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**17th Livermore Open**

**Mechanics Institute**

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## THE EDITOR'S REPORT

Welcome to our special 'Tournament Issue' featuring tournament results from Arcata in the Far North to Visalia in the Far South and all points in-between. We are proud to have reports from the Big Four tournaments on the NorCal Chess Calendar: The mid-summer Universe Open, Labor Day State Championship, Thanksgiving LERA and MLK Sacramento Championship. The organizers of these four tournaments (respectively Tom Dorsch, Richard Koepcke, Jim Hurt and Jim McCumiskey) deserve a solid tip of the hat for their efforts on behalf of Northern California chess players.

Our regular readers will have noticed a decrease in the size of the magazine. As editor, I can not say I am happy with this change but as a Cal Chess board member I had to face financial facts as did the rest of the board. With USCF revenue sharing to state affiliates cut due to it's own financial problems (See the Evans-Redman interview in this issue), our board had no real choice but to cut the size of the magazine. For more details on the situation the board faced (or to offer assistance in returning the magazine to it's full size), you are welcomed to call me at 559-734-2784.

I am receiving an increasing number of electronic submissions that I am unable to open and use 'as is'. Please remember that I work in MS Word Version 7.0 (IBM) and try to save your work in that format. It really is best if you "save as" ASCII text a duplicate copy of your submission. An ASCII text file can almost always be opened. Another issue is the submission of photos as small JPG files (under 200K). Small JPG files may look fine on your computer screen but they will not reproduce well in off-set printing.

Please continue to send your submissions for the CCJ to: California Chess Journal, PO Box 27, Visalia CA 93279-0027. The 'Dean of American Chess' George Koltanowski passed away in the Bay Area on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and the next issue of the *California Chess Journal* will be dedicated to Koltky's memory. Our readers are encouraged to submit their best memories of George to be included in the next issue.

# Labor Day Chess Festival

September 4-6

130 players competed for \$7200 in guaranteed prizes in this 6 Round Swiss in 6 sections. Vladimir Mezentsev became our new State Champion by scoring 5.0 out of 6 in the Open Section. The playing site was the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn in downtown San Francisco. Organizer and chief TD was Cal Chess President Richard Koepcke. Assistant Tournament Directors were John McCumiskey and Riley Hughes.

Overall	1st Place	Vladimir Mezentsev	Score 5.0
Overall	2nd Place	GM Walter Browne	Score 4.5
Expert	1st Place	Reyna Salvatierra	Score 5.0
	2nd Place	Anthony Rozenvasser	Score 4.5
A	1st Place	Elliot Temple	Score 5.5
	2nd Place	Max Rodel	Score 4.5
B	1st Place	Bryan Keagle	Score 5.5
	2nd Place	Maximo Fajardo	Score 5.0
C	1st Place	Teodoro Porlares	Score 5.5
	2nd Place	Michael Kai Lum	Score 5.0
	3rd Place	Stephen Surtshin	Score 4.0
D/E/U	1st Place	Willie Campers	Score 6.0



**New State  
Champion  
Vladimir  
Mezentsev (L)  
in action.  
Photo by  
Steve Cohen  
at the 1999  
Peninsula G/  
15 Challenge  
Champion-  
ship.**

# Universe Open

July 3rd - 5th, 1999

Attracted by a generous \$10,400 prize fund, 135 players spent the Fourth of July at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn in San Francisco. The Universe Open was a six round Swiss tournament sponsored by CalChess Tournaments and organized by Tom Dorsch. The tournament directors were Carolyn Withgitt and Doug Shaker.

## PRIZE WINNERS

		Score	Prize
Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vladmir Mezentsev (2537)	5.0	\$1,375
	Mark Ginsburg (2485)	5.0	\$1,375
Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	Walter Browne (2551)	4.5	\$250
	Guillermo Rey (2396)	4.5	\$400 (Best U2400)
Expert Section 1st	Reynaldo Salvatierra (1970)	5.5	\$1000
A Section 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gennadiy Reznikov (1962)	5.0	\$467
	Jose Zulueta (1950)	5.0	\$467
	Christophe Bambou (1835)	5.0	\$467
B Section 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ricky Grijalva (1776)	5.0	\$650
	Ed Seid (1655)	5.0	\$650
C Section 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	Arthur Johnson (1549)	5.0	\$650
	Teodoro Porlares (1400)	5.0	\$650
D Section 1st	Julia Kozhukh (1392)	5.5	\$400
E Section 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Berosh (1165)	5.0	\$300
	Alan Samatra (1160)	5.0	\$300

## Grandmaster Walter Browne annotates one of his efforts at the Universe Open

**Andy Lee (2129)**  
**GM Walter Browne (2586)**

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3  
0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5  
exd5**

7...Nd5!? is more popular lately.

**8.g3 c6 9.Bg2 Na6 10.0-0 Re8  
11.b4!?**

Weakening the c4 square.

**11...Nc7 12.Qb3 a6!**

Stopping the b5 idea cold

**13.a4 Bf5 14.Nf4 Bd6 15.Nce2  
g5 16.Nh3?!**

16.Nd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Bxb4 18.Qf5  
Ne4! 19.f3 Nd6 20.Qg4 f5 21.Qh5

Ne6 favors black. Still this line had  
higher hopes than the text.

**16...g4!**

The standard ...h6 allows 17.f3 Qd7  
18.Nf2 with a tough game.

**17.Nhf4 Qe7! 18.Bd2**

The ugly 18 Ba3 was better

**18... Ne4 19.Be1 Ng5!**

**20.Bc3**

20.f3 gxf3 21.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 22.Rxf3  
Bg4 23.Rf1 Qxe3+ wins easily.


**20...Be4 21.Bxe4**

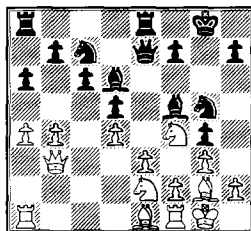
21.h4 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 (22.Kxg2  
Qe4+) 22...Nf3+ 23.Kh1 Qf6 24.Qc2  
Re4 25.Ra2 Ne6 -g7-f5 followed by  
a sac on g3 or h4 is lethal. Black  
simply has it all his own way on  
the kingside.

**21...Qxe4 22.Qb1 Qf3 23.h4**

Undoubtedly Andy hoped for 23.Qf5  
noticing Nh3+ too late.

**23...Nh3+ 24.Kh2 Bxf4 25.Nxf4  
Nxf4 26.gxf4 Qh3+ 27.Kg1 g3 0-  
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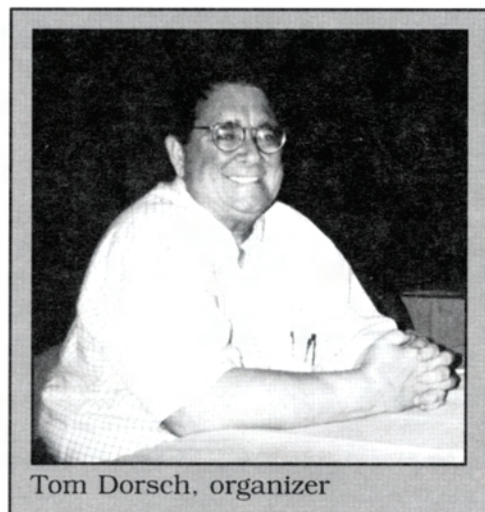
If 28.fxg3 Qxg3+ 29.Kh1 Qxh4+  
30.Kg2 Rxe3 31.Be1 Qg4+ 



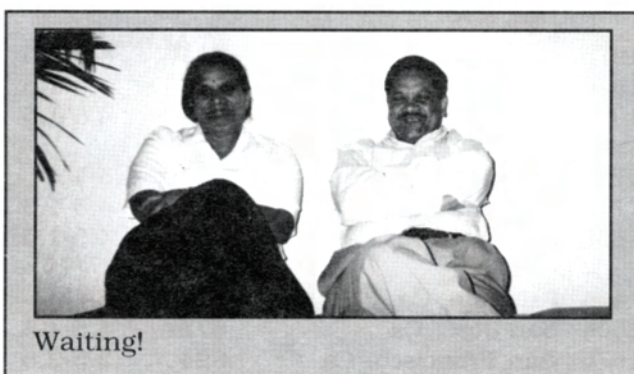
# Faces in the Crowd at the Universe Open



Phillip Hatfiled  
(L) versus  
Daichi Siegrist

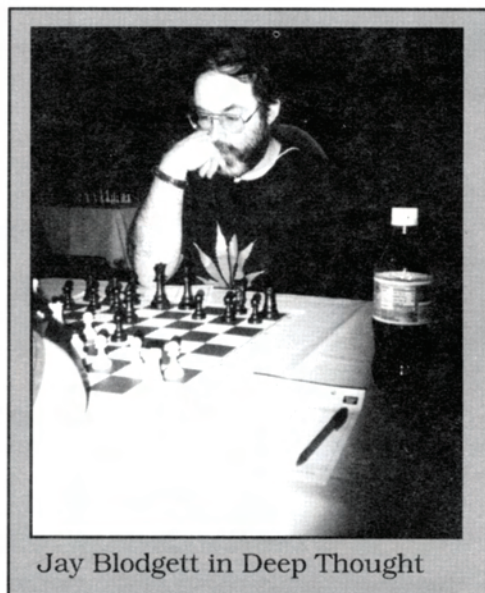


Tom Dorsch, organizer

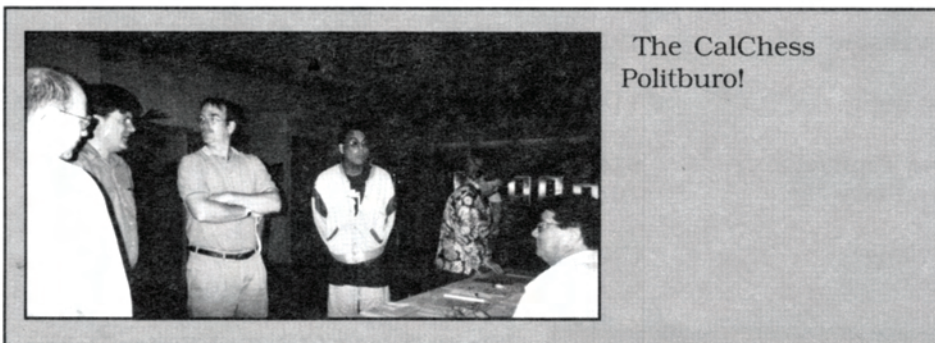


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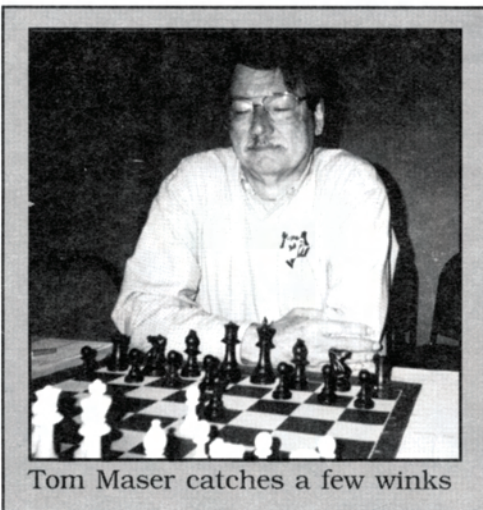
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Allan Fifield*



