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Chess

CALCHESS 1977 CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Just short of 100 players turned out for the 1977 CalChess Class Championships, held over the Labor Day weekend (Sept. 3-5) at the Berkeley Central YMCA. Chief Tournament Director Mike Goodall ran the six-round, USCF and CalChess Swiss style event, assisted by "Chess Voice" Editor John Larkins and Bulletin Editor Max Burkett.

In addition to their cash awards, first place winners in each class were presented with printed certificates identifying them as 1977 Northern California Champions. Complete results:

Master-Expert Division

1st, Larry Christiansen (2515), Modesto, 4½-1½, \$204.92 plus certificate; **2nd-4th**, Craig Mar (2129), Oakland, Gabriel Sanchez (2055) (Expert certificate), Santa Clara, and Boris Siff (2229), San Jose, 4-2, \$128.58 each; **5th**, Craig Barnes (2180), Berkeley, 3½-2½, \$96.43; **6th-10th**, Matthew Chen (2038), Berkeley, Steve Cross (2052), Oakland, Dennis Fritzing (2293), Berkeley, Borel Menas (2076), San Francisco, and Michael Sarley (1988), Oakland, 3-3, \$16.88 each.

Class A

1st, James Black (1896), San Jose, 5-1, \$144.65 plus certificate; **2nd-4th**, Robert Anderson (1993), San Jose, Paul Cripe (1907), Modesto, and Robert Phillips (1920), San Lorenzo, 4-2, \$48.22 each.

Class B

1st-2nd, Charles Motz (1758), Berkeley, and Raymond Rotor (1580) (certificate), San Francisco, 5-1, \$114.52 each; **3rd-4th**, Michael Perry (1601), Berkeley, and Iraj Rahbar (1660), Campbell, 4½-1½, \$30.14 each.

Class C

1st, Martin Stilling (1559), Berkeley, 5½-½, \$144.65 plus certificate; **2nd-4th**, Andy Ansel (1597), Oakland; Robert Berkey (1588), E. Palo Alto, and Craig Loop (1591), Walnut Creek, 4½-1½, \$48.22 each.

Class D

1st, George Barber (1371), San Jose, 5-1, \$120.54 plus certificate; **2nd-3rd**, Russell Lindgren (1238), Milpitas, and Randolph Moore (1386), San Jose, 4-2, \$60.27 each.

Class E

1st, Edward Bennett (1156), San Francisco, 2½-3½, \$48.22 plus certificate.

Unrated Division

1st-2nd, Glen Frendel, Berkeley, and James Uren, Oakland, 5-1, \$78.35 each; **3rd-5th**, Michael Ogush, Santa Clara, Raymond Thompson, San Francisco, and Robert Whitaker, San Francisco, 3-3, \$12.05 each.

Here are some lively encounters from the 1977 CalChess Class Championships, recorded in USCF sanctioned coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Gabriel Sanchez (2055). Black: Larry Christiansen (2515). CalChess Championships, Berkeley, Sept. 3, 1977. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 d4 d6 4 e4 Nc6 5 Be3 e5 6 d5 Nce7 7 c5 Nf6 8 Bb5 Nd7 9 Nf3 a6 10 cd cd 11 Be2 f5 12 Ng5 Nf6 13 Qa4 Kf8 14 Rd1 f4 15 Bc1 Bh6 16 Ne6 Be6 17 de Qb6 18 O-O Kg7 19 Qa3 Rhd8 20 Nd5 Nfd5 21 ed Rac8 22 Bd2 Rc5 23 Bb4 Rdc8 24 Bc5 Rc5 25 Qa4 Bg5 26 Qe8 Rc8 27 Qf7 Kh8 28 Rd3 e4 29 Rb3 Qd4 30 Rb7 Qf6 31 Qf6 32 Ba6 Rc2 33 Rb4 f3 34 gf ef 35 Bb7 Nf5 36 a4 Bb2 37 Bc6 Kg7 38 Rb7 Kf6 39 Rf7 Kg5 40 e7 Ne7 41 Re7 h5 42 Re4 Kf5 43 Be8 Be5 44 Re3 Rc4 45 Rf3 Resigns.

White: Matthew Chen (2038). Black: Larry Christiansen (2515). CalChess Championships, Berkeley, Sept. 4, 1977. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Ne2 Nc6 3 Nbc3 Nf6 4 g3 g6 5 Bg2 Bg7 6 d3 O-O 7 O-O d6 8 f4 Rb8 9 h3 Bd7 10 g4 b5 11 Ng3 Nd4 12 f5 Bc6 13 Nd5 b4 14 Bg5 Bd5 15 ed Qb6 16 Kh1 Qa6 17 Qd2 c4 18 c3 bc 19 bc Nb5 20 dc Na3 21 Bf6 Bf6 22 Ne4 Nc4 23 Nf6 ef 24 Qh6 Qb6 25 g5 Qe3 26 Qh4 Nd2 27 gf Nf1 28 Rf1 Rb2 29 fg hg 30 Rf4 Rb1 31 Kh2 Qg1 32 Kg3 Rb2 33 Qh6 Rg2 34 Kf3 Rg3 35 Ke2 Re3 36 Resigns.

