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The Calpoint race is, as usual, a walk for Kamran Shirazi (412). He is just pulling away from his rivals. Still, this is not the Shirazi of old. Nowadays, the fish know better than to relax just because Shirazi is hopelessly busted. So there have been a number of cases where Shirazi stayed busted. However, the much larger number where he never got busted, or never got finished off, continue to rack up points for him. His chief rivals continue to be the chess columnists, Kevin Burnett of the Register (274) & Jack Peters of the Times (236). They in turn are about as far ahead of the next players as Shirazi is ahead of them. The top of the Honorable mentions: Dan Durham (149), 2. Michael Walder (144), 3. Vince McCambridge (138), 4. David Strauss (120), 5. Marlo Micayabas (104), 6. Diane Savereide (98), James Tarjan(98), 8. Doug Root (96), 9. Michael Brooks (92).

Those of you who want to follow these stars in the future had best remember to check your mailing label, on the back. If it says 8-84 or earlier, rush out to your mailbox & send a check for \$6 to 1300 Ballista, La Puente, CA 91744. (If it says later than 8-84, you may walk to your mailbox.)

Those of you who took my advice & put good money on Karpov (which now looks very spendable) are advised to take your profits by laying off your bets. Karpov is not strong on endurance & just might lose the war of attrition. Still the favorite, but..

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE 28, Aug 18-19

It was a good day for youth as top junior Adam Lief & ex-top junior Doug Root of Diamond Bar tied for 1st with  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Root allowed a low M to nick him while didn't fully upset a high M. However 15 year old Lief faced no 2400's while 21 year old Root pounded Cyrus Lakdawala of San Diego in the last round into a tie for 3rd at 3-1 with Michael Brooks of Kansas City. Lakdawala had just got thru killing favorite Brooks. Antonio Balayan got the under 2250 money with 3-1, losing to Root. The next time club at  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  had Kevin Burnett, Roland Harper, & Bill Stewart, who met their match respectively in Brooks (last round), Root, & Lakdawala.

Clay Bradley was tops under 2100 with  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing the last round quickly since that secured clear 1st. When asked the cause of his victory, Bradley noted his last sober, unstoned score was 1-4. Tied for 2nd at 4-1 were Michael Jones of Paramount, Tim Murphy of Tustin, & Rick Rison of Long Beach. Jones beat Murphy before allowing 2 draws in his last 2 rounds (to Bradley & another X). Rison drew with an X & an A. Jones has an unofficial 2014 rating & no girlfriend to distract him. (Women have a variable effect on your chess. Others report a new girlfriend is good for a gain of 100 points, among other things.) This was Rison's 1st prize in 8-10 events. By contrast, Murphy has been good for \$650 in his 8 events. Since all 3 were below 1950 that prize was added to the pool, which left Neil Bershada, A. Bardizbanian, Charles Kinzie, Clayton Wrigley, & Harry Wexler with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  & no money. A less peaceful attitude might have aided Bershada, Bardizbanian, or Kinzie. All had 3 draws. Bradley got Wrigley. Wexler dropped it vs a high A in round 1.

In the under 1800 section Modesto Isaac of Garden Grove made it 2 1st's in a row & 3 prizes in a row with  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Isaac has been combining work, study, & chess fairly well so far. Tied for 2nd with 4-1 were Tacuma Shareef of Paramount & favorite Mike Quirico of Costa Mesa. Isaac knocked off Shareef in the last round. Quirico drew his 1st 2 games. Additions to the close, but no cigar club at  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  were Charles Grine & John Burton. Better off at 3-2 were under 1650's Richard Mattern of Garden Grove, Bob Barnett of Irvine, & Ken Kudron of Cerritos.

Mark Ramirez dominated the bottom section with 5-0. 2nd with 4-1 (& the rest of the prizemoney) were Renae Robles & Alfred Bisarra. Ramirez beat Robles. Bisarra lost to Ty Peyton who finished with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  by losing to Ramirez in the last round. Also making the mistake of blowing it in the money round for a final  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  was Jeff Hipolito, who died vs Robles.

Ed Labate directed the 100 plus player (Open 3 senior M, 9 M, 9 X, Candidates 14 X, 27 A, Intermediate 25? B-forgot to mark down that one-, novice 7 C, 13 D, 3 E, 4 unrated) event. With only 300 points per section, there were no big upsets (an advantage for the player in general since he is assured of a decent opponent), but the players found other ways to keep the scene lively, such as claim touch move while both sides were in severe time trouble (no witness means no touch). One player, who had lost on time, came up to the TD a bit later & demanded a reversal on the grounds his opponent's scoresheet had been altered after the flag fell. This proved to be true, done by someone whose handwriting resembled the appellant rather than the time claimer. Labate let the time claim stand. (According to gossip, this wasn't the 1st try at sabotage of his opponent's scoresheet, so keep an eye on yours until all claims are final.)

2. DOUG ROOT	2490	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	\$325	4. KEVIN BURNETT	2368	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
17. ADAM LIEF	2152	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	325	12. ROLAND HARPER	2203	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
1. MICHAEL BROOKS	2497	3-1	50	15. BILL STEWART	2172	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
3. CYRUS LAKDAWALA	2418	3-1	50	CANDIDATES			
19. ANTONIO BALAYAN	2141	3-1	125	7. CLAY BRADLEY	2043	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	\$300

20. RICK RISON	1937	4-1	\$91.66	6. MICHAEL MILLS	1746	3-2	
21. TIM MURPHY	1932	4-1	91.66	7. VICTOR RODRIGUEZ	1737	3-2	
26. MICHAEL JONES	1892	4-1	91.66	15. RICHARD MATTEZZ	1635	3-2	\$16.66
38. CLAYTON WRIGLEY	2080	3½-1½		16. BOB BARNETT	1632	3-2	16.66
6. NEIL BERSHAD	2047	3½-1½		17. KEN KUDRON	1610	3-2	16.66
13. A. BARDIZBANIAN	1999	3½-1½					
28. CHARLES KINZIE	1848	3½-1½		3. MARK RAMIREZ	1446	5-0	100
33. HARRY WEXLER	1833	3½-1½		6. RENAE ROBLES	1429	4-1	25
3. ROGER POEHLMANN	2074	3-2		9. ALFRED BISARRA	1356	4-1	25
5. RICHARD OBERLIN	2049	3-2		2. TY PEYTON	1474	3½-1½	
14. CHRIS MCKAY	1983	3-2		12. JEFF HIPOLITO	1291	3½-1½	
23. JOHN McCUMISKEY	1912	3-2		1. DAN LEWIS	1493	3-2	
31. JIM HESTER	1844	3-2		4. WAYNE BEARD	1438	3-2	
37. BILL VAN LEAR	2038	3-2		7. ELIZABETH FREDENBURCH	1393	3-2	
INTERMEDIATE				11. ARSHITZ ZARRABI	1338	3-2	
4. MODESTO ISAAC	1751	4½-1½	200	17. MIKE BALIN	1220	3-2	
1. MIKE QUIRICO	1778	4-1	75	18. WILLIAM SMITHERS	1209	3-2	
3. TACUMA SHAREEF	1756	4-1	75	24. MARK WILLIAMS	UR	3-2	
2. CHARLES GRINE	1764	3½-1½		25. CARL CRESPO	UR	3-2	
9. JOHN A. BURTON	1731	3½-1½					

#### SANTA MONICA BAY RATING, Aug-Oct

Youngster Jeff Heriot scored his 1st overall 1st with 6-1, allowing 2 draws, one to a B & one to favorite Ben Nethercot who tied for 2nd at 5½-1½ with Robert Hollomon & Robert Greene. Greene was the only one with a loss, to Heriot. He was also the one with most right to complain (if not to be listened to) about tough pairings, having faced the top 3 ratings & 5 in the top 10. Nethercot drew with Greene also. The other draws were handed out one to a player. Some of those coming back for 2nds were disappointed.

Dr. Joe Wagner was top A with 5-2. A last round upset of TD Gordon Brooks made up for being upset by a C. At 4-3, Floyd Sanger, John A & John M Burton, & Henry Poltorak shared the B money. It was mostly a matter of doing what the ratings said. John M scored the only upset of the 4 (320 of an X). Samuel Holbrook also beat the fish & lost to the sharks to get 3½-3½ & top C. Not so D Jim Willingham who scored 3 300 plus upsets (The biggest, 366, was just exceeded by another D's 382, but Zarrabi couldn't manage another in the last 2 rounds.) which caused him to never face an opponent within 300. His 3-4 was top D. 3-4 also won top unrated for ? (Nobody seemed to know his 1st name) Lynn, whose 1st rating will be about 1800.

51 players (1 M, 9 X, 7 A, 16 B, 7 C, 7 D, & 4 unrated) took part. Average rating of the top 10 was 2127. Santa Monica Bay CC meets Mondays (tournament) & Fridays (casual) at the Santa Monica Senior Citizens Center, 1450 Ocean Ave (at Broadway), Santa Monica.

8. JEFF HERIOT	2066	6-1	\$100	9. ROBERT SALE	2022	4-3	
1. BEN NETHERCOT	2308	5½-1½	33.33	11. SIDNEY WEINBAUM	1964	4-3	
6. ROBERT HOLLOMON	2099	5½-1½	33.33	12. GORDON BROOKS	1913	4-3	
7. ROBERT GREENE	2091	5½-1½	33.33	14. RICK JONES	1850	4-3	
3. SID RUBIN	2185	5-2		18. FLOYD SANGER	1775	4-3	\$10.50
10. ED BAYER	2007	5-2		19. JOHN A BURTON	1731	4-3	10.50
17. JOE WAGNER	1801	5-2	36	24. JOHN M BURTON	1687	4-3	10.50
4. ART SPILLER	2177	4½-2½		30. HENRY POLTORAK	1644	4-3	10.50
5. EION FAELTEN	2124	4½-2½		32. SAMUEL HOLBROOK	1558	3½-3½	20
13. K. M. COLBY	1889	4½-2½		40. JIM WILLINGHAM	1340	3-4	15
				47. ?? LYNN	UR	3-4	15

CCA INTERNATIONAL

Perry Youngworth was the top Southland representative at this Eastern event & tied for 6th with 7-4. That was the highest score of any player without an IM or GM title. (Youngworth ought to get around to earning his IM title someday, but opportunities are few, or expensive if try going to Europe for them.)

