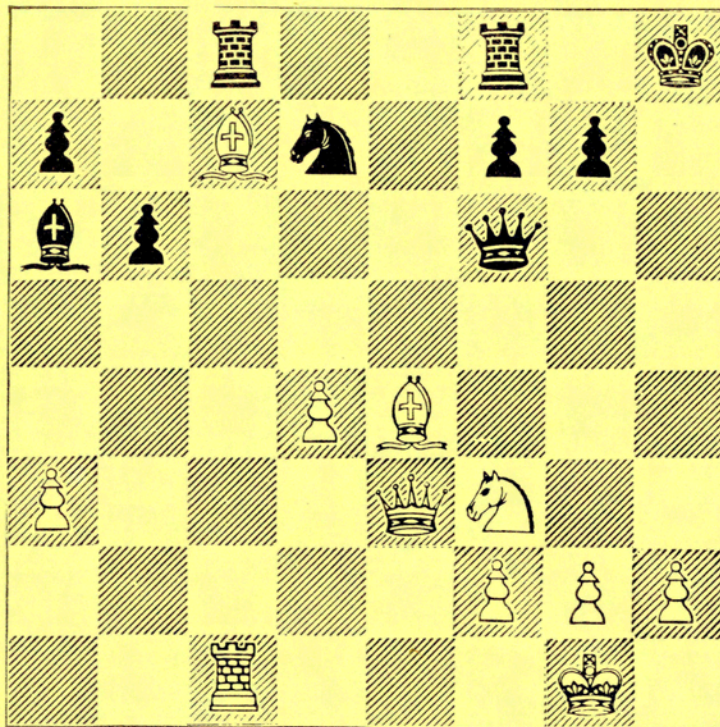


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USCF action at the 1976 U.S. Open sanctioned separate chess federations for Northern and Southern California. The old California State Federation had recently done little, especially for Southern California. So, the Southern California Chess Federation (SCCF) has been organized, and will soon represent local chess players at the USCF officially and efficiently (We hope!)

Some of the goals of this new organization are:

1) Reinstatement of major official tournaments, such as Southern California Closed, Open and Women's Championships.

2) Better representation at the USCF than the disorganized California federation gave.

3) Provision for a magazine which will appear regularly (starting at six issues a year). The magazine will contain articles by noted players, as well as news from around Southern California and other features.

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DEATH VALLEY DAZE

by Jack Peters

I suppose I should be happy with my performance in Lone Pine this year. After all, I made an IM norm, beat two GM's, raised both my USCF and FIDE ratings about twenty points, won a best-game prize, and finished in the money. But, a month later, my strongest memories are still those fateful final rounds. I felt like I was running on a treadmill faster and faster, unable to jump off gracefully. What strange malady turned me into a point-hungry, draw-shirking monster? The symptoms are a reckless desire to win every game, total disregard of the prize fund, a fondness for head-swirling complications, and a tendency to put pieces en prise. Aftereffects include poverty and despair. Fortunately, the illness rarely strikes professional players, though victims can remain susceptible for years.

The following three games illustrate the reasons for my success! Active pieces and a lot of luck. My opponents cooperated by playing as sharply as possible. In eight of my nine games, one player sacrificed material for the initiative! Here is the wildest one of all.

White: Yuri Balashov

Black: Jack Peters

1. d4	Nf6
2. Nf3	e6
3. c4	b6
4. Nc3	Bb7
5. a3	...

7. Bg5	Be7
8. Rc1	O-O
9. e3	Nbd7
10. Bd3	Ne4!
11. Bf4	...

After 11. Be7 Qe7, 12. O-O c5, Black has a decent position. Notice that 12. Ne4? de, 13. Rc7 Bc8, 14. Ne5 fails to 14. ... ed, 15. Qa4 Qg5, 16. Nd7 Bd7 and 17. ... Qg2+.

White fears 5. e3 Bb4, transposing to a Nimzo-Indian. The text was popularized by Petrosian.

5. ...	d5
6. cd	ed

11. ...	c5
12. O-O	Rc8
13. Bb1	...

Now we have a kind of Queen's Gambit Declined. White's non-developing 5. a3 gives Black enough time to equalize.

