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THE EDITOR'S REPORT

USCF is caught between a rock and a hard spot with an increasing number of discounted scholastic memberships and a declining number of full-price adult memberships. Scholastic chess continues to grow at all levels and is well covered in this issue with reports on the Sojourner Truth, Santa Clara, and Stockton kid's tournaments. Meanwhile, the current USCF election campaign (for those of us lucky enough to be allowed to vote) is dominated by discussions of a reborn financial crisis due to a declining adult membership. The rocketing growth of the I.C.C. (The Internet Chess Club) is certainly a major factor and Steve Cohen has contributed a major article on the history and inner-workings of USCF's largest competitor. USCF's very survival may well depend on how the challenge of the Internet and the I.C.C. is handled.

Chess Life recently gave significant coverage to a pairing controversy involving GM Walter Browne at the American Open this last November. Briefly stated, Walter was one of four players who were in the top three different score groups. Some of these players had played each other and some were forced due specific colors. The local TD's choose to pair one of the top players down two score groups to a fourth score group. When I looked at the situation as outlined in the article, it was easy for an experienced TD to see that there was a valid pairing within the top four that gave as good as color allocation as the posted pairings. Walter has a good point that this was a significantly bad pairing. The organizers advanced a weak argument in *Chess Life* that the pairing was required to avoid extreme rating differentials but the differentials were really not extreme enough to justify dropping a player down two score groups. In addition, it was argued that the pairing was the preferred one by SwissSys. SwissSys has its quirks (most notably with color allocation and board number placement) but it is difficult to understand how SwissSys did not find the more desirable alternative pairing. It would be interesting to run some tests with SwissSys with the complete data from this situation. Regardless of the supposed quirks of a pairing program, a TD is still responsible for proper pairings.

"To error is human" and your editor is all too human. The lovely and charming young lady identified as Marie Mont-Reynard in our Autumn 98 issue is really Kim Weikel of Reno. Mike Goodall points out the Berislav Santic is from Bosnia (and not from "Bosina") in our Winter issue. On a more serious note, while I do stand by my comments on the situation in Southern Nevada in the Winter issue, I did not mean to tar whole area. In particular, the crew associated with the National Open in Las Vegas each year deserves the highest praise from all chess players. There are a few bad apples in the barrel in the Las Vegas area and while they do deserve to be condemned, there are also many fine players and TD's in Glitter Gulch.

Please continue to send your submissions for the CCJ to: California Chess Journal, PO Box 27, Visalia CA 93279-0027 Northern California is a big state and the only way I can report on chess in your area is with your help. The deadline for submissions for the next issue of CCJ is August 20th.

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Valdimir Pafneutief.

Garry Kasparov at Stanford University

by
Eric Schiller

Garry Kasparov with Jordy Mont-Reynaud, Philip Wang, Vinay Bhat, Alex Karnazes and Zachary Karnazes. Kasparov spent an hour answering questions at Stanford.

Photo by Eric Schiller



Garry Kasparov gave a Presidential lecture at Stanford University on April 22nd. His address drew an overflow crowd in the 700-seat hall. The fire marshalls had to intervene several times in an attempt to control the crowd. He started his day meeting with Chess City Magazine publisher Avery Cardoza and editor Eric Schiller. He addressed Stanford's Slavic department and lunched with faculty members and a few chessplayers including Stanford Chess Club President, National Master Adrian Keatinge-Clay. Then he entertained the chess club for an hour, discussing many issues in contemporary chess. We'll get to that later. Let's follow Kasparov's afternoon schedule.

Stanford's chess team finished third at the Pan American Intercollegiate, but beat champion UMBC on their home turf in a revenge match. With Phillip Wang joining the team next year, and other stars expressing interest, the team has grand aspirations. They are thrilled that Stanford is con-

sidering making chess a varsity sport! Left to right: Adrian Keatinge-Clay, Erik Stuart, Garry Kasparov, Etan Ilfield, Mike Aigner.

After the Kasparov chat, the players enjoyed an outdoor blitz tournament on the beautiful Stanford campus. Vinay took both games from me enroute to a convincing tournament win. It was a very strong tournament and I finished among the prize winners. Not bad for the "old man" in this prodigy filled event. Palo Alto has an abundance of chess activities, on and off campus.

Kasparov's address covered many topics, including the famous match against Deeper Blue, where he continues to voice suspicions about some of the moves, particularly the famous conclusion to game two. He reissued his challenge to any machine, but stipulates that this time the match must be played under fair rules, not exhibition conditions. He insists that Deeper Blue, now dismantled, never took its "drug test". Only by providing the uncensored print-

outs of the critical moments will IBM prove its slim match victory was an honest one. His main focus, however, was on the status of chess as a sport. He gave detailed evidence to support his contention that the pressure involved in a chess tournament, over a period of consecutive days or weeks, has physical effects which qualify chess as a bona fide sport.

Kasparov clearly scored some points! The members of the distinguished panel of academics readily agreed with him. Stanford Cardinal head football coach Troy Willingham may have surprised the audience when he agreed that chess should be considered as a varsity sport. Recognition by a prestigious athletic department, and Stanford is one of the best, would go a long way to help establishing chess at all college campuses. Willingham was clearly impressed with Kasparov's performance, and was an eager participant in this panel.

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Vladimir Pafneutief (1913-1999)

If Art can ever be diminished by the loss of an aficionado, than chess has suffered from the passing of Vladimir Pafneutief. Born in the province of Viatka, his family moved to Harbin, in Northern China, where Vladimir learned to play chess at the age of twelve. He won his first tournament in 1929 and kept the book given to him as the first place prize for the remainder of his days.

The next move was to San Francisco in 1930, where he first stepped into the chess room of the Mechanics Institute. He was to become a lifetime member, and will be among the first inductees into its Hall of Fame. One of his final tournament appearances resulted in a first place tie in the 1987 US Senior Open.

That was one of many victories in his 58 year playing career. He finished at or near the top in most of the important events in Washington, Oregon and California over that time. He was a contributor to "Modern Chess Openings", published four chess compositions, and represented Northern California four times as Board one in its then annual match with Southern California. He was also one of the participants in the Hollywood International of 1952.

However, Vladimir valued something more from chess than mere victory. He was one of those rare people who continuously sought, and often found, beauty in the art of chess. The ultimate expression of this beauty, according

to Vladimir, would be found in the combination. His book "How to Create Combinations" was an offering laid at Caissa's feet, but was also dedicated to his loving wife Eugenia, who survives him.

Trained by Professor Tetrzini Monotti of the Milan Conservatory, Vladimir gave professional concerts throughout his adult life. He was also an accomplished tennis player. He will be best remembered by many of us, however, for the many students of his who, through his instruction, learned to both create and appreciate beauty on the chess board.

Jim Eade

Vladimir Pafneutief "How to Create Combinations"

A Review
by Val Zemitis

Undoubtedly if Vladimir Pafneutief would have chosen chess as a profession, he would have achieved the Grandmaster title. He pursued doctoral studies in music at Stanford and chose to be a singer. As a bass-baritone, he gave many memorable concerts. He excelled also as a tennis professional (ranked third in national doubles), umpire and coach. Vladimir's most successful pupil was Rose Mary Casals.

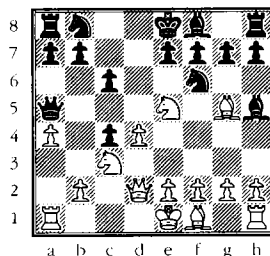
Vladimir Pafneutief was born on September 4, 1912 in Kazan, Russia. His father owned a large estate where Vladimir lived happily until the Russian revolution broke out and the family had to flee Russia. After several turbulent years Vladimir settled in California in 1930 where he enjoyed life with his wife Eugenia.

Vladimir won many important tournaments and played many interesting games. Sixty-one of his

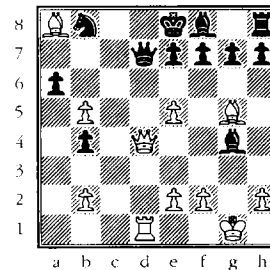
games are included in his book **How to Create Combinations** published in 1996 by Hypermodern Press. His style of play was combi-national. In every game Vladimir tried to place his pieces to cooperate in executing some idea as the following famous game illustrates.

V. Pafneutief
B. Antman
Santa Monica, 1968 Slav
Defence (D16)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4 Bg4 6.Ne5 Bh5 7.Bg5 Qa5 8.Qd2!



8...b5 9.g4! Nxg4 10.Bg2! Nxe5 11.dxe5 b4 12.Rd1 Qc7 13.Nb5 cxb5 14.Bxa8 c3 15.Qd5! a6 16.axb5! c2 17.0-0! cxd1Q 18.Rxd1 Bg4 19.Qd4! Qd7



20.bxa6 Qxd4 21.Rxd4 Bd7 22.a7 Nc6 23.Rxd7! Nxa7 24.Rxa7 1-0

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WILFRED GOODWIN MEMORIAL

San Mateo-Burlingame Chess Club Championship

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Place: Burlingame Chess Club (Lions Hall), 990 Burlingame Ave, Burlingame.

Web: www.BurlingameChessClub.com

Time: Register 6:30- 7:30p at site...Pre-registration highly recommended

Format: USCF Rated, 7 Round OPEN Swiss & Reserve Section U1200, Game/2hrs, S.D.

Oct 98 Supplement Ratings or Latest BCC Crosstable will be used. Any player may compete in Open Division.

Prizes: First Place: Club Champion Trophy & \$200

DIVISIONAL WINNERS, Expert,A,B,C,D,E,Unr.---Divisional Placers receive trophy or gift.

Directions:From S.F.> take 101-South to Broadway Exit (Burlingame), past one stoplight, left on Carolan, one mile, see tennis courts on left, take left on Burlingame Ave, go 1/2 block to parking lot and Lions Hall Bldg on left.
From San Jose> take 101-North to Peninsula Ave Exit (Burlingame), go ~ 1/2 mile West, passing 2 stoplights, see Putnam Buick on right, take right on Anita Rd, go 3 blocks to Burlingame Ave, turn left, 1/2 block to Lions parking lot on right.

Tournament Director & Information: Scott Wilson 650-355-9402 Asst TD: Gerry Manis

**Entry Fees : Adult BCC members - \$20 ... Non-members - \$65 ... (adult USCF \$40/yr) Required
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Total Fees Enclosed: \$ _____ (Checks payable to Burlingame Chess Club) Today's Date: _____

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The CalChess State

By
Alan M. Kirshner

All photos by Richard Shorman



Vinay Bhat - State K-12 Champion for the second year running

I am a perfectionist and that means I will never be happy no matter how many players attend my tournaments, nor how many compliments I receive for a job well done. However, I was the closest I have come to being completely satisfied with the 1999 California State Scholastic Championships. I held this year's tournament on the weekend of March 26 through March 28 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. This was the same venue as last year-but in a different setting. Instead of a number of rooms set aside for different divisions with a total of 13,000 square feet, this year I held the tournament in one large area of 50,000 square feet. I was even able to obtain about 7,000 square feet for a parent/skittles room, albeit, I could use more space for this waiting area.

Once again we broke the record on player attendance with 776 registered. Last year, 730 players signed-up for this competition. We have almost doubled the number of players since Tom Dorsch and I obtained the tournament due to Ray Orwig's retirement three years ago. Ray, who is the coach of the many time State Champion Team of Saint Mark's of San Rafael, ran the Northern California Championship for 11 years. Tom withdrew his sponsor-

ship and help this year due to other commitments. So I ran the Championships alone this year and will do so again for one more year. Next year, 2000, we will celebrate the 25th anniversary of this tournament. I thought this would be the ideal time to step down and let someone else deal with any future Y2K+ problems.

This year, I placed the entries on the internet so people could check. I must admit that this was a more trying task than I had imagined, but most people appreciated my effort. I know that some indi-



Bonnie Yost, TD

viduals would have preferred the entries grouped by divisions, however, more computer savvy individuals were able to sort them in Excel. Maybe next year I will be able to get some help on data entry and provide the entries in a number of different formats. Also new this year were the commemorative pins I provided each player.

