

RODRIGUEZ WINS FIRST CALIFORNIA PEOPLE'S CHESS FESTIVAL

Ruben Rodriguez, a Philippine Chess master, won an upset victory in the first California People's Chess Festival, held Feb. 16-18 at Chabot College in Hayward. On his way to the top prize of \$450, Rodriguez scored a surprise win against international grandmaster Walter Browne of Berkeley (see Game of the Month).

Browne, considered one of the top 25 players in the world, had been favored to win the tournament. He faltered in the fourth of six rounds, though, achieving only a draw against Larry Gilden, and again in the fifth round, in which he lost to Rodriguez.

Rodriguez' tournament record was 5-1. Browne and Gilden tied for second place in the open division with records of 4½-1½, and each won \$195 in prize money. Berkeley's John Grefe captured fourth place: \$60.

Winners in the other divisions were as follows:

Expert Division: 1st: Jeremy Silman (Chula Vista), Jim McCormick (Berkeley) (tie), \$180 each, 3rd: Ziad Baroudi (Sacramento), \$60.

Class A: 1st: Antonio Saguissag (San Francisco), \$210; 2nd-3rd: Reynauldo Johnson (Oakland) and Daniel Switkes (Berkeley) (tie) \$105 each.

Class B: 1st: Richard Dorn (San Francisco), \$210; 2nd-4th: Greg Hoyal, (Oakland) John Pope (Berkeley), Richard Lew (San Francisco) (tie), \$70 each.

Class C: 1st-5th: Kip Brockman (San Leandro), Thomas Willis (San Francisco), Steven Bell (Hayward), Craig Squire (Berkeley), John Dwyer, Sr. (San Jose), (Tie), \$70 each.

Class D-E & Unrated: 1st: Wayne Smith (San Francisco) \$210; 2nd Johnathan Deverux (Berkeley), \$150; 3rd-4th, Ruben Carig (San Francisco), Gary Luke (Santa Cruz) (tie), \$30 each.

Each winner also received an engraved trophy.

The tournament was organized by Jim McCormick, Alan Benson, John Grefe, Dennis Fritzinger, Richard Shorman and others, and got its name from the fact that it was set up by the people and for the people, being the first attempt by the northern California unit of the CSCF to put on important tournaments on the so-called "Big five" weekends (Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day and Thanksgiving). McCormick was just one of the committee at the beginning, but as the work piled up he emerged as the best man for getting things done and soon was coordinating everything. He designed the tournament announcement, calculated the prizes to be awarded, obtained the playing room, and picked the tournament director.

The prize list of \$5,000 was based upon 300 entries, a perfectly logical assumption, but a number of things went wrong and there were only 199 contestants in the end. The prize list had to be trimmed to \$3,250.

Most of the things that went wrong were due to inexperience. The usual tournament announcement in Chess Life & Review did not appear because of a misunderstanding. The announcement in The California Chess Reporter was too late to do much good. But the turnout was one of our better ones and the tournament was judged a success. The next tournament to be held by the same group, the California Open (North) will be able to build upon the experience.

The tournament director was Guthrie McClain, director of the California Opens from 1951 to 1961. Brought back from retirement, McClain had to undergo no less than four operations during December and January, and so was unable to help in the advance planning. The start of the tournament was therefore somewhat disorganized. However, with his health back and capably assisted by Alan Benson, Ed Delgado and Ralph Hultgren, the tournament director took full advantage of the fine playing room and other facilities furnished by Chabot College and the tournament progressed smoothly.

FIRST CALIFORNIA PEOPLE'S CHESS FESTIVAL

OPEN SECTION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Ruben Rodriguez	2432	W16	D8	D4	W10	W2	W3	5 - 1
2. Walter Browne	2592	W9	W7	D3	W8	L1	W5	4½-2½
3. Larry Gilden	2396	W11	W10	D2	W4	W7	L1	4½-1½
4. John Grefe	2524	W12	W17	D1	L3	D8	W10	4 - 2
5. Peter Cleghorn	2387	D13	W6	L8	W17	W9	L2	3½-2½
6. Richard Fauber	2272	W14	L5	W13	L9	D12	W15	3½-2½
7. C. Bill Jones	2259	W15	L2	W12	W11	L3	D9	3½-2½
8. Boris Siff	2226	W20	D1	W5	L2	D4	D14	3½-2½
9. Dennis Waterman	2203	L2	W15	W17	W6	L5	D7	3½-2½

3 Points: 10. Craig Barnes, 11. Nick De Firmian.

2½ Points: 12. Guillermo Rey, 13. Richard Keison, 14. Clifford Kull, 15. James Ely.

1½ Points: 16. Edward Syrett.

