

## TACOMA CHESS TIMES,

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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Quads has been dropped. Instead 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday will be a casual Chess day. (skittles & blitz) No tournaments. Those of you who work The swing or night shift & older players who can no longer drive at Night, this is an opportunity to come & spend a Sunday afternoon Playing a little casual chess. If this works out & several players show up, Then we will open every Sunday. If you are interested please email me & Let me know if you like this new set up & if you think we should open On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. as well. [ggarychess@aol.com](mailto:ggarychess@aol.com)  
Sunday hours; 1:30 pm-?

The club has just purchased a laptop computer. It has a number of chess Programs on it. Programs like Friz 10, Chess Informant, Chess Base 9, Shedder 9, Openings in PGN, etc. There are a lot of games on these Programs. You can use the computer to analyze your tournament Games when you finish your round. The computer will be set up during Tournaments & on casual chess nights for you. Also, I have an external Hard drive that is loaded with chess programs, CD's, DVD's, books, etc. I will bring it with me to the club on club nights & weekends the club is Open. WE also have about 30 DVD's in the library as well as some CD's. These may be checked out for 1 month. If you are interested see Gary At the club. We also have a large number of books in the library. Several Of these are on CD's. Some are for sale & some are for in club use or They may be checked out for 1 month. If you are interested see Gary At the club.

If you have any chess DVD's, CD's, books, boards, sets, clocks, etc. That you no longer need please feel free to donate these items To the club. We can make good use of them. We will give you \$10.00 off on a year membership & \$5.00 off on a ½ year & a ¼ year Membership if you make a sizeable donation. This offer good until Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>. Some of these donations will be kept for club use & some Will be given out as tournament prizes & some will be sold to help raise money for the club.

## TOURNAMENT REPORT:

The Daffodil Open was held at the club on April 18-19. There were 11 players in all. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Mike MacGregor 3.5 \$65.00, 1<sup>st</sup> Group #1 Mark Saarenas & Johnny Rajkumar 3.0 \$18.00 each, 1<sup>st</sup> Group #2 Mike Kamrath 3.0 \$33.00. The Pierce County Championship was held in April-May. There were 14 players in all. The tournament began with a Preliminary 5 round event. The 4 players with the 4 highest scores move on to the championship which is a 3 round quad, with all points from both sections being combined for the final scores to determine the champion. In case of a tie then there will be a playoff to determine the champion. This format was used at the club in the 40s, 50s & early 60s. I decided to try it & see if the players like it. If not then I will use the old format.

A 4 round Quick Chess Tournament (G/15) was held on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>. There were 14 players in all. The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> Larry Anderson 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Draton Harrison, Steve Buck & David Wight 3 points each.

I met with the Tournament Committee Friday night & we made the following changes to the tournament calendar;

1. Suspend Kids night for the summer (July-Aug.) & start up in Sept.
2. Drop Wed. Night Quads & have only Casual Chess.
3. Drop Sun. Quads & have only casual Chess.
4. After last round of Tacoma City Championship on July 10th, there will be only casual chess on Friday nights in July & Aug. & one 1 night tournament each month. We will go back to our regular schedule in Sept.

Please email me at [ggarychess@aol.com](mailto:ggarychess@aol.com) & let me know what your thoughts are on these changes. I need your input. Your ideas & suggestions will be a big help in planning & organizing the tournament calendar for the rest of the year.