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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

"CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP"
Sept. 5, 6 & 7 Ventura

"CCCA SUMMER USCF CLASS"
Sept. 5 & 6 Concord

"WHITTIER CHAMPIONSHIP"
Sept. 14 Whittier

"ROCKWELL RATED & UNRATED"
Sept. 17 NAR Valley

"SECOND ANNUAL AMATEUR OPEN"
Sept. 19 & 20 El Segundo

"TORNADO RATING TOURNAMENT"
Sept. 19 & 20 San Francisco

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Sept. 25, 26, 27 Atlas

"FIFTH ANNUAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIPS" Sept. 26 & 27 Sunnyvale

"MAGNETOMETER RATING TOURNAMENT" Sept. 29 El Segundo



"SAN DIEGO OPEN '70" -- Tournament Director: Mr. Robert R. McIntyre

Place	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Sc.	S-B	Prize	Clairemont.....
1	Mondragon, J J	W30	W28	W16	W 4	W 9	5		\$180 & T	"San Diego Open"
2	Loftsson, J H	D58	W29	W10	W34	W 8	4½		\$ 90 & T	Aug 1 & 2 was a
3	Schultz, R A	W25	D21	W43	D14	W11	4	11.5	\$ 13.75 & T	great success
4	Kent, Jeff	W18	W44	W19	L 1	W17	4	11.0	\$ 13.75	totaling 92 parti-
5	Levy, David	W49	L16	W56	W27	W14	4	8.0	\$ 25 (E)	cipants, an increase
6	Cotten, Donald	W51	L10	W40	W26	W20	4	9.0	\$ 13.75	of 40 over last year.
7	Bromley, G E	W41	W40	L11	W44	W16	4	9.0	\$ 13.75	Señor Jose Mondrag-
8	Anderson	9 Commons	10 Furmaro	11 Davidson	12 MeIniker					on took a clear first
13	Weiner	14 Kehler	15 Klimek	16 Pease	17 Schemm	18 Bartold				after beating Kim
19	Borges	20 Glass	21 Portillo	22 Coles	23 Davis	24 Will-				Commons (Pacific
25	Sewell	26 Dinan	27 Nezhni	28 Lither	29 Woodward					Southwest Co-Champ).
30	Rabinowitz	31 Mattei	32 Shepard	33 Gardner	34 Davidian					Marine Corporal
35	Murray	36 Saeler	37 Silva	38 Abston	39 Hokin	40 Blan-				Heathcote took our
41	Silman	42 McAuley	43 Wolfley	44 Simons	45 Pugh					Ray Fisher ("the up-
46	Fares	47 Wise	48 Meshnik	49 Stone	50 Schweninger	51 Wez-				setter") on the
52	Robert	53 Hendrickson	54 Chappell	55 Roth						last round in the
56	Chang	57 Hurtik	58 Beeskov Jr	59 Shinner	60 McCaffrey					booster section for

"SAN DIEGO OPEN '70 BOOSTER SECTION" -- T.D. McIntyre

Place	Name	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Sc.	Prize	Orange.....
1	Heathcote, J M	W17	W21	W 4	W 6	W 5	5	\$60 & T	"Summer
2	Bergstrom, C P	W 3	W10	L 5	W21	W17	4	\$16.67	Amateur '70" was
3	Schwartz, R	L 2	W16	W26	W14	W 7	4	\$16.67	won by Stewart, 2nd
4	Delgadillo, D	W23	W26	L 1	W19	W 9	4	\$16.67	& 3rd were Smith &
5	Fisher	6 Korte	7 Johnson	8 Rickard	9 Brestyansky				Cotton, 4th thru 8th
10	Huffman	11 Pena	12 Cossins	13 Dennis	14 Norris				were Keesey, Basich,
15	Glass	16 Flacco	17 Anderson	18 Mitchell	19 Noriega				Margulies, Weiner &
20	Burns	21 Shapero	22 Ronimus	23 Hendrickson	24 Dad-				Blaney. There were
25	Sentz	26 Fuller	27 Samuels	28 Tucker	29 Mon-				37 contestants. No
30	Roseman	31 Tolen	32 Bryant						further report.