I added an eighth division this year, K-8 Under 850. This means

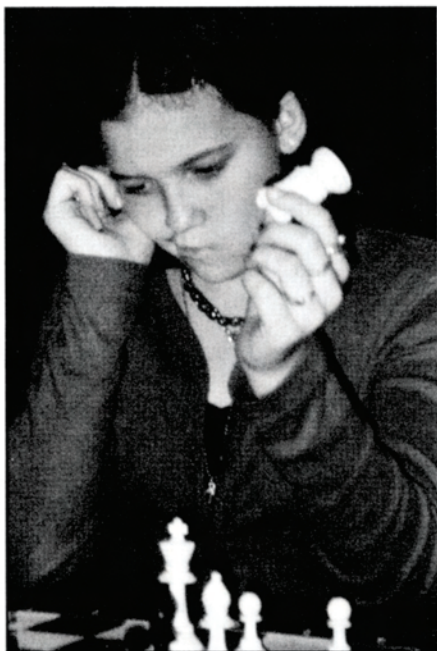
that all the sections, but the Kindergarten and High School (K-12) had Junior Varsity sections. In each of the eight divisions I awarded a minimum of 15 individual trophies. Well, not exactly. All Kindergarten players received a trophy. When a tie occurred at place 15, rather than use tie breaks leaving some children with the same score without an award, I gave trophies down to the next place. In a few divisions the number of trophies I awarded went into the mid-20's. I awarded medals for best grade level and best rating performances. Next year, I will provide trophies for these awards. All the individual winners also received a deluxe copy of the excellent learning program, Chess Mentor. I was happy to have Chess Mentor as our sponsor this year.

In all the divisions, except the Kindergarten, I awarded five school team trophies and one club team trophy. The top four players on the winning team received medals or trophies. Next year, I intend to increase the number of club team awards and provide plaques for the winning team members and their coach.

I started the weekend with a Friday night blitz tournament. I held it at the Santa Clara Marriott, our official hotel. I could not reserve enough rooms at the Westin Hotel that is attached to the Convention Center. They had booked three other conventions that weekend. The Marriott is a beautiful hotel with a free shuttle to Great America, but none to the airport or to the Convention Center. The lack of transportation caused some of our parents problems. I also could not get the Convention Center for the blitz and so I paid for a room at the Marriott. Less than 40 individuals played that night. Hans Poschmann directed this warm-up tournament. Julius Mercardo of

Scholastics Weekend

Bishop O'Dowd High School defeated David Brown of Bellermine High School in a playoff game for the championship trophy as they had equal scores in the main tournament.



Chess is hard!

I considered canceling the blitz for 2000 because of the miniscule turnout. After I was able to get the Convention Center to toss in a Friday night room free for next year's championships (April 7-9), I decided to keep the three year old blitz tradition alive.

Saturday morning at 7 AM saw all the directors and helpers scrambling to get the massive exhibit hall ready for the onslaught of players for the 10 AM opening round. I was amazed how fast all the color coordinated chessboards and signs for the eight divisions got set up. By 9 AM we had the helpers in their red T-shirts, under the expert direction of Stephanie Blatt, stationed at the doors and monitoring the four telephone banks in our area of the

Convention Center. Last year, we had 20 false 911 calls during the tournament. This year we had none. The parent volunteers also did a beautiful job controlling the children entering and leaving the playing area. They even set up a system where they kept the younger children by the doors until their parents retrieved them to go to the skittles/waiting area. To put it bluntly, there would be no California Chess State Scholastic Championship if it were not for all these beautiful volunteers. I wish I could name each one in this article, but the list of names alone would fill this magazine. So besides the red T-shirts and tournament pins they got to keep, I would like to once again express my everlasting gratitude to all of you-oh, and I hope you will volunteer again next year. :0)

I would like to thank all the tournament directors by name, however. I can at least fit them into a paragraph. Thank you, thank you, thank you: Allan Fifield (Chief TD), Hans Poschmann, Richard Koepke, Riley Hughes, Kurt Jacobs, David Gross, Doug Shaker, Robert Lee, Bonnie Yost, Steve Seegmiller, Peter Brett, Steve Simler, Nick Ayala, Rob Nicholson, Dennis



Alexander Setzefandt and his mother celebrate!

Alfaro, Sujay Roy and Bob Blatt.

On to the results (if you are interested in the complete results you can go to <http://calchess.webjump.com/Results.html>):

K-12 Championship (High School): For the second straight year, in round 6, Vinay Bhat (2423) defeated Jordy Mont-Reynaud (2343) for first place and the right to represent Northern California in the Denker Tournament of State High School Champions. Last year, Vinay was still in Junior High School. Andy Lee (2119) went undefeated with 5.5 out of 6

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Jessica Matto, TD



1999 California State Grade Level Championships

by John P M^cCumiskey



Photo by Allan Fifield

Keith Yost 7th Grade Champion

May 15th and 16th, the California State Grade Level Championship returned to Stockton's San Joaquin Delta Community College, the site of the event two years ago. To conduct the tournament, local sponsorships were gathered for the 266 player event by organizer Dr. William McDonald, Vice President of the North Stockton Rotary. North Stockton Rotary's Phil Laughlin worked with San Joaquin Delta College to secure the playing site. This was Northern California's first time running the tournament for grades kindergarten through 12 (in previous years, this was a grades K-8 tournament).

The Stockton Sunrise Rotary's President, Nancy Slatten, and lunch chairman Joe Kaeslin, continued the "free lunch" tradition started at the 1997 event. Additional help was provided by North Stockton Rotary's Robert Hunefeld as he garnered a sponsorship from 99 Speedway of Stockton, while Joe Kaeslin obtained a donation

from his employer, Hormel.

The seventh edition of this all-California scholastic tournament using the USCF grade level approach was the brain-child of Dr. Alan Kirshner. Prior to the inaugural event in 1993, the "states" of Northern California and Southern California, as divided by USCF, held their own championship events. The tournament rotates between North and South annually. Normally, the winners of this event are the only California champions, but with Southern California participants attending the Elementary School Nationals in Phoenix, that was not the case this year.

John M^cCumiskey headed the tournament director staff which included floor directors Don Copeland, Dr. Alan Kirshner, Robert Lee, Tom M^cCumiskey, and Doug Shaker, and pairings director Jimmy Plumb. North Stockton Rotary President Floyd Barnes assisted Plumb with tournament pairings. Due to a recurring "glitch" with the pairings in one of the grades, Dr. Kirshner, in addition to his work on the floor, also helped out in the pairing room.

John Bertilacchi, Volunteer Chairman from the North Stockton Rotary, was masterful in putting together a staff of volunteers who helped on the floor with getting the participants seated, results running, crowd control, and many, many other details of the event. Steve Seegmiller, 1997 tournament organizer now living in southern California, came to Stockton to assist in the event. The others volunteering their time to the event were Andy Chesley, Jeff Larsen, Pat Beckham, Dennis DelPaine, Craig Mitchell (of the North Stockton Rotary), Barbara Klinger, Kelly Oglesby, Carolyn McDonald, Megan McCormick, Neda Kharazi,

Thomas McDonald (from the Lincoln Interact Club), Joyce Diehl, Joanne Alexander, Carlin Miller, Annie Bertilacchi, and Danielle Hake.

Thanks also to Jay Blem for bringing National Chess and Games concession to Stockton again. In addition to providing the sets for the tournament, Jay sold chess equipment at very reasonable prices.

The players in grades 4-12 played four rounds on Saturday and two rounds on Sunday. The K-3 participants played four games on Sunday. Sunday afternoon, the Rotary held it's free lunch to all tournament participants, directors, and volunteers. Needless to say, the food and drink disappeared quickly!

The Kindergarten champion is Yuki Siegrist of the Berkeley Chess School (the Berkeley Chess School is not a recognized academic school, but a school for chess) who won all four of his games. Tatsuro Yamamura of St. Marks School of San Rafael finished second and Tau Jeng of the Challenger School of Fremont was third. All eight kindergarten participants went home with trophies. Weibel Elementary School won the team event.

Alex Kaplan of St. Marks School is the first grade champion this year, finishing with a perfect score of 4. Margot Boorman, also of St. Marks finished in second place with Berkeley Chess School's Mahnoosh Moghadam finishing third. St. Marks won the first grade team event.

Second grade co-champions are Corey Chang, Berkeley Chess School, and Devin Abbott. They each finished the schedule with 4 points. A playoff ensued with Corey winning the big trophy. Brian Tsui of Weibel Elementary School finished third. Weibel won

the team event, with Argonaut School San Jose finishing second and Valley Oaks School third.



Photo by Lanette Chan-Gordon

Gabe Gordon 3rd Grade Champion

Third grade champion Gabriel Gordon from Berkeley Chess School had to go to a playoff to gain the title over second place finisher Sharon Tseung of Weibel. Third place was taken by Berkeley Chess School's Daichi Siegrist. Weibel won team title with Argonaut School in second and Grass Valley School of Oakland finishing third.

In the fourth grade section, Daniel Schwarz of Sacramento's Shalom School Chess Club and Alexander Wu drew with each other in the 4th round on their way to posting scores of 5.5 for a first place tie. In the playoff, Daniel defeated Alexander to win the fourth grade trophy. In third place was Charles Fang of Weibel. St. Marks finished first in the team event with Weibel taking the second place trophy.

Weibel player Timothy Ma is the fifth grade champion, followed by Ricky Yu, Mission Valley of Fremont, in second place and Neil Chao, also of Weibel, in third place. The fifth grade team champion is Weibel with Grass Valley in second place.

The winners of the first three places in the sixth grade section came from Weibel Elementary

School: First place, Alexander Tseung; second place, Victor Wei; third place, Stephen Tu. Weibel also won the last of its five team championships, with St. Marks in second and Edna Brewer School in third place.

In the seventh grade section, Keith Yost, Fresno Chess Academy, was victorious with a perfect score of 6, followed by Nathan Lee, Chinese Christian School of San Leandro, in second place and Gary Huang, Harker Academy of Cupertino, in third place. St. Marks took the team title with Stockton's Marshall Middle School in second followed by Biggs Middle School from Biggs.

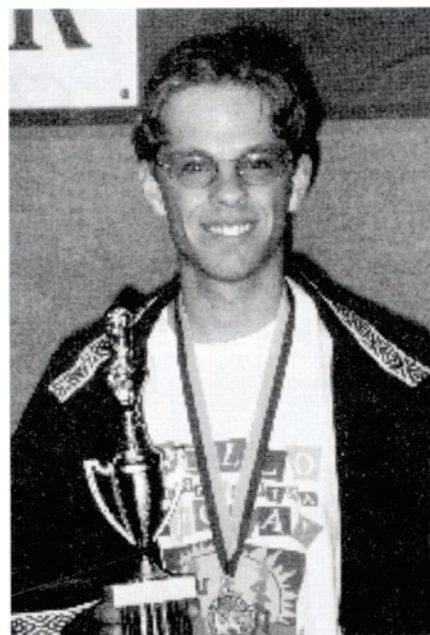
By far the largest section of the tournament was eighth grade with 44 entries. Deb Akash of Union City scored 5.5 points to win the event, with Orinda's Michael Lum in second place and Christopher Pascal, Fremont Middle School of Stockton, in third. A third team trophy went to St. Marks, with Biggs Middle School finishing second and Marshall in third place.

The ninth grade section saw yet another playoff, this time between co-champions Kris MacLennan, Berkeley Chess Academy, and Anthony Nguyen. Kris was the winner and received the first place trophy. Anthony received the second place trophy. Kevin Sevilla finished third. Biggs High School won the team trophy, with Sacramento's Luther Burbank High in second and Children's Home of Stockton in third place.

Biggs High School's Eduardo Corona won the tenth grade title with a score of 5.5. Franklin High won the team title with Biggs High School Second and Children's Home of Stockton finishing third.

Mission San Jose High School's Micah Fisher-Kirshner was the eleventh grade champion with 6 points. Jonathon Baughman finished second. The Team title went to Children's Home of Stockton.

In the final playoff of the event, Joseph Torres of Franklin



Micah Fisher-Kirshner 11th Grade Champion

High defeated co-champion Richard Vang from Luther Burbank High to win the twelfth grade first place trophy. Franklin's Mahmoud Daher finished in third place. The team event was won by Franklin, with Luther Burbank in second and Children's Home of Stockton finishing third.

Next year's combined state event will be held in Southern California. Location to be announced at a later date. The Rotary in Stockton is to be congratulated for putting together a spectacular event. We all hope they will consider bidding on the first California State Grade Level Championship of the new millenium in 2001!

