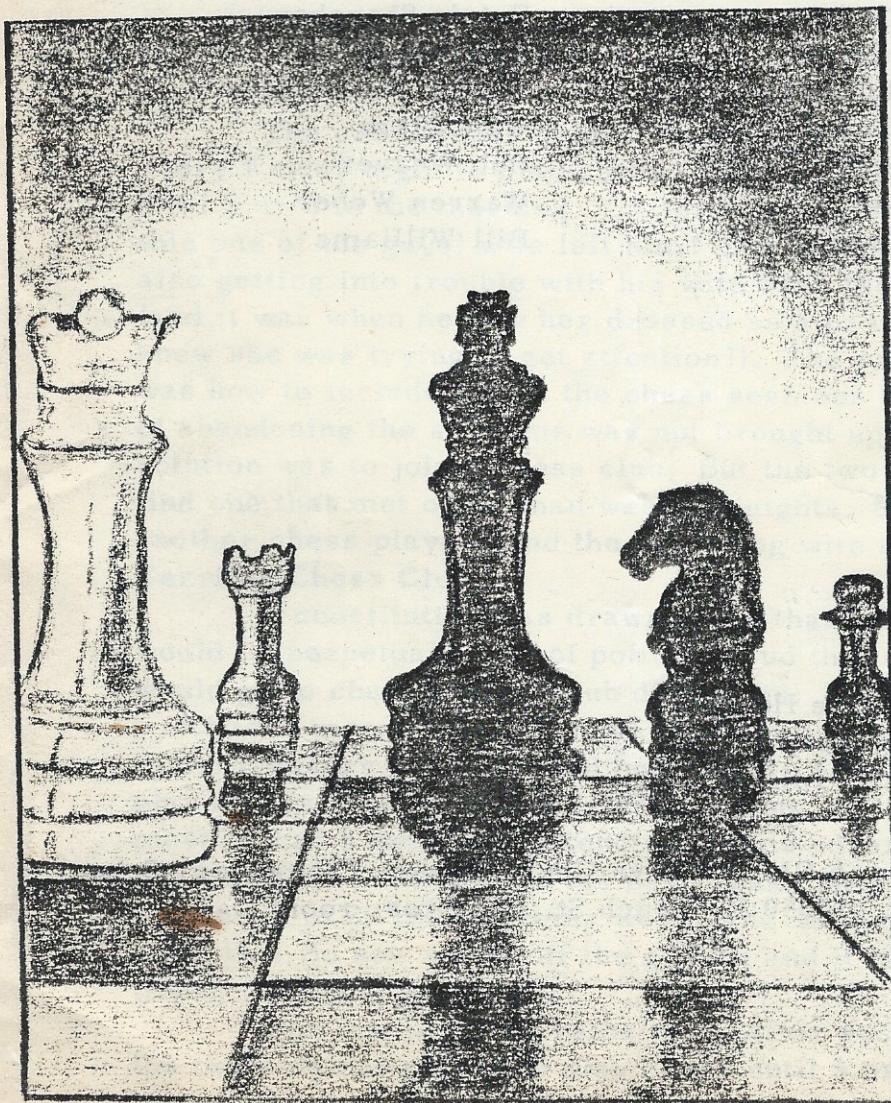




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## THE NEWSLETTER

Members are urged to submit games, stories, or advertising to be printed in this newsletter. Games should be annotated. Advertising is free to all club members and can be for any purpose (business owners and salesmen to advertise their products or services, or anyone with something to sell or that they are in need of).

## THE CLUB

The club had its origin when two guys met every Friday night to play chess. These games lasted until 5 or 6 in the morning. . . After a few months of this one of the guys' wife left him! The other guy was also getting into trouble with his wife over these hours (and it was when he saw her dressed as a pawn that he knew she was trying to get attention!). The problem was how to include her in the chess sessions (the idea of abandoning the sessions was not brought up!). The solution was to join a chess club. But the two guys couldn't find one that met other than weekday nights. So they, another chess player, and the surviving wife started the Cerritos Chess Club.

