

# CalChess Report

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## OCTOBER CalChess MEETING

The last regular meeting of **CalChess** was on October 23 in Fremont. The principal order of business was the election of voting members and delegates for the 1991-2 year. Voting members and delegates vote in USCF elections for Policy Board members, and participate in delegate activities at the annual USCF meeting, held in conjunction with the US Open. The 1992 US Open will be in Dearborn, Michigan. Despite several recent expressions of interest in expanding participation in USCF governance, only about a dozen intrepid souls showed up for the meeting, and everyone who attended was elected a voting member.

The voters this year are: Julie Regan, delegate, and voting members Alan Glasscoe, Walter Browne, Jim Hurt, Ray Orwig, Pascal Baudry, Clarence Lehman, Neil Regan, James Eade, Charles Pigg, Don Wolitzer, Francisco Sierra, and Diane Barnard. First alternate is Richard Koepcke.

In other business, a motion passed to approve \$200 for extraordinary expenses for *The California Chess Journal*.

A 50% dues increase was proposed by John Barnard, with the additional revenue to be paid to the Editor of the magazine. In discussion, it was pointed out that imposing a huge dues increase would be premature and damaging after less than a year of operations, and that **CalChess** staff, although eminently deserving, had always volunteered their services—if the organization had to hire them, it couldn't afford them. The motion for a dues increase was defeated.

## JOHN BARNARD IMPEACHED

On November 8, John Barnard was impeached and removed by unanimous vote of the **CalChess** Board for "conduct detrimental to **CalChess**." In his year on the Board, John struggled unsuccessfully to overcome his inability to work with others. Recent acts of open hostility to the organization and to other members of the Board jeopardized **CalChess**. After extensive discussions with and between Barnard and the Board, and after resignation was proposed and rejected, the vote was 5-0 for impeachment and removal as the only remaining option.

Barnard's replacement will be selected at the next meeting, Dec. 13 at the Livermore Chess Club. **CalChess** members who want to help out the organization are eligible to run for the position.

## THE RETURN OF THE NORTH-SOUTH MATCH

Nearly twenty years ago, when Highway 99 was the major road link between California's two largest cities, San Francisco and Los Angeles, and the state federa-

tion was one, lovers of the game reserved Memorial Day weekend for the great clash between the best SF players and the best LA players, a chess rivalry that paralleled the competition between the Dodgers and the Giants, between the 49ers and the Rams. Then big-money tournaments took over Memorial Day, the state split into two different federations—with two different agendas—and the tradition of the North-South match died.

In 1992, we're going to bring it back again. If it works, and everyone has fun, we'll keep doing it.

The format this time, arranged by the SCCF and NCCA Presidents, subject to approval by the respective Boards, is to hold the event on the weekend of March 14-15 in Visalia, just below Fresno. The Visalia Chess Club, with President Allan Fifield, has consented to make facilities for the match available. The plan is to hold a one-day tournament on March 14, with grand prix points available as an inducement for the stronger players, then on March 15 play the match, aiming for 20-30 boards, or more.

It should be fun, and it should be interesting. Southern California has 50% more USCF members than we do, so on paper they have an edge in depth. But team matches are decided by who does the best job of rounding up their players. For example, we have a hundred active USCF masters in Northern California, and if they all show up, we'll win easily. In a team match, anything can happen, and usually does. We should start planning now for that weekend, and think about carpools to get as many of our players as possible to the tournament and team match. We'll have a bulletin board to coordinate those who are driving and those who need rides.

### COOPERATION BETWEEN SCCF AND NCCA

In other areas of agreement with our neighbor federation, details are being worked out to co-sponsor a match between the Southern California champion (John Peters) and the Northern California champion (currently Jay Whitehead). The match will be for a purse of \$1000, to be provided by contributions from each organization, split 65/35 between the winner and loser. Eight games will be played, four in the L.A. area and four in the S.F. area. As soon as both SCCF and NCCA approve, and both champions agree, the match can be scheduled.

This year, **CalChess** sponsored the first-ever Region XI Women's Championship, an idea proposed by our own Ray Orwig, who provided a site, countless man-hours of preparation, and his services as Director. It was a great success, with more than twenty of California's best women players participating. RVPs Carolyn Withgitt and Alina Markowski pledged to do their best to make sure the tournament was repeated.

In 1992, the SCCF is hosting the Region XI Women's Championship, on a weekend to be determined in May. This now promises to be an annual event, with the venue rotating between Northern California (odd years) and Southern California (even years).