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Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls

by
Doug Shaker



Doug Shaker: TD and Organizer of Sojourner Truth

About two years ago, my daughter showed some interest in chess, but she had absolutely no interest in playing with boys. She would play chess with me, she would play with her younger brother and she would play with other girls – but never with males from outside the family. Later, when I began hosting a lunch-time chess activity at the local elementary school, I noticed that most of the girls there felt the same way. Playing with other girls was great; playing with boys was “Yuck!” Finally, the light went on and I realized I should organize a chess tournament for girls only. On January 9th and 10th, 1999, in Palo Alto, we had the Sojourner Truth Chess Tournament for Girls.

Readers of the *California Chess Journal* will know that this is not the first girls’ chess tournament in the Bay area. In May 1997, 17 girls from Berkeley Chess School and the Weibel chess program met in a team

event, playing against 22 girls from Nelson Hanton’s middle school program in Seattle-Tacoma. However, the turnout for the Sojourner Truth tournament showed how much girls’ chess has grown in the last two years. Over 100 girls entered the event, with entrants from Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Northern and Southern California. Thirty girls from Nelson Hanton’s program flew down from Tacoma, just to be in

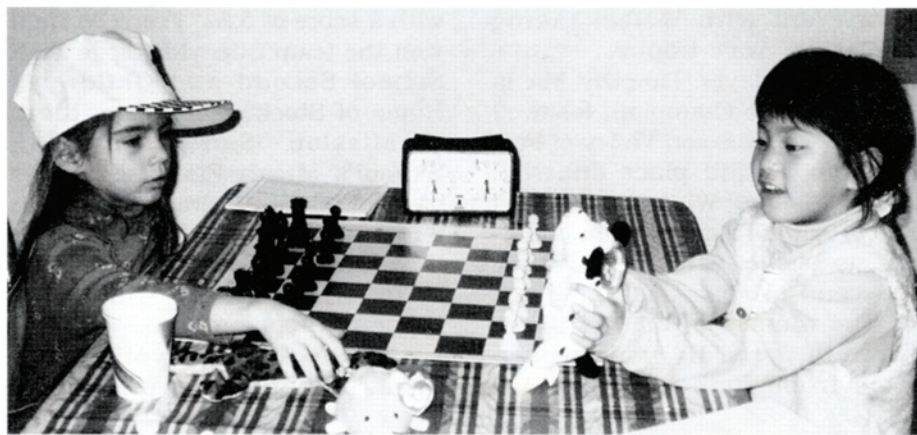
the tournament. We also had large contingents from the Weibel program in Fremont, the Grass Valley program in Oakland, and the chess program in Biggs, California.

The tournament was a five round swiss, with girls in Kindergarten through sixth grade playing all five rounds on Saturday with a G/30 control. The older girls, seventh grade through high school, played three rounds on Saturday and two on Sunday, with a slower time control of G/60. The tournament was organized as a grade level event, with different

sections for each grade level. We played in the dining room of a Palo Alto girls’ school, Castilleja School. It was a very nice site, with a large room for chess and access to a lounge for skittles, analysis, and all the boisterous activity that children enjoy.

Some parents asked why I named the tournament for Sojourner Truth. The truth is that I asked a large number of women for suggestions for names. Two of the names most frequently mentioned were Eleanor Roosevelt and Sojourner Truth. You are probably familiar with Mrs. Roosevelt, but you may need some background on Sojourner Truth. She was born a slave in 1797 in New York. She was freed in 1827 when slavery became illegal in New York. She later became an inspiring and effective speaker for women’s rights and abolition. The speech for which she is best known is called *Ain’t I a Woman?* and can be found on the web at <http://www.digitalsojourn.org/speech.html>.

We were able to print up programs for all of the participants in the tournament. Each program had a short history of Sojourner Truth, a copy of her speech, and room to record all five games in the tournament.



**Teresa Findley (l)
and Trisha Lian (r)**

Saturday evening, after the rounds for the day were done, Jennie Frenklakh was able to stop by before returning to her studies at Boston University. Jennie has a rating of 2156 and is ranked number 13 among women chess players in the United States. She gave a short speech encouraging the entrants to continue with chess, then she staged a wonderful simultaneous exhibition. There were 35 boards, with perhaps a third of them being played by parents. Some of the parents were exceptionally strong opposition, but Jennie managed to win on 31 boards, draw on two and lose on only two. It was wonderful to see her, immaculately dressed in a stylish black suit, going from board to board, beating everyone in sight. Jennie was also gracious enough to sign autographs for anyone who asked.

We were able to supply trophies down to tenth place or ties thereof. The first place winners were: Kindergarten, Karsten

McVay of Foster City; First grade, Kristen Findlay of Boise, Idaho; Second grade, Ankita Roy of Fremont; Third grade, Marina Asami of Irvine; Fourth grade, Ewelina Krubnik of Alameda; Fifth grade, Mikaila Leonardi of Seattle, Washington; Sixth grade, shared by Gabriella Kay of Newport Beach and Elaine Veksler of Mountain View; Seventh grade, Jessica Maxwell of Tacoma, Washington; Eighth grade, shared by Julieta Villalpando of Biggs and Mallory Brooke Alpers of San Ramon; Ninth and tenth grade, Jocelyn Lee of Fremont; Eleventh and twelfth grade, Jennifer Allyn of Tacoma, Washington.

While the Sojourner Truth tournament was being held in the Castilleja dining room, across the hall, in the library, the Women's Region XI Open Championship was taking place. This event is reported elsewhere in this issue. Colette Mcgruder of Los Angeles emerged as the victor in that struggle. Hans Poschmann served

as the tournament director for the women's tournament.

Riley Hughes directed the high school sections of the girls' tournament. I was aided and abetted by my family, by Alan Kirshner, and many of his Weibel program volunteers. My thanks to all. We will do it again next year.



Jennie Frenklakh

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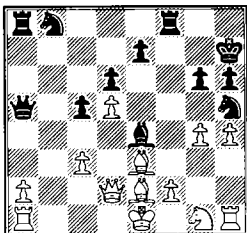
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Computer Programmer: "PairingPro"

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	1 - 3	AARON STEAMS 2321 Davis, Ca.	\$333	3.5 - 0.5
	1 - 3	JORDY MONT-REYNAUD 2303 Palo Alto, Ca.	\$333	3.5 - 0.5
EXPERT	1 - 3	ANTHONY ROZENVASSER 2117 Cupertino, Ca.	\$267	3.0 - 1.0
	1 - 3	LEV FRENKLAKH 2111 Marina, Ca.	\$267	3.0 - 1.0
	1 - 3	WALTER WOOD 1961 Berkeley, Ca.	\$267	3.0 - 1.0
A	1 - 2	MICHAEL DA CRUZ 1976 Salida, Ca.	\$280	3.5 - 0.5
	1 - 2	MICHAEL MALONEY 1939 Foster City, Ca.	\$280	3.5 - 0.5
	3 - 5	LEVITAN ALEXANDER 1944 San Jose, Ca.	\$47	3.0 - 1.0
	3 - 5	MIKE CARDILLO 1907 San Ramon, Ca.	\$47	3.0 - 1.0
	3 - 5	ERIC FINGAL 1857 Santa Cruz, Ca.	\$47	3.0 - 1.0
B	1 - 2	ANDREW MILBURN 1746 Santa Rosa, Ca.	\$240	3.5 - 0.5
	1 - 2	JOEY GARCIA 1700 Walnut Creek, Ca.	\$240	3.5 - 0.5
	3 - 5	TODD MCFARREN 1728 Watsonville, Ca.	\$40	3.0 - 1.0
	3 - 5	MICHAEL MARQUE 1698 Antioch, Ca.	\$40	3.0 - 1.0
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D	1 st	PRAKASH KASIRAJ 1364 San Jose, Ca.	\$100	4.0 - 0.0
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	1 - 2	MARI MONT-RENAUD 1174 Palo Alto, Ca.	\$50	2.5 - 1.5
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OPEN		WALTER WOOD, 1961, Berkeley,	\$25	
A		MICHAEL MALONEY, 1939, Foster City,	\$25	
B		CALIXTO MAGAOAY, 1723, Vallejo,	\$25	
C		LEV PISARSKY, 1283, Sunnyvale,	\$25	
D		TONY NIBLOCK 1372, Mountain View,	\$25	

Mont-Reynaud, J (2303)
Brown, M (2003)
[E74]

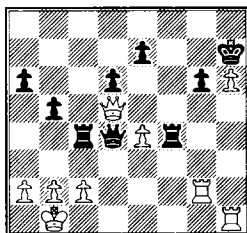
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11.cxb5 axb5 12.Bxb5 Nh5 13.Be3
Qa5 14.Be2 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.g4
Bxc3 17.bxc3 Be4



18.gxh5 Bxh1 19.hxg6+ Kxg6
20.Bxh6 Rg8 21.Qg5+ Kh7 22.Bd3+
Kh8 23.Bg7+ Rxg7 24.Qh5+ 1-0

Wood, W (1961)
Sanz, J (2136)
[B90]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Nc6
7.Be2 g6 8.Qd2 Bg7 9.0-0-0 0-0
10.f3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Be6 12.Kb1 b5
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19.f4 Qb6 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Nd5
Bxd5 22.Qxd5+ Kg7 23.Bxc4 Rxc4
24.Rh2 Rxf4 25.Rdh1 h5 26.gxh6+
Kh7 27.Rg2 Qd4



28.Rxg6 Kxg6 29.Qg8+ Kf6 30.h7
Rh4 31.Qf8+ Kg6 32.Qg8+ Kf6
33.Rf1+ Ke5 34.Qg5+ Ke6 35.Qf5#
1-0

Maloney, M (1939)
Smith, J (1800)
[B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3

Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Be7
8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Nd7 10.Bf4 Nb6
11.Nb5 Nxc4 12.Qxc4 0-0 13.Nxd6
Qb6 14.e5 Rd8 15.Qe4 Qb4 16.Ng5
Qxe4 17.Ngxe4 h6 18.Rac1 g5
19.Bg3 Nb4 20.a3 Nd5 21.Rd2 b6
22.Nc3 Bxd6 23.exd6 Bb7 24.Be5
f6 25.Nxd5 fxe5 26.Ne7+ Kf8
27.Rc7 Be4 28.Re2 Rxd6 29.f3 Bf5
30.Rxe5 Rd1+ 31.Kf2 Rd2+ 32.Kg3
Rxb2 33.Nxf5 exf5 34.Rxf5+ Kg8
35.Rf6 Rb3 36.Rg6+ Kh8 37.Kg4
Rxa3 38.Kh5 Ra2 39.Kxh6 Rxg2
40.Rh7# 1-0

Iglesia, E (1536)
Magaoay, C (1723)
[B72]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7
7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0 Bd7
10.h4 h5 11.f3 Ne5 12.Rdg1 Rc8
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23.Kd2 Qa5+ 24.c3 Rxd5+ 25.exd5
Ne5 26.Qxe7 Qxd5+ 27.Kc1 Kg8
28.h5 Nd3+ 29.Kb1 Qb3 30.Rh2
Qd1+ 31.Ka2 Qa4+ 32.Kb1 Re8 0-1

Kastor, M (1590)
Pisarsky, L (1283)
[C42]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6
4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0
0-0 8.h3 Re8 9.Re1 Bf5 10.Nbd2
Bg6 11.Nf1 Nd7 12.c3 c6 13.Qc2
f5 14.N3h2 b5 15.f3 Qh4 16.Be3
f4 17.fxg4 dxe4 18.Bf2 exd3 19.Qd2
Qf6 20.Nf3 c5 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8
22.Re1 Rxe1 23.Qxe1 c4 24.N1d2
Qe7 25.Qxe7 Bxe7 26.b3 Bf7
27.Kf1 Nb6 28.bxc4 Nxc4 29.Nxc4
Bxc4 30.Ke1 Bxa2 31.Ne5 a5
32.Nxd3 g5 33.Kd2 Bd5 34.g3 fxg3
35.Bxg3 a4 36.Kc1 a3 0-1

Niblock, T (1372) - Mont-Reynaud, M (1174)
[C41]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.h3 Be6 4.Nc3
Nf6 5.Bb5+ c6 6.Ba4 Be7 7.d3 0-0
8.Bb3 Bxb3 9.axb3 Nbd7 10.0-0 d5
11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Ne4 f5 13.Ng3
Bc5 14.Ng5 f4 15.N3e4 Be7 16.Ne6
Qe8 17.Nxf8 Kxf8 18.Bd2 Kg8

19.Qe2 Qg6 20.Qg4 Qe8 21.Qe6+
Kh8 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.Qxd6 a6
24.c4 N5b6 25.Qb4 Qg6 26.Qc3 f3
27.g3 Qh5 28.Kh2 Rf8 29.Rae1 Nf6
30.h4 Ng4+ 31.Kg1 g5 32.Bxg5 Rf5
33.Bf4 Kg8 34.Be3 Nxe3 35.Rxe3
Nd7 36.Re4 Nc5 37.Rfe1 Nxe4
38.Rxe4 Qe8 39.d4 Qd7 40.dxe5
Qd1+ 41.Re1 Qd7 42.e6 Qe7
43.Qd3 Rf6 44.Qd7 Kf8 45.Re3 h6
46.c5 a5 47.Qd6 Rf5 48.Re4 h5
49.Rf4 Rxf4 50.gxf4 Ke8 51.Qxe7+
Kxe7 52.f5 Kf6 53.Kh2 Ke7 54.Kg3
1-0

The Mechanics Institute

Chess Club has weekly Quads, every Saturday, that are open to any USCF member.

