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Seattle Seafair Open



July 12-13, 2025
Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



Co-hosted by Seattle Chess Club and Washington Chess Federation

Format: A 5-round, dual US Chess + FIDE Rated Swiss in two sections: **Open and Premier U1600.**

Entry fee: \$100 by 7/5, \$120 after. \$30 discount for SCC members. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1400-1599 USCF and playing in Open section. Free entry for all Seafairers rated 2200+ USCF. Open to all junior + adult players. Maximum of 190 players, please register early!

Schedule: Arrival: 9-9:45am. Rounds: Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 6pm. Sunday: 10am, 2pm.
Closing Ceremony + Seafair Blitz: ~ 6pm or asap.

Time Control: G/75; +30. Late default: 30 minutes.

Rating: Dual-Rated in US Chess and FIDE. July 2025 US Chess rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Accelerated pairings may be used to reduce the number of potential perfect scores.

Memberships: US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; must be paid at the time of registration.

Prize Fund: \$4,500 based on 100 paid entries.

Open: 1st– 4th: \$600-500-400-300, 1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$160.

Premier U1600: 1st– 4th: \$400-300-230-180, 1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$160. 1st Unrated: \$100.

Special Prizes (per section):

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Byes: Up to 2 half-point byes available; if interested, requested before the end of round 2.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by Credit/Debit, PayPal/Zelle (ID: washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com), Venmo (@WACHess), SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), or write a check to Washington Chess Federation. **Payment due upon registration; players listed as unpaid for more than 3 days after registering will be withdrawn from the tournament. Registration + payment deadline: Fri, July 11 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline.

Seafair Blitz: Sunday 6-9pm (after rd. 5 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$25. **Format:** A 9-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual US Chess Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/5; +3. **On-site registration:** 5:00-5:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 6pm, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 8:20, 8:40pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 9pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of July 2025 US Chess Blitz or Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes. **Prize Fund: \$800** (based on 60 paid entries)

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St. Anne Celtic Challenge

Spring 2025

Josh Sinanan

The Spring 2025 edition of the St. Anne Celtic Challenge took place on Sunday, March 16, at St. Anne School in the swanky Queen Anne suburb of Seattle. A healthy showing of 129 scholastic chess players in grades K-10 participated in the event, with a large percentage turning out from nearby Seattle neighborhoods.

The field was split across five sections parsed by grade and rating: K-1 U700, 2-3 U700, K-3 Open, 4-8 U900, and 4-12 Open. The biannual St. Anne Celtic Challenge chess tournament remains a popular event for many on the local chess "circuit" due to its later start time, efficient schedule, and excellent organization on behalf of the parent volunteers.

Instead of beginning early in the morning, the Celtic Challenge begins on Sunday afternoon, which makes it much more palatable for out-of-region players who value their beauty sleep!

Despite an over-saturation of scholastic chess tournament scheduled in March, the event still did well attendance-wise and drew from a large swath of towns including Bothell, Shoreline, Redmond, Seattle, Bellevue, Everett, Sammamish, Issaquah, Lake Forest Park, Renton, Kirkland, Snoqualmie, Maple Valley, Fircrest, Clyde Hill, University Place, Gig Harbor, Belfair, Mercer Island, Olympia, Milton, Medina, and Kenmore. Several teams turned out in masse to vie for one of the five coveted



(L) Aditi Abhishek and Joey Santiago carefully check the squares around the black king, in view of the impending promotion of White's a-pawn. Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

team trophies, with Clara Barton, St. Anne, Somerset, Thurgood Marshall, Medina, and Heatherwood Middle bringing sizable posses!

The St. Anne organizers strive to create a relaxed tournament atmosphere and foster good sportsmanship on the part of the players, which is regularly emphasized and encouraged throughout the event! As for the games themselves, there is never any shortage of excitement due to the diversity of levels and playing styles on the part of the youngsters taking part in the proceedings. In the 4-12 Open section, at least one game routinely went the distance each round, often finishing just minutes before the start of the next round.

The St. Anne Celtic Challenge was hosted by St. Anne School, organized by St. Anne Chess Club Coordinators Carlee Thorrington & Arlene Kelly, paired by WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua, and directed by WCF President and St. Anne Chess Coach Josh Sinanan.

St. Anne Celtic Challenge Prizes

Trophies awarded to the top 10 scoring players in each section.

Trophies awarded to the top 5 finishing teams.

Team Score consists of the top 4 scores from same school across all sections.

Medals for first-time tournament players who do not earn a trophy.

Individual Trophies

Place	K-1 U700	2-3 U700	K-3 Open	4-8 U900	4-12 Open
1st	Max Wang	Lucas Shing	Skyler Qin	Mithran Anbuselvam	Karsh Havaladar
2nd	Ryder Li	Nolan Yin	Eason Chen	Mihir Mallapragada	Ian Gagnier
3rd	Oishani Ghosh	Marco Cauch-Miller	Anay Dharamshi	David Hoffman	Gavin Shi
4th	Ian Dwyer	Gordon Dai	Samik Kulkarni	Jacob Rish-Brown	Ziliang Ma
5th	Pavel Sterba	Pavithran M. Sundaram	Jonathan Wu	Alexander Pressley	Vishnu Mohan
6th	Smith Thorrington	Edda Wang	Patrick Zhang	Vitaly Astafiev	Aiden Zhu
7th		Vivienne Luo	Ryan Zhang	Muchen Zhou	Guru H.R. Avula
8th		Kristina Velichko	Leonard Bach Hoang	An Le	Snehil Ghosh
9th		Erik Kotsinyan	Varun Bolisetty	Tejal Guruswamy	Varshith Reddy Avula
10th		Joseph Santiago	Alice Li	Shaurya Dattani	Dmitriy Bondar



*Snehil Ghosh (L) vs Rishuraj Kumar and other top boards of the 4-12 Open section during round one.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.*

Assistant judges Selina Cheng and Angela Agaian were instrumental in ensuring that the tournament ran smoothly. Meiling Cheng took amazing photographs throughout the day and Chouchan Airapetian was also present to offer her advice and words of encouragement.

