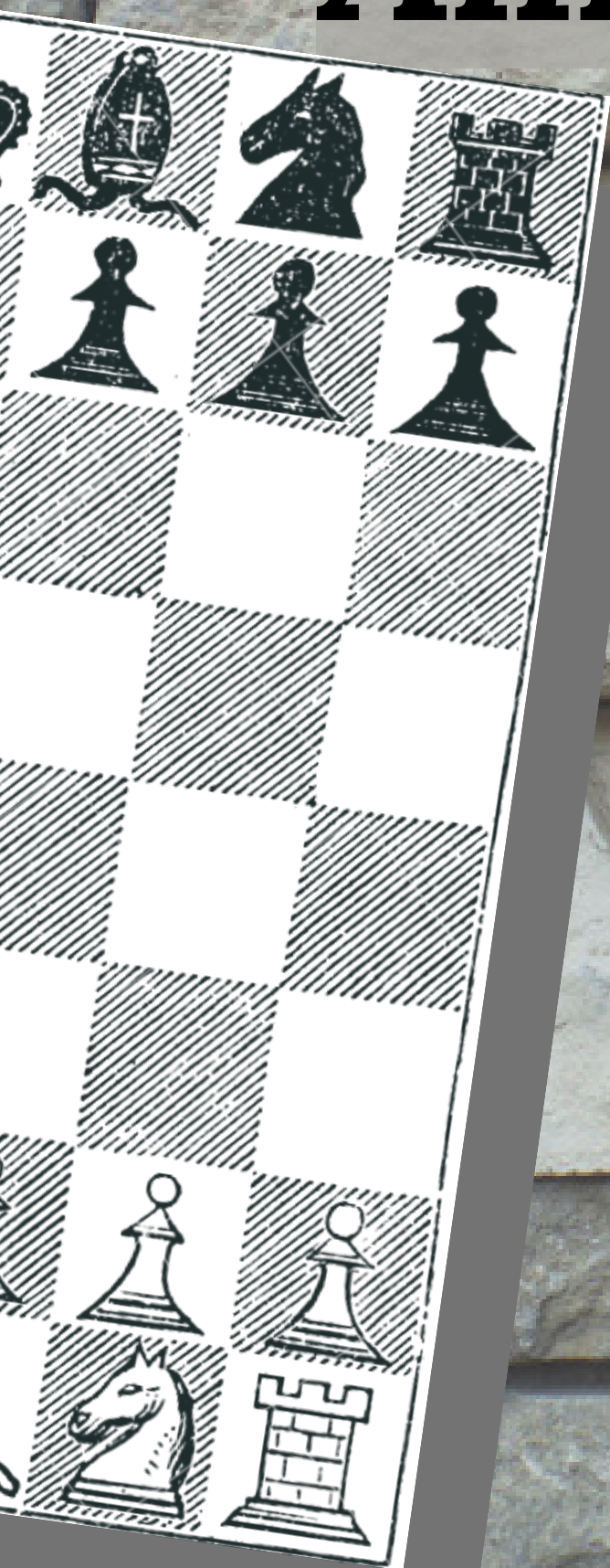


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**DWZ:**  
**1680**

**ELO:**  
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**How long have you been playing chess and how old were you when you started?**

I learned chess when I was in the third grade and started playing provincial and national chess when I was eleven years old but the first time I was invited to an international event was when I was fourteen.

**How long have you been in our club?**

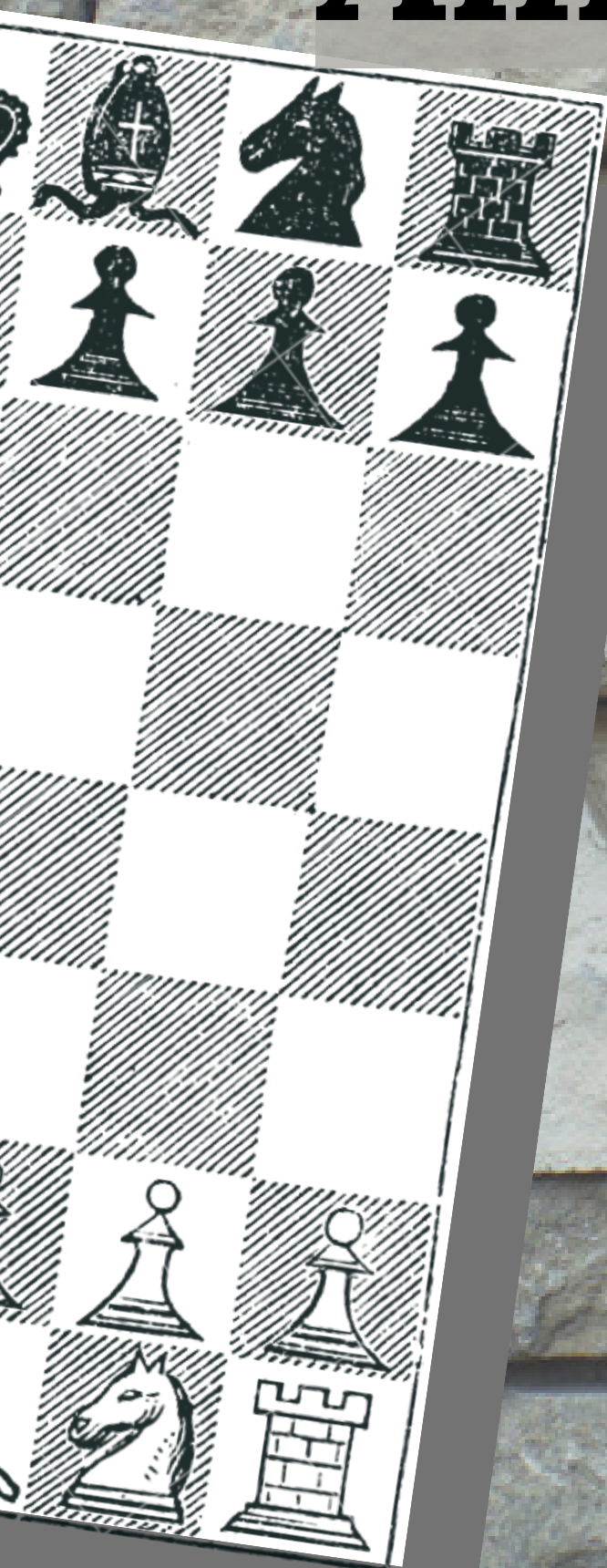
I have only recently joined the club, somewhere early in 2020, so I have been a member for about one year now.

**Your greatest success so far?**

My greatest success so far was winning the African Junior Championships in Uganda where I obtained my first WGM norm.



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## **Your chess goal?**

Chess goals is difficult. I think at some point everyone wants to be a grandmaster or a top player, but those dreams tend to fall apart as we grow older. I think at this point I'd like to be the top women's player in my country and participate in the women's world championship cycle at least once.

## **How did you get into chess?**

My parents did not like my netball friends so they urged me to play chess instead (it was the same time as netball), where I found myself some nice chess nerds to be friends with :)



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## **What do you like most about chess?**

I love studying the games of masters, chess really is a form of art. I also love how it can bring people from different backgrounds together and give them common ground.

## **Your favourite player?**

My favourite player is either Mikhail Tal or Victor Korchnoi. In my opinion they played brilliant chess, not necessarily textbook chess, but brilliant, nonetheless. Another favourite of mine is without a doubt Ivanchuk, he plays like a crazy person sometimes, but his games are always exciting.