The Kids' Quads are in the morning and the Adults' Quads are in the afternoon. The Mechanics Institute is at 57 Post Street, across the street from the Montgomery BART station. Parking is expensive, so taking BART is recommended.

Kid's Quads

Register: 9:30 to 10:15
Time Control: G/30
First Game starts: 10:30
Entry fee: \$5
Prizes: To all participants
Organization: Arranged in

groups of four, by rating or, if no rating, estimated rating. If the number of entrants is not divisible by four, one small swiss section will be run with 5 to 7 entrants.

Adult quads

Register: 1:00 to 1:45 pm (I guess, the web page doesn't say)
Time Control: G/45
First Game starts: 2:00
Entry fee: \$12, \$10 to members of the Mechanics Institute
Prizes: For first and second place in the quad.

Organization: Arranged in groups of four, by rating or, if no rating, estimated rating. If the number of entrants is not divisible by four, one small swiss section will be run with 5 to 7 entrants.

More information: Joan Arbil, Assistant Chess Director at (415)421-2258 or <http://www.milibrary.org> or email to arbil@chessclub.org.



THE THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL 1999 LERA SUNNYVALE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS



DATE Saturday & Sunday, September 18th & 19th

PLACE The new LERA Auditorium B163, corner of "J" Street and 1st Ave. From Sunnyvale, go down Mathilda Ave. to Java St. (old Auditorium B160) turn left on 3rd Ave. and proceed down 3rd Ave. until you get to "J" St. Turn right on "J" St. and proceed to 1st Ave. Building B163 is on the far right corner of "J" St. and 1st Ave.

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

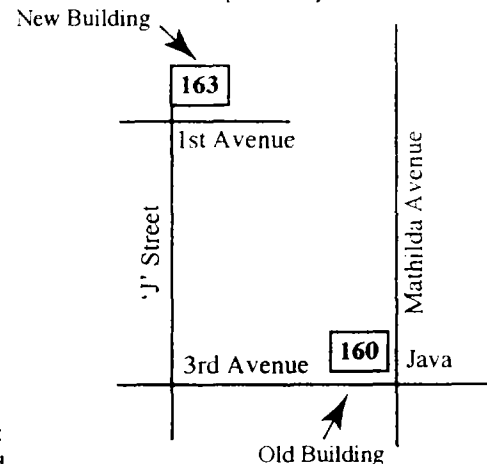
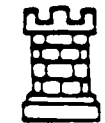
Division:	Open	Expert	A	B	C	D	E	F	Unrated
First Prize:	\$500	\$400	\$350	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Second Prize:	\$300	\$240	\$210	\$180	\$120				
Third Prize:	\$200	\$160	\$140	\$120	\$ 80				



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	



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 Sept. 14th. 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 Byes 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 (970) 285-7041 or after March 6th call 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 Memorial Day weekend 1999

9/99

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 Sept 14 th, otherwise entry fees are \$5 more. Make check payable to LERA Chess Club.

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BAY AREA OHLONE TOURNAMENT

By
Hans Poschmann

The last time I ran a tournament was at least 15 years ago—maybe it was 20. I have been looking for a reasonably priced location to do another tournament for the last few years. When the Ohlone College Chess Club approached me to hold a Collegiate Championship, I jumped at the chance. Especially since the beautiful site over looking a lake was free and best of all they agreed I could run a full tournament. So on January 30 and 31, 1999 the Bay Area Ohlone Tourney and Collegiate Championship was born.

I decided to follow the format established at the Livermore tournaments: Open, Reserve (1500-1899), Booster (up to 1499). Hoping for 100 players, I set the prize fund at \$1650. While only 89 players participated an anonymous donor provided an extra \$500. This enabled me to award the advertised prize fund. My biggest disappointment was the Collegiate section. Only 8 player appeared from the 50 colleges I contacted. Some of the collegiate players were graduate students who looked almost as old as I do.

I specifically would like to thank Doug Shaker for being my assistant TD and entering a load of late entries into his computer. The tournament ran smoothly for the most part. I still have trouble believing that a Master claimed a time forfeit while his opponent was out of the room by resetting the pieces and putting the clock back to the starting time. I gave the win to the opponent. The trials and tribulations of returning to tournament direction. Yet, I am looking forward to holding this tournament again next year with a few modifications that I am presently discussing with other interested parties.

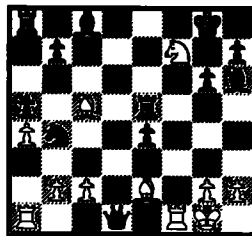
Koepcke, R (2297)
Zildzic, K (2321)
[B07]
Round 3

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Qd2 Ng4 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 Nc6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be2 Kh7 10.h3 Nf6 11.Rd1 a6 12.0-0 b5 13.Qe3 Bd7 14.e5 Ng8 15.Bd3 Qc8 16.Be4 f5 17.exf6 exf6 18.Qd3 f5 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.d5 Bd7 21.Nd4 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 g5 23.Bg3 Qe8 24.f4 Qg6 25.Kh2 Nf6 26.Bf2 Rg8 27.Rg1 g4 28.Bh4 Ne4 29.Nxe4 fxe4 30.Qe3 Qh5 31.Be1 Rae8 32.h4 g3+ 33.Bxg3 Rg4 34.Rge1 Reg8 35. Resigns 0-1

Blohm, D (2243)
Regan, N (1975)
[B34]
Round 2

[Analysis by Fritz 5.32 (60s)]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.Nb3 a5 9.a4 d6 10.f4 Nb4 11.Nd4 last book move 11...e5² [11...Ng4 12.Bxg4 Bxg4 13.Qd2=] 12.Ndb5 Bh6 13.0-0 d5 14.Bc5 Re8 15.fxe5 Nxe4+ [15...Rxe5!? is an interesting idea 16.Bd6 Rxe4] 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Nd6 Rxe5 18.Nxf7 Threatening mate 18...Qxd1



19.Nxh6+! staying in the lead [Less advisable is 19.Bxd1 Rxc5 20.Nxh6+ Kg7³] 19...Kg7+- terrible, but what else could Black do

to save the game? [19...Kh8 20.Nf7+ Kg7 21.Bf8+ Kxf8 22.Raxd1 Rf5²] 20.Bf8+ [20.Raxd1 is not possible 20...Rxc5 21.c3 Nc2μ] 20...Kh8 21.Raxd1! the decision [Inferior is 21.Bxd1 Re8+-; Not 21.Rfxd1 Re8 22.Nf7+ Kg8 23.Bxb4 Kxf7 24.Rf1+ Bf5+-] 21...Bf5 [21...Re8 what else? 22.Bc5! a forceful and devastating end 22...Kg7+-] 22.Bxb4 Resigns — [22...axb4 23.Nf7+ Kg7 24.Nxe5 Rxa4 25.g4+] 1-0

Regan, N (1975)
Foster, U (1681)
[B23]
Round 3

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.0-0 g6 6.Ng5 e6 7.f4 Bg7 8.f5 gxf5 9.exf5 d5 10.Bb3 c4 11.Ba4 a6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.fxe6 Qb6+ 14.Kh1 Bxe6 15.Qe1 Kd7 16.Na4 Qa7 17.d3 Rae8 18.Qa5 Kc8 19.Bf4 Nd7 20.dxc4 dxc4 21.Ne4 Bf8 22.Rad1 Bd5 23.Nec3 Rg8 24.Nxd5 cxd5 25.Rxd5 Qb7 26.Nc5 Bxc5 27.Rxc5+ Nxc5 28.Qxc5+ Resigns 1-0

Smith, G (1932)
Cisneros, A (1705)
[A40]
Round 3

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 f6 4.e4 fxe5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bc4 Bc5 7.0-0 d6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Bg4 10.Qd3 Qd7 11.Rad1 0-0-0 12.Rfel Rdf8 13.Rd2 g5 14.Bg3 Nh5 15.Nd5 Nxc3 16.hxc3 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qh3 18.f4 gxf4 19.Qb3 f3 20.Nf4 Qxg3+ 21.Kf1 Qxf4 22.Be6+ Kb8 23. Resigns 0-1

Batangan, V (1929)
Blohm, D (2243)
[A07]
Round 1

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.d3 e6 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.Re1 Bc5 7.Nbd2 Bxf2+ 8.Kxf2 Ng4+ 9.Kg1 Ne3 10.c4 Nxd1 11.Rxd1 c6 12.e4 dxe4 13.dxe4 Bg4 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Nxf3 0-0 16.Be3 Qe7 17.e5 f6 18.exf6 gxf6 19.Rd4 Rfd8 20.Rg4+ Kh8 21.Rh4 Nf8 22.Re1

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News from The Far North

Report and photo by James Bauman

Emilio Piriz is a 17 year old exchange student from Arle, France who has been dominating the Arcata Chess Club since arriving here last fall. He learned how the chess pieces move from his grandfather when he was 5 and it was also his grandfather who gave him the love for chess. Emilio studied for a short time with GM Gilles Miralles, who at the time was France's ninth ranked player. He will be in the U.S. until July and can be reached by e-mail at www.koncke@provnet.

In the Jan- Feb Open, Emilio took a clear first by scoring 5 ½ out of 6. His only blemish came with a draw to expert Tommy Groombridge whom came in 2nd at 4 ½. The Under 1600 prize went to Bill Herman. The Feb. Blitz Tournament was won by Syler "Blake" Good by a ½ pt. over Dean Louie. A total of 16 players participated.

We tried a different format in the March- April Tournament by dividing it into 2 sections (Open and Under 1600.) In the open division, Emilio again went undefeated with one draw to expert Steven Lynn Jenkins. Bill Herman won the Under 1600 by 1 point over 11 year old, Fred Hope. The Blitz Tournament held on April 12th found 5 players battling it out for first with 17 year old)Arlen Vanek (1998 Jr. Champion) and 1997 Club champion, Michael Taylor, tying for 1st. A total of 17 players participated in these events.

Currently, the May-June Tournament is in progress. We are also putting on a School Championship in conjunction with the Boy's 7 Girl's Club of Humboldt County on May 8th at the Teen Center in Eureka.

Emilio Piriz is dominating The Far North

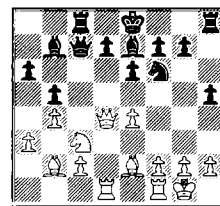


Below are two of Emilio's games annotated by himself.

