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News

Bryce Tiglon Grandmaster

Flash

Congratulations to Bryce Tiglon of Woodinville, Washington, who recently became the Pacific Northwest's newest Grandmaster! Bryce achieved his third and final GM Norm at the recently concluded Chessable Sunway Sitges International Chess Festival, which took place from December 12-22, 2023 in Barcelona, Spain. Along the way, Bryce scored an undefeated 7.5/10 points in Group A, including victories against GM Jingyao Tin (2573) and GM H. Bharath Subramaniam (2504).

Bryce is currently in college at Stanford University, where he is pursuing a double major. With this fantastic performance, Bryce becomes the second grandmaster ever from Washington State since Yasser Seirawan achieved the title in 1980!

Congratulations to Bryce!
Cheers,
Josh



WA Junior Open & Reserve CHESS TOURNAMENT

Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 15th, 2024

Interlake High School

16245 NE 24th St. Bellevue, WA 98008



CLASSICAL SECTIONS

Open 1500+, Reserve U1500

A 4-round G/50; +5 Swiss in two sections. Longer time control for Intermediate to Advanced players. Players rated 1400+ may play up into Open section for an additional \$20. Dual NWSRS and US Chess Rated; US Chess membership required. Rounds: 9:15am, 11:15am, Lunch Time, 1:30pm, 3:30pm. Awards ~ 5:45pm. Armageddon playoff if needed to break tie for 1st Place in Open section immediately following the last round: G/10 white, G/8 black with draw odds.

RAPID SECTIONS

K-1 U700, K-3 U800, K-8 U900 K-12 U1200, K-3 Open, 4-12 Open

A 5-round G/25; +5 Swiss in five sections. Shorter time control for players of all levels. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45am, Lunch Time, 12:45pm, 2:15pm, 3:45pm. Awards ~ 5:15pm.

ALL SECTIONS

NWSRS Rated. Open, Reserve U1500, and U1200 sections are also US Chess rated, which requires clocks, notation, and US Chess membership. The U700, U800, and U900 sections don't require clocks or notation, but a clock set for 10 minutes + 5 sec. increment will be placed in unfinished games after 35 minutes of play. All equipment is provided by WCF.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all juniors under age 21 years of age as of the tournament date. Out-of-state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE

\$45 by Jan. 8th, \$55 after. Room for 320 players.

AWARDS

Section Prizes: Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each section:

1st – 10th: \$65-\$60-\$55-\$50-\$45-\$40-\$35-\$30-\$25-\$20.

Team Prizes: Amazon Gift Cards awarded to the top 4 players from the top 5 finishing teams (top 4 scores from same school comprise team score) across all sections: 1st – 5th: \$30-\$25-\$20-\$15-\$10.

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-time players, best female player (by TPR), and biggest upset win.

RATING

Highest of January US Chess Regular or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

THE DETAILS

Online Registration:

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/
Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal.

100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Sun. Jan 14th @ 5:00pm. No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players by the deadline will be withdrawn from the tournament.

Highest finishing WA resident in the Open section seeds into the Premier section of the 2024 WA State Championship, and the Closed section of the 2025 WA Junior Invitational.

This event is a qualifier for the WA State Elementary Championship on May 4, 2024, in Kennewick. Players scoring 2.5+ points in the 4-round sections or 3.0+ points in the 5-round sections will qualify for State.

Pizza lunch and other concessions will be available for purchase on site.

Questions? Contact Rekha Sagar, rekha4chess@gmail.com or WCF President Josh Sinanan, washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com
Cell: 206.769.3757

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLASTIC

CHESSTOURNAMENT

President's Day Monday, February 19th, 2024

Chinook Middle School

2001 98th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



DUAL-RATED

SECTIONS

K-2 Open, 3-12 U1200,

3-6 Open, 7-12 Open

A 5-round G/25; +5 Swiss. For advanced beginner to advanced players. Dual Northwest and US Chess Rated. US Chess membership required. **Clocks and notation required.** All equipment is provided.

NW-ONLY SECTIONS

Kindergarten, 1-2 U700,

3-4 U700, 5-12 U900

A 5-round G/30 Swiss. For novice to intermediate players. Northwest rated only. US Chess membership not required. No clocks used from the start, but a 10-minute clock with 5-sec increment will be placed into unfinished games after 35 minutes of play.

SCHEDULE

Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45am, Lunch Time, 12:30pm, 1:45pm, 3:00pm. Awards presentation ~ 4:30pm or asap.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12. Out-of-state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE

\$45 by Feb. 12th, \$55 after. Room for 250 players.

AWARDS

Section Prizes: Amazon e-gift cards awarded in each section:

1st – 10th: \$65-\$60-\$55-\$50-\$45-\$40-\$35-\$30-\$25-\$20.

Team Prizes: Plaques awarded to the top 5 finishing teams (top 4 scores from same school comprise team score) across all sections.

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-time players, best female player (by TPR), and biggest upset win.

RATING

Higher of US Chess February regular or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

THE DETAILS

100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Sun. Feb. 18th @ 5:00pm. Unpaid players by the deadline will be withdrawn from the tournament.