The tournament was held once again in honor of Coach Chris Hurley (1965-2020), who founded the St. Anne Chess Club and built up the St. Anne and Seattle Prep chess programs from scratch. Many thanks to the amazing chess families and volunteers who contributed to this fantastic event!

Congratulations to the winners.

Team Trophies			
Place	School	Players	Score
1st	Clara Barton ES	Mihir Mallapragada (725) 4.0, Snehil Ghosh (1432) 3.5, Anay Dharamshi (1270) 3.5, Varun Bolisetty (1159) 3.0	14
2nd	Somerset ES	Aiden Zhu (1363) 4.0, Eason Chen (1013) 4.0, Peter Luo (1176) 3.0, Zhining Zhang (127) 2.5	13.5
3rd	Open Window	Skyler Qin (1117) 4.5, Alice Li (846) 3.0, Vincent Gu (1092) 2.5, Luna Lin (1042) 1.5	11.5
4th	Heatherwood MS	Mithran Anbuselvam (897) 5.0, Rishuraj Kumar (987) 3.0, Ishayu Sinha (969) 1.5, Adheesh M. Sundaram (959) 1.5	11
5th	Kokanee ES	Vishnu Mohan (1632) 4.0, Samik Kulkarni (854) 3.5, Ishana Datta (762) 2.0, Ridhima Suram (518) 1.0	10.5

A Conversation with Mani, FIDE Arbiter

Ken Lee

Manunthon (or Mani to her friends) Atikankhotchasee (MAH-noon-ton AH-tee-kahn-KHOT-cha-see) is one of the newer faces to the Pacific Northwest chess community.

The translation of her name gives us just a hint of what makes this young woman so remarkable.

In Thai, her name means “A person who finds deep joy in their homeland and carries a strength greater than that of the mighty elephant and lion.”

It’s hard to believe that someone who started learning chess at the age of 21 went onto to compete on the international chess stage with such success.

Meet Mani, a hyper-accelerated hero from Thailand whose journey is anything but ordinary.

Despite discovering chess relatively late, Mani earned many prestigious titles including WFM (Woman FIDE Master), FA (FIDE Arbiter), and FI (FIDE Instructor), and proudly represented Thailand in four Olympiads.

She went on to found her own chess school, where she taught over 200 students, including children with ADHD and autism, inspiring them through joyful and resilient learning.

For more than eight years, chess was her full-time profession until the pandemic led her into law, where she briefly worked as a lawyer. Now based in Seattle as a student, Mani continues to blend strategy, heart, and purpose into everything she does.

At the 2025 Washington Open, I had the opportunity to chat with Mani about fear, what makes a good Arbiter, and the value of solving puzzles throughout your life.

Ken: Mani, I understand that you started playing chess a bit later in life.

Mani: Yes, unlike many of the kids today who started when they were quite young, I started playing chess when I was 21 years old.

Ken: What motivated to you to start playing chess?

Mani: Free food!

Ken: Interesting! What do you mean by that?

Mani: I was already part of the Championship Air Pistol team at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand.

We were a very strong team. But I heard that there was an opportunity to play on the chess team and that they provided free food to competitors.

Ken: The free food was enough to keep you motivated?

Mani: Actually, I found out also that there were potential scholarships involved with chess, so I jumped at the chance to get involved. Law school is very expensive and so I had to find alternative ways to pay my tuition.

Ken: So how did you learn to play so quickly?

Mani: A friend taught me just seven days before the Olympiad chess tournament in Istanbul. I practiced and

joined the Thai National Team.

Ken: Wow, you made the National Team after only one week of study?

Mani: Well yes and no. I took sixth place, and they only took the top five members to the Olympiad.

The following year, I went on to the University Games and I became champion my first year.

Ken: Why do you think you progressed so quickly in chess?

Mani: Ever since I was young, I was highly driven and competitive. I think I took to chess so quickly because I was clever and I had a mix of fear and no fear.

Ken: What do you mean by that?

Mani: When I was eight years old, I met a fortune teller with my brother. The fortune teller shocked our family when he told my brother that he was going to die in a train accident at the age of 15. He also told me that I would die in a car accident at the age of 25.

Unfortunately, the prediction about my brother was accurate. My brother did indeed perish in a train accident.

Ken: I’m so sorry. That is quite shocking. How did you react?

Mani: I was very upset about the loss of my brother. It also made me very aware of my own morality because I had to live my life for the next 17 years with this dark prophecy hanging over my head.

Ken: Clearly the thought of mortality shaped and informed your personality.

Mani: Yes. I was convinced that I was going to die at a very young age. So, I adopted a kind of a “no fear” mentality about everything. I would try and do crazy things because I figured that life was so short. I was determined to try everything.

When I was younger, I got into a lot of trouble.

“I think chess players develop a great ability to solve problems and puzzles. I want to encourage them to use that same capacity to work through and solve difficult problems, in their own life.”



Photo courtesy of Manunthon Atikankhotchasee.

But as I got older, I kept using that motivation to fuel my desire to be the best.

Ultimately, that's what propelled me to compete on the national Air Pistol team and eventually the national chess team of Thailand.

Ken: What happened after your 25th birthday when you realized that the fortune teller was wrong?

Mani: Well, one of the first things I did was I learned to drive a car! I figured since the prediction was wrong, I could start living a new kind of life.

Ken: Was it liberating for you?

Mani: Yes and no. After I passed 25 and I became a top chess player in

Thailand, I became a little bored. I felt, for a while, that I was getting lazy.

Ken: Is that how you changed your direction to become a FIDE Arbiter?

Mani: Not exactly. I became a FIDE Arbiter because of a unique opportunity that was presented to me.

