

Chess

KAVELEK NEW U.S. CHAMPION

Lubomir Kavalek, originally from Czechoslovakia, took possession of the U.S. Closed Chess Championship, a zonal qualifier for the top three finishers, at Ambassador College in Pasadena, June 4-25.

Turning in one of his best performances to date, international grandmaster James Tarjan, recently moved to Hollywood from Berkeley, came in a clear second.

A play-off match will be arranged between third and fourth place winners Edmar Mednis and Leonid Shamkovich to determine which of them advances to the interzonal phase of the world championship cycle.

Four-time national titleholder Walter Browne of Berkeley, who was favored to win again this year, withdrew at the beginning of the tournament in a dispute over lighting conditions. Isaac Kashdan directed. Complete results:

1st, Lubomir Kavalek (2576), 11-3; 2nd, James Tarjan (2548), 10-4; 3rd-4th, Edmar Mednis (2490) and Leonid Shamkovich (2489), 9-5; 5th-7th, Robert Byrne (2553), Anatoly Lein (2529) and Norman Weinstein (2482), 8½-5½; 8th, Ken Rogoff (2519), 8-6; 9th-10th, Pal Benko (2514) and William Lombardy (2551), 7½-6½; 11th-12th, Andrew Soltis (2502) and Bernard Zuckerman (2483), 7-7; 13th, Larry Christiansen (2526), 6½-7½; 14th-15th, Kim Commons (2521) and Ken Regan (last year's U.S. junior champ) (2372), 6-8.

CHRISTIANSSEN EXHIBITION

As a part of Church's Fried Chicken national chess program, grandmaster Larry Christiansen opposed 30 players in simultaneous exhibition at the Oakland Chess Group, June 27.

Only Will Fugate (1649), El Sobrante, Todd Rumph (1393), Piedmont, and Paul Stainthorpe (1973), Moraga, won their games, while half-points were achieved by Morgan Cooper (1552), Moraga, Craig Mar (2278!), Oakland, and Mark Paetz (1677), Berkeley.

Here are two of the best played exhibition games at Oakland, recorded in streamlined 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: Larry Christiansen (240). Black: Craig Mar (2278). Simultaneous Exhibition, Oakland, June 27, 1978. King's Indian Defense 1 c4 g6 2 d4 Bg7 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 e4 d6 5 f3 Nbd7 6 Bg5 e5 7 d5 h6 8 Be3 Nh5 9 Qd2 f5 10 Bd3 Nc5 11 Bc2 f4 12 Bf2 O-O 13 Nge2 a6 14 b4 Nd7 15 c5 a5 16 cd cd 17 Nb5 Rf6 18 a4 b6 19 O-o ab 20 Qb4 Nc5 21 Nc1 g5 22 Bdl Rg6 23 Nb3 g4 24 fg Bg4 25 Bg4 Rg4 26 Nc5 bc 27 Qc3 Nf6 28 Qf3 Qd7 29 Rfbl Ne8 30 a5 Rg6 31 a6 Nc7 32 Nc7 Qc7 33 Qb3 Rf6 34 a7 Rff8 35 Qb7 Qd8 36 Khl Kh7 37 Rb6 Rf7 38 Qf7 Qb6 39 Bh4 Qb2 40 Rgl Qa3 41 Be7 c4 42 Qe6 Qa7 43 Bd6 Qd4 44 Qf5 Kh8 45 Be7 Ral 46 Drawn.

White: Larry Christiansen (2480). Black: Mark Paetz (1677). Simultaneous Exhibition, Oakland, June 27, 1978. French Defense 1 e4 e6 2 Nf3 d5 3 e5 c5 4 b4 cb 5 a3 ba 6 Ba3 Ba3 7 Na3 Ne7 8 d4 Qa5 9 Nd2 Bd7 10 Nb5 Qb6 11 Nd6 Kf8 12 c3 Nc8 13 Rbl Qc6 14 Nc8 Qc8 15 Qbs b6 16 Bd3 Nc6 17 O-o g6 18 f4 Qd8 19 Nf3 Qe7 20 Khl Na5 21 Qa2 Rc8 22 Rbcl Kg7 23 Ng5 h6 24 Nh3 Rhf8 25 Nf2 f5 26 ef Rf6 27 Ng4 Rff8 28 Ne5 Be8 29 Rf3 Nc6 30 Ng4 Nd4 31 Rffl Nf5 32 Qe2 Nd6 33 Qe3 Nf7 34 Bg6 Kg6 35 f5 Kh7 36 f6 Qd6 37 Qd3 Kh8 38 Qe3 Kh7 39 Qd3 Kh8 40 Qh3 Kh7 41 Drawn.