"Whittier Summer Warm Up '70"-- Tournament Director: Mr. Ken Fleshman

Place	Name	Rtg.	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Sc.	Prize	"San Diego Open '70"
1	Barnard, John	1981	W11	W15	W13	S10	W 9	W 4	6	\$30 & T	Commons Davidson
2	Howeth, W	1908	W24	W25	L 8	W27	W11	W12	5	\$\$ & T	1 P-Q4 N-KB3
3	Koploy, Paul	1968	W36	W26	L10	W24	W 8	W 9	5	\$\$	2 N-KB3 P-KN3
4	Kakimi, Ben	1981	W22	D 7	W23	W 8	W16	L 1	4½		3 P-QB4 P-QB4
5	Bicknell, Don	2021	W14	L 8	W37	W34	W10	D 6	4½		4 P-KN3 PXP
6	Firfaroff, K	1933	W17	W34	W20	L 9	W22	D 5	4½		5 NXP B-N2
7	Kretten, R	1772	W38	D 4	D21	D33	W23	W16	4½		6 B-N2 O-O
8	Besen	9 Koutz	10 Argall	11 Szlamka	12 Hunnex	13 Keesey					7 O-O P-Q4
14	Larson	15 Mishler	16 Faber	17 Sassoon	18 Pyle	19 Mc Grann					8 N-QR3 PXP
20	Kalayjian	21 Dunkin	22 Skratulia	23 Rader	24 Clifton						9 NXP QN-Q2
25	Gandara	26 Birkel	27 Gosiewski	28 Nicoll	29 Anderson						10 Q-B2 N-N3
30	Ford	31 Salcido	32 Koehler	33 Nieruchalski	34 Roa	35 Ste-					11 Nxn Qxn
36	Baker	37 Hill	38 Cranston	39 Williams	40 Hernandez						12 N-N3 B-B4
41	Perry	42 Wong	43 Gibson	44 Yates	45 Doyle	46 Bauer	47				13 Q-B5 B-K5
48	Davis	49 Bonilla	50 Augustine	51 Buote	52 Olson						14 BxB NxB
											15 QxP KR-K
											16 Q-R3 NxBP
											17 RxN RxP
											18 Q-B5 QxQ
											19 NxB B-Q5
											20 N-Q3 BxB
											21 NxB R-QB?
											22 B-B4 R-QB7
											23 N-Q3 Draw

Whittier....."Wood Pusher '70" 1st place: M Le Glaire 6-0, 2nd place: C. Kakimi, 3rd place: A Henry & M Buobsinski. Trophies were awarded to the top three....."Whittier Chess Club Election '70" Pres. William Dunkin, Vice-Pres. Fred Frilling, Treas. Frank Frilling, Sec. Henry Gandara, T.D. Ken Fleshman, SCCL Rep. Larry Hoke.....Nightly attendance during "Spring Fever" was 90 - 105, "Summer Warm-Up" 80 - 90.

"I'm glad to be back in Southern California where my game developed and where I've played my best chess. I first learned the game while attending Los Angeles High School. I progressed very slow and finally winning my first tournament in 1947. My best years in California were 1962 & 1963. Although I've been a rated expert for about twenty years and have a plus tournament record against a number of Southern California Masters and two tournament draws against one International Grandmaster, the long coveted Master rating has eluded me. The reason for this is that I've been consistently inconsistent. There are times when I play like a Master and times like a patzer.

"I left California twice, first to live in Indiana for six years where I took the State Championship two times and second to live in Florida where I spent seven years. While in Florida, I won the Florida Experts Championship. I came back to California June First this year.

