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A State Championship Qualifier
U.S. Championship

Bill Goichberg writes:

The USCF Executive Board has approved a bid by Frank K. Berry to hold the Frank K. Berry US Championship May 15-23, 2007 as a 9-round Swiss at the Holiday Inn in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The vote was 3-1 with Sloan opposed and Channing and Marinello abstaining.

At least $65,000 will be available for prizes and/or player expenses; it has not yet been determined whether money towards expenses will be paid separately, or in the form of prizes to all players. Frank K. Berry has contributed $50,000 and may raise or donate more, and USCF has committed to raising or donating $15,000.

If enough money is available, it is possible that the top two players in the Swiss will qualify for a match to be played in Stillwater several months later to decide the US Champion. Whether or not this format will be used has not yet been decided.

It is expected that at least 34 players will compete in this event, the 31 who qualified according to procedures previously announced by America’s Foundation for Chess when that group planned to be the sponsor and three “wildcard” players, probably local, to be named by the organizing committee. It is also possible that additional “wildcard” spots will be offered to any player willing to pay a very high entry fee (probably in five figures) to compete; an announcement regarding this fee may be made soon.

The Tournament Directors will be Frank K. Berry, Jim Berry, and Alex Relyea, all of whom are donating their services. The organizing committee consists of Frank K. Berry, Jim Berry, John Donaldson, Bill Goichberg, Bill Hall, and Jerry Hanken.

Just when you thought it was safe ...

Yet another USCF Election is upon us. The latest USCF press release:

In 2007 the USCF will hold an election to elect three (3) members to the USCF Executive Board for terms of four (4) years beginning at the conclusion of the 2007 Delegates Meeting and one (1) member to complete the remaining two (2) years of Robert Tanner’s term, effective with the certification of election results.

The original Call for Nominations appeared in the November 2006 issue of Chess Life. A random drawing was held at the USCF office on January 18th to determine the order that the candidates will appear on the ballot.

The 10 candidates, in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, are:
- Susan Polgar
- Randy Bauer
- Mike Goodall
- Joe Lux
- Sam Sloan
- Stephen Jones
- Paul Truong
- Jim Berry
- Don Schultz
- Mikhail Korenman
Candidate statements will appear in the April issue of Chess Life and each candidate will be allotted 1/2 page in the May and June issues of Chess Life, and will be posted on the USCF website.

The ballots will be distributed to voting members in June (the method of distribution still to be determined) and will be counted in July. The ballot counting will commence at the USCF offices in Crossville TN on Wednesday, July 25th. Any USCF member is welcome to observe the ballot counting.

U.S. Junior Chess Congress

The 2007 U.S. Junior Chess Congress was held in Anderson, Indiana for the second straight year over the weekend of February 10-11. Over 200 participants dodged the snowstorms and crowded East Side Middle School for the six round event.

Winning the 18 & under section was Travis Blazer from Anderson Highland High School. Travis won the section by edging out top-seeded Boris Xu on tiebreaks. Lafayette Jefferson High School pulled away late to take the team crown.

The 16 & under competitors were combined with the 18 & under and dominated the weekend. Evan Hanley finished first on tiebreaks with five wins. The next three finishers all represented Canterbury School, Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who were never challenged for the team prize.

The 14 & under section featured the first perfect score as top-seeded Akash Umakantha won the section a whole point ahead of second. The Knightmare Chess Club from Columbus, Ohio won the team prize, followed by the host, East Side Middle School, in second.

Five players ended in a remarkable tie for first place in the 12 & under section. Even the tiebreaks were close, but in the end Alex Wadasahl had just enough to win the section with five wins. The Knightmare Chess Club continued their domination in this section, winning the team prize.

Sean Vibbert was nearly perfect in the 10 & under section, clearing the rest of the field by a half point with his 5½ score. The team competition was close, but the Kentucky Knights chess club finished with 12½ points, just enough to edge out the Evansville Chess Club with 12 points.

The 8 & under group also finished with an amazing five-way tie for first place at five wins each. Again it came down to close tiebreaks and Vishan Ramanathan took home first place. The Kentucky Knights held on in this section as well to claim top team honors.

Site organizers were Scott Reisinger and Nick Zehner. A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers who made this event a success.

The chief tournament director was Alex Gmajich. – USCF news release

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Khachiyan And Matikozyan
Atop Western Class
by Randy Hough

A somewhat disappointing field of 188 players (including reentries) turned out for the first major event of 2007, the annual Western Class Championships in Agoura Hills, January 12-15. With a $20,000 guaranteed prize fund, a number of them shared in the lucre.

Two GMs and five IMs graced the Master section. Two local stars, GM Melikset Khachiyan and IM Andranik Matikozyan, tied for first with 5½ of 7. They drew their own game, both split the point with IM Enrico Sevillano, and Khachiyan drew with GM Alex Yermolinsky and Matikozyan with IM David Pruess. Khachiyan sharply exploited Pruess’ dubious opening variation in the last round. Sevillano, also undefeated, took third with 5 points, while the same score earned Under 2400 honors for Matthew Beelby, returning to tournament chess after a layoff.

A complete list of prizewinners appears below. Bill Goichberg and Randy Hough directed for Continental Chess.

GM Melikset Khachiyan – Kofi Tatum,
Western Class Championship,
Agoura Hills 2007
B23 SICILIAN DEFENSE
(Notes by Los Angeles Times chess columnist Jack Peters)
1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4
The Grand Prix Attack against the Sicilian Defense.

3. ... d6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bb5 e6
Safer is 5. ... Bd7.
6. Bxc6+ bxc6 7. d3 Be7
Either 7. ... d5 or 7. ... Nd7 improves.

8. 0-0 0-0
9. e5! Nd5 10. Ne4
Making c5 a target.

White already has much the better of it.
10. ... Rb8
11. c4 Ne7 12.

exd6 Bxd6 13 b3 Re8?
Too slow. Necessary is 13. ... Be7 14. Be3 Na6 15. Ne5 Qc7, followed by ... f7-f6.

14. Be3 Na6 15. Ne5 Qc7 16. Qh5
White shifts his attention to Black’s Kingside. He threatens both 17. Nxd6 and 17. Ng5.

16. ... Re7 17. Rf3
With a winning attack. Khachiyan makes chess look easy!

17. ... f6
After 17. ... f5 18. Nxd6 Qxd6 19. Rh3, neither 19. ... g6 20 Nxg6 nor 19. ... h6 20. Qg6 saves Black.

18. Rh3!

The preparatory 18. Raf1! wins too.

18. ... Bxe5

19. fxe5 Qxe5 20. Qxh7+ Kf7
21. Rf1
Threatening 22. Nxf6. If 22. ... f5, then 22. Bg5 Re8 23. Qh5+ Kf8 24. Qg6! invades.

21. ... Ke8 22. Rxf6! gxf6 23.

Qh8+ Kd7
Or 23. ... Kf7 24. Rh7+ Kg6 25. Qg8+ Kf5 26. Rh6 mate.

24. Nxf6+ Kc7
Also 24. ... Kd6 25. Ne4+ costs Black his Queen.


IM David Pruess – IM Alan Stein
Western Class Championship,
Agoura Hills 2007
D01 VERSOV OPENING
(Notes by Los Angeles Times chess columnist Jack Peters)
1. d4 Nf6 2. Ne3 d5 3. Bg5
The Veresov Opening.

3. ... Nbd7 4. Qd2

4. ... e6 5. e4!? dxe4 6. f3
Inviting 6. ... exf3 7 Nxf3, as in the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit.

6. ... h6
Or 6. ... c5.

