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# THE EDITOR'S REPORT

**Welcome** to our special scholastic issue! Hard working Alan Kirshner reports on two state scholastic championships and the Tournament of Queens. Alan also supplied our cover photograph of Jocelyn Lee in royal regalia. Elizabeth Shaughnessy brings us up to date on the remarkable success of both the Berkeley High chess team and The Berkeley Chess School. Tough talented chess kids are everywhere in the chess scene these days and they are the future of Cal Chess and the USCF as all of us Fischer-Boomers grow older.

Is a good economy bad for chess? The booming Bay area economy has driven the price of meeting rooms at the better hotels sky-high and priced some of our chess organizers out of the room market. Many of the affordable hotel meeting rooms are problematic either due to location, age, or cleanliness. It is a dreadful thought that the only major adult tournaments may become the dreaded 'Goichberg style' events in awkwardly located Holiday Inns. Perhaps with a little ingenuity, the problem is solvable. Jim Hurt has been able to use the LERA site for many years and that offers us a clue for tournament sites other than the traditional hotels. Bay area organizers should check with private schools, union halls, junior colleges and recreation departments in an effort to locate affordable playing space.

As a part of our continuing series *The Crisis In The USCF*, Wayne Praeder argues the merits of One Man One Vote in USCF elections. Larry Evans adds a second vote for OMOV in his regular column while your editor discusses the ugly prospect of 90

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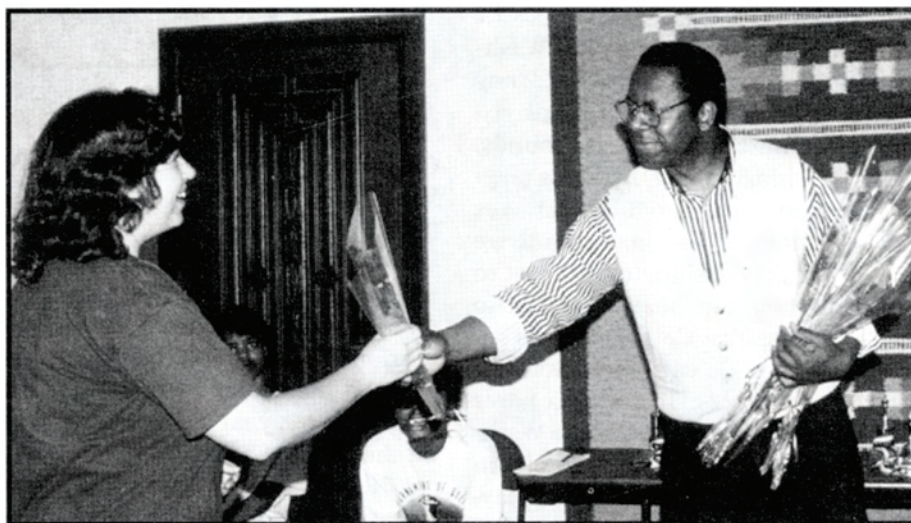
# Tournament of Queens

by Alan M. Kirshner

“Why not a Tournament of Kings?” one of my Weibel Elementary School wise guys yelled when I began describing the Tournament of Queens. He continued arguing that in our club (Weibel Elementary School) many of the girls outplayed the boys. He reminded me that last year Jocelyn Lee (now at Hopkins Junior High School) outplayed all our boys. I saw fleeting images of Judit Polgar’s father Laszlo starring at me from the fifth grader’s face.

I continued my rationale for supporting an all girls tournament stating that only one percent of the 80,000 members of the United States Chess Federation were women. I spoke of how few girls joined chess teams, ours being an exception, and how they quit earlier than the boys. I went on to explain how a tournament of this nature, matching the visiting Washington State girls against our Bay Area young women, was designed to inspire greater female participation. I could still see the skepticism on my young challenger’s face. I am not even sure I convinced myself.

When Elizabeth Shaugnessy, Director of the Berkeley Chess School, originally called me to ask if I had some girls who would participate, I felt it was worth a try. Last year ten Bay Area girls matched talents against some young women from Australia. But, this tournament occurred over the telephone lines. The Washington girls were visiting the Bay Area with



*Nelson Hanton hands a rose to a delighted mother. A middle school math and science teacher, Hanton brought players from his Tacoma, Washington school using a grant from the Intel Corporation.*

the help of a grant Nelson Hanton received from the Intel Corporation. I had met Nelson at a number of Scholastic Nationals. This Middle School math and science teacher always impressed me with the number and the fine quality of the players he brought with him from his school in Tacoma, Washington. I was unaware of his dedication to woman’s chess.

While Elizabeth Shaugnessy, former Irish woman’s champion, was the logical person to do the organizing, she was in Ireland attempting to make the Irish Women’s Chess Olympic Team. The task of hosting the Washington girls on Saturday, May 11, 1997, fell to Mark Brown, a Berkeley

Chess School instructor. I received a call from him on Friday night asking me to bring my computer. When I arrived I found that I was needed to run the SwisSys pairing program. So rather than just take pictures and help my girls, I worked the tournament. Mark’s attempt to obtain a matching number of California girls fell short. Only 17 California girls showed to challenge the 22 young women from Washington.

As the tournament progressed at the International House on the University of California, Berkeley, campus, I wished I had brought along a CD of the Beach Boys’ hit “California

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*Maybe in the near future, due to Nelson's outstanding work on behalf of girls in chess, we will need to hold a Tournament of Kings to keep the boys from fleeing as the girls dominate the sport.*



*With three victories, the youngest competitor was six-year-old Sharon Tseung. All Tournament of Queens photos by Alan Kirshner.*

Girls" to inspire our team. The Washington girls proved far superior. They won the match 38.5 to 27.5. We played four 30-minute sudden death rounds. Since Washington had five extra players, they received five full point byes each round. In the last round we paired all the Washington players to prevent their top boards from also getting byes. The California girls savored some pride with their victories on the top boards. To create a fairer fourth round, and to give some Washington girls an opportunity to obtain a top trophy, we allowed the best players from each team to face off, ignoring the score groups. Washington had already won the match.

A tie ensued for first place:

California's Jocelyn Lee (1419), Valerie Beltran (1279), Martha Lopez (996) and Washington's Mariana Dearmas (unrated). The three California girls are on their respective age group Top 50 Girls list the Chess Federation recently created. Valerie is 44th on the Under 16 table. Jocelyn is 5th and ten year old Martha is 48th on the Under 13 list.

Nelson thought it would be fairer to have a Blitz playoff for the championship, especially since he wanted to crown the winner with a tiara. Mark and Nelson agreed to follow the Washington rules for Blitz: clock move and if an illegal move is made the opponent has two minutes added to her clock. Since each girl was to play white and black, this meant six rounds. Jocelyn Lee became the Queen of the Tournament of Queens with 4-1/2 to Martha's 3 points. Valerie became second runner-up with 2-1/2 points and Mariana received the fourth place trophy as third runner-up. Both Valerie and Martha are from Modesto and are

students of Kevin Cripe.

Nelson had provided ten trophies and medals for each participant. He also distributed Tournament of Queen T-shirts. Yet, the nicest touch was when he handed out roses to all the Mom's as the next day was Mother's Day. He even allowed a few of us workers to take roses home to our wives. I needed to as I had told my wife I would only be a few hours not realizing that I would be there all day pairing the tournament. Next year, Nelson is inviting girls from seven states to compete in a Western Regional Tournament of Queens.

Maybe in the near future, due to Nelson's outstanding work on behalf of girls in chess, we will need to hold a Tournament of Kings to keep the boys from fleeing as the girls dominate the sport.

## A Queen Mate

at the  
**Tournament of Queens**

**Jocelyn Lee (1419)-  
Joelle Hanton (900)**  
Tournament of Queens, 1997

1. e4 e5
2. d4 ed
3. c3 Nf6
4. e5 Ne4
5. Qd4 Be7
6. Qe4 0-0
7. Bd d6
8. Qh7 Mate

## Read All About It!

Check out the CalChess Web Site at its New Address:

http://www.hooked.net/~hegemon/norcal.html



# 31st Annual LERA Memorial Day Class Championships

By Jim Hurt and Allan Fifield

142 players competed for \$4,000 in prizes in this tough, six-round Swiss tournament. One of the pluses of the class format is that most games are competitive matches and there are very few 'give-me' games. Not a single player scored a perfect 6-0! The end of three days of class trench warfare found 31 players in the money with an additional four brilliancy prizes being awarded.

The strength of the Open section can be gauged by the average rating of 2436 of the top four finishers. Mere masters were swimming in shark-infested waters. Vladimir Mezentsev (2513) and Thomas Wolski (2439) tied for first with 4.5 out of 6 points. Vladimir is a quiet and pleasant newcomer to the Bay area. Vladimir's original home town was Novosibirsk on the Trans-Siberian railroad. Thomas Wolski is moving south to the L.A. basin but promises to return north for many of the major tournaments. Thomas has been a major asset to the Bay area chess scene and will be missed.

Although the prize fund was originally

Photos, from top right: (1) Cool and calm Thomas Wolski was LERA open co-champion. (2) John Barnard back in action and scoring well in the expert section. (3) The 'Brain Trust' of LERA with organizer Jim Hurt sitting (L) as TD Ted Yudacufski rises to make a point. (4) Newcomer Vladimir Mezentsev shared first place in the open section. (5) Last round action as chessplayers fill the cafeteria at LERA.

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based on 160 players, the LERA Chess Club paid the full prize fund. This was made by another worthy cause donation by Jim Hurt.

Jim Hurt has been exceptionally generous of his time and money in supporting Northern California chess. Jim is retired and no longer lives in California. Many LERA players will be surprised to discover that Jim 'commutes' from Parachute, Colorado to organize Bay area tournaments. The next LERA tournament will be the 33rd Sunnyvale Class Championships on August 16th-17th with \$4000 in prizes based on 160 entries. Please mark

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# 31st Annual LERA

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these dates on your calendar and let's all give Jim a strong turnout that will let him know that the NorCal chess community appreciates his efforts!

In addition to his cash donation and organizing efforts, Jim Hurt was also the chief tournament director. He was ably assisted by Ted Yudacufski and by Robert Massey who provided additional computer assistance for the "Pairing Pro" program.

Richard Shorman undertook the difficult task of judging the brilliancy prize games. The winners were awarded \$25 for each of the following four brilliant games:

## Lera Memorial Day Class Championships, 1997

### Brilliancy Prize Games

**Romulo Fuentes (2210)-  
Alan Kobernat (2104)**  
Round 3 May 25, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 f5  
4.Nxe5 Nf6 5.Nxc6 dxc6 6.e5  
Ne4 7.Be3 Qh4 8.g3 Nxc3  
9.fxg3 Qe4 10.Kf2 Qxh1  
11.h4 Be7 12.Qh5+ g6  
13.Qh6 Qh2+ 14.Bg2 f4  
15.Qxf4 Rf8 16.Nd2 Rxf4+  
17.Bxf4 Bh3 18.Rg1 Bxg2  
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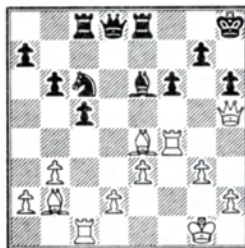
**Peter Yu (2197)-  
Larry Snyder (2135)**  
Round 4 May 25, 1997

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.g3 d5  
4.exd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Ne7 6.Nf3  
Nc6 7.0-0 e5 8.Ne1 Bd7 9.Nd3  
f6 10.b3 Be7 11.Bb2 0-0  
12.Re1 Re8 13.f4 exf4  
14.Nxf4 b6 15.Ncd5 Re8  
16.e3 Bd6 17.Nxc7 Bxc7  
18.Bd5+ Kh8 19.Qh5 Bxf4  
20.Rxf4 Be6 21.Be4 h6



Clockwise, starting from upper left: (1) David Lischinsky (L) and Teri Lagier battle to be top 'B'. (2) New CalChess member Tim Thraikill considers his chances. (3) Bela Evans working hard to snare a tie for first place expert. (4) A thoughtful Jordy Mont-Reynaud before the final round.

All LERA photos by Allan Fifield.



22.Bxf6 1-0

**Patrick Nichols (1400)-  
Brad Wilburn (1542)**  
Round 1 May 24, 1997

1.d4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.dxe5 Nc6  
4.Nd4 e5 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.b4  
Bf5 7.Bb2 Qb8 8.a3 Bxc5

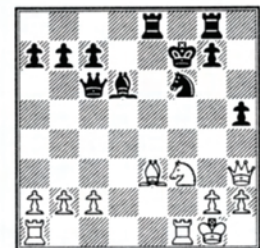
9.Nd2 Bb6 10.Nf3 f6 11.e3  
Ne7 12.e4 0-0 13.c5 Be7  
14.Ba6 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4  
Bg6 17.Nh4 Qe8 18.a4 Rb8  
19.b5 d4 20.exd4 exd4 21.0-0  
d3 22.Nxc6 Qxc6 23.Qb3+  
Kh8 24.Bd4 Nf5 25.Qxd3  
Nxd4 26.Qxd4 Be5 27.Qd7  
Bxa1 28.Rxa1 cxb5 29.axb5  
Qf7 30.Rd1 Kg8 31.e6 Qxd7  
32.Rxd7 Rb6 33.c7 Rxa6  
34.bxa6 h6 35.Rd8 1-0

**Christopher Shall (1042)-  
Mike Jones (1109)**  
Round 4 May 25, 1997

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6  
4.Bc4 Be7 5.0-0 Bg4 6.fxe5  
dxe5 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Nxe5+  
Ke8 9.Nxc4 h5 10.Ne3 Nf6  
11.Qf3 Rf8 12.Nf5 Kf7 13.Qg3  
Rg8 14.d4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4  
Qxd4+ 16.Be3 Qxe4 17.Nd2  
Qc6 18.Nf3 Bd6 19.Qh3  
Rae8?

## 31st LERA Class Championships May 24-26, 1997

Class	Place	Name	Score	Prize
Open	1st-2nd	Vladimir Mezentsev	4.5	\$400
		Thomas Wolski	4.5	400
Expert	1st-2nd	Peter Yu	5.0	\$320
		Bela Evans	5.0	320
A	1st	Osmundo Reyes	5.5	\$350
	2nd	Virgilio Fuentes	5.0	210
B	1st-3rd	Teri Lagier	4.5	\$200
		David Lischinsky	4.5	200
		Felix Rudyak	4.5	200
C	1st-2nd	Christopher Pontod	5.5	\$160
		John Goudy	5.5	160
D	1st-2nd	Roy McCollough	5.0	\$50
		Andrew Min	5.0	50
E	1st	Jon Graff	4.5	\$100
F	1st	Kevin Ghodoosian	4.0	\$100
Unr	1st	Larry Parker	5.0	\$100



20.Ng5+ Ke7 21.Qe6+ Kd8  
22.Nf7 1-0



# The California State Grade Level Chess Championships

By Alan M. Kirshner

I am sure you have heard the expression, "There is no such thing as a free lunch." Well, this maxim proved false in Stockton on May 17 and 18 at the California State Grade Level Chess Championships. The Sunrise Rotary Club shocked everyone by providing an unadvertised free lunch. The parents who attended the Super Nationals in Knoxville, Tennessee just a few weeks before commented on how they had trouble even buying lunch there. Best of all, they loved Stockton's "real" trophies, as they referred to them, in contrast to the small plastic ones handed out in Knoxville. They took every opportunity they could to compliment the tournament organizer, Steve Seegmiller, and his staff for running the type of tournament they had hoped to find in Knoxville. Apparently, Knoxville ran the Super Nationals to make money off the kids. Steve, with the sponsorship of six area Rotary Clubs and Delta Community College, only wanted to let California's scholastic players and their parents know that the city of Stockton had plenty to offer. I am sure they lost money on this extravaganza, having planned for 350 with only 220 players showing up. No one seemed to care. All the helpers, the Rotary Club members, their high school youth affiliate (Rotary Interact) and the Stockton Chess Club people, had smiles on their faces continuously.