**Bob Snyder
Emilio Piriz**

Sicilian Taimanov Variation

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6(The day before I had analyzed for the first time this variation of the Sicilian. Let's try it!) **3.d4 cd4 4.Nd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 a6 7.a3?!** (Even though I don't know this variation very well, I know this is too slow. 7.O-O with the idea: Kh1, f4 is more energetic.) **7...Nf6 8.O-O Nd4 9.Qd4 Bc5** (Later in the tournament in a similar position (but white played g3) my opponent played Bf4 which destroyed all my plans. Here 10.Bf4? is a bad move because of 10...Qf4 11.Qg5 Ne4 12.Qd4 Ng3! And if 13.Qf4 Ne2+(0-1.) **10.Qd3 b5 11.b4** (Maybe the idea Kh1 and f4, preparing e5 was better but the rest of the game doesn't prove b4 was a bad move.) **11...Be7 12.Bb2 Bb7 13.Rad1 Rc8 14.Qd4 h5?**



(Started hallucinating...d6 or O-O was more sane) **15.h3! Bc6** (It's now already horrible for black.) **16.e5?** (This move really helps black. White should have kept the pressure by slowly improving the position of his pieces.(Rfe1 or Kh1.) **16...Nd5 17.Nd5 Bd5** (Even though the pawn h5 is still terribly weak. Black's position has improved a lot.) **18.Bd3?!** (It might have been better for white to prepare c4 by putting some rooks on the c file. Black has trouble playing with the h8 Rook, White has to open up the position.) **18...Qc6** (Let's weaken White's position.) **19.f3 O-O 20.Rd2 a5 21.c3 d6 22.Be4** (I think the more adventuresome ed6 gives more chances for

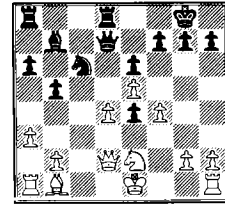
White.) **22...Be4 23.fe4** (Black seems in trouble since de5 is terrible because of the huge attack on the king, but...) **23...Rcd8!** (Important moves, just when the players started realizing they just had a few minutes left to reach the 30th move.) **24.Rfd1 ab4** (Preparing a good ending because of White's pawn on e5.) **25.cb4 d5!! 26.ed5 Rd5** (Big time trouble for both players.) **27.Qe3 Rfd8 28.Kh1 Qc4 29.Rd5 Rd5 30.Rd5?** (White should keep this rook. Rg1 was normal.) **30...Qd5** (The first time control is passed.) **31.Qd4** (Here I thought it might as well be a draw after all, but...) **31...Bg5** (now white only has bad options, including Qd5 ed5; the e5 pawn is in trouble.) **32.Qd5 ed5 33.Kg1 Kf8 34.Kf2 ke7 35.Kf3 Ke6 36.g4?** (White had to keep control over the f4 square.) **36...h4! 37.Bc3** (trying to trap Blacks Bishop with 37...Bc1

38.Ke2 Ba3 39.Kd2 and the Bishop is trapped.) **37...Bc1 38.Ke2 Bf4 39.Be1 g5 40.Kd3 Be5 41.Bd2 f6 42.Bc1 Ba1 43.Be3 Ke5 44.Bc1 d4 45.a4?! ba4 46.b5 Kd5 47.Ba3!? Bc3! 48.b6 Kc6 49.Kc2 Kb6 50.Be7 Kb5! 51.Bf6 Kc4 52.Bg5 d3+ 53.Kd1 a3 54. White Resigns.**

**James Bauman
Emilio Piriz**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e4 Be7 4.Nc3 O-O 5.f4?! (I think White should consider developing a piece instead.) **5...d5!?** (Opening the position since White didn't develop his pieces very well.) **6.e5 Ne4 7.Be7 Qe7 8.Ne4?!** (My weak pawn structure will be less important than my lead in development. I think Bd3 is better.) **8...de4 9.Qd2 Rd8 10.Bc4 c5 11.Ne2 Nc6** (Here I at first thought I could win by 11...cd4

12.Nd4 Qg5? But then I realized White can play 13.Ne6!! If 13...Rd2 14.Nc5 Rc2 15.b3! And if 15...b5 16.Bd5+-. **12.c3 cd4 13.cd4 a6** (I wanted to place my bishop on the strong square b7.) **14.a3?** (Too slow! White has to secure his King.) **14...b5 15.Ba2 Bb7 16.Bb1?** (Way too slow.) **16...Qd7!**



17.Be4 Nd4!! 18.Qe3 (If 18.Bb6 Nf3+! wins.) **18...Be4 19.Qe4 Nb3!** (Winning material in all cases. If 20.Rb1 Nd2+, 20.Rc1 Nc1+, 20.Rd1 Qd1+, so White played the last possibility.) **20.Ra2 Qd1+ 21.White resigns**

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Chess Club to the World

by
Steve Cohen

The world's most popular chess club has no doors. Then again, it doesn't need any, as it is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there are people there all the time! It's a club where they provide the sets and clocks, they keep score for you, they press your clock for you, and they always have many friendly helpers around to answer any questions. At any time you may find more than a thousand people (presently, up to 2,300 may be accommodated in the "King's Room;" and if that gets full, there is always the "Queen's room") playing chess, chatting with each other, or watching others play. Truly, the Internet Chess Club is a place where more than just chess is enjoyed.

On any given day more than 50,000 games of chess are played at the ICC, which can be found in cyberspace at <http://www.chessclub.com>. At any time you may find a number of world-famous players of international master and grandmaster strength, young and old, male and female competing against each other (for your entertainment and learning pleasure). It's nice to see some of the top players of this sport make amateur mistakes as we all do. Further, most of the action is quite fast-paced with a number of games being played at time controls of G/1 (both players have only 1 minute for their entire game), G/2 and G/3 (though you can also find some games with blitz (G/5) and standard (G/15, or more time) time controls as well.

Remarkably, this has all been established in only a few years! Back in the early '90s (pre-internet days), the best that chess enthusiasts could hope for, cyber-space-wise, would be games via UNIX on a computer with no boards or pieces, just typing out moves (and, presumably, playing them out on a board at home - which you'd need to set up before each game). Most of the players you would find were college students.

While it was free on the internet, there were some for-pay, non-internet sites such as the USA Today Sportscenter, which charged \$6 an hour! Given the emergence of this "world-wide-web thing" in the early '90s, and given the intelligence level of these undergraduate college students, several came up with what would become known as the Free Internet chess Server (ICS) which provided users an interface with a board upon which pieces would move on their monitor/display. However, as the popularity of ICS grew too large for these students to handle, the program which ran ICS was dumped into the lap of Professor Daniel Sleator, who is a tenured professor at Carnegie Mellon University (in the field of computers and parsing language). According to Marty Grund, one of the founders and owners of ICC, (a private organization), Sleator became an administrator on ICS because he had been irked by the mistreatment from rude helpers he wanted to help in that regard. When the original "graduate students that ran ICS wanted "out," Sleator was the obvious choice to take over.

However, Professor Sleator pretty much scrapped what had been given to him and over a period of time essentially rewrote the code which is in use today if you visit F.I.C.S. However, wanting more and better than what was offered at (F)ICS, Sleator, together with his wife, Lilya, Eric Peterson and Marty Grund got together to create what is now known as the I.C.C. The commercialization of a site which had previously been free was not welcomed by all. [For a more complete coverage of the tumults on the controversy visit <http://www.internetworld.com/print/monthly/1995/08/chess.html>]. However, on March 1, 1995, using the best chess interface around which has recently been upgraded (either can be downloaded for free

at the ICC site) these four began a chess club that would enjoy phenomenal growth (due in no small part, I'm sure) to the very friendly, helpful administrators and "helpers"! Almost all of the top 20 players in the world have played at one time or another on ICC; almost daily, you can watch at least one of them playing against other strong chessmasters and grandmasters.

The world of ICC offers the chess-lover many, many choices. Of course, there is regular chess, at a variety of time controls (or make your own). The most popular seems to be "1 0" (which means 1 minute for game with 0 seconds increment ["increment" refers to how many seconds are added to the clock after each move]), "2 0," and "3 0." It's very exciting to see some of the strongest players in the world battling it out so quickly - very entertaining and terrific for learning. Also, the ICC holds a tremendous database of the games played by players rated over 2300, which can be accessed by opening. Say you play "C72" (a variation of the Spanish Opening - the codes refer to Informant's Encyclopedia of Chess Openings' format). Well, you can type in "search C72" and up pops a large menu of numerous games played by persons rated above 2300, all of which began with the same moves you use. You can then examine their games to see how they play the opening (e.g., just see the games where the person who plays your color wins, to see winning plans you can use against your opponents). Speaking of practice, there are also several computer practice programs for you to improve skills on K+B+N v. K, K+Q v. K+R, K+R v. K+N and K+Q v. K+N schemes.

Still, there are a number of "chess" varieties also available. Certainly, the two most popular are bughouse ("wild 24" at ICC), which enjoys a separate rating class, and "loser's chess" ("wild 17" at ICC), which probably should have a separate rating system (especially since there are "wild 17" tournaments) but presently is rated together with other "wild" forms (such as several forms of random chess (where pieces are set up randomly), kriegspiel (wild 16), normal set up (except on oppo-

site sides (i.e., all pawns are 1 square away from queening)), and some more wild variants [if at ICC, type "help wild" for descriptions of the forms]). Unfortunately, as wonderful as the new interface, "Blitzen 2" is to users, it does not support bughouse...yet. Still, using the "old" Blitzen 1.72, and with so many at the club at any one time, it isn't hard to hook up with a bughouse partner, wherever in the world s/he may be, if that's what you want to do. You could have a Californian partnered with a Canadian against someone in Hong Kong who's partnered with someone from Norway. One of Canada's newest, young stars, Justin Gushuliak (see UPSCL WebSite "Games for Learning" section for one of his victories against one of Manitoba, Canada's strongest masters), recently reached the rank of #3 (by rating) at bughouse at ICC above such well-knowns as World Blitz Champion Maxim Dlugy (who enjoys "bugging" from time to time). Justin, who just turned 11 in December, and who's only been playing chess for about a year and a half, gets his main chess practice at ICC. He admits bughouse is not the best practice for over-the-board, tournament-chess; but, it does help to sharpen tactical, attacking, piece-cooperation and king-trapping skills. If you ever decide to venture into the world of cyber-bughouse, young Gushuliak (who's known on ICC as "Big Upset") offers a bit of helpful advice: "when the Bf8 moves, drop (or get) a Knight on h5 when the position is closed and used "diagonals" (i.e., Bishops and Pawns... the units which attack diagonally) to put on f6 and h6 to soften the Black squares around the King..." As for the "give wild 17 its own rating" campaign... only the future will tell how this eventually is resolved.

Another way in which ICC helps the "experience" factor is through their system of "computer-run" tomato tournaments which has led to slomato (slower controls), flash (bullet controls), wildone (usually w17, but sometimes other wild variants) and littleper, additional "computer-run" events. To be sure, a human operator manages the computer. But, the computer takes care of pairings, instantaneous scoring, and im-

mediate standings/grid updating. The "tourney" is not for any prizes; only bragging rights (hehehe). Still, it "guarantees" several consecutive games (tourneys are usually anywhere from 4-7 rounds, though sometimes round robins (where everyone plays everyone else) could be longer) and the chance to play against much higher-rated players. You see, other than tournaments, really the only other way to get a game is by placing a "seek" ad (you seek a match at a certain time control you have specified) or by you matching another (either by typing in person's name and parameters you desire) or by clicking on another's "seek ad." The seek-ads graph shows who wants to play what. Just drag the mouse over a dot to see whose ad and what time controls that person wants to play.

Of course, there are almost always opponents ready to play at any time controls. But, since everyone wants to play against someone rated higher (for good learning), it's understandable why the lower-rated players find it hard to get experience against higher-rated players (say, those above 2000). Thus, in a tourney, you are guaranteed the chance to play against higher-rated opposition, especially if you maintain a decent cumulative score!

Speaking of learning (for personal improvement), not only may you use boards at ICC to go over your own games, or set up other positions to examine (or examine games of others, or observe the play of world-famous grandmasters) the ICC presents a great opportunity for learning because it provides the opportunity for lots... and lot, and lots, and LOTS... of experience. Win or lose, by having the opportunity to play against so many different people, and at the fast controls to get to play a lot of games in a small amount of time, anyone is able to gain the very valuable hands-on experience that often is lacking in areas where quality opposition is not abundant. At the ICC, at any time, there are usually more than 500 people on line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! The variety and quality provide for much good practice. Indeed, one father wrote in about his son who'd never played before; but, af-

ter 1 year (and about 8,000 games) at ICC, the son went on to take clear 1st in the 6th-grade division at his State's Scholastic Championships! And, in a similar situation, a boy took 3rd at his first Nationals! In fact in a recent voluntary survey of ICC members [about 20, ranging in age from pre-teen to over 50, responded], everyone said that experiences at ICC have helped to improve their over-the-board play: sharpened tactical abilities, helped to speed up planning, and improvement in coordination of forces were areas echoed in the surveys.

