

FM Turgut Wins the 2023 82nd Annual Indiana State Chess Championship

The 2023 Indiana State Chess Championship was held April 21-23 in the Noblesville Schools Community Center, with Ron Carrell serving as Chief Tournament Director. This year's 82nd edition of the tournament featured an impressive gathering of former state champions playing for additional titles, including the reigning back-to-back state champion Braydon Povinelli playing for a potential third consecutive title and the accompanying automatic admission to the ISCA Indiana Chess Hall of Fame.

After five rounds of tough competition, FM **Tansel Turgut** won with an impressive score of 4.5 out of 5. Turgut defeated multi-time Indiana State Chess Champion James Mills in a dramatic final round game, which was streamed live on the Internet.



FM Tansel Turgut, the 2023 Indiana State Chess Champion

Ben Foley had a career breakout performance by becoming the Indiana State Chess Reserve Champion with a perfect score of 5 out of 5.



Ben Foley the 2023 Indiana State Chess Reserve Champion



The ISCA 82nd State Champion and 82nd State Reserve Champion Trophies



**FM Turgut (right) is congratulated for his State Championship by
ISCA President FM Lester VanMeter (left)**

For FM Turgut, this was the first Indiana State Chess Championship title for the South Bend-based cardiologist. He also holds state chess champion titles in Louisiana (1997) and Michigan (1998). He earned the title of International Correspondence Chess Grandmaster from the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) in 2007 and is currently participating in the latest ICCF World Championship Finals. FM Turgut's son, Aydin Turgut, was a previous two-time Indiana State Chess Champion.

Gary Fox, a former Indiana State Chess Association President, was inducted into the ISCA Hall of Fame during the annual ISCA Membership Meeting for his decades of service to chess in Indiana. Fox served several times as the ISCA President as well as directing 199 tournaments in his hometown of Logansport and in other locations across Indiana.



Gary Fox (right) receives an ISCA Hall of Fame Plaque from ISCA President FM Lester VanMeter (left).

Also at the Membership Meeting, held between rounds 4 and 5, the new directors of the 2023-2024 ISCA Board of Directors were elected, as follows:

ISCA Board of Directors (2023-2024)	Name
President	FM Lester VanMeter
Vice President	James Mills
Secretary	Bob Banta
Treasurer	Michael Freese
Membership Director	Ron Carrell
Web Editor	John Herr
Historian	Roger Blaine
Director-at-Large	John Fallon



ISCA President FM Lester VanMeter (center) leading the annual ISCA Board of Directors meeting. Roger Blaine (left) and James Mills (far right)

The Championship event also serves to determine who will be the Indiana Senior State Champion Representative in the Irwin Tournament of Senior State Champions, held during 2023 USCF US Open in Grand Rapids, Michigan from July 29 through August 6. FM Lester VanMeter won the honor of being the Indiana Senior State Champion by finishing with a 4-1 score. Other Team Indiana representatives were earlier determined via tournament victories in Scholastic Chess Indiana (SCI) sponsored state competitions. Last year's Team Indiana came close to winning a Team prize at the US Open.

2023 Team Indiana Representatives	2023 Event
Harvey Hanke (2022 IN Reserve Section winner)	Dewain Barber Tournament of Middle School Champions
Arjun Raman (2022 IN Barber Representative)	John D. Rockefeller III National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions
Laura Escobar	Ruth Haring National Girls' Tournament of Champions
Timothy Lim	Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions
FM Lester VanMeter	John T. Irwin Tournament of Senior State Champions



**FM Lester VanMeter (left) calculates his next move against Ben Inskeep (right)
(the Round 3 game eventually ended in a draw)**



Archit Mokashi plays against FM Turgut in Round 3



Chief Tournament Director Ron Carrell running the show.



**The Noblesville Schools Community Center provided an excellent venue for the
Indiana State Chess Championship**

Link to cross table for 2023 Indiana State Chess Championship.

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