

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWSETTE

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The prediction of less chess activity, at least on weekends, came true. The February issue covered 810 weekend entries. In this issue 518 weekend entries are covered. However, that figure is too low since the National Open is not included. In addition, the Western Futurity represents a lot more activity than its 10 entries. The next issue may cover 1000 weekend entries with Memorial Day.

Southern California used to have a Calpoint system to determine local entries to the State Championship. The NEWSETTE will be using that system to determine a Player of the Year for the Southland. Points will be awarded to the top 5 finishers of any tournament with more points awarded as the average rating of the 10 highest ratings increases. Leaders, including this issue, are: James Tarjan, 67.5, (Western Futurity), Zaki Harari, 44.25 (Reseda & Newport Beach), William Batchelder, 37.781 (National Congress & Newport Beach), Peter Biyiasis & David Strauss, 37.125 (National Congress), Tiber Weinberger, 33.75 (Western Futurity), and David Berry, 30, (Reseda).

Readership has passed 210 and still rising. If this keeps up the NEWSETTE will expand to 16 pages within the next 2 issues. you should think about what you want done with the extra space. Much of the comments I hear call for more games, which I feel are better provided elsewhere. But the reader is boss, so if you want something other than more games, please let me know.

Oh yes, we still have a lot of people on credit. If you haven't paid yet, I beg you on bended knee (and/or threaten you with dire disaster) please send me the measley \$3.

Readers may note the lack of a biography this issue. The Western Futurity squeezed it out. It'll be in the next issue (late May).

Players rated under 2000, especially A's, should know of the start of the Chess Grotto Amateurs which will be almost every weekend. These are great training events and

the prize by points system assures you of a prize if you play well no matter how well anyone else plays. Come on over to the Grotto, 2548 W 7th., L. A., any weekend. You'll be glad you did.

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AND THE HOPES OF ANOTHER  
CHESS BOOM.

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WEST COVINA MARCH MASTER CANDIDATE, Mar 1-2

Richard Fowell fulfilled his role as favorite in the Master Candidate by winning easily with  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . Fowell, a strong expert, was also the only expert present. The 7 A's and 1 B chasing him did their best, but couldn't keep up with him. Fowell, a UCLA student, lives in Palos Verdes.

The under 1800 prize went to Matthew Beelby of Azusa with  $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ . The lowest rated player in the top section, Beelby added another impressive performance to his rapidly increasing list of prizes.

of the 25 in the Booster, Wilmar McGruder was the easy winner, scoring  $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ . McGruder is a good player when he wants to be. Hopefully his next rating will be above 1800. Tom Callaghan and Harry Taube tied for best under 1600 with 4-1.

The poor turnout was mostly the result of no listing in CL&R plus a degree of conflict with the National Open. The poor turnout at the top suggests a lack of foresight among the experts. There was \$100 waiting to be picked up and only one bothered to come get it. John Rykowski directed the 34 player event. Average rating of the top section was 1926. The Boosters included 6 B's, 12 C's, 4 D's, 1 E, and 2 unrateds.

1.	RICHARD FOWELL	2134	W5	W9	W8	D7	W6	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	\$100
9.	MATTHEW BEELBY	1774	Bye	L1	W5	W4	W7	$3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	80
	BOOSTER								
3.	WILMAR MCGRUDER	1693	W15	W12	W8	W7	D10	$4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	\$100
10.	TOM CALLAGHAN	1536	W23	W2	D7	W6	D3	4-1	40
16.	HARRY TAUBE	1441	W4	W5	L6	W8	W1	4-1	40

HIGH SCHOOL OLYMPIAD, March 8-9

Mission Viejo's High School event was quite successful, drawing 92 players from at least 13 schools. Why these high school events do so well is a mystery to me. This time only medals were awarded, but the turnout was still equal to \$1000 events. Still, it's nice to have the enthusiasm.

Shawn Aegerter of Royal Oak scored a perfect 5-0 to take first overall, ahead of Waheed Bactor, Mike Gilbert, and Alex Miyadi, all with 4-1. Aegerter, a strong A from West Covina, outclassed everyone.

Medals for best Senior were: Gold-Bactor, Silver-Gilbert, and Bronze-Miyadi. Aegerter was best junior followed by Don Miele and Brian Trela. David Sliksman led the Sophomores with Steve Stone, Darrel Yap, and English chasing him. James Thinn won the Freshman Gold with Paul Chaplain getting the Silver, and Mark Pender, the Bronze. Among the pre-high schoolers, Joe Hackbarth took the Gold over Mike Tierney, Silver, and Kevin Smith, Bronze.

On the Team basis, University (Irvine) was first. It was University (Irvine) which won the Western H. S. Championship, Novice Division and not University (L. A.) which only played in the Open. Sorry about my confusion.

Chasing University were: Host Mission Viejo, Edison (tied for 3rd in the Western), Estancia, Royal Oak, Marina, Alhambra, Tustin, Rolling Hills, and Troy (No, it's not named after Allan).

Tournament Directors included: Leo Cotter, Ralph Porter, Fred Rash, Marcha Trueblook, Ed Tierney, Dave Walden, and James Powers. The Mission Viejo Outpost and the Orange County Chess Association Sponsored the event.



