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Petoskey Fall Chess Classic Set for October 21

Following the success of its Open Chess Classic in June, the Petoskey District Library (PDL) will host its second U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament, the Petoskey Fall Chess Classic on Saturday, October 21, at the Carnegie Building in downtown Petoskey.

Adam Masek, winner of the open section in the June tournament and long-time mentor at the library's weekly chess club every Monday, is looking forward to another big turnout for the fall tournament.

"I am proud to be participating in these Petoskey tournaments," said Masek. "It's my hometown, and the PDL chess club hosting rated tournaments is a huge step forward for local chess. While online chess is very popular these days, playing at in-person tournaments like these is exciting and fun for everyone."

The tournament is open to all ages and will consist of four rounds, timed-controlled at 45 minutes per player with a five-second delay. There will be two sections for participants: an open section for players with any rating or who are unrated, and a reserve section for players rated 1200 and under or unrated. Glazed drink cups designed by a local pottery shop will be awarded to players finishing first and second place in each section. The top player rated under 1600 and the top player under 700 will also be awarded one of these cups.

USCF membership is required for all players. Tournament entry is free for junior players ages 8-18, while the cost to participate for persons over age 18 is \$10. Those planning to compete in the tournament are encouraged to register online ahead of the tournament to help event organizers plan most efficiently. More details about the event and online registration are available at www.petoskeylibrary.org/chess-classic.

Carnegie Building doors will open at 8 a.m. with sign-in running until 9 a.m. USCF memberships will also be available for purchase that day. The first round is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m.

The tournament is made possible through a generous grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation's Youth Advisory Committee. Questions regarding the tournament should be directed to tournament director Robert Bemben at rjbemben@gmail.com.

For more information about other library events, please call (231) 758-3100 or visit us online at www.petoskeylibrary.org. The library's hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

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