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In the first year of our paper's existence, we published 16 issues. This year we were able to get out only twelve, but each issue this year has been bigger and better, so that in total pages the volume is perhaps larger. At least, everything available has been printed. Right here it might be pointed out that while the average "issue" is about six sheets, we could add another four sheets to an issue for cost of paper and stencils plus another cent postage. In other words, another four pages would cost only a fraction of the cost of the first six pages. That is why Ye Ed is always drumming up business by requesting game scores and news from Clubs.

The cash balance of the Sacto Chess Club as last reported was 82.88. Since that time, we have collected at our weekly meetings \$1.75, 2.70, & 3.25. Also \$5.00 in dues and \$6.00 from Pittsburg. Expenses have been, 7.01 for envelopes (500 #10 & 100- 9x12), mileage to Pittsburg 11.20, Postage 2.75, cost of issues 11 & 12 \$6.00; leaves a balance of \$74.62 on hand. A very satisfactory financial condition. Two more clubs still owe the \$6 assessment for support of the paper, and we wish they would send it in pronto. Tax time is coming and Ye Ed will be too busy to "dun".

Well chessplayers, there seems to be some peculiar ideas about the Gee-Hailparn game in the Fresno-Sacramento Match, and a little explanation is in order. Crofut writes in his report (which we published in the last issue and which the Calif. Chess Reporter has in its December issue) on the League that "until Hailparn threw a rook away against Gee - the last game finished." In the same issue to Chess Reporter Phil Smith of Fresno refers to the game as "On board three young Mike Hailparn was three pawns up in a safe position against Gee and then blew it". Now to go back to the actual game: Fresno had the match virtually won, as Mike and I had a very even position - I was forced to play for a win in order that Sacramento could even tie the match! This I did, to the point of making my last eight moves (to forty & time limit) in less than two minutes. Also, Mike did not throw away a rook, and I dispute Smith's statement of a "safe position". It is true that Mike's game was perfectly defensible and he simply made a bad oversight. But it is also true that I was doing my best to help him make an oversight. When he moved a Rook from Q2 to Q3 (instead of K2 where he should have gone) there was a forced mate for Black, in a very few moves. Not exactly a safe position under those circumstances. Anyhow, the score is printed in this issue, play it yourself!

Oh, how we wish some of our new club members had showed up about six months ago! Possibly the San Jose and Fresno matches would have been much different! We refer to Alex Janushkowsky, and Ojars Celle - both fine players and welcome additions to our club. We sincerely hope they make Sacramento their permanent home. Also a welcome sight at Club meeting was one George Flynn, who now expects to be a regular again - and incidentally, to get in some over-the-board practice too. On the other side of the picture, our good friend Ralph Stagg is moving to SF very soon, this Wednesday meeting will be his last regular attendance. Ralph is fast developing into a real chessplayer, and we hope he continues the game in SF.

We have received word that the 1952 U. S. Open Championship will be held in Tampa, Florida. The goal is 150 players, so plan to attend if you can do so.

Enclosed with each copy of this issue is the USCF pamphlet entitled "Chess and You". Will you please read this and examine what the USCF offers you in the way of concrete advantages in addition to the fact that in membership you support chess on an organized basis in the United States. The USCF has a membership drive on now, and the California goal is some 100 new members. The dues are only \$3 a year, and we sincerely request that you join, and put the drive over the top.

As this Wednesday is the last scheduled date in the preliminary round of our qualifying tournament, all players in the tourney are requested to be presented to finish up their games before the holidays. It has been a good tournament so far, and we certainly hope no one drops out. Actually there may be some additions into the final rounds of play as more players are now available.

## COMMENTS

by Elynn

Well, children, another year draws to a close--and it's been a good year for chess. The Central California League is now solidly established, and the players from different cities are getting to know each other better. We have all learned to respect each other, both as chessplayers and as human beings. And I think we like each other.

Sure, we get annoyed when our wonderful combination blows up in our face and we have to say, "I resign." But, after it's all over, we can console ourselves with, "Yes, I was beaten. But I couldn't have been beaten by a nicer guy."

And then we add, "Let's get 'em next time." For there is always another day in chess, and another game. And for our League, there is surely a long and bright future ahead.