"In Southern California I've been known as "the Bird" simply because with white pieces I usually play the Bird and I do have a big plus tournament score with it. The Bird had his first important test against the late Herman Steiner way back in 1947. This tournament game lasted eight hours and eighty-eight moves. It still stands as my longest, time-wise, tournament game. Steiner finally won the game and then gave me the left-handed compliment; "You played a good game Bersbach, You'd have beaten anyone else." Soon after this, I adopted the Bird as my pet opening.

"When I won the San Bernardino Open in 1962, Gorden Barrett wrote it up in Terrachess as follows; "Emil Bersbach, local Chess Humorist wins San Berdu Open." I've been trying to live up to this description ever since. For example; every now and then when amidst a group of local chess talent, I'd ask the question; How is it, as strong as I am, how do I ever lose a chess game? My favorite straight-man in this respect is Jim Lazos, local Master, equally straight faced answers; "Beats the hell out of me!" One time, however, when I asked this question, another local Master, shot back the perfect squelch; "Well, Mr. Bersbach, you simply are not careful about your choice of partners."

"Getting back to the Bird, when I play P-QB4 in conjunction with P-KB4, I call this the English Bird; when I play P-Q4 together with P-KB4, the Stonewall Bird; when I play the Dutch Defense as black, I call it the Black Bird. In other words, my game is for the birds.

"In 1959, while in the hospital recovering from auto injuries I composed the following poem. I've had a few requests to publish it - so here it is:

THE BERSBACH BIRD

IT WAS IN THE CALIFORNIA OPEN THIS FIRST OCCURRED
WHEN LARRY EVANS STUMBLED ON THE BERSBACH BIRD
THE PLAYERS COULD HARDLY BELIEVE WHAT THEY SAW
GRANDMASTER EVANS WAS JUST ABLE TO DRAW!!

MASTER RAY MARTIN ALSO WAS STIRRED
WHEN HE FIRST MET THE BERSBACH BIRD.
ALTHOUGH HE SELDOM HAD TROUBLE BEFORE,
MARTIN SPLIT THE POINT, IT'S ALL HE COULD SCORE.

NOW WE ARE IN THE SANTA MONICA TOURNAMENT
WHEN MASTER WEINBERGER PLAY THE FROM GAMBIT,
HE SURE WAS LUCKY TO ESCAPE FROM IT.
BERSBACH PASSED THREE OR MORE WINS IN THIS MESS
AS HE SUFFERED SEVERELY FROM BLINDNESS.
IT WAS CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR WEINBERGER
AS BERSBACH BUTCHERED HIS BEAUTIFUL BIRD.

FRITZ LEIBER WAS NEXT TO FEEL THE STING
OF WHAT COULD BE A FAMILIAR RING
ALTHOUGH LEIBER MANEUVERED AND RAN FOR COVER

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"Just how good is this Bird? Let's have a look. I'm pleased to publish for the first time, my second draw with Larry Evans. This is my analysis plus Evan's post game comments. The time: February 16, 1963. The place: Loyola University. The occasion: Westchester Fiesta. The Star?: The Bird at his best. The star-studded field of 81 players with Addison the then California Champion. Addison, however, was having a bad tournament with a loss and two draws, the 16th place finisher. After the third round; only Evans, Henin and myself had perfect scores. This game with Evans, I will now cover on the next page."

THE BERSBACH BIRD (cont'd)

IN TWENTY-FIVE MOVES IT WAS ALL OVER.
LEIBER WAS SHOCKED AND SOMEWHAT PERTURBED
AS BERSBACH EXPLODED WITH HIS ANGRY BIRD.

SO NOW WE COME TO THE VERY LAST ROUND
AND ONCE AGAIN THERE'S A FAMILIAR SOUND
A LOOK OF CONCERN CROSSED SHOLOMSON'S FACE
AS HE PREPARED FOR THE QUICKENED PACE
IT WAS ONLY A WEEK SINCE HE HAD HEARD
HE MIGHT HAVE TO FACE THE BERSBACH BIRD.

