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THANKS TO ALL WHO ARE MAKING CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS POSSIBLE. IT IS NICE TO HEAR FROM SO MANY WHO THINK C.C.N. IS A JUSTIFIED ADDED FEATURE TO CHESS EVENTS IN CALIFORNIA. WE STILL LACK THE NEWS AND GAMES FROM SOME OF THE CLUBS BUT HOPE THEY TOO WILL AWAKEN TO THE GENERAL INTEREST TAKEN BY MOST OF THE CLUBS, BY HAVING THEIR NEWS PUBLISHED REGULARLY IN C.C.N.

WE PUBLISH THE FIRST LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS IN THIS ISSUE FURTHER LISTS WILL FOLLOW AND WE DO HOPE MOST OF YOU WILL SUPPORT OUR EFFORT BY SUBSCRIBING. GET YOUR FRIENDS TO SUBSCRIBE TOO! IT IS ONLY ONE DOLLAR A YEAR FOR ALL ISSUES PUBLISHED.

THE MAIN OBJECT IS CHESS IN CALIFORNIA AND THIS ISSUE WILL SHOW THAT MOST CLUBS ARE BEGINNING TO BE VERY ACTIVE.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE WE HOPE TO INAUGERATE A SPECIAL SECTION OF GAMES PLAYED IN AND BY CALIFORNIANS. WON'T YOU SEND IN YOUR GAMES?

MY TOUR IS OVER BY THE END OF MARCH, WHEN THE NEXT ISSUE WILL APPEAR BUT FROM THEN ON CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS WILL APPEAR MONTHLY. A special report on my tour will appear in the March issue of C.C.N.

A HEARTY THANKS TO ABE YANOFSKY, CHAMPION OF CANADA FOR HIS ARTICLE ENCLOSED HEREIN. WE HOPE TO BRING MORE OF HIS ARTICLES AS WELL AS SOME ESPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR C.C.N. BY MASTERS LIKE Dr. M. EUME, Dr. S. TARTAKOWER, V. SCULTANBELIEFF, H. GROB & others.

Special attention will be given to the World's Championship which will be played in Holland and Russia and most of the games will appear as a special feature in California Chess News. Abe Yanofsky will do the reporting!

BUT WE SHALL NEVER FORGET OUR MAIN OBJECT..... CHESS IN CALIFORNIA!

TO ALL AND EVERYONE..... A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

George Koltanowski,

P/S: Please note new address:

P.O. Box 124

SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA.

SEND ALL ARTICLES, NEWS, GAMES, ANECDOTES, Stories, etc. FOR CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS, ISSUE No. 3, BY FEBRUARY 25th, 1948 FOR THE MARCH ISSUE. THANKS! C.K.

MODESTO CHESS CLUB NEWS.

by  
Her Betker.

Early in November the club team made a trip to Merced where we met the Fresno Club and defeated them by the score of 6-4. Later in the same month, Modesto was the common meeting place ground for a battle between the Sacramento and San Jose clubs. Modesto was to have also played San Jose but due to the lateness of the hour only the last four boards played and they ended in an even score 2-2.

December was "Balance of Treasury Month". To do this, Herb Betker, club president, gave a simultaneous exhibition at which there was no charge to play, but losers had to pay a penalty for being so careless as to lose to him. Mr. Betker won 12 and lost 10. At the next meeting, Jeff Smith, the tournament director, tried his hand at simultaneous play but this time we charged a straight 50 cents per board. Both matches were well received and we had a lot of fun. Considerable interest was shown, not only by the old members, but we gained six new members and several others have asked to be taken in at the first opportunity.

At the last meeting, we started a freeze-out tournament with two prizes. The first prize is one year's paid up dues and the second prize is a fat hen donated by our tournament director. We bent over backwards on this to give the lower rated players every chance possible to win one of the prizes. We made the pairings according to the players rating strength as much as possible. This automatically insured one of the lower rated players a place in the finals. Then, when it came to choice of color, the lower rated player of the pair always got the white pieces. The low rated player also received the advantage of the draw; that is, in the event of a drawn game, it is counted as a win for the low rated player and a loss for the high man. We had 16 entrants for this event. Frank Kelley won the lower bracket. Herb Betker is favoured to win the upper bracket and if he does he will play Kelley in the finals. This was not a championship event but it drew entrants, who might have hesitated to enter a more serious tourney.

