

Big news for Bulletin No. 3 is the announcement of the Rating tournament for unrated players starting 9 February (Wednesday at 7:30 PM) and continuing each Wednesday evening for a total of five evenings. Expert, A, and B players will not be permitted to enter this tournament. Only players who are unrated and are not of Expert, A, or B strength will be permitted to enter. If you want to play in a tournament with players of your own approximate strength, this is the tournament for you. At the end of the tournament, you will receive an official CFNC rating. For this reason, we are naming this tournament a "RATING" tournament. Winners will receive valuable prizes and be eligible to play in the big "B" tournament to be held in April 1966. See the announcement sheet for further details.

The LERC Chess Club team will play its fourth of seven matches in the 1965/1966 CFNC Peninsula League. The match will be played with the Max Evwe Chess Club at Columbia Park Recreation Building on 27 January at 8:00 P.M. The LERC team will include several new faces in an attempt to recover the form that won us our first two matches.

The LERA chess team tasted defeat for the first time on the evening of 19 ^{Jan} February 1966 when we lost to the Los Altos team by the score of 1 1/2 to 4 1/2. We won 1, drew 1, and lost 4 games. These games are presented in the following pages of this bulletin.

The simultaneous exhibition given by International Grandmaster Larry Evans in the LERA main auditorium on 16 January 1966 was a huge success. Approximately 65 people attended, and when George Butler of Burlingame beat Evans fairly early in the exhibition, it was clear that Evans would have a busy afternoon. A short time later, 16-year old high school student Dennis Prieur of Los Altos defeated Evans, and then Ted Syrett of Palo Alto and John Blackstone of Saratoga followed suit. Evans played a total of 45 players simultaneously, and after 4 hours of play Evans final results were: 35 wins, 4 draws, and 4 losses.

On the evening of 9 January at 8:00 P. M. , the LERA Chess Club held a business meeting. A total of 19 members were in attendance. Jim Marmor announced that he was leaving almost immediately for his new position in Salt Lake City, Utah, and was therefore tending his resignation as Vice-President of our chess club. We surprized Jim by giving him a current copy of Modern Chess Openings as a going-away present. Copies of the by laws of our club were given out to each member present and a short discussion of the bylaws followed. Our president, Jim Hurt, then stated that the floor was open for nominations for a new Vice-president. Dave Betanco was nominated, seconded, nominations were closed, and Dave was unanimously elected as Vice-president. The president then suggested that in as much as there had been no official election last November, that we formally elect our president. Jim Hurt was nominated, seconded, nominations were closed, and Jim was unanimously elected as president. Dr. Joe Wissel, our treasurer, and Jim McGuire, our tournament director and team captain, had both requested relief from their duties. Bill Giles was nominated for treasurer, seconded, nominations were closed, and Bill was unanimously elected treasurer. Jim Hurt was nominated, seconded, nominations were closed, and Jim was unanimously elected as tournament director and team captain. Pat Aubry acted as recording secretary. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P. M. and six unrated players began playing an unofficial tourney to help select our sixth player on our team.

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Los Altos Match Games: In the following six games with Los Altos, the LERA team is still suffering from too many cases of chess blindness. Some very good games were played, however, and it is too bad that one poor move can spoil the effect of forty good moves. Frank Valenzuela is to be commended on his good effort on the sixth board. This was Frank's first time out, and it was just his luck to be pitted against a player who had just won from Larry Evans last Sunday.

First Board: After a quiet opening, White (J. Hurt, LERA) makes an error on move 17, allowing Black (A. D. LaRue, Los Altos) to win the exchange. White then proceeded to build up a king-side attack, culminating with 26 NXP ch. If Black were to accept this sacrifice, he would be a rook ahead; White would have at least a draw by perpetual check, however, and (in serious time trouble) Black declined the sacrifice. After 27 NXR PXN, the roof fell in; White has a forced mate in five moves, starting with 28 Q-N4 ch.

