

CENTRAL OREGON CHESS CLUB

Now meeting at Whispering Winds
 2920 N.E. Conners Avenue
 Bend, OR 97701

Schedule on Thursdays:

6:00 p.m. until finished: Chess Club Activities

(Please note registration and round times on nights with tournaments or other organized events, per the fliers describing those events in the following pages.)

January – February Thursday Night Club Activities

January 25 Casual Club Play resumes.

February 1 to 29 Leap Year Open tournament (one round per week)

Note: Up to 2 of 5 rounds could potentially be cancelled due to insufficient number of players, or due to bad weather. Check for email updates and/or call or text Eric at 541-213-9275.

TOURNAMENTS!

February 1 to 29 Club tournament (see above and see flyer)

February 17 (Saturday) Possible tournament at the Bend Methodist Church

Paul would like to know: Due to the time limitations at the church, do you prefer four rounds at G/45, or three rounds at G/60? We only had four players for the tourney in November. Should we change the format? Or should we find a different weekend site? Or wait until spring for better weather? Please respond to Paul Shannon (NTD), countdune@netscape.net. If we do schedule a Saturday tournament in February, we'll get the notice out soon. It will not affect the Thursday evening tournament at the club.

About future rated tournaments:

The club will sponsor U. S. Chess rated tournaments regularly, both in the club, and occasional weekend events (usually one day on a Saturday). We will have such events going forward, including Saturday events, and likely rated tournaments in the club at least once per calendar quarter. Rated events require current U.S. Chess memberships for all players (may be purchased at registration). They also require adherence to the more formal tournament rules (use chess clocks, touch move, keeping score, etc.). If you need to review those, drop by the club. We will also answer rules questions during the announcements at the tournament before the start of the first round.

In most tournaments, all players play all rounds, unless a bye is requested. No one is eliminated by a loss. But if you find you must miss a round or leave the event early, be sure to tell the tournament director. For multi-week tournaments at the club, call or email a message to the tournament director if you find you are sick or have an unexpected conflict. That way you won't be paired, so no player will have to win by forfeit, and thus not get an official rated game.

About future chess classes:

We are working on a new plan for chess instruction connected to the club. Topics could include in depth topics like middle game themes, types of chess openings, types of chess endgames, contributions to chess theory of the older chess masters, and chess traps, pitfalls, and swindles (how to spot and avoid such). Suggestions about how to best provide for such instruction would be welcome! Club members who would like to teach newer players should mention that to the club director, as we get frequent requests for such instruction.

For more information:

Please direct any questions to the former vice-president, Paul Shannon, countdune@netscape.net. We also maintain a large email list for chess information and announcements (usually monthly). Please let us know if you would like to be added to that list.

Leap Year Open Club Tournament

Thursdays, Feb. 1 to 29, 2024 (5 nights)

Whispering Winds

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Bend, Oregon 97701

Entry Fee: \$10 (Cash or check - not set up for cards)

Registration: 6:00 - 6:30 February 1

**Play starts: 6:45 each Thursday. Must arrive or
call/text by 6:40 to avoid bye or forfeit.**

Rounds: One game each week.

U.S. Chess Rated - U.S. Chess Membership required.

***** GET A CHESS RATING! FREE ENTRY TO FIRST TIME U.S.
CHESS MEMBERS JOINING AT TOURNAMENT SITE
(also for those rejoining after five years or more). *****

**Five Rounds - Game in 1 hour (60 minutes), delay 5.
Swiss pairings in one section. Bring your friends!
Maximum of two half-point byes can be requested.
Check email or call/text Eric for any cancellations.**

\$\$Prizes\$\$

**Winner will be awarded a free entry in any club sponsored
tournament in the next year!**

More prizes could be added if enough players.

**Entries or Info.: Eric Holcomb (Club TD)
(541) 647-1021 or (541) 213-9275
Use the 213 mobile number for texts.
eric@holcomb.com**

**Alternate TDs: Paul Shannon (NTD)
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