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March 17	Four-leaf Clover Tournament (Oakland Chess Club)
March 24-29	Sahara-Tahoe National Open Chess Tournament
March 30-31	Peninsula Open (LERA Chess Club)
May 18-19	Walnut Creek Open (Walnut Creek Chess Club)
June 22-23	Berkeley Open (Berkeley YMCA Chess Club)
June 23	Hayward Chess Festival (Hayward Chess Club)
August 24-25	Fifth Annual Summer Tournament (Oakland Chess Club)

[Tournament organizers: Please let us know as soon as possible of tentative or definite tournament dates, so that we may be able to reserve the date for you in the "Tournament Calendar." Details for many of the above tournaments will be found in the "News" section.—Eds.]

NEWS

The Four-leaf Clover Chess Tournament

On Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), in the Rose Room of the Oakland Central YMCA, 2101 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, the Oakland Chess Club will sponsor the "Four-leaf Clover Chess Tournament." The tournament is open to all who are or will become members of the Chess Friends of Northern California or the United States Chess Federation.

The entry fee for the tournament will be \$2.00 for CFNC sections and \$3.00 for USCF sections.
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		tors.)

GAMES COLUMN

By DAVID GLANVILLE

Ganes Columnist, En Passant

In this month's column I am publishing the games I have left over from this past year. While doing so, I should like to urge all chess players of any strength to send me their games for possible publication. (See page 3 of this issue for further details.)

GAME NO. 1: was played in the fourth round of the San Francisco Open, held in November of the past year.

Caro-Kann Defense

White: John Black- Black: J. Washita
stone

1 P-K4

P-QB3

2 P-Q3

...

Out of the books early, this variation is currently being experimented with by Grandmaster L. Stein.

2 ...	P-Q4
3 N-Q2	P-K4
4 KN-B3	B-Q3

Better would have been 4...N-Q2. Now White succeeds in opening the center.

5 P-Q4	PxQP
6 NxP	N-B3
7 PxP	Q-K2
8 B-K2	NxP
9 N-B4!	...

Setting a trap! If 9...B-N5ch; 10 P-B3, NxP; 11 PxN, BxPch; 12 K-B1, BxR; 13 B-R3 and 14 QxB. White gets two pieces and a great lead in development for a rook and two pawns.

9 ...	B-QB4
10 O-O	O-O

Wisely passing up 10...BxN; 11 QxB, QxB; 12 QxNP, QxN (If 12...R-B1; 13 N-Q6ch wins; e.g., 13...K-K2; 14 B-N5ch, KxN; 15 QxRch, K-B2; 16 Q-Q8 mate or 15...K-Q2; 16 Q-Q8ch, K-K3; 17 Q-K8ch, winning the queen.); 13 QxRch, K-Q2; 14 B-N5, etc.

11 N-N3	B-K3
12 B-Q3	N-Q2
13 Q-R5	N/4-B3
14 Q-R4	P-QN4
15 NxB	QxN

If 15...PxN; 16 NxB!

16 B-K3	Q-Q4
17 N-R5	N-N4
18 KR-Q1	NxB
19 RxN	Q-K5
20 QxQ	NxQ
21 NxP	KR-K1
22 P-KB3	N-B3
23 B-B2	...

Mr. Blackstone spent twenty minutes on this mowe,

considering it the lesser evil. Why not 23 NXP?

23 ...	P-QR3
24 N-Q4	B-Q4
25 P-B3	P-M3
26 QR-Q1	K-M2
27 B-R4	B-B5
28 R/3-Q2	N-R4

Both sides are in severe time trouble.

29 P-QM3	B-K3
30 BxN	RxN
31 K-B1	R-QB1
32 B-B2	R/3-QB3
33 R-Q6	N-B5
34 P-M3	N-K5
35 RxR	RxR
36 R-Q3	K-B3
37 K-K2	K-K2
38 K-Q2	P-B4
39 B-K3	N-Q1

A blunder, but 39...P-N4 would have lost anyway.

