

TACOMA NEWS By Gary Dorfner

The Tacoma Chess Club & Class Championship was held last Oct. There were 26 players in all. The winners were; 1st Paul Bartron who successfully defended his title for the 10th time in a row, 2nd Randy Wirtz, 1st Class A Terry Grant & Larry Anderson, Class B Robert Allen & John Ward, Class C Bill Rogers, Class D Jim Runyan. TCC Jr. Champion Dereque Kelley, Runner-up Tom O'Hearne II. The prizes were trophies & medals. TD Gary Dorfner.

The Robert Oquist Memorial was held at the club on the last weekend in Oct. There were 23 players in all. The winners were; 1st David Roper \$50.00, 2nd Paul Bartron & Robert Brewster \$52.50 each, 1st Group #1 Elston Cloy \$82.50, 1st Group #2 Chris Johnson & Travis Sims \$41.25 each, 1st Group #3 Jordan Aisaka \$82.50. TD Gary Dorfner

The Christmas Congress was held at the club on Dec. 14-15. There were 13 players in all. The winners were; 1st Neil Salmon \$57.00, 2nd Mike MacGregor and Paul Bartron \$20.00 each, 1st Group #1 Rogelio Zaragoza & Geoff Gale \$15.50 each, Group #2 Ernst Rasmussen & Stephen Buck \$15.50 each, Group #3 Kamran Hughes \$31.00. Earl McNelty 1196 beat Stephen Buck 1760 & Ernst Rasmussen 1800. TD Gary Dorfner.

The Jingle Bell Swiss was held at the club in Dec. There were 16 players in all. The winners were; 1st Robert Allen, 2nd Stephen Buck & Larry Anderson, 3rd Frank Marion. TD Gary Dorfner.

At the Nov. Board meeting the board voted to give Robert Karch a lifetime achievement award. The award entitles him to a lifetime membership in the Tacoma Chess Club.

The TAPCO High School Chess League got under way at Mt. Tahoma High School on 12/4. There are 8 schools 10 teams in the league this year. Charles Wright (B) is in 1st place with 15. Fife, Charles Wright (A) & Lincoln are tied for 2nd with 9 each.

League Director Gary Dorfner.

The annual membership meeting will be this Friday, the 31st. Come and vote for officers and contribute your ideas.