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## EDITORIAL

The officers of Chess Friends join with me in wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. It is our sincere hope that 1958 will bring many hours of Chess enjoyment to all of you, and it is toward this objective that several Chess events are now being planned. But first - - - - -

### WE NEED AN EDITOR!!

"Chess in Action", now in its fifth year of publication, needs an editor -- someone to assume responsibility for securing, selecting, and organizing material for publication so that our bulletin may effectively serve the needs and desires of an ever increasing body of Chess enthusiasts. It is not necessary to have the Nobel prize in journalism or to have the rating of an expert -- just a sincere interest in Chess and C.F.N.C. Are you interested? Or do you know of someone else that is? Please let us know.

## The 1958 "Open Championship"

Those of you who participated in the Open Championship Tournaments of 1956 and 1957 will remember how successful these events were, and we are now hoping for an even greater participation in this years Open. Scheduled for the weekend of March 1-2, this event will be held at the Oakland Y.M.C.A. and is open to all players who are or become members of C.F.N.C. The tournament will be a five round Swiss with three divisions (E-A, B, C) with the first round scheduled to begin 12 noon Saturday, March 1st. Numerous prizes, including three trophies, will be awarded. More details - together with entry blank - are contained elsewhere in this bulletin. Here's the opportunity for you players who are new to C.F.N.C. or have not played in our tournaments before to establish a rating as well as the chance for you regular participants to improve your ratings. Enter now by sending your entry fee to Anna B. Lund, Treasurer, 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette, Calif. (Use entry blank on page 9) Let's have a record turnout.

## Tournament of the Season!

Then we have another treat in store for all Chess lovers. Remember the Sheraton-Palace Tournament last September? This coming April 19-20 C.F.N.C. will sponsor another tournament in the fine atmosphere of the Sheraton-Palace Hotel. And Chess-widows, you have not been forgotten; as part of the two-day event we are planning on an evening dinner when all good pawn-pushers and their spouses can assemble for a good time in the luxurious setting of the famous Garden Court. Watch for the details in a special announcement soon to be mailed to all C.F.N.C. members.

Your President and Chess Friend,

Jens L. Lund  
3361 Mildred Lane  
Lafayette, Calif.

## WHAT IS CHESS?

By Richard Reti

"What is chess? A game to which the most serious men have devoted their whole lives and about which bulky volumes have been written. The question is, would you call it a game or a science? If we trace the history of chess we shall find that the game was in vogue mostly in those countries that played a leading part in the matter of culture. In the declining Middle Ages the Arabs, at that time the greatest leaders in culture in the world, introduced chess into Europe. The oldest European authors on chess we find, lived about the year 1500 in Spain and Portugal, the countries which in the age of material and intellectual discoveries were the leaders. In the Renaissance period in Italy the names of Polerio and Greco stand out. In the eighteenth century and in the Napoleonic era France led Europe, both in politics and taste. That was the time of the activity of Philidor and Labourdonnais, when Napoleon himself devoted his leisure hours to the game.

"In the nineteenth century the countries where chess was generally in vogue were England and, later on, Germany, Russia, and America. After the World War (1914-1918), chess and the revival of chess tournaments have made a bridge for intercourse between erstwhile hostile nations and have thus done their part toward international reconciliation more quickly than art or science could do.

"If we seek an explanation of the value of a game which was played with preference by people of the highest degree of culture, we shall probably find it in the following considerations: Chess is a fighting game and Lasker has already pointed out that every human being has the instinctive need for a fighting game, be it of a sporting kind, such as cards, or a board game. It is the desire to test one's strength, no matter how, and to seek victory as a compensation for our being, in modern times, mostly harnessed up in a framework of machinery, and as a consequence being bound to maintain throughout an even pace. People of the highest culture are not satisfied with just any game. In the long run neither games that depend on physical skill nor

games of chance content them. But in chess we get a fighting game which is purely intellectual and excludes chance. It depends in chess upon the fighting capacity of our intellect whether we win or go under, and it is just that which gives to the game the depth contained in it.

