

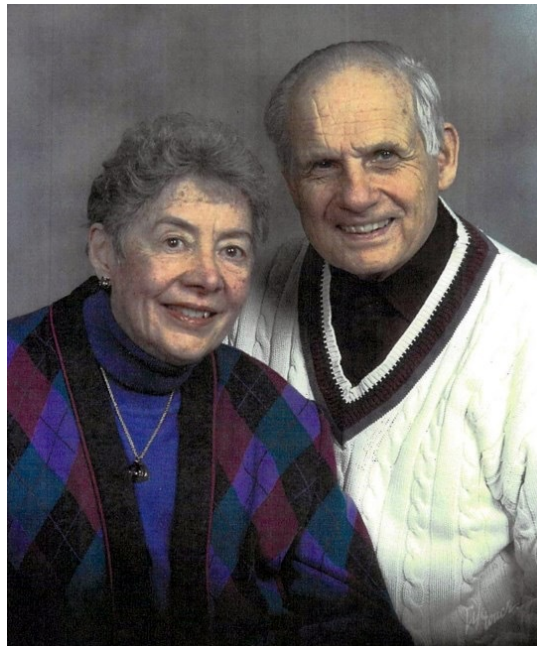
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## Tennessee Chess News

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**Honoring Peter Lahde and Susan E. Kantor**





By: Chris Prosser

Tennessee celebrates the life and chess achievements of Peter P. Lahde (December 25, 1930 – November 18, 2020). Peter moved to Tennessee in 1950 and immediately began to shape the future of chess in the state. Within just a few years, Peter was mentioned in Chess Life as helping to create a “chess boom”. For the next 50 years, Peter helped organize and direct adult and scholastic tournaments and activities in Nashville and across the state. The “Music City” tournaments drew players from all over the south, and the Music City Chess Club welcomed all. Peter could deal pairing cards with an expertise that would make the best in Vegas proud. His involvement in the Nashville City Championship and TN Open spanned four decades. He served as our state president for several years, and remained active in the state association for over half a century.

Peter was a class “A” player, but it was in chess research and journalism that he truly excelled. In 1959, Peter started the Tennessee Chess News, a publication that continues online to this day. He served as the editor for 18 years. In the seventies, he also edited the Music City Chess publication. For two decades, Peter was the hub of chess information for our city and state. On the national level, Peter published 8 chess books. The topics include historical tournaments (Hastings), players (Kashdan and Hodges) and The History of Tennessee Chess. In 1989, Peter was honored with the “Outstanding Career Achievement Award” by the US Chess Federation. A year later, he was inducted as a charter member of the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame. He served in the role of our state chess historian until his passing.

On a personal level, Peter had a very calm and serious demeanor. Look a little closer and you would find a very funny wit, a wealth of chess knowledge and infectious love for the game. He was the perfect ambassador for our state. He sang tenor in the

church choir, and when his wife Susie was beside him, you could not get the smile off his face. Tennessee Chess is better because of this man. More about Peter including a downloadable copy of his Tennessee Chess History publication can be found at [TN Chess Hall of Fame](#) on our website.

#### [Peter P. Lahde Obituary Link](#)

It is with great sorrow that we also announce the passing of Susan E. Kantor (April 20, 1955 - August 5, 2020). Susan was indispensable for the Cumberland County Chess Club, the TCA and the USCF. She was good for your soul. Somewhere, Susan and Harry Sabine are running tournaments again. Upon Susan's passing, the TCA voted unanimously to rename the State Scholastic Individual Championship in her honor, so she and Harry have sister events in their names always, representing their longtime dedication and team work in the events and beyond. I have included a link to the USCF announcement about Susan here: [Link Here](#)

#### [Susan E. Kantor Obituary Link](#)

## **Peter Lahde: In Memoriam**

By: Zachary Moore

Tennessee chess players, organizers, and coaches of today stand on the shoulders of the greats who came before us. Their dedication, sacrifice, body of work, and time and effort spent giving to our invaluable game should be cherished and celebrated. Peter Lahde was not just a Tennessee great—he was a legendary titan. If anyone walks the halls of the Nashville Chess Center, they will see his name engraved on the plaques of the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame, and they will see his name printed in the annals of Tennessee Chess history. And rightfully so because of all he did for Tennessee Chess for so long. He organized and directed many amazing tournaments over the years, published magazines and books on chess, was a competitive Nashville City Champion, and helped expand the influence of chess across our beloved state.

I knew Peter as my first chess teacher as a kid of about 5 or 6. Actually, my father first taught me how to move the pieces, but it was Peter who showed me how to put everything succinctly together in the beginning stages of my chess development. My mother always wanted me to learn new disciplines from the best teachers, and she immediately zeroed in on Peter Lahde to be my first chess teacher, because she knew he was the best and the positive influence he had in the Nashville chess community was already apparent. I fondly remember going over to his house for private chess lessons, sitting in a cramped stuffy room, sitting across the table from him learning how to develop my pieces, keep my king safe, and all the different

axioms we chess players know today. His instruction was always kind, but very direct and to the point of learning. If it had not been for his tutelage, I might not have continued in my chess playing throughout the years; and chess is certainly one of my passions in life.

I want to write a special thank you to his family for sharing him with all of us in the Tennessee Chess community. He represents the absolute best of Tennessee Chess, and I know there are many of us who will keep his memory and his work alive for many years to come.

En Passant,  
Zachary Moore, 32, Murfreesboro, TN

## **Selected Chess Games and Memories of Peter Lahde**

Contributed By: Dwight Weaver

Event- Tennessee Open

Site- Nashville, TN - Albert Pick Motel

Date- September 5, 1965

White- Lahde, Peter

Black- Appleberry, Marty

Round 3 (1-0)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. Bd3 Ngf6 6. Ne2 Be7 7. N2g3 c6  
8. c3 Nxe4 9. Bxe4 Nf6 10. Bf3 Bd7 11. Qb3 Qc7 12. Ne2 Bd6 13. Bg5 Nd5 14. a3  
h6 15. Bd2 Ne7 16. O-O-O O-O-O 17. Ng3 Bxg3 18. hxg3 Qb6 19. Qc2 Rde8 20.  
Be3  
Nd5 21. Bd2 Kd8 22. Rh5 Nf6 23. Rh4 Bc8 24. Qa4 Bd7 25. Qc2 Ke7 26. Re1 Bc8  
27. Re5 Qc7 28. Qa4 b6 29. Bf4 Qd7 30. Rh1 Qb7 31. Qb4+ Kd7 32. Rd5+ (1-0)

Event- Memphis-Nashville Match

Date- December 12, 1965

White- Lahde, Peter

Black- Wright, Jim

(1/2-1/2)

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e5 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. d3 Nc6 5. f4 exf4 6. Bxf4 d6 7. h3 O-O 8.  
Nf3 Na5 9. Bb3 Nxb3 10. axb3 Nh5 11. Bg5 f6 12. Bh4 c6 13. Na4 Be3 14. Nh2  
Qe8 15. Ng4 Bf4 16. Nb6 Bg3+ 17. Bxg3 Nxg3 18. Nxa8 Nxh1 19. Rxa7 f5 20. Nh2  
fxe4 21. dxe4 Qxe4+ 22. Qe2 Qd4 23. Qc4+ Qxc4 24. bxc4 Rf2 25. Nb6 Bxh3 26.  
gxh3 Rxh2 27. Kf1 Rxc2 28. Rxb7 Ng3+ 29. Kg1 Rxb2 30. Rb8+ Kf7 31. Rb7+ Kg6  
32. Rb8 d5 33. cxd5 cxd5 34. Nd7 Rxb8 35. Nxb8 d4 36. Nc6 Nf5 37. Kf2 Kg5 38.  
Kf3 g6 39. Ne5 Kf6 40. Ke4 h5 41. Kf4 g5+ 42. Ke4 Ke6 43. Nd3 g4 44. Nf4+

(1/2-1/2)

Event- Tennessee Open

White- Lahde

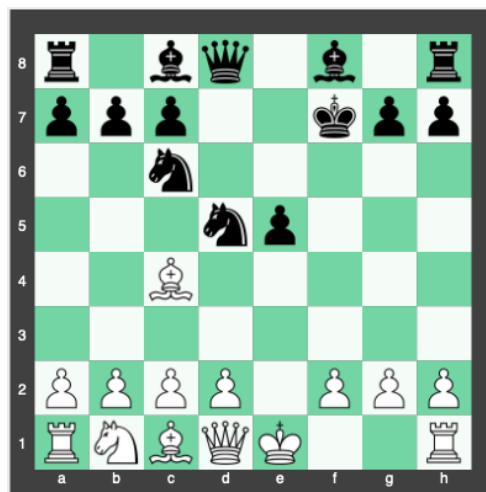
Black- Duke

Site- Nashville, TN

Date- September 1961

(1-0)

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. d4 Be7 6. Bxf4 Bb4 7. Bg5 0-0 8. Be2 d6  
9. 0-0 c6 10. Bxf6 Qxf6 11. e5 Qe6 12. Bd3 Qh6 13. exd6 Bg4 14. Ne4 Nd7 15. c3  
Ba5 16. Qc2 Bd8 17. Rae1 f5 18. Qb3+ Kh8 19. Qxb7 Nb6 20. Nc5 f4 21. Ne5 Bc8  
22. Nf7+ Kg8 23. Nxf6+ gxh6 24. Qxh7# (1-0)



*After 6. Nxf7! Kxf7*

Event- Donelson Club Match

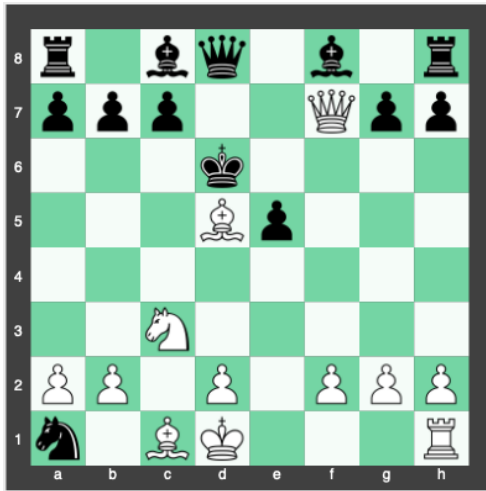
White Lahde, Peter

Black- Bennett

Date- 1963

(1-0)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Nxd5 6. Nxf7 Kxf7



Mate in One - White to Move

Lahde perhaps channelling the Morphy's now!