7. Bxf6
A small concession, but 7. Bh4 e3! 8. Qxe3 Nge4! favors Black.

7. ... Nxf6 8. fxe4 Bb4 9. e5
Ne4 10. Qe3 Nxc3 11. bxc3 Be7
Slightly stronger is 11. ... Ba5 12. Nf3 c5 13. Bb5+ Bd7, solving all of Black’s problems.
Fine, if Black is careful.
16. Qf2 Bxd7?! 
17. Qxf7+ Kd8 18. Qxg7 Re8
19. Rf7
Threatening 20. Bb5.
19. ... a6?!
The refinement 19. ... c4! 20. Bxc4 a6 keeps the position unclear. Inadequate are 19. ... Bxc3? 20. Bb5

20. d5!
20. ... Bxc3
White gets too many pawns from 20. ... c4 21. d6 Qb6+ 22. Kh1 cxd3 23. Rxd7+ Kc8 24. Qf7 Rd8 25.
Rxd8+ Qxd8 26. cxd3.
21. d6 Qc6
The only slim chance is 21. ... Qxd6, reaching a miserable endgame after 22. Qf6+ Kc8 23. exd6
22. Be4
Seeing 22. ... Qxe4 23. Rxd7+ Kc8 24. Rd8+! Kxd8 25. Qc7 mate and 22. ... Qb5 23. a4.
22. ... Qa4 23. Bxb7, Black Resigns.

GM Alex Yermolinsky – IM Andranik Matikozyan
Western Class Championship, Agoura Hills 2007
E94 KING’S INDIAN DEFENSE
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5.
Nf3 0-0 6. Be2 e5 7. 0-0 Na6 8. Re1 Qe8 9. Bg5
dx6 Bxc6 14. Qa4 Qb5 15. b4 Nc7 16. b5 c5 17.
30. ... e4 31. Qxe4 Re5 32. Rxd4 cxd4 33. Qd3 Re1 34. Nfx4 Rxf4 35. g3 Rf8 36. Kg2 Rfe8 37. a4 Ra1 0-1

Viktors Populs – Robby Adamson
Western Class Championship,
Agoura Hills 2007
D40 QUEEN’S GAMBIT DECLINED,
Tarrasch Defense
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. e3 cxd4 4. exd4 d5 5.
24. ... Nxe4+ 25. gxe4 Qxh3 26. Qe2 Bxd4 27. Kh1 Bf6 28. Kg1 Rd5 29. Ng2 Rg5 30. Bg3 Rg3

Prize Winners
Expert: 1st/2nd: Ike Miller and Oliver Quinones, 5½. 3rd: John Bryant, 5. 4th/7th: Carlos Garcia, Show Kitagami, Sean Higgins, and Steve Breckenridge, 4½.
Class B: 1st: Stewart Yanez, 6½. 2nd/4th: Jacob Alon, Joe Paige, and Liz Taylor, 5.
Class C: 1st/2nd: Grigoriy Markarov and Kelly Zhang, 6. 3rd: Richard Sarasu, 5½. 4th/5th: Michael Moody and Bertram Buggs, 4½.
Under 1100: 1st/2nd: Lucas Hultman and Anna Karapetyan, 5½. 3rd/4th: Aaron Simo and Dominic Avila, 5.
The annual post-Christmas North American Open in Las Vegas attracted 582 players, including 46 re-entries. The Open section saw another triumph by GM Hikaru Nakamura, clear first with a 6-1 score. A number of Southern Californians won prizes; this is a partial list.

IM Enrico Sevillano, Elliott Liu, and Gregg Small scored 4½ in that section, a tie for tenth. Gregg actually shared in the second Under 2300 money; which Elliott Liu, who lost only to GM Dmitry Gurevich, missed out on with his 2301 rating.

In Under 2200, Cau Le tied for third with 5½ after a tough last round loss. John Bryant, Mel Singson, John Rinaldo, and Raoul Crisologo finished tied for fifth with 5 points. Under 2000 saw Lonnie Neal and Armen Arakelov in the first place tie with 6; Michael Yee was equal seventh with 5 points.

Under 1800 winners included Vardan Betikyan (5½, equal fifth) and Liz Taylor (5, equal seventh). In Under 1600, 6 points earned Friez Kaakoozian a tie for second place. David Karapetyan and Carlos Salazar scored 5 points to tie for seventh in Under 1400. Finally, Robert Fitzgerald’s 5 points was for a share of third place in Under 1200.
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Pan-Am Intercollegiate

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) dominated the 2006 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship, held December 27–30, at the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel. Two powerful UTD teams tied for first place with 5½ points out of six, each having defeated their main competition – the A team from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Curiously, UTD B finished ahead of UTD A on tie breaks, reminiscent of 2002 when UMBC B won the Pan-Am. UTD B took home a $2000 prize and a large trophy.

UMBC finished with four points, tying Miami Dade, Duke, and Catholic University of Peru, with UMBC taking third place on tie breaks. Tied at 3½ points were Yale A, University of Texas at Brownsville, and Harvard. Finishing next on tie-breaks, University of Toronto A tied six other teams with three points.

Thus, UTD, UMBC, Miami Dade, and Duke advance to the top four USA schools from the Pan-Am.

In Round 5, with UTD A and B each a full point ahead of the field with four points, Chief Arbiter Ernest Schlich had little choice but to pair the two UTD teams against each other, bringing back memories of 1996 when UMBC A beat UMBC B in the final round to win the championship. In their match against each other, the two UTD squads quickly agreed to draws on all boards.

Since 1997, UMBC or UTD won first place) compared with UTD’s every Pan-Am, with UMBC holding a record seven wins (or ties for first place) compared with UTD five wins. Toronto and University of Chicago each have won the Pan-Am six times.

Twenty-four teams competed in this year’s event, hosted by UMBC and organized by Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Director of the UMBC Chess Program. Sponsors included UMBC, the Coca-Cola Corporation, The Susan Polgar Chess Foundation, ChessBase, and The Internet Chess Club (ICC).

Aditya Balasubramanian, a 10th grade player from Tabb High School in York County, Virginia, won the Pan-Am Scholastic Championship, earning a four-year scholarship to UMBC valued at $69,416. He is the top-rated junior player in Virginia.

International Master Stanislav Smetankin won the Pan-Am Closed individual tournament, collecting $1000.

Next year’s Pan-Am will take place December 27–30, 2007, in Miami, hosted by Miami Dade College.

– USCF news release

Solutions to Chess Quiz

Althoff – Alef, Cologne, 1936: White combines the motifs of diversion and overloading with 1. Rd6 g6 (of course not 1... Qxd6 2. Qxf7#) 2. Rxg6 hxg6 3. Bxf7+ Kf8 4. Bh6# 1–0

Tal – NN, USSR, 1964: The “Wizard from Riga” magically transports his Queen to the other side of the Board with 1. Bb6 Qxb6 2. Qh4+ Rf6 3. Qxb4+, followed by mate. 1–0


IM Alan Stein (2471) – Julian Landaw (2289)

22. fx4 Bh4 23. Bd4 Rxe4 24. Bxg7 f6 25. Bh6 Nb6 26. g5 fxg5 27. Qf6 Nxc4 28. Rf1 Ree8 29. Bxg5 Rf8 30. Qe6+ Kh8 31. Rxf8+ Rxf8 32. Bxh4 Qg7 33. Qe2 Ne3 34. Re1 Nxd5 35. Be1 h6 36. Qe2 Rf1 37. Qc8+ Kh7 38. Qc2+ Kh8 39. Ba5 Qg1 40. Qc8+ Kg7 41. Rxf1 Qxf1+ 42. Qc1 Qg2 43. Qxa3 Qe4+ 44. Nc2 Qh1+ 45. Ne1 1–0
Chess is believed to be a descendant from an ancient game played in India during the 7th century. At that time the rules of the game were different. In fact, the Queen was one of the weakest pieces and was permitted to move only to an adjacent diagonal square, sort of like a Bishop but only one square at a time. Castling had not been invented, but the King was allowed to leap two squares on its first move. The Bishop, in this mediaeval game, leaped over the adjacent diagonal square to a square beyond on the diagonal. It was not until the late 15th century, around 1485, when important changes were made in the rules and the new game of chess emerged. Italy was the main center of chess activity and the new game probably originated there. When the moves of the Queen and Bishop were changed to those we play today, the entire character of the game was transformed. The whole tempo of the game quickened, the battle shortened and intensified.

