

## Loyte and Fossum Top Action Swiss

John Loyte of Maynard and Tryg Fossum of Northboro scored 5-1 to tie for first in the Framingham Spring Action Swiss ending May 23. Loyte, last an active member of the club in 1983-84, lost in the third round to Brad Merrill of Westboro but recovered to defeat Jorge Godoy of Framingham and club champion Ed Epp of Weston in the final two rounds to take a share of first. Fossum, a newcomer to rated tournaments (his first provisional rating of 1836 came in during the tournament), also lost in the fourth round, to Epp, but downed Julius Varga of Stow and Merrill in the final frames for his share of first.

Epp and Godoy shared third place with 4.5-1.5; in addition to their losses to Loyte, the pair had drawn with each other in round three. Slawomir Luczak of Worcester and Dave Greenberg of Ashland tied for the Under 1800 prize with 4-2. Top Under 1600, with the same score, was unrated Alexander Altschuler of Pawtucket, RI. Also at 4-2 were Merrill, Paul Mishkin, and Phil Wilkins.

## Curdo Wins May Civilized Swiss

The legendary John Curdo of Chelmsford added another victory to his list by winning the top section of Civilized Swiss #9 on May 21 with a 2.5-0.5 score. Richard Gutman of Somerville, Dan Bartley of Quincy, and Lawrence Dean of Medford were equal second at 2-1. Dean was the story of the tournament, upsetting Gutman in round

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## Calendar

*May 30; June 6, 13 (Tuesdays):*  
**FRAMINGHAM SPRING  
OCTAGONAL.** 3-SS in 8-12 player sections. EF: FCC members \$8, others \$12. Prizes: \$30-20 each section.

*June 18 (Sunday):* **CIVILIZED SWISS #10.** 3-SS in 8-12 player sections (octagonal format). TL 40/90, SD/45. EF: FCC members \$13 in advance/\$15 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 CC, c/o Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Road #7, Boston MA 02215.

*June 20, 23; July 4, 11, 18 (Tuesdays):*  
**FRAMINGHAM SUMMER  
SECTIONAL SWISS.** 5-SS in Open and Under-1750 sections. EF: FCC members \$10, others \$14. Prizes each section: \$50-30-20, 1st under 1900/1500 \$20.

*July 23 (Sunday):* **CIVILIZED SWISS #11.** See June 18 for details.

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one and holding Curdo to a draw in the final round. The top section featured ferocious competition; second-seeded Alan Shaw of Somerville went winless with two draws, while club champion Edward Epp was the top of the bottom half of the ratings order, and found himself playing Curdo in the first round. Other players included Robert Secino and Scott Didham.

Expert Antonio Gellineau of Northboro swept the second section with a 3-0

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score, defeating in turn William MacLellan, *Boston Globe* columnist Harold Dondis, and top-seeded Alonzo Ross. Ross and Henry Moore shared second with 2-1.

Henry Blackwell of Framingham blasted section three with a 3-0 score, winning against Jim Shea of Billerica, and the top two seeds in the section, Mark Steinberg of Framingham and Stan Crowe of Newton. Steinberg and Dana Travis Rossi of Munson shared second with 2-1. (Rossi, also a prizewinner in the April Civilized Swiss, was incorrectly identified in the April *Chesswatch* as Dana Travis of Holyoke.)

## **Dues Increase Effective July 1**

After holding membership dues level for three years, the club Board of Directors was finally forced on May 21 to vote dues increases effective July 1. A 43% increase in the rent we are charged for our meeting site precipitated the decision. In fact the increase will not cover the entire rent increase, but the directors believe that the difference can be made up elsewhere in the club's budget, especially since the club's fiscal position currently is strong. However, should this optimism prove unjustified, the members should realize that an additional increase at the end of the year is a distinct possibility.

On July 1, regular annual dues will increase from \$25 to \$30, with junior (age 18 or under) and senior (age 65 or over) categories going from \$12 to \$15, and family membership going from \$35 to \$45. Six-month memberships will be set at half the annual rates: \$15 regular, \$8 junior and senior, and \$23 family. Members may renew or extend their memberships before July 1 at the current rates, for as many years as they wish.

The directors also decided to increase sharply the differential paid for playing

in weeknight tournaments between members and non-members; the current difference has not proved effective in demonstrating the value of club membership. This change will take effect later in the summer.

## **Alarie To Coordinate Services; Logo Contest Announced**

Donna Alarie of Rutland has been named by the Board of Directors to be the club's Membership Services Coordinator. Alarie has long wished to help smooth the transition into tournament chess for less experienced players, and also to develop activities that will increase the sense of belonging to a club.

Alarie's first action was to announce a contest to select a logo for the club. Any member with a flair for graphics is encouraged to submit proposals to Alarie; the contest deadline is July 15. The submitter of the best logo (to be judged by the Board of Directors) will receive free entry to a weeknight tournament.

## **Merrill Launches Instructional Program**

Club Program Director Brad Merrill will begin an instructional program at the club scheduled between 6:45 and 7:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting June 27. In the beginning this will take the form of freewheeling analysis sessions, in which Merrill and several of the other top-rated players in the club will analyze members' games. A more formal curriculum may be developed later as the interests of the members become evident.

*The next club Board of Directors meeting, open to any club member, will be June 27, at 6:30 p.m., at Mark Steinberg's house at 31 Summer Lane, Framingham. Meeting minutes will be posted on the club bulletin board.*