Jay Blodgett in Deep Thought



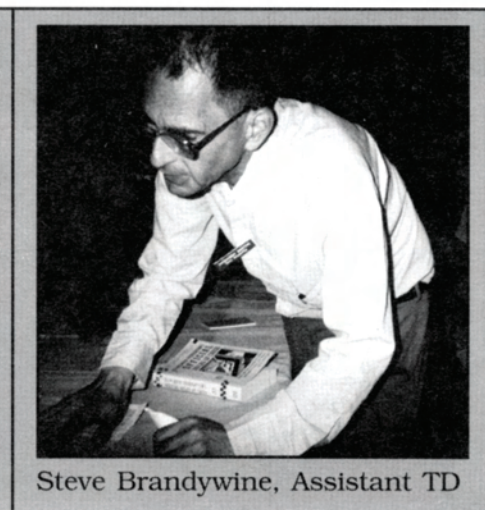
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Tom Maser catches a few winks



A determined C. James



Steve Brandywine, Assistant TD

# Thirty Third Annual 1999 LERA Thanksgiving Championship

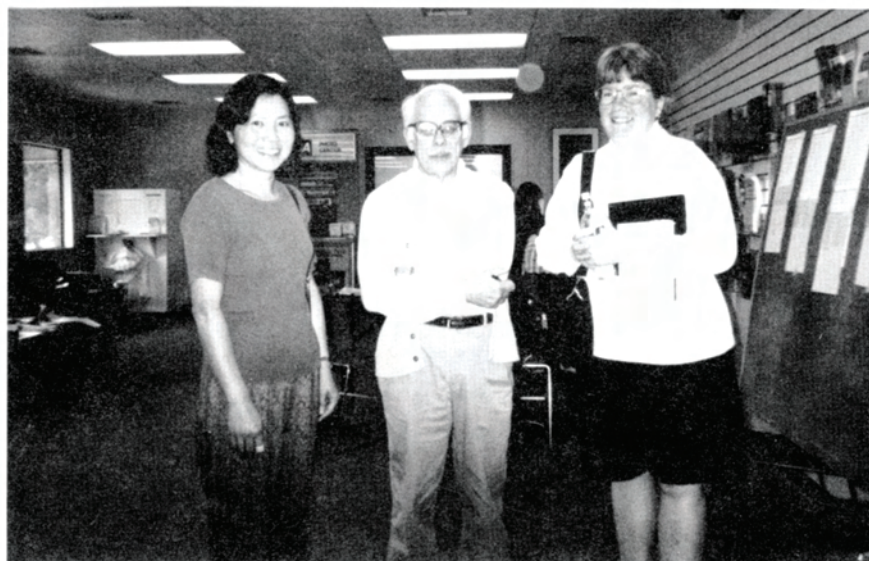
November 26, 27 & 28

100 players

Directors: Jim Hurt & Ted Yudacufski

Computer Program: "Paring Pro" by Robert Massey

Class	Place					
Open	1-2	Vladimir Mezentsev	2557	Mountain View, Ca	\$240	5-1
	1-2	Vinay Bhat	2417	San Jose, Ca	\$240	5-1
	3-4	Craig Mar	2466	Oakland, Ca	\$60	4-2
	3-4	Robert Sferra	2200	San Jose, Ca	\$60	4-2
Expert	1st	Vivek Nambiar	2145	Milpitas, Ca	\$240	4.5-1.5
	2nd	Alexandar Levitan	2111	San Jose, Ca	\$144	4-2
A	1-3	Frisco Del Rosario	1975	Belmont, Ca	\$140	4.5-1.5
	1-3	Victor Batangan	1926	Milpitas, Ca	\$140	4.5-1.5
	1-3	Mike Maloney	1923	Foster City, Ca	\$140	4.5-1.5
B	1st	Curt Munson	1725	Oakland, Ca	\$180	5-1
	2-3	Joey Garcia	1716	Walnut Creek, Ca	\$90	4.5-1.5
	2-3	Michael Pearson	1665	San Mateo, Ca	\$90	4.5-1.5
C	1st	Julie Kozhuk	1464	Palo Alto, Ca	\$120	5-1
	2nd	Alan Howe	1504	San Jose, Ca	\$72	4.5-1.5
	3-4	Mark Kastorov	1576	San Francisco, Ca	\$24	3.5-2.5
	3-4	Duane Anderson	1509	San Jose, Ca	\$24	3.5-2.5
D	1st	Elaine Veksler	1220	Mountain View, Ca	\$60	4.5-1.5
E	1st	Gary Huang	1187	Cupertino, Ca	\$60	5-1
F	1-2	Raymond Canivel	814	San Jose, Ca	\$30	3-3
	1-2	Jennifer Fiore	761	Daly City, Ca	\$30	3-3
UNR	1st	J.L. De Jong	UNR	Cupertino, Ca	\$60	4-2



**Joan Huang ( L ), Ted Yudacufski ( C ) and Diana Dubel ( R ) are all smiles at the July LERA.**

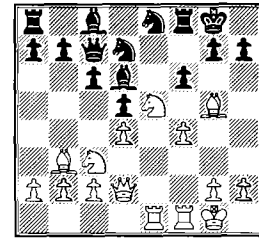
Photo by Allan Fifield.



**Frisco Del Rosario on his way to a tie for First A at LERA.**

Photo by Allan Fifield.

d4 c6 8. O-O Qc7 9. Bg5 Nbd7 10. f4 O-O 11. Qd2 Ne8 12. Rael f6 13. Nxd5



13...cxd5 14. Bxd5+ Kh8 15. Nf7+ Rxf7 16. Bxf7 fxe5 17. Rxe8+ Nf8 18. fxe5 b6 19. Bd5 1-0

**Fajardo, M (1744)  
Adkins, R (1485)  
Round 1 [A45]**

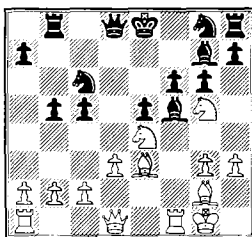
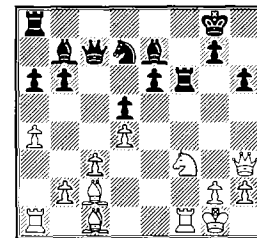
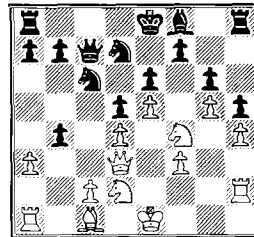
1. d4 Nf6 2. e3 e6 3. Bd3 c5 4. c3 b6 5. f4 Bb7 6. Nf3 d6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. a4 a6 9. Nbd2 Qc7 10. Qe2 Be7 11. Bc2 cxd4 12. exd4 d5 13. Ne5 Nxe5 14. fxe5 Nd7 15. Qg4 O-O 16. Qh3 h6 17. Nf3 f5 18. exf6 Rxf6

Brilliance Prize Games from the 1999 LERA Thanksgiving Class Sunnyvale 11/26-28/1999

Rh2 h5 9. Bd3 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 e6 11. g5 Ne7 12. Ne2 g6 13. Nd2 Nd7 14. a3 Nc6 15. Nf4

**Bhat, V (2417)  
Sze, J (2033)  
Round 2 [B24]**

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. d3 Rb8 6. f4 d6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. h3 Bd7 9. O-O b5 10. e5 dxe5 11. fxe5 Nxe5 12. Bf4 Nc6 13. Ne4 e5 14. Be3 Bf5 15. Nfg5 f6



16. Rxf5 fxe5 17. Rf2 Nd4 18. c3 Ne6 19. Nxe5 Rb6 20. Qb3 c4 21. dxc4 Nxe5 22. c5 Nxe3+ 23. Bxe3 Rb7 24. Qe6+ Re7 25. Qc6+ Rd7 26. Rd1 Nf6 27. Rxf6 Qxf6 28. Qxd7+ Kf8 29. Qc8+ 1-0

**Rajan, V (1850)  
Marshall, M (2014)  
Round 3 [B20]**

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cxb4 3. d4 d5 4. e5 Bf5 5. g4 Be4 6. f3 Bg6 7. h4 Qc7 8.

15..Nxe5 16. Qe3 Nc4 17. Nxc4 dxc4 18. Re2 O-O-O 19. axb4 Bxb4+ 20. c3 Ba5 21. Rea2Bb6 22. Qe2 Kb8 23. Ng2 e5 24. Be3 Rhe8 25. d5 a6 26. Rb2 Ka8 27. Rb4 Rc8 28. Raa4 e4 29. f4 Bxe3 30. Qxe3 Qc5 31. Rxc4 Qxe3+ 32. Nxe3 Nc5 33. Ra3 Nd3+ 34. Kd2 Rxc4 35. Nxc4 Nxf4 36. Ne3 Nd3 37. c4 Ka7 38. Kc3 b6 39. Kd4 Kb7 40. Nd1 Ne1 41. Rh3 Nc2+ 42. Kc3 e3 43. Kxc2 e2 44. Rh1 e1=Q 45. Rxe1 Rxe1 46. Nc3 Rh1 47. Kd3 Rxh4 48. Ne4 Kc7 49. d6+Kd7 50. c5 Rxe4 51. Kxe4 bxc5 52. Ke5 h4 53. Kf6 h3 54. Kxf7 h2 0-1

**Del Rosario, F (1925)  
Munson, C (1725)  
Round 3 [B02]**

1. e4 Nf6 2. Bc4 e5 3. Nf3 Nxe4 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Nxe5 d5 6. Bb3 Bd6 7.