13. dc bc would allow Black to comfortably finish his development by ... Qd8-b6 and ... Rf8-d8. With

13. Bb1 White hopes to put enough pressure on d5 (Qd1-d3 Rf1-d1 and Bb1-a2) to force ... c5xd4 or ... c5-c4 leaving White with the better pawn structure. Also interesting is 13. Qa4 a6, 14. dc Ndc5 (not 14... Nc3?, 15. Rc3 bc?, 16. Bf5 or 15... Bf6?, 16. c6!), 15. Qd1, wasting time to gain control of d4. If 15... Ne6 or 15...Bf6, then 16.Be5#

13. ... cd
14. ed?! ...

White rejects 14. Nd4? Nc3, 15. Rc3 Rc3, 16. bc Ba3, 17. Qa4 Bc5, 18. Qa7 Qa8!, 19. Qa8 Ra8 ♠-and 14. Qd4? Bf6, 15. Qb4 Ndc5♠, but 14. Ne4 de4, 15. Nd4 seems better than 14. ed?! because neither 15... Ba6?!, 16. Nc6 Rc6, 17. Rc6 Bf1, 18. Kf1± nor 15...Bf6?!, 16. Nf5! Bb2?, 17. Rc8 Bc8, 18. Bd6 Re8, 19. Ne7+! Kh8 (19...Re7, 20. Be7 Qe7, 21. Qc2+-), 20. Qb3± solves Blacks problems. Probably 15...g6, 16. b4 Nf6 is correct.

14. ... Ba3!

White had planned 14...Nc3, 15. Rc3 Rc3, 16 bc Ba3, 17. Qa4 Be7, 18. Qa7 Qa8, 19. Qa8 Ra8, 20. Re1! Bf8 (20...Kf8?, 21. Bh7!), 21. Bf5± but Black finds another way.

15. Nd5 ...

15. Qb3? Nc3-+; 15. Ne4? de, 16. Be4 Be4, 17. ba Qf6♠, or 15. Qa4? Bd6!, 16. Bd6 Nd6, 17. Qa7? Ra8-+

15. ... Bd5
16. ba Nc3?!

Simply 16...Qf6!, 17. Be5 Qh6♠ secures an edge. Black's miscalculation leads to incredible complications.

17. Bh7+! Kh8!

I intended to refute 17. Bh7+ by 17...Kh7m 18, Qd3+ Be4, 19. Ng5+ Qg5, overlooking 20. Qh3+.

18. Qd3!? ...

Very enterprising. The natural 18. Qd2 Bf3, 19. gf (19. Rc3 Rc3, 20. Qc3 Bg2!, 21. Kg2 Kh7, 22. d5 Nf6, 23. d6 Re8, 24. Rd1 Qd7 is about even) Kh7, 20. Rc3 Qf6± gives White fair winning chances.

18. ... Bc4
19. Qc3 Bf1
20. Bc7 Qf6

20...Qe7?, 21. Bf5 Bb5, 22. Ne5 Kg8, 23. Qh3+-

21. Be4 Ba6?!

Guarding c6 by 21...Bb5 deserves preference, though the Bishop is exposed. Amazing is 21...Bb5, 22. a4! Ba4, 23. Qb4 b5? (23...Qh6, 24. Rc3 Bdl is unclear), 24. Rc6! Rc7 (24...a5, 25. Qa3! b4, 26. Qa4+-, or 24...Qc6, 25 Bc6 Rc7, 26. Bd7 Rcl+, 27. Nel+-), 25. Rc7+-

22. Qe3!! ...

Creating new threats of Rc1-c6 and Nf3-g5. White's pieces radiate energy.

22. ... Qh6?

Not 22...g6, 23. Ne5! Nc5?, 24. Ng4 Qg7, 25. Nf6!+- or 22...Kg8?, 23. Ng5 g6 (23...Rfe8, 24. Bh7+ Kh8 25. Qh3 Nf8, 26. Nf7+! and 24...Kf8 25. Ne4 Qh6, 26. Bd6+ lose), 24. Rc6! Qh8 (24...Qg7, 25. Rg6 Rc7, 26. Rg7+ Kg7, 27. Ne6!+-, or 24...Qc6, 25. Bc6 Rc7, 26. Bd7 Rd7, 27. Qh3 Rfd8, 28. Qh7+ Kf8, 29. Qh8+ Ke7, 30. Qe5+ Kf8, 31. Nh7+ Kg8, 32. Nf6+ +-), 25. Rg6+! fg, 26. Bd5+ Kg7, 27. Ne6+ Kg8 (27...Kf6, 28. Qg5+ Kf7, 29. Nf4+!), 28. Nf8+ Kf8, 29. Bd6+ Kg7, 30. Qe7+ Kh6, 31. Bf4+ mating. Tougher is 22...g6, 23. Ne5! Rc7!, 24. Nd7! (24. Rc7 Ne5=) Rd7, 25. Qh3+ Kg7, 26. Qd7 Rd8, 27. Qa7 Qf4! (27...Qd4, 28. Qa6±), 28. Qc7! (28. Re1 Qd2, 29. Rb1 Rd4±) Qd2, 29. Qc3 Qc3, 30. Rc3 Rd4, 31. Bf3±, but 22...Rfe8!, 23. Ng5 Nf8, 24. Qh3+ (24. Rc6? Re4!+-) Kg8, 25. Bh7+ Nh7, 26. Qh7 Kf8 is best. White keeps the initiative with 27. h4 or 27. Qh8+ Ke7, 28. Qh4. I missed the defense 27. Ne4? Qh6, 28. Bd6+ Qd6! -+

