

## Record Prize Fund In National Chess Open Set For Imperial Palace

It may not have cheering crowds, bruised bodies, and champagne corks exploding in the locker room, but chess is nevertheless a grueling sport. It will be played for high stakes March 13-15th in the 1987 National Chess Open at the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino (Las Vegas, Nevada).

The National Chess Open is the largest weekend tournament held in the United States and is the second most important tournament in the U.S., just behind the U.S. Open which is a two-week tournament.

The prize fund for this year's tournament is \$20,000, the highest to date and an increase of \$3,000 over the 1986 tournament, also held at the Imperial Palace. A record number of players, approximately 750, will be competing plus 12-15 computer entries playing humans for rating points and prize money.

Grand Masters from all over the world will be attending this prestigious event representing over 15 different countries. Among those attending are recent Soviet chess champion, Boris Gulko, Canadian chess champ, G.M. Igor Ivanov, Israeli G.M. Yehuda Gruenfeld, U.S. junior champ, G.M. Maxim Dlugy, G.M. Dmitry Gurevitch and G.M. Sergy Kudrin. Also competing will be G.M. Maria Ivanka, who was on the Hungarian team on Board #1 (second behind the Russian team) in the 65-Nation Chess Olympiad played two months ago in Dubai, Arab Emirates.

United States champ, G.M. Arthur Bisguier, who first won the U.S. Open in 1955 and who has since won it four additional times as well as G. M. Walter Browne, who has taken top honors at the U.S. Open five times will also be on the competition floor. Of the 24 Grand Masters in the U.S., most of the active players will be at the Imperial Palace with a total of 15-20 Grand Masters attending.

The 1987 National Open is a very strong tournament and FIDE rated. It is co-sponsored by the U.S. Chess Federation and Fidelity International, Inc.

In addition to the Championship Section, there will be a Reserve Section for every class of player --from new, unrated players through the advanced player. There is a \$50 entry fee in the Reserve Section and registration will take place Thursday evening, March 12th and Friday morning until noon.

An added bonus on Thursday evening will be a free exhibition of a three-game grudge match between this year's U.S. champ, G.M. Yasser Seirawan and last year's champ, G.M. Lev Alburt. Five hundred dollars will be awarded to the winner. A "Speed Tournament" will also take place Thursday evening with \$1,500 in prizes. Games will begin at 7 p.m. and each game will take five minutes. Two sections of players will compete in the "Speed Tournament."

All play will take place in the Royal Halls on the third floor of the Imperial Palace. Limited seating (60) will be available for spectators who

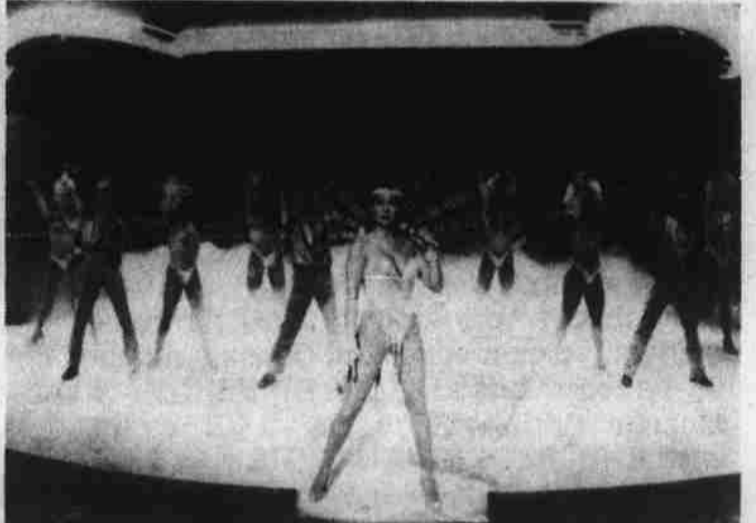
may watch the top 12 boards between pairs of Grand Masters in the center ring. Each move on the top three boards of those 12, will be shown on a large demonstration board above and behind the players. Fans of the game relish the chance to watch Grand Masters play. Although the game may last three to five hours, the moves will be published and may be analyzed and hotly debated for years to come.

In the tournament room no noise, eating, drinking nor smoking will be permitted. Photos will only be allowed during the first ten minutes of each round of play.

There will be an outstanding display of chess books, clocks, chess sets, computers and other paraphernalia by Labate's Chess Center of Anaheim, CA. This will be the largest chess book emporium ever assembled in one area with over 3,000 titles valued at more than \$350,000.

For registration information, call or write USCF, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, N.Y. 12550, (914) 562-8350, or call organizer Fred Gruenberg at (312) 779-3360.

## "Sizzle!" Excites



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Chuck Diamond and The Royal Dixie Jazz Band will bring their swinging Dixieland jazz to the lounge January 30 - February 1 and February 6-8 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Henry Shed will return to the Olympic Lounge February 13 - 15 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. in addition to his frequent evening performances. No advance reservations are necessary, and there is no cover nor a minimum charge. Daytime entertainment will be limited to weekends only.

## Caesars Palace Olympic Lounge Adds Daytime Entertainment

The Olympic Casino at Caesars Palace will provide even more excitement for guests and visitors beginning this weekend with entertainment during the day. Baritone Henry Shed and his talented trio will blend old favorites and popular selections from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Shed, who sang the title song in the 1970 United Artists movie "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, I Love You," specializes in easy listening music with a contemporary flair.



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