



SW Florida Chess Club

Scholastic Section

Program Schedule

- The first Saturday of the month is Tournament Day.
- The Scholastic Section will meet on the other Saturdays of the month from 10:00 to 12:00.

Program Introduction

- Chess instruction will be given from 10:00 to 11:00.
- Casual games from 11:00 to 12:00 to put learning into practice.
- Participate in USCF rated tournaments on the first Saturday of the month.

Program Outline

- Volume I The Chess board, the pieces, moves and captures, castling, relative values, chess notation, how to record moves, the chess clock, basic opening principles, test.
- Volume II..... The rules of play, more symbols and terms, mating patterns, mistakes in the opening, the concept of planning, elementary tactics, basic endgames, typical mating combinations, test.
- Volume III..... Intermediate tactics, forcing variations, how to calculate, improving visualization skills, the importance of making threats, candidate moves.
- Volume IV..... Chess strategy, imbalances, pawn structure, weak pawns, outposts, open files, color square complexes, space, the elements, how to analyze a position.
- Volume V..... The endgame, a deeper study of King + pawn vs. King, triangulation, zugzwang, trebuchet, outflanking, King + pawn versus King + pawn, Rook endings, Queen endings, opposite colored Bishops, Bishops vs. Knights.

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