

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

January 2004 - April 2004

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

The Sacramento Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening between 5:30 and 9 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://sacramentochessclub.org>

New Club Hours

The Hart Senior Center has notified the Club that our meeting time will be reduced by one hour. Starting on January 7, 2004, the new hours for the Club will be 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

This will have an effect on our tournament play. Quick Chess and Blitz tournaments will have fewer rounds, events with time controls like G/20 will likely run over two weeks, while longer events will be G/60 or G/55 d/5 instead of G/75.

If or when the Club is able to return to a 10 pm closing time, our tournament schedules and time controls will return to what have been traditionally used.

E-mail us if you have ideas and/or comments on the Club's new schedule. (See below.)

New Sacramento Chess Club Website and E-mail Address

The Sacramento Chess Club has a new website: <http://sacramentochessclub.org> To contact the club, please use the new e-mail address: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org

10th Annual Awards Dinner

Approximately 100 people attended the Club's annual awards 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 three awards this year. The winners of this year's awards received a plaque

to commemorate their achievements. The winners are:

Player of the Year – Michael Aigner
Scholastic Player of the Year – Tyler Wilken
Most Improved Player – Matt Zavortink

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

Schedule of Events

1-7-04 Sacramento Chess Club G/10

Championship Qualifier. 5 round Swiss. This will be the qualifying round for the championship to be held on 1-14. The format will be as follows: If there are 21 or more entries, there will be three ratings balanced sections with the top two advancing to the finals from each section; if there are 20 or fewer entries, there will be two ratings balanced sections with the top three scores from each section advancing to the finals. Ties for advancement to the finals will be broken with a G/5 playoff. Registration 6:30-6:55. Games start at 7. Entry fee \$5. USCF Quick Chess rated.

1-14 Sacramento Chess Club G/10

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

1-21 Winter Blitz. Unrated 7 round Game 5 blitz tournament. Entry fee \$2. Registration 6:30-6:55. Games start at 7:00.

1-24 2004 Sacramento Elementary

Scholastic Championship. See flyer on page 3.

1-28 Quick Chess. 5 round Quick Chess tournament. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$2 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7:00.

1-28 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 there with the names of players and individuals who would like to play but are not on teams. Team details below.

2-4>?? 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, or fraternities 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, call John McCumiskey at 428-5532, or send an e-mail to us. You placed in a competitive situation as quickly as possible. Time control will be Game 55 d/5 or Game 60. 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. For example, if there are 9 games in the event, a player must play 6 games on a board to win the board prize.) Last year's event had 10 teams ... we'd like to see that number again this year! Round 1 at 7:00 pm, subsequent rounds at 6:55 pm. NOTE: Time control and round start times may be adjusted if the Club's meeting hours are restored.

2-7 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship. See the flyer on page 5 of this newsletter.

3-24 Quick Chess. 5 round Quick Chess tournament. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$2 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7:20.

3-31 Spring Blitz. Unrated 7 round Game 5 blitz tournament. Entry fee \$2. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed.

4-7>4-14 Game 20 Round Robins. Six person ratings balanced round robin G/20 sections. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$5 entry fee. Each section will have its own prize fund. Registration on 4-7 from 6:45-7:15. Round 1 at 7:20 pm. On 4-14, games start at 6:55.

4-17 St. Albans Scholastic. See the flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.

4-21>5-19 SCC Spring Swiss. 5 Round G/60 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration on 4-14. Registration on 4-21 from 6:30-6:55. Round 1 at 7:00 pm, subsequent rounds at 6:55 pm. Trophy to the champion, top 1500-1799, and under 1500 (including unrated). Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

Future Events: May – Swap Night; **June** – Club Junior Championship; **July** – Sacramento Chess Championship, Club G/5 Championship, Club G/5 Junior Championship; **August** – Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #13; **September** – Election of Club officers, 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 via e-mail to sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org or at the Club. Deadline for the next newsletter is April 8th. The next newsletter will go out around May 3rd.

Address Updates and Corrections to: Please send your address updates and/or corrections to John McCumiskey, 6700 50th St., Sacramento, CA 95823-1306 or e-mail sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org. Thank you!

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2004 Sacramento Elementary School Championship, January 24, 2004

EVENT: Grades K – 3, Grades K – 6, Grades K – 8, & Grades K – 12 sections (Grades K-8 and K-12 may be combined based on advance entries). 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 USCF rules.

