

Oregon Open Fundraising Sale

In March of 2017, the Oregon chess community lost a well-known player, Thomas Kuge, to an untimely death. In his honor and for the benefit of his wife, Kihomi, there will be a sale of his outstanding collection of books and vintage chess sets at this year's Oregon Open. The collection comprises valuable books in all of the following areas: tournaments, grandmaster collections, theory, history, and openings. A sampling of the many book sets includes the entire Everyman Kasparov on Modern Chess series, an entire run of New in Chess Yearbooks, Botvinnik's 4 volume Critical Works, Sahovski and ECO reference works, a 13 vol. set of Secrets of Opening Surprises, and the Khalifman Opening According to Anand and Kramnik series.

There are hundreds of quality and recent works by Gambit, New in Chess, Caissa, McFarland, Olms, as well as older classic works by Batsford, Mckay and Pergamon, first English editions of Philidor, Marshall and Steinitz, and early printings of Fischer's My 60 Memorable Games.

There will be dozens of vintage chess boards and a table of other board games (such as Go, including boards, stones, books and a complete run of Hikaru no Go). Finally, a local, innovative chess graphic artist, Beth Marcovic, will be debuting her work.

A collection of 1400 chess magazines (full run of Inside Chess, Chess Life, New in Chess and many others) and a couple hundred Russian-language chess books will open to bids before Labor Day. For information on this please contact Fritz Balwit at fritz.balwit@gmail.com. We are looking for volunteers to help with the sale and are also open to donations of quality chess books or sets to help with our fund-raising endeavor.