

## Local Tournaments Update

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As the chairperson of the tournament clearinghouse in Northern California, it is my great pleasure to make the following two announcements. One tournament is for kids and the latter is for adults and children.

Thanks to the tremendous organizational work of Alan Kirshner, the [website](#) for the **32nd CalChess State Scholastic Championship** is now available for public viewing. The tournament will be held on April 28-29, 2007 at the San Mateo Expo Center. Bughouse on Friday evening and blitz on Saturday evening. New this year: (1) K-3 varsity expands to two days and six rounds; (2) K-5 varsity section in addition to K-6 varsity; (3) K-12 varsity returns to G/75 time control. Last year drew about 1300 kids and the event tends to grow with every year. Be there!

For those chess players too old to play in the state scholastic championship, I also have good news. The **33rd People's Chess Tournament** returns on February 17-19, 2007 to its traditional venue on Sproul Plaza at the University of California at Berkeley. In addition to its long history, the People's Tournament is also one of the largest adult tournaments in Northern California, trailing only the state championship on Labor Day weekend. Richard Koepcke is working together with the student activities board at the university to host this event.

If you can't wait until 2007 to play chess, you will be happy to learn that there is a tournament in our area on literally every weekend between now and Christmas. On the adult side, the highlights are the [36th Capps Memorial](#) this weekend at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco and the [California Classic Thanksgiving Chess Festival](#) in Cupertino. Masters (FIDE rating > 2200) will be interested in the [East Bay Chess Club FIDE swiss](#) on December 16-23 near Oakland airport. The younger generation may check out the [Weibel Fall Quads](#) in two weeks in Fremont and the annual [CalNorth Regional Grade Level Championship](#) on the first weekend of December in Stockton. Both of these scholastic tournaments traditionally draw around 300 players.

The above events are merely a sample of the 10 adult tournaments and 11 scholastic tournaments scheduled before the winter holidays. Please check out the CalChess [REGULAR](#) (adult) and [SCHOLASTIC](#) tournament calendars for the complete listings. If you are interested in chess, then there is no excuse not to play before the end of the year!