

THE 2ND ANNUAL FRAMINGHAM OPEN, SEPTEMBER 29-30, 1984--GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1) Tournament Directors. The following staff is coordinating this event: Chief TD, Warren Pinches; Chief Assistant TD, Tom Zuppa. Pinches will handle the pairings for the Championship, Classic, and Novice sections; Zuppa the Premier and Amateur. Either can assist you on any other question. On Sunday several additional assistant directors will be present to help with the arrangements for Boris Spassky's visit. The tournament staff will wear identifying badges. Home phone numbers of the directors are 353-1889 (Pinches) and 923-8109 (Zuppa).
- 2) Boris Spassky. As a special feature former World Champion Boris Spassky will be present Sunday for a 2-hour lecture at 5PM in a separate room upstairs, and a 25-board simultaneous exhibition at 7:30PM in the main tournament room. The exhibition is sold out, though spectator passes are available (\$3 for tournament players); lecture tickets (\$8 for tournament players) are available from the TDs during the tournament.
- 3) Time limits. The first time limit is 45 moves/2 hours, with subsequent time controls at 25 moves/1 hour. Sudden death time controls will not be used.
- 4) Round times. Round times on Saturday are at 10:30AM and 4PM. ROUND TIMES ON SUNDAY WILL BE MOVED FORWARD ONE HOUR, to 9AM and 2:30PM, to maximize the number of games finished before Spassky's lecture. Pairings will be posted before the official round times on Sunday whenever possible should players wish to start still earlier. In particular, Round 3 pairings will be up at 8:30AM. Clocks will be started at the official round times, or earlier if both players wish.
- 5) Adjournments. Adjourned games from Rounds 1 and 2 will be played off Saturday evening. Games in Round 3 must be played straight through to completion. Due to the special situation of Spassky's lecture, the directors will consent to adjourn Round 4 games at 5PM at the request of both players. This adjournment is an unorthodox step, but the alternative (which some players may opt for regardless) would be an avalanche of draws agreed at 5PM. Remaining Round 4 games may be adjourned after 6:30PM, the end of the first playing session, and moved to another room to prepare for Spassky's simul. All Round 4 adjournments will be played off in an upstairs room during the simul, starting at 7:30PM.
- 6) No smoking. Smoking is not permitted in the main playing room. You may smoke in the corridor outside the hall or in the analysis area adjacent to the hall.
- 7) Prizes. The projected prize fund is \$1400. All prizes in the Championship/Open section are guaranteed; 10 Grand Prix points are available. The projected prizes in the other sections are based on entries. The official list of prizes will be posted during the first round next to the wall charts. Note that players tied for prizes will divide them; there will be no tie-break. A special \$25 prize for the best-played game has been added. Please submit entries for this award to the directors, who will be the sole judges, with brief notes on the key points of the game.
- 8) Pairings and results. Pairing sheets and wallcharts will be posted on the rear wall of the playing room. Each section will have an identifying color. Post the results of your game on the pairing sheet; failure to do this could result in a double forfeiture. Do not mark on the wallcharts.
- 9) Byes. Half-point byes will not be given. If a section has an odd number of players, a full-point bye may unavoidably be given. If requested, the directors will attempt to arrange alternative rated games for players with byes.
- 10) Withdrawals. Players may withdraw without penalty if they notify a director before the next round is paired. The USCF authorizes organizers to fine players \$5 who default games without excuse. Players withdrawing may forfeit their claim to a prize.
- 11) Protests and appeals. Protests concerning rule infractions should be made immediately to a director, before the next move is played. Later protests may be ruled invalid. Should you wish to contest a director's ruling, an ad hoc appeals committee will be formed.

12) Scoresheets. Scoresheets are available at the director's table. A copy of the game score will be required for all games in the Championship/Open section and at least the top three boards of all other section. The directors reserve the right not to acknowledge the result of these games if a scoresheet is not submitted by at least one of the players.

13) Top boards. The top three boards of the tournament will be played on the stage. The game positions will be reproduced on demonstration boards which will be kept up to date as much as possible. Only the tournament staff and the players on the top three boards are permitted on stage.

14) Analysis area. An analysis/skittles area will be set up through the doors on the right side of the hall. Please use this area for your post-mortems so that your conversation will not disturb the games still in progress.

15) Food. Free coffee will be available in the playing room. Please wait until the red signal light comes on; this means the coffee has finished perking! The cafeteria across the hall will be open with hot food from 9AM to 9PM both days. Upstairs, there are vending machines off the lobby. Local fast-food restaurants include a McDonalds on Route 9 westbound 1/2 mile west of the Framingham State exit, and a Friendly's across the street from it, on the east-bound side. Another Friendly's is one mile south on Union Street, near the Framingham Chess Club site, and several more fast-food restaurants are on Route 30 north of the Framingham shopping centers. These shopping centers, 1 1/4 miles eastbound on Route 9, also contain more substantial restaurants.

16) Lodgings. An information sheet on local hotels/motels is available at the directors' table.

