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Team	Standings		GW	GL
	Match	Score		
Showalter.....	4	1	20	10
Colle.....	3	1	12½	11½
Botvinnik.....	3	2	16	14
Evans.....	2½	2½	16	14
Alekhine.....	2½	2½	14	15
Max Lange.....	1	3	8½	15½
Keres.....	0	4	8	15

Results

July 24: Alekhine 4½, Max Lange 1½.

July 26: Botvinnik 4, Keres 2.

July 27: Colle 4, Evans 2.

Matches Tonight

Botvinnik Vs. Max Lange at C. Ogden C.C.

Colle Vs. Keres at Precita Valley C.C.

Alekhine Vs. Showalter at Precita Valley

TWO TEAM MATCHES AT PRECITA VALLEY

The Precita Valley Chess Club will be host to two visiting teams tonight-- the Colle, playing our Keres team, and the Alekhine (Marin C.C.), playing our Showalter team. The Colle and Showalter teams need wins tonight to keep on top of the pack. Showalter concludes its Summer season tonight and win or lose, the team has had a very successful campaign in its very first season in team competition.

LADDER TOURNEY

Standings and Ratings

Noel Renaud.....	1864
James Cook.....	1623
Bob Blakemore.....	1187
Ivan Vegvary.....	1143
John Ramirez.....	1105
A. R. Castellanos.....	1539
Paul Bogosian.....	1149
Jim Reynolds.....	1369
Don Hufnagel.....	745
Jess Silver.....	744
Jack Craig.....	1091
E. H. Batchelder.....	900
Julio Ercolini.....	1054
Ed Russell.....	1348
Eugene Nakamura.....	750
Dr. Earl F. Weyer.....	750

Results, August 2

Ivan Vegvary 2, John Ramirez 0.  
James Cook 1, Julio Ercolini 0.  
Ivan Vegvary 1, Julio Ercolini 0.  
Jim Reynolds 1, Julio Ercolini 0.  
Ivan Vegvary 1, Paul Bogosian 0.  
Jim Reynolds 1, Jack Craig 0.  
Bob Blakemore 1, John Ramirez 0.

SONOMA HERE WE COME!!

IT'S SUNDAY, THIS SUNDAY!! That is the Valley of the Moon Chess Festival at Sonoma-- one of the greatest chess events of the year for the Northern California area chess players! According to inventory of Precita Valley members it looks like 10 will participate in this event. We have 15 official members so this means that Precita Valley cannot hope to capture the 100% trophy. However, we do have chances to capture other trophies or prizes so let's do our best!

There is still a chance to enter but the fee is \$2.50 if you haven't entered by this time. Just show up at the Plaza in Sonoma.

Your C.D. has a list of members ready to wave the Precita Valley banner up at Sonoma and will contact members over Friday and Saturday to make arrangements for transportation. Thanks to all those concerned for your cooperation in this matter. Those that may still attend please contact the C.D. for transportation because it is not too late!

CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

Results, August 2

Noel Renaud 1, Paul Bogosian 0.

Player	Standings		*GLTP
	GW	GL	
James Cook.....	6	0	2
Noel Renaud.....	6	0	2
Jim Reynolds.....	5	1	2
Jack Craig.....	3½	2½	2
John Ramirez.....	4	4	1
Bob Blakemore.....	2	4	2
Ivan Vegvary.....	2	6	0
Paul Bogosian.....	1½	4½	2
Don Hufnagel.....	0	7	1

P. V. MEETS SAN QUENTIN AUGUST 18TH

The Precita Valley Chess Club will meet the San Quentin Chess Club in a team match at San Quentin August 18th. The match will start around 10 a.m. so players be prepared to leave S. F. about 9 a.m.

Those interested in participating in this team match please contact the C.D. and also inform him if you have a car or if you need transportation.

Our club was especially invited for this match so let's make a good showing.

GAMES SECTION - Notes by Noel Renaud

Ladder Tourney game, July 26, 1956.

