

PIATIGORSKY CHESS FOUNDATION

Summary of Activities

June 1972

Student Chess Club

The program of the Student Club continues to show results on all levels. Jeff Rabin won the Second Yearling Tournament at the Santa Monica Bay Chess Club. This event is for players under 17 years of age. The Santa Monica Bay Chess Club plans to hold these events regularly to help encourage junior chess. The First Yearling Tournament was won by Ron Singerman, also a member of the Student Club.

At the California Junior Championship, 19 of the 117 contestants were members of the Student Chess Club.

Jeff Kent won the Best Master Award at the California Class Championship, while Rick Melniker placed second in the Class A event.

Of the six players selected to represent the United States in the World Student Team Championship, two are members of the Student Chess Club. Both James Tarjan and Kim Commons were selected for the team.

United States Junior Invitational Championship

The United States Junior Invitational Championship was held for the first time in Los Angeles completely under the direction of the Foundation. We decided to organize and direct the event since four of the eight players were from California. By holding the tournament in Los Angeles instead of New York we realized a considerable saving in air fare.

The winner was 19-year-old Craig Chellstorp of Chicago, Ill., while Ross Stoutenborough of Riverside, Cal., placed second. Tied for third were Larry Christiansen of Riverside, Ca., and Craig Barnes of Berkeley, California. In fifth place was Timothy Taylor of York, Pa., while Takashi Kurosaki of San Francisco placed sixth. Tied for seventh and eighth place were Jon Jacobs and Danny Kopec, both of New York City.

All four of the Californians have played in other Foundation events. Craig Barnes was twice housed by the Foundation for the California Junior Championship. Both Stoutenborough and 16-year-old Christiansen have played in the Christmas Tournament, the Tournament of Champions and the California Junior Championship. Kurosaki attends school in Los Angeles and is an active member of the Student Club.

For the first time in the history of the event, all eight players were rated Masters. In seven years we have seen U.S. juniors raise their ratings from where a Master rating was unusual to where there are more than 15 juniors on the current rating list with Master ratings.

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California Junior State Championship

The California Junior State Championship was a tremendous success. After a long history of the event being a low prestige tournament, the Foundation took over its promotion and direction in 1966. Before 1966 the site was switched from Los Angeles to San Francisco each year. The San Francisco area lacked the organization to promote the event properly so the Foundation agreed to accept responsibility for its promotion rather than see the tournament suffer in quality.

Since the Foundation has taken over, the championship has remained in Los Angeles. To encourage players from outside the L.A. area, we began providing housing for out-of-town participants. We started by housing the first eight players to apply. Each year we received more requests as the event became more popular and gained in importance. This year we received 58 requests for housing and 46 youngsters actually accepted our offer and were housed! Lack of transportation prevented the other 12 from competing.

When the Foundation began promoting the event in 1966, 54 players took part in the championship held at the Herman Steiner Chess Club. In 1967 a record of 66 took part and in 1968 the tournament had 65 players. In 1969 the Steiner Club's facilities were no longer available and the event was held at Los Angeles High School. We were very pleased to have the school system involved in the state championship, but unfortunately, due to the site change at the last moment, there was insufficient time to promote the event and only 44 players participated. The next year we returned to a more successful 64 players. In 1971, we tried direct mailing tournament announcements to juniors throughout the state. Our campaign succeeded beyond our dreams as 125 youngsters played in the California Junior Championship! This close to doubled the previous record. Using the same mailing technique as last year, our 1972 tournament had 117 players.

For the first time we had two rated Masters in the event. Kim Commons entered the tournament with the highest rating but was upset in the penultimate round by Mark-Saylor fellow-Master Jeff Kent. Both Commons and Kent were upset in the last round by Mark Saylor and Rick Flacco. The winner of the tournament, based on tie-breaking points, was Mark Saylor of San Bernardino, while Rick Flacco of Glendora was awarded second.

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Summary of Expenses

June 1972

Educational & Cultural

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/12/72	Kerr Travel-U.S. Junior air fare(Kurosaki)	\$33.00
6.13/72	Kerr Travel-U.S. Junior air faee(Barnes)	33.00
6/14/72	Cash for daily food allowance(U.S. Jr.)	504.00
6/16/72	Imperial Awards-Trophies for U.S. Junior	49.93
6/20/72	Kashdan-director U.S. Junior	300.00
6/23/72	William Bragg-director Cal. Junior	100.00
6/20/72	Mrs. Mae Hunter-food for Cal.Jr.	444.40
6/20/72	Lacy Walker-security guard for Cal.&U.S.Jr.	160.00
6/20/72	Mrs. Mae Hunter-food for U.S. Junior	125.25
6/23/72	Brentwood Secretarial Service(U.S. Jr. typing)	19.20
6/25/72	William Bragg-prizes for Cal. Jr.	175.00
6/27/72	U.S.C.F.-Fischer-Spassky match	5,000.00
6/27/72	Wilshire Twilighter Motor Hotel-rooms for U.S. Junior and Calif. Jr.	911.60
6/27/72	Imperial Awards-additional trophy U.S. Jr.	18.70
6/29/72	Andy Sacks-typing of games from U.S. Jr.	16.00
6/29/72	Drucker-salary and \$2.60 petty cash	265.80
	<u>Total Educational Expenses:</u>	<u>\$8,155.88</u>

General Administrative

6/20/72	<u>General Telephone Co.</u>	<u>\$29.75</u>
	<u>Total Administrative Expenses:</u>	<u>\$29.75</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR JUNE 1972 \$8,185.63

ARTHUR DRUCKER

Earnings Summary

June 1972

<u>Per.</u> <u>End.</u>	<u>Gross</u>	<u>Federal</u> <u>Withholding</u>	<u>Calif.</u> <u>Withholding</u>	<u>Social</u> <u>Security</u>	<u>Calif.</u> <u>Dis.Ins.</u>	<u>Net</u>
6/30/72	\$300.00	\$18.20	\$0.00	\$15.60	\$3.00	\$263.20

\$2.60 from petty cash added to buy receipt books
and poster material for U.S. and Cal. Junior.

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