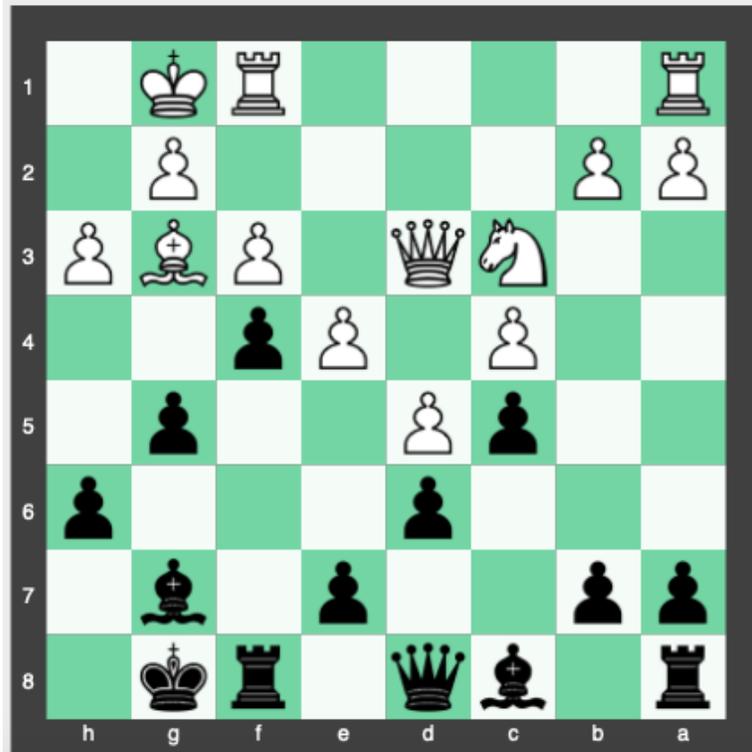
After 8. d5 Ng4

2019 TN Open  
Amateur Section  
Round 5, Board 19,  
G/90; d5

White: Billy  
Robinson (1401)  
Black: Zachary A.  
Moore (1533)

1. d4 Nf6
  2. c4 g6
  3. Nc3 Bg7
  4. Nf3 0-0
  5. Bg5 d6
  6. e4 Nbd7
  7. Bd3 c5
  8. d5 Ng4
- Diagram  
9. h3 Nge5

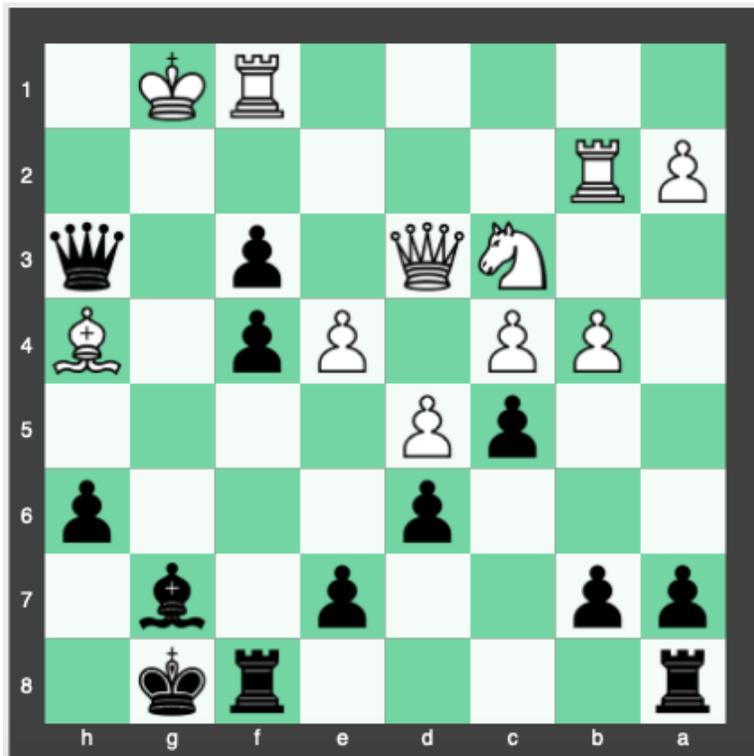
10. Nxe5  
 Nxe5 11. 0-0  
 h6 12. Bh4  
 g5 13. Bg3  
 Nxd3 14.  
 Qxd3 f5 15.  
 f3 f4



After 15. f3 f4

Diagram 16. Be1  
 Qe8 17. Rb1 Qh5  
 18. b4 Bxh3 19.  
 gxh3 Qxh3 20. Bf2  
 g4 21. Rb2 gxh3 22.  
 Bh4

Bd4+ 23. Rff2 Qg2#  
 0-1



After 22. Bh4

## 2019 Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Members

### Harry D. Sabine (1941-2019)

Harry Sabine’s elevating service to the Tennessee chess community began sometime around 1974 when he began caring for the Cumberland County Chess Club in Crossville. It was a short time later in 1977 that he joined the Tennessee Chess Association Board of Directors. He held the role of Secretary/Treasurer for over fifteen distinguished years until 1992 when he assumed a new



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role for the association. He became Tennessee's first Scholastic Coordinator and held the position until his retirement in 2018. Harry was a giant of Tennessee Scholastic Chess working as a Tournament Director and Organizer of the Tennessee Scholastic Championships for decades. In his life-long home of Cumberland County, he also organized a scholastic chess program in Cumberland County Schools which brought home twenty-five High School Championships and two National Junior High Championships for Martin Elementary. He organized countless events over the years including a much-loved tournament known as the Fairfield Glade Open attended by eighty-two players in just its

inaugural year in 1977. It went on to continue for over twenty years. Harry held leadership roles on a national level as well for the US Chess Federation. He was instrumental in the US Chess Headquarters move to Crossville from New York in 1995, and it was his big idea to create SuperNationals, a quadrennial spectacle bringing all the US Scholastic National Chess Championships together for the first time in Knoxville in 1997. Aside from chess, Harry worked as a lawyer and lived a life of service and volunteering through his other works as a Captain in the Marine Corps including one tour in Vietnam, his positions with the

Cumberland County Commission, Cumberland County Chamber of Commerce, Uplands Retirement Village, and Chairman of the Boy Scouts Troop #172.

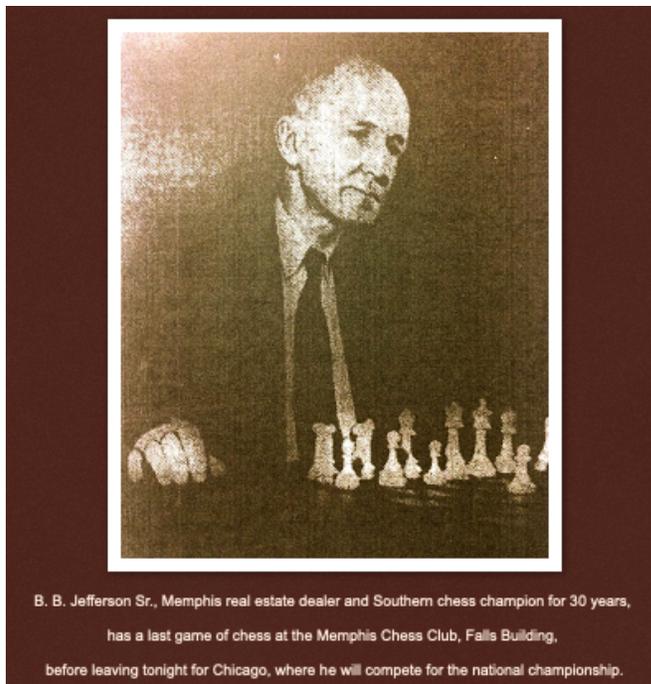


### **Leonard Dickerson**

Since his chess career began in 1978, Leonard has always been one of the most likable of all Tennessee Chess players. He is well-known for his good sportsmanship, his sense of humor and most importantly, his skill on the board. He rose in the ranks rapidly from being an unrated player to USCF Expert in just two years time. Leonard reached a peak rating of 2267 and earned his USCF Master's

Certificate in 1988, the very first African-American Tennessean to do so. He went on to be awarded USCF Life Master in 1992. Some of his greatest tournament victories include winning the 1979 Cumberland County Open, the 1980, '84, and '98 TN Open State Championships, the 1988 Mid-South Open and more recently, the 2010 TN Senior Open. Aside from his individual successes, he was also one of four members on the 1st place team in the Southeastern Amateur Team Championships in '87, '90 and '91. Aside from his tournament successes and his educational accomplishments (he earned his B.S in Chemical Engineering in '83 cum laude and his Masters Degree in Chemical Engineering in '94), it's Leonard's generosity that sets him above as a true example of a TN Volunteer. Residing in East Tennessee, Leonard

has been coaching and teaching chess in the schools and communities there and in surrounding states for over 40 years and still going strong. He worked as a Tournament Director from 1980-2015, served on the TCA Board of Directors in various capacities for over 20 years and continues his over 30 year service to the Greater Knoxville Chess Club. Leonard is also a Chess author. He published Basics for Scholastic Chess Players: A Guide for Players and Coaches in 2000 and has another book finished and awaiting publication: A Universal Opening Defense: The Caro-Kann/Slav System.



