

Chess

UC hosts sixth People's Chess Tournament

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PEOPLE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The sixth annual People's Chess Tournament (sponsored by SUPERB) was held on the University of California Berkeley campus, Feb. 17-19, directed by Alan Benson with assistance from Mike Goodall and Mike Donald.

The six-round, USCF and Cal Chess Swiss system event was attended by 215 players competing for over \$2,600 in cash prizes, nearly \$200 in Gambit Game Store gift certificates and 16 trophies.

Complete results (in Harkness-Median tie-break order):

Master-Expert Division

1st, Eugene Meyer (2358), Washington, D.C., 5½-½, \$475 plus trophy; **2nd**, Nick deFirmian (2422), Berkeley, 5-1, \$237.50; **3rd-7th**, Jack Peters (2500), Los Angeles, Victor Frias (2410), Santiago, Chili, Jay Whitehead (2331), San Francisco, Richard Lobo (2375), San Francisco, and Dennis Fritzinger (2296), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$35.62 each.

1st-3rd Expert, Gary Simms (2127), (trophy), Amarillo, Texas, Rainier Rickford (2198), Los Angeles, and Alan LaVergne (2023), Berkeley, 4-1, \$135.91 each; **4th Expert**, Frank Flynn (2137), Portola Valley, 3½-2½, \$36 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

CLASS A

1st, William Bills (1950), San Francisco, 5-1, \$220 plus trophy; **2nd-5th**, Gene Lee (1936), Mt. View, Tony D'Aloisio (1974), San Francisco, Ron Wright (1898), Berkeley, and Agnis Kaugars (1944), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$41.25 each; **6th**, Brian McIvor (1652), San Francisco, 4-1, \$32 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

CLASS B

1st, Charles Shaw (1788), Minneapolis, Minnesota, 5-1, \$208 plus trophy; **2nd-6th**, David Thomson (1796), San Francisco, Neil Regan (1766), Fremont, Chalres Brunton (1735), Vacaville, Jim Stewart (1682), Berkeley, and Jerry Walls (1726), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$31.20 each; **7th**, Jonathan Voth (1712), Berkeley, 4-1, \$28 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

CLASS C

1st, Brian Atkins (1537), Wayne, Pennsylvania, 5-1, \$195 plus trophy; **2nd-5th**, Stephen Brodie (1405), San Francisco, Lee Hsu (1564), Oakland, Pedro Marcal, (1520), Palo Alto, and Mark Kaufman (1404), San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$36.56 each; **6th**, Thomas Willis (1571), San Francisco, 4-1, \$24 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Class D-E-Unrated

1st, Tsung-Wen Chen (1123), Pinole, 5½-½, \$130 plus trophy; **2nd-3rd**, Edward Bennett (1233), San Francisco, and Peter Geffen (Unr.), San Francisco, 5-1, \$48.75 each; **4th**, Allen Wong (1332), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$20 Gambit Game Store gift certificate.

Beginners Section

1st, Myron Chan, San Francisco, 6-0, \$24 plus free USCF and Cal Chess membership; **2nd**, Edgardo Estares, San Francisco, 5-1, \$16 Gambit Game Store gift certificate; **3rd-5th**, Raymond Palmiero (free USCF and Cal Chess membership), Oakland, Kelly Greenan, Oakland, and Steven Schmidt, San Francisco, 4-1, \$2.66 Gambit Game Store gift certificate each.

Special Trophy Awards

Best Junior (14-18), Jay Whitehead (2331), San Francisco, 4½-1½; **Best Junior** (under 14), Pedro Marcal (1520), Palo Alto, 4½-1½; **Best Senior** (over 55), Emil Ladner (1307), Berkeley, 3½-2½; **Best Woman**, Pamela Ford (1795), San Francisco, 3½-2½; **Best U.C. Student**, Nick deFirmian (2422), Berkeley, 5-1.