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE BOTVINNIK, Aug-Sep

Favorite Matthew Beelby & Clay Wrigley tied for 1st at 4-1. Beelby got 1-1 for 2 missed games. Wrigley lost to an A in round 1. Dana Fredenburgh was the hard luck story, losing to Beelby in the last round.

Nick Banko won the lower section with  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing in the last round when that was all he needed for 1st, with Dan Lewis who tied for 2nd at 4-1 with John Hathaway. Hathaway ended up with 2nd place while Lewis was best under 1600. Hathaway lost to a C in round 1, but knocked off the favorite in the final. (Maybe he learned in the meantime.) Elizabeth Fredenburgh was top D with 2-3, with perhaps a little luck that the D who scored a 457 upset in round 1 had to withdraw before round 2.

Ed Labate directed the 44 player (Open 2 M, 5 X, 7 A, 1 B, reserve 14 B, 4 C, 3 D, & 8 unrated) event. Average rating of the top 10 was 2050. LCC has weekly events on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

1. MATTHEW BEELBY	2344	4-1	\$50	18. JOHN HATHAWAY	UR	4-1	\$25
3. CLAY WRIGLEY	2101	4-1	50	10. SHOW KITZGAMI	1600	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
4. DANA FREDENBURGH	2086	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$		23. KENNETH KUDRON	1610	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
7. CHRIS MCKAY	1983	3-2		2. JOHN SIMMONS	1765	3-2	
CANDIDATES				24. BARRY BOESSELL	1464	3-2	
6. NICK BANKO	1679	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	50	25. JIM THOMASON	1777	3-2	
12. DAN LEWIS	1493	4-1	35	26. ELIZABETH FREDENBURGH	1393	2-3	20

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE POST SUMMER, Jul-Aug

Favorite Matthew Beelby won with  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing the only other M, Paul Koplpy, (There were also 7 X, 6 A, & 1 B in the section.) who finished tied for 2nd at 4-1 with X Clay Bradley. Bradley lost to Beelby in round 1, while Koplpy was being nicked by an A.

In the lower section of 6 B, 4 C, 4 D, 3 E & 6 unrated, the lowest ranked B had the best result. Show Kitagami was  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$  despite drawing with a D. The rest of the money went to Dan Lewis & Elizabeth Fredenburgh at  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Fredenburgh lost to Kitagami. Lewis was charitable to lower rated players, drawing with those he faced. The big upset was 338 by D Fred Mastin who had the toughest schedule in the section, 5 of the top 6, with Kitagami in the last round. (Mastin had a performance rating over 100 higher than Fredenburgh, but no money. Despite this obvious, & routine, injustice, attempts to award prizes by rating performance are rare. A performance rating is only as accurate as the ratings used to calculate it, which are frequently in error. More important, we TD's are not going to go to the extra work calculating performance ratings-at a late hour with everybody crowding around demanding to know who gets the cash- merely because it is, on average, fairer unless the players insist on it, which they don't, possibly figuring the chance of being stiffed by tough pairings is no greater than being stiffed by a TD who can't calculate 1 & 1, much less a performance rating.)

Average rating of the top 10 was 2112. Latae's Chess Centre holds weekly rating events on Tuesdays & Thursdays at LCC, 3024 Ball Rd, Anaheim.

1. MATTHEW BEELBY	2314	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	\$150	6. DAN LEWIS	1493	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	\$27.50
2. PAUL KOPLOY	2256	4-1	50	10. ELIZABETH FREDENBURGH	1393	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	27.50
7. CLAY BRADLEY	2043	4-1	50	2. JOHN DENTON	1687	3-2	
4. LOREN MEIERDING	2092	3-2		7. PHILLIP BANGS	1485	3-2	
CANDIDATES				11. FRED MASTIN	1373	3-2	
5. SHOW KITAGAMI	1600	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$		13. SCOTT GERRY	1188	3-2	
				23. NICHOLAS BANKO	1689	3-2	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OPEN, Sep 1-3

It was Kamran Shirazi, the Shah of the Swiss, all the way with 6-0, taking revenge on 2 of the players who gave him a bad time at the US Championship. 2nd with 5-1 was newcomer Marlo Micayabas of the Phillipines. Micayabas drew with an X & IM Jack Peters in the last round. His big victory was over Vince McCambridge of La Habra, a lucky win in that his car broke down on the way & he arrived about a minute after his flag fell. McCambridge generously (if, in hindsight, unwisely) let him play anyway. IM Micayabas was 82 Asian Junior Champ.

Tied for 3rd at  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  were GM Larry Christiansen, IM Jack Peters of the Times, David Glikzman, Khosrow Choobak, & Eric Peterson. Shirazi knocked off Christiansen, Peters (earning the brilliancy prize), & Glikzman (in the last round). Peterson bowed to an also ran senior M. Choobak, who played down the entire event, allowed 2 draws.

Heading up the honorable mention list with 4-2 were McCambridge, Matthew Beelby, Jimmy Lakdawala, & James Banks. Banks was top moneyless with a 20 rating gain thanks to draws with Choobak & McCambridge. Not moneyless at 4-2 were Arthur Spiller of Santa Monica Bay CC, Eric Chapa, Peter Walsh of Playa Del Rey, & James Humphrey of San Diego. For the most part they just beat who they were supposed to. Spiller & Walsh upset lower M's on their way to X money.

The section featured the story of the weekend. One player (rightly) felt he didn't know enough about the Sicilian Dragon he was playing, so off he went to buy a book on the subject. (That makes at least a little more ethical than most others trying for illegal help. Most just read the book, not pay for it.) However, his opponent was ready for that variation & called in the TD. Our larcenous literate retired to a men's room stall, where he was caught with his pants up (& book open). The resulting automatic loss may not have been necessary. He used so much time buying & studying the book, he was in serious time trouble. (I have sometimes speculated a match of open book vs no book would do the chess book industry no good.)

71 players (5 senior M, 18 M, 35 X, 8 A, & 5 B) were in the open section. The average rating of the top 10 was 2448. It was not a great day for upsets, but B Youn Jalali-Yazdi upset 2 X (369 & 345) for a 67 rating gain. However, that was easily outdone by Arthur Greensite's plus 92, including a 273 upset, & by Shirazi's 36 gain (Above 2400 you gain, or lose, only half as much, so a comparable result by an A would have been plus 72.)

In the lower section of 120 (37 A, 34 B, 28 C, 10 D, 1 E, & 10 unrated) players. David Portwood, Frank Burke, & 1st timer Wilfredo Rodriguez of El Savador tied for 1st at  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Portwood & Burke drew with each other. Rodriguez drew with a lower A. Rodriguez says he has an El Savador rating of 1900 (no info on just what that means. His USCF rating from this event is 2219.) Burke (whose been here in L. A. off & on since 48) got top moral honors. Among other points, Burke beat the A who drew Rodriguez (in the last round) & gained 98 RP, over twice what Portwood did. Rodriguez got to contemplate the tourney rule limiting unrateds to only the unrated prizes, which left him considerably poorer than the others at  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . (An arguable rule since A players shouldn't need protection from unrateds. Unrateds of 2000 plus strength are pretty rare. Still, Tijuana has several "unrated" M's & X's & it's not unusual to have one in local events.)

Tied at 5-1 were Tai Que Ma, Auluvance Tillmon, Abayneh Belay, & Harold Deutscher. Burke took Deutscher. Tillmon (who is still Tillman to the USCF despite years of being told the contrary. Apparently, it will be necessary for Tillmon to change his name, unless that would cause the USCF to then correct the error.) lost to another A. Belay suffered a 1st round upset to a low B. Ma was undefeated.

$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  was a fine score for gaining rating points, (plus 29 average) but not so fine for gaining money (plus zero average) if you were an A. Doing so were A's David Hulvey, Joe Iletto, Peter Nagel, Keith McHugh, & Joseph Wagner.

Doing a good bit better with that score were B's Paquito Bajande & Gregory McCarthy of Texas, & newcomer Barry Oviedo. McCarthy had the moral honors as Bajande lost to

the only A he faced. McCarty was  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  vs A's, losing to Deutscher. His rating gain of 130 was tops among established ratings. Oviedo earned a 2007 rating by upsetting an A in the last round. He lost to Deutscher.

The rest of the B money was split at 4-2 between James Sharp, John Lang of Santa Monica Bay CC, Gerald McDonough, & Arde Bedjanian of San Pedro Library CC. Bedjanian was top rating gain, with 90, vs 83 for Sharp, but Sharp had 3 A to his credit vs 1 for Bedjanian.

Also at 4-2 were top C's Quan James & Barney Pell of Hughes CC. James upset 2 A, one in the final, to gain a nice 91. But Pell, who plays a lot of blitz chess, gained 162 due to having only a provisional rating. (2 D scored slightly bigger gains, but their ratings were even more provisional & thus more changeable.) His only score vs an A came at the right time, a draw in the last round. 3rd C was shared at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  by John Anderson, Stephen Boak, Al Fiscaro, Roger Gershfeld, & Jim Willingham. Fiscaro gained 114 by facing opponents averaging 270 above him. Boak would have been a big winner if this had been a 5 round event, having upset an A to lead the C's after 5. But the 6th produced a loss to the same B that had just defeated Fiscaro. (One of the problems of a Swiss is that one extra round would change most of the names on the checks, making the prizes more a lottery than a test of skill. Still, in the longer events one usually finds the same names in contention, say in odd rounds in the lead, in even just behind, all the way thru the event. So the winner usually deserves his money even if there is often another worthy candidate just below him on the wallchart.)

