

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

July 2009 - September 2009

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

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 continues to be \$22. In a 4-week month, this amounts to \$264, or \$330 in a 5-week month.

In order to partially meet this cost, the Club is running 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. These events will continue during the summer.

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

New Weekend Event!

On August 28, the Club will host an open 6-round Friday night G/10 tournament at The Learning Exchange. This will be an open USCF rated event with 80% of all entry fees returned as prizes to the players. Unlike Club night events, if we are not finished at 9 pm, we can keep playing until we complete the tournament. If this event is successful, another will be scheduled with our December weekend event. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

Schedule of Events

7-1 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 8th. Defending champion Steve Ross is seeded into the final. Unrated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-7:00, Round 1 at 7:10.

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.

7-8 Sacramento Chess Club Speed Chess Championship Finals. An unrated eight-player round-robin with the qualifiers from July 1st and defending champion Steve Ross. Games start at 7:00. If there is enough interest, a G/5 side event may be run during the finals.

7-15 Pay Down the Rent G/20 Octos. Eight person sections, Game 20. Unrated and open to all players. \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Sections will be ratings balanced. All fees will be put aside to help pay the Sacramento Chess Club's rent for the Hart Senior Center.

7-22>8-19 It's Hot Out There! Swiss. Five round G/60 USCF rated, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 7-15; 7-22 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 unrated. Standard USCF tie-breaks will be used.

8-26 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.

8-28 Friday Night G/10 Open. This will be a Game in 10 minutes, 6 round, USCF rated event. Registration 6:15-6:45, Round 1 paired immediately after the last entry is taken. Entry fee \$25. 80% of all entries will be returned as prizes to the players after the completion of the tournament (class and junior prizes anticipated based on entries). The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

8-29>30 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #20. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

9-2 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 \$5.

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

9-9 Election Night Blitz - Pay Down the Rent. Unrated 6 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.

9-16>10-14 Sacramento Chess Club Championship. A 5 round, G/60 USCF rated, swiss, entry fee \$5. Early Registration 9/9; 9/16 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.

Future Events: October – Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship. November – Sacramento High School Championship. December – Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #21.

Current Club Champions

2009 Team Champion: UC Davis Knights
(Anthony Blessing, Brian Eller, Erik Freidlander, Zach Han, Jimmy Heiserman, Marcus Langston, Ryan Leung, Rohan Sathe, David Whiteneck)
2009 G/10 Champion: Michael Aigner
2008 Club Champion: Josefino V Escoto
2008 G/5 Champion: Steven Ross

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, 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.

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.

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Sacramento Chess School

Friday Nights
6-9 PM

Burger King
5300 Folsom Boulevard
(54th 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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