A constitution was drawn up so that the club would be perpetual, free of politics, and that everything would go to charity if the club disbanded. The four then purchased memberships, made contributions and loans to the treasury, and ordered equipment. A facility to play at was located, some friends joined, and the first meeting had 8 members attending. Some advertising got a total of 16 members the next week. Membership increased to 20 the following week, and 28 the week after that. So now we're off the ground and it looks like it will be a real good club.

Only one problem remains. . . After each meeting the two original guys still play chess until 5 or 6 in the morning!

## MISCELLANEA

At this printing, the leader in the Club Tournament is Walter St. Jacques with a score of 2-0, followed by Raul Gonzales and Mike Henebry, each with a 1 1/2-1/2 score. However many of the players have not completed the 2nd round due to adjournments and late starts.

Apparently all of the club's members are very modest... As of yet no games have been submitted for the Brilliancy Prize (Are these the same guys we talk to after the meetings?).

So far, the leader for the quickest mate trophy is Raul Gonzales. Raul mated Spike Foster in 31 moves.

A letter has been sent to Ron Gross, a Life Master (and one of the top 50 masters in the U.S.), informing him that he is an Honorary Life Member of the club. We're sure that Ron is ecstatic over this, but since Ron is a Cerritos resident and a regular kind of guy, it is possible that he might drop in on us some night. Then maybe we can get him to give a simultaneous exhibition or a lecture sometime in the future... Let's keep our collective fingers crossed!

Retired master Hyman Gordon (St. Louis Champion 1933-1935, Los Angeles Champion 1947-1958) has expressed interest in giving a lecture at the club sometime in the middle of May for 50¢ a head. Hyman now spends most of his time analyzing games or writing articles for the California Chess Reporter. His lecture would be on the endgame. The problem is that he doesn't have a car, but he thinks he could have someone pick him up after the lecture. He lives in the Farmer's Market-CBS area of Los Angeles, so if someone works up that way and would like to pick him up after work, let us know... You could probably learn a lot on the way to the club!

## LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

May 3-4 (Cal.)

### WEST COVINA MAY OPEN

5-SS, 40/2, Mesa School, Barranca just S of San Bernadino Fwy., West Covina. EF: \$15, under 20 \$13; all \$5 less if by 4/30; \$2 off for W. Covina CC mems. \$\$ 100, top A, B, C, top under 1400 each 50. Other prizes per entries. Reg. 8-9:30 AM, rds. 10-3-8, 10-3. ENT: West Covina CC, 717 E. Laurel Ave., Glendora, CA 91740.

May 15-June 12 (Cal.)

### WOODPUSHERS' SEVENTH

5-SS, TL?, Cal-State Campus, Student Services Bldg., San Bernadino. EF: \$5. San Bernadino Club mem. req. \$\$ per entries; trophies to 1st, top B/C, D/E/Unr. Reg. 7-8 PM 5/15, rds. 8 PM each Thurs. ENT: Mike Grotke, Box 6023, San Bernadino, CA 92412.

May 16-June 20 (Cal.)

### MALCOLM MEMORIAL AMATEUR

6-SS, 40/2, Mesa School, Barranca just S. of San Bernadino Fwy., West Covina. Open to under 2000. EF: \$7, under 20 \$5, under 15 \$3; \$2 off to West Covina CC mems. Prizes per entries. Reg. 7-8 PM 5/16, rds. 8 PM each Fri. ENT: West Covina CC, 717 E. Laurel Ave., Glendora, CA 91740.

May 24-26 (Cal.)

