

GCA Report 2012-2013



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GCA PRESIDENT**

2011-2012: Emergency Mode



- Ensure Expertise to have tournaments covered
 - TD expertise
 - Venue expertise
 - Registration expertise
- Fill Treasurer vacancy
- Leadership vacuum
- Adult tournaments always lost money
- Hotel venue site chosen for 2012 State Championship

2012-2013 Stabilization of Operations



- Increased TD expertise emergently
- Explored a number of new venue sites
- New Treasurer and Financial Committee appointed
- New website chosen and now in operation
 - Can now handle all different types of GCA tournaments

Techniques and Goals



- Alliance-building, Consensus-seeking
- More Opportunities for Chess is always better
 - Break the TD Oligopoly
 - ✦ From 28 TDs/3 Locals to 44 TDs/12 Locals
- Develop a work culture to teach others the craft of running tournaments

Scholastic Operations – Ben Johnson



- Quick Start (unrated) – 120
- Grade Levels (rated) – 291
- MLK Holiday (rated) – 402
- 2013 Jr. Invitational (rated) - 37
- 2013 GA K-8 Team Qualifier (unrated) – 996
- GA HS Team -
- GA Collegiate Team -
- GA Collegiate Open (rated) 14
- 2013 GA K-8 Team Championship - 412

Non-Scholastic (Open) Program – Thad Rogers



- Georgia Open – 87
- Womens' Open / Senior Open / Blitz - 27
- Georgia Class - 80
- 2013 GA State Championship – approx 118

(Events have come much closer to breaking even)

2013-2013 Initiatives



- Professionalize Board Culture of Work
- Board Ethics/Conflict of Interest code
- New Tournaments:
 - Scholastic:
 - ✦ Open Individual Scholastic
 - Open
 - ✦ Presidents' Day Holiday Class
 - ✦ July 2014 Weekend tournament
 - Emory Chess Club / GCA tournaments at Emory
 - ✦ Approximately every 3 weeks, design by Emory CC
 - ✦ Regularly paid TDs

2013-2014 Initiatives



- **By-Laws revisions over the next year**
 - Emergent needs
 - Unused sections of By-Laws
 - New mechanics (two year terms, etc.)
- **Consider 6 sites around Georgia that might be the right environment for tournaments / promotion of chess**
 - Train 2 paid TDs to run tournaments for GCA
- **TD development seminars**
- **Long-Range Planning**

Gleams in the eye:



- Monroi system to “broadcast” GCA tournament games to spectators.
- Bid on a major National tournament for 2014
- Executive Director?
- Marketing Director?
- Sponsorship