

P.S. OUR DAUGHTER TEACHES SCHOOL IN SAN RAFAEL AND LIVES IN BELVEDERE ISLAND IN MARIN COUNTY. I'LL BE THERE FOR EASTER.

BEST OF LUCK TO YOU
ALAN, YOU WORTH HARD FOR
CHESS!!!

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DEAR ALAN:

THANK YOU, FOR SENDING ME LITERATURE ON THE 5TH PEOPLE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT. AS YOU KNOW I'LL BE 68 YEARS YOUNG THIS APRIL 8TH. THE OLDEST CHESS PLAYER AT LONG PINE. DR STATHAM ENTERED HIS TOURNEY ONCE TOO SAY HE WAS THE OLDEST. HE PLAYED TWO GAMES, LOST THEM BOTH, AND THEN WITH DREW.

NOW, I LIMIT MYSELF TO A TOURNAMENT, WITH ONE ROUND PER DAY, AND TRY TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST TWO PRESTIGIOUS TOURNEYS A YEAR.

IT IS A FAR CRY WHEN WE WERE A YOUNG FULL TIME CHESS PROFESSIONAL IN NEW YORK CITY IN THE THIRTYS. I LIVED CHESS 24 HOURS A DAY, AND IF I DID NOT WIN, THEN I HAD TO LOOK OUT, IN JUST MAKING A LIVING. OF COURSE, I ENJOYED EVERY MOMENT AT THE MARSHAL AND MANHATTEN CHESS CLUB, AND MY CHESS TOURS.

NOW THAT WE ARE RETIRED WE HAVE NO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND AM COMFORTABLE. TO PLAY GOOD CHESS YOU HAVE TO BE LIKE THE HUNGRY PRIZE FIGHTER, WITH STUDY AND PLENTY OF GOOD PRACTICE

I HAVE OUR RESERVATIONS AT THE WILLOWS FOR THE 1978 LONG PINE TOURNEY. NOW, I JUST LIKE TO UPSET SOME OF THE LEADING PLAYERS.

BEST WISHES, Arthur Dake



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