

BAKER SIZZLES THE REGION

The Memphis Chess Club played host to the 1980 REGION VIII Open and Class Championship which was held over the fourth of July weekend. Thirty-two players braved the record-setting heatwave in Memphis to play chess. The tournament was directed by Bill Neitzel.

When you're hot, you're hot, and so it was when David Baker scorched his way to first place a full point ahead of the field of fourteen players in the open section. Kenny Thomas, Ron Harvey, and Warren Porter tied for 2nd-4th places with $3\frac{1}{2}$ points each. Leroy Boyd and David Hawkes split the category II money.

In the Category III Section, Harold Loeblein coasted into the top spot in the category III section after winning four games straight and drawing his final one. The closest challengers were a point behind Loeblein.

The category IV, I, and Unrated Section was won by Harvey Richmond. Harvey lost his last game after winning his first four, still he had a point lead over the competition. Dale Watson, Barry Goode, and Walter Bayer each had 3 points to tie for 2nd-4th spots. Watson and Goode split the Unrated money.

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RUTHERFORD COUNTY

Twenty-Four players competed in the 1980 Rutherford County Closed Chess Tournament. The event was won by John Burnett of Eagleville. John won his first three games and then held Brian McCarthy to a draw. Brian had entered the tournament late but hoped to catch the leader and win on tiebreak. John surprised him!! Perhaps Brian will be able to recover however in the atmosphere of his newly achieved Candidate Master Rating.

1. JOHN BURNETT	1714	$3\frac{1}{2}$
2. RON SEANEY	1636	$3\frac{1}{2}$
3. TIM HILL	UNR	3
4. STEVE DANSBY	UNR	3
5. BEN HURT	UNR	3
6. BRIAN MCCARTHY	1863	$2\frac{1}{2}$
7. MICHAEL POTTS	1550	$2\frac{1}{2}$
8. RON BURNETT	1520	$2\frac{1}{2}$
9. LEON STANCLIFF	1452	$2\frac{1}{2}$
10. DONALD MCSHANE	1414	2
11. DONALD BURGESS	1274	2
12. SCOTTY HIGDON	1172	2
13. THOMAS BOWERS	961/12	2
14. RONNIE BYERS	791/4	2
15. DAVID HOOD	UNR	2
16. DON REEVES	UNR	2
17. GEORGE SUTTON	UNR	2
18. FLOYD DENNIS	1193	1
19. BRIAN ANDERSON	1159/15	1
20. JOE HERNANDO	UNR	1
21. KEITH POPE	UNR	!
22. SEAN SAUNDERS	UNR	1
23. BILLY EDWARDS	UNR	1
24. KEVIN ADAMS	UNR	0

Where To Play

CHATTANOOGA: Chattanooga Chess Club meets Monday Nights, 5:30-10:00 at the Siskins Foundation, Vine Street. Contact John Stremel or Bill Severson.

CLEVELAND: Contact Charles Laws, 1004 Georgetown Road, NW

COOKEVILLE: Tennessee Tech Chess Club, room 371, University Center, TTU campus, Monday nights, 7:00 PM. Correspondance to Rick Cumby, TTU Box 6398, Cookeville, TN 38501

CROSSVILLE: Cumberland County Chess Club, meets Wednesday Nights, 7:00, at the Community Complex--Crossville fairgrounds. Contact: Harry Sabine 484-9594 or 484-4878, or Clint Pearson 484-7046.

DYERSBURG: The Dyer County Chess Club meets each Monday Night, 7:30, at the Neighborhood Activity Center in Dyersburg. Contact: David Hawkes (901) 285-8830.

HENDERSONVILLE: Hendersonville Chess Club, St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Contact Stan Bimson 824-4938

JACKSON: Call Dave Baker 424-4382 or Ernie Pinson 668-0248

JOHNSON CITY: ???

KINGSPORT: Contact Jim Sims 245-4796 or Barry Pope, Blountville.

KNOXVILLE: (1) Greater Knoxville Chess Club, Wednesday 6:30 PM, at the Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Dr., Contact Rick Igou 690-6810

(2) UT Chess Club, Student Center, Room 202 Friday, 6:30 PM

MEMPHIS: (1) Memphis Chess Club, 7:00 PM, Friday nights at the University Christian Church on the southwest corner of Highland and Spottswood. Contact Les Branch 761-0483 (2) Pillsbury Chess Club, McFarland Community Center, 4983 Cottonwood Road, Tuesday, 7:30 PM; PCC gives lessons at 6:30 Tues. & meets some Saturdays. Contact Gary Pylant 324-8199 (3) Memphis State Chess Club, Contact Randy Cope 452-6373. (4) Christian Brothers Chess Club, Contact Greg Krog 683-1527.

MURFREESBORO: Contact Leon Stancliff 893-1495.

NASHVILLE: Nashville Chess Club, Arlington United Methodist Church, 1360 Murfreesboro Road. Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Contact Peter Lahde, 361-4588.

OAK RIDGE: The Oak Ridge Chess Club meets every Sunday from 2 - 6 PM, Chapel on the Hill Contact Ed Gottlieb, 457-5045.

SPARTA: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM, Contact James Burden 738-8672.

SIGNAL MT: Contact Debra Arfken 886-5233.

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