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Chess

LE BARON OPEN CHESS CLASSIC

Attracted by a \$7,000 guaranteed prize fund, 205 chess players descended upon the richly appointed Le Baron Hotel in San Jose for the first annual Le Baron Open Chess Classic, sponsored by Mirassou Vineyards, American's oldest winemaking family, March 5-9.

The USCF rated, seven-round Swiss system competition, conceived and organized by John Sumares of Santa Clara, was ably directed by Ted Yudacufski of the Monterey Chess Center with Mike Goodall and Francisco and Amada Sierra assisting.

Tournament participants were treated to fine Mirassou wines at a complimentary wine tasting between rounds the day before the final games were to be played. Special prizes consisting of generous quantities of finely packaged Mirassou wines were presented to all winners in each class.

Complete results:

Premier Section

1st, Vitaly Zaltsman (2513), New York, 6-1, \$1,000 plus trophy; 2nd-8th, Nick de Firmian (2514), Berkeley, Florin Gheorghiu (2632), Romania, John Grefe (2470), Oregon, Charles Powell (2228), San Francisco, Miguel Quinteros (2528), Argentina, Dusan Rajkovic (2458), Yugoslavia, and Jay Whitehead (2441), San Francisco, 5½-1½, \$228.57 each.

Expert Division

1st-2nd, Leonardo Moguel (2199), San Mateo, and Guillermo Rey (2144) (trophy), San Francisco, 5-2, \$225 each; 3rd-10th, Renard Anderson (2113), Sunnyvale, Paul Enright (2184), Oakland, Ray Fasano (2095), Berkeley, Jose Marcal (2063), Palo Alto, Borel Menas (2129), San Francisco, Jose Rivera (2023), San Jose, Gabriel Sanchez (2192), Santa Clara, and Michael Tomey (2068), Sunnyvale, 4½-2½, \$13.75 each.

Category I (Class A)

1st-2nd, Tim Stevens (1942) (trophy), Mt. View, and Gerald Van Deene (1859), Oregon, 4½-2½, \$225 each; 3rd-5th, Carl Haessler (1813), Oregon, Eugene Lubarsky (1967), San Jose, and Richard Roubal (1811), Campbell, 4-3, \$36.66 each.

Reserve Section

Category II (Class B)

1st, Dave Ross (1755), Oregon, 6½-½, \$500 plus trophy; 2nd-3rd, John Romo (1729), Livermore, and Stuart Saroff (1725), Fremont, 6-1, \$287.50 each; 4th-9th, Daniel Browne (1743), Idaho, Leslie Colin (1774), San Jose, Janis Kalnins (1728), Santa Clara, Alireza Moarrab (1727), San Jose, Timothy Randall (1683), Cupertino, and Michael Vaughn (1723), Oregon, 5½-1½, \$53.33 each.

Category III (Class C)

1st-2nd, Ralph Leftwich (1590), Fremont, and Raymond Liberatore (1525), Palo Alto, 5-2, \$230 each; 3rd-7th, Dean Cress (1537), Santa Clara, Chris Flammer (1580), Los Altos Hills, F.P. Laming (1598), Morgan Hill, Mark Shulman (1556), Palo Alto, and Nicholas Sinkewitsch (1516), Menlo Park, 4½-2½, \$44 each.

Category IV (Class D)

1st-3rd, Darvis McCoy (1226) (Trophy), Santa Clara, Joseph Purvis (1317), San Jose, and Martin Weiss (1344), San Jose, 4-3, \$186.66 each; 4th-6th, Caesar Garcia (1352), San Jose, Brian Kruse (1243), Palo Alto, and Randy Zierman (1137) (category V trophy), Santa Clara, 3½-3½, \$40 each.

Unrated Division

1st, Zoran Milenkovic, Yugoslavia, 5½-1½, \$100 plus trophy; 2nd, Douglas Sourbeer, Fremont, 5-2, \$60; 3rd, Ricky Bleszynski, Cupertino, 4-3, \$40.

LE BARON OPEN SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

A ten-player double round-robin rapid transit tourney was held as an added attraction during the Le Baron Open Chess Classic, March 7:

1st, Miguel Quinteros (2528), 17-1, \$25 plus bottle of fine Mirassou wine; 2nd, Dusan Rajkovic (2458), 15½-2½, \$15; 3rd, Harry Radke (2225), 13½-4½, \$10; 4th, Richard Lobo (2436), 12-6; 5th-6th, Terry Alsasua (2055) and Mel Sacks (1604), 8½-9½; 7th, Mustafa Tafrishi (1867), 8-10; 8th-9th, Ron Easter (1672) and Joseph Purvis (1317), 3-15; 10th, Michael Mills (1526), 1-17.