THE END OF THIS STORY HAS NOT BEEN TOLD,
BUT THE BERSBACH BIRD HAS BECOME QUITE BOLD.
A MORAL IS HERE FOR ALL WHO WOULD FLIRT,
THIS BIRD IS TO BE SEEN AND NOT BE HURT.
AND IN FUTURE TOURNAMENTS YOU MAY REST ASSURED
THEY WILL STILL HAVE TO RECKON WITH THE BERSBACH BIRD.

E. Bersbach L. Evans
1 P-KB4 of course! I
wanted to see if Evans
had found any improve-
ment over our first
draw in Calif. Open '57

1 P-QB4
He tried N-KB3 in 1957
2 N-KB3 N-KB3
3 P-K3 P-KN3
4 P-QN3 B-N2
5 B-N2 O-O
6 B-K2 P-Q3
In MCO 10th edition
Evans suggests P-Q4
as an improvement. But
he has the scores of
our 2 games mixed, my
record of this game is
correct of course.
7 O-O P-N3
8 P-B4 B-N2
9 N-R3 This knight on
the rim is headed for
the B2 square where it
will act both offensive-
ly and defensibly on the
center squares.

9 N-B3
10 N-B2 R-B
11 Q-K P-K3
12 R-Q P-Q4
finally! Note comment
after his 6th. move.
13 P-Q4 PxQP
14 KPxP N-K5
15 B-Q3 P-B4
16 N-K3 R-K
17 N-K5 B-B
18 BxN! BPxB
19 Q-N3 not best after

the game Evans suggested
PxP first, and to use his
own words: "you probably
would have beaten me."

19 N-K2
20 P-B5 PxP (+)
21 NxBP! NxN
22 RxN R-K3
23 QR-KB B-N2
24 R-B7 R-B2
25 Q-B4 R(3)-K2
Evans Grandmaster strenght
shows in his tenacious de-
fense of a difficult posi-
tion. He offered a draw at
this point. I accepted the
draw offer after consider-
ing B-R3 the only move I
could see to make any pro-
gress - also noting that
Evans had at least $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
more to make time control
than I had. I did not wish
to get into an end game
under time pressure with
an undear position. After
the game Evans and I ana-
lyzed.

26 B-R3 RxR
27 NxR BxPch
28 K-R Q-B3!
Evans had planned this re-
ply to this forced varia-
tion. Of course 29 QxR is
impossible because of QxR
mate.
29 N-R6ch K-R (not K-N2
because of QxRch)
30 QxQ BxQ
31 RxB K-N2
32 N-N4 P-KR4

33 B-B8ch K-R2
34 N-K5 P-Q5 and
black has 2 united passed
pawns for a knight.

To this day I have not
been able to find a
forced win for white
from the final position.
Perhaps some of the read-
ers can find one! Des-
pite my triple alliance
on the open Bishop file,
Evans defense seems to
just hold. Note that
Evans was on the defen-
sive practically
the whole game! In our
previous (1957) game -
Evans was forced to take
a draw by perpetual check
in an inferior position!
Some conclusions: Curios-
ly enough, Evans has re-
frained from the From's
gambit in both of our gam-
es. He obviously agrees
with Reuben Fine's PCO -
that this gambit is un-
sound. Nevertheless, this
gambit has caused me con-
siderable trouble, and I
sometimes avoid it by
transposing to the King's
Gambit. Incidentally, I
have a plus tournament
record with this gambit
also. Depending on my
mood, I may prefer to
give a gambit, rather than
accept one. In either case,
I decide what the opening
will be! My success with
the Bird Opening is due
to the fact that I spe-
cialize in it. A similar
example can be found in
Durkin's attack named af-
ter tim. In MCO Evans de-
scribes this attack as:
"sort of Bird opening with
white's knight developed
in an awkward post." In
my last game with Evans
you will note that I com-
bined Durkin's attack with
"my" Bird, and the final
position must be consid-
ered as a plus for white.