As for our magazine, it has helped a lot to have a central publication for ideas. I don't care who you are or what club you belong to. If you've got something to say about chess, you can get it printed here. Editor J. B. Gee has not only done all the hard work for the "Sacramento Chess News" but he has been big enough to print things he didn't agree with in the least. Just so long as you don't slander any individual too violently, he doesn't care. You won't be censored, and all of us will be interested--whether we go along with you, or not.

The magazine has already lived two years--which is a long time for a project like this. Now, with the support of the entire League, it looks like it, too, has a long and bright future ahead.

The heart of chess is in the individual club--and the various clubs are stronger and better than ever. I haven't been able to get down Wednesday nights to our Sacramento meetings until last week. I was amazed at the turnout. We didn't have room for all the players. Tournament Director R. E. Russell is largely responsible for this--due to his organizing of tournaments and his initiative in going out and getting trophies and cups for prizes. Other clubs should talk to Russell about this--since he has found out where you can buy very fine trophies for a reasonable price.

There are several new players in the Sacramento Club--two of whom scored their points against Pittsburg. Ojars J. Celle, a young Latvian, won on 5th board. I played him myself Wednesday night, and he won about 4 games before I could get settled down in my chair. His father also plays chess and Ojars says his father is even better than he is. They are both welcome additions to our gang. Also, Dr. Jamushkowsky scored versus Pittsburg on 6th board. He, too, is a European--born in Poland--and is as amiable a fellow as you'll find anywhere. If he's a medical doctor (I'm not sure) we'll have to put him to work and see if he can solve our occupational ailments--like chessplayer's neck (a very painful constriction of the shoulder and neck area from hunching over the board), and also chessplayer's hand (lack of circulation induced by the commendable practice of sitting on one's hands to avoid rash moves.) Seriously, we're darn glad to have you with us, Doctor. (Ed Note - He's a medical doctor - and a good one.)

Also, Bob Burger scored versus Pittsburg. Bob isn't exactly a newcomer. He also won a game for us versus the Log Cabin team this summer. Bob is one of the brightest chess prospects in our area. Two of his problems were published recently in the "Christian Science Monitor".

Well, I didn't get down to the Pittsburg match--so I can't give you a blow-by-blow description. As I told Neil Austin, I fell down and fractured my wallet in four places. Now, I'm trying to get well and couldn't afford to take the day off. I wonder if Dr. Jamushkowsky ever tried mending a fractured wallet. Maybe we could put it in a cast.

Anyhow, I do note that our "solid three"--Gee, Meyer, Austin--won their games. And for Pittsburg, Sam Bean, Glover, and one of their Garcias. It was a good match, and everyone is looking forward to trying it again next year.

In conclusion, I would like to mention every player in the League and even a lot of our friends outside the League--but the list would be too long. If you love chess, however, you may be sure you'd be on the list. You're my friend, and I'm your friend. And I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Chessical New Year.

### City Qualifying Tournament

Director R. E. Russell

With four rounds completed and but one round to go this Swiss System event shapes up much as pre-tourney "dope" figured. Five players have some kind of chance at the top spot. J. B. Gee and H. O. Meyer at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points, and S. G. Johnson Ray Richards and R. E. Russell with 3 points. However, Gee is top heavy favorite as he has scored  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points against Russell, Richard and Meyer (the draw with Meyer) and barring unforeseen, will wind up in top qualifying spot for the City Championship event to follow.

Contenders for the remaining two places open in the City event are R. Stagg, Wm. Allen, S. Spaulding, R. McDonald and F. Roman, each of whom have even scores.

Those above who miss the two spots in the City event will join J. Hardy, G. Gray, E. Horton and J. Hastings in contesting the Team Reserves Tournament which will start at the same time as the City event and like it, will be a Round Robin.

### Notes from Oakdale Chess Club

Mr. Cutting brought a board to the club the other evening and offered it as a prize to the one bringing in the most new members in the next six months. And boy o' boy is that board a beauty? It is made with a lot of different kinds of hardwood. I started to count the number of pieces of wood in it and got dizzy before I finished one side. If I owned that board \$25 wouldn't touch it. For the next six months it will be in the window of the Oakdale Hardware Store. Al Burer, the proprietor, says he is going to win it but he will have to hump himself if he does for every member of the club will be out to win it.