### **Bradford B. Jefferson (1875-1963)**

It was on August 24, 1913 that Bradford B. (“B.B.”) Jefferson, a Memphis real-estate businessman, stepped out of the shadows to assume his rightful place in the national chess limelight. With a score of 13.5 – 3.5, Jefferson claimed the championship

of the Western Chess Association. The tournament was the forerunner of the U.S. Open. At the time, the Western Chess Association encompassed basically the entire nation south and west of New York, including part of Canada. The winner was immediately acknowledged as one of the premier players in the nation. For years, B.B. had been well known in Memphis and throughout the South as a great player, dominating all visitors to the Memphis Chess Club. He also had an enviable record against top grandmasters in simultaneous exhibitions, twice defeating

Harry Nelson Pillsbury, beating and drawing Geza Maroczy, and even drawing with World Champion Emanuel Lasker. In 1907, he acted as Referee for the three games of the World Chess Championship match that were played in Memphis between Emanuel Lasker and Frank Marshall. Until his 1913 Western Championship victory, however, B.B. had apparently never ventured outside of Memphis to test himself against the best. He defended his championship the next year, when the Western Chess Association Tournament came to Memphis. The Association especially invited B.B and another Tennessee legend, Robert Scrivener back to the event every year after that for over two decades. The trophy that Mr. Jefferson won in 1914 was commissioned in 1907 by Frank B. Cornell, an association member. The cup itself is sterling silver and was to be presented to the first person to win the Western Open Championship two years in a row. The Western Open cup also known as “The Cornell Cup” was later handed down to the Memphis Chess Club Incorporated where it has been until 2018 when the World Chess Hall of Fame in St. Louis, MO contacted Mr. Dwight Weaver, the keeper and curator of antiques for the Memphis Chess Club. They wanted to borrow what Bradford Jefferson won in that 1914 event for one of their displays. B.B. joins the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame a year after the induction of his sister, Rosa. Interesting side note, the siblings were the distant descendants of President Thomas Jefferson who was also an avid chess player.

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The 2019 Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held at Montgomery Bell State Park on Sunday, September 15, 2019 during the Annual TCA Membership Meeting. Pictured below are 2019 TN Chess Hall of Fame Member Leonard Dickerson, Susan Kantor receiving on behalf of Harry Sabine and the Cumberland County Chess Club, Dwight Weaver receiving on behalf of B.B. Jefferson and the

Memphis Chess Club, and presented by Paul Semmes, TCA Board Member. Thank you to everyone who attended. It is a great privilege for TCA to be able to honor those who have made such a positive influence on Tennessee Chess.



## 2019 Knoxville Open Results

**By: Gilbert Chan**

The 2019 Knoxville Open was held at Perkins Hall at the University of Tennessee on August 17. Its 69 players comprised the largest rated Knoxville tournament since the 2002 Tennessee Open. The players ranged from two with no rated game history (Michael Lavin and Weixiao Zheng, who each debuted with two points in the Reserve section to split the Unrated prize) to FM Peter Bereolos, who was the winner of the aforementioned 2002 Tennessee Open (a writeup by Leonard Dickerson

and annotated games by Bereolos may be found in the [Fall 2002 TCA newsletter](#)).

The Reserve (under 1200) ended with a massive fight for the top prize as five players (Aashrith Podduturi, Stephen Xiao, Andrew Headrick, Sylvia Lin and Dustin Santos) were all leading at 2.5/3. On board 1, top seed Podduturi, a fifth-grader from Daves Creek Elementary in Cumming, GA as White defeated Niota native Headrick. On board 2, Morristown native Santos as Black pulled off a 400+ rating upset against Farragut Intermediate School student Xiao and added over 300 rating points on the day. Farragut Middle School sixth grader Lin made it a three-way tie at the top by another upset as Black against Nolan Elementary (Signal Mountain) fifth grader Elly Wu, who was over 300 rating points higher. They were followed at 3.0 by a four-way tie for fourth. Splitting the U1000 prize were Knoxville fifth grader Max Sisson, his father Cameron Sisson, and Daves Creek Elementary fifth grader Soham Karve. Getting the U800 prize and 200+ rating points was Big Ridge Elementary (Hixson) fifth grader Michael Guo.

In the Amateur (1200-1699) section, #11 seed Henry Veys of McCallie School of Chattanooga was the only perfect score among 26 players after the third round and finished a perfect day with a fourth-round win over fellow Chattanooga ninth

grader Violet deCredico. #22 seed Alex Fickey of Knoxville had possibly his best tournament ever, earning clear second with 3.5. Mike Headrick of Maryville and Oak Ridge HS senior Justin Blanchard, who won their second-round head-to-head match, tied for third with 3.0. Among the six-way tie for fifth with 2.5 were Under 1400 winners Northview HS (Johns Creek, GA) freshman Ramapriya Srinivas and Dwight Carroll of Hixson.



*Henry Veys of Chattanooga had the only 4.0 score on the day*

In the Championship section, the expected showdown between top seeds IM Ron Burnett of Nashville (2412) and FM Peter Bereolos (2306) of Knoxville happened in the third round. Burnett won as White and held a half-point lead and needed only a draw in the last



round to win the title.

*Cody Weeter was the surprise winner of the Championship Section*

In the upset of the tournament, he was defeated by fifth seed Cody Weeter (1862) of Maryville, who won clear first with 3.5. Their game can be found later in the newsletter. Burnett and Bereolos were joined at 3.0 by expert Jerry Baker (2139) of Frankfort, KY, whose second-round loss to Bereolos was his only defeat. Following at 2.0 was a four-way tie for the Under 2000 prize among 2017 Knoxville Open champion Mack Garner of Maryville, Robert Byrd of Maryville, Michal Kucera of Knoxville, and West Valley Middle School (Knoxville) 8th grader Justin Li.

The tournament organizers said that next year the tournament will likely be held in the new Student Union building on the UT campus. Perhaps it will replace the January “Dollywood” tournament in Pigeon Forge as the premier chess venue in East Tennessee.

Some photos from the event are posted at [TCA Region 1 Scholastic Chess Facebook Page](#).

## Going for Birdie at the US Amateur South

**By: Korey Kormick, Chief TD**

The last weekend of July brought 48 of the top 50 players to Memphis, Tennessee for the World Golf Championships. Just down the road from

that tournament, 44 of the South's best non-Master chess players from six different states took to their own fields of sport, and the competition was no less dramatic.

Day One of the event was a day of establishing position – the players fought energetically and adhered to the old adage, “One may not be able to win a championship on the first day, but you can certainly lose it.”

Across the three sections, of the fifteen players who eventually won place prizes, all but one had a minimum of 2.0 points (+1) at the end of Saturday's Third Round.

Sunday brought the final two rounds with the top competitors going head to head against each other. In the U1200 Booster section, Aneesh Kalaga, who sported a perfect score on day one, took the safe route of drawing both games into his share of the co-championship. Meanwhile the other co-champion, Jonathan Goldfeder, who had been bested with a loss on Saturday, won out on Sunday to join him at 4.0 points (+3) and take the first place trophy on tiebreaks. The U1600 Reserve section was dominated by the Arkansas representative, William Donham, who ended



*Devon Puckett and Epiphany Peters, 2019 US Amateur South Co-Champions*

with a fantastic 4.5 points (+4) after taking out the player with the only perfect score left in the section in Round Four.

The buzz of the tournament, however, definitely was in the U2200 Championship section. After the first day, 1876-rated Timothy Martinson from New Mexico was one of the co-leaders at 2.5 points (+2), having already defeated the 2018 US Amateur South Champion Devon Puckett and drawn the top seed, 2107-rated Epiphany Peters from Brentwood, Tennessee. Unfortunately, day two brought dreams of an upset championship back down to earth, as he was only able to score one-half point out of the final two games (-1). While still outperforming his rating, thoughts of “if only” had to be hard to swallow.

The thing about setbacks for higher rated players is that they tend to bounce back with exceptional skill shots. Epiphany & Devon were laser focused on day two, notching up point after point, eventually both finishing with 4.0 points (+3) and becoming co-champions of the 2019 US Amateur South, with Epiphany having the better tiebreaks and earning this year’s River Cup trophy.

Congratulations again to all participants, and thanks for the spirit of competition and the willingness to swing for the greens!



## **What a Game!**

**2019 Knoxville Open Round 4**

**Annotations by Cody Weeter**

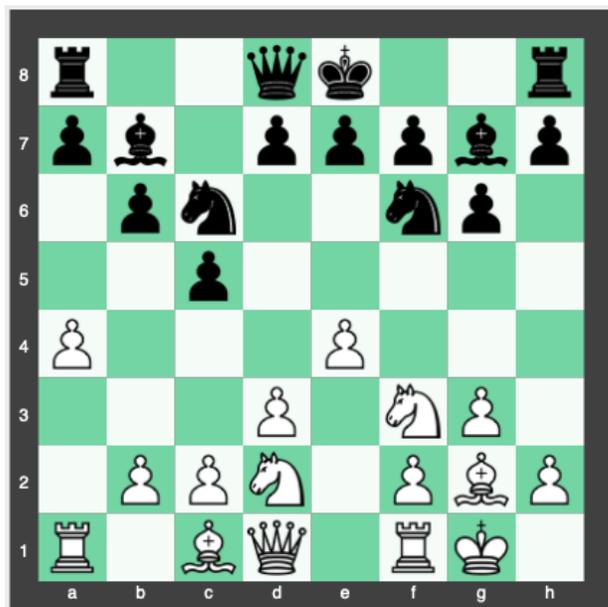
Site- UT Perkins Hall

Date- August 17, 2019

White- Weeter, Cody (1880)

Black- Burnett, Ronald (2418)