23. Qh6+ ...

23. Bf5? Qe3, 24. fe Nf6!, 25. Bc8 Rc8, 26. e4 (else 26...Ne8) Ne4, only draws.

23. ... gh
24. Bf5 Bb5

Objectively, 24...Nf6, 25. Bc8 Rc8, 26. Bf4 Rc1+ offers more drawing chances. I chose 24...Bb5 because we were getting into time pressure, and he might not thread his way through the complications.

25. Ne5 Rfe8!

Parrying 26. Nd7 by 26...Rc7 and 26. Nf7+ by 26...Kg8! (26...Kg7?, 22. Nd6+-), 27. Nh6+ Kg7+-

26. f4 Re7

Not 26...Kg7?, 27. Bd7 Bd7, 28. Nd7 Re7, 29. Be5+, or 26...Kg8?, 27. Nd7 Re7, 28. Nf6+, or 26...f6?, 27. Nf7+! Kg7, 28. Nd6.

27. d5! ...

27. Nd7 f6! or 27. Bd7? Bd7, 28. Nd7 f6! lets Black escape. Now 27...Rce8 loses to 28. Bd7 Bd7, 29. Bd6! Re5, 30. Be5+ Kg8, 31. Rc7+-.

27. ... Kg8
28. Rc3! ...

Passing up 28. Nd7 Bd7, 29. d6 Re6 30. Be6 fe and 28. d6 Re5, 29. fe Re8 for a more definite win.

28. ... f6
29. d6 Rg7
30. Ng4 Kf8
31. Nf6?? ...

White has played brilliantly. He could win by 31. Rh3 Re8, 32. Rh6 Re1+, 33. Kf2 Re2+, 34. Kf3 Rb2 (34...Ra2, 35. Rh8+ +-), 35. Be6 Bc6+, 36. Ke3 Rg4, 37. Rh8+ Kg7, 38. Rg8+ Kh6, 39. Rg4+-

31. ... Rf7!
32. Nh7?? ...

An incomprehensible blunder. Necessary is 32. Bd7 Bd7, 33. Nd5 Kg7 34. Ne7 Rcf8=

32. ... Kg7
33. Bc2 Kh8?

33...Rf4, 34. h3 Rc4+-

34. a4	Ba6
35. g3	Rh7
36. Bh7	Kh7
37. Re3	Rg8
38. Kf2	Nf6?

Black should win after either 38...Bb7 or 38...Rg7.

39. h3	h5?!
40. Re7+	Rg7
41. Bb8!	b5

DRAWN

After 41. Bb8!, I used my last two minutes on my clock kicking myself for throwing away the win. When my flag fell, Balashov claimed a win. Puzzled, I showed him my completed scoresheet, proving that we had made 40 moves. Then someone told me the time control was at move 45! Luckily for me, Kashdan disallowed Balashov's claim because he had not been writing down the last six or seven moves. Under FIDE rules, that doesn't matter, but in USCF tournaments, one needs a complete scoresheet to claim a time forfeit. So the game continued, I played 41...b5, and we agreed to a draw after the dinner break. Does it seem strange that I made an IM norm because this was a FIDE-rated international tournament but did not lose this game despite violating a FIDE rule?

Even the best players get bad ideas from time to time. In round 4, Lein came up with a new plan of attack against a popular opening. However his imagination led him astray. He neglected the basic rule of development, with the usual result.

