

STAFFORD SPRINGS CHESS CLUB

MISSION STATEMENT

The Stafford Springs Chess Club (SSCC) seeks to promote the game of chess for both residents and non-residents of Stafford. The SSCC welcomes young and old, the serious and the casual player, and hope to provide the opportunity for players to be challenged and have fun. Chess is games that can help youngsters develop intellectual, organizational, and interpersonal skills applicable in everyday life.

WHO CAN JOIN THE STAFFORD SPRINGS CHESS CLUB?

*Anyone can participate There is no charge. Children under the age of 13 will require parental attendance. However, the SSCC will be sponsoring United States Chess Federation (USCF) tournaments, which does have associated fees. However, **NO ONE is required to join the USCF**. Membership to the USCF is required if you wish to participate in a USCF event. You are welcome to play non-competitive chess at no cost. When tournaments are held those who choose to play casual games need only be courteous by not creating a distracting environment while playing their casual games.*

WHEN DOES THE CLUB MEET?

The first meeting of the SSCC will be held October 13th. The club will meet every Thursday throughout the year in the Auditorium of the Stafford Town Hall at 7:00. All activities and games will be finished before 12AM. Weather, and holidays may require cancellation.

WHAT IS THE USCF?

The United States Chess Federation is a Non-Profit organization that is the governing body for chess competition in the United States. In order to compete in a rated chess tournament, membership to the USCF is required.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO JOIN THE USCF?

The cost to join the USCF varies depending upon the age, and benefits a member wishes to have. A child under 12 can have an annual membership for as little as \$17 per year.

IS THERE ANY OTHER COST TO PLAY IN A TOURNAMENT?

Yes. Tournament cost varies depending on what type of tournament is being run. If no prizes or trophies are awarded then the entry fee will be minimal.

WHO IS RUNNING THE SSCC CLUB?

The Stafford Springs Chess Club is being run by long time USCF rated expert Mark Bourque, who is a resident of Stafford. Any questions may be directed to his email at bourquechess@hotmail.com