A sponsor told me that I could participate in more tournaments if I learned to become an Arbiter. If I was an Arbiter, the tournament fees would be waived.

Ken: So, again money was a motivating factor?

Mani: Yes, but also my boyfriend at the time was an Arbiter and he seemed to enjoy that role a great deal.

Ken: How did you become a FIDE Arbiter so quickly?

Man: I was a lucky to meet and work with FIDE Master and International Arbiter Peter Long from Malaysia. He was teaching a seminar in Thailand about how to become a FIDE Arbiter, and the organization needed a translator who understood chess.

Ken: So, you stepped forward with your "no fear" attitude?

Mani: Yes. When I think about it, that's one of the qualities that I think makes a great Arbiter.

You have to be fearless.

Ken: What do you specifically mean by that?

Mani: A great tournament is run with excellent time management. A well thought out and accurate start and end time makes a big difference in the quality of a tournament.

What I mean about being fearless is that you have to approach a tournament, big or small, with the attitude that you are going to get it done and that you are going to solve any problem that comes your way.

Ken: What other qualities do you think one needs to become a good Arbiter?

Mani: I think having a quick and agile mind is helpful. I also think that having a facility for numbers and logic are required.

Even though some people might think coming up with pairings is just mechanical, it also involves split second judgement as well. In our community, people understand the subtle nature of pairings and think of it as mix of science and art.

Ken: How did you connect with the Washington Chess Federation?

Mani: About two years ago, I began my studies in Global Business at the University of Washington.

That's when I entered my first tournament in Seattle. At the time, my English skills were rather limited, but I did make some connections early on.

Ken: When did the WCF realize who you were and your formidable credentials?

Mani: At my second tournament, I met Ani Barua. He found out that I was a WFM and that I worked as a FIDE Arbiter. I told him about the FIDE tournaments I worked at throughout Asia and Europe.

Ken: He must have felt like he struck gold.

Mani: Well the feeling was mutual.

Ani introduced me to National Master Josh Sinanan, President of the WCF and things progressed rather quickly.

Ken: You've worked at hundreds of tournaments and seen thousands of chess competitors. In your opinion, what makes the Pacific Northwest a unique community?

Mani: I lived in Norway for a time and the climate in the Pacific Northwest reminds me of Norway.

What I think makes the Pacific Northwest unique is how so many cultures from South Asia, Asia, Europe, Russia, and throughout the USA blend so effortlessly. It's a unique environment and I think the Pacific Northwest can take enormous pride in what they have accomplished.

It makes me smile when I see kids from different cultures playing, discussing chess, and getting along in such a cheerful manner.

Ken: Do you have some advice for chess players in general?

Mani: At one point, I've had as many as 200 chess students in Thailand. I've also seen thousands of competitors throughout the years.

My main advice is this.

Just get a little bit better every day to enjoy a career in chess.

If you are winning too much you are going to get bored. If you are losing too much, you are going to get frustrated. So just concentrate on the idea of small incremental growth every day.

Ken: I've noted that you worked with many students who have ADHD or who are on the Autism spectrum.

Can you tell me what specific benefits you have witnessed that chess provides to the neurodiverse community?

Mani: In Thailand, I've had the privilege of working with many neurodivergent children, some with very significant challenges, and seen them rise to become national players and even represent Thailand at the Chess Olympiad.

What I truly love is utilizing chess as a means to help neurodivergent children develop better social skills. The benefits have been so tangible that some parents have come to me in tears to thank me for my work.

Ken: What specific benefits did you note?

Mani: *Increased focus and a calm state of mind.* Every child sat still, quietly focusing through all seven rounds of a full-day chess tournament. For children with ADHD or autism, this is a remarkable sign and a promising first step in safe and structured social participation.

Increased friendships from every game interaction.

Parents often tell me that their child finds it easier to make friends at chess tournaments compared to the classroom. They build friendships with kids by comforting each other after a loss. They also cheer each other's wins and have even asked me to assist their opponents.

These small acts of kindness become profound steps in the cognitive and emotional development for neurodivergent children.

Ken: That's amazing. Any final thoughts to our chess community?

Mani: I think chess players develop a great ability to solve problems and puzzles. I want to encourage them to use that same skill to work through and solve difficult problems in their own life.

Ken: Can you expand on that idea?

Mani: If you think of life as a series of puzzles to be solved rather than a series of obstacles to overcome, I think it changes your mindset.

I think solving problems and puzzles becomes a joyful activity and can create real positivity and growth in human beings. And it's also good to remember the motto, "No Fear!"





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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

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FORMAT

A 7-Round G/25; +5 Swiss
in four sections:

K-3 U700

4-12 U900

K-3 Open

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 – 9:00am

Rd 2 - 10:30am

Rd 3 - 11:45am

Lunch

Rd 4 - 1:30pm

Rd 5 - 2:45pm

Rd 6 - 4:00pm

Rd 7 – 5:15pm

Awards ~ 6:30pm

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in
grades K-12 as of the
2024-25 school year. Out-
of-state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE

\$45 before 8/7, \$55 after.
Maximum of 80 players.
Please register early to
guarantee your spot.

AWARDS

Amazon Gift Card Prizes
awarded in each section:
1st – 5th: \$65, \$60, \$55, \$50,
\$45. Medals for first-
timers, biggest upset win,
and best female player.

RATING

Dual NWSRS and US
Chess rated, with US
Chess membership
required in all sections.
Higher of current NWSRS
and US Chess Regular
August 2025 rating will be
used to determine section
and pairings.

REGISTRATION

Register online at
NWChess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

**100% preregistered, no on-site entries or
payments. Entry + payment deadline Fri.
August 15th @ 5pm.** No registrations
accepted or refunds offered after the
deadline.

CLOCKS + NOTATION

Chess clocks set to G/25; +5 will be used
from the beginning in all games. Chess
notation required in all sections except
for K-3 U700. All equipment is provided
courtesy of WCF.

