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WELCOME AL HOROWITZ !!!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 1957 IS THE NIGHT!! It will be Precita Valley's big event of the year, "The Al Horowitz Exhibition Night". Many chess fans will be present, some playing the international chess master and editor of CHESS REVIEW, and some just watching the procedures. Starting time is expected to be 7 p.m. for the pre-ceremonial events and Mr. Horowitz is expected to take over shortly thereafter.

I. A. "Al" Horowitz last visited this area some ten years ago so his appearance is rather a rare occasion. Those who have bought tickets will not be sorry and those who have not still have a chance-- contact either Noel Renaud, 125 Brompton Ave., JU 4-3969 or Jim Reynolds, 117 Brewster St., MI 8-5759 to get your reservation if any are still available when this news reaches you. All in all, let's give our fine chess crusader, AL HOROWITZ, a hearty welcome in San Francisco!!!

PRECITA VALLEY WINS DEBUT IN BACL!! SURPRISES GOLDEN GATE 4-3!

Jan 12, 1957. The Precita Valley C.C. won in its debut in the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League by surprising the strong Golden Gate C.C. in the "B" Division 4-3! Surprisingly enough it was the bottom boards that came through. Such young hopefuls as Leighton Allen and Ivan Vegvary came through for us, Allen defeating L. Rosenstein in short order and Vegvary getting an early draw versus the tough veteran Ben Wong. The scoring was as follows:

GOLDEN GATE (3)		PRECITA VALLEY (4)	
P. Allinger.....	1	N. Renaud.....	0
H. King.....	0	J. Cook.....	1
J. Vaughn.....	1	J. Reynolds....	0
C. Hueneke.....	0	D. Ryan.....	1
N. Neilsen.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	E. Russell.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
L. Rosenstein....	0	L. Allen.....	1
B. Wong.....	$\frac{1}{2}$	I. Vegvary.....	$\frac{1}{2}$
Totals	3		4

Other results:
Mech.Inst.B/1 $5\frac{1}{2}$, Alameda $1\frac{1}{2}$.
Oakland $3\frac{1}{2}$, Mech.Inst.B $3\frac{1}{2}$

Editorial WHY WE'RE IN ANOTHER LEAGUE..

Why are we in another league? Well, for one thing the members voted for it unanimously! What was behind the vote? I guess that is up to me to answer. A certain little periodical, CHESS HERALD, namely, is published by this club. It seems like some people don't like to see it published. At least an effort was made to block it. Your editor stops at nothing-- he has more resources than one-- let's thank goodness we did not really need the old league's facilities! If they wish to be fussy who can or cannot use such facilities let them be that way-- we can still get along, and the CHESS HERALD can still be rolled off! But, I can see no reason to support an organization which blocks good efforts (or just an effort for that matter). The old league tried to block CHESS HERALD and the efforts of yours truly. I only hope that they are happy about the whole thing. I believe we will be happy in our new surroundings.

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WHY WE'RE IN ANOTHER LEAGUE

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C. D. 's VIEWS

WELCOME TO PRECITA VALLEY AL HOROWITZ!!
 Your C.D. and Al Horowitz have been
 corresponding quite regularly during the
 past year. We have never met, of course,
 but in his transcontinental tour the
 editor of CHESS REVIEW and international
 chess master has included San Francisco
 and P.V. as one of his stops. So, not
 only does your C.D. finally get an
 opportunity to meet this fine chess
 personality, but so do many chess fans
 of San Francisco. Let it be pointed
 out here that this opportunity does not
 knock too often, so make sure you make
 your reservation NOW with Noel Renaud,
 125 Brompton Ave., JU 4-3969!

We had a wonderful start in the San
 Francisco Bay Area Chess League, and
 our host at the Golden Gate C.C., Mr.
 Henry Gross, treated us magnificently
 and was gracious despite seeing his B
 team lose to us. I would also like to
 thank Mr. A. B. Stamer, Mr. Stewart
 Samuels, Mr. Charles Bagby, and Mr.
 Guthrie McClain for their cooperation
 and assistance in getting us started in
 our new venture. International master,
 Imre Konig, also is to be credited in
 helping our decision to make this
 change as it was he who first invited
 us to play in the BACL.