In the early periods of chess strong players did not publish their games or their analysis. The high stakes for which they played made them secretive. There were exceptions, of course, and some manuscripts, notably from Giulio Cesare Polerio, survived, giving us insight to a wide range of openings and defensive lines played during the 1600’s. In the 18th century, the name Andre D. Philidor dominates the history of this period, and he set forth his theories of chess in logical fashion in his “Analyse du jeu des Echecs” written when he was 23. He was the first to define and explain the principles of chess strategy and tactics. His most famous notion was that “Pawns are the soul of chess,” by which he meant that pawn structure determines the nature of the position. Since Philidor’s death in 1795, his book has often been reprinted. It was an important milestone in the progress of chess.

Philidor was far superior to his contemporaries and almost always gave odds in his games or played simultaneous matches. Thus seriously recorded games by him are rare. However, there is Philidor’s legacy, which does occur from time to time in actual play. See position #1.

White is down a substantial amount of material. What would you do?

Position No. 1. White to move and win.

White forces mate by the following combination: 1. Qd5+ Kh8 2. Nf7+ Kg8 3. Nh6+ Kh8 4. Qg8+! Rxg8 5. Nf7# -- a most beautiful smothered mate, now known as Philidor’s mate.

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tournaments and matches -- something early chess players would never have imagined or contemplated even in their wildest dreams. Nor is the change that a wealth of teaching materials or instructors is available that can advance a gifted 6-year-old child from a beginner to Master level in perhaps a year or two with devoted hard work. Nope. The change is even more profound than that. The change is that players don't have to study very much anymore but can cheat and win by allowing computers to do the thinking for them. Computers of course can solve the complexities of positional tactics, literally instantly, and humans have started to admit they will probably never be able to win matches against them anymore. When cheating during a game all a player has to do is play some of the computer's moves until the game is easy or clear enough to win. Having this “resource,” by whatever method, during a game has already taken center stage at grand chess events, like Corus, or more incredibly at the World Championship match. The modern chess player, whether you like it or not, owing to escalating and exploding at events, coming up with incredible chances to develop. Many players are over-anxious and feel they have to make something happen and therefore make unsound or blundering moves. Work to suppress this urge and your games will improve.

In the featured game this month, we see how Morphy displays the importance of sound opening development and how tactics for an attack develop by a natural and gradual buildup of forces. Before Morphy’s influence came to be felt and understood, so called tactical sacrifices and combinations by the “elites” of that period were made without objective effectiveness or in some case true soundness. The observant student chess player can compare Morphy’s games to these earlier players, such as Zukertort, Bird, Blackburne, Steinitz and Kolisch and begin to recognize a transformation of styles and notably more “correctness” in their moves. Morphy was truly brilliant, impressively artistic and accurate with his tactical combinations.

Morphy – Harrwitz
Match, 1858
C62 PHILIDOR’S DEFENSE

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 exd4
Qd7 10. 0-0 Be7 11. Rad1 0-0 12.
Qc4+ Rf7

If Black tries 12. ... Nf7, then White plays 13. Nd4 Kh8 14. f4 Nd8
15. Bf2 Re8, and White has the advantage owing to better piece ac-
tivity, space and control of the cen-
ter. A Morphy trademark!

13. Nd4 Ng4 14. h3

Not 14. f4? due to 14. ... Ne3, forking.

14. ... Ne5 15. Qe2 g5

This move “loosens” the Black Kingside and creates weaknesses that offer tactical opportunities. Better may be 15. ... Bf8 16. Bg3 Ng6
c4 Qc8, and the position is roughly
equal with chances for both sides. Sometimes when your position is somewhat cramped it’s better to look for ways to exchange pieces and work to simplify the position. Also, there’s nothing wrong with establishing a defensive stronghold and waiting patiently for counterat-
tacking chances to develop. Many players are over-anxious and feel
they have to make something happen and therefore make unsound or blundering moves. Work to suppress this urge and your games will improve.

16. Bg3 Rg7 17. Nf5 Rg6 18. f4
exf4 19. Rxf4 Kh8 20. Rh4 Bf8
Nb5 Qg8

Or 23. ... Qxa2 24. c4 Bxb5 25.
Qh5 Bh6 26. Nhx6 Qxc4 27. Nf7+
Kg8 28. Qxh7+ Kf8 29. Rf2.
24. Rf2

Also good was 24. Nxc7.

24. ... a6?!

This move, as best I can tell, may be the losing move, as Black’s posi-
tion begins to crumble. Better may be 24. ... Rd8 25. Nxc7 Rd7 26.
Nd5 Bxd5 27. exd5 Qxd5 28. c4 Qe6 29.

27. exd5 Rc7

Or 27. ... Qxd5 28. Rxe7+ Kxe7
29. Qh5+ Bh6 30. Ne7 Qe6 31. Nxg6
Qxg6 32. Rf7+.

28. c4 Be7 29. Rh5 Qe8

No better was 29. ... Bf8 30. a4
Rg5 31. Rxg5 Qxg5 32. Kh2 Qg6 33.
a5 Bh6 34. g4 Bg5 35. Qe4 Rf7 36.
c5 Be3 37. Qxe3 Rxf5 38. c6 bxc6 39.
dxc6 Qe6 40. g4 Rf7 41. Rxh7 Qxf7
42. Kg3 Qc4 43. Qc3.

30. c5! Rxc5?

If 30. ... Bf8 31. Nxd6 Bxd6 32.
cxd6 Rxd6 33. Rxe5.

31. Rxb7+ Kh8 32. Qh5+
Kg8 33. Nxe7+ Kg7

Or 33. ... Qxe7 34. Qxg6+ Qg7 35.
Qe6+ Kh8 36. Rf5 Rc1+ 37. Kh2.

34. Nf5+ Kg8 35. Nxd6 and
Black resigns. 1-0

Improving your ability to cal-
culate and visualize tactical com-
binations takes practice. Tactical
problem solving will help in this
development. Avoid moving the pieces when solving problems so as to strengthen your over-the-board play. Be alert, play sharp and always remember to do your safety check. Good luck and happy solving! Solutions on page 20.

Position No. 1. Black to move. How would you proceed?

Problem No. 2. What’s the best move?

Problem No. 3. White to move.

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a) 1. ... fx6 is correct and White has inadequate compensation for the sacrificed material.
b) 1. ... fx6 is incorrect.
Prove your conclusion with a variation.

Problem No. 4. Black to move – what result?

a) The game is a draw.
b) White wins.
c) Black wins.
Prove your answer with a variation.

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Arcadia Chess Club

In January, Ike Miller scored 5½-½ to win the Richard Morris Memorial, followed at 5-1 Gregg Fritchle, David Argall, and Jeremy Stein. Other prizes went to Gerry Harrison and David King (B), Richard Yang (C), Anthony Hung (D), and Johnny Carrido (E/unr). A total of 50 players competed.

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Los Angeles Chess Club

Jouaquin Banawa and IM Tim Taylor tied for first with 4-1 in the New Year’s Day Open, a 25-player tournament at the Los Angeles Chess Club. Ilya Serpik and Hakobyan tied for third place at 3½-1½. Praveen Joy and Holly McRoberts led the under-1800 section.

The Los Angeles Chess Club meets on the second floor of 11514 Santa Monica Blvd., above Javan restaurant. For information, call Mick Bighamian at (310) 795-5710 or send a message to Mick@LaChessClub.com. Web site: www.lachessclub.com.

La Palma Chess Club

Newcomer Vikram Kumar won the 12-player Fright Knight No. 4 contested at the La Palma Chess Club on December 29th. The 8-round G/10 Action Chess Swiss was played at La Palma’s Central Park. Runners up were Joma Packing and Serio Pragale.

In February, Mehrdad Miralaei and Rory Valle tied for first place with scores of 4-1 in the 24-player Knights of the Rectangular Tables tournament in La Palma. Leigh Hunt won an accompanying 11-player event with 5-0.