We are looking forward to a banner year for chess in Modesto in 1948. Interest is at the highest peak that it has been since the club was organized in March 1946. We have a full calendar for the next few months. In January we will finish the tourney mentioned above and then we have a match scheduled with the Madera Chess Club. Then in February, we expect to sandwich in a regular Championship tournament with more team matches. Also we expect to have Koltanowski here for an exhibition in late February or early March.

Game played in Modesto, White: H. Betker. Black: N. N.

Colle System. Notes by Herb Betker.

Fine has called the Colle a tame opening but swift destruction comes when black neglects his development.

1. P-Q4 P-Q4; 2. N-KB3 P-K3; 3. P-K3 N-KB3;  
4. B-Q3, P-B3; (This is too passive it is better to attack the center with P-B4) 5. O-O, B-Q3; (a little better was B-K2) 6. R-K1, O-O;  
7. QN-Q2, Q-B2; 8. P-K4; 9. NXP Q-K2??; (This loses, NxN is the move)  
10. NxNch!; P-N; (Forced) 11. B-R6 (KR); R-Q1; 12. N-K5!!; K-R1; 13. Q-R5,  
R-KKt1; 14. B-B8, and Black resigned.

ICELAND.

The 1947 Championship of Iceland ended as follows: 1. Baldur Moller 4½, 2. Thorsteinsson 3, 3. G. Arnleugsson 2½, 4-5. Gudm. Gudmundsson (was 3rd. in Hastings 1946-47) and 8. Petursson 2 pts. each, 6. H. Theodsson 1.

A few years ago the following game was played in a telephone match between Reykjavik and Akureyri.

WHITE: Snorreson

Black: Thorwaldsson.

Dutch Defense.

1. P-Q4 P-KB4

11... K-R1  
12. Q-N3 R-Kch  
13. N-K2 P-QN4

This move is generally preceded by P-K3 in order to avoid the attack resulting from 2. P-K4 (the Staunton Gambit.)

Black should, instead, play B-KN7, with P-QB4 to follow.

2. P-K4 PXP  
3. N-QB3 N-KB3  
4. B-KN5 P-B3

14. QxB BxNch  
15. K-B2

Not 4... P-Q4 because of 5. BxN followed by Q-R5ch. But not 4... P-N3; 5. P-KR4; P-Q4; 6. P-R3;

If 15. PxB, QxPch and QxB

5. P-B3

15... BxP  
16. B-B7 R-Q1  
17. QR-N1(QN) B-R6  
18. R-N3 BxP  
19. R-R3(K)

This is much better than BxN and N-P

White has obtained a strong attack at the cost of a pawn. He now threatens R-Pch followed by Q-R5 mate.

5... Q-R4  
6. BxN

19... Q-Q7  
20. R-R5!

If here 6. Q-Q2 Black's answer is then P-KC6!

A good move, preventing Q-N4 and threatening R-Q1 which would drive the Black Queen from the diagonal from KR3 to QB8.

6... KPxB  
7. PXP B-N5  
8. Q-B3 Castles

The beginning of an enterprising line of play.

20... P-KR3  
21. R-Q1

9. B-B4ch P-Q4  
10. PXP B-N5  
11. P-Q6ch

Better is Q-N6! when 22. R-Q1 is a killer.

This is better than QxB. But 11. QxPch, K-R1; 12. QxB, BxNch; 13. PxB, QxPch; 14. K-B2, QxR; 15. PXP;

21... QxBP  
22. R-QB1 Q-R2  
23. R-B3 B-B1  
24. B-N6 Q-N1

25.R(B3)-KR3 N-R3  
26.B-B5

The only move. If Q-K1; then  
31.RxPch, PXR; 32.Q-N6 mate.