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

This event is a **qualifier for the WA State Elementary Championship** on May 4, 2024, in Kennewick. Players scoring 3.0+ points will qualify for State.

Online Registration:

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/
Pay by
Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

Pizza lunch and other concessions will be available for purchase on site.

Questions?

Contact Rekha Sagar, WCF Vice President: rekha4chess@gmail.com or Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757, washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com



Washington Winter G/60 Championship



Saturday, January 20th, 2024

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

Contact: Josh Sinanan,
WCF President, 206-769-3757
WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Registration: Online at
nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration.
Online registration and payment
deadline @ 5pm on Friday,
January 19, or else register at
site. Pay by
Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

Byes: One half-point bye
available; if interested, request
before end of round 2.

Format: A 4-Round Swiss in two sections:
Premier & Challengers U1600.

Time Control: G/60; +5 sec. increment.

Entry Fee: \$40 if postmarked or online by 1/13, \$50 by
1/19, \$60 at-site. \$10 play-up fee for those rated 1500+
wanting to play in Premier section. Free entry for GMs,
IMs, WGMs, WIMs.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sat. 9-9:45am.
Rds: 10 AM, 1 PM, 4 PM, 7 PM. Awards ~ 9:30 PM or asap.

Prize Fund: \$1,300 (based on 60 paid entries).

Premier: 1st-3rd: \$200, \$170, \$140. 1st U1900/U1700: \$100
Challengers U1600: 1st-3rd: \$150, \$120, \$90.
1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$60. 1st Unrated: \$60.

Eligibility: Open to all junior +
adult players.

Memberships: Current US
Chess and WCF
membership/Northwest Chess
subscription required.
Memberships must be paid at
time of registration.

Rating: Dual NWSRS + US Chess
Rated. Higher of January US
Chess regular or current NWSRS
rating will be used to determine
pairings and prizes.

WASHINGTON PRESIDENT'S CUP



SAT-SUN, FEBRUARY 24-25TH, 2024

LAKE SIDE UPPER SCHOOL

14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125

Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open section seeded into the 2025 Washington State Championship – Invitational section.

Format: A 5-round Swiss in two sections:

Washington (1600+): NWSRS, US Chess & FIDE Tri-Rated.

Lincoln U1600: NWSRS & US Chess Dual-Rated.

Schedule: Saturday 10 AM, 1 PM, 6 PM; Sunday 10 AM, 3:30 PM. Closing Ceremony: Sunday ~ 7:30pm or asap. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: Rd. 1: G/60; +15. Rds. 2-5: 40/100, SD/30, +15. Late default: 60 min.

Prize Fund: \$3,500 (based on 100 paid entries)

Washington: 1st-6th: \$450-375-300-225-150-125.
1st U2000/U1800: \$100

Lincoln: 1st-4th: \$325-250-175-125.
1st U1400/U1200/U1000: \$100; 1st Unrated: \$70

Special Prizes (per section): **Biggest Upset Win:** \$10/round, **Best Female Player** (by TPR): \$25, **Best Dressed:** \$20/day, **Best Senior Players** (50+ & 65+, by TPR): \$25, **Biggest USCF Rating Gain:** \$25, **Best Annotated game:** \$25. Minimum of 3 qualifying players per section for best female/senior player to be awarded.

Entry Fee: \$70 by 2/17, \$80 after. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs. Players rated 1400+ (in both NWSRS + USCF) may pay an extra \$40 play-up fee to play in Washington section. Maximum of 150 players – please register early to reserve your spot.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership/Northwest Chess subscription required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request before end of round 2.

Rating: US Chess and NWSRS Rated. Washington section is also FIDE Rated. Higher of February US Chess Regular or current NWSRS rating used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. If ratings differ by >200 pts., the avg. of current NWSRS and Feb. US Chess regular rating will be used.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration
Registration and payment **deadline: Fri. 2/23 @ 5pm.**
Payment via Zelle/PayPal (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (ID: @WACHess) available.

In case of a tie for 1st place, a future follow-up playoff match will determine the seed for the Invitational section of the 2025 Washington State Championship.

Info/Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

Mail To: Washington Chess Federation
c/o Orlov Chess Academy, 4174 148th Ave. NE,
Building I, Ste. M, Redmond, WA 98052

Contact: Josh Sinanan, WCF President

Phone: 206-769-3757

Email: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

2023 Challenger's Cup Scholastic

Josh Sinanan

The 2023 Challenger's Cup Scholastic chess tournament was held on Saturday, November 4, at Chinook Middle School in Bellevue. Chinook is located atop Clyde Hill and conveniently accessible from the 520 freeway. There's definitely no shortage of chess activity in the area, especially considering Medina Elementary about a mile away which has a chess club of 170 kids! A total of 152 scholastic chess players in grades K-12 participated from throughout the Pacific Northwest, including 28 from just Medina Elementary! Other schools bringing sizable contingents of players included Open Window (8), Bellevue Children's Academy (5), Ben Rush (5), Fernwood (5), Chestnut Hill Academy (4), Jing Mei (4), Kokanee (4), and Somerset (4).