Also, ICC is a place where teaching and coaching can take place. Lectures every hour on the hour are provided by "DrSpock," a computer lecturer. In addition, there are boards which coaches can use to train students (whether someone they know, or meet at ICC). Moreover, generally for some "chekels" (the "monetary unit" at ICC, where 1 chekel = \$1 U.S.), some of the strongest players around will give lessons or play a game (and some offer post-game analysis to help you for next time).

But, and make no mistake about it, there's more than chess that goes on at ICC. The ICC is also a place for meeting new people; and, sometimes making new friends. The ICC promotes a very social atmosphere with constant look-outs to make sure that inappropriate language is not used. People who abuse the system do not stay long! This atmosphere attracts people from all over the world. Personally, in my first month on ICC I've met people from every continent (save Antarctica). I've played games against people from Hong Kong, Australia, Norway, France, Spain, Canada, Brazil, and all over the United States. To be sure, estimates are that about 50%-60% of members are from the USA, about 30% from Canada, and the rest come from all over the world. Still, there are some chess-players who came to ICC to look for games of chess and have ended up using ICC almost like a second home not for playing chess, but for chatting. Although "shouts" are reserved for information strictly about chess,

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Central Coast Chess Notes

By
Duncan Oxley

Two tournaments were recently held at the Monterey Chess Center. The first, on January 24, drew 28 players. The premier section had 18 players including a Senior Master, three Masters and three experts. Top rated SM Mladen Vucic (2451) was the obvious favorite to win as he was rated more than 200 points above his next closest competitor. However, after two easy wins he decided to take his family to the Monterey Aquarium to see some other species of fish. This left the field wide open and Robert Sferra's win over Paul Cripe and Joe Kruml's brilliant upset over Richard Koepcke enabled them to split first and second. All of us here are proud of Joe Kruml's chess accomplishments lately. Joe is studying Russian here at the Army's language school and just came back from the armed services chess championship where he represented himself quite well. Here are all the results and two games:

OPEN

1-2	Robert Sferra	3-0
	Joe Kruml	3-0
3	Mladen Vucic	2.5-.5

RESERVE

1-2	Edward Shamilov	2.5-.5
	Duncan Oxley	2.5-.5
3	Edmond Howser	2-1
	Bill Smith	2-1

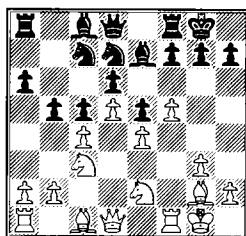
Mark Marron (2000) Richard Koepcke (2300) Round 2

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 de 4.Ne4 Nd7 5.Ng5 Ngf6 6.Bc4 e6 7.N1f3 h6 8.Nh3 c5 9.0-0 Nb6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Qe2 cd 12.Nd4 Bc5 13.Rd1 0-0 14.Bd7 Nbd7 15.Nf3 Qb6 16.c3 Rfd8 17.b4 Bf8 18.Be3 Qc7 19.Rac1 Nb6 20.Bd4 Nfd7 21.Ne5 Ne5 22.Be5 Qc6 23.Qg4 Nc4 24.Bf6 Rd1+ 25.Rd1 Kh8 26.Rd3 e5 27.Bg7+ Bg7 28.Ng5 hg 0-1

The following game won the brilliancy prize:

Richard Koepcke (2300) Joe Kruml (2000) Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 Be7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Ne8 8.Nge2 Nd7 9.0-0 a6 10.f4 Nc7 11.f5 b5



12.a4 bc 13.a5 Rh8 14.h4 Nb5 15.Qa4 Nd4 16.Qc4 Nf6 17.Ra2 Qc7 18.Nd4 ed 19.Ne2 Bd7 20.Qc2 Qa7 21.Kh1 Bb5 22.Rd1 Ng4 23.Nf4 c4 24.Bh3 d3 25.Qd2 Nf2+ 26.Kg2 Nd1 27.Qd1 Qd4 28.Qe1 Bd7 29.Kf3 Rb3 30.Bd2 Bf6 31.Bc3 d2 32.Qd1 Re8 33.Ne6 Qd3+ 34.Kf2 Bc3 35.bc Rc3 36.Qd2 Qg3+ 37.Ke2 Qf3+ 0-1

The next tournament was held on February 28. The turnout was slightly lower with 23 players. The top section had two Masters and three experts rounding out a field of 13. Abe Mina, who went 0-3 in January, vowed to "come back with a vengeance" and he did going 3-0 this time! The reserve section consisted of 10 players, and had a huge upset winner. Bill Smith (1170) scored a perfect 3-0 to take sole first over four seasoned C-players! Here are the results:

OPEN

1	Abe Mina	3-0
2-3	Robert Sferra	2.5-.5
	Caesar Cuellar	2.5-.5

RESERVE

1	Bill Smith	3-0
2-3	Sergey Frenklakh	2.5-.5
	David Soto	2.5-.5

The Salinas Chess Club has been reactivated. The latest incarnation meets at the Carl's Jr restaurant located at 1061 N Davis Rd. Any weekend afternoon it's a safe bet you will find chess players there! Our first event was held March 6. When only four players showed up we decided to have a QuickChess G10 double quad. Abe Mina won this event with a score of 5-1. We are working on securing larger space and soon hope to have a larger event.

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Bill Herman.

CalChess Board Minutes

by Doug Shaker
CalChess Secretary

CalChess Meeting Minutes
February 27th, 1999
Attending:

Board members: Alan Kirshner, Richard Koepeke, John McCumiskey, Hans Poschmann, Eric Schiller, Doug Shaker, Mike Splane Others: Jim Eade, Riley Hughes, Isaac Shaker

The CalChess board convened at 2:15pm, February 27th, 1999, at Café La Dolce Vita in Palo Alto.

Jim Eade gave a report on meeting of the USCF Policy Board at the US Amateur Team East tournament. The USCF seems to be having financial problems. The USCF had a deficit in fiscal 1996-1997. The major response to that crisis was to hire a new Executive Director. The problem looked as if it had been solved for a while, but the projection for 1999 is a \$250,000 loss. There were three factors cited as causes. First, there has been a decline in adult memberships since 1995, though scholastic memberships have risen. Second, profit margins of mail order items have declined. Although, the gross revenue from mail order has climbed, the net profit is down. Finally, the staff that was hired in 1998 to improve customer service has increased the overhead cost of the USCF.

A task force has been appointed to develop an austerity budget, to be presented at the delegates meeting in August. Jim Eade was worried that the Executive Director, Mike Cavallo, might not stay on. Office morale is low, and Mr. Cavallo has to commute from another city to perform the USCF job. It isn't much fun right now and he might not want to keep doing it. Jim reported that Notes Payable plus Accounts Payable for the USCF totaled about \$1 million. Inventory plus Accounts Receivable were about \$800 thousand.

Jim felt that the USCF election in August will be quite important, as it will determine the people who will be trying to solve this problem. Richard Koepeke mentioned that the USCF will be getting a new computer system around the beginning of June. This computer system will be based on an NT server, running SQLserver, networked to desktop PCs running Microsoft Access. Apparently the previous system was based in isolated PCs with dBase software. The new system may increase the efficiency of the USCF office. Its cost may also be a factor in the losses.

Keeping with the financial theme, the CalChess budget was discussed. At the close of 1998, CalChess had \$4271.98 in the bank account and had an annual loss of \$1485.02. This was an improvement over 1997, when the loss was \$1796.07. The budget below was approved.

Doug Shaker mentioned status on the membership drive. Membership as of February 27th was 335, an improvement of 23% since October. Mr. Shaker hopes to have membership at 700 by the end of 1999.

Richard Koepeke mentioned that we would need a site for the usual Labor Day tournament. About 5000 square feet is needed, room for about 200 to 250 people. The budget would allow about \$2000 for such a site.

Doug Shaker brought up an idea for increasing inexpensive tournaments. The idea was to allow free half-page ads in the California Chess Journal for any tournaments which either (1) require CalChess membership or (2) which allow a \$10 discount to CalChess members. The board discussed this idea and agreed to try it for the next two editions of the CCJ.

Eric Schiller mentioned that John Donaldson has put together a strong series of events at the Mechanics Institute. He also mentioned that Kasparov would be visiting Stanford on April 21st and 22nd. Eric also suggested that we put together an email list server for CalChess members. Doug Shaker agreed to do so.

The next scheduled CalChess Board meeting will be at the Universe Open, the weekend of July 4th, in San Francisco.

Income		
SASP Funds from USCF	\$1,800.00	
Memberships	\$6,000.00	
Donations	\$200.00	
USCF funds for hosting a Women's championship	\$100.00	
CCJ Ads	\$600.00	
		\$8,700.00
Expense		
CCJ (4 issues)	\$7,200.00	
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Denker Tournament support	\$200.00	
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		\$8,700.00
Profit/Loss		\$0.00

Berkeley Chess School On the Move!

*By
Lanette Chan*

The Berkeley Chess School is offering its ninth summer camp in Berkeley from June 21 through July 9, 1999, with National Master Roger Poehlmann as its lead teacher. A second camp is being added this year in Orinda, running from June 28 through July 9. Classes will be held Mondays through Fridays from 1:00 – 5:00p.m. for students currently in grades kindergarten through 8. The program includes chess instruction at different levels.

The Berkeley Chess School is a nonprofit corporation that gives chess instruction to over 3,000 children in kindergarten through high school in over 80 schools throughout Northern California. It was founded 17 years ago by Elizabeth Shaughnessy, former Irish Women's Chess Champion. For more information call (510) 843-0150.

The Berkeley Chess School Scores at CalChess Scholastics

The Berkeley Chess School had stunning victories at the CalChess State Championships held on March 27 and 28 in Santa Clara. Separated into 7 divisions ranging from the K-3 U600 through high school, The Berkeley Chess School captured 1st place club trophies in the following categories with the following team members:

K-3 U600: Elliott Jardin (tied for 1st place overall), Emilia Krubnik, Zane McNeil-Kenney and Mahnoosh Moghadam

K-3 Open: Alexander Setzepfandt (1st place overall), Gabe Gordon, Andres Fuentes-Afflick and Daichi Siegrist (all tied for 4th place overall)

K-6 U750: Nazee Moghadam, Michael Fischer, Kevin Walters (all tied for 4th place overall) and Aniv Nayar

High School: Berkeley High School: Andy Lee (2nd place overall), Jonah Bilovsky, Andrew Fan and David Petty

The Berkeley Chess School also came in second place in the club division for the remaining sections:

K-6 Open: Wesley Chen (tied for 2nd place overall), Ewelina Krubnik, Aaron Wilkowsky and Ravi Verma

K-8 U850: Ahmad Moghadam (tied for 1st place overall), Ryan Dooley and Nelson Perez

K-8 Open: Simion Kreimer, Sam Petty, Noah Youngs and Ernst Westphal

Top Awards to Berkeley Chess School at the State Grade Level Championship

Students of The Berkeley Chess School walked away with 1st place trophies in four of the divisions held at The California Chess State Grade Level Championships held in Stockton on May 15 and 16. Yuki Siegrist (Kindergarten), Corey Chang and Devin Abbott (tied for 1st in second grade), Gabe Gordon (third grade) and Kris MacLennan (ninth grade) are the new grade level champions.

The Berkeley Chess School placements are as follows:

Kindergarten: Yuki Siegrist (1st place)

First Grade: Mahnoosh Moghadam (3rd place)

Second Grade: Corey Chang and Devin Abbott (tied for 1st), Andres Fuentes-Afflick (tied for 7th place)

Third Grade: Gabe Gordon (1st place), Daichi Siegrist, Phillip Jouriles and Kevin Walters (tied for 3rd place)

Fourth Grade: Ahmad Moghadam (5th place)

Fifth Grade: Aaron Wilkowsky, Nazee Moghadam and Ryan Dooley (tied for 4th place)

Sixth Grade: Alan Fung (tied for 7th place)

Seventh Grade: Ernst Westphal (tied for 5th place)

Ninth Grade: Kris MacLennan (1st place)

The Berkeley Chess School Summer Camp 1998



K-3 Open Team Members: Back row left to right: Andres Fuentes-Afflick, Alexander Setzepfandt and Gabe Gordon. Front row: Daichi Siegrist and Yuki Siegrist.



K-12 Grade Level Winners: Back row left to right: Ryan Dooley, Ernst Westphal, Aaron Wilkowski, Kris MacLennan, Nazeer Moghadam and Alan Fung. Middle row: Daichi Siegrist, Michael Lum, Gabe Gordon and Ahmad Moghadam. Front row: Yuki Siegrist and Mahnoosh Moghadam.