### GOLDEN STATE \$5000 CLASS CHAMPS

Los Angeles Hilton, Wilshire & Figueroa, Los Angeles. In 7 sections (players play in own rated section; unrated may enter any section but win only 50% of prize in any section under 2000): **Masters**, 4-SS, 40/150. EF: \$35. \$\$ 700-350-175. Rds. 11-6, 1, 1. **Experts**, 6-SS, 50/150. EF: \$33. \$\$ 600-300-150. Rds. 11-5:45 each day. **A**, 6-SS, 50/140. EF: \$31. \$\$ 500-250-125. Rds. 11-5:30 each day. **B**, 6-SS, 50/130. EF: \$29. \$\$ 400-200-100. Rds. 11-5:15 each day. **C**, 6-SS, 50/2. EF: \$27. \$\$ 300-150-75. Rds. 11-5 each day. **D**, 6-SS, 50/110. EF: \$25. \$\$ 200-100-50. Rds. 11-4:45 each day. **E**, 6-SS, 50/100. EF: \$23. \$\$ 100-50-25. Rds. 11-4:30 each day. **All**, all EF \$5 less if by 5/21; all EF \$5 less if under 20, over 50, or female. \$5000 in \$\$ guar.; if more than 450 entries, \$1000 add'l to 4th-5th; trophy to 1st each section. \$100 to club with most entrants. Reg. 8-10 AM. HR: 19-25-33. ENT: Calif. Chess Circuit, Box 17877, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

June 1 (Cal.)

### 13th LOS ANGELES QUAD

3-RR, 40/90, Quality Inn Airport, 5249 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles. EF: \$6, \$4.75 if mailed by 5/24. \$\$ 10 or trophy to 1st each section. Reg. ends 9:30 AM, rds. 10-2-5:30 (earlier if agreed). \$3 fine for quitters. **Read CCA Information ad.** ENT: Continental Chess Assn., 450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10553. NS.

June 6-7 (Cal.)

### WEST COVINA NEW JUNE TOURNEY

5-SS, 40/2, Mesa School, Barranca just S of San Bernadino Fwy., West Covina. In 2 sections: **Amateur**, open to under 2000. \$\$ 100-50, top under 1800 50. **Under 1600**, open to under 1600. \$\$ 100-50, top under 1400 50. **Both**, EF: \$15, under 20 \$13; all \$5 less if by 6/2; \$2 off for West Covina CC mems. More prizes per entries. Reg. 8-9:30 AM, rds. 10-3-8, 10-3. ENT: West Covina CC, 717 E. Laurel Ave., Glendora, CA 91740.

June 14-15 (Cal.)

### 2nd SOUTHERN CALIF. CONGRESS

Quality Inn Airport, 5249 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles. In 3 Sections: **Master-Expert**, 4-SS, 40/2, open to over 1999. EF: \$25, \$20 if mailed by 6/7. \$\$ (\$20 of each paid EF, exclusive of free CCA mems., returned in cash) 60%-25%-15%. Reg. ends 10 AM, rds. 10:30-4:30, 10-4. **Amateur**, 5-SS, 40/100, open to under 2000 or unrated. EF: \$20, \$16.50 if mailed by 6/7. \$\$ 200-100-50, under 1800 120-60. Reg. ends 9:15 AM, rds. 10-3-8, 10:30-4. **Reserve**, 5-SS, 40/90, open to under 1600 or unrated. EF: \$15, \$12.50 if mailed by 6/7. \$\$ 150-70-30, under 1400 100-50, Unr. 50-20. Reg. ends 10:45 AM, rds. 11:30-3:30-7:30, 9:30-2. **All**, **Read CCA Information ad.** HR: 19-23. ENT: Continental Chess Assn., 450 Prospect Ave., Mt. Vernon, NY 10553. NS.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

of Continental Chess Association Inc., a non-profit organization for the promotion of chess from coast to coast.

(See this or later issues for full details)

Atlanta: 5/24-26, 7/12-13, 10/4-5, 12/6-7

Cleveland: 6/21-22, 8/16-17, 10/25-26, 12/13-14

Florida: 4/26-27, 8/2-3, 9/13-14, 11/8-9

Harrisburg/Central Pa: 5/4, 6/1, 7/13, 8/2-3

Indianapolis: 6/14-15, 7/26-27, 8/30-9/1, 9/27-28, 10/25-26, 11/22-23

Los Angeles: 4/19-20, 6/1, 6/14-15, 7/13, 8/2-3, 9/27-28, 10/25-26

Michigan: 5/10-11, 6/7-8, 7/12-13, 8/2-3, 9/13-14, 10/11-12, 11/8-9, 12/27-28

Baldwin (NY): 4/27, JHS Prelims, VFW Hall

New Haven: 7/26-27, 12/6-7

New Jersey: 4/20, 5/18, 6/14-15, 7/20, 8/17, 8/24, 9/21, 10/19

New York (Manhattan): 4/19-20, 5/24-26, 6/14-15, 7/2-6, 7/19-20, 7/26-27, 8/9-10, 8/23-24, 9/13-14, 9/27-28