The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation and directed by WCF Community Outreach Liaisons Shri Humrudha and Suresh Balaji with assistance from WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua, high school chess stud Kai Pisan, WCF Women's and Girl's Chess Director Chouchan Airapetian, and Chess Mom Gelareh Golanbar. Amazing photos were taken throughout the day by Ani, Chouchan, and WCF Tournament Valentin Razmov. The five-round Swiss format featuring a time control of game in twenty-five minutes with a five-second increment appealed to both novice players and seasoned veterans alike. To ensure competitive balance for players of all ages and levels, the tournament was split into five sections: K-1 U800, 2-3 U800, K-3 Open, 4-8 U1000, and 4-12 Open.

Several side activities we also featured throughout the day to provide entertainment for parents and kids alike during the rainy day of chess. Face painter extraordinaire Gabby Carrillo was on-site for a few hours providing kids (and parents) with her amazing face painting designs! Local Magician Rich Waters stopped by for a few hours during lunch hour to perform some close-up magic tricks and balloon twisting on the stage next to the parent waiting area. Finally,

local fifth grader Apollo Yen set up his Half Price Bricks table to transform old, used Legos sitting in storage bins into newly packaged sets with which another child can fall in love. Needless to say, there was plenty to do at Chinook besides playing chess during that rainy Saturday in early November!

Congratulations to the courageous chess warriors who participated, eighteen for whom it was their first ever chess tournament! Our vibrant chess community continues to thrive as we kick off the start of the new scholastic chess season. Special recognition is due to our Amazon Gift Card prize winners:

Challenger's Cup Scholastic Prizes

Individual Prizes - Amazon Gift Card Prizes awarded in each section.

1st \$70, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$50, 4th \$40, 5th \$30.

Section	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place
K-1 U800			Dhruv Bangard Skyler Qin Aria Ajay Yuwen Qu Ayaansh Agrawal		
2-3 U800	Rachit Shah		Alice Li Derek Huang Satvik Verma Aadya Karanam		
K-3 Open	Terrick Evin - Wins free entry into 2023 SPFNO!	Sambuddha Sekhar Das Yugo Bandai		Adith Vijay	Leonid Zandanov Elijah Edwin Lewis Ma Harvey Wang Hengsheen Wang Jizhou He David Pan Julian Chen
4-8 U1000	Abhay Lizon		Hanson Li Benjamin Olson Isaac Friedenson Devin Wang		
4-12 Open	Rhadean Rubaiyat - Wins free entry into 2023 SPFNO!		Aadi Hetamsaria Bichen Liu Dheeran Koripella Rian Raja Yang Xu		

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-time players, best female player, and biggest upset win.

Top player (by TPR) in each of the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections wins free entry into the 2023 SPFNO!

Section	Best Female Player	Biggest Upset Win
K-1 U800	Edda Wang	Vihaan Nair
2-3 U800	Siana Razmov Vivienne Luo Luna Lin Oas Mittal	Emma Li
K-3 Open	Alisa Rachiba	Kyle Jiang
4-8 U1000	Allison Deng Ella Lo Adrina Berjis	Manya Srivastava
4-12 Open	Niharika Vutukuri	Priyadarshi Lahiri



The Inland Classic

February 24 – 25, 2024

Presented by the Spokane Chess Club

Location: Lakeland Junior High

15601 N. Highway 41, Rathdrum, ID

I-90 to Exit 7 Post Falls, ID. Head north on Highway 41 (10 minutes) to Rathdrum

Registration: via telephone or email only; **CLOSES** 10 pm February 22, 2024.

Rounds: 10-2:30-7; 9-1:30 or ASAP. **Time control:** G/115, d5. **Entry fee:** \$30 adults, \$25 under 19. Telephone and email entries accepted (can pay at door – cash or check only). All registrants must check in by 9:40 unless a first-round bye was granted.

\$1750 GUARANTEED prize fund. Class prizes based on at least 5 per class; classes may be reconfigured if less than five class entries. Only one prize per player (excluding biggest upset). NS, NC, W. One ½-point bye available if requested by end of round 3. Director reserves the right to use class pairings in final round.

PRIZES

FIRST -- \$400

SECOND -- \$270

THIRD -- \$150

Class Prizes: Top Expert \$100

\$100 first, \$70 second: A; B; C; D & under/unrated.

Biggest Upset prizes: \$100 & \$50 (non-provisional ratings).

Entries: Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo N. 9923 Moore, Spokane, WA 99208-9339.

For information or to enter please call (509) 270-1772 or write kmkorsmo@comcast.net

Check website for updates: www.spokanechessclub.org

Inaugural Veterans Day Open

Josh Sinanan

On Veterans Day, Saturday November 11, the Seattle Chess Club, Washington Chess Federation, and Puget Sound VA Chess Club teamed up to co-host the inaugural Veterans Day Open at El Centro de la Raza, a multicultural center located in the Beacon Hill neighborhood of Seattle. The venue was located adjacent

to the Beacon Hill Light rail station, which made it a convenient and easily accessible location for adult chess players from far and wide.

