

## US CHESS CHAMPION SAM SHANKLAND COMING TO NEWTOWN!!!

Hello Everyone,

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 7th...\*\*\* **The 2018 US CHESS CHAMPION IS COMING TO NEWTOWN CHESS CLUB**\*\*\* Grandmaster Sam Shankland, who recently finished ahead of World Top Ten players Fabiano Caruana (the challenger to Magnus Carlsen for the World Championship this November), Hikaru Nakamura and Wesley So in the US Championship, will play a simul and give a lecture at Newtown Chess Club. He is the three-time California State Champion, has won two gold medals representing the US at the Chess Olympiad including a gold medal for the best score on the reserve board, is currently the 4th ranked player in the US and 44th in the world, rated at 2701 FIDE.

**Date & Starting Time:** Saturday, July 7th, 1:00 PM start

**Location:** The event will take place at the NYA Sports and Fitness Center, 4 Primrose Street, in the Town of Newtown's Fairfield Hills Complex, instead of our usual meeting place at the Booth Library. (The library is unavailable on that day.)

**Fee:** \$40/board

**Enter:** \*\*\**It is recommended that you enter in advance*\*\*\*, since the number of boards is limited!!! Either see me (Glenn) at NCC on Saturdays, or send your check (payable to "CKPCI") to me at G. Budzinski, 1 Black Cherry Lane, Sandy Hook, CT 06482.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to play the current US Champion. Given his busy international tournament schedule, GM Shankland rarely has the time for any exhibitions. I am very appreciative of him for fitting us into his schedule! Please remember that space is limited, so sign up as far in advance as possible to ensure that you have a place at this memorable event. Let's make this a great turnout for him!

Thanks, in advance, for your support for this event!

*Glenn B.*