New York (Queens): 4/28, 5/4, 5/15, 6/1, 7/13, 8/3, 9/7

Philadelphia: 6/28-29, 11/1-2

Utica: 4/27, 5/18, 6/7-8

Washington: 4/18, 4/19, 4/25, 4/26, 5/2, 5/9, 5/13, 5/16, 5/20-6/17, 5/23, 5/24-26, 5/31, 6/6, 6/13, 6/14-15, 7/26-27, 8/30-9/1

Westchester: 5/3, 5/17-18, 7/12-13

WORLD OPEN: 7/2-6, New York

NATIONAL HS: 4/18-20, New York

NATIONAL JHS: 5/3-4, New Haven

Chess books and equipment are sold at most CCA tournaments in the Northeast, Atlanta, and Los Angeles.

## QUOTES FROM BOOKS

### The Psychology of the Chess Player - Reuben Fine

"He (Morphy) then returned to New Orleans, where he issued a challenge to play anyone in the world at odds. On receiving no response to this challenge he declared his chess career closed; it had lasted barely eighteen months, only six of which had seen him in public play. . . After his retirement (at the age of twenty one!) he took up law."

"One story says that he (Steinitz) claimed to be in electrical communication with God, and that he could give God Pawn and move."

"He (Steinitz) developed a delusion that he could telephone without wire or receiver, and his secretary often found him waiting for an answer from the invisible telephone."

"Not long after he won the world championship it became clear that Capablanca grew bored with chess. He said the game was played out and proposed that the board be enlarged and new pieces added. He never studied, never gave exhibitions, in fact hardly played at all outside of tournaments. The illusion was that he had conquered chess, that it was futile to bother with it any further."

"... Aron Nimzovitch was advised by his physician to take more exercise. He thereupon proceeded to act on this advice by performing calisthenics during actual tournament play. When it was not his move, he would go off to his corner and do deep knee bends or the like. Several times he astonished spectators by standing on his head."

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## CLUB GAMES

We had a visitor at the Club who I managed to corner for a game. He said his rating was between 1800 and 1900.

My lesson proceeded as follows:

### SOKOLSKY OPENING

Mike Henebry (1434)

Ralph Pleasant (1850)

1 P-QN4 N-KB3

2 B-N2 P-KN3

3 BxN

An idea I used successfully two times earlier that same evening, getting doubled pawns and later costing Black a tempo after ... B-N2 then P-B4 is necessary. Book lines are:

3 P-QB4 (the main line), 3 P-K4, or 3 P-KB4 transposing into a Bird's Opening in which P-QN4 stops ... P-QB4. (e. g. 3 P-KB4, B-N2 4 N-KB3, P-Q4 5 P-K3, O-O 6 B-K2, B-N5 = Larsen-Spassky, Amsterdam 1964).

3 ... PxB

15 N-N5 P-R3

4 P-N5 B-N2

16 N-B3 N-B3

5 P-QB4 P-N3

17 P-KR3 Q-K1

6 N-QB3 P-KB4

18 P-QR4 N-K5

7 Q-B2 O-O

19 Q-N3 P-B5

8 N-B3 B-N2

20 N-Q5 BxN

9 P-K3 R-K1

21 QxB PxP

10 B-K2 P-QR3

22 PxP N-N6

11 O-O PxP

23 R-K1 RxP

12 PxP P-Q3

24 B-B4 RxRch

13 QR-B1 R-K2

14 P-Q4 N-Q2

No choice. If 24 ... R-Q2 25 QxPch wins the exchange and 2 pawns with 25 ... QxQ 26 RxQch, RxR 27 BxRch, KxB 28 RxPch (or 25 ... QxQ 26 RxR! wins) or 24 ... R-K7 25 BxR, NxRch 26 RxN, QxR 27 QxRch! followed by R-K1! and R-K8!