A robust number of nearby coffee shops and food options offered players and spectators many choices for recharging between rounds. A fantastic

turnout 101 adult chess players of all levels from novice to master participated from throughout the Pacific Northwest, from cities including Everett, Lake Stevens, Dupont, Snoqualmie, Kirkland, Tacoma, Mukilteo, Chehalis, Marysville, Tulalip, Seattle, Renton, Auburn, Lacey, Sammamish, Silverdale, Lynnwood, Shelton, Des Moines, Brier, Bothell, Shoreline, Tenino, Bellevue, Edmonds, Kent, Edgewood, Gig Harbor, Tamuning (GU), Buckley, Redmond, Fremont (CA), Spokane, Federal Way, University Place, and Oak Harbor! The event was organized by VA Puget Sound Chess Club President Olin Martin with support from Seattle Chess Club President John Selsky, WCF President Josh Sinanan, and WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua.

Special thanks to Tim Dalton and his team from Fast Signs for designing all the amazing signage and chess posters featured throughout the playing hall. Meiling Cheng, our event photographer and videographer, went above and beyond to produce some amazing photos and video footage capturing key moments of the rapid and blitz games alike. We'd also like to thank Raphael Neff from Chess House for the generous chess equipment donation, including a customized wooden chess board for the top-scoring Veteran! Special recognition goes to Dr. Reddy and his family for their support in helping us secure a site for this event when original plans to host it at the VA Medical Center fell through. The Veterans Day Open came to fruition thanks to the vision and leadership of one man—Olin Martin—who worked tirelessly to make it all happen. Many thanks to all the players, volunteers, and tournament staff who came out and supported this event. We were blown away by the fantastic turnout and hope to make the Veterans Day Open even bigger and better next year!

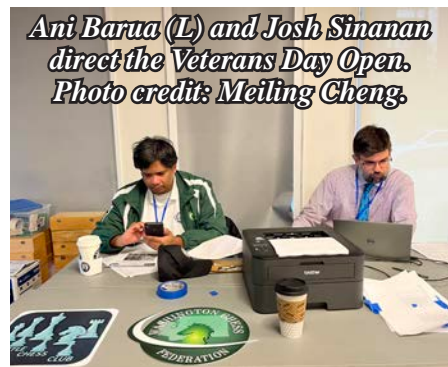
The day-long chess event featured an intense schedule of five rapid games in one

Veterans Day Open: Open

#	Name	Rating	Cls	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize
1	Vinesh Ravuri	2320		W22	W5	W9	W14	W2	5	1st - \$600
2	Siddarth M. Sundaram	2462		W30	W17	W3	W8	L1	4	=2nd/3rd: \$225 each
3	Timur Aliyev	2305		W23	W12	L2	W11	W14	4	=2nd/3rd: \$225 each
4	Ryan W Porter	2251		W24	W21	L8	W19	W12	4	=2nd/3rd: \$225 each
5	Michael Adarlo	2108	V	W7	L1	W18	W9	W8	4	=2nd/3rd: \$225 + Top Veteran
6	William J Schill II	2273		H---	W27	L14	W25	W19	3.5	
7	Konrad Goc	1491		L5	X37	D28	W29	W13	3.5	1st U1700 - \$200
8	Tian Sang	2352		W15	W11	W4	L2	L5	3	
9	Daniel Shubin	2173		W18	W13	L1	L5	W20	3	
10	Michael S Oshiro	2137		W32	L14	W30	L13	W24	3	
11	Bayram Turapov	2120		W25	L8	W16	L3	W26	3	
12	Pranav Senthilkumar	2083		W31	L3	W24	W17	L4	3	
13	Leonid Gavrysh	1990		W34	L9	W26	W10	L7	3	
14	Andrew Fletcher	1890		W35	W10	W6	L1	L3	3	
15	Kenneth Severson	1781		L8	L25	W31	W32	W27	3	
16	Te Wei	1629	F	H---	H---	L11	W34	W25	3	
17	Matt Wilber	2136		W33	L2	W23	L12	D18	2.5	
18	Eli Williams	1617		L9	W35	L5	W30	D17	2.5	
19	George Garest	unr.	V	D29	W36	W20	L4	L6	2.5	2nd Top Veteran
20	Franz Keller	unr.		D36	W29	L19	W28	L9	2.5	
21	Jonathan Molod	2014		W26	L4	L25	L24	W29	2	
22	Gilbert B Lomboy	1757	V	L1	L26	W33	L27	W32	2	
23	Chad Boey	1756		L3	W31	L17	L26	W33	2	
24	Daniel Aisaka	1624		L4	W34	L12	W21	L10	2	
25	George Oliver	1528		L11	W15	W21	L6	L16	2	
26	Christopher Pleasants	1428		L21	W22	L13	W23	L11	2	Tied 1st U1500: \$100
27	Walter Guity	1333		W28	L6	L29	W22	L15	2	Tied 1st U1500: \$100
28	Roger Hanson	2000		L27	W32	D7	L20	---	1.5	
29	Rogelio Zaragoza	1894		D19	L20	W27	L7	L21	1.5	
30	Hillel Shirman	1819		L2	W33	L10	L18	D31	1.5	
31	Steve Beltran III	1460		L12	L23	L15	B---	D30	1.5	
32	Ralph Anthony	1580		L10	L28	W35	L15	L22	1	
33	William Dann	1547		L17	L30	L22	W35	L23	1	
34	Juergen Werner	1268	V	L13	L24	B---	L16	L35	1	
35	Koby Portes	unr.		L14	L18	L32	L33	W34	1	
36	Rich Lavoice	1865		D20	L19	---	---	---	0.5	
37	Paul Lazarte	1773		U---	F7	---	---	---	0	