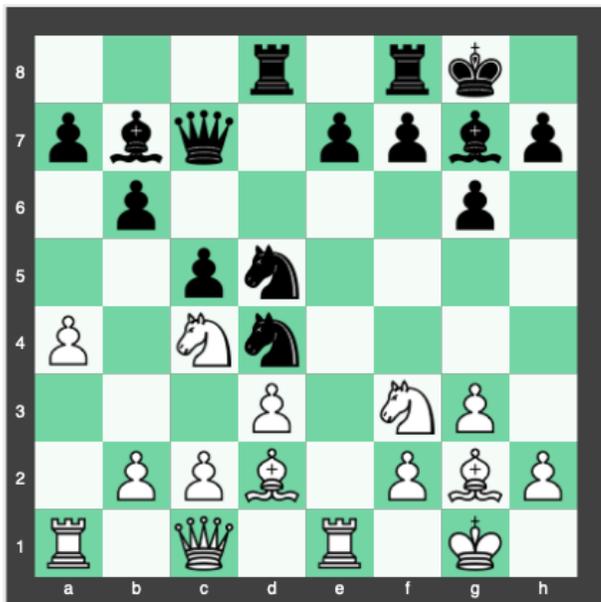
I was white, playing an IM for the first time over the board. I have played titled players online but here, it's different. I decided to go with an opening system that I understood and have played a lot before, the King's Indian Attack System. **1. Nf3 b6 2. g3 Bb7 3. Bg2 c5 4. d3** With this move my plan was to play e4 and try to expand on the kingside later on. It's also a flexible system that can allow other ideas. **g6 5. e4 Bg7 6. O-O Nc6 7. Nbd2 Nf6 8. a4**



After 8. a4

Here I decided my knight was best placed on c4 so this move has to be played first. It also helps to gain space and slow any black attempts for queenside expansion. **O-O 9. Nc4 d5 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Re1 Qc7 12. Bd2 Rad8 13. Qc1** I was already running out of ideas and feeling like I had played this wrong. Black has a space advantage here and it's getting difficult for white

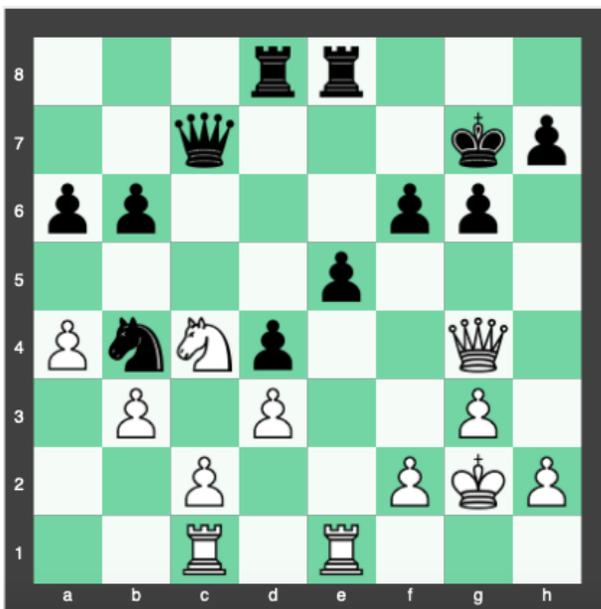
to come up with a good plan. I played this move to just step out of the x-ray and to create the battery if I ever wanted to remove his strong, dark square bishop. **Nd4** When my opponent played this, I stopped and thought for about fifteen minutes. I didn't like my position and I was starting to doubt myself.



After 13. Qc1 Nd4

I basically had to take the knight, it was too dangerous there and if left long enough, black will start to have some nasty tactical threats.  
**14. Nxd4 cxd4 15. Bh6 Rfe8 16. Bxg7 Kxg7 17. Qg5** Here I just wanted to activate my queen and possibly create some threats of my own. I also was hoping to induce a few weaknesses around his king when he plays f6 or h6. **f6 18.**

**Qg4 e5 19. b3** This was a bad move, creates a hole on c3 for his knight.  
**Nb4 20. Rac1 Bxg2 21. Kxg2 a6**

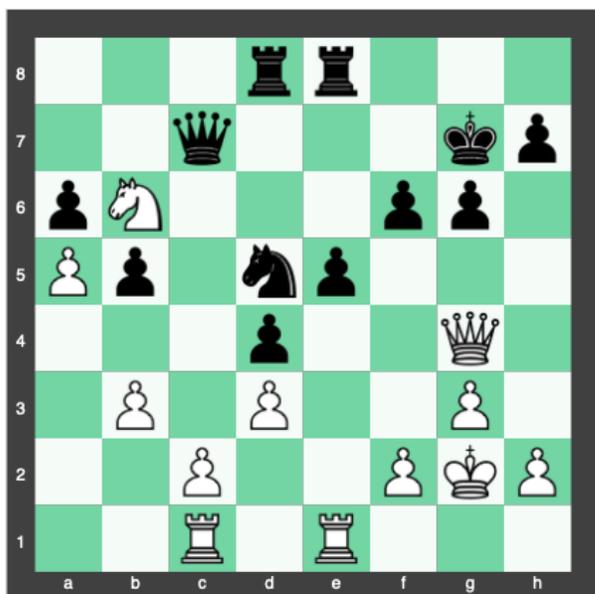


After 21. Kxg2 a6

Here I knew I was in trouble and started to panic. I knew after black played b5, and I retreated to a3 with my Knight I'd be in a terribly passive position with a horrible minor piece and with little hope of hanging on. I remembered a quote from a book I had just read where the author kept repeating to create your own threats and not be pushed around. So I took a

chance with my next move and from here on out I did everything I could

to create threats and counter attacking chances of my own. **22. a5** If black takes he destroys his queenside pawn structure and can no longer keep my knight off his post. If he goes with the better b5 instead then my knight gets to b6 which disrupts him from putting his rooks on the c file. **b5 23. Nb6 Nd5**

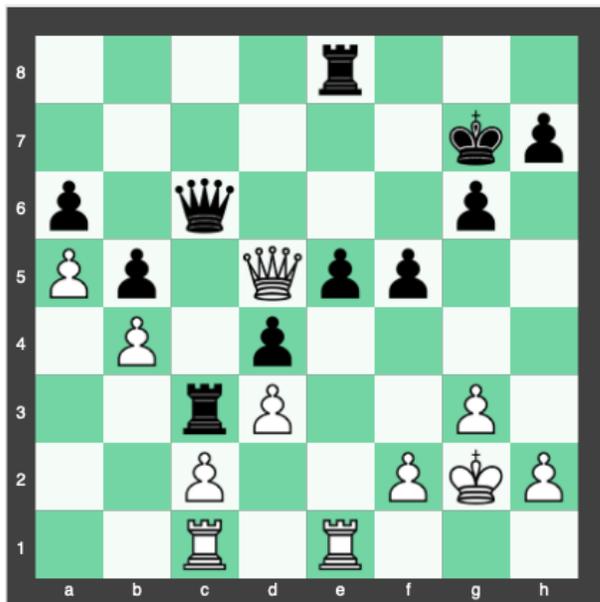


After 23. Nb6 Nd5

After he played this I knew I was back in the game. My goal from here on out was to trade pieces and go to an endgame where I felt more comfortable. I've spent a lot of time studying endgames. I once had a GM tutor me on them, and I've read through Mark Dvoretsky's famous Endgame Manual so I feel like this is the one area I can potentially give him some real trouble. **24.**

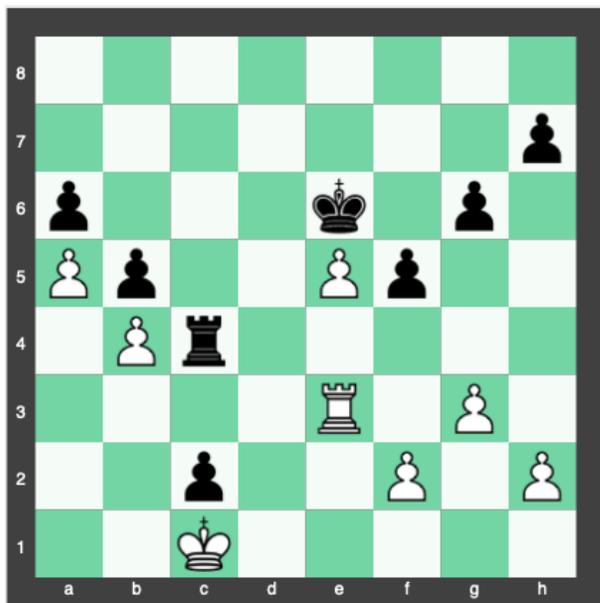
**Nxd5 Rxd5 25. Qe4 Rc5** After black's last move I had realized if he ever takes my pawn on c2 it will come with a price. So here I played b4 to tempt him into it and to take away the c5 square. If he takes on c2, this will follow : 26. b4 Rxc2 27. Rxc2 Qxc2 28. Qb7+ Kg8 29. Qxa6 with advantage for white since my a-pawn will soon be pushed down the board. **26. b4 f5 27. Qf3** Staying on this diagonal so my counter attack is still on the table if he ever goes for the c-pawn **Rc3 28. Qd5 Qc6**

This was just what I had wanted, the chance to trade down to an endgame where I



felt more comfortable. I knew after the trade that my king could go to d2 and free up one of my rooks so I had to be very close to equality at this point. **29. Qxc6 Rxc6 30. Kf3 Rc3 31. Ke2 e4 32. Kd2** After this move, I felt good. I accomplished my plan, and now I was going to be able to defend my position even if Black has some advantage, I

didn't see it as impossible to hold. **Kf6 33. Re2 Rec8 34. dxe4 d3 35. e5+ Ke6 36. Re3 Rxc2+ 37. Rxc2 dxc2 38. Kc1 Rc4**