The La Palma Chess Club meets 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fridays in Central Park, 7821 Walker St. For information, call Leigh Hunt at (714) 635-0448 or Mike Brady at (562) 867-8248. For complete standings and a schedule of 2007 events, see the club’s website at www.lapalmachess.741.com.

Exposition Park Chess Club

On January 7, Marc Conde, Fernando Corona and Augusto Picardo (tied), Patrick Dailey, and Eyulkala Hill topped sections in the monthly free tournament at the Exposition Park Chess Club. For photos of the club, see chess.expoparkla.com. The club meets every Sunday afternoon in the public library, 3665 S. Vermont Ave. in Los Angeles. Fourteen players competed.

Costa Mesa Octos

Jeremy Stein, Mike Carr and Michael W. Brown won sections at the January 20 Costa Mesa Octos. On February 10, Pirouz Hendi, and Michael W. Brown, Henry Yan and Grant Yosenick (tied) were the section winners. For information about future Octos, March 17, see members.cox.net/octochess.

Diversity Winter Scholastics

Anthony Zohrabian topped a 19-player field with 5-0 to win the Winter Scholastics at Diversity Educational Center in Arcadia on Jan-
January 21. Next at 4-1 were Shyam Gandhi and Rebecca Sanchez. For the club’s schedule and more, go to diversityeducationalcenter.com.

AAA Winter Scholastics

The AAA Chess Club’s Winter tournament, held January 27 at First Lutheran Church attracted 127 players. Section winners were Michael Ambartsumian (grades K-12), Petros Ayrapetyan (K-8) and Gor Badikyan (K-5, all with 5-0. Harut Keshishian and Harut Akopyan directed.

Joshua Tree Winter Open

Joel Johnson won the Joshua Tree Winter Open, held January 27, with a 5-0 score. Kermit Norris was second at 4-1. The Joshua Tree Chess Club meets Friday evenings in Faith Lutheran Church, 6336 Hallee Rd. in Joshua Tree.

Southern California Invitational High School Chess League

Brothers Derek and Jared Tan took top individual honors in the Southern California Invitational High School Chess League and led their team, Lutheran H.S. of Orange County, to the team title. John Cachay finished third. Whitney H.S. and Long Beach Polytechnic were the next best teams. Philip Voron organized the 19-team, 88-student event February 3 at Oakwood School in North Hollywood.

Warner Winter Scholastic

Ricky Demer, Happy Ullman and Jonathan Gunn led their grades K-12 sections in the Warner Winter Scholastic, held February 3 at Warner Charter School in Los Angeles. In grades K-5, winners included Michael Moradi, Sriram Velmanikandan, Jack Bramson, Michelle Safransky, David Phu, Jeremy Quintana, Jeniere Martinez and Rachel Peni. Gabe Feldinger, Jason Hakakha and Owen Fahey led Novice sections. John Surlow directed the 80-player tournament.

Riverside Chess Union Open

Alex Gojich won this 14-player tournament, held February 24 at Back to the Grind Café in Riverside, with a 3-0 score.

Alex Gojich (1997) – Don Cotten

Riverside Chess Union Open, Riverside 2007

A23 ENGLISH OPEN


San Diego Chess Club

In November and December 70 players competed in the Class Championship, a five section event played at a time control of 40/90, SD/1. The top section, known as “The Masters,” was won by an Expert, Maksim Gusev, who you may recall beat 3 masters in our previous event. This time he beat just one master, but drew with another, plus he beat a strong expert, a Class A player playing up, and drew with another expert. This 4 out 5 point score earned Maksim a free ticket into our Club Championship, plus a nice trophy. Todd Smith came in second place with 3½ and there was a 3-way tie for 3rd place between John Funderburg, Jim Humphrey and George Zeigler. The Class A trophy was won on tie breaks by Robert Defore with 4 points over Buddy Morris, and third place was split between Alfredo DeLeon and Jerry Soelberg. The Class B trophy was won by one of our young rising stars, Jason Qu, with 4 points, and tying for second with 3½ were Joel Batchelor, Vincent Broman, Marty Lower and Erik Marquis. Capturing the Class C trophy was our strongest woman player, the ever popular Rocio Murra, who scored a solid 4½, ahead of Bob Samuel with 4 and Eduardo Sanchez with 3½. Jachin Tyrell won the Class D trophy with 3 points in the combined C/D section. Hai Qu, Jason’s father, was second Class D and Marcus Hilgers was third.

The Markowski Open, our Club Championship qualifier, is currently in progress with a record 92 players, not including 5 house players. After 5 rounds there is a four way tie between Ron Bruno, David Hart, Robert Richard and Richard Russell, all with 4½. Trailing with 4 points are Rick Aeria, Nikolay Arutyunov, Bruce Baker, Marc Duesterwald, Jim Humphrey and Dimitry Kishinevsky. It is great to see our playing hall completely full with so many eager chess enthusiasts. As far as I know, our club is one of the largest in the country.
The Club Championship starts February 21, after the other 13 qualifiers have been selected through the Markowski Open. Three players are already seeded in: Maksim Gusev, as mentioned above, along with Ron Bruno, last year’s club Champion and Todd Smith, who qualified by winning the San Diego Open Shootout in August. Please see our website, which is loaded with lots of games, pictures and stories at http://Groups.msn.com/sandiegochess. -- Chuck Ensey

Adam Corper (2205) – Carey Milton (2040)
Markowski Open, San Diego 2007
B30 SICILIAN DEFENSE, Rossolimo Variation
[Note by IM Cyrus Lakdawala]
A very active move but also one which weakens his Queenside pawns. Also 9. ... b6 10. Bh6 e5 11. 0-0-0? leads to a sharp game.
Very ambitious. I would have played it safe and played on the Queenside pawn weakening with 12. Nxd1 e5 13. Ne3 f6 14. a3! (14. Ng4 Kh8).
12. ... e5 13. Nh2!? a5 14. 0-0
If 14. Ng4 Qh4.
14. ... Nf6 15. Qe3
15. ... Qe7 16. f3?!
16. ... h5 17. Rf2 Be6 18. f4 exf4 19. Nxf4 Bd7 20. Qg3 Rh8
21. Nf3 c4 22. Nh4! Ng4!
Active defense by Carey! Defending passively with 22. ... Rh6?! 23. Rf1 Rh8 24. Nfxg6! Rgxg6 (24. ... fxg6 25. Qg5! (25. ... e5?? Nh7) 25. ... cxd3 26. cxd3 Be6 (26. ... Qe6? 27. Nf5+) 27. e5 is hopeless for Black.
23. hxg4 hxg4 24. Rxf1
Now 24. Nh5 fxg6 leads only to equality.
24. ... Qxh4
25. Nh5+!?
This combination shouldn’t work for White.
25. ... Qxh5 26. Rxf7+ Kg8 27. Qd6!
27. ... Qh1+?
Black can still draw with 27. ... Kg8 28. Rf6 g3! 29. Qxg3 Kg7 30. Qd6 Kg8 31. Qf4+ Kg7 32. Qg4+ Kf7+ 33. Qf5+ Qxf5 34. Kg4 Ke6 35. Rf7+.
28. Kf2 g3+ 29. Ke3
29. ... Qh6+ 30. Kd4!
This is the safest spot for the White King.
30. ... Bf5
Black has no defense here. For example: 30. ... Rh7 31. Qxd7+; 30. ... Bg4 31. Rf1 f6 32. Qe6 c5+ 33. Kxc4.
31. exf5! Qh4+
Or 31. ... gxf5 32. Rf6! Qh4+ 33. Rf4!.
32. Rf4
Also 32. Kg5! Rh6 33. fxg6 Rh5+ 34. Rf5 gives white a winning attack.
32. ... Rd8 33. Rf8+ Kg7
Not 33. ... Rxg8 34. Qxg6#.
34. f6+ Qxf6+
Also inadequate are 34. ... Kh7 35. Rfxh4#, and 34. ... Kh6 35. Rxd8!
35. Rf8+ Kf7
36. Rxd8
37. Rxf6 exd3 38. Kxd3
39. Kg4 1–0
A terrific tactical battle.

