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Upcoming Events

TCCL BANQUET	APR 12
ST OLAF OPEN	APR 14
MINNESOTA CLOSED	MAY 4-6

Northern Chess News

WINTER OPEN The 2007 Winter Open was a great success. There were a total of 102 competitors in three sections (Premier, Reserve and Tornado). The youngster MICHAEL YANG captures a clear first in the Premier section with 4.5 of 5 points scored, surpassing such notables as NM Ed Zelkind and IM Victor Adler. His only draw was with NM Ed Zelkind, and he did not meet Victor head to head as the IM lost early to Medhat Feshir! Congratulations MICHAEL!!

A newcomer, EFRAIN E MARQUINA-LOZANO captured the Reserve section with a perfect 5-0 record.

TWIN CITIES CHESS LEAGUE

“Oldies But Goodies” take the crown at the Twin Cities Chess League by edging out last year's champ “Eight Feet”. The two teams were tied in match points, (5.5), Oldies with 19.5 game points to Feet's 18.5.

In the Swiss section, “Isolated Pawn Storm” wins with 6 match points and “Gloryhole” in second with 5.5. These two teams will advance to the Round Robin section next year.

MINNESOTA OPEN Victor Adler played a nice attacking final round game to defeat Ed Zelkind, taking first place at this year's Minnesota Open.

MN SCHOLASTIC

In the Senior High Section, Kevin Wasiluk and Michael Yang are Co-Champions with perfect scores; while Southwest takes the team award with 20 points..

In the Junior High Section, Mathew Dahl goes undefeated (5.5-0.5) to lead the field; while Metcalf Junior High takes the team award with 18.5 points.

MSCA EVENTS

12 APRIL (Thursday Evening)

TCCL BANQUET

**Site: Olive Garden, 1525 County Road C
Roseville, Minnesota (651) 638-9557**

The league banquet will be at the same location as last year. Plan to arrive by 6 pm for dinner, which will be a la carte. Just let us know you are coming; no need to prepay (each table will order separately).

Please RSVP to Shu Lee at shu@scjima.com or 612-598-7213 by Wednesday, April 11. We will have dinner and a short awards ceremony. Please join us!

4-6 MAY 2007 (Friday – Saturday – Sunday) MINNESOTA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

SITE: Midland Grove Condominium-Party Rm.
Midland Grove Road, Roseville MN 55113.

5RR Tournament by invitation only. 3 Sections
Premier & Amateur rounds are Fri-Sun 5/4-5/6
at 7, 10-4:30, 10-4:30. TL: 40/2 SD/1.

Reserve rounds are Sat-Sun 5/5-5/6 at 10-2:30-7
10-3 TL: All/2.

The tournament will be in the Midland Grove Condominium Party Room in the North Bldg. Enter MG complex off the corner of Co Rd B and Cleveland, and go straight as far as you can, then curve right. When you see the tennis courts, you know you are at the right place. The building is the one next to the tennis courts.

SCHEDULED EVENTS OF MSCA AFFILIATES

31 MARCH (Saturday)

ST CLOUD AREA K-12 CHESS TOURNEY

Site: North Jr. High, 1212 29th Ave N. St Cloud
EF: \$15. Check in and registration from 8:00-8:30AM. Registrations after 8:30AM will miss Round One. Round One starts at approximately 9:00AM. Approximate ending times: [Grades K-6 2:00PM] [Grades 7-12 3:00PM] Bring your own chess board (if you have one) with standard pieces and mark your name on the box.

It is OK to bring a bag lunch. For further information and pre-registration contact Mary Heiner @ 320-529-6500 ext 6259 or mary.heiner@isd742.org or Ed Conway @ conwayed@comcast.net

1 APRIL [Chess Castle] (Sunday)

APRIL SUNDAY SPEEDO Unrated

REG 1:30-2:00PM start ASAP, NS.

Games and Format dependent on turnout.

TL: White G/6min+3sec Black G/4min+3sec
w/draw odds. EF: \$10 PZ 50% Entries.

7-8 APRIL [Chess Castle] (Sat & Sun)

APRIL THINK

7-SS 4 games Sat, 3 games Sun. TL: G/60+15 sec delay. PZ:(b/25) \$150-\$100-\$70; and “under” prizes of \$50 and \$25 for each of three groups. Limit of two half-point byes for any round, must be requested when entering. EF: \$35. Note: Bring your clock, as our supply is limited. REG: 9-9:50 am. RDS: 10-1-3:30-6:30, 12-2:30-5. NS USCF/MSCA.