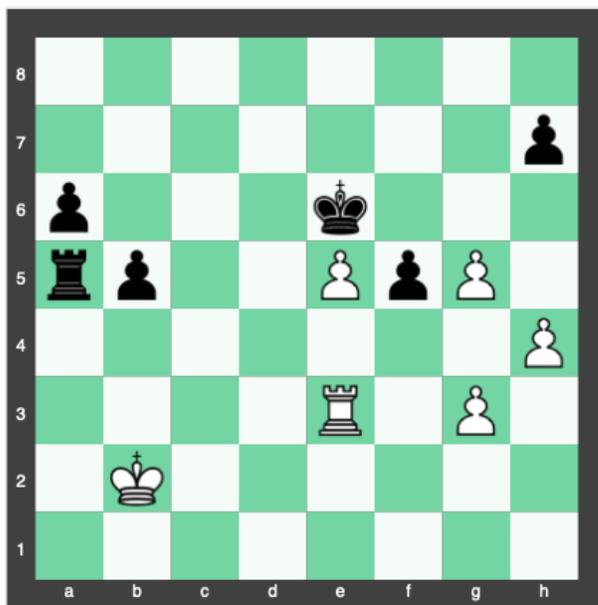


After 38. Kc1 Rc4

This move by Black was a sizable mistake. He had to be aware of **39. f4** because after that I have a protected passed pawn, a majority on the king side, and now Black's king is tied down to stopping the e-pawn. Better was 38. g5 to stop my move. After playing this my opponent stopped and used 20-30 minutes thinking. I could tell by his reaction he didn't like his position and

from my endgame knowledge I knew this was atleast equal but maybe a slight edge to me now. Black was going to have to play a bunch of only defensive moves and it would be difficult for him from here on out. For

the first time in the game the idea that I had a chance to win popped into my head. I had offered a draw two moves ago and I now was happy he hadn't accepted. **g5 40. fxg5** This was the only move that kept the edge for me, at this point I calculated the h4-h5 pawn push and realized if I can get my pawn to h5 then he can never take the e-pawn. **Rxb4 41. Kxc2 Ra4 42. h4** I wasn't concerned with the queenside, I knew I had to get my pawn majority rolling and if I did I could create winning chances on that side of the board. **Rxa5 43. Kb2**

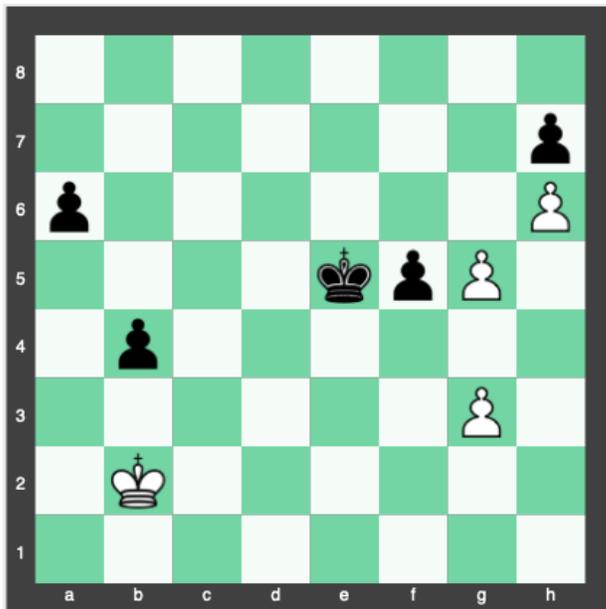


After 43. Kb2

I wasn't sure if this was best but my idea was to stop his rook from checking my king and then going over to the h-file to try and disrupt my pawns. This move covers all the squares he could check me from or sneak by to the h-file through. I also knew that the h4 square was covered so he couldn't transfer the rook from its current position. This now allowed my h5-h6 pawn push

that created the passer. **b4 44. h5 Rxe5** After Black's capture of the e-pawn I knew I was getting a queen. I had calculated it out and knew this type of position and knew that the black king was being kept out of the square by the g-pawn (rule of the square for king pawn endings) and if he tried to approach any other way instead of through f6 he wouldn't be in time. I happily traded rooks on my 45th move and started to feel some real excitement, and at the same time disbelief since I didn't think I had a chance in the world when I sat down at the board two hours earlier. **45. Rxe5+ Kxe5 46. h6** The key winning move. The black king can't enter

f6 and any other square fails to catch both of the pawns in time. The point of h6 is, that when g6 is played and black plays hxg6 my h-pawn is one square closer to queening and is one tempo ahead of Black's king. If I play g6 right away on move 46. This will follow .. 46. g6 , Kf6 47. gxh7 , Kg7 and now he catches both pawns and my position is lost. I knew endgames were like this and how precise I had to be, so I had checked all this out 3-4 times. If he tries 46... Ke6 then I can safely play 47. g6 , Kf6 then I can now play 48. gxh7 and the g7 square is covered and I safely promote. My opponent realized all this and tried one last trick to stop the pawn from reaching the promised land..

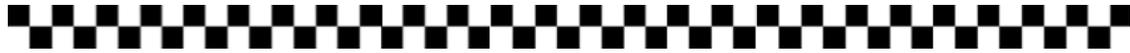


After 46. h6

**f4** Now if I take on f4 he plays Kf5 and my winning position turns into a dead draw. So instead of being greedy I played **47. g6** Now there's no stopping these lowly pawns from delivering me a winning advantage. **hxg6 48. h7 fxg3 49. h8=Q+** My favorite move to write down by far. **Kf4 50. Qf6+ Ke3 51.Qxg6 Kf2 52. Qf5+ Kg1 53. Kc2** I played this

because I had studied these types of endgames (king and queen vs. king and pawn(s)) and knew that his pawn on the knight file would be easily stopped by my king and queen combination. Again instead of grabbing pawns I went straight for what I knew was a winningsituation. **b3+** One last trick, after taking I knew my king would get back in time but I didn't feel like calculating or taking any risks since I was down to 8-9 minutes on the clock. The end was in sight and I marched on towards his king

without a second thought. **54. Kd2 g2 55. Ke2 Kh2 56. Qf4+ Kg1 57. Qc1+ Kh2 58. Kf2** Resigns. His g-pawn is now stopped for all time and mate is only a few moves away as well. Still in disbelief (mine and the spectators), I shook hands with my opponent. I got up and pinched myself a few times just to double check that this was real and I wasn't still in my bed dreaming this result. **1-0**



## Top 10 Tennessee Chess Players

1. IM Jake Kleiman 2480
2. IM Ron Burnett 2403
3. Alex King 2375
4. FM Todd Andrews 2363
5. Forest Chen 2318
6. Graham Horobetz 2308
7. FM Peter Bereolos 2297
8. Logan Wu 2218
9. Sid Pickard 2160
10. Mariano Sana 2159

For more US Chess Top 100 Rating Lists, visit [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org)



## Tennessee Chess Patrons and Membership

The TCA wishes to send special thanks to the current 2019 Patron and Life Members. Without their contributions, much of what the TCA accomplishes would not be possible.

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We need new Patrons for the 2019 year! The Tennessee Chess Association appreciates those who help sponsor the game and offers tax-deductible memberships to Patrons beginning at \$100 per year. Membership for all levels will be for 12 calendar months (including the month membership is paid). To check your membership expiration, please visit our [current members page](#). Renew or join for as little as \$10 per year.

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## **Tennessee Chess Calendar**

October 5, 2019 [The Gambit Gala](#) @ West Meade Mansion, Nashville

October 5, 2019 **Chess Seminar and Simultaneous Exhibition @ Lamar Alexander Building, Knoxville**

October 12, 2019 **Cumberland County Fall Open National Chess Day Chess Tournament @ Cumberland County Community Complex, Crossville**

October 19, 2019 **Saturday Swiss @ Nashville Chess Center**

October 19, 2019 **Happy Valley High School Scholastic Chess Tournament @ Happy Valley High School, Elizabethton**

October 26, 2019 **Meigs Scholastic Halloween Tournament @ Meigs Magnet School, Nashville**

October 26, 2019 **Chattanooga Autumn Open @ Chattanooga State Community College, Chattanooga**

November 2, 2019 **Secret City VIII Scholastic Championships @ Oak Ridge High School, Oak Ridge**

November 9, 2019 **Jackson City Championship @ Union University, Jackson**

November 23, 2019 **Final Scholastic City Qualifier @ St. Bernard Academy, Nashville**

November 29, 2019 **Shopping Day Chess Camp and Tournament @ Nashville Chess Center**

December 7, 2019 **Middle Tennessee Championship @ Central Magnet School, Murfreesboro**

January 3-5, 2020 **Nashville City Championship @** Nashville Chess Center

January 11, 2020 **MBA “Big Red” Scholastic Tournament @** Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville

January 20, 2020 **MLK Jr. Day Chess Camp and Tournament @** Nashville Chess Center

January 25, 2020 Regional Team Scholastics

February 8, 2020 State Team Scholastics @ Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville

February 15, 2020 **Murfreesboro Open @** First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro

February 17, 2020 **President’s Day Chess Camp and Tournament @** Nashville Chess Center

February 22, 2020 Percy Priest Scholastic Tournament @ Percy Priest Elementary School, Nashville

February 29, 2020 Regional Individual Scholastics

March 21, 2020 State Individual Scholastics @ Tennessee Tech University

March 27, 2020 **Making the Right Moves Seminar @** University of Tennessee Dougherty Engineering Building, Knoxville

March 28, 2020 **TN All-Girls Scholastic Chess Championship @** University of Tennessee Perkins Hall, Knoxville

May 8-10, 2020 **2020 National Elementary Championship** @ Opryland Hotel, Nashville

August 15, 2020 **Battleground Murfreesboro** @ First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro

May 7-9, 2021 **2021 SuperNationals VII** @ Opryland Hotel, Nashville

April 8-10, 2022 **2022 National High School Championship** @ Memphis Cook Convention Center, Memphis



## Flyers and Forms

— SAVE *the* DATE —

for THE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
NASHVILLE CHESS CENTER

# *Gambit Gala*

IN SUPPORT OF THE NASHVILLE CHESS CENTER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019 at 6:30 PM

THE WEST MEADE MANSION  
6204 OLD HARDING PIKE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

*Please consider supporting the Nashville Chess Center as we aim to enrich the lives of youth and adults in Middle Tennessee through the sport and art of chess.*

**FORMAL INVITATION TO FOLLOW**



# Chess Seminar and Simultaneous Exhibition

If you find a good move, look for a better one

October 5, 2019, 10:00AM-4:00PM  
 Lamar Alexander Building  
 Pellissippi State Community College  
 10915 Hardin Valley Road  
 Knoxville, TN 37933

Limited space available, register at [www.reg4chess.com](http://www.reg4chess.com) by October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

This inspirational seminar is presented to K-12 students and their parents by the University of Tennessee Chess Club. The event is sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement and Outreach at UT. Join the seminar to learn how to make the right moves in chess and life, as well as to understand how chess can help create social bonds, build patience and self-confidence, enrich youth and give back to the community. The seminar will discuss how to utilize chess as a tool to improve students' academic performance, help with college application, develop their emotional intelligence as well as build their skills for future career.

