

Sacramento Chess Club Newsletter

October 2009-January 2010

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

The Sacramento Chess Club meets every Wednesday 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 and Rent

For the last year, the Sacramento Chess Club has been paying rent to the City of Sacramento for our use of half of the Redwood Room. We have been raising money through our "Pay Down the Rent" events, weekend tournaments, as well as the generosity of Club members. As we approach the end of 2009, it looks like the Sacramento Chess Club will be continuing to pay rent for our facility. The funds raised and donations have so far covered the Club's needs in 2009.

As the year goes by, the Club will continue to work to raise money to fund our use of the Hart Senior Center, including our See's Candy Fund Raiser (see below). Assuming the City of Sacramento does not increase the facility fees, the Club needs to raise \$3,432 to pay the rent for the next 12 months.

See's Candy Fund Raiser

Our annual See's Candy fund raiser for the Club's rent will start October 14 and run through November 18, with candy delivery on November 25. The Club's website includes a See's Candy page. 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.

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.

Fall Election Results

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

Awards Night Potluck

On November 26th, the Sacramento Chess Club will present its annual Club Awards.

For the past thirteen 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. This year, the Club will host a potluck. We are looking for people to bring meats, side dishes, and desserts. Beverages will be provided.

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>.

501(c)3 Non-Profit Status

At the moment, the Sacramento Chess Club does not have a 501(c)3 non-profit status. CalChess, the state affiliate for northern California, is in the process of establishing itself as a recognized non-profit organization. If CalChess attains non-profit status, the Club will see if there is a way to align ourselves with CalChess to provide our donors with a tax write off. If that is not possible, the Club will look into becoming a 501(c)3 ourselves.

Schedule of Events

10-17 Sacramento Scholastic Team Championship & Sacramento Saturday Game 30. A flyer for either event may be downloaded from the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

10-21 Pay Down the Rent G/20 Quads. Unrated and open to all players. Four person round-robin quads, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Quads will be ratings balanced.

10-28>11-4 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.

11-11 Veteran's Day – Club Closed.

11-14 Sacramento High School Championship and Sacramento Saturday Game 30 #2. Flyers for these events may be

downloaded from the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

11-18 Pay Down the Rent Quick Chess (Handicapped Times). Unrated and open to all players. 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.

11-21>22 CalChess Grade Level Championship in Stockton. A flyer for this event may be downloaded from the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

11-25 Club Awards Night Potluck. Enjoy good food and fellow chess players as the Club presents its annual awards.

12-2 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.

12-9 G/20 Octos. Eight player, 3-round swiss sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee. Registration 6:30-6:50 Games start at 6:55. Sections will be ratings balanced and each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic quads may be formed as needed.

12-11 Friday Night G/10 Swiss. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

12-12>13 Sacramento Chess Club Weekend Swiss #20. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

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12-16 Pay Down the Rent G/5 Double Blitz. Unrated 4 round Game 5 double blitz tournament. Play both white and black against the same opponent. Entry fee \$5. 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.

12-23 Winter Blitz. Unrated 7 round Game 5 blitz tournament. Entry fee \$5. Registration 6:30-6:55, round 1 at 7. If there is enough interest, a scholastic section may be formed.

12-30 Casual Chess. No event scheduled for this evening. Play blitz with your friends, visit, or try to come up with that new innovation to crush your favorite opponent!

1-06-10 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship Qualifier. 5 round Swiss. This will be the qualifying round for the championship to be held on 1-13. The format: 21 or more entries, there will be three ratings balanced sections with the top two advancing to the finals from each section; if there are 20 or fewer entries, there will be two ratings balanced sections with the top three scores from each section advancing to the finals. Ties for advancement to the finals will be broken with a G/5 playoff. Registration 6:30-6:50. Games start at 6:55. Entry fee \$5. USCF Quick Chess rated.

1-13 Sacramento Chess Club G/10 Championship. The title will be determined by a six-player round robin with the qualifiers from 1-6. Any ties for the title will be broken using a G/10 playoff. USCF Quick Chess rated. Games start at 7.

1-20 Pay Down the Rent G/20 Octos. Eight player, 3-round swiss sections, Game 20. USCF Quick Chess Rated, \$5 entry fee.

Registration 6:30-6:50 Games start at 6:55. Sections will be ratings balanced and each section will have its own prize fund. Scholastic sections may be formed as needed.

1-20 Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship: Captains and Organizational Meeting will be held between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. We need team captains to be there with the names of players on their team and individuals who would like to play but are not on teams. Team details below.

1-23 2010 Sacramento Elementary Scholastic Championship. The flyer may be found on the Weekend Events page of the Sacramento Chess Club website.

1-27>?? Sacramento Chess Club Team Championship. Round Robin. 6 person teams. No team may have more than 3 alternates. The average rating for any given night may not exceed 1750. For purposes of calculating the adjusted ratings, any player rated over 2200 will count as 2200; any player rated under 1300 and unrated players will count as 1300. Ratings will be based on the January 2010 Supplement. We encourage other clubs, schools, employers, or fraternities to field teams. Clever names, logos, t-shirts, mascots, fight songs, etc., are all encouraged. No need to be subtle.

If you can't find a team, contact Bob Baker, or Steve Bickford at the Club; call John McCumiskey at 524-9479, or send an e-mail to us. You will be placed in a competitive situation as quickly as possible. Time control will be Game 55 d/5 or Game 60. USCF rated. Entry fee \$30 per team. Lineups must be placed in rating order. With TD approval, unrated players may be placed anywhere in the lineup, however, they must always play in the rating range of the players above and below them (i.e., if board 2 is rated 1904,

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board 4 is rated 1748, and an unrated player is placed on board 3, the unrated player must always be on a board between players rated from 1748 to 1904).

Trophies for the members of the winning team and best board score. (To win a board prize, a player must play 60% of the available games on that board. For example, if there are 5 games in the event, a player must play 3 games on a board to win the board prize.) We would like to see six to eight teams for this event! All rounds start at 6:55 pm.

Future Events: February – Sacramento Scholastic Chess Championship, May – Greater Sacramento Adult/Scholastic Championship.

Current Club Champions

2009 Club Champion: Steven Ross
2009 G/5 Champion: Kenan Zildzic
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

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.

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!

Information: Mike Parmon, (916) 452-5943
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Note: Recent Results from Club and weekend events can be found at <http://sacramentochessclub.org>.

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