

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

September 2006 - December 2006



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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>

Club Members have Excellent Results at 2006 US Open

Sacramento Chess Club members Michael Aigner and Daniel Schwarz recently competed at the US Open in Chicago, Illinois. Schwarz, by winning the 2006 CalChess K-12 Scholastic Championship, also represented northern California in the Denker High School Champions tournament held in conjunction with the US Open.

After eight long rounds, including the "Monroi Game" (you'll need to ask Aigner for the details), Aigner had 7 points, ½ behind tournament leader GM Shulman. With white against GM Fedorowicz and an early draw by Shulman, Aigner had a shot at first place. After a tough game, Aigner drew, finishing in a multiple tie for second place with 7½ points and clear first place for the 2200-2399 prize.

Schwarz had similar impressive results, scoring 7 of 9 points tying for 12th place and finishing tied for the second place prize in the 2200-2399 section. In the Denker tournament, Schwarz finished with 3½ out of 6, continuing northern California's strong representation in the tournament.

Congratulations to both Michael and Daniel for their success at the US Open!

Potential Changes to Club Meetings

The Hart Senior Center is trying to implement changes on our club meeting nights. Our meeting night renewal package included a desire to reduce the number of meeting nights each month to only the first four Wednesdays instead of every Wednesday. If this happens, the Club would not meet on any 5th Wednesdays. We are trying to work with the Hart Senior Center to keep all of our Wednesday night

meetings intact. The Club has been meeting at the Hart Senior Center on Wednesday nights for over 20 years. Prior to the Hart Senior Center, the club met for many years at the club house in McKinley Park.

Starting in January 2007, we will be required to carry \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for our meetings at the Hart Senior Center. At this time, the most cost efficient alternative is to purchase the insurance through the City of Sacramento Risk Management Division for an estimated \$250 for 2007. The Club should be able to afford this coverage in the foreseeable future, but there is also a risk that the City of Sacramento will choose not offer this relatively inexpensive coverage for groups holding events in community centers.

These changes do not affect our ability to run regular and scholastic weekend events.

Elk Grove Chess Club

Roseller Navarro has secured the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove for the new Elk Grove Chess Club. Meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month for casual and social play. On Saturday, September 30, the club will be hosting the 1st Elk Grove Chess Club Open (see "Schedule of Events" for more details). For further information, please contact Roseller at mnlachess@yahoo.com, phone 916-549-8432.

2007 National Junior High (K-9) Championship to be Held in Sacramento

The United States Chess Federation has announced that the Sacramento Convention Center and Hyatt Regency Hotel will host the 2007 National Junior High (K-9) Championship on March 31 and April 1, 2007 (no joke here!). This will be an

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opportunity for all Sacramento area scholastic players to compete against players from across the nation. Be sure to set aside these dates and plan to play in the tournament.

The USCF has not contacted any of the local clubs or directors to learn about staffing for the tournament. The USCF organizers should make these contacts in upcoming weeks.

Awards and Dessert Night

On November 22nd, the Sacramento Chess Club will present its annual Club Awards and host a dessert table of holiday pies.

For the first eleven years, the Club has hosted a Thanksgiving dinner in one way or another. Originally, the dinner was 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 were unable to do so in 2005, so the event was scaled back. 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 sell 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 celebration will start in October. According to the current schedule, candy delivery will be either November 15th or November 22nd, 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 helping to sell See's Candy.

Schedule of Events

8-30 Quick Chess. This will be a Game in 10 minutes, 5 round, USCF rated event. Registration 6:30-6:50, Round 1 at 6:55. Entry fee \$2.

9-6 Sacramento Chess Club Elections. Elections for President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be held around 8:30 pm, between rounds of the Election Night Blitz.

9-6 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 rated.

9-13>10-11 Sacramento Chess Club Championship. A 5 round, G/60 USCF rated, swiss, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 9/6; 9/13 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.

9-30 1st Elk Grove Chess Club Open. Four rounds, G/30, USCF rated, Swiss at the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove. No entry fee. Registration 10:30 to 11:00 am. Round 1 starts at 11:15 am. For further information, please contact Roseller Navarro at mlnchess@yahoo.com, phone 916-549-8432. Advance entries are recommended.

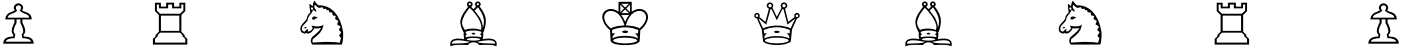
10-18 G/20 Quads. Four person round-robin quads, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Quads will be ratings balanced – three games with similarly rated opponents! Each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

10-25 Quick Chess (Handicapped Times). 5 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. 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!

10-28 Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship. See the flyer on page 4 of the newsletter.