White: Anatoly Lein
Black: Jack Peters

1. Nf3	c5
2. c4	Nf6

3. Nc3	d5
4. cd	Nd5
5. e3	...

On 5. g3 Nc6, 6. Bg2 Nc7, 7. 0-0

e5, with a Maroczy Bind formation. (14. Bc4+ Kh8, 15. Qe3 Nc4, 16. Nc4 Qd5-+) Qd5, 15. Nf3?! Rf6!#

5. ... Nc3

13. ... Kh8

Now Black wants a Grünfeld.

14. Ng5 ...

6. bc g6
7. Qa4+ Nd7

14. h5 Bf5, 15. hg! Be4, 16. Rh7 mate is tempting, but 14...Rf4!, 15. Qd3 Qd3, 16. Bd3 e4 wins a piece.

7...Bd7?, 8. Qb3±.

8. e4 ...

14. ... Bf5
15. Qe2 Qd6!

Normal would be 8. d4 Bg7, 9. Bd3 Preventing 16. f3 (preparing Ng5-0-0, 10. 0-0. Also, 8. h4!? comes e4) by 16...e4!, 17. Ne4 Be4, 18. fe into consideration. Qg3+, 19. Kd1 Rf2-+

8. ... Bg7
9. e5? ...

16. g4? ...

A bad idea. He could still play 9. d4.

9. ... 0-0
10. e6 fe
11. h4 ...

After this, it's all over. If 16. Nf7+ Rf7, 17. Bf7 Rf8! (17...e6?, 18. h5! g5, 19. h6), 18. Bb3 (18. Bc4 Nc4, 19. Qc4 Bd3, 20. Qb3 Qc6, 21. f3 Rf3!-) Bd3, 19. Qe3 Rf4!, 20. f3 e4! or 16. Ba3 Rad8 (16... Qc6!?), 17. 0-0-0? Nc4, 18. Qc4 b5, 19. Qe2 (19. Qc5 Qd3-+) b4!, Black's attack crashes through, but 16. Ba3 Rad8, 17. Nf7+ isn't completely clear.

Black will refute this premature attack because of his quicker development.

11. ... Nb6
12. Qe4 e5!

16. ... Nc4
17. gf ...

The mangled pawns clear the way for Black's pieces.

13. Bc4+ ...

17. Qc4 Bd3, 18. Nf7+ (18. Qe6 Rf6-+, or 18. Qb3 Qc6, 19. Rh2 Bh6 -+) Rf7, 19. Qf7 Rf8, 20. Qb3 Qc6, 21. Rh3 Qe4+ 22. Re3 Qh1 mate.

If 13. Ne5, then 13...Bf5, 14. Qe3

17. ... Qd5

18. Qe4 Qe4+
 19. Ne4 gf
 20. Nc5 Rfc8
 21. Ne6 Bf6
 22. Rb1 Rc6!
 23. Ng5 Rb6
 24. Rb3 ...

27. ... b6
 28. Rg1 h6
 29. Ne6 Rg8
 30. Rh1 Kh7?!
 31. h5 Nb3
 32. Rb1 ...

24. Rb6 ab, 25. Rg1 loses to
 25...Nd6, 26. a3 Ra4.

Bad, but 32. Bb4 a5, 33. Rb1 a4,
 holds no more hope.

24. ... e4
 25. Ke2 Rb3
 26. ab Na5
 27. Ba3 ...

32. ... Na5
 33. Rb5 Nc4
 34. Bc1 Rg1
 35. Rb4 Ne5
 36. Ra4 Nd3

27. b4 Nc4 buries White's Bishop

White resigns

My last taste of victory occurred in Round Six. I believe it was this win which inspired me to strive for clear first place, and nothing less. Both players suffered from this pairing!

White: Jack Peters

Black: William Lombardy

11. ... Bb7?

1. e4 e5
 2. Nf3 Nc6
 3. Bb5 a6
 4. Ba4 Nf6
 5. O-O Be7
 6. Re1 b5
 7. Bb3 d6
 8. c3 O-O
 9. h3 Nb8
 10. d4 Nbd7
 11. c4 ...

Best is 11...c6, 12. Nc3 b4, 13. Na4 c5=. White can try for more with 12. c5 or 12. Qc2.

12. Nc3 c6
 13. Bg5?! ...

First 13. a3!~~±~~ keeps Black cramped.

13. ... b4
 14. Na4 ed?

In an earlier round, I played 11. Nbd2 against Panno, and nearly lost.