White: Daniel Switkes (2082). Black: Eugene Meyer (2358). People's Tournament, U.C. Berkeley, Feb. 18, 1979. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 b4 cb 4 a3 d5 e5 ba 6 d4 Qa5 7 Bd2 Qa4 8 Nc3 Qd7 9 Nb5 Nc6 10 c3 a6 11 Na3 Rb8 12 Bd3 h6 13 0-0 b5 14 Nc2 Qc7 15 Nb4 Na5 16 Nh4 Be7 17 Ra5 Qa5 18 Qg4 g5 19 Nc6 Qa2 20 Bc1 Rb6 21 Ne7 Ne7 22 Nf3 Rc6 23 Bd2 Nf5 24 Rd1 Qa3 25 h4 b4 26 hg bc 27 Bc1 Qb3 28 Re1 hg 29 Qg5 Kd7 30 Bf5 ef 31 e6 Re6 32 Re6 Ke6 33 Qe3 Kd7 34 Ne5 Kc7 35 Qd3 Be6 36 g3 Kb7 37 Kg2 a5 38 Ba3 a4 39 Bc5 c2 40 Qd2 Qb1 41 Resigns.

White: Paul Whitehead (2385). Black: Borel Menas (2018). People's Tournament, U.C. Berkeley, Feb. 17, 1979. Ruy Lopez 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 g6 4 c3 d6 5 d4 Bd7 6 0-0 Qf6 7 Na3 h6 8 Nc4 0-0-0 9 d5 Nb8 10 Bd7 Nd7 11 Be3 Kb8 12 a4 Ne7 13 a5 g5

14 b4 g4 15 Nfd2 h5 16 b5 Nc5 17 b6 Nc8 18 ba Na7 19 Qb1 Na6 20 Qb2 Ka8 21 Rfb1 Rb8 22 Nb6 cb 23 ab Qe7 24 ba Rc8 25 Ra6 Bh6 26 Ra4 g3 27 Nc4 Be3 28 fe Rc4 29 Rc4 h4 30 h3 Resigns.

White: Paul Cornelius (2315). Black: Robert Phillips (1978). People's Tournament, U.C. Berkeley, Feb. 17, 1979. Nimzo-Indian Defense 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 a3 Bc3 5 bc Ne4 6 e3 f5 7 Qh5 g6 8 Qh6 9 Qg5 Ng5 10 a4 b6 11 a5 Nc6 12 ab cb 13 Ba3 Bb7 14 f3 Nf7 15 c5 bc 16 Bc5 d6 17 Ba3 Kd7 18 Bd3 Rhc8 19 Ne2 Ne7 20 Kd2 e5 21 Rhb1 Bc6 22 e4 fe 23 fe d5 24 Rf1 Ng5 25 h4 Ne4 26 Be4 de 27 Rf7 Re8 28 c4 ed 29 Nd4 e3 30 Ke3 Bg2 31 Kd3 Kd8 32 Ne6 Resigns.

White: Leonid Stolyarov (2406). Black: Jack Peters (2500).

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White: Stanley Scheiner (2005). Black: Alan Kobernat (1935). People's Tournament, U.C. Berkeley, Feb. 18, 1979. Irregular Opening 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Be2 f5 4 d4 fe 5 Ne5 Nf6 6 Bh5 g6 7 Ng6 hg 8 Bg6 Ke7 9 Bg5 d5 10 Nc3 Bh6 11 Qh5 Bg5 12 Qg5 Nd4 13 0-0-0 Ne6 14 Nd5 Qd5 15 Rd5 Ng5 16 Rg5 Ng4 17 Be4 Nf2 18 Re1 Ne4 19 Re4 Kf6 20 Rg3 b6 21 Rf3 Ng6 22 h3 Drawn.

Here are some of the best games from the Master-Expert Division of the People's Chess Tournament, recorded in USCF approved 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: Nick deFirmian (2422). Black: Victor Baja (2207).

People's Tournament, U.C. Berkeley, Feb. 19, 1979.
Sicilian Defense

1 e4	c5	16 Qf3	d5
2 Nf3	d6	17 Rae1	e5
3 d4	cd	18 Qf2	Kh8
4 Nd4	Nf6	19 h5	e4
5 Nc3	g6	20 Kg2	f5
6 Be3	Bg7	21 hg	fg
7 f3	Nc6	22 Qh4	h6
8 Bc4	O-O	23 Rh1	Rf4
9 Bb3	Bd7	24 Qg5	Raf8
10 h4	Qa5	25 Rh6	Kg8
11 g4	Bg4	26 Bd5	cd
12 Nc6	bc	27 Qd5	R4f7
13 fg	Ne4	28 gf	Rf7
14 O-O	Nc3	29 Rf1	Resigns
15 bc	Qc3		