"We fight differently when we are in a happy state of mind than when we are sad--and it is not only the momentary disposition, but also character that shows itself in chess. The extra-cautious, the petty, the tricky, and the reserved, variable opportunist--these are easily recognizable and cannot in the long run wrest success from the straight-forward opponent, who always seeks quite unconsciously the right paths through all difficulties. The above considerations may afford us instances of the possibilities of expression that bring chess so near to art.

"Is it possible, we ask ourselves, that a game can at the same time be an art? Well, we can partly answer that by saying that games and art do not differ from each other as much as we think. They have much in common.

UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, Dec. 17 to January 7.

PLAYER	WON	LOST	DRAWN	TOTALS	
				W.	L.
Fischer	8	0	5	10½	2½
Reshevsky	8	2	3	9½	3½
Sherwin	7	2	4	9	4
Lombardy	5	3	5	7½	5½
Berliner	4	3	6	7	6
Denker	5	5	3	6½	6½
Feuerstein	4	4	5	6½	6½
Mednis	3	3	7	6½	6½
Seidman	4	5	4	6	7
Bernstein	4	7	2	5	8
Bisguier	4	7	2	5	8
Di Camillo	3	7	3	4½	8½
Turner	2	6	5	4½	8½
Kramer	2	9	2	3	10

Title and first cash prize  
 Bobby Fischer; also custody of  
 Frank J. Marshall trophy.  
 Fischer and Reshevsky entitled  
 to represent the U. S. A. in  
 interzonal tournament, 1958.  
 (For the Lessing J. Rosenwald  
 Trophy)

Then again, in a materialistic sense, both are absolutely objectless and further, the player of games, equally with the artist, builds up his own world and flies from the sameness of the every day one to the kingdom he has set up for himself. And lastly every art was once a game and a pastime. The wall pictures of the prehistoric man, the songs of the ancient Greek shepherds or their masked comedies were not very far remote from art. As soon, however, as the luckless lover began to pour out his woos upon his lute then came the dawn of art. The essence of art consists in the ability of the artist to sink his soul in his work.

"A hundred years ago chess was no doubt only a game, but he who has felt, for example, the deep sense of devotion that pervades Rubinstein's games knows that we find there a new and over progressing art."

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HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL, HASTINGS, ENGLAND, DECEMBER, 1957.  
 FINAL STANDINGS

PLAYER	WON	LOST	DRAWN	TOTALS	
				W.	L.
Keres	7	1	1	7½	1½
Gligoric	4	0	5	6½	2½
Filip	3	0	6	6	3
Barden	3	2	4	5	4
Kluger	2	2	5	4½	4½
Sternner	2	2	5	4½	4½
Penrose	2	3	4	4	5
Clarke	1	3	5	3½	5½
Blau	1	6	2	2	7
Fazekas	0	6	3	1½	7½

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EASTBAY  
SEQUOIA LEAGUE

Group and Team Captain

Meeting Time

Place

Alameda-Staunton Group  
Dal Ogilvie  
226 Ronald Court  
Irvington  
PHONE: OL. 6-3598

Thursday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

McKinley Park  
Recreation Center  
Alameda

Hayward Group  
Wm. Castellano  
340 Via Alamo  
San Lorenzo  
PHONE: BR. 8-2091

Monday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

Bret Harte School  
Hayward

Oakland Byrne Group  
Arthur Wang  
1835 Delaware St.  
Berkeley  
PHONE: TH. 3-0508

Friday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

Oakland Chess &  
Checker Club  
Oakland

Shell Dev. Group  
Robert C. Hurlbert  
491 La Vista Road  
Walnut Creek  
PHONE: YE. 4-3084

