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# Chess

## TARJAN TOPS AT THE CLAREMONT

Fresh from his recent success in Europe, newly titled international master **Jim Tarjan** won the California Open (North), held Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at the Claremont Hotel in Berkeley. The six-round, USCF and CSCF rated Swiss system event attracted 215 players battling for a share of the \$3,950 prize fund. Tournament director and organizer **Alan Benson** was assisted by Guthrie McClain, Ralph Hultgren, Robert Burger and Kenn Fong. Complete upper division results (in order of tie-break points) follow:

### Master Section

**1st**, Jim Tarjan (2478), Berkeley, 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$750 plus trophy; **2nd-4th**, Aki Kanamori (2158) ("Expert" trophy), San Francisco, C. Bill Jones (2246), Redwood City, and Bram Van Dyk (2100), Amsterdam, 5-1, \$283.33 each.

### Expert Division

**1st-6th**, Gary Pickler (2100), Berkeley, Martin Sullivan (2123), San Leandro, Steve Spencer (2081), Berkeley, Ziad Baroudi (2145), Davis, Takashi Kurosaki (2108), San Francisco, and John Peterson (2176), San Jose, 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, \$83.33 each.

### Class A Division

**1st-4th**, Dan Pearce (trophy)(1867), Paul Whitehead (14 years old)(1952), Bob Salgado (1939), and Mitchell Bedford (1893), 4-2, \$125 each.

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Without a doubt the most complete defeat of USCF expert **Gene Lee's** opening specialty for Black, the Dragon variation of the Sicilian Defense, was administered in round two by the tournament winner.

**White: Jim Tarjan (2478).**

**Black: Gene Lee (2077).**

**Cal-Open (North), Berkeley, Aug. 31, 1974.**

### Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4	P-QB4	19 R-K1	K-R1(h)
2 N-KB3	P-Q3	20 N-B3!	QR-K1
3 P-Q4	PxP	21 B-N6	Q-N1(i)
4 NxP	N-KB3	22 N-N5	P-R3(j)
5 N-QB3	P-KN3	23 N-K6	BxN
6 P-B4	QN-Q2(a)	24 RxB	K-R2
7 B-K2	B-N2	25 P-N4	N-K5
8 0-0	0-0	26 PxP	PxP
9 B-K3	P-QR3	27 Q-R5(k)	Q-B1
10 P-QR4!(b)	Q-B2	28 K-R2	R-B3
11 N-Q5(c)	NxN	29 B-Q4!	RxR
12 PxN	N-N3(d)	30 QxBPch	K-N1
13 P-B4!(e)	N-Q2	31 PxR	N-B3(l)
14 P-R3	N-B4	32 R-KN1	Q-B3
15 P-QN4	N-K5	33 Q-R7ch!(m)	NxQ
16 B-Q3	P-B4(f)	34 RxBch	K-R1(n)
17 P-R5!(g)	B-Q2	35 RxNch	K-N1
18 R-B1	N-B3	36 R-R8mate	

(Notes contributed especially for this column by international master **Jim Tarjan**.)

(a) The old line, 6...N-B3, is supposed to give White a good game after 7 NxN PxN8 P-K5.

(b) Better than committing the bishop to KB3, as has been played in the past, which weakens the QB4 square.

(c) Here I was considering 11 P-KN4, with the possible continuation 11...P-K4 12 N-N3 PxP 13 BxBP N-K4 14 P-N5 N-K1 15 N-Q5 Q-Q1, with a complicated position. The text move is simpler and leads to an advantage in space.

(d) Black should probably play 12...N-B3 13 P-B4 P-K3 and try to break up the center. Black overlooked White's next move.

(e) This establishes the strong pawn center. If now 13...NxBP, then 14 Q-B2 NxB (forced) 15 QxQ BxN 16 K-R1 NxR 17 RxN, and although Black has rook, bishop and pawn for the queen, his lack of development makes his position unpalatable.

(f) A bad positional weakening. In my opinion, he should try 16...N-B3, even though Black remains cramped.

(g) Fixes the pawns and eliminates the possibility of ...P-QR4 for Black.

(h) Presumably, to remove the king from the queen's diagonal after 20 P-B5 NxP 21 Q-N3, but White is in no hurry to open the game, since Black has no counterplay whatsoever.

