

# Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

## September 2007 - December 2007



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

The Sacramento Chess Club meets the first four Wednesdays of every month 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>

### *Insurance for Club Meetings*

Since January 2007, the Club has been required to carry \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for our meetings at the Hart Senior Center. For 2007, the most cost efficient alternative was to purchase the insurance through the City of Sacramento Risk Management Division. We anticipate a fee of \$250 for 2008. 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.

### *Elk Grove Chess Club*

The Elk Grove Chess Club continues to meet at the Franklin Community Library on the second and last Tuesday of every month for casual and social play. The Elk Grove Chess Club also sponsors small weekend events. For further information, please visit the Elk Grove Chess Club website at <http://elkgrovechess.googlepages.com/home> (also linked from the Sacramento Chess Club website) or contact Roseller at [mnlachess@yahoo.com](mailto:mnlachess@yahoo.com). Their phone number is 916-549-8432.

### *Awards and Dessert Night*

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, the Sacramento Chess Club will present its annual Club Awards and host a dessert table of holiday pies.

For the past eleven years, the Club has hosted a Thanksgiving event 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 14<sup>th</sup> or November 21<sup>st</sup>, 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*

**9-5 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.

**9-5 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.

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

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**10-17 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.

**10-24 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!

**10-27 Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship.** See the flyer on page 3 of the newsletter.

**10-31 Fifth Wednesday – Club Closed.**

**11-7>14 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.

**11-17 Sacramento High School Championship.** See the flyer on page 4 of the newsletter.

**11-21 Club Awards and Dessert Night.** Pies, sparkling cider, and coffee will be served as the Club presents its annual awards.

**11-28 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>12-2 CalChess Grade Level Championship** in Stockton.

**12-5 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.

**12-12 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>16 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #19.** See the flyer on page 5 of the newsletter.

**12-19 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.

**12-26 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.  
March – Sacramento Scholastic Championship.  
April – Greater Sacramento Adult-Scholastic Championship, Club Class Championship(?).

## *On-Line Newsletter*

The Club posts the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, which includes tournament flyers, in PDF format on the club's website newsletter section. 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](mailto:sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org)



## Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament, October 27, 2007

**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 20, 2007, add \$15 per player after October 20 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 \$17 (under age 13), Youth Membership \$19 (under age 16), Young Adult Membership \$25 (under age 25). 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 27, 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 2007 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<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey, USCF Associate National TD: e-mail: [sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org](mailto:sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org) phone: (916) 524-9479.

**ENTRY FORM** is on page 6.

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## 2007 Sacramento High School Championship, November 17, 2007

**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 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 10, 2007. Entries postmarked after November 10, 2007, 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 17, 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<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey. Ratings used will be from the November 2007 USCF rating supplement only.

**FURTHER INFO:** John M<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey: e-mail: [sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org](mailto:sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org) Phone: (916) 524-9479.

## 2007 Sacramento High School Championship Entry Form, November 17, 2007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

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 11/10/2007)

\_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership fees: Scholastic \$17 (under age 13) Youth \$19 (under age 16) Young Adult \$25 (under age 25)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Late Entry: postmarked after 11/10/2007 or on site (additional \$15)

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

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

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## Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #19, December 15-16, 2007

**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:** 4 round swiss in 2 sections: Master/Expert/A (1800+), Reserve (Under 1800). Registration: 12/15: 8:30-9:30 am. Rounds 12/15: 10:00 am & 3:30 pm; 12/16: 10:00 am & 3:30 pm. Time controls: 30/90, G/1, 5 second delay (on applicable clocks).

**Entry Fees & Prizes:** Entry Fees: \$45 mailed & postmarked by 12/8, \$55 postmarked after 12/8 and on-site; Juniors (under age 19), \$35 mailed and postmarked by 12/8, \$40 postmarked after 12/8 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 full paid entries. December 2007 supplement will be used for ratings.

Master/Expert/A: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200 & Trophy (guaranteed), 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150 (guaranteed),

\*2000-2199: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$120, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100, \*U2000: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$120, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100

Reserve: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200 & Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150, 1400-1599: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$120, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100 \*U1400, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$120, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100;  
Junior, 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100

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 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 3 byes must be requested by 12/15, Round 4 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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sactochess@sbcglobal.net).

## Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #19 Entry Form

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$45 postmarked or by 12/8/2007 (Juniors \$35), \$55 after 12/8/2007 & on site (Juniors \$40)

\_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership: \$49 - Adult; \$36 - Senior; \$25 - Young Adult (U25); \$19 - Youth (U16);  
\$17 - Scholastic (U13)

\_\_\_\_\_ CalChess membership: \$5 year

\_\_\_\_\_ Play up one section for \$10.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL (Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club)**

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

# Sacramento Scholastic Team Tournament Entry Form, October 27, 2007

**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 20, 2007

\_\_\_\_\_ \$33.00 entry fee per player (Team Entry Fee \$132.00) postmarked after October 20, 2007 or on-site

\_\_\_\_\_ USCF Membership fees: Scholastic \$17 (under age 13) Youth \$19 (under age 16) Young Adult \$25 (under age 25)

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL** Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club and mail % 6700 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Sacramento, CA 95823

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