Friday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

Shell Development  
Emeryville

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WALNUT LEAGUE

Berkeley Group  
Arthur Willis  
2232 Ward St.  
Berkeley  
PHONE: AS. 3-0454

Tuesday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

Live Oaks Commu-  
nity Center  
Berkeley

Concord-Pillsbury Group  
Leroy Turner  
2834 Hilltop Road  
Concord  
PHONE: MU. 5-0384

Wednesday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

Monte Cardens  
School  
Concord

Pleasant Hill Group  
Dr. John Hutch  
2100 Monument Blvd.  
Pleasant Hill  
PHONE: YE. 4-5353

Wednesday evening  
@ 8:00 p.m.

Pleasant Hill  
Recreation Center  
Pleasant Hill

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WALNUT LEAGUE continued

<u>Group and Team Captain</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>Richmond Group</u> Ronald Scott Thacker 2655 Foothill Ave. Richmond PHONE: LO. 9-2060	<u>Tuesday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Ells High School Richmond

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EL CAMINO REAL LEAGUE

<u>Bird Group</u> Dan McLeod 641 Masson Ave. San Bruno PHONE: JU. 3-0462	<u>Wednesday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Pacific Tel. & Tel. Burlingame
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<u>Capablanca Group</u> George Fouke** 626 Connecticut St. San Francisco PHONE: AT. 2-5708 Dick Tally** 624 Connecticut St. San Francisco PHONE: MI. 8-3857	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Carroll Ogden Chess Club Marina Jr. High San Francisco
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<u>Evans Group</u> Saul Udman** 521 Spruce St. South San Francisco PHONE: JU. 8-1405 Ron Button** 2931 Rollingwood Drive San Bruno PHONE: JU. 3-9834	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	North Brae School San Bruno
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<u>Nimzovitch Group</u> Roy Willis 1757 Hemlock San Mateo PHONE: DI. 4-0753	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	North Brae School San Bruno
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<u>Reshevsky Group</u> Roy Hoppe 29 Oliver St. San Francisco PHONE: JU. 7-7683	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Carroll Ogden Chess Club Marina Jr. High San Francisco
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EL CAMINO REAL LEAGUE continued

<u>Group and Team Captain</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>Reti Group</u> Louis W. Ingram 1310 Palou Ave. San Francisco PHONE: AT. 2-7342	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Carroll Ogden Chess Club Marina Jr. High San Francisco

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MARIN LEAGUE

<u>Colle Group</u> Paul E. Miller 2315 Sacramento St. San Francisco PHONE: FI. 6-3757	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Carroll Ogden Chess Club Marina Jr. High San Francisco
<u>Keres Group</u> Lothar Salin P.O. Box 452 San Rafael PHONE: GL. 4-4209	<u>4th Monday each</u> month @ 8:00 p.m.	Gambit Restaurant 405 N. San Pedro Road, Santa Veneta
<u>Lasker Group</u> Wm. A. Bailey 424 Golden Gate Ave. Belvedere PHONE: GE. 5-4564	<u>Tuesday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	By previous ar- rangement (contact captain)
<u>Terra Linda-Marshall Group</u> Henry Mueller 1035 Las Pavadas San Rafael PHONE: GL. 3-0446	<u>Tuesday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Hoffmann School Terra Linda San Rafael
<u>Morphy S.Q.</u> C. L. Swagerty Supervisor of Recreation Department of Corrections San Quentin PHONE: GL. 4-1460	<u>Saturday or Sunday</u> 10:00 a.m. by previous appoint- ment	California State Prison San Quentin

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WANTED! WANTED! An ARTIST TO DESIGN a new heading for CHESS in ACTION  
- send entry to Chess in Action @ 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette, Cal-  
ifornia. Entries close 4/15/58. A book prize for best entry.

