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California State Championship

CHARLES BAGBY SURPRISES AND IS 1958 CALIFORNIA CHAMPION -- ADDISON SECOND

Charles Bagby surprised the California chess scene by capturing the 1958 California State Championship with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ score. He did not lose a game, drawing with the favorites, Irving Rivise (Calif. Open Champ) and William Addison, and having a third draw with Phil Smith. He was assisted by the surprising entry of Arthur Wang, subbing for former State Champ James Schmidt. Art Wang drew with Irving Rivise and scored a win over William Addison, Charlie's nearest competitors. Bill Addison was back in his old form, except for the game with Wang, and barely missed taking all the marbles, his brilliant performance only being overshadowed by that of Mr. Bagby.

It was a sweet victory for Charlie as he has had to pass up previous chances to participate in the event. Last year he qualified but passed up the trip to Los Angeles due to business reasons. This year the event took place in San Francisco thus giving Charlie his opportunity. You know the rest-- he proved he could play outstanding chess when the blue chips were down.

Players	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1. Charles Bagby.....	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
2. William Addison.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	5 - 2
3. Irving Rivise.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	x	0	1	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	4 - 3
4. Joe Mego.....	0	0	1	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
5. Phil Smith.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
6. Saul Yarnak.....	0	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
7. Gordon Palmer.....	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	x	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$
8. Arthur Wang.....	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	x	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$

Holiday Open Chess Festival: December 13-14

SIMANIS, BRENT, AND FREEMAN WIN IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS

Held in the Sheraton-Palace Hotel in downtown San Francisco during the pre-Christmas shopping rush, the tournament nevertheless attracted 105 players (82 in the three main divisions, plus 23 in the miniature one-day events). George Koltanowski directed, ably assisted by Mr and Mrs Bill Stevens, Mr and Mrs McGinley and, of course, Mrs Leah Koltanowski.

Of interest to this reporter were the announcements made at the tournament: (1) Chess Friends of Northern California now has a 500-600 membership and plans nationwide expansion. (2) The next Open will be held in the eastbay in February. (3) An invitational for the top 20 CFNC-rated players will be held next Spring with cash prizes. (4) Pairings for the second knock-out tournament will start January 1st, using the Advance Variation of the French Defense with 1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. P-K5 the required moves. (SEE CROSS-TABLES ON PAGE 3.)

WEST COAST CHESS RATINGS to be published soon! Organizers and chessplayers in seven western states will want a personal copy for reference in tournament pairings and in inter-club team match line-ups. A free copy will be sent to all CHESS HERALD subscribers (\$1.00 year). Price to nonsubscribers: 10¢ copy. Mail the dollar (or dime) to: R. Karch, 16025 Paseo del Campo, San Lorenzo, Calif.

Holiday Open - EXPERT DIVISION

	R#1	R#2	R#3	R#4	R#5	Score
1. Elwin Simons (Oakland).....	W12	W2	W17	W3	W11	5 -0
2. Wayne Chapman (San Francisco).....	W9	L1	W15	W17	W3	4 -1
3. Carl Inoke (San Francisco).....	W21	W22	W19	L1	W9	4 -1
4. David R. Krause (Palo Alto).....	L5	W13	W22	W7	D6	3½-1½
5. George Bishop (Inglewood).....	W4	D7	L10	W16	W22	3½-1½
6. R. Thacker (Richmond).....	W26	L17	W20	W19	D4	3½-1½
7. Don Sutherland (San Francisco).....	W13	D5	W8	L4	L10	3 -2
8. Jules R. Kalisch (San Francisco).....	W20	W11	L7	W10	L2	3 -2
9. David Bogdanoff (Redwood City).....	L2	W12	W14	W18	L3	3 -2
10. Eric Osbun (Santa Rosa).....	D24	W23	W5	L8	D7	3 -2
11. Dale Gillette (Davis).....	W25	L8	W16	W24	L1	3 -2
12. Charles M. Gold (San Luis Obispo).....	L1	L9	W21	W26	W18	3 -2
13. Peter Cleghorn (San Francisco).....	L7	L4	W27	W25	W17	3 -2
14. W. Crabtree (San Francisco).....	L18	W21	L9	W23	D15	2½-2½
15. Harold Edelstein (San Carlos).....	L17	W26	L2	W20	D14	2½-2½
16. Dan B. McLeod (Millbrae).....	D23	W24	L11	L5	W26	2½-2½
17. Leighton Allen (San Francisco).....	W15	W6	L1	L2	L13	2 -3
18. Herbert Rosenbaum (San Carlos).....	W14	L19	W25	L9	L12	2 -3
19. Gerald J. Smith (Berkeley).....	W27	W18	L3	L6	--	2 -3
20. Ernest Bartholomew (Hayward).....	L8	W27	L6	L15	W24	2 -3
21. Arthur D. Wang (Berkeley).....	L3	L14	L12	Bye	W25	2 -3
22. Robert A. Karch (San Lorenzo).....	Bye	L3	L4	W27	L5	2 -3
23. David Hardy (Orinda).....	D16	L10	L24	L14	W27	1½-3½
24. Roy Hoppe (San Francisco).....	D10	L16	W23	L11	L20	1½-3½
25. T. Hullett (San Francisco).....	L11	Bye	L18	L13	L21	1 -4
26. J. G. Martin (San Anselmo).....	L6	L15	Bye	L12	L16	1 -4
27. Wade G. Hendricks.....	L19	L20	L13	L22	L23	0 -5

