

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

December 2008-February 2009



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The Sacramento Chess Club meets the first four Wednesday evenings of the month between 6 and 9 PM at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street between I and J Streets, mid-town Sacramento. We are a USCF affiliate and charge no dues. Everyone of all ages and playing strength is welcome! The Club's website is located at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>

Awards and Dessert Night Honorees

On November 26th, the Sacramento Chess Club presented its annual Club Awards:

Most Improved Player
Willan The Sy +694

Scholastic Player of the Year
Naveen Janarthanan

Player of the Year
Romeo Pilar

Club Meetings

The Club continues to meet in half of the Redwood Room at the Hart Senior Center. However, the current economic troubles are affecting the City of Sacramento and the Hart Senior Center. As a part of their new fiscal year in January 2009, the Center is increasing our space rental a small amount. At the moment, this change will be manageable for the Club. We are continuing to look for other potential meeting sites in and near downtown Sacramento. If anything changes, we will let you know.

fpawns Chess Blog

<http://fpawn.blogspot.com/> is Michael Aigner's new chess blog. His site contains news, pictures, and information on chess at the local, regional, and national level. The site is updated at least every other day giving visitors fresh information on a regular basis.

Sacramento Chess School Continues!

With the charging of rent to the Sacramento Chess Club at the Hart Senior Center, the Sacramento Chess School faced its own questions: pay rent or shut down. Bob Baker and Michael Parmon found another option: relocation. The Sacramento Chess School now meets at Burger King, 5300 Folsom Boulevard (corner of 54th and Folsom). Meetings are every Friday night from 6 to 9 pm.

Insurance for Club Meetings

Since January 2007, the Club has been required to carry \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for our meetings at the Hart Senior Center. For 2008, the most cost efficient alternative was to purchase the insurance through the City of Sacramento Risk Management Division.

While we anticipated a fee of \$250 for 2009, the Hart Senior Center is now telling us we do not need this coverage. Club officials are trying to make sure this is true. Any savings on insurance will help the Club with rental charges.

Schedule of Events

12-3 Quick Chess. This will be a Game in 10 minutes, 5 round, USCF rated event. Registration 6:30-6:50, Round 1 at 6:55. Entry fee \$2.

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12-6>12-7 CalChess Grade Level Championship in Stockton. Check out the Weekend Events Page on the Club's website for a flyer and advance entries.

12-10 G/20 Octos. Eight player, 3-round swiss sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50 Games start at 6:55. Sections will be ratings balanced and each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

12-17 G/5 Double Blitz. Unrated 4 round Game 5 double blitz tournament. Play both white and black against the same opponent. Entry fee \$2. Registration 6:45-7:05, round 1 at 7:15. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed. This event **WILL NOT** be USCF rated.

12-20>21 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #19. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

12-24 & 31 Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve – the Club is closed – Have a happy holiday!

1-07-09 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship Qualifier. 5 round Swiss. This will be the qualifying round for the championship to be held on 1-14. The format: 21 or more entries, there will be three ratings balanced sections with the top two advancing to the finals from each section; if there are 20 or fewer entries, there will be two ratings balanced sections with the top three scores from each section advancing to the finals. Ties for advancement to the finals will be broken with a G/5 playoff. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Entry fee \$5. USCF Quick Chess rated.

1-14 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship. The title will be determined by a six-player round robin with the qualifiers from 1-7. Any ties for the title will be broken using a G/10 playoff. USCF Quick Chess rated. Games start at 7.

1-21 G/20 Octos. Eight player, 3-round swiss sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50 Games start at 6:55. Sections will be ratings balanced and each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic sections may be formed as needed.

1-24 2008 Sacramento Elementary Scholastic Championship. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

1-28 Winter Blitz. Unrated 7 round Game 5 blitz tournament. Entry fee \$2. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed.

1-28 Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship: Captains and Organizational Meeting will be held between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. We need team captains to be there with the names of players on their team and individuals who would like to play but are not on teams. Team details below.

2-4>?? Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship. Round Robin. 6 person teams. No team may have more than 3 alternates. The average rating for any given night may not exceed 1750. For purposes of calculating the adjusted ratings, any player rated over 2200 will count as 2200; any player rated under 1300 and unrated players will count as 1300. Ratings will be based on the March 2008 Supplement. We encourage other clubs, schools, employers, or fraternities to

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field teams. Clever names, logos, t-shirts, mascots, fight songs, etc., are all encouraged. No need to be subtle.

If you can't find a team, contact Bob Baker, or Steve Bickford at the Club; call John McCumiskey at 524-9479, or send an e-mail to us. You will be placed in a competitive situation as quickly as possible. Time control will be Game 55 d/5 or Game 60. USCF rated. Entry fee \$30 per team. Lineups must be placed in rating order. With TD approval, unrated players may be placed anywhere in the lineup, however, they must always play in the rating range of the players above and below them (i.e., if board 2 is rated 1904, board 4 is rated 1748, and an unrated player is placed on board 3, the unrated player must always be on a board between players rated from 1748 to 1904).

Trophies for the members of the winning team and best board score. (To win a board prize, a player must play 60% of the available games on that board. For example, if there are 5 games in the event, a player must play 3 games on a board to win the board prize.) We would like to see six to eight teams for this event! All rounds start at 6:55 pm.

Future Events

March – Sacramento Scholastic Championship
April – Greater Sacramento Adult/Scholastic Championship, Spring Swiss; **May** – 13th Annual Swap Night; **June** – Club Junior Championship; **July** – Sacramento Chess Championship, Club G/5 Championship, Club G/5 Junior Championship.

Elk Grove Chess Club

The Elk Grove Chess Club continues to meet at the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove on the first Tuesday of every month.

For further information, please contact Gary Martinez at finishstrong22@yahoo.com, phone 916-275-9637.

Current Club Champions

2008 Club Champion: Josefino V. Escoto
2008 G/5 Champion: Steven Ross
2008 Team Champion: Elk Grove
(Michael Aigner, Donald Dixon, William Lombard, Glenn Leotaud, Bernard Lu, Roseller Novarro, Romeo Pilar, Robert Russo, Jaydee Tenioso)
2008 G/10 Champion: Ted Xiao
2008 Club Champion: Alonzo McCaulley

Content for the Club Newsletter

The on-line format the Sacramento Chess Club newsletter gives us more flexibility in regards to the materials we can publish. Printing costs did not allow the luxury of publishing annotated games, stories from events, or accounts from the Sacramento Chess Club's rich history.

If you are interested in contributing to the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, submissions should be e-mailed to sactochess@sbcglobal.net.

Possible New Weekend Events

The Sacramento Chess Club is looking into the possibility of one-day weekend events in 2009. Potential formats include G/45 Open, Octos, and Class tournaments. These events would be set up as open events for all players with prizes depending on entries. We will update you via e-mail or future newsletters as plans are finalized.



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Note: Tournament flyers, recent results from Club and weekend events can be found at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

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