## NATIONAL OPEN, March 2-7

The 242 players battling for \$6000 were both local highs for this year. Even so, the turnout was a disappointment to the organizers who had 300+ after \$5000 last year. The delay in the start of Lone Pine may have caused weakness at the top. 2 GM's (Benko & Browne) and 2 IM's (Biyasas & Ivanka) is way below par for the National Open.

The battle for 1st wasn't below par as Pal Benko, Walter Browne, Alfonso Ferriz, and Alex Suhobeck tied with 7-1. Benko took first on tie-breaks. Benko, who has won the U. S. Open so often that he has been dubbed "Open Champ of the U. S.," drew with Browne in a last round quicky and with Biyasas almost as fast. He was not so generous with non-peers, allowing none of them even to last until time-control.

U. S. Champ Walter Browne was more generous with non-senior masters, drawing with Dr. Eugene Martinovsky and taking up to 84 moves to take the measure of others. As usual, time-trouble was his constant companion. Browne was the only leader to go home without a dust-collector. However, \$650 apiece will buy a lot of trophies.

Alfonso Ferriz of Mexico and Alex Suhobeck of San Francisco were successful practitioners of the Swiss Gambit. Thanks(?) to losing an early game, Suhobeck had much the easier time of it as Ferriz had to beat Biyasas. However, that allowed Ferriz to pick up the expert trophy while Suhobeck had to be content with best senior.

Right behind the leaders at 6½-1½ were: Peter Biyasas of Vancouver, Maria Ivanka of Hungary (one of the women players in the World), Martinovsky, Andras Budinsky, Maria's husband, William Kennedy, and John Watson. Each received \$200.

8 experts, including several local, scored 6-2 to earn \$31 for 2nd experts: Bruce Foreman, Jerome Hanken, J. S. Kornher, M. Sisniega, R. Fauber, M. Wilkerson, Sid Rubin, and P. Carrasco. Peter Hess and G. Koelsche were best A with 6-2. Hess got the trophy. At 5½-2½ were: C. Ramas, Larry Wolfley, W. Kiplinger, Ruth Cardoso, W. Dorne, and S. Greanias. They got \$16 each.

J. Cole, U. Tamm, and B. Gross got \$150 each in B money. Cole got the trophy. They scored 5½-2½. 1st C was M. Skett with 5½-2½ (and \$200). Roger Towne was 2nd C with 5-3 for \$150. 11 C's got 4-4 and \$9 of 3rd C.

D & E was divided among T. Ianelli, B. Klein, G. Doolittle, C. Bower, D. Guinn, R. Torres, and D. Everson, all with 4½-3½. Each got \$64 while Ianelli got the trophy. V. Pafnutieff, O. Shapiro, and E. Marchand scored 5½-2½ to tie for 2nd Senior. Each got \$50.

George Koltanowski directed with the assistance of Ted & Rudy Yudacufsky, Ray Wheeler, William Abbott, and Myron Lieberman, among others. The tournament was at the Stardust Hotel, Las Vegas.

Much of the above data comes to you thanks to Steve Sawyer, who puts out bulletins for most major U. S. tournaments. If you want a selection of games (142 from the National) plus some news, write: Steve Sawyer, 340 Jones, #448, San Francisco, CA 94102.

## CCA QUADS

The March 16 Bakersfield Quad was quite pleasant for Ben Nathercott and Vernon Voss, who both scored 3-0. The lucky (ask the losers if you think otherwise) winners in Los Angeles on March 9 were: Richard Fowell, Matthew Beelby, Juan Fong, Randall Mullens, and Ron Stein.

On the 23rd, the winners were: Don Cotten (one lousy victory in the whole section), Richard Nurton & David Samarian (tie), and Gary Voth. Ben Nathercott directed these diversions.



## BOGEDA BOGEDA OPEN, Mar 8-9

There were two main questions at this tournament: Who would win? and Where did Bogeda Bogeda come from? Larry Christiansen answered the first question by walking through the door. Bogeda Bogeda is a club motto for a good move or position, possibly deriving from Bola Bola.

Christiansen came, saw, and conquered. Ranked #1 by almost 400 points, Christiansen surprized nobody by scoring 5-0. The mere presence of the young Riversider was a surprize, as was the absence of anyone else rated over 2000. The scorning of minor tournaments by most major players is rather profitable for those who buck the trend.

William Duckworth and Peter Nagel tied for 2nd with 4-1. Duckworth has been consistently improving of late and has picked up several prizes. Nagel gave Christiansen his biggest scare of the weekend, but couldn't keep it.

The C money went to Steven Greenfield, Daniel Bagliazo, and Michael Mills, all with 3½-1½. George Schick and James Williams divided the Unrated prize with 3-2. Dan Trautwein of Seattle was just slightly the entry from farthest away (2nd was San Diego) and got his entry fee back.

Chet Gall directed this Huntington Beach tournament. Besides Christiansen, there were 3 A's, 4 B's, 11 C's, 10 D's, 2 E's, and 3 unrateds. Average rating of the top 10 was 1806, average of the tournament was 1497.

