

*****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !! *****

*****INAUGURAL QUEXTRA (QUICK/EXTRA) TOURNAMENT AT ARCADIA*****

This coming Monday, February 3, the Arcadia Chess Club will sponsor a new, USCF quick-rated tournament which will start at 7:15 PM.

If you would like to play in this one-night extravaganza, please arrive in the Skittles Room by 7:00 PM so that there will be time to organize the event and make the pairings. If you plan to play but cannot make it by 7, please leave a note on the Arcadia Chess Club website. The entry fee is \$5 per person.

Tentatively, the tournament will consist of three rounds of 25 min + 5 sec delay per game. However, it is also possible, at the players' discretion, that the format will instead consist of three rounds of double 12 minute + 5 sec delay games (one white and one black versus each opponent).

First prize will be 75% of the entry fees, and second prize will be the choice of one item from a large box of approximately 75 new and used chess books and chess dvds.

This tournament will be organized by Mike Carlson and will be experimental. If successful, regular quick-rated (25 min per game or 12 minutes per game) or slow-rated (75 minutes per game with 10 sec increment – including the possibility of rated matches) events will be offered at 7:15 PM on a frequent basis. The idea is to benefit the players by providing for new chess playing options.

Entry will be available only to individuals who are not currently participating in the main Arcadia tournament. In other words, to qualify one must either: (1) not have entered the main tournament; (2) have formally dropped out of the main tournament, with advance notice given; or (3) otherwise be unable to play on the day of the main tournament (if one has a bye or if one's opponent does not show up).

The purpose of this extra event is to increase the chess options so that more people can play - including those who cannot make the new 6:30 start time for the regular tournament, those who love quick/blitz chess, those who have difficulty committing to all 5 or 6 rounds of the club's main tournament, those who want to get back into the game but are not ready yet for regular-rated events, those who want to practice new openings without sacrificing their regular rating, or those from outside clubs or areas who would like an occasional one-night event.

We look forward to serving your chess needs through this event!