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# 2000 SACRAMENTO CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

by  
John McCumiskey NTD

**Alexander  
Setzepfandt  
offered a little  
gift in round 5.**

Photo by Allan Fifield



Y2K has come and gone, but chess continues in the California capital with the 2000 Sacramento Chess Championship. The Best Western Expo Inn hosted the sixty-five participants in the two and three day event over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Several players from the Bay Area took advantage of byes in rounds 5 and 6 to play in a "one-day" event. The event paid a generous \$1450 in prizes.

A three-peat was not in the cards for two time champion Jim MacFarland (winner of 1998 and 1999 editions of the tournament). This year IM Walter Shipman of San Francisco scored 5-1 to take home the trophy and \$200 first prize. The Master/Expert section was unusually large for a Sacramento event with 19 players. San Jose's Vinay Bhat and Citrus Heights' Kenan Zildzic finished second at 4.5-1.5.

Victor Batanaga of Milpitas held off the late charge of Antioch's Michael Marque to win the Reserve section prize of \$150 and trophy.

After winning the Under 1600 of the Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #4 in December, Chico's David duVair returned to the Capital City to tie for first with Michael Smith of Sacramento and Ricky Yu of Fremont in the Amateur Section. Each player received \$120 for their 4.5-1.5 score, but duVair won the trophy on tie breaks.

Many thanks go to the Roy McCollough, Brendan Birt, David Blohm, and Jenny Lyon for their assistance during the tournament.

## GAMES

Walter Shipman wins a very nice endgame in round 4.

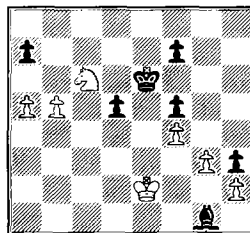
**Walter Shipman (2300)**

**Emmanuel Perez (2372)**

**Master/Expert Section**

**D30**

1.d4 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.c4 c6 5.Qc2 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rd1 Qe7 9.Nbd2 b6 10.e4 de4 11.Ne4 Ne4 12.Qe4 Bb7 13.Bg5 Nf6 14.Qh4 h6 15.Bf6 Qf6 16.Qf6 gf6 17.Rac1 Rad8 18.c5 Bc7 19.Ne1 Rd7 20.cb6 Bb6 21.Bc6 Bc6 22.Rc6 Bd4 23.Kf1 Rfd8 24.b3 f5 25.Nc2 Bb6 26.Rd7 Rd7 27.Ke2 Kg7 28.Na3 h5 29.Nc4 Bc7 30.b4 h4 31.a4 h3 32.f4 Bd8 33.b5 Rd5 34.Rd6 Kf6 35.Rd5 ed5 36.Ne5 Ke6 37.Nc6 Bb6 38.a5 Bg1 39.b6 ab6 40.a6 1-0



In round 5, rising scholastic player Alexander Setzepfandt offers "a pawn with a price" and exacts the full cost from his opponent.

**Bruce Stone (1461)**  
**Alexander Setzepfandt (1573)**  
**Reserve Section**  
**A08**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.0-0 Bd6 5.d3 0-0 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.e4 e5 8.ed5 Nd5 9.Ne5 Ne5 10.Bd5 Bg4 11.f3 Bh3 12.Re1 Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Qd5 14.Ne4 Bb6 15.Be3 Ba5 16.Rg1 f5 17.Ng5 Bg4 18.Rf1 h6 19.h3 Bh5 20.d4 Nc4 21.Bf4 hg5 22.Bg5 Nb2 23.Qe2 Rae8 24.Qf2 Bc3 25.Rab1 Bd4 0-1

A closed position with a struggle on both sides of the board from this fifth round game in the Amateur Section.

**Ashley Webb (Unr)**  
**David duVair (1427)**  
**Amateur Reserve Section**  
**D03**

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4 e6 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Bd3 c4 8.Be2 Bd7 9.Nbd2 Be7 10.Qc2 b5 11.a3 0-0 12.Bf6 Bf6 13.e4 Be7 14.e5 Qb6 15.h4 Rfb8 16.g4 g6 17.0-0 a5 18.h5 g5 19.Rfb1 b4 20.Ne1 Qc7 21.a4 b3 22.Qc1 Qd8 23.Ng2 Na7 24.f4 Nc8 25.Qf1 Nb6 26.fg5 Bg5 27.Nf4 Qe8 28.Qf2 Ba4 29.Rf1 Bd7 30.Bd1 a4 31.Qe3 Qe7 32.Nf3 a3 33.ba3 Ra3 34.Be2 Rba8 35.Rab1 Ra2 36.Ng5 Qg5 37.Qf3 Qg7 38.Bd1 R8a3 39.Qh3 Ra1 40.Ra1 Ra1 41.Qh4 Qg5 42.Qf2 Ra2 43.Qf3 Qg7 44.Qh3 Na4 45.Qe3 Qg5 46.Qf3 Qe7 47.Qe3 Kg7 48.Ne2 Qg5 49.Qf3 Be8 50.Nf4 Qe7 51.Nh3 Ra1 52.Kg2 b2 53.Bc2 Rf1 54.Kf1 Qa3 55.Qf6+ Kg8 56.Bh7+ Kh7 0-1



# SACRAMENTO CHESS CLUB WEEKEND SWISS

by  
John McCumiskey, NTD

**David Pruess of Berkeley  
mopped up in the 2000+ Sec-  
tion, winning by a full point.**

Photo by Eric Schiller



Sacramento's The Learning Exchange was the site of the Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #4 on Dec 18-19, 1999. Record warm weather in Sacramento (70 degrees on Sunday) made it pleasant for the 40 participants and spectators to use the outdoor picnic tables for analysis. \$945 in prizes was awarded in the four round Swiss. The tournament was sponsored by the Sacramento Chess Club and directed by myself.

The 1600-1999 Section was a close contest all the way. Michael Haun was the front runner going into the fourth round, but Michael Maloney, who lost in round 1, was able to defeat him and create a 4-way tie for first. Maloney's better tie-breaks gave him the trophy.

Chico's David duVair and Sacramento's Marvin Gilbert were undefeated going into the last round of the Under 1600 Section. duVair won the game to take home the top prize.

The Sacramento Chess Club wishes to thank The Learning Exchange for the use of their facility and for all who came to the event.

## GAMES

The first round game from the 2000+ Section winner, David Pruess.

**David Pruess (2314)  
Michael Aigner (2084)  
2000+ Section  
B09**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nf6  
5.Nc3 0-0 6.e5 de5 7.fe5 Nd5 8.Ne4

Nc6 9.c3 f6 10.Bc4 Kh8 11.0-0 f5  
12.Neg5 h6 13.Qe1 hg5 14.Ng5  
Bh6 15.Qh4 Kg7 16.g4 Bg5 17.Qg5  
f4 18.Bd3 Qe8 19.h4 e6 20.Bf4 Nf4  
21.Rf4 Rf4 22.Qf4 Qe7 23.Qe4 Qe8  
24.Rf1 Bd7 25.Rf6 Ne7 26.h5 Bc6  
27.Qf4 Qg8 28.Bg6 Be8 29.Be8 Qe8  
30.Qg5+ 1-0

In the fourth round, Haun and Maloney duke it out for the title in the 1600-1999 Section.

**Michael Haun (1740)  
Mike Maloney (1900)  
1600-1999 Section  
E81**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4  
d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 e5  
8.d5 Nh5 9.Nge2 Nc5 10.b4 Nd3+  
11.Qd3 a5 12.b5 f5 13.a4 Qf6 14.0-  
0 f4 15.Bf2 b6 16.Rfc1 Bh6 17.Kf1  
g5 18.Ke1 g4 19.Kd2 Qg5 20.Rg1  
Kh8 21.Raf1 Bd7 22.Kc2 g3 23.hg3  
fg3 24.Be1 Rf7 25.Rh1 Nf4 26.Nf4  
ef4 27.Ne2 Bg7 28.Bc3 Re8  
29.Bg7+ Kg7 30.Nd4 h5 31.Ne6+  
Be6 32.de6 Re6 33.Rd1 Re5 34.Qc3  
Kg6 35.Rd5 Rfe7 36.Qd3 h4 37.Qd1  
Rh7 38.Rh3 Qe7 39.Re5 de5  
40.Qd5 Qf7 41.Kc3 Qf8 42.c5 Qe7  
43.Kc4 Qc5+ 44.Qc5 bc5 45.Kc5  
Kg5 46.Kc6 Re7 47.Rh1 Rh7 48.b6  
cb6 49.Kb6 Rd7 50.Ka5 Rd2 51.Rg1  
Rg2 52.Rg2 h3 53.Rb2 0-1 The  
remaining few moves were played  
in time trouble.

David duVair takes out Marvin Gilbert in the last round of the Under 1600 Section.

**Marvin Gilbert (1548)  
David duVair (1427)  
Under 1600 Section  
C00**

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6  
4.Ngf3 de4 5.de4 Bc5 6.Be2 0-0

7.0-0 Qe7 8.c3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Bd7  
10.Nc4 h6 11.Bf4 Bb6 12.Nb6 cb6  
13.Rad1 e5 14.Bg3 Bg4 15.h3 Bh5  
16.Rd2 Bg6 17.Bd3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1  
Bh5 19.Be2 Bg6 20.Rd8+ Rd8  
21.Rd8+ Qd8 22.Ne5 Be4 23.Nc6  
Bc6 24.Bh4 g5 25.Bg3 Qd5 26.f3  
Qa2 27.Bd3 Qe6 28.Bf5 Qe3+  
29.Bf2 Qe7 30.Kf1 Nd5 31.Bd4  
Ne3+ 32.Be3 Qe3 33.Bd3 Kg7  
34.Qe2 Qe2+ 35.Ke2 Kf6 36.Ke3  
Ke5 37.b4 a5 38.b5 Bd7 39.c4 f5  
40.g4 f4+ 41.Kd2 Kd4 42.Be2 Be6  
43.Bd3 Bc4 0-1

This game has a humorous note, as will be seen.

**David Blohm (2223)  
Gary Knackstedt (Unr)  
2000+ Section  
B33**

Fifteen minutes prior to the start of this round 2 game, both players came to me and asked if they could start early. I told them it was their choice to do so, but I would not be able to control the noise, especially since I had announcements to make. The players went off merrily...

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cd4  
4.Nd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5  
a6 8.Na3 Bg4 9.Bf6 Bd1 10.Bd8 Rd8  
11.Rd1 1-0

...when David Blohm came over and handed me his score sheet for the game...while I was making the round 2 announcements! They had completed their game BEFORE the round started!! Such happenings make being a tournament director amusing!

