

CHESS JOURNALISTS AWARDS By Ray Alexis (L)

Awards Committee chaired by Ray Alexis; other members were Bob Dudley and Harold Winston. Judges: Bob Dudley, Woody Harris, Andy Soltis, and John Watson.

MAGAZINE AWARDS

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| Best State Magazine: (Tie) | CHES HORIZONS |
| (Tie) | ILLINOIS CHESS BULLETIN |
| (Honorable Mention): | NORTHWEST CHESS |
| Best Postal Magazine: | APCT NEWS BULLETIN |
| Best Independent Magazine: | CHESS 'n Stuff |
| Best Club Magazine: | EN PASSANT |
| Most Improved Magazine: | KING'S FILE |
| Best Layout: | ILLINOIS CHESS BULLETIN |
| (Honorable Mention): | CHESS 'n Stuff |
| Best Regular Column: | John Tomas |
| (Honorable Mention): | Mary Lasher |
| | Wayne Gnatuk |
| | Woodrow Harris |
| Best Book Review: | Frank Skoff |
| Best Interview: | Helen Warren |
| Best Cartoon: | NO AWARD |
| Best Editorial: | NO AWARD |
| Best Art: | Eric Meitner |
| (Honorable Mention): | Edward Matheson |
| Best Analysis: | Jeff Kastner |
| Best Photo: | NO AWARD |
| (Honorable Mention): | KING'S FILE |
| Best Instruction: | Kastner & Alburt |
| Best Human Interest/Historical: | Larry Parr |
| (Honorable Mention): | Anders Tejler |
| Best Humorous: | NO AWARD |
| Best Cover: | ILLINOIS CHESS BULLETIN |
| (Honorable Mention): | CHESS 'n Stuff |
| | MINNESOTA CHESS JOURNAL |
| Best Tournament Report: (Tie) | David Sprenkle |
| (Tie) | John Tomas |

NEWSPAPER AWARDS

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| Best Metropolitan Column: | Isaac Kashdan |
| Best Chess Promotion: | George Mirijanian |
| Best Local Column: | Emile Skraly |
| (Honorable Mention): | Kevin Burnett |
| | Jeff Kastner |
| Best Tournament Report: | George Mirijanian |

(I had to wonder if the above list was quite correct. Why was there no award for the Best Photo, yet there was a runner-up? Doesn't this make the runner-up the 'Best Photo' by default? Is 'Best Photo' a misnomer? KLB)

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING By Ray Alexis (L)

A meeting of the CJA was held on Monday, August 16, 1982 in conjunction with the 1982 U.S. Open Chess Championship in St. Paul, Minnesota. Helen Warren, vice-president, presided. The following were in attendance: Ray Alexis (CO), Larry Bevand (Canada), Ron R. Chaika (KS), Edward J. Conway (MN), Fred Cramer (WI), Gerry Dullea (PA), Frank Elley (NY), John Green (OK), F. Woodrow Harris (VA), Allen Hinshaw (VA), Helen Hinshaw (VA), Robert A. Karch (WA), Matthew R. Katrein (NY), David Keekhoive (SD), Myron Lieberman (AZ), George Mirijanian (MA), Bill Merrell (MO), Rusty Miller (WA), Hugh Myers (IA), Grant Perks (OH), Glenn Petersen (NJ), Ira Lee Riddle (PA), Mani Sayeedi (CO), Frank Skoff (IL), Gary Sperling (NY), Barry Spiegel (MA), Bob Sutter (MO), George Tiers (MN), Carl Waldby (KS), Helen Warren (IL), Jim Warren (IL), John Watson (CA), and Harold Winston (IL).

- The following items were addressed/discussed:
- 1) It was Helen's feeling that Bob Tanner did not submit minutes from last year's meeting in Palo Alto, hence, none were reviewed. Subsequent to the meeting, however, I realized that Bob had so documented said minutes, and I apologize for the oversight of not having them available at this meeting.
 - 2) Helen gave a brief financial "report".
 - 3) Helen recommended support of Jeremy Gaige's historical information.
 - 4) This year's award winners were announced, and award certificates were presented to those in attendance.

Ray Alexis reported that the Awards Committee, by his direction had arranged with Fred Cramer for four American Chess Foundation stipends for a) Best State Magazine, b) Best Regular Column, c) Best Cover, and d) Best Local Column (Newspaper). It was felt that these represented a nice cross section of all awards. It is expected that these stipends will be ongoing and probably increased in amount in the future. For this year, \$50 was established as the amount for each award. Because of Fred Cramer's long commitment to excellence to chess journalism and his generous contributions to the ACF, the prizes have been named in his honor.

6) A discussion ensued about the John J. White collection at the Cleveland Public Library; editors, etc. are encouraged to donate magazines to the library.

7) A short discussion centered around receiving bad checks for subscriptions. A conclusion was not reached.

8) George Mirijanian initiated an ethics discussion. He felt that there was too much use of published material without the proper recognition. Most agreed.

9) Frank Skoff is compiling historical information on chess tournaments and requests tournament dates.

10) A somewhat controversial discussion took place on the ethics and proper methods of supporting candidates for national office. Two thoughts emerged: a) treat on an informational basis (no editorializing), and b) "in good taste".

11) There was some feeling that there should be an attempt to duplicate CHESS LIFE articles in state and other publications.

MORE ON THE AWARDS (L)

CHESS HORIZONS is edited by Joel Johnson, while the ILLINOIS CHESS BULLETIN was under the editorship of Helen Warren. Helen also edits APCT NEWS BULLETIN, another award winner. Ray Alexis edits CHESS 'n Stuff. The Editor of EN PASSANT is Bob Dudley. The most improved magazine, KING'S FILE is edited by David Axinn.

John Tomas' column is "World View" which appears in ILLINOIS CHESS BULLETIN (ICB).

Frank Skoff won his laurels for his review of the Oxford Encyclopedia, which appeared in ICB. The award winning interview was that of Gary Sperling, again appearing in ICB.

Eric Meitner's art appeared in CHESS 'n Stuff. Kastner's CHESS LIFE work won the analysis award, and Larry Parr's biography of Viktor Pupols in NORTHWEST CHESS was the human interest winner. David Sprenkle and the team of John Tomas and Leonid Bass tied in the tournament report department; David for his report on the First ICA Masters, Tomas and Bass for their coverage of the Cloverline. Both articles appeared in the ICB.

Matching the columnist with his newspaper, Kashdan's column is in the Los Angeles Times, Skraly's, the Schenectady Gazette, and Mirijanian's work appeared in Sentinel Enterprise.

This information was gleaned from a USCF press release.

(The quotation marks around the word "report" above were placed there by reporter Ray Alexis. This editor (L) does not know the reason or the context of the punctuation, not having attended the meeting, and he is not about to burn up Ma Bell's lines finding out. The marks are left in on the assumption that no harm was meant either to Heln or the organization.)

AIPE MERGES WITH PLAYER'S CHESS NEWS

In the January 10, 1983 issue of PCN, Svend Novrup, president of AIPE, the international organization of chess journalists, announced that AIPE will turn over to PCN its bi-weekly bulletin service. AIPE members should now send their contributions to PCN.