14 APRIL (Saturday)

THE ST OLAF OPEN

Two Sections: Open & U1600; 4-SS, TL: G/60 +15sec delay. EF:\$30@site; \$25 rec’d April 7
Prizes: Guaranteed Open: \$200,\$100, class prizes. Under 1600: \$150,\$75, Class prizes based on entries. 90% all entries as prizes. REG: 8:30 – 9:15 am. RDS: 9:30-12-2:30-5.
Entries: Mail to, Richard DuRocher, 716 Greenvale Ave., Northfield MN 55057. Questions: Contact durocher@stolaf.edu, or telephone 507.645-9249. Web search **St. Olaf** for college/area maps. NS, Wheelchair accessible

15 APRIL [Chess Castle] (Sunday Evening)

THE RIVER STYX X’QUADS

Before you cross the river “STYX”, you must give the boatman his due ... or is that the IRS. 3-RR TL: G/40 + 5 sec delay. EF: \$20. PZ: \$40 for first per quad. REG 4:30-5pm. RDS 5-6:30-8. NS USCF/MSCA.

21 APRIL [Chess Castle] (Saturday)

APRIL SPEED DEMONS

14-SS TL: G/10 EF: \$20. Prize fund is 80% of (entries minus \$80), with at least one class prize. REG: 9-9:50 am. RDS: Every 15 min, lunch after six games. With a smaller field, you’ll play two games against each opponent instead of one. NS USCF/MSCA. See Chess Castle on last page for site/contact info.

29 APRIL [Chess Castle] (Sunday)

SUNDAY SPEEDO Unrated

REG 1:30-2:00PM start ASAP, NS. Games and Format dependent on turnout. TL: White G/6min+3sec Black G/4min+3sec

w/draw odds. EF: \$10 PZ 50% Entries.

5 MAY [Chess Castle] (Saturday)

CINCO DE MAYO X’QUADS

3-RR TL: G/60+15 sec delay. EF: \$20. PZ: \$40 for first per quad. REG 9-9:50am. RDS 10-12:30-4. NS USCF/MSCA.

13 MAY [Chess Castle] (Sunday)

MAY SPEED DEMONS

14-SS TL: G/10 EF: \$20. Prize fund is 80% of (entries minus \$80), with at least one class prize. REG: 11-11:50 am. RDS: Every 15 min, break after six games. With a smaller field, you’ll play two games against each opponent instead of one. NS USCF/MSCA. See Chess Castle on last page for site/contact info.

19-20 MAY [Chess Castle] (Sat & Sun)

MAY THINK

7-SS 4 games Sat, 3 games Sun. TL: G/60+15 sec delay. PZ:(b/25) \$150-\$100-\$70; and “under” prizes of \$50 and \$25 for each of three groups. Limit of two half-point byes for any round, must be requested when entering. EF: \$35. Note: Bring your clock, as our supply is limited. REG: 9-9:50 am. RDS: 10-1-3:30-6:30,12:30-3-5:30. NS USCF/MSCA.

CHESS CLUBS

Chess Castle of Minnesota

6020 Nicollet Avenue South, Minneapolis

Open 6:30pm Mondays, 7:00 Thursdays, with events on most weekends.

Regular Chess events are USCF rated, and include:

Monday Speed Demons:

8SS, TL: G/5, Reg: 6:30-7:15pm. Clocks start 7:15pm [done by 10PM]. EF: \$10. PZ: 60% entries awarded as prizes, depending on participation.

Thursday Knights:

4 or 5 SS running each Thursday of the month, starting at 7:30 p.m. TL: Game/2 hrs. EF: \$13. REG: First Thursday. PZ: Winners get free or reduced entry next month and a point towards the Club Championship. Most games completed by 11:00.

The Chess Club of Minnesota

The club offers chess activities at various locations, including free casual chess on Monday nights at Borders Book Store in Minnetonka. Chess is also held on Wednesday nights at locations in Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, and Maple Grove. Check the web site for dates, times, and locations.