40 B-M5	Resigns
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GAME NO. 2: was played in the 13th Davis Rated Tournament. White accepts a gambit, then develops passively until it is too late.

1 P-QB4 P-Q4	10 Q-R4 QR-Q1	19 Q-B5 P-QM3
2 PXP P-K3?!	11 R-Q1 B-B4	20 Q-B1 B-K5
3 PXP BXP	12 P-Q4 B-Q3	21 N-R4 Q-R6
4 N-QB3 N-KB3	13 P-QR3 P-QR4	22 P-B3 QxN!
5 N-B3 N-B3	14 N-QM5 N-K5	23 PxB RXPch!
6 P-Q3 B-QB4	15 NxB RxN	24 PXR QXPch
7 P-K3 O-O	16 B-Q2 R-M5	25 K-R1 RXP
8 B-K2 KR-K1	17 Q-M5 Q-Q2!*	26 Resigns
9 O-O Q-K2	18 P-KM3 N-Q3	

*Threatening 18...RXPch; 19 KxR, B-R6ch and mates.

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GAME NO. 3: was held in round three of the CFMC Class Championships, C Division. It is interesting

that Black's seemingly premature attack beginning at move eight is wholly sound and wins.

White: Grant Metcalf

Black: Harry Radke

Opening: Queen Pawn

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	7 N/4-B3	Q-N3	13 K-Q1	N/5-K6ch!
2 N-KB3	P-K3	8 P-QN3	N-KN5!	14 QxN**	NxQch
3 B-N5	B-K2	9 Q-K2	BxB	15 K-B1	Q-K8ch
4 QN-Q2	P-B4	10 NxB	N-Q5	16 K-N2	QxNch
5 P-K4	PxP	11 Q-Q3	NxPch!	17 K-R3	N-B7ch
6 NxP	N-B3	12 K-K2*	QxPch	18 K-R4	Q-N5 mate

*If 12 QxN, QxPch and 13...N-K6ch, winning the queen.

**Forced if 14 K-B1, Q-K8ch; 15 K-N2, QxR mate!

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GAME NO. 4: The tournament player who takes time to look at other games in progress, many times sees someone walking into a "book" trap. Here is a classic example from the C Division of the Second Annual Bay Area Amateur Open Championship. I might add that this was an important fourth-round game.

White: Carlos Mao

Black: Leonard Trottier

Opening: Budapest Defense

1 P-Q4	N-KB3	4 N-KB3	N-QB3	7 P-QR3	N/5xP
2 P-QB4	P-K4	5 B-B4	B-N5ch	8 PxB???	N-Q6 mate
3 PxP	N-N5	6 QN-Q2	Q-K2		

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Please remember to send in your games.

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[In game no. 2, White was Mr. Leitis, and Black was Gary Pickler. The opening was the Boenkne Gambit.—Eds.]

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For those who are not a member of either chess organization: a year's CFNC membership is \$3.00, and a year's USCF membership is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for those under 21 years of age).

The tournament will be a three-round, Round Robin in four-man sections. Players will be divided into sections on the basis of their rating class and their respective strength within their class, so that players of most nearly equal ratings will play each other. Unrated players will play among themselves. Players will be in a four-man section composed entirely of CFNC or USCF members. All games will be rated by the respective chess organization.

Each winner of a four-man section will receive a fine trophy.

The first round will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 17. Registration will be by mail to Oakland Chess Club (Clover Tournament), P. O. Box 1622, Oakland 94604. Players should enclose all fees, as well as their complete name, address, and telephone number. Registrations will also be accepted from 9:00-9:50 a.m., Sunday, March 17, at the tournament site, but advance entry by mail is greatly preferable. Fees will be returned to advance entrants by mail who are subsequently unable to attend.

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CFNC Informational Questionnaire

By JEROME LONG

Tournament Director, CFNC

I submitted the following questionnaire to the adults only at the New Year Open on January 6. The CFNC Board of Directors dismissed these results as inconsequential.

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GENERAL INFORMATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please help the CFNC Board of Directors to serve the CFNC membership better by completing this questionnaire!!!