The D money went at  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$  (at least I think it did. Despite directing this event, I never did get the prizelist so the data here may be wrong.) to Wendy Starbuck & William Martin. Starbuck upset a C in the last round. Martin jumped his rating 116 by going  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , but had to miss the last 2 rounds. Both of Martin's wins were almost 500 upsets of B's. 4 other D's were back at 2-4, Kurt Bostan, David Pees, Yvonne Krawiec, & Alex Rapoport. Rapoport pulled the big upset, 687, in round 1. Boston managed a lesser 496 upset in the same round. They gained 170 & 174 RP as a result. (However, both are very provisional ratings so the cheers & jeers have to be held in check in case their ratings are just bookkeeping errors.)

The big dispute of the lower section occurred when one player didn't say "adjust" (at least not loudly enough) when touching a pawn. That turned his easy win into a hard one, but a half hour of screaming the TD was robbing him left him too upset to manage that. But when the draw became hopelessly obvious, another dispute arose, causing our highstrung lad to withdraw. So his opponent (Michael Mills as you might guess) tried to claim a win. However, neither Rykowski nor I were in any mood to let him have a win where proper justice (as opposed to the rules) would have probably been a loss & we adjudicated the game the draw it was. A game with considerably less headache, if about as much worry, was where both players called up to withdraw, a good deal after flag time. (We like to know these things when we make the pairings, not the next day. Usually this would have meant 2 players left idle.)

The 120 players (37 A, 34 B, 28 C, 10 D, 1 E, 10 unrated) were directed by organizer John Rykowski assisted by David Argall. The tournament made a profit of about \$400. (which works out to maybe \$1 an hour for Rykowski. Chess tournaments are not high on the list of ways to get rich.)

4. KAMRAN SHIRAZI	2452	6-0	\$750	11. JIMMY LAKDAWALA	2293	4-2	
5. MARLO MICAYABAS	2428	5-1	500	18. JAMES BANKS	2234	4-2	
1. LARRY CHRISTIANSEN	2611	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	120	30. ARTHUR SPILLER	2159	4-2	\$212.50
3. JOHN PETERS	2541	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	120	32. ERIC CHAPA	2153	4-2	212.50
7. DAVID GLIKSMAN	2386	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	120	36. PETER WALSH	2136	4-2	212.50
8. KHOSROW CHOUBAK	2382	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	120	41. JAMES HUMPHREY	2110	4-2	212.50
13. ERIC PETERSON	2274	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	120	6. JAMES MAKI	2409	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	
2. VINCE McCAMBRIDGE	2542	4-2		15. STEVE RAMOS	2254	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	
9. MATTHEW BEELBY	2360	4-2		16. TIMOTHY PELLANT	2252	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	

17. BEN NETHERCOT	2245	3½-2½		25. JOHN SHAW	1884	4-2	
20. ROBERT CIAFFONE	2206	3½-2½		28. GILBERT MATHIEU	1880	4-2	
21. ANDREW SACKS	2203	3½-2½		45. JAMES SHARP	1754	4-2	\$25
22. CHARLES CRITTENDEN	2200	3½-2½		48. JOHN LANG	1744	4-2	25
23. STEVEN JACOBI	2200	3½-2½		59. GERARD MCDONOUGH	1685	4-2	25
24. RONALD FRASCO	2198	3½-2½		71. ARDE BEDJANIAN	1600	4-2	25
27. JOSE VASCONCELLOS	2188	3½-2½		83. QUAN JAMES	1527	4-2	175
29. HAROLD BOGNER	2165	3½-2½		96. BARNEY PELL	1422	4-2	175
31. PAUL ZEIGLER	2157	3½-2½		13. CHARLES KINZIE	1940	3½-2½	
34. SIDNEY RUBIN	2144	3½-2½		14. WILLIE LEGGETT	1939	3½-2½	
56. ARTHUR GREENSITE	2020	3½-2½		15. BRUCE OWENS	1936	3½-2½	
RESERVE				17. JONATHAN FLAGG	1925	3½-2½	
1. DAVID PORTWOOD	1996	5½-1½	\$375	24. NICHOLAS OLEFER	1889	3½-2½	
5. FRANK BURKE	1965	5½-1½	375	27. MYRON COOK	1881	3½-2½	
111. WILFREDO RODRIGUEZ	New	5½-1½	75	29. ANTONIO LUCERO	1872	3½-2½	
3. TAI QUE MA	1981	5-1	25	30. CHARLES LOCHRIDGE	1857	3½-2½	
9. AULUVANCE TILLMON	1953	5-1	25	32. MARVIN CARROLL	1835	3½-2½	
19. ABAYNEH BELAY	1924	5-1	25	65. PAUL REID	1625	3½-2½	
20. HAROLD DEUTSCHER	1914	5-1	25	67. JOHN PETER	1617	3½-2½	
2. DAVID HULVEY	1986	4½-1½		73. JOHN ANDERSON	1585	3½-2½	20
4. JOSEPH ILETO	1978	4½-1½		82. STEPHEN BOAK	1531	3½-2½	20
10. PETER NAGEL	1953	4½-1½		84. AL FISICARO	1524	3½-2½	20
23. KEITH MCHUGH	1904	4½-1½		88. ROGER GERSHFELD	1516	3½-2½	20
26. JOSEPH WAGNER	1881	4½-1½		91. JIM WILLINGHAM	1498	3½-2½	20
40. PAQUITO BAJANDE	1773	4½-1½	300	103. WENDY STARBUCK	1290	2½-3½	112.50
60. GREGORY MCCARTHY	1684	4½-1½	300	108. WILLIAM MARTIN	1230	2½-3½	112.50
112. BARRY OVIEDO	NEW	4½-1½	50	102. KURT BOSTON	1304	2-4	
16. NILS GENTNER	1927	4-2		104. DAVID PEES	1254	2-4	
18. OSCAR LOPEZ	1925	4-2		106. YVONNE KRAWIEC	1236	2-4	
21. WILLIAM WELLS	1912	4-2		109. ALEX RAPOFORT	1223	2-4	
22. BENJAMIN COOK	1910	4-2					

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE AUTUMN PREMIER, Aug-Sep

Adam Lief & M. Dana Fredenburgh tied for 1st at 4-1. Lief beat Fredenburgh, but allowed 2 draws, to the 2 who finished moneyless 3rd at 3½-1½, Robert Goldberg & Richard Glass. Goldberg lost to Glass who gave up 3 draws, possibly due to having to play 4 of the top 6 ratings.

In the lower section Show Kitagami & Michael White tied at 4-1. Both drew with favorite Frank Pye who tied for 3rd at 3½-1½ with Kent Tucker, who won all his games. (Tucker started play in round 3 & got ½-1½ for the missing ones.) D money went to Elizabeth Fredenburgh at 3-2, well above top C prize Barry Boesell at 2-3.

Ed Labate directed the 44 players (Open 2 M, 10 X, 7 A, 1 B, Candidates 12 B, 4 C, 3 D, 1 E, 4 unrated). Average rating of the top 10 was 2122. The big upset was a 1st round D (453) who promptly withdrew. (Had to switch to night work.) Labate's has weekly events on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

3. ADAM LIEF	2188	4-1	\$50	19. MICHAEL WHITE	1550	4-1	\$42.50
4. M. DANA FREDENBURGH	2086	4-1	50	1. FRANK PYE	1793	3½-1½	12.50
6. ROBERT GOLDBERG	2059	3½-1½		23. KENT TUCKER	1625	3½-1½	12.50
10. RICHARD GLASS	2013	3½-1½		5. JOHN DENTON	1678	3-2	
2. PAUL SHANNON	2213	3-2		7. ERIC GONZLAEZ	1661	3-2	
5. CLAY WRIGLEY	2080	3-2		9. BILL DOOBENEN	1609	3-2	
19. PETER NAGEL	1906	3-2		13. ELIZABETH FREDENBURGH	1393	3-2	20
CANDIDATES				18. RICCO HURLEY	1658	3-2	
10. SHOW KITAGAMI	1600	4-1	42.50	20. BARRY BOESELL	1464	2-3	20

Favorite Larry Christiansen of Players Chess News tied for 1st at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  with Vince McCambridge of La Habra & Kevin Burnett of the Register. Christiansen drew with McCambridge, then quickly crushed his last opponent. (McCambridge was the last game finished as he ground out a win out of a drawn ending.) Burnett drew with Jack Peters of the L. A. Times who joined chess politico Jerry Hanken on the honorable mention roll at 3-1. (They let 3 X nick them for draws.) Also at 3-1 was youngster Adam Lief who got tops under 2250 by upsetting 2 M after losing to Christiansen in round 1.

The big upset was X Fuller bouncing Shirazi (401) in round 1. (Of course, he who lives by the cheapo, dies by it too. Shirazi must rank as the senior M with the most losses to X's.) Fuller then added more proof he could handle senior M's by drawing Peters. That was Saturday. Unfortunately, on Sunday he didn't get any senior M's, just some unimpressed X's who left him with a minus score. (What a difference a day makes.)

In the under 2100 section, Neil Bershad went 4-0, then played (?) a 5 move draw (Both sides have been forfeited on longer games than that) with his only competition for 1st, A Attila Felsen of Oceanside, who tied for 2nd at 4-1 with Clay Bradley of Laguna Niguel. Bradley was upset by an A. Felsen was also nicked by a low A.

The additions to the "If I hadn't lost, I woulda won" club at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  were Bobby Avila, Edward Bayer of Simi Valley, Yakov Arshansky, & David Portwood. Bayer & Arshansky were upset by A's right away. Avila suffered at the hands of Felsen of Oceanside a little later. Bershad took Portwood, who could claim facing the toughest schedule, #1,2,& 3. That claim might be disputed by Michael Jones of Paramount who was  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  despite facing all X's (He lost to Bradley.) to win best under 1950. The X's suffered a  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$  1st round loss to the A's, but managed to recover to 34-21 by tourney end.

