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Chuck swords won the January Rapid Transit Tournament. Jerry Jennings placed second and J. Parkhurst was third. In the 'B' division, Bill Kondrat took first honors, while F. Mills was second and Bill Kennedy placed third. Awards were presented to the two first place winners and Chuck's name will be added to the RTT Champion's plaque.

No Rapid Transit Tourney for February because members are involved in the Winter Rating Tournament. But be on hand March 7th at the new Casa Alvarado Chess Club at 494 Alvarado Street in Monterey.

MATCH GAMES: Members are encouraged to seek out suitable opponents and play match games to improve their national ratings and to get in some practice using the clock and score sheet. This is good practice in the tournament procedures and is bound to improve your game. The match can be arranged between any two USCF members and must be of even numbered games from two to ten. Score sheets are kept for each game and the results turned in for recording. At the end of the match a rating score card is prepared and signed by each player. Each player is charged 15¢ for each game to be reported to USCF. Thus a six game match will cost each player 90¢. Cheaper than tournament play. Check with your tournament director, Mike Barthelow, for details.

ABSENTEES: There are a lot of names on our roster that we hardly ever see around the club tables these days. Wonder where Bruce Lewis, Doc McKenney, Buster Davi, Doc Mc Lennan, Loli Willox, R. Patton, and a host of DLI members can be playing chess these days. You woodpushers should come to our gatherings and at least stop by and see Ted and Ruby at the Casa CC. You'll like their setup.

LADDER CONTEST: Mills is just about ready to start the Club's ladder contest. This event will be open to all club members and every one gets a chance to participate. Who knows who will reach the top and how long before he (or she) topples? Come, play and find out. All are welcome. The only qualifications are that you be a member of MPCClub. The player on top of the ladder will be the 'Club Champion' as long as he (or She) can stay there.

MPCClub is trying to establish a 'barrel' of chess pièces, to keep on hand as replacements for members who lose or break their own pieces. Please check through your storage places and see if you can't find a set to donate to the Club. Check with friends and neighbors for sets they may want to donate.

Ann Woessner, RedCross Recreation Director at the Fort Ord Station Hospital, has asked MPC Club to help her set up a program of instructions to teach the patients the intricacies of the game of chess. Jerry Wollschlager has accepted President Mills' appointment as our representative and will check with Ann, at the hospital, to see what we can do to help.

Chuck Swords has not entered the WRT because he is on orders to depart Feb 1. His orders assign him to the USS Arlington (AGMR-2) now afloat in Vietnamese waters. Chuck will spend a few days in Del Mar to visit friends and relatives and then off to Atlanta, Ga for more of the same. Then off to the troubled waters of Asia. Chuck has plans to organize a chess club aboard the Arly and would like to enter the Saigon Chess Tournament, which will be getting started about the time he arrives.

Now that Chuck Swords has been transferred out of the area, Pres Mills is searching for some one to serve as the Club's Team Captain. If you would like the job, or know some one you think would fill the need, let your President know.

We are still hunting for a name for your paper. Jot down a short, witty chess-type name that will inform the reader about the Club's news letter and its contents. Some one has already submitted the title: "The Queen's Knight Out", which has much of what we are looking for but is still found wanting. So, scratch your skulls, you masters, and come out with a choice name for your paper.

Our Winter Rating Tournament got underway at the Youth Center on Jan 18, as scheduled. Directed by USCF Regional Director, Ted Yudacufski, ably assisted by the very capable Ruby, the event shows every promise of being a real wing-dinger. 34 chess-nuts have entered and each is trying to out do the other. With three rounds already played, the pace has been set. There were a few upsets in the first two games, but then things have settled down and running about true to form now. Sid Walton, a late starter, played two opponents his first night. He crashed the defensive abilities of Steve Vandervoort for one point and then took on Jerry Jennings. Jerry, forgetting to 'luft' after castling, left his QB blocking his QR and Sid slid in for a smother mate to win his second game that evening. Winning these two games paired Sid with another Jerry (Wollschlager) in the third round. Jerry played brilliantly to win this game and Sid was able to come away with a few lessons in master play chess. The third round was played at the newly opened Casa Alvarado CC and the balance of the WRT will be played there.

Standings as of the end of the third round:

1. Suhobeck	3/0	13. Cook	2/1	24. Kennedy	1/2
2. Wollschlager	3/0	14. Atkinson, B	2/1	25. Bennett	1/2
3. Nystrom	3/0	15. Meehan	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /1 $\frac{1}{2}$	26. Nelson	1/2
4. Atkinson, W	3/0	16. Mills	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /1 $\frac{1}{2}$	27. Schmidt	1/2
5. MacCarty	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ /1 $\frac{1}{2}$	17. Sutor	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /1 $\frac{1}{2}$	28. Vandervoort	1/2
6. Jennings	2/1	18. Atkinson, R	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /1 $\frac{1}{2}$	29. Sparkman	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /2 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Oakes	2/1	19. Jones	1/2	30. Kilcrease	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /2 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Mathews	2/1	20. Pope	1/2	31. Hawley	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ /2 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Trebas	2/1	21. Kondrat	1/2	32. Karr	0/3
10. Clark	2/1	22. Dimnick	1/2	33. Friddle	0/3
11. Walden	2/1	23. Barthelow	1/2	34. Donahue	0/3
12. Daly	2/1				

