

**Richard Shorman****Chess****STAMER TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

Ably assisted by Mary Lasher of Berkeley, former master Roy Hoppe directed the tenth annual Stamer Memorial Tournament in San Francisco, June 30, July 1 and July 4. The six-round, USCF-rated Swiss system event attracted 119 players to the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, competing for more than \$1,400 in prizes.

1st, Craig Barnes, Berkeley, 6-0, \$440; 2nd-3rd, Romeo Rodriguez, San Francisco, and David Blohm, Berkeley, 5½-½ \$165 each.

1st-4th Expert Ed Kennedy, Pleasant Hill, Charles Maddigan, Oakland, Marcos Costa, Albany, and Ted Zwerdling, San Francisco, 5-1, \$165 each.

1st-4th A, Rodney Carlisle, San Francisco, Ken Case, Manitou Springs, Colorado, John Smail, Bolinas, and Tony Saguisag, San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$148.50 each.

1st B, Vartan Bedjanian, San Francisco, 4½-1½, \$88; 2nd B, Mason Dickson, San Francisco, 4-2, \$44.

1st-6th C, Edward Silva, Castro Valley, Ray Musselman, Berkeley, Laroy O'Doan, Vallejo, James Ely, Berkeley, Thomas Willis, San Francisco, and Douglas Lee, San Francisco, 3-3, \$19.25 each.

**White: Craig Barnes. Black: Vartan Bedjanian. San Francisco, June 30, 1973. French Defense** 1 e4 e6 2 Nc3 d5 3 d4 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3 Ba5 6 b4 cd 7 Nb5 ba 8 c3 Ne7 9 Ba3 Nbc6 10 Nd6 Kf8 11 Qf3 f5 12 ef Bc3 13 Kd1 Bb4 14 fg Kg7 15 Qf7 Kh6 16 Bc1 Resigns.

**White: Ted Syrett. Black: Craig Barnes. San Francisco, July 1, 1973. Flank Opening** 1 g3 g6 2 Bg2 Bg7 3 d4 d6 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 0-0 0-0 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 e4 c5 8 d5 b5 9 Nd2 b4 10 Ne2 a5 11 a3 Ba6 12 Re1 Qb6 13 Nf4 c4 14 Nf1 Nc5 15 ab ab 16 Be3 Nfd7 17 Bd4 Bd4 18 Qd4 Na4 19 Ne2 Qd4 20 Nd4 Nb2 21 Nc6 b3 22 cb Nd3 23 Red1 cb 24 Ra6 Ra6 25 Rd3 b2 26 Rb3 Rb6 27 Ne7 Kg7 28 Rb2 Rb2 29 Ne3 Ra8 30 Bf3 Ne5 31 Kg2 Raa2 32 Nd1 Rd2 33 Resigns.

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Commemorating 25 years of publication, the editors of "Shakhmatna mis'l" acquainted readers of "Shakhmaty v SSSR" with some outstanding features of their Bulgarian chess magazine.

**White: G. Popov, Bulgaria. Black: (Mrs. G.) Hornstein, USA Correspondence, 19(70). Petroff's Defense**

1 P-K4	P-K4	16 PQN4	B-N2
2 N-KB3	N-KB3	17 Q-N3	Q-R4
3 P-Q4	PxP	18 N-K5	B-N4!?
4 P-K5	N-K5	19 PxB!	QxR
5 Q-K2	N-B4	20 P-B4	KR-Q1(c)
6 NxP	N-B3	21 R-K1	P-QB4(d)
7 B-K3!	NxN(a)	22 P-B5	N-Q5
8 BxN	N-K3	23 NxP!(e)	R-K1
9 B-B3	B-K2	24 N-R6ch!	K-R1
10 N-Q2	P-Q4!(b)	25 P-B6	BxP(f)
11 PxPe.p.	QxP	26 PxPch	KxP
12 N-B4	Q-B4	27 Q-B7ch	K-R1(g)
13 0-0-0	0-0	28 Q-B4	RxRch
14 P-KR4	P-QN4	29 BxR	N-K7ch
15 Q-B3	R-N1	30 K-N2	Resigns(h)

(Modified notes translated from "Shakhmaty v SSSR," No. 4, 1973, pg. 16)

(a) Snatching the pawn, 7...NxP?, favors White after 8 N-N5! N-K3 (or 8 . . . N-R3 9 B-Q4 P-Q3 10 P-KB4 9 P-KB4 N-B3 10 P-B5.

(b) Superior to 10...0-0, which allows 11 N-K4.

(c) Withdrawing the queen is advantageous to White: 20...Q-R4 21 R-K1 P-B3 22 N-Q7.

(d) Now 21...Q-R4 22 B-K2 and 21...N-Q5 22 B-Q3 Q-R4 23 BxN RxB 24 B-K2 lose the queen.

(e) A breakthrough combination with mating overtones, e.g., 23...QxB? 24 NxR! N-K7ch 25 K-N2 NxQ 26 R-K8mate. If the knight sacrifice is accepted, then Black's queen gets "mated" instead: 23...KxN 24 Q-B7ch! K-N1 25 P-B6 PxBP 26 B-B4ch, followed by 27 RxQ.

(f) Black dare not whisk off the rimmed knight with impunity, since 25...PxN (of course not 25...PxBP 26 N-B7ch) 26 Q-B7 RxRch 27 BxR R-N1 28 P-B7 QxB (or 28...K-N2 29 Q-K7!) 29 Q-K5ch, etc., wins outright.

(g) The alternative, 27...K-N3 28 Q-B7ch KxP 29 Q-N7ch, is even less inviting.

(h) White responds to 30...NxQ with 31 B-B3mate.

### PAUL MASSON CHESS CLASSIC

The Paul Masson American Class Championship takes place out of doors at the Paul Masson Mountain Vineyard, Saratoga, July 14-15. More than 300 players are expected to vie for \$5,000 in cash prizes in the four-round, USCF-rated Swiss system event.

Entry fee for all six divisions (Open, A, B, C, D-E, Unrated) is \$20. USCF Technical Director Martin Morrison, aided by Elwin Meyers, Alan Benson and Robert Manners, will officiate. Round one begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 14, after registration and a players' meeting. Participants should bring their chessmen, boards, clocks and other necessary equipment. Further information may be obtained by calling 928-3600.