Threatening Q-N6 with RxP  
to follow.

31.Q-B5  
After 31.QXR, QXB (or even QXR)  
gives Black good winning  
chances.

26... Q-P2  
27.K-N1

Threatening now B-K6, which  
immediately is not good  
through F-K3.

31... Q-K2  
32.R-KN3 P-N4

27... N-B3  
28.N-B4 P-K4!

Black had to stop RxPch and  
P-N6 mate.

A very good move, preparatory  
to his Qct1., upon which his  
defense depends.

33.PN3xNP!

Forcing a draw.

29.N-K6 NxN  
30.BxN RxP!

33... PXR  
34.Q-K5ch K-R2

Not B-N2 or Q-N2 because of  
RxP mate!

#### NOTES SPECIALLY FOR

CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS

by ABE YANOFSKY,

CHAMPION OF CANADA.

35.B-B5ch K-N1  
36.B-K6ch. DRAWN.  
What a lively game!

(Editors Note: Don't be surprised by the great strength displayed by the players of the land of the midnight Sun! For six months in the year they cannot toil their land or do much else, so they play Chess! In an exhibition with clocks against 10 players, Master Yanofsky did not win a single game! Doesn't this remind you of the early exhibitions given by Capablanca, Reshevsky, Fine and Flohr in Russia? Icelandic Chess certainly deserves special attention, and we intend to give it ample room in our future issues! )

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OH.....L.A.!

Police in Los Angeles got a complaint from an indignant woman who announced that her spouse locked her in the house and made her play chess with him for 2 straight days during which she never won once. Not only that, she said, but when, finally, she cheated just a little, he chased her out into the street, and conked her.

The American, January, 1948.

The Fresno Chess Club meets each Monday at Hart's Cafeteria. President is Mr. C. Wesley Bird, 617 Pine Ave. Fresno. Visitors welcome.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHESS LEAGUE

TO ALL MEMBER CLUBS:

Through the kindness and generosity of Mr. C. J. Wood, President of the Caspar Lumber Company of San Francisco, the Redwood Empire Chess League has received a beautiful gold cup which is to serve as a perpetual annual championship award!

In addition, he has presented to the League six smaller replicas of the cup, one of which will be presented to the winner of the trophy as a permanent record of achievement. In the event of a second victory by one club, the small replica will be temporarily returned to League headquarters for engraving at the same time the large cup is so inscribed.

The large cup will be on display in San Rafael during the month of January, and it is suggested that arrangements be made with one of your local merchants to display the trophy when it arrives in your community. The cup will go to Petaluma in February and Santa Rosa in March. It is suggested that the course of the cup be arranged geographically, to make a logical circuit of our respective towns.

Each club should endeavor to get the maximum publicity in connection with the display. If the local merchant displaying the cup sells chess sets, it would be good to set up a board--perhaps a problem such as "mate in two" or some such easily solved problem. Information about your own club should bring in new members. In addition, the local press should be notified about the display and regular reporting of match results should be given the papers throughout the year.

It would be a very fine thing if we all signed a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Wood for this gift, and so I am taking the liberty of composing such a letter and will forward copies of it to you. Each club should prepare a separate sheet of signatures on their club letterhead and forward it to me. I will then present the original letter and signature pages to Mr. Wood in person. It is a most generous gift, so let's get the signatures in before the end of January.

To all members of the League, a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
Alan Atkins, President.  
December 26, 1947. Rt.1, Box 809. San Rafael.

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First Round results in the Redwood Empire Chess League.  
Santa Rosa, October 17. Vallejo. (Played at Vallejo)

1. T. Shoemaker	0	G. Rasmussen	1.	10. D. Bronson	0	H. Shanx	1
2. W. Sherman	1/2	O. E. Richmond	1/2	Santa Rosa 3 1/2 Vallejo: 6 1/2			
3. C. Watson	1	M. K. Fountain	1	Petaluma defeated San			
4. V. Beikah	1	R. Richards	0	Rafael 11 to 1. Detailed			
5. J. Boschen	0	W. Rhoades	1	results were not sent in.			
6. A. R. Kelly	1	F. Norling	0				
7. F. Schneider	1	Q. M. Spencer	0				
8. J. Wood	0	A. K. Nelson	1	-----			
9. J. Van Derkwaast	0	R. L. O' Bryan	1	SUBSCRIBE			
				to California Chess News.			