Bersach & Evans (Cont'd)

Evans himself acknowledges this in MCO. Incidentally both Evans & myself won our 5th. round games. In the 6th. & final round Evans had white against Weinberger, and I had black against Henin. Evans disposed of Weinberger early, and then waited for the result of my game with Henin. Had I been able to beat Henin, I would have tied Evans for 1st. place. Of course Evans would have won the tourney on tie-breaking points, but we would have split the prize money. I played the "Blackbird" against Henin and was only able to draw. Thus Evans won, and I wound up in a 4 way tie for second place with Rivise, Cunningham, and Wilcox. Despite the result, I must consider this one of my finest tournament efforts.

AS PEASE SEES IT

Readers who play over this game are in for a rare treat. Both players went to the extreme in creativity, resourcefulness, in defense & attack, opening, middle, & endgame.

To start with black reacts to a "semi-colle system" with a "semi-Q's Indian." And from there they plunge into a sea of complications, fraught with danger, to say the least.

Riverside Open '70

Kupersmith W. Bragg

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| 1 P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2 N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 3 QN-Q2 | P-K3 |
| 4 P-K3 | P-QN3 |
| 5 B-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 6 Q-K2 | P-B4 |
| 7 PXP | BXP |
- Here & later black demonstrates he means to maintain a piece on his QB4
- | | |
|--------|--|
| 8 O-O | QN-Q2 |
| 9 P-K4 | The customary colle push seems to fit here to. |
| 9 | PXP |
| 10 NXP | Q-B2?! |

Black has a fantastic notion: Give up the two Bishops, and mate white!

11 NxB NxN
 12 B-N5ch K-K2!?

Part of the Fantasia..

13 P-QR4! The point is to maintain the Bishop on QB4 after...P-QR3, as ...P-QN4 is then prevented.

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| 13 | N-N5 |
| 14 P-KN3 | P-KR4 |
| 15 B-KB4 | Q-B1 |
| 16 QR-Q1 | P-QR3 |
| 17 B-Q6ch | K-B3 |
| 18 B-QB4 | Q-B3 |
| 19 B-K5ch | K-K2 |
| 20 B-Q6ch | K-B3 |
| 21 R-Q4 | N-K5 |
- Who's attacking who?
- | | |
|-----------|--------|
| 22 KR-Q1 | N/KxBP |
| 23 R-B4ch | K-N3 |
| 24 RXP! | QR-K1 |
- (not 24...KxR 25 QxP mate.)
- 25 QxN! QxB/5
- Right. If 25...KxR
- | | | |
|-----------|------|---------|
| 26 N-K5ch | K-N1 | 27 Q-B7 |
|-----------|------|---------|
- ch wins. Or if 25....
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| NxQ 26 N-K5ch & 27 |
|--------------------|
- NxQ wins.
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| 26 RxB! | NxQ |
| 27 N-K5ch | K-R2 |
| 28 NxQ | NxR |
| 29 B-K5 | KR-B1 |
- 30 RXPch -(not 30 BXP R-QN1!)
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|------------|------|
| 30 | K-R3 |
| 31 R-Q7 | R-Q1 |
| 32 B-N7ch | K-N4 |
| 33 P-R4ch! | K-B4 |
- or 33...K-N5 34 BxR
- RxR 35 N-K5ch.
- | | |
|---------|-------|
| 34 R-N7 | R-KN1 |
|---------|-------|
- or 34...R-QN1 35 BxR
- RxR 36 N-Q6ch.
- | | |
|-----------|--------|
| 35 K-B1 | K-K5 |
| 36 K-K2 | R-Q4 |
| 37 N-Q2ch | RxNch |
| 38 KxR | N-K6 |
| 39 B-R6 | RXP |
| 40 BxN | R-N7ch |

