

TCA Junior Chess Meeting, May 16, 2021

The meeting was held via Zoom. In attendance were TCA President Franc Guadalupe, TCA Vice President Jim Hollingsworth, TCA Secretary Renate Garcia, TCA Treasurer Barbara Swafford, TCA Region III Director Rob Jones, TCA Region III Scholastic Director Sheba Basepogu, and Mr. Dewain Barber.

The meeting started and called to order by President Franc Guadalupe at 10am Central.

Franc gave a recap of the Texas/ChessKid Online Scholastic Chess Championships held in November, the SuperRegional I, II, III Online Championship, the SuperRegional V and VI Online Championship, the Texas Online Scholastic Championship held in March, and the Texas Online Invitational Round Robin Play-off used to select the Texas representatives for the Denker, Barber, Rockefeller, and Haring National Invitational Championships. The latter took place the day before this meeting. Franc also mentioned future TCA scholastic events.

The Chair recognized Dewain Barber as Special Guest. He introduced himself to those who may not know him. In 2018, Dewain was given the US Chess Honorary title of “Dean of Scholastic Chess.” He is also very involved in scholastic chess in the U.S. and is the sponsor of the Annual Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions. For those reasons, he requested attendance and we were honored to have him. Dewain talked about the 2021 National Scholastic Invitational events.

TCA Vice President, Jim Hollingsworth, was recognized. He had some PowerPoint slides and talked about chess activity in Texas, and TCA memberships and trends, including club memberships, many of which are scholastic. He also talked about the copyright of the TCA logo and suggested that the person who designed the TCA logo and recently gave ownership of the logo to TCA, Ms. Eva Naffinger, be given an Honorary TCA Lifetime Membership. This was approved by all four of the TCA officers. Lastly, Jim mentioned that the TCA Bylaws had been updated. His slides are attached as Appendix A1 – A8.

The TCA Treasurer, Barbara Swafford, presented the financial report. The report was discussed and is attached as Appendix B.

Dewain asked to be recognized. He suggested that we set some money aside for top finishers at our state events, to extend the US Chess membership of those players.

Rob Jones was recognized and mentioned the chess library that used to belong to David Harvey, who recently passed away, and was donated by his family to Region III to help school programs. He also mentioned the program discussed with him by Franc to provide chess sets to school clubs. This is under discussion among the TCA officers for future implementation.

Old Business

The minutes of the March 2020 Junior Chess Meeting were not available; therefore, the details of the meeting were not discussed.

New Business

Motion 1 (Luis Salinas, Region III).

Establish the following Scholastic Online tournament:

Texas Scholastic Online Open Quick Chess Championships. Open to all TCA members in Pre-K to 12th Grade. This tournament may allow out-of-state players, but the Texas State titles will only go to players who live or attend school in Texas. Recommended time control is Game/15 + 3-second increment. Sections will be determined by the organizer. This tournament shall be held on a US Chess endorsed Fair Play Server. Team and Individual prizes should be awarded. This tournament should be held in the Fall and not conflict with any TCA Major tournament.

Comments:

Texas has had two successful online scholastic tournaments. Over-the-board tournaments are returning but parents and school administrators may be conservative about allowing the players to return to OTB tournaments so this can still fill a need. There are also players who are too far away from the TCA tournament site who can play in online tournaments. Note that this is not a major tournament so that this does not have to be held if no one bids. The motion can allow out of state players. This is because many organizations have a big online teaching and tournament presence, and this would allow their students to play.

Voting: Renate seconds the motion. Sheba, Jim Franc, Renate, and Rob vote Yes.

Motion 2 (Luis Salinas, Region III).

To have the previous motion go into effect immediately.

Voting: Rob seconds the motion. Jim, Rob, Sheba, Franc and Barb vote Yes.

Motion 3 (Luis Salinas, Region III).

Establish the following Scholastic Online tournament:

Texas Scholastic Online Open Action Chess Championships. Open to all TCA members in Pre-K to 12th Grade. This tournament may allow out of state players, but the Texas State titles can only go to players who live or attend school in Texas. Recommended time control is Game/25 + 5-second increment. Sections will be determined by the organizer. This tournament shall be held on a US Chess endorsed Fair Play Server. Team and Individual prizes should be awarded. This tournament should be held in the Spring and not conflict with any TCA Major tournament.

Comments:

The reasons are pretty much the same as in Motion 1. Note that TCA is organizer of Super State in the Spring, so it may decide not to have this tournament held in 2022 or it may decide it wants a larger share of any profits if it deems that this tournament may impact attendance for the Super State.

Voting: Rob seconds the motion. Rob, Jim, Franc, Barb, and Renate vote Yes.

