

# Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

## March 2009-June 2009



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The Sacramento Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening 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 Night Meetings Updates*

As many of you are aware, the Sacramento Chess Club is now paying rent to meet at the Hart Senior Center. The hourly rate for our meetings is \$22, an increase from the \$11 we were initially charged. In a 4-week month, this amounts to \$264.

In order to partially meet this cost, the Club is scheduling unrated **Pay Down the Rent** events on a monthly basis. These will typically be one night events with an entry fee of \$5, all of which will go toward paying down the Club's rent. Since these are unrated tournaments, anyone who comes to the club can participate. The first of these events will be G/20 Quads on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Two ideas for setting up a 501(c)(3) for the Sacramento chess community has been suggested: make the Club itself a 501(c)(3), or set up an organization that would be able to accept donations for chess organizations and for the advancement of chess in the greater Sacramento area. For this to happen, the Club would need someone who has the time and the knowledge in this area. A 501(c)(3) dedicated to chess in Sacramento would allow people to make donations, possibly help secure sponsors for chess events, and receive a tax write off.

As always, the Sacramento Chess Club appreciates the generosity of its membership and will gladly accept donations for Club operations.

### *Elk Grove Chess Club*

The Elk Grove Chess Club meets at the Franklin Community Library in Elk Grove from 6 to 8 PM on all but 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, or visit their website at <http://elkgrovechess.googlepages.com/home>.

### *fpawns Chess Blog*

<http://fpawn.blogspot.com/> is Michael Aigner's chess blog. His site contains news, pictures, and information on chess at the local, regional, and national level. The site is updated regularly to give visitors fresh information.

### *Schedule of Events*

**3-25 Pay Down the Rent G/20 Quads.** Four person round-robin quads, Game 20. Unrated and open to all players. \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Quads will be ratings balanced – three games with similarly rated opponents! All fees will be put aside to help pay the Sacramento Chess Club's rent for the Hart Senior Center.

**4-1 April Fools 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. This event **WILL NOT** be USCF rated.

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**4-4 California Capital Regional Scholastic.** The flyer for this event may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

**4-8 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.

**4-15 Pay Down the Rent Quick Chess.** This will be a Game in 10 minutes, 5 round, unrated event open to all players. Registration 6:30-6:50, Round 1 at 6:55. Entry fee \$5. All fees will be put aside to help pay the Sacramento Chess Club's rent for the Hart Senior Center.

**4-18 Greater Sacramento Adult/Scholastic Championship.** The flyer for this event may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

**4-22>5-20 SCC Spring Swiss.** Five round Swiss, G/55 d/5, USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 4-15. 4-22 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 unrateds. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

**4-25 Fremont Park Chess Festival.** A special event to be held in Fremont Park, between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, P and Q Streets in downtown Sacramento from 10 am until 2 pm. Kids chess lessons at 10 am and 12 pm, unrated trophy quads from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, and a simultaneous by Steve Ross starting at 11 am. An event flyer is located on the home page of the Sacramento Chess Club's website.

**5-27 Pay Down the Rent Blitz Tournament.** Unrated 7 round Game 5 blitz

tournament open to all who are interested. Registration 6:30-6:50, Round 1 at 6:55. Entry fee \$5. All fees will be put aside to help pay the Sacramento Chess Club's rent for the Hart Senior Center.

**5-27 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**6-3 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.

**6-10 Pay Down the Rent Quick Chess (Handicapped Times).** 5 round Quick Chess tournament. Time controls are based on the difference in players' quick chess ratings. \$5 entry fee. Registration from 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. This event **WILL NOT** be USCF rated. All fees will be put aside to help pay the Sacramento Chess Club's rent for the Hart Senior Center.

**6-17 >6-24 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 unrateds. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

**7-3>7-5 Sacramento Chess Championship.** The flyer for this event may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website. Two and three day schedules are available for the tournament.

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

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### ***USCF Memberships***

Below are the current United States Chess Federation (USCF) memberships and one year prices. These may be purchased at the Club.

Regular Adult - \$29  
Premium Adult - \$42

Regular Young Adult - \$24  
Premium Young Adult - \$32  
(25 and under at expiration)

Regular Youth - \$20  
Premium Youth - \$27  
(16 and under at expiration)

Regular Scholastic - \$16  
Premium Scholastic - \$23  
(13 and under at expiration)

Senior - \$36  
(65 and older - Premium membership)

Premium memberships include a printed copy of *Chess Life* (monthly) or *Chess Life for Kids*

(bimonthly), plus all the benefits of regular membership.

Regular memberships provide on-line access *Chess Life* or *Chess Life for Kids*; a Tournament Life Announcement bulletin will be mailed to adult members bimonthly and scholastic members three times a year; the right to play in USCF-sanctioned tournaments and be assigned an official rating; and access to member-only content on the USCF website, uschess.org, including the USCF forum discussion group.

### ***Current Club Champions***

2009 G/10 Champion: Michael Aigner  
2008 Club Champion: Josefino V Escoto  
2008 G/5 Champion: Steven Ross  
2008 Team Champion: Elk Grove  
(Michael Aigner, Donald Dixon,  
William Lombard, Glenn Leotaud,  
Bernard Lu, Roseller Novarro,  
Romeo Pilar, Robert Russo,  
Jaydee Tenioso)

### ***Sacramento Chess School***

Friday Nights  
6-9 PM

Burger King  
5300 Folsom Boulevard  
(54<sup>th</sup> and Folsom Boulevard)  
Sacramento, CA

A chess club designed to serve children/youth  
to help them gain knowledge and competitive skills.

The Sacramento Chess School is free of charge!

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

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