Don Shennum, a Senior Director, and his wife Laura headed the all-star cast of tournament directors. Steve asked them to take-over the tournament when the individual who had agreed to be the Chief Tournament Director dropped out a month before, pleading over-commitment.

Don and Laura handled all problems in an efficient and professional manner. They did such a great job that I asked Don to be the Chief TD at my tournament next March but only if Laura comes along.

Four years ago, I came up with the idea to create an all-California scholastic tournament using a grade level approach as had just been established in the United States Chess Federation. California is split into two States, North and South, each



*First place Weibel 5th grade team with State Champion Nathan Lee on left. Photos by Alan Kirshner.*

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with its own championships. Al Woolum, at that time in Bakersfield—now in Texas—was able to obtain the sanction of Southern California Chess Federation and I got the go ahead from CalChess. The tournament moves between the North and the South. The winners of this tournament are the only California champions. Next year the tournament will be in Southern California and Jay Blem, scholastic coordinator, is now taking bids. I should note that Jay brought his National Chess and Games concession to Stockton and provided chess equipment at very reasonable prices.

Last year in Bakersfield, the tournament had all the grades through twelfth. In Northern California we only run kindergarten to eighth grade. We award ten individual trophies and three team awards in each grade. The students in fourth through eighth grade played six rounds, four on Saturday and two on Sunday. Kindergarten through third graders contested four rounds on Sunday, ending by 3:00 PM, giving the individuals from distant parts of the state time to travel home.

This year's kindergarten champion is Nicholas Delaplaine from Valencia. He won all four of his games. None of the ten players in the kindergarten section lost all their games and they all went home with a trophy. Isaac Shaker and Thomas Crow tied for second with 2.5 points out of four. No team trophies were awarded in the kindergarten division.

Two future "greats" battled it out for first place in round four of the first grade section: Alexander Setzepfandt of the Berkeley Chess School and Sharon Tseung from Weibel Elementary School in Fremont. Alexander proved too strong Sharon for this day. Sharon tied with Richard Rico from St. Paul the Apostle in Los Angeles for second place. Weibel Elementary School won the first of their five top team trophies with St. Paul the Apostle in second, and San Fernando Elementary School in third place.

St. Paul's E.J. Schloss, wearing a red beret instead of his usual Chess For Juniors cap, easily won the second grade section with four victories. Samuel Ramos-Perlberg took second with 3.5 points and Daniel Schwartz went home with the third



# State Grade Level Championships

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place trophy. Forest Park Elementary School from Fremont won the top trophy in this grade followed by Franklin of Stockton and Weibel of Fremont.

Weibel's strength really showed in third grade when in the last round their players sat at the top three boards. Timothy Ma saw five plies ahead to force a mate against his tough opponent Harry Gelb who had to be satisfied with the third place trophy. Saurabh Sanghvi of Weibel took second with 3.5 points and Andrew Hu of Weibel tied with Harry with 3 points. Weibel won the first place team trophy with 10.5 points out of a possible 12. Biggs Elementary, near Chico, came in second with 5.5 points. Bill Bynum has developed a strong chess program in the Biggs schools. His personal dedication to chess deserves kudos. He brought 29 players to this tournament and around 45 to the CalChess Scholastic Championships in March.

The fourth grade championship looked like a shoo-in for Adam Lischinsky who at 1502 was almost 600 points above his nearest competitor. However, with no explanation, Adam withdrew after winning his first three games. The title was now up in the air. In round 6, undefeated Richard Zen (948) from St. Mark's in San Rafael confronted Weibel Club's Stephen Tu (636). Stephen defeated Richard, but because he had lost in round 2 to Chris Qualls, he now had an equal score with Richard of five points. The rules of the tournament called for a blitz game to determine the championship. Richard decided he did not want to play blitz and, therefore, the championship trophy went to Stephen. Chris Qualls took home the third place trophy. Weibel won this division with 9.5 points to Biggs' 8.5. St. Marks came in third in this team competition with 8 points.

Nathan Lee (1122) of Weibel had a perfect 6-0 to win the fifth grade championship. His teammate Judy Kuo (779) placed second with 4.5 points to Juan Corona's (928) 4 points. Ernest Westphal from the Berkeley Chess School and Rachel Chou of Weibel also had 4 points, but had to be satisfied with the fourth and fifth place trophy due to tie breaks. Weibel received 14.5 points to win the team championship over St. Mark's with 8 points. Vaughn Elementary School took home a third place trophy.

Sixth grade had the toughest competition and some of the best games. Robert



*Top: Sixth grade action at Stockton.*

*Bottom: Stockton's "Real" Trophies!*



Wei (1278) of Weibel squeaked out a victory in round six over Michael Lum (1300) of the Berkeley Chess School. Weibel Club's Robert Chan tied for second with Michael Lum and Jeffrey Pauls (1002), all with 5 points. My kudos, however, goes to Andrew Chang (1085) of St. Mark's, who played outstanding chess against both Robert Wei and Michael Lum and lost because of time trouble in both games. Weibel added to their team hardware with a 14 point victory over Biggs who ended with 12 points. St. Marks took home third place with 11 points.

In the seventh grade division, Kevin Sevilla (1355), of Chess For Juniors, defeated Elliot Temple (1435) of the Berkeley Chess School and this year's CalChess State Champion, to enter the sixth round undefeated. He drew Gideon Sapp (1206) of Kennedy Middle School to win the championship with 5.5 points. Elliot took second and Gideon tied for third with St. Mark's Daniel Gerstein. Biggs Middle School won the first place team trophy with 11.5 points to Piedmont Middle School and Mark Twain Middle School's (Modesto) 9 points.

Turlock's Josh Coar (unrated) obtained 5.5 points in the eighth grade section to become the new California champion. Mahmoud Daher (unrated) from Stockton's Fremont Middle School and Liam MacDermed (1347) of the Berkeley Chess School tied for second place with 5 points each. The home town team, Stockton's Fremont Middle School, won the championship for the second year in a row. Turlock Junior High School took second and Biggs Middle School third.

Sadly, Steve Seegmiller, who obtained national attention through the Air Force Reserve for his work with chess in the Stockton schools, will not be available to run the California Grade Level when it returns to the North in two years. His brokerage firm has transferred him to southern California. Jay Blem is already twisting his arm to get him involved with scholastic chess there. Yet, the Rotary people of Stockton have had a taste of success and one Rotary member, John Bentilacchi, has indicated that he might be interested in bidding on the tournament in two years. He has not committed, however, to a free lunch for all.



# CalChess State Scholastic Championships

by Alan M. Kirshner



Records, records and more records—what a perfect weekend! Little seemed to go wrong and Murphy's Law never came into play. The record number of players of last year fell by almost 75 to 534 juniors in grades Kindergarten through Twelve. The Embassy Suites in Burlingame, near the San Francisco Airport, proved ideal for holding a scholastic tournament. Granted, the room rates were a bit high, but the area abounded with other hotels. For those who paid the \$105 per night, they could sleep up to six in a suite and obtain free breakfast and happy hour drinks. I might note that many children (and I am sure a few parents) took unfair advantage of the hotel's policy of not checking to see if the diners were guests. I am working on contracting for the same site next year for the last weekend in March.



The rounds started pretty much on time and no pairing errors occurred. Best of all we only had one conflict. Sadly, almost every year, this same coach screams that he is being cheated. I had to order him out of the tournament directors' room. In most sports he would have been sent permanently to the showers. Ray Orwig, Northern California's Scholastic Chair, has decided to draw up a set of rules that coaches and parents would be bound to follow or be banned from future Northern California scholastic events.

The three innovations proved popular this year. We added a Kindergarten Division in which all participants would receive trophies. Fourteen young people entered this division. A tie for first place ensued between Erik Englebrecht (769) and Robert Khachatryan (390). Both these budding chess champs are from Southern California's Chess For Juniors. Alaric Stein (656), who took third, becomes the first ever CalChess State Kindergarten Champion as he is from Northern California. We did not award team trophies in the Kindergarten Division.

The second change we pioneered was a Friday night blitz tournament. Fifty students competed for three place trophies and twelve grade level awards. Carolyn Withgitt and Tom Dorsch organized this competition. High School Sophomore, Gabe Kahane, took home first place with a perfect 8-0. Steven Metz at 7-1 was second while Justin Skliar was third with a score of 6-2. The following won the trophies for their grades: Felix Rudyax (12th Grade), Diana Ong (11th), David Steel (10th), Micah Fisher-Kirshner (9th), Tov Fisher-Kirshner (8th), Hanna Klots (7th), Robert Chan (6th), Keith Yost (5th), Kevin Ghodoosian (4th). No competitors entered the other grades.

Following the precedent set at the Elementary School Nationals in Tucson last year, we added a Club trophy for each section in the main tournament. Clubs had to be registered with the United States Chess Federation. A player could only compete on a Club team if their school didn't have two other competitors.

While I have posted all the tournament results on the CalChess Scholastic web site:

<http://www.hooked.net/hegemon/CALCHESS.html>

let me present the highlights of the championship:

The K-12 (High School) Division again proved the strength and depth of California Chess as 99 players contested for the 15 trophies, 5 medals and a chance to go to the Denker Competition for the top



*Photos, from top to bottom. Kindergarten Division: (L to R) Alaric Stein, Robert Khachartyan, and Erik Englebrecht. Erik and Robert are co-champions. The Big Guns in the High School division: (L to R) Vinay Bhat (2307), Jordy Mont-Reynaud (2271), and state champion Dmitry Zilberstein (2348). Players enjoy themselves between rounds. Photos by Elizabeth Karnazes.*

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# Scholastic Championships

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players from each state. Four Masters sat at the top boards: Dmitry Zilberstein (2348), Vinay Bhat (2307), Jordy Mont-Reynaud (2271) and Jennie Frenklakh (2240). The Masters received strong challenges from David Pruess (2086), Gabe Kahane (2049) and Micah Fisher-Kirshner (1993). The final round (game 6) justly saw the two highest rated players (Dmitry Zilberstein and Vinay Bhat) squaring off. The High School senior Dmitry bested Vinay, who is still in Middle School. This will be Dmitry's third trip to the Denker tournament. For the second year, the Team Trophy went to Berkeley High School who easily met an early challenge from Fremont's Mission High School. The best Club Trophy went south to Orange County's Chess For Juniors.

The K-8 (Junior High School Division) also saw 99 players. Top ranked Anton Parker (1897) of St. Marks in San Rafael fell into a draw against Alan Wei (1497) from Fremont's Hopkins Junior High School. Anton then went on to defeat Jocelyn Lee (1403) from Hopkins who is ranked fifth in the nation for girls under 13. A three way tie for first occurred with Anton Parker, Tsubasa Onozaki (1691) and Elliot Temple (1496) sharing the honors. For the third straight year, Hopkins Junior High School took home the Team Trophy. The Berkeley Chess School proved to be the top club.

The K-6 Open (Elementary School) Division, while lacking some of the high rated players of previous years, still saw excellent competition among the 89 contestants. Alen Melikadamian (1504) and Simion Kreimer (1317) tied for first place. Since Alen is from Southern California, Simion

receives the 1997 CalChess Elementary School championship title. Over the years Fremont's Weibel Elementary School and Fremont's Mission San Jose Elementary School have taken turns at winning the Team Trophy. This year Mission San Jose received 17 points to Weibel's 15.5. Weibel took the second place trophy away from San Rafael's St. Marks on tie breaks. The Club Trophy went to the Berkeley Chess School.



*Junior Varsity Elementary, Under 800 (L to R): Brenden Duda, Bradley Cooper, and Aaron Lumsden. Bradley and Aaron are state co-champs.*

The K-6 Under 800 (Junior Varsity Elementary School) Division obtained an impressive 116 competitors. Biggs Elementary School came down from the Chico area with a large number of competitors and two very strong players. Aaron Lumsden (757) and Bradley Cooper (748) went undefeated and tied for first place leading their Biggs Team to victory. Weibel Elementary School took second place with 19 points to Biggs' 20.5. Shackelford Elementary School was third with 13 points.

The K-3 Open (Primary School) Division was the small-

est section with only 33 players. The small size of the group, and players for that matter, did not diminish the competition. Four players from the United States Chess Federation's Top 50

List (Matthew Ho, Wesley Chen, Oren Gazit and Edward Schloss) battled it out with two relative newcomers (Richard Rico and Ankit Gupta). Wesley Chen (1169) came out on top. Matthew Ho (1298), Oren Gazit (1067), Edward Schloss (1015), Richard Rico (814) and Ankit Gupta (798) tied for second. In the team competition, Fremont's Mission San Jose Elementary School hoped to win their fifth straight championship. However, Town School,

revitalized two years ago by NM Tom Dorsch and now under the able coaching of SM Vince McCambridge, ended Mission's reign by only half a point. The Berkeley Chess School won the Club Trophy.

Finally, in the K-3 Under 700 (Primary Junior Varsity) Division, 84 young people hoped to obtain one of the fifteen trophies. I might note that in most divisions we awarded far more than 15 trophies. All players with the same score at 15 received a trophy and in the Junior High School Division that meant 29 trophies. In this section we also wound up with

co-champions: Alexander Setzepandt (705) and Jamie Brett (unrated). Fremont's Forest Park Elementary School edged out Fremont's Weibel Elementary School for the first place trophy for the second straight year. The Berkeley Chess School won the Club Trophy in this section as well. I wonder what Elizabeth Shaugnassy, the Director of the Berkeley Chess School, will do with all those trophies?

I realize it is traditional for chess articles to provide a few games from the tournament. I, however, would rather use my space to express my heartfelt thanks to all those people who unselfishly volunteered their time (OK, so a few were paid) to make these Championships a success. I am going to try to name as many as I can recall. If I forgot you, I hope I will receive you forgiveness and your help next year, anyway. We had a great TD staff headed by Ray Orwig who had produced these championships for ten years before they outgrew his school. The other TDs were Carolyn Withgitt, Hans Poschmann, Don Shennum, Laura Shennum, Keith Mehl, David Gross, Nick Ayala, Rob Nicholson, Robert Lee, Steve Farmer, Steve Seegmiller, Daisy Huang and Steve Simler. My wife Susan Fisher-Kirshner spent both days distributing certificates and T-shirts along with Kim Ma, Tammy Ma, and Leila Tseung. Elizabeth Karnazes volunteered to use my camera to take photographs as I was incapacitated with a bad back. Pheobe Chen, Stanley Cheng, Bonnie Yost, Bud Setzepandt, Stephanie and Robert Pratt and Gerri Hennessy acted as liaisons with the playing rooms, were door guards to keep unwanted quests from entering the competition area, and in their spare time helped set up the equipment. Robert Synder, from Chess For Juniors, analyzed players' games for free.

To all I say: "You made mine and the 534 players' weekend. Thanks again."