John Funderburg (2123) – Thomas Fries (1900)
Markowski Open, San Diego 2007
D14 SLAV DEFENSE, Exchange Variation
[Note by IM Cyrus Lakdawala]
1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. cxd5
7. Qb3?!
More common is 7. e3 e6 8. Qb3, or 8. Bb5.
7. ... e6?
Black mistakenly sacs a pawn to try and lure the White Queen in. Unfortunately, the Queen on b7 is also an invader into Black’s territory. Better is 7. ... Na6! 8. Bb5.
8. Qxb7 Nb4
The logical idea behind the pawn sac, but it loses by force after White’s next shot. Necessary was 8. ... Qc8.
9. e4!
The threat of Bb5+ takes precedence over all of Black’s threats.
9. ... a6
A sad necessity. If Black follows through on his idea with 9. ... Ne2+? 10. Kd1 Nxa1, he is mated after 11. Bb5+ Nd7 12. Ne5 dxe4 13. Bxd7+ Ke7 14. Bg5+ f6 15. Qh4#.
10. exf5 Nc2+ 11. Kd1
The most accurate move, but 11.
Kd2 Nxa1 12. fxе6 Be7 (12. ... fxе6 13. Ng5+–) 13. exf7+ also wins for White.

11. ... Nxa1 12. Nb5! axb5


14. ... Bd6 15. Nxd7 Bxf4 16. Ne5+! 1–0

SCCF January Open

The SCCF January Open was held on January 27-28 at the San Diego Chess Club. Many thanks go to the club for all their hospitality. The Open saw 33 players including 4 masters and 4 experts fighting it out for the $1,400 guaranteed prize fund.

In the end, masters Leonid Balmazi and John Bryant tied with experts Leonard Sussman, Dmitri Kishinevsky, and John Funderburg for top honors with a score of 4-1. Sussman upset master Ronald Bruno in the last round while expert Kishinevsky upset Bryant in round 3. Balmazi took a first round bye and then drew with Bruno in round 4. With this event was a state qualifier, Kishinevsky won this spot on tiebreaks. There are plans for more tiebreaks. There are plans for more top honors with a score of 4-1. Aaron Householder finished no in the last round while expert experts Leonard Sussman, Dmitri Kishinevsky, and John Funderburg tied for first in the Reserve (Chow winning on tiebreaks) with scores of 4-1, Aaron Householder finished a perfect 5-0 for the top prize in the Booster section.

All results are at http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200701282741.0-10082218. The tournament was organized and directed by Joe Hanley. Congratulations to all players! – Joe Hanley

Gambito Open News

The January Super Gambito was won by NM John Bryant, who defeated both IM Cyrus Lakdawala and NM Bruce Baker to win his first Gambito Open. Bruce tied for Second Place/BU2200 with Carey Milton and Leonard Sussman. Ben Barquín and Varun Krishnan tied for BU2000. Varun had a draw with John Bryant in the bag, but he refused a perpetual check, tried to win and let the game slip away to a loss in time trouble at the end. Despite his small stature, Varun is becoming a giant on the chessboard! According to the USCF top 100 lists for February, Varun is the 3rd highest rated 9 year old in the country and the best in California. John Bryant comes in as the 4th best 15 year old in the country and also the best in Calif. In the Gambito Open Reserve Section, Richard Jensen won BU1800, and William Wijaya was 2nd U1800. Tom Kuhn won BU2000. This was the 304th Gambito Open, now in its 7th year with each scoring 3 wins and drawing with each other for $100 each. Dimitry Kishinevsky won BU2200 for $75 with 3 points, while Carey Milton and Ryan Richardson took 2nd U2200. Richard Jensen also won $75 for BU2000 while Chuck Ensey collected $25 for 2nd U2000. In the Reserve Section, Marty Lower and Pratik Khanna tied for 1st with Pratik taking the BU1600, while Jesse Orlowski and William Delaney were 2nd U1800 and Daniel Cook was 2nd U1600. – Chuck Ensey

John Bryant, John (2226) – Bruce Baker (2229)
Gambito #304, San Diego 2007
B47 SICILIAN DEFENSE, Taimanov Variation
[Note by IM Cyrus Lakdawala]
The Taimanov Sicilian.
6. Nbd5 Qb8 7. Be3 a6
Or 7. ... d6.
Instead, 9. ... Ra4?! 10. Nc7+ Ke7
11. c4 Ra5 12. c5 f6 gives White a nasty attack for the piece.
10. c3 Ba5 11. Ne7+ Qxe7 12. Bxc7 Bxc7 13. Qg4 g6
John told me after the game that he felt he had good compensation for the Queen here. I disagreed, feeling that three pieces is too much to give up for just Queen and pawn. Bruce looks at least equal here.
14. f4 Ng7 15. Qf3 d5 16. Bb5
Bd7 17. a4 0–0
Or 17. ... dxe4 18. Qxe4 Nd5 19. g3 0–0 unclear.
18. 0–0 0–0!? Rfd8?!
Moving a defender away from his King looks suspicious. I suggested to Bruce after the game a central counterattack line like 18.

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Where to Play Chess

ARCADIA. The Arcadia Chess Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in the Senior Citizens building, 405 S. Santa Anita Ave. Continuous rated tournaments, casual play. Dues: $10/year, $7.50/year for juniors and seniors. Call Fred Brock at (626) 331-1638 or Mel Clark at (626) 447-9355. Web site: www.geocities.com/arca-diachessclub.

ARCADIA. A youth group meets for casual play 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fridays in Diversity Educational Center, Suite A, 1012 S. Baldwin Ave. For students in kindergarten, elementary school and junior high. Occasional Sunday tournaments. Free. Call Roel Sanchez at (626) 254-9951. Web site: www.diversityeducationalcenter.com.

BISHOP. Kava Coffee House, 206 N. Main St., welcomes chessplayers. Chessboards are available at all hours. Call (760) 872-1010.

BISHOP. A group meets Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Joslyn Center, 1301 W. Olive St. (at Griffith Park Drive). Casual play, ages 55 and up only. No dues. Call Emil Klimach at (818) 845-5353.

BURBANK. A group meets Fridays from 5:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in McCambridge Park, 1515 N. Glenoaks Blvd. Casual play, tournaments possible. Call Emil Klimach at (818) 845-1104.

CARLSBAD. A group meets 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Ave. Casual play. Most attendees are over age 55, but younger adults are welcome. No dues. Call (760) 602-4650.

CLOVIS. The Maharlika Chess Club meets 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fridays in Carl’s Jr. at 818 W. Shaw Ave. in Clovis, CA. Casual play, blitz, occasional tournaments. No dues. Call Sam Roamboa at (559) 222-4354.

COLTON. A group meets 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday nights in a private room at Denny’s restaurant, 160 W. Valley Blvd. Casual play, blitz. Call Denny’s at (909) 824-2132.

CORONA. Chessplayers are invited to play on Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at All About Coffee, 2276 Griffin Way, Suite #108. Casual chess, blitz (bring your clocks). Call Steven Burleson at (951) 549-6710.


ENCINITAS. A group meets 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays in the Senior Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive. Casual play, ages 55 and up only. No dues. Call (760) 943-2250.

ESCONDIDO. The Palomar Chess Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the Escondido Bridge Center, 2427 S. Center City Parkway. Continuous rated tournaments. Call John Goddard at (760) 591-0200 or palomarchessclub@cox.net. Web site: www.sdchess.com.

ESCONDIDO. A group meets noon to 4 p.m. weekdays in the Senior Center, 210 Park Ave. Casual play, ages 50 and up. No dues. For information, call (760) 839-4688.

