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SHAW SWEEPS TOP SECTION OF JUNE QUADRANGULAR

National Master Alan Shaw of Somerville scored 3-0 to win the top section of the Framingham June Quadrangular, ending June 21. Shaw scored a key win in the second round over top-seeded National Master Richard Gutman, also of Somerville, and also defeated Bruce Downing of Foxboro and James Matthews of Dedham to cement his victory. Gutman finished second with 2-1, while Matthews and Downing had to be content with a draw against each other.

Brad Merrill of Westboro topped the forfeit-battered second section; his 3-0 included two forfeit wins, but also a win over the only other player to finish the section, Dave Ferreira of Watertown. Ferreira tied John Neville of Nashua NH for second; Charlie Mays of Dorchester trailed.

Adam Bemporad of Newton drew only with Mike Grant of Somerville to win the third section, 2.5-0.5; William G. Michael of West Bridgewater finished 2-0 with Grant and John Fanning of Scituate bringing up the rear. Jorge Godoy of Framingham blasted the fourth section 3-0, with Mike LeBlanc of Westboro, Svein Abrahamsen of Natick, and Al Ward of Framingham in a triple tie at 1-2. Slawomir Luczak of Worcester and Frank Harvey of Framingham tied at 2-1 in section five; Harvey won their individual encounter in the first round, but Luczak caught up with him when Harvey lost to Menno Koning of Dover in the finale.

CALENDAR

June 28 (Tuesday): JUNE TIME-HANDICAP SPEED TOURNAMENT. RR-format. 5-minute games with time handicap of 1 min/100 rating point differential. EF: \$2; all entries returned as prizes.

July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2 (Tuesdays): FRAMINGHAM SUMMER SECTIONAL SWISS. 5-SS in Open and Under-1750 sections. EF: FCC members \$8; others \$12. Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$20 each section; 1st Under 1900/1500 \$20 each.

August 9, 16 (Tuesdays): CLUB CLOSED for US Open in Boston.

Archie Woods of Natick cruised to a 3-0 win in section six, ahead of Jay Allen of Waltham at 2-1. Stan Crowe of Newton won the seventh section with 2.5-0.5; his draw was with runner-up Bob Curley of Milford. Bob Oakley of Newton and John Chambers of Framingham tied at 2-1 in section eight; Chambers won their individual encounter but lost to top-seeded Kurt Esser of Nashua NH in the final round. Section nine was an oversized Swiss section; Kenneth Cooper of Millbury blazed to a 3-0 finish, with unrated Donna Alarie of Rutland taking clear second with 2-1, losing only to Cooper. Traditionally the least popular tournament format at the club, this quadrangular included a record 42 players.

VOLUNTEERS STEP FORWARD--BUT MORE ARE SOUGHT

Since the circulation of the club's "classified ads" last month, over a dozen club members have come forward to assume many of the most

necessary of the clubs functions, and club members will notice new faces carrying out many of the club's services in the next months.

However, several areas need more manpower. Two in particular are set-up and shut-down on Tuesday nights. Our objective is to have rotating crews do this for, say, the duration of one tournament, and then take a couple of tournaments off, to distribute the burden more fairly. At this time we have only one crew for each of these functions. If you are interested in this, and can either come early to help set up, or alternatively stay late to help pack up, contact club Volunteer Coordinator Mark Steinberg, at the club or at 875-2331.

Although Brad Merrill will be taking over the weekly game bulletins in July, we still lack an editor to continue the monthly newsletter, *Chesswatch*. We could also use a coordinator for

a team match against another club, and people to help with mailings and keeping track of supplies at the club. Though club members have thus far responded admirably to the call for volunteers, we still have a few gaps to fill.

EPP AND FANNING SPEED TO VICTORY IN ACTION CHESS

Edward Epp of Weston and John Fanning of Scituate tied at 2.5-1.5 atop the upper section of an impromptu action chess tournament May 31; they drew with each other in the second round, after which Epp defeated Mike Drees (the leader going into the final round) and Fanning downed Mike LeBlanc of Westboro to share first. Michael Perlmutter of Sherborn won the lower section 3-0; Jay Allen of Waltham, David McGilvray of Southboro, and unrated Donna Alarie of Rutland came equal second with 2-1. 24 players participated.

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