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 a ½ mile down the road on the left.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 must be postmarked by January 17, 2004. **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 17, 2004. Entries postmarked after January 17, add \$15.00. \$2 CalChess discount available. Maximum of two 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://sacramentochessclub.org>). Ratings from the 12/03 rating supplement only.

SCHEDULE: **Check in & on-site registration:** January 24, 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:** 12:30 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: jmc-chess@sbcglobal.net Phone: (916) 428-5532.

2004 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) ▾ Grades K – 3 ▾ Grades K – 6 ▾ Grades K – 8 ▾ Grades K – 12

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 1/17/04)

_____ 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 Scholastic Membership (Under 15, with Chess Life) \$29.00

OR Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$35.00 (postmarked by 1/17/04)

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

Membership (Under 15, with Chess Life) \$19.00; **OR** USCF Youth Membership (Age 15-19) \$25.00

_____ CalChess discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 1/17/2004 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

NB

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!!

2004 Schedule

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

January 2, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 20, 27; March 5, 19, 26;

April 2, 16, 23, 30; May 6, 20, 27; June 4, 18, 25;

July 2, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 20, 27; September 3, 17, 24;

October 1, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 19; December 3, 17

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

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2004 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship, February 7, 2004

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 2 1/2-3 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 1 1/2 -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 January 31, 2004. 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 January 31, 2004. For all entries postmarked after January 31, 2004 and on-site, add \$15.00. CalChess member discount, \$2. 1/2 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://sacramentochessclub.org).

SCHEDULE: Check-in & on-site registration: February 7, 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 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 advance entries. 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 1/2 point bye or be paired against another late entry at the Tournament Director's discretion. Further Info: Contact Tournament Director John McCumiskey: e-mail: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org Phone: (916) 428-5532.

2004 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 1/31/04)

_____ 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 1/31/04)

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

_____ Late Entry postmarked after 1/31/04 or on site (additional \$15)

_____ SUBTOTAL

_____ CalChess member discount, \$2

_____ TOTAL FEES

Requested Byes (if any): _____

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Sacramento Chess Club Champions

The Sacramento Chess Club held seven championship events in the last year. Below are the reigning champions from 2003:

G/10 – John Barnard and James MacFarland
Team – The TactiTals (Michael Aigner, Kevin Begley, James Schiller, Daniel Schwarz, and Keith Schwarz)

Scholastic – Louis DePello

Scholastic G/5 – Jacob Green

G/5 – James MacFarland

Bullet (G/1) – Joe Birt & Ziad Baroudi

Club – Michael Aigner

Congratulations to all of our champions and good luck in defending your titles in 2004!

USCF Memberships Purchased Through the Club

The Sacramento Chess Club will continue its policy of returning the affiliate discounts 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. Memberships purchased in conjunction with a weekend event will not receive the affiliate discount. 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.



Sacramento Chess Club Logo Shirts

The Sacramento Chess Club has a limited number of white polo shirts in small, medium, and large 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, fill out the order blank below and mail it to: Sacramento Chess Club, **j** 6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823-1306.

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

Cost: \$_____ (Number of Small, Medium, & Large - \$15 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: _____

City, State, & Zip Code: _____

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2004 St. Alban's Scholastic, April 17, 2004

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: St. Alban's Country Day School, 2312 Vernon Ave., Roseville, CA **Directions:** East of Sacramento exit I-80 at the Riverside exit and go north on Riverside (right turn at the end of the off ramp from westbound I-80, take the ramp under the overpass directly onto Riverside from eastbound I-80). Move to the left lane, then turn left on Cirby. Turn left on Vernon (3rd signal light). St. Albans is approximately a mile on the right.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00; must be postmarked by April 10, 2004. **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 April 10, 2004. Entries postmarked after April 10, 2004, add \$15.00. \$2 CalChess discount available. A maximum of two 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: <http://sacramentochessclub.org>

SCHEDULE: Check in & on-site registration: April 17, 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:** 11:30 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 St. Alban's Country Day School and the Sacramento Chess Club. **Tournament Director:** John M^cCumiskey, USCF Associate National TD.

FURTHER INFO: John M^cCumiskey: e-mail: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org Phone: (916) 428-5532.

2004 St. Alban's Scholastic 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 ▾ K – 6th Grade ▾ K – 8th Grade ▾ K – 12th Grade

_____ Entry Fee (\$15.00 postmarked by 4/10/03)

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

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_____ CalChess Discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 4/10/03 or on site (additional \$15)

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Note: Recent Results can be found at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>

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