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Minnesota State Chess Association

The Minnesota State Chess Association (MSCA) is the designated state affiliate of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) and awards the official Minnesota State Champion Titles recognized by the USCF.

Current Minnesota State Champions

Open: Sean Nagle
 Senior: Tim Radermacher
 Blitz: Jackson Wahl
 K-12: Linden Lee
 K-8: Troy Cavanah
 K-5: Alan Xu
 GK-12: Alice Lee

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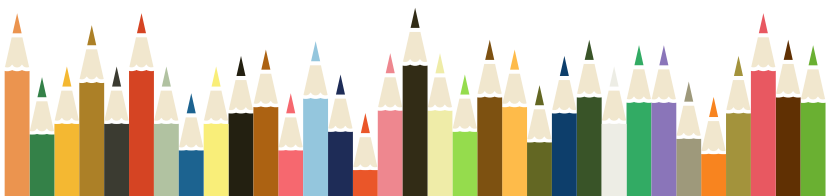
* Jackson Wahl -
 Scholastic Coordinator

Narayanan Repeats at Class Chess Championships

Sammy Narayanan will have another chance to win the outright State Championship in 2023. Sammy secured this opportunity by once again winning the Master/Expert section (average rating of 2135) at the Class Championships in mid-November. Sammy's draw with fellow FM Alice Lee in Round 4 secured his victory with 3.5/4.0 points. Sammy had "draw odds" (and the white pieces) in the critical Round 4 match-up of these two top-ranked players since Lee had been upset by Tim Radermacher in Round 2. Sammy will now look to improve on a stellar 2022 when he scored 4/5 points in his first ever State Championship Playoffs to become Co-Champion with legendary 11-time State Champion Sean Nagle. Ultimately Sammy lost to Sean in the rapid round of their 2022 State Championship Tiebreaker.

In the Class A/B Section it was rising star Daniel Garrett posting a perfect 4/4 to claim 1st prize and 35 rating points. The ever-present and always-tough Bill Murray took 2nd with 3.5/4.0. Obviously Bill's rating has generally been over 2000 this past year...so he was a tough out in the A/B Section with his tournament rating start of 1969.

The C/D was paced by Jeremy Keillor and his 3.5/4.0 points. Jeremy prevailed in the head-to-head match-ups with the C/D section runner-ups. In Round 3, Jeremy won against Jeffery



Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame Members

Original Inductees:

Curt Brasket
George Tiers
David Kuhns
Dan Voje
E.P. Elliot
Louis Uedemann

Class of 2018:

George Barnes
Eduard Zelkind
Larry Lampert

Class of 2019:

Sean Nagle
John Bartholomew
Victor Adler
Brian Ribnick

Class of 2020:

Nels Truelson
Ted Haugan
Alex Balandin
Ed Conway

Class of 2021:

Roger Rudolph
Milt Otteson
Russ Erickson
Jacob Harris

Class of 2022:

Roger Hale
Marv Mattson
Tim Radermacher
Mike Valvo

Class of 2023:

TBA Feb 11, 2023

Devich, and then in Round 4, he was able to secure the clinching draw against Joshini Sudhakar. Overall Jeremy tallied 43 new rating points to put him at 1591 and very close to moving up to the B class.

The Class E prize was captured by Anvith Pothula with a perfect 4/4 and an astonishing 153 point rating gain to immediately leap into the middle of Class D!!

The U1000 Section went to Ilya Chuhunou who scored 3.5/4.0 points. A key victory happened in Round 1 when Ilya defeated Vanessa Lee. Vanessa would win her next 3 games to finish in a Tie for 2nd with Rishab Jain and Christopher Kurtz.

Neil Kulevsky out-distanced the unrated section by a full point with a perfect 4/4 score. Neil has now accumulated a provisional rating of 1334 and is a newcomer to watch on the Minnesota chess scene.

Overall the tournament featured 78 players and was well-directed by TDs Sarah Emmons & Jackson Wahl. The space was limited to 80 players at the Castle Chess Club and a wait list had to be deployed to make sure there was sufficient space for all of the chess games. The great news is that Minnesota chess is growing and the MSCA looks forward to finding & funding larger tournament sites in the future to support this rapidly growing chess demand.