25 RxR Q-B1

29 Q-Q5 P-R4

26 R-K7 QxR

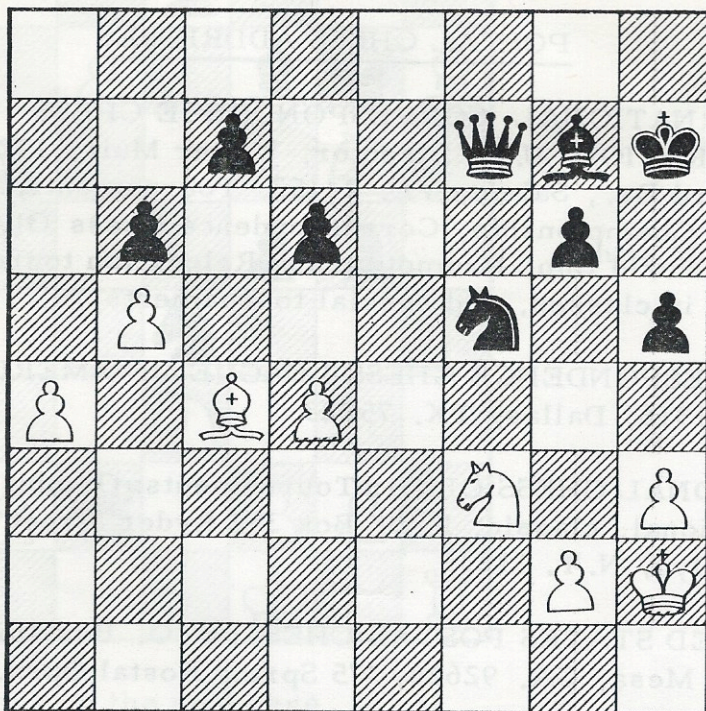
30 QxP QxQ

27 QxRch K-R2

28 K-R2 N-B4

(See diagram next page)





31 BxQ?

Here is where I blew my best chance. 31 N-N5ch either wins or draws (I would have been excited about either!); 31 ...K-R3 draws (e.g. 32 NxQch, K-R2 33 N-N5ch, K-R3 etc. (34 ...K-N1 loses to 35 NxBPch followed by 36 NxN, PxN 37 P-Q5)). 31 ...K-R1 draws in the same way. 31 ...K-N1 32 BxQch followed by P-Q5 is also a draw. The rest of the game shows how he nailed me!

31	BxP	37	K-B2	K-K4	
32	NxB	NxN	38	K-K3	P-Q4
33	B-Q5	K-N2	39	K-Q3	P-Q5
34	B-B3	NxBch	40	K-K2	K-Q4
35	PxN	P-N4	41	K-Q3	P-R5
36	K-N2	K-B3	42	K-K2	K-B5

White Resigns

Submit any interesting games played at the Club that you would like to have appear here to Mike Henebry. It may not be Chess Life & Reveiw...but it's something!

## POSTAL CHESS ADDRESSES

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Orchard Dr., Salem, VA. 24153. Tournaments:  
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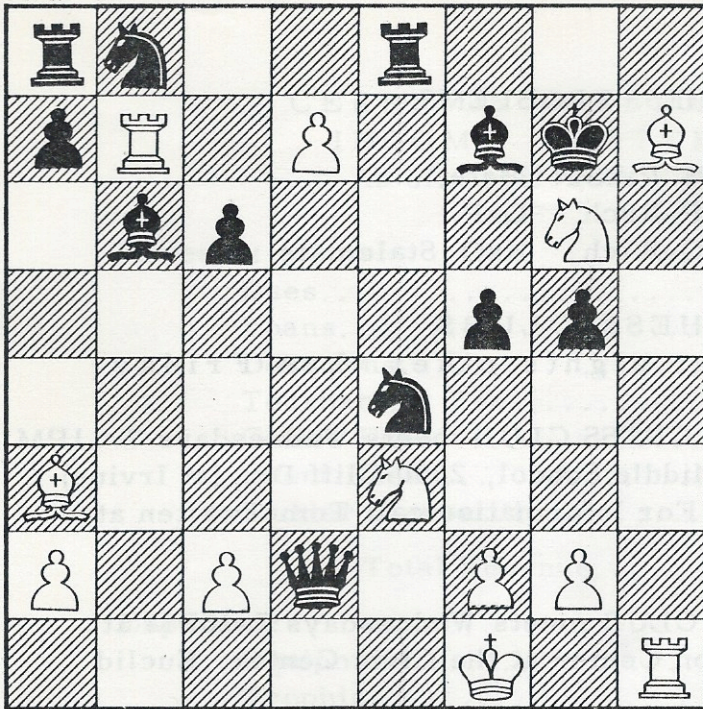
CORRESPONDENCE CHESS LEAGUE OF AMERICA:  
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NATIONAL CHESS CLUB: Tournaments: Gambit,  
traditional, classic. P.O. Box 352 Ryder Street Station  
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11234