White: Jim Reynolds

Black: Jack Craig

ITALIAN OPENING

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| 1. P-K4  | P-K4  |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-B4  | P-KR3 |

Fearing the Max Lange? A weak move on three counts. (1) Too passive. (2) Weakens the Kingside. (3) Increasing difficulty of equalizing.

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| 4. O-O  | N-B3 |
| 5. P-Q3 | ...  |

P-Q4 is more aggressive.

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| 5. . . . | B-B4   |
| 6. N-B3  | N-KN5? |

Let's follow Black's reasoning. The move prevents both 7. R-K1 and B-K3. But it invites 7. P-KR3 to which he probably intends 7... P-KR4? White would then reply 8. N-KN5 which should gain material.

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| 7. N-K2 | ... |
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White has other plans--, but later on forgets to keep his King Bishop Pawn protected.

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| 7. . . . | N-N5? |
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This is more serious. He should not allow the opening of the central lines before castling.

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| 8. P-Q4  | PxP  |
| 9. N/2xP | P-Q4 |

Courting trouble!

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| 10. PxP    | NxQP |
| 11. Q-K2ch | N-K2 |
| 12. R-Q1   | B-Q2 |
| 13. N-N3   | ...  |

An oversight or a trap? At any rate White has better. He can win a pawn a number of ways. One of them 13. BxPch, KxB; 14. Q-B4ch, K-K1 (not K-B1; 15. N-K6ch); 15. QxB but the queen is not well posted here. A variation that preserves greater mobility for the queen is 13. P-KR3, N-B3; 14. BxPch, KxB; 15. N-K5ch, K-K1; 16. N-K6, Q-B1; 17. N/5xB, NxN; 18. NxB, NxN; 19. Q-R5ch. Best is 13. P-KR3, N-B3; 14. N-K5, O-O; 15. NxB, R-N; 16. BxRch, KxB; 17. Q-B4ch etc. with a Pawn and the exchange White should win easily.

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| 13. . . . | BxPch |
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Tempting, but 13... B-Q3 is better so he can castle safely.

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| 14. K-R1 | B-N3 |
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| 15. R-B1 | ... |
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To save the Rook and transfer the attack to the weak KBP.

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| 15. . . . | O-O   |
| 16. N-K5  | N-KB3 |

Better is NxN.

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| 17. R-N! | PxR    |
| 18. NxB  | QxN    |
| 19. BxP  | KR-K1? |

This Rook must not move. A better try is K-R2. Then if 20. Q-R5, R-R1; 21. BxP, Q-B4. If 20. R-Q1, QxRch; 21. QxQ, KxB and the game is not lost.

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| 20. Q-R5 | N-N3 |
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An oversight. N-B4 offered some hope.

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| 21. QxNch | Resigns |
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It is mate next move.

C. D. 's VIEWS

AS MENTIONED IN THE LAST ISSUE, CHESS HERALD is about to become "A Monthly Chess News Bulletin". Your editor had expected to issue one more weekly edition but things changed suddenly this week. For one thing I have switched jobs. Though I liked where I was working an offer came up that I just could not turn down. Finances, of course, entered the scheme of things. Also I had to sacrifice my coming vacation in order to take the new position which is that of Assistant Bookkeeper at the Golden Gate Toy & Stationery Co. As said in the last issue I hope to make the monthly CHESS HERALD a bigger one if nothing else.

My apologies to Bob Blakemore for not having his fine game versus John Akins in this edition but your C.D. forgot to get together with A. R. Castellanos to obtain the notes. We'll have it for sure next time, Bob, in the "new" CHESS HERALD.

The Precita Valley Chess Club is planning to hold a "Big Spaghetti Feed" with Julio Ercolini as Chef in charge. This is tentatively planned for Tuesday night, October 23rd. In three weeks or so we will know definitely and get the thing rolling. We hope to establish the club financially with this event, charging \$1 to all comers.

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SEE YOU AT SONOMA SUNDAY!!!

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