Thanks are due to the San Quentin
 Chess Club for the many fine times we
 have had there during this past year.
 Mr. C. L. Swagerty and his staff have
 cooperated splendidly during these ex-
 cursions. We hope to spend even "more
 time" at San Quentin this year!

Jim Reynolds, 117 Brewster Street,
 San Francisco 10, Calif.

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So, our new affiliation is with the
 San Francisco Bay Area Chess League.
 Officials of our club have already had
 pleasant associations with officials of
 the BACL. Yours truly intends to
 acquaint all members with members and
 officials of the BACL by starting a
 series in this periodical next month
 headed, "Let's Get Acquainted".

In the meantime, there is no ob-
 jection to members retaining member-
 ship with CENC if so desired. Let it
 be understood that we have no pre-
 judice against any chess organization.
 Our move to the BACL has been done in
 the best interest of our own club and
 we intend to support the BACL along
 with its other affiliations as best
 we can.

For those who can afford to, it is
 urged that you join the parent chess
 organization, namely, the California
 Chess Federation. The yearly fee for
 the CCF is \$2.50 per year. Members
 are also urged, if they can afford it,
 to join Mechanics' Institute who have
 been kind enough to let us use their
 facilities as our home base for team
 matches, our own quarters not being
 available Saturday nights when these
 matches are played. Fee at MI is \$6
 per year. CCF publishes THE
 CALIFORNIA CHESS REPORTER ten times a
 year and your \$2.50 fee includes sub-
 scription to this fine periodical.

All in all I believe we have made
 a "good move" as Noel Renaud puts it;
 and as Ed Russell says, "I'd rather
 be the worst in the best league than
 the best in the worst league!" The
 team members have been so enthusiastic
 over the change that they approached
 the first match in such high spirits
 to win it from a very good team in the
 Golden Gate Chess Club. We couldn't
 have asked for a better start. Let's
 keep us this fine spirit, and win or
 lose, let's be good sports. In this
 manner I know we will win many new
 friends in the San Francisco Bay Area
 Chess League!

Editor.

Member's Name	RATING REVIEW 1956					Classification	
	Orig.	Won	Lost	Drew	Current	Old	New
Leighton ALLEN.....	950	22	8	5	1394	C	B
E. H. BATCHELDER.....	896	1	0	1	900	C	C
Carl BARTON.....	950	8	8	3	1214	C	B
Bob BLAKEMORE.....	950	14	18	1	1220	C	B
Henry BRAUNS.....	950	2	6	0	946	C	C
Paul BOGOSIAN.....	1150	11	29	2	1135	B	B
A. R. CASTELLANOS.....	1500	6	2	2	1483	A	B
James COOK.....	1318	28	6	5	1657	B	A
Jack CRAIG.....	950	9	11	2	1191	C	B
Julio ERCOLINI.....	1000	5	13	0	994	B	C
Douglas JERDET.....	750	0	4	0	746	C	C
Don HUENAGEL.....	700	9	19	1	991	C	C
R. P. KOVACH.....	1500	0	0	0	1500	A	A
Walter LEWIS.....	900	3	1	0	907	C	C
Rich MORENO.....	950	2	5	0	952	C	C
Eugene NAKAMURA.....	750	2	6	0	915	C	C
John RAMIREZ.....	950	17	41	1	1110	C	B
Noel RENAUD.....	1850	24	3	2	1887	A	A
Jim REYNOLDS.....	1350	32	13	5	1501	B	A
Ed RUSSELL.....	1350	7	12	0	1248	B	B
Jess SILVER.....	746	0	1	0	744	C	C
Ivan VEGVARY.....	900	43	35	9	1359	C	B

THE ABOVE REVIEW includes all tournament games played in club tourneys, including ladder, and all team match games. Speed "Rapid Transit" chess games are excluded. "Skittles", chess for fun, of course, are not counted although maybe some of them should be. Some records may look peculiar, i.e. John Ramirez only winning 17 against 41 losses and yet improving his rating. Reason--; it seems John would put up a good game at times against a top notcher gaining several points. The ratings are based on your club director's own system, which, of course, may not be the best in the world. There is plenty of room for improvement in this system and your C.D. is continually experimenting with ideas. The biggest flaw found in the system is some way to make it possible for the top layers to get more for their efforts. For instance, Noel Renaud won 24 games and only lost 3 and yet only gained 37 points for this fine record. The reason, of course, is that most of the other players in the club are rated lower, and thus Noel does not gain many points for his wins. His best gains were in his team match wins when once in awhile he got to play a higher rated player; but even so, most of these were not rated too much higher than Noel, so he never did gain a big batch of points when he won and yet with the 3 losses he lost quite a few points only to gain them back again with a string of wins.

