

East Bay Chess Club FIDE Swiss

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Starting today, Saturday December 16, the East Bay Chess Club will host a FIDE rated Swiss in Oakland. Many strong masters are playing, including **GM Magesh Panchanathan**, **GM John Federowicz** and **GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj**. Joining the GMs are local and non-local strong masters such as **IM David Pruess**, **IM Josh Friedel**, **IM Thomas Roussel-Roozmon** of Canada, and **IM Lev Milman** of New York. Reigning state champion IM Friedel can earn the GM title with a good enough performance this week! Former Denker high school champion **FM Danny Rensch** of Arizona is playing as well.

It will be 10 crazy rounds of some of the country's strongest players playing each other. Points are awarded by the revolutionary **BAP scoring method**, which gives 2 points for a white win, 3 points for a black win, 1 point for a black draw and nothing for a white draw or any loss. Most importantly, players will have the chance to earn one of the **three norms required for the GM or IM title** by finishing with a strong performance. The final round will take place next Saturday, December 23. All of the games are at the East Bay Chess Club (7994 Capwell Drive near Oakland Airport).

IM Friedel and IM Pruess

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to come and watch. Anybody who would be willing to help relay the games onto ICC would be greatly appreciated. Type *finger EastBay06* on ICC and check the *Events list under the Window menu* for tournament information and some live games. See you all there!

There is also a **blitz tournament on Saturday, December 23** at 5pm open to the public, giving you the chance to play with strong titled players.

For daily pairings and results check out the East Bay Club website: <http://www.eastbaychess.com/tourney/06/masters.php>