Correct is 14...c5!, 15. de de!
 (15...Ne5?, 16. Ne5 de, 17. Bf6~~±~~
 and 15...Ne4?, 16. Be7 Qe7, 17. ed

Qf6, 18. Bc2! Nd6?, 19. Qd3 g6,
 20. Rad1+- are much worse), 16.Bf6
 Bf6 (16...Nf6?, 17. Ne5 Be4?, 18.
 Qd8 Rfd8, 19. Ng4!+-, or 17...Ne4?
 18. Nd7! Re8, 19. Nab6 Ra7, 20.
 Ba4±), 17. Qd3! (17. Qd6 Be7, 18.
 Qd3 Qc7, 19. Rad1 Rfd8, 20. Qe3
 Nf8! gets nothing) Qc7, 18. Nh2
 Rfd8, 19. Ng4 Bg5, 20. Ne3 Nb6
 (20...Be3, 21. Qe3±), 21. Nd5 Bd5,
 22. ed, leaving White only a
 slight edge.

15. Nd4 g6
 16. c5! ...

An easy sacrifice. White prefers
 16. c5! to 16. Bh6 Re8, 17. c5! dc
 18. Bf7+!+- because 16. Bh6 c5!,
 17. Bf8 Bf8 stirs up counterplay.

16. ... dc

Also 16...Nc5, 17. Nc5 dc, 18.Nf3
 (Threatening 19. Bh6 Re8, 20. Ng5)
 gives White plenty of compensation.

17. Nf3 Re8?!

Probably 17...Nh5 (17...Kg7, 18.
 Qd2 Ng8, 19. Rad1±), 18. Bh6 Ng7
 makes White's task most difficult.

18. Qc2 Nh5
 19. Qc4! Rf8

Unpleasant, but 19...Bg5? loses
 instantly to 20. Qf7+ Kh8, 21.
 Rad1! Be7 (21...Re7, 22. Ng5+-),
 22. Ng5! Nhf6, 23. Ne6+-, or 22...

Ng7, 23. Qg8+!

20. Bh6 Ng7
 21. Rad1 Qc7
 22. e5! ...

Now 23. e6 can't be stopped by
 22...Ne6, 23. Qe6!+-.

22. ... Rae8
 23. e6 fe
 24. Re6 Kh8
 25. Ng5! ...

Renewing the possibility of a
 smothered mate (26. Rc6 Qc6, 27.
 Qg8+).

25. ... Nf6

Not 25...Rf4?, 26. Rd7+-, or
 25...Bg5, 26. Bg7+ Kg7, 27. Re8
 Re8, 28. Qf7+ +-.

26. Reel Bc8

26...Nfh5, 27. Qg8+!

27. Nf7+ Kg8

27...Rf7, 28. Qf7 Ngh5 (28...Nf5,
 29. Qf6+!), 29. g4+-

28. Nd6+ Nd5

Lombardy allowed the pretty fin-
 ish to give me a better chance of
 winning a best game prize. Of
 course, 28...Kh8, 29. Ne8 Nfe8, 30.
 Ne5+- wins anyway.

