

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

January 2003 - May 2003



President - Steve Bickford Vice-President - Bob Baker Treasurer - John M^cCumiskey

The Sacramento Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening between 5:30 and 10 PM at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th Street between I and J Streets, mid-town Sacramento. We are a USCF affiliate and charge no dues. Everyone of all ages and playing strength is welcome! The Club's website is located at <http://www.lanset.com/jmclmc/default.htm>

10th Annual Awards Dinner

Approximately 100 people attended the Club's annual awards dinner. Jerry and Delores Piaz organized the delicious dinner. The dinner was funded by sales of See's Candy and the generous donations by members of the Club.

It was decided to present four awards this year. The winners were presented with a plaque to commemorate their achievements. The winners were:

Player of the Year – John C. Barnard
Most Improved Player – Conrad Cota
Most Improved Scholastic Player – Anna DePello
Lifetime Service Award – Marvin Gilbert

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to members of the Club for their support of this event.

Club Shirts

The Club still has polo style shirts with the club logo on them for sale. We have small, medium, large, and xx-large adult shirts available. The shirts do not appear to shrink much. Shirts run \$15 (\$16 for xx-large). If you would like to purchase one, contact John McCumiskey, 557-7503 (days), 428-5532 (eves), or by e-mail at jmclmc@lanset.com. In addition, an order form is on page 4 for you order shirts and have them mailed to you.

E-mail Discussion Group

On July 30, 2002, the Sacramento Chess Club "e-mail discussion group" was established. The list was seeded with club member e-mail addresses I knew about and were automatically processed for registration to this free service.

If you wish to join or were a part of the seeding but did not confirm your registration, send an e-mail to Sacto_Chess_Club-subscribe@topica.com. An automated message requesting confirmation of your subscription to the list will be sent to you. Follow the confirmation instructions and you're all set! Once you've subscribed, you can send messages to the list at Sacto_Chess_Club@topica.com

As a security measure for anyone who subscribes to this service, and as the owner of the list, I will be the only person who can view the list of subscribers. The only downside I have found with the Topica.com service are the occasional ads that they will insert into messages. But, when it is free, you get what you pay for! Enjoy!

Schedule of Events

1-8-03 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship Qualifier. This will be the qualifying round for the championship to be held on 1-15. The format will be as follows: If there are 25 or more entries, there will be two ratings balanced sections run as a 6 round Swiss with the top three advancing to the finals from each section; If there are 24 or fewer entries, there will be three ratings balanced round robins with the top two scores from each section advancing to the finals. Ties for advancement to the finals will be broken with a G/5 playoff. Registration 6:45-7:15. Games start at 7:25. Entry fee \$5. USCF Quick Chess rated.

1-15 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship. The title will be determined by a six-player round robin with the qualifiers from 1-8. Any ties for the title will be broken using a G/10 playoff. USCF Quick Chess rated. Games start at 7:15.

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1-22 Game 29 Quads. Four person round-robin quads, Game 29. USCF Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:55. Games start at 7:00. Quads will be ratings balanced – three games with similarly rated opponents!

1-25 2002 Sacramento Elementary Scholastic Championship. See flyer on page 3.

1-29 Quick Chess. 6 round Quick Chess tournament, G/10. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$2 entry fee. Registration 6:45-7:15. Games start at 7:30.

1-29 Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship Captains and Organizational Meeting. Will be held between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. We need team captains to be their with the names of their players and individuals who would like to play but are not on teams. Team details below.

2-5>??Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship. Round Robin. 4 person teams. No team may have more than 2 alternates. The average rating for any given night may not exceed 1750. For purposes of calculating the adjusted ratings, any player rated over 2200 will count as 2200; any player rated under 1300 and unrated players will count as 1300. Ratings will be based on the February 2002 Supplement. We encourage other clubs, schools, employers, fraternities or secret societies to field teams. Clever names, logos, t-shirts, mascots, fight songs, etc., are all encouraged. No need to be subtle. If you can't find a team, contact Cain Garrett or Steve Bickford at the Club or call John McCumiskey at 557-7053 days or 428-5532 evenings and you placed in as competitive a situation as quickly as possible. Time control will be Game 75. USCF rated. Entry fee \$25 per team. Lineups must be placed in rating order (with TD approval, unrated players may be placed anywhere in the lineup). Trophy for the members of the winning team and best board score. (To win a board prize, a player must play 60% of the available games on that board to win this prize. For example, if there are 9 games in the event, a player must play 6 games on a board to win the board prize.)

2-22 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship. See the flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.

3-22 Davis Scholastic Chess Championship. See the flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.

