

March 2021

First Meeting of the Astor Theatre Society Chess Club

"Every Chess Master was once a beginner."

Irvin Chernov

Invitation to First Meeting

We are pleased to let you know that we currently have nine registered members of varying abilities - four youth and five adults. And based on sharing on social media, we're expecting and welcome more to join.

We will have our first meeting, **March 11th, 3:30 – 6:30pm** in the program room of the Town Hall Arts & Cultural Centre. As we get more members, we will consider two time slots - afternoon and evening play. All participants (or parents of youth members) are required to complete a program registration form.

While the Astor is excited to host this new club, we must ensure that for everyone's safety by following Provincial Health COVID-19 guidelines. The following rules will apply:

- Read posted health questions at the entrance. Enter only if all answers are NO.
- Wearing masks is mandatory at all times.
- All must sign our contact tracing form.
- Everyone must disinfect their hands using the sanitizer provided.
- Maintain social distancing except when seated.
- All chess pieces, boards and tables will be disinfected before and after play.
- Parents can rest assured that there will always be at least two adults present to provide instruction and supervision.

We will have enough sets for all players. Please do not bring your own so we can ensure adequate sanitizing beforehand for all equipment.

We are all anxious to play but we'll start our session talking about how the club will work and answer any questions. There is no charge to be a member.

Be sure to spread the word. We have the makings of an active club but will need more players of various ages and categories to be sustainable. Chess Nova Scotia has recognized us and wishes us well as we progress. Their website www.chessns.ca outlines events and tournaments for all players. Once Public Health restrictions are lifted, we can look forward challenging interclub matches and various tournaments.

Any questions, contact the Box Office:
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