

chess

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The third annual Peninsula Open Tournament, held April 27-28 in Sunnyvale, attracted a record 156 chessplayers. Complete results:

USCF OPEN DIVISION

1, John Blackstone, Saratoga, 4½-½ (\$125); 2-4, Steve Spencer, Mike Goodall, George Kane, 4-1 (tie, \$115).

CFNC "A" DIVISION

1, Jim Hurt, Saratoga, 4½-½ (\$75); 2, Gary Pickler, Danville, 4-1 (\$40).

CFNC "B" DIVISION

1-2, Bill Chesney, San Jose; George Syty, Sunnyvale, 4½-½ (tie, \$75); 3-5, Robert Booth, S.F.; David Malig, Stockton; John Bulash, Mt. View, 4-1 (tie, \$40).

CFNC "C" DIVISION

1-3, Ted Hibbard, Hayward; Carl Barton, S.F.; King Low, S.F., 4½-½ (tie, \$75); 4-5, Dave Hinrichsen, Cucamonga; Casey O'Brien, San Jose, 4-1 (tie, \$40).

WOMEN'S PRIZE

1, Paula Montfort, Mt. View, 3-2 (trophy).

JUNIOR DIVISION

Age 14-15: Randy Elder, Los Gatos (trophy).

Age 11-13: Kevin O'Meara, Woodside (trophy).

Age 10 and under: Eric Ford, Palo Alto (trophy).

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Once White gets started in this game from the CFNC "A" Division he never quits. Confronted with such attacking vehemence Black fails to make the most of his defensive resources and collapses under the terrific pressure.

White: Gary Pickler. Black: Randy Hough.
Blackmar Gambit

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	13 N-Q5	NxN
2 P-KB3 (a)	P-Q4	14 BxB	N/2-B3 (i)
3 P-K4	PxP	15 BxR	P-Q6ch
4 N-B3	PxP (b)	16 K-R1	PxP (j)
5 NxP	P-KN3 (c)	17 RxN	QxP (k)
6 B-QB4	B-N2	18 R/5xB	KxB (l)
7 0-0 (d)	0-0	19 Q-R6ch	K-K1
8 Q-K1	B-B4 (e)	20 B-N5ch	K-Q1
9 Q-R4	QN-Q2 (f)	21 Q-B8ch	K-B2
10 B-KR6	P-B4 (g)	22 QxPch	K-B1
11 QR-Q1	Q-N3	23 R-B5ch	Resigns
12 N-KN5	PxP (h)		

(a) A convenient way of easing into the Blackmar Gambit by inducing Black to play 2...P-Q4.

(b) The most popular reply, although there are plenty of alternatives: B-B4, P-K6, P-K4, P-K3, P-B4, P-B3, P-KN3 and even N-B3.

(c) Recommended by Pachman, among others, as the sturdiest defense.

(d) Beginning a methodical assault on Black's castled King (Studier's Attack), far superior to the book line of 7 N-K5 0-0 8 B-KN5 QN-Q2.

(e) Weaker than 8...N-B3 9 Q-R4 B-N5 10 B-K3 BxN 11 RxB P-K3.

(f) If 9...BxP, then White cracks the pawn barrier surrounding Black's King with 10 N-KN5 P-KR3 11 NxP RxN 12 BxP.

(g) Vainly striving for some counterplay. A more reasonable try is 10...N-N3 in conjunction with P-B3 and QN-Q4.

(h) Maybe Black can hold out with 12...P-K3

(i) Black's last chance to defend himself is 14...KxB 15 RxB N/4-B3! (if 15...PxR, 16 QxRPch K-B3 17 Q-R6ch K-K4 18 N-B3ch K-K5 19 B-Q3mate).

(j) Or 16...KxB 17 BxN NxB 18 QxP Q-KB3 19 RxP.

(k) Now 17...KxB comes too late: 18 Q-R6ch K-K1 19 Q-N7.

(l) If 18...PxR, then White wraps it up with 19 BxPch KxB 20 Q-R6mate.

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RAPID TRANSIT TOURNAMENT

The Hayward Chess Club will conduct a rapid transit tourney (ten seconds a move) on Monday, May 6, at 8 p.m. Entry fee is only 35c. Monthly winner receives a certificate, annual winner a trophy.

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WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, 2058 D St. (Hayward Arts and Science Center). Monday and Friday, 8-11 p.m.

Cherryland Cafe, 22472 Meekland Ave. (corner of A St. and Meekland Ave.), Hayward. Evenings, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, School St., Niles (in the Niles Community Center, close to Niles High School). Monday, 7-11 p.m.

The Newark Chess Club, Cedar Blvd. (in the Newark Community Center). Friday, 7-10 p.m.

The Livermore Chess Club, Fourth and J Streets (in the old library of the Carnegie Building). Evenings, the first and third Friday of the month.