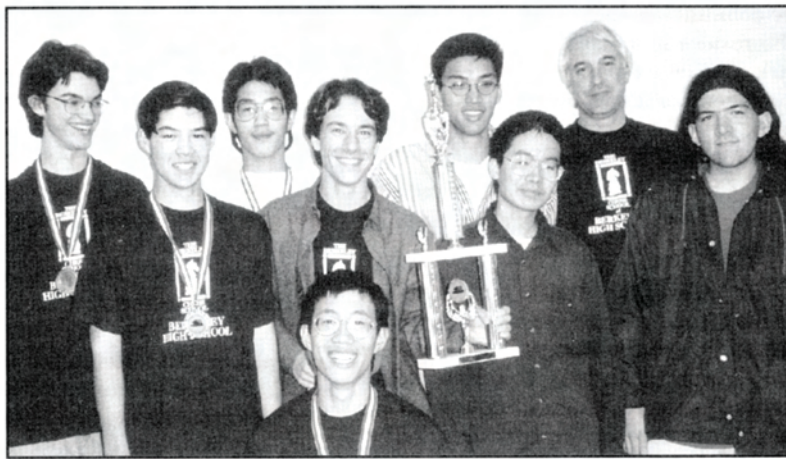


# Berkeley Chess School News

by Elizabeth Shaughnessy

The Berkeley High School Chess Team is state champion for 1997. In addition, they placed fifth in a field of 133 high schools in the Super Nationals in Tennessee in April. This remarkable team beat many masters and experts. In another noteworthy Berkeley area achievement, Troy Cole from Paden School in Alameda won first place in the nation in the K-6 rated under 900 at the Super Nationals in Tennessee.

The Berkeley High School team is losing four seniors this year as David Taylor and Damon Mosk-Aoyama leave for M.I.T., David Cantrell goes to Sonoma State and Phouc Bui will attend UC Berkeley. Hopefully they will all join a chess club at their colleges and spread the love of this great game.



From left to right, back row: Andy Lee, Jonathan Fan, Phouc Bui and coach Ray Freeman. Middle row: Damon Mosk-Aoyama, David Taylor, Man Way Liu and David Cantrell. Front: Andrew Fan. Photo by Elizabeth Karnazes.

**Daniel Fernandez (1778)-  
Andrew Fan (1211)**  
SuperNationals, Knoxville, TN  
Round 1, April 25, 1997  
French Defense Tarrasch Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6

The Tarrasch Variation. I recently re-read some of Andy Lee's old annotated games, including a Tarrasch French. He said, "Why play c5 on move 3? If you want to play c5, do it on move one."

4.e5 Nfd7 5.Ndf3

Intending a knight switch. His king knight will hop to e2 and c3.

5...f6

Black usually plays c5 first.

6.Bd3

Apparently he doesn't want to trap his bishop with 6.Ne2.

6...c5 7.c3

His knight on g1 doesn't

look like it has a good future right now.

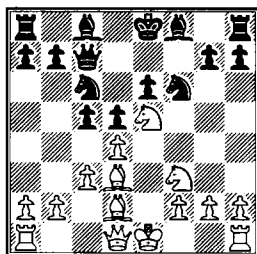
7...Qa5

Normal is 7...Qb6 or 7...Qc7.

8.Bd2 Nc6 9.exf6 Nxf6  
10.Ne5

Now his knights are activating.

10...Qc7 11.Ngf3



11...cxd4 12.Nxc6 bxc6

13.cxd4 Bd6 14.0-0 0-0  
15.Qc2

Setting up on the b1-h7 diagonal.

15...Bd7 16.Rfe1 Ng4  
17.Bxh7+ Kh8 18.h3 Bh2+  
19.Kf1

If 19.Kh1, then 19...Nxf2 is mate.

19...Nh6

Repositioning my knight for attack. On f6 it can't get in to help the attack

20.Ne5

His outpost again.

20...Be8

I needed to keep protecting g6

21.Bg6 Nf5

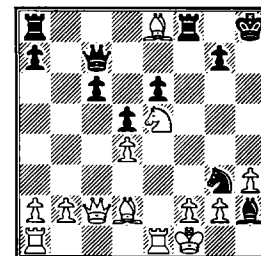
Cutting the bishop off from

the queen and forcing it to trade itself off for my knight.

22.Bxe8

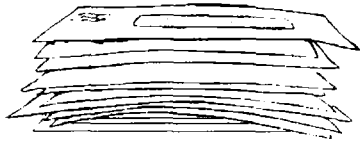
Oops!

22...Ng3 mate

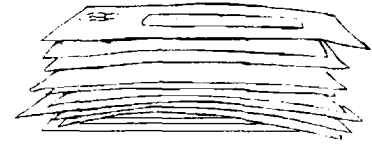


Did I forget to mention that 21...Nf5 also threatened Ng3 mate due to the pin on the f-file and the bishop on h2?

More Berkeley Chess  
News on page 12!



# Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor.

In regard to Guenter Haika's criticism of America, I feel manipulated when a chess magazine that I subscribe to runs a political manifesto that has nothing to do with chess and that contains opinions I disagree with. The only redeeming aspect of this episode was the unintended humor of the column. It is ludicrous that somebody who resides in a place with a history as dark as Vienna presumes to lecture us about democratic values. His statement "I think the USA is quite a crazy nation" is definitely worth a chuckle.

Sincerely,  
Paul Liebhaber

To The Editor.

As a longtime trustee of Mechanics' Institute and chess club devotee, I was pleased to see the write-up at page 16 of your Winter 1997 issue. I write to thank you and to correct some errors which crept into the history of the Institute recited therein, as follows:

1. The Institute has been located at its present site since at least 1866. Its then building appears in a photograph taken when the original Palace Hotel began to be erected. This building was destroyed on 4/18/1906 (in the event which all true San Franciscans always referred to as "The Fire"). Our present building was erected on the same site in 1910.

2. The Chess room has been an integral part of the Institute virtually from its inception. In 1946 Charles Bagby, a longtime trustee and California State Chess Champion on several occasions, caused the constitution of the Institute to guarantee the continued existence of the Chess Room. A like provision was put in the by-laws when they were rewritten in 1989.

3. Your article confuses several separate events as to funding. James Lick (a famous philanthropist after whom the Lick Observatory and Lick-Wilmerding School are named) in the 1880s gave the Institute \$10,000 (the equivalent today of probably \$200,000 or more) for *books* (not the building site). In addition to the present Post Street site, the Institute also owned a block out in the Civic Center where it had its Mechanics' Pavilion (now the site of the San Francisco Civic Auditorium). This block was sold to the City after the fire to

finance its present Post St. building. A bas-relief of Lick appears in our lobby today.

A. J. Fink was for many years (from the 1920s to the 1950s) the strongest player at the Institute, a frequent State Champion, and a world-famous problem composer. I attended his funeral in the late 1950s. His daytime job was as a postal clerk, and regrettably he was in no position to finance the Institute.

4. The Institute has a substantial endowment, but needs even more due to ever-rising costs and its commitment to keep dues as low as possible. In 1994, it did receive a magnificent bequest from the widow of Charles Linklater, a Chess Room member for over 40 years, to support the programs and facilities of the Chess Room. In his memory, the Institute funds the annual Linklater Memorial Tournament which doubles as the Invitational Northern California Chess Championship. The Linklater Fund helped pay for the recent refurbishing of the Chess Room.

5. Your article mentions that Alekhine, Capablanca and Fischer have played at the Institute. Very true. You might also have mentioned: Dr. Emanuel Lasker, Harry Nelson Pillsbury, Max Euwe, Smyslov, Petrosian, and Tal, as well as Reshevsky and other American masters.

(I personally played the last 5 named myself at exhibitions they gave at the Institute.) Viktor Korchnoi visited our Chess Room in 1995 during his participation in our Third International Grandmaster Tournament, jointly sponsored by the Institute and Mindscape.

6. The Institute is less than 100 yards from the Montgomery Street BART station, and thus convenient to public transportation from almost the entire Bay Area. Membership gives access not only to a world-famous chess club but also to a marvelous private library with a wonderful collection of chess books! As the historic center of chess activity in this area for well over 100 years, it deserves your support. *And* it's a great bargain!

Very truly yours,  
Neil E. Falconer

To the Editor.

I got the *California Chess Journal* earlier this week. It's a good issue. One correction, though...

In the pictures for the People's tournament, you've got Alan Kirshner as an assistant TD. He had nothing to do with People's. Alan was just there talking to me for a couple of seconds. Laura Shennum was the assistant TD.

Don Shennum

## Berkeley Bits & Barbs

The Berkeley Bishops played their last match of the year against St Marks on May 10 and won handily 18 to 2. This team had a remarkable year. On February 8, they won 14.5 to 11.5 against the hard competition of Weibel in Fremont. On February 28, they won 19.5 to 4.5 against The Towne School in San Francisco.

Students of The Berkeley Chess School enjoyed remarkable success this year at the state championship in March in Burlingame. Berkeley High School came in first in the High School division for the second year in a row. Elliot Temple from Piedmont Middle School came first in the K-8 Junior High School division. Simion Kreimer from Longfellow School in Berkeley tied for first in the K-6 Open division. Alexander Setzepfandt, who is taking chess at Head Royce School in Oakland, tied for first in the K-3 under 700 division. The Berkeley Chess School came first in the Club Section in the K-3, the K-6 and the K-8 division. From the Berkeley Chess School, eight students entered from Berkeley High School and thirty more from grades 1 through 8. Not all came first, but all did well and are to be congratulated. For information on The Berkeley Chess School call 510-843-0150.

—Elizabeth Shaughnessy



# On One Member One Vote

by Wayne Praeder

We in the United States live in a relatively democratic society. As an adult citizen your input is solicited concerning your leadership at the polls and is often solicited in many membership forums such as your professional organization, your church, or your union. Also as a shareholder in any corporation your input is solicited regarding the leadership of the corporation. The United States Chess Federation (USCF) is a national nonprofit membership corporation incorporated under State of Illinois law. In its mission statement the USCF says it is structured to ensure effective democratic procedures in accord with its bylaws and the laws of the state of Illinois.

The Illinois General Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1986 states that members of not for profit corporations have asserted rights, as such, in the nature of derivative rights of shareholders of business corporations. In this regard the main business of the membership is the re-election of the board, just as shareholders do in business corporations. Thus if a nonprofit corporation establishes a membership structure in its Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, then members of the corporation will be granted fundamental rights to participate in the affairs and future of the nonprofit corporation unless the Articles or Bylaws state otherwise. The USCF has chosen instead to set up a system in which a small group of special voting members are selected who are the only ones who can vote for officers to serve on the Policy Board.

Unless you are one of the voting members, you have no say. These voting members primarily consist of the local tournament organizer group or its periphery and are often hand picked to be your representative. The national Policy Board officers are also usually chosen from this same tournament organizer group. The best of the current system requires that you become involved in a separate state organization and attend a distant annual meeting with the hope that you can vote for a slate of electors, running essentially on local state issues, who do not solicit or represent your views. These people in turn pick the officers of the board that governs our national federation. We know of no other corporations in which stockholders or members vote for voters who vote for their board.

There is no real democratic consent in the

USCF's archaic bylaws. The hallmark of democratic campaigning is a common and broad based message that stands or falls in the public arena. Officers today are not chosen through an authentic democratic process. Campaigns are conducted via private phone calls among the small 'old boy' network of special voting members and messages are often tailored to what the person on the other end of the line wants to hear. The quality of these campaigns is notoriously low, they are filled with patronage, and the mudslinging

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## *Policy Board Proposal*

An official USCF Policy Board proposal for implementing One Man One Vote has been posted on the Internet at '<http://members.aol.com/secretary/omov.htm>'. Under this proposal, the Policy Board and the Regional Vice Presidents will be elected by individual USCF members. Article V of the bylaws (Voting Members) would change to the following:

Section 1. Responsibility. The Voting Members are responsible for electing the Policy Board and the Regional Vice Presidents.

Section 2. Selection. Each Life, Sustaining, Regular, Senior, and Blind member is a Voting Member during the term of his or her membership.

The term of office for Policy Board members will increase from three to four years. Members of the Policy Board would then elect national officers such as President and Treasurer from among themselves.

Article VII of the Bylaws (Policy Board) would change to:

Section 1. Composition. The Policy Board shall consist of seven members, each of whom shall have terms of four years... All Policy Board

members are national officers of the Federation. The Policy Board shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer each year from among its members at its August meeting held after the Delegates Meeting; the remaining members shall be Members at Large. No person may serve as President for more than four years during any eight year period.

This is similar to common corporate practice whereby all shareholders elect a Board of Directors who then elect the corporate officers. Delegates would still be selected by state organizations for the annual delegates meeting at the US Open.

The Policy Board proposal for a real One Man One Vote system is clearly superior to the Blue Ribbon Panel's recommendation of the direct election of only 90 delegates who would then elect the Policy Board. Both proposals will be on the agenda at the delegates meeting this summer. Will USCF members finally be given a genuine vote for their national officers or will 90 little gods continue to control the federation?

— Allan Fifield





# THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL 1997 LERA SUNNYVALE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS



**DATE** Saturday and Sunday, August 16th & 17th

**PLACE** LERA Auditorium B/160, corner of Mathilda Ave. & Java St., Sunnyvale (take Bayshore Freeway to the North Mathilda offramp; then go seven blocks north on Mathilda to Java St; B/160 is on the far left corner, 408/747-9167)

**DIRECTOR** Jim Hurt, assisted by Ted Yudacufski (National Tournament Director) of Monterey.

**TYPE** Four round Swiss with eight separate divisions, each division with its own prizes. In pairing an odd numbered group, we promote a high player from the next highest group to yield an even number in the odd numbered group.

**PRIZES**

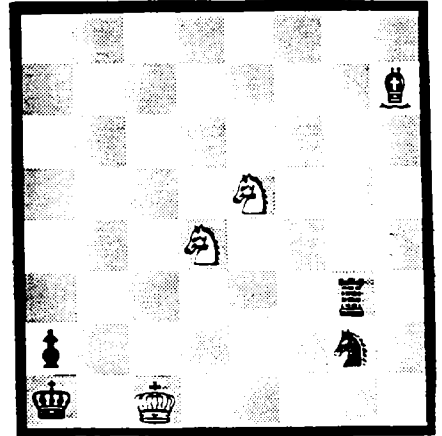
Division:	<u>Open</u>	<u>Expert</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>Unrated</u>
First Prize:	\$500	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100
Second Prize:	\$300	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$120			
Third Prize:	\$200	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$ 80			



The prize fund is based on 160 paid entries. If the paid entries exceed 160 players, then the prize fund will be increased and if the paid entries are less than 160 the prize fund will be decreased. A player can play up only one class; exception: an unrated player can play up only into the Open division. A total of eight brilliancy prizes may be awarded, one for each division. Junior prizes may be awarded.

**SCHEDULE**

ITEM	STARTING TIME	TIME CONTROL
Registration	8 to 9:30 am Saturday	30 moves in 90 minutes,
Round One	10:30 am Saturday	30 moves in 60 minutes,
Round Two	4:00 pm Saturday	10 moves in 10 minutes
Round Three	9:30 am Sunday	thereafter
Round Four	3:00 pm Sunday	



Mate in two

**ENTRY FEES** Mail: The entry fee for the Open or Expert division is \$40, for the A or B division is \$35, and for the C, D, E or Unrated division is \$30, if mailed by August 9. If paid Saturday morning, all entry fees will be \$5 more. The entry fee for K through 6th Graders who have ratings below 1100 points is \$15, and they may play in a separate division.



**CONDITIONS** In order to start the first round on time, we are incorporating a new policy: You must be at the registration desk prior to 9:30 am in order to be paired in the first round. If you arrive after 9:30 am, you will either get a 1/2 point bye, or be paired against another late entry. 1/2 Point Bys are available. All players must be USCF members or become members at the tournament. CCA ratings may be used at the discretion of the tournament director. For more information, call Jim Hurt (916)525-7912 or Ken Stone (408) 629-5530.



