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## **Cohen Architectural Woodworking's Nate Cohen Creates New Chess Tables for Grand Chess Tour Events in St. Louis**

Saint James, MO, August 21, 2019--Cohen Architectural Woodworking announces Nate Cohen, chief financial officer and professional woodworker, has designed and built innovative chess tables for the two major Grand Chess Tour events to be held in St. Louis, MO. The tables incorporate a fully computerized chess board to monitor player's moves and scores. They were unveiled as part of a special ceremony held August 9, 2019 at the World Chess Hall of Fame, (WCHOF) as seen by an online worldwide audience.

The tables were formally introduced at the 2019 Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz and the 2019 Sinquefeld Cup. Both events feature the top chess players in the world, including Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana, and are being held at the Saint Louis Chess Club through August 29, 2019. The tables will also be used in future championship events.

Cohen's design is inspired by a Cuban chess table used by Bobby Fischer in Havana in 1966, which is now part of the WCHOF's permanent collection. The tables feature green padding and display screens with the latest electronic equipment inlaid.

The tables were commissioned by Rex Siquefield, founder and president of the Saint Louis Chess Club and host of several Grand Chess Tour events. Entitled the “Siquefield Table,” Cohen has been designing and building tables for the Chess Club since its founding in 2008.

“We should actually be calling these the Nate Cohen Tables,” Siquefield said. “He has won three international competitions for woodworking. He is an incredible expert. We have been working with Nate for 11 years and when we needed some new tables for these championships. I had the Cuban table in mind that was used in the 1960s. We asked Nate if he could do it and he said yes, and now we have the beautiful finished product.”

“I am grateful to Rex and his wife, Dr. Jeanne Siquefield, for this special opportunity, and to be a part of this growing chess family. Our team is excited to be providing the tables for these world class events. It is a great privilege to have an impact on the game of chess as its popularity grows in St. Louis and on a world-wide basis,” Cohen said.

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### **About Cohen Architectural Woodworking**

Founded in 1982, Cohen Architectural Woodworking is a family-owned architectural design/build woodworking firm headquartered in St. James, Missouri. Two things are obvious to anyone walking through our doors—we care about relationships and we care about excellence. Cohen standardizes and builds high-quality custom millwork components and casework for healthcare, airports, education, retail, transportation, hotels, and more, for new construction, renovation, and disaster reconstruction. The firm has won multiple awards including the Architectural Woodwork Institute’s Award of Excellence for six separate projects, the 2016 Small Business of the Year award from the Rolla Chamber of Commerce. Recently, Phillip Cohen, President and Founder, was presented with the 2017 SBA Small Business Person of the Year award for the State of Missouri and was given a Lifetime Achievement Award while being named to the St. Louis Small Business Hall of Fame. Additional accolades include qualifying for the *Inc.*

5000, named to the list of Best Places to Work by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and named a Top Family Owned Business by St. Louis Small Business Monthly. For more information visit <https://cohenwoodworking.com>

### **About The Saint Louis Chess Club**

The Saint Louis Chess Club is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that is committed to making chess an important part of our community. In addition to providing a forum for everyone to play tournaments and casual games, the club also offers chess improvement classes, beginner lessons and special lectures.

Recognizing the cognitive and behavioral benefits of chess, the Saint Louis Chess Club is committed to supporting those chess programs that already exist in area schools while encouraging the development of new in-school and after-school programs. For more information, visit [www.saintlouischessclub.org](http://www.saintlouischessclub.org).

### **About The Grand Chess Tour**

The Grand Chess Tour is a circuit of international events, each demonstrating the highest level of organization for the world's best players. The Tour is organized by the Saint Louis Chess Club and the Kasparov Chess Foundation. The legendary Garry Kasparov, one of the world's greatest ambassadors for chess, inspired the Grand Chess Tour and helped solidify the partnerships among sponsors and organizers. For more information, visit [grandchesstour.org](http://grandchesstour.org).

### **About the World Chess Hall of Fame**

The World Chess Hall of Fame (WCHOF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to building awareness of the cultural and artistic significance of chess. It opened on September 9, 2011, in the Central West End after moving from previous locations in New York; Washington, D.C.; and Florida. The WCHOF is located at 4652 Maryland Avenue, housed in an historic 15,900 square-foot residence-turned-business, featuring World Chess Hall of Fame inductees, United States Chess Hall of Fame inductees selected by the U.S. Chess Trust, displays of artifacts from the permanent collection and exhibitions highlighting the great players, historic games and rich cultural history of chess. The WCHOF partners with the Saint Louis Chess Club to provide innovative programming and outreach to local, national and international audiences.

Learn more about the WCHOF at [worldchesshof.org](http://worldchesshof.org)