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| 40...RxB | 41 RXP | Trans- |
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- poses to the game.
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| 41 K-B3 | R-N6 |
| 42 RXP | RxBch |
| 43 K-Q2 | R-KR6 |
| 44 RXPch | K-Q4 |
| 45 RXP | RXP |

46 P-R5	K-B4
47 R-KR6	R-R7ch
48 K-Q3	R-R6ch
49 K-K4	R-R5ch
50 K-K5	K-N4
51 P-R6	R-R5
52 RXP	KXP
53 R-R6ch	It's all over now. The rest is technique. As they say. But it's instuctive. Technically, there are only 3 possible ways black could draw this ending: 1. Blockade the pawns. 2. Poor white rook position, (i.e., in front of the pawns) or 3. Stalemate. White prevents all 3.

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| 53 | K-N2 |
| 54 P-N3 | R-R7 |
| 55 P-B4 | R-QN7 |
| 56 R-R3 | K-B3 |
| 57 K-Q4 | R-N8 |
| 58 R-R6ch | K-N2 |
| 59 K-B3 | K-B2 |
| 60 P-N4 | R-B8ch |
| 61 K-Q4 | R-KN8 |
| 62 P-B5 | R-N5ch |
| 63 K-B3 | K-N2 |
| 64 K-N3 | K-B2 |
| 65 K-R4 | K-N2 |
| 66 R-Q6 | R-N2 |
| 67 K-N5 | R-N5 |
| 68 R-Q7ch | K-N1 |
| 69 K-R5 | R-QB5 |
| 70 K-N5 | R-N5 |
| 71 P-B6 | R-R5 |
| 72 K-B5 | K-R1 |
| 73 P-N5 | R-R1 |
| 74 K-N6 | R-N1ch |
| 75 K-R6 | R-R1 |
| 76 P-N6 | K-N1 |

Now white finishes with a flourish. A ridiculous swindle attempt would have been 76...R-R3 77 P-B7? (77 P-N7ch! K-N1 78 P-B7 mate) RXPch! 78 KxR stalemate!

77 R-Q8ch! Res.

Special Rumor: "The United States Open" will be coming to Ventura, California.

North American Rockwell Valley....."Rating Tournament" that concluded in the latter part of July was taken by Don Kendall with a perfect score of (6). Divisional winners were: "A" Hal Milner (5), "B" Dave Levy (4½), "C" Jim Mastous (3½) & "D" Joseph Legradi (4)....."Rating Tournament" USCF, 8rd ss starts September 17....."Unrated Tournament" for non-USCF, 8rd ss also starts September 17. (Entrance fee for both tournies are probably very low. Ed.).....This Club cordially invites you, for they have novices to experts. There's a good game awaiting you. Oh, & by the way, there's no dues required!!

Herman Steiner....."Carl Picnick Simultaneous" (14-3-1) Ronald Smith won; Ariel Levy, Victor Lopez & Nathan Robinson drew....."Rapid Aug. 11" winner was Roy Oster with a great score of 12½-½, 2nd was Furman, 3rd & 4th Stone & Levy....."Rapid Aug. 18" winner was Paul Koploy 17½-1½ & John Barnard was 2nd with a 16½-2½....."Rapid Aug. 25" winner was Pollard 17½-2½, 2nd was Cunningham 17-3 & 3rd Furman 15-5.....REMEMBER - "Rapid Transit" every Tuesday at the Herman Steiner!!!