29. Rd5
30. Qd5+
31. Re6

cd
Be6
Ne6

32. Qe6+
33. Qg8+
34. Nf7mate

Kh8
Rg8

* * *

Player	Rtg.	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Rd.7	Rd.8	Rd.9	pts.
1 Balashov	2505	W13	D12	W10	W14	D5	W23	L2	D7	W9	6½
2 Panno	2550	W38	D19	D18	W36	D12	W4	W1	D9	D3	6½
3 Sahovic	2460	L14	W25	W27	D4	D18	W31	W6	W12	D2	6½
4 Gaprindashvili	2430	W48	W16	L5	D3	W8	L2	W10	W23	W12	6½
5 Lombardy	2534	D33	W46	W4	W22	D1	L12	D23	D11	W17	6
6 Christiansen	2470	W28	D14	D31	L23	W34	W29	L3	W13	W18	6
7 Browne	2547	D18	D32	L14	W42	W30	D17	W22	D1	D11	5½
8 Lein	2524	D39	W33	W30	L12	L4	W24	L13	W46	W27	5½
9 Benko	2513	D26	D40	W39	D31	W22	W36	D12	D2	L1	5½
10 Shamkovich	2485	D27	D39	D26	W40	D29	D13	L4	W36	W25	5½
11 Reshevsky	2459	D41	D26	W45	D18	D31	D14	W36	D5	D7	5½
12 Peters	2413	W42	D1	W41	W8	D2	W5	D9	L3	L4	5½
13 Regan	2394	L1	W48	D24	D41	W35	D10	W8	L6	W20	5½
14 Ervin	2356	W3	D6	W7	L1	D17	D11	D20	D25	W23	5½
15 Quinteros	2555	D32	L18	W28	D30	L36	W45	D46	W24	D19	5
16 Tarjan	2545	W25	L4	W32	D29	L23	D26	D19	D22	W31	5
17 Weinstein	2455	D45	D27	D40	W19	D14	D7	D18	W26	L5	5
18 Kaplan	2379	D7	W15	D2	D11	D3	D37	D17	W28	L6	5
19 Rohde	2377	W20	D2	L1	L17	D47	W21	D16	W37	D15	5
20 Szabo	2530	L19	D43	W33	D26	D41	W39	D14	D27	L13	4½
21 Martz	2446	D40	L41	D35	D45	D28	L19	D39	W47	W46	4½
22 Grefe	2445	W47	W34	D36	L5	L9	W41	L7	D16	D26	4½
23 Biyiasas	2409	D35	D45	W43	W6	W16	L1	D5	L4	L14	4½
24 Diessen	2399	L36	D28	W44	D34	D26	L8	W41	L15	W39	4½
25 Cleghorn	2378	L16	L3	W48	L35	W38	W43	W37	D14	L10	4½
26 Seirawan	2362	D9	D11	D10	D20	D24	D16	W30	L17	D22	4½
27 Formanek	2361	D10	D17	L3	D32	D46	W35	W29	D20	L8	4½
28 E. Meyer	2360	L6	D24	L15	W44	D21	W32	W31	L18	D29	4½
29 Bisguier	2417	L34	W47	W42	D16	D10	L6	L27	D39	D28	4
30 Frey	2390	D44	W35	L8	D15	L7	W47	L26	D34	D33	4
31 H. Olafsson	2385	D37	W44	D6	D9	D11	L3	L28	W35	L16	4
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40 Goodman	2340	D21	D9	D17	L10	L39	D42	D32	L38	W48	3½
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45 Dake	2348	D17	D23	L11	D21	D32	L15	D42	L33	L38	2½
46 Garcia-Palermo	2380	D43	L5	D37	D47	D27	W34	D15	L8	L21	3½
47 Henley	2331	L22	L29	W38	D46	D19	L30	D32	L21	L43	2½
48 Martinovsky	2306	L4	L13	L25	L38	W44	L33	L35	W43	L40	2

THE FUTURE OF CHESS

Future and present chess stars recently played in the National Elementary and Junior High School Championships at San Clemente, May 8th and 9th. Players from 11 states, including New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida participated in this event which was at times chaotic but always enjoyable to watch.

106 children played in the Elementary School section, which was won by Andrew Lerner of New Jersey, the highest rated at 1548. Lerner celebrated his victory by sliding up and down the stage on his posterior, proving something profound about the nature of chess players. Other place winners were: Bobby Ferguson (Washington), Tim Radermacher (Minnesota), who led his team to the Championship, Michael Tierney (California), whose father was largely responsible for having the tournament in San Clemente, and George Kinsler (Pennsylvania), Tim Pellant (California), Dennis Olson (Minnesota), Rod Grandner (Minnesota), Shawn Orme (Nebraska), and Ben Green (Pennsylvania).

The team title was won by Lincoln (Minnesota), replacing defending champion Poinsettia of Ventura which finished 3rd. Other teams: 2. Frederick Douglass (Pennsylvania) 4. Fruchthandler (Arizona), 5. Laurel (California), 6. Foster (Oregon), 7. Poinsettia B, 8. Cave Creek (Arizona), 9. Fruchthandler B, 10. Weitzel (Arizona).

Several already strong participants were in the Junior High Championship. The favorite, and eventual winner, was Perry Youngworth of Riverside, but not before some tense moments. Perry ended up with a score of 7-1, over four players at 6½. In tiebreak order: Doug Root (California), Miles Ardaman (California), Mike Wiseman (Indiana), Alan Pitt (Arizona). With 6 points were Mark Shimozone (California), Anthony Rhodes (Pennsylvania), Willy Abney (Pennsylvania), John Deseck (Nebraska) and Dewey Bellinger (Pennsylvania).

The team title was won by Robert Vaux of Philadelphia over the highly rated Shelbyville (Indiana) team, which had players at 1921, 1512, 1436 and 1378, better than most High Schools. Teams next in the standings were: 3. Marco Foster (California) 4. Calder (California), 5. Wilbur Wright (Indiana), 6. Social Settlement (Nebraska), 7. Marina (California), 8. El Camino (California), 9. Edward Cope (California), 10. Sahuarita (Arizona).

