

The Notator

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What's New

We are adding another club on Friday afternoons in Buck in southern Lancaster County. To make room, we are combining our two smallest clubs, Hershey and Annville for the summer session. We now have 6 scholastic clubs, one college, and one school. Because of our graduating seniors, we need members in New Holland and encourage members of our Lancaster Club to attend the smaller clubs for more attention. There may be a possibility that the club will move back to the Lionville area in Chester County due to popular demand.

The E-Town Fair has selected us to run their first annual chess contest in August during the fair. We will have three divisions based on age. Contestants in each division will be playing 6 quick games with a 10-minute time control with a 5 second delay. Three prizes will be awarded in each division. Over \$200 will be given as prizes in this unrated cash tournament. Entry fees are \$8 for adults and \$4 for youth.

Coaches' Corner



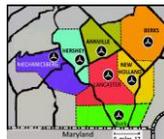
Editorial comments from Mr. Wood

Our instructional clubs provide the classroom structure for learning in an informal atmosphere. Students need a combination of instruction, practice with peers and performance opportunities. The best way for parents to help is by encouraging regular attendance and participate in our instructional tournaments. Those students loyal to our organization tend to learn the most and have greater success.

As with many student activities, there are volunteer organizations and professional associations. The free volunteer organizations do very little teaching and allow anyone of any age to join. Without student interaction, proper educational leadership, and tournament guidance, success is limited.

Our professional clubs charge a low fee and have quality instruction unlike anywhere in the state. We have two certified instructors who have an educational background that specialize in children. We teach the whole child, both academically and socially. We have national tournament directing experience as well as experience as a professional national coach. We teach our own curriculum and have meaningful goals and objectives. Please read our online handbook for organizational details.

Our Clubs at a Glance



We have 245 scholastic players who registered in the USCF organization during the last six years and have played in our tournaments. Currently, we have 98 active players in our organization, with half of them regular tournament. We have three players with a rating of over 1400 and ten have ratings over 1000. Although ratings are important, those that climb too fast generally have problems in larger tournaments without the proper coaching and section placement. Learning how to be a leader is a more important goal.

Group	Players	Hours	Type	Club Time
Mechanicsburg	27	3	Club	Sun. 4:30 - 7:30 PM
Berks	10	2	Club	Tues. 6:00 - 8:00 PM
New Holland	5	2	Club	Wed 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Resurrection	13	1	School	Thurs. 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Hershey-Annville	12	2	Club	Thurs. 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Dickinson	14	1 ½	Collegiate	Thurs. 8:30 - 10:00 PM
Buck	5	2	Club	Fri. 5:30- 7:30 PM
Lancaster	18	3	Club	Sat. 9:00 AM - Noon



Awards and Honors

We received 13 individual awards and 4 team awards in the state championship. Our Dickinson team won the PA state collegiate championship. Two of our 7-12 Teams came in 2nd place. Our Class 1 Bughouse Team of Ryan & Steven were first in the state.

National Coach Wood was appointed to the USCF scholastic committee to represent Pennsylvania.

Josh Ressler, a 10th grader from LS is now our new team captain.

Adam Giovanetti has been appointed as an additional coach for our team. Adam has been a member of Wood Chess for 10 years.

Dates to Remember:

- Saturday Quads at St Peter's Lancaster - 3/24 & 4/29
- India Day - HACC in Harrisburg - Saturday August 4
- E-Town Fair - Aug. 20 - 25 - Chess Event - Aug 22 & 23