FRESNO CHESS CLUB

by  
C. Wesley Bird, President.

News of our club is not exciting. Weaver Adams was here and played against Pelouze and Monty Jackson ( who came down from Modesto for the event ). He beat Pelouze and lost, through an oversight, to Jackson. He lectured throughout the long demonstration on the relative values of the moves. The date was October 28, 1947.

Our club has contributed a ten dollar CARE package to Gesa Maroczy and six dollars in cash for medical expenses for him.

We lost a strong supporter when Rev. Martin L. Kirkegaard died Dec. 7, at Selma, of heart trouble. Kirkegaard rated high among the class A postal chess players.

Our club is printing a directory of chess players in the Fresno area. This will be distributed free to all interested in the game. We will enlarge it later. The idea might be copied with profit by other clubs to help players get acquainted outside of the regular meetings.

An exhibition by George Koltanowski is planned for February.

SAN DIEGO.

by  
John P. Scott

Here in San Diego we are making some progress in adding to chess interest through a recent news write up with pictures of some of our club members fighting it out in the club room. We play the newly organized Coronado Chess Club soon. The match will be held in the Coronado Public Library, where the Coronado Chess Club has its headquarters.

Our own headquarters are at 441 "C" st. in downtown San Diego on the third floor of the Owl Drug Co. Bldg. just around the corner from 1070 Fifth Ave., the Owl Drug Co. entrance. This location is very convenient, as it is in the heart of town and thus equidistant from residential districts in any direction. We very frequently have players drop in from the chess clubs in various parts of the State because of our handy location.

At the present time we are having an inter club tournament.

Second Round result of the Redwood Empire Chess League.

Played in Santa Rosa, Nov. 1947.

Santa Rosa	Petaluma.	Santa Rosa	Petaluma.
1. Judge B. C. Jenkins	0 Wollman 1	2. W. Sherman	0 L. Wolfson 1
3. T. Shoemaker	1 J. Lesh 0	4. W. Leikam	0 Dr. H. Towerl
5. G. Watson	0 Dr. Stimson 1	6. F. Schneider	0 A. Eisenstein 1
7. J. Wood	0 J. Hyland 1	8. Mrs. Somerville	0 Goertzel 1
9. A. Kelly	0 Jaroske 1	10. A. Sokel	0 W. Novak 1
11. R. Rayburn	1 Hoffman 0	12. E. H. Raule	0 R. Koch 1
Santa Rosa 2	Petaluma 10.		

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CAPITAL CITY CHESS AND CHECKER CLUB  
of  
SACRAMENTO

by Neil T. Austin.

The Capital City Chess Club had its inception in 1934, when a group of State Employees formed the C.S.E.A. Chess Club. In 1935, it was decided to open the membership to everyone, and the present club was formed. Several years later, the name was altered to include checker players, but of late there has been agitation to revert to the original name, A.R.Chapman was the first President, and with Wm. Trousdale and N.T.Austin, is one of the three charter members still active. The club has sponsored an annual Sacramento City Championship for several years. The present Champion is Milton O.Meyer, well-known correspondence player. The tourney to determine the 1948 Championship is now in progress with 21 entrants. Team matches are always welcome events, and nearly forty have been played since the club was organized. Sacramento has supplied the backbone for the so-called Northern California teams in their semi-annual match against Mechanics Institute. Present officers include; President: M.O.Meyer.

Secretary: J.B.Gee

5425 8th Ave  
Sacramento

Team Captain: N.T.Austin  
1608 42nd St.  
Sacramento

Meeting Night: Every Wednesday, 8 pm, Y.M.C.A., Room 202, 5th. & J St.

Following are the results of two matches played by Sacramento this Fall.