day, each spaced an hour and 15 minutes apart with a short break for lunch between rounds two and three. The field was split evenly between three sections, with 37 players in the Open, 41 in the Reserve U1400, and 28 in the Rising (unrated) section. A generous donation from Olin's friend Joanne, who works for Netflix, provided a substantial \$5,400 guaranteed prize fund despite the affordable entry fee structure of \$35 for adult non-Veterans, \$20 for college students, and free entry for Veterans.

The event was open to all adults 18+, which made for a pleasant and quiet atmosphere and fostered a type of camaraderie between fellow adult chess players that is rarely seen in events where there are kids around. Besides the main tournament, which was played as a five-round rapid Swiss with a time control of G/15;+10, the event also featured a challenging Mate in two puzzle raffle competition, and a free seven-round blitz tournament in the evening. Top-finishing players and prize winners were honored in an awards ceremony around 5 PM just after the last round. Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic event. We look forward to hosting more Veterans Day Opens in the years to come!



Ani Barua (L) and Josh Sinanan
direct the Veterans Day Open.
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Veterans Day Open: Reserve U1400												
#	Name	Rtng	Cls	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize		
1	George Michailov	1184		W38	W17	W7	W19	W3	5	1st - \$400		
2	Ryan Barquest	unr.		W24	D20	W12	W4	W9	4.5	2nd - \$350		
3	Jim Huang	1232		W22	W32	W9	W6	L1	4	Tied 3rd/U1300: \$250		
4	Artin Tajdini	1059		W40	W18	W20	L2	W19	4	Tied 3rd/U1300: \$250		
5	Benjamin A Jarrell	unr.		W21	L7	W24	W11	W13	4			
6	Christian Ian Catayas	unr.	V	W25	W12	W10	L3	W14	4	Top Veteran		
7	Jeffrey M Burgert	1338		W35	W5	L1	D8	W15	3.5			
8	Matthew Duran	947	V	W33	L10	W18	D7	W20	3.5	1st U1100 - \$200 + 2nd Top Veteran		
9	Daniel Lopez	1360		W30	W14	L3	W27	L2	3			
10	Vahe Gul	1343		W31	W8	L6	L15	W29	3			
11	Steve Shuman	1310	V	W16	W23	L19	L5	W30	3			
12	Kyle Boddy	1285		W37	L6	L2	W35	W31	3			
13	Max McCall	1204		H---	H---	W29	W23	L5	3			
14	Isaac Woodson	1028	V	W41	L9	W35	W17	L6	3			
15	Jack Dunham	938		L18	W39	W32	W10	L7	3			
16	Will Clausen	511		L11	W26	L21	W34	W25	3			
17	Alexander Alvarado	unr.		W27	L1	W25	L14	W24	3			
18	Takoda Baltunis	unr.	V	W15	L4	L8	W28	W27	3			
19	Andrew Goupinets	unr.		W29	W34	W11	L1	L4	3			
20	Austin Wentz	1318		W36	D2	L4	W31	L8	2.5			
21	Sean Coburn	1110	V	L5	L35	W16	D22	W34	2.5			
22	Shenghao Qin	unr.		L3	L28	W26	D21	W35	2.5			
23	Misganaw Chekole	unr.		W26	L11	W28	L13	H---	2.5			
24	Lebron Sims	997	V	L2	W36	L5	W32	L17	2			
25	Brooks Carlston	989		L6	W37	L17	W40	L16	2			
26	Alexander Blue-Day	988		L23	L16	L22	W37	W40	2			
27	Christian Jordan	966		L17	W38	W33	L9	L18	2			
28	Matthew McKendry	948		L32	W22	L23	L18	W41	2			
29	Shen Gong	868		L19	W41	L13	W33	L10	2			
30	Nathaniel Walker	823	V	L9	L33	W38	W41	L11	2			
31	Ross Cubbon	785		L10	W40	W34	L20	L12	2			
32	Alexander Young	unr.		W28	L3	L15	L24	W38	2			
33	Jose Vespucci	unr.		L8	W30	L27	L29	W36	2			
34	Jeff Klink	1100		W39	L19	L31	L16	L21	1			
35	Jeffrey Dunaway Jr	763		L7	W21	L14	L12	L22	1			
36	Thomas Cadwallader	711		L20	L24	L40	B---	L33	1			
37	Sam Hunt	509	V	L12	L25	B---	L26	---	1			
38	Ryan Norman	unr.		L1	L27	L30	W39	L32	1			
39	Tyler James	unr.	V	L34	L15	L41	L38	B---	1			
40	Kyle Arvila	unr.		L4	L31	W36	L25	L26	1			
41	Thomas Darnell	unr.		L14	L29	W39	L30	L28	1			