FRESNO. The Fresno Chess Club meets 6:00 p.m. to midnight Mondays in Carl’s Jr. restaurant, 3820 N. Cedar. Rated tournament in May, non-rated quick chess quads, casual play, chess library, newsletter. Dues: $15/year, $8/year for students, women, and those who live outside Fresno County. Contact Aaron Hise at (559) 228-8089 or send a message to aaron.hise@sbcglobal.net.

GARDEN GROVE. Chess Palace has moved to 12872 Valley View, Suite 5. The club is open 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30 am to 10:00 p.m. Saturdays, and 11:00 am to 7:00 p.m. Sundays. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Wide variety of rated tournaments, Action chess, youth tournaments, scholastic chess camps, blitz, occasional lectures and simul, large selection of chess books, computers, and equipment for sale, lending library of chess videos, excellent website. Dues: $3/day or $99/year. Call the club at (714) 899-3421 or

GLENDALE. The chess park at 227 N. Brand Blvd. is open day and night for casual play. Speed tournaments Friday evening, occasional weekend tournaments.

HEMET. The Hemet Chess Club meets 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Fridays in the clubhouse of Royal Holiday MH Park, 4400 W. Florida Ave. Casual play, rating system, refreshments. Dues: $20/year, less for juniors, first three visits free. Call Marcos Montes at (951) 252-5926 or Kasandra Smith at (951) 767-0974.

INGLEWOOD. The Inglewood Library Chess Club meets 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays in the public library, 101 W. Manchester Blvd. Children’s program with free instruction 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Fridays. Call the library at (310) 412-5380.

IRVINE. A group meets at lunch time (11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) Fridays at Knowlwood Restaurant, 14952 Sand Canyon Ave. Speed chess, analysis. Bring equipment. Contact David Zechiel at david@zechiel.com.

JOSHUA TREE. The Joshua Tree Chess Club meets 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays at Faith Lutheran Church, 6336 Hallee Rd. in Joshua Tree. Casual play, occasional tournaments, some instruction, junior chess program. Contact Mark Muller at (760) 367-2311 or at muller29@adelphia.net.

LA PALMA. The La Palma Chess Club meets 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Fridays in Central Park, 7821 Walker St. Rated tournaments, Action chess, casual play. Entry fees: $40 for three months of rated tournament play, $5 less to La Palma residents. Call Mike Henery at (562) 370-2146 or Leigh Hunt at (714) 635-0448. Web site: www.lapalma.achess.741.com.

LAGUNA BEACH. People gather to play chess at the permanent chess table on the boardwalk.

LAGUNA WOODS. The Leisure World Chess Club meets 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays and 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursdays in the Community Center building in Leisure World. Guests are welcome. Casual play, ladder competition, occasional simul. Call Alan Brown at (949) 206-1039.

LAWNDALE. The Alondra Park Chess Club meets 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tuesdays at 3850 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Rated six-round tournaments at 7:00 p.m., speed chess or extra rated games on seventh Tuesday, no smoking. Dues: $5/year plus $5/tournament, $2.50/year for juniors. Call Steve Boak at (310) 607-9751. Web site: www.geocities.com/alondra_park_cc.

LONG BEACH. The chess room in Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Ave., is open for casual play from noon to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and noon to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays. Free.

LONG BEACH. Players gather for casual play at Golden Burger, 2301 E. 4th St., after the chess room in Bixby Park closes. Call the restaurant at (562) 434-2625.


LOS ANGELES. The California Chess Club at 11610 W. Olympic Blvd. offers a variety of tournaments and instruction for children and adults. For times and prices, contact Oscar Maldonado at (310) 473-2435 or echessoscar@aol.com. Web site: www.californiachessclub.com

LOS ANGELES. Tang’s Donuts, 4341 W. Sunset Blvd., welcomes chessplayers for casual play and speed chess, especially late at night.

MORRO BAY. A group meets 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays at the big chess board on Embarcadero at Morro Bay Blvd. Chess pieces may be checked out weekdays from the Parks and Recreation Dept. Call Eugene Aramacote at (805) 528-4079 or Fred Brown at (805) 772-7074.
ORENCIDE. The Oceanside Chess Club meets 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the North River Road Neighborhood Center, 5306 N. River Rd. Casual play, occasional rated tournaments. No dues required. Call James Fritz at (760) 967-0717.

NATIONAL CITY. The National City Chess Club meets noon to 10:00 p.m. daily at 1341 E. 8th St. Scholastic instruction and casual play Tuesdays, Gambito tournaments every other Saturday. Free instruction for scholastic members ages 7 to 12. Dues: $120/year, $15/month, $1.50/visit, free to masters. Call Jorge Balares at (619) 477-3118 or James Fritz at (760) 967-0717. Web site: www.chessmaniac.com/pasoclu.

NATIONAL CITY. The Pasadena Chess Club meets 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Tuesdays in the North River Road Library (west entrance), 131 E. Las Flores Ave. Casual play, occasional scholastic and club tournaments. No dues. Contact Dwight Morgan at (760) 377-0034 or dmorgan@iwvisp.com.

ORANGE. The Orange Senior Club meets from noon to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays in the Orange Senior Citizens Community Center, 170 S. Olive St. in Orange. Casual play, all ages welcome. For information, call (714) 538-9633.


PASO ROBLES. The Paso Robles Chess Club meets 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the Senior Center, 270 Scott St. Casual play, tournaments. Dues: $15/year. Call Dennis Steele at (805) 227-4444. Web site: www.chessmaniac.com/pasoclub.

POWAY. The North County Chess Club has moved to San Marcos. Contact Mike Nagaran at (858) 285-5901 or at mnagaran@fuhsd.net.

POWAY. The Joslyn Center Chess Club meets 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays in the Joslyn Senior Center, 21 Grant St. Casual play, non-rated tournaments. No dues. Call the Senior Center at (909) 798-7550.

REDLANDS. Another group meets 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Tuesdays in the Community Center, 111 W. Lugonia Ave. Call (909) 798-7579.

RIDGECREST. The Ridgecrest Chess Club meets 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturdays in the Kern County Library (west entrance), 131 E. Las Flores Ave. Casual play, occasional scholastic and club tournaments. No dues. Contact Dwight Morgan at (760) 377-0034 or dmorgan@iwvisp.com.

RIVERSIDE. A group meets for casual play and blitz at 8:30 p.m. Thursday evenings in Back 2 the Grind Cafe, 3575 University Ave. “Quick Thursdays” G/15 quads on the first Thursday of every month, register at 8 p.m. Bring equipment. Call the cafe at (951) 784-0800 or e-mail Tyrone Liddell at TD@TheChessUnion.com. Web site: www.TheChessUnion.com.

RUNNING SPRINGS. The Mountain Chess League meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in The Fireside, 32031 Holiday Lane. Casual play, must be over age 21. Annual team tournament starts in March. No dues. Call Don La Suer at (909) 867-4994 or send a message to donculo@earthlink.net.

SAN DIEGO. The San Diego Chess Club meets daily in the Balboa Club, 2225 6th Ave. (at Ivy) in Balboa Park. Club opens for casual play at 2:00 p.m. weekdays, 10:00 a.m. Saturdays, and noon Sundays. Rated tournaments at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays, Action chess, speed chess, instruction by master Bruce Baker at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays, Jedi Knights childrens club from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Fridays. Dues: $48/year. Call the club at (619) 239-7166. Web site: http://groups.msn.com/SanDiegoChess.


SAN LUIS OBISPO. The San Luis Obispo Chess Club meets 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tuesdays in the Church of the Nazarene, 3396 Johnson Ave. Casual play, lectures, occasional tournaments. Dues: $15/year, $5/year for students. Contact Barbara McCaleb at (805) 544-0717 or bmccaleb@calpoly.edu.

SAN LUIS OBISPO. The 2 Dogs Chess Club meets 6 p.m. to closing at 2 Dogs Coffee Company, 1017 Monterey St. Casual play. Call (805) 543-5282.

SAN MARCOS. The North County Chess Club meets at 7:00 p.m. Fridays in the Woodland Parkway Senior Apt. Complex at 975 Woodland Parkway. Continuous rated tournaments, casual play. Dues: $25/year, $10/year for juniors. Call Mike Nagaran at (858) 245-5901, or e-mail mnagaran@fuhsd.net.