7. Qf3+ Ke6 8. Nc3 Nd4 9. Bxd5+ Kd6 10. Qf7 Nxc2+ 11. Kd1 Nxa1 12. Ne4# (1-0)

## No Sis-Boom-Bah Here

★ ★ ★ ★  
Nashville Chess Players Take Their Hobby Seriously

**By POPE HALEY**

**CHEER** leaders and marching bands will never be seen at contests between Nashville high schools under sponsorship of a league now being organized.

In fact, any spectator guilty of any such behavior will be considered persona non grata.

The proper, dignified and serious nature of the chess game is the first essential of a successful chess game in progress.

The high school league is being promoted by the Nashville Chess Club, a group of some 40 devotees of the game who meet every third Tuesday of the month in the basement room of the Green Hills office, Federal Federal Savings and Loan Association.

**Out of a Hat**

Members ranking from green-rook opponent to city champion are listed in order of their record in the National Chess Federation, with the club in attendance.

The Nashville club is also part of a strong state organization, with clubs in Memphis, Kingsport and Manchester-Tulahoma. Many of the state's ranking players, including currently recognized state champion Jerry Sullivan, live in the Knoxville Oak Ridge area, but without a formally organized club.

Gary Ratliff, a student at Father Ryan Academy and a

ranking member of the club, has acted as the club's ambassador in planning the intercollegiate league with city school authorities, and has won enthusiastic endorsements from City School Superintendent W. R. Oliver and school principals.

As projects of participating high schools would first organize their own clubs and after members of these clubs attained proficiency and ranking a schedule would be set up for league championship play.

**Organization Grows**

Already, clubs are in process of organization at West, Ohio, Father Ryan, East North, and Hume-Ridge, as well as an additional. Membership charts are being set up at each school, and a faculty member will be chosen by each as sponsor and instructor.

Dr. R. W. Sommer, of the VA Hospital staff and vice president of the club for membership, and the growth of the Nashville club was a part of a nationwide revival of interest in the game in recent years.

"More Americans than ever before are enjoying the game," he said, "both in organized clubs and as individual players."

This revival of interest, Dr. Sommer attributed to the new emphasis on science and mathematics in education—the type of chess is inextricably associated in the popular view.

**Anyone Can Play**

Ratliff, Dr. Sommer added pleasure in the game is not limited to engineers and mathematicians, as even to "dumb dopes"

in any field. Lawyers, doctors, religious leaders and teachers mingle with those chess clubs based in the Nashville club with high school students and housewives. Newsletters with only a reading acquaintance with the game are welcomed to membership in the club, and through an organized plan of instruction quickly win proficiency and a ranking.

The club holds instructional sessions for complete players members each fourth Tuesday at the Y.M.C.A.

Number one ranking member of the club and present City Champion is Albert Bowen, an attorney. Bowen, won his title in the tournament held last spring, and will defend it at the 1961 matches to be held soon. A definite date has not yet been set.

While Jerry Sullivan was recognized as state champion in the statewide matches held here last September, the outstanding winner was a young teenager, Robert Zander of Louisville, Ky., recognized Louisville city champion, Kentucky state champion, and a ranking contender in Indiana and Missouri organized play.

Tennessee state organization rules, however, do not recognize a nonresident as state champion.

Don Duplantier, an engineer and former professor at Vanderbilt University, holds the highest national title of any member of the Nashville club.

Ponder that the game is not a preserve of the aged is the fact that the current national champion is 17-year-old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, N.Y., who recently successfully defended his title for the first successive

year having won it originally at the age of 14.

Roundup to Fischer in the national championships were William Lombardy, 21, and Raymond Wainstein, 14.

Elimination matches will be held among these three to determine who will meet the present world champion, the USSR's Mikhail Botvinnik.

The Soviet Union's prominence in the game, Dr. Sommer noted, lies in the fact that the USSR, maintaining the game to the point where top ranking players actually make their living at it—a situation which prevails nowhere else in the world.

President of the Nashville club is Everett Henry, of 3012 Trousdale, and president of the Tennessee Chess Association, the state organization, is Peter D. Lahde, an engineer of St. Louis, LaMo.

Another popular misconception of the game says Dr. Sommer is that "it takes too long." Players are often puzzled by sitting idly for hours, but sitting idly is not the point. The point is that the player actually makes their living at it—a situation which prevails nowhere else in the world.

On the contrary, he said, rules of organized play fix a time limit on moves, with forfeiture the penalty for violation. Essential equipment in a formal match is a double-dial stopwatch, with a knock-knocker to stop one dial and start the other at the end of each move, which is then resumed time of each player.

On the addition to the problem is the player.

White K-H  
Q-NB (rook's) R takes Q  
-B-B (mate)

—Staff photo by Terry Tomlin

**Smothered Mate:** Tennessee Chess Association President Peter Lahde, left, here has maneuvered city champion Albert Bowen into a well-known chess problem known as "smothered mate." The problem: black

(Bowen) to move, white (Lahde) to win in two moves. They are using a magnificent set owned by Don Duplantier, a replica of an 11th century set made of carved ivory.

From The Tennessee Sunday, Jan 29, 1961 By Pope Haley

# Meeting T Feature Chess

By CHARLES L. FONTENAY

It won't be all chess, by any means, on the Belmont College campus when Medieval Day is staged there today, but there will be enough for the most ardent wood-pusher.

In addition to the featured entertainment, morning and afternoon appearances by chess master George Koltanowski, local chess fiends will have ample opportunity to get into the act.

**KURT JONES**, A local chess expert, will take on all comers, up to 50, in a simultaneous challenge match on the campus's outdoor mall.

Each challenger will have to supply his or her own chessboard and chessmen, plus a \$2 entry fee. All the boards will be set up in a circle, and Jones will move around the circle, from board to board, replying to the moves made by the challengers.

Another chess feature with a genuine medieval flavor will be outdoor matches with a lawn-sized chess set. This is something kings and nobles used to do, on occasion, during the Middle Ages.

**THE CHESS** pieces, supplied by Peter Lahde, president of the Music City Chess Association, range from two to four feet in height, on bases a foot in diameter. To accommodate them, a chess board will be drawn in the street, with 18-inch squares.

Anderson Clark, chairman of Belmont's English department and producer of the outdoor biblical play, *Miracles*, which is sponsoring Medieval Day, said the giant set will be available for challenge matches.

Koltanowski will perform the classic Knight's Tour blindfolded, at 10 a.m. This is a sequence of moves by the knight that touches every square on the board without touching any of them twice.

**KOLTANOWSKI SERVED** as president of the U. S. Chess Federation from 1975 to 1978, co-captained the U. S. team at the Olympic Games in Switzerland and West Germany, and has played in the chess Olympics three times for Belgium and once for the United States. He received the Gold Medal from the Federation International des Echecs in Nice in 1974.

From *The Tennessean* Saturday, July 21, 1979 By Charles L. Fontenay

# Students can check chess skills on outdoor board

By **KAREN JORDAN**  
*Staff Writer*

Checkmate has a larger meaning at Percy Priest Elementary School these days with the donation of a giant, outdoor chess board.

With 2-foot-tall chess pieces, the board will come in handy for the school's 6-year-old chess club and all of the kindergarten through fourth-graders interested in playing, said fourth-grade teacher Kelli Williams.

"It's a great addition to our chess club," said Williams, who also serves as the school's chess coach. "They're rare. We're very thankful for it."

The outdoor game is played by teams of three or four students on each side. The board was donated by Peaches Blank, who lives near the school. The boards generally cost thousands of dollars.

"The game itself benefits cognitive development," Williams said. "It's great for the mind. It's fun. It's



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**This outdoor chess set was donated to Percy Priest Elementary.**

teamwork."

The students will not be the only ones taking advantage of the outdoor board. It will be available for members of the community to reserve for birthday parties or

other functions.

Percy Priest Elementary School is at 1700 Otter Creek Road. For more details about how to reserve the outdoor chess board, call 298-8094, ext. 277. ■



From left, Peter Lahde, chess master/chess instructor; Mark Ishee, Nashville Chess Center; Harrison Stringfellow, Eagle Scout and Chess Board builder; Kelli Williams, 4th-grade teacher; Teresa Dennes, principal; Peaches Blank, chess board donator.

From *The Tennessean* Monday, September 20, 2004 by Staff Writer Karen Jordan

## Curt Jones Joins the TN Chess Hall of Fame

By: Kent Meadows

It is with great pleasure that I tender the long overdue nomination for Joe Curtis Jones III for the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame.

“Curt” was the strongest player in the state for many years. He was a fierce competitor that always played to win. His interpretation of a book’s evaluation of a position as “equal” gave a keen insight – a window – into his competitive spirit and drive to excel. Curt would always say that “equal” really means “the best player wins (meaning Curt himself).”

Curt was taught Chess by his father, Joe Jones. Joe himself was Nashville City Co-Champion in 1984 (2nd on tiebreaks) and 1987 (1st on tiebreaks), both times with none other than future FIDE IM Ron Burnett. Joe eventually made USCF Master, as well as USCF Postal Master. Joe had a very strong work ethic with two jobs, and his influence on Curt was ably demonstrated.

Curt was an apt student that had an incredible work ethic. Curt would get up early every morning before going to school and study Chess for two hours. Curt would use his work ethic at the board, analyzing some positions as deep as 25 moves. He would frequently use up most of his time, although it was rare to see him ever actually in time trouble. He would outwork his opponents both at home preparation and at the board!

Although Curt might show humor when playing blitz Chess for fun, he was always dead serious at the board during rated games. Although supremely self-confident and possessing a healthy ego, Curt was never rude to his opponents. One local USCF Master (that Curt routinely beat) would try to provoke Curt after losing to him again, but Curt would only shake his head and laugh. He always showed remarkable self-control over his emotions.

Curt made himself known at an early age by winning the 1974 Tennessee State High School Championship while only in the 7th grade (scholastics were set up differently back then). He was Co-Champion for the same tourney in 1976 (1st on tiebreaks) and 1977 (2nd on tiebreaks). He won said title outright with a perfect 5-0 score in 1978. He was again Tennessee High School Co-Champion in 1979 (1st on tiebreaks).

