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ADULTS-ONLY CLASS 6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS

ADVANCED CLASS 7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR

National Master Mike Sailer (USCF 2248 Peak) is a 17-time State Champion of North Dakota and 4-time State Champion of South Carolina. He is a three-time Denker High School Tournament of State Champions representative (1988-1990) and an Irwin Tournament of Senior State Champions representative (2023). Mike was inducted into the ND Chess Hall of Fame in 2007, and he continues to be a very active over-the-board and online player. He has nearly 40 years of playing and coaching experience and specializes in teaching students how to expand their positional understanding and simplifying the decision-making process of finding strong moves.

ADULTS-ONLY & ADVANCED CLASS COURSE SYLLABUS

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2025

CLASS FORMAT

NM Mike Sailer leads a small class with an open floor for questions, fostering interactive and engaging lectures. Weekly independent assignments help prepare students for upcoming topics.

UPCOMING CLASSES

OCTOBER 15, 2025

The Panov Botvinnik Attack

Exploring dynamic play of openings with the isolated queen pawn. We will study the Panov Botvinnik Attack in the Caro Kann, but these middlegame positions can be achieved with a number of other openings including the Sicilian, Queens Gambit, English, etc.

OCTOBER 22, 2025

The Maroczy Bind

Exploring dynamic play of openings that result in the Maroczy Bind structure. We will study typical middlegame positions resulting from the Accelerated Dragon and the English Opening, concentrating on the complex opening and middlegame strategies rather than discrete theory.

OCTOBER 29, 2025

The Advanced French Defense

Exploring dynamic play of an opening with the closed center. We will study typical middlegame positions resulting in the Advanced French from both the white and black perspective.

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

The Stonewall Structure

A detailed study on the dynamic play of various stonewall structures that can be achieved with both White and Black. We will study typical middlegame positions resulting from the stonewall pawn structure.

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

The Carlsbad Pawn Structure

A detailed study on the dynamic play of the Queens Gambit Declined and other related openings that result in the Carlsbad Pawn Structure.

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

The Benoni Defense

A detailed study of the dynamic play of various Benoni systems. The Benoni is the perfect defense for weekend swiss tournaments that leads to double-edged positions.