### About the speaker



Alice Dong is the founder and director of the All-Girls Chess Camp, which has impacted over 300 young girls and introduced them to the game of chess since 2014. Alice has qualified for the World Youth Chess Championships since 2010, participating in 2010, 2013, and 2015. She was also the Grand Champion at the Susan Polgar All-Girls Invitational Tournament (representing New Jersey) in 2012 and 2016, against representatives from other states and several South American countries. She is the second person in the history of the tournament to win twice. In between these titles, Alice became co-champion at the 2015 Kasparov Chess Foundation's All-Girls National Championship. In her most active times, Alice was the top 18-year-old female player in the States and the top female blitz player under 21. Alice recently graduated from Swarthmore College (ranking #3 Best National Liberal Arts Colleges, 2019 US News and World Report) in three years with a double major in Economics and Mathematics and will be starting full-time as an analyst at Tortoise Investment Management this fall.

### Schedule

10:00AM – 12:00PM  
 12:00PM – 1:00PM  
 1:00PM – 3:00PM

Seminar  
 Free lunch will be provided  
 Simul chess with Alice Dong (limited to 20 players)





## 2019 Cumberland County Fall Open National Chess Day Chess Tournament

**\$420 \*Guaranteed\* \$420**  
October 12, 2019

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

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Open Section</b> (Open to All)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Place.....\$75.00                  Top Expert.....\$30.00                  Top Class A.....\$30.00                  Top Class B.....\$30.00                  Top Class C.....\$30.00                  Top Class D &amp; Below...\$30.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Amateur Section</b> (Open to Under 1200)</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Place.....\$75.00                  Top Class F.....\$30.00                  Top Class G.....\$30.00                  Top Class H &amp; Below....\$30.00                  Top Unrated.....\$30.00                  (Unrated eligible for Unrated Prize Only)</p>
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### All Sections

<p><b>Registration:</b> Saturday 7:30 – 8:30 A.M. CDT</p> <p><b>Entry Fee:</b> \$15.00 if mailed by October 7, 2019 \$20.00 later or at site</p> <p><b>Format:</b> 4 Rounds – Swiss System</p> <p><b>Time Control:</b> Game/60;d5</p> <p><b>Rounds:</b> 9:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 2:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. CDT For more information see <a href="http://www.cumberlandcountychess.org">www.cumberlandcountychess.org</a></p>	<p><b>Dues Required:</b> USCF membership dues <b>REQUIRED</b> TCA membership dues required for Tennessee Residents</p> <p><b>Send Entries To:</b> Harry D. Sabine P.O. Box 381 Crossville, TN 38557</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Harry D. Sabine (931)484-9593 or (931) 261-8440 hdsabine@citlink.net</p>
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### 2019 Cumberland County Fall Open Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy Valley High School

## SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

**Date:** Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Entry Fee:** \$15 if registered by October 1<sup>st</sup>  
 \$20 if registered by October 9<sup>th</sup>  
 \$25 if registered after October 9<sup>th</sup> or on-site  
**You can pay on-site!**  
 Register online at [www.Reg4Chess.com](http://www.Reg4Chess.com) or  
 Mail form and check (payable to "HVHS") to the payment address:

**\$5 Unrated Blitz Tournament**  
*5 minute/No delay*  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 25% \* Starts at 8:30 am  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 15% \* Anyone can play, even  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 10% Parents and Coaches!

Tournament Location:	Payment Address:
Happy Valley Middle School Cafeteria	ATTN: Susan Burns
163 Warpath Lane	Happy Valley High School
Elizabethton, TN 37643	121 Warpath Lane
	Elizabethton, TN 37643

\* The tournament will be held in Happy Valley Middle School's cafeteria. Skittles will be in the gym.

Tournament Format	Sections	Novice/Unrated: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	4 Rounds
		Championship/Rated: K-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12	G/45 d5

- \*G/45 d5: Each player has 45 minutes on their clock with a 5 second delay to make a move.
- Chess sets will be provided. Please bring chess clocks if you would like to use one.
  - Check in and on-site registration: 7:30 am – 8:15 am.
  - Round 1 begins at 9:00 am. Rounds begin ASAP after previous round is completed. No lunch break will be provided. Concessions will be available from 11 am – 3 pm.
  - Questions? Email [susanburns@carterk12.net](mailto:susanburns@carterk12.net) for more information.
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies awarded for each section.
  - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> place medals awarded for each section.



*Please tear here and return this form with check if paying by mail.*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth of Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Section Entered (Circle): Championship / Novice    Blitz?    Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

For Championship Entrants: USCF ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nashville Scholastic Chess**  
 2nd Qualifier for the 2020 Scholastic City Championship



**Meigs Scholastics Halloween Chess Tournament**  
**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

<b>Place</b>	Meigs Academic Magnet School- 713 Ramsey Street, Nashville, TN 37206 in East Nashville. Upon entering campus, look for Chess signs leading you to the far end of the school. Enter at cafeteria.
<b>Schedule</b>	On-site Registration and Check-in is from 7:45am-8:30am. Registration for those who are late may receive a half-point bye in round one. Round 1 begins at 9:00am, all other rounds to follow as soon each section finishes a round. Schedule will advance when possible. Pizza and concessions will be available for purchase or bring your own lunch and snacks. Wear your favorite costume and be eligible for special prizes in the Costume Contest!
<b>Format</b>	5 Round Swiss Pairing System. Time Control: Game in 30 minutes each with a 5-second delay.
<b>Sections</b>	USCF Membership is required for rated sections: High School K-12- Grades 12 and below      Primary K-3- Grades 3 and below Junior High K-9- Grades 9 and below      K-1- Grades 1 and below Elementary K-6- Grades 6 and below      Unrated- First time players and beginners
<b>Entry</b>	\$25- if received by October 21, 2019 (or \$35 late and on-site registration). Mail or drop off form below with payment (cash or check payable to NCC) to- The Nashville Chess Center 2911 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37212 Online registration and payment available on the calendar at <a href="http://www.nashvillechess.org">www.nashvillechess.org</a> . Payment must be received with early registrations or all payments made on site will be \$35.
<b>Awards</b>	Trophies: Top 10 individuals in each section, top 5 rated teams, top 3 unrated teams. Medals: 11 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> place individuals. Award ceremonies will follow the conclusion of each section finishing round 5. The top 2 local players from High School, Junior High, Elementary and Primary qualify to play in the 2020 Nashville City Championship!! To qualify, players must live within a 50-mile radius of The Nashville Chess Center. The 2020 Nashville City Championship will take place January 3-5, 2020 at the NCC.

Visit [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org) for information about USCF membership.  
 Questions? Contact Tiffany Elliott (615) 504-2329 or email [tiffany.elliott@comcast.net](mailto:tiffany.elliott@comcast.net)

**2019 Meigs Scholastics Entry Form**

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
 Circle Section    High School    Junior High    Elementary    Primary    K-1    Unrated  
 USCF # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \$/USCF Dues Paid \_\_\_\_\_



Scenic City Chess  
Presents

## 2019 Chattanooga Autumn Open



Saturday October 26, 2019



Register on-line:

**REG4CHESS.com**

***Advance Registration Only*** by 6:00 pm on Oct 25th

Register on-line, payment can be made online or on site

**Entry Fee: OPEN & U1600 \$25 , U1200 \$12**

USCF Membership required

**Moms play free** (with USCF membership)

**4 Round Swiss G/45 d5**

**Rounds 10:00 am, 11:45 am, 1:30 pm, 3:15 pm**

**PRIZES:**

**OPEN: 1st \$100 & Trophy, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$35**

**Top U1800 \$35**

**U1600: 1st \$80 & Trophy, 2nd \$40**

**Top U1400 \$30**

**U1200: Trophies to Top 3 plus**

**Top U1000, Top U800 & Top U600**

**Location: Chattanooga State Community College** 4501 Amnicola Highway

Chattanooga, TN 37406 **OMNI Building** Room 124

Questions? email **ScenicCityChess@gmail.com** Call or TEXT **423.617.1559**





# Secret City VIII Scholastic Championships

Saturday, Nov 2nd, 2019, Oak Ridge HS

1450 Oak Ridge Turnpike

(Park in North lot off Providence Rd if Saturday flea market is taking up main parking lot)



## Individual and Team\* Prizes!

<p><b>Grades 7-9 and 10-12 USCF</b>  <b>Rated Sections:</b>                  3 rounds G/45, 4<sup>th</sup> round G/60 d5†  <b>CASH PRIZES! (Amounts depending on # of entries)</b>  <b>Trophies for Top Teams*</b>                  USCF membership required</p>	<p><b>Grades PreK-3 and 4-6 USCF</b>  <b>Rated Sections:</b>                  5 rounds G/30 d5†  <b>Trophies for top players in K-6</b>  <b>Trophies for Top Teams *</b>                  USCF membership required for entry (sign up at <a href="http://www.uschess.org">www.uschess.org</a>)</p>	<p><b>Novice, Non-Rated Sections: PreK-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12</b>                  5 rounds - G/30 d5†  <b>1 year USCF membership awarded to top players in each section.</b>  <b>Trophies for Top Teams in each grade section.</b></p>
<p>*Team score is top 4 player scores from same school/homeschool in a section added together. Min 2 players per team, no max!                  †Time Control: For example, G/30 d5: Each player has 30 minutes on their clock and a 5 second delay in which to make their move. Sections may be combined for play if insufficient number of players are entered.                  Cost: Only \$15 if mailed/entered online by October 24th, increases to \$20 if entered on line by midnight on Nov 1st, \$25 day of tournament. Register online at: <a href="http://www.reg4chess.com">www.reg4chess.com</a> or mail form and check (payable to Jennifer Ogle), 10115 Loma Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922</p>		

Chess sets will be provided. **Please bring a Chess clock if you would like to use one.**

Check-in and on-site registration 7:30-8:30 AM Eastern. Players signing up on-site after 8:30 will be awarded a ½ point bye and begin play in second round to allow time for pairings setup.