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| 1 | P-K4 | P-K4 | 11 | B-B2 | O-O | 21 | P-K5 | QR-K1 |
| 2 | N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 12 | P-KR3 | BXN | 22 | BXN ch | KXB |
| 3 | B-N5 | P-QR3 | 13 | QXB | N-R2 | 23 | R-B6 | R-K3 |
| 4 | B-R4 | N-B3 | 14 | Q-N3 | B-N4 | 24 | N-K4 | Q-Q1 |
| 5 | O-O | P-QN4 | 15 | P-KB4 | PXBP | 25 | Q-K2 | P-Q4 |
| 6 | B-N3 | P-R3 | 16 | BXP | P-N3 | 26 | NXP ch | K-N1 |
| 7 | P-B3 | P-Q3 | 17 | QR-K1 | B-R5 | 27 | NXR | PXN |
| 8 | P-Q4 | B-N5 | 18 | Q-K3 | BXR | 28 | Q-N4 ch | Resigns |
| 9 | B-K3 | B-K2 | 19 | QXB | P-N4 | | 1:22 | 1:23 |
| 10 | QN-Q2 | N-QR4 | 20 | B-R2 | Q-Q2 | | | |

Second Board: After an irregular opening full of many tactical finesses, Black (W. Giles, LERA) yields a pawn to White (A. McKenzie, Los Altos) on move 20. On move 21, White allows Black to win a rook, then plays 23 N-B6. Although a rook ahead, Black can find no satisfactory way to save his threatened bishop (Q-Q2, 24 N(3)-K5 Q-B2, 25 N-N6; or R-K1, 24 R-N8 Q-Q2, 25 N-K5). After losing the bishop, Black falls into a little trap and plays 25....RXP (R-K1 was better) and loses the exchange. With pieces and pawns exactly equal, White tries to mate by playing B-K5. Black misses the correct defensive move 30....Q-R2 and instead Black plays 30 K-R2. Black again misses the correct defensive move 31....Q-R6 so as to answer 32 B-K5 with 32....Q-K2; instead Black plays 31....Q-R6 whereupon White forces mate or wins the queen; consequently Black resigns.

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| 1 | P-QB3 | P-Q4 | 15 | R-K1 | R-B1 | 29 | N-K5 | P-R3 |
| 2 | P-Q4 | P-K3 | 16 | N-K5 | RXP | 30 | N-N4 | K-R2 |
| 3 | B-B4 | P-QB4 | 17 | B-K2 | BXB | 31 | Q-B7 | Q-R6 |
| 4 | N-B3 | P-B5 | 18 | RXB | Q-B1 | 32 | B-K5 | N(5)-B3 |
| 5 | P-K3 | P-QN4 | 19 | N(2)-B3 | N-K5 | 33 | NXN ch | NXN |
| 6 | B-K2 | N-KB3 | 20 | QXP | N(2)-B3 | 34 | BXN | Q-Q3 ch |
| 7 | P-KR3 | B-Q2 | 21 | R-N2 | R-B8 ch | 35 | P-N3 | Q-B1 |
| 8 | O-O | B-K2 | 22 | K-R2 | RXR | 36 | QXQ | PXB |
| 9 | P-QN3 | P-QR4 | 23 | N-B6 | Q-R1 | 37 | Q-B7 ch | K-R1 |
| 10 | PXP | NPXP | 24 | NXB ch | K-R1 | 38 | QXBP ch | K-R2 |
| 11 | N-Q2 | P-R5 | 25 | Q-N4 | RXP | 39 | Q-B7 ch | K-R1 |
| 12 | N-K5 | O-O | 26 | RXR | QXR | 40 | QXKP | Resigns |
| 13 | B-B3 | B-N4 | 27 | N-N6 ch | BPXN | | 1:10 | 1:12 |
| 14 | N(5)XQBP | N(1)-Q2 | 28 | QXR ch | N-N1 | | | |

Third Board: Black (W. Montfort, Los Altos) and White (C. H. Leete, LERA) play to an even end game by move 30. White errs on move 31, however, and Black forces the win of a knight for his passed KNP. Although a piece ahead, Black loses his way and White has an easy win with 45 P-B7 RXP ch, 46 K-Q4 as Black cannot prevent the pawn from queening. Instead, White allows Black to trade his rook for this pawn. White is now the exchange ahead and again has an easy win after 49 R-QR5 P-B4, 50 RXBP ch (White was threatening 50 RXRP). Instead, White plays 49 K-K7. White misses his last chance for a win with 51 P-Q4 K-N4, 52 R-B5 ch. Instead, White plays 51 RXP and Black forces the draw on move 59.

