CHESSWATCH

Mishkin Tops Spring Octagonal

Paul Mishkin of Brighton scored 3-0 to win the top section of the Framingham Spring Octagonal, ending June 13. James Matthews of Dedham and Alonzo Ross of Shrewsbury finished equal second with 2-1. Mishkin defeated in turn Matthews, Ross, and Adam Bemporad of Newton.

Frank Harvey of Framingham took the second section 3-0, with David Beauregard of Worcester clear second with 2.5-0.5 and Todd Tsakiris of Watertown clear third at 2-1. Harvey beat Tsakiris in the final round; Beauregard was held out of a share of first by a first-round draw with Bill McAllister of Framingham.

Dave Berube of Westboro won the third section, also with 3-0, defeating Stan Crowe of Newton, Donna Alarie of Rutland, and Syd Michael of Natick. In a five-way tie for second with 2-1 were Crowe, Alarie, Michael, Mark Steinberg of Framingham, and David Ben-Maor of Marlboro. Berube directed the 35-player field.

Bemporad Wins Summer Sectional

Adam Bemporad won the Open section of the Framingham Summer Sectional Swiss ending July 18, scoring 4.5-0.5 to finish a full point ahead of the field. Howard Waldman of Northboro took clear second with 3.5-1.5. In a five-way logjam for third with 3-2 were David Vigorito of Lexington, David Drumm of Framingham, Vas Vasilev of Framingham, Rob Huntington of

CALENDAR

August 22 (Tuesday): FRAMINGHAM CHESS CLUB SPEED CHAMP-IONSHIP. RR-format, 5-minute games. EF: FCC members \$4, others \$6. Trophy prizes. Title and championship trophy to top-finishing club member.

August 29; September 5, 12, 19, 26 (Tuesdays): FRAMINGHAM SEPTEMBER SECTIONAL SWISS. 5-SS in Open and Under-1700 sections. TL: 40/90, SD/30 (note change). EF: \$10, non-members an additional tournament membership fee of \$10. Prizes: \$50-25 each section; possible class prizes.

September 24 (Sunday): CIVILIZED SWISS #13. 3-SS in 8-12 player sections (octagonal format). TL: 40/90, SD/45. EF: FCC members \$13 advance/\$15 at site; others \$15 advance/\$17 at site. Prizes: \$40-25 each section. Reg 9-9:30 a.m., rounds 10-2-6. Advance entries to: Framingham CC, c/o Brad Merrill, 2007 Windsor Ridge Drive, Westboro MA 01581.

September 30--October 1 (Saturday-Sunday): 4TH FRAMINGHAM OPEN. A major regional Grand-Prix tournament at the Treadway (Boston West) Hotel. See tournament flyer for details.

Brighton, and Alonzo Ross of Shrewsbury. Sharing the Under-1900 prize with 2.5-2.5 were Anthony Rothschild of Sherborn and Henry Blackwell of Framingham.

Chamberlain, Brad Merrill of Westboro (who finished first under-2000), as well as Bob Oakley of Newton and unrated Tryg Fossum of Northboro, who split the under-1750 prize. First under-1500 was divided three ways, among John Farrell of Framingham, Dave Berube of Westboro, and Tom Powers of Sudbury, all at 2.5-3.5. Exceptional performances that finished out of the prize money were scored by unrated Kevin Boyle of Stoughton, who finished the tournament at 3.5-2.5 after losing to Waldman on board three in the final round, and Stan Crowe of Newton, rated 1601 but also finishing 3.5-2.5, rounding out his schedule against Vasilev on board four. David Greenberg directed the 44-player event.

Club Still Short Volunteers

Club President and Volunteer
Coordinator Jack Martin is seeking
additional volunteers for several critical
positions, not wishing to burden the
same volunteers all of the time for these
services. In particular, he wants
additional members to help set up the
club at the beginning of the evening
(5:30-6:30 p.m.), moving tables to the
club's standard arrangement and
unpacking the club's equipment. Other
players who could stay until the end of
the evening and pack up the club's
equipment would also be appreciated.

Set-up and close-down persons might volunteer for the duration of only one tournament, which they would be playing in anyway. Members interested in helping out in this way should contact Jack Martin at 508-358-4869.

To experiment with ways to reduce the need for volunteer effort, the club will operate with minimal set-up during the Spring Octagonal on May 30, June 6 and 13. The tables will be left in their Legion-standard configuration, and only essential club equipment will be unpacked. The club operated in a similar fashion during 1983.

The club is always looking for a few good tournament directors. Program Director Brad Merrill and Warren Pinches will schedule a TD seminar in the near future; if interested contact one of them. For club weeknight tournaments, TDs can play as well as direct, especially since we usually have multiple TDs for each event. The club will also be looking during the next few months for members to take over as editors of the monthly newsletter and the weekly game bulletins. With the spread of personal computers, most of the hassle has gone out of these projects, compared to the typewriter-and-pasteup days. If you would like to try your talents at publishing one of these, contact Martin, Merrill, or Pinches.

THE CIVILIZED SWISSES

A series of one-day, octagonal-format Sunday tournaments at the Framingham Chess Club.