

The Notator

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SuperNationals - A Final Look

In addition to our two national award winners mentioned in the last newsletter, we had a lot of personal success from many players. Eleven of them that won at least half of their games are recognized.

MAIN EVENT

PLAYER	DIVISION	RECORD	RATING
DIAGO VARGAS	K6 U800	5 ½ - 1 ½	857 (+129)
LIAM COLEY	K6 U600	5 - 2	648 (+130)
AXEL VARGAS	K3 U600	4 - 3	496 (+59)
ETHAN CO	K8 U1100	4 - 3	1051 (+88)
BEN SCHEERER	K6 U800	4 - 3	821 (+27)
IZRAN KURANI	K6 UNR	3 ½ - 3 ½	421 -----
CASSWYN KURANI	K1 CHAMP	3 ½ - 3 ½	728 -----
PAXTON LEACH	K1 U500	3 ½ - 3 ½	228 (+64)

SIDE EVENTS

We had seven teams in Bughouse and thirteen players played blitz. Three bughouse teams and three blitz players won at least half of their games. These side events contained difficult players.

PLAYER(S)	EVENT	RECORD
LUKE MCLIN & BEN SCHEERER	BUGHOUSE K8	6 - 4
CASSWYN KURANI & NORLAN WANG	BUGHOUSE K6	5 - 5
PAXTON ANAYAS & AXEL VARGAS	BUGHOUSE K6	5 - 5
KOLSON ROYCE	BLITZ K8	6 - 6
CASSWYN KURANI	BLIZ K3	6 - 6
AXEL VARGAS	BLITZ K3	6 6

Special Projects

We are working in partnership with Grace Episcopal Church in Port Orange to provide scholarships for our chess program. We hope to add another club on Thursdays starting in January at the church.

Our Activities at a Glance

DAY	ACTIVITIES	TYPE	LEVEL
MON 9:00	BOUNDLESS BRIDGES, PT ORANGE	HOME SCHOOL	BEG
MON 3:00	MONTESSORI SCHOOL, ORMOND BEACH	K-5 SCHOOL	INT
TUES 3:00	MONTESSORI BEGINNERS - NOVEMBER	K-5 SCHOOL	BEG
TUES 3:15	IVY HAWN SCHOOL, LAKE HELEN	K-8 SCHOOL	ALL
WED 3:15	ST BARNABAS SCHOOL, DELAND	K-8 SCHOOL	ALL
SAT 10:30	PORT ORANGE CLUB AT GABBIE'S	CLUB AGE 8-16	ADV
SUN 5:00	DAYTONA BEACH AT CRUSIN CAFE	CLUB AGE 8-16	ADV

Coaches' Corner

Camps Increase Social Skills



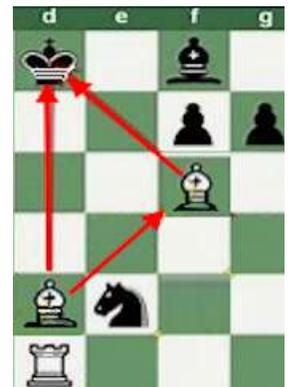
We had chess summer camps throughout June and July. Unlike other chess camps, the main goals of these camps involve group participation and social skills. Learning chess is fun, but it is also very important to work in a group and learn from each other. Our group chess games and bughouse encourages this interaction and is a special activity not found anywhere else.



Two teams work together before each move, but everyone takes turn moving the pieces.

Rule Check - Double Check

Double check is one of the strongest moves in chess. It is when two pieces check at the same time. It happens when a piece is moved in for check and the piece behind it also make a check. To get out of check, normally, a player can, take the piece, put a piece in front of their king or just move the king. Double check removes two of these options. The only way out of this check is to move the king.



Future Dates

August 16 - Beginning of Fall Saturday Sessions in Port Orange
 Sept. 7 - Beginning of Fall Sunday Sessions in Daytona Beach
 Sept 8 - Beginning of Weekday Fall Club Sessions
 October 11-12 - Family Days in Port Orange
 Sun December 14 - Scholastic Fall Championship Tournament
 April 24 -26, 2026- Florida Scholastic State Chess Championship