He was also Co-Champion at the Southern High School Championship in Atlanta in 1977 (2nd on tiebreaks).

Curt Jones was the Nashville City Champion outright in 1977 and 1978.

He first won the Tennessee State Championship outright with a 4-1 score (3-0-2) in 1978 (a closed round-robin format was used in 1977 and 1978 with two qualifiers from West, Middle, and East Tennessee each). He was the 1981 Tennessee Open

Co-Champion (2nd on tiebreaks) and won the 1990 State Championship outright by winning the 1990 Tennessee Open.

Curt played Board One for the 1st place team in the 1987 Southeastern Amateur Team Championship.

He was the Memphis City Champion outright in 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993.

For the sake of room, his many other career tournament victories cannot all be listed, but include such prestigious wins as the Mid-South Open (Memphis), the New Year's Open (Chattanooga), the Fairfield Glade Open (Crossville), the Knoxville Summer Swiss, the Cookeville Summer Open, and the Music City Grand Prix Open (Nashville). He scored wins over many of the best players not only in Tennessee, but also the Nation.

The USCF website gives Curt's peak rating as 2469 and cites Curt as a USCF Life Senior Master. The USCF website did not start keeping a history with "norms" until 1991, but Curt first became a Master in 1979. At the close of 1979, he was rated 3rd in the State at 2202. Curt received his certificate for USCF Senior Master in December 1983. Curt retired from Chess in 1994 with a rating of 2418. The FIDE website gives Curt's last FIDE rating as 2380.

Curt enjoyed semi-open and semi-closed games with pawn play. He strived to get control of a game and then start working on his opponents. When confronted with sacrifice, he had a knack for counter-sacrifice. When his position was worse, he showed himself to be a tenacious defender.

Curt also excelled in another field of Chess where he again demonstrated his work ethic – Postal Chess. Curt won clear 1st in the Maurice Ellis Greater Postal Open, which was the Tennessee State Postal Chess Championship for both 1977 and 1978 combined into one tourney. Curt Jones also not only made USCF Postal Master, but achieved a feat that by itself alone would qualify him for the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame by scoring 6-0-0 in all three rounds (Preliminary, Semi-Final, and Final) of the 1988 USCF Golden Knights Postal Tournament – winning 1st place (see Alex Dunne's article in the March 1997 issue of Chess Life). I am not aware of any other Tennessean ever winning a (non-scholastic – read below) National tournament.

Curt also gave back to Tennessee Chess as an organizer and leader. He served on the Board of Directors for the Tennessee Chess Association as Scholastic Coordinator from 1987 to 1990. He then served as West Tennessee Scholastic Director from 1990 to 1991.

Curt was also an outstanding coach and teacher (like his father, Joe). Curt's best student was Oliver Tai of Memphis, who had outstanding scholastic results before giving up Chess for college and medical school. Oliver was the 1984 Tennessee State Primary Champion and 1984 National Primary Champion. Oliver was the

Tennessee State Elementary Champion in 1985 and State Elementary Co-Champion in 1986. Oliver was the 1987 Tennessee State Junior High Co-Champion and 1987 National Junior High Champion. Oliver also won clear 2nd (out of 338) with 6½ -½ at the National High School Championship in 1989. Oliver was the Tennessee State High School Champion in 1990 (and represented Tennessee in the 1990 Denker Tournament of High School Champions) and 1991 Tennessee State High School Co-Champion. Oliver also did well in non-scholastic tournaments.

As has happened to many of us, Curt stopped playing Chess in 1994 because of time constraints from his job. However, Curt came out of the shadowland of the forgotten to win a blitz tournament in Memphis in 2017 for a USCF provisional blitz rating of 2443. He can still play!

Before he retired, Curt won the respect of all of the Chess players of Tennessee. His superb Chess skills made his contemporaries better, as they strove to study and compete with him. His Chess career greatly contributed to the quality of Tennessee Chess.

Here are two of Curt's games. Both are annotated by Curt himself. The first is Curt's first game against a Master after he himself became a Master.

Curt Jones (2239) – Dennis Gogel (2212)  
Music City Spring Open, Round 4, Nashville, TN 1980

1.Nf3 d5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 c5 4. 0-0 Nc6 5. d4 e6 6. c4 dxc4 7. Qa4 Qa5 8. Qxc4 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Nxd4 10. Qxd4 Be7!? 11. Bd2 Qa6 12. Bb4! Qa4 13. Bc5 Qxd4 14. Bxd4 0-0 15. Nc3 Rd8 16. Rfd1 Ne8 17. Rac1 Bd7 18. Bxb7 Rb8 19. Bf3 a5 20. Be5 Rb6 21. Rc2 Bc6 22. Bxc6 Rxc6 23. Rxd8 Bxd8 24. Rd2 Be7 25. Rd7 Kf8 26. Ra7 f6 27. Bd4 Bc5 28. Bxc5 Rxc5 29. Kg2 Nd6 30. Ra6 Nc4 31. Na4 Re5 32. e3 Kf7 33. b3 Nd2 34. Rc6 Kg6 35. Rc5 Kf5 36. f3 Rc5 37. Nc5 Nb1 38. f4 e5 39. e4+ Kg6 40. fxe fxe 41. Nb7 Nc3 42. a4 Nxe4 43. Nxa5 Nc5 44. Nc4 Kf5 45. a5 Na6 46. Kf3 Ke6 47. Ke3 Kd5 48. Nb6+ Kc6 49. Ke4 Nc5+ 50. Kxe5 Nxb3 51. Nc4 Nc5 52. Ne3 Kb5 53. Nf5 g6 54. Ne3 Kxa5 55. Kf6 Kb4 56. Kg7 Kc3 57. Kxh7 Kd3 58. Nd5 g5 59. Kg6 Ne4 60. Nf6 Nd2 61. h4 gxh 62. gxh Nf3 63. h5 Nd4 64. h6 Ne6 65. Nd7! (1-0)

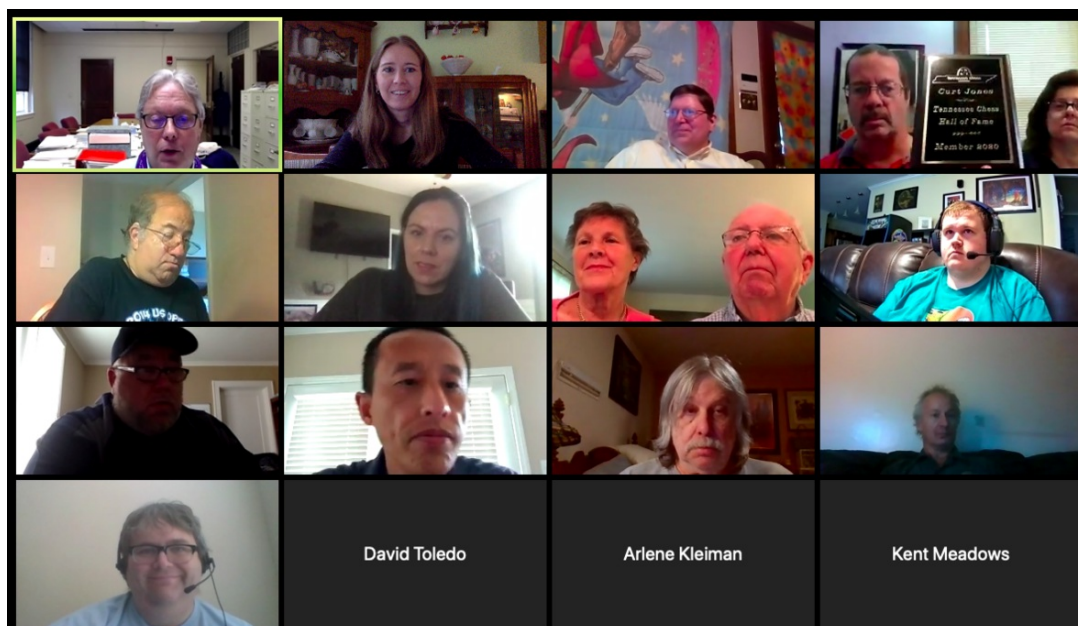
In the second game, everyone watching at the end (including myself) thought that Curt was lost, ... but ... the tenacious defender came back!

FIDE International Master Boris Kogan (2513) – Curt Jones (2256)  
Fairfield Glade Open, Round 5, Crossville, TN 1980

1.Nf3 c5 2. c4 e6 3. g3 b6 4. Bg2 Bb7 5. 0-0 Nf6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. Re1 d6 8. e4 Nbd7 9. d4 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Qb8 (White was threatening 11. e5 with an attack on the Bishop at b7.) 11. f4 0-0 12. e5 dxe5 13. fxe5 Bc5 (I could see no value in 13. ... Ne8 14. Nc6

Bc5+ 15 Be3! For Black.) 14. exf6 e5 15. fxg7 Re8 (to be considered was 15. ... Rd8.) 16. Nd5 Qd6 17. Kh1 Bxd4 18. Qh5 ... (Now Black is definitely in trouble on the King's wing.) 18. ... Re6 19. Be4 Rg6 (I thought this was probably the best defensive move because White cannot part with his white-square Bishop safely for several moves. Of course, White stands better in this position.) 20. Bg5 Nc5 (Now 21. Ne7+?? Qe7 22. Be7 Ne4 with a nice discovered check in view.) 21. Be7 Qe6 22. Bxc5 bxc5 23. Rf1 Kxg7 24. Qf3 Rb8 (Probably a waste of time. Possibly 24. ... Rf8 was better immediately.) 25. Rac1 f6 26. b3 Qd6 27. h4 Rf8 28. g4 Bc8 29. Bf5 Bb7 (Black is obviously in a bind, so I was only marking time here.) 30. Qe4!? Rd8 (Now the Knight at d5 can be undermined safely.) 31. Bxg6 hxg6 32. h5 Bxd5 33. cxd5 Qxd5 34. Qxd5 Rxd5 35. Kg2 Rd6 36. hxg6 Kxg6 37. Kf3 f5 (black's task now is to exchange off as many pawns as possible – especially the a-pawn, if the opportunities should arise.) 38. gxf5+ Kxf5 39. Rh1 Rf6 40. Ref1 Ke6+ 41. Ke4 Rg6 42. Rh7 Rg4+ 43. Kf3 Rf4+ 44. Ke2 Re4+ 45. Kd2 a5 46. Ra7 Rg4 47. Rxa5 Rg2+ 48. Kd1 Kd5 49. Ra8 Ke4 50. Kc1 Ke3 51. Rd1 e4 52. Kb1 Ke2 53. Rc1 Kd3 54. Rd1+ Rd2 55. Rxd2+ Kxd2 56. a4 e3 57. Re8 e2 58. Rxe2+ Kxe2 59. Kc2 Ke3 60. a5 Ke4 61. a6 c4 [½ – ½] (With a clearly drawn position.)

