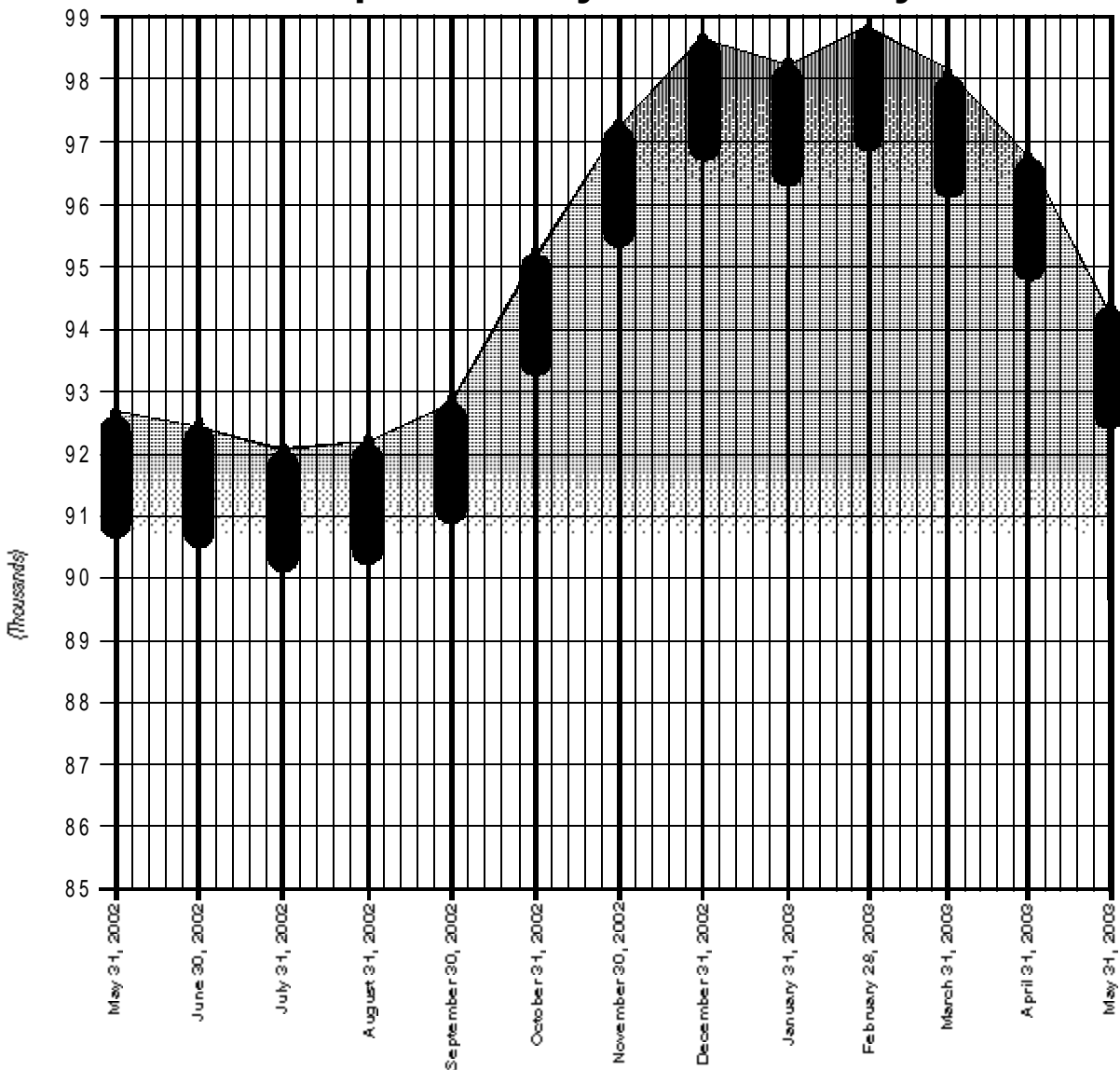


Total Memberships From May 31, 2002 to May 31, 2003



THE DENKER TOURNAMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL

The 19th annual Denker Tournament of High School Champions will take place August 3-8 at the LAX Radisson in Los Angeles, California in conjunction with the 104th U.S. Open. The tournament is scheduled so players can participate in both the U.S. Open and the Denker tournament.

The goal of the Denker committee is to have all state affiliates represented. Forty-five players participated in the 2002 Denker tournament, and we expect to have even more players at the 2003 Denker. This event is open only to official state high school champions (or runners-up if the champion is unable to attend) as recognized by each USCF state affiliate.

All USCF state affiliates are encouraged to hold a state high school championship tournament and report the results to USCF events manager Diane Reese. Any state high school champion who has not yet received an invitation should contact their state affiliate or the USCF office. Many state affiliates provide financial support for their Denker representative.

The tournament is the brainchild of current USCF Executive



Board member-at-large Arnold Denker, who donates several thousand dollars each year towards reimbursement of players' travel expenses. The USCF would like to thank GM Denker, the University of Texas at Dallas, the U.S. Chess Trust, and American Chess Equipment for their support of this event.

The University of Texas at Dallas offers full scholarships to the top-scoring player in Grade 11 or below and the top-scoring female player in Grade 11 or below (if two or more eligible female players participate in the tournament). All UTD scholarship winners must meet UTD's admission criteria. Each UTD scholarship

has a value of more than \$40,000 for out-of-state students. The scholarship is a four-year, full-tuition-and-fees scholarship with a housing allowance for on-campus apartments of \$1,000 per year. Winners must meet the university and chess program requirements for renewal.

You can find pictures of two UTD Denker scholarship winners in the June issue of *Chess Life*: UTD team members Andrei

Zaremba and Katie Roberts-Hoffman both won full scholarships to UTD at previous Denker tournaments. The U.S. Chess Trust also offers scholarship awards to the top four finishers, and American Chess Equipment sponsors the Denker reception on Sunday morning. For more information about the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, please visit www.uschess.org/scholastic/denker.html.