1.	LARRY CHRISTIANSEN	2363	W19.	W12	W14	W8	W3	5-0	\$150
7.	WILLIAM DUCKWORTH	1677	D25	D27	W5	W15	W11	4-1	37.50
8.	PETER NAGEL	1662	W26	W17	W15	L1	W13	4-1	37.50
12.	STEVEN GREENFIELD	1569	W28	L1	W27	D21	W20	3½-1½	56.67
13.	DANIEL BAGLIAZO	1556	W29	D3	W9	W20	L8	3½-1½	56.67
16.	MICHAEL MILLS	1476	W31	D6	L3	W24	W9	3½-1½	56.67

### EAST SIDE NEWS

Don Cotten scored 5-0 to win the Ontario Club Championship. In the Junior Section, Bill Richards won with 4½-½. 22 competed.

With Cotten around, it is no surprize that Ontario has come up with some original (weird?) ideas. A recent one was the Team of 2 (lowest & highest rating are teamed) won by the team of R. Frank Rice and Gary Voth over 5 other teams. Ontario is now starting a Choose Your Own Opponent Tourney.

Lee Corbin won the Riverside Championside Preliminaries with 5-0. 56 entered. Corbin will join Randy Huff, the current champ, and the mob who finished at 4-1 (Don Cotten, Phil Gatlin, Dane Hindrickson, John Skratulia, Dan Stone, and Perry Youngworth) in the Championship finals.

### CHESS SET MASTERS ROUND ROBIN, Feb-Mar

Tibor Weinberger showed the form that made him the best in the Southland during the 60's by scoring a perfect 6-0. His opponents were: Ivars Dahlberg, Jerome Hanken, Zaki Harari, Julius Loftsson, Ray Martin, and Frank Street.

2nd place was far enough back to merit the phrase "there is no 2nd." (especially this time. Nobody could seem to remember who finished 2nd.) Lina Grumette directed.



## SAN DIEGO AMATEUR # 1, March 15-16

This tournament was based on 100 entries and got 100 entries. A reasonably close result. Barnard's first San Diego tourney in over a year was notable in other respects as well. The seniors came out in heavy numbers and the upcoming juniors were often on the short end of the stick. The tournament was a 4 round class event which most everyone seemed to enjoy. Certainly nobody forfeited out, an unusual event.

Among the A's it was Michael Kleinick of San Diego and Arthur Greensite, one of the victorious seniors, both with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ . Donald Cotten, perhaps Southern California's most active player, was 3rd with 3-1. Tied for 4th with  $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  were: Steven Spencer, #10, Arthur Kaufman, #13, and James Banks, #14. There were 16 A's with the average in the top ten of 1930.

The 23 B's were lead by R. O. McAssey, another San Diego senior, with a perfect 4-0. This is McAssey's first tournament in 2 years, but the layoff doesn't seem to have hurt. Kimberly Ogden was 2nd with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  and the sad thought that 4 rounds shouldn't much more than 16 players. Tied for 3rd with 3-1 were: 5., Paul Dolid, 19. Wilmar McGruder, 22. Hernan Gonzalez, and 23. Anthony Su

None of the 20 C's kept a perfect record, but David Osbourne of Canoga Park came close, drawing only in the last round. Emil Hurtik, Wilbur Aiken, and Michael Mills divided the rest of the C money with 3-1.

The 42 players (30 D, 2 E, 10 ur) in the D-E Section was just way too many for 4 rounds. Louis Alvarez of National City and aged 14, and Raymond Safdie both scored 4-0. And Robert Faust was right behind them with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . The host tied for 4th at 3-1 was: 2. Roy English, 3. H. Paul Lillebo, 4. Jeffrey Hall, 13. John Gonger, 20. Charles Ramsey, 27. Jeff Maughmer, 32. Allan Wagner (best unrated), and 40. Daniel Wood.

John Barnard directed what is hoped will be the first of a series of San Diego Amateurs with the assistance of Jack Maughmer.

A SECTION							
3.	MICHAEL KLEINICH	1957	W11	W8	D5	W10	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ \$105
5.	ARTHUR GREENSITE	1936	W13	W1	D3	W4	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 105
8.	DONALD COTTEN	1914	W16	L3	W15	W9	3-1 35
B SECTION							
2.	R. O. McASSEY	1781	W13	W11	W5	W23	4-0 \$130
3.	KIMBERLY OGDEN	1765	W14	W19	D20	W4	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 65
C SECTION							
9.	DAVID OSBOURNE	1502	W19	W1	W17	D18	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ \$120
3.	EMIL HURTIK	1548	W13	L17	W11	W10	3-1 40
17.	WILBUR AIKEN	1430	W7	W3	L9	W2	3-1 40
18.	MICHAEL MILLS	1430	W8	D5	W4	D9	3-1 40
D-E SECTION							
1.	LOUIS ALVAREZ	1394	W21	W17	W7	W4	4-0 \$82.50
8.	RAYMOND SAFDIE	1360	W29	W30	W2	W3	4-0 82.50
12.	ROBERT FAUST	1330	D33	W5	W31	W25	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ 27.50

HUNTINGTON PARK, Jan-Feb

Robin Wright did all right in his first tournament, winning 6-1. Bert Babb was 2nd with  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$  after losing to Wright. John Gonzalez directed.