**SNACK BAR** Food and refreshments available at the LERA snack bar.

**NEXT EVENT** The next LERA chess tournament will be held **Thanksgiving Day Weekend, November 28,29,& 30, 1997**

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## ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Rating \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Date of the last tournament you played in: \_\_\_\_\_ Your Age: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF Identity Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ USCF dues: \$35.00 - adult , \$15 - under 20

Entry Fee\*: The Open or Expert division is \$40.00, the A or B division is \$35.00, and the C, D, E, or Unrated Division is \$30.00 (Circle your division).  
\*If mailed by August 9 otherwise entry fees are \$5 more. Make check payable to LERA Chess Club.

Mail to: Jim Hurt, LERA Chess Club, P.O. Box 60451, Sunnyvale, CA 94088 Amount of check \_\_\_\_\_



# Fifth Paradise Open

by Dan Holbrook

The Fifth Paradise Open was held May 3–4 at the Senior Citizen's Center in Paradise. The five round Swiss open was played at a time control of game in two hours. Total attendance was 34 players. A highlight of the tournament was the appearance of Viktors Pupols of Bremerton, WA and of Kenan Zildzic of Carmichael, CA. Much to the dismay of a few of the tournament veterans, a large contingent of junior players made their presence felt.

Top prize was shared by Mr. Zildzic and Barry Nelson of Butte Meadows at 4.5. Top prize in the under 1800 group went to Gary Wilkerson of Paradise with 4 points. David duVair of Chico finished with 3.5 to grab second spot in the under 1800 group.

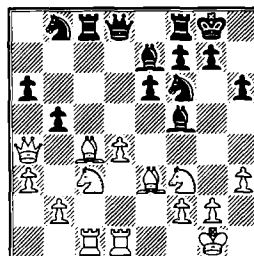
Here is the pivotal third round encounter between Mr. Pupols and Duane Wilk of Chico.

## Duane Wilk (1930)–Viktors Pupols (2297)

Fifth Paradise Open, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Bf5 7.Nf3 e6 8.a3 Be7 9.Be2 h6 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 Rc8 12.Rc1 dxc4

13.Qa4 a6 14.Rfd1 Nb8 15.Bxc4 b5



16.Nxb5 axb5 17.Bxb5 Nd5 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Bd2 Rxc1 20.Bxc1 Nb6 21.Qb3 Qc7 22.Nd3 N8d7 23.Bd2 Be4 24.Rc1 Qb8 25.Nc5 Bd5 26.Qd3 Nf6 27.a4 Nc8 28.b4 Ne7 29.Bc4 Ba8 30.a5 Ned5 31.b5 Rd8 32.Ba2 Nf4 33.Bxf4 Bxf4 34.Rb1 e5 35.d5 Bxd5 36.Rd1 Rc8 37.Na6 e4 38.Qxd5 Nxd5 39.Nxb8 Nc3 40.Nc6 Kf8 41.Rd8+ Rxd8 42.Nxd8 e3 43.Bc4 e2 44.Bxe2 Nxe2+ 45.Kf1 Nd4 46.b6 Ke7 47.a6 1–0

## One Member One Vote

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is awful. Many successful businessmen take one look at the USCF political arena and decide they have better things to do with their time. Hence the same faces year after year. Hence musical chairs on the policy board. Hence the radical under-performance of our elected officials, who serve without pay.

A Harris poll indicates that some 25 million Americans know how to play chess. Since 1991 there has been a steady though unspectacular growth of the USCF (mostly with discounted scholastic memberships), and membership now stands at slightly over 83,000—a fraction of 1% of the potential chess market in America. A normal market share would be 10% or 2.5 million members by now. Promoting chess and creating chess wealth for all involved is really the name of the game. This means that the USCF ought to be run as a business, not a political football. The current small pool of voters who vote for the USCF national officers contain many well-meaning people who work hard for chess. The problem is their small number; the solution is to increase radically the number of chess volunteers by adopting an inclusive, more democratic system.

But do the members care? Some in favor of a small and controllable electorate argue that interest is small and ignorance large. If this is so, it is only because most players are kept remote from USCF affairs. Allowing all full adult members who wish to, directly vote for their officers would lead to a very lively, though brief debate, once every three years. We believe this is healthy. We believe it will open up and invigorate the USCF so that it can finally begin to grow and flourish. We believe it will

encourage more and better-qualified people to run for office. Chess in America will never grow until we involve many more people in its promotion and governance. The Federation desperately needs new blood, and we will never get it under the present inbred system. But the attitude of the ruling clique boils down to this: You are good enough to pay your dues and most definitely good enough to buy books and merchandise from the USCF, but you are too ignorant to vote directly for your Officers on the Policy Board.

In the September 1993 issue of *Chess Life*, then USCF President GM Maxim Dlugy wrote "I now favor the adoption of a one-member-one-vote plan that would provide you—the dues-paying members of our Federation—with a voice in our collective future. This proposal has been repeatedly defeated at the annual delegates meetings, and unless the general membership makes its views known, will continue to be defeated in the foreseeable future." Unless determined otherwise for good reasons, you have an asserted right to a system where all full adult USCF members directly vote for Officers on the Policy Board. We feel the Federation's leadership needs to be directly answerable to the membership. In any efforts towards reform, we should not confuse the corporation/shareholder model with a government/voter model.

GM Larry Evans has noted: "No one has ever claimed that allowing the full adult membership to directly vote for their Policy Board is a panacea for all of the Federation's electoral problems, but why should the Federation be different from most other comparable membership organizations that extend voting rights to dues-paying members in good standing? How long will it continue to squander its most precious resource and best salesmen—its own members?" Only you, as a dues-paying member, should decide.

# 17th Annual San Joaquin Championship

by Dennis Wajckus

A record 70 players participated in the 17th Annual San Joaquin Championship which took place at the St. Agnes Medical Center in Fresno over the weekend of May 17 and 18, 1997. Congratulations to co-champions Artak Akopian and Hary Daud who each scored 4-1/2 points. Hary took a 1/2 point bye in round one. His result proves that you can take a bye and still be in the running for the "big bucks".

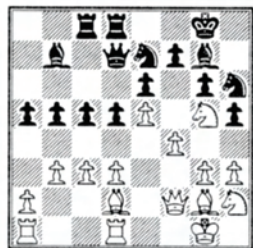
Artak played his usual solid and careful chess and effectively put a lock on at least a tie for first place with his fine fourth round win.

## Artak Akopian (2347)- Kevin Ziegler (2206)

17th San Joaquin Championship, Rd 4  
Sicilian

Notes by Allan Fifield

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 c5 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6  
5.g3 Bg7 6.c3 Nge7 7.d3 d5 8.e5 b6  
9.Bg2 Nf5 10.O-O h5 11.Ng5 Bb7  
12.Nd2 Qd7 13.Ndf3 Nce7 14.Bd2 Rc8  
15.Rfd1 0-0 16.Qf2 Rfd8 17.h3 Nh6  
18.Nh2 b5 19.b3 a5



Black's queenside expansion looks impressive but ultimately seems to be the road to nowhere.

20.g4

Artak starts to loosen up the kingside.

20...hxg4 21.hxg4 b4  
22.Rdc1 Ba6 23.Bf1 Qb7

24.e4 Qd7 25.Be3 f6 26.Ngf3 d4  
27.Bd2 f5 28.Ng5 Nf7 29.gxf5

The black castle is now rather drafty.

29...gxf5 30.Nhf3 Bh6 31.Qh4 Bxg5  
32.Nxg5 Nxg5 33.Qxg5+ Kh7 34.Kf2  
Rg8 35.Qh4+ Kg7 36.Qf6+ Kh7 37.Be2  
Rg7 38.Rh1+ Kg8 39.Rag1 1-0

The advertised accelerated pairings are always controversial but accelerated pairings always work their 'magic' with many upsets in the early rounds. Darren Russell upset the number two seed in the tournament with this fearless effort in the second round.

## Darren Russell (1872)- Vinay Bhat (2295)

97 San Joaquin Championship, Rd 2  
Boden-Kieseritzky Gambit

Notes by Darren Russell

1.e4 e5 2.Be4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxe4 4.Nc3  
Nxc3 5.dxc3 Be7

5...f6 is a better try at refutation  
6.Nxe5 0-0 7.Qh5 Qe8 8.0-0 d6 9.Ng4

9.Nf3 with small White plus.

9...Bxg4 10.Qxg4 Nd7 11.Bh6 Bf6  
12.f4 Nc5 13.Rae1 Qd7 14.f5 Rae8

14...Kh8.

15.b4 d5 16.Rd1

16.Bxd5 c6 (16...Qxd5 17.Bxg7 Bxg7  
18.f6 Ne6 19.Rxe6 and White wins).

16...Re4 17.Rf4 Rxf4 18.Bxf4 Ne4  
19.Rxd5

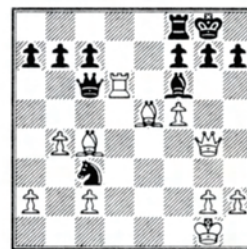
19.Bxd5 Nxc3 is nice for Black.

19...Qc6 20.Be5 Nxc3

20...Qb6+ 21.Bd4 Bxd4+ 22.Rxd4  
Nxc3 23.Kf1 unclear.

21.Rd6

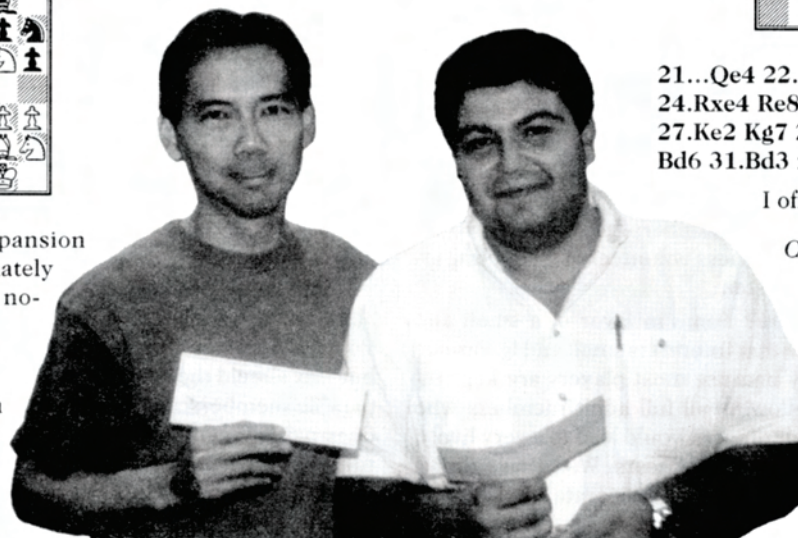
21.Re5 Qb6 (21...Qe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4  
23.Bxf6 Nxc5 24.Be7 Ne4 25.Bxf8 Kxf8  
and a draw is likely) 22.Bxc7 Qxb4  
23.Bxf7+ nabs the queen



21...Qe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Rd4 Bxe5  
24.Rxe4 Re8 25.Kf1 g6 26.fxg6 hxg6  
27.Ke2 Kg7 28.Kf3 f6 29.b5 Rd8 30.h3  
Bd6 31.Bd3 f5 32.Rd4

I offered a draw.

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Haryanto Daud (L) and Artak Akopian proudly display twin \$400 first place checks. Photo by Dennis Wajckus.



Draw refused.

33.g4 Kf6 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Rd5 f4 36.Rf5+ Kg7 37.Be4 Kh6 38.h4 Rg8 39.Rf7 Rg3+ 40.Kf2 Kh5 41.Rh7+ Kg4 42.Bxb7 Re3?? 43.Be8 1-0

The Fresno Chess Club wishes to thank the St. Agnes Medical Center once again for the use of their fine playing facility in the west wing of the hospital. Special thanks to Senior Director Allan Fifield from Visalia, hired for his work in directing this event, who had to make numerous difficult calls on the specific rules of USCF rated chess. Marian L. and Dennis M. Wajckus were the co-assistant directors and tournament organizers for this USCF event. A special thanks to the Yost family for their most significant contributions to our "goodie and munchies table".

We appreciate the feedback on suggestions for format changes for future events from some of our out of town participants. These are being considered, and some may be added for our 5th Fresno County Championship which will be held at the same site on November 22 and 23. Much planning "months in advance" are necessary to put on a tournament of this size. We hope to see all players back in November 1997!

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## Games from the 17th San Joaquin Championship

Selected by Allan Fifield

### Artak Akopian (2347)- Scott Mason (1997)

17th San Joaquin Ch, Rd 2  
Sicilian Defense, Opppps! Variation  
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5  
7.Nb3 Be7 8.O-O Qc7 9.f4 Be6  
10.Bf3 Nbd7 11.f5 Be4 12.Re1  
Nb6 13.a4 Rd8 14.a5 Nbd7  
15.Bg5 O-O 16.Nd2 Nxe4???  
(Opppps!) 17.Ndxe4 (Yum-  
Yum!) 1-0

### Gary Hoffman (1826)- Tim Roth (2219)

1997 San Joaquin Ch, Rd 2  
Alekhines Defense  
A 393 point upset and a  
Great Game to boot!

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3  
dxe5 5.Nxe5 g6 6.Bc4 c6 7.O-  
O Bg7 8.Re1 O-O 9.c3 Be6  
10.Nd2 Nd7 11.Ndf3 Nxe5  
12.Nxe5 Qd6 13.Qe2 b5  
14.Bxd5 Qxd5 15.Bf4 a5  
16.Nd3 Qf5 17.Qe3 Bc4 18.Nc5  
Rfe8 19.Bh6 Bxh6 20.Qxh6 e5  
21.Ne4 Re7 22.Qh4 Raa7

23.Nf6+ Kg7 24.Qxh7+! Kxf6  
25.Qh8+ Kg5 26.h4+ Kf4  
27.Qh6+ g5 28.Qh5 Qg4 29.g3+  
Kf5 30.Qh7+ Kf6 31.Qh6+ Kf5  
32.dxe5 Re6 33.Qh7+ Rg6  
34.h5 Bd5 35.hxg6 Ke6 36.gxf7  
Rxf7 37.Qg6+ Ke7 38.Qd6+  
Ke8 39.e6 Rb7 40.e7 Rd7  
41.Qxc6 1-0

### Walter Stellmacher (1880)- Tae Hyung Lee (1475)

17th San Joaquin Ch, Rd 1  
Queen Pawn

A 405 point first round upset

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7  
4.Nbd2 d6 5.e3 O-O 6.Be2  
Nbd7 7.O-O c5 8.c3 b6 9.b4  
Bb7 10.bxc5 dxc5 11.h3 Ne4  
12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Nd2 Bb7  
14.Bf3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 Re8 16.e4  
Qc7 17.Re1 Nf6 18.Re1 Rad8  
19.Qc2 h6 20.Bd2 e6 21.Qd3  
c4 22.Qe2 b5 23.Nh2 a5 24.Ng4  
Nxx4 25.Qxx4 b4 26.cxb4 axb4  
27.Bxb4 Rxd4 28.Be3 Rd3  
29.Bxx7 Kxx7 30.Re3 Red8  
31.Rxd3 Rxd3 32.Qe2 Rd4

## 17th San Joaquin Championship

May 17-18, 1997

Saint Agnes Medical Center, Fresno

Class	Place	Name	Score	Prize
Open	1st-2nd	Artak Akopian	4.5	\$400
	1st-2nd	Hary Daud	4.5	400
X	1st-2nd	Chris Black	4.0	95
	1st-2nd	John Barnard	4.0	95
A	1st	Diane Barnard	4.0	150
B	1st-2nd	Greg Jones	3.5	105
	1st-2nd	Terry Nunez	3.5	105
C	1st	Tae Hung Lee	3.0	28
D	1st	Ryan Enrico	3.0	120
	2nd-3rd	Gary Bakken	2.5	30
	2nd-3rd	Dwight Williams	2.5	30
Unr	1st	Gregorio Cagurangan	2.5	58
Upset	1st	Bonnie Yost	869 pt upset in Rd 4	

33.Re3 Qd6 34.g3 Qc6 35.f3  
Qd6 36.e5 Qd5 37.Re2 Rd3  
38.Kg2 Qd4 39.f4 c3 40.h4 Rd2  
41.Rxd2 Qxd2 42.Kf2 Qb2  
43.Ke1 c2 0-1

### Chris Black (2034)- Artak Akopian (2347)

17th San Joaquin Ch, Rd 3  
Queen's Gambit (Slav)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4  
dxe4 5.Nxe4 Bb4+ 6.Nc3 Nf6  
7.Be3 O-O 8.Bd3 c5 9.a3 Bxc3+  
10.bxc3 Ne6 11.Nf3 Qa5 12.Bd2  
e5 13.d5 e4 14.dxc6 exd3 15.O-  
O bxc6 16.Ne5 Ne4 17.Re1 Nxd2  
18.Qxd2 Be6 19.Qxd3 Qa4  
20.Qe3 Bxc4 21.Qxc5 Bd5 22.e4  
Be6 23.Nxc6 Qxc4 24.Qxc4  
Bxc4 25.Rac1 Be6 26.Kf1 g6  
27.Nd4 Bd5 28.Re5? (Chris has  
played well but he now hesitates  
before siezing control on the 7th  
rank with his rooks which  
should give him at least a draw)  
Rfd8 29.Nc6 Bxc6 30.Rxc6 Rd1+  
31.Ke2 Ra1 32.Ra6 Ra2+ 33.Kf3  
Re8 34.Rxa7 Rec2 0-1 Shades of  
Kasparov-Deep Blue game 2 as  
some of the spectators felt that  
White's resignation was prema-  
ture.

