

Local chess club has movies and more

Although less than one year old, the Framingham Chess Club (FCCI) has established itself as one of the top clubs in Massachusetts.

The club, which meets Tuesdays at the American Legion Hall on Beech St., offers a wide-range of services, including weeknight and weekend tournaments, team matches, movies, novice instruction and several fun events.

Its 59 members range from novice to expert, ensuring that players of equal ability can be paired for informal games. Non-members and spectators are welcome.

For those not wishing to plunge directly into tournament play, an informal pyramid competition is available. Players challenge each other to defend their places on the "pyramid." After 13 weeks, a winner is declared and a new cycle begins. Off-hand games may also be played.

The club will also hold several seminar nights, in which the top players explain the nuances of the game to beginners and novices.

Serious players also get a steady diet of activities. The club has an active weeknight tournament schedule, and will sponsor several

one- and two-day weekend tournaments this year. These tournaments are rated by the United States Chess Federation.

In May the club will host the First Framingham Chess-Congress, including the New England Women's Championship and Natick and Framingham town championships. The FCC will also host the New England Amateur Team Championship in early December.

sprinkled throughout the 1984 schedule are various fun events, including exhibitions by the legendary Sammy Reshevsky.

15-time state champion John Curdo, and Bebe, the runner-up in the recent World Computer Championship. In recent weeks US Chess Champion Roman Dzindzichashvili and former National High School Champion Patrick Wolff have given exhibitions.

The club has also scheduled home-and-home matches with clubs in Fitchburg, Billerica and Westford.

Other activities include club weekends in New Hampshire, Cape Cod and New York, and a

club picnic. On June 5 two movies, the Canadian-made "The Great Chess Movie," and "Chess Fever," the classic 1925 Russian silent movie, will be shown.

Dues are \$20 annually, \$10 for seniors and juniors. Family and six-month memberships are available. For more information call Tom Zuppa at 923-8109 or Warren Pinches at 353-1889. Nights or weekends. For a 1984 schedule, write the Framingham Chess Club, c/o Warren Pinches, 115 Bay State Road 7, Boston, Ma. 02215.