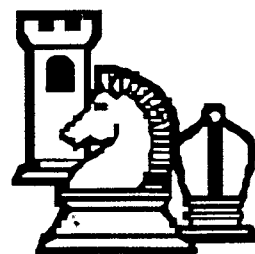


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Memphis Chess Club Seeks New Site for Club

By Philip Maclin, editor

The nature and character of the Memphis Chess Club has been experiencing what we believe to be positive changes. With our increased optimism, the directors see the need for a new club meeting site.

Last month the membership adopted new bylaws that give a seven-member board of directors exclusive power to run the club. No one individual is responsible for these changes; the new leadership is a team. And this team effort is more likely to result in solid decisions. Another plus is that each of the seven persons elected to the board has shown a desire to work for the overall club's interests.

The top priority of business for the board in the next few months is to find a new place to have the club's weekly meetings. The newly elected board members want to find a new location that meets these criteria: free rent to the club, available for both Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, playing conditions suitable for chess and centrally located, probably in East Memphis. We want to open the club on both Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. Anyone who knows a possible site for weekly meetings, phone Mike Barton at 853-8996.

The club has an excellent arrangement with UT Memphis to host its weekend tournaments. A survey at the Mid-South Open showed players were happy with the university site.

Board members are happy with the concept of being a Mid-South club serving as a hub for all players in this region. We all would enjoy joint weekend tourneys, matches between cities, or a league of Mid-South clubs.

Mike Barton Elected New Club President

Mike Barton, a long-time club member who lives in Collierville, has been elected the new president of the Memphis Chess Club. Mike is well-known in regional chess circles.

Rick Herbers, a plumber, continues as the vice president. **Dr. Tom Fields**, a dentist on UT Memphis faculty, is the new treasurer. **David Emerling**, a Northwest pilot, is the new secretary. **Dwight Weaver**, a Southaven postman, continues as the historian. **Charlie Durham**, a teenage student, is the new club tournament director. **Dr. Philip Maclin**, a computer scientist on the faculty at UT Memphis, continues as the public relations director.