Holiday Open - "B" DIVISION

1. E. Brent (San Francisco).....	W12	W20	D5	W7	W2	4½-½
2. F. Rohwer (Santa Cruz).....	W16	W10	W3	W6	L1	4 -1
3. D. W. Kent (Walnut Creek).....	W18	W8	L2	W9	W11	4 -1
4. N. Morey (San Francisco).....	W15	W9	W13	W26F	W8	4 -1
5. Robert Cherg (Berkeley).....	W14	D19	D1	W24	W12	4 -1
6. Roy Bogas (Berkeley).....	W17	W22	D7	L2	W21	3½-1½
7. A. Romas (El Cerrito).....	W27	W25	D6	L1	W16	3½-1½
8. Carl Spitz (San Francisco).....	W11	L3	W21	W10	L4	3 -2
9. E. Janczel (San Francisco).....	W24	L4	W17	L3	W19	3 -2
10. A. Knack (Redwood City).....	W28	L2	W20	L8	W18	3 -2
11. D. Hoffman (San Francisco).....	L8	W28	W18	W19	L3	3 -2
12. Michael Ewell (San Francisco).....	L1	W15	W22	D16	L5	2½-2½
13. C. Loveland (Fairfax).....	W23	W21	L4	L14	D15	2½-2½
14. H. G. Hyndman.....	L5	L17	D23	W13	W24	2½-2½
15. R. L. Efuendahl (San Jose).....	L4	L12	W25	W26	D13	2½-2½
16. Don Dalessi (Richmond).....	L2	Bye	W27	D12	L7	2½-2½
17. R. Byrne (San Francisco).....	L6	W14	L9	L18	W26	2 -3
18. William Joplin (Oakland).....	L3	W23	L11	W17	L10	2 -3
19. Robert Baer (Berkeley).....	W29	D5	D24	L11	L9	2 -3
20. Mrs Bartholomew (Hayward).....	W26	L1	L10	L22	W25	2 -3
21. Ben Wong (San Francisco).....	W25	L13	L8	W27	L6	2 -3
22. William Kondrat (Paso Robles).....	Bye	L6	L12	W20	--	2 -3
23. L. Clack.....	L13	L18	D14	L25	W27	1½-3½
24. J. Railey (San Carlos).....	L9	W26	D19	L5	L14	1½-3½
25. W. Gowan (Mill Valley) 1-4; 26. John Smith (Richmond) 1-4; 27. John Almond (Orinda) 1-4; 28. L. O. Don (Vallejo) 0-5; 29. N. F. Newcomer (San Jose) 0-5.						

.....RAN OUT OF SPACE! "C" DIVISION CROSS-TABLE NEXT MONTH!.....

Utah State Championship: November 12-15FINLAND JUNIOR CHAMP TOUMAINEN WINS ON TIE-BREAK WITH 17-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN!

Ilmari Toumainen, Junior Chess Champion of Finland, is an exchange student in Salt Lake City. To win this tournament over three former Utah state champions and the present champion of Idaho is no mean feat! We wonder how long Mr. Toumainen will be in this country, and if he intends to compete in other tournaments.

The promising American Junior star, 17-year-old Richard Owen, was in training for the 1959 U.S. Junior Championship! We hope he was encouraged by his results here.