We welcomed Curt to join the best of the best in the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame on September 13, 2020 at the Annual TCA Membership Meeting held online on Zoom. Pictured below is (left to right) Paul Semmes, Tiffany Elliott, Curt Jones, Chris and Angela Prosser holding up Curt's plaque, Alan Kantor, Christina Mullinax, Curt's mom and dad, Danny Mullinax, Mark Beatty, Jiangang Chen, Lee Edwards, Ron Burnett, and Corey Kormick.



*TCA Membership Meeting on Zoom, Sunday, September 13, 2020*

# Recent Scholastic Results

By: Tiffany Elliott

## 2020 TN Home School Online Championship

On Saturday, October 10, homeschool chess players gathered together to compete online in the 2nd Annual Tennessee Home School State Championship. The four-round event was held on chesskid.com and directed by Chris Prosser.

No.	Name	Gr	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	
1	MEINERS III, GORDON	J	4	W10	W2	W6	-X-	1st Jr High
2	CAGLE, JOSEPH	H	3	W3	L1	W7	W6	1st H.S.
3	CAGLE, JONATHAN	J	3	L2	W7	W11	W4	2nd Jr High
4	BEAL, ANDREW	H	3	W12	-X-	W9	L3	2nd H.S.
5	HOSENFELD, CLARA	J	3	-X-	L8	W12	-B-	3rd Jr High
6	DeCREDICO, AUDREY	J	2	W11	W9	L1	L2	
7	OSBORNE, HANNAH	H	2	W8	L3	L2	W12	3rd H.S.
8	SCOTT, MATTHEW	E	2	L7	W5	-X-	L10	1st Elem
9	SCOTT, THOMAS	J	2	-B-	L6	L4	W11	
10	CRUISE, TUCKER	E	2	L1	L11	-B-	W8	2nd Elem
11	SCULLY, PETER	P	1	L6	W10	L3	L9	1st Primary
12	SCOTT, CATHERINE	J	1	L4	-B-	L5	L7	

Selected Games from the 2020 TN HomeSchool Online Chess Championship

White- Jonathan Cagle

Black- Joseph Cagle

Round 1 (0-1)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bb4 6.Bd2 O-O 7.e3 d6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.Bxc3  
a5 10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 Be6 12.Ne2 Qd7 13.b5 Rxa1 14.Qxa1 Nd8 15.O-O c6  
16.Rb1 Nf7 17.bxc6 bxc6 18.Rb6 d5 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Ra6 Nxc3 21.Qxc3 Bd5  
22.Bxd5 cxd5 23.d4 Qb5 24.Ra2 Re8 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.Kg2 Nc4 27.Nd4 Qd7  
28.Qb3 Rc8 29.Ra4 h6 30.Rb4 Qd6 31.Nxf5 Qf6 32.Nd4 Rf8 33.f3 Re8 34.e4 Qxd4  
35.exd5 Ne3+ 36.Kh3 Qxd5 37.Qxd5+ Nxd5 38.Re4 Rxe4 39.fxe4 Nf6 40.e5 Nd5  
41.Kg4 g6 42.h4 Kf7 43.h5 g5 44.Kf5 Nc7 45.g4 Ne6 46.Ke4 Ng7 47.Kd5 Ke7  
48.Ke4 Ke6 49.Kd4 Ne8 50.Ke4 Nc7 51.Kd4 Na6 52.Ke4 Nb8 53.Kd4 Nc6+ 54.Ke4  
Nxe5 55.Kd4 Nxg4 56.Ke4 Nf6+ 57.Kf3 Nxh5 58.Kg4 Ng7 59.Kh3 h5 60.Kg3 h4+  
61.Kh3 Kf5 62.Kg2 Kg4 63.Kh2 Kf3 64.Kg1 Kg3 65.Kh1 h3 66.Kg1 Nh5 67.Kh1 Nf4  
68.Kg1 Nd3 69.Kh1 g4 70.Kg1 h2+ 71.Kh1 Nf2#

White- Joseph Cagle

Black- Gordon Meiners

Round 2 (0-1)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7  
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Bd6 12.Ne4 Bc7 13.O-O-O Ngf6 14.c4 Nxe4  
15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe2 a5 17.g4 a4 18.Bc3 a3 19.b4 Bf4+ 20.Kb1 b5 21.d5 cxd5  
22.cxd5 Nxd5 23.Bxg7 Ke7 24.Bxh8 Qxh8 25.Rxd5 Qc3 26.Rd3 Qxb4+ 27.Rb3 Qd6  
28.Rd1 Qc7 29.Qxb5 Rd8 30.Rxd8 Qc1#

White- Jonathan Cagle

Black- Andrew Beal

Round 4 (1-0)

1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.b3 Bb7 5.Bb2 e6 6.e3 Ne7 7.d4 d6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Be4  
d5 10.cxd5 Nf6 11.Bd3 exd5 12.Ba3 Ng4 13.h3 Nxf2 14.Kxf2 Nc6 15.b4 a5 16.b5  
Ne7 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.a4 c5 19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.Bb5 Bd7 21.Nxd5 Qd8 22.Nc3 Rc8  
23.Qd2 Qc7 24.Rhc1 O-O 25.Bxd7 Qxd7 26.Nb5 Rcd8 27.Rc7 Qd5 28.Rac1 Rfe8  
29.Qc2 Bf6 30.Qc6 Qa2+ 31.Qc2 Qe6 32.Qc6 Qf5 33.Nd6 Rxd6 34.Qxe8+ Kg7  
35.Qxf7+ Kh6 36.Qxh7#

## **2020 Susan E. Kantor TN Scholastic Individual State Championship**

Scholastic chess players from all across the state fought hard and earned their invitations in to the State Finals on Leap Day, February 29, 2020 at the four Regional Individual Championships. Covid happened and postponed everything. The rescheduled and newly named 2020 Susan E. Kantor TN Scholastic Individual State Championship finally got to happen on ChessKid on Saturday, October 17, 2020. The online event brought back 83 players and was directed by TCA Tournament Committee members, Chris Prosser, Tiffany Elliott, Alan Kantor, and Danny and Christina Mullinax.

Congratulations to all the players and especially our new champs! Dhruv Chandra of Franklin won a well-deserved first place with 4.5 out of 5 points, trading in his old 2019 Junior High Champ title for his new 2020 Tennessee High School Individual State Champion title. Hemi Rambha of Franklin made it look easy and earned a perfect score in the Junior High Championship along with Selena Ma of Knoxville also scoring 5/5 but in the Primary. Selena may just be the first girl to ever win the Primary State Champ title. We are still verifying this but are extra proud of her accomplishment and the inspiration she brings to all TN chess girls! The Elementary section came down to a five-player round-robin playoff which took place Sunday, November 8, 2020. Stephen Xiao finished on top becoming 2020 TN Elementary Individual State Champion against Ronit Chandra, Gnani Rambha, Nikhil Giddaluri and Wesley Idell. Enjoy these selected games and results below:

White- Selena Ma

Black- Evan Bonnett

Round 1 (1-0)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 d5 4. exd5 Qxd5 5. c4 Qa5+ 6. Nc3 exd4 7. Nxd4 Nxd4 8. Qxd4 Qc5 9. Qxc5 Bxc5 10. Be2 Nf6 11. O-O O-O 12. Bf4 Bb6 13. b4 Bd4 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. cxd5 Bxa1 16. Rxa1 c6 17. dxc6 bxc6 18. Bf3 Bb7 19. Rc1 Rad8 20. h3 Rc8 21. Bg4 Rce8 22. Kh2 f5 23. Bf3 Rc8 24. a4 a6 25. b5 axb5 26. axb5 cxb5 27. Bxb7 Rxc1 28. Bxc1 Rb8 29. Bd5+ Kf8 30. g4 fxg4 31. hxg4 b4 32. Bb2 b3 33. f4 Rb5 34. Be4 Rb4 35. Bxh7 Rxf4 36. Kg3 Rb4 37. Ba3 b2 38. Bxb4+ Kf7 39. Bc3 b1=Q 40. Bxb1 Kg8 41. Kf4 Kh8 42. Kg5 Kg8 43. Kg6 Kh8 44. Bxg7+ Kg8 45. Ba2#

White- Ronit Chandra

Black- Ethan Benjamin

Round 2 (1-0)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 g6 3. e3 Bg7 4. Nf3 O-O 5. c3 d6 6. Nbd2 Nbd7 7. Be2 Re8 8. O-O e5 9. Bg3 e4 10. Ne1 d5 11. Nc2 c6 12. c4 Nb6 13. c5 Nbd7 14. a3 Nf8 15. b4 a5 16. b5 Bd7 17. b6 Ne6 18. a4 h5 19. Nb3 Nh7 20. Qd2 h4 21. Bd6 Qc8 22. Nxa5 Neg5 23. Nb3 h3 24. g3 Bg4 25. Ne1 Qf5 26. a5 Ra6 27. Bf4 Bxe2 28. Qxe2 Nf3+ 29. Nxf3 exf3 30. Qd2 g5 31. Bd6 g4 32. Nc1 Ng5 33. Nd3 Ne4 34. Qd1 Nc3 35. Qd2 Ne4 36. Qd1 Nc3 37. Qc2 Ne2+ 38. Kh1 Rea8 39. Qd2 Bf6 40. Nb4 Rxa5 41. Rxa5 Rxa5 42. Nxc6 Rb5 43. Qa2 Qc8 44. Na7 Qa8 45. Qxd5 Rb2 46. Bc7 Nc3 47. Qf5 Bg7 48. Qxg4 Qe8 49. Be5 Qf8 50. Nc8 Rb1 51. Ne7+ Kh7 52. Qh5+ Bh6 53. Qf5#