All rounds start ASAP, no special lunch break, there may be on-site as well as nearby food options. Gym will be available for play between rounds if adults present.

\*\*\* Bughouse Tournament before main tourney rounds! See separate flyer \*\*\*

Questions? Email to [oakridgechess@gmail.com](mailto:oakridgechess@gmail.com) or visit <https://sites.google.com/site/oakridgechess>

Detach here if mailing

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Section entered (circle one):    Championship    Novice    Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

For Novice or Home School Players (required by USCF): Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

For Championship Entrants: USCF ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# 2019 City Chess Championship!

\$530 Prize Fund based on 22 players

>22 USCF Entries increases prizes

November 9, 2019

Jackson, TN

Penick Academic Complex of Union University, Room D-53

### Open Section

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
2019 Jackson Chess Champion Title\*, Trophy\*, & \$168  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
\$120

### U1500 Section

1<sup>st</sup> Place:  
2019 Jackson Jr. Chess Champion Title\*, Trophy\*, & \$120  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place:  
\$72

Special \$50 "Greatest Upset" prize to the winner of the game of the highest rating difference where the lower rated player wins. (either section excluding games with unrated & provisional players)

### Rounds:

5SS, G/50;d5: 9am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm  
(5 Single-round Swiss-method-paired games at 50 minutes with 5 second delay per move for each player)

### Entry Fees:

\$24 cash on-site by 8:45am or PayPal in advance; up-to-date USCF ID required.

Unrated USCF Members: \$12 cash, in person (if you're not registered with USCF, ask us how to)

Tennessee Chess Association dues not required.

### Other tournament info:

1-hr lunch break @1pm  
\*:Tiebreaks for titles & trophies are based on opponents' scores.  
\*:Must reside in Madison county, McNairy county, or a county adjacent to Madison county, to receive titles and trophies  
Single half-point bye ok if requested before all games complete in rd 2.  
Chess sets and clocks are not supplied; please bring your own.  
Directors will be playing. If one must adjudicate, the clock on their game will be paused to their opponent's benefit.  
Directors pay the entry fee.  
All entry fees go toward fund and prizes only.

### Advanced Registration

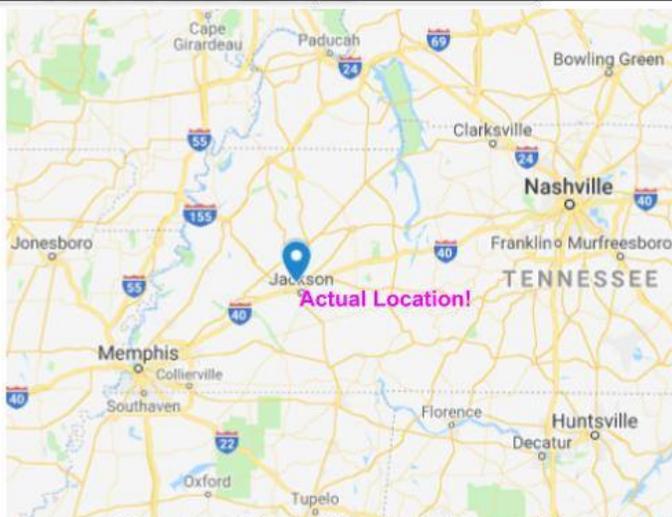
Send an email with subject "2019 Jackson City Chess Championship Entry" to [shueybalooey@gmail.com](mailto:shueybalooey@gmail.com) with name, USCF ID, section, and send the entry fee via PayPal to [shueybalooey@gmail.com](mailto:shueybalooey@gmail.com)

You can also help us build a list of attendees by finding the Facebook Event and Select "Going" (Please have sent email note & entry fee when you do)

<http://bit.do/JCCTN2019ChessChampionship>

### Location and other information:

Penick Academic Complex of Union University, Jackson, TN; Rm D-53  
Wheelchair Accessible!  
Great location  
Less than a mile from I-40 Interstate Highway & U.S. State Road 40  
Bypass: 1.5hrs from Memphis; 2 hrs from Nashville.  
Beautiful campus, quiet well-lit room, and comfortable chairs!  
Dozens of nearby hotels and restaurants  
We will supply cups, and water from a water fountain.



(This is not an official function of Union University, but you can visit the website [uu.edu](http://uu.edu) to find out more about Union University)



Community Page:  
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Group Page:  
[facebook.com/groups/jtncgroup/](https://facebook.com/groups/jtncgroup/)



Event Page:  
[bit.do/JCCTN2019ChessChampionship](http://bit.do/JCCTN2019ChessChampionship)





**Nashville Scholastic Chess**  
**Final City**  
**Championship**  
**Qualifier**  
**St. Bernard Academy**  
**Scholastics Chess**  
**Tournament**  
**Saturday, November 23, 2019**



<b>Place</b>	St. Bernard Academy- 2304 Bernard Avenue Nashville, TN 37212
<b>Schedule</b>	On-site Registration and Check-in is from 7:45am-8:30am. Registration for those who are late may receive a half-point bye in round one. Round 1 begins at 9:00am, all other rounds to follow as soon each section finishes a round. Schedule will advance when possible. Separate award ceremonies will take place at the finish of each section's fifth round. Pizza and concessions will be available for purchase throughout the day or bring your own lunch and snacks.
<b>Format</b>	5 Round Swiss Pairing System. Time Control: Game in 30 minutes each with a 5-second delay.
<b>Sections</b>	USCF Membership is required for rated sections: High School K-12- Grades 12 and below      Primary K-3- Grades 3 and below Junior High K-9- Grades 9 and below          K-1- Grades 1 and below Elementary K-6- Grades 6 and below          Unrated- First time players and beginners
<b>Entry</b>	\$25- if received by November 18, 2019 (or \$35 late and on-site registration). Mail or drop off form below with payment (cash or check payable to NCC) to- The Nashville Chess Center 2911 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, TN 37212 Online registration and payment available on the calendar at <a href="http://www.nashvillechess.org">www.nashvillechess.org</a> Payment must be received with early registrations or all payments made on site will be \$35.
<b>Awards</b>	Trophies: Top 10 individuals in each section, top 5 rated teams, top 3 unrated teams Medals: 11 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> place individuals The top 2 local players (within 50 miles of NCC) from High School, Junior High, Elementary and Primary qualify to play in the 2020 Nashville City Championship!! The 2020 Nashville City Championship will take place January 3-5, 2020 at the NCC.

Visit [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org) for information about USCF membership.  
 Questions? Contact Tiffany Elliott (615) 504-2329 or email [tiffany.elliott@comcast.net](mailto:tiffany.elliott@comcast.net)

**2019 SBA Scholastics Entry Form**

Player's Name- \_\_\_\_\_ Grade- \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address- \_\_\_\_\_  
 School- \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact #'s- \_\_\_\_\_  
 Circle Section-    High School    Junior High    Elementary    Primary    K-1    Unrated  
 USCF # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \$/USCF Dues Paid \_\_\_\_\_

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT



**THREE TOURNAMENTS IN ONE**  
UNRATED SCHOLASTIC  
RATED SCHOLASTIC  
OPEN TOURNAMENT



**HOSTED BY:**  
CENTRAL MAGNET SCHOOL  
701 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37130

## Saturday, December 7, 2019

**This is a great opportunity to gain tournament experience for new and seasoned players.**

**Un-Rated Scholastic Sections:** 5 round Swiss pairing G/30  
Elementary and Upper School (may vary based on the number of participants)  
Each player completing the tournament receives a medal

**Rated Scholastic Sections:** 5 round Swiss pairing G/30 with 5 sec. delay  
Primary (K-3), Elementary (K-6), and High School (K-12)  
USCF membership is required. Prizes/trophies for top 10 individuals and top 5 teams per section

**Open Section(s):** 4 round Swiss pairing G/50 with 5 sec. delay  
All Adults and higher rated students  
USCF membership is required. Cash prizes for top individuals.

