

WINTER GRAND PRIX:**Ivanov and Gurevich Tie**

IM Alexander Ivanov of Brookline and FM Ilya Gurevich of Worcester scored 3.5-0.5 to share first in the 6th annual West Suburban Winter Grand Prix on January 28-29. The two players, who are also the reigning Massachusetts co-champions, pulled ahead of the field after three rounds and drew peacefully in the final round to clinch shares of first.

Sharing third in the Open section with 3-1 were John Curdo of Chelmsford, FM Charles Hertan of Cambridge, Michael Merrill Hart of Stow, and Scott Didham of Quincy. Didham also won top Under-2200. Curdo lost to Gurevich while Hertan lost to Ivanov; Didham upset Hart in the first round but later lost to Murray Turnbull of Cambridge. Among the top seeds, Turnbull and Soviet emigre Leonid Sorits of Brighton had the worst weekends; Turnbull lost to Hart and John Chamberlain of Wellesley, while Sorits was downed by Ivanov and Richard Rush of Newport RI. Hart celebrated his 100th tournament by not only finishing among the prizewinners, but by winning exactly \$100.

Ilya Figelman of Swampscott and Darrell Salisbury of Derry NH scored 3.5-0.5 to share first in the Under 2000 section. Salisbury was the clear leader after three rounds but drew in the final round, while Figelman beat Don Woods of Jamaica Plain to tie for first. Sharing third at 3-1 were Don McMahon of Otis AFB, Jim Fried of Northampton, Leo Bonnell of Natick, and Nolan Denson of

Calendar

March 5 (Sunday): CIVILIZED SWISS #7. 3-SS in 8-12 player sections (octagonal format), TL 40/90, SD/45. EF: FCC members \$13 in advance/\$17 at site; others \$15 in advance/\$17 at site. Prizes: \$40-25 each section. Reg. 9-9:30 a.m., rounds 10-2-6. Advance entries to: Framingham Chess Club, c/o Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Road #7, Boston MA 02215.

March 7 (Tuesday): (1) ANNUAL MEETING. Discussion of club program and policies, and announcement of the election results. 7 p.m. start. (2) MARCH SPEED TOURNAMENT. RR-format, 5-minute games. EF: \$2; all entries returned as prizes. Start approximately 8 p.m.

March 14, 21, 28 (Tuesdays): MARCH OCTAGONAL. 3-SS in 8-12 player sections. EF: FCC members \$8; others \$12. Prizes: \$30-20 each section.

Portsmouth NH.

Three players tied atop the Under 1750 section: Slawomir Luczak of Worcester, John Boles of West Dover VT, and Steven McDaniel of Worcester each scored 3.5-0.5 to share first through third prizes. In the Under 1500 section, E. Malcolm Cohen of New York City compiled the tournament's only perfect score to take clear first with 4-0. Undivided second went to unrated Sven Rose of Boston with 3.5-0.5, while five players shared third at 3-1: Richard Gassler of Watertown, Federico Alanis

of Boston, Craig Lovell of Sudbury, Peter Sjolund of Sudbury, and Paul Weitz of Medford.

The tournament, which featured a guaranteed prize fund of \$2165, was held at the Boston West Hotel in Framingham. Mark Steinberg was the chief organizer for the club. Club President Jack Martin directed, assisted by Brad Merrill and Dave Berube.

FEBRUARY CIVILIZED SWISS:

Ross Blocks Chamberlain Upset

Alonzo Ross of Shrewsbury scored 3-0 to win the top section of the Civilized Swiss No. 6 on February 12. Ross upended second-seeded Edward Epp of Weston in the second round and then won a topsy-turvy game in the final round over John Chamberlain of Wellesley. Chamberlain had seemed on the verge of a smashing upset win in the tournament; although the next-to-last seed, he defeated Newton Master Lou Mercuri in the first round, and went a rook up in the final game against Ross, before falling into a back-rank mate. In consequence, Chamberlain shared second with Epp and Alan Ehrlich of Athol. In the second section, Slawomir Luczak of Worcester and Sam Lyles of Canton tied for first at 2.5-0.5.

Shaw Blitzes Field in Speed

Club Champion Alan Shaw of Somerville easily won the January 30 speed tournament, scoring 4.5-0.5 in the finals. John Chamberlain of Wellesley took second with 4-1, with Brad Merrill of Westboro third at 3-2. Rounding out the finals were Alonzo Ross of Shrewsbury (2-3), John Fanning of Scituate (1.5-3.5, but the only player to nick Shaw for a draw), and Tony Costa of Randolph (0-5).

Shaw swept his preliminary section 9-0, with Merrill's 6.5-2.5 taking the other qualifying spot by a half-point over Dave Greenberg of Norwood. Fanning won the second prelim with 8.5-1.5; Chamberlain tied at 8-2 with Bob Oakley of Newton and advanced only after winning a playoff. Paul Heising of Millbury, the top seed in that section, trailed with 7.5-2.5. Ross crushed the third section 10-0, with Costa grabbing second with 8-2, a half-point ahead of Rob Huntington of Brighton and unrated Tryg Fossum.

Club Elections and Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the general membership will take place on Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. The club's principal officers will give brief reports on the state of the club, and the results of the 1989 club elections will be announced. The club officers also wish to present a draft of a new club constitution for approval by the membership, a draft that collects and updates various minor changes approved during the last few years. Club members may also make motions from the floor affecting the policies and program of the club. After the meeting, at about 8 p.m., a speed tournament will be held.

The annual club elections are conducted each year by mail ballot. Current club members (as defined by the expiration date given on the mailing label of this newsletter) will find enclosed an election ballot. You may return this ballot either to Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Road #7, Boston MA 02215, or to the designated ballot box at the club on Tuesday nights. All ballots must be received no later than Monday, March 6. As has happened in previous years, the number of candidates and positions is the same, which causes a certain lack of suspense, however you may vote to indicate support for the listed candidates, or write in selections of your own.