Minnesota Class Chess Championships: November 12-13, 2022 @ Southdale Castle Chess Club**Master/Expert Section**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Total Pts</u>	<u>RD1</u>	<u>RD2</u>	<u>RD3</u>	<u>RD4</u>
1	Sammy Narayanan	2432	3.5	W4	W7	W3	D2
2-5	Alice Lee	2382	2.5	W11	L3	W6	D17
	Tim Radermacher	2146	2.5	W9	W2	L1	D5
	David McNeil	2060	2.5	L1	W10	D9	W8
	Joel Nathe	2012	2.5	L8	W12	W11	D3
6-9	Okey Iwu	2206	2.0	W12	D8	L2	D7
	Ethan Hunt	2168	2.0	W10	L1	D8	D6
	Vaibhav Kalpaka	2079	2.0	W5	D6	D7	L4
	Adriel Agam	2015	2.0	L3	W11	D4	H
10-11	Jordan Timm	2064	1.0	L7	L4	W12	L11
	Dane Zagar	2040	1.0	L2	L9	L5	W10
	Eddie Wasserman	2015	0.0	L6	L5	L10	U

Radermacher & Hortillosa Share 1st Prize at Senior

22 of the most senior members of our chess community participated in the Senior State Chess Championship on October 22-23 at the Castle Chess Club in Southdale Mall. The senior tournament requires an age of 50+ to participate. This event is always an exciting opportunity for our “experienced” players to enjoy a slower pace of play without being blitzed off the board (like they are most chess weekends) by the younger and more nimble minds of our chess youth.

Meeting the age 50 requirement was no problem as 13 of the 22 participants were age 65+!! It is absolutely wonderful to see this group staying young-at-heart by keeping up with their chess!!

The tournament was also very competitive as 19 of the 22 players finished with point totals in the range of 1.0 - 2.5. This is a rather astonishing result in that no one had less than 1 point, and only 3 of the 22 players managed to score more than 2.5 points in the 4 rounds.

A couple of the “younger” seniors, Andres Hortillosa & Tim Radermacher, finished in a tie for 1st place with 3.5 / 4.0 points. There will be a tiebreaker playoff to determine who represents Minnesota at the Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions next summer. Other prize winners included Andres Hortillosa for the U2000 section, Daniel Nenneman for the U1700 section, Scott Carpenter for the U1400 section, and Daniel Voje for the coveted age 65+ category.

Many thanks to Chief TD Jack Bellinger for his excellent work with this event.

2022 State Senior Championship: October 22-23 @ Southdale Castle Chess Club

Place	Name	Rating	Total Pts	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4
1-2	Tim Radermacher	2144	3.5	W11	W6	D2	W5
	Andres Hortillosa	1900	3.5	W14	W10	D1	W4
3	Daniel Voje	1900	3.0	W17	L9	W8	W11
4-7	Nels Truelson	2202	2.5	W7	D5	W9	L2
	Peter Gisselquist	1800	2.5	W18	D4	W16	L1
	Ivan Wijetunge	1816	2.5	W20	L1	D13	W9
	Daniel Nenneman	1686	2.5	L4	W18	W19	H
8-15	John Baker	1773	2.0	W15	D16	L3	D12
	Judson Girton	1703	2.0	W21	W3	L4	L6
	Dennis McGrath	1722	2.0	W22	L2	D17	D13

	Stephen Lockhart	1665	2.0	L1	W20	W22	L3
	Vincent Wisniewski	1640	2.0	H	D19	H	D8
	Roger Redmond	1600	2.0	L16	W15	D6	D10
	Michael Heinisch	1575	2.0	L2	H	D18	W17
	Scott Carpenter	1417	2.0	L8	L13	Bye	W21
16-18	Bill Murray	1992	1.5	W13	D8	L5	U
	Tom Beuning	1474	1.5	L3	W21	D10	L14
	Riaz Khan	1441	1.5	L5	L7	D14	W22
19-22	Roger Hale	1379	1.0	H	D12	L7	U
	Steven Heinisch	1357	1.0	L6	L11	L21	Bye
	Neil Kulevsky	UNR	1.0	L9	L17	W20	L15
	Ed Bourgeois	774	1.0	L10	Bye	L11	L18