17) Other essentials. Two sets of restrooms adjoin the playing area, one down the corridor to the left, across from the cafeteria, and the other down the short corridor across from the playing hall. Pay phones are in the corridor outside the playing area and also off the lobby upstairs.

18) Books and equipment. Barry Speigel's traveling chess store will be set up in the rear of the playing room both days.

The Framingham Open is sponsored by the Norfolk-Middlesex Chess Tournament Association, the tournament arm of the FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB. The organizers wish you an enjoyable and successful tournament.

THE 2ND ANNUAL WEST SUBURBAN WINTER GRAND PRIX, FEBRUARY 2-3, 1985--GENERAL INFORMATION

1) Tournament Directors. Warren Pinches will be the Chief TD. Other Framingham Chess Club officers may assist him. Pinches' home phone (with an answering machine for messages if he is out) is 353-1889.

2) Round Times. Round times Saturday are at 10:30AM and 4PM; 10AM and 3:30PM on Sunday. Whenever possible pairings will be posted before the official round time; if both players wish to start early they may do so. However, clocks may not be started for absent opponents until the official round time.

3) Time Limits. The first time control is 45 moves/2 hours, with subsequent controls at 25 moves/1 hour. Sudden death time controls will not be used.

4) Adjournments. If games in round 1 must be adjourned, they will be played off on Saturday evening. Games in rounds 2, 3, and 4 must be played straight through to completion.

5) FIDE Rule Changes. Several FIDE rule changes took effect on January 1. Warren Pinches has obtained a validated English-language copy of the new FIDE code direct from the FIDE Secretariat. Principal among the changes are a) in castling it is obligatory to move first the king and then the rook; b) insufficient mating material is now an automatic draw; c) there are now three exceptions to the 50-move rule: K+R+B vs. K+R, K+2N vs. K+P with the pawn blockaded behind the Troitzky line, and K+B+P vs. K+B+P in certain situations; d) players are not required to record their moves if they have less than five minutes left before the time control, but must fill in any omitted moves once the time control has passed. Players should also note that USCF time-forfeit procedure will be used; i.e., players must make their own time-forfeiture claims and must have a scoresheet complete and accurate within three moves at the time of the claim. If you have any questions on these or any other tournament rules, please ask the director.

6) No Smoking. Smoking is not permitted in the playing room. You may smoke outside the playing area or in the analysis area.

7) Prizes. The projected prize fund is \$1400. All prizes in the Open section are fully guaranteed; 10 Grand Prix points are available. The prizes in the other sections are based on entries. The official prize list will be posted by the wallcharts before the start of the second round. Note that players tied for prizes will divide them; there is no tiebreak. There is also a special \$25 prize for the best-played game. Please submit entries with brief notes to the TD.

8) Pairings and Results. Each section of the tournament will have pairing sheets and wallcharts of a distinctive color. Post the results of your game on the pairing sheet; failure to do this could result in a double-forfeiture. Do not mark on the wallcharts.

9) Byes. Half-point byes will not be given. If a section has an odd-number of players, a full-point bye may unavoidably be given. If requested, the director will attempt to arrange alternative rated games for players with byes.

10) Withdrawals. Players may withdraw without penalty if they notify the director before the next round is paired. The USCF authorizes organizers to fine players \$5 who default games without excuse. Players withdrawing may forfeit their claim to a prize.

11) Protests and Appeals. Protests concerning rule infractions should be made immediately to the director, before the next move is played. Later protests may be ruled invalid. Should you wish to contest a ruling by the director, an ad hoc appeals committee will be formed.

12) Scoresheets. Scoresheets are available at the director's table. A copy of the game score will be required for all games in the Open section and at least the top two boards in the other sections. The directors reserve the right not to acknowledge the result of these games if a scoresheet is not submitted by at least one of the players.

13) Top Boards. Game positions on the top three boards will be reproduced on demo boards which will be kept up to date as much as possible. Please follow the games on the demo boards and refrain from crowding around the players.

14) Analysis Area. An analysis area will be set up two flights up the stairwell from the playing room. Please use this area for your post-mortems so your conversation will not disturb the games still in progress.

15) Food. Free coffee will be available in the playing room. Please wait until the red signal light comes on; this means the coffee has finished perking. Local fast-food outlets include Dunkin Donuts one block north (left) on Concord Street, two deli/sub shops two blocks south (right) on Concord Street, and a Friendly's six blocks away on Union Street. A McDonald's and a second Friendly's are 1 1/2 miles north on Route 9.

16) Lodgings. An information sheet on local motels is available at the director's table.

17) Restrooms. Across from the playing room entrance.

18) Books and Equipment. Barry Speigel's traveling chess store is expected to be set up in the playing room both days.

PLEASE NOTE: This building is considerably older and less comfortable than our usual Framingham tournament site at Framingham State College. In particular the floor of the playing room and stairs leading to it are fairly noisy to walk on. Please exercise the utmost consideration for your fellow players and try to walk as quietly as possible.

The West Suburban Winter Grand Prix is sponsored by the Norfolk-Middlesex Tournament Association, the tournament arm of THE FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB. The organizers wish you an enjoyable and successful tournament.