(i) If 21...Q-B1 I intended 22 B-N1, with the idea of meeting 22...P-K3 with 23 PxP followed by a subsequent QxP.

(j) This move is a mistake, of course, as it fatally weakens his king side, but Black's game is horrible anyway.

(k) White could have won a pawn before or after the trade of NP's by Q-K2 and taking on K4, but a direct attack on the king is the quickest way to win.

(l) Not 31...BxB because of 32 BxN, and White would mate sooner than in the game.

(m) Virtually anything wins now, but I decided to seize the opportunity to sacrifice my queen for the gallery.

(n) On 34...K-B1 White still mates in two with 35 R-B7ch K-N1 36 BxNmate.

#### **SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION IN BERKELEY**

Chess Olympics gold medalist **Jim Tarjan** will conduct a simultaneous exhibition at the Berkeley Central YMCA (corner of Grove St. and Allston Way), Friday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Board fee for those who wish to take advantage of a chance to play a game of chess with the gifted 22-year-old international master is \$3. For advance registration, please contact **Ed Delgado**, 2380 Bryant St., San Francisco, Calif. 94110.

#### **GAMES FROM THE CAL-OPEN**

Here is a selection of sharply contested games from the Claremont, recorded in USCF endorsed coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

**White: Sabu Subramaniam (2169). Black: Ronald Byrne (1896). Cal-Open, Berkeley, Aug. 31, 1974. Caro-Kann Defense 1 e4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 de 4 Ne4 Nf6 5 Ng3 g6 6 Bg5 Bg7 7 c3 Be6 8 Nf3 h6 9 Bd2 Nbd7 10 Qc2 Qc7 11 Bd3 0-0-0 12 0-0 Bg4 13 Be2 e6 14 c4 Bf3 15 Bf3 h5 16 Rac1 Ng4 17 Bg4 hg 18 d5 Bd4 19 b4 Rh2 20 Qd3 Rdh8 21 de Rh1 22 Resigns.**

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**White: Jay Whitehead (1762). Black: George Ledin (2000). Cal-Open, Berkeley, Aug. 31, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 d6 5 Nc3 Nf6 6 Bc4 a6 7 Nc6 bc 8 e5 Ng4 9 e6 d5 10 ef Kf7 11 Nd5 cd 12 Qd5 Qd5 13 Bd5 e6 14 Ba8 Bc5 15 h3 Nf2 16 Rf1 Bd7 17 Bf3 Bb5 18 Rf2 Bf2 19 Kf2 Rc8 20 c3 e5 21 Be2 Resigns.**

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**White: Paul Whitehead (1952). Black: Dennis Waterman (2384). Cal-Open, Berkeley, Aug. 31, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Nc3 b5 6 Bd3 Bb7 7 a3 Ne7 8 0-0 Nec6 9 Nc6 Bc6 10 Re1 Be7 11 Qg4 Kf8 12 b3 d6 13 f4 Nd7 14 Bd2 Bf6 15 Rad1 Qc7 16 Ne2 h5 17 Qh3 g6 18 Be3 Rc8 19 Rf1 Qb7 20 e5 Be7 21 ed Bd6 22 Bg6 Ba3 23 f5 e5 24 Rd2 Nf6 25 Qg3 Ng4 26 h3 Ne3 27 Qe5 Kg8 28 Qe3 Be8 29 Qe5 Qe7 30 Qe7 Be7 31 f6 Bc5 32 Kh1 gf 33 f7 Bf7 34 Rd7 Rh7 35 Ng3 Be8 36 Rd5 Be7 37 Resigns.**

#### **PALO ALTO OPEN TOURNEY**

A four-round Swiss in three divisions will take place at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto, Sept. 14-15. Cash prizes based on number of entries. Entry fee for the USCF Open or Booster Division (below 1600) is \$15 (juniors to 18, \$10). A non-USCF section with a \$2 entry fee will award a first place trophy and book prizes. Please bring sets and clocks.

#### **BAY AREA INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE**

The Bay Area Industrial Chess League will start its 1974-75 season Sept. 20. Teams consist of six players (or alternates) and the league is internally rated. For more information, phone **Paul Friedrich**, President, at 357-6800, ext. 2474 (business) or 276-9148 (residence).