

**ICA TEANECK SCHOLASTIC
SUMMER CAMP 2022 WEEK
4 REPORT:**

**ELECTION DAY
DRAMA...OUR NEXT
PRESIDENT IS...!!!**

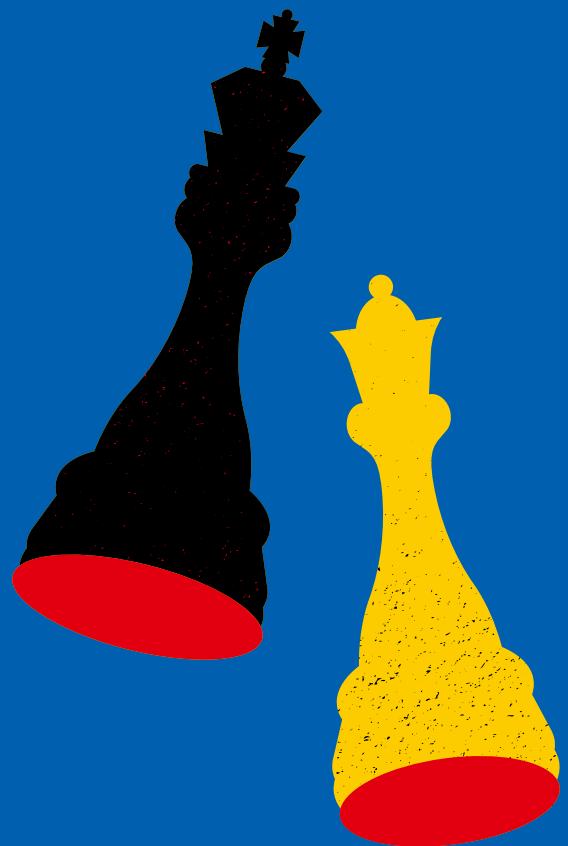
The highlight of the week was the hotly contested, and dramatic presidential election which pitted former president **Thomas Weichsel** (2019 election results), and newcomer **Geula Krause-Krimsky**.



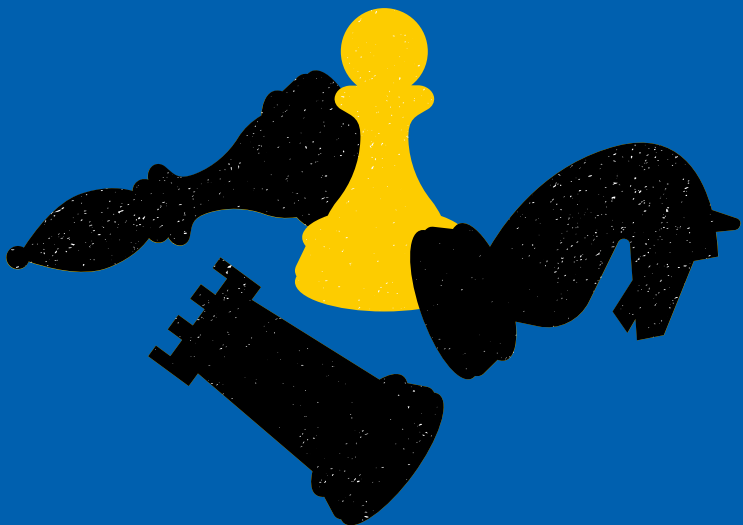
Thomas, who had originally won in 2019 as leader of the “Have A Good Day” Party, on a promise to lower taxes, and medical costs, rebranded himself, as part of the BBS Party (“Bring Back Soviet” or “British Border Security” depending on who you ask), promising to donate money to Ukraine (20 to 30 dollars), and offering two-week paid vacations to everybody. Geula on the other hand represented the “Unity” party whose campaign promise was to organize board games for the campers from three to five pm to foster a fun and collaborative atmosphere.

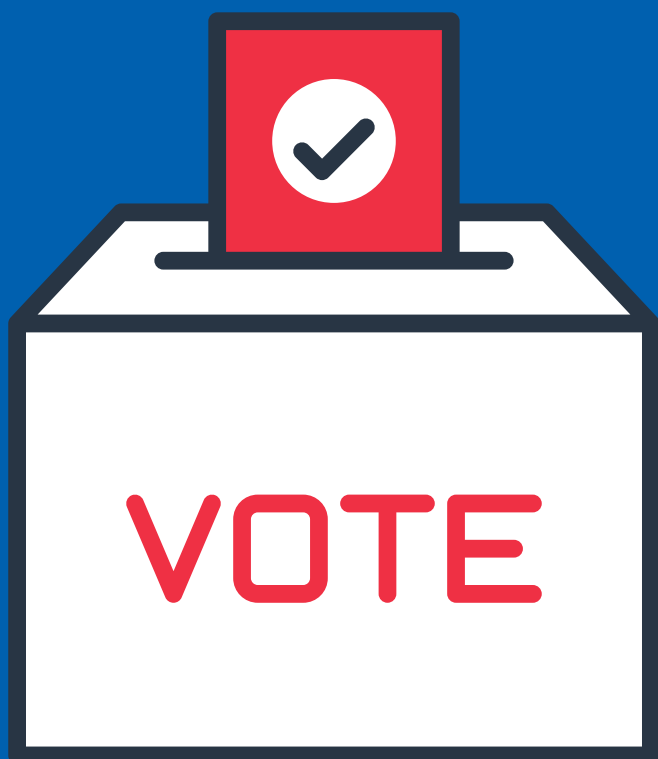


Two other surprise parties joined at the last minute with **Harlan Kim** mysteriously standing up to represent the so-called “Slava” party whose sole aim was to build a shrine to coach Slava, as well as lead in a fifteen minute none-stop standing ovation (shades of Stalin for sure). The last candidate was a disillusioned Thomas coalition follower, **Shmuel** who on the spur of the moment decided to stand up and represent the “Chess” party, with the intended aim being to cut out the nonsense and just focus exclusively on chess at the camp since none of this has anything to do with the actual board game (or does it? Didn’t Garry Kasparov write a whole book entitled how “Chess Imitates Life?”...I digress).



