

# chess

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The New Year Open Championship Tournament, held in Walnut Creek on Jan. 6-7, attracted a record turnout of 98 players. Tournament director Jerry Long awarded championship trophies and cash prizes totaling \$285 to the winners.

**Master/Expert Division:** John Blackstone, Saratoga, 4 points out of 5, \$39; Frank Thornally, Berkeley, 3½, \$21.

**Class A:** John Smail, Berkeley, 4½, \$40 plus trophy; Van Fong, Hayward, 4, \$25; Mike Weber, Alameda, 3½, \$5; Ray Cuneo, Piedmont, 3½, \$5.

**Class B:** Jim Fosaaen, Concord, 4½, \$40 plus trophy; Gilbert Roy, Richmond, 4, \$8.75; Russ Bentson, Orinda, 4, \$8.75; Don Clapp, Lafayette, 4, \$8.75; Earl Phillips, San Jose, 4, \$8.75.

**Class C:** Robert Martinez, Hayward, 4½, \$32.50 plus trophy; Bill Rose, Hayward, 4½, \$32.50; Ted Hibbard, Hayward, 4, \$10.

Here is a Class A game from Round 1 of this event:

White: Mike Weber. Black: Mark Watson.

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	14 B-B4	P-Q4 (f)
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	15 N-R6ch	K-B1
3 P-Q4	PxP	16 PxP	NxP
4 NxP	N-KB3	17 R-K1	Q-Q2
5 N-QB3	P-QR3	18 Q-R5	Q-K1
6 B-QB4	P-K3	19 Q-B5ch (g)	N-B3
7 P-QR3 (a)	B-K2	20 B-Q6 (h)	Q-N3
8 0-0	P-QN4 (b)	21 BxBch	K-N2
9 B-R2	B-N2 (c)	22 BxNch	QxB
10 BxP (d)	PxB (e)	23 Q-N4ch	K-B1 (i)
11 NxKP	Q-B1	24 R-K6	Q-Q1
12 NxPch	K-B2	25 Q-B5ch	Resigns
13 N-B5	Q-K3		

(a) With the dual purpose of providing a safe retreat for his KB on QR2 and defending his KP against Black's threatened P-QN4-N5, followed by NxP.

(b) Black is anxious to exert pressure along the long white diagonal.

(c) Failing to castle at this point causes Black to fall under enduring attack. The equalizing line runs 9...0-0 10 P-B4 B-N2 11 P-B5! P-K4 12 N/4-K2 QN-Q2! (White's KP is poisoned.) 13 N-N3 R-B1 (better than 13...N-B4) 14 B-N5 N-N3 15 N-R5 N-B5! (Rolf Schwarz, "Die Sizilianische Verteidigung," Hamburg, 1961, p. 188).

(d) White gets three Pawns for his Bishop, shatters Black's K-side, and exposes the enemy King to further assault.

(e) Before routinely accepting the sacrifice, Black should consider his practical chances for survival after 10...0-0, e.g., 11 B-Q5 NxP 12 PxN B-KB3.

(f) Opening the center now represents an act of self-destruction. After 14...R-Q1 Black just might hold out long enough to exchange off some of White's attackers.

(g) Ignoring the win of a piece, White concentrates on killing a King.

(h) The crusher.

(i) Of course not 23...KxN 24 R-K6, but the text move leads straight to mate.

## **RAPID TRANSIT TOURNAMENT**

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St., will hold its first rapid transit tournament of the new year Monday, Jan. 15, at 8 p.m. Entry fee is 35 cents.

## **FREE TOURNAMENT**

The sixth Presidio Service Club open tournament for players below 2000 rating (or unrated) takes place on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21. Tournament director George Koltanowski will begin round one promptly at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Many prizes and no entry fee, but the number of entries is limited, so mail your entry now (include your name, address and rating) to Miss Elizabeth de la Torre, Presidio Service Club, Building No. 69, Presidio of San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif.

## **WHERE TO PLAY CHESS**

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Monday and Friday, 8-11 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings any day of the week; ask for Harold James.

The Newark Youth Center, 37230 Ash St. Friday, 7-10 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the first and third Friday of the month.