

# Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

## September 2008 - November 2008



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The Sacramento Chess Club meets the first four Wednesday evenings of the month between 6 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 Meetings*

With the facility crisis of June and July behind us, the Club now meets in half of the Redwood Room. As the year goes by, the Club will continue to work to raise money to fund our remaining at the Hart Senior Center. While we are not a 501(c)3 organization, we are looking at that possibility or affiliating ourselves with a chess-related one. We are also looking further into our historical relationship with the City of Sacramento to see what we might be able to do in this arena. Stay tuned for further updates!

### *Sacramento Chess School Continues!*

With the charging of rent to the Sacramento Chess Club at the Hart Senior Center, the Sacramento Chess School faced its own questions: pay rent or shut down. Bob Baker and Michael Parmon found another option: relocation. The Sacramento Chess School now meets at Burger King, 5300 Folsom Boulevard (corner of 54<sup>th</sup> and Folsom). Meetings are every Friday night from 6 to 9 pm.

### *Fall Elections*

Sacramento Chess Club elections are just around the corner. On September 3, 2008, between rounds 4 and 5 of the Election Night G/5, the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be open to nominations and voting. Come nominate and vote for your candidates!

### *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 2008, 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 2009. 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.

### *Awards and Dessert Night*

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, the Sacramento Chess Club will present its annual Club Awards and host a dessert table of holiday pies.

For the past twelve 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

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will be solicited at the event from those who can afford to help.

## *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.

## *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 19<sup>th</sup> or November 26<sup>th</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*

**9-3 Sacramento Chess Club Elections.** Elections for President, Vice President, and Treasurer will be held between rounds 4 and 5 of the Election Night Blitz.

**9-3 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.

**9-10>10-8 Sacramento Chess Club Championship.** A 5 round, G/60 USCF rated, swiss, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 9/3; 9/10 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.

**10-15 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.

**10-22 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!

**10-25 Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship.** A flyer may be downloaded from the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

**10-29 Club Closed – 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.**

**11-5>12 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. If sections are combined, there will only be one trophy per section. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

**11-15 Sacramento High School Championship.** A flyer may be downloaded from the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

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**11-19 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.

**11-26 Club Awards and Dessert Night.** Pies, sparkling cider, and coffee will be served as the Club presents its annual awards.

**12-6>12-7 CalChess Grade Level Championship** in Stockton.

**Future Events:** December – Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #19; January – Sacramento Elementary Championship; February – Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship.

## *Current Club Champions*

2008 G/5 Champion: Steven Ross

2008 Team Champion: Elk Grove

(Michael Aigner, Donald Dixon, William Lombard, Glenn Leotaud, Bernard Lu, Roseller Navarro, Romeo Pilar, Robert Russo, Jaydee Tenioso)

2008 G/10 Champion: Ted Xiao

2007 Bullet Champion: Isaac Zhang

2007 Club Champion: Alonzo McCaulley

## *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.

## *Content for the Club Newsletter*

The on-line format the Sacramento Chess Club newsletter gives us more flexibility in regards to the materials we can publish. Printing costs did not allow the luxury of publishing annotated games, stories from events, or accounts from the Sacramento Chess Club's rich history.

If you are interested in contributing to the Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter, submissions should be e-mailed to [sactochess@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sactochess@sbcglobal.net).



**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, Senior (65 & over) - \$32, Young Adult (under 25) - \$23, Youth (under 16) - \$17, Scholastic (under age 13) - \$15. Multiple year memberships are also available with the discount. Prices subject to change by the USCF at any given time.

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

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