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| 1 | P-K4 | P-K4 | 21 | K-Q2 | R-K1 | 41 | P-B6 | R-N4 ch |
| 2 | N-KB3 | N-KB3 | 22 | P-KR5 | P-KB4 | 42 | K-K4 | P-R5 |
| 3 | NXP | N-B3 | 23 | QR-KN1 | P-KN3 | 43 | R-R3 | R-KR4 |
| 4 | NXN | QPXN | 24 | PXNP | RXNP | 44 | R-N8 | R-R3 |
| 5 | P-Q3 | B-B4 | 25 | RXR | PXR | 45 | K-K5 | RXP |
| 6 | B-K2 | B-K3 | 26 | R-R6 | R-N1 | 46 | KXR | P-B4 |
| 7 | N-B3 | Q-Q3 | 27 | P-K5 | P-QN4 | 47 | R-N5 | P-B3 |
| 8 | B-K3 | BXB | 28 | N-K2 | K-Q1 | 48 | RXP | K-B2 |
| 9 | PXB | Q-N5 | 29 | N-B4 | P-KN4 | 49 | K-K7 | K-N3 |
| 10 | Q-B1 | O-O-O | 30 | N-R5 | P-KN5 | 50 | R-B4 | B-N3 |
| 11 | P-QR3 | Q-R4 | 31 | K-K3 | P-N6 | 51 | RXP | BXP |
| 12 | Q-Q2 | Q-KN4 | 32 | NXP | RXN | 52 | K-B7 | P-B4 |
| 13 | B-B3 | N-N5 | 33 | K-B4 | R-N7 | 53 | P-K7 | B-N4 |
| 14 | P-KR3 | QXP ch | 34 | P-K6 | B-K1 | 54 | P-K8(Q) | BXQ |
| 15 | QXQ | NXQ | 35 | KXP | RXP | 55 | KXB | K-N4 |
| 16 | K-Q2 | N-B5 ch | 36 | P-B4 | R-B6 | 56 | R-R8 | P-B5 |
| 17 | K-B1 | N-K4 | 37 | K-K4 | RXNP | 57 | K-Q7 | P-B6 |
| 18 | P-QN3 | NXB | 38 | P-B5 | P-N5 | 58 | K-Q6 | K-B5 |
| 19 | PXN | R-Q3 | 39 | PXP | RXP ch | 59 | K-K5 | P-B7 |
| 20 | P-KR4 | B-Q2 | 40 | K-K5 | P-R4 | 60 | Draw Agreed | |

Fourth Board: After a lively opening involving many combinative possibilities, White (J. Taylor, Los Altos) plays 17 P-KB5 threatening 18 PXB. Black (W. Meyer, LERA) answers with the counter-threat 17...N-K4. After the smoke has cleared away, Black plays 21...P-B4 which wins a pawn and also leaves him with a secure passed pawn. White then plays 23 Q-KB4 ch and Black, stricken with chess blindness and thinking his knight is secure, plays 23...K-N1 which loses the knight (either Q-B3 or N-B3 would have saved the knight). Black plays very aggressively and on move 33 wins back the knight. White's passed pawn on QR7 (it has been there since move 30) finally queens on move 39, causing Black to resign. A hard-fought game.

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| 1 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 14 | P-QB4 | QN-Q2 | 27 | PXP | R-R3 |
| 2 | P-QB4 | P-QB3 | 15 | P-B4 | PXQP | 28 | N-B1 | R-KN1 |
| 3 | N-QB3 | PXP | 16 | Q-N4 | P-QN3 | 29 | P-R3 | R-N3 |
| 4 | P-QR4 | N-KB3 | 17 | P-KB5 | N-K4 | 30 | PXP | Q-K5 |
| 5 | P-K3 | P-K3 | 18 | PXB | NXB | 31 | KR-N1 | Q-R1 |
| 6 | BXP | B-N5 | 19 | PXP ch | KXP | 32 | Q-N2 | KR-KB3 |
| 7 | Q-N3 | BXN | 20 | Q-Q2 | NXB | 33 | Q-N7 | RXN ch |
| 8 | PXB | O-O | 21 | KRXN | P-B4 | 34 | K-R2 | RXR |
| 9 | N-K2 | QN-Q2 | 22 | N-N3 | NXP | 35 | RXR | Q-K1 |
| 10 | O-O | N-N3 | 23 | Q-B4 ch | K-N1 | 36 | Q-B7 | R-B2 |
| 11 | B-Q3 | R-K1 | 24 | NXN | R-KB1 | 37 | Q-N8 | Q-KB1 |
| 12 | P-K4 | P-K4 | 25 | Q-Q2 | Q-R5 | 38 | P-R8(Q) | Resigns |
| 13 | P-QR5 | B-K3 | 26 | N-N3 | R-B3 | 1:10 | | 1:20 |