White- Nikhil Giddaluri

Black- Wesley Idell

Round 2 (1/2-1/2)

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. c4 Nf6 7. Nf3 Nbd7 8. Bg5 e6 9. a3 Be7 10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. Qxd3 O-O 12. O-O a6 13. a4 Qc7 14. Rfe1 Rfe8 15. Rad1 Rad8 16. Qc3 h6 17. Bc1 a5 18. Bd2 Bb4 19. Qb3 Bxd2 20. Rxd2 Nb6 21. Qc2 c5 22. b3 Rd7 23. Red1 Red8 24. Qc3 Nc8 25. h3 b6 26. Qe3 Ne7 27. Ne5 Rd6 28. Nf3 Nc6 29. dxc5 Rxd2 30. Rxd2 Rxd2 31. Nxd2 Nd7 32. cxb6 Qxb6 33. Qxb6 Nxb6 34. Kf1 Nd4 35. Ne2 Nc2 36. Ng3 Nd4 37. Ne2 Nc2 38. f3 Nd7 39. Kf2 Nc5 40. Kg3 f5 41. Kf4 Nd3+ 42. Kg3 g5 43. h4 Ne3 44. hxg5 hxg5 45. f4 g4 46. Kh2 Kf7 47. g3 Nc5 48. Nd4 Kf6 49. Nc6 Nb7 50. Nb1 Nc2 51. Nc3 Nb4 52. Nxb4 axb4 53. Na2 Nc5 54. Nxb4 Nxb3 55. Kg2 e5 56. fxe5+ Kxe5 57. Nc6+ Kd6 58. Nb4 Kc5 59. Nc2 Kxc4 60. Ne3+ Kb4 61. Nxf5 Kxa4 62. Nh6 Nd4 63. Nxg4 Ne6 64. Nf6 Kb5 65. Kf3 Kc5 66. Ke4 Kd6 67. Kf5 Ng7+ 68. Kg6 Ne6 69. g4 Ke5 70. g5 Nxg5

White- Dhruv Chandra

Black- Logan Wu

Round 3 (1-0)

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 e6 3. Bg2 d5 4. O-O Be7 5. d3 c5 6. Nbd2 Nc6 7. e4 O-O 8. c3 b6 9. Qc2 Ba6 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Nc4 Qc7 12. Re1 Rad8 13. a4 Bf6 14. Bg5 Qe7 15. Bxf6 Qxf6 16. Nfe5 Nxe5 17. Nxe5 Rd6 18. Be4 g6 19. f4 Rfd8 20. a5 b5 21. Qf2 Rc8 22.

Rac1 Qd8 23. b4 Qc7 24. Ng4 Kg7 25. Qb2 c4 26. dxc4 bxc4 27. Rcd1 Rcd8 28. Rd4 h5 29. Ne5 Bb5 30. Nf3 Nf6 31. Qe2 a6 32. Rxd6 Rxd6 33. Nd4 Bd7 34. Bf3 Bc8 35. Qe5 Qd7 36. Rd1 Rd5 37. Bxd5 Qxd5 38. Nf5+ gxf5 39. Rxd5 exd5 40. Qc7 Be6 41. Qc6 Ne4 42. Qxa6 Nxc3 43. Qb6 Kg6 44. a6 d4 45. a7 d3 46. a8=Q d2 47. Qa1 d1=Q+ 48. Qxd1 Nxd1 49. Qd4

White- Geon Park

Black- Hemi Rambha

Round 3 (0-1)

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 d6 6. cxd4 Nc6 7. Bc4 e6 8. Nc3 Nxc3 9. bxc3 dxe5 10. dxe5 Qxd1+ 11. Kxd1 Bc5 12. Ke2 O-O 13. Be3 Be7 14. Rad1 b6 15. Bb5 Na5 16. Rd2 Bb7 17. Rd7 Ba3 18. Rhd1 Bd5 19. Bd3 Rfc8 20. Nd4 Bb2 21. Nb5 Bc6 22. Rc7 Bxb5 23. Rxc8+ Rxc8 24. Bxb5 Bxc3 25. Rc1 Rc7 26. Bd4 Nc6 27. Bxc3 Nd4+ 28. Bxd4 Rxc1 29. Kd2 Rc7 30. Kd3 Kf8 31. Bc3 Ke7 32. Bb4+ Kd8 33. Bd6 Rc1 34. Bc4 Rg1 35. g3 Rg2 36. Ke3 Rxh2 37. Bb8 Kc8 38. Bd6 Rh1 39. Bf8 g6 40. Bb4 Rb1 41. a3 a5 42. Bd6 b5 43. Bd3 Rb2 44. f3 h5 45. Kf4 b4 46. axb4 a4 47. b5 a3 48. Bxa3 Rb3 49. Be7 Rxd3 50. g4 Kd7 51. Bf6 hxg4 52. Kxg4 Rb3 53. f4 Rxb5 54. Kg5 Kc6 55. Kh6 Kd5 56. Kg7 Rb7 57. Bg5 Ke4 58. Kf6 Kf3 59. Kg7 Kg3 60. Kf6 Kg4 61. Kg7 Kf5 62. Kh6 Rb4 63. Kg7 Rxf4 64. Bxf4 Kxf4 65. Kxf7 Kxe5 66. Kxg6 Kf4 67. Kf6 e5 68. Ke6

White- Joseph Cagle

Black- Dhruv Chandra

Round 4 (1/2-1/2)

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. f3 Bg7 5. Be3 c6 6. Qd2 b5 7. d5 b4 8. Nd1 c5 9. Bc4 a5 10. Bb5+ Bd7 11. a4 Bxb5 12. axb5 Nbd7 13. c4 O-O 14. Bh6 Nb6 15. Bxg7 Kxg7 16. Ne3 Qc7 17. h4 Qd7 18. Ne2 a4 19. Kf2 Ra7 20. h5 Nxh5 21. Nf5+ Kh8 22. Qh6 Rg8 23. Nf4 f6 24. Nxh5 gxf5 25. Nxf6 exf6 26. Qxf6+ Rg7 27. Qf8+ Rg8 28. Qf6+ Rg7 29. Qf8+ Rg8 30. Qf6+

White- Hemi Rambha

Black- Jonathan Mehrotra

Round 5 (1-0)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 5. g3 Ngf6 6. Nxf6+ Nxf6 7. Bg2 Bd6 8. Ne2 O-O 9. O-O Rb8 10. c4 c5 11. dxc5 Bxc5 12. Bf4 Ra8 13. Qc2 Qe7 14. a3 Nh5 15. Bd2 Rd8 16. Bc3 Rb8 17. b4 Bd6 18. c5 Bc7 19. Rad1 b6 20. c6 Ba6 21. Rfe1 Rd6 22. Nd4 Rbd8 23. b5 Bc8 24. Bb4 Nf6 25. Bxd6 Bxd6 26. Nf5 Qf8 27. Nxd6 Rxd6 28. Rxd6 Qxd6 29. Rd1 Nd5 30. Bxd5 exd5 31. Qa4 Qc7 32. Qf4 Qd8 33. Qe5 Be6 34. c7 Qc8 35. Qd6 Qd7 36. Rxd5 Qxd6 37. Rxd6 g6 38. Rxe6 fxe6 39. c8=Q+ Kg7 40. Qxe6 Kh6 41. a4 Kg5 42. f4+ Kh5 43. Qh3#

White- Stephen Xiao

Black- Frank Yang

Round 5 (1-0)

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nf3 d6 6. cxd4 Nc6 7. Bc4 Nb6 8. Bb5 a6

9. Bxc6+ bxc6 10. O-O dxe5 11. Nxe5 f6 12. Qh5+ g6 13. Nxc6 hxc6 14. Qxh8 Be6  
 15. Re1 Bf7 16. Qxf6 Nd5 17. Qxc6+ Qd7 18. Qxa8+ Qd8 19. Qxd8+ Kxd8 20. Nc3  
 Nf6 21. Bg5 Kd7 22. Bxf6 exf6 23. Ne4 Ke6 24. Ng5+ Kd7 25. Nxf7 Bb4 26. Red1  
 Ke7 27. Nh8 g5 28. Ng6+ Kf7 29. Ne5+ fxe5 30. dxe5 Be7 31. Rd7 Ke6 32. Rxe7+  
 Kxe7 33. Rc1 Ke6 34. Rc6+ Kxe5 35. Rxa6 Kf5 36. Ra5+ Kg6 37. b4 Kh5 38. b5 Kh4  
 39. b6 g4 40. g3+ Kh3 41. Rh5#

Primary	Reg	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5	PLACE
Ma, Selena	1	1034	5	W7	W15	W2	W3	W5	1
Golann, Matthew	3	960	4	W19	W4	L1	W12	W6	2
Washington, Kyan	3	343	3.5	-B-	W8	W5	L1	D12	3
Rodrigues, Evander	4	918	3.5	W14	L2	D12	W18	W8	4
Tang, Ethan	3	427	3	W10	W6	L3	W7	L1	5
Zhang, Jason	1	788	3	W9	L5	W10	W13	L2	6
Bonnett, Evan	1	431	3	L1	W21	W15	L5	W17	7
Rawls, Jonathan	3	883	3	W13	L3	W18	W9	L4	8
Henchy, Matthew	3	885	3	L6	W20	W11	L8	W18	9
Wu, Elena	1	482	3	L5	W14	L6	W15	W13	10
Denny, Marc	4	787	3	W17	L19	L9	W16	W14	TU800
Ho, Zen Zhe-Tao	3	712	2.5	W16	D18	D4	L2	D3	
Bathi, Praketh Reddy	2	407	2	L8	W16	W19	L6	L10	
Darapaneni, Sreshath	4	645	2	L4	L10	W20	W19	L11	
Erdman, Ryan	4	1014	2	W21	L1	L7	L10	W20	
Warren, Jackson	2	413	2	L12	L13	-B-	L11	W19	
Cruise, Mason	2	451	2	L11	-B-	W21	-N-	L7	
Hoja, Saeed	3	461	1.5	W20	D12	L8	L4	L9	
Du, Ethan	1	520	1	L2	W11	L13	L14	L16	
Chen, Barry	3	414	1	L18	L9	L14	W21	L15	
Bathi, Praseeda	2		1	L15	L7	L17	L20	-B-	TUNR

