



THE BIMONTHLY BLITZ

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Swiss – Sep 8,15,22,29/Oct 6,13,20,27
Saturday Increment – Sep 9,16,23/Oct 7,21,
DCC Fundraiser FIDE II – Sep 16-17
DCC FIDE Open X – Sep 30-Oct 1
DCC National Chess Day FIDE Open – Oct 14-15
DCC Dallas Open, Amateur & Novice – Oct 28-29

Refer to the calendar on the DCC website link below for any updates and event details.

www.dallaschess.com

2017 Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Champ. (North Richland Hills, TX) – Sep 23-24

21st Annual North/Central Texas Grade Champ. (Houston, TX) – Nov 3-5

2017 U.S. Class Champ. (Houston, TX) – Nov 10-12

2017 UTD Fall FIDE Open (Dallas, TX) – Nov 17-22

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The 2017 NA Junior (U20) Chess Championship a Success for DCC

The 4th annual North American Junior (U20) Chess Championship concluded on September 5, with 38 players competing in the Open Division and 12 players competing in the Women’s Division. Participation increased 39% overall compared with last year, even given the impact of Hurricane Harvey and was a financial success for the DCC.

Advait Patel, our neighbor from Oklahoma, won the Open Division, earning a GM norm and the IM title and Naomi Bashkansky, from Washington state, won the Women’s Division, earning a WGM norm and the WIM title. For complete results, click on the link below:

<http://chess-results.com/fed.aspx?lan=1&fed=USA>

83rd Southwest Open



Photo Courtesy of Oren Eliezer



National Chess Day – Oct 14, 2017

In 1976, President Gerald Ford set the 2nd Saturday in October aside as a day "To give special recognition to a game that generates challenge, intellectual stimulation, and enjoyment for citizens of all ages."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW



NM Akshay Malhotra

by Cole Frutos

Akshay Malhotra is a sophomore at The University of Pennsylvania, pursuing a dual degree in business and engineering. He is enrolled in the Wharton School of Business and in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. After graduation, he will most likely use his degrees to pursue something involving business and technology, or a finance-related field or start-up.

Akshay had a very busy summer at UPenn, as a research analyst for the Wharton Alternative Investments Initiative and as a research assistant in Wharton's finance department.

As a freshman, Akshay competed in a contest called "The Huntsman Hacks". This contest was open to freshmen and sophomores, aimed at finding real world solutions to pressing business issues. The contest was sponsored by Alibaba, a multibillion-dollar company based in China. Because Akshay's team won first place, they were awarded with a trip to visit Alibaba's headquarters in August.

Akshay continues to play chess through participation in collegiate tournaments such as the Inter-Ivy League and Pan American Collegiate tournaments.

Akshay's interest in chess came from his dad and uncle. They both played chess in India and wanted Akshay to play also. Akshay's parents sent him to a school where chess was included in the curriculum. The chess coach saw potential in Akshay and recommended that he pursue competitive chess, so Akshay's dad took him to the Dallas Chess Club, where he played often until attending college out of state.

I asked Akshay what his advice to kids is and he said, "Be persistent. Keep trying. Chess helps develop good life skills, like problem solving and critical thinking and determination to apply this stuff to real life scenarios". I also asked him his favorite DCC memory and he said, "I love the community of people." He loves this community because you can be playing your worst enemy on the board, but be best friends off the board and play tennis and bughouse between the rounds.

What's New at the DCC

DCC continues to make changes for the benefit of its members. In addition to this newsletter, revamped website, calendar and aesthetic improvements, see the following new items:

Mixed Doubles at FIDE – Team up (one male and one female) at the next DCC FIDE Open X on Sept 30-Oct 1.

- \$20 fee per team, eligible for a Mixed Doubles Prize
 - o 1st receives 60% of the mixed doubles fees
 - o 2nd receives 30% of the mixed doubles fees
- Teams must be formed before the 3rd round.

DCC is on Twitter  @DallasChessDCC

- Tweet about your favorite DCC game
- Tweet to cheer on our home town folks competing at high level chess tournaments and invitationals

What Makes the DCC Able to Operate

The key funding methods that allow the Dallas Chess Club to continue to operate are listed below and are critical to keeping our club strong and financially healthy:

- **Dallas Chess Club Memberships**
How you can help - Pay your Dallas Chess Club memberships in a timely manner.
- **Fundraiser Fridays and FIDE tournaments**
How you can help – Compete and spread the word to other chess players. DCC offers fun, competitive tournaments year-round.
- **Hosting large scale tournaments** such as The Texas Grade, The North/Central Texas State Scholastic, and The Texas State & Amateur tournaments
How you can help – Compete, take a "staycation" at the local chess hotel and spread the word to other chess players.



Congrats to our Grads!

Congratulations to our recent high school graduates. We wish them continued success as they enter a new chapter of their lives.

Marcus MaoUniversity of Texas, Computer Science Honors
Abhishek Obilli.....Rice University, Biochemistry & Cell Biology
Atulya Vaidya University of Texas, Business Honors
Annie Zhao Harvard University

Welcome Newest Dallas Chess Club Members

Michael Jennings, Ethan Lance, Maximilian Lee, Sebastian Lee, Lindsey Zhao

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