Whittier....."Whittier Chess Club Championship" a six-round swiss, 40/2. Free to all Club members!!! Registration starts 7pm, September 14, 1970. Beautiful trophies to be awarded to the Grand Champion, the best player above 1699 and best player below 1700. A rated tournament - USCF membership required. Whittier Chess Club dues for 1970-71 due September 1st. \$5 adults; \$2.50 under 21. Join the Whittier Chess Club now and enjoy all the advantages offered by no other club: 1. A free rated tournament. 2. Reduced rates on all rated tournaments. Save at least \$1 per tournament. 20% reduction on USCF memberships. 3. More rated 6-week tournaments than any other club in Southern Calif. 4. Larger 6-week tournaments than any other club in the United States. 5. Many extras, rapid transits, 30-30's, round robins, etc. 6. Plenty of skittle players for those who cannot play tournaments. 7. Reasonable tournament fees; easy on the pocket book. 8. Beautiful trophies and cash prizes. Most tournaments return 100% after rating fees. 9. Chess schools and promotion of high school chess. 10. And, most important of all, friendly association with chess players from all of Southern California -- players from North Hollywood to El Torro, from Pasadena to Laguna. Join the Whittier Chess Club now and save. Become a part of this growing chess club that THINKS ABOUT YOUR CHESS NEEDS!

Downey....."Summer Classic '70" was clearly taken (6-0) by Mr. Kirill Firfaroff (won \$25 & a very nice trophy). Second -- Mr. Don Bicknell (\$15). "B" division was won by Mr. Roy Andolfo (trophy & cash). "Unrated" division was taken by Mr. Gorton (trophy & cash). Mr. Koutz & Mr. Day were also cash winners....."Summer Lightning '70" was honored by the presence of Mr. Allan Troy (well known Master of So. Calif.), also Mr. Miroslav Tasev (Canadian Master & Pacific Southwest Co-Champ) and also present was Mr. Kim Commons (strong expert & Pacific Southwest Co-Champ). Troy beat Tasev, Tasev beat Commons, Commons beat Troy - Uh ring uh 'round duh rozies. Each had a score of 17-1. Winner of fourth position was Mr. Robert Edberg, a strong "A" player, with a 13-5. Downey return was more than 100% of original entry of each event!!! No space for crosstables. Tournament Director: John C. Barnard

El Segundo....."Lunar Rocks Tournament", June 23rd thru July 28, 6rd ss results: Fifteen players competed in the tournament directed by Douglas Linn. Helmut Keil took first place, Jim Porter second, and Henry Cillers third....."Magnetometer Rating Tournament" September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27 thru November 3. USCF, 6rd ss, 40/2, EF \$2 & trophies for first & second.

Ventura....."California Open Championship" September 5, 6 & 7 - USCF CSCF, 7rd ss, 30/1 (rds 1 & 2), 40/2 (Rds 3 thru 7), E.F. \$15 & Registration 8am, Sat, Sept. 5. Prize Fund \$1500: 1st \$500, wnd \$250, 3rd \$150, 1st in each following division \$100: "Expert", "A", "B", "C", "D & UR" & "Jr under 18". Schedule of rounds: Sat 11am, 3:30pm & 8pm; Sun 11am & 5pm; Mon 9am & 2pm. Location: Civic Recreation Center, 1261 E. Main Street, Ventura, Calif. Mr. Gordon Barrett directing.

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Bank of America - 7th & Olive (Entrance on Olive) Ed Mayhew (213-445-3368) (Sun 1pm - 6pm)

Bechtel Corporation - 46th & Seville, Mr. Truman Reese (213-722-0839)

Bolsa Chica - 13660 University, Westminster, (Wed) Mr. Ted Moore (Pres.) (714-893-8476)

City Terrace - 1226 Hazard, L.A. (Wed 7:30pm) Mr. Jerry Wollschlager (TD) (213-566-2235) (west gate - Orange)

Costa Mesa - Community Recreation Center (Wed 7pm) County Fairgrounds)

Downey - Golden Park at 8840 Golden Ave. (Thur 7pm) Mr. Bill King (TD) (213-566-6374) Pres. Mr. Jack Stillman (213-630-3065)