SCCF President Paul Shannon and **CalChess** President Tom Dorsch are in agreement that the idea of co-sponsorship has merit. Each federation only provides the funding and manpower to stage a tournament every other year, and making an

event "Region XI" instead of local enhances its prestige and attractiveness, which should make it a better event.

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### NEXT **CalChess** MEETING IN LIVERMORE, DEC. 13

The next **CalChess** meeting will be held Friday, December 13, at the Livermore Chess Club, at 7:30 p.m. The Livermore Chess Club meets in the school building at the end of Almond Avenue, a small dead-end street that runs off East Avenue. Coming from the Bay Area, take the N. Livermore exit south from the 580 freeway, go about a mile to East Avenue (immediately after 4th Street), turn left and go another half-mile until you get to Almond Avenue, turn right, and go to the end of the street, about two blocks. The auditorium building on your right at the end is where the club meets. Park in the U-shaped lot.

Topics for discussion at the upcoming meeting include proposals for revision of the bylaws, submitted by William Haines; funding proposals for 1992, and the State Championship.

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### CHESS BLOOMS IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA

Chessplayers in Northern California again have the option of playing chess in Sacramento, thanks to the efforts of new organizers in the area.

Damian Baumgardner has revived chess in Grass Valley, serving the area just north of Sacramento, near Marysville and Yuba City. There has always been a lot of chess activity in this scenic area of California. Chico has one of the most durable chess clubs in the state, and there are occasional tournaments in and around Yuba City.

The next Grass Valley Quad is Saturday, December 7. For more information, contact Damian Baumgardner (916-477-5469).

The principal chess event in California in December will be the Capitol City Open on December 28-29. Art Wake, President of the Sacramento Chess Club, has again reserved facilities at the luxurious Hyatt Regency Sacramento at Capitol Park, and promises to reprise the success of his July 4 tournament, pampering players with complimentary beverages, optimal playing conditions, and timely rounds. There are two playing schedules, a five-round schedule for those who wish to play Friday evening (Dec. 27) and a four-round schedule (with floating 1/2 point bye) for those who prefer to play Saturday and Sunday. Quality chess has been revived in Sacramento, and if you only plan to play once more in 1991, enjoy the best in Northern California chess, the Capitol City Open, between Christmas and New Year's Day.

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### OAKLAND CHESS CLUB SPONSORS TOURNEY DEC 4-6

The Oakland Chess Club is back, and sponsoring its first tournament, on Wednesday, December 4, and Friday, December 6, 6:30 p.m., at the Oakland Chess

Club, 526-21st St, Oakland, CA 94612. The contact person for the tournament is Cyril Pronnier, 415-788-5066 (Fax: 415-788-5067).

Monsieur Pronnier is a French student who is organizing the event. The old Oakland Chess Club used to be one of the best in the Bay Area, and there are still many players on our mailing list with an Oakland address. Club member Mike Sweeney relates that IM Marc Leski occasionally drops by, and that other masters visit on occasion. Could be the start of something if the December event attracts some players.

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**APPEAL TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
CHESS ENTHUSIASTS**

**by Hans Poschmann**

Recent Northern California chess politics gave me the idea that, in order to make the efforts of President Tom Dorsch work, we need a broader base and more participation.

The present system has a built-in obstacle in so far that interested people have to travel to the bi-monthly meetings. This is costly and time-consuming compared to the meager achievements accomplished at those meetings. The organizer of the meeting also has at least an inconvenience.

I believe that most **CalChess** business can be handled by mail. Tom Dorsch has the vehicle to do just that already in place, namely the **CalChess** Report. Therefore the following motion is introduced:

"All proposed actions of the Northern California Chess Association, including an implementation date, shall be published in The **CalChess** Report first. A decision shall be made through mail ballots by the Board of Directors in time for the next issue.

All voters and their decisions shall be identified, except for personnel elections.

Personnel elections, including the selection of USCF Voting Members and Delegates, shall be handled similar to USCF elections and verified at the Annual Membership Meeting."

Following is an appeal for the help we need urgently:

- 1) Membership Secretary. He should have a personal computer, to accept membership fees, keep the data base up to date, and print mailing labels.
- 2) Help to mail the magazine.
- 3) Solicitor of articles for the magazine.
- 4) Representation at local tournaments.
- 5) A Nominations Committee.

For input on the above actions please come to the next meeting, December 13 in Livermore.

