

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

September 2005 - December 2005



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>

Awards and Dessert Night

On November 23rd, the Sacramento Chess Club will present its annual Club Awards and host a dessert table of holiday pies.

Over the past eleven years, the Club has hosted a Thanksgiving dinner in one way or another. Originally, the dinner was originally held at Carrows. Since 1998, the dinner has been organized and catered by various members of the Club. Unfortunately, those who have organized the event in the past are unable to do so this year. Therefore, it is necessary for us to scale back the event. In addition to the pies, we plan on having coffee, sparkling cider, and a variety of other beverages available.

To help defray the costs for the evening, the Club will be selling See's candy during the month of October (see below). In addition, donations will be solicited at the event from those who can afford to help.

See's Candy Fund Raiser

Our annual See's Candy fund raiser for the Club's Thanksgiving Dinner will start in October. According to the current schedule, candy delivery will be either November 16th or November 23rd, the evening of the Awards and Dessert Night. Please support the Sacramento Chess Club's fund raiser by purchasing at least one box of See's Candy or by helping to sell See's Candy.

Schedule of Events

8-31 G/10 Double Quads. Four person round-robin quads, Game 10. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games

start at 6:55. Quads will be ratings balanced – play black and white against three similarly rated opponents! Each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

9-7 Sacramento Chess Club Elections. Elections for President, Vice President, and Treasurer will held around 8:30 pm, between rounds of the Election Night Blitz.

9-7 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.

9-14>10-12 Sacramento Chess Club Championship. A 5 round, G/60 USCF rated, swiss, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 9/7; 9/14 registration 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.

10-19 G/20 Quads. Four person round-robin quads, Game 20. 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.

10-22 Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship. See the flyer on page 3 of the newsletter.

10-26 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 6:30-6:50.

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Games start at 6:55. 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!

11-2>9 G/30 Fall Swiss. Four round Swiss, G/30, USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Registration 6:15-6:40. Rounds at 6:50 and 7:55 PM each night. This event will be divided into three sections: 1800+, 1500-1799, and under 1500 & unrated (no playing up). Trophies to the champion of each section. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

11-5 Sacramento High School Championship. See the flyer on page 4 of the newsletter.

11-16 G/20 Octos. Eight player, 3-round swiss sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50 Games start at 6:55. Sections will be ratings balanced and each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

11-23 Club Awards and Dessert Night. Holiday pie, sparkling cider, and coffee will be served as the Club presents its annual awards.

11-30 Quick Chess. This will be a Game in 10 minutes, 6 round, USCF rated event. Registration 6:30-6:50, Round 1 at 6:55. Entry fee \$2.

12-2>12-4 CalChess Grade Level Championship in Stockton.

12-7 Sacramento Chess Club Bullet Championship. The Club's sixth 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!

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12-17>12-18 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #15. See the flyer on page 9 of the newsletter.

12-21 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.

12-28 Casual Chess. No event scheduled for this evening. Play blitz with your friends, visit, or try to come up with that new innovation to crush your favorite opponent!

Future Events: January – Sacramento Elementary Championship, Club G/10 Championship. February – Club Team Championship, Sacramento Scholastic Championship. March – Lake Forest Scholastic. April – St. Alban's Scholastic, Club Class Championship(?).

On-Line Newsletter

The Club is now posting the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, which includes tournament flyers, in PDF format on the club's website newsletter section. The Adobe Acrobat Reader is necessary to view and print the newsletter. If you wish to be notified when the Electronic Newsletter is posted, please e-mail sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org

Current Club Champions

2005 G/5: Michael Aigner
2005 Scholastic: Micah Cohen
2005 Team: The TactiTals
(Michael Aigner, John Cohen, Marvin Gilbert, Glen Leotaud, John McCumiskey, Jerry Schwarz, Caleb Toy, David Warner, and Tyler Wilken)
2005 G/10: Daniel Schwarz
2004 Bullet (G/1): Marc Braverman
2004 Club: James MacFarland



Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament, October 22, 2005

EVENT: Four player teams in grades K-12 Open, K-6 Open, and 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. A bughouse tournament will be held between rounds 2 and 3 for all players (balanced teams to be assembled based on round 2 pairings).

