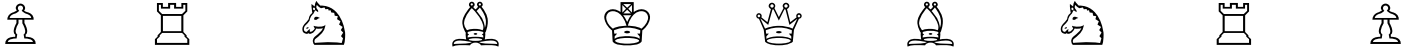


Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

April 2008 - June 2008



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

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>

Changes to Club Meeting Nights?

As many of you are aware, the City of Sacramento is in the midst of budget problems that have the potential to affect the Club and our ability to meet at the Hart Senior Center. In a recent letter to Club President Steve Bickford, the Club was told,

"We thank you for choosing the Ethel Hart Center as a meeting location for your group. As you know, the Center strives to remain open every day of the week, as well as most evenings.

"Last fall a building use permit was issued to your group for January – June, 2008. We are now issuing your group a building use permit for the second half of the year, July - December, 2008 based on your initial application. There are no changes at this time to the conditions pertaining to your group's use of the building.

"As you may be aware, the City of Sacramento is facing a budget shortfall. Should the City's financial situation require that the conditions of how your group uses the facility change we will notify you as early as possible."

It appears that our meeting place is stable for the moment, but, as changes in the budget outlook appear, our use of the Hart Senior Center might be impacted. The Sacramento Chess Club will do everything possible to keep it's members up-to-date as things change.

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 Gary Martinez at finishstrong22@yahoo.com, phone 916-275-9637.

fpawns Chess Blog

<http://fpawn.blogspot.com/> is Michael Aigner's new chess blog. His site contains news, pictures, and information on chess at the local, regional, and national level. The site is updated at least every other day giving visitors fresh information on a regular basis.

Schedule of Events

5-7 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.

5-14 G/5 Double Blitz. Four 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.

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, April 2008-June 2008



5-21>5-28 SCC Spring 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. Trophy to the champion, top 1500-1799, and under 1500 and unrated. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

5-31 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship. See the flyer on page 3 for more details.

6-4 13th Annual Swap Night. Buy, sell, or trade books, sets, clocks, magazines or other chess memorabilia. Stewart Katz is still on the lookout for your old clocks! For the best selection, get there early!

6-11 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.

6-18 >6-25 Sacramento Chess Club Junior Championship. Four round Swiss (or round-robin, depending on entries) for those under the age of 19, Game 30, with two games each night. **NO ENTRY FEE.** A rated (for USCF members) and unrated section are planned. If there are not enough entries to run two sections, they will be combined into 1 unrated section. Registration 6:15-6:40. Rounds at 6:50 and 7:55 PM each night – participants will be finished by 9 PM both nights. Trophy prizes to be awarded with standard USCF tie-breaks used to determine final standings where necessary.

6-18 >6-25 G/30 Summer 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. Trophy to the champion, top 1500-1799, and under 1500 and unrated. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

7-4>7-6 Sacramento Chess Championship. See the flyer on page 4 for more details. Two and three day schedules are available for the tournament.

Future Events: July – Sacramento Chess Championship, Club G/5 Championship, Club G/5 Junior Championship. **August** – Sacramento Chess Club Summer Swiss. **September** – Club elections.

USCF Memberships

The Sacramento Chess Club is continuing 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, Senior (65 & over) - \$34, Young Adult (under 25) - \$23, Youth (under 16) - \$17, Scholastic (under 13) - \$15. Multiple year memberships are also available with the discount. Prices subject to change by the USCF at any given time.

Current Club Champions

2008 Team Champion: Elk Grove
(Michael Aigner, Donald Dixon, William Lombard, Glenn Leotaud, Bernard Lu, Roseller Novarro, Romeo Pilar, Robert Russo, Jaydee Tenioso)

2008 G/10 Champion: Ted Xiao
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

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, April 2008-June 2008



2008 Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship, May 31, 2008

SECTIONS: K – 3rd Grade; K – 6th Grade; K – 12th Grade. For example, a 4th grade student may play in the K-6 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: Sacramento Country Day School, 2636 Latham Drive, Sacramento. **From Business I-80** – Exit at Fulton Avenue and go south. Continue south on Fulton past Fair Oaks Boulevard (Fulton Avenue becomes Munroe), turn left on Latham Drive. Country Day is one-half block on the right. **From Highway 50** – Exit at Howe Avenue/Power Inn Road and go north. Continue north for approximately one mile and turn right at American River Drive. At the first stop light (Munroe), turn left. Turn right on Latham Drive. Country Day is one-half block on the right. **From Downtown Sacramento** – Go east on "J" Street – it will become Fair Oaks Blvd. Turn right on Munroe and left on Latham Drive. Country Day is one-half block on the right.

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. May 2008 Rating Supplement only.

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00; must be postmarked by May 24, 2008. For all entries postmarked after May 24, 2008 and on-site, add \$15.00. CalChess member discount, \$2. Two ½ 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 its web site (<http://sacramentochessclub.org>).

SCHEDULE: **Check-in & on-site registration:** May 31, 8:30 am to 9:15 am. **Player, parent, and coaches meeting:** 9:30 am in the tournament hall. **Round 1:** 9:45 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 3 in each section, based on advance entries. Up to 3 team and 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 ½ point bye or be paired against another late entry at the Tournament Director's discretion. **Further Info:** NTD John M^cCumiskey; e-mail: sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org Phone: (916) 524-9479.