Here are some of the games played at the first annual Le Baron Open Chess Classic which were submitted for either the Ruby Yudacufski Memorial Prize of \$100 in the Premier Section or the Boris Siff Prize of \$75 in the Reserve Section.

White: Jay Whitehead (2441). Black: Eleuterio Alasua (2055).
LeBaron Open, San Jose, March 6, 1980.

Sicilian Defense

1	e4	c5	12	ab	Ne5
2	Nf3	d6	13	Qd4!	Nc6(c)
3	d4	cd	14	Qf2(d)	Ne5?(e)
4	Nd4	Nf6	15	Be5	de
5	Nc3	a6	16	Qg3	Qc7(f)
6	Be2	e5	17	Qg7	0-0-0(g)
7	Nb3	Be7	18	Rf6	Bf6(h)
8	0-0	Be6	19	Qf6	h5
9	f4	ef	20	Nb5!(i)	Qb8(j)
10	Bf4	Nbd7(a)	21	Ra6!	Rde8(k)
11	Kh1	Bb3?(b)	22	Na7	Resigns(l)

(Notes by USCF senior master Jay Whitehead)

(a) Better is 10 . . . Nc6.

(b) Irreparably weakens the light squares. O.K. is 11 . . . Ne5 12 Nd4 Ng6.

(c) On 13 . . . Qc7 follows 14 Bb5!, but 13 . . . Qb8 looks reasonable.

(d) If 14 Qe3, then White may have problems in case a black rook later occupies the square e8.

(e) Loses a pawn, but White was planning 15 Rad1 and 16 Qg3, with a bind on Black's position.

(f) The last chance was 16 . . . 0-0 17 Qe5 Bd6 18 Qf5 Qc7, although White still stands distinctly better.

(g) Not 17 . . . Rg8, due to 18 Nd5, winning.

(h) And here, 18 . . . Rhg8 loses to 19 Qf7 Rdf8 20 Qe6.

(i) Quickest.

(j) If 20 . . . ab, then 21 Ra8 Kd7 22 Bb5. On 20 . . . Qc2 (20 . . . Qc5 21 b4!) White has 21 Qe5 (threatening 22 Na7 and 23 Rd1) Rhe8 22 Nd6 Rd6 23 Qe8 Rd8 24 Qe5, etc.

(k) Avoiding 21 . . . bc?? 22 Qc6mate!

(l) If 22 . . . Kc7, then 23 Qd6mate, whereas 22 . . . Kd7 runs into 23 Bb5 Kc7 24 Qb6mate.

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White: Peter Klimek (2038). Black: Perry Youngworth (2417). LeBaron Open, San Jose, March 6, 1980.

Sicilian Defense

1	e4	c5	13	Rae1	h4
2	Nc3	Nc6	14	Nf4	hg
3	g3	g6	15	hg	Qd7
4	Bg2	Bg7	16	Qd2(b)	0-0-0(c)
5	dc	d6	17	Kf2	g5
6	f4	e5	18	Nfd5	Rh2
7	Nh3	Nge7	19	Rh1	Rg2
8	0-0	h5!	20	Kg2	Bf3
9	Be3(a)	Bg4	21	Kg1(d)	Nd5
10	Qd2	Nd4	22	ed(e)	Bh1
11	fe	Be5	23	Bd4	cd
12	Qf2	f6	24	Resigns	

(Notes by USCF senior master Perry Youngworth)

(a) If 9 f5, then 9 . . . gf 10 Bg5 f6 11 Bh4 Nd4, with the better game for Black.

(b) Or 16 Nb1 g5 17 c3 gf 18 gf Bh3! 19 fe Bg2 20 Qg2 Rg8, and Black is winning (Peters — Youngsworth, U.S. Open, 1978).

(c) Unclear is 16 . . . g5? 17 Ncd5!

(d) If 21 Kf2, then 21 . . . Bg3 22 Kg3 Qg4 23 Kf2 (or 23 Kh2 Rh8mate) Qg2mate.

(e) On 22 Nd5 follows 22 . . . Bh1 23 Bd4 Bd4 24 Kh1 Rh8 25 Kg2 Qh3 26 Kf3 Qh5 27 g4 (27 Kg2 Qh2) Qh3 28 Ke2 Qg4 29 Kf1 Rh1mate.