

# Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

## July 2007-August 2007



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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>

### ***Changes to Club Meeting Location?***

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. On June 2, 2008, the Sacramento Chess Club was informed by the Hart Senior Center that it would be necessary to charge the Club rent in order to use the facility.

As the Club looked at the options available, the primary focus was to avoid charging members dues, something the Club has been able to do throughout most of its existence, and stay at the Hart Senior Center. If staying at the Hart Senior Center would not be financially possible, trying to remain in the downtown area or as close to downtown as possible.

During the month of June, many members of the Sacramento Chess Club stepped up with suggestions for new locations and ways to cover the rental fees. The ideas for financing the rent and suggestions and offers of meeting sites helped us in our efforts to resolve the problem.

The Sacramento Chess Club is the fortunate recipient of a \$1,000 donation toward rent to help the Club continue to meet at the Hart Senior Center.

To help manage the new rental fees, the Club will be setting aside a portion of tournament entry fees to cover these costs.

Since the Club is not a 501(c)(3) organization. We are looking into the possibility of donations to organizations that can redirect those funds to the Club and receive a tax write off. The Club will graciously accept any donations to help us prepare for future rental costs.

For the moment, it appears that our meeting place will be stable until the next budget session for the Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department in January 2009. Their budget outlook will guide our future direction.

We owe a big thank you to the benefactor of the Sacramento Chess Club for his generosity and support of Sacramento area chess.

### ***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](mailto:finishstrong22@yahoo.com), phone 916-275-9637.

### ***Schedule of Events***

**7-2 G/20 Octos.** 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.

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### 7-4>7-6 Sacramento Chess Championship.

See the flyer on page 3 for more details.

**7-9 Open Chess.** No tournament tonight ... test out new openings against your favorite opponent, chat, and otherwise have chess fun! A Jamshid G/5?!!??

**7-16 Sacramento Chess Club Speed Chess Championship Qualifying.** The Sacramento Chess Club 5 minute championship. Trophy or prize to the champion. 7 round swiss with the **top seven scores advancing to the finals** on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Defending champion Isaac Zhang is seeded into the final. Unrated, \$3 entry fee. Registration 6:30-7:00, Round 1 at 7:10.

**7-23 Sacramento Chess Club Speed Chess Championship Finals.** An unrated eight-player round-robin with the qualifiers from July 9<sup>th</sup> and defending champion Isaac Zhang.

Games start at 7:00. If there is enough interest, a G/5 side event may be run during the finals.

**7-30 CLOSED (5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday).**

**8-6>8-27 It's Hot Out There! Swiss.** Four round G/60 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 7-23; 8-6 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 and unrated. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

**Future Events:** September – Election of Club officers, Sacramento Chess Club Championship. October – Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship. November – Sacramento High School Championship. December – Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #19.



### 2008 Sacramento Chess Championship, July 4-6, 2008

**USCF Memberships Purchased Through the Sacramento Chess Club:** 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, Economy Adult (no Chess Life) - \$36, Senior (65 & over) - \$32, Youth (19 & under) - \$23, Scholastic (14 & under) - \$17, Economy Scholastic (14 & under, no Chess Life) - \$12. Multiple year memberships are also available with the discount. Prices subject to change by the USCF at any given time.

**Address Updates and Corrections to:** Please e-mail your address updates and/or corrections to [sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org](mailto:sactochess@sacramentochessclub.org) or mail them to Sacramento Chess Club, 6700 50<sup>th</sup> St., Sacramento, CA 95823-1306. Changes are generally processed the same day they are received. With the upcoming increase in postage rates, please consider receiving an electronic version of the club newsletter and tournament flyer notifications in order to help us save money! Thank you!

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**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: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$325 (guaranteed) & trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$250 \*U2200: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$185, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$150  
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1<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>c</sup>Cumiskey, e-mail: [sactochess@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 50<sup>th</sup> 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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