At San Francisco, Nov. 8th.

SACRAMENTO	Russian CHESS CLUB	CLUB
1.Meyer	Prokoodin	$\frac{1}{2}$
2.Gee	Svalberg	0
3.Austin	Dorbally	$\frac{1}{2}$
4.Iverson	Kondrashoff	0
5.Martanos	Bendit	0
6.Kozen	Toreff	0
7.Johnson	Schyrowsky	1
8.May	Branton	1
		<u>2</u>

At Modesto, Nov. 16th.

SACRAMENTO	SAN JOSE
1.Meyer	Mueller
2.Gee	Maling
3.Austin	Wooster
4.Johnson	Block
5.Turns	O'Shaughnessy
6.Smith	Villarruz
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Return matches with these clubs are planned for early 1948. Other matches are planned with Modesto and Oakland.

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The Berkeley Chess Club beat the Hayward Chess Club by 6 to 4. Members of the Berkeley team were: R.R.Trenchberth, E.G.Schott, B.Thomas, L.Ralston, G.W.Kent, H.L.Thackwell, R.C.Swink, B.Dorse, J.Murray and J.E.Warner. The Berkeley Chess Club meets every Thursday night from 7 p.m. at Live Oak Playground, Berkeley. The championship of the club is now in full swing. The club welcomes newcomers, whether beginners or experienced chess players.

PALO ALTO NEWS.

by  
E. T. Dana

On October 13 the Central Y.M.C.A. of San Francisco came to Palo Alto for a chess match of 12 boards. After an exciting evening with the lead alternating back and forth the final score was a 6 to 6 tie.

		<u>Score</u>			
Palo Alto C.C.	S.F.Y.M.C.A.	Palo Alto C.C.	S.F. Y.M.C.A.		
1. Dana	1 Hendricks	0	7. Rickertts	0	Menuet
2. Dr. McInturff	1 Kato	0	8. Barton	1	Dorff
3. Dr. Lee	0 N. Russ	1	9. Allie	0	Hechman
4. Guthrie	1 Olvera	0	10. Hutman	0	Hecht
5. Van Wyek	1 Geistl	0	11. Kinhead	0	Burnight
6. Mills	1 R. Russ	0	12. White	0	Morgan

In the last game to be finished with the result of the match in the balance, G.F. Mills of Palo Alto won Brilliantly from the following position:-

White: R. Russ. -King on K1; Queen on K2; Rooks on Q1 and KN1; K knight on K1; Bishop on K3; pawns on QR4, QN3, QB4, Q3, K4, KB2, KN4, KR3.  
Black: Mills. -King on KN1; Queen on QB3; Rooks on KB1 and KB2; Knight on KN3; Bishop on K3; pawns on QR4, QN5, QB2, QB4, K4, KB3, KN2, KR3  
Black to move.

1... P-B4  
2. PXP

Var. (a) 10. P-B4, RXP; 11. QXP,  
R-B6; 12. Q-N1, R-B7ch and mates quickly.

P-B3 would be better, but Black will play PXP and obtain a good attack with N-B5

6... N-B5!  
7. NXN PXPch  
8. BXP

2... RXP  
3. K-R2 R(B4)-B3  
4. N-N2 BXP

The King can find no safe square of escape while the pawn remains on the board.

Black wants to bring his Queen into the fray without loss of time.

8... RXB  
9. R-N2

5. KXB

White is now lost no matter what he does.

If 9. P-B3, then also Q-K4; 10. K-N2 (best), R(B1)-B3 wins. or if 9. Q-R5, RXP and 10. Q-Q5 (or any other move) fails to prevent mate or fatal loss of material.

5... Q-K3ch  
6. K-N3

9... Q-K4!!  
Now begins a pretty cooperation of Rook and Queen, first threatening an uncovered check on the King, and following with a similar attack on the Queen. There followed:  
10. K-R3, R-B6ch; 11. R-N3, Q-R4ch  
12. K-N2, R-Rch; white resigns.