The Chess Club of Minnesota (continued)

The club is now offering more regular, organized events. The Chess Club strives to fill a niche in the local chess market, offering free casual chess to adults and kids alike, at various locations, with occasional tournaments and events. Most events are offered in faster time controls, typically G/20 or faster, with occasional slower time control competitions as well. Some are USCF rated, most are not. For more information, visit www.mnchess.com, or e-mail Igor Rybakov at igor_rybakov@yahoo.com or Pat LaVone at pat@mnchess.com

Mankato Chess Club . 3:30 - 6:00 PM Fridays. Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, CSU Building #202, 220 Centennial Student Union, Mankato,. Contact Phone 507-327-0338. Contact: John Flores 111 Chapman Rd # 2, Mankato, MN, 56001. Email: fiore@fiorechess.org. Web Site: www.fiorechess.org. Club Membership Not Required. Casual Play, USCF Rated Events, Unrated Events, League Play, Matches, Classes Offered, Private Lessons Offered, Under Age 18 Welcome, Beginners Welcome, Handicap Accessible, Also meet on Thursdays at 703 North Broad, Mankato MN at 6:00 p.m..

Granite City Chess Club. St. Cloud. Informal play. Meets Tuesdays 6:30pm/Thursdays 1pm at the Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive. Contact Russ 320.256.7316.

Hutchinson. Meets Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at Hutchinson Mall (Hwy 15 South). Unrated Chess. Contact Tom Pohlen (320) 587-6342.

Twin Ports Chess Club. Meets Monday nights 6:00-10:00 PM at the Superior Senior Citizens Center, 1527 Tower Ave. Superior, WI 54880. Contact Marv Mattson (club **president**) at **715.372.4802**.

Rochester. Meets Fridays at 6:30 pm in the Peace United Church of Christ, 1503 2nd Ave NE. Rochester, MN. Contact Kevin Gaustad at 507.281.4592

Redwood Falls (The Chess Fiends) At the Calf Fiend Café in Redwood Falls from 5-11 on Mondays. The location is a bit noisy; bring ear-plugs for those that this bothers, but otherwise very nice. Contact jkanne@means.net for additional information.

U of M Chess Club. At U of M Mpls Campus. A student run club that is open to people of all ages and skill levels. Meets Wednesday 4-9 PM in Coffman Memorial Union. For more info go to their fine site, www.tc.umn.edu/~chess or e-mail to chess@umn.edu

Instruction (continued)**FIDE Master Alex Balandin:**

Offers chess lessons for players rated 1000 and above. Over 10 years experience teaching in the US including coaching Sunny Hollow Elementary, Plymouth Middle School, and the University of St Thomas Chess Teams. My student have consistently ranked in the top of their respective age groups. If you are interested in improving your game, contact me: (612) 382-4768 or e-mail @ cynicalodessit@usa.net

Chess lessons with **National Master John Bartholomew**. Especially interested in working with motivated junior players during the summer. Call: (651) 454-4397

Women's FIDE Master Serafima (Sima) Tsyganova:

A professional coach with 30+ years teaching experience, Sima has coached many students who now play in international tournaments, including the World, European, and Russian championships. Two of most prominent students, Ryazantsev and Krivoborodov Egor became grandmasters by the age of 15. You can contact Sima @ serafima31@yahoo.com

Master Ed Zelkind

If you're serious about your game and want expert advice on how to eliminate your weaknesses and improve upon strengths, Ed's private chess coaching is exactly what you're looking for. Ed will break down your game to its basic components, and show you where and how to improve your skills. Through analysis and examples using the great players and games in history, Ed will shed light on the seemingly "mysterious" aspects of chess that aren't so mysterious once you understand the basic philosophies behind them. Contact @ eazineag@unique-software.com

National Master Bill Harrison, 15 years teaching experience. Available days/nights/weekends. Individual or group rates. Call (612) 306-5560.

Instruction**The Chess Doctor:**

Diagnosis and Treatment by **International Master Victor Adler**. Call: (952) 891-8053, or e-mail at VCADLER@MNINTER.NET Offers lessons for players of all levels. Over 20 years experience in training beginners, Masters and Grandmasters. I will determine your strengths and weakness and design a plan for an independent study after 2-3 lessons. Reasonable rates, Russian accent and a lot of attention are guaranteed.