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PENINSULA LEAGUE

<u>Group and Team Captain</u>	<u>Meeting Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>Ampex Group</u> Ralph L. Brown 50 Gilroy St. San Francisco PHONE: JU. 7-3912	<u>Wednesday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Hoover Grammar School Redwood City
<u>Morphy Group</u> Robert Goodwin 14 Channing Road Burlingame PHONE: DI. 3-2125	<u>Friday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Sequoia Y.M.C.A. Redwood City
<u>Staunton Group</u> Carl Erickson 549 Maybelle Ave. Palo Alto PHONE: DA. 5-1583	<u>Thursday evening</u> @ 8:00 p.m.	Covington School Los Altos

INTER-GROUP MATCHES  
as of 1/23/58

<u>League</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Match Score</u>	<u>League</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Match Score</u>
<u>Eastbay Sequoia</u>			<u>Eastbay Walnut</u>		
Oakland Byrne	1	3	Richmond	1	2½
Alameda	2	2	Berkeley	2	2
Hayward	3	1	Pleasant Hill	3	1
Shell Dev.	4	0	Concord	4	½
<u>Marin</u>			<u>El Camino Real</u>		
Morphy S.Q.	1	1 6	Capablanca	1	3 14
Colle	2*	1* 5*	Evans	2	3 13
Lasker	2*	1* 5*	Reti	3	2
Keres	3*	½* 5*	Nimzovitch	4	1
Marshall	3*	½* 5*	Reshevsky	5	0 5½
			Bird	6	0 4
<u>Peninsula</u>					
Staunton	1	1½ 9			
Morphy	2	1½ 7			
Ampex	3	0			

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 Sheraton-Palace Chess Tournament  
 for C.F.N.C. scheduled for midAPRIL/  
 1958. Plan to attend; bring friend/  
 WATCH FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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 EDITOR WANTED!!!!!!EDITOR WANTED!!  
 to direct, compile and supervise  
 CHESS in ACTION. Age: no limit,  
 Playing Ability: not questioned,  
 Salary: fun and satisfaction and  
 good associations. Write: J.L.  
 Lund, President @ 3361 Mildred  
 Lane, Lafayette for particulars.  
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CHESS FRIENDS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
1958 "Open" Tournament

Details in a Nutshell!

PLACE and DATES: Oakland Central Y.M.C.A., 2101 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland. Weekend of March 1 - 2, 1958. Saturday and Sunday. First round starts at 12 o'clock noon on Saturday March 1st. REGISTRATION will start from 10:00 A.M.

WHO CAN PLAY: Open to chess players who are or become members of Chess Friends of Northern California.

PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded to the first placed in each division. Books and other prizes to second and third in each division, as well as a number of "surprise" prizes.

TYPE of TOURNEY: At least five (5) round Swiss with three divisions: Expert-A, B and C. Tournament Director: George Koltanowski. First Round: 12:00 to 3:00 P.M., Second Round: 3:30 P.M to 6:30 P.M. Third Round: 9:00 A.M. Sunday. Starting time for subsequent rounds to be announced later. Tourney will be concluded by 7:00 P.M. Sunday evening March 2nd.

RATED: An opportunity for every player to get an established rating, or improve his rating by playing in this event.

EQUIPMENT: If possible, bring your own chess set, board and clock.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 to Chess Friends of Northern California Members; non-members \$4.00 which includes a year's membership to Chess Friends of Northern California and the benefits derived therefrom, plus one year's subscription to CHESS IN ACTION.

HOW to ENTER: Send entry fee to Chess Friends of Northern California Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Lund, 3361 Mildred Lane, Lafayette, California. Fees will be accepted at the start of the tournament, but should be sent in earlier.

(Please detach and mail with your entry fee)

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To: Mrs. Anna Lund, C.F.N.C. Treasurer  
3361 Mildred Lane  
Lafayette, California

Please enter me in the C.F.N.C. "Open" Tourney

I am a Class \_\_\_\_\_ Player

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$2.00 for C.F.N.C. Member ( )

Enclosed is \$4.00 for non-member ( )