2022 MN State Senior Championship Tiebreaker

1st Tiebreaker: Classical Games: Held in December 2022 @ Castle Chess Club

NM Tim Radermacher 2162 I I = 2 points
 Andres Hortillosa 1955 O O = 0 points

Radermacher will now move on to represent Minnesota at the National Irwin Tournament of Senior State Champions which begins in late July in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

President Zagar wins Hall of Fame Classic

We all know Dane Zagar as a Minnesota chess organizer and TD, and also as the President of the MSCA, but don't forget that Dane is also a very good chess player! President Zagar went undefeated to capture clear first prize at this year's edition of the Hall of Fame Classic Tournament. Strong showings were also put in by the Castle's Monday night regular rapid triumvirate of messengers Timm-McNeil-Wasserman who all managed to score 3.5 points to join the pile-up for 2nd place along with Andrew Sheehan and Vihaan Pendse. Pendse, who is from Rochester, now has his rating up to 1987 and may be emerging as the next bright star in the long history of Minnesota scholastic chess success stories.

In the U1900 Section Mohamed Hadj Mohammed and Joshua French tied for 1st prize with 4/5 points. In the U1400 it was Aarav Salil with a tournament start rating of 1063 outpacing the field with 4.5/5.0 points to capture clear first. Overall there was a great turn-out for the event with the 61 players fitting comfortably into the Castle Chess Club space at Southdale Mall.

Many thanks to Jack Bellinger for serving as the Chief TD on his first "big" tournament. Below is the cross-table from the open section of the event.

Hall of Fame Classic: December 17-18, 2022 @ Southdale Castle Chess Club

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Total Pts</u>	<u>RD1</u>	<u>RD2</u>	<u>RD3</u>	<u>RD4</u>	<u>RD5</u>
1	Dane Zagar	2029	4.0	W17	W13	W11	D3	D5
2-6	Andrew Sheehan	2170	3.5	L5	D15	W13	W7	W3
	Jordan Timm	2121	3.5	W16	W6	W5	D1	L2
	David McNeil	2117	3.5	W10	L5	D6	W17	W11
	Eddie Wasserman	1941	3.5	W2	W4	L3	W11	D1
	Vihaan Pendse	1928	3.5	W7	L3	D4	W15	W10
7-8	Vaibhav Kalpaka	2102	3.0	L6	W12	W8	L2	W15
	Arvind Thiagarajan	1968	3.0	L11	W14	L7	W12	W13
9-10	Daniel Garrett	1986	2.5	W14	L11	H	L10	W17
	Daniel Voje	1910	2.5	L4	B	D15	W9	L6
11-14	Okey Iwu	2201	2.0	W8	W9	L1	L5	L4
	Iren Fei	1766	2.0	D15	L7	B	L8	D16

	Alexander Augustine	1561	2.0	W18	L1	L2	W16	L8
	Joshua Rajadurai	1635	2.0	L9	L8	H	H	B
15-17	Yuval Shemesh	1992	1.5	D12	D2	D10	L6	L7
	Barry Lazarus	1900	1.5	L3	H	H	L13	D12
	Ahmed Ilysov	1841	1.5	L1	W18	H	L4	L9
18	Bill Murray	1900	0.0	L13	L17	U	U	U

Hall of Fame Class of 2023 to be Inducted February 11

The Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame recognizes the lifetime achievements and contributions of the top Minnesota chess players and contributors. There are currently 25 members in the Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame. You can read a short 1-page biography for each member's accomplishments by clicking on "Hall of Fame Members" on the MSCA's homepage.

This year's Hall of Fame Ceremony will be held on Saturday February 11, 2023 at 3:45 PM. This is the traditional timing where the ceremony will take place between Rounds 2 & 3 of the Minnesota Open Chess Tournament.