Following the discussion of the advance motions, the attendees made some final remarks, some not necessarily related only to scholastic chess. TCA Vice-President Jim Hollingsworth talked about the Chess Journalists of America and the nominations for TCA. Deadline for nominations is May 31, 2021.

Meeting was adjourned by Franc Guadalupe at 11:41AM



TCA Status

April 2021

By TCA Vice President Jim Hollingsworth

- Chess in Texas is Alive and Well and *Getting Better!*
- Major TCA Tournaments since September 1, 2020
 - 86th Annual Southwest Open = 85 players
 - 75th Annual Texas State & Amateur Championship = 89 players
 - Texas State ChessKid Online Scholastic Championship = 777 players
 - TCA Super Regional Regions I, II, III = 227 players
 - Region V & VI Region Championships = 127 players
 - US Amateur South = 156 players
 - Texas Scholastic Championships = 733 players
- 531 Rated US Chess Tournaments
- 12,614 Players
- Most Active Cities in 2021
 - Grand Prairie – 56 tournaments and 1,320 players
 - Plano – 56 tournaments and 1,620 players
 - Carrollton – 48 tournaments and 736 players



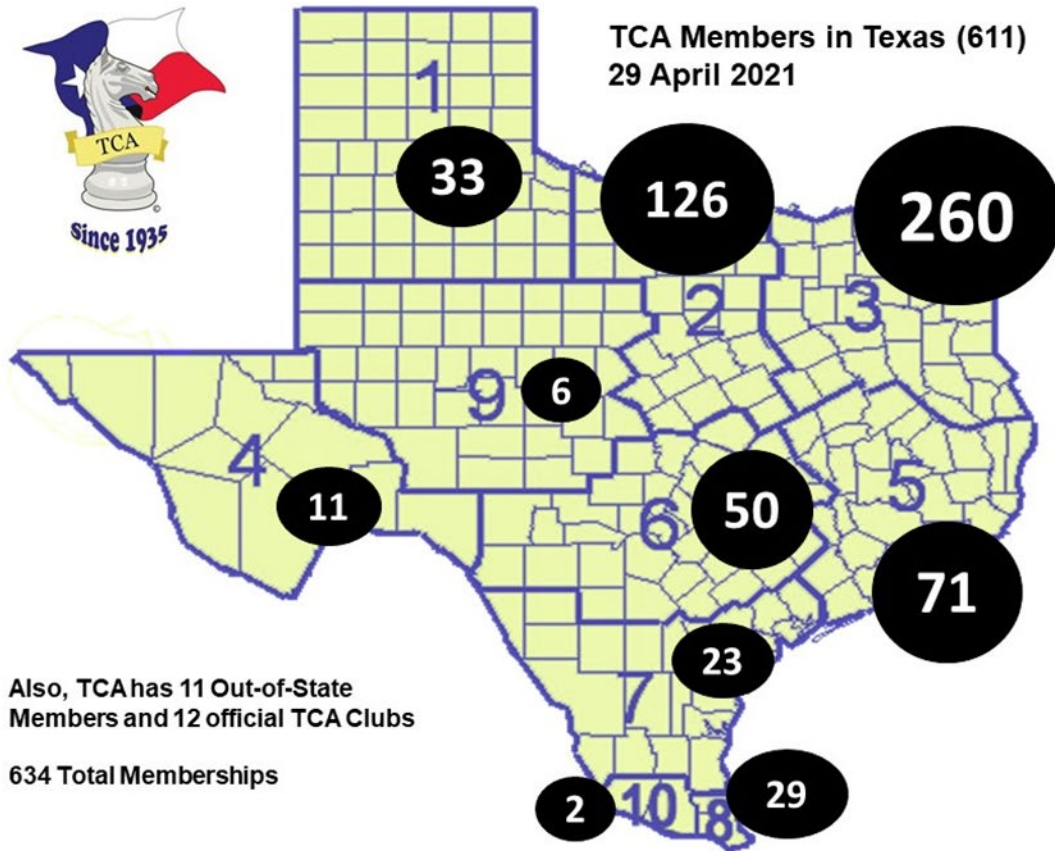
TCA Membership Trends

April 2021

By TCA Vice President Jim Hollingsworth

- **TCA Members nearly doubled since September 2020**
 - Increased from 313 to 622 (club numbers excluded)
 - Gain of 309, *98.7 Percent Increase!*
- **Biggest TCA membership gains since Last Month:**
 - Region III = 5
 - Region VI = 5
- **Top TCA Membership Regions (excluding clubs)**
 - Region III = 260
 - Region II = 126
 - Region V = 71
- **Top TCA Membership Cities**
 - Frisco = 62
 - Plano = 42
 - Irving = 33