NEWPORT BEACH SPRING OPEN, Mar 15-16

The question of what happened to all the stronger players at Huntington Beach was solved when they all showed up at Newport Beach. Zaki Harari, 2273, William Batchelder, 2225, and Julius Loftsson, 2212, led a field of 62 players including 6 experts, 9 A's, 9 B's, and 1 C in the Open, plus 18 C's, 10 D's, 3 E's, and 3 Unrateds. The larger and stronger field was attributed to the lower entry fee, the (slightly) larger prize fund, and the goodwill created by previous Newport Beach weekenders.

Batchelder seems to benefit from the advantage of home court. For the 3rd time in a row, he won a Newport Beach weekender, this time by 5-0! In the last round Batchelder needed only a draw to secure first, but he played for the win and got it.

Zaki Harari took 2nd with 4-1. Harari must be of two minds about TD Joel Friedman. Since Harari arrived a little late, Friedman "generously" paired Harari with himself and proceeded to destroy him. Then in the last round when Harari needed a win to be sure of a prize, Friedman's slightly unusual pairing system gave Harari the easiest possible opponent.

Nick Defirmian, Robert Salgado, Elliott Simon, and Scott McNiven tied for 3rd at 3½-1½. Simon took the A prize, McNiven the B money, while Defirmian and Salgado settled for honor and glory, but no money.

In the Booster, Nelson Cominsky of Huntington Beach and Charles Harvey of Newport Beach tied for 1st with 4½-½. Their last round draw of 28 moves was long enough for decency. One game, thankfully not involving prizewinners, was allowed to stand as a one move draw.

Steven Greenfield and Mike Gilbert divided 3rd with 4-1. Willard Kasch was best D-E, also with 4-1.

The Unrated prize was divided between Max Corley, Paul Schneider, and Jim Shapiro. While the Unrateds rarely threaten the top prizes, this was one of the few times they were all outclassed. None of the unrateds won a game, losing all 12 of their games against rated players.

The average rating of the top 10 was 2141, of the Open 1850.

2.	WILLIAM BATCHELDER	2225	W18	W7	W6	W3	W11	5-0	\$150
1.	ZAKI HARARI	2273	L17	W20	W15	W7	W14	4-1	75
11.	ELLIOTT SIMON	1953	D27	W23	W28	W10	L2	3½-1½	50
23.	SCOTT McNIVEN	1678	D8	L11	W28	W22	W24	3½-1½	50
BOOSTER									
6.	NELSON COMINSKY	1515	W22	W14	W11	W5	D1	4½-½	\$ 60+Trophy
1.	CHARLES HARVEY	1590	W18	W12	W7	W9	D6	4½-½	60
4.	STEVEN GREENFIELD	1569	L27	W29	W20	W23	W8	4-1	15
5.	MIKE GILBERT	1530	W21	W13	W8	L6	W16	4-1	15
21.	WILLARD KASCH	1341	L5	W32	W12	WF7	W24	4-1	30

CHES GROTOS, March 29-30, April 5-6

CHES GROTTO AMATEURS, March 29-30, April 5-6

The Chess Grotto Amateurs are a weekly series of 4-round Swiss with payoff according to points scored. No worry about someone taking your prize money. Just score 3 or more points and you get dough.

The 1st Amateur had 12 entries headed by 6 A's. When the Smoke cleared, Donald Cotten and Louis Simpson scored 3½ to earn \$40 each.

The 2nd Amateur had only 6 entries, including 2 housemen. Martin Fabian and David Argall scored 3 for \$20.

David Argall directed these Cal Chess Circuit events. Come in any weekend you want a little practice. The Chess Grotto is at 2548 W. 7th, L. A.



PACIFIC COAST OPEN, March 22-23

Masters Zaki Harari, William Batchelder, and Julius Loftsson seem to be forming some sort of team. Last week they all played at Newport. This week, they were the big guns at the Pacific Coast Open. This time they had more company. The 46 in the Open Section also included 7 experts, 14 A's, 20 B's, 1 C, & 1 D. In the Reserve: 29 C's, 15 D's, and 6 unrateds battled. This was CCA's first large guaranteed prize in some time.

The battle for the prizes was perhaps the toughest of the year. 5 players tied for 1st with 4-1, Julius Loftsson, Lee Corbin, Perry Youngworth, Greg Fields, and James Maki. Loftsson of West L. A. is celebrating his 15th year as a master. Corbin of Riverside is better known as the mysterious teacher of "Corbin's Kiddies." The most promising of which is Perry Youngworth of Riverside. Greg Fields plays at the Chess Set and, at age 16, looks like a future master. James Maki is from San Diego and divided the A money with Fields.

Matthew Beelby was once again the best B with 3½-1½. Just behind him was Barry Noble, Scott Nelson, Tom Weisbein, and Wolfram Blume, the C who was "rash" enough to play up. All scored 3-2.