Chess Castle Club Report – October through December 2022

As often is the case, the Chess Castle has seen a bit of a seasonal slowdown as the fall progressed. The Monday Action Quads and Thursday Knighter Open events continue to, on average, draw the most people. On the flip side, Tuesday nights have been a tough sell. After a few more months located in the Southdale mall, it's clear there is more visibility and foot traffic around the site, resulting in more new players. Special shout-out to Benjamin Wheaton, who played in his first USCF rated event in early November and played well enough to have his provisional rating jump from the 1200's to over 2200 before the end of the month! Just around the corner in early January is the yearly club championship event, always one of the highlights of the year. Everyone is encouraged to play and fight to get their name on the esteemed trophy!

– submitted by Ethan Hunt

Results through 12/22/2022

Monday Action Quad Leaders

Jordan Timm	5.5
Benjamin Wheaton	5.0
David McNeil	2.5

Tuesday Night Leaders

John Blomer	1.5
Eddie Wasserman	1.5

Thursday Knighter Winners

October Open – Kevin Landman
October Premier – Eddie Wasserman
November Open – Sergei Rakhmanov
November Premier – Eddie Wasserman

Exerciser Quad Leaders

Dan Voje	2.0
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Other Club Events

National Chess Day Rapid	Vaibhav Kalpaka	5.0/5.0
October Saturday Hybrid	Eddie Wasserman	4.0/4.0
November Saturday Rapid	David McNeil	4.5/5.0
November Think	Vaibhav Kalpaka and Medhat Feshir	5.0/7.0
December Saturday Rapid	Jordan Timm	5.0/5.0

Rochester Chess Report

This past October, the Rochester club held their club championship! There were three sections; an invitational championship section, an open Amateur section, and an U1000 Bantam section. The championship section especially was very even, with more drawn games than decisive ones. Below are the crosstables for the championship and Amateur sections.

2022 Rochester Championship

Place	Name	Rating	Total Pts	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1	Matt Jensen	2244	3.5	W4	D3	W5	D6	D2
2-3	Dexter Thompson	2200	3.0	D6	W4	D3	D5	D1
	Michael Kern	1765	3.0	W5	D1	D2	L4	X-
4	Vihaan Pense	1898	2.5	L1	L2	W6	W3	D5
5-6	David McNeil	2085	1.5	L3	D6	L1	D2	D4
	Daniel Garrett	1927	1.5	D2	D5	L4	D1	F-

2022 Rochester Amateur Championship

Place	Name	Rating	Total Pts	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	RD 5
1	Kevin Gaustad	1776	5.0	W4	W11	W2	W3	W7
2	Jai Knuth	1244	3.5	B-	W7	L1	W6	H-
3-5	Soren Wiedmann	1600	3.0	W5	W12	W6	L1	U-
	Jacob Arroyo	1343	3.0	L1	W14	D10	W9	D6
	Alejandro Decaire	1293	3.0	L3	W8	L7	W10	W11
6-7	Timothy Schimke	1617	2.5	W13	W9	L3	L2	D4
	Jamison Thorne	1098	2.5	H-	L2	W5	W13	L1
8-11	Paul Kinion	1370	2.0	L12	L5	W13	L11	W9
	Cole Hafner	Unr.	2.0	W10	L6	W11	L4	L8
	Alex Nelson	1232	2.0	L9	W13	D4	L5	H-
	Spencer Tomasek	1016	2.0	W14	L1	L9	W8	L5
12	Larry Jaspersen	1707	1.5	W8	L3	H-	U-	U-
13	Steve Lange	1202	1.0	L6	L10	L8	L7	B-
14	George Paulik	1732	0.0	L11	L4	U-	U-	U-

Twin Ports Report

The Twin Ports club continues to hold weekly events, garnering solid turnouts and having unique event names. No one player tends to dominate the events and anyone can win on any given day. It's always good to see a competitive balance like that. Below is the crosstable from one of the events this fall.