### Ken White (1700)- Chris Black (2034)

17th San Joaquin Ch, Rd 4  
Pertov's

Some nice tactics by the  
always sharp Chris Black

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4  
4.d3 Ne6 5.Bd2 O-O 6.a3 Bxc3  
7.Bxc3 Re8 8.Be2 d5 9.exd5  
Nxd5 10.Qd2 Nxc3 11.bxc3 e4  
12.dxe4 Rxe4 13.Qxd8+ Nxd8  
14.Kd2 Bg4 15.Bd3 Bxf3!  
16.gxf3 Re7 17.Be4 Ne6  
18.Rhe1 Rd8+ 19.Bd3 Ne5  
20.Re3 Nc4+! 21.Ke2 Nxe3  
22.fxe3 Rd6 23.Rd1 Rh6 24.Kf1  
Rxx2 25.Kg1 Rh6 26.Be4 Rd6  
0-1

### Don Forgie (1286)- Caesar Cuellar (1553)

17th San Joaquin Ch, Rd 5  
Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7  
7.Qd2 O-O 8.Be2 Nc6 9.f4 Bd7  
10.f5 Ne5 11.O-O-O a6 12.h4 b5  
13.h5 b4 14.fxxg6 hxxg6 15.Nf3?  
bxc3 16.bxc3 Qa5 17.Ng5???  
Qa3+ 0-1

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# Spring at the Berkeley Chess Club

by Alan Glasscoe

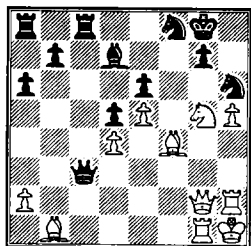
The Berkeley Chess Club holds month-long USCF rated tournaments in 4 or more sections on Friday evenings at the Berkeley City Club, a building designed by the renowned architect Julia Morgan. Players may compete in as many or as few rounds as they like. In months with 5 Fridays we offer the option of a quick-chess tournament on the fifth Friday. There are no yearly dues, only a modest weekly fee, and we discount USCF memberships. Your first game is free. We close entries at 7:40 PM and start play at 8:10 PM, with a time control of 40/90, 15/30.

## Berkeley Chess Club Games March–May 1997

Game selection and notes by Kurt Jacobs and Alan Glasscoe

### David Wait(2005)– Craig Andries(1980) French Tarrasch

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7  
5.c3 e5 6.f4 Qb6 7.Ndf3 Nc6 8.g3  
exd4 9.cxd4 f6 10.Ne2 fxe5 11.fxe5  
Bb4+ 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Qd2  
a6 15.Bh3 Kh8 16.0-0 Nd8 17.Kh1  
Re8 18.Rf2 Nf8 19.Bf1 Bd7 20.Bd3  
Nf7 21.h4 Qd8 22.Rh2 h6 23.g4 Qb6  
24.Rf1 Kg8 25.Bb1 Rec8 26.Rg1 Bb4  
27.h5 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Qc7 29.g5 Qxc3  
30.Qg2 hxg5 31.Nxg5 Nh6

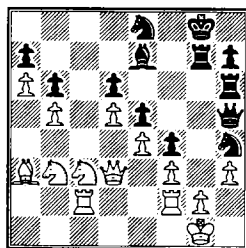


32.Ne4 Nf5 33.Nxc3 1-0

### Andy Lee(1933)– John Newberry(2169) Kings Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5  
Ne7 9.Nd2 Ne8 10.b4 f5 11.c5 f4  
12.Nc4 g5 13.a4 Ng6 14.Ba3 g4  
15.Bxg4 Qg5 16.Bxc8 Rxc8 17.f3 Nh4

18.Rf2 Rf6 19.b5 Bf8 20.cxd6 exd6  
21.Qd3 Rg6 22.Raa2 Qh5 23.Na5 Re7  
24.Nb3 Reg7 25.a5 Rh6 26.h3 Be7  
27.a6 b6 28.Rac2



28...Nxg2 29.Rxg2 Qxh3 30.Rxg7+  
Nxg7 31.Nd1 Qh1+ 32.Kf2 Rh2 0-1

### Craig Andries(1902)– David Goldfarb(1800) Stonewall vs Kings Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Bd3 Bg7 4.f4 d6  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 b6 7.Nbd2 Ba6  
8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.c3 c5 10.Qe1 Nd5  
11.Ng5 exd4 12.exd4 e5 13.fxe5 [  
Is that a hanging piece on g5 or a  
diabolical trap? Discretion may be  
the better part of valor, but a piece  
is a piece is a piece.] dxe5 14.Ndf3  
exd4 15.Nxd4 Nc5 16.Qg3 Qd7  
17.Qh4 h6 18.Ndf3 Rae8 19.Nh3  
Re4 20.Qg3 Nd3 21.Nf2 Nxf2

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## Spring Berkeley Results

### March 97 (59 players)

Class	Place	Name	Score
2000+	1st	Peter Thiel	2.0
1700–2000	1st	Andrew Handler	3.0
1400–1700	1st	Kurt Jacobs	3.0
Unr–1400	1st	Monty Peckham	3.5

### April 97 (55 players)

Class	Place	Name	Score
2000+	1st–2nd	Robin Cunningham	1.5
	1st–2nd	Peter Thiel	1.5
1700–2000	1st–4th	Craig Andries	2.0
	1st–4th	David Goldfarb	2.0
	1st–4th	Juan Herrera	2.0
	1st–4th	Damon Mosk-Aoyama	2.0
1400–1700	1st–2nd	Philip Freihofner	3.0
	1st–2nd	Dwight Kearney	3.0
Unr–1400	1st–2nd	Bret Rohmer	3.0
	1st–2nd	Adam Baraz	3.0

### May 97 (72 players)

Class	Place	Name	Score
2000+	1st	Andy Lee	2.0
1700–2000	1st–6th	Joshua Standig	2.0
	1st–6th	Craig Andries	2.0
	1st–6th	Tom Lama	2.0
	1st–6th	Mariusz Krubnik	2.0
	1st–6th	Mansur Saca	2.0
	1st–6th	Juan Herrera	2.0
1400–1700	1st	Brendan Brit	4.0
Unr–1400	1st	Santiago Lozano	4.0

Tournament Directors: Alan Glasscoe,  
David Goldfarb, and Kurt Jacobs

# 18th Livermore Open

by Don Wolitzer and Alan Stein

An excellent turnout of 94 players competed for \$1500 in prizes at the 18th Livermore Open held May 3rd and 4th.

One of the best games from this event follows.

**Robin Cunningham (2404)–  
Don Shennum (2021)**  
Livermore Open, 1997 Rd. 1

Notes by Alan Stein

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d6  
4.g3 Nbd7 5.Bg2 e5 6.dxe5  
dxe5 7.Nc3 Bb4?!

Since Black should not give away this bishop, he loses a tempo after a2–a3.

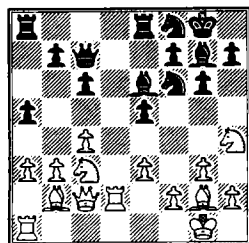
8.Qc2 O-O 9.O-O! Re8  
10.a3 Bf8

By delaying a3 one move, White succeeds in tricking Black into the time-intensive B-f8–g7 maneuver. It seems that Black should choose the counter-intuitive 10...Be7, blocking his rook, but allowing ...Nf8, ...h6, and ...Be6/g4, completing his development ASAP.

11.Rd1 Qc7 12.b3 a5 13.e3  
g6

White should have considered 12. b4 as now Black could make 10...Bf8 work with 13...Ne5.

14.Bb2 Bg7 15.Rd2 Nf8  
16.Nh4 Be6



## 18th Livermore Open

May 3–4, 1997

### Open Section

Class	Place	Name	Rating	Score	Prize
	1st–4th	Robin Cunningham	2404	3.5	\$121
		Jonathan Baker	2319	3.5	\$121
		Marc Ghannoum	2250	3.5	\$121
		Vinay Bhat	2293	3.5	\$121
U2100	1st–3rd	Tim Kokesh	2041	3.0	\$80
		Don Shennum	2021	3.0	\$80
		Julie Vizcaino	1590	3.0	\$80

### Reserve (Under 1900)

Class	Place	Name	Rating	Score	Prize
	1st–2nd	Gilbert Chambers	1770	3.5	\$150
		Todd McFarren	1690	3.5	\$150
	3rd–5th	Teri Lagier	1799	3.0	\$20
		Michael Schick	1778	3.0	\$20
		Ursula Foster	1706	3.0	\$20
U1700	1st	Dwight Kearney	1658	3.0	\$135
	2nd–6th	Ralph Melendez	1693	2.5	\$16
		Rodell Mapp	1671	2.5	\$16
		Steve Moca	1645	2.5	\$16
		Alan Howe	1632	2.5	\$16
	John Meadows	1632	2.5	\$16	

### Booster (Under 1500)

Class	Place	Name	Rating	Score	Prize
	1st	John Goudy	1454	4.0	\$90
	2nd–3rd	Keith Yost	1409	3.5	\$55
		Roy McCollough	1350	3.5	\$55

17.Rad1!

White patiently builds his position before attacking.

17...Rad8 18.Na4 Ng4

Black is having trouble guarding the e5-pawn, threatened by 19. Rxd8 Rxd8 20. Rxd8 Qxd8 21. Bxe5. The troubles are due to the earlier loss of time, giving White a small lead in development, which he uses to attack at an inconvenient moment.

19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Ne4 Ne6  
21.Nd6

White achieves his major strategic objective, occupation of d6.

21...Rf8 22.c5 f5 23.Qc4  
Kh8 24.h3 Nh6 25.Nf3

White forces Black to open the position when he is unprepared for battle.

25...e4 26.Bxg7 Nxg7  
27.Ng5 Rd7

White is winning. Watch for the excellent conversion of advantage on moves 28–32. The strong d6-knight is traded for ownership of the d-file, activation of the light bishop, and infiltration into Black's camp.

28.Bf1 Re7 29.Nxe8! Rxe8  
30.Qd4 Nf7 31.Nxf7 Rxf7  
32.Bc4 Re7 33.Qf6 Rce8  
34.Rd6

Black is nearly in zugzwang, and cracks.

34...Qc8? 35.Bf7 Rxf7  
36.Qxf7 Rf8 37.Qe7 Re8  
38.Rd8, Black resigns.

A strategic game of which both players should be proud. Only excellent play by White overcame solid defense by Black.



# Down in Monterey

by Tom Thrush

With deference to Eric Burden, chess is a happenin' thing down on the Central Coast!

Tournaments are held on a regular basis by organizer Ted Yudacufski at the Monterey Chess Center on Alvarado Street. Ted is a long time icon in tournament directing and was named a NTD in the mid-seventies by the USCF. He has ably directed and assisted at numerous regional and national events here in California. The Monterey Chess Center has been in continuous operation on Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey for some 25 years. Ted Yudacufski can be reached at (408) 646-8730

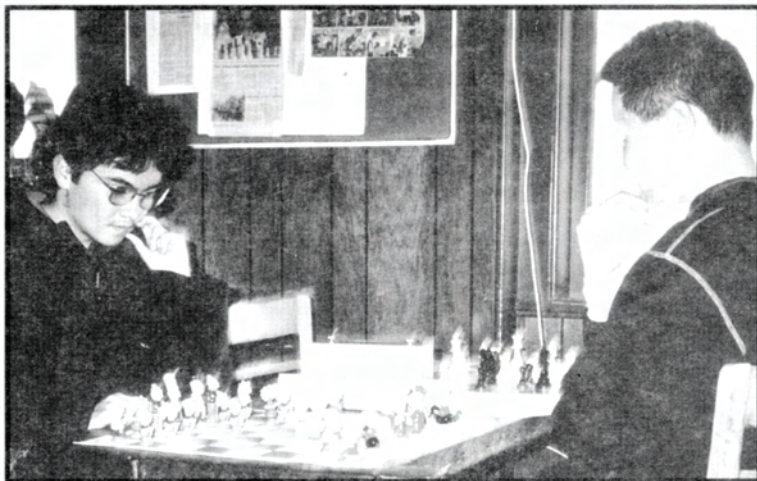
Some recent tournament results follow, all played in the "City by the Bay"—the other one!

A game a week tournament began on April 23, 1997. It ended in a three-way tie for first at 3-1 with Carl Sloan (1573) of Monterey, FM Peter Yu (2236) of Marina and Tom Thrush (2178) of Monterey. Sloan scored a short 22 move win against Yu in Round 2 and drew with Thrush in Round 3.

On March 30, 1997 a 3 round Swiss was held. Peter Yu (2236), Daniel Burkhard (2231) of Aptos and Duncan Oxley (1481) of Marina all finished at 2.5-0.5 to tie for first in the Premier Section. Oxley's fine result included a draw with Alejandro Garamendi (1932) of Pebble Beach in round 1 and a win against Chris Black (2034) of Sunnyvale in round 2. In the concurrent 'Reserve Section', Alan Howe (1632) of San Jose took top honors with a fine 2.5-0.5 score.

Another game a week tournament began on March 19, 1997. It resulted in a tie between Peter Yu (2236) and Alejandro Garamendi (1932) with 3.5-0.5 scores. Yu and Garamendi drew their individual encounter in Round 4. Finishing tied for 3rd at 3-1 were Carl Sloan (1573) and Robert Greenwood (1076) of Carmel.

A one day 3 round swiss was held on February 23, 1997. Finishing 3-0 was Tom Thrush (2175). Top rated FM Peter Yu (2236) was a victim of two upsets. FM Yu lost to Alejandro Garamendi (1932) in Round 1 and to Chris Black (1958) in Round 2.

