



International Grandmaster

Yury Shulman

started formal chess lessons with coach Tamara Golovey when he was six years old. He went on to study under International Master Albert Kapengut at age 12, and subsequently under the guidance of GM Boris Gelfand. He achieved his grandmaster title in 1995. Shulman moved to the United States in 1999 to attend the University of Texas at Dallas, a three-time national championship college team. Yury completed his undergraduate studies from the State Academy of Sports, Belarus, and has a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and an M.B.A. specializing in Finance from the University of Texas at Dallas.

Yury has remained among the top U.S. chess players since moving to the country. He tied for first in the 2001 World Open, was runner-up in the 2006 U.S. Chess Championship, and winner of the 2006 U.S. Open Chess Championship. Yury recently tied for third place in the 2007 U.S. Chess Championship and qualified for the 2007 FIDE world championship. On May 21, 2008, Yury Shulman won the 2008 U.S. Chess Championship.

Yury Shulman's chess career highlights include:

- 1994 - National Belarus champion, Top Sportsman Award, Republic of Belarus and member of the Belarusian Chess Olympic team from 1994-1998
- 1998 - National Belarus champion co-champion
- 1995 - European Junior Champion
- 1995 - Achieved International Grandmaster norm
- 2000 - Co-Winner of U.S. National Open, Texas State Champion, and winner of the Koltanowski Memorial
- 2001 - Ranked in top 100 chess players in the world, and Co-Winner of World Open
- 2002 - Co-Winner of American Open
- 2004 - Tied for 3rd place in the U.S. Chess Championship
- 2005 - Illinois State Champion, co-winner of Millennium chess festival, and qualified to 1/16 in the World Cup (Khanty-Mansiysk, Siberia)
- 2006 - Winner of 107th US Open Chess Championship (Chicago), U.S. Chess Championship runner-up (San Diego), and U.S. Women Olympic team coach (4th place) (Torino, Italy)
- 2006 - Co-Winner of the University of Texas at Dallas GM Invitational Tournament
- 2007 - Tied for 3rd place in the US Chess Championship (Stillwater) and qualified for the 2007 FIDE world championship
- 2007 - Tied for 1st place in the 2007 Chicago Open (Chicago). *Vadim Milov won the blitz playoff game and the official title.*
- 2008 - Won the U.S. Chess Championship.

Yury Shulman International Chess School (www.shulmanchess.com)

Grandmaster Shulman is the founder of the Yury Shulman International Chess School. Shulman and his volunteer community use chess as a medium for philanthropic causes. In 2006 and 2007, this included community service visits to, and book drives for, Chicago public schools, and contributions of a portion of the proceeds from camps and tournaments to non-profit entities the world over. He now teaches chess in Barrington, Illinois at all of the schools and at his house.

“Chess Without Borders”: A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization (www.shulmanchess.com/About.html) In May 2007, Grandmaster Yury Shulman formally founded “Chess Without Borders,” a 501(c)3 non-profit organization through which to continue his volunteer efforts. The mission statement of “Chess Without Borders” is to promote learning through combining chess education with service and philanthropy.



International Grandmaster

Gregory Kaidanov

is considered to be one of the very best chess instructors and trainers in the United States of America. In addition, Gregory has enjoyed a very successful competitive chess career and has achieved the following:

- Became a Candidate Master (the equivalent of the “expert” title in the United States), 1975
- Became a Master, 1978
- Became an International Master, 1987
- Became an International Grandmaster, 1988.

Gregory has won the following international tournaments:

- Moscow, 1987,
- Lvov, 1988
- Protvino, 1988,
- Vienna, 1989
- Hastings Masters, 1990,
- Gent, 1990,
- New York, 1990.

Since emigrating to the U.S. in 1991, Gregory has:

- won the World Open (1992),
- won the U.S. Open (1992),
- tied for first in National Open (1990, 1992, 1994 and 1999),
- won the World Championship (Lucerne, 1993) with the U.S. team, and
- was a member of the U.S. team, which finished second in the 1998 World Chess Olympiad which was held in Elista.

Gregory was an instructor at both the 2007 and 2008 Summer Chess Academies

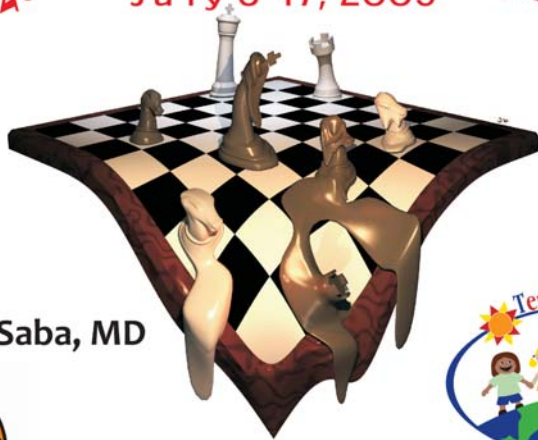


International Master

Benjamin Finegold

is currently the highest rated International Master (IM) in the USA (FIDE and USCF). He was rated 2000+ at age 12 and a senior master (2400+) at age 16. He became an IM at age 20 and has two Grandmaster (GM) norms. He needs one more for the GM title. In 1993, he won the prestigious American Chess Foundation's Samford Fellowship. He is a former U.S. Junior Closed Champion and a popular commentator at the Internet Chess Club. IM Finegold has taught at many prominent chess camps throughout the U.S. Ben was an instructor at both the 2007 and 2008 Summer Chess Academies.

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Saturday, July 11, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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Conference Center**
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EVENT PROGRAM

- ☆ Welcome, Acknowledgments, and Introduction of:
International Grandmaster Gregory Kaidanov, International Grandmaster Yury Shulman, and International Master Ben Finegold.
Alan Anderson, Chair, Chess Subcommittee, Tempe Impact Education Foundation and Director, 2009 Summer Chess Academy
- ☆ Explanation of Format and Rules for the Simultaneous Exhibition.
- ☆ Simultaneous Chess Exhibition by International Grandmaster Gregory Kaidanov, International Grandmaster Yury Shulman, and International Master Ben Finegold.
- ☆ Explanation of Format for the Blindfold Chess Game.
- ☆ Blindfold chess game by International Grandmaster Gregory Kaidanov.
- ☆ Explanation of Format for the Blitz Simultaneous Chess Exhibition.
- ☆ Blitz simultaneous chess exhibition by International Grandmaster Gregory Kaidanov.
- ☆ Afterward, there will be a Book and DVD signing event
- ☆ International Grandmaster Yury Shulman will sign copies of his very popular instructional book for scholastic chess players
Chess: Lessons from a Grandmaster.
- ☆ International Master Ben Finegold will sign copies of his very popular three-volume instructional DVD series
Chess with Ben Finegold.