

Chess

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LERA PENINSULA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 1977 Peninsula Class Championship, sponsored by the Lockheed Employees' Recreation Association, was held at the LERA Auditorium in Sunnyvale, March 19-20. The five-round, USCF-rated, Cal Chess Swiss system event was directed by Ted and Ruby Yudacufski, with Jim Hurt in charge. Time control was a fast 40 moves in 90 minutes for the first three rounds and 40 moves in 100 minutes for the final two rounds. Complete results (163 players):

Open Division

1st-2nd, Jeremy Silman (2201), San Francisco, and Paul Whitehead (2158), San Francisco, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, \$165 each; **3rd-4th**, Craig Mar (2114), Oakland, and John Pope (2033), Berkeley, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, \$38 each.

Class A

1st, Rainier Rickford (1873), Milwaukie, Oregon, $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, \$175; **2nd**, James Black (1900), San Jose, 4-1; \$100; **3rd**, Mike Morley (1885), Cupertino, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, \$50.

Class B

1st, Nick Ballard (1738), San Francisco, 5-0, \$260; **2nd-4th**, Peter Frohman (1614), Sunnyvale, Greg Payne (1745), Cupertino, and Charles Smith (1749), Portland, Oregon, 4-1, \$85 each.

Class C

1st, David Anderson (145), San Jose, 5-0, \$225; **2nd-8th**, Marcus Aurelius (1594), San Francisco, Robert Cromwell (1586), Millbrae, Leslie Dutcher (1539), Campbell, Rudolfo Maninang (1554), San Jose, Richard McKenzie (1454), Cupertino, Gary Smith (1574), San Leandro, and Norman Wild (1531), San Jose, 4-1, \$32 each.

Class D

1st, Jaroslav Skrenek (1378), Berkeley, 5-0, \$100; **2nd-5th**, David Ayers (1379), Modesto, Will Delaney (1271), San Francisco, John Lin (1243), Sunnyvale, and Guy Rudin (1399), Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$25 each.

Class E

1st-2nd, Thomas Bolling (1165), Sunnyvale, and John Krawick (1087), Sunnyvale, 4-1, \$20 each.

Unrated Division

1st, Jorge Farias, Berkeley, 5-0, \$60; **2nd-3rd**, Karl Bertram and Nate Bratcher, San Jose, $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, \$15 each.

Here are some of most interesting games from the 1977 LERA Peninsula Class Championship, recorded in USCF advocated coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

@ White: Jeremy Silman (2201). Black: John Pope (2033). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 3. English Opening 1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 0-0 Nc6 5 c4 6 Nc3 Nge7 7 d3 0-0 8 Bf4 d6 9 Rb1 a6 10 a3 Rb8 11 Qc1 b5 12 cb ab 13 b4 cb 14 ab Qd7 15 Bh6 Bh6 16 Qh6 Nf5 17 Qd2 Ncd4 18 Ne4 Nf3 19 Bf3 Qe7 20 Qb2 f6 21 Ra1 Ng7 22 Qd4 Nf5 23 Qb2 Ng7 24 Ra5 Bd7 25 Ra7 f5 26 Nc3 Rfc8 27 Rfa1 Qe8 28 R1a6 d5 29 Rd6 Rd8 30 Nd5 ed 31 Bd5 Kh8 32 Bc6 Resigns.

White: Pau Whitehead (2158). Black: Borel Menas (2124). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 3. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 Nf6 4 Nc3 cd 5 Nd4 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 0-0 8 Qd2 Nc6 9 Bc4 a5 10 a4 Nd4 11 Bd4 Be6 12 Bb5 Rc8 13 0-0-0 Qc7 14 Rhe1 Bc4 15 Bc4 Qc4 16 Qd3 17 Rd3 Nd7 18 Bg7 Kg7 19 Rd5 Nc5 20 e5 Rc6 21 ed e6 22 Rd4 Rd8 23 Red1 f5 24 f4 h5 25 Kb1 Rd7 26 Nb5 Ne4 27 c3 Nf2 28 Re1 Ne4 29 Kc2 Kf7 30 g3 Nd6 31 Na7 Rcc7 32 Red1 Ke7 33 Rd6 Rd6 34 Rd6 Kd6 35 Nb5 Kd7 36 Nc7 Kc7 37 Kd3 e5 38 fe g5 39 h4 f4 40 gf g4 41 f5 Kc6 42 f6 Kd7 43 f7 Resigns.

