

KANSAS CHESS NEWS April 24, 2021

1) Some news on Kansas Chess scene can now be found on Facebook. It is called KANSAS CHESS GROUP. It is not affiliated with the Kansas Chess Association (KCA) but does have news of local tourneys and events including online events as well as other items related to chess in general. Kansas chess players on Facebook are encouraged to join. Other chess players welcome also.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/562293127629356>

2) Plans are being made for 2021 Kansas Open to be held at SpringHill Suites in Lawrence, KS **July 16-18** (I previously posted wrong dates). We don't have a flier yet, and at present things are uncertain as to how event is it to be set up (format). Hopefully, this won't be exactly as with New Year Bash held January 2nd, 2021. With that everyone was required to wear a mask as well as having limited entries and no spectators (and many other precautions). Who knows what will be the situation in July. Here is hoping for a nice OTB tourney.

3) Kansas Chess player Terry Wright informed me that longtime Kansas Chess player Tom Phillips passed away this week. Tom Phillips last played in Kansas Opens in 2013, 2015, and 2017- the last years that it was played in Wichita. He was active in chess clubs in Wichita.

NOTE -----I received in email from Wichita chess organizer Thomas Tran today-----

"Debbie (Tom's sister) called me yesterday, to let me know that Tom passed away also. For the last two years, he was not able to play chess due to his illness. I remember Luke (Thomas's son) and I used to come to his apartment to play chess. Chess was everything to him. There was not a moment in his free time that he doesn't spend playing OTB or online chess.

May he rest in peace,
Thomas"

4) Hopefully I can add more news in next newsletter. Check out KANSAS GROUP on Facebook and check out link to games from Open section from New Year Bash as well as report on January 2nd tourney. (see Luke Tran's games in New Year Bash report)

<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2021NewYearBashGames.pdf>

<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2021NewYearBashReport.pdf>

5) Kansas chess players are encouraged to play online (especially during this pandemic) at either chess.com or lichess.org. I am a member of both and find good chess playing at both. There are a number of chess tourneys online at both, some USCF online rated at USCF club on chess.com.