

# Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

## September 2003 - December 2003

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President - Steve Bickford Vice-President - Bob Baker Treasurer - John M<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey

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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://webs.lanset.com/jmclmc/default.htm>

### *Wilken Wins at State Championships*

Tyler Wilken of Davis had great results in the K-8 Division at the CalChess Scholastic Championship and followed it up with excellent performance in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade section of the California State Grade Level Championship.

Ranked 9<sup>th</sup> (1550) in the K-8 Championship, Tyler defeated number 3 seed Alex Setzepfandt (2029) in the last round to finish tied for first with top seeded Nicolas Yap (2044). Three weeks later, Tyler was clear first drawing top seeded Daichi Siegrist (1838) in the fourth round and defeating fellow Davis resident Matt Zavortink in round six to clinch the title. Zavortink finished in second place.

Many other Sacramento area players participated in these events, coming home with trophies and excellent performances. Congratulations to all.

### *2003 Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship*

From February 5 through April 2 ten teams battled for the Club's Team Championship. The TactiTals and No Name left the field behind scoring 6.5 and 6 match points respectively in the first seven rounds. Each team won six matches with The TactiTals drawing their first round match while No Name was defeated by The TactiTals in round two. In the last two rounds, No Name was unable to keep pace, going 1-1 to finish with 7.0 match point while The TactiTals scored 1.5-0.5 to finish with 8 match points. Congratulations to The TactiTals: Michael Aigner, Daniel Schwarz, Kevin Begley, Keith Schwarz, and James Schiller.

Several individual performances were equally or more impressive. On Board 4, No Name's Dave Begg scored 8.5 points, giving up a round 4 draw to Not Extremely Good Players' Jossy Chalissery who finished with 7 points. Michael Aigner locked up the Board 1 prize with 7 points in the 8 games that he played while teammate Kevin Begley won on Board 3 with 7 points. Board 2 was a tight affair with 5 players having a possibility at winning the prize going into the last round. Brendan Birt of the Sharks drew his last round game to ensure the title. Keith Schwarz took home the award for most improved player with a rating increase of 102 points.

### *Schedule of Events*

**9-3 Williams Thematic Awards Presentation.** William L Williams will be awarding the prizes for the event at 6:45 pm.

**9-3 Sacramento Chess Club Elections.** Elections for President, Vice President, and Treasurer will held around 8:30 pm, between rounds of the Fall Blitz.

**9-3 Election Night Blitz.** Unrated 6 or 7 rounds (time permitting) 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.

**9-10 Chumachenko Simul.** FM Andrey Chumchenko (2452 USCF/2320 FIDE) will conduct a simultaneous at the chess club. Signups from 6:45 to 7:10, \$5 entry fee. Games start at 7:15. Take your best shot at one of the strongest players in the Sacramento area!

**9-17>10-15 Sacramento Chess Club**

**Championship.** 5 Round G/75 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 9-10; 9-17 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.

**10-22 G/29 Quads.** Four person round-robin

quads, Game 29. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. 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.

**10-25 Sacramento Scholastic Team**

**Championship.** See the flyer on page 3 of the newsletter.

**10-29 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!

**11-5 Quick Chess.** This will be a Game in

10 minutes, 6 round, USCF rated event. Registration will be from 6:30-7:10, Round 1 at 7:20 (or so). Entry fee \$2.

**11-8 Sacramento High School**

**Championship.** See the flyer on page 6 of the newsletter.

**11-12 G/5 Double Blitz.** Unrated 4 round

Game 5 double blitz tournament. Play both white and black against the same opponent. 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.

**11-19 G/20 Octos.** Eight player, 3-round

swiss sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:45-7:10 Games

start at 7:15. Sections will be ratings balanced and each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

**11-26 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving and**

**Awards Dinner.** See flyer on page 7.

**12-3 Quick Chess.** This will be a Game in

10 minutes, 6 round, USCF rated event. Registration will be from 6:30-7:10, Round 1 at 7:20 (or so). Entry fee \$2.

**12-10 Sacramento Chess Club Bullet**

**Championship.** The Club's fifth annual G/1 championship. \$2 entry fee. Double round robin. Digital clocks strongly preferred. Touch move, unrated. Trophy or money option to the winner. Even if you don't play, come watch the event...it's a blast for the spectators!

