

PRECITA VALLEY CHESS HERALD

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WELCOME CHESS PLAYERS!!

ALL CHESS PLAYERS, regardless of strength and whether man, woman, or child, are to feel welcome to this new Precita Valley Chess Club here at the Precita Valley Community Center. Being a member to this club also makes you a member of the center and you may participate in other activities here. Miss MacDonald, who is in charge of the center, will be glad to inform you of these activities. The membership fee is reasonable, \$3.00 per year and also entitles you to this weekly publication.

PURPOSE OF THE CLUB

To create a friendly fellowship is our main purpose. This club will also endeavor to enter team competition with other clubs in the San Francisco area. Whenever possible we will affiliate ourselves with other chess organizations whose interest is the promoting of chess. This we will do when we are financially able.

OFFICERS

To begin the club will have a director in the person of Jim Reynolds and it is hoped Noel Renaud will be the club treasurer. Later more offices will be created, but to start, a club director and treasurer should suffice. Of course, we will elect officers in a democratic way--, the two officers named here are only to get things started. Hereafter the club will adopt a policy of holding an election of officers every September. By then we will know the size of the club and the offices needed. It is hoped that by then the club will have enough finances to compensate its officers by some small form of salary.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As members you will undoubtedly be interested in the club's welfare. There are many ways you can help it along. Attend as many Thursday night sessions as you are able. Tell your friends

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CLUB INITIATES ITSELF WITH A LADDER TOURNAMENT STARTING TONIGHT

Beginning tonight, the club will have a ladder tournament to last a few weeks until we all become acquainted. The following will be the rules: (1) The first ladder shall begin by putting names of those present in a hat and they will be placed on the ladder in the order their names are drawn from the hat! (2) A player may challenge anyone not more than 3 rungs above him or her; (3) The lower rung player plays the white pieces; (4) The upper rung player holds his place on the ladder by either drawing or winning; (5) If the lower rung player wins he swaps places with the upper rung player; (6) All ladder game results are to be recorded in the tablet provided and will count toward your rating; (7) Winners record the results and in case of draws the person playing the white pieces records the result; (8) A player must accept a challenge unless already engaged in a tournament game or has a reasonable excuse to refuse--, otherwise, the challenger swaps rungs as though he had played and won; (9) In any misunderstanding of rules, or disputes of any kind, players involved should take it up with the club director; (10) If no player 3 rungs above is available, or if you are not challenged by a player in the 3 rungs below, you may then challenge the next rung above if the player on it is available. -- If you do not understand these rules, see the club director.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

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about it and encourage them to join. Keep notations of your games and don't be afraid to lend them to your club director for publication to help make this weekly bulletin an interesting one. If you have ideas please discuss them with the club director--, also if you have any complaints. We may be samll getting started, but we feel sure that in not too long a time the Precita Valley Chess Club will have a name to be proud of.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

After five weeks or so of the ladder tournament a club championship tourney will be started to determine our club champion. A trophy will be awarded the winner of this tourney.

It is hoped that in the near future this club will be able to enter into a San Francisco area league and compete in team matches with other clubs. Your club director is looking into this matter.

When the club has established itself, we will be able to sponsor other events. The club is just born so please give it time, but be assured there are many possibilities in the not too distant future.

RATING OF PLAYERS

All players in the club will be rated. The system used will be one devised by Jim Reynolds for CFNC which is based on the Harkness System as used by USCF. This system is rather lengthy to show here, but the club director will be glad to explain it to anyone interested in the method. The point basis shows your strength as follows: above 2000 - Expert; 1500-2000 - A, advanced or superior; 1000-1500 - B, intermediate or above average; below 1000 - C, average and beginners. In the last category named, of course, the average player is from about 600 to 1000, while below 600 is really the "D" class or beginners. All tournament games played will count toward your rating, so don't forget to record results.

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This first CHESS HERALD, our weekly chess news bulletin, is presented to you more or less as an introduction to the Precita Valley Chess Club and its policies and purpose. Please keep it as a reference and information bulletin. In the future this CHESS HERALD will report tournament results, publish the members' ratings from time to time, comment on games played, and give news in general. Anyone may submit items, articles of interest, or games for publication in this bulletin.

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The G. D. S. VIEWS

BECAUSE OF MY PAST position with CFNC some of my friends will wonder how I feel about CFNC. To answer that here and now and so that there will be no doubts in the future, I believe it is a very fine chess organization. Some members here probably belong to CFNC also and I urge them to keep up their membership and attend here at Precita Valley as well. As a matter of fact I have no objections to any member belonging to other chess clubs or organizations. To make things even more clear I wish to say that my only concern now is this club at the community center and not CFNC. I have done my job with CFNC and I feel I have done my very best for them. However, I am not living in the past, but for today and the future. I aim to do even better for PVCC if it is at all possible.

George Koltanowski? I think he is a wonderful person--, no one has done more than he has in promoting the old royal game. I don't expect to match him, I only hope he will remain my friend because, surely, I will always be his friend.

WELCOME ALL CHESS FANS!!

--JBR