



**Play More Chess Academy
& The Hamden Chess Club**

CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION
PLAY MORE CHESS ACADEMY
THE HAMDEN CHESS CLUB

present

LECTURE & SIMUL

featuring:

GM Alex Fishbein

Date & Time: Saturday, September 10, 2022
Lecture at 1:00 - 2:00PM
Simultaneous Exhibition at 2:00PM until all games are completed.
Registration closes: September 8, 2022 at midnight
See format below for details.

Location: Play More Chess Academy
Home of the Hamden Chess Club
1227 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT 06517

Registration

Link at: <https://PlayMoreChess.com>

Format:

All participants, whether attending the lecture, the simul or both must register for the event online by September 8, midnight. Persons requesting admittance thereafter will be accepted at the discretion of the organizer. Please email info@PlayMoreChess.com if you miss the registration deadline and are unable to register online.

The lecture will take place from 1:00-2:00PM.

The Simultaneous Exhibition will start at 2:00PM.

The entry fee for Simul plus Lecture is \$30 per player by entry deadline. This includes both lecture and simul. The maximum number of Simul participants is 20.

The entry fee for the lecture only is \$15.

Discounted entry fees available for Hamden Chess Club members.

Registrants receive one year CSCA membership, or for current members an extension one year from the event is included. All are welcome, all must register.

Please sign up ASAP to guarantee a space - our space is limited.

Parking:

Parking spaces behind Academy, including free public street parking behind Academy on Lake Rd.; Additional free parking in municipal lot one block North on Whitney Ave at Ralston Ave.

Refund/**Cancellation****Policy:**

If you cannot attend this event you may withdraw by email to info@PlayMoreChess.com by 11:59PM on Sept 8. Refunds must be requested by email and are subject to a \$10 admin fee. There are no refunds for No-Shows.

GM Alex Fishbein



GM Alex Fishbein at 2018 National Invitationals, where he won the Senior title. (photo courtesy of US Chess)

Alex Fishbein was born in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1968 and learned chess from his father, Gregory, at the age of four. He studied under some of the best Russian chess teachers, picking up not just some Soviet chess secrets but, more importantly, a love for the game of chess and a desire to compete. Alex's passion for the sport is apparent when you meet him and it is the reason that some of his biggest accomplishments on the chessboard have come long after he embarked on a career in finance. In the 2000s, he played in the US Championship four times. The one-game-a-day format and strong caliber of competition suited him well, and he was always in the running, including being tied for first with 3 rounds to go in the 2003 Championship. He was virtually the only nonprofessional player to be that close to the top in US Chess. During this time, Alex also developed a reputation as an uncompromising player, winning the Bent Larsen award for fighting chess in the 2005 US Championship.

Between 2006 and 2013, Alex played in a relatively few tournaments. Then, motivated by the chess boom in the United States, his own kids' interest in chess, and what he sees as a more fascinating sport now, Alex returned to regular tournament competition. Even

as he continues a demanding career outside of chess, he is again appearing at the top boards of international Opens in the US, one of just a handful of the Fischer-boom generation grandmasters still actively competing there.

2018, the year Alex turned 50, was perhaps his most successful year in chess so far. That year, Alex won the first Senior Tournament of Champions, modeled after the Denker tournament of which he was also the inaugural winner 33 years earlier. He also tied for second in the US Open and finished in the top 10 in the USCF Grand Prix for the first time.

Matching the energy of opponents a quarter of his age, Alex Fishbein is attempting to scale the mountain of American chess one more time.

Alex lives in Tennessee, where he is now the state champion.