It should be noted, however, that the system cannot be too bad since it does prove that the more steady players do improve. You will notice that those who played the most games and were not afraid to put their ratings on the line did eventually gain points which must indicate improvement. In this sense, the Reynolds Rating System has proved itself of some value. For instance, one can readily see the improvement in Ivan Vegrar's chess playing. He played the most games (maybe even too many). His 35 losses were mostly when he first began coming to the club, whereas his 43 wins are during the latter part of the year and versus some very good players. He is definitely the most improved player of the club. Some players were misrated upon entering the club which is the fault of the club director who rates all new members; i.e. Leighton Allen was underrated along with a couple of others and two or three players were overrated.

GAMES SECTION

Edited By Noel Renaud

The following game was played in a team match between the Golden Gate C.C. and the Precita Valley C.C. on Jan. 12, 1957.

Game No. 17

WHITE: N. Neilsen (GG)

BLACK: Ed Russell (FV)

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

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|----------|-------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-K3 | P-K3 |
| 4. P-QB4 | PxP |

Accepting the Gambit Pawn is not best here as it gives White a strong center. The strategy in Queen's Gambit Accepted is for Black to mobilize his Queen's wing as rapidly as possible. The usual moves are: 1. P-Q4, P-Q4; 2. P-QB4, PxP; 3. N-KB3, N-KB3; 4. P-K3, P-K3; 5. BxP, P-B4; 6. O-O, P-QR3; 7. Q-K2, P-QN4. As Black has played N-QB3 this system is not available here.

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| 5. BxP | N-B3 |
| 6. N-B3 | B-N5 |
| 7. O-O | N-R4 |

An oversight which loses at least a Pawn.

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| 8. Q-R4ch | N-B3 |
| 9. N-K5 | B-Q3 |
| 10. B-N5 | ... |

Maybe White should be satisfied winning a Pawn here. But he has greater ambitions and Black may make another error!

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| 10. | B-Q2 |
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He does! 10....., O-O and he loses no more than a Pawn. 11. NxN, PxN; 12. Bxp, B-Q2.

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| 11. P-K4 | ... |
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Now White loses a Pawn. To maintain the pressure it was necessary to play 11.

NxB if QxN, 12. P-K4 with threat 13. P-K5 or P-Q5. If 11....., NxN; 12. BxN, PxN; 13. QxP.

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| 11. | NxN |
| 12. PxN | BxP |
| 13. B-N5 | P-B3 |
| 14. B-K2 | ... |

Necessary to prevent BxPch, etc.

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| 14. | Q-K2 |
| 15. Q-N3 | P-N4 |

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| 16. P-B4 | ... |
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As Black now wins another pawn this is a serious error.

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| 16. | Q-B4ch |
| 17. K-R1 | BxN |
| 18. QxB | QxQ |
| 19. PxQ | NxP |
| 20. QR-B1 | O-O |

Castling is not important in this position. NxB followed by K-K2 is stronger.

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| 21. B-R4 | P-KB4 |
| 22. KR-Q1 | B-K1 |
| 23. B-B3 | P-QR4 |
| 24. R-K1 | ... |

Pointless. It is necessary to bring the King out of that corner.

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| 24. | B-N3 |
| 25. B-Q1 | ... |

Bishop was well posted on B3.

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| 25. | P-R5 |
| 26. P-B4 | ... |

Why facilitate his opponent's problem? P-QR3 or K-N1 was preferable.

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| 26. | P-N5 |
| 27. R-QN1 | P-B4 |
| 28. R-N2 | KR-K1 |
| 29. B-KB2 | ... |

True the Bishop is hemmed in and the Knight has a commanding position. But after the exchange White's Rook will be out of play and his King is still in the corner.