The favorites didn't recover in the under 1800 section. In fact, the under 1650's finished with  $28\frac{1}{2}$ - $20\frac{1}{2}$ . (& the 2 just missing qualifying for the class prize were  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ .) The class prize winners nearly took every dime. Richard Harper of Mendocino won with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  due to a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -point bye. Fellow under 1650's Stephen Booth of Ogilver City & Luis Pizarro of Bell Gardens tied for 2nd at 4-1. Richard Mattern of Garden Grove figured that meant he got the under 1650 prize at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , but found himself sharing 3rd overall with David Yoshinga, John Lang of L. A., Tacuma Shareef of Paramount, & Michael Mills of San Diego.

(When pooling prizes, the larger/est ones are pooled, whether class or open. But 3rd overall & 1st under 1650 were the same here, which left no important reason to pool one or the other. 3rd is the more prestigious prize, but I prefer to pool the class prize since that guarantees the remaining prize won't be won by some very low score while better scores get nothing. TD Ed Labate took my side, but not my reasoning. 5 prizewinners, with 5-small-checks, are more apt to try again next time than 1 winner with 1-big-check.)

Booth lost th Shareef in round 1. Pizarro drew both his last 2 games, his last to Lang, who was also undefeated. Mills beat Yoshinga (round 1) & Shareef, but lost to Harper in the last round. (Thus completing a reversal of form. Since I noted that Mills does horrible in last round moneyless games & reasonable in money games, Mills has: Won a last round honor game & lost this big money game.) Mattern lost to Pizarro.

In the Novice, Richard Henri of Van Nuys, Mike Baun of Anaheim, & newcomer Richard Tse of L. A. tied for 1st at 4-1. Henri & Baun both lost to unrateds. Despite this, the unrateds overall scored only 14-16. Tse lost to Henri in the last round. Tse is a former player of Chinese chess, but can't find opponents.

As an unrated, Tse was only eligible for 1/3 of his prize, with the rest going to Renae Robles of Fontana & Jose Magana at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

117 entered (Open 5 senior M, 11 M, 19 X, Candidates 12 X, 23 A, Intermediate 25 B, 4 C, 1 unrated, Novice 3 C, 6 D, 1 E, 7 unrated). Average rating of the top 10 was 2433 (2062 in the candidates). While organizer Labate was reasonably satisfied



with that number, he would have preferred they had entered in more traditional manner. When 93 entered in advance, he applied the traditional rule of thumb that said another 50% would show at the door & cheerfully went out to rent more tables. Unfortunately, few players seem to decide at the last minute to enter Labate events (24 instead of the expected 45) & the local table renter ended up with more profit than Labate. Of course, the players who were there don't always add to peace of mind either. One player's flag fell "when I still had 45 seconds left." So he tried to adjust the clock back to that point. His opponent objected, & after the yelling & screaming, was awarded the game on time. (The clock-adjuster may have ruined his own case. Had he stopped the clock & summoned the TD, who then could have witnessed if the flag had fallen because "I hit it hard," with white still showing. However, in that case, the opponent would be sure to claim if the TD said the clock was right.)

1. LARRY CHRISTIANSEN	2607	3½-1½	\$250	27. EDWARD GUNDERSON	1866	3-2	
4. VINCE McCAMBRIDGE	2521	3½-1½	250	32. JOHN PURINTON	1853	3-2	
5. KEVIN BURNETT	2422	3½-1½	250	INTERMEDIATES			
2. JACK PETERS	2585	3-1		21. RICHARD HARPER	1630	4½-1½	\$200
8. JEROME HANKEN	2290	3-1		19. STEPHEN BOOTH	1635	4-1	75
17. ADAM LIEF	2188	3-1	125	24. LUIS PIZARRO	1602	4-1	75
6. KHOSROW CHOUBAK	2382	2½-1½		4. DAVID YOSHINGA	1796	3½-1½	10
9. JOHN PATTY	2280	2½-1½		5. JOHN LANG	1767	3½-1½	10
10. JOHN HILLERY	2267	2½-1½		6. TACUMA SHAREEF	1767	3½-1½	10
30. EUGENE VENABLE	2106	2½-1½		18. MICHAEL MILLS	1678	3½-1½	10
33. PAUL LANE	2094	2½-1½		20. RICHARD MATTERN	1635	3½-1½	10
34. BARRY MANTHE	2180	2½-1½		17. MARCOS LOZA	1689	3-2	
CANDIDATES				22. KENT TUCKER	1616	3-2	
2. NEIL BERSHAD	2094	4½-1½	300	25. DALE OHASHI	1585	3-2	
3. CLAY BRADLEY	2081	4-1	100	NOVICE			
17. ATTILA FELSEN	1979	4-1	100	3. RICHARD HENRI	1374	4-1	50
4. BOBBY AVILA	2069	3½-1½		7. MIKE BAUN	1220	4-1	50
7. YAKOV ARSHANSKY	2044	3½-1½		16. RICHARD TSE	NEW	4-1	16.66
10. EDWARD BAYER	2036	3½-1½		1. RENAE ROBLES	1465	3½-1½	16.66
18. DAVID PORTWOOD	1957	3½-1½		13. JOSE MAGANA	1233	3½-1½	16.66
29. MICHAEL JONES	1854	3½-1½	75	4. ARSHITZ ZARRBI	1318	3-2	
6. ROBERT PRESCOTT	2056	3-2		11. J. GUMMINS	UR	3-2	
				12. MORGAN EDWARDS	NEW	3-2	

#### U.S. OLYMPIAD TEAMS

The Southland is fairly well represented on the Olympiad teams playing this Fall. Larry Christiansen will be 3rd board on the men's team. Diane Savereide of Santa Monica, Ivona Jezierska of Venice, & Rachel Crotto of Venice are 3/4 of the women's team, making it almost a Southern California instead of US team.

It would have been even more so if the girls had had their way. Each of the 4 team members made Vince McCambridge her 1st or 2nd choice for captain/analyst. But this was the year the American Chess Foundation (which puts up much of the dough to send the teams to the Olympiads) reminded the USCF of the old saying, "He who pays the piper calls the tune." The USCF started dancing to the new tune as quickly as could be done while denying it was doing anything of the sort. So while McCambridge had an in with the ladies, Zaltsman had the in with ACF & McCambridge spends the Autumn around here.

#### NORTH COUNTY OPEN 17, Aug-Sep

X Rudolf Katzl won with 5-0, ahead of favorite Michael Nagaran of Rancho Bernardo who was upset by Katzl. The winners of the reserve prize were 2 newcomers to the club, B Reginald Scrimshaw of Elsinore & C Earl Brokaw of Wildomar.

Alina Markowski directed the 20 player event. North County meets Fridays at Glendale Federal Community Room, 1505 E. Valley Parkway, Escondido.

ALONDRA PARK AUGUST, Aug-Sep

Favorite Burt Izumikawa & Ishmael Carreon tied for 1st at 5-1. Both lost to opponents the other then beat. Carreon lost to Robert Harshbarger, Izumikawa to Chappa. Tiebreaks gave the title to Carreon.

Tied for 3rd at  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  were Harshbarber, Chappa, & Nicholas Stillwell. When the tiebreaking was finished, Chappa was 3rd, Harshbarger top X, & Stillwell best A. With 3 X & 1 M among his opponents, Chappa faced the toughest opposition in the field, but it was his last round loss to Carreon that did him in. Stillwell was  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  vs the 2 X he took on.

At 4-2 Adam Howard outtiebroke Alexandro Vidal for top B, S. A. Boak was best C, & Abraham Anderson led the D's. Howard was 2-1 vs A's. Boak upset 3 B. Anderson started out upsetting a B (488), the largest upset of the event. Needless to say, he didn't maintain that standard, but his days as a D seem numbered. Matthew Melley rounded out the prizelist with best unrated at 3-3. (About a 1740 performance)

Hank Shipin directed the 39 player (1 M, 6 X, 6 A, 13 B, 6 C, 4 D, & 3 unrated) event. Average rating of the top 10 was 2071. Alondra Park meets Tuesdays at Alondra Park, 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Lawndale, where they have book prizes.

5. ISHMAEL CARREON	2079	5-1	BB	33. ABRAHAM ANDERSON	1248	4-2	BBB
1. BURT IZUMIKAWA	2213	5-1	BB	26. ALEXANDRO VIDAL	1608	4-2	
3. ERIC CHAPPA	2169	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	B	2. IRWIN LYON	2180	4-2	
7. ROBERT HARSHBARGER	2028	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	B	4. KEN ANDERSON	2155	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	
11. NICHOLAS STILLWELL	1930	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	B	9. RUSSELL KOUTZ	1953	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	
6. TED ROTH	2029	4-2		22. DAVID GOLFOND	1714	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	
25. ADAM HOWARD	1636	4-2	B	28. ALAN KENDALL	1554	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	
27. S. A. BOAK	1561	4-2	BB	37. MATTHEW MELLEY	UR	3-3	B

PLAYERS OCTOBER SCHOLASTIC, Oct 6-7

Favorite Daniel Krawiec of Hacienda Heights won with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing with sister Yvonne. (Daniel loses the arguement either way. If he says he threw the game, he is lying to cover up fishing vs an easy opponent. If he says it was a legitimate draw, he is trying to cover up giving Sis a free half point.) Tied for 2nd with 4-1 were 2 of his victims, Mike Broady & G. Alvarez. Yvonne was next with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  after losing to Broady in the last round.

17 (1 C, 2 D, 1 E, & 13 unrated) entered. Rainer Rickford directed.

1. DANIEL KRAWIEC	1542	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$		3. RUSS GLIOTTONE	1284	3-2	
2. MIKE BROADY	1216	4-1		14. SHANE WHITE	UR	3-2	
13. G. ALVAREZ	UR	4-1		17. AARON SELTZER	UR	3-2	
4. YVONNE KRAWIEC	1139	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$					

RIVERSIDE SWISS, Jul-Aug

Favorite John Patty won with  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing with an alsoran X. Tied for 2nd with 4-1 were X James Williamson & A Daryl Pegran. Both lost to Patty. Jack Lambert & Frank Quattlander split the under 1600 money with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ . Both upset the same hapless A (a 417 upset for Lambert). Then Quattlander took Lambert in the last round.

15 players (1 M, 5 X, 4 A, 2 B, 3 C) took part. Average rating of the top 10 was 2004. Riverside meets Fridays at Rm 1117, Watkins Hall, University of Cal, Riverside.

1. JOHN PATTY	2284	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	\$35	4. DAVE BENES	2050	3-2	
5. JAMES WILLIAMSON	2043	4-1	10	13. DANE HINRICHSEN	2028	3-2	
6. DARYL PEGRAM	1866	4-1	10	15. FRANK QUATTLANDER	1586	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	\$7.50
				12. JACK LAMBERT	1447	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$	7.50

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE 30, Oct 6-7

5 time American Open winner David Strauss & Asian junior champ Krishan Jhunjhuwala of Hong Kong tied for 1st at  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Both got nicked for draws by X's (Jhunjhuwala in round 1), but managed to upset senior M's in the last round.

Tied for 3rd with 3-1 were favorite Vince McCambridge of La Habra & Michael Walder of Lawndale. McCambridge lost to Strauss in the last round. Walder allowed 2 lower rateds to draw. Walder was the top X at Memorial Day. Sharing the class prize with  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  were Andrew Sacks of Victorville, Doug Dekker of Pasadena, & Clay Wrigley of Pasadena. Dekker bowed to a senior M in round 1. Jhunjhuwala took both Sacks & Wrigley, who suffered the disadvantage of having to play up every round. 24 players (3 senior M, 8 M, & 13 X) were in the open section. The average rating of the top 10 was 2342.

Wes White of Alondra Park CC had a friend who wanted to play in this event, so White decided to play too. The friend went 0-5. White went 5-0 for clear 1st in the Candidates section. White has been playing for 13 years with his top previous win the A money at the 81 Jay Chemical.

Tied for 2nd place at 4-1 were favorite Clay Bradley of Capistrano Beach & Bill Van Lear of La Palma CC. Bradley beat Van Lear, but lost to White in the last round. Sharing the under 1950 prize with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  were David Hulvey of Anaheim & Timothy Kasper of Santa Barbara. Hulvey upset 1 X, but lost to Bradley. Kasper lost to White. 31 (8 X, 21 A, 1 B, & 1 unrated) played in this section. Average rating of the top 10 was 2042.

The 19 B, 6 C, & 1 unrated in the Intermediate section saw Luis Pizarro of Bell Gardens win with 5-0. Pizarro, who hails from Peru, was the 83 American Open C champ. Tied for 2nd with 4-1 were Aconsa Acuna of Mexico City & Martin Whalley (whose game was the last to finish as he ignored everybody's opinion the game was a draw.) Both Acuna & Whalley lost to the same B, who finished well back. Acuna, who was here on a visit, has a Mexican rating of 1780, but no USCF rating, which brought Labate's reduced prizes for unrateds in lower sections rule into effect. However, that rule isn't easily understood & Labate had his evening's fun working one potential prize-winner into a fit by insisting he was going to use the more dubious interpretation (which would have meant less money for that player). He admitted he was going to use the more sensible way before any blood flowed. Art Chaires of Anaheim got some of the leftover cash at  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  to ease the pain of losing to Pizarro in the last round. It is not known if anything eased the pain of one player whose opponent called \*flag.\* Some minutes of post game analysis later, it dawned on him they had passed time control a few moves earlier. Alas, his actions were deemed equivalent to resigning.

Albert Bob of Alondra Park CC dominated the Novice with 5-0. Among his victims were Jose Magna of LCC & Dennis Fees of Huntington Beach who tied for 2nd at 4-1. Magna had one of the top upsets (242, just below William Smithers' 244). Fees got his 4 points vs 3 opponents. One opponent didn't object to getting a 2nd shot at Fees. (He had white both times, & lost both times.) 25 (8 C, 8 D, 1 E, & 8 unrated) entered the Novice.

Ed Labate directed the 106 player event & got further proof that no matter how the td makes the pairings, he's wrong. He could take some comfort from hoping his remodeling will produce more customers since they now have more shelves to look at.

2. DAVID STRAUSS	2435	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	\$325	CANDIDATES			
5. KRISHAN JHUNJHUWALA	2352	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	325	5. WES WHITE	2054	5-0	\$300
1. VINCE McCAMBRIDGE	2521	3-1	50	1. CLAY BRADLEY	2081	4-1	100
6. MICHAEL WALDER	2310	3-1	50	6. BILL VAN LEAR	2043	4-1	100
10. ANDREW SACKS	2200	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	41.66	11. ATTILLA FELSEN	1979	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
13. DOUG DEKKER	2162	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	41.66	14. DAVID HULVEY	1945	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	37.50
19. CLAY WRIGLEY	2102	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	41.66	16. TIMOTHY KASPER	1905	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	37.50

3. LARRY SNYDER	2067	3-2		15. BARRON WEGMAN	1620	3-2	
7. JOHN POSTMA	2032	3-2		4. CHARLES GRINE	1752	3-2	
8. JASON ALLIS	2012	3-2		NOVICE			
18. MYRON COOK	1854	3-2		11. ALBERT BOB	1353	5-0	\$100
INTERMEDIATES				2. DENNIS FEES	1456	4-1	25
16. LUIS PIZARRO	1602	5-0	\$200	15. JOSE MAGNA	1223	4-1	25
23. ACONSA ACUNA	UR	4-1	37.50	7. ARSHIZ ZARRABI	1434	3½-1½	
1. MARTIN WHALLEY	1798	4-1	75	16. WILLIAM SMITHERS	1209	3½-1½	
9. ART CHAIRES	1709	3½-1½	37.50	1. MIKE HEBERT	1475	3-2	
2. GREGG TEEHAN	1774	3-2		5. JOEL OVERHOLZER	1443	3-2	
3. TACUMA SHAREEF	1767	3-2		8. SETH DEWEES	1404	3-2	
5. ROBERT OESTERLEIN	1751	3-2		20. MORGAN EDWARDS	UR	3-2	

#### COLLE'S CHESS MASTERPIECES, by Reinfeld

One of the minor benefits of editing a chess magazine is getting free review copies of some chess books. (Minor benefit because I, & most every other reviewer, have yet to see a book this way that I would have paid the cover price for.) The latest bribe is Dover's reprint of Colle's Chess Masterpieces, by Fred Feinfeld.

Dover is the publisher for when you gotta buy a chess book, but cost is more important than quality. A list of 25 Dover chess books sells retail for \$103.60. For that you can't get the full Encyclopedia even wholesale. For those books purchased, glanced at, & consigned to dust-collecting thereafter (a clear majority. Most of us have much more impressive libraries than ratings.) Dover is a great way to save money.

Still, "you get what you pay for." Of those 25 books, only 2 (Nottingham-Alekhine & Zurich-Bronstein) strike me as prime buys. (Of course I've never seen several of them, but since Dover considers anything under 20 years old brand new, the very lack of rep makes it a safe bet you are missing nothing you will bitterly regret.)

Colle's is a typical Dover reprint, an early effort of an author now dead 20 years. (In Reinfeld's case, early effort may be a recommendation. Later, he came to the sensible conclusion that 2 bad books sold paid the author better than 1 good book.) In the 20's, Colle was Belgium's greatest player (a point Koltanowski might dispute) with a lot of brilliant victories to his credit, but he was still only of the 2nd rank, about 200 below the World Champ, perhaps mostly due to bad health, which killed him at 35. (Despite having perhaps the worst health of any chess player, he may be the only one who never blamed a loss as due to illness.) For \$3.50 for 51 games, containing a high number of gems, you can't go very wrong. But neither can you go very right.

#### LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE SCHOLASTIC 5, Sep 22-23

Favorite Jimmy Quon was the easy winner with 4½-½, drawing only in the last round with Daniel Krawiec when that assured him of clear 1st. (Given the 412 rating difference, that looks like excessive charity on Quon's part, but Krawiec had just got thru with a 355 upset of Quon's chief competition, Jonas Kulikauskas.) Bobby Shulty was 2nd with 4-1, losing to Quon. Kulikauskas & Krawiec scored 3½-1½. (Besides scoring the big upset, Krawiec suffered a 230 one in round 1.) Kulikauskas was 3rd high school. Krawiec was top elementary.

Sharing the junior high awards at 3-2 were Harry Wang, Douglas Enright, Jeff Hipolito, & Gregg Shinedling. The other elementary prizes were split at 2-3 between Yvonne Krawiec & Sameer Bhushan.

Dewain Barber directed the 2 A, 3 C, 4 D, 6 E, & 5 unrated event.

1. JIMMY QUON	1954	4½-½	\$25	5. HARRY WANG	1473	3-2	\$10
4. ROBBY SHULTY	1518	4-1	15	6. ROBERT SCARBOROUGH	1316	3-2	
2. JONAS KULIKAUSKAS	1897	3½-1½	10	7. DOUGLAS ENRIGHT	1312	3-2	10
3. DANIEL KRAWIEC	1542	3½-1½	15	8. JEFF HIPOLITO	1291	3-2	10
				9. GREGG SHINEDLING	1281	3-2	10

SANTA MONICA BAY QUADS, Jul

28 players were in 7 quads. In the top one of 3 X & 1 A, Ron Frasco took favorite Art Spiller in the last round for 3-0. Favorite Robert Sale went 3-0 in the 2nd section of 1 X & 3 A for a gain of 40 rating points. (Even with the same score, the rating change can differ noticeably. Frasco only gained 28, presumably because he had an opponent 200 below him while Sale's were all within 103.) The 3rd section saw Joseph Wagner star with 3-0 in a field of 3 A & 1 B for a gain of 31. (The theory that ratings are calculated by an uneducated idiot with a weakness for adding in random numbers has yet to be completely disproved however. Wagner's performance looks better than Sale's.) Bottom man of 1 A & 3 B, Sam Glassberg won his quad with 2½-½, drawing the A in the last round when that gave him clear 1st, & a rating gain of 60, tops of the established ratings. Favorite Bruce Collins had the same 2½-½ to win his quad of 3 B & 1 C. In a section of 1 C, 2 D, & 1 N, D Charles Lydy won 3-0, a win of 48 RP. E Michael Nagel had the big rating gain (137) with 3-0 in his section of 2 C, 1 E, & 1 N. (The gain was aided by his having only a provisional rating, but it would have been the biggest gain even calculated by the less volatile method used for more established players.)

Santa Monica Bay meets Mondays & Fridays at the Senior Citizens Center, 1450 Ocean, Santa Monica.

2. RON FRASCO	2170	3-0	4. SAMUEL GLASSBERG	1659	2½-½
1. ART SPILLER	2175	2-1	1. BRUCE COLLINS	1742	2½-½
1. ROBERT SALE	2046	300	3. CHARLES LYDY	1367	3-0
4. LUIS VILLA	1943	2-1	2. ROBERT ROCHLEN	1388	2-1
3. JOSEPH WAGNER	1850	3-0	3. MICHAEL NAGEL	1188	3-0
4. RICK JONES	1786	2-1			

U.S. MASTERS OPEN, Oct

GM Larry Christiansen did a bit of travelling to Colorado to win this event with 7½-1½, going undefeated. Christiansen's biggest win was vs GM Walter Browne who was tied for 2nd at 7-2.

2 other "locals" took money at 6-3. Kamran Shirazi of Iran was tied for 6th in the field of 61. Marlo Micayabas of the Philippines tied for best under 2450. (Now that is a class class prize.) Micayabas lost to Christiansen in the last round.

PLAYERS CHESS NEWS OCTOBER OPEN, Oct 20-21

Favorite Jack Peters was the easy winner with 4-0, a win made easier when chief rival Kamran Shirazi showed up for his 10 am game at 11:30. His claim that he had arranged to be late with TD Rainer Rickford met little sympathy (somewhat surprisingly since allowing him even a half hour would have allowed him to play, tho with an hour on the clock. However, there are few justifiable reasons to be late for the 1st game of the day.) & several suggestions Shirazi expects more than due respect for his rating.

Tied for 2nd with 3-1 were Mike Walder, Jeff Stone, & Fred Brock. Stone lost to Shirazi who forfeited to Walder, thus feeding him to Peters in the last round. Brock lost to Walder in round 1, but then upset 2 higher X's.

17 (3 senior M, 3 M, 6 X, 3 A, 1 C, 1 unrated) played. Average rating of the top 10 was 2284.

1. JACK PETERS	2585	4-0	\$250	11. FRED BROCK	2014	3-1	\$83.33
4. MIKE WALDER	2310	3-1	83.33	7. ART SPILLER	2159	2½-1½	
6. JEFF STONE	2228	3-1	83.33				

Marlo Micayabas of Lakewood won with  $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing with David Strauss who tied for 2nd at 3-1 with Kamran Shirazi, Michael Walder, & Andrei Hancu of San Diego. Favorite Shirazi couldn't down 2 averaging 2200. Strauss also let a M nick him, but got Hancu. Micayabas took Walder.

At  $2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$  were moneyless M's James Maki of San Diego, Khosrow Choobak, & Jimmy Lakdawala of San Diego, as well as moneyed X's Jeff Stone, Hal Bogner, & Doug Dekker. Choobak beat Stone & Bogner, but lost to Shirazi in the last round. Dekker bowed to Lakdawala who had the worst of it vs Micayabas. Maki didn't have much fun vs Hancu.

In the under 2100 section, youngster Roger Poehlmann took time off from winning scholastics to tie for 1st with Robin Taylor at  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . They drew with each other. Thomas Kellogg lost to the favorite in round one, but did a bit better thereafter for 3rd with 4-1. Robert Goldberg saved, unwisely, his loss for the last round vs Poehlmann & finished top honorable mention with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . David Hulvey & Robert Schrader split the under 1950 prize with 3-2. Schrader gets the moral edge for upsetting the # 2 ranking (366).

Fred Parks & John Lang led the under 1800 with  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . A draw with each other allowed Parks to equal Lang's score, if hardly his performance as Lang did a number on most of the high scores. Stuart Balfour & Kirby Burgess scored 4-1 for the rest of the money. Burgess lost to Lang. Balfour dropped it in the 1st round vs Richard Lopez who joined James Lus & Phillip Pratt at moneyless  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Lopez was knocked out of the money by Lus who suffered the same fate in the last round from Lang, who had already done in Pratt.

Jose Magna was 4-1 last time in the bottom section & corrected that to 5-0 this time. 2nd was favorite Peter Toth who lost to Magna for 4-1. Daniel Oakes & Scott Baldwin got the last of the money with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . Baldwin took Oakes, but not Magna.

Ed Labate directed the 107 player (Open 4 senior M, 8 M, 15 X, Under 2100 9 X, 16 A, & 1 B, Under 1800 20 B, 10 C, & 1 D, Under 1500 5 C, 11 D, 3 C, & 4 unrated) event. Average rating of the top 10 was 2356, in the 2nd section 2045. A typical LCC event with the addition of a rug on the floor now. (Which can be a help. My favorite pair of shoes are nearly suitable for tap dancing.)

Labate did 'pick' on one player. 1st one opponent showed up a half hour late with the story that the TD had agreed he could (Labate forgot to tell him. Sorry, but the clock still goes back to zero.) Then Labate decided to shuffle the final round boards (not pairings) around, an idea that has several potential minor benefits, but which caused board 6 to be humiliated by having to play on board 11. (His opponent was able to stand the insult since he won the game.) He explained the injustice of all this to Labate in such detail that Labate finally gave him his entry fee back & suggested he not play under such unfair conditions again. This the player didn't approve of either.

3. MARLO MICAYABAS	2428	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	\$400	13. THOMAS KELLOGG	1971	4-1	\$50
1. KAMRAN SHIRAZI	2567	3-1	87.50	7. ROBERT GOLDBERG	2041	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	
2. DAVID STRAUSS	2435	3-1	87.50	1. NEIL BERSHAD	2094	3-2	
6. MICHAEL WALDER	2310	3-1	87.50	9. CHRIS MCKAY	1991	3-2	
8. ANDREI HANCU	2263	3-1	87.50	11. CAPT. FELSEN	1979	3-2	
4. JAMES MAKI	2409	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$		12. DAVID BARAN	1973	3-2	
5. KHOSROW CHOObAK	2382	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$		17. DAVID HULVEY	1945	3-2	37.50
9. JIMMY LAKDAWALA	2256	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$		22. ROBERT SCHRADER	1815	3-2	37.50
10. JEFF STONE	2235	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	41.66	UNDER 1800			
14. HAL BOGNER	2182	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	41.66	3. JOHN LANG	1767	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	150
18. DOUG DEKKER	2162	$2\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	41.66	6. FRED PARKS	1740	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	150
UNDER 2100				10. STUART BALFOUR	1698	4-1	50
3. ROGER POEHLMANN	2076	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	225	19. KIRBY BURGESS	1590	4-1	50
14. ROBIN TAYLOR	1969	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	225	2. JAMES LUS	1770	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	

13. PHILLIP PRATT	1685	3½-1½		5. JOSE MAGNA	1369	5-0	\$125
24. RICHARD LOPEZ	1527	3½-1½		1. PETER TOTH	1486	4-1	75
5. CHARLES GRINE	1752	3-2		9. DANIEL OAKES	1322	3½-1½	25
9. KENNETH KUDRON	1706	3-2		11. SCOTT BALDWIN	1280	3½-1½	25
14. SHOW KITAGAMI	1680	3-2		2. ROBERT BALDWIN	1434	3-2	
16. STEPHEN BOOTH	1635	3-2		10. GARY FISHBECK	1280	3-2	
18. LUIS PIZZARRO	1602	3-2		12. GERALD EMERIC	1276	3-2	

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP, Aug 18-19

A 4 round event can handle 16 players, & can be stretched to maybe 30, but 45 (2 M, 4 X, 10 A, 13 B, 8 C, 1 D, 2 E, & 4 new) is a little much. So X's Bill Ruden & Mike Fitzgerald only tied for 1st with 4-0. Ruden got the tiebreak. (Computing the total wallchart numbers of your opponents is an unusual system, but the more conventional systems would have produced the same result.) With 2 X satisfied(?), Terry Nelson, a last round victim of Fitzgerald, got the X trophy, also on tiebreak, over James David.

Joseph Anderson of San Luis Obispo was top A with 3½-½. Anderson was the odd player at 3-0 & was paired "down" in the final vs a M, who he managed to draw. This also made him County Champ. (Ruden is from Lompoc & Fitzgerald from Stockton.) Wayne Nelson was top B with 3-1 despite his loss to Anderson. He did beat 2 other 1900's. Ingmar Monson was another successful victim of Anderson's, upsetting an A to get 2½-1½ & 1st C.

Eric Cota of Los Osos was top junior with 2-2. Stuart Smith of Pismo Beach was best unrated with the same score, beating 2 B for about a 1760 rating. Jeffrey Wall of San Luis Obispo was best D-E with 1½-2½. The big upsets were in round 1 by Steve Jones (402) & Dale Bowden (387).

Ken Kieselhorst directed & supplied this data, as well as the info that my guess that G.L.A. (awarded to the 0-4's) stood for Good Loser Award was incorrect. (He didn't say what it did however. Goose Lost All? Greatly Likeable Antagonist?)

4. BILL RUDEN	2086	4-0	T	13. GREGORY KLOTZ	1907	2½-1½	
6. MIKE FITZGERALD	2003	4-0	T	15. THOMAS CONROY	1818	2½-1½	
8. JOSEPH ANDERSON	1966	3½-½	T	17. RICHARD GOLDIE	1776	2½-1½	
1. DAVID BLOHM	2326	3-1		18. ROBERT MACNEAL	1764	2½-1½	
3. TERRY NELSON	2096	3-1	T	21. RAY WILSON	1724	2½-1½	
5. JAMES DAVID	2016	3-1		26. RALPH MELENDEZ	1672	2½-1½	
12. JOHN IRWIN	1922	3-1		30. INGMAR MONSON	1577	2½-1½	T
20. WAYNE NELSON	1725	3-1	T	23. ERIC COTA	1718	2-2	T
2. STEVEN JACOBI	2222	2½-1½		43. STUART SMITH	NEW	2-2	T
7. JAMES DONAHUE	1967	2½-1½		40. JEFFREY WALL	1084	1½-2½	T
11. MICHAEL PERRY	1923	2½-1½		Average of the top 10			2059

LONDON

David Strauss & Diane Savereide were among the several Americans in England for the Lloyds Bank Masters. Strauss' 6-3 was reasonable, only a point from tying for 1st with GM's. Savereide had one of her best results ever. With 2 rounds to go, she needed only a draw to become the 1st woman from the Western Hemisphere to earn a WGM score. (The USCF news release didn't mention what that score was, nor Savereide's final score) Alas, she lost both. (This isn't the 1st time Savereide has done far better than anyone has a right to expect, but still just short of much greater achievements. She just missed the challenger's round a few years back.) Savereide scored 3-1 in her 1st 4 games, losing to one of the eventual winners.

SANTA BARBARA GRAND PRIX, Oct 27-28

Favorite Dan Durham tied for 1st at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  with chief rival Rajan Ayyar of Lompoc. Since Durham was defending champ, a tiebreak was made which allowed Durham to retain his title. (That tiebreak took no account of the actual game between Durham & Ayyar, in which Ayyar was pushing for the win all the way. Fortunately for Durham, there is a major gap between knowing you have a win & actually winning.)

At 3-1 were Jeffrey Birkel of West Covina CC & Timothy Kasper, who played up all 4 rounds to win the under 2100 prize. Birkel was 3rd overall. Birkel lost to Durham. Kasper allowed 2 draws. The rest of the money was split at  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  between Steve Stubenrauch of Oregon, Grant McMurrin, Richard Harper of Mendocino, & John Goldner of Santa Barbara. Stubenrauch suffered a 448 upset (at the hands of a player who did little thereafter). Goldner (who says he is doing better due to staying at the board more) got his at the hands of an X. McMurrin & Harper were last round losses to Durham & Ayyar respectively, but could take comfort from earlier big upsets, McMurrin of an M(332) & Harper the biggest of the day (481).

In the under 1900 section, John Irwin of Santa Maria & Anthony Harbone of Carpinteria (For some reason, I tend to call it "carpeteria." Probably comes from listening to the wrong radio commercials.) tied for 1st at  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ , drawing quickly with each other. Such caution could have cost them money, but the other potential  $3\frac{1}{2}$  was upset by James Sharp of Ventura whose 3-1 was good for nothing in prizes. 3-1 was good for top under 1700 for Bernard Novatt of Ventura. Novatt took 3 of the top 10, but not Irwin. Twain Vinecour of Ojai was 2nd under 1700 with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  despite a loss to Harbone.

In the under 1500 section Keith Ratcliff of Lompoc was the only perfect score, which earned him both 1st overall & top C. (It had been announced 1st was going to be added to the class prize with the highest score, a system that ought to be looked into. It gives the high ratings-in this case, C's- assurance they will win something while guaranteeing the top score will get top money.) Jim Stumbo of Ventura was best D with 3-1, losing to prizeless C Bill Matney of Ventura. Michael Baker of Santa Barbara was 1st unrated at 3-1. He & Matney both lost to Bruce Campbell of Santa Barbara, who lost to Ratcliff in the last round & had to settle for 2nd unrated with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

A total of 58 took part (Open 4 M, 8 X, 6 A, 4 B, 1 C, 1 D, Under 1900 4 A, 11 B, 5 C, under 1500 4 C, 3 D, 1 E, & 6 unrated). Average rating of the top 10 was 2167. The turnout was down from last year's 65, presumably due to a conflict with Labate's (Labate's fault, a point that didn't sooth TD Parker Montgomery or assistant Vincent Diglio.) So the event went from a small profit to a small loss. Next year they hope to avoid the conflict, despite expressed fears they may get too many players.

A low board produced a game for the books. A player lost on time on move 41. (Time control was 40/2.) In a drawn position, he looked over at his clock & said "Oh my gosh, I'm down. Checking showed 40 moves had been made, but the TD ruled his statements & other actions were equivalent to resigning. (Resigning is final, even if you were under a mistaken impression at the time. Sorry.)

1. DAN DURHAM	2362	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	\$225	8. JAMES SHARP	1754	3-1	
2. RAJAN AYYAR	2320	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	225	15. BERNARD NOVATT	1601	3-2	\$60
6. JEFFREY BIRKEL	2120	3-1	100	3. NORMAN RICHARDSON	1846	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	
15. TIMOTHY KASPER	1905	3-1	150	4. TERRY NUNEZ	1816	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	
4. STEVE STUBENRAUCH	2232	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	75	5. NICHOLAS OLAH	1790	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	
14. GRANT MCMURRAN	1913	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	75	12. TWAIN VINECOUR	1680	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	40
20. RICHARD HARPER	1681	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	75	UNDER 1500			
21. JOHN GOLDNER	1635	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	75	3. KEITH RATCLIFF	1438	4-0	40
UNDER 1900				2. BILL MATNEY	1456	3-1	
1. JOHN IRWIN	1881	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	75	5. MICHAEL BAKER	UR	3-1	25
6. ANTHONY HARBONE	1788	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	75	13. JIM STUMBO	1210	3-1	25
				9. BRUCE CAMPBELL	UR	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	10



## ARGALLEAN ANALYSIS

One of the favorite government myths is the idea of licensing laws, which are supposed to get you better service by driving the "incompetent" off the market. The basic problem with this is that with less people to serve you, you get less service. (There are a few whose service is worse than useless, but virtually all of these must quickly change professions as their customers don't come back.) You also have a number of lesser problems: Standards are always set too high, removing a number of clearly competent people (which, by no coincidence, raises the income of those remaining), & frequently have little or no connection to actual ability. While making it as hard as possible to enter the profession, once practicing, it is very rare to have a license revoked for incompetence (& not so rare for offending the powers that be). More important for our immediate purposes is the tendency to insist that work well within the abilities of lower grade (& price) workers must be done by highly skilled (& expensive) professionals.

The USCF has been licensing tournament directors for some years now, with the expectable results, a crimp in the supply of TD's. (mostly at the club level where the TD gets the least pay anyway, but faces the unknown, & thus daunting, requirements of the USCF.) The most binding crimp is at the level of National TD, which the USCF requires for any USCF National event (US Championship, US Open, etc) & for which the requirements are very high. So high that the Southland, a major chess center, has only one active NTD, Ben Nethercot (a good director, tho most of the local TD's would nominate someone else as best-mostly having themselves in mind).

This gives Nethercot a bit of a monopoly. If you win the right to organize a national event in this area, you hire Nethercot as the TD or have to pay the extra cost of importing an NTD from well outside the area. Normally Nethercot is available & that is the choice. But nobody is available all the time.

& that is the problem for the US Amateur Team West next February. The USCF is insisting on a NTD for this event for which date Nethercot has other plans. The result will probably be higher tournament expenses due to having to get a NTD from somewhere else (plane fare, room & board, etc) which will come out of your prizemoney. (The organizers can a) cut prizes, b) raise entry fees, or c) cancel this or some other event. All the choices hurt you in making it harder for you to win prizes.

This is a chief problem with licensing. It is not free either. Using a NTD may & in some cases may not- provide a better TD, but he must be paid more in any case, which comes directly out of your pocket. The organizer may be the 1st to feel the loss, but it doesn't stay there. Even if he didn't plan on making any money, he doesn't plan on losing over a certain amount. He passes on the extra loss, either as higher entry fees or lower prizefunds, -either way bad- or just doesn't organize as many events-which is worse. In any case, you end up with the bill.)

For the truly major events like the US Championship (very easy work, but to expect the top players to accept the decisions of a 2nd class TD when there's big money on the line is a bit much) or the US Open (lots of entries), a NTD may be needed. But the Amateur Team, by being a team event, effectively has only 50 entries. As the name Amateur implies, the very strong will be conspicuous by their absence. Prizes, tho many in number, are small in absolute size for any given winner. In sum, the event can be run adequately by nearly any competent local director. There is no need for an expensive NTD.

Indeed, there may even be a real need to avoid one here. The Amateur West is a very shakey tournament at this point. It will occur in 85, but it must keep within budget or it won't in 86. The odds are already poor it will manage to survive & a budget buster of additional TD expenses could be the killer.

The SCCF is doing its best to get an exemption, & may just have some other director do the work while Nethercot signs the paperwork (quite illegal, but not rare & a fine idea). You should let the USCF know you want prizemoney, not prize TD's.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LUCKY BALDWIN OPEN, Dec 1-2, starts 10 am Sat at Senior Citizens Center, 405 S. Santa Anita, Arcadia. Prizes \$300 based on 30. Entry fee \$10, \$20 at site. 5 round Swiss. 40/100. Mail entries to Arcadia SGV CC, Box 1036, Arcadia 91006. If checking CL for more detail, you have to look under Illinois. The USCF goofed.

PLAYERS DECEMBER SCHOLASTIC, Dec 1-2, (K-12), starts 10 am Satt at Players Showroom, 1710 Silverlake Blvd, Hollywood. Prizes \$150 merchandise. Entry fee \$12, \$15 at site. 4 round Swiss. 40/2. Mail entries to to PCN, 1710 Silverlake, L. A. 90026.

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE IM QUALIFIER, Dec 1-2, starts 10 am Sat at Labate's Chess Centre, 3024 W. Ball (near Beach), Anaheim. Prize: Entry to IM event starting Dec 10 at Labate's. Entry fee \$25. 5 round Swiss. 45/2. Mail entries to Labate's Chess Centre, 3024 W. Ball, Anaheim 92804.

SANTA BARBARA QUADS, Dec 2, starts 9:30 am Sun at Rec. Cntr, 100 East Carrillo St, Santa Barbara. Prizes \$40 per section. Entry fee \$12, \$15 at site. 3 round RR, 40/90. Mail entries to Santa Barbara CC, c/o Vincent Diglio, Box 996, S. B. 93102.

PCN DECEMBER AMATEUR (2000), Dec 8-9, starts 10 am Sat at Players Showroom, 1710 Silverlake Blvd, Hollywood. Prizes \$500 merchandise. Entry fee \$22.50, \$27.50 at site. 4 round Swiss. 40/2. Mail entries to PCN, 1710 Silverlake, L. A. 90026.

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE IM TOURNEY, Dec 19-10? I didn't catch the data on this, but give Labate a call at 714-220-0660 if you want to watch some of the strong players. If you want to play, win the Qualifier Dec 1-2, or come up with a 4 figure donation to the prize fund (& none of those figures can be pennies or dimes, wiseguys.)

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE OPEN 33, Dec 15-16, starts 10:30 am Sat at Labate's Chess Centre, 3024 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim. Prizes \$2000 guaranteed. 4 sections, 2200/1900/1600. Entry fee \$29/27/25/19, All \$5 more at site. 5 round Swiss. 50/150. Mail entries to LCC, 3024 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim 92804.

ARROYO GRANDE CHRISTMAS OPEN, Dec 16, starts 10 am Sun at Arroyo Grande HS Library, Arroyo Grande. Prizes 70% of advance entry fees. Entry fee \$15, \$20 at site. 3 round round robin. 40/90. Mail entries to Ken Kieselhorst, Box 1372, Atascadero, CA 93423.

JAY CHEMICAL SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP(K-12), Dec 22-23, starts 10 am Sat at Huntington Sheraton Hotel, 1401 S. Oak Knoll, Pasadena. Prizes trophies. Entry fee \$8, \$11 at site. 3 sections, K-6, 7-9, 9-12. 6 round Swiss. 40/80. Mail entries to Jay Chemical, 120 N. Granada Ave, Alhambra, CA 91801.

JAY CHEMICAL WINTER HOLIDAY, Dec 22-24, starts 11 am Sat at Huntington Sheraton Hotel, 1401 Oak Knoll Ave, Pasadena. Prizes \$5000 guaranteed. Entry fee \$38, \$45 at site. 2 sections, 2000. 6 round Swiss. 45/2. Mail entries to Jay Chemical, 120 N. Granada, Alhambra, CA 91801.

LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE OPEN 34, Jan 5-6, starts 10:30 am Sat at Labate's chess Centre, 3024 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim. Prizes \$2000 guaranteed. 4 sections. 2200/1900/1600. Entry fee \$34/32/30/24. \$5 off LCC members. \$5 more at site. 5 round Swiss. 50/150. Mail entries to LCC, 3024 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim 92804.

SCCF SCHOLASTIC OLYMPIAD, Dec 29-30, starts 10 am Sat at Los Angeles SW College, 1600 West Imperial Highway, L. A. Prizes trophies. 3 sections, K-6, 7-9, 9-12. Entry fee \$9/6/5. 6 rd Swiss. 30/1. Mail entries to Midtown Chess, Box 73838, L. A. 90003.

## 1985 CALENDAR

- Jan 5-6 LABATE'S CHESS CENTRE 34, Anaheim, Ed Labate, \$2000  
 PLAYERS CHESS NEWS JANUARY SCHOLASTIC, L. A., Rainer Rickford, \$150  
 12-13 PCN JANUARY AMATEUR, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 19-20 ORWELLIAN OPEN, Santa Barbara, Vincent Diglio, \$500  
 PCN JANUARY OPEN, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 26 KASHDAN JUNIOR HI CHAMPIONSHIPS, Buena Park, Dewain Barber, trophies  
 26-27 LCC 35, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000
- Feb 2-3 PCN FEBRUARY SCHOLASTIC, L.A., Rickford, \$150  
 LCC SCHOLASTIC, Anaheim, Labate, \$150  
 9 MORRISON SPRING SCHOLASTIC, Buena Park, Barber, trophies  
 9-10 PCN FEBRUARY AMATEUR, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 16-17 PCN FEBRUARY OPEN, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 16-18 US AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, Anaheim, SCCF, \$3000  
 23-24 LCC 36, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000  
 PEA SOUP ANDERSON'S OPEN, Buellton, Ken Kieselhorst, \$500  
 23 PETERSON INVITATIONAL, Buena Park, Barber, trophies
- Mar 2-3 NORTH COUNTY SPRING OPEN, Rancho Bernardo, North County CC, \$1200  
 LCC SCHOLASTIC, Anaheim, Labate, \$150  
 PCN MARCH SCHOLASTIC, L.A., Rickford, \$150  
 9-10 PCN MARCH AMATEUR, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 16-17 PCN MARCH OPEN, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 LCC 37, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000  
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 30-31 LCC SCHOLASTIC 12, Anaheim, Labate, \$120
- Apr 6-7 PCN APRIL SCHOLASTIC, L.A., Rickford, \$150  
 12-14 KPFK SPRING CLASSIC, Hollywood, Andrew Smith, \$300  
 13-14 PCN APRIL AMATEUR, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 LCC 38, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000  
 20-21 LCC SCHOLASTIC, Anaheim, Labate, \$120  
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- May 4-5 LCC 39, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000  
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 25-27 MEMORIAL DAY CLASSIC, Universal City, Lina Grumette, \$24,000
- Jun 1-2 PCN JUNE SCHOLASTIC, L.A., Rickford, \$150  
 8-9 LCC 40, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000  
 PCN JUNE AMATEUR, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 15-16 LCC SCHOLASTIC 15, Anaheim, Labate, \$120  
 PCN JUNE OPEN, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
 16-20 US SENIOR OPEN, San Diego, No. Co. & Clairemont CC, \$1700  
 29-30 LCC 41, Anaheim, Labate, \$2000
- Jul 6-7 PACIFIC SOUTHWEST OPEN, LAX, Santa Monica Bay CC, \$5000  
 PCN JULY SCHOLASTIC, L.A., Rickford, \$150  
 13-14 LCC SCHOLASTIC 16, Anaheim, Labate, \$120  
 PCN AMATEUR, L.A., Rickford, \$500  
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GAMES

SHIRAZI-PETERS, US Champ 84, 0-1

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cb 3. a3 d5 4. ed Qd5 5. ab Qe5

0-1 Perhaps the shortest game in US Championship history.

SHIRAZI-PETERS, So. CA. Champ 84, 1-0

1. e4 c5 11. Nc3 Nc2 21. Nd6 Bd6 31. Qf8 Kf6  
 2. Nf3 d6 12. Qc2 Bd7 22. Bd6 Rd6 32. f3 Qb6  
 3. c3 Nf6 13. Rdl Qa5 23. e5 Re6 33. Kh1 Be6  
 4. Bd3 Nc6 14. Bf4 Rac8 24. ef h6 34. Rh7 Rg2  
 5. Bc2 e5 15. Qd2 Qa6 25. Rd8 Kh7 35. Qh8 Ke7  
 6. 00 Be7 16. a4 Rfd8 26. fg Kg7 36. Nd5 Kd6  
 7. h3 00 17. Ndb5 Be6 27. Qg3 Rg6 37. Qe5 Kc6  
 8. d4 cd 18. Qe3 Rc4 28. Qb8 Qc6 38. Rcl 1-0  
 9. cd ed 19. Rd2 Rb4 29. Rg8 Kh7 a month  
 10. Nd4 Nb4 20. Rel Bb3 30. Rh8 Kg7 later:

A brilliancy prize vs the same opponent.

DOCTOR-SHANNON, LCC Futurity #3, 1-0

1. e4 e6 5. f4 b6 9. cd Bd5 13. Ne4 Qd8  
 2. d4 d5 6. c4 Bb7 10. 00 Nc6 14. Qh5 g6  
 3. Nd2 Nf6 7. Ngf3 c5 11. Ng5 Nce5 15. Qf3 Ne5  
 4. e5 Nfd7 8. Bd3 cd 12. fe Qg5 16. Bb5 1-0

RESHEVSKY-CHRISTIANSEN, L. A. match, 0-1

1. d4 e6 7. Ndb5 a6 13. a3 Qa5 19. Rcl Bcl  
 2. Nf3 c5 8. Qa4 Bd7 14. Qa5 Ra5 20. Rcl Nd6  
 3. c4 cd 9. Bf6 gf 15. 000 f5 21. Bf5 Rd5  
 4. Nd4 Nf6 10. cd Bb5 16. g3 Bh6 22. Rc7 0-1  
 5. Nc3 d5 11. Nb5 ab 17. Kbl Nf6  
 6. Bg5 e5 12. Qb5 Nd7 18. Bh3 Ne4

RUBIN-WEINBUAM, Santa Monica Bay Rating 84, 1-0

1. e4 e6 5. Nf3 Nf6 9. Rdl b6 13. Qe6 1-0  
 2. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Be7 10. Ne5 Bb7  
 3. Nc3 de 7. 00 00 11. Nf7 Kf7  
 4. Ne4 Nd7 8. Qe2 Re8 12. Ng5 Kg8

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