If 6. K-R2, N-B5; 7. BxN, PxB; 8. P-B3 R-R3ch; 9. N-R4, RXPch; 10. K-N2, Q-R3!; 11. K-B1, R-R7; 12. R-N2, Q-R6 wins.  
if above 7. NXN, PXP; 8. P-B3, PxB; 9. R-N3, Q-Q3!; 10. K-N2 (a), R-N3!; 11. RXP, Q-Rch; 12. K-B1, Q-N6 wins quickly.

NOTES BY G.F. MILLS for C.C.N.



On Saturday Nov. 14 the Palo Alto Chess Club went to San Francisco to play the Russian Chess Club.

Palo Alto	Russian C.C.	Palo Alto	Russian C.C.
1. Dana 0	Prokoodin 1	7. O'Boyle 0	Moonie 1
2. Mills 0	Svalberg 1	8. Ricketts 0	Pruner 1
3. Whitaker 1	Radaikin 0	9. Kinkead $\frac{1}{2}$	Kondrashoff $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Guthrie $\frac{1}{2}$	Brenton $\frac{1}{2}$	10. Moses 1	Cattell 0
5. Bell 0	Goreff 1	11. White 0	Avtomoff 1
12. Rhodes 0	Salatko 1	6. Van Wyck 0	Bendit $\frac{1}{2}$

Russian Chess Club of San Francisco 9pts. - Palo Alto 3.

San Francisco, Nov. 23, 1947, played at the Russian Chess Club.

Y.M.C.A.	Russian Chess C.	Y.M.C.A.	Russian Chess Club.
1. Cooper 0	Prokoodin (Capt) 1	7. Kato 0	Brenton 1
2. Wernberg 0	Svalberg 1	8. Oliveira 1	Moerie 0
3. Hecht 0	Pruner 1	9. Hochman 1	Salatko 0
4. Burnright 0	Donnelly 1	10. Lowenbach 0	Gutz 1
5. Hendricks 1	Goreff 0	11. N. Russ (Capt) 1	Shirovsky 0
6. Morrison $\frac{1}{2}$	Kondrashoff $\frac{1}{2}$		

Y.M.C.A. 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  --- Russian Chess Club 5  $\frac{1}{2}$

Played at the Central Y.M.C.A. Dec. 18, 1947.

Labor School	Central Y.M.C.A.
1. Herman Gilman (Capt) 0 0	A. Johnson (Capt) 1 1
2. Lee Christiansen 0 1	C. Rasmussen 1 0
3. George Hitchcock 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	F. Oliveira 0 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Dean Spencer 0 0	J. Hochman 1 1
5. Sanford Byers 1 0	H. W. Tower 0 1
6. Matt Riak 0 1	D. Kato 1 0
	<u>4 <math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u> <u>7 <math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

The Mechanics Institute beat the North Bay team by 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Score:	
San Francisco	North Bay
1. Capps 1	Hurt 0
2. Fink $\frac{1}{2}$	Bergman $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Simon 1	Meyer 0
4. Clarke 1	Dana 0
5. Bagby 0	Gee 1
6. Loewy 0	Hendricks 1
7. Donnelly 0	Preobrajensky 1
8. W. Smith 0	Abraham 1
9. Johnson 1	Applegate 0
10. Svalberg 1	Malg 0
11. Ralston 1	Austin 0
12. Caswell 1	Trenberth 0
13. Sosnick 1	Jackson 0
14. Smook 1	Betker 0
15. Leeds 1	Iverson 0
16. Hultgren 1	Richards 0
17. Petersen 1	Paul 0
18. Sprague 0	Rasmussen 1

#### HONOR ROLL

Here follows the first list of subscribers to California Chess News.  
 Mrs. J. K. Somerville, Santa Rosa. Caspar J. Wood, (2 Sub.) S. F.  
 Rev. D. Weston, Modesto. Harold Jaroske, Petaluma. Fresno Chess C.  
 Harry Shaw, San Jose. M. Rettinger, Encino. Neil T. Austin, Sao.  
 Alex Sokell, Tom Shoemaker, Alan Kelly, John Boschen, Santa Rosa.  
 J. B. Gee, Sacramento. C. Wesley Bird, Fresno. John P. Scott, S. D.  
 Leo Gladstone, Boulder, Col. Frank Fetzer, Denver, Col. E. T. Dana  
 Palo Alto Chess Club (4 sub.) George B. Oakes, Salinas.  
 Peter V. Prokoodin, S. F. Russian Chess Club, S. F. THANKS TO ALL.  
 SECOND LIST IN NEXT ISSUE... May we add your name?.