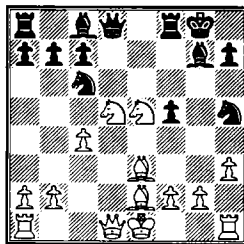


Alejandro Garamendi and FM Peter Yu at the Monterey Chess Center. From looking at the pieces it's hard to tell who's in charge here! Photo by Tom Thrush.

Come down to Monterey anytime for the ambiance of the chess scene and the many other varied interests the Monterey Peninsula offers. Beware, however, of the under-2000 Monterey County players. They are after your rating points as the following two games prove!

**Carl Sloan (1573)–FM Peter Yu (2236)**  
Monterey Weekly (April 97), Rd 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.h3 Nc6 8.Be3 Nh5  
9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Nd5 f5 11.exf5 gxf5  
12.Nxe5



Nxe5 13.Bxh5 Nxc4 14.0-0 Nxb2  
15.Qf3 c6 16.Nf4 Qe7 17.Rac1 Qe4  
18.Qg3 Bd7 19.Be5 Rf6 20.Rfe1 Qa4

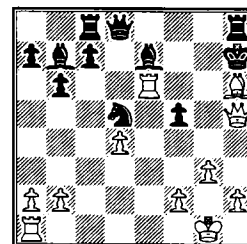
21.Re7 Rg6 22.Bxg6 1-0

**Chris Black (2034)–  
Duncan Oxley (1481)**

Monterey Weekly (April 97), Rd 2

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7  
5.Bg2 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d3  
Rc8 9.e4 dxe4 10.Ng5 Be7 11.d4 Nd5  
12.Ncxe4 N7f6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Re1+  
Be7 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6 f6 17.Qg7

17.Nxh7 Kf7 18.Bh3 f5 19.Bxf5 gxf5  
20.Qh5+ Kg7 21.Bh6+ Kxh7 22.Re6 and  
where is Black's defense to mate?



(analysis diagram after 22.Re6)

17...Kd7 18.Ne6 Qg8 19.Qh6 Bf8  
20.Qd2 Bb4 21.Qd1 Bxe1 22.Qxe1  
Qxe6 0-1

# Tournament Round-up

## 34th Arthur B Stamer Memorial

June 13-15, 1997

Mechanics Institute, San Francisco

Place	Name	Score	Prize
1st	Isaak Margulis	4.5	\$350
2nd	Paul Whitehead	4.0	\$53
3rd	Walter Shipman	4.0	\$53
1st X	Romy Fuentes	4.0	\$53
1st A	Steven Krasnov	3.0	\$25
1st B	Felix Rudyak	3.0	\$150
1st C	Thomas Ross	3.5	\$125
1st-2nd D	Latrael Eagles	2.0	\$50
1st-2nd D	Alex Isenstadt	2.0	\$50
Best Unr	Gennadiy Fomin	3.5	\$75
Best Jr	Philip Wang	4.0	Trophy

This five round Swiss was played at the Mechanics Institute Chess Club with a total prize fund of \$1500. There were 23 prize winners out of 73 players. Noteworthy was the performance of Senior Master Paul Whitehead who returned to the fray after an absence of ten years and tied for second. Chief TD and organizer Mike Goodall was assisted by Joan Arbil of the Mechanics Institute. As Mike generously comments, "Joan Arbil did most of the work!"

—Report submitted by Mike Goodall

*Tournament organizers are encouraged to submit tournament reports for publication in the California Chess Journal.*

## Visalia Spring Picnic

May 31, 1997

Blaine Park, Visalia

Class	Place	Name	Score
Quad #1	1st	Darren Russell	3.0-0.0
Quad #2	1st-3rd	Herman Bevill	2.0-0.0
	1st-3rd	Jon Cobbs	2.0-0.0
	1st-3rd	Keith Yost	2.0-0.0
Swiss	1st	Lee Tae Hyung	3.0-0.0
	2nd	Susann Klenner	2.0-1.0
Beginners	1st	Dios Omandam	4.0-0.0
	2nd	Jacob Bakhom	3.5-0.5
	3rd	Robert Fajardo	3.0-1.0
	3rd	Irish Edwards	3.0-1.0
Best K-3		Jeremy Russell	1.0-3.0

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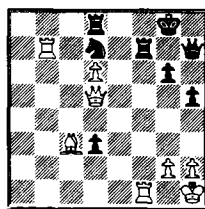
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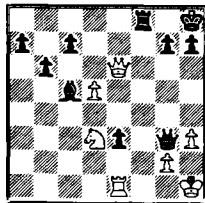
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48.Rxd7 1-0

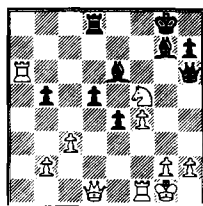
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1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 e5 7.d5 Nb8 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Be2 Nd7 10.O-O O-O 11.Rb1 Nc5 12.Nd2 f5 13.Bf3 b6 14.c4 f4 15.Bg4 Qh4 16.Bxc8 Raxc8 17.Ba3 f3 18.Nxf3 Qxe4 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Qa4 Qf4 21.Rbd1 Bd6 22.Nd2 Be5 23.Nf3 Rf6 24.Qd7 Rcf8 25.Kh1 e4 26.Ng1 Qe5 27.f4 Rxf4 28.Rxf4 Qxf4 29.Qe6+ Kh8 30.Re1 e3 31.Nf3 Qxc4 32.h3 Qxa2 33.Ne5 Qf2 34.Nd3 Qg3 0-1



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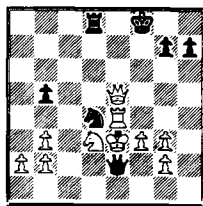
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26...Bxf5 27.Rxh6 Bxh6 1-0

## Burt Izumikawa-Thomas Wolski Round 3, ECO B56

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.f3 a5 9.Bb5 O-O 10.Qd2 Na7 11.Ba4 Be6 12.Qf2 Qb8 13.Nxa5 Re8 14.Nb3 d5 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Nc5 Be4 17.Bb3 b5 18.N3e4 Nd5 19.Nd7 Qb7 20.Nxe5 Nxe3 21.Qxe3 Qe7 22.Nd3 f5 23.Ng3 f4 24.Qxf4 Bd6 25.Qg4 Bxb3 26.cxb3 Bxg3+ 27.hxg3 Re8+ 28.Kd2 Rad8 29.Rhe1 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Nc6 31.Qe6+ Kf8 32.Re4 Nd4 33.Qe5 Qc2+ 34.Ke3 Qe2+



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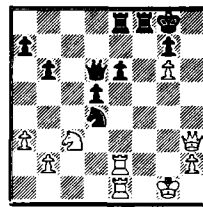
Alan Field

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Burt Izumikawa quietly  
prepares for victory

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## Omar Cartagena-Richard Lobo Round 4, ECO B52

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.O-O Nc6 6.c3 Nf6 7.Re1 e6 8.d4 exd4 9.exd4 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Be3 Be7 12.Re2 O-O 13.Ne1 f6 14.f3 Ng5 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Nc3 Nf7 17.f4 Nd6 18.Nf3 Rf7 19.Bf2 h6 20.Qd3 Re8 21.Rae1 Rff8 22.a3 b6 23.g4 Bd8 24.Bg3 Ne4 25.g5 hxg5 26.Nxg5 Bxg5 27.fxg5 Nd6 28.Bxd6 Qxd6 29.Qh3 Nxd4 30.g6

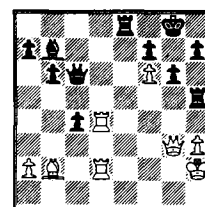


30...Nxe2+ 31.Rxe2 Rf4 32.Nb5 Qc5+ 33.Kg2 Qxb5 34.Rxe6 Qxb2+ 0-1

## John Grefe-Burt Izumikawa Round 5, ECO A05

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 e6 3.Bb2 Be7

4.e3 b6 5.d4 Bb7 6.Bd3 O-O 7.O-O c5 8.c4 exd4 9.exd4 d5 10.Nc3 Nbd7 11.Qe2 Re8 12.Rad1 Rc8 13.h3 Qc7 14.Qe3 Qb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.g4 dxc4 17.bxc4 N6d7 18.f4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Ng6 20.Ne4 Qc7 21.Rd2 Ba6 22.Rc2 Qd7 23.Qf2 Rf8 24.g5 Nxe5 25.Qg3 Nxd3 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.gxf6 g6 28.Qxd3 Rc5 29.Qe3 Rh5 30.Rf4 Rc8 31.d5 exd5 32.Kh2 Re8 33.Qg3 dxc4 34.Rd4 Qc6 35.Rcd2 Bb7 0-1



## Thomas Wolski-Richard Lobo Round 6, ECO B56

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 e6 7.f3 Be7 8.Qd2 a6 9.g4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 e5 11.Qd2 Be6 12.O-O O-O Re8 13.g5 Nd7 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.exd5 Nc5 16.h4 O-O 17.Bh3 Re7 18.h5 b5 19.Bf5 a5 20.Rdg1 b4 21.Kb1 a4 22.Bxh7+ Kxh7 23.g6+ Kg8 24.h6 fxg6 25.hxg7 Kxg7 26.Bxc5 g5 27.Qd3 Rh8 28.Bb6 1-0

## Ronald Cusi-Omar Cartagena Round 6, ECO A24

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 O-O 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d3 Be6 9.Nd5 Qd7 10.Rb1 Bh3 11.b4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Ne7 14.e4 e6 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.b5 Nd4 17.Nxd4 exd4 18.Qb3 Rfc8 19.Bd2 Re5 20.a4 Re8 21.Rbc1 Rh5 22.Rh1 d5 23.f3 dxe4 24.dxe4 Qh3+ 25.Kf2 Be5 26.Qd3 g5 27.g4 Bxh2 28.Qf1 Qg3+ 29.Ke2 Rxe4+ 30.fxe4 d3+ 31.Kd1 Qxg4+ 32.Ke1 Bg3+ 0-1

# A Flawed Look at the Chigorin

Reviewed by Eric Schiller

**The Chigorin's Queen's Gambit: Opening Secrets from the founder of the Russian School of Chess** by Angus Dunnington. American Batsford Chess Library, An ICE Book, 1996, \$20.95. ISBN: 1-879479-46-X.

This new study of the Chigorin Defense is a welcome addition to the literature, but it does suffer from a typical flaw in modern books. The author relies on a database and has failed to consult a lot of relevant literature, including my own 1991 book on the subject. The problem with this approach is that many pieces of important analysis which have not found their way into actual games is overlooked.

The problems caused by this oversight are more pronounced when dealing with unorthodox openings, where the actual games tend to be played lower-ranked players. Dunnington does include much of John Watson's brilliant analysis from his 1980 book, but there has been a lot of material written since then, including a highly influential article by Marc Leski in our own *California Chess Journal*.

I present two important variations below, which each involve an early ...e5 by Black. Here I add research material from my own library and database to that provided by Dunnington. This is drawn from a draft of my *Unorthodox Chess Openings*, to be published in late 1997 by Cardoza. Most of the analysis is available online at <http://www.chessworks.com/analysis/analysis.htm>.

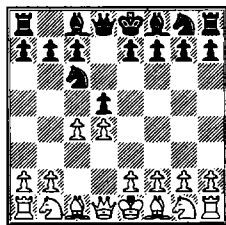
If you have any interest in this opening, you should certainly buy *The Chigorin Queen's Gambit*. If you are going to play it in serious events, however, you will have to do some more research and consult other literature.

## Queen's Gambit Refused

Chigorin:Tartakower Gambit

[D07]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6

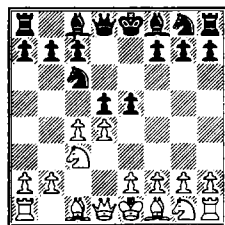


The Chigorin Defense has not had an advocate at a high level of chess since Mikhail Chigorin at the turn of the century, and no World Champion had ever shown it much respect. Euwe described it as "A rather unusual defence which can yield good

results only if White makes a premature attempt to seize the advantage." The opening is a bit unorthodox in that Black places a knight on c6, blocking the e-pawn which usually advances quickly in the Closed Games. For the purposes of our unorthodox investigations the lines with an early ...e5, often involving gambit play, are of more interest than the old lines with ...Bg4 or ...dxc4. In this and the next section we will look at this radical strategy.

3.Nc3 e5

The main line has been 3...Bg4, but that has taken a lot of pounding in recent decades, and Tartakower's move has come to be viewed as a last salvation for Black.



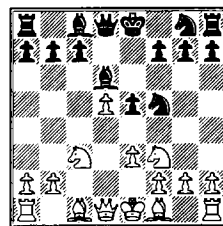
4.cxd5

This is White's most promising move. 4.dxe5 is an interesting option for White. I managed to outplay six-time United States Champion Walter Browne as Black in the 1991 United States Blitz Championship but the position after 4...d4 5.Nd5 Be6 6.e4 dxe3 7.Bxe3 Nxe5 8.Nf3

Nxf3+ 9.Qxf3 c6 10.Nc3 (10.Nf4 is a losing blunder: 10...Bb4+ 11.Ke2 Bxc4+ was another game from the same event, where my opponent had to resign.) 10...Bb4 (10...Qa5!?) 11.Rd1 Qa5 12.Bd4 f6 13.a3 Be7 14.Be2 was objectively better for White; 4.e3 is unambitious and Black gets a good game quickly. 4...Bb4 5.Bd3 exd4 6.exd4 Nxd4 7.Bd2 Qe7+ 8.Kf1 Nf6 gave Black the advantage in Uusi-Lahtinen, Finland Team Championship 1997.

4...Nxd4 5.e3 Nf5 6.e4

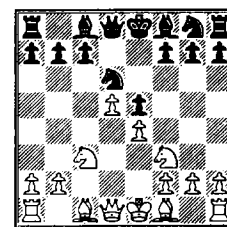
This is the most aggressive move and it is surprising that Dunnington dismisses it without analysis. 6.Nf3 Bd6 is another way to handle the position.



7.e4 is considered best, even though White has wasted a tempo. True, Black cannot retreat the knight to d6, but is that really a problem? 7...Nfe7 8.Be2 This is the only move considered by Dunnington, but there are several alternatives which have been tried. (8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Qb3 Nf6 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Qxb7 0-0 12.0-0 Ng6 is Polak-Omelka,

Moravian Championship 1996. Here instead of 13.Qc6?! White should play 13.Rd1 with an advantage.; 8.Qb3 Nf6 9.Bg5 Nd7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Qc2 a6 12.Nd2 b6 13.Nc4 f6 gave Black no serious problems in Zoebisch-Stuhlik, Vienna 1996.; 8.Be3 Nf6 9.h3 0-0 10.Be2 a6 11.0-0 Ng6 didn't bring White much in Minesovics-Mester, Bajnok 1996.) 8...a6 9.a4 Bg4 10.Nd2 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nf6 12.Nc4 gave White the more comfortable game in Lautier-Meulders, Lyon Zonal 1990. Still, had Black played 12...Ng6 13.0-0 0-0 is not easy to see how White can improve the position, and Dunnington's claim that "White's extra space and more active pieces guarantee a lasting advantage." I think that it is hard for Black to play with ambition here, but defense should not be too difficult.

6...Nd6 7.Nf3



White is certainly better here, and the present game served as the illustration for White's best play in this variation in my 1991 book on the Chigorin.



7.Qh5 Qe7 8.Nf3 Nf6 9.Qxe5 Nfxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bb5+ Bd7 12.Bxd7+ Kxd7 13.Qf5+ Kd8 14.0-0 Nd6 15.Qc2 Qe4 16.Qd1 Be7 17.Re1 Qg4 18.h3 Qh5 19.Qb3 b6 20.Ne5 Re8 21.Bf4 f6 22.g4 Qh4 23.Nc6+ Kd7 24.Bxd6 Bxd6 25.Nb8+ Kd8 26.Qb5 1-0 H. Pihlajasalo-J. Pystynen, Finland 1997.