Farrell L. Clark has been placing consistently high in recent Utah and Nevada tournaments. In this event, he remain undefeated probably by playing cautiously and keeping the draw in hand (a la Baghy!). Ben Greenwald, in fourth position, was Utah state champion in 1954 and 1955.

The tournament was held in Salt Lake City, home town of Donald Bengé who arrived too late for the first round. The pairings were generally excellent and the top four actually played a round robin among themselves! (Which was won, incidentally, by Mr. Clark.)

For this report and the cross-table, we are indebted to Dick Vandenburg, editor of the IDAHO CHESS QUARTERLY. Dick suggests that if the tie-break were based on adjusted SB points several players might change places, but it would not affect the first four.

Post-Tourney

	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Score	SB
1. Ilmari Toumainen	2025	W17	W7	W12	W5	D4	D2	D3	5½-1½	23.25
2. Richard Owen	1910	W15	W4	L3	W20	W9	D1	W6	5½-1½	21.75
3. Farrell L. Clark	1924	W18	D5	W2	D9	W15	D4	D1	5-2	21.00
4. Ben Greenwald	2024	W21	L2	W16	W12	D1	D3	W9	5-2	18.25
5. Kenneth R. Jones	1940	W13	D3	W20	L1	L6	W10	W11	4½-2½	16.00
6. Donald Bengé	1895	--	W25	W13	D14	W5	W7	L2	4½-2½	14.25
7. William F. Taber	1880	W23	L1	D11	W16	W14	L6	W12	4½-2½	13.75
8. Dick Vandenburg	1909	W24	W11	L9	L15	D13	W20	W16	4½-2½	11.75
9. Louis Page	1858	W19	D20	W8	D3	L2	W15	L4	4-3	14.25
10. Charles Metzelaar	1744	L12	W22	W23	L11	W21	L5	W15	4-3	9.50
11. Gaston B. Chappius	1808	D16	L8	D7	W10	D12	W14	L5	3½-3½	13.00
12. Irvin W. Taylor	1822	W10	W14	L1	L4	D11	W13	L7	3½-3½	12.75
13. Stanley Hunt	1812	L5	W21	L6	W18	D8	L12	W20	3½-3½	10.25
14. Philip Stevenson	1754	W25	L12	W19	D6	L7	L11	W17	3½-3½	8.25
15. Clinton C. McDaniel	1701	L2	W17	W18	W8	L3	L9	L10	3-4	10.50
16. Fred Docekal	1772	D11	W24	L4	L7	D17	W19	L8	3-4	7.25
17. Jim Fisher	1588	L1	L15	W25	W22	D16	D21	L14	3-4	4.75
18. Hans Morawski	1552	L3	W23	L15	L13	L20	Bye	W21	3-4	4.50
19. Bill Wigginton	1673	L9	W26	L14	L21	W23	L16	W22	3-4	4.00
20. Raymond A. Smith	1670	W22	D9	L5	L2	W18	L8	L13	2½-4½	7.00
21. Richards Durham	1780	L4	L13	W22	W19	L10	D17	L18	2½-4½	6.50
22. Ben J. Peterson	1554	L20	L10	L21	L17	Bye	W23	L19	2-5	2.00
23. Carl Thorstensen	1480	L7	L18	L10	WF	L19	L22	Bye	2-5	0.00
24. Bob Campbell	1702	L8	L16	Bye	--	--	--	--	1-6	0.00
25. Sam Trotter	1491	L14	L6	L17	--	--	--	--	0-7	0.00
26. George Somers	1400	--	L19	--	--	--	--	--	0-7	0.00

CORRECTION (Last month): We reported that Oliver W. LaFreniere directed the Central Washington Open held in Yakima, November 8-9. Actually, University of Washington Student Buz Eddy directed the event; Everett Rude organized it; while Mr. LaFreniere handled the publicity which pulled in 28 players to the 1st-time tmt.

FLYNN vs SACA

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| 1. P-QB4 | N-KR3 |
| 2. N-QR3 | P-QN3 |
| 3. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 4. P-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 5. B-N5 | P-KR3 |
| 6. B-K3 | P-KN4 |
| 7. B-K2 | B-N2 |
| 8. P-B4 | N-R2 |
| 9. N-R3 | P-N |

(If 10. BxP, PxP; 11. NxB, NxB; 12. BxN, BxNch! and Black wins a piece.)