1 Point: 17. Jeffrey Stone

0 Points: 18. Alan Greenstein, 19. Ralph DeWitt, 20. Paul Nielson.

EXPERT SECTION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. James McCormick	2165	W13	W7	W12	W3	D2	D4	5 - 1
2. Jeremy Silman	2069	W5	W4	D3	W6	D1	W7	5 - 1
3. Ziad Baroudi	2187	W14	W11	D2	L1	W5	W9	4½-1½
4. Philip D. Smith	2197	W6	L2	W11	D5	D9	D1	3½-2½
5. S. Subramaniam	2169	L2	W16	W9	D4	L3	W13	3½-2½
6. Robert Hammie	2089	L4	D13	W14	L2	W13	W10	3½-2½

3 Points: 7. Borel Menas, 8. Michael Sarley.

2½ points: 9. Tom Dorsch. 2 Points: 10. Colin Rammelkamp. 1½ Points: 11. Gene Lee, 12. Steve Cross, 13. Paul Enright. 1 Point: 14. Eleuterio Alsua, 15. Max Wilkerson. 0 Points: 16. Theodore Pehnac.

A SECTION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Antonio Saguisag, Jr.	1932	W19	D21	W5	D3	W4	W10	5 - 1
2. Reynauldo Johnson	1937	W6	L*	W21	W18	W10	D3	4½-1½
3. Daniel Switkes	1908	D10	W16	W15	D1	W8	D2	4½-1½
4. Robert Saigado	1907	L17	W19	W22	W9	L1	W14	4 - 2
5. David M. Smith	1899	W20	W*	L1	L8	W7	W12	4 - 2
6. Dr. Ben Gross	1866	L2	W23	L8	W17	W15	W11	4 - 2

3½ Points: 7. Carl Shiflett, 8. John Smail, 9. Paul Markowitz, 10. Frank Berry, 3 Points: 11. Kerry Lawless, 12. Dr. Mitchell Bedford, 13. Michael Emerson, 14. Robert Tompkins. 2½ Points: 15. David Barton, 16. Alan Chappell, 17. Mark Gazse. 2 Points: 18. Gency Anima, 19. John Barnard, 20. Robert Fojt. 1½ Points: 21. Romulo Aguilar. 1 Point: 22. Peter Prochaska. 0 Points: 23. Ladislav Belcsak.

B SECTION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Richard Dorn	1765	W31	W18	W4	W8	W1	D3	5½- ½
2. Richard Lew	1729	W*	W12	W*	W15	L2	W5	5 - 1
3. Greg Hoyal	1725	D11	W32	W5	W13	W15	D1	5 - 1
4. John Pope	1699	W39	W20	L1	W22	W9	W8	5 - 1
5. Edwin Schreiber	1694	BYE	D13	L3	W28	W14	W15	4½-1½
6. Steven Joplin	1772	W30	L9	W*	W29	W16	L2	4 - 2
7. David Brooks	1749	D32	W28	L19	D27	W18	W16	4 - 2
8. Ted Sailor	1732	W34	W39	W9	L1	W17	L4	4 - 2
9. Eduardo Guzman	1659	W21	W6	L8	W23	L4	W13	4 - 2

3½ Points: 10. Ed Gines, 11. Edward Beardsley, 12. Marcus Aurelius. 3 Points: 13. Michael Sickles, 14. Charles Nevins, 15. Ronald Tacorda, 16. Stephan Havas, 17. Robert Caradien, 18. Jim Hoffman. Less than 3 Points: 19. Lester Schonbrun, 20. Tommy Stevens, 21. Jerry L. Rogers, 22. Leo Gines, 23. Dennis Sims, 24. Thor Thoroddsson, 25. Charles Ensey, 26. Frank Parker, 27. Barry J. Phillips, 28. David Gee, 29. Peter Schwartz, 30. Steven Viena, 31. Gary M. Patrick, 32. Le Roy O'Doan, 33. David Abramson, 34. Thomas R. Carey, 35. John B. Smith, 36. Steven Courtney, 37. Paul Friedrich, 38. Tom Dorse, 39. Stuart Goldkind, 40. John Drislane.

