

**Current times and locations for playing and learning chess.**

**On Sundays we have open chess.**

Sundays starting 12:30 pm  
Vista Del Mar Baptist Church  
1125 Terra Nova Blvd., Pacifica CA  
650-355-6787

**On Wednesdays come and meet John Galpin, founder of the American Tournament Chess Club and the President of American Tournament Chess Club Inc. You can sign up to become a member and I'm sure if you twist John's arm hard enough he will even play you a game of chess.**

**We will also have open chess. Don't know how to play? No problemo, we'll teach you how.**

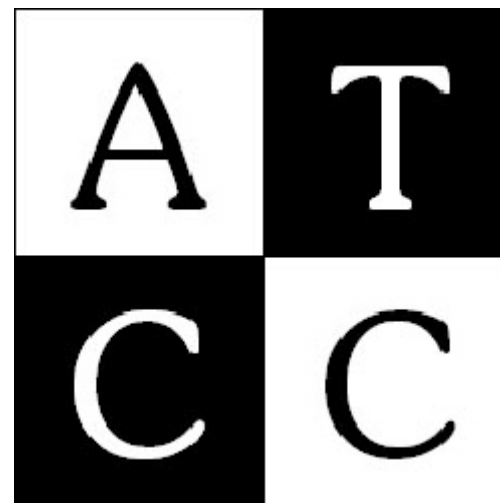
Wednesdays starting 7:00 pm  
Linda Mar Denny's  
500 Linda Mar Blvd, Pacifica CA  
650-355-6787

**On Thursdays we have open and tournament chess. There will also be classes on how to play chess for those new to the game and advanced classes for those who want to improve their chess playing skills.**

Thursdays starting 7:00 pm  
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# American Tournament Chess Club

*"The better you play the game of chess the better you play the game of life"*





John Galpin's love affair with chess began at age 6 when, while living in Castro Valley, a teacher taught him how to

play the game.

The American Tournament Chess Club was founded in July 1986 when John and eight other chess enthusiasts attended a chess tournament in Las Vegas at the International Hotel.

Over the next 12 years John built the club to 500 members playing in Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Fremont, Danville, San Ramon, Dublin, Livermore, Lake Tahoe and even as far away as Seattle Washington.

A house fire in 1998, in which no one was hurt, destroyed John's computer and all the club's records and almost put an end to the chess club but John did not give up.

Over the next 4 years John's struggled to keep the club together, but despite his efforts the club dwindled to five small groups in the East Bay and one in Lodi, each playing chess locally and on an irregular basis.

What recently galvanized John to

rebuild the club was an article in the January 2003 issue of Chess Life magazine wherein the Russians declared that



they were the best in the world at chess. Since then John has focused all his resources into building a first class chess club, composed mainly of children and young adults, who will take on the Russians and the world.

The First Pacifica Chess Open, held in April of 2003, was the club's first major new tournament. It was co-sponsored by the Vista Mar Baptist Church in Pacifica. Trophies and ribbons were awarded to the top players. In 2004 at the Second Pacifica Chess Open one lucky player won \$500.00

In 2004 American Tournament Chess Club incorporated as a not for profit corporation and is currently organizing meetings in Pacifica California.

John's efforts now are focused on the classroom. He will be more than happy to come into your school, be it elementary middle or high school, to introduce your classes to the wonderful game of chess.

