



Pittsburgh Chess Club - March - April 2010 Class Schedule



Instructor: International Chessmaster Jerry Meyers

Chess makes kids smarter! How? Well, chess is all about focusing, concentrating, thinking ahead, weighting options, thinking concretely, thinking abstractly, visualizing, planning, and learning to juggle about a dozen considerations in your mind all at once. And, chess is fun! Join a great group of kids. Sign up today!

Location: Pittsburgh Chess Club, 5604 Solway St., 2nd Floor, in the Wightman Community Building.

Directions: Take the Parkway to the Squirrel Hill exit, turn left to Murray Ave, then left onto Murray and proceed straight to Solway St. (located a few blocks past Forbes Ave). Make another left onto Solway. The Chess club is at 5604 Solway (across from a playground) on the block between Negley Ave and Wightman Ave. Air-conditioned.

General: All classes meet for 6 weeks. Each class is divided between instruction and playing time. Ribbons will be awarded to top scoring players. Games are rated and US Chess Federation (USCF) membership is required.

Beginner Class - Sundays: Mar 7 - Apr 25 (no class 3/28 or 4/4) Time: 3:15 - 4:15 pm Cost - \$40

This class will provide your child with a better idea of what to aim for when they play. Basic goals, fundamental concepts, simple tactics and techniques are the focus. **Prerequisite: Students must know how to play.**

Adv Beginner Class - Sundays: Mar 7 - Apr 25 (no class 3/28 or 4/4) Time: 2:00 - 3:00 pm Cost - \$40

Recommended playing level 350-600 or permission of instructor

Solving short problems, improving endgame skills, discussion of strategic principles, and an introduction to commonly played openings along with the ideas behind them are the main topics in this class.

Intermediate Class - Sundays: Mar 7 - Apr 25 (no class 3/28 or 4/4) Time: 12:45 - 1:45 pm Cost - \$40

Recommended playing level 600-1000 or permission of instructor

A major goal in this class is improving the student's ability to visualize ahead and analyse positions. Classic games or carefully selected positions are introduced, and students are prompted to work through the tactics in class.

Advanced Class - 6 Mondays: Mar 8 - Apr 26 (no class 3/29 or 4/5) Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm Cost - \$45

For players rated over 1000 or with permission of instructor.

The analysis in this class is more detailed. Strategic themes and principles are highlighted, and our study of opening systems and the related middlegame ideas goes more in-depth. **Note: Adults are allowed to sign-up for this class.**

Questions: Call Jerry Meyers (412) 422-1770

More info at our website: www.youthchess.net Check USCF rating & expiration date: www.uschess.org/msa

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Entry Form - To ensure your place in the class, please mail as soon as possible. Size limit = 24 kids

Full Name: _____ Circle: Boy or Girl Phone: _____

Mailing Address & zip: _____

School & Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Email address: _____

Please enter in: **Beginner \$40** **Advanced Beginner \$40** **Intermediate \$40** **Advanced \$45**

Note: If the student is a member of the Pittsburgh Chess Club you are entitled to a \$5 discount. Non-members can join now and reduce their check by \$5. PCC scholastic membership (optional) \$25

US Chess Federation membership is required. All membership options below include *online* magazine access.

Scholastic Membership (for age 12 and under) \$16 **Youth Membership** (age 13-15) \$20

Young Adult Membership (age 16-24) \$24 **Adult** \$34

*** PLEASE MAIL BY FEB 20 - ADD \$5 LATE FEE IF POSTMARKED AFTER 2/20/10 ***

**Please make one check for your total, payable to Jerry Meyers
Mail to: Jerry Meyers, 4101 Windsor St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217**