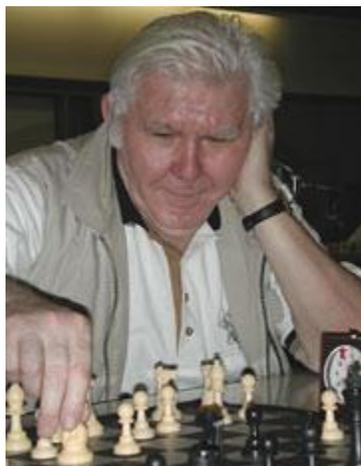


Samuel Sevian Wins Clear First in 2012 Hans Poschmann Memorial

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Hans Poschmann

National Master Samuel Sevian bested all competitors to claim a clear first place in this weekend's Hans Poschmann Memorial chess tournament. The event was held at Fremont's award-winning Club Sport fitness facility. Samuel scored a perfect four points. Ryan Porter and Jack Zhu each won three points, to tie for second, and Daniel Liu and Kevin Moy tied for best under 2200 with three and a half. Several players came from distant hometowns to attend, including:

- Richard Genirberg, Atlanta, GA
- Calvin Parnon, Corvallis, OR
- Paul Gallegos, Santa Rosa, CA
- Peter Klein, Antioch, CA
- Michael Joh Kenny, Orinda, CA
- Carl Wuebcke, San Francisco, CA

Hoviik Manvelyan took clear first in the A/B section scoring of 3.5 points, with Neil Regan and Anthony Zhou tying for second, each with three points. Pete Klein and Todd Phillips claimed half of the best under 1800 prize.

Clear first in the Reserve section was won by Shalin Shah, with a perfect four wins. Stephen Ho took clear second with three points, and Agnes William scored 2.5 points to take third, and, in the process, defeating Stephen in their individual encounter. Chenyi Zhao won the best under 1400 prize, scoring two wins and two losses.

All three cross-tables can be viewed on the New Fremont Chess Club web site using the following URL:

<http://www.newfremontchessclub.org/HansPoschmann>

The tournament was hosted by the New Fremont Chess Club. National Master Richard Kopcke was Chief TD, with Ken Zowal assisting. All the Club Sport facilities were available to players and their families, free of charge, during the two days. The athletic club also featured a fine café, free WiFi and a spacious lobby with comfortable furniture. The facility will probably be the site for upcoming Fremont Open tournaments. It is an attractive venue, with good parking, two hotels next door, and at least a dozen popular restaurants just across the freeway. The staff, as usual, was friendly and efficient, and took care of everyone's needs promptly.