**12-17 Aigner Simul.** NM Michael Aigner will

conduct a simultaneous at the chess club. Signups from 6:45 to 7:10, \$5 entry fee. Games start at 7:15. Take your best shot at a multiple Club Champion and one of the strongest players in the Sacramento area!

**12-20>12-21 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend**

**Swiss #12.** See the flyer on page 9 of the newsletter.

**12-24>12-31 Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.**

The Club will be closed ... Enjoy your holiday season!

**Future Events:** January – Sacramento Elementary Championship, Club G/10 Championship. February – Club Team Championship, Sacramento Scholastic Championship. March – Davis Scholastic Championship.

*Club Shirts*

The Club still has polo style shirts with the club logo on them for sale. We have small, medium, large. The shirts do not appear to shrink much. Shirts run \$15. If you would like to purchase one, contact John McCumiskey, 428-5532, or by e-mail at [jmclmc@lanset.com](mailto:jmclmc@lanset.com).

## Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament, October 25, 2003

**EVENT:** Four player teams in grades K-12 Open, K-6 Open, and Grades K-6 U750 (average team rating must be less than 750). Each section must consist of 6 teams or sections will be combined. Team members do not have to be from the same school or club, however, schools and clubs are encouraged to enter multiple teams. Teams will be paired in a four round swiss system event. On each team, the highest rated player will be on board one and the lowest rated player on board 4 (unless another rating is available, all unrated players in K-6 U750 will be assigned a rating of approximately 600). 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 on the left near the end of the street.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$15.00 per player (\$60 per team) postmarked by October 18, 2003, add \$15 per player after October 18. ½ point byes are available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration. Team entries (preferred method) will be accepted either in advance or on site. Individual entries for teams will also be accepted (please include the names of other players and/or the team name). USCF Scholastic Membership \$13.00 (under age 15), Youth Membership \$25.00 (age 15 and older). If a player needs a USCF membership, please indicate on the entry form on **page 8**. 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:** October 25, 8:15 to 9:15 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:40 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 10:00 am; **Round 2:** 11:30 am; **Round 3:** 1:15 pm; **Round 4:** 2:45 pm; **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 4. **Time control:** Game/30.

**PRIZES:** Trophies awarded to players of at least the top 3 teams in each section and highest scoring individuals on each board and will be based on advance entries. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used to break all ties. Players may win both a team trophy and an individual board trophy.

**OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks!** The ratings of players will be based on the October 2003 USCF Rating Supplement (on-line ratings: <http://www.64.com/uscf/ratings>). Six teams will be required to fill a section, or grade level sections or grades 7-12 may be combined based on advance entries. This event is sponsored by James R Cowan Fundamental School and the Sacramento Chess Club. **If 1, 2, or 3 players do not have a complete team, send an entry form along with individual entry fees, and the Tournament Director will attempt to fill teams. Extra players who do not have a team will be provided a side event to play in.**

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR & EVENT QUESTIONS:** John M<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey, USCF Associate National TD:  
e-mail: [jmclmc@lanset.com](mailto:jmclmc@lanset.com) phone: (916) 428-5532.

## Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament Entry Form, October 25, 2003

**Player #1:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Requested Byes (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 USCF ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #2:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Requested Byes (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 USCF ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #3:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Requested Byes (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 USCF ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Player #4:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ Requested Byes (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
 USCF ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Section: (check one)  K – 6 U750,  K – 6 Open,  K – 12 Open  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$60.00) postmarked by October 18, 2003  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$120.00) postmarked after October 18, 2003 or on-site **ENB**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership fees: Scholastic \$13.00 (under age 15) Youth \$25.00 (age 15 and older)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club and mail to 6700 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95823

*See's Candy Fund Raiser*

Our annual See's Candy fund raising for the Club's Thanksgiving Dinner will start in October. According to the current schedule, candy delivery will be November 19 at the earliest and November 26, the evening of the Thanksgiving Dinner, at the latest. Please support the Sacramento Chess Club's fund raising by purchasing at least one box of See's Candy or by helping to sell See's Candy.

*Cohen Victorious at Yermolinsky Simul*

On April 5, GM Alex Yermolinsky and Mechanics Institute GM-in-Residence, gave a lecture and 29 player simul on the campus of UC Davis. Twenty-seven players went down to the former US Champion, while Sacramento Chess Club members John Cohen won and Michael Aigner drew their games.

