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May 19, 2023

Welcome Chess Players!

The Space Coast Chess Foundation is delighted to welcome you to the 28th Annual Space Coast Chess Festival! Over 200 players, including 3 International Grandmasters and 3 International Masters, are playing in what we expect to be our best Chess Festival ever. The tournament organizers have worked diligently to provide an outstanding chess experience for you and a memorable chess vacation for your family.

Your organizers have endeavored to make the Space Coast Open more than just another weekend chess tournament. This year both the Open and A sections will be Fide rated. The customary Blitz Tournament will be held Sunday night after the last round. International Grandmaster Sam Shankland will be present Saturday and Sunday for a plethora of events, including a simultaneous exhibition Saturday, a book-signing, blitz, game analysis, and a lecture. Other lectures by Grandmasters Becerra and Mitkov are planned. Don't miss the chance to hobnob with these chess virtuosos! As usual there will be a book/equipment concession and a chess T-shirt concession. Commemorative posters will be given to all players. The top six boards will be broadcast live worldwide on Follow Chess with realtime commentary by WGM Sabina Foisor on Lichess (www.lichess.org)

In these difficult times we must recognize the wonderful financial support of our sponsors, listed on the opposite page and throughout this brochure. All proceeds from the Festival, net of expenses, will be used to further scholastic chess in Brevard County through the Space Coast Chess Foundation.

The Chess Festival and tournament are sponsored by the Space Coast Chess Foundation, a 501(c)3 tax exempt charitable corporation. The Foundation is looking to support our future endeavors through significant corporate sponsorship, raising the bar for local scholastic chess activity and enabling us to move this tournament up to a whole new level in the future. Plan on attending next year's event – it will be bigger and better than ever!

The Space Coast offers a cornucopia of diverse activities for you and your family. In addition to our pristine beaches, many attractions are nearby, including the Kennedy Space Center, the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, the Brevard Zoo, and numerous ecotourism activities (guided kayak tours in the Indian River, airboat rides). Ron Jon's Surf Shop is one of Brevard's best attractions and is open 24 hours a day. Over the weekend Thunder at Cocoa Beach (Power Boat Racing) is scheduled and Space X rocket launches are scheduled for Friday and Sunday -- viewing from the Hotel should be spectacular.

If we can be of any assistance to you during your visit, please seek one of us out. We want to make your participation in the Space Coast Chess Festival an experience that you will recall with pleasure for many years.

Jon Haskel

Peter Dyson

Peter Koretsky

Ori Tal

Space Coast Chess Festival Organizing Committee

28th Space Coast Open Chess Festival

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**The top 6 boards will be broadcast live and can be viewed on:
www.lichess.org**

SPACE COAST OPEN CHESS FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

	May 19	May 20	May 21	Location
	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
28th Space Coast Open	Registration 5:00-7:00 pm Round 1 7:30 pm	Registration 8:00-9:30 am Round 1 (G/60, d5) 10:00 am Round 2 1:15 pm Round 3 6:30 pm Round 3 <i>ClassE/U1200</i> 5:45 pm	Round 4 9:30 am Round 5 2:30 pm Round 5 <i>ClassE/U1200</i> 1:45 pm	Convention Center
Space Coast Open Blitz Tournament		Registration: any time before start. Blitz tournament starts at 10:15 pm and ends when all rounds are completed.		Convention Center
Simultaneous Exhibition		GM Sam Shankland 9:00 am		Convention Center
Free Lectures		GM Julio Becerra 10:00 am GM Nikola Mitkov 11:00 am	GM Sam Shankland 12:45 pm	Convention Center
Book & Poster Signing		GM Sam Shankland 11:00 am	GM Sam Shankland 1:45 pm	Convention Center
Skittles	5:00 pm - 1:00 am (Sat)	9:00 am - 10:00 pm	8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Convention Center
Tournament Director	5:00 am - Midnight	8:00 am - 1:00 am (Sunday)	8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Convention Center



Master Section Time Control

The Master Section will use the FIDE standard Fischer Increment time control this year. This adds 30 seconds after each move, allowing time to be gained on the clock and eliminating time scrambles. If neither player has an Increment capable clock, or is unable to set the Increment feature on their digital clock, the time control will be adjusted. For delay clocks the time control will be G/90 + 30 seconds delay; for analog clocks the time control will be G/120. Note that for games using the 30 second increment and using properly set increment capable clocks, both players are required to keep score at all times, even in the last five minutes of any time control period. The Master/Expert Section will use the Modified Sofia Rule: No draw offers permitted prior to move 30.



