

Reno in Retrospect..a TD report

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Jerry Weikel

Jerry Weikel posted the following to his website.

Also he posted a zip file containing games from all the non-master sections featuring many bay area players including Hans Porshman, Nicholas Nip, Dana Mackenzie, Batsai, and many others.

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Jerry Weikel wrote:

A special thanks to the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino for making it possible to have Boris and Marina back!! I feel so thrilled as an organizer to have this couple attend my tournament. I really feel honored and special, and I'm sure the players do too, to have this "Very Special Person-Boris Spassky" lecture at this tournament!!

Boris' attendance started on Wednesday evening at 5:30-7:30 pm for a "Reception" that included snacks and beverages and a good old fashioned "rubbing elbows" with the 10th World Chess Champion, i.e., conversation, taking pictures, exchanging stories, getting autographs, etc. The evening got "kicked-off" with a couple of short stories about Boris from Tony Saidy and John Donaldson. Thanks guys. Then Boris spoke briefly, followed by everyone getting a chance to visit with Boris and Marina at their table. A very pleasant evening! Next came the Simul on Thursday at 7:30PM. GM Larry Evans started the evening off with his usual 6pm free lecture. Following the lecture, Boris played his 27 board Simul winning 18 & yielding 9 draws to 1.Roger Poehlmann(Richland, CA) 2.Stephen Wygle (Dublin,OH) 3.Robert Woodworth(Omaha, NE) 4.Ian Jones(Walnut Creek, CA) 5.Wayne Strickland (Orlando,FL) 6.Gary Bricher (Eugene, Or) 7.John Locke(Sacramento, CA) 8.William Patterson(Fairfax, CA) & 9. E.Terry Alsaus(Reno,NV). That's 2 years Boris has had a Simul in Reno and has yet to lose a game(and there were 2 Masters playing him this year!)!! All 27 players also received a commemorative pen inscribed "10th world chess champion-Boris Spassky". Friday saw Boris with his Book Signing Session (10-11:30AM) that left Boris with writer's cramps!! Larry Evans assisted Boris with his Clinic on Saturday. On Sunday Boris covered a couple of his "favorite games" with a question and answer period. A superb job by Boris Spassky assisted by Larry Evans!!

355 players vied for the \$38,451 Prize Fund! A slightly disappointing turnout from our usual 400 + but since a lot of the other major tournaments (Minnesota, the National Open, etc.) this year also were down, I guess we should have expected it. I guess we'll blame a portion of it on the gasoline prices! There were probably 40-50 more people in Reno just to visit with Boris Spassky but chose not to play in the tournament. That's OK. It was still a great tournament! There were 12 GMs and 12 IMs and a total of 42 Masters in the 56 player Open Section. As usual for the Reno-Western States Open- A VERY STRONG OPEN SECTION!! (This reminds me, just a few days before this tournament took place I received a phone call from John Henderson of the American Foundation for Chess informing me that the 2006 Reno-Western States Open will be included in next year's cycle for the US Championship!! I guess it finally got realized just how strong this Reno Open is every year! But anyway, that was great news!). GM Milov traveled all the way from Switzerland just to play in this tournament! Also, of note, was newly crowned GM(!) (Congrats Igor) Igor Ivanov making the trip to Reno but, alas, he had to withdraw Saturday because of health reasons. We ALL wish Igor the very BEST and a speedy recovery! With 12 GMs and 12 IMs in a 56 player Section it got hot and heavy early. After 4 rounds only GM Alex Ivanov had a perfect 4-0 score. Right behind him at 3 1/2 was Yermolinsky and at 3 pts. was Ibragimov, Stripunsky, Ehlvest, Sevillano, Kudrin, Serper, Mezentsev, Perelshteyn, & Matkozyan. In Round 5 Yermo defeats Alex Ivanov to take the lead going into the final round. But in the 6th round, Yermo can't hold against Ildar Ibragimov and Alex Ivanov defeats Kudrin to force a two-way tie for 1st place with Ildar Ibragimov and Alex Ivanov. Ivanov wins the playoff for \$100 and the trophy. Alex Ivanov wins \$3800 and Ibragimov wins \$3700. A lot of good fighting chess in the top Section! "Expert" Sect. was a 4-way tie for 1st place 1.Christian Tanaka(San Juan, CA),2. Phil Perepelitsky (San Jose, CA), 3. Batsai Tserendorj (Oakland, CA) 4. Mike Zalonznyy(Northridge, CA) all with 5 pts. "A" Champ was (and still is!)Jeff Mallett (Boulder City, CA)5 1/2 pts.; "B" Jose Abarca (El Paso, TX) 5 1/2 pts.; "C" Thomas Avila(Vancouver, WA)5 1/2 ; "D" 2-way tie Eric Green (Mott, ND) & Andrew Grethlein (Oakland, CA) 5 1/2 pts top Unrated was Keisuke Shito 3 1/2 (Oregon House, CA); "E" 2-way tie Kimberly Tom (Fremont, CA) & Timothy Buckley (Vancouver, WA) 5 pts. Club Championship: 1)Seattle 2)Mechanics 3)East Bay (Oakland) 4)Sacramento. Top Senior was Justin Niemira. Congrats to all winners!

The staff, once again, did a superb job. This was one of the smoothest running tournaments we've had! Thank you to all (and there were many) that took the time to "pat me and the staff on the back". It shows you realize how hard we all work to give you, the players, the best tournament conditions we can. We're not always perfect, but we try our best! My warmest personal "Thank You" to the staff (which also includes the staff of the Sands Regency headed by Jennifer Mannix and Barbara Woodward):my wife Fran Weikel (job title-EVERYTHING!); Victor Flashman (Henderson, NV) Computer/TD; Dana Weikel (Reno) TD/Computer; Kim Weikel (Reno) Wall Charts/Player!; Ernest Hong (Reno) Computer/TD; John ("Chris") Christopherson (Reno) TD; Sevy Vega (Reno) Wallcharts; & the Demo Board Crew (10 boards this year!)-David Sheryka (Reno), Grant Fleming(Reno), Sal Rosario (Maryland), & David Peterson (Reno). What a great job they all did!!

Boris told me he and Marina really feel comfortable in Reno and enjoyed this trip very much; Thank You All for making the Spassky's feel welcomed here! This will be a tough tournament to beat! But I'm working on it! (Is there ANY chance we could get the Spassky's back for a 3rd time in October...?! We'll see...). So, anyway, see you all on April 7-9, 2006 at the Reno Far West Open, right back here at the wonderful Sands Regency of which none of this could happen without them! So make every effort to book your rooms with them on your next visit. Thanks. Check it out on www.renochess.org/fwo in a month or so.(www.renochess.org/wso for this tournament).

Remember, the two best ways to support the Weikel tournaments:

1. Participate in the tournament & 2. Stay at the Sands Regency Hotel/Casino!! Thanks!

Next Weikel Tournament- Far West Open : April 7-9, 2006 at Sands Regency \$20,000.

Check out Chess Life Magazine and www.renochess.org/fwo for the Far West Open.

For the Sands Regency, my staff, & Fran, Dana, & Kim Weikel

Best Regards, Jerry Weikel