2008 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 – 12th Grade

_____ Entry Fee \$15.00 (postmarked by 5/24/2008)

_____ USCF Scholastic Membership (under 13) \$17.00; USCF Youth Membership (under 16) \$19.00; USCF Young Adult Membership (under age 25) \$25.00

_____ USCF Scholastic Tournament Membership \$7.00 (membership for one tournament only)

_____ CalChess Discount \$2

_____ Late Entry: postmarked after 5/24/2008 or on site (additional \$15)

_____ **TOTAL FEES** _____ **Requested Byes (if any):** _____

Make checks payable to Sacramento Chess Club and mail to 6700 50th Street, Sacramento, CA 95823-1306

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, April 2008-June 2008



2008 Sacramento Chess Championship, July 4-6, 2008

PLACE: Best Western Expo Inn, 1413 Howe Avenue, 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 Best Western Expo Inn is approximately ¼-mile on the right. The tournament hall is in the Expo building.

EVENT & SCHEDULE: Two sections: Master/Expert (above 1999) and Reserve (under 2000) in a two or three-day schedule. USCF rated six-round swiss. July 2008 USCF rating list only. **Registration:** 7/4 – 8:30-9:45 am. 7/5 – 8:30 am - 9:15 am. **Rounds:** 3-day: 7/4 – 10 & 3:30, 7/5 – 11 & 4:30, 7/6 – 10 & 3:30. 2-day: 7/5 – 9:30, 11:45, 2, & 4:30, 7/6 – 10 & 3:30. (2-day and 3-day events merge in round 3) **Time controls:** 3-day, 30/90, G/1 all rounds. 2-day, Rounds 1-3, G/60; Rounds 4-6, 30/90, G/60. A 5 second time delay will be used on all time controls.

ENTRY FEE: \$65 (Juniors \$45), postmarked by 6/27/2008; \$75 (Juniors \$50) postmarked after 6/27/2008 and on site. IMs/GMs free. USCF membership required. CalChess members receive a \$5 discount on their entry fee (excluding reentries). Entrants may play up one section for \$10. **Reentry** after round 2 of the 3-day schedule, \$40. **Byes:** ½ point byes available in any round and must be requested before completion of the previous round. ½ point byes for rounds 5 and 6 must be requested prior to the start of round 1 and may not be changed. Maximum two ½ point byes per entry.

PRIZES: Master/Expert: 1st - \$325 (guaranteed) & trophy, 2nd - \$250 *U2200: 1st - \$185, 2nd - \$150
Reserve: 1st - \$325 & trophy, 2nd - \$250 *1600-1799: 1st - \$185, 2nd - \$150
*1400-1599: 1st - \$185, 2nd - \$150 *U1400: 1st - \$185, 2nd - \$150
1st Place Junior, \$100 (10 or more Juniors in the section)

Overall prize fund based on 75 full paid adult entries and 10 full paid junior entries. Prize fund and/or number of prizes will be increased or decreased based on total entries in each section (with 60 full paid adult entries and 10 full paid junior entries the prize fund will be \$1,900). Each class or "under" prize needs at least 5 players for both prizes to be paid.

NOTES: Unrated players ineligible for asterisked (*) prizes. Prizes will be paid out upon the completion of the tournament. Trophy tie-break information on-site.

HOTEL: Best Western Expo Inn (ask for Sacramento Chess Club rates), 1-800-643-4422 or 1-916-922-9833.

OTHER: Bring clocks and equipment – none provided!! Registration will close as scheduled to allow round 1 to start on time. Late entries will be given a ½ point bye or paired against another late entry at the TD's discretion. No computer entries accepted. Wheelchair access to site. USCF rated. Advance entries posted on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website, <http://sacramentochessclub.org>

MORE INFO: NTD John M^cCumiskey, e-mail: sactochess@sbcglobal.net; phone: (916) 524-9479.

2008 Sacramento Chess Championship Entry Form

Name: _____ USCF ID # _____ Rating: _____

Address: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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

E-mail Address: _____ Requested ½ point bye (if any), round(s) _____

Circle the section being entered: 3-day Master/Expert 2-day Master/Expert 3-day Reserve 2-day Reserve

Mark all that apply:

_____ \$65 postmarked by 6/27/2008 (Juniors \$45), \$75 postmarked after 6/27/2008 & at site (Juniors \$50)

_____ USCF Membership: \$49, Adult; \$36, Senior; \$17, Scholastic Membership (under 13);

\$19, Youth Membership (under 16) ; \$25, Young Adult Membership (under age 25)

_____ CalChess membership: \$5 year (subject to change by CalChess)

_____ Play up one section for \$10.

_____ CalChess discount \$5

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

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

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, April 2008-June 2008



In this issue:	Changes to Club Meeting Nights?	Page 1
	Elk Grove Chess Club	Page 1
	fpawn Blog	Page 1
	Schedule of Events	Page 1
	USCF Memberships	Page 2
	Current Club Champions	Page 2
	2008 Sacramento Scholastic Championship	Page 3
	2008 Sacramento Chess Championship	Page 4

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

Sacramento Chess Club
% 6700 50th Street
Sacramento, CA 95823-1306