

Useful Web Sites For Your Chess Club

www.uschess.org – Home page of the United States Chess Federation, which governs tournaments, chess ratings, and has resources for chess clubs.

www.uschess.org/scholastic/sc-research.html - The exact link for the bibliographies of chess research studies. On request, the USCF will send you one paper copy of each study free of charge.

www.ncchess.org – The North Carolina Chess Association, which has a clearinghouse of tournaments statewide and a list of teachers that may be able to instruct your club.

www.chessintheschools.org – The model organization for how a chess program can be built in the United States. They focus on the NYC schools, but have been known to share some of their teaching materials and advice.

kids.yahoo.com/games/game/chess - One of several free sites for children to play chess against each other on the Internet.

www.wholesalechess.com – The most inexpensive and reliable site for chess sets, books, clocks and other equipment. They will also allow your school to submit a purchase order.

www.chessbase.com/shop/product.asp?pid=165 – Explains the program Chesster, which teaches chess to elementary-age children in story form. I would still buy the program from the above web site.

www.mychessstore.com/ckshop.php?item=13 – The best chess tactics workbook for after your students learn how the pieces move. Not available at wholesalechess.com.

www.rockfordchess.org/clubs/starting.htm - One of several web sites detailing a club's inception and growth. Also has ideas for activities within your club.

www.youngmasterchess.com – To contact me or learn about my summer camps.

Some real-life accounts of chess that you may enjoy (don't worry – these are devoid of theory and almost all prose):

The Kings of New York by Michael Weinreb chronicles some of my past students in Brooklyn as they balance chess and other interests in high school.

The Chess Artist by J.C. Hallman is a first-person account of becoming obsessed as an adult with the game. Hallman travels all over the world for his book.

Searching for Bobby Fischer by Fred Waitzkin details his son's upbringing with the game. In the book, Josh wins the nationals in Charlotte, not Chicago.