The tournaments were directed by Ben Nethercot and Phil Chase (both of California).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS

Only a little local news was reported, and those diligent souls who submitted it will therefore be rewarded by places of honor in this issue. The lazy or forgetful will have chances in the future to rectify their lapse.

Report from Riverside by Randy Hough

Our Spring Open was March 19-20 with 49 players(3X,5A,10B,9C,5D,7E,10 UR). Here is a list of prize winners and high scorers:

1	Perry Youngworth	2165	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$100	1st
2	Tom Weissbein	2135	4-1	\$35	1st X
5	Douglas Root	1931	4-1	\$35	1-3 A
6	Larry Hetter	1846	4-1	\$35	1-3 A
8	Don Cotten	1801	4-1	\$35	1-3 A
10	Mark Arnold	1730	4-1	\$35	1-2 B
12	Joseph Torquato	1708	4-1	\$35	1-2 B
3	Lee Corbin	2081	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
4	Bob Klein	1962	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$		
19	Steve Hughes	1599	3-2	\$12	1-6 C
20	William Paske	1598	3-2	\$12	1-6 C
21	Bruce Lewkowski	1576	3-2	\$12	1-6 C
23	Don LaSuer	1534	3-2	\$12	1-6 C
26	Roy Tate	1479	3-2	\$12	1-6 C
27	Brian Wahl	1473	3-2	\$12	1-6 C
30	Boyd Whitehead	1335	3-2	\$40	1st D
34	Goldie Taylor	1199	3-2	\$40	1st E
48	Mark Rosa	UR	3-2	\$30	1st UR
42	Arnold Baldwin	UR	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$10	2nd UR
32	Dana Hobson	1260	2-3	\$10	2-3 D
33	Lemar Horner	1225	2-3	\$10	2-3 D
38	Jerry McNeil	1112	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 5	2-3 E
39	Kevin Smith	1109	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 5	2-3 E

The two crucial games in the final round lasted well past time control, with Youngworth beating Root and Weissbein drawing with Corbin. It's worth noting that the turnout enabled us to raise the guaranteed \$510 by \$20.

Our Club Championship, in February-March, ended with Youngworth getting his second consecutive perfect score, 6-0, followed by Leo Raterman with 5-1 and Randy Hough third with a mere 3-3. In the first consolation section, Mark Arnold and Larry Hetter tied at 5-1; David Holcomb was third with 3-3. The second consolation section was won by Dennis Michael and Victor Lippit, tied at 6-1, followed by Ron Meyer with $4\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$. The third section saw a 7-0 sweep by rapidly improving Boyd Whitehead, followed by Collin Lovesee at 5-2. In the fourth section, Anthony Gray (first tournament) won with $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, followed by Jim Huse with 6-1 (also his first tournament). There were a total of 40 players in all sections.

News from Santa Monica by Ben Nethercot

The Santa Monica Spring Rating Tournament concluded on April 22, 1977 with a very rare occurrence: the first and second-ranked players tied for first! Lest you think that the great Swiss-System pairings weren't producing their usual bevy of upsets, Steven Matzner and Ron Frasco did not stroll into the winner's circle unscathed. Matzner, returning to Santa Monica after 3 years in Holland (where he really earned his 2246 USCF rating by finishing with even scores in the prestigious Hastings Challengers Tourn. and in the IBM Challengers Tourn.), was upset early on by Jon Guilaroff(1921). Ron Frasco

(2078) was also defeated, in the fourth round, by Ben Nethercot(1959). Both players then cut through thickets of patzers, to wind up with good scores of 6-1 and \$50 apiece. Guilaroff, playing probably the best chess of the tournament, defeated Matzner and Greg Gean(2002), and tied for third-fourth and \$20 with Dennis Lyons (1886) with $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Four "a" players made cab fare (\$3.75) with scores of 5-2; Ben Nethercot, Steven Grupsmith, Stan Salter and John Varis. Juan Fong found that 5-2 was more profitable as a "B" player, mining \$15 after defeating Emil Bersbach in the crucial last round. Mike McHale grabbed the "C" money by playing excellent chess, defeating Mark Stewart (1699) and Norm Meilicke(1888), and finishing with $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. The "D" prize cried "nolo contendere", and Ron Stein saw no reason why 3-4 shouldn't claim the money all alone. The Unrated prize was much more fought over. Tim Robertson and Neil Silverman with 4-3 outclassed the other "new" players. They are both promising young players, and seem to be of about 1600 strength already. If Silverman had realized the tournament was 7 rounds, not 6, he might have added another point to his score!

