



**COLUMBIA
CHESS CLUB**

2023-2024
ANNUAL REPORT

GRAND OPENING (DEC. 2023)



- 2600 SQ. FT., 72-PLAYER TOURNAMENT CAPACITY (LARGER THAN CHARLOTTE)
- 1500+-TITLE CHESS LIBRARY
- TOURNAMENT HALL AND LOUNGE RESTROOMS (FIDE COMPLIANT)
- CONCESSIONS KIOSK
- DGT-WIRED TOURNAMENT HALL
- 5 BIG-SCREEN TVs FOR LIVE STATUS



KID'S NIGHT



THURSDAY

EXPANDED REGULAR MEETINGS

- TRADITIONAL THURSDAY NIGHTS
- EXPANSION: TUESDAY KID'S NIGHT, AVG. 16 RATED YOUTH PLAYERS
- EXPANSION: QUAD NIGHT



QUAD NIGHT



COLUMBIA CHESS CLUB LECTURE SERIES

- 8 LECTURES, 5 TITLED PLAYERS

GM ELSHAN MORADIABADI
Lecture and Simultaneous Exhibition
Thursday, October 5, 2023
6:00 p.m. start
Firefly Toys and Games
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 On-Site

NM MARK BIERNACKI
"Learning from Rubinstein"
Thursday, November 2, 2023
6:00 p.m. start
Firefly Toys and Games
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 On-Site

JAMES BRANDMAIR
Lecture
"How I Won my Section at ALTO"
Thursday, April 25, 2024
6:00 p.m. start
Columbia Chess Club
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 On-Site

IM JUSTIN SARKAR
Simultaneous Exhibition
Friday, May 10, 2024
7:00 p.m. start
Columbia Chess Club
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 On-Site

NM SAM COPELAND
"My First Classical Win Against A Grandmaster"
Thursday, June 27, 2024
6:00 p.m. start
Columbia Chess Club
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 Donation Suggested

BRAYDEN VAN DE GRAAFF
"How to fight back in losing positions"
Thursday, July 25, 2024
6:00 p.m. start
Columbia Chess Club
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 Donation Suggested

NM MIKE SAILER
"Pressing Small Endgame Advantages: Part 1 Rook and Pawn Endings"
Thursday, September 26, 2024
6:00 p.m. start
Columbia Chess Club
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 Donation Suggested

AARYAV SAHA
2023 K-5 Scholastic Champion
"My Most 'Attakative' and Wild Games"
Thursday, May 30, 2024
6:00 p.m. start
Columbia Chess Club
6169 St. Andrews Road
\$5 Donation Suggested

EST. 2022 TUNNELVISION

- EVERY MONTH, \$1000 GUARANTEED – ON TIME, LIVE STREAMING TO CHESS.COM/LICHESS, DGT BOARDS
- 50 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE (661 PLAYERS IN LAST 12 MONTHS)
- 2-YEAR ANNIVERSARY
- Nov. 16, 2024 TUNNELVISION XXVI



SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS

- 2024 SC SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
- 2024 SC GIRL'S SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
- NEWBERRY ACADEMY SCHOOLWIDE TOURNAMENT
- COLUMBIA OPEN (FIRST MULTI-DAY EVENT)
- **2024 SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, Nov. 8-10, 2024**





2024 Safe Play Training House Party

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR GROWTH

9 SAFE-PLAY TRAINED TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS, 2
WITH SENIOR-LEVEL EXPERIENCE, 6 WITH LOCAL-
LEVEL EXPERIENCE

- BRANDMAIR, JAMES
- CIRIELLO, NICHOLAS
- COPELAND, PAUL
- GARDNER, ROMAN
- JORDAN, BRANDON
- MILLER, SEAN
- NEACK, IAN
- QUINONES, MYKAEL
- THORLA, THOMAS

DEVELOPED COLUMBIA CHESS CLUB
LOCAL TD STUDY COURSE

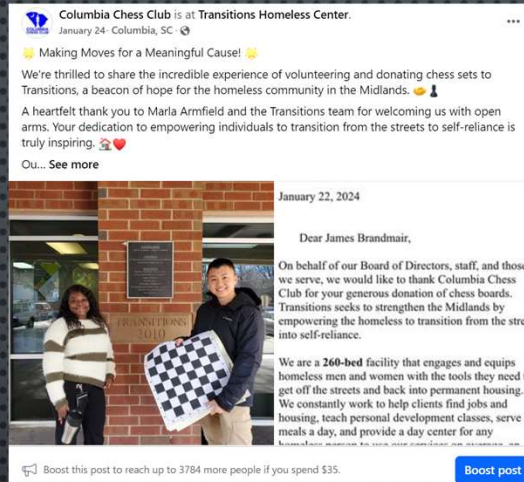
NOTABLE PLAYER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2023 STATE CHAMPIONS (NM SAM COPELAND AND NM MIKE SAILER)
- 2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT: TYLER MURRAH, ARNAV SINGH
- 2024 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NATIONAL QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT: TAMAGHNA ROY, AARYAV SAHA
- 2024 HIGH SCHOOL BLITZ CHAMPION: NEIL NORONHA
- 2024 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BLITZ CHAMPION: AARUSH PANDA
- 2024 CLUB CHAMPION: NM MIKE SAILER
- CHARLOTTE U500 1ST PLACE AUG. 24, 2024: RIO SAHA
- CHARLESTON THUNDERSTORM, U1500 1ST PLACE: AARUSH PANDA
- U1700 CHARLOTTE SUMMER OPEN 2ND PLACE: ARNAV SINGH
- CAROLINIA CLASSIC U1700 1ST PLACE: AARYAV SAHA, U1900 BLITZ 1ST PLACE: BRAYDEN VAN DE GRAAFF, U1700 BLITZ 3RD PLACE TAMAGHNA ROY
- CHESSKID.COM NATIONAL FESTIVAL 1ST PLACE TEAM U1500: AARYAV SAHA & AARUSH PANDA
- CHARLOTTE OPEN U1600 BLITZ 2ND PLACE: TYLER MURRAH
- ...AND MANY OTHERS



PUBLIC OUTREACH

- CLUB SEEKS OUT OPPORTUNITIES TO DONATE TIME AND EQUIPMENT TO GROW CHESS
- DONATIONS TO RIVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY, RIVER SPRINGS ELEMENTARY, MEADOWFIELD ELEMENTARY, HARBISON WEST ELEMENTARY, TRANSITIONS SHELTER





BOARD 202

SOUTH CAROLINA CHESS ASSOCIATION

15 TABLES REMAIN

TABLE SPONSOR PROGRAM

- **\$250 (can be jointly purchased)**
- **Brass Plaque installed on table**
- **2 lines, limit 36 characters per line**