Remembering the Battle of Hastings

Place	Name	Rating	Total Pts	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3
1	Brent Gudowski	1706	3.0	W7	W5	W2
2	Brenton Decker	1738	2.0	W8	W6	L1
3-4	Cody Roberts	1591	1.5	L6	W9	D7
	Sean Zentrich	877	1.5	U-	D7	W9
5-7	Andy Grube	1807	1.0	W9	L1	U-
	Allisun Zagar	1438	1.0	W3	L2	U-
	Denis Matic	1403	1.0	L1	D4	D3
8-9	Adam Graupe	1323	0.0	L2	U-	U-
	Jadin Merzwski	1278	0.0	L5	L3	L4

STAT CORNER

Most Popular Birth Months of World Chess Champions:

March	Smyslov, Fischer, Topalov
May	Steinitz, Euwe, Karpov
June	Morphy, Petrosian, Kramnik
Nov	Capablanca, Tal, Carlsen
Dec	Lasker, Kasimdzhanov, Anand
Jan	Spassky, Khalifman
April	Staunton, Kasparov
July	Anderssen, Nepomniachtchi
Oct	Alekhine, Ponomarev
Aug	Botvinnik

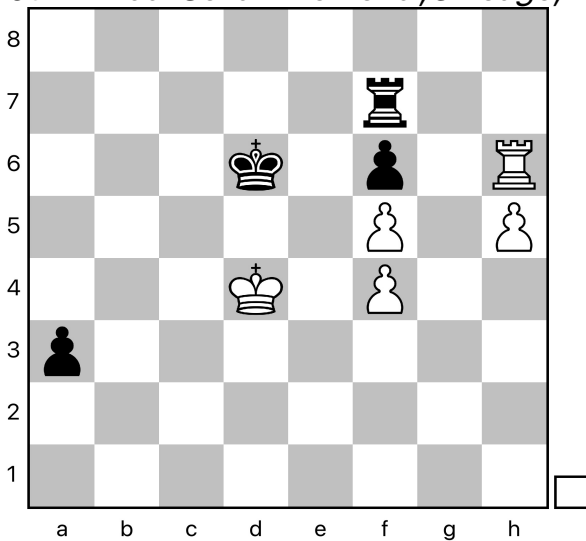
The Stat Corner is a recurring feature in the MCJ brought to you by MN Chess Hall of Fame Committee Member Joe Longen, who is the keeper of an impressive array of Minnesota chess history and statistics.

BILL'S ENDGAME CORNER

This editor originally met Bill Murray at Thursday Night Chess in the North Suburban Chess League back in 1981 when it used to meet at North Hennepin Community College. Over the last 40 years that I have known Bill, it has been my observation that he has been a constant on the Minnesota chess scene and one of the most solid chess players I have encountered. In the last few years I have noticed Bill's unique talent for both getting into and succeeding with interesting endgames. This column features some of the interesting endgames Bill has encountered in recent chess events. Enjoy!

Aryan Shrigadi 1862 - Bill Murray 1971 0-1

6th Annual Sevan Memorial, Chicago, IL (2), 2022.11.26



Annotations & Comments by Bill Murray. **44. ♖c3**

[#] 44. ♖g6 Only move. My opponent played Kc3 stepping into the square to stop the pawn. 44... a2 45. ♖g1 ♖a7 46. ♖a1 ♖a4+ 47. ♖c3 ♖xf4 48. ♖xa2 ♖xf5

48... ♖h4 49. ♖d3 ♖xh5 50. ♖e4=

49. ♖h2 ♖c5+ 50. ♖d4 ♖c8 51. ♖e4 ♖e6 52. h6 ♖f7

44... ♖d5? I return the favor and now it is a draw.

44... ♖a7-- Black Queens with check.