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| 10. O-O | PxP |
| 11. NxB | N-Q2 |
| 12. N-K6! | |

As actually played.

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| 12. | Q-B |
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Now, George played 13. B-B5 and afterQN-B3 eventually lost. What better move would an EXPERT have found?!

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| 13. RxB! |
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Sent in by LOWELL TULLIS! Of course, the Rook cannot be taken:KxR?

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| 14. Q-Bch, N-B3; 15. B-R5ch, KxN; 16. Q-B5 Mate. |
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| 13. | QN-B3 |
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The best try. IfB-B3; 14. B-R5 threatening 15. R-B8 dbl ch Mate.

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| 14. B-R5 | NxB |
| 15. QxN | N-B3 |
| 16. Q-N6 | |

Setting a trap.

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| 16. | QxN? |
| 17. RxB dis ch | K-Q2 |
| 18. RxB | B-Q5 |
| 19. QxRP | BxBch |
| 20. QxB | KxR |
| 21. N-N5 etc. | |

White wins easily.

PRECITA VALLEY TO MOVE THURS, JAN 8TH!
STATE CHAMP TO GIVE SIMULTANEOUS!!

Be on hand when the Precita Valley Chess Club moves to their new quarters at 362 Capp St, San Francisco. (Jot it down in your notebook right now!) And get in the fun when California State Champion CHARLES BAGBY takes on all comers in a simultaneous exhibition! Free, of course! See you there!!

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League

ANNUAL MEETING BRINGS SURPRISING RESULTS
HENRY GROSS BECOMES ANOTHER PRESIDENT

SAN FRANCISCO, December 7, 1958. They annual meeting of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League held at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Room brought about a few surprising results. Members suddenly became very outspoken and the usual was a little revolutionized.

Henry Gross became another president (already president of the CCF) as he was elected president of the league. A new V.P. was also installed as Bob Karch got the nod. Russell Freeman was retained as secretary-treasurer, only after second-thought over a nomination to make him the V.P. Jim Reynolds was appointed to be tournament director of the league.

Discussion, as usual, mainly concerned the forming of teams and many new ideas were placed before the platform. The possibility of a "E" Division was very much discussed and whether it will be formed or not will depend on Mr. Karch's West Coast Ratings. These ratings will also be studied to draw a line on who can play on "B" Division teams. It was a nice unexpected boost toward the West Coast Ratings to be released by this periodical as a supplementary edition to the January issue. Already, and before they are published, the West Coast Ratings are being used in an important role.

The representative group from Precita Valley came up with a gripe that was quickly settled. It seems Precita Valley wasn't satisfied with a perpetual trophy as their reward for winning the "B" Division championship last year, but wanted one they could keep. Jim Reynolds offered to donate a trophy for this purpose, but the league voted to pay for it, and thus a trophy other than the perpetual was voted to be given winning teams in the future.

The usual amusing rivalry between Gross and Bagby again came into the limelight as these two colorful personalities ribbed each other about their respective clubs. It seems they both want to have club tournaments going on at the same time, and Golden Gate always seems to get a head start of such things.

B A C K L O O K I N G R E P O R T E RTeam Predictions

THE 1959 TEAM MATCH SEASON will soon be under way and it looks to this reporter that it may be a little drab. One reason why is because we always seem to be losing teams. Missing from the ranks of the A Division may be the University of California though there is a chance they may still enter the race. Also NOT FOR SURE is the old team from Palo Alto. If one prefers to be pessimistic and discounts the two aforementioned, the A Division boils down to the Knights and Bishops from Mechanics' Institute, Castle, Golden Gate, and Oakland. Yours truly will look into his crystal ball and predict that it will be the Knights again with Golden Gate giving a hot pursuit, with Castle being the dark horse that could fool everybody.

The B Division has lost the stretch running team of Alameda, but don't be fooled as the same team may appear as Oakland with even a stronger personnel. At present this division boils down to Golden Gate, Mechanics' Institute, Oakland, and Precita Valley. A second Mechanics' Institute along with Mission and U. C. Medical Center may enter this division if negotiations fail to materialize a satisfactory C Division. Even so my crystal bowl says that Oakland will win the B Division this year with Golden Gate, like their A Division brothers, being in hot pursuit. What of the champions of Precita Valley? Well, I see a letdown and third place for them with a Mechanics' Institute team even trying to knock them a rung lower.

If the C Division is formed I see the U. C. Medical Center taking it all but only after a gallant showing from the Mission team, the latter being a high-spirited team and trouble if they can get all their men together.