The winner of the Reserve was Juan Fong with 4½-½. Fong lives in San Pedro and commutes to his studies in UCLA. Chasing Fong were: 9. Tyler Sperry, 1493, of Cardiff, 11. Peter Rajna, 1491, of Woodland Hills, 17. Roger Towne, 1444, of L. A., and 24. Mark Arnold, 1430, of San Bernardino. All received \$25 for scoring 4-1.

Garry Kelly of Long Beach and Gerrit Muilenberg of Cypress also scored 4-1 and divided the unrated prizes. Charles Ramsey of Woodland Hills was easily the best D with 3-2. Earning the magnificent sum of \$5 each were: 31. Earle Delony, 36. Betty Roberts, Ernest Kopman #37, 40. Richard Rezac, 41. Clarence Kieffer, and 43. Donald Prohaska, all with 2-3. Not much money apiece, but that's why they say a tie is like kissing your sister.

Ben Nethercott, with David Harris' assistance, directed this Commerce event. Average of the top 10 ratings was 2111, average of the Open, 1830.

OPEN SECTION

3.	JULIUS LOFTSSON	2212	W15	W17	W25	D7	D8	4-1	\$92.50
7.	LEE CORBIN	2041	W19	W21	W26	D3	D12	4-1	92.50
8.	PERRY YOUNG WORTH	2029	W46	D1	W29	W4	D3	4-1	92.50
12.	GREG FIELDS	1990	W23	D2	W33	W1	D7	4-1	92.50
13.	JAMES MAKI	1990	L1	W34	W27	W18	W14	4-1	92.50
25.	MATTHEW BEELBY	1758	W37	W9	L3	D6	W17	3½-1½	80

RESERVE SECTION

14.	JUAN FONG	1486	W3	W1	W37	W23	D24	4½-½	\$120
45.	GARRY KELLY	UR	W34	W18	W17	D24	D11	4-1	45
46.	GERRIT MULLENBERG	UR	W36	L20	W19	W1	W23	4-1	45
38.	CHARLES RAMSEY	1313	L24	W31	W21	W13	L9	3-2	70

WHITTIER WINNER, Jan-Feb

Robert Gudino was an easy first with 7-0. The early favorite won by 2 full points. Vince McCambridge was 2nd with 5-2 ahead of David Samarin, third at 4½-2½.

In the Reserve, Gilbert Morales was 1st with 5½-1½. Bruce McCloud and Steve Hernandez scored 5-2 to tie for 2nd. John Gonzalez directed.



James Tarjan came into the Western Futurity as the strong favorite, played a fine tournament even for him, and won without a defeat. The L. A. raised deserter to Berkley was never out of the lead and, after winning his first 3 games, only once tied.

Picking Tarjan as the winner was not a hard task. Rated #8 in the country and 50 points above his nearest rival here, Tarjan had been going from strength to strength. Winning the American Open, picking up the Gold Medal at the Olympics, having consistently strong IM performances, Tarjan is almost certain to improve his IM title to GM.

But the big story of the tournament was Tibor Weinberger. Rated #44 in the country, Weinberger, at 42, was the oldest in the field by a decade. An even score would have been a happy result for him. Instead, the Santa Monican finished 2nd with  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , only  $\frac{1}{2}$  point behind Tarjan, with probably the best performance of his career. Weinberger played fighting chess, having only one draw (with Tarjan), the fewest in the tournament. But few draws mean lots of losses. Weinberger's loss to Thornally in the 6th round hurt bad. It knocked Weinberger out of the lead and was Thornally's only victory.

Weinberger has been one of the top players in the Southland for a long time. During the 60's he was player of the decade around here. His list of victories is very long and earned him an invitation to the U. S. Championship in 68. Among others, Tibor has been Cal Open Champ twice (plus ties several other years) and practically owned the Pacific SouthWest. Ironically at his age, he was a "newcomer" after his first FIDE rating at this event. He got a good one and will now join Tarjan at the International Tournament in Cleveland in May.

Third place went to William Martz of Hartland, Wis. with  $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Martz had been expected to finish well and did so by avoiding losses, except to Weinberger. Martz was 1965 U. S. Junior Champ and has played on our Olympic team several times. Martz had the best late round surge of the tournament, scoring  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  in his last 4 games.

Dumitru Ghizdavu of Cleveland followed much the same pattern as Martz with a quiet first half followed by a late round surge to score 5-4 for 4th. Ghizdavu is an import from Rumania where he gained his IM title. In one event he finished 2nd to Taimanov. He played for 2 Rumanian Olympic teams, scoring  $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ .

The other locals had disappointing results. Kim Commons continued to be jinxed in the big ones. His hopes for 2nd turned into a minus score. Well, at 23, the ex-Cal Champ still has plenty of time. Jeff Kent joined Commons at 4-5, a mildly below par performance. Kent lives in North Hollywood. Cal Champ David Strauss was also saddened by his  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ , but he and Kent can take some comfort that they now have international ratings reasonably close to their actual.

Other competitors were Dennis Waterman of San Francisco, who also got his first international rating, 4-5, Frank Thornally, late of San Francisco and now of Boston, 4-5, and Andrew Karklins of Chicago who was way off the form that earned him an even score in the U. S. Championship,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$ .