SANTA CLARITA. The California Youth Chess League offices at 25864 Tournament Rd., Suite G, are open for casual play and blitz Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. All ages welcome. Kids usually leave by 8:00 p.m. No dues. Contact Jay Stallings at (661) 288-1705 or at coachjay@cycl.org.

SANTA MONICA. Chess tables are available from sunup to sundown daily at the Santa Monica International Chess Park, on the promenade just south of the Santa Monica pier. Casual chess, blitz, chess bulletin board, large demonstration board, occasional summer tournaments. No dues.

SIMI VALLEY. The YMCA Chess Club of Simi Valley meets 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mondays at the YMCA, 3200 Cochran St. Casual play, instruction, non-rated tournaments. Dues: $5/month, free to YMCA members.
The Long View
by John Hillery

The McDonnell-La Bourdonnais encounters marked the beginning of modern chess -- a set match of serious games, all of which were recorded and published. This was the Frenchman’s most famous win of the match (really a series of six matches, won by La Bourdonnais +45, =13, -27), in which we have the unusual spectacle of a swarm of pawns overcoming a Queen.

McDonnell-La Bourdonnais
62nd Match Game, 1834
B32 SICILIAN DEFENSE, La Bourdonnais Variation
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Ne6 3. d4 exd4
4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nxe5 d6
A positional error, strengthening Black’s central pawns, but such niceties were little known in the 1830s.

5. ... bxc6 6. Bxc6 Nf6 7. Bg5
11. Ne5+ Kf8 12. Nxf7 Kxe5
13. Nxe7 Ng6 14. Nc6 Nxc6
15. bxc6 Bxc6 16. Qc6 Kf6
17. Qxc6 Bc7 18. Qc5 Bc5
19. Qb5 Re8 20. Qxb6
21. Qxb6

And not 25. cxb7, as 25. ... Qe2+ 26. Kh1 fxe2+ 27. Kxe2 f2+ would lead to mate.

25. ... Qe3+ 26. Kh1 Be8 27. Bb7 f2
In turn threatening 28. ... Qe1+ 29. Qf1 Qxd1 30. Qxd1 Qf1+ = Q+. 28. Rf1 d3 29. Rc7 Bxd7 30. cxd7 e4 31. Qc8 Bd8 32. Qc4 Qe1 33. Rcl d2 34. Qc5 Rg8 35. Rd1 e3 36. Qc3

Solutions to Tactics by Hanks
(see page 11)

Problem no. 1: b. fxe6 is incorrect. (From the game Nunn vs Georgiev, Linares 1988.) Taking the White Knight is a horrible mistake. The main line goes 1. ... fxe6 2. Qh5+ Kd8 3. Ba6 and White wins owing to theQueen skewer. A better try is 1. ... Ng6 with play for both sides.

Problem no. 2: c. 1. ... Ke8 is the best move and leads to an even game. The main line is 1. ... Ke8 2. Ne7+ Kd8 (not 2. ... Kf8 else 3. Bb6+ mates next move) 2. Ne6+ (not 2. Nxa7 since 2. ... Bxg5 3. Qxg5+ Ke8 and the White Knight is trapped and Black has a decisive advantage) Ke8 3. Ne7+ draw. The other choices lead to a decisive White advantage or quick Black checkmate.

If you chose a. Kc8 then White forces a Philidor style smothered mate in 6, after 1. ... Kc8 2. Nc5+ Kb8 3. Nd7+ Ke8 4. Nb6+ Kd8 5. Qe8+ Rxc8 6. N7d#


Problem no. 3: a. 1. Qa6 is a mistake and Black will win. (From the game Paulsen vs Morphy, NY 1857.) The main line goes 1. Qa6 Qxg3! 2. gxf3 Rg6+ 3. Kh1 Bh4 4. Rd1 Bg2+ 5. Kg1 Bh3+ 6. Kf1 Bg2+ 7. Kg1 Be4+! (Morphy missed this and played 7. ... Bh3+ and White resigned a few moves later) 8. Kf1 Bf5! 9. Qe2 Bb3+ 10. Ke1 Rg1#

Problem no. 4: c. Black wins. Actually, Black forces a kind of comical smothered mate with a lone Bishop in 3 moves. The main line goes 1. ... Qf1+ 2. Bg1 Qf3+ 3. Bxf3 Bxf3#. So you see Knights, doing their smothered mate acts, are not the only ones who can perform with such beauty.
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... dxe4 19. Qxe4 Nd5 20. g3 Nb8! 21. c4 Bxb5 22. axb5 Ra4 23. Qe2 Nb6 24. b3 Ra7?!

19. e5!
Now... f6 is not possible for Black
19. ... Bb6?
Too slow. Now the White attack picks up steam. Better was 19. ... Na5 20. Qe2 Nb3+ 21. Kc2 Nc5 and I still prefer Black
20. h4 Nb8 21. h5 Bxb5

22. hxg6!!
A brilliant intuitive sac in the Tal tradition. Instead, 22. axb5 Ra1+ 23. Kc2 Rxd1 24. Rxd1 Nd7 25. g4 is only slightly better for White.
22. ... Be8

23. Rxh7 Nxe6 24. Rdh1 Rxa4
No better is 24. ... Kf8, e.g. 25. f5 exf5 26. Qxf5 Be3+ 27. Kb1 Ra6 28. Rf1 Kg8 29. Rxf7 Nd7 30. e6 Nde5 31. Qf6 Bxf7 32. exf7+ Nxf7 33. Qxf7+ Kh8 34. Rh1+ Nh4 35. Rxe4+ Bh6 36. g4.
25. Kb1 Rxh4 26. Qh5 Kf8
Also 26. ... Be3 27. Rh8+ mates (27. Qh6?? Rf1+).

27. Qg5!
The black King’s exit is cut off.
27. ... Rf1+ 28. Rxf1 Bb5 29. Rfxf7+ 1–0

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2006-2007 State Championship

Seeded into the Championship are the 2006 co-champions Enrico Sevillano and Andranik Matikozyan, two players selected on the basis of rating, and four from the 2007 Candidates Tournament.

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Each event qualifies two players (highest scoring Southern California residents not previously qualified) except that 1) In the event of a tie, all tied players will advance; 2) A score of 60% is required to qualify; 3) The SCCF Amateur, SCCF High School and any one-day event will each have one qualifying spot; and 4) All one-day tournaments shall require a 75% score and only one player shall qualify on tiebreak.
March 17

COSTA MESA OCTOS. 3-SS, 30/75, SD/30. (Digital Clocks with delay 30/70 SD/30). 8 player sections by rating. Odd Fellows/Rebekah Hall, 2476 Newport Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA. EF: $27 advance, $32 at site, $2 disc to all Southern California Chess Federation members. $$ prizes per entries. Reg. 9:30-10:15 a.m. Rds. 10:30-2:30-6:30. (New Times) Rounds may start earlier if your opponent is present and ready. Info/Ent: Takashi Iwamoto (takashi@cox.net), 24275 Tama Lane, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. Home: (949) 643-2981 cell: (949) 689-3511. Web site: http://www.members.cox.net/octochess/. NS, NC.