Elementary	Reg	Rate							
Xiao, Stephen	1	1517		1st	*	*By Playoff			
Chandra, Ronit	3	1733		2nd	*				
Rambha, Gnanadatta	3	1394		3rd	*				
Giddaluri, Nikhil	2	1186		4th	*				
Idell, Wesley	1	1482		5th	*				
Giddaluri, Akhil	2	1054		6th					
Hosad, Shubh	4	1187		7th					
Benjamin, Ethan	3	1295		8th					
Cui, Raymond	4	1231		9th					
Sisson, Max	1	1091		10th					
Tsao, Emmanuel	4	1070		11th					
Yang, Frank	1	1015		12th					
Misra, Nikhil	3	1068							
Jalem, Aditya	3	1135							
Kalaga, Ashish	4	1203							
Hines, Jackson	4	717		TU800					
Petapalle, Abhinav	3	839							
Lawrie, Isaac	1	456							
Chen, Joe	3	835							
Hoja, Sabrina	3	705							

Cruise, Tucker Mic	2	772							
Rodante, Isaiah	2	489							
Authier, Lyric	2	945							
<b>JR High</b>	<b>Reg</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Rnd1</b>	<b>Rnd2</b>	<b>Rnd3</b>	<b>Rnd4</b>	<b>Rnd5</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Rambha, Hemachandra	3	2067	5	W19	W7	W2	W9	W5	1
Park, Geon	3	1425	4	W3	W10	L1	W12	W11	2
Li, Justin	1	1613	4	L2	W19	W8	W10	W9	3
Tompkins, Claiborne	3	1743	4	L5	W16	W14	W11	W7	4
Mehrotra, Jonathan	4	1411	3.5	W4	W13	D9	W6	L1	5
Hall, Stewart	3	1440	3.5	W13	W8	D11	L5	W15	6
Goldfeder, Jonathan	4	1055	3	W14	L1	W18	W15	L4	7
Ostroski, Nicholas	3	1498	3	W21	L6	L3	W18	W13	8
Meiners III, Gordo	1	1398	2.5	W16	W20	D5	L1	L3	9
Sensing, Beau	3	1036	2.5	W17	L2	D12	L3	W14	10
Hauser, Evan	3	1231	2.5	W22	W18	D6	L4	L2	
Cui, Sunny	4	1226	2.5	L20	W21	D10	L2	W19	
Chidambaram, Aashish	4	1246	2	L6	L5	W17	W16	L8	
De Credico, Audrey	2	984	2	L7	W22	L4	W20	L10	
Kalaga, Aneesh	4	1105	2	L18	W17	W20	L7	L6	
Cagle, Jonathan	2	1533	2	L9	L4	W21	L13	W20	
Hu, Mengdie	1	1121	2	L10	L15	L13	W22	W18	
Kundavajjala, Sudeep	4	1010	1	W15	L11	L7	L8	L17	
Raju, Anand	3	583	1	L1	L3	L22	W21	L12	TU800
Monroy, Emmanuel	2	700	1	W12	L9	L15	L14	L16	
Wurm, Patrick	1	530	1	L8	L12	L16	L19	W22	
Hosenfeld, Clara	1	661	1	L11	L14	W19	L17	L21	

<b>High School</b>	<b>Reg</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Rnd1</b>	<b>Rnd2</b>	<b>Rnd3</b>	<b>Rnd4</b>	<b>Rnd5</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Chandra, Dhruv	3	1890	4.5	W13	W5	W2	D4	W7	1
Wu, Logan	4	2283	4	W14	W11	L1	W3	W4	2
Saggi, Kunaal	3	1432	3.5	D7	W12	W10	L2	W8	3
Cagle, Joseph	2	1716	3	W8	D10	W7	D1	L2	4
Jalem Jr, Arya	3	1683	3	W9	L1	L8	W15	W11	5
De Credico, Violet	2	1465	3	L11	W14	W15	D8	D9	6
Davidson, Ryan	3	1907	2.5	D3	W9	L4	W10	L1	7
Burgett, Matthew	3	1643	2.5	L4	W13	W5	D6	L3	8
Vilaire, Daniel	1	1449	2.5	L5	L7	W11	W14	D6	9
Zhao, Eric	1	1733	2.5	W12	D4	L3	L7	W14	10
Tang, Colin	3	1657	2	W6	L2	L9	W12	L5	
Mercado, Patricio	4	1031	2	L10	L3	W13	L11	-B-	
Gouge, Aaron	1	579	2	L1	L8	L12	-B-	W15	TU800
Liu, Mike	2		1	L2	L6	-B-	L9	L10	TUNR
Parks, Connor	2	589	1	-N-	-B-	L6	L5	L13	

## 2020 TN All-Girls Scholastic Chess Championship

The rescheduled Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic State Championship took place on ChessKid on Saturday, November 7, 2020. The University of Tennessee Tickle College of Engineering sponsored the event with the help of the UTK Chess Club and Rocky Top Chess Club. Tiffany Elliott and Chris Prosser directed the tournament online. There were 29 girls in attendance across two sections, K-12 and K-3/K-6

combined. There was a three-way tie for first in the K-12 Championship leading to a playoff between Sydney Kong, Maggie Zhong and Sunny Cui. Sydney won and reigns on earning her third TN All-Girl State Champion title! Congratulations also to Sabrina Hoja, K-6 Champ and Selena Ma, K-3 Champ! Below are selected games and results:

White- Maggie Zhong

Black- Sydney Kong

Round 2 (1-0)

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. Nf3 e6 5. g3 Bc5 6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O c6 8. a3 a5 9. d4 Bb6 10. e4 Ne7 11. Be3 Na6 12. Rc1 Bd7 13. Ne5 f6 14. Nxd7 Qxd7 15. Qb3 Ba7 16. d5 exd5 17. Bxa7 Rxa7 18. exd5 Kh8 19. dxc6 Nxc6 20. Rcd1 Qc8 21. Nb5 Ra8 22. Nd6 Qc7 23. Qxb7 Qxb7 24. Nxb7 Rac8 25. Nd6 Rc7 26. Rc1 Nab8 27. b4 axb4 28. axb4 Rd7 29. Bxc6 Rxd6 30. Bg2 Nd7 31. Rc6 Rd4 32. b5 Ne5 33. Rcc1 Rb4 34. Rb1 Rc4 35. b6 Rb8 36. Rb3 Nd7 37. Rd1 Nc5 38. Rb2 Na4 39. Rbd2 Rcc8 40. b7 Rf8 41. Rc1 Nb6 42. Rb2 Nd7 43. Bh3 Ne5 44. Rc8 Nf3+ 45. Kf1 Kg8 46. Be6+ Kh8 47. Rxf8+ Rxf8 48. b8=Q Nd2+ 49. Ke2

White- Selena Ma

Black- Juliet Pattison

Round 2 (1-0)

1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. Nc3 Qe6+ 5. Be2 Bd7 6. O-O O-O-O 7. d4 Nf6 8. Be3 Qd6 9. Bd3 Bg4 10. Nb5 Qe6 11. c4 a6 12. d5 Qd7 13. dxc6 Qxc6 14. Na7+ Kd7 15. Nxc6 bxc6 16. Ne5+ Kc8 17. Nxc4 Nxc4 18. Qxc6+ Kb7 19. Rfd1 g6 20. c5 f5 21. Qb4+ Kc8 22. Bxa6#

White- Maggie Zhong

Black- Sunny Cui

Round 4 (1/2-1/2)

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. O-O O-O 7. d3 a6 8. a3 Ne7 9. Rb1 d5 10. b4 Bd7 11. cxd5 Nexd5 12. Nxd5 exd5 13. Be3 Be6 14. Nd4 c6 15. Nxe6 fxe6 16. Bh3 Qd7 17. Qb3 Rab8 18. Bf4 Rbc8 19. e4 Rfe8 20. exd5 cxd5 21. Rbc1 b5 22. Rxc8 Rxc8 23. Re1 Rc6 24. a4 Qe7 25. axb5 axb5 26. Qa3 Kf7 27. Qa5 Nh5 28. Qxb5 Nxf4 29. Qxc6 Nxf3+ 30. Kg2 Ng5 31. h4 Qxb4 32. Re2 Qg4 33. Re3 Qh3+ 34. Kg1 Bd4 35. hxg5 Bxe3 36. Qc7+ Ke8 37. fxe3 Qg4 38. Qf4 Qd1+ 39. Qf1 Qxf1+ 40. Kxf1 e5 41. Kf2 Ke7 42. Kf3 Ke6 43. g4 Kd6 44. Ke2 e4 45. dxe4 dxe4 46. Kd2 Kd5 47. Ke2 Ke5 48. Kf2 Kd5 49. Kg3 Kc4 50. Kg2 Kd3 51. Kf2 Kc4

White- Selena Ma

Black- Sabrina Hoja

Round 4 (0-1)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bc5 5. Be3 Nxd4 6. Bxd4 Bxd4 7. Qxd4 Nf6 8. e5 Qe7 9. Be2 Ng8 10. Nc3 d6 11. exd6 Qxd6 12. Qxg7 Qf6 13. Qxf6 Nxf6 14. O-O Ng4 15. Bxg4 Bxg4 16. f3 Be6 17. Rhe1 Ke7 18. f4 Kf8 19. Nd5 Rc8 20. Nf6

Kg7 21. Nh5+ Kg6 22. Ng3 c6 23. a3 Bd5 24. f5+ Kg5 25. Re7 Rb8 26. b3 Kf6 27.  
Ree1 Bxg2 28. Rg1 Bd5 29. Rd3 Rbe8 30. c4 Be4 31. Nxe4+ Rxe4 32. Rd7 Re7 33.  
Rxe7 Kxe7 34. Re1+ Kd6 35. f6 Rd8 36. Re7 Rd7 37. Rxd7+ Kxd7 38. Kd2 Ke6 39.  
Ke3 Kxf6 40. Kf4 h6 41. h4 h5 42. a4 c5 43. Ke4 b6 44. Kd3 Kf5 45. b4 Kg4 46. bxc5  
bxc5 47. Ke4 f5+ 48. Ke3 f4+ 49. Kf2 Kxh4 50. Kf3 Kg5 51. Kg2 Kg4 52. Kf2 h4 53.  
Kg2 h3+ 54. Kh2 Kf3 55. Kxh3 Ke2 56. Kg2 f3+ 57. Kg1 f2+ 58. Kh2 f1=Q 59. Kg3 a5  
60. Kg4 Qf2 61. Kg5 Qf3 62. Kh4 Qg2 63. Kh5 Qg3 64. Kh6 Qg4 65. Kh7 Qg5 66.  
Kh8 Ke3 67. Kh7 Kf4 68. Kh8 Kf5 69. Kh7 Kf6 70. Kh8 Qg7#