As befits the title, Western Futurity, The tournament featured youth and strength mostly from the West. Despite Weinberger, the average age was under 28 with the youngest being 23. The average rating was 2375, a Category 6 event, though it will probably be listed as about category 3 or 4 since FIDE computes categories with new players rated at 2200.



The tournament took place at the Chess Set under the sponsorship of Lina Grumette and the USCF. Isaac Kashdan was the TD. After running a smooth tournament, he, and most of the players, are off to Lone Pine for still more chess. Grumette describes the event as terrific, but rough and doesn't think she'll hold another (Don't bet on it.). If anyone wants to hold one next year, contact the USCF. Besides those in the tournament, worthy locals include: Saidy, Christensen, Snyder, Stoutenborough, Ervin, Harari, Hoggatt, and our Canadian visitor, Biyiasis.

		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	TOTAL
1. JAMES TARJAN	2489	X	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	7-2
2. TIBOR WEINBERGER	2346	½	x	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	6½-2½
3. WILLIAM MARTZ	2415	½	0	x	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	5½-3½
4. DUMITRU GHIZDAVU	2387	½	0	½	x	1	½	1	1	0	½	5-4
5. KIM COMMONS	2437	½	0	½	0	x	1	½	½	½	½	4-5
6. DENNIS WATERMAN	2373	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	½	1	1	4-5
7. JEFF KENT	2367	0	1	½	0	½	0	x	½	½	1	4-5
8. FRANK THORNALLY	2267	0	1	½	0	½	½	½	x	½	½	4-5
9. DAVID STRAUSS	2340	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	1	3½-5½
10. ANDREW KARKLINS	2333	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	x	1½-7½

#### WEST COVINA APRIL AMATEUR, April 5-6

13 is supposed to be unlucky, but for whom? Gary Cooper was rated 13 out of 14 entries, but all the bad luck went to his opponents as he scored 4-1 for a clear 1st. Cooper, of Anaheim, attributed much of his performance to the fact his rating is out of date.

2nd place was a 3-way tie between Robert Gudino of Pico Rivera, Shawn Aegerter of Covina, and Donald Cotten of Ontario, all with 3½-1½. B's Michael Wallace of West Covina and Matthew Beelby of Azusa also benefited from "unlucky" 13. Had Cooper merely been playing well, their score of 2½-2½ would not have had a chance for the B prize. But Cooper was playing excellently and left the B prize for others.

In the Under-1600 Section, TD John Rykowski helped out his own cause by winning with 4½-½. Robert Holloman of San Pedro and Joseph Torquato of Rialto were 2nd with 4-1. The Novice prize was cut up 3 ways between Frank Bayerque of West Covina, Christian Cooper of Anaheim, and Gary Kelly of Long Beach, all with 3-2.

The 32 players, 14 in the Amateur, 18 in the Under 1600, was below par thanks to the CI&R announcement being fouled up. Rykowski is planning to put out a contract on the stupid idiot responsible as soon as he makes sure it wasn't him. Average rating was 1814, average of the top 10 was 1868.

13. GARY M. COOPER	1660	D12	W11	W2	D1	W6	4-1	\$100
1. ROBERT GUDINO	1979	W8	W4	D6	D13	D5	3½-1½	16.67
2. SHAWN AEGERTER	1944	W9	D5	L13	W12	W8	3½-1½	16.67
5. DONALD COTTEN	1914	W11	D2	W7	D6	D1	3½-1½	16.67
UNDER 1600								
4. JOHN RYKOWSKI	1504	W13	W9	W8	D2	W6	4½-½	\$100
3. ROBERT HOLLOWMAN	1514	W12	D8	W14	D9	W2	4-1	25
7. JOSEPH TORQUATO	1421	W16	L2	W15	W18	W9	4-1	25



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHESS GROTTO AMATEURS**, every weekend except Ap. 26-27 & May 24-25. Starts 10 am Sat at the Chess Grotto, 2548 W. 7th, Los Angeles. Entry fee \$10. \$1 extra a door. Prizes by points. 4 points pays \$60, 3½ pays \$40, 3 pays \$20. 45/90. 4 round Swiss. Mail entries to: Chess Grotto, 2548 W. 7th, Los Angeles, CA 90057

**WESTERN CONGRESS**, April 19-20, 5 Rd Swiss. Starts 10 am Saturday at Quality Inn Airport, 5249 W. Century Blvd., L. A. 90045. Entry fee: \$30 (\$25 Amateur, \$20 under 1600) \$5 extra at door. Prizes \$2200 guaranteed. 40/2. Mail entries to: Continental Chess Assn., 450 Prospect Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10553.

**EL SEGUNDO AMATEUR CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 75, (2000)**, 5 rd Swiss. Starts 10 am Sat. At El Segundo CC, 300 E. Pine, El Segundo. Entry Fee: \$17 (ur)-\$25(A). \$5 extra at door. Prizes \$2000 guaranteed. 40/100. Mail entries to Cal Chess Circuit, Box 17877, Los Angeles, CA 90017. April 26-27.