3-26 Quick Chess. 6 round Quick Chess tournament. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$2 entry fee. Registration 6:45-7:15, round 1 at 7:20.

4-2 Spring Blitz. Unrated 8 round Game 5 blitz tournament. Entry fee \$2. Registration 6:45-7:15, round 1 at 7:25. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed. This event **WILL NOT** be USCF rated.

4-9>5-7 SCC Spring Swiss. 5 Round G/75 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 3-27; 4-3 registration from 6:45-7:10. Round 1 at 7:20 pm, subsequent rounds at 7:15 pm. Trophy to the champion, top 1500-1799, and under 1500 (including unrated). Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

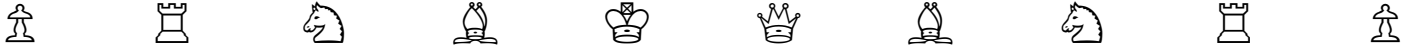
5-14 Game 29 Quads. Four person round-robin quads, Game 29. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:55. Games start at 7:00. Quads will be ratings balanced – three games with similarly rated opponents! Each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

5-21 G/20 "Octos". A three round swiss with 8 player sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:45-7:10. Each section will be ratings balanced. Each section will have its own prize fund. Games start at 7:15. Scholastic sections may be formed as necessary.

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2003 Sacramento Elementary School Championship, January 25, 2003

EVENT: K – 3rd Grade, 4th – 6th Grade, 7th -- 8th Grade, & 9th – 12th Grade sections. A team event will be held in each section (a team is a minimum of two students from a school or club in a section, minimum one team per event). All players must be current members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Non-members may join when they enter. The event will be run according to the USCF rule book and any modifications made for scholastic competition.

LOCATION: James R Cowan Fundamental School, 3350 Becerra Way, Sacramento. Directions: From Interstate 80 or Business Loop 80 in Sacramento, exit on Watt Avenue and go south. Go approximately one mile and turn left on Whitney Avenue. Go approximately ¾ mile and turn right on Becerra Way. The school is 1/3-1/2 mile down the road on the left.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 must be postmarked by January 18, 2003. **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15, tournament play only) and Entry Fee, \$23.00 **OR** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15 with 6 issues of Chess Life), \$29.00 **OR** 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (age 15-19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; all must be postmarked by January 18, 2003. Entries postmarked after January 18, add \$15.00. \$2 CalChess discount available. One ½ point bye is available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration. Ratings from the 12/02 rating supplement only. The Sacramento Chess Club will post advance entries under the Weekend Events Info portion of it's web site (<http://www.lanset.com/jmclmc/default.htm>).

SCHEDULE: Check in & on-site registration: January 25, 8:15 am to 9:00 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:15 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 9:30 am; **Round 2:** 10:45 am; **Round 3:** 12:30 pm; **Round 4:** 1:45 pm; **Round 5:** 3:00 pm. **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 5. **Time control:** Game/30.

PRIZES: Individual trophies awarded to at least the top 5 in each section. Up to 3 team and 3 club trophies (minimum 2 clubs) will be awarded in each section. The best 4 scores from each team/club will be used and may be adjusted based on entries. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used to break all ties. Advance entries will be used to determine total number of trophies to be awarded. **Players may win only one individual trophy.**

OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks! Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to not pair players from the same school in any or all rounds. Late entries will be given a ½ point bye or be paired against another late entry at the TD's discretion. Players in grades 7-12 will be required to keep score. This event is sponsored by James R Cowan Fundamental School and the Sacramento Chess Club. **This is not a program of the San Juan Unified School District. The San Juan Unified School District accepts no liability or responsibility for this program.**

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR & FURTHER INFO: John M^cCumiskey, USCF Associate National TD, e-mail: jmclmc@lanset.com Phone: (916) 557-7053 days, (916) 428-5532 eves.

2003 Sacramento Elementary School Championship Entry Form

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **E-mail:** _____ **School/Club:** _____

USCF ID Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____ **Rating:** _____

Section: (check one) K – 3rd Grade 4th – 6th Grade 7th – 8th Grade 9th – 12th Grade

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 1/18/2003)

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15, tournament play only) \$23.00;

OR Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$35.00 (postmarked by 1/18/2003)

_____ USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15, tournament play only) \$13.00;

OR USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$25.00

_____ CalChess discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 1/18/2003 or on site (additional \$15)

Requested Byes: _____

_____ **TOTAL FEES**

Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club and mail to 6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823-1306

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Schedule of Events

5-28 Swap Night Quick Chess (Handicapped Times). 6 round Quick Chess tournament. Time controls are based on the difference in players' quick chess ratings. \$2 entry fee. Registration from 6:45-7:15. Games start at 7:30. This event **WILL NOT** be USCF rated. These events have been entertaining in the past and **EVERYONE** has a chance to win a portion of the small prize fund!