Fifth Board: After a quiet opening and considerable mid-game maneuvering, neither White (D. Betanco, LERA) nor Black (L. Seltzer, Los Altos) were able to gain a decisive advantage. On move 28 White commits an error, however, allowing Black to win the exchange. With the game going in Black's favor, White commits a further error on move 35, losing a knight; as he is a rook down, White then resigns. In retrospect, on move 10, White might have tried B-K3, so as to answer 10....P-N5 with 11 N-Q5 with pressure on QN6; this move also sets a little trap, for if Black plays 11....NXN then White wins a piece with 12 QXN. Later in the game, White could have sacrificed the exchange for a promising attack by playing 26 RXB; a possible continuation would have been 26....PXR, 27 P-KR4 K-R1, 28 P-R5 N-K4, 29 Q-KR4 N-Q2, 30 P-QN3 R-K7, 31 B-N2 Q-B1, 32 BXP ch NXB, 33 QXN ch K-N1, 34 R-Q4 R-K4, 35 P-R6 R-R4 ch, 36 K-N1 and wins.

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| 1 | P-K4 | P-QB4 | 14 | B-B1 | 27 | N-Q4 | R-K5 |
| 2 | N-KB3 | P-Q3 | 15 | K-R1 | 28 | B-B4 | NXB |
| 3 | P-Q4 | PXP | 16 | P-KB4 | 29 | RXN | B-K4 |
| 4 | NXP | N-KB3 | 17 | RXP | 30 | R(1)-KBL | BXR |
| 5 | N-QB3 | P-QR3 | 18 | N-Q4 | 31 | RXB | RXR |
| 6 | P-KB3 | P-K4 | 19 | R-B1 | 32 | QXR | R-K1 |
| 7 | N-N3 | B-K2 | 20 | N-Q5 | 33 | Q-N3 | Q-K2 |
| 8 | B-K2 | O-O | 21 | PXN | 34 | K-N1 | P-KR4 |
| 9 | O-O | P-QN4 | 22 | QXB | 35 | QXP ch | KXQ |
| 10 | P-QR3 | QN-Q2 | 23 | Q-B2 | 36 | N-B5 ch | K-L3 |
| 11 | Q-K1 | N-N3 | 24 | Q-N3 | 37 | Resigns | |
| 12 | B-N5 | B-K3 | 25 | N-B6 | | 0:53 | 1:18 |
| 13 | QR-Q1 | N-B5 | 26 | P-B3 | | | |

Sixth Board: White (D. Prieur, Los Altos) played the Queen's Gambit; Black (F. Valenzuela, LERA) accepted and tried to hold the gambit pawn. Aggressive play by White won back the pawn on move 7, and won an additional pawn on move 13. In turn, aggressive play by Black won a pawn on move 17 and won an additional pawn on move 19. White regained the pawn on move 21, and after the exchange of queens on move 23 the game was even. White faltered on move 26, however, leaving a bishop where it could neither be defended or moved to a safe square. Black missed the win of the bishop by 26....R-N4, and White gave him a second chance. Black again missed the win of the bishop by 27....R-N4, and instead he trades rooks. After a long bitter fight, White finally won the end-game.

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| 1 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 12 | Q-N7 | 23 | Q-Q3 | QXQ |
| 2 | P-QB4 | PXP | 13 | QXBP | 24 | RXQ | QN-Q2 |
| 3 | P-K4 | P-QN4 | 14 | N-B3 | 25 | B-B2 | KR-B1 |
| 4 | P-QR4 | B-Q2 | 15 | Q-N5 | 26 | R-Q2 | R-N7 |
| 5 | PXP | BXP | 16 | B-B4 | 27 | B-Q1 | RXR |
| 6 | N-QR3 | P-QB3 | 17 | B-QN3 | 28 | BXR | R-Q1 |
| 7 | NXP | BXN | 18 | R-Q1 | 29 | K-K2 | and Black |
| 8 | BXB | N-B3 | 19 | PXB | | resigned several | |
| 9 | P-B3 | P-K3 | 20 | B-Q2 | | moves later. | |
| 10 | N-K2 | B-K2 | 21 | BXRP | | | |
| 11 | Q-N3 | O-O | 22 | K-B1 | | 1:01 | 1:03 |