

CalChess State Scholastics

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32ND ANNUAL CALCHESS STATE SCHOLASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS -- REPORT #4

Less than two weeks to go! The entries are beginning to flow in and soon they will pour. I thank those of you who entered early-you will help keep my blood pressure down. For those that have not yet entered, my head and helper are prepared for the rush that is coming.

Again, if you are not sure where to get the information-go to <http://www.CalChessScholastics.org>. After reading that information, please click on the entry link in the information or go to the bottom of the page and click on the "Online Entry" button link. The actual online entry (the only way to register) is at: <https://calchessscholastics.org/States2007/CCEntry.html> I have been posting these twice a week and will likely begin posting more frequently. You can check the date of my last posting on the initial entry page. If you submitted your form after that date and time, please wait for the next posting.

You will receive a copy of what you typed immediately and in a day or two you should get a confirmation letter. The gremlins of the internet seem to gobble a few of these up, so if you fail to get one, check the online entries at:

<http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/entries.html>

If your child is not registered please send me an e-mail: info@CalChessScholastics.org. And, please do not fail to read the FAQ's: <http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/FAQS.html>

I haven't added much since my "Update #3." I have decided to post the results online after each round-if all goes according to plan. I will place at the <http://www.CalChessScholastic.org> page a link to the results. I reported previously that Mark Shelton will broadcast the live play on the top four boards each round over the internet. These can also be viewed on our screen in the Meeting Pavilion. International Master Vinay Bhat, who became the youngest US chess master at 10 years 5 months of age and maintained that record until Hikaru Nakamura surpassed it when he was just 10, has indicated that all things permitting, he will be willing to comment on the games in play on Sunday.

I have added at least one new free raffle. For the last few years iD Tech Camps ([http://www. www.internalDrive.com](http://www.internalDrive.com)) has provided a complimentary day camp voucher for a lucky player. CoffeeShop Treats of San Leandro (<http://www.CoffeeShopTreats.com>) will have a special chessboard cake for the winner of their raffle on Sunday night.

I cannot remember if I mentioned that Kerry Lawless will have an exhibit of his collection of Northern California Chess History at the tournament.

I am working on completing the program for 2007 that goes to every player. The program will include information about the tournament as well notation sheets for recording the games. I must have any ads you are interested in placing in the program no later than Friday, April 20. A full page ad is \$100. A half page is \$50 and a quarter page is \$25. The pages are 4.25 x 5.5. You can take out an ad for your company, program or just to wish your child good luck at: <http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/Advertise.html>

A reminder that there will be a Parent and Coaches meeting on Sunday, April 29 at 10AM in Cypress Hall A. Eric Hicks will chair the meeting as he did last year representing the CalChess Board's Scholastic Committee. If you have any items for his agenda, please forward them to him at chessmonstar@gmail.com. This meeting is designed to provide information to the CalChess Board on any issues pertaining to scholastic chess in Northern California.

I am still waiting for any entries to the Saturday night simuls with Nicholas Nip or IM Ricardo De Guzman: <http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/SimulsBoth.html>

International Master Larry Evans is coming up from San Diego and has agreed to provide a session on "Chess Tactics and Strategy for Children" on Saturday afternoon between 12 and 1 in Redwood Hall. This is in the trophy award area and will be during the lunch break-so bring your food. If there is enough interest, IM Evans has indicated he would do an advanced session on Sunday.

National Master Eric Schiller and International Master Ricardo De Guzman will be available much of Saturday and Sunday in the Meeting Pavilion to go over the games of players for no cost. Their location will be near the screen where we will be projecting the top players.

I once again would like to remind everyone heading to the States to familiarize themselves with the site: <http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/layout.html>

And, with the USCF Chess Rules and those added for our event:

<http://www.CalChessScholastics.org/States2007/ScholasticRegsfinalAug2006version.pdf>

<http://www.calnorthyouthchess.org/CalChessStates/Regulations.html>

<http://www.calchessscholastics.org/States2007/EXTRA-RULES.html>

<http://www.calchessscholastics.org/CodeofConduct.html>

As reported on the application, National Chess and Games will be on site with loads of chess books and equipment.

Last, but not least, I can still use a few good volunteers. My call for help too date has produced an exceptional list of people. Nuzhath Quadri, our volunteer coordinator, and I are truly grateful-thank you! We can still use a few people to monitor the doors at the game halls of the younger players and for clean-up on Sunday night. The door monitors will distribute children to their parents, coaches or guardians as they children complete their games.

I look forward to seeing you on the weekend of April 27 through 29.

Chess is Forever,

Alan