(Continued on page 9.)

1. Do you think CFNC should have a constitution or a set of bylaws? YES 88%, no 12%.

2. Do you feel the CFNC Board of Directors should be elected by the CFNC membership? YES 80%, no 20%.

3. Should the Board of Directors allow CFNC members to spectate its meetings in open sessions? YES 86%, no 14%.

4. Should the date and time of Board of Directors meetings be announced to the CFNC membership--giving sufficient advanced notice to allow membership spectation? YES 89%, no 7.8%.

5. Should the minutes of all Board of Directors meetings be published in Chess in Action? YES 77%, no 18.8%.

6. Should there be at least an annual treasury report published in Chess in Action? YES 94%, no 4.2%.

7. Does CFNC offer adequate prizes in its tournaments? (That is to say, in tournaments other than those sponsored by clubs requiring CFNC membership.) YES 42%, NO 42%.

8. Should CFNC help promote CFNC-affiliated chess clubs by publishing the results and announcements of inter- and intra-club activities in Chess in Action? YES 91%, no 7.8%.

9. Should Chess in Action publish a complete crosstable of results of all CFNC tournaments which are held between issues? YES 77%, no 18.8%.

10. Do you think Chess in Action should be issued bimonthly instead of quarterly? YES 77%, no 18.8%.

11. If you answered yes to question #10, would you object to a one-dollar increase (from \$3 to \$4) of the annual CFNC membership dues--to cover the costs of a bimonthly publication of Chess in Action? Yes 22%, NO 66%.

Total responses: 65.

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Oakland Chess Club Starts Rental Library

By RICHARD LEE

Treasurer, Oakland Chess Club

Mr. Richard Lee, Treasurer of the Oakland Chess Club, has kindly offered the use of his own personal chess library to members of the Oakland Chess Club, as well as all members of the East Bay Chess Association (i.e., anyone who is a member of an East Bay chess club). The rental fee for borrowing books will be 25 cents per week (including a returnable deposit). For more information, Mr. Lee may be contacted as explained on page two of this issue.

EAST BAY CHESS ASSOCIATION RATINGS

EBCA ratings are computed by and supplied through each player's own chess club on the basis of games played between EBCA members and thus subsume club ratings. The ratings are computed on the United States Chess Federation and Chess Friends of Northern California standard, i.e., that sixteen points, plus or minus four per centum of the difference in rating points between the opponents, are at stake in each game.

If your rating does not seem correct or is not listed, see your club rater. The club raters are: Darrell Freeman, Alameda (A); Jerone Long, Berkeley YMCA (B); Jerone Long, Concord (C); Jerry Friedman, Hayward (H); Patrick Barry, Livermore (L); Duncan Campbell, Orinda (N); Raymond Ng, Oakland (O); Peter Brown, Jr., Richmond (R); and Saleh Mjahed, Walnut Creek Chess Club (W).

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The following is the monthly listing of members' EBCA ratings. Each member's name is followed by his club affiliations and then his official EBCA rating.

Grandmaster ...	2600	and above
Senior Master .	2400	to 2599
Master	2200	to 2399
Expert	2000	to 2199
Class A	1800	to 1999
Class B	1600	to 1799

