

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

January 2008-March 2008



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The Sacramento Chess Club meets the first four Wednesday evenings of the 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>

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter Goes All-Electronic

One of the foundations of the Sacramento Chess Club is that we do not charge any fees or dues to simply play at the Club on Wednesday nights. Over the years, this policy has stood very well for the Club, but the cost of everything continues to increase. This includes printing and mailing the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter.

In order to continue to offer inexpensive chess to the greater Sacramento area, this will be the last printed Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter for the foreseeable future. While we understand that some people will not be able to enjoy the electronic version of the newsletter, it does open the possibility of expanding the newsletter or posting the newsletter on a more frequent basis. Going all-electronic also allows us to handle most of our tournament flyer mailings without paper.

If you have been receiving a "snail-mail" copy of the newsletter and wish to receive notifications when it is posted to the Sacramento Chess Club website, please e-mail us at sactochess@sbcglobal.net. You will be added to our newsletter e-mailing list. If the Club gains a generous benefactor who will underwrite our printing and mailing costs, or the Club wins the California Lottery (yes, first we do have to play in order to win), we will restart mailings of the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of the Sacramento Chess Club.

Changes to Club Meeting Nights

The Hart Senior Center has implemented changes to our club meeting nights. The Club will continue to now meet the first four Wednesdays of each month. The Hart Senior Center wishes to reevaluate our status in six months rather than on an annual basis, as in the past.

We are still required to carry \$1,000,000 of liability insurance for our meetings at the Hart Senior Center. The most cost efficient alternative continues to be purchasing insurance through the City of Sacramento Risk Management Division for an estimated \$250 for 2008 (the City of Sacramento has not yet provided the exact cost). The Club should still be able to afford this coverage in the foreseeable future.

2007 Annual Club Awards

Player of the Year – Isaac Zhang
Scholastic Player of the Year – Ted Xiao
Most Improved Player – James Mayfield

Congratulations to the winners!

Schedule of Events

1-02-08 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 sections may be formed as needed.

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1-09 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship Qualifier. 5 round Swiss. This will be the qualifying round for the championship to be held on 1-16. The format: 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 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Entry fee \$5. USCF Quick Chess rated.

1-16 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship. The title will be determined by a six-player round robin with the qualifiers from 1-9. Any ties for the title will be broken using a G/10 playoff. USCF Quick Chess rated. Games start at 7.

1-19 2008 Sacramento Elementary Scholastic Championship. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

1-23 Winter 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.

2-6>2-27 Winter G/60. 4 Round G/60 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration on 1-23. Registration on 2-6 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.

3-1 Sacramento Scholastic Championship. Event is being finalized ... details to follow.

3-5 Quick Chess G/10. 5 round Quick Chess tournament. USCF Quick Chess rated, \$2 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7:00

3-5 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 on their team and individuals who would like to play but are not on teams. Team details below.

3-12>?? Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship. Round Robin. 6 person teams. No team may have more than 3 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 March 2008 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, Bob Baker, or Steve Bickford at the Club; call John McCumiskey at 524-9479, or send an e-mail to us. You will be placed in a competitive situation as quickly as possible. Time control will be Game 55 d/5 or Game 60. USCF rated. Entry fee \$30 per team. Lineups must be placed in rating order. With TD approval, unrated players may be placed anywhere in the lineup, however, they must always play in the rating range of the players above and below them (i.e., if board 2 is rated 1904, board 4 is rated 1748, and an unrated player is placed on board 3, the unrated player must always be on a board between players rated from 1748 to 1904). Trophies 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 5 games in the event, a player must play 3 games on a board to win the board prize.) We would like to see six to eight teams for this event! All rounds start at 6:55 pm.

Future Events: April – Greater Sacramento Adult/Scholastic Championship, Spring Swiss; **May** – 13th Annual Swap Night; **June** – Club Junior Championship; **July** – Sacramento Chess Championship, Club G/5 Championship, Club G/5 Junior Championship.

Elk Grove Chess Club

The Elk Grove Chess Club continues to meet at the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove on the first Tuesday of every month. For further information, please contact Roseller at mnlachess@yahoo.com, phone 916-549-8432.



Folsom Chess Club

The Folsom Chess Club is new chess organization in Folsom area. While the group does not meet formally, they are working with the Folsom Department of Parks and Recreation to schedule unrated scholastic tournaments in the Folsom area. They are also trying to organize unrated scholastic events in El Dorado Hills. Check the Sacramento Chess Club Schedule of Events on-line for further information.

Current Club Champions

2007 Bullet (G/1) Champion: Isaac Zhang
2007 Club Champion: Alonzo McCaulley
2007 G/5 Champion: Isaac Zhang
2007 Scholastic Champion: Elliot Bezedeccheck,
Jordan Langland
2007 Team Champion: The TactiTals
(Michael Aigner, Bob Baker, John Gonzalez Cohen,
Nicholas Karas, John McCumiskey, Daniel Schwarz
Jerry Schwarz, Ted Xiao, & Isaac Zhang)
2007 G/10 Champion: Daniel Schwarz

Sacramento Chess School

Hart Senior Center
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.

2008 Schedule

January 4, 18, 25

February 1, 15, 22

March 7, 21, 28

April 4, 18, 25

May 2, 16, 23

June 6, 20, 27

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

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