45. ♖g6

45. ♖b3= ♖e4 46. ♖xa3 ♖xf4 47. ♖b4 ♖xf5 48. ♖c3 ♖g5 49. ♖h8 f5 50. ♖d2 f4

51. ♖e2 ♖g4 52. ♖f2

45... ♖a7 46. ♖g1 ♖e4 47. h6 ♖h7 48. ♖b3

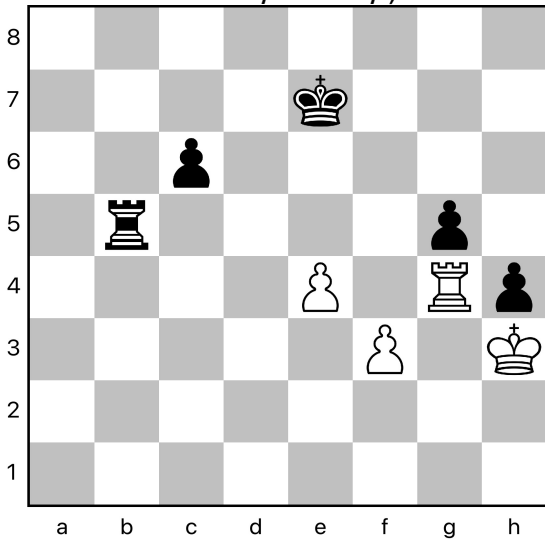
48. ♖h1 Back to equal.

48... ♖xh6 49. ♖xa3 ♖xf5 50. ♖b3 ♖h3+ Only move **51. ♖c4 ♖xf4 52. ♖d4 f5**

With King cut off on the wrong side it just took time to win. **0-1**

Niemann,Hans 2699 - Caruana,Fabiano 2763 0-1

U.S.Chess Championship,Saint Louis,United States (4),2022.10.05



Annotations & Comments by Bill Murray.57...♔f6 58.f4 ♖b3+ 59.♔h2 ♖b2+
60.♔h3

60.♔g1 ♖b1+ 61.♔g2

61.♔f2-+ gxf4 62.♖xf4+ ♔g5 63.♖f8 ♔g4 64.♖g8+ ♔f4 65.♖h8 ♖b2+

66.♔e1 ♔xe4 67.♖xh4+ ♔d3 68.♖h6 ♖b1+ 69.♔f2 c5

61...♖b2+ 62.♔f1

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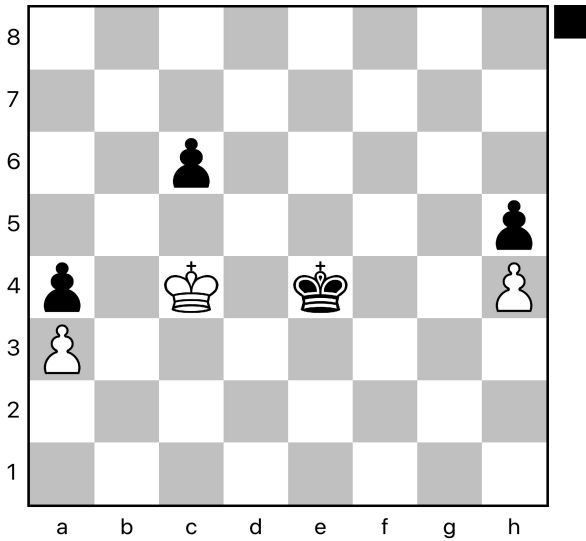
♔xe4 66.♖d6 ♔e3 67.♖e6+ ♔d2 68.♖d6+ ♔c2 69.♔f2 c5 70.♖c6 ♔d2

71.♖c8 c4 72.♖c7 ♖c2 73.♖d7+ ♔c3+ 74.♔e1 ♖h2 75.♔d1 ♖h1+ 76.♔e2 ♔c2

77.♖d2+ ♔b3 78.♖d8 c3 79.♖b8+ ♔c2 80.♖a8 ♖h7 0-1

King & Pawns Endgame Study - ?

2022.10.02



Comments by Bill Murray.[#] **1...c5**

1...♔f5 This looks like the easiest way to win. Sadly the pawn on c6 blocks the new queen that is coming on h1. 2.♔b4 ♔g4 3.♔xa4 ♔xh4 4.♔b3

4.♔b4?? c5+ clears the c6 square and the diagonal

4...♔g5 5.a4 h4 6.a5 h3 7.a6 h2 8.a7 h1=♚ 9.a8=♚=

2.♔b5 c4 Now the c pawn can queen **3.♔xc4 ♔f4 4.♔b4 ♔g4 5.♔xa4 ♔xh4 6.♔b5 ♔g5 7.a4 h4 8.a5 h3 9.a6 h2 10.a7 h1=♚ ***