QUESTIONS?

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SEATTLE CHESS CLASSIC



SAT-SUN, AUGUST 16-17, 2025

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Format: A 6-round Swiss in two sections:

Tiglon Open & Seirawan U1600.

Maximum of 110 players, please register early to guarantee your spot.

Schedule: Rounds (6): Sat/Sun @ 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: G/90; +30 sec increment.

Late default: 30 minutes.

Prize Fund: \$6,500 (based on 100 paid entries)

Tiglon Open:

1st – 3rd: \$730 - 640 – 550.

1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$400.

Seirawan U1600:

1st – 3rd: \$500 - 425 – 375.

1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$300.

1st Unrated: \$200.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$40 per round

Best Female Player (by TPR): \$100.

Best Senior Player (by TPR): \$100.

Best Dressed: \$25/day.

Entry Fee: \$125 by Aug 9, \$150 after. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1500-1599 USCF and playing in Tiglon Open. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, or US Chess 2300+. 50% discount for Seniors (50+).

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

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required, other states accepted. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Rating: Triple Rated NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Highest of August 2025 US Chess Regular or current NWSRS rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

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SEATTLE CLASSIC SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



FORMAT

A 4-round G/45; +5 Swiss in four sections:

K-3 U800

K-3 Open

4-12 U1000

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 - 9am

Rd 2 - 11am

Lunch

Rd 3 - 2pm

Rd 4 - 4pm

Awards ceremony ~ 6pm.

RATING

Dual US & NWSRS Rated.
US Chess membership and clocks required in all sections. Notation required in all sections except for K-3 U800. All equipment is provided courtesy of WCF.

ENTRY FEE

\$45 by August 10, \$55 after. Room for 80 players; please register early to reserve your spot.

AWARDS

Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each section:

1st \$75

2nd \$65

3rd \$55

4th \$45

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

RATING

Highest of US Chess Regular August 2025 supplement, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12 as of the 2024-25 school year. Out-of-state players welcome!

THE DETAILS

Online Registration:

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by

Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments.

Entry + payment deadline Sat. Aug 16 @ 5pm.

No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players will be removed from the roster and waitlisted players will be offered a spot.

Highest finishing player in the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections will earn free entry into the 2025 Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls and Boys, set to take place November 22-23 in Bellevue.

Questions?

Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President at 206.769.3757 or WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Detective Cookie Chess Classic

Josh Sinanan

The third annual Detective Cookie Chess Classic took place on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at the Rainier Beach Community Center in Seattle. A record turnout of 180 players came out for the event, which spanned grades K-11 and featured five sections separated by grade level and rating: K-1 U700, 2-3 U800, K-3 Open, 4-8 U900, and 4-12 Open.

The Rainier Beach Community Center, located in the heart of South Seattle, once again served as an excellent venue and was easily accessible for players from the south end. Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin, founder of the Detective Cookie Chess Club, was onsite throughout the day and enlisted the help of her fellow police officers to provide a free hot-dog lunch for all attendees.

The festivities began with opening remarks from Detective Cookie, Washington Chess Federation (WCF) President Josh Sinanan, and Chief Tournament Director Mani Atikankhotchasee, who offered words of encouragement to the room full of budding chess players taking part in the proceedings. Though primary featuring a high concentration of South Seattle based folk, players hailing from numerous cities throughout the Pacific Northwest were also in attendance, including Seattle, Sammamish, Bothell, Redmond, Bellevue, Tacoma, Richland, Tukwila, Belfair, Mercer Island, Fircrest, Covington, Maple Valley, Des Moines, Kirkland, Issaquah, Bellingham, and Kent.

Adding to the excitement and celebratory atmosphere was the fact that April 6 was WCF President Josh Sinanan’s 40th birthday. Despite his best attempts to keep the news on the down low, it was inevitably made public knowledge with a special birthday announcement, a colloquial rendition of the “Happy Birthday” song, and chocolate cake with

candles shortly before the start of the final round. Many thanks to those who wished me a happy birthday and special thanks to the Samantha Smith players for their generous gifts and Captain Peter Zou for the wonderful post-tournament birthday dinner and celebration! Making it ‘over the hill’ at a chess tournament wasn’t so bad after all!

The event was hosted as a collaborative effort between the Detective Cookie Chess Club, the Seattle Police Department, and WCF. Detective Denise “Cookie” Bouldin and WCF President Josh Sinanan served as co-organizers, with WCF FIDE Liaison Mani Atikankhotchasee managing the

pairings. Chess Mom and photographer extraordinaire Meiling Cheng took hundreds of wonderful photos and video footage throughout the day!

Volunteer judges circulating throughout the playing room included WCF Member-at-Large Ani Barua, WCF Junior Ambassador Selina Cheng, and WCF Co-Vice President Duane Polich. The Seattle Police Department ran and sponsored the concessions, which were conveniently located adjacent to the parent waiting area in the multi-purpose room. Many thanks to the team of amazing volunteers and community center staff that made this fantastic event possible.



(L-R) Chouchan Airapetian, Josh Sinanan, and Detective Cookie celebrate Josh's 40th birthday at the 2025 Detective Cookie Chess Classic.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

Detective Cookie Chess Classic Prizes

Trophies awarded to the top scoring players in each section.

Trophies awarded to the top 5 finishing teams.

Team Score consists of the top 4 scores from same school across all sections.

Medals for first-time tournament players and players scoring 3 points or more who do not earn a trophy.