The 62 assorted chess players were directed by Ben Nethercot and Phil Chase. Santa Monica Bay Chess Club's rated tournaments are on Mondays from 7:30- 11:15. Call Phil Chase at (213) 277-4846 for information.

The Queen's GAMBIT Accepted

by Kim Commons, IM

As all experienced tournament players know, the Queen's Gambit isn't considered much of a gambit. Indeed, if Black ever dares capture the offered pawn White usually hurries to win it back followed by a long slow positional grind game. But it doesn't have to be like that! Witness the following game where the early hand to hand fighting is more like a King's Gambit than the "stolid" Queen's Gambit.

White: Kim Commons
Black: Danny Krystall

Pacific South-West Open 1971

1. d4	d5	8. bc	Bb7
2. Nf3	Nf6	9. e6!	f6!?
3. c4	dc		
4. Nc3!	...		

After 4. e3 or 4. Qa4+ White wins his pawn back with chances for a small positional advantage. But at the time I felt if you are going to play something called the "Queen's Gambit" well then, you're honor bound to make it a real gambit if you can!

4. ...	a6
5. e4	b5
6. e5	Nd5
7. a4	Nc3

7...c6, 8. ab Nc3, 9. bc cb, 10. Ng5! f6!, 11. Qf3 Ra7, 12. e6 Bb7, 13. Qf4 with wild play is just one exciting possibility this opening offers for both sides.

Robert Byrne's patent, Black tries to win the cheeky pawn without ruining his pawn structure. After the more normal 9...fe play gets very exciting, for instance: 10. Be2 Qd5, 11. Ng5! Qg2, 12. Rf1 Bd5, 13. Bf4!?, when the threat of 14. Bg4 and 15 Bh3 is surprisingly hard to defend against.

10. Be3 ...

Not 10. g3 Qd5, 11. Bg2 Qe6+, 12. Be3 c6, 13. 0-0 Qc8, 14. Re1 and White didn't get sufficient attack for the missing pawns (Bronstein-Byrne 1952 Olympiad). 10. Be3 is an idea of Pachman's, but I think that 10. Be2 is also well worth consideration.

10. ... Qd5

The Queen goes pawn hunting!

11. Nd2!? g6?!

Of course, 11...Qe6, 12. ab ab, 13. Qh5+! (the point of 11. Nd2!?) is good for White. Black's text move preventing the check and continuing development looks very strong, but loses a critical tempo. Best for Black was the Knight maneuver Nc6!Δ Nd8 when Black is ready to try and start digesting the e6 pawn.

With hindsight I can suggest that White should consider 11. Qb1!? to prevent 11...Nc6.

12. Qb1!! ...

El Surprizo Cruncho! Without any warning Black is left without a good defense!! Look:

A) 12...Nc6, 13. Nc4!

B) 12...Qe6, 13. ab ab, 14. Ra8 Ba8, 15. Qb5+ Nd7, 16. Bc4±

C) 12...Bg7, 13. ab ab 14. Ra8 Ba8, 15. Bc4.

D) 12...Bc6! is the only way to keep any hope, although after 13. ab Bb5, 14. Be2 White retains terrific gambit play.

12. ... f5

13. ab f4

Not of course 13...ab, 14. Ra8 Ba8, 15. Bc4!

14. Bf4 Qe6+

15. Be5 Bh6

16. Bc4! ...

Time to relax and look forward to Zucky's after the game 'cause it's really all over. The rest is a mop-up action.

16. ... Bd2+

17. Kd2 Qc4

18. Bh8 ...

Turning on the vacuum cleaner.

18. ... Bg2

19. Rg1 Bf3

20. Qd3 Qd3+

21. Kd3 ab

22. Ra8 Ba8

23. Rb1! Bg2!

24. Ke3 c6

25. c4! ...

The vacuum cleaner never stops!

25. ... Nd7

26. cb cb

27. Rb5 Bc6

28. Rb2 e6

29. Kf4 h5

30. Kg5 Be4

31. Re2 Bf5

32. d5 Nc5

33. Bd4 Ne4+

34. Kf4 g5+

35. Ke5 resigns

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