**Advanced Registration Fee:** \$20 must be received by Tuesday November 27 (Check-In before 8:30)

**Late Registration Fee:** \$30 on-site

**On-site Registration and Check-In:** 7:45 - 8:30 am

**Registrations or Check-Ins After 8:30** may receive a half-point buy in Round 1

**Round 1** begins at 9:00 am; all other rounds will start ASAP

**Concessions:** Breakfast Foods, Pizza, Snacks & Drinks

Make checks to *Central Magnet School*

**Mail the entry form below with entry fee to:**  
Central Magnet School

**Information and questions:**  
Joshua Burns BurnsJo@rcschools.net

-----< Tear off and return the form below with payment >-----

**Entry Form**      PRINT Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ USCF ID# (if you have one) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Section:   Unrated Elem.   Unrated Upper   Rated K-3<sup>rd</sup>   Rated K-6<sup>th</sup>   Rated K-12<sup>th</sup>   Open

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MBA "Big Red" Middle School and High School Chess Tournament

*SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020*



***\*Open to all students in grades 5th-12th\****

<b>Where?</b>	<p><b>Montgomery Bell Academy</b> - 4001 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205.                  Parking located in main garage on S.Wilson Blvd.                  Tournament located in the Wallace Dining Hall next to Tommy Owens Football Field.</p>
<b>When?</b>	<p>On-site Registration and Check-in - <b>8:00-8:45am</b>.                  Round 1 begins at 9:00am, rounds to follow ASAP.                  Lunch and Concessions will be sold by the MBA Service Club.  <b>Bughouse Challenge</b> after the main tournament approx. 2pm</p>
<b>What?</b>	<p>Main Tournament: 4 Round Swiss Pairing System.                  Main Time Control: Game in 30 minutes each with a 5-second delay.  <b>6 Double-Round Bughouse Challenge</b> after the main tournament!</p>
<b>Who?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gold section (Open)</b> - Open to all players in grades 5th-12th</li> <li>• <b>Silver section (U1000/Unrated High School)</b> - Open to all in grades 9th-12th rated under 1000 or unrated</li> <li>• <b>Bronze section (U1000/Unrated Middle School)</b> - Open to all in grades 5th-8th rated under 1000 or unrated</li> </ul>
<b>How?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 tournament fee - payment on site</li> <li>• USCF Membership is required for all sections</li> <li>• Please fill out and scan registration form on the back side and email it to <a href="mailto:lucas.pao19@montgomerybell.edu">lucas.pao19@montgomerybell.edu</a></li> </ul>
<b>Why?</b>	<p><b>ALL NET PROCEEDS GOING TO CHARITY</b>                  Trophies: Top 5 individuals, Top Middle School team, Top High School team, and Special MBA plaque to the top MBA student!!!                  Fun Bughouse Prizes: clocks, books, cool chess sets, and more!!!</p>

Questions?

Contact Tournament Organizer Lucas Pao at (917) 686-9889 or [lucas.pao19@montgomerybell.edu](mailto:lucas.pao19@montgomerybell.edu) or  
Contact MBA Chess Club Sponsor Mike Davidson at [mike.davidson@montgomerybell.edu](mailto:mike.davidson@montgomerybell.edu)

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**3rd Annual MBA Middle School Chess Tournament Entry Form**  
Please email this form back to [lucas.pao19@montgomerybell.edu](mailto:lucas.pao19@montgomerybell.edu)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ USCF # (found on USCF website) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: Email Address or Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Section (Gold, Silver, Bronze) \_\_\_\_\_



## Making the Right Moves

March 27, 2020, 5:00PM-10:00PM  
 416 Dougherty Engineering Building  
 1512 Middle Drive, Knoxville, TN 37996

This inspirational seminar is presented to K-12 students and their parents by the Tickle College of Engineering at the University of Tennessee and hosted by the University of Tennessee Chess Club. Join the seminar to learn the benefits of chess and how to make the right moves in chess and life. The seminar will discuss how to utilize chess as a tool to improve students' academic performance, develop their emotional intelligence as well as build their skills for future career.



### About the speaker

**Dr. Carolina Blanco**, a Woman International Chess Master, is an entrepreneur and orthodontist. Dr. Blanco earned her dentist degree in 2003 and completed her post-doctoral course in 2006 while still being an active chess player, coach, and women ambassador. She has been the top female player in the state of Georgia and has been working in the entrepreneurial field of orthodontics. Blanco knows the dedication and time to become a professional and to reach the top not only in chess, but also in the academic field. She has experience teaching in different countries in three languages including (Spanish, English and Portuguese). She enjoys the critical thinking in a game that highly encourages people to focus, besides all the other benefits that chess provides. Blanco represented Venezuela in more than 35 countries, winning prizes and awards in many chess competitions. She obtained the title of Woman Fide Master at

the age of 12 and the title of Woman International Chess Master at the age of 19 by The World Chess Federation F.I.D E. Among her accomplishments are: two-time Pan-American Women champion; 15-time Women and Girls Champion of Venezuela from U-10 section until the Adult Master Category; 4-time member of the National Olympic team of Venezuela; 14-time Athlete of the Year by the Venezuelan chess federation from categories U-10 until senior category; Athlete of the Year of overall sports by The University of Carabobo- Venezuela; and was on the "Honor Roll" in the University of Carabobo-Venezuela College of Dentistry during all years of her dental career.

### Schedule

- 5:00PM – 6:00PM Dinner (free)
- 6:00PM – 6:30PM Greetings from the Tickle College of Engineering faculty and students
- 6:30PM – 7:30PM Seminar by Dr. Carolina Blanco
- 7:30PM – 8:00PM Questions and answers
- 8:00PM – 10:00PM Simul Exhibition by Dr. Blanco





**Tennessee All-Girls  
Scholastic Chess Championship**  
Saturday, March 28, 2020  
Perkins Hall, University of Tennessee, Knoxville  
1506 Middle Dr, Knoxville, TN 37916



<p align="center"><b>Primary Section K-3rd Grade</b></p> <p><b>Open to All TN Girls 3rd grade and Under</b> 1st – 3rd Place: Trophies, Chess Prize Bag 4th – 6th Place: Trophies; 7th – 10th Place: Medals <b>Entry Fee:</b> \$15.00 if postmarked by March 21, 2020. \$25.00 at Site.</p>	<p align="center"><b>Competition Section K-6th Grade</b></p> <p><b>Open to All TN Girls 6th grade and Under</b> 1st – 3rd Place: Trophies, Chess Prize Bag 4th – 6th Place: Trophies; 7th – 10th Place: Medals <b>Entry Fee:</b> \$15.00 if postmarked by March 21, 2020. \$25.00 at Site.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Championship Section K-12th Grade</b></p> <p><b>Open to All TN Girls 12th Grade and Under</b> 1st Place: Title of TN All-Girls State Champion and Invitation to be TN Representative in the 2020 National Girls Tournament of Champions 1st – 3rd Place: Trophies, Chess Prize Bag 4th – 6th Place: Trophies; 7th – 10th Place: Medals <b>Entry Fee:</b> \$20.00 if postmarked by March 21, 2020. \$30.00 at Site.</p>	<p><b>The Tickle College of Engineering</b> at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville will offer scholarships to the top 3 winners of the <b>Championship Section</b>. The awards are \$4500 (1<sup>st</sup> place), \$3000 (2<sup>nd</sup> place), and \$1500 (3<sup>rd</sup> place), respectively. The recipients must qualify for admission and be admitted to the Tickle College of Engineering. These scholarships are renewable annually for four years based on acceptable academic performance.</p>
<p>All games are USCF rated. USCF &amp; TCA Membership required for all players. This tournament is only open to Tennessee Girls K-12. <b>Registration and Check-in 8:00-8:45am</b>. Any players not checked in by 8:45 will not be paired for the first round. <b>Round 1 begins at 9:00am</b>. Rounds begin ASAP after the previous round is finished. 4 Round Swiss Format. Time Control G/60 d5. A half point bye is available during the first three rounds. In the case of a tie for first place in the <u>Championship Section</u>, there will be a playoff G/10 d5. <b>Register at <a href="https://www.reg4chess.com/">https://www.reg4chess.com/</a> or Make checks payable to: Eric Zhao, 1208 Sparwood Lane, Knoxville, 37932 TN. Questions: <a href="mailto:HVAcchess@gmail.com">HVAcchess@gmail.com</a>.</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>GAMES: Girls Achieving in Mathematics, Engineering, and Science</b></p>	
<p><b>Seminar: Making the Right Moves in Chess and in Life (March 27, 2020)</b> Address: 416 Dougherty Engineering Building, 1512 Middle Drive, Knoxville, TN 37916 The seminar is open to all K-12 students and parents. 5:00pm – 6:00pm dinner (free) 6:00pm – 6:30pm greeting from faculty and students at the Tickle College of Engineering 6:30pm – 8:00pm seminar by Dr. Carolina Blanco, Woman International Chess Master 8:00pm – 10:00pm simul exhibition by Dr. Blanco</p>	<p><b>STEM Activities (March 28, 2020)</b> Address: Perkins Hall, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (1506 Middle Dr, Knoxville, TN 37916) Free lunch and lab tours are provided at 1:00pm – 2:30pm. Parents and players are invited to tour labs at engineering departments. Other STEM and outreach activities are throughout the day by National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis, Innovation Collaborative Studio, Brain-computer Interface Lab, Biomedical Engineering Student Group. Inquiry: Dr. Xiaopeng Zhao (<a href="mailto:xzhao9@utk.edu">xzhao9@utk.edu</a>)</p>

**2020 TENNESSEE ALL-GIRLS STATE SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY**

USCF ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (at tournament): \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TCA Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Eric Zhao, 1208 Sparwood Lane, Knoxville, TN 37932**



## Editor's Etcetera

**By: Tiffany Elliott**

There used to be this page in some of the old TN Chess Newsletters called *Editor's Etcetera*. Most of them were messages from the editor explaining things further, showing thanks to news contributors or even ranting on about current events. Some of them are highly entertaining if you ever get a chance to read back on them. I thought I might give it a try with my own here and tell you what I've been up to. I appreciate this opportunity to show my thanks to some special folks who have helped me along this journey...

Those of you who know me personally are probably used to my minor obsessive-compulsive tendencies but for those who don't, I have been totally obsessing over this *Newsletter Archive* project for too long and it's made me a bit crazy. It's been like working a jigsaw puzzle without a picture and we've almost finished it now but there's still some missing pieces and they're not in the box! It all got started in 2013 when I was nominated at the TCA Membership Meeting to become TCA Newsletter Editor by Mr. Roy Manners, seconded by Mr. Harry Sabine and elected to the position. I had recently worked with Roy at the TN All-Girls State Championship and he had been looking for a fellow chess-enthusiast to help send out communications from the TCA. The position had been vacant for two years. I had no prior experience in serving on a Board of Directors nor any in professional publishing but he somehow convinced me that it wouldn't be too hard to learn. With hindsight, I had no idea what I was getting myself into and I certainly wasn't qualified. So anyways, Chris and Angela Prosser told me to start with Volume 55 and get used to begging people for material. It was slow starting but I got the hang of things and started creating communications.