K-3 Grade Level Winners: Back row left to right: Devin Abbott, Philip Jouriles, Kevin Walters and Mahnoosh Moghadam. Front row: Yuki Siegrist, Daichi Siegrist, Gabe Gordon and Corey Chang.

Readers Showcase



David Pruess. Photo by Eric Schiller

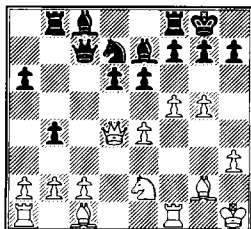
Defending National H. S. Champion, Senior Master Marcel Martinez lost only one game in the National High School tournament this year, to our own David Pruess from Northern California. That was enough to throw Marcel into a tie for 2nd place. Here is Marcel's only loss, as NM Pruess plays a fine game.

Pruess, David (2261)
[California]

Martinez, Marcel (2429)
[Florida]

[B47] 1999 National High School Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 Qc7 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.h3 0-0 10.g4 d6 11.Kh1 Rb8 12.f4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 b5 14.g5 b4 15.Ne2 Nd7 16.f5



16...Re8 [also to be considered was Qxc2] 17.Qf2 Ne5 18.Nd4 Bf8 19.b3 Bb7 20.Bb2 Rbc8 21.Rae1 g6 22.h4 Qe7 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.Bh3 Bg7? [...Rb8 seemed to be a better defensive try] 25.Bxe6+ Kh8 26.Bxc8 Rxc8 27.Nf3 Rf8 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Nxe5 Bxe5 30.Bxe5+ Qxe5 31.Rf4 Kg8 32.Kg1 a5 33.Qf2 Ba6 34.Re3 Qa1+ 35.Kh2 Qe5 36.Ref3 Bb7 37.Kh3 Qe6+ 38.Kh2 Qe5 [We can understand that Black does not want to trade down to a lost endgame with: Bxe4 39.Rf8+ Rxf8 40.Rxf8+ Kg7 41.Rf4 Bf5 42.Qa7+ and White should grind out a win.] 40.Kg2 Bxe4 41.Rxe4 1-0

Notes by Daren Dillinger

Next submission Deadline is August 20

CalChess Email List Server is Up and Running!

By

Doug Shaker

CalChess now has two email lists being maintained on a list server. List servers are computer programs that let you send an email message to one address and have it sent from the server to hundreds or even thousands of other addresses. The two email lists that we have are, of course, chess-related. The first contains all email addresses of any CalChess member who has given us an email address. The second contains the email addresses of all active tournament directors in Northern California for whom we have an email address.

The members list has more than a hundred members on it. It is a moderated list. This means that someone, the list moderator, must approve a posting to the list before it will actually go out. This cuts down on junk email and on nasty messages. We intend that this list be used for postings of chess-related events. If you would like to send a message to this list, address your email to CalChessMembers@lists.best.com and it will be approved and sent to all of the CalChess members on the list. If you would like to be added to the list, send a message to CalChessMembers-Owner@lists.best.com and the list moderator will add you. The list moderator is currently Doug Shaker, doug@theshakers.org.

The other CalChess list is limited to tournament directors active in Northern California. No one can post to this list unless they are a member. However, it is not a moderated list, so that the tournament directors can post freely to it. If you would like to be added to this list, please send email to CalChessTDs-owner@lists.best.com and we can add you. If you are not on the list, but would like to post a message to the list – for example, if you wanted to find a tournament director to run a tournament at your

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Davis Chess Weekend

by

John McCumiskey, TD

UC Davis' Memorial Union Hall Mee Room was the venue for the Davis Chess Weekend (June 5-6) which drew 52 players. Co-sponsored by the Sacramento and Davis Chess Clubs, this was the first event in Davis in several years. A total of \$825 was paid out in prizes. Thanks to Darryl Whitlow and Dave Johnson of the Davis Chess Club for getting the tournament site. Many of the participants said they would return to future Davis events held in the Mee Room.

Thirty-eight players entered Saturday's 8-player Swisses. The largest single contingent were the nine youth and scholastic players and three players from Biggs, California. Of special note was the donation by Portland, Oregon's Walt Kuechle of his prize money in the D section to local junior chess activities.

Fourteen players participated in Sunday's 7-round Game in 10 event. Several heated battles ensued as no player had a perfect score and the top three scorers were undefeated. Everyone in the tournament won at least one game.

5 JUNE 1999 SWISS PRIZE WINNERS

1. Section A	1 st -2 nd Place	Kenan Zildzic & Richard Long	Score 2.5-0.5	Prize \$62.50 ea
	3 rd Place	David Blohm & Michael Aigner	Score 2.0-1.0	Prize \$12.50 ea
2. Section B	1 st Place	Brian Davis	Score 3.0-0.0	Prize \$75.00
	2 nd Place	David Johnson	Score 2.5-0.5	Prize \$50.00
	3 rd Place	Marvin Gilbert	Score 2.0-1.0	Prize \$25.00
3. Section C	1 st Place	Dietmar Mayer	Score 2.5-0.5	Prize \$75.00
	2 nd -3 rd Place	Greg Sarafian, Michael Shaw, & Eduardo Corona	Score 2.0-1.0	Prize \$25.00 ea
4. Section D	1 st -3 rd Place	Walt Kuechle, Teodoro Porlares, & Marcos Arellano	Score 2.5-0.5	Prize \$56.67 ea
	4 th -5 th Place	Juan Corona, Chris Saeturn, Vanessa Gonzalez, & Daniel Early	Score 2.0-1.0	Prize \$13.75 ea

6 JUNE 1999 G/10 PRIZE WINNERS

1. Overall:	1 st Place	Kenan Zildzic	Score 6.0-1.0	Prize \$ 55
Overall:	2 nd -3 rd Place	James MacFarland & John McCumiskey	Score 5.5-1.5	Prize \$ 27.50 ea
2. Section	1500-1700	1st Place Larry Martinez, Roy McCollough, & Bob Pounds	Score 4.0-3.0	Prize \$ 6.67ea
3. Section	Under 1500	1st Place Marvin Gilbert	Score 3.0-4.0	Prize \$ 20.00

Chess Club to the World

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there are many members who spend a good deal of time shouting out things to one another, or speaking more privately through "tells" (just as you would find in chat rooms on many ISPs). In fact, if the results of the small survey done for this article are any indication, most ICCers spend from 20%-30% of their time or more "chatting" to one another. It's been reported that at least one married couple met at ICC (though I'd guess that the membership is about 80%-90% male; so, I would not suggest this as your first choice of place to meet your future wife but, for the ladies, on the other hand...)

Would you believe that the ICC is also responsible for saving more than one life? On one occasion, during a tournament there was one player (known to the tournament manager to be a quadriplegic) who hadn't moved in a while and just let his time expire (which seemed out of the ordinary to the tourney manager). Then the alert manager noticed the message "help" typed by that player. He quickly telephoned to the fire department of the city in which that player lived. When the fire department personnel arrived, they help to save the life of this player who'd been having a heart attack! There's also one ICC member who confided in me that he had gone from being a family man with a great job to "bottom of the barrel" (i.e., losing family and job and everything else) after becoming addicted to drugs; but, through the help of ICC giving him something to occupy his time as well as provide a means for setting goals and gauging self-improvement. This player's life has literally been saved from the evil that may otherwise have done him in! Without ICC, he says, perhaps he might never have been able to fight the addiction as successfully.

At 50,000+ games a day, that roughly works out to roughly 2100 games being played every hour or, during any given minute at least 35 games being played by people of all strengths. If you are wondering what's the most number of games going on at any time, or any other

record, typing "help records" let's you see all. On November 22, 1998, at one point 572 games were going on simultaneously! Incidentally, this was the same day that Gary Kasparov was doing an interview on ICC as publicity for his match the next week (a 24-game, \$1,000 per game event over 2 days). Thus, the games were probably being played by people waiting for interview to begin. On one of the days of the 24-game match (12 games each day), there were 56 titled players (i.e., GM, IM and FM) logged on at the same time (another ICC record). Though, the 2,266 players logged on during the Kasparov-Deep Blue match (which was carried live and for free) back in May of 1997 is the record for most members on at once. The \$1,000-a-game, 24-game match between Kasparov and the world's #3-rated Kramnik was an experiment in "pay-per-view" chess. Embarrassingly, the interview to hype the event - a live spectacle on ICC - was very "out of control." Imagine if you will, you are the world champion (or one of them) and from the moment you come on until several minutes after you leave, the "shout" console is literally flooded with messages to the #1-rated player, such as "Hi, Gary from so-and-so." I'm told Kasparov took it all in stride. Actually, the interview got into some pretty touchy subjects and was interesting (even if it was hard to follow because of all of the shouting). Still, the whole event, it seems, marks a new frontier for ICC as a vehicle for promoting chess and chess entertainment of a top scale. Already ICC has been used for various team competitions (including the College Championships) and has hosted some WBCA-rated events as well.

So, where does that leave us on the edge of the 21st century? Marty Grund sees the future of ICC as helping promote America on the world-wide chess scene, helping chess in America (especially helping our youth with a much-needed source for gaining valuable experience), and as a place where there will be more and more officially-rated events. Hopefully, through ICC, the position of the United States on the world chess scene will be improved both outwardly and inwardly

(i.e., by helping our youth to have better access to quality training and experience). Having "literally, some of the best programmers in the world" ensures that the ICC will be able to handle its growth as new members keep coming in (to the tune of about several hundred new registrants a day (and about 2,300 use ICC free, as guests [guests don't have privileges of getting rating, playing in tournaments or "shouting"], every day).

While ICC seems to be a very wonderful chess heaven, that's not to say there are absolutely no problems. Probably most irksome to users, especially die-hard chess-fans is "lag," which refers to the time it may take a signal to get from one computer (where move is made) to that player's ISP, then to get to ICC's computer, then to go to opponent's ISP to get to that player's computer (to show the move made and await opponent's reply). When a player's lag becomes greater than 1000 milliseconds (especially in a 1 0 game) the course of play is affected. In effect, the "1 0" game becomes more like a "3 0" game; only, there is a disadvantage that you don't get to see opponent making move as in "real chess," so you don't know the move until it's your turn. To keep lag from reducing time on the clock unfairly, a method called "time-stamping" is used thus, only time actually used is subtracted, while the lag time which was subtracted is restored.

This brings us to cheating, because inducing lag is one method some may use to cheat. That is to say, by running applications in background or downloading from the internet, a player can increase that player's lag. If you are playing a "1 0" game but have lag of 2,000-5,000 milliseconds, you get a lot of extra time to think about the position (whereas opponent may have initially been in "mindset" of 1 0 and so was moving faster than "need be"). Another not uncommon method of cheating is that some people do use computers to assist their play (either by interface, or in the background). Personally, I don't understand why, since a "win," then, is not a win of "chess." But some, do. Yet, those in charge at ICC have excellent ways to detect cheating by

this method. Still, ICC sees this as probably the biggest impediment to getting large-scale, money-prize tournaments at the present time. In the few prize-tourneys they have run, a few computer-cheaters were detected.

Another "major" problem are inconsiderate users. Because I believe in politeness, win or lose it is my habit to say "good game," or words to that effect following any game. Sometimes, sadly, I've been met with a hostile response. Then, there are the higher-rateds, some of whom are nice enough to respond when they win; but, don't respond at all, or make some negative comment in their response following a loss. Also, there are some people who shout things out which are clearly inconsiderate of the fact that usually minor children are present [remember, it's always day-time somewhere]. However, the administrators at ICC while fair, have little tolerance for users who don't respect others. As the ICC is a private company, who may determine its own rules, people can be booted and in extreme cases of abuse the ICC has been known to refuse access from certain internet locales (thus affecting not only the abuser, but anyone else who uses that local ISP to hook up). Thus, while it might not be unexpected that the relatively few female users may be overly welcomed by the predominantly male company, after speaking to some of the more popular females at ICC, they reported that the admins are great at keeping the annoying ones away.

The only other frustrations you may experience at ICC (aside from bad play) are things which can only happen in cyberspace, such as the not-in-real-life frustrations of mouse-slips (i.e., you intend to put something somewhere, but because you release mouse button at "wrong" time, the unit goes somewhere else), grabbing and moving (i.e., resizing) the board instead of grabbing and moving a piece/pawn, the opponent who simply disappears in the middle of a game (e.g., perhaps that player was disconnected by their ISP or, worse, purposely disconnects to avoid the loss), or you are disconnected by your ISP in the middle of a game, say when you are

in a tourney (and winning!) and you can't get back "quickly enough" so you are cut from the tourney.