UNITED STATES POSTAL CHESS: P.O. Box 1622  
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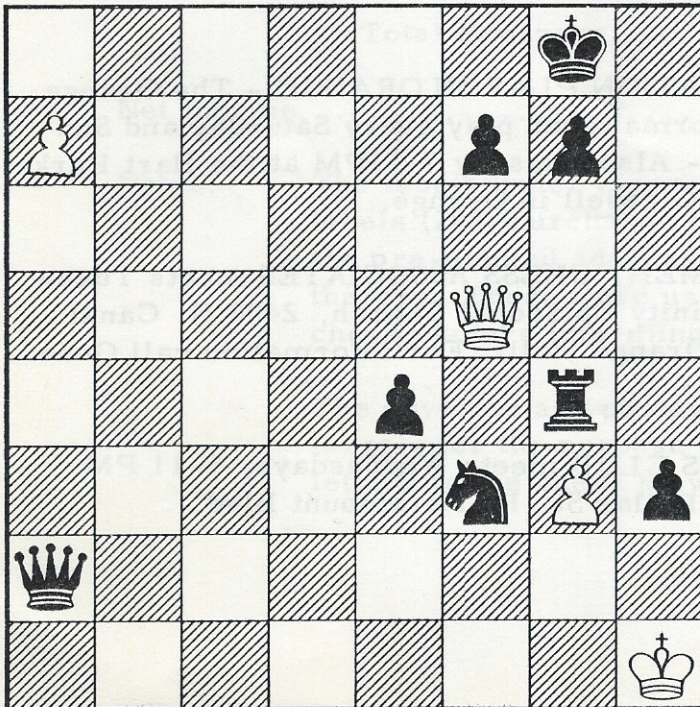
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White Mates In One.

Answers on the next page .

( Compose your own chess problems and submit them to Mike Henebry at the Club.)



White To Move.  
(Best Move)

## SOLUTIONS TO CHESS PROBLEMS:

White Mates In One: PxR=N Mate.

White To Move: 1 P-R8ch QxP

2 Q-R7ch KxQ Stalemate

## OTHER CHESS CLUBS

Clubs that meet nights other than Friday

NEWPORT BEACH CHESS CLUB meets Wednesdays 7-11PM at Horace Ensign Middle School, 2000 Cliff Dr. (at Irvine) in Newport Beach. For Information call Tom Twaiten at 644-2928.

LA HABRA CHESS CLUB meets Wednesdays 7-10PM at La Habra Recreation Center at the Civic Center, Euclid and La Habra.

FOUNTAIN VALLEY CHESS CLUB meets Tuesdays 7-10PM at the Fred Maiola School on Finch Ave. (just S. W. of the corner of Brookhurst and Ellis). For information call Alan Worrell at 963-3697.

WEEKEND RECREATION PLAY IN ORANGE - The Orange Chess Club has informal open play every Saturday and Sunday 11AM to 4 PM - Also Tuesday 7-11PM at the Hart Park ClubHouse, 701 S. Glassell in Orange.

ORANGE TOURNAMENT CHESS ASSOCIATES meets Tuesdays 7-11PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2400 N. Canal (one block west of Orange Mall). For information call Gene Olson at 637-3742.

