

The Notator

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Summer Camp Tournaments



We had very high-level tournaments with lots of ties. Each tournament lasted three hours and had four games. Tiebreakers were won by pawn games and blitz rounds. Fourteen trophies and fifty medals were distributed. There were many upsets which made the players realize that in any given tournament, anyone can win so never give up. We had some very long games. John Louis Benito had a game that was over 75 moves which set a record.

Tournament	Section	Winners
Daytona Camp	U1300	(1) B. Scheerer, Casswyn Kurani, Izran Kuran
6/19 Tournament	U400	(1) Landan Degannaro, (2) Sanson Sebelin
Deland Camp	U1300	(1) Ben Scheerer, (2) Caleb Royce
7/17 Tournament	U400	(1) Colt Laxner, (2) Levi Barnes
Deland Camp	U1300	(1) Byron Goss, (2) Casswyn Kurani
7/24 Tournament	U600	(1) Callan Leach, P. Rinyu, M. Sullivan, P. Leach

Fall Activity Schedule

DAY	ACTIVITIES	GRADE/TYPE
MONDAY - 10:30- 11:30	BOUNDLESS ACADEMY - PT. ORANGE	K-12 HOME
MONDAY - 2:30 - 3:30	LONGSTREET ELEM. - DAYTONA	K-5 SCHOOL
TUESDAY - 3:15 - 4:15	IVY HAWN SCHOOL - LAKE HELEN	K-8 SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY - 3:15 - 4:15	ST BARNABAS SCHOOL - DELAND	K-8 SCHOOL
THURSDAY - 2:30 - 3:30	GEORGE MARKS ELEM. - DELAND	K-5 SCHOOL
SATURDAY - 9:30 - 11:00	PT. ORANGE CLUB - GRACE EPISCOPAL	K-12 CLUB

Coaches' Corner

Using USCF Resources



Most everyone now has a yearly scholastic membership in USCF. However, many have not taken advantage of the many resources available. The magazine, *Chess Life for Kids* is available online with the subscription. This magazine comes out bimonthly and has a lot of key instruction that players can use.

In the magazine there are basic activities that are published in each magazine. *Puzzle Me This* is a section where activities such as "Triple Lloyd", and "Maze Race" are used to expand strategies using chess thinking skills. *Test Your Tactics* is a quiz section with ten problems to solve. While some of these activities are exceedingly difficult, there are puzzles that are for beginners on occasion. As a national coach, I use a lot of these in classes and camps. I also have hard copies of the magazine for student use. USCF allows coaches to reproduce activities for chess instruction.

Scholarship Ethics

When students are given a full or partial scholarship, it costs Wood Chess significant money. It is important to follow through with all activities. It is not acceptable to get a free tournament and then not show up at the last minute.

All students have agreed to a code of conduct. This code is found online on any enrollment form. It is important to review them frequently. Not showing up for events is a major violation that can cause for dismissal from chess activities without refund.

Future Dates

Saturday Oct. 10 - The Family Fun Days are cancelled this year.
 Tuesday Oct. 20 - Ivy Hawn Fall Tournament
 Thursday Nov. 2- Fall Tournament Grace Episcopal
 Friday Nov. 20- Grandparent's Day at St. Barnabas
 Thursday Dec 10- First Tournament at Marks Elementary
 Monday Dec. 14, - First Tournament at Longstreet Elementary