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Top Ten TCA Cities

April 2021

Rank	Last Month	City	Memberships	Last Month
1	1	Frisco	62	62
2	2	Plano	42	41
3	3	Irving	33	33
4	4	Houston	30	30
5	5	Fort Worth	25	24
6	6	Austin	21	22
7	7	Lubbock	21	21
8	8	Brownsville	20	20
9	9	Arlington	19	18
10.5	10	Dallas	18	17
10.5	NR	Allen	18	16

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TCA Membership Trends

(excluding Clubs)

Region	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21
01	10	10	10	10	5	4	5	5	5	32	33	33
02	56	80	91	85	77	81	87	88	89	121	124	126
03	103	112	120	120	65	65	68	80	88	250	255	260
04	12	13	16	13	12	13	13	13	11	11	11	11
05	46	62	69	68	56	64	64	65	63	66	71	71
06	42	45	44	44	27	30	33	35	39	44	46	50
07	17	21	21	21	21	21	21	22	22	22	23	23
08	29	30	31	31	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	29
09	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	5	5	6
10	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	5	5	2
Out of State	13	14	15	13	10	10	10	10	10	9	9	11
Memberships	336	398	428	415	313	327	340	357	366	595	612	622

Current TCA Memberships

as of 29 April 2021

Membership Type	Region											Totals
	Out-of-State	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	
Club		1	3	2	1	2	3					12 +3
Complimentary	1											1
Family		4	25	15		8	6					58 -3
Family Online			14	24	3	24	4		3			72
Family Patron		4	2		4	2	6		8	2		28 +11
Junior	1		4	2	1	2	3			1		14 +4
Junior Online		21	29	162		6	6			2		226 -2
Lifetime Patron	2		1	2			4	1	1			11
Lifetime Regular	2	1	7	8		3	5	3	2	1		32 -1
Patron			2	1		2	3					8
Patron Online	1		1	1					1			4
Regular	1	2	12	22	2	13	10	2	1			65 +1
Regular Non-subscriber	3		28	21	1	11	2	17	12		2	97
Student			1									1
Student Online		1		2			1		1			5
Grand Total	11	34	129	262	12	73	53	23	29	6	2	634 +13
	+2	+1	+2	+5		+1	+5		-1	+1	-3	



Other TCA News

April 2021
By TCA Vice President Jim Hollingsworth

TCA Logo is now
Copyrighted!

Effective Date: December 8, 2020

Eva Naffzinger
Graphic Artist
Recruited by Jorge Trevino

Certificate of Registration

This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

Shirley P. Matthews
United States Register of Copyrights and Director

Registration Number
VA 2-238-884
Effective Date of Registration
December 08, 2020
Registration Decision Date
February 26, 2021

Title _____
Title of Work: Texas Chess Association Logo

Completion/Publication _____
Year of Completion: 2014
Date of 1st Publication: April 01, 2014
Nation of 1st Publication: United States

Author _____
• Author: TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION INC
• Author Created: 2-D artwork, technical drawing
• Work made for hire: Yes
• Citizens of: United States
• Domiciled in: United States
• Author: EVA NAFFZINGER
• Author Created: 2-D artwork, technical drawing
• Citizens of: United States
• Domiciled in: United States

Copyright Claimant _____
Copyright Claimant: TEXAS CHESS ASSOCIATION INC
2500 LONGHORN TRAIL, CROWLEY, TX, 76063, United States
Transfer statement: By written agreement

Limitation of copyright claim _____
Material excluded from this claim: jewelry design, architectural work, sculpture, map
New material included in claim: 2-D artwork, technical drawing

Rights and Permissions _____

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Appendix B

TCA Treasurer Report – April 30 2021

Income

September memberships	\$45.00
October memberships	151.50
November memberships	378.00
December memberships	55.00
January memberships	80.00
February memberships	157.50
March memberships	112.50
April memberships	175.00
May memberships(so far)	108.00
2020 SW Open memberships	541.50
2020 Texas Online Scholastic tournament	10,212.79
2020 Texas State and Amateur memberships	41.00
Region 1,2, 3 SuperRegionals Online	681.00
Region 5 and 6 Championships	190.50
Amazon Smile	39.80
Benevity Causes	10.20
Network for Good donation	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$13,579.29

Expenses

Ambica Yellamraju – Denker representative	\$300.00
Aparna Yellamraju – Haring Girls representative	300.00
Web Administrator	900.00
Copyright for TCA logo	67.00
Texas Knight – October 2020	400.00
Texas Knight – JanFebMar 2021	1,196.25
Texas Knight – AprMayJun 2021	1,306.28
Affiliate membership – 2 years	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$4,549.53

April 30 2021

WF checking account balance	\$17,218.45
BOA checking account balance	\$15,170.61