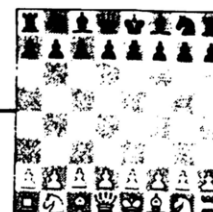


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## EDITORIAL

This is the last Newsletter of 1981. We want to wish all of our members a very happy holiday season. This issue contains two major items: the results of the Twelfth ACM North American Computer Chess Championship and a report by Mr. Jaap van den Herik of the Delft University of Technology on the Third Conference on Advances in Computer Chess held at Imperial College, London, last April.

It is time for renewal of your membership in ICCA. The renewal fee is \$10 U.S. Our regular members (except for Sweden) will find a renewal form enclosed, with a mailing label affixed. Please correct your mailing address, if necessary, and send the form with \$10 to:

Ken Thompson  
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Our Swedish members will be receiving renewal instructions directly from Mr. Johan Enroth. ICCA Sweden

has chosen to take advantage of the ICCA Chapter support policy which was announced in the May 1981 Newsletter. Other countries might want to follow Sweden's lead in this. The policy is reprinted on page 2.

There was an unfortunate printing error in our last Newsletter. The photographs which accompanied our article on the 2nd World Micro-computer Chess Championship were reproduced incorrectly. We apologize to those people who were mentioned in the captions but who were left out of the photos. We are enclosing an errata sheet with this  
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Newsletter which reprints all of the photos - correctly this time!

Finally, I want to thank Joan Cesal, once again, for her outstanding role as the Editorial Assistant for the ICCA Newsletter. Through her efforts we have produced these invaluable publications for the computer chess world.

B. Mittman  
President & Editor

REPRINTED FROM THE MAY 1981 NEWSLETTER:

ICCA Chapter Support Policy Established

ICCA Sweden, under the active leadership of Dr. Johan Enroth, has flourished as a chapter of ICCA in Sweden. In order to encourage and support such activities elsewhere, the ICCA administration has decided upon the following policy.

"In order to encourage and support the development of ICCA chapters, ICCA will return \$3.00 of the \$10.00 membership fee to the officers of such chapters for each member served by the chapter. A minimum of 20 members is required to be eligible for the chapter rebates. Mailings of the ICCA Newsletter will be handled by the local chapters for their members. Bulk mailing of Newsletters and labels will go from ICCA Headquarters to the chapter officer designated to receive the Newsletters for subsequent local mailing."

Further information about this policy can be obtained by writing to:

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Twelfth ACM North American  
Computer Chess Championship

November 8-10, 1981  
Los Angeles, California

ACM'81 was the site of the Twelfth ACM North American Computer Chess Championship. BELLE won the tournament with 3 1/2 points in the four-round Swiss-style tournament. There were three programs which finished with three points, and their final places were determined by tie-break points: NUCHESS second, CRAY BLITZ third, and BEBE fourth. The complete results are found on page 5.

A round-robin speed chess tournament was also held. However, there was not sufficient time to get in the large number of games required; therefore, several programs withdrew from the speed chess event. As a result, a winner was chosen, based upon the most games played and the most games won. The winner of the speed chess event was BEBE.

On the following pages are the names of the participating programs, their authors, the machines upon which they ran, and certain program information.

Articles Needed for 1982

This Newsletter requires contributed articles from our members. Please send appropriate material to:

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