**GM Alex Yermolinsky - John Cohen  
Petroff's Defense  
Notes by Cohen**

**1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6**

The Petroff defense is my favorite opening, so I was happy to enter it.

**3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. d4 d5 6. Bd3 Be7**

I prefer this line, although there is the more active and risky 6... **Bd6**. The difference is simple: with **Be7**, one can protect the e-file from later attack, while **Bd6** one can reach a more active standing for the Bishop.

**7. O-O Nc6**

This is the best move; inferior to this would be the solid looking O-O. For example, 7... O-O 8. c4 **Nf6** 9. h3 dxc4 10. **Bxc4 Nbd7** 11. **Nc3 Nb6** 12. **Bb3 Nbd5** 13. **Re1 c6** 14. **Bg5 Be6** 15. **Ne5** Razuvaev-Bagirov, 1982.

**8. c4**

This was a critical moment in my game. I had hoped that Alex would play **Re1**, the more popular move, because I have a much better theoretical

understanding of that sort of position. Let's quickly look at a very interesting and famous game with **Re1** that is very similar to positions that I prefer. 8. **Re1 Bg4** 9. c3 f5 10. **Qb3 O-O** 11. **Nbd2 Na5** 12. **Qa4 Nc6** 13. **Bb5 Bh4** 14. g3 **Bf6** 15. **Bxc6 bxc6** 16. **Qxc6 Re8** 17. **Ne5 Bxe5** 18. dxe5 **Ng5** 19. f4 **Nh3+!** 20. **Kg2 Rb8** 21. c4?! dxc4 22. **Nxc4 Qd3** 23. **Ne3 Rxb2+!** 24. **Bxb2 Qd2+** 25. **Kh1 Nf2+** 26. **Kg1 Nh3+** 1/2-1/2 Anand-Kramnik 1998.

**8... Nb4**

A standard move.

**9. Be2 Nf6!?**

O-O is the main move, but since this was a simul, and Alex has a great deal of theoretical knowledge, I decided to leave theory immediately and create an unusual plan.

**10. Nc3 dxc4**

10... O-O?? allows White to play 11. a3! with a substantial advantage.

**11. Bxc4 c6 12. Ne5 O-O**

**Ne5** was a surprise for me. I expected the routine 11. **Bg5**, but I think his move was better.

**13. Re1 Nbd5** I was finally able to achieve the goal initiated by move 9, which was bringing my b4 Knight on to the square d5. Now, White is faced with an interesting choice: **Qb3** or **Qf3**. With **Qb3**, White decides to play on the queenside and with **Qf3** White attacks the kingside.

**14. Qf3 Be6 15. Bg5 Nc7!**

A standard developing move such as **Qc7** gives White a long positional initiative. My idea was to trade as many pieces as possible and enter the endgame, where White has the weakness of his isolated pawn.

**16. Bd3**

This is a risky move; some alternatives are 16. **Bxe6 Nxe6** 17. **Bxf6 Bxf6** (17... **Nxd4?! 18. Bxd7 Nf3+** 19. **Nxf3 +-)** 18. **Rd1 Bxe5+** or 16. **Rad1 Bxc4** 17. **Nxc4 Ncd5 =**.

**16... Qxd4 17. Rad1 Qb4**

I think this may have been a mistake, maybe Qc5 was better, but it looked risky.

**18. a3 Qa5??**

This was my only real mistake in this game. Normally, people think the only person with time pressure is the giver of the simul. This, however, is not so. This position was very complicated, and 3-4 minutes simply wasn't enough time to assess the situation. Now, if White plays 19. **Bxf6! Bxf6** and 20. **b5!!** Black has no good moves and either will end up losing his Queen or losing a minor piece. However, Alex didn't see this opportunity and made a lesser mistake of his own.

**19. Ne4? Ncd5 20. b4 Qc7**

20. **b4** was too late.

**21. Nxf6+ Bxf6**

This was a critical moment and Alex took 2 minutes! During this time, I offered him a draw because I was afraid he might sacrifice his Bishop in the following line: 22. **Bxh7+ Kxh7** 23. **Rxd5 Bxd5** 24. **Bxf6 gxf6** 25. **Qh5+ Kg8** 26. **Re3** (I calculated up to here and I thought that White has an unstoppable checkmate. In post analyses I

found a defense.) 26... **Qxe5!!** where Black is better. He declined the draw, however, and because of his limited time made one final mistake.