# 2000 SACRAMENTO CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

## PRIZE WINNERS

### Master/Expert Section:

1st Place IM Walter Shipman Score 5-1 Prize \$200 & trophy

### Master/Expert Section:

2nd Place Vinay Bhat & Kenan Zildzie Score 4.5-1.5 Prize \$ 67.50 ea

### Master/Expert Section U2200:

1st Michael Aigner Score 3.5-2.5 Prize \$ 61.67 ea

2nd Place Ziad Baroudi, & Anthony Rozenvassar

### Reserve Section:

1st Place Victor Batangan Score 5-1 Prize \$150

### Reserve Section:

2nd Place Michael Marque Score 4.5-1.5 Prize \$110

### Reserve Section U1800:

1st Benjamin Haun Score 4-2 Prize \$ 92.50 ea

2nd Place Damarcus Thomas

### Amateur Section:

1st David duVair Score 4.5-1.5 Prize \$120 & trophy

2nd Place Michael Smith Prize \$120

1st Under 1400 Ricky Yu Prize \$120

### Amateur Section U1400:

2nd Place William Parker & Alex Rupido Score 4-2 Prize \$ 42.50 ea

### Amateur Section, Junior:

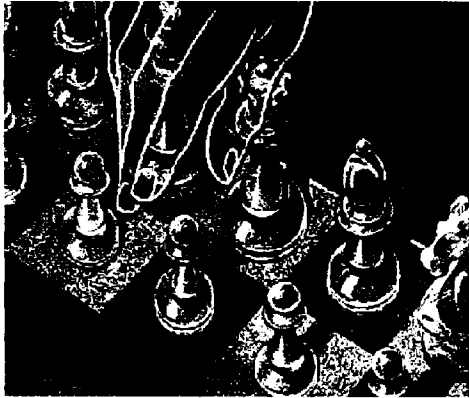
1st Place Kevin Batangan, Christian duVair, & Sergey Frenklakh Score 3-3 Prize \$ 13.34 ea

## *Joe Ito Memorial*

Held from November 19 through December 17, this four round Swiss attracted 26 players slugging it out for \$500 in prizes. Sponsored by the Berkeley Chess Club, this tournament was organized by Bill Conrad. Tournament Director Alan Glasscoe was assisted by David Goldfarb. A glass chess set was awarded to Daichi Siegrist for his upset of Kayven Riese in the second round. For additional information visit the Berkeley Chess Club website: <http://berkeleychess.webjump.com>

## PRIZE WINNERS

Place	Score	Prize
Overall: 1st Place Ian Zimmerman	4	\$250
Overall: 2nd Place IM John Donaldson	3.5	\$150
Under 1800:		
1st Place Rick Veres	3	\$50
1st Place Brendan MacIntyre	3	\$50



**BAY AREA OHLONE TOURNEY  
AND COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP  
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
MARCH 18TH AND 19TH, 2000  
A FOUR ROUND SWISS SYSTEM  
TOURNAMENT IN THREE SECTIONS**

**PRIZE FUND: \$1650!** Based on 100 full price entries. If fewer, then prizes proportional.

OPEN		RESERVE		BOOSTER		Trophy to Top College Player in each section Trophy to Top 3 memb. College Team
1st \$300		1st \$200		1st \$100	Open to all	
2nd \$175	Open to all	2nd \$90	Open to all	2nd \$60	USCF members	
3rd \$100	USCF	3rd \$70	USCF	3rd \$40	under 1500	
Under 2100:	members	Under 1700:	members		and unrated.	
1st \$160	including	1st \$170	under 1900			
2nd \$100	unrated	2nd \$85	No unrated			

USCF norms and director's discretion may be used in section placements. We may accelerate pairings.

**On-Site Registration:** 9:00 to 9:30 am Saturday  
On site registration on a space available basis, only.  
Please arrive before 9:45 to verify your entry. Please bring clocks.

**Rounds:** 10:00 am and 3:30 pm, Saturday  
9:30 am and 3:00 pm, Sunday

**Time Control:** 30/90, G/60

**Entry Fee:** \$40 on site. \$35 postmarked by 3/13; \$30 for players new to USCF or scholastic rated under 1100. \$3 CalChess or College discount.

**Location:** Ohlone College Cafeteria, 43600 Mission Blvd, Fremont  
Can take bus from Fremont BART station. Parking \$1.50 on Sat., free on Sunday

**Tournament Director:** Hans Poschmann, 1-510-656-8505, Email: hspwood2@home.net

**Organizers and Sponsors:** Ohlone Chess Club and Fremont Chess Club

Make checks payable to: Ohlone Chess Club  
 Mail entries to: Hans Poschmann  
 4621 Seneca Park Ave.  
 Fremont, CA 94538

USCF and CalChess memberships available on site.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ CalChess or College discount  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ one only (\$3): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
 USCF ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age: \_\_\_\_ (If under 18 Junior) Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
 College (if college student): \_\_\_\_\_

# 17TH LIVERMORE OPEN

November 2-3, 1999

# of players: 71

Prize Fund: \$1400

## OPEN

1st	Emmanuel Perez (2381)	3.5	\$230
2nd	Jonathan Baker (2294)	3.0	\$150
3rd	James MacFarland (2298)	2.5	\$20 each
4th	Robert Kichinski (2235)		
5th	David Herscovici (2132)		
6th	Larry Snyder (2114)		

1st U2100	Patrick Herbers (2023)	3.0	\$145
2nd U2100	Clarence Lehman (2000)	2.5	\$80

## RESERVE

1st	Rob Nicholson (1830)	4.0	\$175
2nd	Teri Lagier (1816)	3.0	\$53.33 each
3rd	Francisco Carrillo (1751)		
4th	Michael Marque (1723)		

1st U1700	Joshua Daynard (1553)	3.0	\$125
2nd U1700	Dietmar Mayer (1620)	2.5	\$75

## BOOSTER

1st	John Duby (1435)	3.5	\$70 each
2nd	Jocelyn Lee (1362)		
3rd	Dustin Phillips (1225)	3.0	\$13.33 each
4th	Eric Huang (1208)		
5th	Paul Horvath (unr)		

— Report by Don Wolitzer

**Rob Kichinski (2235)**

**Dave Herscovici (2132)**

### Round 2

Annotated by David Herscovici

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Bc5 4. O-O d6 5. c3 Bd7 6. d4 Bb6 7. Na3 Nge7 8. Nc4 O-O 9. a4 exd4 10. cxd4

White does not win a piece here; e.g. 10. a5 Nxa5 11. Rxa5 c6, or 10. Bxc6 Bxc6 11. a5 Bc5 12. b4 d5

10. ... Bg4 11. Nxb6 axb6 12. Be3 d5 13. e5 Nf5 14. Be2 Nh4 15. Nxb4 Bxe2 16. Qxe2 Qxh4 17. f4 f5

18. Qf3 Rad8 19. Bf2 Qe7 20. Rfd1 Rd7 21. Rac1 Nd8 22. Qb3 Ne6 23. Be3 Ra8 24. Qc2 g6 25. Qb3 Kg7?!

Safer is 25. ... Kh8, avoiding trouble when the g-file opens after white plays g4.

26. Rd2 Rdd8 27. Qd1 Qb4 28. b3 b5 29. axb5 Qxb5 30. Rdc2 c6 31. Rc3?! Ra2 32. g4 Rda8 33. gxf5 gxf5 34. Bd2 Nxd4 35. Rg3+ Kh8 36. e6?

36. Bc3 is forced. Now 36. ... Ne2+ loses to 37. Qxe2, and white's game looks better if black tries 36. ... Rg8 37. Bc3, but I played

36. ... Qe2

winning the bishop in all lines; e.g. 37. Rg2 Rxd2! 38. Qxd2 Nf3+ 39. Kh1 Qxd2, or 37. Be3 Nf3+ 38. Rxf3 Qg2#. Note that had white played 36. Bc3, then if 36. ... Qe2 37. Qxd4 covers f2, and forces black to take the draw, repeating Qxh2+ and Qe2+, and 36. Bc3 Ne6? 37. Qh5 Qe2 38. Qh6 Rf8 (to defend Qf6#) 39. Qxf8+! My opponent didn't see my mate threats, and so the game ended

37. Bc3 Qxh2+ 38. Kf1 Qf2# [Black mates] 0-1

# The Far North

Report by James Bauman & Jerry Jackson

**A tense moment  
at the  
1999 Humboldt  
County Junior  
Championship**



The Arcata Chess Club hosted several events this fall. On November 13th the 1999 Humboldt County Junior Championship was held at the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center in Eureka. Twenty-five participants representing Redway, Eureka, Arcata, Fortuna, Willow Creek and Bridgeville made this the most successful tournaments we've had so far. Some players traveled up to two hours to reach the tournament.

Eleven year old Forest Carter from Arcata upset the Arcata chess club Junior Champion 15 year old Terry Wolf in the final round to become the 1999 Humboldt County Junior Champion. Forest went undefeated in the five round open Swiss. Terry tied for second at 4 points with Michael Kubik from Redway and Sam Zublin from Arcata. Michael defeated Sam in a playoff to take home the 14 and under 1st place trophy. One half point behind at 3 1/2 was Jacob Lewis of Eureka and Redway's Conner Ashenbrucker. Following at 3 points was Fortuna's

Evan Markegard and Shane Demello, Redway's Cody Vella and Willow Creek's Teiwaz Smith.

Top Female honors went to 14 year old Sheila Andrews of Eureka at 2 1/2 points. The top Ten and Under finishers were Sam Schachter of Eureka at 2 1/2 points, Melody Hoffman of Redway and 7 year olds Bogart Levesque of Arcata and Paul Mullan of Bridgeville with 2 points.

The week before 9 players participated in the 1999 Humboldt County Championship held at the Arcata Chess Club. Bob Synder took home the 1st place trophy while Eric Lent took 1st in the u/1400.

Two 'Quick Chess' tournaments were held at the Sacred Grounds Coffee House in Arcata on October 5th and November 2nd. In the October tournament, James Bean from Santa Rosa and Arlen Vanek from Trinidad took 1st from their respective quads with Tommy Groombridge and Jerry Jackson taking seconds. The November tournament saw

James Bauman and Eric Lent taking first.

In October, we held our first action tournament at the Arcata Chess Club. Bob Synder took 1st with Terry Wolf coming in 2nd. The August Blitz 1st place went to Silver Good with Arlen Vanek winning both the September and October blitz.