OPENING OF THE CASA CC: A goodly crowd gathered at the Casa Alvarado Chess Club, 494 Alvarado Street, Monterey, Thursday evening, February 1st to hold a preview opening of Ted and Ruby Yudacufski's Chess Studio. Both Ted, the Director and Ruby, the Slave, worked many long, hard hours to prepare the Studio for this activity. Walls have been painted, floors scrubbed and waxed, furniture procured and some even built on the premises. The Casa played host to the MPCClub's WRT and the players found that there was plenty of room, plenty of light, and plenty of chess. The tournament group were all seated in the main hall, while smaller rooms off to the side were used for skittles, analyzing, darts or other exotic table games. The 'office' equipped with a desk for the Director; a glass display case containing chess paraphernalia; coffee maker; refrigerator; and other equipment to make for an excellent meeting place for chess enthusiasts. The Casa is open every day except Monday. Telephone 372 9790. All of the comments overheard at the opening indicate that the crowd was well pleased with the facilities. We believe that the Casa is the only chess club, open daily, between LA and 'Frisco. Certainly it is destined to become the most active. Francis Mills, MPCClub President read the following letter as he presented the new club with the US flag:

Ted Yudacufski
Casa Alvarado Chess Club

Feb 1, 1968

Dear Ted:

The members of the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club wish to extend their congratulations on the opening of the Casa Alvarado Chess Club and to wish you every success in this welcome addition to the cultural advantages of the Monterey Peninsula.

Please accept this flag of the United States of America as a symbol of our friendship and our desire for a united effort in the promotion of the game of chess.

(signed) Francis N. Mills, President.

We are certainly happy to see that two of our distaff members have entered the WRT. Both Helen Bennett and Gen Nelson are competent players and need only some practice with the clock and score sheet to really establish themselves. Loli Willox, who turns 'ski-bunny' this time of the year, can also give a fair account of herself in skittles, but needs some serious chess, such as she would get from the WRT, to develop into a strong player.

Good to see Bob and Ron Atkinson back in circulation again. Both have entered the WRT and you can be sure that their opponents will know that they have been in a game and that these fellows are no a couple of easy patzers.

Frank Sutor back from a trip to Chicago to visit his folks. He landed there on about the coldest day since time began. If he was able to visit the Chicago CC or the Gompers Park CC he hasn't thawed out enough yet to tell us about. Frank pours coffee, heats hamburgers and acts as car-hop at his Root Beer stand on Del Monte in Seaside when he is not studying his MCO.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE: Plans are being worked out to have George Koltanowski give a chess exhibition on the Monterey Peninsula sometime early next month. He will offer a lecture on chess, a demonstration and play several simultaneous boards. MPCClub will present the program and we are now arranging for a host. More details later.

The date for the fourth Monterey International Open Chess Tournament has been set as June 8-9, 1968. The committee is working to find a host-site and clear up some minor details concerning securing the services of George Koltanowski as the director. He has some ideas about promotion and may try to secure several big names in the world of chess for this event.

After searching through libraries of books and magazines, trying to identify 'Caissa - Goddess of Chess' we came across the following: "Caissa, a dryad, heroine of a poem by Sir William Jones (1763), has been humorously appropriated as the tutelary deity of chess. The precise origin for the establishment of this role for Caissa (ka-is-a) is obscure." Source: The Personality of Chess by Horowitz and Rothenberg, published by Mac Millan. Found this volume to be highly readable, in a light, breezy style and chock full of interesting chess information.

UPSET GAME: Director Yudacufski submits this game for consideration.

From several points of view, the best and most entertaining game of the Winter Rating Tournament played so far came in the very first round. This was Bill Kennedy's brilliant win in just 13 moves against Dennis Mathews, who by the way, placed second in the recent Monterey County Chess Championship Tournament. This coupled with the fact that Dennis has a much higher rating than Bill, makes this game all the more impressive and qualifies it for consideration as the UPSET of the tournament. The game was brilliant because it entails the sacrifice of a queen and a neat mate which is not obvious to the average chess player. Actually the theme of NXP, which allows, BXQ, etc., is quite old and is called "Legal's Mate". The basic idea comes from this variation of Philidor's ~~Refer~~ Defense: 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. B-B4, P-KR3; 4. N-B3, B-N5; 5. NXP, hBXQ; 6. BXPch, K-K2; 7. N-Q5 MATE.

Many famous games have been played using this idea, such as Legal vs de Saint Brie; and Morphy vs the Duke of Brunswick & Count Isouard. So now Bill Kennedy joins the ranks of these famous players by weaving the magic position out of the following Ruy Lopez game:

White		Black	
Bill Kennedy		Ruy Lopez	Dennis Mathews
1. P-K4	P-K4	7. O-O	B-KN5
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	8. N-B3	N-Q5
3. B-N5	P-QR3	9. B-KN5	P-KR3?
4. B-R4	P-QN5	10. BXN	PXB
5. B-N3	N-KB3	11. NXP!	BXQ
6. P-Q3	P-Q3	12. BXPch	K-K2
		13. N-Q5 MATE	

So, Chess Players, be aware, as was Bill, that this type of Legal's Mate can come out of about any opening. Ted Yudacufski, Tournament Director.