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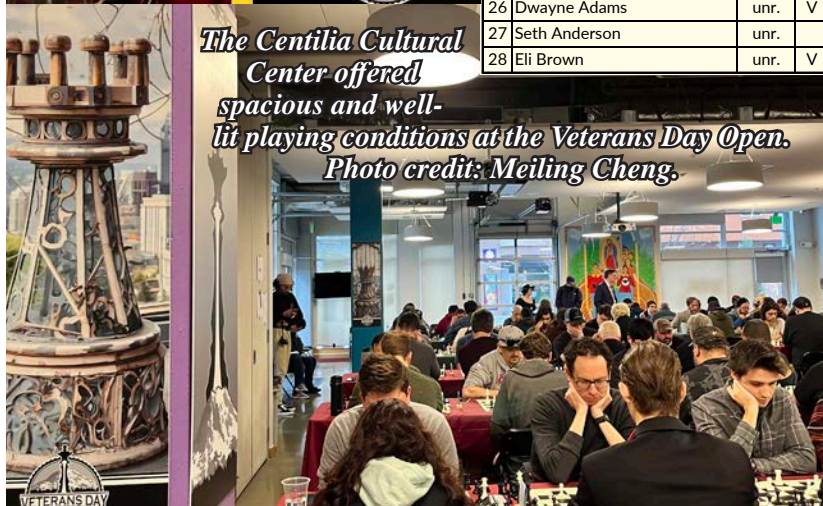
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A massive rook on a poster created by Tim Dalton using AI towers over the Rising section players at the Veterans Day Open.
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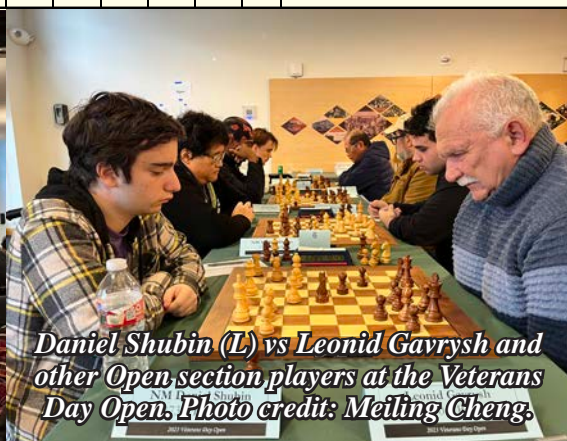
The Centilia Cultural Center offered spacious and well-lit playing conditions at the Veterans Day Open.
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Veterans Day Open: Rising

#	Name	Rtng	Cls	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Prize
1	Erkan Chabuk	unr.		W12	W3	W8	W6	D2	4.5	Tied 1st/2nd: \$363
2	Kurt Von Laven	unr.		W5	W18	W7	W13	D1	4.5	Tied 1st/2nd: \$363
3	Maxence Frenette	unr.		W17	L1	W26	W15	W6	4	Tied 3rd/4th: \$250
4	Eli Reich	unr.		L6	W9	W20	W8	W10	4	Tied 3rd/4th: \$250
5	Jackson Lucy	unr.		L2	D12	W16	W11	W13	3.5	5th - \$150
6	Conner Jones	unr.		W4	W25	W10	L1	L3	3	
7	David Brysiuk	unr.		W11	D22	L2	W14	D12	3	
8	Eric Tobiason	unr.	V	W28	W26	L1	L4	W15	3	Top Veteran
9	Beau Collins	unr.		L26	L4	W19	W25	W17	3	
10	Ben Cavanagh	unr.		W16	W15	L6	W18	L4	3	
11	William Boyer-Montgomery	unr.		L7	W17	W23	L5	W18	3	
12	Molly Hubbard	unr.	F	L1	D5	W21	X22	D7	3	
13	Lucas Giacalone	unr.		H---	W21	W22	L2	L5	2.5	
14	Stephen Yang	unr.		D21	W16	L15	L7	W20	2.5	
15	Alex Pennington	unr.		W19	L10	W14	L3	L8	2	
16	Christina Kim	unr.	F	L10	L14	L5	W21	W25	2	
17	Ignacio Monterrubio	unr.		L3	L11	X28	W26	L9	2	
18	Catherine Liguori	unr.	F	W20	L2	W25	L10	L11	2	
19	Tim Dalton	unr.		L15	L20	L9	B---	W23	2	
20	Natalie Alvarado	unr.	F	L18	W19	L4	W23	L14	2	
21	Ramunas Wierzbicki	unr.		D14	L13	L12	L16	W26	1.5	
22	Jonathan Frost	unr.	V	W23	D7	L13	F12	---	1.5	2nd Top Veteran
23	Uyen Bui	unr.	F	L22	W28	L11	L20	L19	1	
24	Christian Chavez	unr.		U---	B---	---	---	---	1	
25	Scott Jordan	unr.		X27	L6	L18	L9	L16	1	
26	Dwayne Adams	unr.	V	W9	L8	L3	L17	L21	1	
27	Seth Anderson	unr.		F25	---	---	---	---	0	
28	Eli Brown	unr.	V	L8	L23	F17	---	---	0	