The results of our local club Swiss Tournaments were as follows. Life time expert Tommy Groombridge finished 1/2 point ahead of Bob Synder to win the Sept./Oct. Open. Tommy has since relocated. He was one of only two experts in the county and our only lifetime expert. He has a long history of chess activities as both a player and a director. His chess library is composed of over 400 books. He will be missed.

During the month of November James Bauman defeated Bob Synder in a match 3-0 to win the club championship for the second year in a row. Jerry Jackson and Karl Bohlmann tied for first in the Nov/Dec open.



# Messages

## from the **Mechanics**

by  
**John Donaldson IM**  
*Mechanics Institute Chess Room Director*

**NM Bereslav Santic is quick and deadly at blitz.**

Photo by Eric Schiller

### **Bhat on top at G/45**

Senior Master Vinay Bhat of San Jose added to his list of successes on Saturday January 22 by winning the Mechanics' Institute Game in 45 Minute tournament. The 16-year-old high school student defeated top-seeded SM Vladimir Mezentsev in round four and drew with second seed International Master John Donaldson in round five to score 4 1/2 - 1/2 and win \$200. Mezentsev, Donaldson and expert Vivek Nambiar shared second place at 4-1, good for \$90 a piece.

Almost half the participants (16/34) won money in the event:

Top A Jade Arrieta  
Top B Jeff Andersen and Benjamin Haun  
Top C Drake Wang  
Top D and Unrated Daichi Siegrist, Oren Gazit, Joseph Aiken, Surojit Chatterjee, John Westphal, John Chan, Adrian Parkinson and Jason Toohey

The G/45 featured 10 masters including foreign visitors Mauro Casadei (Italy), Gilles Riazuello (France) and William Hajenius

(Belgium). Thanks to the encouragement of Mechanics' Institute Scholastic Chess Director Anthony Corrales there were eight juniors competing.

### **WBCA Blitz**

NM Bereslav Santic of Oakland scored an outstanding 10 1/2 - 1/2 to win the January 19 edition of the Mechanics' Institute WBCA Wednesday Night Blitz. Santic drew only with second place finisher NM Jonathan Baker (9-2) to take home the \$50 first prize. UC Berkeley student Andrei Ionescu was a strong third at 8 1/2 - 2 1/2 followed by fellow expert

Jesus Cendejas at 7-4. NM Patrick McCollum and Juan Cendejas, at 6-5, were equal fifth in the 12-player round robin.

McCollum, making his WBCA debut, came closest to defeating Santic. In their last round game he established an unstoppable mating attack, but ran out of time. This was one of the stronger WBCA events at the Mechanics', with three masters and four experts competing.

### **Yermo Talks**

The Mechanics' GrandMaster-in-Residence Alex Yermolinsky is continuing his popular Tuesday and Wednesday night lectures. Yermo's talks are proving to be quite a hit. Recently twenty five players listened intently to his discourse on endgame fundamentals.

### **Pruess-Evans**

NMs David Pruess of Berkeley and Bela Evans of San Francisco battled to a tie in their hard fought two game match. Interestingly Black won both games.

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# Bartlett Middle School

## *On the Prowl*

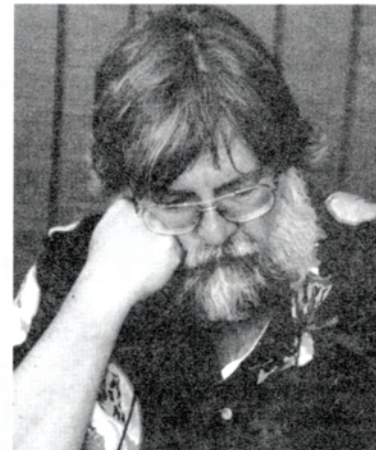
by

**Hans Borm**

Photos by Joe Nichols



**Bartlett top gun Stephen Ho is always dangerous**



**Hans Borm deep in thought**

Bartlett Middle School is very proud of its chess club this year. After participating in 13 tournaments last year including the Northern California Scholastic Championships ('NorCals') and the National Junior High in Columbus, 6th and 22nd in U1000, the Bartlett Middle School Chess team has already participated in 7 tournaments this year. The team has received 5 team first places. The team is particularly proud of a second place finish (by only one point) at the All American Cup National Quick Chess Scholastic in Scottsdale, Arizona

behind national powerhouse, Taos, New Mexico. On an individual basis, Stephen Ho has had four first places, two second places and a tie for seventh place in the All American Cup. Michael Edes has received two second places and numerous other high finishes for a 750 rated player. Ahana Sandhu, recently rated 530, has climbed to over 800 with some great wins over higher rated players. Ronnie Jeffries, Tyler Yazzie, Randall Steen, Kyle Koop, Jacob Catalina, Juan Andrade, Joseph Zimmerman, and Alex Saldana have also been a big part of our

success this year and have steadily improved their ratings and their game. We are all looking forward to the NorCals in Santa Clara (April), the Nationals in Tucson and the California State Grade Level Championship in Santa Clarita. We hope to see many more participants at these events and others because after 22 years of competing we truly know the fun, camaraderie, competition and wealth of memories that come from being a part of scholastic chess, especially in Northern California. ♔

## Visalia Fall Picnic



**Under 1200 prize winners at the Visalia Fall Picnic: L to R Daniel Gomez, Bonnie Yost, Randy Steen, Michael Edes, Ahana Sandhu, and Sumit Roshan. 34 players enjoyed a perfect Saturday (Oct 02) in Blaine Park.**

Photo by Allan Fifield

# The Crisis

in the **USCF**

**GM Larry Evans Interviews Newly Elected Board Member Tim Redman**

**Reno, Nevada: August 20, 1999**

## **The Financial Crisis**

**Evans:** You were USCF president from 1981 to 1984. My first question, Tim, is you said you were elected for two years and the reason you ran was because you hope you can do some good but there are many problems facing the organization. Could you describe what you consider to be the major problems?

**Redman:** The major problem is, I think, the current financial crisis. We had a very bad year last year. We had an operational loss of \$325,000 and an augmentation in debt of over \$400,000. So we carry a fairly heavy debt load and that restricts our room to maneuver.

The second big problem to solve is that computerization of the office has gone very, very badly and Y2K is fast approaching. We don't have an up-to-date computer system yet. A bad vendor choice delayed us by six months. The new board has made it clear to Mike Cavallo that getting a new computer system up and running must be his top priority right now.

**Evans:** What is the total debt at this point?

**Redman:** Well, I look at the change in debt in the last year — an increase of about \$460,000. Claims have been made that the debt is much more but I think those figures are incorrect because they count accounts payable but don't subtract accounts receivable. That's not normally done. At the very least, it seems to me you should subtract accounts payable. [Laughs] So the debt load is heavy, there's no

question that it's clearly over \$400,000 — a loan outstanding to a bank and then maybe another \$60,000 on a note due to a computer vendor.

**Evans:** How does the board propose to attack the problem?

**Redman:** It's a tough one. When I first was elected in 1978 we had a crisis of, I think, comparable magnitude. The federation was operating at a loss and had not recognized its liability for life members, five out of six of the senior staff resigned. So this looks very much like '78 all over again. But in '78 we still had a dominant position in the market for serious chess and through good management were able to reverse the financial situation because our market share was intact. The problem right now is that our market share is eroding. We are no longer the one place where you can play serious chess. Obviously competition from various internet providers has meant that casual chess is now played over the internet. This has meant a decline in clubs and a decline in rated tournaments. It's a very grave situation.

**Evans:** What can be done about it?

**Redman:** Well, the first thing that was done was the finance people and Jim Pechac, who's the new vice president for finance, Mike Carr, myself, Cavallo, Camaratta, Doyle, met and essentially appointed a committee to hammer out a real austerity budget. We had come up with a conservative budget last May. The first thing you have to do is stop the red ink. That is absolutely

mandatory. The only way to do it at this point, given the erosion in tournament participation and the stagnation in adult membership, is to cut costs even more. Cavallo started that last year and did a pretty good job once he became aware in February of how serious things were. We'll have some of the benefit of those cuts this year but the delegates mandated that we cut even more and pretty much gave us the message that we have to come in very definitely in the black next year.

We have to start thinking of where to cut, it's never easy, and probably the fairest way to do it is just across the board. Sharing the pain. After we get back in the black, at that point we start to think of what the future of the USCF will be in the next millennium. So there is a strategic planning sub-committee which will take up the question of what we should be doing and what things are really better left to local foundations and state associations.

## **Online Play**

**Evans:** What about online play? The USCF has been giving free advertising to one of its competitors? Are there any plans to merge or do something about the Internet Chess Club?

**Redman:** The analogy that has been given — I just had breakfast with Ken Sloan, a professor of computer science in Alabama — is that the USCF itself does not run a lot of tournaments but instead sanctions, provides supervision, rating, regulation and all the rest of the technical help for people who run



tournaments. There's no question that the ICC especially has hurt our market share. The question is should we look and pursue an analogous policy close to what we do in over-the-board chess — which is to allow competing groups to bid for tournaments and work in partnership with them — or should we set up our own Internet chess provider? I think it would have been prudent and useful to have done it several years ago. I think another analogy from the past is when we bought Chess Review. There was probably a point three or four years ago when it would have been prudent to buy ICC when we could have afforded it. Now we don't have the money to setup something that is really competitive. We don't have the resources for such a cutting edge technology as ICC has. So we work in partnership with them and see what happens.

#### OMOV

**Evans:** Let's switch gears. You voted against One Member One Vote [OMOV] at the recent delegate meeting. Can you explain why?

**Redman:** Yes. I'm not unalterably opposed to OMOV. Currently I'm worried about just two aspects. One is the fact that we don't have an independent chess press. In his report to the board editor Glenn Petersen said Chess Life is a house organ. So we are not getting diversity of political opinion in Chess Life. In fact, when asked by a board member why he didn't put in a pro and con position on various controversial topics, the editor said he wasn't going to do it — no politics in the magazine.

**Evans:** But the OMOV proposal calls for special election supplements to be mailed to dues-paying adult members independent of Chess Life.

**Redman:** The Internet news group [rec.games.chess.politics](mailto:rec.games.chess.politics) is starting to provide what I consider to be an adequate independent forum for discussing chess ideas and so that is one reason why down the road that would be a counter argument to the lack of

an independent press.