March 25

DIVERSITY SPRING SCHOLASTIC QUADS. 3 double-SS, G/30 no delay. Diversity Educational Center, 1012 S. Baldwin Ave. #A, Arcadia, CA 91007. 4 people per group based on rating. Please bring clocks. Tie break: 5-min, 4-min, 3-min speed game. Trophies: Awarded in 1st and 2nd place per group. February rating list used. EF: $16 if received by 11/18/06, $21 onsite. On-site reg: 9:30 to 10:00. Round Times: 10:00 - 12:45 - 3:00. Awards at 5 p.m. Info/Ent: Roel Sanchez (roel@diversityeducationalcenter.com), 1012 S. Baldwin Ave. #A, Arcadia, CA 91007 Phone: 626-254-9951, cell: 626-818-0671 Web site: www.diversityeducationalcenter.com

March 30–April 1

NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH (K-9) CHAMPIONSHIP. 7-SS, G/120. Sacramento Convention Center, 1030 15th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. In 6 sections: K-9 Championship; K-9 Under 1250; K-8 Championship; K-8 Under 1000; K-8 Under 750; Unrated. Prizes: Trophies for top 25 players and teams in each section based on attendance average during recent years. Class trophies to the top three in the following classes: K-9 Championship: 1400-1599, 1200-1399, 1000-1199, U1000, Unrated. K-8 Championship: 1400-1599, 1200 – 1399, 1000 – 1199, U1000, Unrated. Opening ceremony: 12:30 pm Friday. Rds: Fri.-Sat. 1-7 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Awards: $70 if postmarked by March 5, $60 if postmarked by March 19, $75 after March 19 or $80 at site. 1/2 pt bye any round except 7 if requested in advance (limit 1). Please bring clocks. Sets and score sheets provided. USCF membership required. Team rooms available (events@uschess.org). February rating supplement will be used. Meetings: Coaches and Parents meeting: 11 a.m. Friday. Tournament Feedback meeting: 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Scholastic meeting: 2:30 p.m. Sat. Coaches Forum 7:00 p.m. Saturday. Special Events: National Junior High School Bughouse Championship: Thursday 11 a.m. Bughouse entry onsite only $25 per team. National Junior High School Blitz Championship: Thursday 5 p.m. Blitz EF: $15 per player/$20 on site or if after March 5. Parents & Friends Tournament: Four Rounds: Saturday 10:30 a.m.-12:30-2:30-4:30, onsite registration only, Rated and Unrated section. New! Trophies for Parent and Child combined results. HR: Host Hotel Hyatt Regency Sacramento, 800-233-1234. Chess rate $119 s/quad. Additional Hotels a of couple blocks away: Holiday Inn Express, 728 Sixteenth Street, Sacramento, 916-444-4436 chess rate $115. Clarion Hotel, 700 Sixteenth Street, 916-444-8000, Chess rate $110. Ent: www.uschess.org/tournaments

April 15

DIVERSITY SPRING SCHOLASTICS. 5-SS, G/30 no delay. Tie-break: 5-4-3 min speed game. Diversity Educational Center, 1012 S. Baldwin Ave. #A, Arcadia, CA 91007. EF: $16 by Apr 14, $20 at site. Trophies: top 3, top U1200, top U1000, top U800, top U600, top U400/unrated. The champion is invited back for the 2007 Diversity Chess Championship at the end of the year. Reg: 9:30-10:00 a.m. Rds: 10:00-11:15-1:00-2:15-3:30, awards at 5 p.m. April rating list used. Two 1/2pt byes for rounds 1-4 is allowed. Info/Ent: Roel Sanchez (roel@diversityeducationalcenter.com), 1012 S. Baldwin Ave. #A, Arcadia, CA 91007. Phone: 626-254-9951, cell: 626-818-0671 Web site: www.diversityeducationalcenter.com

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### April 21-22

**SCCF Senior & Youngster Open.** 5-SS, Rds. 1-3 G/90, plus 10 second delay; Rds. 4-5 G/120, w/ 10 sec delay. San Diego Chess Club, 2225 Sixth Ave, San Diego CA 92101. Two Sections: $3,200 in Total Prizes (based on 60 players). 
**Senior Section** – Must be over 50 years old! $300-150-50, U2200 $150-50, U2000 $150-50, U1800 $150-50, U1600 $150-50, plus 3 special age-based prizes: Best Over 60, 70 and 80 years old, $100 each. Each player eligible for only one prize. 
**Youngster Section** – Must be under 50 years old! Same prizes as in Senior Section, plus 3 special age-based prizes: Best Under 20, 16 and 12 years old, $100 each, players can win only 1 prize. 
**EF:** $50 if recvd by 4/20, or event day fee of $60. Special rate of $25 for U1400. SCCF membership required ($14, $9 jr). 
**Reg:** 9:45 a.m. **Rds:** 10-12:15-2:30 Mon., then merge. Los Angeles Chess Club Park, CA 91755. 
**$1100 guaranteed:** $300-200-100, U2200, U2000, U1800 each $100, U1600, U1400 each $75, Unrated $50. 
**EF:** $30 if received by 4/26, $40 at door. Special option for HS/below: $10, 5 trophies only. SCCF membership req’d of So. Californians: $14, $9 jrs. 
**Reg:** 9-9:40 a.m. **Rds:** 10-2-6, 10-4. 
**Info:** Randy Hough (626) 282-7412, randallhough@yahoo.com. 
**Ent:** SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. 
**GP:** 10. State Championship Qualifier.

### May 26-28

**2007 Lina Grumette Memorial Day Classic.** 6-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rds 1-3 G/60, then merges). LAX Hilton, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90045. 
**$10,000 b/200, 60% of each prize guaranteed.** In five sections: Open: $$T+1800-750-400-300-200, U2400 400, U2200 700-300-200. Premier (under 2000): $$750-300-200-100. Amateur (under 1800): $$750-300-200-100. Reserve (under 1400): $$T+400-200-100, U1200 T+100, Unr T+100. (Unrated may win Unrated prizes only.) 
**Byes:** Limit 2, rds 5-6 must be requested with entry & cannot be revoked. SCCF membership reqd of So. Californians: $14, $9 jrs. 
**Reg:** 9:30-10:30 a.m. 
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**Reg:** 9-9:45 a.m. Free parking; arrive early for best spots. 
**Rds:** 10 AM, 2 PM and 6 PM on Saturday, 10 AM and 3 PM on Sunday. 
**Byes:** One half point bye available in Round 1-4, no last round byes. 
**Info:** Call SDCC at 619-239-7166 or email chucnglo@aol.com. 
**Ent:** Mail checks to SDCC, POB 120162, San Diego CA 92120.

### April 28-29

**9TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.** 5-SS, 30/85, SD/30 (1st 3 rounds), 40/2, SD/1 (last 2 rounds). Sierra Vista Rec Center, 311 N Rural Drive, Monterey Park, CA 91755. 
**MEMORIAL DAY ACTION SWISS.** 5-SS, 40/2, SD/1 (2-day schedule rds 1-3 G/60, then merges). LAX Hilton, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90045. 
**$500 b/40, else proportional: $150-70-40, U2100/Unr $80, U1800 $80, Under 1500 $80. EF:** $20 if received by 5-24, $25 at door. 
**Reg:** 9:30-10 a.m. **Rds:** 10-11-12-13-14. 
**Ent:** SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. 
**GP:** 10. State Championship Qualifier.

### May 28

**MDC HEXES, 3-SS, G/90. LAX Hilton, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90045. Six-player sections by rating. **EF:** $20 if received by 5-24, $25 door. **Reg:** 9:30-10 a.m. **Ent:** SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N. Wilton Pl. #1, Los Angeles CA 90038, online at www.westernchess.com.

### May 27

**MDC SCHOLASTICS.** 5-SS, SD/45. LAX Hilton, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Open to gr. 12-below. **In two sections:** Open: Trophies to top 5, top 3 U1200, top 2 Unrated. **Reg:** 9:30-10 a.m. **Ent:** SCCF, PO Box 205, Monterey Park, CA 91754. 
**GP:** 10. State Championship Qualifier.

### May 28

**MEMORIAL DAY ACTION SWISS.** 5-SS, G/90. LAX Hilton, 5711 W Century Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90045. Six-player sections by rating. 
**Reg:** 9:30-10 a.m. **Ent:** SCCF, c/o John Hillery, 835 N. Wilton Pl. #1, Los Angeles CA 90038, online at www.westernchess.com.
ALTHOFF - ALEF
Cologne, 1936
White to move

TAL - NN
USSR, 1964
White to move

SPASSKY - Kholmov
USSR Team, Rostov, 1971
White to move

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