Individual Winners

Place	K-1 U700	2-3 U800	K-3 Open	4-8 U900	4-12 Open
1st	Liam Zeng	William Wright	Ryan Lai	Atlas Bigelow	Owen Scollon
2nd	Aslan Karaca	Liam Zhen	Peng-Yu Pan	David Novruzov	Brook Ayalew
3rd	Kheiron Chin	Erik Kotsinyan	Anay Dharamshi	Noah Riggio	Stanley Deng
4th	Adrian Pressley	Emily Zhang	Yuwen Qu	Shravan Gokul	Ziliang Ma
5th	Archith Jayakrishnan	Adrith Mohan	Patrick Zhang	Nolan Yin	Andrew Inforzato
6th	Camilo Gomez	Farrukh Ibragimov		Proud Tulsukchuantanat	
7th	Kevin Dai	Stavya Sharma		Eric Wong	
8th	Jasmine Karaca	James Pool		Bryant Shi	
9th	Oishani Ghosh	Will Allan		Charan Prasanna	
10th	Oren Watson	Eric Zhao		Mihir Mallapragada	

Special Prize Winners

	K-1 U700	2-3 U800	K-3 Open	4-8 U900	4-12 Open
Best Female Player	Jasmine Karaca	Emily Zhang	Yuwen Qu	Proud Tulsukchuantanat	Aarya Patel
Best Dressed	Liam Zeng	William Wright, Christian M. Gonzalez Lagos	Peng-Yu Pan	Harvey Ericson, Sophia Michael, Khai Tang	Hannah Thomas
Biggest Upset Win	Jordan Crystal	James Pool	Jiyong Ruan	Gwen Spitzenberger	Angel Caro

Top-Finishing Teams

Place	School	Team Players	Team Score
1st	Detective Cookie Chess Club	DCC (1465.8)	16.5
		Brook Ayalew (1817) 4.5	
		Ziliang Ma (1423) 4.0	
		Oliver Tam (1281) 4.0	
		Bryant Shi (695) 4.0	
2nd	Samantha Smith ES	SSM (1307.5)	15
		Adrith Mohan (558) 4.0	
		Emily Zhang (396) 4.0	
		Peng-Yu Pan (1134) 3.5	
		Clara Dragusanu (890) 3.5	
3rd	Clara Barton ES	CBR (1155.8)	14
		Anay Dharamshi (1283) 3.5	
		Mihir Mallapragada (801) 3.5	
		Shrihan Bayya (657) 3.5	
		Samarth Sarangi (636) 3.5	
4th	Thurgood Marshall ES	THU (788.5)	13.5
		William Wright (769) 5.0	
		Khai Tang (472) 3.0	
		Tandy Huang (100) 3.0	
		Gabriel Pleasants (1149) 2.5	
5th	Aki Kurose MS	AKK (518.0)	12
		Lachlan Cummutt (611) 3.0	
		Finnian Bisset (558) 3.0	
		Benjamin Wu (422) 3.0	
		Jared Mansfield (289) 3.0	



Detective Denise "Cookie" Bouldin revels in the joy of her largest ever Detective Cookie chess tournament.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.



*Kira Lei (L) vs Christian Martin Gonzalez Lagos test out the hippopotamus opening in their third-round game.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.*



*Ken Pham (L) vs Robert Kotsinyan during their first-round game.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.*



*Jayden Wu (L) and Joyce Gui, whose promotion queen seems to be defying gravity, blaze through their game in the K-3 Open.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.*

75th Oregon Open Chess Tournament

August 30-September 1, 2025, Labor Day Weekend

Sponsored by the Oregon Chess Federation (OCF) and Portland Chess Club (PCC)

FORMAT: The tournament is a 6-round Swiss paired event with two rounds per day and is open to everyone, regardless of residency or age. Up to two half point byes are available if requested before round one.

SECTIONS: There are five sections: 2000+, U2000, U1700, U1400, and U1100. **Players may play up one section for a \$25 play-up fee (can't play up more than one section).** The official August US Chess over-the-board regular ratings are generally used for section eligibility, pairings, and prize eligibility. Unofficial US Chess over-the-board regular ratings, US Chess online regular ratings, or converted foreign ratings are generally used for players with no official US Chess over-the-board regular rating.

TIME CONTROL: G/100;inc30 (one-hour forty minutes per player with thirty seconds added for each move).

SUPPLIES: PLAYERS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN BOARD, SET, AND INCREMENT CAPABLE DIGITAL CLOCK FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY. A limited number of sets and boards will be available to purchase at the tournament for \$20 each. Players are responsible for knowing how to set their clock. Notation sheets and pencils provided.

SCHEDULE: A players meeting is at 9:45am on Saturday. There is no need for registered players to "check-in" prior to round 1. The rounds start at 10am and 3:30pm each day.

RATED: All the sections are US Chess regular rated. The 2000+ and U2000 sections are also FIDE standard rated.

ENTRY FEE: \$130 if registered by Friday, August 8; \$140 from August 9 until Friday, August 29 at noon. Free entry for GM's and IM's with up to \$130 deducted from any prize won. US Chess membership is required for all players. Oregon Chess Federation membership is required for Oregon residents.

PRIZES: \$13,000 total prize fund based on 150 players. The prize fund is adjusted proportionally if there are a different number of players, but \$6500 is guaranteed.

2000+ Section: 1st-\$1550, 2nd-\$1250, 3rd-\$900
U2150: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U2000 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1850: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1700 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1550: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1400 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1250: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1100 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U950: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

Unrated players are eligible for all prizes in their section except the U950 prizes in the U1100 section. Prizes are combined and/or split if there is a tie. Players winning \$600

or more must complete an IRS form with their Social Security number before receiving their prize. Foreign players may be subject to withholding taxes. Prizes are paid via check or PayPal.

QUALIFIERS: The 2000+ section is a qualifier for both the Championship and Challengers sections of the Oregon Closed. All the sections are qualifiers for the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation (OSCF) State Championship.

(NEW!) LOCATION: Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97220. There is free parking in the hotel parking area. Hotel rooms for any of the nights of August 29- September 2 are available at a special chess rate of \$79 plus tax per night for single or double rooms. **The hotel chess rate is not guaranteed to be available after July 30, or even earlier if the room block is sold out.** Use [this link](#) or call 1-888-465-4329 to reserve a room. If reserving by phone, use the following group SRP code: CHS.