7...Bg4 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qb3 f6 10.Be3

White is developing in comfort, but Black's pieces make an ugly impression.

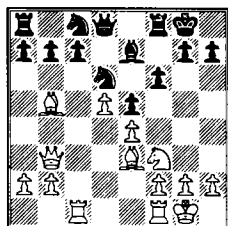
10...Ne7 11.Re1 Nec8

Necessary, if Black wants to castle.

12.Bd3 Be7 13.0-0 0-0

Euwe suggests 13...a6 here.

14.Nb5 Bxb5 15.Bxb5



This is a crucial position for the evaluation of the line. If Black now played 15...Nf7 and

16...Ncd6, the position would not look so bad to me. Euwe, however, felt that Black should slide the king into the corner instead.

15...Nxb5?

Tartakower's choice was clearly wrong. 15...Kh8 16.Bd3 f5 17.Qc2 is Euwe's line, where White stands better thanks to the pressure on the c-file and on the b1-h7 diagonal.

16.d6+ Rf7

16...Kh8 17.dxe7 Qxe7 18.Qxb5 gives White an extra piece.

17.dxe7 Qd7?

Another error. 17...Qe8 was better, even if Black's position would still be undesirable.

18.Rfd1 Ncd6

18...Nbd6? 19.Qxb7 Nxb7 20.Rxd7 Rxe7 21.Rxe7 Nxe7 22.Rxc7 and one horse falls.

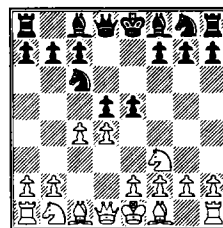
19.a4 Nd4 20.Bxd4 exd4

21.e5!

This leads to the win of material, and then Euwe displayed his technical skills to bring the point home in Euwe-Tartakower, Nottingham 1936.

Queen's Gambit Refused  
Chigorin: Lazard Gambit [D07]

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e5



The Lazard Gambit is one of the most interesting lines in the Chigorin Defense to the Queen's Gambit. Black offers a pawn to facilitate development. White must be careful not to over-extend. American Weaver Adams contributed heavily to the theory of the variation. I really don't understand Dunnington's treatment of this line. He considers capturing with the pawn to be correct and dismisses the capture with the knight.

4.Nxe5

4.dxe5 Bb4+ Black can transpose to the Albin Countergambit with 4...d4, but the check is stronger. 5.Bd2 This is considered the strongest move. (5.Nbd2 dxc4 6.a3 Ba5 7.Qc2 b5 8.b3 Nd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Rb1 Ne7 11.e3 Qxe5 12.bxc4 Bf5 13.Qb2 was played in

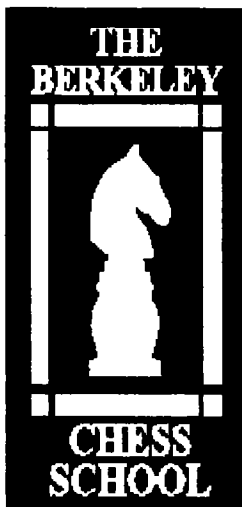
Fedorowicz-Boissonet, Buenos Aires 1991. 13...Qxb2 14.Rxb2 bxc4 15.Bxc4 is evaluated as a bit better for White by Dunnington, who does note that Black's active pieces provide some counterplay. I think the position is dead even after 15...Rd8 with annoying pressure at d2. White gets nothing by invading the seventh rank: 16.Rb7 Bb6 17.Bb2 0-0 18.Bc3 Rb8 is one simple plan for Black.) 5...dxc4 and White has tried many plans, but the advance of the e-pawn is the most logical move.

A) 6.e4 Be6 7.Qc1 Qe7 8.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 9.Nbd2 0-0-0 gives Black the advantage, for example 10.Bxc4 Bxc4 11.Qxc4 Nxe5 12.Qxb4 Nd3+ 13.Ke2 Nxb4 14.Rhd1 (14.Rhc1 Ne7 15.Ne5 Rhf8 16.a3 Nbc6 17.Nxc6 Nxc6 is also good for Black, Stuart-Sarapu, New Zealand Championship 1987.) 14...Ne7 15.Ng5 Rdf8 16.f4 h6 17.Ngf3 f5 with an active game for Black, Vasiukov-Welling, Eindhoven 1986;

B) 6.e3!

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By GM Larry Evans

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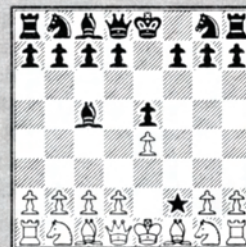
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# Beginner's Corner

by Steve Cohen

Beware of Sudden King Death at f2!



In our last issue, we discussed how f7 was the weakest square on the board for the Black player before castling. For the White player, the weakest square on the board before castling is f2. In the following game played between two third graders, note how Black quickly creates a mating attack on f2 when the White player fails to develop his pieces quickly and overlooks threats to his f2 square.

M. Ott-H. Gelb

2nd Annual P.S.C., Rd 1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3?!

This is unnecessarily slow; stronger here is 3.Bb5 or 3.d4 immediately.

3...Bc5 4.Ng5?

Moving a piece more than once in the opening can't be best; White's other pieces want "firsts" before anyone gets "seconds". Anyway, White here isn't even looking at Black's choices since g5 is a square controlled by Black's queen!

4...Qxg5 5.h3?

This is another unnecessary pawn move. Instead 5.d4! by attacking Black's bishop on c5 with the d-pawn and the black queen on g5 with White's bishop on c1 would regain the piece for White

5...Qf6

Black threatens mate on f2.

6.Bc4??

White still doesn't look at Black's choices before moving and so pays the ultimate price.

6...Qxf2 checkmate.

Beginning players with the White pieces should always keep one eye focused on threats to the f2-square until their king is safely castled.



# Readers' Showcase

## Mark Pinto—Thomas Wolski

97 LERA Memorial Day, Rd 2

Notes by Wolski

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6  
4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5

This line is quite popular in the Bay Area, but if Black knows what he's doing, he has at least equal chances. I now followed the game J.Polgar-Topalov, Dortmund 1996.

5...Nd4 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nxd4  
cxd4 8.Ne2 Nf6 9.Nxd4?!

9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe1 Nd7 was played in the above mentioned game J.Polgar-Topalov where Black got a great position only to blunder it away a few moves later.

9...Nxe4 10.Bxe4 Bxd4  
11.Qf3 Qb6 12.c3 Bg7 13.d4  
e6 14.a4 14...f5! 15.Bd3 0-0  
16.a5 Qc7 17.0-0 Bd7  
18.Be3 Rfe8 19.Rfe1 19...a6  
20.d5 e5 21.Bb6 Qc8 22.Qf1  
Re7 23.Re3?! Bh6! 24.g3

Weakening White's king-side.

24...Qf8 25.Rae1 Rae8  
26.Qh3! 26...Be8

I wanted to make 26...g5 work and spent quite a bit of time looking at it, but then spotted the following line and preferred to keep my king safe.

26...g5?! 27.fxe5 f4 28.e6!  
fxe3 29.Rf1 Qg7 30.exd7 Rxd7  
31.Bd4.

27.R3e2 Bg7 28.Qg2 Bd7  
29.Bc7 exf4

Naturally I reject his draw offer and play against the weak f4- and d5-pawns.

30.gxf4 Ba4! 31.Bb6 Bb3

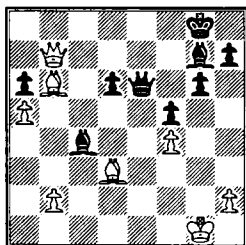
Now my next move was going to be ...Qf7.

32.Rxe7

32.Re6 Qf7.

32...Rxe7 33.Re6 Rxe6  
34.dxe6 Qe7 35.c4 Qxe6  
36.Qxb7 Bxc4

Everything is magically protected.



37.Qb8+ Bf8 38.Bxc4 Qxc4  
39.Bd8 Qc1+ 40.Kg2 Qd2+  
41.Kf3 Qd3+ 42.Kg2 Qe2+  
43.Kg1 Qg4+ 44.Kf2 Qxf4+  
45.Ke1 Qe3+ 46.Kf1 d5

The queen covers b3 and e7. Now Black only needs to liberate the bishop.

47.Bf6 Kf7 48.Be5 Be7  
49.Qc7 Qc5 50.Qb6 Qc4+!

And now White will lose the queen or the bishop. 0-1

## Thomas Wolski—Alan Stein

97 LERA Memorial Day, Rd 3

Notes by Wolski

1.Nf3 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5  
4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6 6.Be3  
a6 7.f3 b5 8.Qd2 Bb7 9.g4  
h6 10.0-0-0 Nc6

10...Nbd7 is more conventional.

11.h4 11...Qa5 12.Kb1 Nxd4  
13.Bxd4 b4 14.Ne2 e5

14...d5 15.Bh3 dxe4??  
16.Bxf6.

15.Bf2 0-0-0

Black is behind and needs to get the king out of the center. But queenside castling still surprised me quite a bit. How-

ever, if 15...d5? then 16.Bh3!  
dxe4 17.g5 hxg5 18.hxg5 Rxh3  
19.gxf6±.

16.Bh3 Kb8 17.g5 Nd7  
18.e3!

I figured that opening the c-file was the best way to get to Black's open king. After a little thought I rejected 18.a3? d5 19.exd5 Nb6

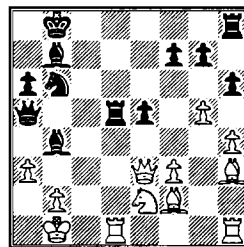
18...d5

18...bxc3 19.Nxc3 Nc5  
20.Qe3±.

19.exd5 Nb6 20.cxb4 Bxb4  
21.Qe3± Rxd5?!

21...Ka7.

22.a3?



22.Rxd5 Bxd5 23.a3±;  
22.Qxb6 Qxb6 23.Bxb6 Rxd1+  
24.Rxd1 Bxf3 25.Rd7! I didn't see this move, mainly because I wanted to win a lot of material. But with Black's rook out of play and White's rook is on the seventh against the open king, Black would be com-

pletely lost, e.g. 25...Bxe2  
26.Bg2± Black cannot defend against the threat of Ra7 and Ra8 mate, e.g. 26...Kc8 27.Bh3 Kb8 28.Ba7+.

22...Bc5 23.Rxd5 Bxe3  
24.Rxa5 Bxf2 25.Rxe5 hxg5  
26.Rxg5 Bxf3 27.Rh2 Bxh4  
28.Rxg7 Be4+ 29.Ka1 Rd8  
30.Nc3

30.Rg1 Rd2.

30...Bg6 31.Be6 Bf6 32.Rxf7  
Bxf7 33.Bxf7 Bxc3 34.bxc3=  
Rd3= 35.Rc2 Na4 1/2-1/2

The game ended now after Stein's draw offer. There was no reason to play on as Black would easily draw after the possible 36.Be4 Rxc3 37.Rxc3 Nxc3 38.Bxa6.



## Don Forgie (1286)— Thomas Willis (1541)

1997 National Open (Las Vegas)

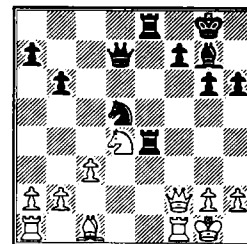
Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6  
7.Bd3 Be7 8.Be3 O-O 9.Qe2  
Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.O-O-O  
Qa5 12.g4 Nd7 13.g5 Nc5?  
14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.h4 Rb8  
16.h5 Qb4 17.Kd2 e5 18.g6  
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c4 21.Rh8+! 1-0

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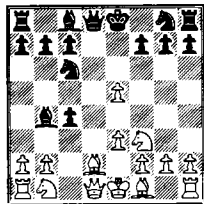
22.Qxf2 Rfe8 23.Nd4 Nxc3  
24.bxc3 Rxd4 25.Be3 [25.Qxf7+  
Qxf7 26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.cxd4  
Bxd4+] 25...Rd3 26.Bf4 Bxc3  
27.Rac1 Bd4 28.Rc7 Bxf2+  
29.Rxf2 Rd1+ 0-1



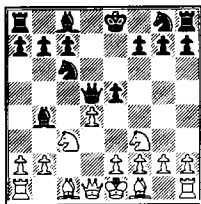
Position after 23.Nd4

# Chigorin Review

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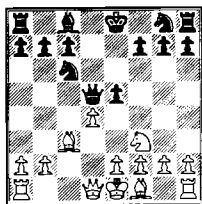


6...Be6 7.Qc2 (7.a3 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 b5 9.a4 a6 10.Rc1 Na5 11.Nd4 c5 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qg4 Qe7 14.Ne4 Nh6 15.Qf3 Rb8 16.Nd6+ proved effective for White in one of the earliest games in this line, Apscheneek-Lazard, Paris Olympiad 1924.) 7...Qd5 (7...b5 is suggested by Volkov and Dunnington says that it is worth considering. I am skeptical. 8.Nc3 a6 9.0-0-0 and the e4 square is particularly inviting, to be occupied by knight or queen as required.) 8.Bxb4 Nxb4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Nc3 Qc5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.Qb5 Qxb5 13.Nexb5 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 c5 15.Nf3 (15.Nc2 b5 16.a4 bxa4 17.Bxc4 Rb8 18.0-0-0 and White is better, Klinger-Polzin, Oberwart 1992.) 15...b5 16.a4 bxa4 17.Bxc4 Ke7 18.Ng5 Nh6 19.0-0-0 and Black's pawns are weaker, Cvitan-Godena, Biel 1988; 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nc3 Bb4 is already better for Black who has pressure at e3 and d4.



A) 6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Bg4 8.Bf4 (8.Bg5 h6 9.Bd2 0-0-0 10.Rc1 Nge7 11.a3 Bc5 12.Ne4 Bb6 13.b4 Rd5 14.Ke1 Rhd8 15.Bc3 Ng6 16.e6 f5 17.Ned2 f4 18.Nc4 Bd4 19.Nxd4 Nxd4 M. Praszak-M. Mozny, Prague 1990/1/2-1/2 [45]) 8...Bxc3 9.bxc3 Nge7 10.e3 Ng6 11.Be2 0-0 12.Rb1 Rad8+ 13.Ke1 b6 14.Re1 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nxe5 16.Bg3 Nd3+ 17.Bxd3 Rxd3 18.Kc2 Rd7 and Black had the better pawn structure in Daniuszewski-Lazard, Paris Olympiad 1924;

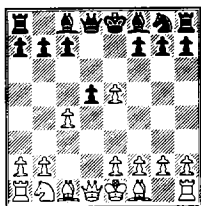
B) 6.Bd2 6...Bxc3 7.Bxc3



7...e4 (7...Nge7 comes into consideration.) 8.Nd2! This is the only move to maintain equality, though Black can already be pleased with the result of the opening. 8...e3!? is now good. 9.fxe3 Nf6 10.Qb3 (10.Nf3? 0-0 11.g3 Ng4 12.Bd2 Re8 13.Qc1 Nxd4 and White is already lost, Packroff-Philipp, Postal 1977.) 10...Be6 11.Qxb7 (11.e4!? Nxe4 12.Nxe4 Qxe4

13.Qxb7 and now 13...0-0 14.d5! Bxd5 15.Qxc7 Nb4 16.Qg3 f6 17.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 18.Qc3 Qxc3+ 19.bxc3 which should lead to a draw after Black recovers the pawn with 19...Rac8; 11.Qxd5 Bxd5 12.e4 Nxe4 13.e3 0-0-0 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Be4 was about even in Bajrachnyj-Panchenko, Yalta 1996.) 11...Nxd4 12.Qxd5 Ne2+ 13.Kf2 Nxd5 14.Bxg7 Rg8 15.Rc1 Ndx3 16.Bh6 Ng4+ 17.Kg1 Nxh6 18.Rxc2 and White is a little better.

