Dear Washington Chess Players,

On behalf of the Washington Chess Federation, you are cordially invited to play in the 2011 WA State Championship, set to take place February 12-13 and 19-21 at the Seattle Chess Club.

**Format:**

Three invitation-only 10-player Round Robins by rating: Championship, Premier, and Invitational. The field of each section will be determined by seeding and by the highest rated players to respond to this invitation based on the January 2011 USCF rating list. All sections will be USCF rated; the Championship and Premier will be also be FIDE rated. Fred Kleist will be the TD for all three sections.
 **Time control:**

40/2, SD/1 with a 5-second delay.

**Entry Fee:**

Free!

**Schedule:**

Rounds 1-8: Feb. 12, 13, 19, 20 at 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
Round 9: Feb. 21 (President's Day) at 5:00 PM.
The drawing of lots will take place Feb. 5 at 5:00 PM at Crossroads Mall in Bellevue.  Attendance is optional, though encouraged.

**Site:**

Seattle Chess Club, 2150 N 107 St. Seattle, WA 98133

**Prize Fund:**

The initial prize fund for each section is guaranteed by the WCF, and will be increased based on donations.
Championship: $1500, Premier: $1000, Invitational: $500
Prize distribution (each section): 1st 45%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%, 5th 5%
Brilliancy Prizes: $300 ($100 for best game in each section)
Prize winners must annotate at least one game for *Northwest Chess* before checks will be mailed.  The winner of the Championship section receives the title of Washington State Champion.

**Seeds:**

Championship:

FM Costin Cozianu 2557 (Open Champion)
NM Howard Chen 2323 (State Champion)
NM Harley Greninger 2197 (Championship runner-up)
NM Dereque Kelley 2189 (Premier Champion)
Igor Ummel 2083 (Junior Closed Champion)

Premier:

FM Curt Collyer 2269 (Championship 3rd Place)
Randy Dean 2123 (Premier runner-up)

Invitational:

Roland Feng 2017 (Invitational runner-up)
Mark Smith 1907 (Senior Champion)

Kate Tokareva 1794 (Women's Champion) **Registration:**

Please register online at <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/> or reply to this e-mail.  See the list of invited players sorted by rating. To confirm or decline, just click on your name, then Register, enter your password, then select Confirmed or Declined, then Submit 3 times. If you are on the list of invited players, please confirm your ability to play on the web site. We typically have several high rated players decline, and many times we reach down into the 1800s. We will take the top 30 rated players who confirm by the **deadline of Jan 31st**.

Questions?

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