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 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and turn right on Becerra Way. The school is on the left near the end of the street.

ENTRY FEE: \$18.00 per player (\$72 per team) postmarked by October 15, 2005, add \$15 per player after October 15 and includes a Bughouse tournament between rounds 2 and 3. $\frac{1}{2}$ point byes are available to each player and must be requested prior to the close of registration. Team entries (preferred method) will be accepted 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 5**. The Sacramento Chess Club will post advance entries under the Weekend Events Info portion of it's web site (<http://sacramentochessclub.org>).

ENTRY FORM: The entry form is on **page 5**.

SCHEDULE: Check in & on-site registration: October 22, 8:15 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:** 1:30 pm; **Round 4:** 2:45 pm; **Awards:** Following the completion of Round 4. **Time control:** Game/30. **Bughouse Quads:** 12:00-12:45.

PRIZES: Trophies awarded to players of at least the top 3 teams in each section and highest scoring individuals on each board 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. Trophies awarded to each individual on the winning bughouse team (ties will be broken with a playoff game).

OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks! The ratings of players will be based on the October 2005 USCF Rating Supplement. Six teams will be required to fill a section, or grade level sections or grades K-12 may be combined based on advance entries. This event is sponsored by James R Cowan Fundamental School and the Sacramento Chess Club. Food and drink on-site. **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^cCumiskey, USCF Associate National TD: e-mail: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org phone: (916) 524-9479.

2005 Sacramento High School Championship, November 5, 2005

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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 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: 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 1¾ miles and turn right on Diablo Drive. The school will be on the left in approximately ⅓ mile.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 must be postmarked by October 29, 2005. **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 October 29. Entries postmarked after October 29, 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://sacramentochessclub.org>).

SCHEDULE: Check in & on-site registration: November 5, 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:** 2:15 pm; **Round 5:** 3:45 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. 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 the Foothill Farms Junior High School and the Sacramento Chess Club. **Tournament Director:** John M^cCumiskey. Ratings used will be from the October 2005 USCF rating supplement only.

FURTHER INFO: John M^cCumiskey: e-mail: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org Phone: (916) 524-9479

2005 Sacramento High School 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 10/29/2005)

_____ 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 10/29/2005)

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

_____ CalChess Membership Discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 10/29/200 or on site (additional \$15)

_____ **TOTAL FEES**

Requested Byes (if any): _____

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

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USCF Memberships Purchased Through the Sacramento Chess Club on Club Nights: The Sacramento Chess Club returns the USCF affiliate and on-line processing 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, Promotional (new or last expired 2003 or before) - \$34, Senior (65 & over) - \$32, Youth (19 & under) - \$21, Scholastic (14 & under, bimonthly Chess Life) - \$15, Economy Scholastic (14 & under, no Chess Life) - \$13. Multiple year memberships are also available with the discount. (These prices and discounts are current as of August 8, 2005 and are subject to change by the USCF at any time.)

Game & Newsletter Submissions: If you have any games (analysis appreciated but not required) or articles for the next issue of the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, please submit them to John M^cCumiskey via e-mail at sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org or at the Club. Deadline to submit is November 28th. The next newsletter will go out around December 20th.

Send Game Submissions, Newsletter Submissions, or Address Updates and Corrections to: John M^cCumiskey, e-mail sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org or 6700 50th St., Sacramento, CA

Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament Entry Form, October 22, 2005

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

_____ \$18.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$72.00) postmarked on or by October 16, 2004

_____ \$33.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$132.00) postmarked after October 16, 2004 or on-site **NB**

_____ 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 % 6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823



*USCF August 2005 Rating Supplement
Problem*

Because of a computer error, the ratings in the printed August 2005 Rating Supplement are not correct and those ratings should not be used. (The Top 100 lists and other material in the supplement are correct.) The Member Services Area, <http://www.uschess.org/msa/>, contains the correct August 2005 Supplement ratings.

