

The idea is to bounce around to various venues, exploring different neighborhoods in Seattle and creating unique experiences. This adds a bit of fun and adventure, plus allows us to connect and engage with different parts of the city. We also plan to host meetups at unconventional and surprising venues - (have you ever played chess in the woods?) So stay tuned for that.

Q. Do you see any lessons for anarchists in playing chess?

Well, at its core chess is just a game - like shooting a basketball in a hoop - but there are some lessons that anarchists can learn from the game. For instance, each piece moves differently and has different strengths and weaknesses, just like every person! Not every anarchist is made to be at the frontlines of the barricades, and not every anarchist is meant to read stacks of theory. The key is to find out what your strengths are and use them to help better the world and participate in the movement.

Q. Whats your favorite chess opening move?
The wing-it and scramble.

Q. What other events are y'all putting on?

Last week we hosted the first ever Seattle Folk Punk Orchestra Hootenanny, which was a total blast. About 30 people showed up with guitars, banjos, accordions, and other acoustic instruments and created a make-shift folk punk band on the spot. It was pretty amazing - we'll likely do that again.

Chess will always be the cornerstone of the club, but we absolutely plan to do other creative events and projects as the ideas sprout organically. The purpose of the Seattle Anarchist Chess Club is to have a good time and in the spirit of anarchist tradition be spontaneous fresh and outside the box. We will blow where the wind takes us.

Q. Any advice for anarchists looking to start chess or other hobby-related clubs?

Do go for it and don't be afraid to fail. Do put effort into planning and don't be flaky or unreliable. Do trust your instincts and don't be reluctant to ask for help. And if it doesn't pan out, go home and pet your dog.

Q. Where can people follow your work?

Thanks for the interview. @seattleacclub on instagram is the only place. Next meetup is Feb 22 at Asylum Collective in Pioneer Square. See you around!



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Seattle Anarchist Chess Club

A short interview

Like toppling kings? Sabotage Noise presents a short interview with the new Seattle Anarchist Chess Club!

Q. What inspired you to start a chess club for anarchists?

The main inspiration came from a desire to create a relaxed and chill space for anarchists, allies, and neighbors in Seattle. Many anarchist projects tend to focus on serious political work, which is critically important. We felt there was a need to establish something a bit lighter - a welcoming environment for people to gather, play some chess, and enjoy each other's company without the weight of social pressures or expectations.

We wanted to carve out space in the city that is openly and forwardly for anarchists, but also sincerely welcoming to all who want to join in and hangout. Fun and recreation are an essential part of life too, especially for anarchists! The intention is to build community and have friendly and nice moments for all us earth humans.

Q. How has a typical chess night gone?

So far so good! Typically 15 to 25 people attend each monthly chess club meetup, and there have been many dramatic games. Everyone is invited, regardless of skill level. You just show up, folks are very welcoming and it's easy to find a game or just kick it. Normally we are at a cafe or collective and people are encouraged to come even if they don't feel like playing chess.



FOOD SHOWS + BENEFITS

OLYMPIA

The Mortuary

📍 @olymortuary

EVERY Thursday 6-8pm - People's Cafe Open Mic free/ donation coffee + tea by Wobbly Cup

Cooperative Cafe~~ (week off March 13)

EVERY 1st Sunday 1:30-4:30pm - Prisoner Letter

Writing Night (Feb 2, Mar 2)~~

Feb 22 - Do a Backflip Queer Rave~~

March 1 - Skillshare and Stuff Swap~~

March 10 - Altar de Fay + more

March 18 - The Moray + Fugue State Ravens

March 28 - Short film "Unrestricted Access"

Anarchist Breakfast + Clinic Defense every Friday

9am-noon @ Legion and Adams

SEATTLE

Left Bank Books 📍 @leftbankbookscollective

(92 Pike St)

EVERY Last Sunday 7pm - Discussion group "Leaping Towards the World to Come" (Feb 22, Mar 30)~~

EVERY 1st and 3rd Thursday ++ EVERY 2nd and 4th Tuesday 7:30pm - Mutual Aid Social Therapy (MAST) and Potluck

(Feb 6, 11, 20, 25, Mar 6, 11, 20, 25)~~

March 15 7-10pm - The Moray/Fugue State/Ravens~~

Pipsqueak

📍 @pipsqueak.seattle

(173 16th Ave)

EVERY 1st Sunday 3-5pm - Prisoner Letter Writing (Feb 2, Mar 2)~~

EVERY Wednesday 6-9pm - Queer/Trans Art Jam~~

EVERY 3rd Monday 7-9pm - Pipsqueak community

dinner: Bring utensils, plate/bowl, and mask (Feb 17,

Mar 17)~~

Feb 9 3pm - Fighting for Ourselves: Informal Organization & the Insurrectionary Project - A presentation and Discussion~~

Rock Out for Rojava Benefit for Hevya Sor

Feb 8 5:30pm @ Southside Commons (3518 S. Edmunds St.) ft. Ghost Teeth/Bird Teeth/Rebbie Roustabout

BREMERTON

People's Exchange
(639 Callow Ave)

📍 @peoples_exchange

EVERY Sunday 6pm - Queer Meetup~~

Every 4th Wednesday 2-4:30pm - Harm Reduction Kit Making~~

The Charleston

📍 @thecharleston333
(333 N Callow Ave)

Feb 13 8pm - Septik/Reaper Punkx/Carbombs

Feb 14 8pm - Riot Orgy/Pathogens/Jet Hag/Never Give Up

TACOMA

The Gravel Pit

📍 @gravelpittacoma

Indoor show season, see Insta for upcoming events

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Solidarity Center

(1220 S 23rd St)

BOOKING: hilltopsolidarity@proton.me

Bi-weekly - Feed the People w/ Black Panther Party~~

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