4...Nxe5 5.dxe5

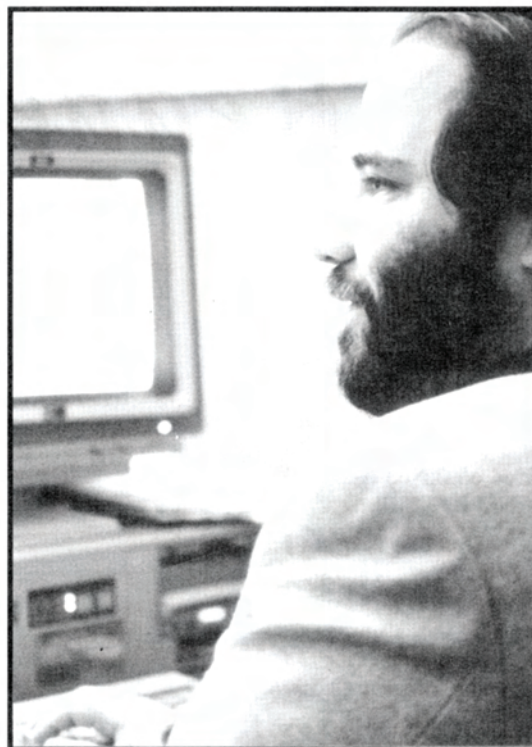


5...dxe4

5...d4?! 6.e3!

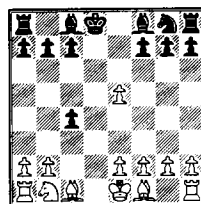
A) 6...Bb4+ 7.Bd2 dxe3 8.Qa4+ (8.Bxb4?? exf2+ 9.Ke2 Bg4+) 8...Bd7 9.Qxb4 exd2+ 10.Nxd2 Be6 11.Be2 Qg5 12.Nf3 Qxg2 13.Rg1 Qh3 14.Rd1 Ne7 15.Rxg7 Qh6 16.Rg4 a5 17.Qc3 Ng6 18.e6 with a strong attack for White in Mengarini-W.Adams, Log Cabin 1950;

B) 6...Be5 7.f4!? Nh6 (7...dxe3 8.Nc3 Nh6 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Nd5 Nf5 11.Bd3 and the pawn will fall quickly.) 8.e4 d3 9.Qxd3 Ng4 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Be2 Nf2 12.Rf1 Nxe4 13.Bf3 and White already has a decisive advantage, Simonson-Bernstein, United States



Eric Schiller

Championship 1936. 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8



White has only a small advantage in this endgame. Dunnington considers only 7.e4, but there are other important moves.

7.e4

7.Nc3 c6 8.Bg5+ Ke7 9.0-0 Be6 and Black could be happy with the position,

Reinfeld-W.Adams, New York 1941; 7.Bg5+ Be7 8.Bxe7+ Nxe7 9.Na3 Ng6 10.Rd1+ Ke7 11.Nxc4 Be6 12.e3 Bxe4 13.Bxc4 Nxe5 led to an even endgame in Gyimesi-Berenyi, Hungary 1993.

7...b5

7...Be6 8.f4 g6 is suggested by Dunnington, but I think White has a much better game after 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Be3 followed by queenside castling.

8.a4 c6 9.Be3 a6 10.axb5 exb5 11.Nc3 Bb7 12.Be2 h5 13.0-0 Re8 14.Rfd1+

And White is better, Kramer-Boey, Postal 1984.

## Solutions

To Test Your Tactics (see facing page)

1

1.Bxe7 wins a piece; if 1...Qxe7 2.Qxe7 Rxe7 3.Rf8 mate.

2

1.Nxe6 wins a piece as either recapture allows 2.Rxe4.

3

1.Qh5+ g6 2.Qxg6+(or Bxg6+) hxg3 3.Bxg6 mate.

4

1...Bxf2+ 2.Qxf2 (if 2.Kxf2 Nxe4+) 2...Nd3+ and White's queen is snared.

5

1...Nd3 mate.

6

1.Rh3+ gxh3 2.g3 mate.

7

1.Nc4+ Kxd5 2.Nc3+ Kxd4 3.Be3 mate.

8

1...Rg4!; if 2.hxg4 Qh2 mate; if 2.g3 Bxg3; if 2.Qxd5 Qxh3 3.g3 Bxg3 etc.

9

1.Bxg6+ fxg6 2.Qxh6+!! Kxh6 3.Rh3 mate.

10

1.Rh8+ Kxh8 2.Rh1+ Kg8 3.Rh8+ Kxh8 4.Qh1+ Kg8 5.Qh7+ Kf8

6.Qh8 mate.

11

1...Nf3+! 2.gxf3 (if 2.Kh1 Nf2 mate) Rg6+ 3.Kh1 Nf2 mate.

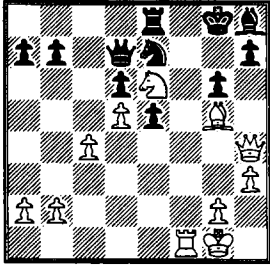
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1...Rh3+!!; if 2.Kxh3 Qh1+ 3.Kg3 Qxg2+ 4.Kf4 Qg5 mate (or 4.Kh4 Qh2 mate); if 2.gxh3 Qh1+ 3.Kg3 Qg2+ 4.any Qg5 mate.

# Test Your Tactics

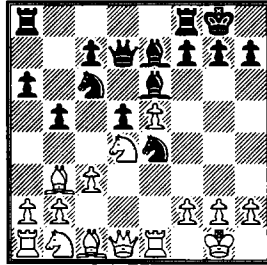
Sharpen your tactics with this potpourri of positions selected by Assistant Editor Darren Russell. Your assignment is to either win decisive material or find the checkmate. Be forewarned that Darren prefers mate! Solutions are on the facing page.

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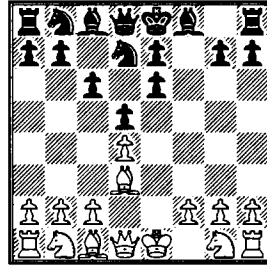
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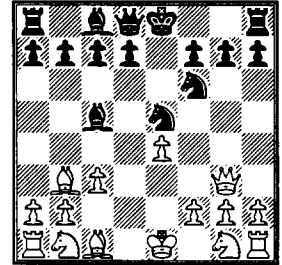
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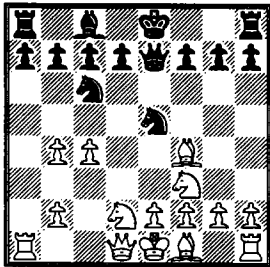
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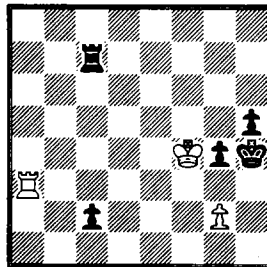
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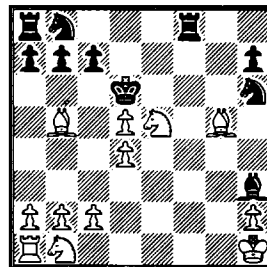
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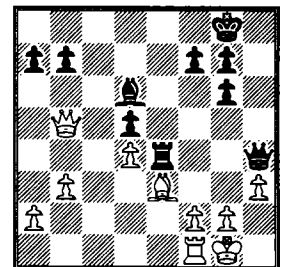
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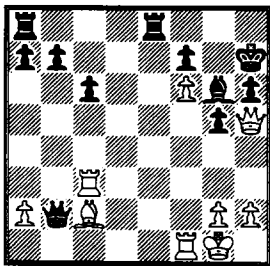
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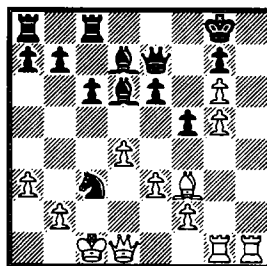
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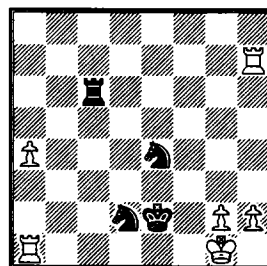
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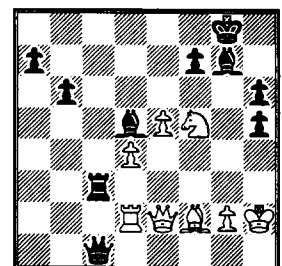
White to move

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Black to move

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Black to move



# THE EDITOR'S REPORT

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little gods ruling the federation in his sidebar to the Praeder article. By the time you read this issue, One Man One Vote may be a reality. OMOV by itself is not the solution to any of the federations ills but fairness and accountability is a good start.

To err is human and your editor has proven to be very human. Of course, the charming school team pictured on the cover of the previous issue is from 'Weibel' and not 'Weible'. And Laura Shennum

was the assistant T.D. at the Peoples tournament and not Alan Kirshner as my picture caption stated. Alan had dropped by to offer some morale support to the hard working TD crew of Don and Laura. Unfortunately at the exact moment your ace photographer (me!) snapped the picture that 'promoted' Alan to assistant TD.

Our readers continue to be generous with the submission of articles, pictures, and games. For the next issue, I

have a tentative submission deadline of September 30th with a goal of mailing the magazine by mid-October. Our lead article in the next issue should be full coverage of the Labor Day Cal Chess State Championship.

The CCJ copy submission policy remains 'author friendly'. While our preference is for electronic submission, typewritten or neat handwritten copy is acceptable. Electronic submission allows you to include game scores, chess diagrams, and digitized photos. In general, tournaments submitted in an electronic format will be allotted more space. Our preference is for Microsoft Word files with diagrams created using the Linares font. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on how to submit material to *California Chess Journal*.

Working behind the scenes at the C.C.J. corporate towers are our typists Sylvia Morris, Darlene Huff and Stephanie Bonner along with our computer technical whiz Alan Glick. I owe each of them a big debt of gratitude.

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Bob Phillips 707•839-4674

## **Livermore**

Fridays 7-12 p.m.  
South Cafeteria  
Lawrence Livermore Lab  
Charles Pigg 510•447-5067

## **Merced**

Merced Chess Club  
Friday 6:30 p.m.  
Merced Mall Food Court  
Dave Humpal 209•722-0764

## **Madera**

Thursdays 7:00 p.m.  
Carls Jr.  
Madern Ave. & Hwy 99  
Kelton Brewer 209•673-1026

## **Modesto Chess Club**

Tuesday 6-10:30 pm  
Shakeys Pizza  
McHenry Avenue  
John Barnard 209•785-7895

## **Monterey**

Open daily except Mon.  
430 Alvarado St.  
Yudacufski 408•646-8730

## **Palo Alto**

Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
Mitchell Park Center  
Richard Koepcke 415•964-2640

## **Paradise**

Tuesday 7-10 p.m.  
Paradise Senior Center  
Barry Nelson 916•873-3107

## **Porterville**

Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Corner of Henderson &  
Indiana  
Hans Borm 209•784-3820

## **Reno, NV**

Sun-Thurs 6:30 p.m.  
2850 Wrondel Way, Suite D  
Club: 702•827-3867  
Jerry Weikel 702•747-1405

## **Richmond**

Fridays 6 p.m.  
Richmond Library  
26th & MacDonald  
John Easterling 510•529-0910

## **Ross Valley (Marin County)**

For current info, write:  
P.O. Box 69  
Ross, CA 94957

## **Sacramento**

Wednesdays 6:30-10:30 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Ctr  
915-27th St.  
Stuart Katz 916•444-3133  
CSU Sacramento  
Student Union Bldg.

## **San Anselmo**

Tuesday 7 p.m.  
RoundTable Pizza,  
Red Hill Shoppin Ctr  
Sir Francis Drake Blvd  
Jim Mickle 415•457-2719

## **San Francisco**

Mechanics' Institute  
Open daily  
57 Post St, 4th Floor  
Jim Eade 415•421-2258

## **San Jose**

Tue & Fri, Noon-4 p.m.  
Willows Senior Center  
2175 Lincoln Avenue  
Jerry Marshall 408•267-1574

## **Santa Clara**

2d Sat. each month  
2:15-6:15 p.m.  
Mary Gomez Park  
F. Sierra 408•241-1447

## **Santa Rosa**

Tuesdays 6-10:45 p.m.  
Sonoma Coffee Company  
521 4th Street  
Keith Halonen 707•578-6125

## **Stanford**

Monday 7:30-10:30 p.m.  
Student Union, Rm 550-550E  
Andrian Keatinge-Clay  
415•497-0598

## **Sunnyvale**

LERA  
Tuesdays, 8 p.m.  
Lockheed Rec Ctr, Bldg #160  
Ken Stone 408•629-5530

## **Tulare**

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
A&W Root Beer  
133 North 'J' Street  
Ward Forman 209•688-6386

## **Vallejo**

Fridays 7:00 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Ctr  
333 Amador St  
Frank Harris 707•644-3004

## **Visalia**

Wednesday 7 p.m.  
Carl's Jr-Von's Ctr  
Hwy 198 & Chinowth  
Allan Fifield 209•734-2784

## **Walnut Creek**

Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Civic Park/Broadway at Civic  
C. Lehman 510•946-1545

## **Yuba-Sutter**

Mon & Wed 7-11 p.m.  
Carls Jr  
Bridge St & Hwy 99, Yuba City  
Tom Giertych 916•671-1715

# The CalChess Calendar of Events

(\* denotes CalChess discount) Last update 7-24-97

## 1997

Aug. 9	(Sa)	Napa Quads	(JA)
Aug. 15-17	(F-Su)	Roseville	(MG2)
Aug. 16-17	(Sa-Su)	LERA Sunnyvale Class	(JH)
Aug. 16	(Sa)	Madera G/45 Rater	(KB)
Aug. 30-Sep. 1	(Sa-M)	Labor Day	*(RK)
Sept. 13	(Sa)	G/45 Champ. (San Francisco)	(MG)
Sept. 28	(Su)	Walnut Creek Quads	(DW2)
Sept. 30	(Sa)	Madera G/45 Rater	(KB)
Oct. 4	(Sa)	Visalia Fall Picnic	(AF)
Oct. 18	(Sa)	Fresno Fall Quad	(DW)
Oct. 25	(Sa)	Madera G/45 Rater	(KB)
Nov. 1-2	(Sa-Su)	Livermore Open	*(CP)
Nov. 7-9	(F-M)	Capps (San Francisco)	(MG)
Nov. 15	(Sa)	Madera G/45 Rater	(KB)
1998			
Aug.	[TBA]	U.S. Open, 9 Rounds, Hawaii	(ES)
1999			
Aug.	[TBA]	U.S. Open, 9 rounds, Sands Hotel (Reno)	(JW)

### Annual Events

MLK weekend (3rd weekend Jan.) (TD)	2nd weekend June (F-Su) Stamer (MG)
Presidents' Day Weekend People's (Berkeley) (DS)	3rd weekend June (F-Su) Far West Open (Reno) (JW)
1st weekend March (F-Su) SF Amateur (MG)	Labor Day weekend (1st weekend Sept.) (TD)
State Scholastic Championship (last weekend March)	Last weekend Oct. (F-Su) Western Open (Reno) (JW)
LERA Memorial Day (JH)	2nd weekend Nov. (F-Su) Capps (MG)
	LERA Thanksgiving (JH)

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