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## \* MERRY CHRISTMAS \*

To our members, their families, and our many friends throughout the chess fraternity may we wish you all the happiness and blessings of the holiday season.

The officers of the S.B.C.C.

### NIMZO OPENS WITH A WIN!

Our club team opened its league schedule on Dec 9th with a resounding 5-1 win over the Daly City Knights (their "B" team). The return of FRED SCHOENE, NANCY McLEOD, and a successful baptism-of-fire by recently crowned "C" champ MIKE McLEOD were all contributions to our success. We can ill afford to let this early-season win go to our heads, since a glance at the ratings carried by our opponents, shows how badly they were "out-gunned."

1	F Schoene(2011)	J Lemke(1680)	0
1	W Hendricks(1984)	C Morell(1614)	0
1	P Zink(1637)	W Ewert(1650)	0
0	S Udman(1710)	K Hanson(1650)	1
1	N McLeod(1663)	H Hatch(1493)	0
1	M McLeod(1550)	A Clarren(1498)	0
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Next Match, Thursday, Jan 9th AT Burlingame.

### NOVEMBER RAPIDS

In a real swinging tourney, our best in many moons, ten men fought it out for the title. FRED SCHOENE winning 8 out of 9, took home the trophy. Pres "Lightning"

Mendell scored the only win over Fred.

1	F Schoene	8	6	P Zink	4
2	W Hendricks	7	7	C Artigues	3+
3	D McLeod	6+	8	D Denney	2
4	S Udman	6	9	M McLeod	2
5	P Mendell	4	10	B McBride	2

Next Rapids - PROVIDING the school is open on that evening - - - Dec 30th.

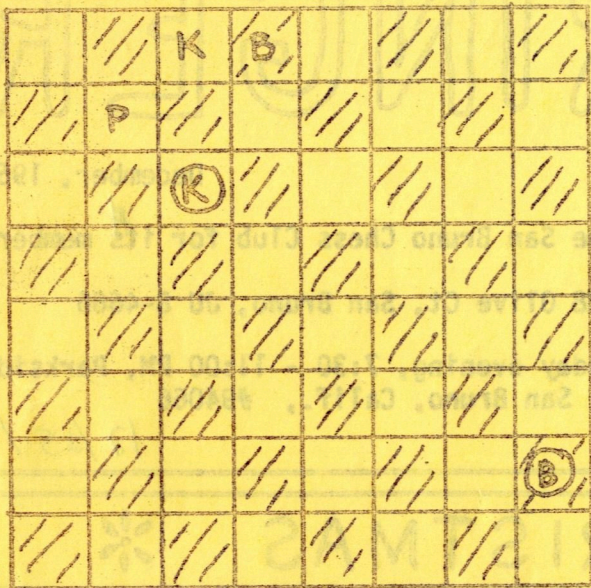
### 1968 IN REVIEW

GRANT METCALF represented the U.S. in the Blind Chess Olympics in England. - - - Our club team closed with a rush in league play to move-up from eighth to a strong third-place finish. - - - ROY "push-a-pawn" WILLIS was transferred to Hawaii by his company. - - - FRED SCHOENE, DALE SAUNDERS, and PAUL ZINK won sections in the July 4th festival; Fred also took home the overall "A" trophy. - - - The club swamped all competition at Sonoma, bringing home the grand prize. Section winners included GRANT METCALF, MIKE McLEOD, WADE HENDRICKS, DAN McLEOD, PRES MENDELL, and BOB McBRIDE; the first two winning trophies. - - - WADE HENDRICKS, PAUL ZINK, and MIKE McLEOD WON The 1968 club championships.

The untimely passing of charter member JOHN CONNESS in June continues to leave a void at our meetings.

NOW is the time to renew your club membership for the year. See ERNIE CLOT!!

END GAME STUDY



White "X" to move and win. White can queen on the move, but will lose his new queen, and only draw. How to proceed??

1 B-R4! K-N3

Other moves lose even more rapidly, for example 1 ... B-B5; 2 B-B2, B-R7; 3 B-R7, B-B5; 4 B-N8, B-K6; B-N3, B-R2; 6 B-B2! and wins. Black tries to stave off this variation by bringing his King to QR3.

2 B-B2ch K-R3

3 B-B5! ...

To force Black's Bishop off his present square.

3 ... B-N6

4 B-K7 K-N3

Back again, as White was threatening to win with B-Q8-B7.

5 B-Q8ch K-B3

6 B-R4! ...

The winning tempo, made possible at move #3.

6 ... B-Q3

7 B-B2 B-R7

8 B-R7 B-Q3

9 B-N8 B-B4

10 B-R2 B-R2

11 B-N1 and wins

Black's bishop has become useless.

OVERMATCHED !

Playing a "for-keeps" game against a better player always makes your editor overly cautious, and probably causes many missed opportunities. Here from our recent championships, is a game against Connor Schroth. Play it over from the BLACK side of the board, and squirm with yours truly. (cont)

White - Connor Schroth Black - Paul Zink

1 P-Q4, P-Q4

2 P-K4, ...

What's this? In skittles, I would take it, but this guy is probably laying a well-studied trap. I'll prop it up with the KP, so he can't end up with a queen side majority.

2 ... P-K3

6 O-O, B-K2

3 PxP, Pxp

7 R-K1, O-O

4 N-KB3, N-Q2

8 B-KN5, P-B4

5 B-Q3, KN-B3

The minute I let go of the pawn, I was sorry.

9 P-B3, P-QN3

11 B-N5, ...

10 N-K5, B-N2

Ugh! Here comes trouble!

11 ... NxN

Only relief I could see.

12 PxN, N-K5

15 N-Q2, N-K3

13 BxB, QxB

16 P-KN3, ...

14 P-B3, N-N4

Seemed necessary to me, especially since he had swapped-off his black bishop. This move did more to encourage me, and buoy my confidence than any other move in the game. I felt his K-side was weakened, while mine was still intact.

16 ... P-B5

18 K-B2, ...

17 B-R4, Q-N4

To get rid of the pin.

18 ... P-QR3

20 N-B1, QR-Q1

19 B-B2, P-N4

21 P-B4, ...

Sorely tempted to "sac" the Knight, but too many continuations possible. Baffled!!

21 ... Q-R3

22 Q-B3, N-B4

Preparing for P-Q5

23 P-KR4, ...

The knight was tied down.

23 ... P-Q5

24 Q-N4, P-Q6

Look at that pretty Q-side pawn chain!!

25 B-Q1, N-K5ch

27 N-K3, N-Q7??

26 K-N1, Q-QN3ch

A wasted move -- for what?

28 K-R2, N-K5

30 R-KB1, R-Q6!!

29 Q-B3, P-Q7

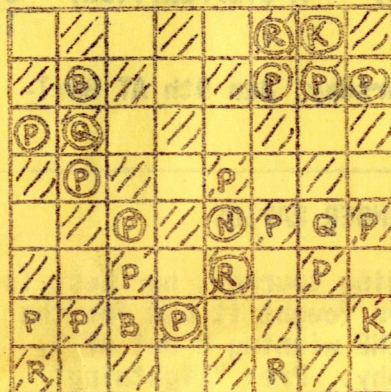
The killer! Winning a piece.

31 Q-N4, RxN

32 B-B2, ...

Rook to K8 looked very tempting, however

again the many



possible continuations caused me to "chicken-out; besides, a piece ahead is a won end-game in anyones book. Black's #32 was RxNP, after which White's game fell rapidly apart.