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Santa Cruz CC	Kermit Norris	POB 7496	Santa Cruz 95061	408/426-8269
Santa Rosa CC	Peter Proehl	538 Blackstone Ct.	Santa Rosa 95409	707/539-6466
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Sunnyvale/LERA CC	Ken Stone	POB 60451	Sunnyvale 94088	408/742-3126
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Walnut Creek CC	Clarence Lehman	11 Aleman Ct.	Walnut Creek 94596	510/946-1545
Yountville/Napa Valley CC	Burl Bailey	137 Chelsea Ave.	Napa 94558	707/253-0648

Other Chess Organizers

Bay Area tournaments	Mike Goodall	2420 Atherton St. #6	Berkeley 94704	510/548-6815
CalChess President	Tom Dorsch	POB 3294	Hayward 94544	510/481-8580
CalChess Scholastic Co-ordinator	Raymond Orwig	2030 Roosevelt Ave.	Richmond 94801	510/237-7956
CalChess Secretary	W.C. (Bill) Haines	720 York St.	Vallejo 94590	707/552-5070
LERA tournaments	Jim Hurt	POB 461	Tahoma 95733	916/525-7912
Santa Clara tournaments	Patrick Howlett	2700 Augustine Dr., Suite 295	Santa Clara 95054	408/988-5008
World Blitz Chess Assn.	Walter Browne	8 Parnassus Rd.	Berkeley 94708	510/549-1169

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NOVEMBER 1991

23 Sa SF/Lowell HS (Sectional) PD  
 23 Sa San Rafael (Scholastic Quads) RO  
 24 Su Burlingame CC (FIDE/WRC SW  
 Action: 6 rds.)  
 29-(1) F-Su Sunnyvale/LERA (Class) JH

DECEMBER 1991

7 Sa Grass Valley (Quads) DB  
 7-8 SaSu San Jose City College (Class) FS  
 14 Sa UC Berkeley (Quads) DS  
 15 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 19 Th Burlingame CC (FIDE/WRC SW  
 Action Quads)  
 21 Sa SF/Lowell HS (Sectional) PD  
 27-29 F-Su Sacramento (2 Sections) AW

JANUARY 1992

10-12, No. Calif. Closed Champ.  
 18-19, 25-26  
 18 Sa UC Berkeley (Quads) DS  
 18-20 Sa-M Yountville: North Bay Open JB  
 19 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 25 Sa SF/Lowell HS (Sectional) PD

FEBRUARY 1992

1 Sa San Rafael (Scholastic Quads) RO  
 8 Sa UC Berkeley (Quads) DS  
 15-17 Sa-M UC Berkeley: People's (Class) DS  
 22 Sa SF/Lowell HS (Sectional) PD  
 23 Su Palo Alto (Scholastic) CW  
 23 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 29-(1) SaSu Vallejo (Open) BH

MARCH 1992

7-8 SaSu Sunnyvale/LERA (Class) JH  
 14-15 SaSu Visalia: North-South Team  
 15 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 21-22 SaSu Livermore (2 Sections) CP  
 28 Sa UC Berkeley (Quads) DS  
 28-29 SaSu San Rafael: No. Calif. Scholastic Champ. RO

APRIL 1992

11 Sa UC Berkeley (Quads) DS  
 \*11-12 SaSu Visalia Open JB  
 18 Sa SF/Lowell HS (Sectional) PD  
 \*24-26 F-Su SF? (Class) BG  
 26 Su Richmond (Quads) JE

MAY 1992

9 Sa UC Berkeley (Quads) DS  
 17 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 23-25 Sa-M Sunnyvale/LERA (Class) JH

JUNE 1992

20-21 SaSu Richmond JE

JULY 1992

19 Su Richmond (Quads) JE

AUGUST 1992

16 Su Richmond (Quads) JE

SEPTEMBER 1992

5-7 Sa-M SF (Class) JB  
 20 Su Richmond (Quads) JE

OCTOBER 1992

18 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 \* F-Su Reno: Western States Open JW  
 (Class)

NOVEMBER 1992

7-8 SaSu Livermore (2 Sections) CP  
 15 Su Richmond (Quads) JE  
 27-29 F-Su Sunnyvale/LERA (Class) JH

DECEMBER 1992

20 Su Richmond (Quads) JE

MONTHLY WBCA BLITZ TOURNAMENTS

2nd F SF/Mechanics Institute CC MW  
 3rd Tu Palo Alto CC RK  
 last Tu Walnut Creek CC CL

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CALENDAR NOTES

Action (Rapid) = G/30  
 Blitz = G/5  
 \* = to be confirmed

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