

The San Jose Chess Club pays special tribute to two long-time members, Bert Mueller and Janis Kalnins. Bert, who was made a life member in 1974, has been a member in good standing and has represented the San Jose Chess Club in matches since 1942! Janis Kalnins has been a member of the club since the early '50s. He played first board and fought for over eleven hours to score a win against Sacramento's Milton Meyer to assure San Jose of first place in the 1954 Central California League championships.

Tournament Results

Co-winners of the Friday night USCF "Think Of Something" tournament were Richard Koepcke (1608) and John Simpson (1490), each with $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Koepcke won the board trophy on tiebreaks. Tied for third through sixth at 3-1 were Mike Carroll, Bert Mueller, Jose Reyes, and Mike Vaughn.

The following game won the brilliancy prize for Koepcke:

P. Seay - R. Koepcke Colle/King's Indian 1P-Q4 N-KB3
 2N-KB3 P-KN3 3P-K3 B-N2 4B-Q3 0-0 50-0 P-Q3 6QN-Q2 N-QB3
 7P-QR3 P-K4 8R-K1 Q-K2 9N-K4 B-KN5 10NxNch BxN 11P-Q5 P-K5
 12PxN PxN 13PxBP B-R6 14PxP BxP! 15P-K4 BxR 16PxR(Q) RxQ
 17B-Q2 B-Q5 18Q-B1 Q-R5 19B-K3 R-N1! 20Q-Q2 B-K4 21B-KN5 Q-R4
 22B-K2 B-N5 23P-KB4 BxB 24RxB B-B6! 25QxB QxR 26B-R4 R-N8ch
 27K-N2 QxPch 28K-R3 R-N8 29P-B3 Q-B4 mate.

In the Starbird #1 USCF tournament, first place went to Fred Muollo (1576) with a perfect 4-0. Fred Mayntz (Unrated) took second with $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Tied for third were Efim Goldburd and Louis Nix at 3-1.

At the 10th LERA Peninsula Class Championships (Sept. 25-6), Jim Black took 2nd B with $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$; Jaime Mendoza, Fred Muollo, and Mike Vaughn tied for 2nd C with 4-1; and Ross Holmes took a share of 2nd D with his 4-1 score.

Coming Events

Beginning Monday October 4 - a four-round Swiss system USCF-rated tournament on successive Mondays, directed by Jim Black.

Beginning Wednesday October 13 - a two game per night 30/30 USCF-rated tournament, directed by Jaime Mendoza.

Beginning Friday October 22 - comprehensive chess classes for players of all strengths conducted by USCF Master Boris Siff. A six-week course. Fees are \$10, members, \$12 others.

Beginning Saturday December 18 (tentative) - the first of a series of inter-city league matches with San Jose, Monterey, Modesto, and San Francisco (Fiddler's Green) participating.