C SECTION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Steven Bell	1593	D31	W32	W27	W23	D1	W3	5 - 1
2. Thomas Henry Willis	1570	D32	W31	W14	W5	D2	W8	5 - 1
3. Kip Brockman	1557	W33	W28	W25	W25	W4	L1	5 - 1
4. Craig Squier	1520	W43	W15	W20	W25	L3	W9	5 - 1
5. John Dwyer, Sr.	1501	W46	W19	W23	L2	W36	W11	5 - 1
6. Norman Johnson	1599	L8	L12	W47	W27	W40	W20	4 - 2
7. Matthew Frame	1544	W36	L29	W12	L11	W28	W26	4 - 2
8. Bobby Cohen	1500	W6	L21	W46	W13	W17	L2	4 - 2
9. Kevin Simpson	1494	W14	L22	W16	W19	W26	L4	4 - 2
10. Louis Argyres	1487	W16	L23	L17	W14	W19	W29	4 - 2
11. Walter Wagner	1461	L17	W*	W18	W7	W29	L5	4 - 2
12. Nick Hill	1430	L21	W6	L7	W15	W*	W36	4 - 2

Less than 4 Points: 13. Richard Paige, 14. Duncan Ewing, 15. J.C. Polk, 16. Glenn S. Sarvis, 17. David Rutherford, 18. Elizabeth Shaugnessy, 19. William Valine, 20. Wayne McClintock, 21. Robert Pellerin, 22. Melvin Petersen, 23. Joseph Wu, 24. Richard Genieberg, 25. Robert Clipson, 26. Michael V. Mills, 27. Douglas Burleigh, 28. John Spargo, 29. Alfred Hansen, 30. Chris Papesh, 31. Mary Lasher, 32. Patrick J. Jackson, 33. Manuel Costaneda, 34. ~~Darinko~~ Bozich, 35. Chris A. Rivers, 36. Ernest Curtis, 37. Jessie Gentry, 38. John Dwyer, Jr., 39. Todd W. Phillips, 40. Ken J. Moore, 41. Philip Freihofner, 42. Iraj Rahbar, 43. George Angel, 44. Gary Smith, 45. Larry Saegert, 46. Patrick Hurley, 47. Nicholas Quirarte, 48. John Treseder.

D, E, UNRATED SECTION

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Wayne R. Smith	UNR	W31	W18	W26	W7	W3	W5	6 - 0
2. Jonathan Deverux	UNR	W22	W8	D5	W16	W23	W9	5½ - ½
3. Ruben Catig	UNR	W20	W17	W50	W4	L1	W14	5 - 1
4. Gary Luke	UNR	W11	W9	W23	L3	W10	W39	5 - 1
5. Richard Hobbs	1397	W32	W42	D2	W14	W8	L1	4½ - 1½
6. Norv Oliver	1346	W12	L46	W43	D39	W31	W24	4½ - 1½
7. Kenneth A. Fisher	1302	W48	W12	W46	L1	D24	W18	4½ - 1½
8. Dick McCullough	1371	W38	L2	W37	W27	L5	W28	4 - 2
9. Doug Biggert	1335	W40	L4	W45	W50	W11	L2	4 - 2
10. Marvin Parsons	1325	D44	D43	W51	W19	L4	W45	4 - 2
11. Joe Bricher	1315	L4	W41	W36	W17	L9	W46	4 - 2
12. Mahmoud Farhang	UNR	L6	L7	W*	W52	W19	W23	4 - 2
13. Salem Elghara	UNR	W29	L50	W28	L24	W26	W*	4 - 2
14. Noble Sann	UNR	W30	W36	W39	L5	W44	L3	4 - 2

Less than 4 Points: 15. Woodrow Morgan, 16. Donald Sink, 17. David Bryant, 18. Frederick Keller, 19. Fred Fischer, 20. William Bynum,

21. Roscoe K. Willis, 22. Mick Anzalone, 23. Alex Frantz, 24. Bruce Kessinger, 25. James Allan Johnson, 26. Thomas Allen Schmidt, 27. Rick Kiger, 28. Robert Blumenthal, 29. Robert Unger, 30. Martin Weetman, 31. James Pascrell, 32. Daniel Paul, 33. Jason Goodrow, 34. Charles W. Moore, 35. Robert Friedrich, 36. Terrance Canfield, 37. John Molina, 38. Frederick Muollo, 39. Fred Dawson, 40. Jim Frame, 41. Stephanie Frye, 42. Laurence Gaglione, 43. Ed Helvik, 44. Ken Johnson, 45. Jack Kriger, 46. Richard Minetti, 47. Gilbert Munoz, 48. Rodolfo Ordonez, 49. Peter T. Parrish, 50. Jeff Peterson, 51. Steve Rubenstein, 52. Elizabeth Traina.

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Entry Fees	\$3,972.50
USCF Memberships	149.00
CSCF Memberships	701.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Cash Prizes	\$3,000.00
Trophies	173.88
Tournament Directors	200.00
Rental of Playing Room	325.00
Advertising, Rating, etc.	162.01
Tournament Expenses	<u>\$3,860.89</u>
To USCF for Memberships	126.00
To CSCF for Memberships	701.50
Tournament Profit	134.61
Total Disbursements	<u>\$4,823.00</u>

Total Receipts

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