

# The Notator

A new publication of Wood Chess started after eight seasons of successful instruction

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## History of Our Club

Chess began as a club in the Downingtown Area School District in the fall of 2008 in Springton Manor Elementary School. Wood Chess became an official affiliate of USCF in February 2010 when we had our first official tournament. The club expanded to serve all nine elementary schools and two middle schools by the spring of 2011. Mr. Wood was honored by the Downingtown School Board and was awarded the Educator 500 award for innovate programming in eastern Pennsylvania.

After our Mr. Wood retired, the school club was converted into a community club at a restaurant in Lionville and continued in 2012. Mr. Weber then joined the organization in the fall of 2013.

Starting in school year 2014 - 2015 and continuing for the next six years, the club expanded to nine different locations with over 200 students. The original club moved to Yoders Restaurant in New Holland where here we held our biannual tournaments in the conference center. We added clubs in Reading and Lancaster in 2013. In 2014, we expanded to Lebanon, Hershey, Buck, Elizabethtown, and Mechanicsburg. A college club was added in Carlisle. In 2018, in addition to our Facebook page and website we decided to provide a seasonal newsletter to keep parents informed. This is our first edition of many newsletters to come.

## Tournament History - The First 8 Years

We have had 68 tournaments in the eight years since our first rated tournament on February 20, 2010. We have attended 8 state championships and K-12 National Championships.

School Year	Tournaments	State Tournaments	National Tournaments
2009-2010	2	1	0
2010-2011	5	1	1
2011-2012	5	1	0
2012-2013	6	1	0
2013-2014	7	1	0
2014-2015	11	1	0
2015-2016	16	1	2
2016-2017	16	1	1
TOTAL	68	8	4

## Coaches' Corner



### Dedication and Improvement Goals

Awards are not just based on winning. Each year, we have given special awards to our club participants. The first award is the Most Improved Player Award. This award is given to the player or players that have improved their rating the most in one year. We also give an award for the most dedicated player. This award is given to the player who attends the most practices and tournaments and has spent the most time working on chess through tutoring. We also give awards to graduating seniors who have been in the club the longest.

## WOOD SERVICES ANNUAL AWARDS

2014 - 2015 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER RYAN BABALA	2014 - 2015 MOST DEDICATED PLAYER ADAM GIOVANNETTI	2014 - 2015 GRADUATING SENIOR 7 YR. PARTICIPANT COLIN EVANS
2015 - 2016 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER KARTHIK MURUGAN	2015 - 2016 MOST DEDICATED PLAYER KAI LOOSE	2016 - 2017 GRADUATING SENIOR 7 YR. PARTICIPANT ADAM GIOVANNETTI - CAPTAIN
2016 - 2017 MOST IMPROVED PLAYER JOSH RESSLER	2016 - 2017 MOST DEDICATED PLAYER PETER JACKSON	



## Mr. Wood's Awards

Technology Integration Award - 3/4/09

Educator 500 Award for Innovative Programming - 4/16/09

Downingtown School Board Chess Coach Award - 1/11/11

USCF National Lifetime Coach Selection - 2017

### Dates to Remember:

- Saturday Quads at St Peter's Lancaster - 3/24 & 4/29