

# **SW Florida Chess Club**

## **Scholastic Section**

### **Why should you master chess notation?**

- Algebraic notation is used extensively by chess courses and exercises. Searching for squares mentioned in an exercise is hardly an effective way to spend your training time.
- Knowing the algebraic chess notation by heart makes it easier to talk to your chess friends, since you both understand the “language of chess.”
- Game analysis can be far more effective if you don’t need to search for square names.
- Notating your games will not distract your concentration since you will be able to complete your notation without even looking at the letters and numbers on the sides.
- Improve visualization skills
- Easier to calculate candidate moves and “see” where the pieces are at the end of a variation.