5-28 9th Annual Swap Night. Buy, sell, or trade books, sets, clocks, magazines or other chess memorabilia. Stewart Katz is still on the lookout for your old clocks! For the best selection, get there early!

Future Events: June – Erwin Hamm Memorial; Sacramento Chess Club Junior Championship; St. Alban's Scholastic. July – Sacramento Chess Club G/5 Championship, Sacramento Chess Club G/5

Junior Championship, Sacramento Chess Championship. September – Election of Club officers, Sacramento Chess Club Championship.

Game & Newsletter Submissions: If you have any games (analysis appreciated but not required) or articles for next issue of the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, please submit them to John M^cCumiskey via e-mail at jmclmc@lanset.com or at the Club. Deadline for the next newsletter is May 12th. The next newsletter will go out around May 23rd.

Send Game Submissions, Newsletter Submissions, or Address Updates and Corrections to: Please send your address updates and/or corrections to John M^cCumiskey, 6700 50th St., Sacramento, CA 95823-1306 or e-mail jmdmc@lanset.com.

Sacramento Chess Club Logo Shirts

The Sacramento Chess Club now carries these white shirts with the Club's color logo. The pocketless shirts made by Anvil are 50% cotton, 50% polyester. Adult sizes available are small, medium, large, x-large, and xx-large. The shirts wear a bit on the big size and do not appear to shrink with washing. To get your shirt, come down to the Club, or fill out the order blank below and mail it to: Sacramento Chess Club, %6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823-1306. A picture of the shirt can be seen on the Sacramento Chess Club website.

Fill in how many of each size desired: ___ Small ___ Medium ___ Large ___ XX-large

Cost: \$ _____ (Number of Small, Medium, & Large - \$15 ea – XX-large shirts - \$16 ea)

Shipping: \$ _____ (\$4.00 for the first shirt, \$1.00 for each additional shirt)

Total: \$ _____

Please make your check payable to the Sacramento Chess Club. If you wish to pick up your shirts at the club, please indicate the date of desired pickup in the Ship To area.

Ship to: Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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2003 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship, February 22, 2003

SECTIONS: K – 3rd Grade; K – 6th Grade; K – 8th Grade; K – 12th Grade. For example, a 4th grade student may play in the K-6, K-8, or K-12 sections, but not the K-3 section, while a 9th grade student may only play in the K-12 section. A team event will be held in each section (a team is a minimum of two students from a school or club in a section).

LOCATION: Luther Burbank High School, 3500 Florin Road, Sacramento. **Interstate 5 north from Stockton or south from downtown Sacramento:** Exit at east bound Florin Road. Drive approximately 2½-3 miles. Luther Burbank's main parking lot will be on the right after crossing the railroad tracks. **Highway 99 north from Stockton or south from downtown Sacramento:** Exit at west bound Florin Road. Drive approximately 1½ -2 miles. Luther Burbank's main parking lot will be on the left just past the school building (second signal after crossing Franklin Boulevard).

GENERAL INFO: All players must be current members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Non-members may join when they send in their entry. The event will be run according to the USCF rule book and any modifications made for scholastic competition.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00; must be postmarked by February 15, 2003. **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15) and Entry Fee, \$23.00 **OR** 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (age 15-19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; all must be postmarked by February 15, 2003. For all entries postmarked after February 15, 2003 and on-site, add \$15.00. CalChess member discount, \$2. ½ point byes are available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration and check-in time. The Sacramento Chess Club will post advance entries under the Weekend Events Info portion of it's web site (<http://www.lanset.com/jmclmc/default.htm>).

SCHEDULE: Check-in & on-site registration: February 22, 8:45 am to 9:30 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:45 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 10:00 am; **Round 2:** 11:15 am; **Round 3:** 1:00 pm; **Round 4:** 2:15 pm; **Round 5:** 3:30 pm. **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 5. **Time control:** Game/30.

PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 and up to the top 15 in each section, based on entries. Up to 3 team and 3 club trophies (minimum 2 clubs) will be awarded in each section. The best 4 scores from each team/club will be used and may be adjusted based on entries. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used to break all ties. Advance entries will be used to determine total number of trophies to be awarded. **Players may win only one individual trophy.**

OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks! In the last round, players from the same school may face each other to determine individual championships, even if it affects team championship prospects. Late entries will be given a ½ point bye or be paired against another late entry at the Tournament Director's discretion. **Further Info:** Contact Tournament Director John M^cCumiskey: e-mail: jmclmc@lanset.com Phone: (916) 557-7053 (days), (916) 428-5532 (eves).