SAN JOSE NEWS.

by

Harry G. Shaw

In May 1947, Weaver Adams, the New England Champion, appeared for a simultaneous exhibition at San Jose. The Club presented 16 boards and Weaver knocked these down like a sharpshooter picking off clay pipes in a shooting gallery. Most boards were ready to tilt the King after 20 moves with a few holding out for 30. For many of us, it was our first experience against the Vienna opening and as Weaver has made an extensive study of all the variations of this line of play...we were given a chess lesson.

Mr. Adams was invited back at San Jose for an October appearance. He offered to play two boards and explain his system and the reasons for his moves. By special request, he was prevailed upon to play four boards and the club sought out the four best players in this area, William T. Adams, of San Jose, Lyman H. Daugherty, of Los Gatos, Edmund T. Dana, of Palo Alto and we had hoped to have the best player from Salinas but for good reasons he was unable to be present and Sam Block of San Jose substituted at the fourth board.

Bill Adams is probably the strongest player in this locality. He plays a very aggressive game. A sort of a "get in there and sock" player; one of those players who believes that the best defense is a strong offense. Every move he makes will threaten something. He invariably wins most of his games, against local players, with his aggressive type of play and a lot of us wondered how he would make out against the skilled Weaver Adams who has a reputation for being a "trapsetter" and after all, it was intended to be a demonstration of the soundness of Weaver's type of play.

It was a good game and we were not dissappointed. Here 'tis.

ADAMS BEATS ADAMS!

Notes by Bill Adams especially for C.C.N.

White: Weaver Adams      Black: William T. Adams.  
Vienna Opening.

White.

- 1. P-K4
- 2. N-QB3
- 3. B-B4
- 4. P-B4
- 5. N-B3
- 6. P-Q3
- 7. P-B5

Black:

- P-K4
- N-KB3
- B-B4
- P-Q3
- N-B3
- P-QR3
- P-R3

White.

- played at once 8. P-KR3 to hasten his King side attack.
- 8... 9. B-N3
- 10. P-R3
- 11. N-N
- 12. Q-B3
- 13. N-Q5

Black.

- played at once 8. P-KR3 to hasten his King side attack.
- P-QN4
- B-N2
- N-Q5
- B-N
- P-B4
- P-B5

Black has made two "baby" moves in a row, but he seems to get a solid game anyhow.

8. P-QR3

Later the New England champ declared this move was a blunder and that he should have

Sacrificing a pawn for the initiative.

- 14. PXP
- 15. BXP
- 16. B-N3
- 17. PxB

- PXP
- B R-QB1
- B-N
- Q-N3

White:Weaver Adams Black:William Adams. (cont.)

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| 18. B-R4ch | K-K2  | 26. K-N3  | B-Q5    |
| 19. P-B3   | P-K5; | 27. R-K1  | R-N1 oh |
| 20. Q-K2   |       | 28. K-R4  | R-N8    |
|            |       | 29. B-Q2  | R-N7    |
|            |       | 30. B-K3  | BxB     |
|            |       | 31. RxB   | RxNP    |
|            |       | 32. K-R5  | R-KB7   |
|            |       | 33. PQR4  | RxBP    |
|            |       | 34. KxRP  | R-KB6   |
|            |       | 35. R-K1  | R-QN6   |
|            |       | 36. P-KR4 | P-K6    |
|            |       | 37. P-QR5 | N-K5    |
|            |       | 38. K-R7  | K-Q1    |
|            |       | 39. P-R6  | K-B2    |
|            |       | 40. P-R5  | P-B4    |
|            |       | 41. R-KN1 | N-N4    |

If the Queen plays to N3, then B-K4; 21. QxNP, R-R2 wins by trapping the Queen.