The other aspect has to do with professional organizations I belong to that have one member one vote. National Council of Teachers of English, etc., and they have nominating committees. The effect of OMOV is not really to encourage active discussion about the way those organizations are run but seems to entrench the power of the executive director and current management. My own feeling historically is that big danger times for the USCF came when talented executive directors became highly politicized with no actual check on what they were doing.

**Evans:** But hasn't that happened exactly under the current system?

**Redman:** Yes. But the problem is how you perceive OMOV as helping or hurting that. My perception is that it would make it worse. I'll give you an example. There were clear cases in this recent election where you had a highly vocal critic of the administration running and where Chess Life was used to present COMPLETELY misleading reports about the federation's financial health. And the Annual Report was also misused to present misleading figures to the voters. These came precisely at the height of the campaign. A group critical of the administration was running against a group essentially supportive of it. And so you had a rather heavy handed use of the official USCF media to present a pro-management view using falsified figures. Now we were able to challenge that because we could within essentially a week circulate a letter to 452 voters signed by past presidents and past executive directors saying that we had been lied to. Now under OMOV there would be no way to disseminate a credible countervailing argument in time to have an effect on the election.

So those are my two reservations but I don't think OMOV would be a disaster. I think at some point my reservations will be overcome.

**Evans:** In this election the correct figures did get to the voters on time but didn't change anything. There was no accountability, no retribution for what was done.

**Redman:** Retribution is a kind of strong word. There were two routine motions that came up on the second day of the delegate meeting — both of which encountered a great deal of opposition.

The first motion was to ratify the actions of the executive board in the past year and for the first time in memory that was hotly debated. It narrowly passed. And the second was to ratify the appointment of Don Schultz as a delegate at large. It required only a simple majority but was debated and narrowly passed. It's not as though everyone was silent. I think people got the message.

#### Downsizing

**Evans:** Some experts suggest the USCF might have to downsize in the future and just become a rating, sanctioning and technical organization that puts out Chess Life. The USCF might have to eliminate the mail order business which may not be profitable.

**Redman:** I don't think that's going to happen. I think that as opposed to Amazon.com the federation should be providing value added in the form of chess expertise. The internet marketing environment really resembles an auction which is very favorable to the consumer. It's easy to find absolutely the lowest price but it's not so easy to find the expertise about what products are good and what products are not so good, reviews that are honest and informative.

**Evans:** We haven't had honest reviews.

**Redman:** We certainly need it. We should have it. I don't think we'll be getting out of the book and equipment business.

#### Chess Life Debates

**Evans:** Are you in favor of a "From Both Sides" column in Chess Life featuring pro and con on hot controversial topics?

**Redman:** Yes. Not only that, I was going to buttonhole the editor because Larry Parr and I have been kicking around the idea of our doing a Siskel and Ebert pro and con from time to time. But the editor seems quite adamant that he doesn't want to have this in Chess Life. New board members suggested it to him at our open meeting, but we can't step on his toes too much.

**Evans:** So we just have to wait and see?

**Redman:** Yes. I think it's a reasonable idea.

#### **USCF vs. Peterson**

**Evans:** I realize you can't say much about the lawsuit of the USCF Vs. Peterson. I'm troubled by litigation between the business office and organizers and many other people don't want to see this kind of thing happening in chess. The board went into closed session to discuss the matter and came out with a motion reaffirming the appointment of their attorneys in Arizona. To my mind, this means the board has rejected the concept of binding arbitration that I suggested at the open meeting.

**Redman:** I don't think the board has rejected anything, but I'm not at liberty to discuss it.

**Evans:** As I see it, there are two possibilities. Either the USCF is going to proceed — and I don't like litigation because it is so costly — or seek a negotiated settlement. As we know, there has been a countersuit for \$3 million and this is an open-ended liability that could destroy the USCF if Peterson wins the case over what is a relatively trivial amount of twenty or twenty five thousand dollars. The hands of the new board were tied because there was a rush to file without even consulting the old board. Without discussing the merits of the case, what can you say about that aspect of it, if anything?

**Redman:** In my view the executive director does not have the right to file a lawsuit without consulting the full board.

**Evans:** And that's all you can

say?

**Redman:** [Laughs] Yes. That's all I can say.

#### **FIDE**

**Evans:** You were appointed FIDE delegate but turned it down. Can you explain why?

**Redman:** Yes. My good friend Lynne Babcock did some research about the dictatorship in Kalmykia. I'm a member of P.E.N. which, as you know, is the International Writers Group and I'm very active in the freedom to write committee. We write to political prisoners and also contact officials in countries that imprison writers. With the murder of the opposition journalist in Kalmykia it became clear that I simply could not in conscience participate in FIDE at this time. I was appointed FIDE delegate in May of '98 and stepped down in August of '98. I continue to advise the federation on FIDE matters because of the general experience that I've had in FIDE but I cannot participate in any way with the current regime in Kalmykia.

#### **Free Scholarships**

**Evans:** At the Denker tournament here you gave free scholarships to two winners. Could you briefly describe what you're doing at the University of Texas in Dallas?

**Redman:** We have been engaged in giving chess scholarships now for about five years. Essentially we have two kinds of scholarships. One is called academic excellence scholarships that take chess ability into account. If we have two applicants, both with equivalent SAT scores and class rank, we weight chess ability heavily in awarding a scholarship. Those are available to anyone. The other thing we have been doing — and this is an innovation of the current undergraduate dean Michael Coleman — is giving competition scholarships. We have awarded scholarships to the top Texas high school player for the last couple of years, to the top Texas grade 12 player for the last couple of years, to the top sixth

grade player in the Dallas Area Chess-In-Schools program, and we awarded two scholarships to the top eleventh grade and below Denker participants. This year I tried something different. I saw three young women competing and remembering that Fan Adams and Arnie Denker talked about maybe doing something for the girls, I decided to award an eleventh grade and below scholarship to a girl.

**Evans:** What does it include?

**Redman:** Four years full tuition and fees for eight semesters plus a \$500 per semester additional stipend to help with living costs. The only stipulation is that students must meet our entrance requirements. They're put on a roster so when they're ready to come we have their name and they get a scholarship. If they happen to have some degree of academic distinction, they can essentially get an upgrade — a better scholarship. The point is that academic excellence comes first but chess excellence is also recognized.

**Evans:** How long did it take get this past the administration?

**Redman:** [Laughs] A number of years. I had the idea years ago and then a friend and colleague of mine became the new undergraduate dean. He's a good listener and took me to the provost. The way we presented it was to talk about why it is in the university's best interests to do this. I found if you talk about it that way you get better results than if you say "I want to play chess. Give me money." [Laughs]

#### **Redman's Academic Endeavors**

**Evans:** You mentioned earlier that you're working on a biography of Ezra Pound. Could you briefly discuss what you're doing outside of chess?

**Redman:** Yes, absolutely. Of course I teach 19th and 20th century British and American literature as well as Italian Medieval and Renaissance literature at the University of Texas at Dallas. I'm currently working on a major biography of Ezra Pound for, I think,

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# Phil Smith: The King of Central California (Part II)

Interviewed by Dennis Wajckus  
Continued from the Summer 1999 Issue

We now conclude the interview with Phil Smith who for many years was the strongest player in the Central California. Phil's active chess career spanned from the 1930's into the late eighties during which time he seems to have met and played nearly everyone. Dennis Wajckus of the Fresno Chess Club sat down with Phil and a tape recorder in January, 1983. It is with pleasure that we share Phil Smith's memories and opinions with a wider audience one last time. — Allan Fifield

**Dennis:** Did you ever meet Arthur Bisguier?

**Phil:** Oh, Bisguier. Yes, I played him one time. In 1954 Hermann Steiner ran a big tournament in Los Angeles that was 14 rounds. I was down there two weeks. I got to play Bisguier and that's when I learned that two pawns can beat a rook. He sacrificed a rook and we got an endgame where I had a rook and king and he had two pawns and a king. The two pawns won because the two pawns were on the six.

**Dennis:** A friend of your, Ed Edmondson, died recently.

**Phil:** Yes. I knew Edmondson for many years. When I first met Edmondson it was in 1951. I came to live in Fresno in 1951 and at that time we had a central California chess league. One year there were 8 clubs and most of the time there were seven teams: Fresno, Visalia, Modesto, Oakdale, San Jose, Sacramento. Sometimes we played in Fresno or other cities, but most of the time we all met in Oakdale. We had about six or eight players on a side. When I first met Edmondson he was a air force major in Sacramento. He was playing with the Sacramento team. And then he played also in a number of California Open tournaments held in Fresno or San Luis Obispo and other area games. Then later he started being a tournament director before he started working for the US Chess Federation. Very genial man; He played for many years. Ed was about an A player.

**Dennis:** Of course, you've had an experience or two with international master John Grefe.

**Phil:** Well, I played Grefe twice. Once in Fresno and once at the California Open. I think it was a

draw. I was exchanging everything and the next day he was complaining bitterly that I traded everything off. However, I had to play him a second time in Ventura in the California Open and I had an even game right up to the 40th move and I threw him a whole rook. My second experience wasn't so happy.

**Dennis:** Do you personally know the chess editor of the San Francisco paper, George Koltanowski?

**Phil:** Yes, I've known him for many years when I first started playing in a number of tournaments that he directed. The most recent one was the U.S. Senior Open last August in Scottsdale. He used to run an organization called Chess Friends. It's rather ironical that he became so prominent in the US Chess Federation. For years, he competed with the USCF affiliate which was our state association and he had his own organization which was not affiliated with USCF. I do admire him for his memory feats which is legendary. The most interesting one I saw was when he came to Denver in 1941 when he was a younger man. I played him five games of skittles. Three were draws and I lost two. He was a strong player, no doubt about it.

**Dennis:** They said that he actually played a stronger blindfold game than he did over the board. Do you agree with that?

**Phil:** Well, I don't know. He tried to play in some California Opens and dropped out. About 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954. In fact, I remember one in Santa Barbara in 1954 where both he and Kashdan dropped out when they were doing so badly because they were getting old. But getting back to Koltanowski and his memory feats. Of course, we've all read

about some of them or seen them (maybe up at Paul Mason). The one that I saw that impressed me in Denver when I was there in 1941, he gave an exhibition at the Athletic Club. He wasn't playing blindfolded for our exhibition. But there were a lot of spectators there. Oh, there must have been 100 people or so. Anyway, he had a big blackboard where the chess board was drawn on it with 64 squares and he asked 64 people in the audience before he started the exhibition to give him just three pieces of information. I think it was the name, the date of birth and address. Anyway, there were three pieces of information on each person that he had written on the square and during the course of the evening as he was giving the simultaneous he would call off the square, call off the name, call off the two bits of information and during the course of the evening he called off all 64 squares without a mistake.