MONTEREY INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The 14th annual Monterey International Open Chess Tournament, a four-round USCF-rated Swiss system event in two divisions, took place at the Casa Alvarado Monterey Chess Center, June 24-25. Seventy players competed for a prize fund totaling nearly \$1,000.

Ted Yudacufski directed with assistance from Dina Gratz. Unknown to the players, Ted's wife and perennial co-directer, Ruby, died while undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer of the liver at 9:45 p.m. the first day of the tournament. (Donations to the Ruby Yudacufski Benefit Fund may be sent to Wayne Sewell, Treasurer, 628 Alameda Ave., Salinas, CA 93901.)

Complete results:

PREMIER DIVISION

1st Overall, Peter Biyiasas (2407), San Francisco, 4-0, \$225 plus trophy; 2nd-3rd Overall, Harry Radke (2276), San Jose, and Ed Syrett (2038), Menlo Park, 3½-½, \$92.50 each.

1st A, Timothy Thompson (1827), San Gabriel, 3½-½, \$100; 2nd-3rd A, Leonardo Moguel (1865), San Francisco, and Richard Roubal (1859), Campbell, 3-1 \$30 each.

1st B, Gaudencio Delacruz (1747), San Jose, 3-1, \$90; 2nd B, William Karr (1719), Fresno, 2½-1½, \$50.

RESERVE DIVISION

1st C, Romulo Aguilar (1596), Daly City, 4-0, \$80; 2nd C,

Rick McCullough (1444), Yountville, 3½-½, \$40.

1st-2nd D, Charles Bradshaw (1382), Sunnyvale, and Richard Dellheim (1367), Ft. Ord, 3-1, \$52.50 each.

1st E, Ramon Icasiano (1022), San Jose, 2-2, \$35; 2nd E, Todd Stepp (0898), La Puente, 1½-2½, \$15.

1st Unrated, Kyong-Pok Yee, Monterey, 3-1, \$25; 2nd Unrated, Brad Newman, San Jose, 2-2, \$10.

Here are two of the top games from the Monterey International, recommended by the winners as their best of the event.

White: Peter Biyiasas (2407). Black: Jim Blackwood (2090). Monterey International, June 25, 1978. King's Indian Attack 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nc6 4 g3 d5 5 Nbd2 Nf6 6 Bg2 Be7 7 O-O O-O 8 e5 Ne8 9 Rel b5 10 Nfl a5 11 Bf4 Bb7 12 h4 Nc7 13 Nlh2 d4 14 Ng5 Nd5 15 Qh5 Bg5 16 Bg5 Qe8 17 Bd5 ed 18 Bf6 Nd8 19 Qh6 Ne6 20 Ng4 Resigns.

White: Harry Radke (2276). Black: Mark Marron (1794). Monterey International, June 24, 1978. English Opening 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 g6 3 Nf3 Bg7 4 g3 O-o 5 Bg2 d6 6 O-o e5 7 d3 Nc6 8 Rbl h6 9 b4 Ne8 10 b5 Ne7 11 a4 f5 12 Qc2 Nf6 13 Nd2 c5 14 bc bc 15 Ba3 a6 16 a5 Ra7 17 Rb6 Nd7 18 Bd6 Nb6 19 ab Qb6 20 c5 Qd8 21 Nc4 Be6 22 Ne5 Be5 23 Be5 Nd5 24 Nd5 Bd5 25 e4 Be6 26 d4 Qe8 27 d5 Bd5 28 Bd6 Be4 29 Qd2 Rf7 30 Rel Qd7 31 Qh6 Rb7 32 Be4 fe 33 Re4 Rg7 34 Rh4 g5 35 Qh8 Kf7 36 Re4 Kg6 37 g4 Resigns.

LOCAL CHESS CLUBS AND PROP. 13

Due to the passage of proposition 13, the property tax reduction initiative, city governments have left the fate of some local chess clubs in doubt by withdrawing the free use of park and recreation facilities.

An exception to the rule of city supported clubs is the privately sponsored Captain Anchovy's Chess Club, located at 136th Ave. on East 14th St. in San Leandro. Chess players meet for tourneys and pizza Monday and Wednesday from 7 p.m. to midnight. Please phone 352-7115 for further information.