**22. h4? Bxe5 23. Qe4 Bh2+**

He missed this check when he played 22. **h4**.

**24. Kh1 g6 25. g3 Bxg3 26. fxc3 Qxc3**

I thought about **Nc3**, but this is better because it eliminates all counterplay.

**27. Bf1 Nc3 0-1**

*Electronic Newsletter*

The Club is now posting a the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, which included tournament flyers, in PDF format on the club website's newsletter section. The Adobe Acrobat Reader will be needed to view and print the newsletter ... a link to the Adobe website is provided on the club newsletter page. It is possible that the on-line version of the newsletter may have additional material not included in the version of the newsletter sent by mail. If you wish to be notified when the Electronic Newsletter is posted, e-mail John M'Cumiskey at [jmclmc@lanset.com](mailto:jmclmc@lanset.com)

***Sacramento Chess School***

Hart Senior Center Redwood Room  
915 27th Street, Sacramento, CA

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).

All participants must be USCF members.

**2003 Schedule**

September 5, 19, 26  
October 3, 17, 24, 31  
November 7, 21  
December 5, 19, 26

For more information, contact Mike Parmon, (916) 452-5943, e-mail: [michparm@yahoo.com](mailto:michparm@yahoo.com)

### 2003 Sacramento High School Championship, November 8, 2003

**EVENT:** K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, & K – 12<sup>th</sup> 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:** Foothill Farms Junior High School, 5001 Diablo Drive, Sacramento. **DIRECTIONS:** From Interstate 80, exit on Madison Avenue and head toward McClellan Air Force Base. Turn right on Hillsdale Boulevard. Drive approximately 1¼ miles and turn right on Diablo Drive. The school will be on the left in approximately a mile.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$15.00 must be postmarked by November 1, 2003. **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1<sup>st</sup> time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15) and Entry Fee, \$23.00 **OR** 1<sup>st</sup> Time USCF Youth Membership (age 15-19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; all must be postmarked by November 1, 2003. Entries postmarked after November 1, add \$15.00. \$2 discount to CalChess members is available. One ½ point bye is available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration. 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:** November 8, 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:** 11:00 am; **Round 3:** 12:45 pm; **Round 4:** 2:00 pm; **Round 5:** 3:15 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, based on advance entries. Up to 3 team and 3 club trophies (minimum 2 clubs) will be awarded in each section based on the best 4 scores from each team. 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 the Foothill Farms Junior High School and the Sacramento Chess Club. **Tournament Director:** John M<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey, USCF Associate National TD. Ratings used will be from the October 2002 USCF rating supplement only.

**FURTHER INFO:** John M<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey – E-mail: [jmclmc@lanset.com](mailto:jmclmc@lanset.com) Phone: (916) 428-5532

### 2003 Sacramento High 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade ▾ K – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ▾ K – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ▾ K – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

\_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 11/1/03)

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Entry Fee and 1<sup>st</sup> Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15) \$23.00; **OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ Special Entry Fee and 1<sup>st</sup> Time USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$35.00 (postmarked by 11/1/03)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ CalChess Membership Discount \$2

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Entry: postmarked after 11/1/03 or on site (additional \$15)

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL FEES**

**Requested Byes (if any):** \_\_\_\_\_

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

NB

***10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving and Awards Dinner***  
***November 26, 2003***

The Sacramento Chess Club will be hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving and Awards Dinner. The brainchild of former Club President Stewart Katz, the dinner was a way for the Club to support its members who might not otherwise have the opportunity for a Thanksgiving dinner. The event was originally held at Carrows Restaurant and was attended by approximately 30 people. During the five years the dinner was held at Carrows, the event expanded to include families with attendance growing to 50.

Seeing that we had outgrown the available space at Carrows in six years, Jerry Piazz offered to “cater” the event at the Hart Senior Center, which proved to be a smashing success. The club had its largest ever single night attendance of over 100 people. In comfort, everyone was able to enjoy dinner, chess, and visiting with each other. Jerry, and his wife Delores, have continued to cater the dinner with attendance remaining over 100 each year.

In addition to the holiday dinner, the Club also presents awards to its members for performance and service during the previous year. The awards presented are Player of the Year, Most Improved Player, Scholastic Player of the Year, and Service Award.