The supplement files in the Members Only Area and the TD/Affiliate Support Area are correct and can be used for events held in August and September.

If you wish to view or download the corrected August 2005 supplement ratings, please go to <http://www.uschess.org/august2005supplement.pdf> (this is a 78 page PDF file).

To order a paper copy of the corrected August 2005 supplement ratings pages, please e-mail newaugsupp@uschess.org. In the message, be sure to provide your affiliate name and ID.

Please note that the supplement data files available on the USCF website are correct.

The source for this article was a posting on the United States Chess Federation website.



Sacramento Chess School

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

Complete the following 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.

2005 Schedule

September 2, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 21, 28

November 4, 18

December 2, 16

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

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Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #15, December 17 & 18, 2005

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 2/3-mile on the right.

Event & Schedule: 5 round swiss in 2 sections: Master/Expert (2000+), Reserve (Under 2000). Registration: 12/17: 8:30-9:30 am. Rounds 12/17: 10:00 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 12/18: 10:00 am & 3:30 pm. Time controls: Rounds 1 & 2: G/90 5 second delay (on applicable clocks); Rounds 4 & 5: 30/90, G/1, 5 second delay (on applicable clocks).

Entry Fees & Prizes: Entry Fees: \$45 mailed & postmarked on or by 12/11, \$55 postmarked after 12/11 and on-site; Juniors (under age 19), \$30 mailed and postmarked by 12/11, \$35 postmarked after 12/11 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 2004 USCF supplement will be used for ratings.

Master/Expert: 1st - \$200 & Trophy (guaranteed), 2nd - \$150 (guaranteed), U2200*: 1st - \$120, 2nd - \$100
Reserve: 1st - \$200 & Trophy, 2nd - \$150, 1600-1799: 1st - \$120, 2nd - \$100, 1400-1599: 1st - \$120, 2nd - \$100
U1400*, 1st - \$120, 2nd - \$100; Junior, 1st - \$70

Unrated players ineligible for asterisked (*) prizes. Prize fund and/or number of prizes in any section subject to change based on each section's total entries (rating groups must have at least 5 players for both prizes to be awarded).

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 4 byes must be requested by 12/17, Round 5 byes must be requested prior to round 1 and may not be changed. Players may have up to two byes in the event (1/2 point or a 1 point pairing bye). Advance entries posted on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website, <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

Hotel: Best Western Expo Inn, 1413 Howe Avenue, 1-800-643-4422 or 1-916-922-9833 and mention the Sacramento Chess Club.

Contact: John McCumiskey, Sacramento Chess Club, (916) 524-9479 or sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org.

Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #15 Entry Form

Name: _____ USCF ID # _____ Rating: _____

Address: _____ Expiration Date: _____

City, State & Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

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

Mark all that apply: _____ E-mail Address: _____

_____ \$45 postmarked on or by 12/10/2005 (Juniors \$30), \$55 after 12/10/2005 & on site (Juniors \$35)

_____ USCF Membership: \$49, Adult; \$36, Senior; \$25, Youth (U19); \$13, Economy 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**

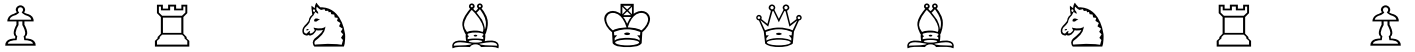
_____ CalChess discount \$5

_____ **TOTAL (Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club)**

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Mail entries to: Sacramento Chess Club, c/o 6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823-1306

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Note: Recent Results from Club and weekend events can be found at
<http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

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