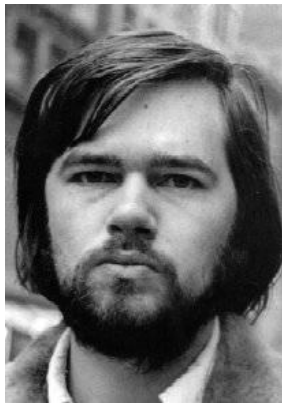


Walter Browne / First Inductee into the Cal Chess Hall of Fame

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Long time Berkeley resident Walter Browne is suitably the very first player to be inducted into the brand new "Cal Chess Hall of Fame."

GM Browne took over as the American chess star after Fischer's strange disappearance after the 1972 World Championship. Browne dominated American chess for the rest of the 70's and into the early 80's. In this time he won the US championship an amazing 6 times. Only Fischer and Reshevsky can claim more US championship titles. Unfortunately for GM Browne the United States chess and general public were still fixated on the missing Fischer during Browne's reign. Therefore GM Browne never got the public attention (or support) as he deserved.

For more information on GM Browne's chess career with pictures and games..see his chess biography here:

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GM Walter S. Browne

Looking through old Browne photos on chessdryad.com while researching his bio I realized just how cool this cat was living in Berkeley during the hippy era and letting his hair hang

down.

And did I mention he was an awesome poker player way before poker was labeled cool?

And to all the East Coast Old Boy's Club (that now dominate the USCF once again)..especially those from New York...you can keep your Bobby Fischer (if you can find him and keep him out of jail). We got perfect weather AND GM Walter Browne!

GM Browne recently donated much of his huge trophy collection to Cal Chess president Elizabeth Shaugnessy. I have been meaning to go to her office and scrounge through the boxes and see if I can score a US Championship trophy! :) If you don't have what it takes to win one...you just got to go and scrounge for one!

GM Browne resides in Berkeley with his wife and is still active in chess.

In upcoming weeks the Calchess website will feature a few select players in its Hall of Fame. Only GM's and IM's who have lived and played actively in Northern California qualify. Any scholastic players who has won either a first place in a national championship or has been rated #1 in the country on the USCF scholastic lists also qualifies.