**Dennis:** Amazing!

**Phil:** I didn't believe in photographic memory when I saw him do that. But after that I did believe in photographic memory. I don't know what the psychology professors say about that. I was very impressed with it.

**Dennis:** Phil, you mentioned Emanuel Lasker several times. Did you know or were you aware of Edward Lasker, the less famous Lasker.

**Phil:** Well, I've known of him for years and years. Of course, everybody knows the famous end game in where Emanuel had a knight and he drew Edward Lasker who had a rook and knight. I've have some of his books and I've read about him but I've never knew him personally and I've never played him. He died at

about age 95. I guess he was a distant cousin of Emanuel Lasker.

**Dennis:** Can you discuss or remember any specific instances of problems or interesting things that happened while giving a simultaneous exhibition?

**Phil:** Well, we had some simultaneous in here in Fresno. I gave two at Fashion Fair. I played 32 boards at a time. After I got my master rating, the manager at Fashion Fair ran some big ads in the Bee. He paid me two dollars a board so I made \$64 for each one. I gave another one down at Gottschalks where I didn't make any money. I was going to teach chess for the YMCA and the YWCA; it was a promotion for that. Anyway, one time I got in trouble with my wife over the second Fashion Fair exhibition. Some of the TV stations came and they were interviewing me. The first question was, "Mr. Smith, why are you giving this exhibition?" So I said "For \$64!" My wife was unhappy with this broadcast. I had a little trouble at some of the three public exhibitions (of course, I gave number of other exhibitions in the club here in Fresno). The one that bothered me the most was down at Gottschalks. I wasn't smart enough to specify Staunton pattern chess sets, so a number of the players showed up with these exotic Renaissance sets. And there must have been a half a dozen of those sets in the exhibitions. Every time I came around I would have to ask is this the knight or is this the bishop. And then there was a little boy from Clovis who had a peg set, a little small peg set, and every time I came around I had to get down on my knees to see it. So after that, whenever I gave an exhibition I always specified regular sized boards. Another thing you need for simultaneous is good lights. That's true of all competition. That's one place where I agree with Bobby Fischer and Browne about lights and playing conditions and noise.

**Dennis:** Do you think that speed chess harms one's games or makes it look superficially into the game?

**Phil:** Now that's a very interesting question. There are two sides

to that. I used to tell my students not to play five minute chess if they wanted to do serious tournament playing. One book that made a great impression on me in the last 10-12 years was Kotov's "How to Think Like a Grandmaster." He has since brought out some sequels to it, various other titles, and Jude Acers wrote a review about 10 years ago when that book came out for the Chess Reporter, you know, MacLeans magazine, and in that book Kotov brought out the various qualities needed for a successful tournament player and Acers stressed if you really wanted to be a serious player that speed chess was out because it would make you superficial. In tournament chess the idea is to sit on your hands. Dr. Tarrasch said years ago the hardest thing in chess is to sit on your hands to keep from making a faulty move. And also Dr. Lasker pointed out that even after you've looked for alternatives and supposedly analyzed the various possibilities for yourself and your opponent that you shouldn't make the move, you should look even harder. I've found in my own chess (and I learned this in Kotov's book and from Acers review) that when I decide on my move, I don't play it. I write it down first. Even in time pressure I write it down, then I look for another move. Frequently I change it. However, because I have played a lot of fast chess and man is not a machine, man is an emotional person. I have found frequently that I'll be sitting there for several hours playing a logical tournament kind of game, making all the checks, looking for alternatives, looking for better moves, that all of the sudden I forget all of this and I reached out and make a positive move. So on that side of it we say don't play five minute chess if you want to be a serious tournament player. However, there's another side of it. I played in a tournament in Denver about 1974. I tied with a master there in Denver for first place in a Denver tournament. A very nice fellow. He was a master sergeant in the air force. Anyway, he wrote a column for the Colorado State Chess Magazine that I got for about a year after playing that

tournament and he argued in his column just the opposite point of view, that five minute chess was ideal because it let's you try out your openings many, many times in various variations whereas... although I suppose you could sit down like Fari and I could to play a match of 30-30 or something, but it wouldn't be as many games, as many variations. So I suppose there's two sides to that.

**Dennis:** I heard you comment that you felt that Garry Kasprov would be the next world champion. The world championship is going to be rescheduled for next June and the candidate's matches are coming up. Do you have any predictions in those candidate matches?

**Phil:** Well, I kind of think Kasparov is going to be a good challenger. Old Korchnoi might surprise us all, you know.

**Dennis:** It's true. He has a lot of fighting spirit.

**Phil:** At his age, he's a fighter. Speaking of fighters, he's the Dr. Lasker type. Korchnoi and Larson of the present generation of great chess players are the best exponents of the old Lasker fighting spirit.

**Dennis:** The older fellow that used to be world champion in the 50's that's in this, Smyslov or...

**Phil:** Smyslov. Yeah, remarkable! He's 62 or 63 years old and he qualified!

**Dennis:** That's unbelievable!

**Phil:** He's been a terrific chess player for years. Of course, Fischer just beat the pants off of him. At Palma de Mallorca, I saw Fischer just beat the pants off him. Generally after 40 professional chess players are not supposed to do as well as they did in the past. Dr. Euwe could play with the best players...after 40 he could play with the best players in the world after the first four hours...or three hours...but he would tire in the last hour. Smyslov is great at his age. Well, Kasparov is what? Nineteen?

**Dennis:** He just turned 19 at the Moscow Interzonal, he had his 19th birthday, unbelievable.

**Phil:** That's another thing that's humbling. We old guys can study chess and play chess all our lives and some young kid comes along and he beats everybody. And how does he do it? I've been spending

a lifetime.

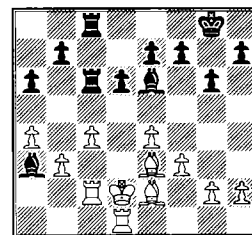
**Dennis:** Are there any closing thoughts you can leave me with?

**Phil:** Well, let's say one thing. Dr. Tarrasch at one time said chess, like art, like music, has the power to make men happy. That's the best and most important thing is to be happy in chess. I remember there was a chess club in Washington, D.C. when I lived there as a young man and it was called The Social Chess Club. I always thought that was a great name for a chess club, that we ought to stress sociability. Chess is been known as a rather anti-social game. I've seen some very sad things in my life in that aspect of it. Contract bridge although it can have it's cutthroat aspects is a more sociable game, and has certainly attracted far more women and far more men. I think this is one thing that's been wrong with chess. Just as chess tournaments, it would be nice do something for the wives or the hus-

bands, have a party or social. There should be more sociability and not just cut throat. After all, it's not so important who wins, it's how you win. That reminds me, you mentioned Edward Lasker. I remember he wrote a book you may have a copy of "Chess for Fun or Chess For Blood." Well, I guess if you're a serious tournament player, unfortunately it's mostly chess for blood. But it should be fun or it's really not worthwhile. There are very few of the thousands and thousands or millions of people that play chess, very few are good enough or want to devote the time to be serious professionals. Those of us who aren't professional should play for fun. When I was a college student from Colorado, my brother and I fell into a little poker group. I had a brother who when he had a good hand he wouldn't raise because he didn't want to hurt his friends. You don't find any chess players like that do you?

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# The Crisis in the USCF

## 1999 Treasurer's Message

by  
Tom Dorsch

The past three years have been an interesting but unhealthy period for the USCF. There has already been much talk about the 1999 deficit, with the Schultz Board positioned to lose money three times in three years. Management in the office is as weak as it has been in a decade, with an ED who constantly talks of leaving and razor-thin staff coverage. Because of the financial crisis, much of our top staff has left and has not been replaced. Our long-term debt is at a historic high, and unless something unexpected happens we will have no available credit to buy inventory for next Christmas. Our Internet policy—well, what Internet policy? Regular membership continues its straight-line decline. We struggle along without modern computers because, despite years of promises, management is—for some unfathomable reason—unable to manage this necessary and important change. We have less sponsorship now than we had two years ago, including the loss of the US Championship sponsor and the Grand Prix sponsor. Would anybody be surprised to learn that our strategic plan is that we have no strategic plan?

We are literally lurching from crisis to crisis, without progress in any area, falling further and further behind. The only bright spot is that scholastic membership continues to flourish. Yet the failure by our management to appreciate the importance of this invaluable segment of our chess community is inadvertently reversing this lonesome positive trend. Management alleges that scholastics are a financial drag on the organization, but provides no documentation for this state-

ment. Even worse are attempts by management to impose a third dues increase in three years unilaterally on the scholastic segment of our organization. We need to applaud and encourage our scholastic workers, not make them the scapegoats for management's inability to balance a budget.

Let's start to deal with our real problems. Our organization is in a period when dynamic change is necessary, and we need to face that fact as an organization. Of course change is threatening—especially threatening to special interests. But in light of the facts presented in the first paragraph, we find ourselves in a Darwinian predicament. The trends are killing us and the only way we can reverse them is to face the risks of change.

In past years, I disputed budgetary assumptions at the Board level and then supported the budget at the Annual Meeting. Part of this was the desire to support the Schultz Board as a member (albeit a much-maligned member) of that team. Part of this was a desire to give the benefit of the doubt to our new ED, who deserved a fair chance to demonstrate his capability.

This year, for the first time, I voted against the budget. I no longer have confidence that the course we are following will produce results. After two-and-a-half years, during which the current management has had a completely free hand to take whatever measures are necessary to restore profitability, we see that the declining trends are actually increasing instead of reversing. While the year-end close has not taken place as I write this, all indications are that we will lose

more money this year than we did in both of the two preceding years put together. The Schultz Board will be the first to lose money in all three years. This tells me that it is time for a course correction.

The 1999-2000 budget does not contain some of the unrealistic assumptions that characterized earlier budgets. We assume flat membership instead of growth, for example. Yet it falls short of the "austerity budget" called for at the Special Finance Workshop, held at the US Amateur Team East in February.

There are three things that I find unacceptable about the 1999-2000 budget.

One is that there is inadequate provision for new technologies. We have to radically upgrade our website, and the best way to do that is to bring it in-house by hiring our own webmaster, a new, permanent USCF position. The new budget does not provide enough money for this.