Voting took place on Thursday and despite some nifty maneuvering by Thomas placing his people in the audience (Michael Lokhov held up a “Go Thomas” campaign poster to influence the electorate) things were tied after the initial votes were counted! Shmuel had taken two votes, while Harlan (who as it later turned out was put up to it by coach Isaac) siphoned off five votes for cult “Slava.” Unity, and BBS, had both taken eight votes each.





While the result may have superficially seemed improbable given Geula's presentation was much better (especially her conclusive shouted slogan: "Who Wants Unity?" with the crowd chanting "we do" Geula responded with an inspirational "Then Join My Community!"), while Thomas lacked coherence, the wily veteran from BBS did plenty of behind the scenes lobbying for votes among both campers and coaches to close the gap over the last few days before elections.

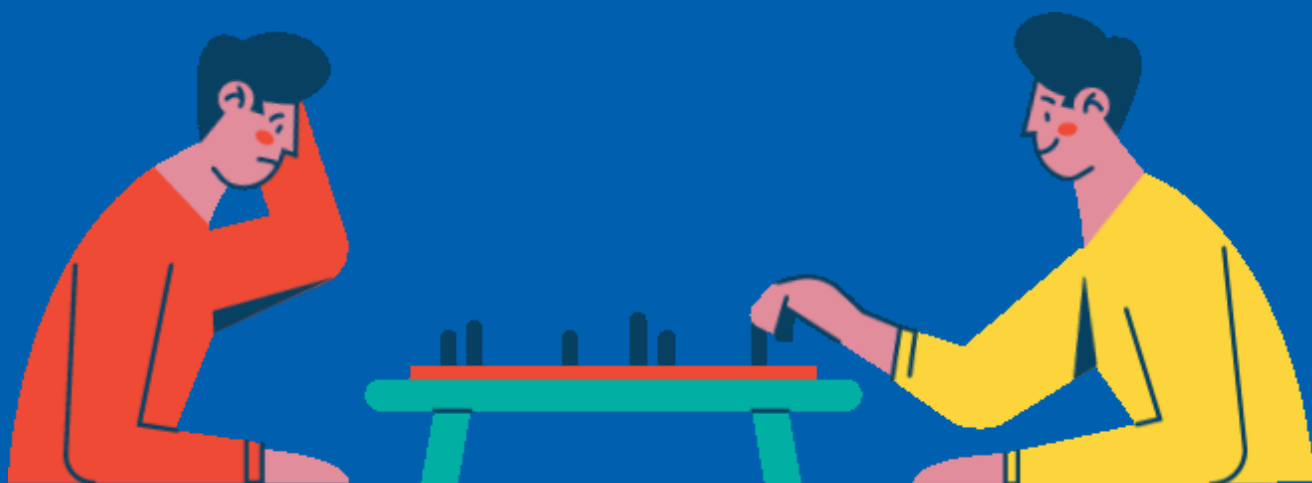


**YOUR VOTE
MATTERS**

The tie was only broken when coach Slava realized, Avery had decided not to vote, and using the classic plot of the 2008 film “Swing Vote” (starring Kevin Costner no less) convinced the camper to cast the all-important decider. His choice? **Thomas Weichsel!** Who now becomes the only two-time president in ICA chess camp history.



The rest of the week was standard. The tournament winners were **Lucas** in section four, **Geula** in section three (with Will and Yusef sharing second), **Harlan** in section two, and Cresskill's own **Yujeong** in section one.



The best students were **Vivienne** in Ivette's group, **Andrew** in Isaac's group, Harlan in Slava's group, **Lucas** in Sophie's group, and soon to be Ohio native **Daniel** in Dennis's group.

CONGRATS!!

The surprising simul winner was **Harlan** with a memorable miniature game win of only nineteen moves against coach Dennis. Harlan overwhelmed Dennis with a bishop sacrifice from what is Harlan's favored black side of a Tartakower (or Korchnoi variation depending on who you ask) variation of the Caro-Kann and forced a very quick checkmate. Look out for Harlan in the future.



The Friday blitz/bughouse winners were **Yusef** and **Paul** in the lower section who pulled away in the last round of the tournament, while in the higher section **Eli** and **Yujeong** closed a point-and-a-half deficit to catch and defeat Shmuel and Harlan in the final round.



In sports, **Max**, **Michael**, **Shmuel**, and **Daniel** won their respective sports groups, while **Yujeong** was once again the unsurprising winner for Dodgeball..



The relay races were won by team “Fire Blaster” headed by **Yujeong** and consisting of **Paul**, **Shmuel**, and **Jacob**.

AWESOME!



Avery was our winner for best notation, while **Geula** was Zhanna’s choice for music, and **Paul** for art.

We also awarded **Gita** a prize because it was her birthday and the fact that she is definitely awesome!

happy
birthday



Hope to see all of you next week!