REGISTRATION: Register online at onlineregistration.cc (no mailed or on-site registrations are allowed). The deadline to register is Friday, August 29 at noon. Email support@oregonchessfed.org if you encounter any issues while trying to register online, need to withdraw after having already registered, or are unable to pay the entry fee online via credit card, debit card, or PayPal.

TOURNAMENT RULES: The FIDE rules are used in the 2000+ and U2000 sections while the US Chess rules are used in the U1700, U1400, and U1100 sections. The following applies to all sections: **1) Players are not allowed to have a phone or other electronic device capable of chess analysis or communication on their person during their games.** Any such device a player has with them must be turned off and stored in the player's bag (backpack, chess bag, etc.). The penalty for possessing such a device is at the discretion of the chief tournament director. **2) You must let the tournament staff know at least thirty minutes prior to the start time of the next round if you decide to withdraw from the tournament or skip that round.** If you decide to withdraw or skip a round and are not on-site, send us an email to support@oregonchessfed.org letting us know. Any player who forfeits a game without a valid reason in the judgement of the chief tournament director will not be allowed to play in the Oregon Open next year.

SIDE EVENT: Blitz - starts at 8:30pm on Saturday, August 30. See detailed information at oregonchessfed.org or pdxchess.org.

QUESTIONS: Send an email to support@oregonchessfed.org if you have any questions.

2025 Western States Regional Championship For Women And Girls (Record Participation)

Chouchanik Airapetian

Thanks to the support of a \$2,000 grant from US Chess, sponsorship from the Washington Chess Federation (WCF), and a \$500 grant from My Chess World, the 2025 Western States Regional Chess Championship for Women and Girls was a huge success! Held April 12–13, this event reached record attendance with 46 female participants including many strong prospects.

The tournament welcomed experienced players including Megan Lee, a US Open Women's Champion and overall Washington State Champion, as well as FIDE Arbiter Manunthou Atikankhotchasee who mentored players throughout the event. Alongside these incredible players, I was honored to organize and sponsor this celebration of females in chess.

The tournament was organized into three sections, each named after inspiring female chess champions: Megan Lee, Diya Deshmukh, and Carissa Yip. At Supnationals, Yip took time out of the blitz event to share her excitement about being featured: "I am grateful for this opportunity to promote female chess players in your community in Washington State. When I saw the flyer, I had a smile on my face. I appreciate your work!"

The goal was to make this a triple rated event (Northwest, US Chess, and FIDE) to engage experienced, developing, and unrated young female participants. Side activities included:

- A chess simul with Megan Lee
- A strategy workshop with me, Chouchanik Airapetian
- A puzzle-solving competition with Josh Sinanan

All three events achieved maximum capacity for participation.

Special thanks to Jennifer Shahade for donating her book *Play Like a Champion* as a puzzle prize, and Susan Polgar for offering her own books as additional awards!

But awards weren't limited to rating points. We celebrated with prizes for:

- Best Dressed
- Kindness & Spreading Joy
- Biggest Upset
- Best Mother-Daughter Duo
- Best Etiquette

Next year, we are planning to introduce Team awards in 2026!

This year's event was hosted across two venues to incorporate all the activities: Day One at Orlov Academy in Greenlake, and Day Two at Chinook Middle School. Shoutout to Sahara Pizza on Mercer Island for keeping our players fueled!

Huge appreciation to the WCF team,

especially President Josh Sinanan, Ani Barua, and High School Ambassador Chloe Miller for supporting outreach through organizing and social media.

Our efforts were also amplified by the *From Pawns to Queens Gala* on March 21, 2025, at the Hilton Bellevue. It was a spectacular evening that supported our prize fund and scholarship opportunities across sections.

Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to all our amazing donors and supporters! From local businesses to artists to chess champions, this event was made possible by the generosity of so many:

- Local artists: Arka Jewelry, Arshalys Isagulyan, Galina Ponomarenko, Anahit Hayrapetyan, Susan K Reyes
- Sahara Pizza, Hayk Caffee, Hilton Bellevue, Sugar Mountain
- Metropolitan Market, Seattle Symphony, Seattle Towncar Reliable Services
- Seattle and Utah Chess Clubs, Coach Brad (chess camp), Cheesecake Factory
- Josh Sinanan and Chouchanik Airapetian (private lessons), Angela Agaian, Matthew Feng (peer lessons)

- Alexander Byelashov (business consulting), Katherina Rohonyan (special guest and donor)
- Krishna (tech support), Jesse Gibbs (beautiful gala flyer design)
- Great Wolf Lodge, Woodland Park Zoo, Balloon Ride Co., and many more!

Keep a lookout for upcoming events and galas with dates to be shared soon! Stay tuned at www.mychessworld.com for updates, tournament results, and more inspiring stories. Let's continue building a brighter, more inclusive future for women and girls in chess!



*Chouchan Airapetian (L) vs Deeksha Shankaranand and other top boards of the Megan Lee Championship during the first round of the WSRCC for Girls and Women.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.*



*Krystal Wang (L) vs Laya Sankar alongside Deethya Sankar (L) and Veera Sreekanth during the first round of the Carissa Yip U700 section.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.*

King County Open



September 27-28, 2025

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



Format: A 5-round Swiss in two sections: **Kenmore Open** and **Kent U1500**.

Entry fee: \$100 by 9/20, \$120 after. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1400-1499 in both NWSRS and USCF and playing in Kenmore Open. 50% discount for Seniors (50+) and free entry for players rated 2200+ USCF. Open to all junior + adult players. Maximum of 110 players, please register early to reserve your spot!

Schedule: Arrival: 8-8:45am. Rounds: Saturday: 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Sunday: 10am, 3pm.
Closing Ceremony + Blitz Tournament: ~ 7pm or asap.

Time Control: G/90; +30. Late default: 30 minutes.