Apart from these minor annoyances, the ICC is not only a place for learning and improving your chess skill, not only a place for meeting new people, but also a place for having a lot of fun (and without need for killing or destroying things as is often found in today's popular video games)! I think it is well worth the price of membership (and students receive 1/2-off)!! But, don't just take my word for it! In the recent survey, albeit from a very small sampling yet from a wide range of ages, both sexes, from all over the world (I received responses from England, Paris, Singapore, Australia, New Zealand, and all over the continental U.S.) and a full range of various playing strengths and years spent engaged in this sport and time spent at ICC, all fully endorsed ICC and would recommend to a friend. Among things favored by responding players were the nice interface offered by ICC, the people, chatting and shouting and meeting friends from all over the world, ICC meets the needs of any schedule (even odd hours) as people are always at ICC, there is always help for those who need it, "pinging" (a method of determining a player's lag time), and the friendly atmosphere and diversity both of players and types of chess to play! Among those things especially "disliked" were lag (generally the fault of one or both players' ISP, not the ICC computer, which has time-stamping to try and nullify the lag's effect on a player's clock), that you can't see people (and therefore don't get the advantage, say of "real life" blitz or bullet of seeing opponent's hand moving towards unit and picking up unit to move (extra few milliseconds for your planning)), and there are some users at ICC who are not very friendly and/or who are not "good sports." Also, one added, there is not enough interest in the slower time controls (i.e., "standard" chess).

However, the general tone of survey responses is that the plusses of ICC outweigh the "minuses" by such a huge amount as to be annoyances yes, but not enough to detract from the fun experience ICC has

to offer. For those, who responded, who play in over-the-board tournaments, all agree that the experiences at ICC have helped them to improve their play, both in terms of quality of play and in better use of time (not getting into time pressure situations as before ICC). Also, it is nice some remarked that there are many GMs and IMs whom you can observe playing; but, alas, they are not always so approachable. Then again, with many opponents, tourneys, and a "lively atmosphere," the ICC is just a "fun place to be." Most who come here have found a lot more than they were expecting. Generally, all find ICC to be better than any other chess server. [I have visited some others; but, must confess, that after spending time at ICC, I found that nothing even comes close to providing what ICC does, in terms of over-all quality!]

With all this you may ask, "well, where does it end?" Well, it doesn't. As our world becomes ever-smaller on the eve of the 21st Century, the ICC grows ever bigger as the clearly-established premiere chess club in the world! With, literally, some of the best programmers in the world, the ICC will always be ready to keep up with the changing demands of its users and the swelling ranks of its membership [though, w17 lovers are still awaiting the extra file space to keep w17 ratings separate from other wild, at least to be better "predictor" for w17 tourneys]. After all, the ICC tends to attract (for the most part, at least) from among the most intelligent and clever people around. If I were a betting man, I'd wager that ICC members have the highest average IQ for any group of its size. Thus, whether you go there for watching exciting chess, for improving your own skills, for charting your improvement over time via their ratings system, to get experience against experts and masters in the "tourneys," or to meet new people and make some new friends, truly you will find at the ICC more than at your ordinary chess club. Certainly, the ICC is a place where there is more going on... and more to come!



The CalChess State Scholastic Weekend

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to take second. Eight players tied for third place in this division of 141 people. It is a good possibility that I will have a High School Junior Varsity Division next year. The top school team was Berkeley High School easily topping last year's winner, The College Preparatory School of Oakland, by 19.0 to 16.5 points. Chess for Juniors from Huntington Beach won the best club trophy with 19.5 points to the Berkeley Chess School's 16 points.

K-8 Championship (Junior High School): Keith Yost (1781) of the Fresno Chess Academy, and last year's K-6 State Champion, drew his team mate, Chris Pascal (1677), to get 5.5 points and first place. A five-way tie ensued for second place—Chris Pascal, Akash Deb (1615), Robert Wei (1347), Samuel Kwok (1227), and Derek Hwang (1010). Hopkins Junior High School of Fremont took its fifth team championship defeating St. Marks of San Rafael who also previously had four titles. Chess For Juniors once again defeated the Berkeley Chess School to take the club trophy back to Southern California.

K-8 Under 850 (Junior High School JV): We had a tie for first in this division with Alicia Fulk (792) and Ahmad Moghadam (752) both obtaining 5.5 points. They became our first champions in this new section. A five way tie resulted for the third spot—Michael Fischer (692), Alexander Kwan (841), Zev Wisotsky (unrated) Tony Roca (820), Jayodita Sanghvi (788). Hopkins Junior High School also took home the first place trophy in this division with Biggs Middle School second. The club trophy went to a new club from Santa Cruz—the Paladin Club.

K-6 Championship (Elementary School): I doubt anyone would have predicted the outcome in this division. A fair number of the US Chess Federation's Top 50 in the 9-10 & 11-12 age groups contested for first



Checking out Hans' chess problem . The prize was a copy of Chess Mentor Deluxe

place: Cory Evans (1925), Alexander Karnazes (1541), Wesley Chen (1300), Alen Melikadamyam (1727), Ankit Gupta (1286), Daniel Schwarz (1496). However, they had to sit back and watch Michael Pearson from the Chess Club of San Mateo County win all his six games and take the title. The annual competition for the team championship in this section continues to be between Weibel Elementary School and Mission San Jose Elementary School both of Fremont. Each year, less than two points separate the winner and the battle comes down to the last round. In 1995 Mission won. In 1996 it was Weibel's turn. Mission came back in 1997. Weibel took the title in 1998. This year Mission's T-shirts that said, "The Real Northern California Champion" proved valid with their 16 to 14.5 victory over Weibel. Chess For Juniors went home with another first place club trophy.

K-6 Under 750 (Elementary School JV): Ben Laufer (722) and Sean Blume (unrated) both went undefeated (6-0) to become the co-champions. Iliia Talalai (670) also went undefeated, but had a draw in round 4 to get 5.5 and third place. St. Marks of San Rafael, who tied with Weibel last year, had a clear victory this year with a

strong 20 points. The Berkeley Chess School defeated Chess For Juniors in the club competition 19.5 to 15.

K-3 Championship (Primary School): Alexander Setzepfandt (1236), one of last year's Primary School Junior Varsity champions, became the 1999 California Chess Primary School Champion winning all five of his games. Michael Cambareri (1220) and David Serbin (882) tied for second with 4.5-.5. Weibel Elementary School of Fremont defeated Mission San Jose Elementary School of Fremont 12 to 8 to tie the all time wins in this division 4 to 4. The Berkeley Chess School defeated the Newport Beach Chess Club 17 to 13.5 to obtain the club trophy.

K-3 Under 600 (Primary School JV): Three players won all five of their games in this division—Jessica Hsueh (unrated), Hans Tsai (unrated) and Elliott Jardin (unrated). Jessica and Hans are both from Weibel and their 10 points helped their school team win this division with 18 points over Argonaut Elementary School of San Jose (13.5 points). The Berkeley Chess School defeated Chess for Juniors 16 to 13.5 for the club trophy.

Kindergarten: Twenty-six kindergarten and pre-schoolers showed their maturity during five rounds of chess and they all received trophies. In his first tournament ever, Tau Jeng of Fremont, drew Tony Chen (917) from Salt Lake City, Utah and won first place with 4.5-.5. Sean Bowe (839), Tatsuro Yamamura (620) and Alan Hwang (unrated) tied for second place with 4-1. There is no team trophy in the Kindergarten Division. Only one school fielded enough players to constitute a team, in any case. Weibel Elementary School with eight kindergarten competitors seemed to be ready for next year's team competitions.

I hope you will join us in 2000 on April 8-9 at the Santa Clara Convention Center to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the California Chess State Scholastic Championships.

Club Directory

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Conference Room, Arcata
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Dear Editor,

I want to congratulate Alan Kirshner and his staff on the extraordinary job they did at the California Chess State Championships held in Santa Clara. The equivalent of running seven separate tournaments, the State Championship is the largest scholastic chess event in California. I have seen many smaller tournaments that have been less well organized than this.

As with any large event, there are always difficulties that arise. The true test is how these difficulties are handled. I witnessed first hand a situation in which Alan was surrounded by half-a-dozen individuals all wanting his assistance. He handled each problem calmly and effectively and in a very professional manner.

As a parent and an individual involved in scholastic chess, I was told about many things that happened at the tournament. What I heard was overwhelmingly positive and I am pleased to pass this on.

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Executive Director
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**Qb4 23.b3 Ng6 24.Rh5 Ne5
25.Rf1 Qc3 26.Bf4 Nxf3+ 27.Bxf3
Rd3 28.Kg2 e5 29.Bh6 Rad8 0-1**

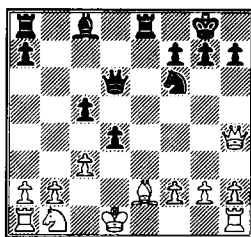
Fisher-Kirshner, M (1926)

Grijalva R. (1936)

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Round 4

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.exd5
exd5 5.Be3 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6
7.Bb5 Nf6 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Ne5 Qc7
10.Bf4 0-0 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bxd6
Qxd6 13.Be2 Re8 14.Kd1 c5
15.Qh4 d4**



**16.cxd4 Rxc2! 17.Kxe2 Ba6+
18.Kd1 Re8 19.Nd2 Be2+ 20.Kc2
cxd4 21.Rac1 Qb4 22.Kb1 Qxd2
23.Qg3 h6 24.Qc7 Nd5 25.Qd7
Rb8 26.Rc8+ Rxc8 27.Qxc8+ Kh7
28.Qf5+ Kg8 29. Drawn 1/2-1/2**

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local library – then you should send a message to *CalChessTDs-owners@lists.best.com* and we can forward it to the list.

These email lists should improve communication within the Northern California chess community. If you have any questions as to how they work or if you have suggestions for improvements, please send email to *CalChessMembers@lists.best.com*

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The CalChess Calendar of Events

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July	3-5	(Sat-Mon)	Universe Open (San Francisco)	(TD)*
July	24-25	(Sat-Sun)	Sequoia YC Open (Redwood City)	(RK)*
July	28-Aug 5	(Wed-Thur)	The US Junior Closed (San Fransisco)	(JA2)
Aug	10-19	(Tues-Thur)	U.S. Open, Sands Hotel (Reno)	(JW)
Aug	28-29	(Sat-Sun)	Sacramento Class Club Weekend Swiss #3	(JM)*
Sept	4-6	(Sat-Mon)	Labor Day Chess Festival	(RK)*
Sept	18-19	(Sat-Sun)	LERA Sunnyvale Class Championship	(JH)
Oct	2	(Sat)	Visalia Fall Picnic	(AF)
Oct	9	(Sat)	Porterville Chess for Kids	(AF)
Oct	9-10	(Sat-Sun)	Berkeley Class Struggle	(AG)
Oct	10	(Sun)	Berkeley Scholastic	(BY)
Oct	16	(Sat)	Fresno Fall Quads	(DW)
Oct	29-31	(Fri-Sun)	Western States Open (Reno)	(JW)
Nov	20-21	(Sat-Sun)	Fresno County Championship	(DW)*
Nov	27-28	(Sat-Sun)	LERA Thanksgiving (Sunnyvale)	(JH)

Annual Events

MLK weekend (mid Jan.) (RK)	2nd weekend June (Fri-Sun): Stamer (JA2)
Presidents' Day Weekend: People's (Berkeley)(DS)	4th of July weekend (Sa-M) Universe Open (TD)
1st weekend March (Fri-Sun): SF Amateur (JA2)	Labor Day weekend (1st weekend Sept.) (SA-M) (RK)
Last weekend March (Sa-Su) St. Scholastic Championship (AK)	Last weekend Oct. (Fri-Sun): Western Open (Reno) (JW)
Weekend prior to Memorial Day (Sa-Su)	2nd weekend Nov. (Fri-Sun): Capps (JA2)
San Joaquin Championship (Fresno) (DW)	Weekend prior to Thanksgiving (Sa-Su) Fresno County Championship (Fresno) (DW) LERA (JH)
Memorial Day weekend (Sa-m) LERA (JH)	Thanksgiving weekend (Sa-M) LERA Thanksgiving (JH)

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