11-1>8 G/30 Fall Swiss. Four round Swiss, G/30, USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Registration

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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.

11-15 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.

11-18 Sacramento High School Championship. See the flyer on page 5 of the newsletter.

11-22 Club Awards and Dessert Night. Holiday pie, sparkling cider, and coffee will be served as the Club presents its annual awards.

11-29 Quick Chess. This will be a Game in 10 minutes, 5 round, USCF rated event. Registration 6:30-6:50, Round 1 at 6:55. Entry fee \$2.

12-1>12-3 CalChess Grade Level Championship in Stockton.

12-6 Sacramento Chess Club Bullet Championship. The Club's sixth annual G/1 championship. \$2 entry fee. Double round robin based on entries. 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! Registration 6:40-7:00, Round 1 at 7:10.

12-13 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.

12-15>12-17 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #17. See the flyer on page 6 of the newsletter.

12-20 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 6:45-7:05, round 1 at 7:15. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed. This event **WILL NOT** be USCF rated.

12-27 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 – National Junior High (K-9) Championship. May – St. Alban's Scholastic, Club Class Championship(?).

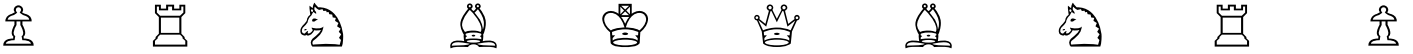
On-Line Newsletter

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

Discounts on USCF Memberships

The Sacramento Chess Club returns the USCF affiliate and on-line processing discount back to our members for memberships purchased on a Club night or as part of a transaction that would normally occur on a Club night. As of August 6, 2006, single year discounted membership rates are as follows: Adult - \$45; Promotional (new or last expired 2004 or before) - \$34; Senior (65 & over) - \$32; Youth (19 & under) - \$21; Scholastic - \$15. As of June 1, 2006, Economy Scholastic memberships have been discontinued. (The prices and discounts offered are subject to change by the USCF at any time.)





Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament, October 28, 2006

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 21, 2006, add \$15 per player after October 21 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 \$19.00 (under age 15), Youth Membership \$25.00 (under age 19). If a player needs a USCF membership, please indicate on the entry form on page 7. 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: October 28, 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.

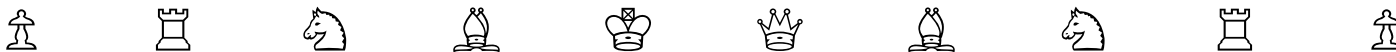
PRIZES: Trophies awarded to players of at least the top 3 teams in each section and highest scoring individuals on each board based on advance entries. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used to break all ties. Players may win both a team trophy and an individual board trophy. Trophies will be awarded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

OTHER: Bring chess sets and chess clocks! The ratings of players will be based on the October 2006 USCF Rating Supplement. Six teams will be required to fill a section or 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.

ENTRY FORM is on page 7.

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2006 Sacramento High School Championship, November 18, 2006

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, approximately ⅓ mile.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 must be postmarked by November 11, 2006. **SPECIAL ENTRY:** 1st time USCF Scholastic Membership (under age 15) and Entry Fee, \$29.00 **OR** 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (under age 19) and Entry Fee \$35.00; all must be postmarked by November 11, 2006. Entries postmarked after November 11, 2006, 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 18, 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 2006 USCF rating supplement only.

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

ENTRY FORM is on page 7.

Game & Newsletter Submissions or Address Updates: 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, or mail them to the Club at 6700 50th St., Sacramento, CA 95823-1306. Deadline to submit is November 28th. The next newsletter will go out around December 20th.

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2006 Sacramento High School Championship Entry Form, November 18, 2006

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 11/11/2006)

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Scholastic Membership (Under age 15) \$29.00; **OR**

_____ Special Entry Fee and 1st Time USCF Youth Membership (Under 19) \$35.00 (postmarked by 11/11/2006)

_____ USCF Scholastic Membership (under 15) \$19.00 **OR** USCF Youth Membership (under 15) \$25.00

_____ CalChess Membership Discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 11/11/2006 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 95823-1306.

Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament Entry Form, October 28, 2006

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

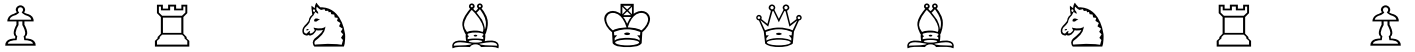
_____ \$18.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$72.00) postmarked on or by October 21, 2006

_____ \$33.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$132.00) postmarked after October 21, 2006 or on-site

_____ USCF Membership fees: Scholastic \$19.00 (under age 15) Youth \$25.00 (under age 19)

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

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

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