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Chess comes to Richmond

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RICHMOND — The quiet pleasures of chess soon will be shared by many if Stauffer Chemical employee Trendell C. Ball's best laid plans come to fruition.

Ball's Sons and Daughters of the Richmond Area (SADORA) Service Club is co-sponsoring an Open Chess Meet Saturday at the Eastshore Community Center, 960 South 47th St., as the first step toward the organization of a local chess association for young and old.

The event is scheduled from noon to 6 p.m. and will be strictly informal competition open to players at all levels of ability, according to Ball.

"We hope to establish rankings of players — from beginner and novice to intermediate and advanced — at this first meeting," said Ball.

"We'd like to do it once a month to see if we can develop a local chess association and set up future tournaments."

Ball said SADORA is especially interested in introducing the game to young people.

"Chess is a good game for everybody," he said. "It helps develop good thinking processes and it's a very quiet game."

"One of the biggest complaints chess players have," he added, "is that they can't find anybody to play with. This is a good way to get them together. Eventually, we hope to set up a mailing list to notify people of our activities."

Ball expects about 40 people to respond to the flyer SADORA has sent out to attract people to the first meeting. Once organized, he feels the association might be able to assist local high schools in establishing chess clubs.

Those attending Saturday's meeting are being asked to provide their own chess set and an extra one or two if possible to be sure that enough are available to accommodate everybody who shows up. A \$1 donation for refreshments is asked.



—Photo by Michael A. Jones

Stauffer Chemical worker Trendell C. Ball: the black knight plays Saturday