Considering how accurate my predictions were last year, don't say I didn't warn you!!

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C H A T S a n d N O T E S (continued from page 2)

strive to please, knowing it is impossible to please everybody. Just the same I feel you can look forward to some interesting editions of the Pacific Coast CHESS HERALD in 1959.

It is that time of the year when I throw bouquets at everyone for the wonderful work they have done with me in past issues of this periodical. Noel Renaud, as usual, has done a swell job as games editor, always being handicapped with the editorial policy of giving most of the space to average players and always faced with the bashfulness or over modesty of the upper-grade players. Lowell Tullis continues to get himself wound up in an awful net of words and if you can understand his column (even after the editor gets through with it)---, well, then, SALUDO!! Bob Barringer's "Humorous Games" section has amused some readers, I know, because they tell me so. Bob doesn't say much but declares the games are so unusual they explain themselves. I've said enough about Bob Karch. Of course, we sincerely thank all contributors (I can't remember them all)---, off hand---, Elmer and Mabel Burlingame (coverage in Arizona), George W. Flynn, Guthrie McClain, Henry Gross, John Ishkan (Connecticut), E. C. Jonas, and Dave Gibson. My apologies ahead to anyone I may have forgotten.

West Coast Ratings -- CHESS HERALD supplementary in January 1959

The West Coast Ratings will be mailed in a supplementary edition of CHESS HERALD in January 1959. This has been mentioned in previous editions. I'm sure readers are curious to see how they stand along with others in this region. Bob Karch, the compiler, informs me that the list (at present 1220 strong) will be ready around January 5th and will be in the mail shortly thereafter. Changes, newly rated players and subsequent lists will appear from time to time. We only hope you like it and will send tournament results to Bob Karch, 16025 El Paseo Del Campo, San Lorenzo, Calif. He needs round by round results.

CHESS HERALD and its staff wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a most prosperous and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Humorous GAMES

from the files of

Bob Barringer

- A skittles game at Mechanics'

Institute, 1953

The odd position of Black's Knights too much for White.

White: B. D. Poliakoff

Black: W. G. Addison

GRUENFELDT DEFENSE

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-KN3 |
| 3. P-QB4 | B-N2 |
| 4. N-B3 | O-O |
| 5. P-K4 | P-Q3 |
| 6. B-Q3 | B-N5 |
| 7. B-KN5 | N-B3 |
| 8. B-K2 | N-Q2 |
| 9. P-Q5 | BxN |
| 10. BxB | N-Q5 |
| 11. B-K2 | P-QB4 |
| 12. O-O | B-QR3 |
| 13. P-B4 | R-N1 |
| 14. B-Q3 | P-N4 |
| 15. Q-Q2 | N-N3 |
| 16. PxP | P-B5 |
| 17. B-B2 | PxP |
| 18. QR-K1 | Q-B2 |
| 19. B-N1 | P-N5 |
| 20. N-K2 | P-B6 |
| 21. PxP | PxP |
| 22. NxB | N-B5 |
| 23. QxQ3 | N-N7 |
| 24. Q-N3 | KR-B1 |
| 25. N-K2 | N-B7 |

is game has reached one of the weirdest
right positions ever to be had.

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| 26. R-B1 | Q-R2 ch |
| 27. Q-B2? | QxQ ch |
| 28. KxQ?? | N-Q6 ch |
| 29. K-B3 | NxR! |

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| 30. BxP | N-Q5 ch |
| 31. NxB | BxN |
| 32. R-Q1 | R-B6 ch |
| 33. K-N4 | B-B4! |
| 34. Resigns | |

ie Bishop is lost too!

DAVE GIBSON CAPTURES FIRST HANDICAP TOURNEY AT PRECITA VALLEY CHESS CLUB

Results:	Handicap	H.Score	Score
Dave Gibson.....	.770	6.270	5½-½
G. J. Wong.....	.978	5.978	5-1
Bob Blakemore....	1.062	5.062	4-2
Leighton Aalen...	.590	4.090	3½-2½
Him Reynolds.....	.868	3.968	3-3
Don Lundmark.....	1.740	3.740	2-4
Noel Renaud.....	.686	3.686	3-3
Paul Bogosian....	1.270	3.270	2-4
Scott Smith...!	2.000	3.000	1-5
George Lydeard...	.990	1.990	1--5

Commentary Report by Lowell Tullis

Round I created an impossible problem, Black insisted on winning every game.....