Top 20 Active MN Players by Over-the-Board USCF Rating as of January 1, 2023

Rank	Player	Rating
1	Wesley So - GM	2829
2	John Bartholomew - IM	2534
3	Sean Nagle - IM	2514
4	Samrug Narayanan - FM	2397
5	Alice Lee - FM, WIM	2379
6	Kevin Wasiluk - FM	2352
7	Ashton Jin - NM	2308
8	Andrew Titus - NM	2294
9	Linden Lee - NM	2276
10	Leonard Johnson - NM	2262
11	Jackson Wahl - NM	2238
12	Matthew Jensen - NM	2236
13	Okey Iwu - NM	2200
13	Dexter Thompson - NM	2200
15	Kyler Weatherspoon - NM	2191
16	Ethan Hunt - NM	2169
17	Andrew Sheehan - CM	2168
18	Tim Radermacher - NM	2167
19	Benjamin Wheaton	2163
20	Joe Longen - NM	2125

Featured Player this MCJ from Top 20 Rating List: #9 Linden Lee

Linden's younger sister Alice has received many accolades over the last few years as one of Minnesota's premier scholastic chess players on the national scene. However, we must also bring to attention the great chess stretch Linden has put together during his first fall away at college.

Linden is playing on Yale's chess team and they beat Harvard in their annual chess match in November by the score of 2.5 - 1.5. Linden scored a crucial draw in his game to secure the victory for Yale. Linden also

played in the Collegiate Chess League and won his division 2 comprised of 16 players. Over the winter break Linden participated in the North American Open in Las Vegas and scored 5.5/9.0 points in the super challenging Open Section. This lifted his USCF rating to 2301 as he had victories against a GM and an IM, and also a draw against another GM. Next up for Linden will be the Pan American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championships in Seattle. Go Linden!!

2022/2023 MSCA Event Calendar

Date	Event	Site	Chief TD	Status
June 25-26	US Amateur North	Bloomington Cambria		Complete
July 9-10	Rochester Open*	Mayo Civic Center		Complete
July 22-24	Catfish Days*	Franklin Community Ctr.		Complete
August 13	State Blitz Championship	Plymouth Community Ctr		Complete
September 17-18	Northern Open	Roseville Skating Center		Complete
October 14	TCCL Round #1	Roseville Skating Center		Complete
October 22-23	Senior State Champ.	Castle Chess Club		Complete
November 12-13	Class Championships	Castle Chess Club		Complete
November 18	TCCL Round #2	Roseville Skating Center		Complete
December 9	TCCL Round #3	Roseville Skating Center		Complete
December 17-18	Hall of Fame Classic	Castle Chess Club		Complete
January 13, 2023	TCCL Round #4	Roseville Skating Center	Zagar	Scheduled
Jan 21-22, 2023	Winter Open	Roseville Skating Center	Zagar	Scheduled
Feb 10-12, 2023	Minnesota Open	Plymouth Crowne Plaza	Emmons	Scheduled
February 17, 2023	TCCL Round #5	Roseville Skating Center	Zagar	Scheduled
March 4-5, 2023	State Scholastics	University of St. Thomas	TBD	Scheduled
March 10, 2023	TCCL Round #6	Roseville Skating Center	Zagar	Scheduled
March 18-19, 2023	State Scholastic Playoffs	Castle Chess Club	Wahl	Scheduled
March 24-26, 2023	Stenberg Cup	TBD	TBD	Scheduled
April 7, 2023	TCCL Round #7	Roseville Skating Center	Zagar	Scheduled

**Sponsored by local chess organization; not an MSCA event*

A bit about the Minnesota Chess Journal History.

George Tiers was a long-time Minnesota chess player, organizer, TD, board member, editor, and archiver. George is of course in our Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame to recognize the immense contributions he made to the growth and success of chess in Minnesota over a period of 7 decades!

This team of editors is very proud to honor George's legacy by reinvigorating the Minnesota Chess Journal with this our 6th "MCJ" digital publication during the last 2 years.

From your Minnesota Chess Journal Publication Team:

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Nels Truelson - TCCL Reporter
Ethan Hunt - Club Reporter
Bill Murray - Endgame Corner*