Rating: Triple-Rated in NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Higher of current NWSRS or September 2025 US Chess rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

Memberships: US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; must be paid at the time of registration.

Prize Fund: **\$5,000** (based on 100 paid entries).

Kenmore Open: 1st-5th: \$550-450-400-350-300. 1st U2200/U2000/U1800/U1600: \$200.

Kent U1500: 1st-4th: \$350-300-250-175. 1st U1400/U1200/U1000: \$150. 1st Unrated: \$120.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$15/rd., Best Female Player (by TPR): \$50, Best Senior Player (50+, by TPR): \$50.
Best Dressed: \$20/day, Best Attack: \$25 – please submit nominations.

Byes: Up to 2 half-point byes available if requested before the end of round 2.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com), cash, or write a check to Washington Chess Federation. **Payment due upon registration; players listed as unpaid for more than 7 days after registering will be withdrawn from the tournament. Registration + payment deadline: Fri, September 26 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline.

King County Blitz: Sunday 7-9:30pm (after rd. 5 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$25. **Format:** A 7-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual US Chess Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/5; +3. **On-site registration:** 6:00-6:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 7pm, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 8:20, 8:40, 9pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 9:30pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of current NWSRS, September 2025 US Chess Blitz, or September 2025 US Chess Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes. **Prize Fund:** **\$400** (based on 30 paid entries)

1st – 3rd: \$100-65-50, 1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000/Unrated: \$20.

Biggest upset win: \$5/rd.

Questions – Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206-769-3757, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Washington Women's Championship



SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 11-12, 2025

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Highest Finishing WA Resident in the Polgar section becomes WA State Women's Champion and is seeded into 2026 WA State Championship, Invitational section. If there's a tie for 1st place, G/90 playoff games will be played later in the year.

Format: A Swiss-style tournament in four sections. Sections with <6 players may be merged.

Polgar Championship: A 5-Round, G/90; +30 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). Tri-rated in NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Rounds: Sat. @ 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Sun. @ 10am, 3pm. Awards ~ 7:30pm.

Wenjun U1300: A 6-Round G/75; +10 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). NWSRS & US Chess dual rated. Rounds: Sat. @ 9am, 12:30pm, 4pm. Sun. @ 10am, 1:30pm, 5pm. Awards ~ 8pm.

Koneru U700: A 1-day, 5-Round G/25; +5 Swiss. NWSRS & US Chess dual rated. Rounds: Sun. @ 10am, 11am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm. Awards ~ 3:45pm.

Botez Casual/Unrated: A 1-day, 4-Round G/30; +10 Swiss. Open to players unrated – 999. Unrated; no memberships required. Rounds: Sat. @ 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm. Awards ~ 6pm.

Rating: Highest of October US Chess or current NWSRS rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

Entry Fee: \$50 by 10/4, \$60 after. Less \$20 for Koneru U700 & Botez Unrated sections. Free entry for WGMs, WIMs, WFM, or US Chess Queens rated 2000+ USCF. Players rated 1200+ and 600+ in both USCF and NWSRS may play up 1 section into the Polgar and Wenjun sections, respectively. Maximum of 80 players total and 30 players per section, please register early.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. **Registration and payment deadline Fri. 10/10 @ 5pm.**

Eligibility: Open to all female chess players. Out-of-state players welcome!

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required for Polgar, Wenjun, and Koneru sections; other states accepted. Membership must be paid at time of registration. No memberships required for Botez section.

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

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

Prize Fund: \$1,200 (based on 40 paid entries)

Polgar Championship: 1st-2nd: \$150-100. 1st U1800/U1600/U1400: \$75.

Wenjun U1300: 1st-2nd: \$80-60. 1st U1200/U1000/U800: \$50.

Koneru U700: 1st-2nd: \$50-35. 1st U600/U400/U200/Unrated: \$30.

Botez Casual/Unrated: 1st-3rd: \$50-40-30.

Special Prizes (per section): Biggest Upset Win: \$5/round, Best Dressed: \$5/day, Best Etiquette: \$5, Fair Play/Kindness/Spreading Joy: \$5/day, Best Mother/Daughter Team (by avg TPR, across sections): \$15.

Questions? Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

TOURNAMENTS



Venue

7212 Woodlawn Avenue NE, Seattle 98115

[info & events calendar](#)
www.seattlechess.club

[tournament signups & inquiries](#)
contact@seattlechess.club

– or –

SCC Tournament Director, address as above

July 5

3-round round-robin. 4-player sections by close rating. **Time control:** Game/85 + 10 sec. increment. **Entry fee:** \$15 (+\$10 day membership for non-SCC). **Prizes:** winner of each 4-player quad wins free entry to next Quads played within 3 months. **Registration:** 9:15-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10am, 2 & 6pm. **Byes:** 0 – must play all 3 rounds! US Chess membership req'd.

July Quads

July 12-13

Our premier tournament of the year! See below.

Seattle Seafair Open

July 26-27

Larger venue, bigger prize fund! See below.

Big Summer Adult Swiss

July 4, 11, 18, 25 [7/4 cancelled]

One US Chess-rated round per Friday night, normally 4 rounds per month, at 7:30pm (arrive by 7:15). **Time control:** 40 moves in 90 minutes + 10 sec. increment, followed by sudden death 60 minutes + 10 sec. increment. Free for SCC members, \$5/night others. Drop in for any round!

Hot as Hades

Coming up in August & September:

- **August Tornado** – Sunday August 3, tentative to be confirmed.
- **August Quads** – Saturday August 16, tentative to be confirmed.
- **Seattle Fall Open** – Sept. 20-21, tentative to be confirmed.

Seattle Seafair Open

July 12-13, 2025

Hotel 116 Bellevue

Co-hosted with WA Chess Federation

Prize fund: \$4,500 based on 150 paid entries

Format: 5-round, dual US Chess & FIDE Rated Swiss in 2 sections: **Open & Premier U1600**

Entry fee: \$100 by 7/5, \$120 after. \$30 discount for SCC members. See website below for special rates

Rounds: Sat.: 10am, 2 & 6pm. Sun.: 10am & 2pm

Time control: Game/75 + 30. Late default: 30 mins.