**WEST COVINA MAY OPEN**, May 3-4, 5 rd Swiss. Starts 10 am Sat. at Mesa School, on Barranca just South of the San Bernardino Freeway, West Covina. Entry Fee \$10. \$5 extra at door. Prizes \$300 guaranteed + per entries. 40/2. Mail Entries to John Rykowski, 717 E. Laurel Ave., Glendora, CA 91740.

**JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**, May 3 & 10, I didn't quite get the details, but watch Kashdan's column in the Sunday Times.

**SAN DIEGO AMATEUR CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP**, May 17-18, 5 rd Swiss. Starts 10 am Sat at Convair Rec. Bldg., Clairmont Mesa Blvd. Just East of 395 (Look for Atlas Missile), San Diego. Entry fee \$13-\$15 (\$1 extra per class). \$5 extra at door. Prizes \$1000. 50/2. Mail entries to Cal Chess Circuit, Box 17877, L. A., CA 90017. (2000)

**GOLDEN STATE \$5000 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS**, May 24-26. 6 rd Swiss, starts 11 am Sat. at Los Angeles Hilton, Wilshire & Figueroa, L. A. Entry fee \$30 (master) - \$18 (E) (\$2 extra per class). \$5 extra at door. Prizes \$5000 guaranteed + \$1000 if 450 enter. Mail entries to Cal Chess Circuit, Box 17877, L. A., CA 90017.

**GOLDEN STATE HS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**, May 24-26. 6 rd Swiss (2000) Starts 10 am Sat. at Los Angeles Hilton, Wilshire & Figueroa, Los Angeles. Entry fee \$35 per team of 6. \$15 extra at door. Prizes \$300 + trophies guaranteed. 50/2. Mail entries to Cal Chess Circuit, Box 17877, L. A., CA 90017.

**11TH & 13TH LOS ANGELES QUADS** (No, I don't know what happened to 12.) April 20 & June 1, 3 rd RR. Quality Inn Airport, 5249 W. Century, L. A. Entry fee \$8.50(11), \$4.75(13). \$1.50 extra at door. Prizes \$20(11), \$10(13) per section. Mail entries to Continental Chess Assn., 450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10553.

**WEST COVINA NEW JUNE**, June 7-8, (2000) 5 rd Swiss, Starts 10 am Sat at Mesa School, on Barranca, just South of San Bernardino Freeway, West Covina. Entry fee \$10. \$5 late fee. Prizes \$400 guaranteed + per entries. 40/2. Mail entries to John Rykowski, 717 E. Laurel Ave., Glendora, CA 91740



WEEKEND CHESS CALENDAR, 1975-76

- Apr 19-20, LOS ANGELES CONGRESS, L. A., Continental Chess Assn., \$2200  
 26-27, EL SEGUNDO AMATEUR CC, Cal Chess Circuit, E. S., \$2000
- May 3-4, WEST COVINA MAY OPEN, W. C., John Rykowski, \$300  
 3, JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, L. A., Piatigorsky  
 10, HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, L. A., Piatigorsky  
 17-18, SAN DIEGO AMATEUR, S. D., CCC, \$1000  
 24-26, GOLDEN STATE CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS, L. A., CCC, \$5000
- Jun 7-8, W. C. NEW JUNE AMATEUR, W. C., Rykowski, \$500  
 14-15, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGRESS, L. A., CCA, \$2200  
 21-22, RESEDA, ~~Betty Roberts~~, \$1000  
 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CC, San Gabriel, Gordon LeMirande, \$1000  
 28, SCCL TEAM MATCHES, Several locations  
 28-29, W. C. JUNE ODDITY, W. C., Rykowski, \$500
- Jul 4-6, PACIFIC SOUTHWEST, Santa Monica Bay CC, S. M., \$5000  
 SAN DIEGO OPEN, S. D., CCC, \$2000  
 12-13, W. C. SUMMER SWEEPSTAKES, W. C., Rykowski, \$200
- Aug 1-3, CAL. CHESS CLASSIC, L. A., CCA, \$5000  
 8-9, RIVERSIDE OPEN, Frank Metz, \$500  
 16-17, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AMATEUR, S. M., S. M. B. CC, \$1600  
 23-24, W. C. AUGUST ACTION, W. C., Rykowski, \$200  
 30-31, GOLDEN WEST CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS, L. A., CCC, \$6000
- Sep 13-14, SAN DIEGO AMATEUR, S. D., CCC, \$1000  
 20-21, TORRANCE, Troy, \$4000  
 27-28, LOS ANGELES OPEN, L. A., CCA, \$2500
- Oct 4, CAL RAPIDS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Torrance, Troy, \$1000  
 11-12, W. C. KING KILLER, W. C., Rykowski, \$200  
 18-19, AMATEUR, L. A., CCC, \$2000  
 25-26, CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP, L. A., CCA, \$250  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FALL OPEN, L. A., CCA, \$300
- Nov 8-9, AMATEUR, L. A., CCC, \$2000  
 15-16, SAN DIEGO AMATEUR, S. D., CCC, \$1000  
 27-30, AMERICAN OPEN, S. M., SMBCC, \$8000
- Dec 6-7, LUCKY BALDWIN OPEN, Arcadia, Arcadia CC, \$500  
 13-14, AMBASSADOR OPEN, L. A., CCC, \$6000  
 27-28, W. C. HOLIDAY SPECIAL, W. C., Rykowski, \$300
- 1976
- Jan 3-4, CALIFORNIA CONGRESS, L. A., CCA, \$2500  
 17-18, W. C. AMATEURS, W. C., Rykowski, \$400  
 24-25, RESEDA OPEN, Reseda, Roberts, \$1100  
 31-F1, WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS, L. A., CCA, \$750
- Feb 7-8, W. C. LINCOLN OPEN, W. C., Rykowski, \$400  
 14-16, NATIONAL CONGRESS, L. A., CCA, \$3500  
 21-22, LOS ANGELES AMATEUR CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS, L. A., CCC, \$2000  
 28-29, W. C. FEBRUARY MASTER CANDIDATES, W. C., Rykowski, \$500
- Mar 1-6, NATIONAL OPEN, Las Vegas, USCF, \$6000  
 6-7, BOOGEDA BOOGEDA OPEN, Huntington Beach, Fountain Val CC, \$500  
 HIGH SCHOOL OLYMPICS, Mission Viejo, Cotter, Medals  
 13-14, SAN DIEGO AMATEUR, S. D., CCC, \$1000  
 NEWPORT BEACH SPRING OPEN, N. B., Newport Beach CC, \$535  
 20-21, PACIFIC COAST OPEN, L. A., CCA, \$1000

