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News Item 1 - IM James Rizzitano Group class and Book Signing

On Tuesday night **November 28th, Round 4** of this months event, IM James Rizzitano will be conduct the group class based on material from his just released book, Chess Explained: The Taimanov Sicilian. Class will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 7:15 PM

Below is a synopsis of his book.

CHESSEXPLAINED: THE TAIMANOV SICILIAN (James Rizzitano)

Chess Explained is a new series of books about chess openings. They are not theoretical works in the traditional sense, but more a series of lessons from a chess expert with extensive over-the-board experience with an opening. You will gain an understanding of the opening and the middle games to which it leads, enabling you to find the right moves and plans in your own games. It is as if you were sitting at the board with a chess coach answering your questions about the plans for both sides, the ideas behind particular moves, and what specific knowledge you need to have.

The Taimanov Sicilian is one of the most flexible options for Black in the Open Sicilian. Black avoids committing himself to a rigid set-up, and tailors his response once White has shown his hand. This can lead to a great variety of central structures, and the player with the better understanding of typical Sicilian themes will often emerge victorious - Taimanov positions need to be understood well in order to be played well. Many of the post-war World Champions have used the Taimanov, and amongst the current world elite, Anand has played it most frequently. This book covers the Paulsen set-up with ...Qc7 in addition to the 'pure' Taimanov with ...Nge7.

James Rizzitano is a strong international master who dominated chess in the New England region during a 14-year period from 1976 to 1989 - he won 157 out of 336 events in which he competed. His career highlights include victories over Alburt, Benjamin, Benko, Christiansen, Dlugy, I.Gurevich, and Wolff, and exciting draws with de Firmian, Larsen, Speelman, and the legendary former world champion Tal. Rizzitano has recently made a return to competitive chess.

Gambit books by James Rizzitano:

[Understanding Your Chess](#)

[How to Beat 1 d4](#)

[Chess Explained: the Taimanov Sicilian](#)

News Item 2 - Round 3 group class this Tuesday

David Harris will continue his group class series of Tactics in the opening and early middle game before the start of Round 3. Class

News Item 3 - Live games from the MCC this month

Don't forget to check out the live games being broadcast from the MCC this month.

For the month of November the club is trying out the Monroi Personal Chess Manager product. One of the many features of the product is that it provides live transmission of the game you are recording to a web site. For those of you not participating in this months event, you can watch two games from the club live on a page set up specifically for displaying these MCC games or you can view any of the games from previous rounds that were broadcast. Each week two players will be using the handheld device to record their games.

To view the games visit the following link:

http://www.monroi.com/wdc/tournament.php?tnm_id=266

If enough members show interest in purchasing a unit they should make their interest known to me as the club may consider subsidizing a "bulk" purchase.

Chris Bird of Chess Tournament Services is providing us with opportunity to try out the Monroi units. Chris will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the Monroi system. You can visit his site at

<http://www.chesstournamentsservices.com/>

For more information about the Monroi Personal Chess Manager product you can visit the Monroi site at

<http://www.monroi.com/>

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