

The Notator

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Awards and Honors

We had three students that went to the World Open in Philadelphia on the July 4 weekend. Congratulations to Sebastien D'Stair and Craig Hinkley that won in the Under 1200 division.

In the Elizabethtown Fair Chess Tournament, open to all players within 50 miles. There were nine winners and the six of them that are in italics, played for our club.

WORLD OPEN IN PHILADELPHIA - UNDER 1200 AWARDS		
Sebastien D'Stair		1st Place Overall
Craig Hinkley		3rd Place Overall
ELIZABETHTOWN FAIR CHESS TOURNAMENT		
NAME	DIVISION	PLACE
<i>LONDON NYVELDT</i>	<i>ELEMENTARY</i>	<i>1ST PLACE</i>
<i>LOGAN WILSON</i>	<i>ELEMENTARY</i>	<i>2ND PLACE</i>
<i>CALAB FUSE</i>	<i>ELEMENTARY</i>	<i>3RD PLACE</i>
<i>BEN FREDRICKSON</i>	<i>YOUTH</i>	<i>1ST PLACE</i>
<i>MAX MCGEHREN</i>	<i>YOUTH</i>	<i>2ND PLACE</i>
<i>SEBASTIEN D'STAIR</i>	<i>YOUTH</i>	<i>3RD PLACE</i>
<i>CRAIG HINKLEY</i>	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>1ST PLACE</i>
GARY BALLINA	OPEN	2 ND PLACE
EMANUEL STUMP	OPEN	3 RD PLACE

Coaches' Corner



Child Safety when Playing Chess

In order to help keep your children safe, Mr. Wood and Mr. Weber completed an additional three-credit course in Child Abuse prevention and reporting. In addition to the PA state police check, the child abuse check and the FBI fingerprint analysis, and several other security checks, this background will enable them to prevent potential problems before they happen. Direct discussion is the best way to help a child in a situation

Students play chess everywhere. Unfortunately, not all places are as secure as playing in our home or in a church. When going to public places, it is important to keep safe while playing to avoid cheaters and dangerous strangers

1. Be aware of adults showing an unusual interest in child players. Play all adults in public places and report all concerns to our trusted certified coaches
2. When playing in a tournament, observe and write down any irregularities. Record your results in ink and make sure they agree with the official published results. Have a meeting with the coach at the board before each game so the opponent knows there is an experienced adult involved. Use the coach or tournament director to solve any problems.
3. Do not play strange adults without a parent or known adult present. Never play for money or when alcohol is suspected. Avoid pick-up games with strangers; especially in city parks.

Our Clubs at a Glance



Group	Club Time	Location
Mechanicsburg	Sun. 5:30- 7:30	Wegmans on Carlisle Pike
Hershey Christian Academy	Mon. 3 - 4 PM	New Life Church, Hummelstown (Private School)
Elizabethtown	Mon. 6 - 8 PM	Hoss's on 743
Tidings of Peace School	Tues. 3 - 4 PM	Tidings of Peace Mennonite Church York City (Private)
Cocalico	Tues. 6 - 8 PM	Giovanni's Pizza in Reinholds
Chex Homeschoolers	Wed. 11:00 -1:30	Homeschool Cooperative at Lampeter Baptist (Private)
Chester County Malvern-Paoli	Wed. 4 - 8 PM	Atwater Development (Private)
Resurrection Catholic	Fri: 3 - 4 PM	School Club in Lancaster (Private)
Buck	Fri. 5:30- 7:30 PM	Rosie's Pizza on 272.
Lancaster	Sat. 9:00 - Noon	Wood Chess Center on Delp Road
Fair Chess	Students can play during the Elizabethtown, Denver and Lampeter Fair free of charge.	

Rule Check: Illegal Draws

Players cannot agree to a draw unless there is good reason. If the board shows no apparent win or it is early in the game, the draw can be considered illegal by tournament directors. As a guide, in the World Chess Championship 2016, the players were not permitted to agree a draw before move 30. The result in such case would be a double forfeit. USCF rules are very strict about fixed games, but this rule is rarely enforced.

Future Dates

October 26 - Lancaster October Quads
 November 24 - Tri-County Swiss at Yoder's Restaurant
 December 12- 15 - Grade Level Nationals in Orlando
 January 11 - Lancaster January Quads: