

# chess

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## San Francisco Open Tournament

The first annual San Francisco Open Chess Tournament, sponsored by Bechtel Employees Club, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 18-19, at the Hilton Hotel, Teakwood and Walnut Suites, at Mason and O'Farrell Streets in San Francisco.

A guaranteed prize fund, which may be augmented if entries warrant, will be divided among the winners of three classes:

Class Expert/A: First prize, \$125; second, \$75; third, \$25.

Classes B and C: First prizes, \$50; second, \$25.

The five-round Swiss system event will be directed by international chess master George Koltanowski.

Registration for the Expert/A section must be accomplished prior to 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18. Classes B and C may sign up from 10 a.m. to noon the same day.

Entry fee is \$7 for all classes, plus mandatory membership in the United States Chess Federation for Class Expert/A.

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White: Gary Pickler. Black: Serge VonOettingen.  
IX Davis Open Tournament, Oct. 17, 1966.  
Blackmar Gambit.

1 P—K4	P—Q4	13 P—Q5	Q—B2
2 P—Q4 (a)	PxP	14 BxN (f)	PxB (g)
3 N—QB3	N—KB3	15 P—Q6	BxP
4 P—B3	PxP	16 NxPch	K—Q1 (h)
5 NxP	P—K3 (b)	17 BxN	RPxB
6 B—KN5	B—K2	18 N—K5	BxN
7 Q—Q2	P—B3	19 RxB	K—B1
8 B—Q3	QN—Q2	20 NxB	R—Q1 (i)
9 0—0	N—B1 (c)	21 Q—N5	QxN
10 QR—K1	N—N3	22 RxPch	K—N1
11 N—K4	B—Q2 (d)	23 Q—K5ch	Q—Q3
12 P—B4	P—B4 (e)	24 R—Q1	Resigns

(a) An unusual opening finesse. In just two moves the game has progressed from a Center Counter to a Blackmar Gambit, and is still open to transposition if Black plays 2...P—K3, 2...P—QB3 or 2...N—QB3.

(b) Blacks adopts a purely defensive setup.

(c) The Knight, too, is slated to bolster Black's position before committing his King to the battle zone

(d) Inconsistent. The Bishop, hemmed in by his own Pawns, remains undeveloped here and, what is worse, intercepts the Black Queen's line to Q3.

(e) Black must reconcile himself to a positional minus and castle now or never.

(f) More precise is 14 P—Q6 BxP 15 BxN PxB.

(g) Black puts up more fight after 14...BxB, but White still retains a Pawn's worth of initiative.

(h) Forced. If 16...K—K2, then 17 N—Q5ch wins outright, while 16...K—B1 fails against 17 BxN RPxB 18 NxPch QxN 19 N—K5 and 20 NxPch.

(i) Black's attempt to recover the piece without incurring disadvantage elsewhere meets with a brilliant refutation.