20... RxP!

Thats Bill Adams all over!

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| 21. PxR  | BxP oh  |  |  |
| 22. K-Q1 | BxR     |  |  |
| 23. B-B6 | Q-N6 oh |  |  |
| 24. Q-B2 | RxQ oh  |  |  |
| 25. KxQ  | R-QB1   |  |  |

White resigns.

Weaver Adams won his other three games by some clever end play. We enjoyed his visit and gained a better understanding of the Vienna Opening. H.G.S.

RUSSIAN CHESS CLUB

of San Francisco.

by Peter Prokoodin - President.

The Russian Chess Club was founded in San Francisco in 1931 by Peter V. Prokoodin, who was president, except for 1934. Mr. Prokoodin also won the championship tournaments of the Russian colony in San Francisco in 1931 ( 20 players)) and in 1932 (18 players). In the first tournament he only drew with V. Pafnutieff and D. Stasinevich and in the second tournament he only drew with V. Pafnutieff.

In 1940 the Russian Chess Club won the Championship of the Northern California Chess League in which seven clubs participated, from San Francisco and the East Bay area.

In the handicap tournament that year ( 12 players ) G. Jonas was first with ten points, A. Schirovsky had nine points, A. Cattell had 8 1/2 pts; V. Salatko had 7 1/2 and M. Radaikin had 7 points. The championship tournament of the Russian Chess Club started on December 12th, 1947 with sixteen players. The winner will receive \$ 20 and a medal as first prize. Other prizes are \$ 15, \$10, and \$5. So far this season the R.C.C. has played four interclub matches.

The Russian Chess Club would like to play matches with other clubs, and those interested should communicate with Mr. Peter Prokoodin, 3324 Washington Street, San Francisco 18, California: The Russian Chess Club meets on Wednesday and Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Russian Center, 2450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Visitors welcome.

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SALINAS CHESS CLUB

by  
George G. Oakes, President.

A Salinas team will travel to Fresno January 11th, to play the Fresno Chess Club, our first venture in 1948! Hope we beat them! The San Jose Chess Club has accented our challenge. They are to visit our fair city (or should we say "invade our sacred domain") January 17th or 18th. We will, beyond a doubt, learn a thing or two in those two matches. Does any one know the address of the Santa Cruz Chess Club? We would like to challenge them to a match. Foster H. Clark is Sec-Treasurer, 313 Acacia St. Salinas, California. Rev. K. W. Hill, Vice-President; Dr. V. J. Ayres, Tournament Director; Members: V. W. Pope, W. Hafner, J. R. Douglas, Lowe, Taylor, Wyman, Coe, Wilson, Wells, Anderson, Hawkins and Beard. We meet at the Y.M.C.A. Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M.

HERE'S A GOOD GAME FROM THE San Francisco-North Bay Match.  
White: C. Bagby, San Francisco Black: J. B. Gee, Sacramento.

KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE (Grünfeld Variation).

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	16. NxN	PxN
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	17. N-B4	R-Q1oh
3. N-QB3	P-Q4	18. K-B1	B-N5
4. B-B4	B-N2	19. N-Q2	R-Q4
5. P-K3	Castles	20. P-KR3	RxPch
6. Q-N3	PxB3	21. K-N1	B-Q8
7. N-B3	Q-N3	22. B-B4	B-B7oh
8. QxQ	PxQ	23. K-B1	B-Q6
9. PxP	PxP	24. P-R3	N-Q4
10. B-B7	N-R3	25. P-QN4	R-B2
11. BxP	N-QN5	26. R-QR2	N-N3
12. K-Q2	B-B4	27. R-B2	BxR
13. N-K5	QR-B1	28. KxB	NxB
14. B-B5	RxB!	29. NxN	RxNoh
15. PxR	N-K5oh	30. K-N3	P-QN4

White resigned.

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