Class C 1400 to 1599
 Class D 1200 to 1399
 Class E 1199 and below

Alexander, C.	O	1750	Eliason, J.	C	1571
Amberstone, W.	R	1767	Eng, M.	O	1829
Anderson, L.	C	1491	English, R.	H	1599
Anderson, T. E.	O	1699	Ewy, S.	C	1603
Armstein, P.	R	1408	Forthoffer, D. J.	O	2070
Ausnus, R.	H	1733	Fosaaen, J.	C	1814
Baer, H.	B	1644	Fouch, R.	H	1523
Barry, P.	L	UNRA	Freeman, D.	A	UNRA
Bartholenew, E.	H	1638	French, G. F.	O	1808
Bauer, F. A.	O	1500	Friedman, J.	HO	1653
Beaus, J.	R	1640	Galindez, M.	B	1640
Beltran, D.	B	1648	Garrett, J.	C	1561
Britton, E.	O	1582	Gerhardt, J.	O	1549
Brown, P. M., Jr.	R	1780	Gerrand, J.	O	1542
Burlingham, K.	R	1437	Gingrich, J.	C	1550
Bush, J.	C	1567	Glanville, D.	O	1676
Campbell, D. D.	BM	1609	Gorse, M.	R	1724
Castellano, W.	H	1676	Grivanis, K.	B	2050
Clapp, D.	C	1739	Guzman, R.	C	1635
Clipson, R.	C	1644	Hale, J.	O	1677
Clipson, W. L.	C	1699	Hale, R.	O	1540
Cook, F. J.	BO	1773	Hansen, R. O.	O	1850
Cook, L.	B	1541	Hayes, G. E.	O	1643
Crossland, M. J.	O	1605	Henderson, M.	C	1508
Cuneo, R. J.	BO	1842	Hibbler, F.	O	1666
Dennis, J. W.	BOR	1582	Holt, M.	O	UNRA
DeRosa, J.	C	1487	Hough, R. D.	O	1870
Dobin, L.	O	UNRA	Huttlinger, J.	C	1550
Dolan, J.	O	1645	Jacob, R.	CW	1600
Dorfman, J.	O	1598	Jensen, A.	O	1646
Drinkwater, D.	H	161	Jamasney, P.	O	UNRA
Earl, W.	C		Jane, L. A.	O	1401
Edman, D.	H	153	Ianouette, R.	CO	1618
Ehmann, C. R.	H	1808	Lee, R.	O	1739
Eiche, A.	B	1531	Long, A. W.	R	1336

Long, J. M.	BC	1826	Schwartz, E.	O	UNRA
Long, T.	C	1550	Segura, R.	H	1641
Lopez, L.	H	1611	Sehrt, O. L.	H	1507
Louie, D.	O	1684	Shahshahani, H.	B	1653
Love, R. E.	A	UNRA	Shepperson, A. P.	H	1839
McCcollough, R. L.	CO	1921	Shore, C.	R	1188
McGinley, C. T., Jr.	B	1824	Shorman, R.	H	1991
McNown, M.	C	1746	Sims	B	1827
Marks, A.	O	1529	Sletner, A. L.	O	1621
Marski, W.	O	UNRA	Sloane, H.	O	1565
Mecorney, J. W.	B	1860	Smail, J.	B	2050
Megonnigal, J.	O	1550	Sniriga, W.	B	1611
Meyers, E. C.	O	1841	Smith, D.	B	1709
Miao, R. C.	BO	1818	Smith, E.	O	1550
Mitchell, D. J.	CO	1504	Stanton, P.	C	1490
Mitchell, R. A.	O	1876	Stevens, J.	C	1585
Morrison, M. E.	O	1598	Thacker, R. S.	O	1968
Mujahed, S.	CW	1677	Thompson, J.	R	1458
Nelson, D.	H	1574	Travers, K.	R	1354
Ng, R.	O	1905	Travers, R. K.	R	1379
Nordell, L.	O	1732	Trenberth, R. R.	BO	1883
Olvera, F.	C	1665	Tresz, S.	O	1848
Ortega, D. F.	H	1601	Trottier, L.	R	1630
Osternig, L.	HO	1663	Turner, R.	C	1684
Oyler, M.	C	1524	Ulrich, Jack	O	1690
Oyler, R. L.	C	1619	Ulrich, James	B	2047
Parker, W. L.	O	1775	Underwood, K.	C	1519
Pelletier, R.	O	1655	Vadnais, L.	H	1635
Pugh, J.	C	1575	Vail, C.	C	1600
Quinlivan, M. P.	O	2032	Virdon, J.	C	1550
Rackett, R. P.	B	1437	Wait, D.	C	1534
Ramirez, A.	O	1616	Wait, L.	C	1876
Reich, D.	C	1568	Wallan, J.	O	1934
Rivera, H.	C	1542	Watson, M.	CO	1916
Rocklin, R.	C	1554	Weber, G. T.	O	1941
Roy, G. W.	BO	1739	Weber, M.	O	1870
Salna, J.	O	1966	Weisickle, J. I.	O	1881
Salo, E.	H	1634	West, S.	C	1531
Schulman, S. M.	O	UNRA	Westerline, P.	C	1594