White- Violet DeCredico

Black- Sydney Kong

Round 5 (0-1)

1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 e6 3. e3 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Bd3 Nd5 6. Bg3 Qb6 7. Qb3 cxd4 8. exd4  
Be7 9. Nf3 O-O 10. Nbd2 d6 11. O-O f5 12. h3 Bd7 13. Rfe1 Qxb3 14. axb3 h6 15.  
Bc4 f4 16. Bh2 a5 17. Bxd5 exd5 18. c4 Bd8 19. Re2 Nb4 20. Ne1 Rc8 21. g3 Bxh3  
22. gxf4 Bg4 23. f3 Bd7 24. Rc1 Bb6 25. c5 dxc5 26. dxc5 Bxc5+ 27. Kh1 Bb5 28.  
Rg2 Be3 29. Rxc8 Rxc8 30. Bg3 Rc1 31. Kh2 Rd1 32. Nf1 Bxf1 33. Rg1 Bxg1+ 34.  
Kxg1 Bb5 35. Kh2 Rd2+ 36. Kh3 Rxb2 37. Kg4 Rxb3 38. Ng2 a4 39. Be1 a3 40. Bf2  
a2 41. Bd4 Nc2 42. Be5 d4 43. Bxd4 Nxd4 44. Kg3 a1=Q 45. Kg4 Qg1 46. Kh3  
Rxf3+ 47. Kh4 Qh2+ 48. Kg4 Qh3#



# Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic Chess Championship

Saturday, November 7, 2020  
All games will be on [www.chesskid.com](http://www.chesskid.com)



## K-12 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1st SYDNEY KONG
- 2nd MAGGIE ZHONG
- 3rd SUNNY CUI
- 4th VIOLET DECREDICO
- 5th AUDREY DECREDICO
- 6th SHIRLEY KONG
- 7th SOPHIE TAN
- 8th EMILY XU
- 9th KIRTHIMAYA RAJAKUMAR
- 10th HOLLY JONES
- 11th ELLA PATTISON
- 12th HANNAH OSBORNE
- 13th CLARA HOSENFELD
- 14th NIKITA YANG
- 15th LINDA PENG



## K-6 COMPETITION (COMBINED W/K-3)

- 1st SABRINA HOJA
- 2nd OLIVIA GRACE AKATUE
- 3rd ELENA WU
- 4th ARUNA NAGABHUSHAN
- 5th ABBIE LIU
- 6th CAROLINE ZHAO
- 7th MRITTIKA GUNASEKARAN

## K-3 PRIMARY (COMBINED W/K-6)

- 1st SELENA MA
- 2nd THEA PATTISON
- 3rd EVELYN LAWRIE
- 4th JULIET PATTISON
- 5th NINA QI
- 6th ELLEN WU
- 7th CHELSEA LIN





In the Open section, Andrew Crigger of Kingsport, TN took 1st place with 4.5/5 to become our newest State Champion! Andrew took lessons from me for a few months earlier this year, and I can attest to his work ethic, competitive spirit, and passion for the game. A deserved triumph for him!

In the U1600, another friend, Brandon Evans of Nashville, TN took 1st place with 5.0/5 to become the TN Amateur Champion! Brandon only played his first rated tournament last year, but he dominated his section and clearly belongs in the Open section going forward!

Full Lichess results at these links:

Open <https://lichess.org/swiss/a6U07MH1>

and U1600 <https://lichess.org/swiss/JcqWnLXC>

Thanks to all the players, organizers, commentators, and viewers, and congrats to the winners!

2020 TN Online Open									Place	Prize	Plaque
No.	Name	Pts	Rate	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5			
1	Crigger, Andrew	4.5	1866	W12	W11	W2	W4	D3	1st	\$125.00	1st
2	Horobetz, Graham	4	2309	W9	W3	L1	W5	W4	2nd	\$75.00	
3	Rambha, Hemachandra	3.5	2075	W8	L2	W6	W10	D1	Expert	\$30.00	Expert
4	Xiao, Stephen	3	1612	W7	W12	W5	L1	L2	Class B	\$15.00	Class B
5	Kormick, Korey J	3	1650	W6	W10	L4	L2	W8	Class B	\$15.00	
6	Deere, Travis	3	1823	L5	W13	L3	W9	W10	Class A	\$15.00	Class A
7	Caveny, Aaron	3	1901	L4	L8	W13	W12	W14	Class A	\$15.00	
8	Cantrell, Scott	2.5	1845	L3	W7	D9	W11	L5			
9	Best, Bobby	2.5	1561	L2	W14	D8	L6	W12			
10	Ishee, Jennifer	2	1792	W13	L5	W11	L3	L6			
11	Naddell, Graham	2		W14	L1	L10	L8	W13			
12	Steed, Adam	1	1886	L1	L4	W14	L7	L9			
13	Edwards, Lee	1	1600	L10	L6	L7	W14	L11			
14	Andrews, James	0		L11	L9	L12	L13	L7			

2020 TN Online Open U1600									Place	Prize	Plaque
No.	Name	Pts	Rate	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4	Rnd5			
1	Evans, Brandon	5	1426	W21	W11	W14	W2	W6	1st	\$100.00	1st
2	Rambha, Gnanadatta	4	1383	W26	W16	W3	L1	W8	2nd	\$30.00	Class D
3	Toledo, David	4	1122	W4	W13	L2	W10	W12	2nd	\$30.00	Class E
4	Kilaru, Varun	4		L3	W27	W24	W18	W14	UNR	\$12.50	UNR
5	Coleman, Christopher	4		L15	W30	W20	W17	W9	UNR	\$12.50	
6	Thiemann, Norbert	3.5	1423	W10	W22	W7	D9	L1			
7	Chan, Gilbert	3.5	1560	W18	W19	L6	D8	W20			
8	Cui, Raymond	3	1231	W12	W15	D9	D7	L2	Class D	\$25.00	
9	Chidambaram, Aashish	3		W25	W24	D8	D6	L5			
10	Hosad, Shubh	3	1187	L6	W23	W26	L3	W18	Class E	\$12.50	
11	Kennedy, Dannie	3	1400	W27	L1	L19	W15	W21			
12	Park, Geon	3	1425	L8	W21	W22	W19	L3			
13	Mercado, Patricio	3	1031	W23	L3	L18	W26	W19	Class E	\$12.50	
14	Giddaluri, Akhil	2.5	1061	D17	W28	L1	W16	L4			
15	Cui, Sunny	2.5	1226	W5	L8	D16	L11	W28			
16	Cravens, Jason	2.5	1127	W30	L2	D15	L14	W25			
17	Hu, Mengdie	2.5	1121	D14	L20	W28	L5	W24			
18	Parsons, Stephen	2	1517	L7	W29	W13	L4	L10			
19	Giddaluri, Nikhil	2	1202	W29	L7	W11	L12	L13			
20	Taylor, Randall	2	1394	L24	W17	L5	W23	L7			
21	Rodrigues, Evander	2	918	L1	L12	W29	W22	L11	Class F	\$25.00	Class F
22	Kalaga, Aneesh	2	1105	-B-	L6	L12	L21	W27			
23	Kalaga, Ashish	2	1203	L13	L10	W30	L20	W26			
24	Snyder, Joe	1.5		W20	L9	L4	D25	L17			
25	Murphy, William	1.5	620	L9	L26	W27	D24	L16			
26	Vuppu, Siddharth	1	638	L2	W25	L10	L13	L23			
27	Ding, Max	1	1116	L11	L4	L25	W30	L22			
28	Richardson, Garyn	1		-N-	L14	L17	W29	L15			
29	Rodrigues, Calix	1	589	L19	L18	L21	L28	W30			
30	Obenchain, Sam	0		L16	L5	L23	L27	L29			

## Top 10 Tennessee Chess Players

1. IM  
Jake  
Kleiman  
2480
2. IM  
Ron  
Burnett  
2400
3. FM  
Sean  
Vibbert  
2391
4. Alex  
King  
2381
5. FM  
Todd  
Andrews

- 2354  
6. CM  
Forest  
Chen  
2318  
7. Graham  
Horobetz  
2309  
8. FM  
Peter  
Bereolos  
2288  
9. Logan  
Wu  
2283  
10. Dean  
Bruce  
Lee  
2279

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

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## Tennessee Chess Patrons and Membership

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

TCA Patron Members:

**PAUL SEMMES**  
**SID PICKARD**

Life Members:

**PAT KNIGHT SMITH**  
**R. K. SHIMABUKURO**

We need new Patrons for the 2021 new 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.