El Segundo - Recreation & Parks Dept., 300 E. Pine, (213-322-3842) (Tue 7pm) Mr. Hank Shipin (Pres.) (213-755-9652) Mr. Douglas Linn (TD) (213-676-8933)

El Sereno - 4859 Huntington, L.A. (Sat 7pm) "Raymond" (Manager) (213-222-0945)

Herman Steiner - 8371 Beverly, L.A. (Tue. Wed. Thur. 7:30pm & Sat. & Sun. 1pm) Mr. Rubin (Manager) (213-653-9369) Mr. Jack Moskowitz (213-931-9544)

Lincoln Park Chess & Checkers - Long Beach, 24 Cedar (10-10 daily) (213-432-9573)

Montclair - Montclair Library, Fremont & Benito (City Hall Complex) (Fri 7pm) Mr. Ron James (714-624-1203)

Monterey Park - Garvey Ranch Park, (Fri 7:30pm) Mr. Yury Oganosov (Pres.) (213-721-0247) Mr. Ben Kakimi (TD) (213-728-5963)

North American Rockwell (Valley) - 8500 Fallbrook, Canoga Park (Thur 7:30pm) Mr. Oliva (TD) (213-340-8391)

Orange - 153 Olive, (Tue 6:30pm & Sat 10:30am) Mr. Mike Rechsteiner (714-639-4737)

Pasadena - Caltec "The Athenaeum Building" 551 S. Hill (Friday) Dr. R.D. Lewis (213-799-7123) Mr. Monte Cowdry (213-798-4809)

Riverside - 2624 Fairmount (Mon 7:30pm) Mr. Don Cotton (714-688-3170)

Plummer Park - 7377 Santa Monica, Hollywood (Mon & Fri)

Russian - 650 Micheltoreno, L.A. (Sun 2pm) (213-666-4977)

San Bernardino - Cultural Center (Thur 7:30pm) Mr. William Teal (714-875-7099)

San Fernando - North Hollywood Park, 5301 Tujunga (Thur & Fri 7:30pm) Mr. Sigmund Goldstein (213-766-4566) Mr. Polland (213-765-0782)

Santa Monica Bay - Lincoln Park at Lincoln & Wilshire (MWF 7:30pm) Mr. Carl L. Budd (Pres.) (213-394-6033) Mr. William Bragg (TD) (213-645-6741)

Simi Valley - 1402 Royal (Royal High School, Rm. 7-12) (Thur 7pm) Mr. Stan Ring (805-527-2893)

Students' - 8371 Beverly (213-653-9369) (Sat 9am - 1:30pm) Stewart Swartz (Pres.) (213-624-1203)

TRW Systems - No. 1 Space Park, Redondo Beach, Mr. Don Crawford (213-378-6855)

Tanglewood - 4647 Larwin, Cypress (Mon 8pm) Mr. Bernard Kreul (Pres.) (714-826-7017)

West Covina - Barranca Elementary School at 309 S. Barranca (Fri 7:30pm) Mr. Wehrmeister (Pres.) (714-985-5573) Mr. Besen (TD) (213-284-1161)

Westlake - 743 S. Alvarado, L.A. (Sun. to Thur. 5:30-Midnight) (Fri. & Sat. 5:30pm-6am) Mr. Lee G. Baker (Manager-Owner) (213-386-0548)

Whittier - Sorensen Park at Broadway & Rosehedge (Mon 7:30pm) Mr. Ken Fleshman (TD) (213-699-5787)

PLACES TO VISIT

MacArthur Park - 7th. & Alvarado

Santa Monica Beach Chess Tables - The Promenade at the foot of Seaside Terrace

NIGHT SPOTS WITH CHESS

Blue Baron - 9339 Wahington, Culver City, Mr. Gary Morris (213-836-9597)

Blue Grotto Coffee House - 4400 Melrose (8pm - 4am nightly)

Epicurian Coffee House - 6842 Sunset Blvd. (10pm - 6am nightly)