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Dear Alan,

Perhaps I did not say it enough or not clearly, but the CalChess Masters Open was a superbly directed event. The real job of a director is to get the players to play their own game, and you did that beautifully. You should also get credit for encouraging the spirit of sportsmanship which prevailed throughout the tournament.

In addition, I was impressed by your work at hitting the founts of journalism. You go beyond considering a tournament a time to collect entry fees and distribute time forfeits.

If I could only have done as well in distributing the special prizes...well, golly. I still like my Cornelius award, but the Fritz was blitzed by sane defense. There were really not any fine endings, and Whitehead's has to stand.

Thanks again for giving it your best shot, which I think history will prove was a very good shot indeed.

The best and all,

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