[Click Here to Renew or Become a TCA Member Today!](#)

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## Tennessee Chess Calendar

December 4, 2020 [Endless Knight of Chess](#) @ Online - Two Events: 7:05 PM CST and 8:35 PM CST Register up to 30 minutes before start time at <https://www.chess.com/live#t=1821942> and [www.chess.com/live#r=710298](https://www.chess.com/live#r=710298)

December 6, 2020 [Murfreesboro Classical Swiss](#) @ Online 3:00 PM CST – <https://lichess.org/swiss/xTnCzkUH>

December 12-13, 2020 [TN Senior Online Open Championship](#) @ Online ICC – Register at [www.cumberlandcountychess.org](http://www.cumberlandcountychess.org)

December 12-13, 2020 [US Chess / ChessKid K-12 Showdown](#) @ Online Register at <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2020/k12on/>

December 14, 2020 [2021 Nashville City Championship Qualifying Event #1](#) @ Online 7:00 PM CST Register at [www.nashvillechess.org](http://www.nashvillechess.org)

December 21, 2020 [2021 Nashville City Championship Qualifying Event #2](#) @ Online 7:00 PM CST Register at [www.nashvillechess.org](http://www.nashvillechess.org)

January 8-10, 2021 [2021 Nashville Scholastic City Championships](#) @ Nashville Chess Center [www.nashvillechess.org](http://www.nashvillechess.org)

January 16, 2021 [2021 Tennessee Winter Open](#) @ TBD Details coming soon to [www.tnchess.us](http://www.tnchess.us)

January 30, 2021 [2021 Nashville All-Girls City Championship](#) @ Nashville Chess Center [www.nashvillechess.org](http://www.nashvillechess.org)

May 7-9, 2021 [2021 SuperNationals VII](#) @ Opryland Hotel, Nashville

April 8-10, 2022 [2022 National High School Championship](#) @ Memphis Cook Convention Center, Memphis

### Weekly Online Events

Mondays [Murfreesboro Monday Team Battles](#) @ <https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club> at 7:00 PM CST

Fridays [NCC Kids Grand Prix](#) @ the NCC Kids Club on Chesskid at 4:30 PM CST

Fridays [Online Shelby County Chess Online](#) @ Online at 7:00 PM CST plus other weekly events

### **Past Events Pending**

April 18, 2020 Harry Sabine Memorial Chess Tournament @ Cumberland County Community Complex, Crossville POSTPONED

To add your event to this list, please email flyer or pertaining details to [tiffany.elliott@comcast.net](mailto:tiffany.elliott@comcast.net) or [regioniii@aol.com](mailto:regioniii@aol.com).

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## **Upcoming Event Flyers**

**Now Double Up on Friday Knights**  
**Endless Knight of Chess!!!!**  
**Two Tournaments on December 4**



**Tournament 1**

**Winter Knights Chess Tournament**

**Free Entry**

**4 Rounds Swiss, g10; i2**

**Register 6:30pm-7:00pm, First Round 7:05pm**

**at <https://www.chess.com/live#t=1821942>**

**All Ages and All Levels**

**Tournament 2**

**Late Knight Blitz Tournament**

**Free Entry**

**5 Rounds g5, i5**

**Register 8:15pm-8:30pm, First Round 8:35pm**

**[www.chess.com/live#r=710298](http://www.chess.com/live#r=710298)**

**For Our Knight Owls!!!**

## December 2020 Classical Swiss

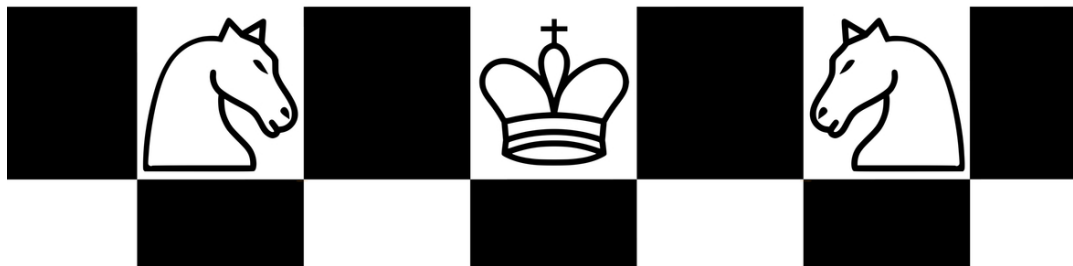
**What:** 3 Round Swiss, G/30+5

**When:** December 06, 2020 @ 3:00 PM CST

**Where:** <https://lichess.org/swiss/xTnCzkUH>

**Who:** Murfreesboro Chess Club Members on lichess.org

<https://lichess.org/team/murfreesboro-chess-club>





## 2020 TENNESSEE SENIOR OPEN ONLINE CHESS TOURNAMENT DECEMBER 12-13, 2020

Open Only to Tennessee residents age 50 and older (born before December 12, 1970)  
Sponsored by Tennessee Chess Association and Cumberland County Chess Club  
[Hosted on the Internet Chess Club \(ICC\)](#)

Format	5 Round Swiss System Time Control: G/120;d5 Played via ICC platform
Schedule	Round 1: Saturday at 9:00am CST Round 2: Saturday at 2:00pm CST Round 3: Saturday at 6:00pm CST Round 4: Sunday at 9:00am CST Round 5: Sunday at 2:00pm CST
Entry	Entry Fee: \$15 Registration after 8:00 a.m. will be given a 1/2-point bye in round one. US Chess Membership required TCA Membership required Enter online at <a href="http://www.cumberlandcountychess.org">www.cumberlandcountychess.org</a>
Prizes	<b>Top finishers in each prize group will receive free entry to the 2021 Tennessee Senior Open!</b>  <b>Plaques to 1st and 2nd place.</b>  <b>Certificates to top finishers in Class A/B, Class C/D, and Class E/below. Certificates to top finishers in age bracket 60-69, 70-79, and 80+.</b>
Rules	US Chess rules apply. Additional TCA Fair Play rules are posted on <a href="http://www.tnchess.us">www.tnchess.us</a> under <a href="#">TCA Online Fair Play Rules</a> . All players must agree to these rules in order to register for the tournament.
Additional Information	Byes: 1/2 point bye available for any one (and only one) round if requested at or before registration.  For information contact: Alan Kantor (931) 200-9038 <a href="mailto:carokantor05@yahoo.com">carokantor05@yahoo.com</a>



## NCC KIDS GRAND PRIX SERIES #5



**November 27, 2020 - January 1, 2020**

**Fridays at 4:30 PM CST on**



### **How to Join: Make a FREE [www.Chesskid.com](http://www.Chesskid.com) account**

To join the "Nashville Chess Center Kids" Club on chesskid.com where the event will be played, assign a coach as your chesskid account guardian (this can be done in their settings): Coach Todd (**MusicCityMaster** on Chesskid, [nashvillechess@gmail.com](mailto:nashvillechess@gmail.com)), Coach Tiffany (**Coach\_Tiffany**, [tiffany.elliott@comcast.net](mailto:tiffany.elliott@comcast.net)) and Coach Gainer (**CoachGainer**, [chzwhiz09@gmail.com](mailto:chzwhiz09@gmail.com)). The coach will add you to the group.



### **Register each Friday for the NCC Kids Grand Prix Between 4:00 - 4:29 pm:**

Go to Chesskid, Login, Click on "PLAY" on the left menu, Click on "PLAY FAST" and you should see the tournament listed in the far right Chat Box where you can click "JOIN". Once you join the event, do not leave the "FASTCHESS" console – it will start games automatically and each subsequent round will begin automatically once all the games from the round are complete.



### **Grand Prix Points:**

Players will accumulate their scores for each week over the 6-week series and will have opportunities for bonus points. Finishing 1st place in an event earns 5 bonus points, 2nd place - 4 bonus points, 3rd place - 3 bonus points, 4th place - 2 bonus points and 5th place - 1 bonus point. On ties, bonus points will be added together and split evenly.



### **Prizes will be awarded at the end of the 5-week series (no tournament on Dec. 25):**

- 1st place -3rd place will win a unique chess set provided from the collection of Mr. Prosser. Pictures will be posted in ChessKid Club. 1st place will choose their prize first, then second, then third.



### **Standings will be posted weekly on our website News at [www.nashvillechess.org](http://www.nashvillechess.org)**





## 2021 NASHVILLE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING EVENTS

*(QUALIFIERS OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS – MUST LIVE WITHIN 50-MILE RADIUS OF THE NCC TO QUALIFY)*

**Event #1** – Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM CST - Chess.com

**Three (3) Qualifying Spots!**

**Event #2** – Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM CST - Chess.com

**Two (2) Qualifying Spots!**

### Details:

- Chess.com – G/15 + 5 – 5-Round Swiss
- Need 10 players to hold 5-rounds (less than 10 would shorten event)
- Must be member of the private group – Nashville Chess Center on Chess.com - Fair Play Rules Agreement Required
- **Entry Fee:** \$25.00 to NCC Members, \$30 to non-members
- (Paid on [www.nashvillechess.org](http://www.nashvillechess.org) or Venmo to Todd-Andrews-15)
- Must ZOOM in – will send private ZOOM link
- **1<sup>st</sup> tie-break:** Head-to-Head then USCF: Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative
- **Prizes:** 1st Place (25%) – U/1800 (15%) – 60% towards 2021 City Championship
- In the event that defending champion chooses not to play, both events have three (3) qualifying spots
- 2021 Nashville City Championship Closed – February 2021 (Virtual/IN Person TBD)
- **Contact: Todd Andrews (615) 693 – 1535 – NashvilleChess@gmail.com**

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## From the President's Desk

I do want to thank everyone for putting trust in my ability to do a good job for the Tennessee Chess Association. I do promise to be an active board member and would like to echo what former President Todd Andrews mentioned last year: that he expects everyone that is serving on the board to be active as well. My reason for running was to help make Tennessee chess grow. What do I bring to the board? I bring to the board a lot of experience, from serving on the board of the New York State Chess Association and being an employee of US Chess. Having said that, I am just one person on the board. We all must be committed to help grow Tennessee chess.

There are things we can do as an organization to help chess in this state. I know we are a long state from Bristol to Memphis but I am asking all of us from different regions to work together. Whether we are from the same region or different regions, we are one organization and I would like each and every one of us to do our part for the Tennessee Chess Association. I am committed, at least for the next year, to do whatever it takes in whatever area of the state you live in. We have an obligation when we have events whether it is online, which we have right now (Thank you Covid!) or when we get back to over-the-board chess, to help publicize those events. I would like the regional directors and scholastic coordinators to work together to help put on the best possible event in their area.

I want to help grow your region from clubs to tournaments, so we can help grow Tennessee chess. So, what can YOU do to help make the Tennessee Chess Association better? To paraphrase the late President John F. Kennedy, ask not what the Tennessee Chess Association can do for you, ask what you can do for the Tennessee Chess Association. In the coming months, I will reach out to many clubs throughout the state to see what is working and what is not working. We are here for you!

I can be contacted at any time for any comments or suggestions. Feel free to reach out to me.

Yours for Tennessee chess,

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## **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 16, 2021 - 2021 TN Open State Chess Championship  
Deadline September 1, 2021- 2022 TN All-Girls State Championship  
Deadline September 1, 2021- 2022 TN Senior Open  
Deadline September 1, 2021- 2022 TN Winter Open  
Deadline September 1, 2021- 2022 TN Home School State Championship

The Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for inductions to take place at the 2021 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 the members of the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee:

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