I enjoy playing over the games you print, and as far as that goes I guess every one else does. In playing over the game of K. Forrest vs G. Garcia, with notes by Forrest, I noticed a couple of moves he doesn't mention in his notes. At move 35, P-B6 at once seems stronger. He played it two moves later and Black took it. If he had played it at move 35 Black can't take it or he loses his Queen. And on the 46th move, Garcia missed it by not playing 46.1.P-R3; 47 BxP (loses) R-Q; 48 K-K3, NxP; 49 B-N5, N-B8ch, and if 47. B-R4, P-KM4; 48. PxP R-Q wins, and if 47. B-B6 (best) NxB 48. PxB, R-Q followed by K-B2 and Black should win the end game. Oh well, if no one ever made a bad move all games would be a draw.

I have here a letter from Mr. W. H. Pico, secretary of the Social Exchange Chess Club, of Cavalier, North Dakota, inviting everyone to join his club. You pay \$2 to join and that is all you ever pay, no dues or assessments. He will send you the names and addresses of 25 players, and more when you want them. Speaking of correspondence chess, why not have a correspondence chess champion of the League? To get it started I will challenge any one who cares to accept it to play two games. The winner to be the champ until somebody beats him. It is understood that you are to reply promptly and no one is to help. Address all cards to R. W. Brown, Rt. 1, Box 477, Waterford, California.

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Herman Steiner advises us that Lod Prins is in Los Angeles, and is interested in making a tour and giving simultaneous exhibitions in our State. The fee is \$50 for an exhibition and lecture up to 40 boards. Any clubs that may be interested can write direct to Steiner at his studio, 108 No. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles 36.

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It was necessary for the Sacto Club to cancel plans for Reshevsky to appear here for an exhibition after the first of the year, due to lack of interest. Nevertheless, we wish Sammy a most successful tour, and if he appears in any nearby towns we will make it a point to attend.

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Wow - the Holiday Season is almost upon us, and the thought also occurs to me that the North-South match is just the next thing to being here! Start thinking now about taking a three-day holiday over Memorial Day and play in the match. You surely won't regret it. It's the BIG EVENT of our chess year!!!

Games played on Dec. 9th, and reported to us, are:

Sacramento		Pittsburg		Modesto		at Fresno	
1. Russell, R.E.	0.	Bean, Sam	1.	1. Jackson, M.	0	Smith, P.	1.
2. Gee, J.B.	1.	Olvera, F.	0.	2. Davis, L.	0	Strong, W.	1.
3. Austin, N.T.	1.	Weinberg, F.	0.	3. Jeffers, E.	1	Kallmann, H.	0.
4. Meyer, M. O.	1.	Wilson, Salve	0.	4. Kerfoot, L.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Hailparn, H.	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. Celle, O.J.	1.	Garcia, G.	0.	5. Paul, H.	1	Forrest, K.	0.
6. Janushkowsky, A	1.	Lansing, H.	0.	6. Krogness, L.	0	Cook, E.	$\frac{1}{2}$
7. Berger, B.	1.	Tuson, R.	0.		$\frac{2}{2}$		$\frac{3}{2}$
8. Spaulding, S.	0.	Glorer, J.R.	1.	Fresno wins their first round of the			
9. Hardy, James	$\frac{0}{6}$	Garcia, Jess	$\frac{1}{3}$	season! And 3 straight wins for Smith!			

Fresno-Sacto  
Hailparn-Gee

1 P Q4	N KB3
2 P QB4	P K4
3 P xP	N N5
4 N KB3	N QB3
5 P K3	KN xP
6 B K2	B K2
7 O O	P Q3
8 Q B2	B K3
9 P QN3	O O
10 B N2	B B3
11 R Q	N QN5
12 Q Q2	Q K2
13 B B3	QR Q
14 N Q4	N R3
15 Q B2	N B4
16 N Q2	B N5
17 N/2 B3	N N3
18 P KR3	B Q2
19 QR B	N K5
20 B Q2	P QR3
21 B Q3	KR K
22 B B5	P QN3
23 B Q2	P B4
24 N K2	B B3
25 B K	N R5
26 NxN	BxN
27 N B3	N N4
28 Q K2	P B4?
29 BxP	R KB
30 N Q5	BxN
31 RxB	N K5
32 BxN	QxB
33 Q B2	Q K2
34 R B5	RxR
35 QxR	R KB
36 Q Q5ch	K R
37 R Q	R B3
38 R Q2	P R3
39 Q R8ch	R B
40 QxP	Q K4
41 QxP	B N6
42 Q B6	Q R8
43 K B	Q K4
44 Q Q5?	QxP
45 R Q3???	RxPch
Resigns	
2:00	2:10

