

## Marshall Chess Club Membership Rates

- Resident: \$325 / year or \$180 / 6 months \*
- Nonresident : \$175 / year \*
- Scholastic / Junior (Under 22 years old): \$160 / year
- Senior (age 62 and older): \$225 / year
- International Master \$160 / year
- Trial Membership: \$100 / 3 months (applicable to annual membership)

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Members are required to obtain a front-door key; a \$15 deposit is required.



- \* Resident status applies to members living, or working full-time, in the following counties:

**New York**—New York City's five counties and Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and Rockland

**New Jersey**—Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Union, and Somerset

**Connecticut**—Fairfield

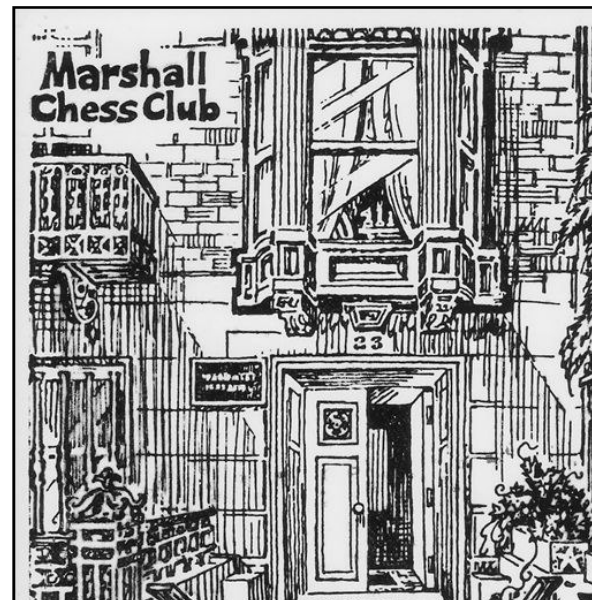
## Membership Benefits:

- Discounted or Exclusive Entry to all Club Activities and events:
- Grandmaster Lectures
- Lectures By Leading Players / Instructors
- Chess Classes For Various Levels
- Marshall Chess Club Championship Series
- USCF Rated Weeknight and Weekend Slow & Action Tournaments
- Monday Under 1600 Tournament
- Tuesday Night Open Game/90
- Wednesday Under 2000 Tournament
- Thursday Members-Only Swiss
- America 's Longest-Running Action Tournament every Thursday at 7:00 pm
- Friday Rapids /Blitz
- Weekend Children's Classes
- Summer Chess Camps
- Casual Play
- Games Arranged
- Outdoor Garden Parties
- Monthly Film Presentation & Discussion
- Simultaneous Exhibitions



# MARSHALL CHESS CLUB

USCF  
Chess Club of the Year  
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# Marshall Chess Club History

*Frank J. Marshall*  
(1877-1944)

Grandmaster Frank J. Marshall founded this historic chess club in 1915. The Marshall Chess Club was incorporated in 1922, and has been headquartered at 23 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street since 1931.

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Frank James Marshall was born in New York City on August 10, 1877. In 1895, the Marshall family moved to Montreal where Frank joined the Montreal Chess Club, quickly establishing a reputation among the leading players of Montreal. In 1895, he won the championship of the club. In 1896, he and his family returned to New York. Marshall immediately joined the Manhattan and Brooklyn Chess Clubs and soon became one of the leading players in metropolitan chess circles. In 1897, he won the junior championship of the New York Chess Association—a considerable feat for a lad of nineteen. In 1899, he won the championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club.

In the 1900 International Masters Tournament, Marshall met the leading masters of the world for the first time, tying Maroczy for 3rd and 4th prizes and defeating both Lasker and Pillsbury in his individual games with these titans of chess. In 1904, Marshall divided first prize with Zwidorski at Monte Carlo. Then he won first prize without the loss of a single game in the international tournament at Cambridge Springs, Pa. A tournament was arranged at St. Louis, Mo., and when Pillsbury decided that he was too ill to compete, the tournament committee announced that the winner would be recognized as U. S. Chess Champion. Marshall won the event but did not officially accept the title until 1909, when he won a match with Jackson W. Showalter, the champion before Pillsbury. He held the title until 1936.

Marshall wrote extensively about his life and games. What he wrote about his club in My Fifty Years of Chess, in 1942, is still true today. Many of the country's top players are members, both adults and fast-rising young players.

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“Am I preoccupied? I suppose so. And what am I preoccupied about? Chess, of course. My entire life has been devoted to the game. I have been playing it for over fifty years. I started when I was ten years old and I am still going strong. In all that time I don't believe a day has gone by that I have not played at least one game of chess—and I still enjoy it as much as ever. Such is the fascination of the royal game, with its endless variety and limitless possibilities.”

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One event...took on added importance as the years went on. This was the founding of Marshall's Chess Divan at Keene's Chop House, 70 West 36th Street, New York, in 1915. The object was to establish in New York a central meeting place for lovers of chess, much on the same lines as such famous resorts as Simpson's Divan in London and the Café de la Regence in Paris. It was my idea to make the Divan a place of instruction where young players would be encouraged and where all chess players could feel free to gather.

The friends who visited us at the Divan formed the nucleus of the present Marshall Chess Club, with its notable membership and palatial quarters. We occupied various premises from 1915 to 1922, when we decided to incorporate the club. Alrick H. Man was the first President and our first club house, purchased by a group of members, was at 135 West 12th Street. In 1931, ... the club's present quarters and also my home, was purchased. Here we are glad to greet old friends and help to develop the young players of today. Many of the leading players of the country are members and new talent is constantly being encouraged.

It must be remembered that it was in the Marshall Chess Club that such players as Reuben Fine, Erling Tholfsen, A. E. Santasiere, Milton Hanauer, Sidney Bernstein, Fred Reinfeld, Arthur Dake, Albert Simonson, Herbert Seidman and many others were developed. And we're still continuing to turn out gifted young players! “

*“My Fifty Years of Chess”—Frank J. Marshall, 1942*

# The Marshall Chess Club Today

*If you haven't been to the  
Marshall lately...  
You haven't seen the  
Marshall!!*

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In recent months, the Marshall has seen many improvements:

- ◆ The club has been repainted
- ◆ The hardwood floors have been refinished
- ◆ New chandeliers have been hung in the upstairs rooms

...and more improvements are on the way!

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Special events held recently at the Marshall have included:

- ◆ Book reading and signing by WGM Jennifer Shahade, author of Chess Bitch: Women in the Ultimate Intellectual Sport
- ◆ 2nd annual USCF Gallery of Distinguished Chess Journalists induction ceremony
- ◆ Centennial Celebration of Cambridge Springs 1904, with lecture/presentation and simul by GM Andy Soltis
- ◆ Simul and book signing with 2-time Marshall CC Champion GM Jaan Ehlevest
- ◆ New Year's Eve party with simul by IM Yury Lapshun
- ◆ Colloquium on The Imagery of Chess Revisited with curator Larry List and others