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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Swiss – Mar 2,16,23,30; Apr 6,13,20,27
May 4,11

Saturday Increment – Mar 17,24,31; Apr 7,21,28

DCC FIDE Open III – Mar 3-4

DCC FIDE Open IV – Apr 14-15

DCC FIDE Open V – May 5-6

Refer to the calendar on the DCC website link below for any updates and event details.

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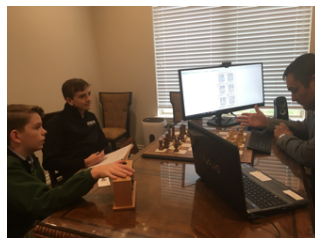
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GM Babakuli Annakov Opens New Chess Academy

by Chase and Cole Frutos



GM Babakuli Annakov recently opened a new chess academy where he hopes to raise new chess champions. The academy will hold small blitz tournaments as well as thematic tournaments, where players play out thematic positions for both sides (which is a predefined position and helps develop certain concepts). The Academy will also host individual and group chess lessons and camps throughout the year.

GM Annakov started playing chess and refining his abilities at a young age. He was accepted into the prestigious Soviet Union boarding school, Olympic Reserve School in Moscow, at the age of thirteen, where he practiced chess six days a week. He graduated in 1991 and then attended the Russian State Academy of Physical Culture and Sport in Moscow, where he graduated in 1994. In 2000, GM Annakov moved to the United States continuing to play chess competitively. He began teaching chess full-time in 2006 and has had a long-standing, great impact on chess, both at The Dallas Chess Club and in the Dallas and surrounding areas. He teaches at both The Hockaday School and St. Mark's School of Texas, thirteen years running,



in addition to teaching at the Imagine International Academy of North Texas. He taught GM Jeffery Xiong and GM Ruifeng Li from novice to GM level and coached GM Darwin Yang, who is currently attending Harvard University, as well as coached many other students to various master levels, state and national champions, and winning and placing high at numerous World Youth Chess Championships. Many of these players are DCC members. We are long-standing chess students of GM Babakuli Annakov as well. The address of the new academy is as follows:

GM Annakov Chess Academy
8668 John Hickman Parkway #304
Frisco, Texas 75034
(214) 407-8711
www.annakov.com



The academy will be hosting group sessions starting in April as well as conducting summer camps. Refer to www.annakov.com for more information. GM Annakov hopes to open additional locations in the coming years.

NEW SIGNAGE AT DCC



The DCC has new permanent signage on the front entrance, funded by Chess Moves, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Chase and Cole Frutos to give back to the chess community. If you would like to help Chess Moves pay for projects like this and other chess community efforts, like this newsletter, donate by mailing a check to Chess Moves, Inc., at P.O. Box 800841 Dallas, TX 75380 or clicking the following link:

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There is something special about siblings playing competitive chess. For an upcoming article, we would like to talk about siblings and how it enhances chess play and creates special memories. For example, as brothers both playing chess, it has provided us with the opportunity to travel more, having someone to instantly help you with post game analysis, increases our level of competitiveness and makes attending chess tournaments even more fun.

How has playing chess with your sibling(s) enhanced your chess play and/or what special memories would you like to share?

Please send your submissions for the Sibling article and/or other chess submissions for publication to:

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2018 WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

London, England November 9-28, 2018

Good luck to USA challenger Fabiano Caruana, winner of the Candidates Tournament

Defending champion



 **Magnus Carlsen** (NOR)

Challenger



 **Fabiano Caruana** (USA)

2018 North/Central Texas Scholastic Chess Championships

By Atreya Vaidya



From March 9-11, the North/Central Texas Scholastic Chess Championships took place in Houston, Texas. The winners of each of the three sections (elementary, middle school, high school) were crowned State Champion or Co-champion. The winners of the middle school and high school sections receive another prize in addition to being state champion. The winner of the middle school section gets an invite to the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions while the winner of the high school section gets an invitation to the Denker Tournament of High School Champions.

In the elementary section, the top seed was Rudransh Pathak with an impressive rating of 1845. However, coming out on top was 1815 rated John Patrick Capocyan. Following the first three rounds, both of them had a perfect 3/3, but both players got upset in the fourth round. John drew and Rudransh lost, bringing the perfect 4/4 players like Vinh Welsh to the top. Although he faltered early into the tournament, John was able to win the rest of his games and end the tournament as the sole winner with 6.5 /7.0.

The middle school section was the most tightly contested one. It was also the one that I participated in. I was going into the tournament as a 2107 rated player and seeded 4th, but I was 120 points lower than top seed Anish Vivekananthan. I was on 2/2, but I messed up and drew my third round to an 1800. At that point, I thought my tournament was over because so many players had a chance to be on 3/3. I managed to win my 4th round and gained confidence because only two players had perfect scores (Ganesh Kumarappan and Henry Hawthorn). However, I nearly threw it all away with another draw in round 5. After that game, I knew I had to win to have a chance as Ganesh beat Henry to move to 5/5. In round 6, Ganesh played Peter Peng (4.5/5) and won again so he was a full point ahead of the field. However, in the last round, NM Daniel Hung beat Ganesh so all the 5's had a chance to catch them for first place. I managed to win my game, but none of the other players with 5 won, so I was the only one to catch the 6's. It was a three-way tie for State Co-champion. On tiebreaks, Daniel received the 1st place trophy, Ganesh got the 2nd place trophy, and I got the 3rd place trophy. We are all State Co-champions!

Congratulations to Bovey Liu for winning the high school section as State Co-champion, Dachey Lin, tying for 3rd place and the following DCC players tying for 7th place: Alex Moore, Anirudh Ganesh, Adarsh Hullahalli, Kai Tsuei, Kevin Liu, Som Gupta.

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