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|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| 1.  | P-K4  | P-K4  | 1.  | P-K4  | P-K4  |
| 2.  | N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 2.  | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3.  | P-Q4  | PxP   | 3.  | B-N5  | B-B4  |
| 4.  | P-B3  | PxP   | 4.  | O-O   | P-Q3  |
| 5.  | B-QB4 | N-B3  | 5.  | BxN   | PxB   |
| 6.  | NxP   | B-N5  | 6.  | P-KR3 | N-K2  |
| 7.  | P-K5  | P-Q4  | 7.  | P-Q4  | PxP   |
| 8.  | B-N3  | P-Q5  | 8.  | NxP   | O-O   |
| 9.  | PxN   | PxN   | 9.  | B-N5  | P-B3  |
| 10. | Q-K2  | B-K3  | 10. | NxP   | NxN   |
| 11. | O-O   | QxP   | 11. | Q-Q5  | K-K1  |
| 12. | B-N5  | Q-N3  | 12. | QxN   | B-Q2  |
| 13. | PxP   | BxP   |     |       | O:1   |
| 14. | QR-B1 | B-R4  |     |       |       |
| 15. | B-QR4 | O-O   |     |       |       |

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| 16. | BxN   | PxB   | 1.  | P-K4  | P-K4  |
| 17. | RxP   | Q-R4  | 2.  | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 18. | B-K7  | KR-K1 | 3.  | P-Q4  | PxP   |
| 19. | R-B5  | Q-N5  | 4.  | P-B3  | PxP   |
| 20. | R-KN5 | Q-KB5 | 5.  | B-QB4 | P-Q3  |
| 21. | P-N3  | Q-B5  | 6.  | NxP   | N-B3  |
| 22. | RxP   | KxR   | 7.  | Q-N3  | Q-Q2  |
| 23. | Q-K5  | P-KB3 | 8.  | N-KN5 | N-K4  |
| 24. | QxP   | K-N1  | 9.  | B-N5  | P-B3  |
| 25. | Q-N5  | 1:0   | 10. | P-B4  | N4-N5 |

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| 11. | P-KR3  | PxB   | 1.  | e4  | e5  |
| 12. | PxN    | P-N5  | 2.  | Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 13. | N-Q5   | NxN   | 3.  | g4  | ed  |
| 14. | QxN    | P-KR3 | 4.  | c3  | dc  |
| 15. | B-Q2   | R-KN1 | 5.  | Nc3 | d6  |
| 16. | N-B3   | QxP   | 6.  | Bc4 | Be7 |
| 17. | K-B2   | B-K2  | 7.  | Qb3 | Na5 |
| 18. | QR-QB1 | Q-K3  | 8.  | Bf7 | Kf8 |
| 19. | Q-Q3   | B-Q2  | 9.  | Qa4 | c6  |
| 20. | KR-K1  | K-B1  | 10. | Bg8 | b5  |
| 21. | BxP    | B-QB3 | 11. | Qd4 | Rg8 |
| 22. | P-K5   | BxN   | 12. | O-O | Kf7 |
| 23. | KxB    | Q-N3  | 13. | e5  | Re8 |
| 24. | QxQ    | PxQ   | 14. | Re1 | d5  |
| 25. | PxP    | B-B3  | 15. | e6  | Be6 |
| 26. | R-B7   | P-QR4 | 16. | Re6 | Ke6 |
| 27. | B-R3   | P-QN4 | 17. | Qg4 | Kf7 |
| 28. | B-B5   | R-Q1  | 18. | Ne5 | Kf8 |
| 29. | R-R7   | R-B1  | 19. | Qe6 | 1:0 |
| 30. | P-Q7   | RxB   |     |     |     |
| 31. | R-K8   | 1:0   |     |     |     |

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