



The Simi Sunriser

July 9, 2009

Chess Fellowship Stays One Move Ahead

By Ryan Hyland and Arnold R. Grahl
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David Smith (right), chair of the International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians, plays a noncompetitive game at the House of Friendship during the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles. Photo courtesy David Smith



Gone are the days when it took a couple of years to complete a chess match by mail.

Now, instead of licking a stamp and mailing their winning moves, the members of the International Chess Fellowship of Rotarians can capture the king with a click of a mouse.

By playing through e-mail, players can finish matches in a few weeks. But Internet correspondence did more than just speed up games, says fellowship chair David Smith. It fostered closer friendships, better communication, and a stronger sense of fellowship.

"Technology has definitely made international play among Rotarians more feasible," says Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Barkingside, Greater London, England. "It's easier to meet new players, exchange thoughts on current events, and share information on what one another's club is doing."

Smith adds that it's easy to participate in the chess fellowship because face-to-face meetings are not necessary to be active.

Since it was formed in 1977, the fellowship has hosted booths at many RI conventions, including almost all the U.S. sites and many international ones. At the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, a record 20 new members joined. The fellowship's low annual dues of US\$25 appeal to Rotarians, Smith says.

"Fellowships are an important part of Rotary," he continues. "Combining the two pleasures of my life, chess and Rotary, brings me great personal satisfaction."

Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby, or recreational interest. Examples include:

- * The Antique, Classic, and Historic Automobile World Fellowship
- * The International Fellowship of Rotary on Stamps
- * The International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

A Look Ahead to Next Week's Meeting July 16, 2009

Greeter:	Doug Feco
Greeter:	Jim Anglin
Attendance Table:	Ed Chapin
Invocation:	Gerry Curry
Flag Salute:	Steve Johnson
Guest List:	Joel Rothman
Rat Fink:	Scott Blough

Events Coming Up

October, 2009

1 Blood Drive

December, 2009

17 Blood Drive

This Week's Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

Club Anniversaries

Jim Anglin	7/12	2 years
Monica Berlin	7/12	2 years
Gerald Curry	7/12	2 years
Arun Sharma	7/12	8 years
George Bercow	7/14	21 years

Birthdays

Ted Mackel	July 9
Kathy Scroggin	July 12
Randy Greene	July 13
Len Geres	July 14



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What You Missed This Week!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tim Shannon opened the meeting with the announcement that the motto for this Rotary year is "The Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands"! With that, he introduced "Meet The Table". We met T.J. Abruzzese, Jarrod Degonia, Jack Scroggins, Leigh Nixon, Michael Mutal, Dallas Knox, Pat Abruzzese, B.J. Anderson, and Joanne Abruzzese.

Jerry Shaffner announced that a day at Santa Anita Race Track is being planned for October 10. Cost will be \$37, includes buffet and parking!

Rodney Skidmore reminded us of PRLS training. Basic PRLS will be held 7/18 at CLU. Master PRLS classes start August 1. See Rodney for more information.

Steve Smith announced that District Conference will be held 10/23-25 at the Ventura Marriot. Cost is \$195 for the three day event or \$145 if you come for Saturday and Sunday!

Herschel Berger announced that the Rotary Club of Simi Sunset is having a social at Carpinteria on Saturday, 8/15. See flyer in newsletter.

Dave McCormick announced that the Golf tournament is Monday 8/24 at Lost Canyons in Simi. There are opportunities for volunteering, playing, and sponsorship! See Dave for more information.

Simi Sunrise Rotarian of the Year THANKS!

While I have been told that thanks are not necessary, I feel that conveying my feelings, after receiving the Rotarian of the Year, is necessary. Last week, as I sat at the meeting, I had no idea that this was about to happen. My first reaction was that I thought that I had misheard Maggie. Who did she say?

When I think about our club, I think about a group of people that have dedicated a portion of their lives to making our city, and the world, a better place in which to live. I think about a group of people that give their money, and even more than that, their time, to improve their community. I see a group of overachievers, the best of the best.

To be singled out, is very humbling. We do what we do, all of us, because it is the right thing to do, not because we expect, or even want recognition. To receive this award means a great deal to me. I am very touched, very grateful, and yes, very humbled. Thank you for this honor.

Dr. Gregg Hartman

Service Calendar

July 16, 2009

Greeter: Doug Feco
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Attendance Table: Ed Chapin
Invocation: Jerry Curry
Flag Salute: Steve Johnson
Guest List: Joel Rothman
Rat Fink: Scott Blough

July 23, 2009

Greeter: Sam Tewfik
Greeter: Karen Thompson
Attendance Table: Ron Resnick
Invocation: Lora Simonsgaard
Flag Salute: Cal Youel
Guest List: Chuck Stapholz
Rat Fink: Tim Gray

July 30, 2009

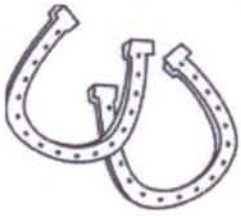
Greeter: Pam Silverman
Greeter: Dallas Knox
Attendance Table: Mel Vines
Invocation: Bob Whalen
Flag Salute: Herschel Berger
Guest List: B.J. Anderson
Rat Fink: Wayne Snyder

Welcome Guests

Jarrod Degonia
Don Lauesen
Lene Lauesen
Kristian Lauesen
Niels Lauesen
T.J. Abruzzese

Proposed New Member

Proposed New Member: Al Smith
Classification: Financial Planner
Proposed by: Eric Little



ROTARY CLUB OF SIMI SUNSET MULTI-CLUB SOCIAL

Saturday, August 15, 2009

Carpinteria State Beach

5361 6th St., Carpinteria, CA
(Exit Casitas Pass Rd off 101)



- **Tour of Island Brewing Company**
- **District Conference Games: Hula hoop, Sand castle building, horseshoes**
- **BBQ + drinks (beer, soda, water) \$10/person**
- **Take the train - \$36 round/trip. Leaves Simi 8:45 or 10:05 and returning 4:46 or 7:15 from Carpinteria**
- **Bring chairs (and drinks if you don't want beer)**



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