

Chess

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Under the direction of Martin Morrison, with assists from Elwin Meyers and Richard Irwin, the record-breaking San Francisco International Hilton Open took place at the International Airport, May 6-7.

Over 100 advance entries were received and more than 200 players, all rated below 2000 points, actually participated in the new USCF prestige chess event for northern California. The prize fund, originally set at \$650, swelled to above \$1,500, while richly engraved plaques donated by The San Francisco Chronicle were awarded to the winners in each of four playing divisions.

A special added feature was a chess banquet hosted by international master George Koltanowski, whose showmanship was exceeded only by his phenomenal ability in blind-fold exhibition play. Complete results:

Class "A": 1st, Boris Popov, San Francisco, 4½-½, \$200 plus plaque. 2nd-5th, Roger Gabrielson, Berkeley, David Obstfeld, San Francisco, Alfred Raymond, San Francisco, and John Smail, Bolinas, 4-1, \$47.50 each.

Class "B": 1st, Jon Sjogren, Berkeley, 4½-½, \$150 plus plaque, 2nd, Peter Prochaska, Menlo Park, 4½-½, \$150 3rd-6th, James Jirousek, McClellan AFB, Frederick Scholz, Berkeley, Stewart Scott, Sunnyvale, and Murray Turnbull, Berkeley, 4-1, \$22.50 each.

Class "C": 1st, Ronald Byrne, San Francisco, 5-0, \$200 plus plaque. 2nd-5th, Howard Cockerham, Oakland, Peter Freier, Sunnyvale, Michael Maloney, Berkeley, and Peter Stokes, Berkeley. 4-1, \$47.50 each.

Unrated Division: 1st, Romeo Rodriguez, San Francisco, 5-0, \$100 plus plaque. 2nd, Robert Morrison, Winton, 5-0, \$100. 3rd, Nicholas Quirarte, San Francisco, 4½-½, \$50. 4th-13th, Michael Cardillo, Douglas Clyde, Manelica Gimdalf, all San Francisco, Alan Hawkins, Palo Alto, Michael Mason, San Francisco, Donald Mayeaux, Fremont, David Olson, San Francisco, Richard Stanley, Berkeley, John Teselle, Stockton, and Joseph Tracy, San Francisco, 4-1, \$6.50 each.

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White: Boris Popov. Black: Tibor Horvath. San Francisco Hilton Open, May 6, 1972. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-B4 P-Q4 4 N-B3 B-N5 5 B-N5 PxP 6 P-K3 P-KR3 7 BxN QxB 8 BxP 0-0 9 0-0 P-B4 10 N-K4 Q-K2 11 P-QR3 P-B4 12 PxN 13 N-K5 R-B4 14 NPxP N-Q2 15 N-N6 Q-B2 16 Q-N4 P-KR4 17 QxR QxQ 18 N-K7ch K-R2 19 B-K6 N-B3 21 BxB Resigns.

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White: V. N. Campbell. Black: Romeo Rodriguez. San Francisco Hilton Open, May 7, 1972. English Opening 1 N-KB3 N-KB3 2 P-B4 P-KN3 3 P-QN3 B-N2 4 B-N2 P-B4 5 P-N3 0-0 6 B-N2 N-B3 7 0-0 P-Q3 8 P-Q3 P-KR3 9 N-B3 B-K3 10 R-K1 Q-Q2 11 Q-Q2 B-R6 12 P-K4 QR-Q1 13 Q-K2 N-KR4 14 Q-K3 N-Q5 15 QR-B1 Q-N5 16 N-KR4 P-KN4 17 P-B3 Q-Q2 18 BxB QxB 19 N-N2 N-B7 20 RxN B-Q5 21 P-KN4 N-B5 22 Resigns.

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White; Antony Marshall. Black: Scott Miller. San Francisco Hilton Open, May 6, 1972. Two Knights' Defense 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 NKB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 N-B3 4 N-N5 B-B4 5 BxPch K-B1 6 B-Q5 NxN 7 PxN QxN 8 Q-B3ch K-K2 9 PxN R-B1 10 PxNP BxNP 11 QxB BxPch 12 K-K2 Q-N5ch 13 K-Q3 Q-Q5ch 14 K-K2 Q-B5ch 15 P-Q3 Q-N5ch 16 K-Q2 Q-B5ch 17 K-K2 Q-N5ch 18 K-Q2 B-Q5 19 Q-K4 R-B5 20 P-KR3 R-B7ch 21 K-K1 Q-N6 22 K-Q1 R/1-B1 23 Q-N4 R-B8ch 24 RxR RxRch 25 K-Q2 Q-K8 mate.

FISCHER-SPASSKY BOUT SET

The International Chess Federation (FIDE) announced on May 6, according to a report from Amsterdam, that it had received a telegram from American grandmaster Robert Fischer agreeing to play a world title match with champion Boris Spassky in Reykjavik, Iceland. The 24-game bout is scheduled to begin July 2.

"THE LOFT" MASTER-EXPERT INVITATIONAL

Alan Benson will direct a double-weekend invitational tournament for masters and experts only at "The Loft" Coffeehouse and Bar, 5422 College Ave., Oakland, May 20-21 and 27-28. Many of the Bay Area's top players are expected to compete: former world junior champion, international master Julio Kaplan, masters John Grefe, Larry Gilden, Dennis Waterman, Dennis Fritzinger, Gil Ramirez and Trevor Hay, plus experts Craig Barnes, current U.S. high school champion, Alan Benson, Pete Manetti, Erik Osbun, Gary Pickler, Charles Pardini, Charles Maddigan, Ed Rosenthal, Donald Dean, Larry Hughes, Alan LaVergne, Steve Sawyer (editor of the California Chess Tournament Bulletin), Marcos Costa, Steve Cross, Takashi Kurosaki, Bob Hasson, Robert Hammie and Duane Clark. Round one starts at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 20. Spectators welcome.