LAKEWOOD CHESS CLUB meets Wednesdays, 5-11 PM at Biscaluz Park, Dollar St. By Paramount Blvd.

CERRITOS CHESS CLUB  
INCOME STATEMENT  
As of April 18th, 1975

Revenue:

Dues.....	\$162.00
Loans.....	40.00
Donations.....	26.00
Tournament Fees.....	21.00
Coffee Fund.....	4.50
Event Fees.....	3.00
Ladder Competition.....	1.80
Total Revenue.....	<u>258.30</u>

Expenses:

Equipment.....	116.00
Trophies.....	23.00
Postage.....	21.00
USCF Affiliation Dues.....	20.00
Envelopes & Labels.....	7.23
Coffee.....	3.59
Total Expenses.....	<u>190.82</u>

Net Income.....\$ 67.48

Notes:       The labels under expenses refers to gummed labels (208) purchased from the USCF with the pre-printed addresses of USCF members thereon. These were used to send letters to chess players informing them of the club.

The envelope and postage expenses were largely for the purpose of mailing 200 letters to the chess players (above).

## LADDER COMPETITION

As can be seen in the Income Statement, the ladder competition is not thriving! This probably is because not many of the members are aware of its existence. It does exist. The rules about it are given in detail on page 4 of the Constitution. The actual ladder is on a piece of paper kept on the front desk (Gary Burk has volunteered to give the club a ladder made of wood, but meanwhile it is on paper.). The ladder and the Match Schedule are currently one and the same (The adjusted ladder from the previous week being the current Match Schedule.). To play a match on the ladder, go to the front desk and determine who to challenge, sign the Match Schedule, and if the challenge is accepted play the two-game match and report the winner.

The fee now is 30¢ per player (it may go up or down, depending upon how realistic the fee turns out to be). This, as all other fees, is to pay for the trophy. The rules state that 3 trophies will be awarded each month (to the player at the top, the player who gained the most positions, and the player who played the most games that month), but, due to the fact that the ladder hasn't really caught on well yet, we are only awarding one trophy (to the player who gained the most positions). The trophy will be awarded when there is enough money in fees collected from the ladder competition to pay for that trophy. So the time between the awarding of trophies will vary. If the ladder competition starts to get more popular then we will try to get on a once a month basis and to award the 3 trophies as originally planned.

## AVERAGE RATING

As of April 18th (the time of this printing) the club's average rating (the mean of the rated players) is 1336. Our highest rated player is Horst Eisenhower (1837). According to a 1973 USCF survey, the average rating of all rated chess players is 1362, so we have an "average" average!

## THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

Most of the club's members are also members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF), but for those who are not, it would be worthwhile to consider joining. The USCF is the official governing body of chess in the U.S. and a representative of the World Chess Federation. Members of the USCF receive the monthly magazine, CHESS LIFE & REVIEW (CL&R), can receive a national chess rating, participate in official USCF postal chess tournaments, and buy books and equipment through the Federation's mail-order department.

CL&R is a fantastic magazine, well worth the membership dues all by itself. Each issue contains articles by leading chess authorities (such as: Paul Keres, Pal Benko, Laszlo Szabo, Larry Evans, and Svetozar Gligoric who are regulars), Puzzles, Problems, Quizzes, News, Openings are analyzed, Endgames, Middle Games, Games from recent events, Basic instruction, Theory, and sections on Postal Chess and Tournaments coming up.

As far as the national rating is concerned, this can be considered a must, or the inevitable consequence of the serious chess player. To get a rating you must be a member of the USCF and the tournament must be sponsored by a USCF affiliate with a Certified Tournament Director (CTD) in charge (The Cerritos Chess Club is a USCF affiliate and we have at least 3 CTD's in the membership, and we will be having rated tournaments very soon. So you can get rated right at the club.).

Being an affiliate of the USCF, the club can get your membership in the USCF at a discount, for example: Regular membership \$15.00 (through the club \$12.00), Junior membership \$8.00 (through the club \$6.00), etc. Ask at the front desk for more details. And as far as being worthwhile, ask any USCF member if he's ever regretted joining... we don't think you'll find any that have!

