

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- 4-7 July 5th Annual Arthur B. Stamer Memorial
Chess Tournament, in San Francisco
(USCF)
- 4-7 July Pacific-Southwest Open, at Santa Monica
(USCF)
- 4 July Second Annual San Bruno Open Air Chess
Festival
- 20-21 July CCCA'S REGIONAL OPEN AT BERKELEY (USCF
and CCCA)
- 4 August 18th Annual Sonoma Valley of the Moon
Open Air Chess Festival
- Early August CCCA'S CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CHESS CHAM-
PIONSHIPS AT WALNUT CREEK (USCF)
- 24-25 August Oakland Chess Club's Fifth Annual
Summer Tournament (CFNC)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

EDITORS:

Many chess players in this area are still wondering why it is necessary to have the Central California Chess Association. "Why," they ask, "couldn't the Chess Friends of Northern California be changed to conform to a more democratic and aboveboard pattern?" Recently we have seen why this method is impossible, and at the same time a revealing example of the way in which CFNC continues to operate.

The Berkeley YMCA Chess Club planned to hold its annual Berkeley Open on 22-23 June as a United States Chess Federation tournament. The club has held CFNC tournaments in the past during the summer, but has no written or oral commitment to do so. As soon as CFNC found out about this, it decided to hold a CFNC tournament on the very same day at the Oakland Central YMCA and to offer unusually large prizes. No officer of the Oakland Chess Club was informed at that time of

the CFNC tournament, to be held in their city at their accustomed tournament site. After one of the officers of that club, having learned of the tournament for the first time by the announcement published in Chess in Action, CFNC's organ, suggested to CFNC that if it held a tournament in Oakland, the Oakland Chess Club was entitled to some financial consideration, CFNC officials went to another officer of that club and made a separate deal with him to direct the tournament. That officer was then to go back to the Oakland Chess Club, present himself as director of the tournament, dictate the prizes, and force the club to cosponsor the tournament on CFNC's terms or forfeit their due profit from the tournament. In other words, CFNC arranged the entire tournament, conflicting with a previously scheduled tournament, and without any prior consultation with the Oakland Chess Club whatever, forced that club to accept their terms, run the tournament themselves, or else receive no money from it.

It is up to each chess player, on the basis of the facts, to act as he judges best.

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EDITORS:

I just received your June issue of Scaccic Voice (It's excellent) and wish to correct two mistakes made by myself in the report on the National Open. For the record, officially there were 111 players, as correctly reported by Richard Lee. Benko scored wins over Rivise, Formanek, and Saily, but did not play Kaplan. Kaplan lost to Wunberger and Dr. Saily.

DAVID P. LYNN
Scaccic Voice Peninsula
Reporter

***BUSINESS DATA**

The following amendments to the Bylaws will be voted upon at the 12 July membership meeting and should be added to those appearing on page 11 of the June Genoic Voice: Insert after article V another article, to be numbered "Article VI, Executive Board." Section i. The officers of the CCCA shall constitute the Executive Board. Section ii. The Executive Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the CCCA between meetings of the CCVA. It is subject to the orders of the CCVA, and none of its acts shall conflict with actions taken by the CCVA. Section iii. The officers of the CCCA shall ex officio be the officers of the Executive Board. Section iv. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by its chairman and shall be called upon the request of one-third of the members of the Executive Board. (2) Strike out "Chairman. . . to him" and insert "Chairman or the Executive Board of the CCVA and shall be called upon the request of 5% of the members of the CCVA "

NET CCCA OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12 July, 8:00 p.m., Lincoln Elementary School, 225 Theventh St., Oakland (Oakland Chess Club's quarters).

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