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Super GM Wesley So Online Lectures and Simul

Thursday, August 13, 2020 @ 5:30Pm PST

GM Wesley So (born October 9, 1993) is a Filipino-American chess grandmaster and current World Fischer Random Chess Champion. He is a three-time Filipino Chess Champion and was U.S. Chess Champion in 2017. On the March 2017 FIDE rating list, he was ranked number two in the world and had an Elo rating of 2822, making him the fifth-highest rated player in history.

A former chess prodigy, So became the youngest player to pass a 2600 Elo rating in October 2008, breaking the record previously held by Magnus Carlsen. This record has since been broken by John M. Burke.[5] In early 2013, So passed 2700 and in January 2017 he became the 11th player to pass 2800 Elo.

So represented the Philippines until transferring to the United States in 2014. He won the 2015 Bilbao Chess Masters, the 2016 Grand Chess Tour title after claiming victory in the Sinquefeld Cup and London Chess Classic, and the 2017 Tata Steel Masters. He represented the US on board 3 at the 42nd Chess Olympiad, winning team and individual gold.

On 2 November 2019, So became the first official Fischer Random world champion after defeating Carlsen 13½–2½ to win the FIDE World Fischer Random Chess Championship.

So will represent US Olympiad Chess Team in the 2020 FIDE Online Olympiad, starting August 21st. Due to the pandemic lock down, USCF had very limited budget to even form a full team. Each Olympiad team can have up to 12 players with 2 captains, while team USA have only 8 players with one captain. To help team USA better prep for the world level national event, and boost the team morale, PNWCC is organizing a lecture and simul with So as a fundraising event to support So and team USA. All funds received will go to support GM Wesley So and team USA players 100%.

Event Info	
Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecture - ZOOM https://zoom.us/j/245159389?pwd=V3hXNHJXY2oyU0Z5dC9HOXJBQUhCZz09 ZOOM Meeting ID : 245 159 389 ZOOM Meeting Password : 901334Chess.com for simul. PNWCC Fair Play rule applies - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bYIVyIAcMv-MBci0WctII7rWUOVxK_FA/view
Schedule	Lecture – 8/13/2020 Thursday 5:30 PM – 06:15 PM - My Best Games by GM Wesley So 6:15 PM – 06:30 PM – Q/A (pre-submit questions by simul player only) 06:30 PM – 08:30 PM – Clocked Simul on chess.com <ul style="list-style-type: none">GM So will play on chess.com as White vs up to 15 opponents whose USCF rating is USCF U2200Detail instructions will be provided by PNWCCTime Control – GM So 75+5 vs Simul player 45+5
Registration and Suggested Donation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">To register for the lecture<ol style="list-style-type: none">Donate and share the GoFundMe project – https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-us-olympiad-chess-teamSuggested donation \$25+. Please request match to PNWCC after donation at https://microsoft.benevity.org/request-a-match 9Search “PNWCC” as the cause)Join the ZOOM meeting at 5:00PM on 8/13 for the lectureTo register for the simul –<ol style="list-style-type: none">Reply to this email to confirm availability – first come first serve.Donate \$125+ or more to PNWCC by PayPal PNWChessCenter@gmail.com , make a note as “Donation for US Chess Team”Request match at https://microsoft.benevity.org/request-a-matchSubmit a question to GM Wesley So by replying to the emailJoin the lecture at 5:00 PM via ZOOM (link above)We will provide instructions about the simul later.
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