In January 2014, I created a page on the tncchess website called *Newsletter Archive*. I was very fortunate that day to get a two-hour crash course on how to edit the tncchess website from the very generous and

talented TCA Internet Coordinator at the time, Mr. Karoly Mirnics. He was transitioning off the board getting ready for a move to Nebraska after receiving an enormous amount of money from Warren Buffet to help open a state-of-the-art facility researching genetics so I hope he knows how appreciative I felt for him taking the time to teach me. He showed me the ropes, and I took some notes and for the most part, I think I figured it out minus the fancy stuff (coding is no light task but Karoly made it look that way).

At first, *Newsletter Archive* was to be for the push pages or electronic newsletters that I was creating for digital communications from the TCA to be displayed on our website. I had no idea of the history that was about to be revealed to me or the amount of time I would consume scouring through it. Growing up, I had seen maybe a glance of the booklets my older brother received in the mail. He had been in several of them. And I knew from when I took this Newsletter Coordinator position that TCA had stopped sending them out because the costs just got too high for printing and shipping. What I didn't know was just how many of them there had been and the rich legacies they held within their pages.

It was a few years later in 2017 that I found out they go all the way back to 1959. That's sixty years ago now and sometimes they printed up to six issues a year! So the search began and I was very lucky to get connected to Mr. Dwight Weaver through Mr. Gary Pylant and the Memphis Chess Club. In fact, I hit the jackpot with Dwight because he began sending me PDF after PDF and the collection grew and grew. He had previously requested them from Mr. Peter Lahde, the first TCN editor. Dwight paid for the mailing costs, scanned them, and sent them back to him. I told Dwight recently that he is my favorite penpal. We have been corresponding through email for over two years now and he has helped me not just with this project but countless other tasks and proofreading, endless proofreading. It is him we have to thank for the bulk of this

digital collection. Thank you, Dwight and it was very nice to finally meet you at the TN Open!

Aside from knowing the start and the finish of the TN Chess News, we worked through without any sort of index. For more of the missing issues, I was reaching out via the push page and at TCA meetings. Harry Sabine came through with a nice box of missing pieces for me to scan in. Tennessee Chess legends, NM Leonard Dickerson, IM Ron Burnett and FM Peter Bereolos shared their collections to fill-in some gaps. Dwight received issues from Mr. Kent Meadows also. It's been a wonderful collaboration and we almost have them all. You can still be a part of the project too! Have you seen this missing TN Chess Newsletters?

**2004 Spring**

**2003 Fall**

**1996 February-March**

**1995 June-September**

**1994 February**

**1993 March-June**

**1984 August, Volume 26, Issue 4**

**1984 October, Volume 26, Issue 5**

**1971 March, Volume 13, Issue 2**

**1969 November, Volume 11, Issue 6**

**1962 November, Volume 4, Issue 6**

**1961 January, Volume 3, Issue 1**

**1961 May, Volume 3, Issue 3**

If you have any of these issues, please send them my way either scanned and emailed or through the mail or bring them to a tournament. I'll get them back to you after they are digitized and preserved. I think these are the only ones we're missing though I'm not entirely sure if all of them ever even existed. There were sometimes errors or inconsistencies in

issue and volume numbers as editors changed, and there were differences in how the issues were labeled making this an extremely tricky indexing task. I made errors myself not knowing the system in the beginning, but we're back on track now and the imperfections are what they are. The working index can be viewed on our website at [Newsletter Archive](#).

This project has shown me what an honor and a privilege it has been to serve as your editor these past five years. I strive with every issue to bring this electronic push page up closer to the standards of the printed publications of the past. I hope my work continues to improve and that you continue sending in your wonderful content to make our new marks in Tennessee chess history. I pay homage to all my editor predecessors whose work will forever have its place at the tncchess website only two clicks away.

### **Editors of Tennessee Chess News:**

1959-1977 **Peter Lahde**

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1985-1987 **Larry G. Thomas**

1987-1991 **Mark J. Schindler**

1991-1992 **John M. Price and Mark Ishee**

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1996-1997 **Walter Jordon**

1997-2006 **Angela Prosser**

2006-2011 **Leonard Dickerson**

I'll conclude my first Editor's Etcetera with this gem from Peter Lahde. His advice still rings true forty-two years later. We can only do this *with your help*. Thanks for reading and for contributing your news!

From **TCN September 1977**:

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**TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS GETS NEW EDITOR**

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By Outgoing Editor Peter Lahde

Beginning with the next issue of TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS, John Nichols, who has been serving us as the chief TD for the Tennessee Open, will be assuming the duties of Editor of the state chess newsletter.

Before I leave, however, let me be allowed to reminisce a little. Nearly nineteen years ago, or with the January issue in 1959, I put together on three pages the first issue of TCN. Interestingly enough this inaugural issue was dedicated by Dr. Rice Pierce to Mr. Orin Cornett, in recognition of the founding and organizing of the 'new' Nashville Chess Club. This club was formed at that time and has remained active to the present. This first issue was sent to only about 29 players, which were the players in the 1958 Tennessee Open, and was the main event covered. Only three players attended that event as well as the 1977 Tennessee Open; they were James Wright, Albert Bowen and myself. (I still have a few copies of the original printing of this historical inaugural issue of TCN. This I will offer for sale on a first-come-first-served basis for \$2 while the supply lasts.)

I feel that TCA can be very fortunate to have the services of John Nichols as its editor. I am sure he will do an excellent job for us. However, he cannot do it alone. Those in responsible position that conduct tournaments in the state should send him the crosstable(s) and the TCA memberships received. He can only publish what you send him. Obviously, if you don't send anything he cannot write about it. Not only will your tournament not get any recognition, but also the newsletter will be less complete and those that took part will be especially disappointed.

If you would like to see your game in print, do not hesitate to send it, either with or without annotation. I am certainly going to send him articles and games I had planned to use but never had time or space for. Will you give him your support? With your help I am sure, he can make TENNESSEE CHESS NEWS even better.

## Bids and Announcements

Are you interested in bidding on one of these upcoming tournaments?  
We need tournament organizers! Please send your bid including all proposed event details and sample budget to the Board of Directors to be considered.

Deadline January 20, 2020- 74th Annual Tennessee Open

Deadline September 1, 2020- 2021 TN All-Girls State Championship

Deadline September 1, 2020- 2021 TN Senior Open

Deadline September 1, 2020- 2021 TN Winter Open

Deadline September 1, 2020- 2021 TN Home School State  
Championship

The Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for inductions to take place at the 2020 TN Open State Chess Championship. If you know of someone who has made a lasting impact in Tennessee chess and you would like to nominate them to the **Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame**, please send your nomination and supporting information to a member of the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee:

Ron Burnett [rburn2500@aol.com](mailto:rburn2500@aol.com)

Leonard Dickerson [lsdick@tds.net](mailto:lsdick@tds.net)

Tiffany Elliott [tiffany.elliott@comcast.net](mailto:tiffany.elliott@comcast.net)

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If you're interested in serving on the TCA Board of Directors, please email the current board members.

## Letter from the President

Dear TCA Members,

The goal is to keep moving forward and to continually evolve our sport in the state of Tennessee, while remembering our roots and where we came from.

We recently lost Harry Sabine, who was essentially the godfather of Tennessee chess by establishing or carrying on pretty much all of the state events we maintain today. Harry created a very stable foundation for us to continue to build upon and our goals are to make events in Tennessee something that every adult and child chess enthusiast would love to be a part of. It was even the efforts of Harry and his TCA Board at the time that initially sparked the idea of the Nashville Chess Center. Harry and his team made a lot of huge strides and its going to be a challenge to live up to that.

We also just lost Dr. Martin Katahn – TN Chess HOF member and founder of the Nashville Chess Center. Dr. Katahn's patronage and love for the game was one of the biggest advancements in Tennessee Chess history. Both these gentlemen lived long and fulfilling lives, but they will be missed.

Our premier event is the Tennessee Open. We held the 73rd event at a local state park in Middle-Tennessee and despite all of our hard work and preparations, the event did not live up to what I believe to be suitable expectations – and as the chief organizer, that was on me. Our

goal is to find a location with a hotel attached or very nearby, hopefully conveniently near resources to eat that lives up to all of those expectations that come with a chess tournament – with a premium on silence being key. In the boom town of Nashville, that cost is out of our budget and it's not getting any cheaper – which is why we need sponsors. Please contact me anytime if you have any sponsorship opportunities for the TCA and I promise to follow up on them.

Finally, we want to see growth in all regions of the state for scholastic chess. The Nashville Chess Center is welcoming to those seeking information and hoping to get the word out about their events – even if it is in other areas of the state. The growth of scholastic chess rests of the shoulders of volunteers though. When I was a kid playing in these events, there were often a dozen tournament directors volunteering at an event and it never seemed to be too stressful on them. Now, we barely have a hand full of directors at most events and the population of kids has grown astronomically. Having such a shortage of organizers and volunteers at our events greatly limits our ability to grow – so please let me know if you have time to help out at an upcoming event. Volunteer your time, volunteer your connections, volunteer your specialties and help us become the best version of the Tennessee Chess Association that has ever been seen.

Sincerely,  
(FM) Todd D. Andrews  
President  
Tennessee Chess Association  
Executive Director  
The Nashville Chess Center  
Nashvillechess@gmail.com



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