Is it true that the first move is an advantage? Again, Precita Valley came through with an exception to test the rule. Don Lundmark moved out in First place (1-9 in 1958 BACL play).

Round II found Don Lundmark retaining the lead. Club champion Leighton Allen offered his opponent, Dave Gibson, a draw which was immediately accepted as it permitted Mr. Gibson to hold a slight lead and successfully move into third place.

Round III found Ted Gee defeating Don Lundmark to take over first place. Bob Blakemore, who lost his first game to a flat tire, upset Leighton Allen to move back into contention in 4th place. Noel Renaud, 1956 club champion, was knocked out of the race by the flu.

Round IV found a new leader as Dave Gibson pulled a hat trick against Ted Gee (about this time Mr. Gee officially became G. J. Wong).

Round V had Dave Gibson on the ropes. He had no hat trick available. Since first prize was a chess clock, it was only fitting that time pressure should enter the tourney. Bob Blakemore was shocked to hear that his flag had fallen after his 23rd move.

In Round VI principle interest focused on the Wong-Allengame in a tussle for 2nd place. Gibson quickly disposed of Don Lundmark to capture 1st place and Bob Blakemore slipped past Scott Smith to cinch 3rd. G. J. Wong, with the Precita Valley jinx behind him, upset the club champion to nail down 2nd.

CHESS ALUCINATIONS OF Lowell Turbis

INDIAN SUMMER HAS COME and gone and our thoughts turn to the winter activities and team play. Precita Valley was ready, willing, and confident of defending its 1958 title when the new team captains were elected in September,---and a couple of the "Missionaries" were promoted.

As a confirmed postalite my thoughts naturally turned toward the possibility of a postal team league. In England in practice, and in this country on paper, this seems to be a logical companion to postal bournays. But---, somehow, the powers that be have found little or no interest. Now, I'm not so conceited to claim I will succeed where many before me have failed, but we "little guys" must keep trying---; because, as sure as night follows day, perhaps not during my lifetime, but one day, one of us will be pleasantly surprised with success.

A suggested method would be to have four-man teams, limited geographically to a 50-mile radius. Each team member would play one game with White and another with Black against each of two opponents from the same board number on different teams. All teams would play at least two games with each of the other teams, except two teams from the same locality. The usual postal chess rules would be in effect (write Dick Rees, 816 So. Cecelia St., Sioux City 7, Iowa for a free copy) as amended by Harlan Evans of San Francisco.

1. The chess board---it must be so placed during play that each contestant has a large glass of beer (wine or highballs may be substituted) at the nearest right hand corner of the board. If, during the progress of play, either player discovers that either glass has been improperly placed or is empty, he must insist that it be adjusted.

2. The men---if at anytime during the play it is found that the players were improperly placed, or that one or more of them were omitted, the game(s) in question must be annulled. If it is discovered that a player has dropped off his chair, and moves are made during his absence, such moves shall be retracted and the man restored. If the players are unable to agree as to how many men are on the board, Rule 1 shall be amended to agree.

3. Touch and move---neither player shall touch a man except when it is his turn to play, unless it is for the purpose of adjusting it. In the latter case, he must send a post card (letters not acceptable) inscribed with the word "j'adoube". If no postcards are available he may telegraph. If the telegraph office is closed, he may send flowers. If a player telephones he must move all the pieces he has left to their initial position unless his opponent can announce mate in 63.

4. Abandoning the game---if a player should abandon the game, die, return to his home planet, voluntarily resigns, be mated, or deliberately harass the other player by sending half-smoked cigars, etc., through the mails the game shall be considered forfeit to his opponent. For rating credit, the offended player must file (in quintuplet) a full report immediately, wait 7 years, then request (10 copies) that this organization declare him legally dead.

Back to the serious side---if you are able to scare up a team, please send me their names and addresses and a printed map so that I might check the 50-mile rule. If your search for team mates were downright futile, send me a highway map of your state and I'll try to give you a hand. Entry fees shall be \$6.00 per team, with \$2.00 reserved for expenses and the balance returned to the first and second place teams in trophies and cash. A financial report shall be mailed to each participant at the conclusion of the league. Only nine teams shall be accepted at this time. If play is started later than February 1, 1959 any team that has been entered for more than 30 days may, upon request, withdraw without penalty.