White: William Batchelder (2171). Black: John Pope (2033). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 2. Benoni Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 c5 4 d5 ed 5 cd d6 6 e4 g6 7 Bd3 Bg7 8 Nge2 0-0 9 0-0 Re8 10 h3 a6 11 a4 b6 12 Bg5 h6 13 Bh4 Ra7 14 f4 Qc7 15 Kh1 Nbd7 16 Rc1 c4 17 Bc4 Qc4 18 Nb5 ab 19 Rc4 bc 20 e5 de 21 fe Re5 22 Nc3 Ne4 23 Nb5 Ra8 24 d6 Ndc5 25 Nc7 Ra4 26 Nd5 Be6 27 Nb6 Ra6 28 d7 Nd7 29 Nd7 Rd6 30 Ne5 Rd1 31 Rd1 Be5 32 Re1 f5 33 Re2 Kf7 34 g4 fg 35 Kg1 gh 36 b3 cb 37 Resigns.

White: Jeremy Silman (22;1). Black: Borel Menas (2124). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 20, 1977, Rd. 5. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 4 0-0 Nf6 5 c3 0-0 6 d4 Bb6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Bh4 d6 9 Bc6 bc 10 de de 11 Qa4 Qd3 12 Bf6 gf 13 Qc6 Qa6 14 Qd5 Bb7 15 Qd2 Kh7 16 Qc2 f5 17 Nbd2 Rg8 18 Rfe1 Rad8 19 Ne5 Rse8 20 Nec4 fe 21 Nb6 Qb6 22 Ne4 Rg2 23 Kg2 Qg4 24 Kf1 Re4 25 Re4 Be4 26 Qb3 Bd3 Bd3 27 Ke1 Qe4 28 Kd2 Bc4 29 Qc2 Resigns.

White: Ira Pohl (2005). Black: Tom Dorsch (2081). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 3. Dutch Defense 1 Nf3 d5 2 g3 c6 3 Bg2 e6 4 0-0 f5 5 d3 Nf6 6 c4 Be7 7 e3 0-0 8 Bd2 Qe8 9 Bc3 Nbd7 10 b4 dc 11 dc Ne4 12 Qb3 Nc3 13 Nc3 Bf6 14 Rad1 e5 15 Nd2 e4 16 c5 Kh8 17 Nc4 Ne5 18 Nd6 Qh5 19 Nb1 Be7 20 h3 Rf6 21 Qc3 Nf3 22 Bf3 ef 23 h4 Be6 24 Rd4 Rg6 25 Kh2 Rf8 26 Rf4 Rg4 27 Qe5 Bh4 28 Rg4 Bg3 29 Resigns.

White: Alan Chappell (1692). Black: Michael Ghormley (1545). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 2. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 d4 cd 3 c3 Nf6 4 e5 5 cd d6 6 ed e6 7 Nf3 Bd6 8 Nc3 Nc3 9 bc Nd7 10 Bd3 Nf6 11 0-0 b6 12 Ng5 Bb7 13 Bb5 Nd7 14 Re1 0-0 15 Bd7 Qd7 16 Qh5 h6 17 Ne4 Be4 18 Re4 Qc6 19 Rg4 Qc3 20 Rg7 Kg7 21 Bh6 Resigns.

White: Dina Gratz (1424). Black: Fred Stivender (1770). LERA Peninsula Class Championship, Sunnyvale, March 19, 1977, Rd. 2. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 ef 3 Nf3 Be7 4 Bc4 Bh4 5 g3 fg 6 0-0 gh 7 Kh1 Nh6 8 d4 d5 9 Bd5 Bh3 10 Bh6 Bf1 11 Qf1 c6 12 Bf7 Kf7 13 Ne5 Ke6 14 Qf7 Kd6 15 Nc4mate.

CHERRYLAND CAFE CLOSED TO CHESS

Gone the way of the Cafe de la Regeance and Simpson's Divan, the "famous-and-well-known Cherryland Cafe: Chess Meccas of the West" ceased to exist as an oasis of rest and relaxation for Bay Area chess lovers, March 17.

Harold and Ilene James, who ran the truck stop restaurant and resident chess parlor at 22472 Meekland Ave., Hayward, since Nov. 1962, cited economic hard times as the ultimate cause of Cherryland's gradual demise.

Property owner Virginia Busick, operator of the Fifth Wheel diner in San Leandro, intends to re-open the cafe soon under new management, but, sad to say, the Cherryland's chess playing days with Harold and Ilene are over.

In memorium, here is a sparkling skittles game from the Cherryland archives, won by the very man who scoffed at the notion that there would ever be a "Cherryland Cafe: the last days."

White: Chris Mavraedis. Black: Dave Brooks. Cherryland Cafe, Hayward, June 8, 1974. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Be2 Bd7 10 Nc6 Bc6 11 0-0-0 Rc8 12 Bh6 Qa5 13 Bg7 Kg7 14 a3 b5 15 Nb5 Qb6 16 Nc3 Rb8 17 b3 Rfc8 18 Kb2 a5 19 Nd5 Qb7 20 Nf6 ef 21 Qd6 Ba4 22 Qd5 Qc7 23 Rd2 Qc3 24 Ka2 Bb3 25 cb Rd8 26 Qd8 Qb3 27 Ka1 Qa3 28 Ra2 Qc3mate.