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PROBLEMS COLUMN: MATING MAZE

By RICHARD LEE

Problems Columnist, En Passant

NO. 31	NO. 32	NO. 33
k B K
. b r K
n P B
. k
. k K
. R P	Q P N
P R
R N B R Q
W mates in 2.	W mates in 2.	W mates in 3.

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Although there were no entrants in the problem-solving contest, it is the opinion of the outspoken few that a paper should have a problems column; therefore, the "Mating Maze" will continue against the overwhelming odds of ever being read or the hopes of the problems' ever attaining a second glance.

The solutions to the competition problems will be given upon request.

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SOLUTIONS TO LAST MONTH'S PROBLEMS: NO. 28--R-B8; NO. 29--BXP; NO. 30--K-N3.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

EDITORS:

It has come to my attention via the October-November issue of you [sic] publication "En Passant," that you believe USCF dues are about to be raised again (p. 5 of the issue mentioned).

Nothing could be further from the truth: USCF dues were raised at the beginning of 1967 and no

further increase is being considered.

While your announcement may have the virtue of sparking several early renewals, it is considered possibly as a detriment to prospective new members.

Please correct this erroneous information in the earliest available issue.

Very truly yours,
BURT HOCHBERG
Editor, [Chess Life]

[We are sorry for any harm this error may have caused, but it was based on an honest misunderstanding, not to spark "several early renewals. Rather, we inadvertently misconstrued a portion of the minutes of the USCF Membership Meeting, August 15, 1967, published on page 318 of the October 1967 issue (XXII, x) issue of Chess Life, which reads as follows: "Mr. Rogarde, FIDE President, suggested an increase in FIDE dues and entry fees in order to strengthen it financially. Mr. Cramer urged that USCF support the Rogarde proposal." We unfortunately remembered "USCF" instead of "FIDE" when we published the issue.--EDS.]

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MARTIN MORRISON [EDITOR]:

You get my vote for being the best chess publicity director in the country. I hope the people there appreciate your conscientious and excellent work.

The type has already been set for the February issue [of Chess Scribe, Providence, Rhode Island] on your write-up of the 1967 San Francisco Bay Area Amateur Championship, photo included with credit to your photography.

...Thanks, Martin, for your cooperation.

JAMES A. DI DOMENICO
[Editor, Chess Scribe]

SINCLAIR LEVIS AND THE CHESSBOARD

By D. E. KEELER
Berkeley

I received recently (in reply to an enquiry) a letter from San Francisco writer Barnaby Conrad. I give part of the letter here.

"I met Sinclair Lewis in Santa Barbara, where I was teaching school. He said, 'Do you play chess?' and I said no. 'I'll give you a month to learn,' he said, 'then come East as my secretary.'

"This is what I did. Mr. Lewis was not a good chess player (nor am I), but he put great store by it and looked forward to his two games a day with great anticipation. I soon found that if he lost, he went into a foul mood.... Other friends and visitors, such as Bennet Cerf and Carl Van Doren and John Gunther came [to play chess with Lewis]."

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The following problem first appeared in the Wiener Schachzeitung [Vienna Chess Magazine], 1900, page 95. It was composed by Otto J. Bláthy and dedicated to Gustav Reichhelm, of Philadelphia.

O. T. Bláthy

q n n
 . p . . P . . .
 p . k . P . p .
 P p
 P K p . p . p P

 . . P . P . P P
 Q
 W mates in 292.

Since finding this mate in 292 moves, I have further investigated this subject and find that "the longest problem, without special conditions or restrictions, hitherto attempted, is a sui-mate in 423 moves by Mr. W. A. Shinkman...."

[That problem and more chess realia from Mr. Keeler will appear in the next issue of En Passant.]

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