Daniel Shubin (L) vs Leonid Gavrysh and other Open section players at the Veterans Day Open. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



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The playing hall at the Veterans Day Open featured wooden DGT boards, courtesy of WCF, for players in the Open section. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



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As a non-profit organization, Washington Chess Federation (WCF) and its customers have perennially struggled with paying exorbitant fees to PayPal or other payment processing platforms for tournament registrations, membership renewals or even accepting payments for food at WCF hosted tournaments. A lot of WCF's processes revolving around managing memberships, subscriptions and renewals have also been manual, cumbersome and time consuming.

This partnership with SettleKing will provide the following benefits: 1. **Automatic Membership management** along with automatic notifications and reminders free of charge. 2. Players will be able to **register for tournaments** or **pay membership** fees on NWChess.com by paying via their self-funded SettleKing Wallet. 3. **SettleKing saves thousands of dollars** for non-profits such as WCF with their free wallet to wallet transfers and nominal one-time fixed fee for deposits and withdrawals. 4. Unlike PayPal, your refunds processed (for withdrawals from tournaments) via SettleKing **won't incur any additional processing fees**.

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Thank you for your continued support. Best Chess Regards, WCF & SettleKing

Veterans Day Open: Blitz


#	Name	Rtng	Cls	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot	Prize
1	Siddarth M. Sundaram	2462		W16	W24	W4	W5	D2	W10	W6	6.5	1st - \$160
2	Vinesh Ravuri	2320		W33	W22	W6	W7	D1	W3	D10	6	2nd - \$120
3	Vignesh Anand	2130		W28	W13	L7	W25	W16	L2	W15	5	=3rd - \$20
4	Bayram Turapov	2120		W18	W15	L1	W26	L7	W12	W17	5	=3rd - \$20
5	Michael Adarlo	2108	V	W19	W37	W10	L1	W8	L6	W7	5	=3rd - \$20
6	Pranav Senthikumar	2083		W29	W32	L2	W20	W18	W5	L1	5	=3rd - \$20
7	Andrew Fletcher	1890		W40	W21	W3	L2	W4	W11	L5	5	=1st U1900: \$25
8	Chad Boey	1756		W30	L10	W28	W19	L5	W27	W18	5	=1st U1900: \$25
9	Daniel Aisaka	1624		W42	L11	L19	W30	W28	W16	W20	5	1st U1700 - \$50
10	Tian Sang	2352		W17	W8	L5	W12	W11	L1	D2	4.5	
11	William J Schill II	2273		W38	W9	D12	W27	L10	L7	W22	4.5	
12	Jonathan Molod	2014		W34	W25	D11	L10	W36	L4	W24	4.5	
13	Te Wei	1629	F	W41	L3	L18	W39	W26	L17	W27	4	Top Female
14	William Dann	1547		L21	W31	W30	L16	L19	W40	W29	4	
15	Daniel Lopez	1360		W23	L4	D36	D31	W24	W19	L3	4	Tied 1st U1500/U1300/1100: \$25
16	Walter Guity	1333		L1	W39	W32	W14	L3	L9	W25	4	Tied 1st U1500/U1300/1100: \$25
17	Austin Wentz	1318		L10	W40	L22	W43	W37	W13	L4	4	Tied 1st U1500/U1300/1100: \$25
18	George Michailov	1184		L4	W42	W13	W22	L6	W25	L8	4	Tied 1st U1500/U1300/1100: \$25
19	Artin Tajdini	1059		L5	W43	W9	L8	W14	L15	W26	4	Tied 1st U1500/U1300/1100: \$25
20	Corey Wukelic	897		L22	W33	W37	L6	W23	W36	L9	4	Tied 1st U1500/U1300/1100: \$25 + Biggst Upset win - \$40
21	George Garest	unr.		W14	L7	L25	L37	W39	W38	W33	4	1st Unrated - \$50
22	Gilbert B Lomboy	1757	V	W20	L2	W17	L18	D27	W33	L11	3.5	
23	Maxence Frenette	unr.		L15	W29	L26	D33	L20	W35	W36	3.5	
24	Rogelio Zaragoza	1894		W39	L1	L27	W40	L15	W28	L12	3	
25	Selina Cheng	1478	F	W35	L12	W21	L3	W31	L18	L16	3	
26	Vahe Gul	1343		W36	L27	W23	L4	L13	W31	L19	3	
27	Jeffrey M Burgert	1338		D31	W26	W24	L11	D22	L8	L13	3	
28	Max McCall	1204		L3	W41	L8	W32	L9	L24	W40	3	
29	Isaac Woodson	1028	V	L6	L23	L40	W41	W43	W37	L14	3	
30	Nathaniel Walker	823	V	L8	W38	L14	L9	L35	W34	W39	3	
31	Koby Portes	unr.		D27	L14	W35	D15	L25	L26	W37	3	
32	Kyle Arvila	unr.		B---	L6	L16	L28	L40	W41	W38	3	
33	Kyle Boddy	1285		L2	L20	W41	D23	W34	L22	L21	2.5	
34	Brooks Carlston	989		L12	D35	W38	L36	L33	L30	W41	2.5	
35	Christian Ian Catayas	unr.	V	L25	D34	L31	L38	W30	L23	W43	2.5	
36	Ramunas Wierzbicki	unr.		L26	B---	D15	W34	L12	L20	L23	2.5	
37	Ralph Anthony	1580		W43	L5	L20	W21	L17	L29	L31	2	
38	Juergen Werner	1268		L11	L30	L34	W35	X42	L21	L32	2	
39	Christian Jordan	966		L24	L16	W42	L13	L21	W43	L30	2	
40	Jack Dunham	938		L7	L17	W29	L24	W32	L14	L28	2	
41	Tyler James	unr.		L13	L28	L33	L29	B---	L32	L34	1	
42	Andrew Goupinets	unr.		L9	L18	L39	B---	F38	---	---	1	
43	Thomas Darnell	unr.		L37	L19	B---	L17	L29	L39	L35	1	