A second thing is that we have been increasing our debt at a six-figure-per-annum rate, borrowing against our future, spending more than we take in. We not only have to reverse this borrowing, we have to retire the obligations that resulted from it. This requires a period of cost-cutting for the fiscal soundness of the organization. There are no painless cuts, only necessary cuts, but it is one of the responsibilities of leadership to allocate resources and take the heat. Our current leadership would rather pretend that things are fine than make the hard decisions required to fix things. But we must tip the balance, so that revenues exceed expenditures instead of vice versa, or we cannot pay off the debts we have created through three straight years

of overspending.

The third change I recommend to the budget is to increase the allocations for staff. We have lost too many of our top people and we are now back in the predicament of a few years ago where our organizational chart looks more like a space needle than a pyramid. We have one guy who makes more than twice as much as anybody else, and gets raises of 15%-20% per year, while everybody else gets peanuts—last year 2%. This concentration of resources in one employee while starving the staff as a whole has a negative impact on morale. The inability to maintain parity between the hiring rate and the attrition rate creates a productivity gap. With fewer employees doing more work, the inevitable consequence is less service to our membership.

It is my view that the public pronouncements of our leadership have now crossed the line

from overly optimistic to purely political. The litmus test is to watch what they do, not what they say. They say that things were “out of control” and are now “in control,” and they brag of “a great turnaround” from prior administrations. What do they do? They are proposing dues increases, they are cutting content out of Chess Life, they are shrinking our staff, they are cutting programs, they are borrowing more money from the bank, and they are postponing payments to suppliers.

“Much has been accomplished, but our chess federation remains a work in progress. Only through modernization and growth can we maintain viability in a world that is changing more rapidly than ever before; we will not be the chess organization of the 21st century by default. Our dominant place in American chess can only be assured if we adapt to our market and take the

bold steps that lead to progress. Only then will we fulfill our mission statement to make chess a significant force in American culture.”

When I wrote that statement in last year’s Treasurer’s Report, I had high hopes that we could accomplish a great deal this year. It just didn’t happen. Those hopes have been replaced by the realities itemized in the first paragraph and anybody who understands our current predicament must share my disappointment.

In August, we will have an entirely new political leadership, elected under the new reform governance system adopted in Hawaii. Let’s hope, for the sake of the Federation we serve and the game we love, that we are able to select leaders as grand as the tasks they face. This is no ordinary time, and we can no longer afford the luxury of business as usual.



## A New Player in Town

by  
Steve Cohen

The World Organization of Lightning-Chess (WOLC, WebSite at <http://lightningchess.webjump.com>) is a world-wide organization dedicated to providing standardized rules and maintaining official records for chess matches between players where neither player has more than 1 minute in which to complete their entire game. Over 150 “lightning” chess-players from around the globe and all the continents (except Antarctica) joined. Two-time reigning Lightning-Chess World Champion Roland Schmaltz (“Hawkeye”) of Germany and top U.S. Lightning-player, Maxim Dlugy have signed up in the newest, and what may prove to be the most exciting chess organization as the world moves into the new millennium! Membership is \$10 per year. For that amount members receive a semi-annual league publication twice a year, free WOLC ratings service (with ratings updated within 30 min. of internet-event and 24 hours of

OTB event, posted on the Web), free entry to most internet events & reduced entry fee to most OTB events, and free entry in the yearly internet world championships.

Most events of the WOLC are now run on the internet at the Internet Chess Club (<http://www.chesclub.com>) where you can go to download a free interface to play chess. Already the WOLC has held the 1999 World Tennis-Lightning-Chess Championships (G/1 minute chess, but with tennis-like score-keeping) which was won by “Terra” from the Netherlands (along with a \$100 1<sup>st</sup> prize). Among other events for 1999-2000 will be at least one “Open” Tennis-Lightning-Chess event, the 3rd Annual World Championships (starting in January), and a WOLC Swiss-pairing Open in the late Spring. On November 6, in San Mateo, the WOLC will sponsor the first-ever U.S. G/1 minute Championships! There are discussions going on

about having a WOLC event as one of the side events at next year’s famous Hoogovens tournament. In the long run, it seems that G/1 minute chess will be best for TV coverage due to the fast-paced action and excitement enjoyable by fans of any sport. Only time will tell how this new organization will fare. But so far, those who have participated in WOLC events seem very much to enjoy the opportunity to practice against high-quality opposition (often WOLC events are 1-section events with average rating of participants >2000); and their experiences in WOLC competitions seem to show in improvement in their chess-playing skills outside of the WOLC. For more information about the WOLC, or for a flier for the 1999 US G/1min Championships, go to the above URL, or call (650) 349-7746, or write to Steve Cohen, WOLC President, PO Box 8024, Foster City, Ca 94404-8024.



# The CalChess Calendar of Events

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## 2000

Feb.	19-21	(Sa-M):	Presidents' Day People's (Berkeley)	(MG & RH)
Feb.	26	(Sa):	Visalia Chess for Kids	(AF)
Mar.	3-5	(F-Su):	San Francisco Amateur	(JA2) *
Mar.	18-19	(Sa-Su):	Ohlone Spring Sectional	(HP) *
Mar.	18	(Sa):	Reedley Chess for Kids	(AF)
Mar.	31-Apr. 3	(Th-M):	Frisco Masters (San Francisco)	(MG)
Apr.	4-12	(Tu-W):	Invitational IM Norm Tournament	(JD)
Apr.	7	(Fr):	CalChess State Scholastic Blitz Championship	(AK)
Apr.	7	(Fr):	CalChess State Scholastic Bughouse Championship	(AK)
Apr.	8-9	(Sa-Su):	CalChess State Scholastic Championships (Santa Clara)	(AK) *
Apr.	15-16	(Sa-Su):	Senior Open (San Francisco)	(JA2)
Apr.	29	(Sa):	Visalia Chess for Kids	(AF)
Apr.	29-30	(Sa-Su):	Mixed Pairs Team Tournament (San Francisco)	(JA2)
May	6-7	(Sa-Su):	Livermore Spring Open	(RH) *
May	7	(Su):	Visalia Spring Picnic	(AF)
May	13	(Sa):	Mechanics G/15 (San Francisco)	(JA2)
May	20-21	(Sa-Su):	San Joaquin Championship	(DW) *
Jun.	9-11	(F-Su):	Stamer Memorial (San Francisco)	(JA2)
Jun.	24	(Sa):	Mechanics G/25 (San Francisco)	(JA2)
Oct.	20-22	(F-Su):	Western States Open (Reno)	(JW)

### Annual Events

2nd weekend Jan (Sa-Su): Sojourner Truth Girls' Tourney (Palo Alto) (DS)  
 Martin Luther King weekend (Sa-M): Martin Luther King (RK)  
 Presidents' Day weekend (Sa-M): People's (Berkeley) (MG & AG)  
 1st weekend March (F-Su): San Francisco Amateur (JA2)  
 Last weekend March (Sa-Su): State Scholastic Championship (Santa Clara) (AK)  
 1st weekend May (Sa-Su): Livermore Spring Open (RH)  
 Weekend prior to Memorial Day (Sa-Su):  
 San Joaquin Championship (Fresno) (DW)  
 Memorial Day weekend (Sa-M): LERA Memorial Day (Sunnyvale) (JH)

2nd weekend June (F-Su): Stamer Memorial (San Francisco) (JA2)  
 4th of July weekend (Sa-M): Universe Open (TD)  
 Labor Day weekend (1st weekend Sept.) (Sa-M):  
 Labor Day Festival (RK)  
 last weekend Oct. (F-Su): Western States Open (Reno) (JW)  
 1st weekend Nov. (S-Su): Livermore Fall Open (RH)  
 2nd weekend Nov. (F-Su): Capps (San Francisco) (JA2)  
 Weekend Prior to Thanksgiving (Sa-Su):  
 Fresno County Championship (DW)  
 Thanksgiving Weekend (Sa-M): LERA Thanksgiving (Sunnyvale) (JH)



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Library  
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## The Crisis

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Henry Holt, although it might shift to another publisher — it depends on what my agent does. My research is about 95% complete and I have collected a huge photo archive plus a tremendous amount of new information through my friendship with both sides of the family and my research in Italy about Pound's involvement with Italian fascism, his incarceration for 12 years after the war. Right now I project publication in 2002.

**Evans:** How do you have time for all this plus chess?

**Redman:** Since I served on the board before, there's no learning curve. I like to keep busy and I am.

**Evans:** Thank you, Tim. In closing let me wish you luck and condolences in serving on the new board.

**Redman:** [Laughs] Thank you too, Larry. It's a nice thing, only two more years. I'm not going to run again.

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### WBCA January Blitz

National Master Jonathan Baker won a WBCA Blitz tournament held at the Mechanics' Institute on January 26th. Baker, who drew only with Expert Neil Falconer, scored 9 1/2 - 1/2 to take home the \$50 first prize. Felix Rudyak was second at 7 1/2 followed by Juan Cendejas and Andrei Ionescu in a tie for third at 6 1/2. Tom Stevens and Julio Avella made the final remaining plus scores with 6 and 5 1/2 respectively. The 11-player round robin featured one master and five experts.

### WBCA February Blitz

UC Berkeley student Andrei Ionescu was the winner of the latest Mechanics' Institute WBCA Blitz held February 2nd. The rapidly improving Ionescu, currently rated Class A by the USCF, is an excellent blitz player, which he demonstrated by scoring 9 1/2 - 1 1/2 to pick up the \$50 first prize. His victory didn't come easy as he had to have help in the last round from Jonathan Baker who defeated fellow National Master Arthur Ibragimov. Ionescu was leading most of the event, but a

loss in the penultimate game to Expert Michael Becco left him looking for assistance.

Ibragimov was second with 9 points followed by Baker and Becco at 8. Mariusz Krubnik scored an excellent 6-5 to take fifth place in a field filled with players over 2000. His 10-year-old daughter Ewelina had an outstanding result with 4 1/2 points, including wins over two experts

### Birthdays!

Several players closely connected with Bay Area chess will be celebrating milestone birthdays this year. GM Arthur Duke of Portland, who was a regular at the MI in the late 1920s and early 1930s, will turn 90 on April 8. Three days later Val Zemitis of Davis, author of *The Unknown Tal* and a longtime contributor to the *California Chess Reporter*, will be 75. Last, but hardly least, George Koltanowski will be 97(!) on September 17. The Mechanics Institute Chess Room is going through the process of trying to have the City of San Francisco name a street or alley after George. Letters of support can be E-mailed to imwjd@aol.com to be forwarded on.

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