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MARTIN CLINCHES 1986 SCORING TITLE

Jack Martin of Wayland won the 1986 Framingham Chess Club Player-of-the-Year award on December 9, ahead of Drew Sarkisian of Oxford and Joe Pineau of Natick. The title, based on cumulative tournament points through the year, went to Pineau in 1985, Paul Heising in 1984, and Phil Wilkins in 1983. Martin played in every weeknight tournament during the year, taking the lead in scoring race in May and never relinquishing it. He won a prize in every tournament except the January Sectional and the Club Championship: February Octo, =2nd (group two) 2-1; Spring Sectional 1st 3½-½; June Octo =1st (group two) 2-1; July Sectional 1st 4-0; Summer Class =2nd 2-1; Autumn Sectional =1st 3-1; October Trisectional 2nd 2½-1½. His successes this year launched his rating from the mid-1800 to well into the Expert range. One of the most experienced club organizers and TDs in New England, Martin was elected club President in March.

SARKISIAN SWEEPS OCTOBER TRISECTIONAL

The October Trisectional Swiss ending November 7 might have been more aptly named the "Baseball Washout"; scheduled opposite the baseball playoffs and World Series, and with the final round on election night, the turnout dropped to 23, a 2½-year low for the club. Drew Sarkisian pulverized the Open section 4-0, 1½ points ahead of runner-up Jack Martin. Bob Engels and unrated William McAllister, both of Framingham, won the Under-1800 and Under-1500 section respectively, both with 3-1 scores.

IN JANUARY'S "CHESSWATCH":
The Mark Bond Classic and Annual Rating List

CALENDAR

December 27 (Saturday): FRAMINGHAM NEW YEAR'S SWISS. 4-SS, TL 40/1, 20/30, SD/30. EF: FCC members \$12; others \$15; all \$3 more at door. Prizes: \$75-\$45-\$20 (b/25); class prizes based on entries. Reg 9-9:30AM; Rd 1 at 10AM.

December 30 (Tuesday): WILD CARD SWISS. 3-SS, TL SD/30. Players will select openings randomly from a deck of cards. EF: \$2; all entries returned as prizes.

January 6, 13, 20, 27 (Tuesdays): JANUARY SECTIONAL SWISS. 4-SS in two sections: Open and Under-1750. TL: 40/90, 15/30, SD/30. EF: FCC members \$8; others \$12. Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$20 each section; 1st each Under 1900/1500. Reg. by 7:15; Rds at 7:30. One half-point bye available in Rd 1 or 2.

January 31-February 1 (Saturday-Sunday): WEST SUBURBAN WINTER GRAND PRIX. A major regional Grand-Prix level tournament with over \$1200 projected class prizes. 4-SS in four sections; TL 50/2, 25/1. American Legion site. Open Section: EF \$25, prizes \$175-150-100 (guaranteed, 5 Grand Prix points), 4th \$85 (b/20), 5th \$65 (b/24), 1st Under 2200 \$50 (b/6). Premier Section (Under 2100): EF \$21, prizes \$125-75-50-35. Amateur Section (Under 1800): EF \$18, prizes \$100-60-40-25. Reserve Section (Under 1500): EF \$16, prizes \$75-50-25-20. Second through fourth prizes in three lower sections based on 18-20-24 players per section. All EF \$5 more at site. Reg. 9:30-10AM, Rds 11-4:30; 10-3:30. No smoking. Ent: Jack Martin, Box 324, Wayland MA 01778.

FRAMINGHAM OCTOBER TRISECTIONAL SWISS

		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	T
1 Drew Sarkisian	2096	W6	W3	W5	W7	4
2 Jack Martin	1904	L4	½8	W6	WF	2½
3 Jorge Godoy	1844	Bye	L1	W7	---	2
4 Ed Marcus	2048	W2	D5	---	---	1½
5 Joe Pineau	1967	W7	D4	L1	L6	1½
6 Brad Merrill	1945	L1	L7	L2	W5	1
7 Mike LeBlanc	1853	L5	W6	L3	L1	1
1 Bob Engels	1630	W6	½8	D4	W3	3
2 Dan Fortier	1542	D9	½8	W6	D5	2½
3 David Palmer	1587	½8	W5	W7	L1	2½
4 Menno Koning	1688	W8	W9	D1	---	2½
5 Syd Micheal	1543	D7	L3	WF	D2	2
6 Richard Seltzer	1534	L1	Bye	L2	W7	2
7 Roger Hecht	1430	D5	W8	L3	L6	1½
8 Henry Blackwell	1534	L4	L7	Bye	---	1
9 Herb Weisberg	1726	D2	L4	---	---	½
1 Wm. McAllister	UNR	L3	W5	W2	W4	3
2 Kurt Esser	1450	W5	D3	L1	W7	2½
3 Jeffrey Gibson	1405	W1	D2	L4	W5	2½
4 Stanley Crowe	1348	L6	W7	W3	L1	2
5 Larry Beatrice	1319	L2	L1	Bye	L3	1
6 Bob Jacobs	UNR	W4	---	---	---	1
7 Fran Litterio	UNR	½8	L4	---	L2	½

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BELTRAN TO TEACH CHESS COURSE

Club member and Expert Alejandro Beltran will teach a 10-week course in chess geared to under-1500 players at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education (56 Brattle Street, Cambridge) on Tuesdays beginning January 13. Other club members who may become involved include Jack Young, a possible guest-lecturer, and Bobby Seltzer, who may give his first simul. Tuition for the course is \$83, though arrangements may be made to audit the course for \$50. For more information, contact the Center at 547-6789 or Beltran at 666-9359.

CURDO LEADS MARK BOND CLASSICIN HOME STRETCH

Senior Master John Curdo took the lead going into the final round of the Mark Bond Classic, New England's first weeknight Grand Prix tournament, with 4½-½. Thus far Curdo has conceded only a draw with Newton Master Lou Mercuri in round four. Mercuri was knocked out of the tournament by a fifth-round loss to Master Alan Shaw of Somerville, who assumed sole second place. Rob Huntington, Jack Martin, and David Ferreira currently share third, one point off the pace; Huntington meets Curdo in the finale.

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