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Registration: Online at
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Saturday, February 24**, or else
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Eligibility: Open to all junior +
adult players.

Format: A 9-Round single Swiss in one
section.

Time Control: G/3; +3 sec. increment.

Schedule: At-site registration: Sun.
6:45-7:30 PM.
Rds.: 7:45 PM, 8, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15,
9:30, 9:45 PM. Awards ~ 10 PM.

Prize Fund: \$600 (based on 50 paid
entries).

1st – 3rd: \$130-100-70. 1st Unrated: \$50.
1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200:
\$50

Entry Fee: \$20 if postmarked or online by
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Byes: Three half-point byes available; if
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Memberships: Current US Chess and
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Prizes and Awards: 7:30pm



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Rounds times: 6 rounds, **(25 min + 5 sec increment)** ~Net 30 minutes per side, from 10:00am – 7:00pm

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Jan 7, Feb 4

Format: 4-SS. **TC:** G/50;+10. **EF:** \$18 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** 1st 35%, 2nd 27%, Bottom Half 1st 22%, 2nd 16% (\$10 per EF to prize fund). **Reg:** 10:30-11:15 a.m. **Rds:** 11:30-1:50-4:10-6:30. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Sunday Tornado

Jan 20, Mar 3

Format: 4-SS. Open to U1200 and UNR. **TC:** G/60;+15. **EF:** \$20 (-\$2 SCC members). **Prizes:** SCC membership(s). **Reg:** 9-9:45a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:45-3:30-6. **Byes:** 1 (Rd 3/4—commit at reg.). **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

SCC Novice

Jan 21 *New Date*

Format: 5-RR in 6- or 5-player sections. **TC:** G/20;+8. **EF:** \$12 (+\$6 fee for non-SCC). **Prize Fund:** \$54 b/6. **Prizes:** \$36-18. **Reg:** 12-12:45 p.m. **Time Frame:** 1 to ~6:30 p.m. **Byes:** 0. **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

G/20 Hexes

Jan. 27-28

Format: 4-SS, open to those born before 1/29/2006. **TC:** G120; +30. **EF:** Free for SCC members. \$12 for non=members. **Prize Fund:** \$320 gtd. **Prizes:** \$100-70, U1800 50, U1600 45, U1400 40, U1200 & Unrated 15. **Reg:** Sat. 10-10:45 a.m. **Rds:** Sat. 11-4:30, Sun. 11-4:30. **Byes:** 1 available. Rounds 3 or 4 must commit at registration. **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC. *Sponsored by Henry Yan.*

SCC Adult Swiss

Feb 3, Mar 2

Format: 3-RR, 4-plyr sec. by rtg. **TC:** G/100;+15. **EF:** \$9 (+\$7 fee for non-SCC). **Prizes:** Free quad entry. **Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10:00-2:15-6:30. **Misc:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS, NC.

Saturday Quads

Seattle City Championship

January 13-14

A five-round Swiss with a time control of G/75;+30. The prize fund of **\$620** is based on 26 paid entries, 3 per prize group.

First	\$150	Class C	\$70
Second	\$100	Class D	\$60
Class A	\$90	Class E & Under	\$50
Class B	\$80	Unrated	\$20

EF: \$45 (\$34 for SCC members) if received by 1/5. Thereafter, \$57 (\$46 for SCC members).

Reg.: Sat. 9-9:45am. **Rds:** Sat. 10-2-6, Sun. 11-3.

Byes: 2 (Sun. rds, commit at reg.). **Misc.:** US Chess memb. req'd. NS. NC.