Aleksander Wojtkiewicz (1963-2006)

Aleks was a beloved fixture at our Space Coast Opens, adding his own unique brand of color and style to his domination of the tournament. Aleks left us at the zenith of his career, having won his last half dozen US tournaments, including the World Open and the National Open. Aleks had an endearing and kind personality. His sheer chess strength was awesome, and he was only improving when he died. Aleks had a fascinating background, (see Wikipedia and the USCF website for an engrossing chronicle of his life). Here at the Space Coast Open we will miss Aleks.

SPACE COAST OPEN CHESS FESTIVAL PRIZES

\$20,000 PROJECTED PRIZE FUND!!! + 80 GRAND PRIX POINTS

SECTION	Category	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize	4th prize
Master/Expert *FIDE Rated*	(open to over 2000)	\$2000 + trophy	\$1000	\$600	\$300
	under 2400	\$1500 + trophy	\$750		
	under 2200	\$1400 + trophy	\$700	\$500	
Class A *FIDE Rated*	open to 1600-1999	\$1200 + trophy	\$600	\$300	\$200
Class B	open to 1400-1799	\$1100 + trophy	\$500	\$300	\$200
Class C	open to 1200-1599	\$1000 + trophy	\$500	\$300	\$200
Class D	open to 800-1399	\$900 + trophy	\$500	\$300	\$200
Class E/UI200	open to under 1200	\$800 + trophy	\$450	\$250	
	under 1000 (no unrated)	\$550 + trophy	\$300		
	under 800 (no unrated)	\$400 + trophy	\$200		
	Scholastics K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12	Trophy to Top Student			

Special Wojtkiewicz Brilliancy Prizes: 1st \$200 2nd \$100 3rd \$50 · **Judge:** IM Javad Maharramazde
Book prizes to oldest and youngest players, player who has traveled the longest distance, traveler who has played in the most Space Coast Opens

Special Upset Prizes: (Biggest Upset Rounds 1-4): book prize (limit 1 prize/player)

SPACE COAST CHESS OPEN CHAMPIONS

1991 **Bruce Koopmans**
 1992 **FM Mikhail Braude**
 1995 **GM Gabriel Schwartzman**
 1997 **GM Sergey Kudrin**
 1998 **FM Fabio La Rota**
 1999 **IM Rashid Ziatdinov**
 2000 (tie) **IM Virgil Grabliauskas**
 IM Blas Lugo
 FM Marcel Martinez
 GM Gennady Sagalchik
 2001 **GM Sergey Kudrin**
 2002 **GM Aleks Wojtkiewicz**
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 2005 **GM Julio Becerra**
 2006 **GM Aleks Wojtkiewicz**
 2007 **GM Alex Stripunsky**

2008 **IM Javad Maharramazde**
 2009 **NM Jeffrey Haskel**
 2010 **NM Eric Rodriguez**
 2011 **GM Julio Becerra**
 2012 **IM Javad Maharramazde**
 2013..... (tie) **IM Nikolay Andrianov,**
 GM Alex Yermolinsky
 2014..... (tie) **GM Mikheil Kekelidze,**
 IM Alex Reprintsev,
 IM Javad Maharramazde
 2015..... **GM Julio Becerra**
 2016..... (tie) **GM Andrey Stukopin,**
 GM Julio Becerra
 2017..... **GM Timur Gareyev**
 2018..... **GM Hedinn Steingrimsson**
 2019..... **GM Olexandr Bortnyk**
 2022..... **GM Timur Gareyev**

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