Open prizes: 1st-4th: \$600-500-400-300. 1st U2100/U1900/ U1700: \$160.

Premier U1600 prizes: 1st-4th: \$400-300-230-180. 1st U1500/ U1300/U1100: \$160. 1st UNR: \$100

Special prizes: see website (below)

Byes: 2 half-point byes available. Request before end of round 2.

Capacity: Max 190 players, please register early!

Memberships: US Chess & WCF/OCF/ICA req'd.

Complete details and registration: Go to <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>

BIG SUMMER ADULT SWISS

July 26-27, 2025

Prize fund: \$750 based on 40 entries

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❖ **A 4-round Swiss in 2 sections: Open & U1600**

❖ **Eligibility:** Players born before August 1, 2007

❖ **Rounds:** 11am & 4:30pm both days

❖ **Time control:** Game/120 + 30 sec. increment

❖ **Prizes:**

Open: 1st – \$230; 2nd – \$140; U1750 – \$80

U1600: 1st – \$150; 2nd – \$ 75; U1400 – \$50;

U1200 – \$25

❖ **Entry fee:** \$25 SCC members; \$40 non-SCC. Add \$10 after 7/21

❖ **Location:** Seattle University, Oberto Commons Room, Sinegal Building – 12th Ave. & E. Marion St., Seattle 98122 (SE corner)

❖ **Byes:** 1 half-point bye available. Commit at registration for Sunday rounds.

❖ **48 seats max. Sign up at** <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>.

~ sponsored by Gerald Larson & Henry Yan ~

42nd Annual Reno Western States Open

An American Classic and Heritage Event

Oct 3-5 or Oct 4-5, 2025, 3 Day or 2 Day Schedule

US Chess
150 GPP (Enhanced)

\$27,500!! (b/275)

\$17,000!! (Guaranteed)

F.I.D.E. Rated
OPEN Section

NEW LOCATION: J Resort Casino Hotel, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89501

Downtown Reno, formerly Sands Regency Casino Hotel

6 Rd Swiss ♦ 6 Sections ♦ 40/2, Game/1 - d5 ♦ (Open Section) 40/2, Game/55 - d5 ♦ 2 Day (Rds 1-3) G/1 - d5

Open Section, F.I.D.E. Rated (2200 & above) EF: \$194, (2000-2199) \$250, (1999/below) \$300; GMs and IMs free but must enter by 9/5 or pay late fee at door. Guaranteed Prizes; (1-7 in Open Section plus 1/2 of all other prizes).

Open Section \$2,000 - 1,000 - 900 - 800 - 700 - 600 - 500, (2399/below) \$1,000 - \$500, (2299/below) \$1,000 - \$500 (If there is a tie for 1st then a playoff for \$100 out of prize fund plus trophy).

Section Expert (2000-2199) EF: \$194 (2-day EF: \$190) \$2,000-1,000-500-300-200

Section "A" (1800-1999) EF: \$193 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,800-900-500-300-200

Section "B" (1600-1799) EF: \$192 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,700-800-400-300-200

Section "C" (1400-1599) EF: \$191 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,500-700-400-300-200

Section "D/Under" (1399-below) EF: \$180 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,000-500-300-200, (1199/below) \$400-200-100


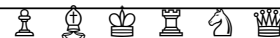
Top Senior (65+) - \$200; Club Championship - \$600 - 300.

Wed. 10/1: 7:00 pm - GM Sergey Kudrin Clock Simul w/ complete analysis of YOUR Game (Only \$30!-bring clock)

Thursday 10/2: 6 - 7:15 pm - Lecture by IM John Donaldson (FREE)

7:30 pm - GM Melikset Khachiyan Simul (\$20); Blitz (G/5 d0) Tourney \$25 - 80% of entries = Prize Fund

Saturday 10/4: 3 - 4:30 pm - Game/Position Analysis - IM John Donaldson (FREE)

 **Main Tournament** 

Registration: Thursday (10/2) 5 - 8 pm. - Friday (10/3) 9 - 10 am. - Saturday (10/4) 9 - 10 am.

Round Times: (3-day Schedule) Friday - 12 Noon - 7 pm; Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday - 9 am - 4 pm
(2-day Schedule) Sat.- Rd 1 - 10:30 am, Rd 2 - 12:45 pm, Rd 3 - 3 pm, Rd 4 merge with regular schedule - 6 pm

For more information: Call, Write or E-mail Organizer and Chief TD, N.T.D. Jerome (Jerry) Weikel,
(H) 775-747-1405 OR (Cell) 775-354-8728 • 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523 • wackyykl@aol.com

Room Reservation: Call J Resort Reno, 1-866-386-7829, Group Reservation Code: CHESS102025

Hotel Rates: Sunday-Thursday \$92.66, Friday-Saturday \$138.06, all taxes and fees included. Reserve by 10/1

For TLA and to confirm receipt of entry see player list at: www.renochess.org

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PRINT Name _____ Phone# _____ USCF Rating _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

USCF ID# _____ Exp. Date _____ All pre-registered players check in at TD desk on arrival.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED: (CIRCLE SECTION AND FEE BELOW) BYE(S) REQUESTED FOR ROUND(S): (circle)

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2-Day EF	\$190	\$190	\$190	\$190	\$190	USCF Dues
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FEES ALSO ENCLOSED FOR:

- ☐ \$30 Wed. Clock Simul GM Kudrin
☐ \$20 Thu. Simul GM Khachiyan
☐ \$25 Thursday Blitz (G/5 d0)
☐ \$20 Discount - Sr 65+ Age _____

POSTMARK BY September 5, 2025. Add \$11 after 9/5. Add \$22 on site.

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