2003 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship Entry Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____ School: _____

USCF ID Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Rating: _____

Section: (check one) K – 3rd Grade K – 6th Grade K – 8th Grade K – 12th Grade

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 2/15/03)

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15) \$23.00; **OR**

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$35.00 (postmarked by 2/15/03)

_____ USCF Scholastic Membership (under 15) \$13.00 **OR** USCF Youth Membership (15-19) \$25.00

_____ Late Entry postmarked after 2/15/03 or on site (additional \$15)

_____ **SUBTOTAL**

_____ CalChess member discount, \$2

_____ **TOTAL FEES**

Requested Byes (if any): _____

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Sacramento Chess School

Friday Nights (see schedule below)
Hart Senior Center Redwood Room
915 27th Street
Sacramento, CA

A chess club designed to serve children/youth
to help them gain knowledge and competitive skills.

Complete the following three steps to participate:

Step #1: Register at 6 PM

Step #2: Play rated tournament chess game(s) – \$1 entry fee.

Step #3: Lesson presentation (by strong players and masters).

All participants must be USCF members. Yearly membership is \$25 (ages 15-19 and includes a subscription to Chess Life) plus a \$2 processing fee OR \$19 (under age 15 and includes a subscription to School Mates) plus \$2 processing fee OR \$13 (under age 15, tournament play only) plus \$2 processing fee.

The chess club offers teaching in all aspects of the game including opening, middlegame, endgame techniques, and problem solving. Plus, analysis of actual club/professional games with positional and tactical concepts explained, and much more!!

2003 Schedule

January 3, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28; March 7, 21, 28;
April 4, 18, 25; May 2, 16, 23, 30; June 6, 20 27;
July 18, 25; August 1, 15, 22, 29; September 5, 19, 26;
October 3, 17, 24, 31; November 7, 21; December 5, 12, 19, 26

NOTE: The club does not meet the second Friday of each month.

Information: Mike Parmon, (916) 452-5943, e-mail: michparm17@msn.com

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2003 Davis Scholastic Championship, March 22, 2003

EVENT: K – 3rd Grade, K – 6th Grade, K – 8th Grade, & K – 12th Grade sections. A team event will be held in each section (a team is a minimum of two students from a school/club in a section, minimum 1 team per event). All players must be current members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Non-members may join when they enter. The event will be run according to the USCF rule book and any modifications made for scholastic competition.

LOCATION: North Davis Elementary, 555 East 14th Street, Davis, CA. **Directions:** From Sacramento on I-80 exit at Mace Boulevard and turn right (north). Eventually, Mace will curve west and become East Covell Boulevard. Turn left on F Street. Turn right on East 14th Street. From San Francisco on I-80 take Richards Blvd. exit, follow signs to central Davis. After going under the overpass on Richards, turn right onto 1st Street. Go one block and then turn LEFT onto F Street. Take F Street to 14th Street.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00; must be postmarked by March 15, 2003. **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15) and Entry Fee, \$23.00 OR 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (age 15-19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; must be postmarked by March 15, 2003. Entries postmarked after March 15, 2003, add \$15.00. \$2 CalChess discount available. ½ point byes are available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration. The Sacramento Chess Club will post advance entries on its website under Weekend Events Info:
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SCHEDULE: Check in & on-site registration: March 22, 8:45 am to 9:30 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:45 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 10:00 am; **Round 2:** 11:15 am; **Round 3:** 1:15 pm; **Round 4:** 2:30 pm; **Round 5:** 3:45 pm. **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 5. **Time control:** Game/30.

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OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks! Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to not pair players from the same school in any or all rounds. Late entries will be given a ½ point bye or be paired against another late entry at the TD's discretion. Players in grades 7-12 will be required to keep score. This event is sponsored by the North Davis Elementary and the Sacramento Chess Club. **Tournament Director:** John M^cCumiskey, USCF Associate National TD.

FURTHER INFO: John M^cCumiskey:e-mail: jmclmc@lanset.com Phone: (916) 557-7053 days, (916) 428-5532 eves.

2003 Davis Scholastic Championship Entry Form

Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____ **City, State, Zip:** _____

Phone: (____) _____ **E-mail:** _____ **School:** _____

USCF ID Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____ **Rating:** _____

Section: (check one) K – 3rd Grade K – 6th Grade K – 8th Grade K – 12th Grade

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 3/15/03)

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_____ USCF Scholastic Membership (under 15) \$13.00 **OR** USCF Youth Membership (15 and over) \$25.00

_____ CalChess Discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 3/15/03 or on site (additional \$15) **Requested Byes (if any):** _____

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