As with the previous nine dinners, The Sacramento Chess Club picked up the dinner tab for everyone in attendance. That tradition will continue with the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Thanksgiving and Awards Dinner. To help defray the costs of the dinner, the Club will again be selling See’s candy during the month of October. In addition, donations will be solicited at the dinner from those who can afford to help. Volunteers are needed to help set up for dinner and clean up afterwards.

Please plan to bring your friends and family to the Sacramento Chess Club on November 26<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate Thanksgiving and honor those members of the Club who will be receiving awards.

### Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #12, December 20 & 21, 2003

**Place:** The Learning Exchange, 1111 Howe Avenue, Suite 125, Sacramento, CA. From Business 80 (eastbound or westbound), exit at Cal Expo and go east on Exposition Boulevard. Exposition Boulevard will eventually join Arden Way. At Howe Avenue, turn right. The Learning Exchange is in the building at the north end of the 1111 Howe Avenue complex, about 1/2-mile on the right.

**Event & Schedule:** 4 round swiss in 3 sections: Master/Expert (2000+), Reserve (1600-1999), Amateur (Under 1600). Registration: 12/20: 8:30-9:30 am. Rounds 12/20 & 12/21: 10:00 am & 3:30 pm. Time controls: 30/90, G/1, 5 second time delay (on applicable clocks).

**Entry Fees & Prizes:** Entry Fees: \$45 mailed & postmarked by 12/13, \$55 postmarked after 12/13 and on-site; Juniors (under age 19), \$30 mailed and postmarked by 12/13, \$35 postmarked after 12/13 and on-site. IMs/GMs free. Players may play up at \$10 per section. \$5 CalChess discount available. Prizes based on 50 adult and 10 Junior paid entries. December 2003 USCF supplement will be used for ratings.

Master/Expert: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$175 & Trophy (guaranteed), 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$125 (guaranteed), U2200\*: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$105, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$95  
Reserve: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$175 & Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$125, U1800\*, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$105, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$95  
Amateur: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$175 & Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$125; U1400\*, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$105, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$95; Junior, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$70

Unrated players ineligible for asterisked (\*) prizes. Prize fund and/or number of prizes in any section subject to change based on each sections total of entries.

**Other: Bring sets & clocks!!!** 1/2 point byes available in any round. Late entries will be given a 1/2 point bye or paired against another late entry at the TD's discretion. Round 3 byes must be requested by 12/20, Round 4 byes must be requested prior to round 1 and may not be changed. Players may only have one bye in the event (1/2 point or a 1 point pairing bye). Advance entries posted at the Sacramento Chess Club website, Weekend Events page, <http://webs.lanset.com/jmclmc/default.htm>.

**Hotel:** Best Western Expo Inn, 1413 Howe Avenue, 1-800-643-4422 or 1-916-922-9833.

**Contact:** John McCumiskey, Sacramento Chess Club, (916) 428-5532 (days) or [jmclmc@lanset.com](mailto:jmclmc@lanset.com).

### Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #12 Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the section being entered: Master/Expert Reserve Amateur Requested 1/2 point bye (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Mark all that apply: E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$45 postmarked by 12/13/2003 (Juniors \$25), \$55 after 12/13/2003 & on site (Juniors \$30)
- \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership: \$49, Adult; \$36, Senior; \$25, Youth (U19); \$13, Scholastic (U15)
- \_\_\_\_\_ CalChess membership: \$15 year, \$28 2-years, \$41 3-years, \$13 year (scholastic), \$17 year (family)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Play up one section for \$10.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SUBTOTAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ CalChess discount \$5

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**USCF Memberships Purchased Through the Sacramento Chess Club on Club Nights:** The Sacramento Chess Club returns the USCF affiliate discount back to our members as long as the membership is purchased on a Club night or is purchased as part of a transaction that would normally occur on a Club night. Single year discounted membership rates are as follows: Adult - \$45, Economy Adult (no Chess Life) - \$36, Senior (65 & over) - \$32, Youth (19 & under) - \$23, Scholastic (14 & under) - \$17, Economy Scholastic (14 & under, no Chess Life) - \$12. Multiple year memberships are also available with the discount.

**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<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey via e-mail at [jmclmc@lanset.com](mailto:jmclmc@lanset.com) or at the Club. Deadline for the next newsletter is November 28<sup>th</sup>. The next newsletter will go out around December 20<sup>th</sup>.

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