Sacto #52" Tourney.  
Spaulding vs Stagg

1 P K4	P K4
2 N KB3	N QB3
3 B B4	B B4
4 P B3	P Q3
5 P Q4	PxP
6 P xP	B QN5ch
7 N QB3	B N5
8 O O	BxN/KB3
9 QxB	Q KB3
10 Q Q3	QxQP
11 QxQ	NxQ
12 N Q5	B R4
13 B K3	N B7
14 QR B	NxB
15 P xN	P QB3
16 N B7ch	BxN
17 P xP	O O O
18 QR KB	N KB3
19 R xP	NxP
20 RR B7	B N3
21 B K6ch	K N
22 R xPch	K R
23 B KN4	KR N
24 B KB3	RxR
25 R xR	BxPch
26 K B	N Q7ch
27 K K2	NxB
28 KxB	NxP
29 R xR xP	N N5
30 K B3	N K4
31 K B4	N Q6ch
32 Resigns	

Sacto #52" Tourney.  
Richards vs Gee

1 P K4	P QB4
2 N KB3	N QB3
3 P QN3	P K4
4 N B3	N B3
5 B N2	P Q3
6 B K2	B K2
7 P Q3	B K3
8 Q Q2	O O
9 P KR3	N Q5
10 N R2	R B

11 O O	P QN4
12 P QR4	P N5
13 N Q	P QR4
14 N K3	Q B2
15 P KB4	P xP
16 R xP	P Q4
17 N/3 N4	NxBch
18 QxN	QxR
19 N KB	BxN
20 NxN8	Q N4
21 R B5	Q R5
22 BxN	BxB
23 R R5	B Q5ch
24 K R	Q K2
25 Q Q2	P xP
26 N R6ch	P xN
27 Q xP	P B4
28 Q N5ch	QxQ
29 Resigns	

Pittsburg-Sacto.  
Celle - Garcia

1 P Q4	P Q4
2 P K3	P K3
3 P QB4	P QB3
4 N KB3	N KB3
5 B Q3	B K2
6 O O	O O
7 P QN3	QN Q2
8 B N2	R K
9 Q B2	N B
10 QN Q2	B Q2
11 QR K	QR B
12 P K4	BxP
13 NxP	NxN
14 BxN	P B3
15 P KR3	P KB4
16 B Q3	N N3
17 P N3	R B
18 B B	Q K
19 P B5	Q B2
20 B QB4	QR K
21 P KR4	B Q
22 P R5	N R
23 N K5	Q K2
24 Q K2	N B2
25 NxB	QxN

26 BxP	Q K2
27 Q B4	P KR3
28 B B4	K R
29 BxN	Q Q2
30 BxR	RxB
31 R xRch	QxR
32 B K5	K R2
33 Q K2	Q Q2
34 R Q	Q K2
35 P Q5	QxP
36 P xP	B N3
37 P xP	Resigns

Austin vs Weinberg.

1 P Q4	P Q4
2 P QB4	P K3
3 N QB3	N KB3
4 B N5	QN Q2
5 P xP	P xP
6 P K3	B K2
7 B Q3	P B3
8 Q B2	Q B2
9 KN K2	Q N
10 P KR3	P QN3
11 B KB4	B Q3
12 P R3	BxB
13 NxB	O O
14 P QN4	R K
15 O O	B N2
16 KR K	P B4
17 NP xP	P xP
18 P xP	P Q5
19 N N5	P xP
20 N Q6	P xPch
21 QxP	R xRch
22 R xR	B B3
23 R K7	Q Q
24 P xP	N K4
25 R xPch	K xR
26 N K6ch	Resigns

Please send in more news and game scores! We need them. Lack of material responsible for this small issue!