White: Craig Barnes (2180). Black: Kerry Lawless (1808). CalChess Championships, Berkeley, Sept. 5, 1977. Petroff's Defense 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 ed 4 e5 Ne4 5 c3 dc 6 Bc4 c6 7 Nc3 Nc3 8 bc d5 9 ed Bd6 10 Bg5 Be7 11 Qd8 Bd8 12 Bd8 Kd8 13 O-O-O Kc7 14 Rhe1 Bg4 15 Re7 Nd7 16 h3 Bf5 17 g4 Resigns.

White: Roger Gabrielson (1963). Black: Kenneth John (1942). CalChess Championships, Berkeley, Sept. 3, 1977. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 f5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 g6 4 Bg2 Bg7 5 d4 O-O 6 Nf3 d6 7 O-O Nc6 8 d5 Na5 9 Nd2 c5 10 a3 Nd7 11 Qc2 Ne5 12 b3 Bd7 13 f4 Ng4 14 Nf3 e5 15 de Be6 16 h3 Nf6 17 Rd1 Ne4 18 Ne4 Ba1 19 Nd6 Qf6 20 Ng5 Kg7 21 Bd2 Nc6 22 Bc6 bc 23 Ra1 Qd4 24 Kh2 Qd6 25 Rd1 Qe7 26 Bc3 Kg8 27 Ba1 Rfd8 28 Qb2 Kf8 29 Qh8 Bg8 30 Bg7 Qg7 31 Ne6 Ke7 32 Qg7 Ke6 33 Qe5 Kf7 34 Qc7 Ke8 35 Qc6 Kf7 36 Rd7 Rd7 37 Qd7 Kf6 38 g4 fg 39 e4 Be6 40 Qh7 Bf7 41 hg Ke7 42 Qh4 Kf8 43 Qh8 Bg8 44 Qf6 Bf7 45 e5 Re8 46 f5 Kg8 47 e6 Rf8 48 ef Rf7 49 Qg6 Kf8 50 g5 a5 51 Qd6 Kg8 52 g6 Rg7 53 Qd8mate.

White: Everett McNally (1844). Black: Oliver Chernin (1868). CalChess Championships, Berkeley, Sept. 5, 1977. King's Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 Bg5 Bg7 4 e3 O-O 5 Bf6 Bf6 6 Nbd2 d6 7 h4 h5 8 Be2 Bg4 9 Ng5 Be2 10 Qe2 e5 11 g4 ed 12 gh de 13 fe Bg5 14 hg5 Qg5 15 O-O-O Re8 16 hg fg 17 Rdg1 Qe3 18 Qh2 Re7 19 Qh8 Kf7 20 Rf1 Ke6 21 Re1 Resigns.

White: Iraj Rahbar (1660). Black: Leslie Colin (1615). CalChess Championships, Berkeley, Sept. 4, 1977. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 d4 Bg7 4 e4 d6 5 Be3 O-O 6 Bd3 Nbd7 7 f3 b6 8 g4 c5 9 h4 Ng4 10 fg cd 11 Bd4 Bd4 12 Nf3 Bg7 13 h5 Nc5 14 hg fg 15 Ng5 Bg4 16 Qg4 Nd3 17 Kd2 Nc5 18 Rh7 e6 19 Rahl Bc3 20 bc Qg5 21 Qg5 Ne4 22 Ke2 Ng5 23 R7h4 Kg7 24 Rg4 Rf5 25 Rd1 Re5 26 Kd3 Rf8 27 Rdg1 Rf3 28 Kc2 Kf6 29 Kb3 Ref5 30 a4 e5 31 Rh4 e4 32 Rh8 Ne6 33 Ra8 e3 34 Ra7 Rf1 35 Rg2 R5f2 36 Rf2 ef 37 Kc2 Rg1 38 Resigns.

NORTH BAY OPEN

The Ross Valley Chess Club is sponsoring a five-round, USCF Swiss system open tournament, Sept. 17-18, at the Robson Harrington Mansion, 237 Crescent Ave., in San Anselmo. The prize fund will consist of 90 per cent of total entries fees. Advance entry is \$12 (Make checks payable to Ross Valley Chess Club) if mailed by Sept. 15th in care of 2 Mt. View Ave., San Rafael, Calif. 94901; otherwise, \$17 at the tournament site. USCF Certified Local T. D. Scott Laird will officiate. For directions and other information, please phone 454-9665. Round one starts at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17.

WHERE TO PLAY CHESS

The Hayward Chess Club, Palma Ceia Park (corner of Miami Avenue and Decatur Way; phone, 785-9904). Monday and Friday, 8-12 p.m.

Captain Anchovy's Pizza Chess Group, 1456 136th Ave. (Palma Plaza shopping center; phone, 352-7115), San Leandro, Wednesday, 7-12 p.m.

The Fremont Chess Club, 40204 Paseo Padre Parkway (near City Hall at Lake Elizabeth). Wednesday, 7-11 p.m.