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| 29. | KR-QB1 |
| 30. B-B3 | ... |

B-K3 or K-N1-- White should play a defensive game. A pair of Bishops is an asset not to be given up lightly.

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| 30. | NxBch |
| 31. RxN | QR-N1 |
| 32. R-K5 | ... |

Again may we beg His Majesty to come out and join the fray!

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| 32. | P-N6 |
| 33. PxP | RxP |
| 34. B-Q1 | R-B6 |

Indirectly protecting the passed Pawn.

But R-N8 obtains the same result with a crushing attack. Then might follow

35. R-Q2, B-R4; 36. R-K1, P-R6; 37. RN,

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RxB; 38. RxB, BxR; 39. RxB, P-R7; 40. P-R3, R-N1; 41. K-R2, R-N8 and White must lose the Rook.

- 35. R-B2 R-Q6
36. B-K2 R-N6
37. P-R3 R-B3
38. R-Q2 P-R3
39. R-Q8ch K-R2
40. R-R8 P-R6
41. B-B3 R-B2
42. K-R2 B-B2
43. R-K1 P-N3
44. R-QR1 R-B6
45. R/lxP RxB
46. RxB P-K4
47. PXP BXP

DRAWN: But with Black's positional advantage and extra Pawn, there should be a win for him.

(Team Captain's note: Draw was suggested to cinch the match.)

PROBLEM CORNER

Problem No. 1 by Jim Reynolds

BLACK (9)

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. k . N . p P .
p n p . p . q .
. Q .
R . . . N . . .
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. . R . . B r .
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WHITE (8)

White to play and mate in two moves.

THIS IS NOT an attempt to start a ladder. As a matter of fact the answer is on page 6. The idea is to encourage this area's chess players to compose problems. The editor has taken it on his own to put in one of his compositions just to get the pump primed. I know there are a couple of members in the club who like to dilly dally around composing problems so let's send them in to the editor of CHESS HERALD to see what the readers think of them. Since I have shown the one above around the club and other places, most of you probably know the key and the theme of it.

SWISS SYSTEM TOURNEY NOTES

The following are the results of Round 2 in Precita Valley's Swiss System Tourney for the club's "open" championship:

- Noel Renaud 1, Julio Ercolini 0.
Ed Russell 1, Don Hufnagel 0.
Leighton Allen 1, Jim Reynolds 0.
Ivan Vegvary 1, Walt Lewis 0 (F).
James Cook 1, Paul Bogosian 0.
Carl Barton 1, R. Moreno 0 (f)
Bob Blakemore 1, John Ramirez 0.
Douglas Jerdet 1, Henry Brauns 0 (F).

LEIGHTON ALLEN upset the veteran Jim Reynolds to really appear to be a cinch for the club's "B" championship and actually he is still in the running for the club's "open" championship. Other games went according to expectations outside of the forfeit wins. The standings after two rounds is as follows:

Swiss System Tourney Standings

Table with 2 columns: Player Name and Score. Includes Noel Renaud (2-0), Ed Russell (2-0), Leighton Allen (2-0), Ivan Vegvary (2-0), James Cook (1-1), Jim Reynolds (1-1), Carl Barton (1-1), Julio Ercolini (1-1), Don Hufnagel (1-1), Bob Blakemore (1-1), Walt Lewis (1-1), Douglas Jerdet (1-1), Paul Bogosian (0-2), John Ramirez (0-2), Henry Brauns (0-2), Rich Moreno (0-2).

Round 3 pairings are listed on the bulletin board. Round 3 is not complete but here are the first results of it:

- Noel Renaud 1, Ed Russell 0.
Leighton Allen 1, Ivan Vegvary 0.
Don Hufnagel 1, Bob Blakemore 0.

Round 3 must be played on or before Thursday, January 17, 1957 and not to start later than 8:30 p.m.

Ladder standings and ratings will appear next month, the space used for the 1956 Rating Review this edition.

SAN QUENTIN EDGES PRECITA VALLEY

Exactly four members of the Precita Valley C.C. went up to San Quentin on Sunday, December 23, 1956 to play the chess club there. Some played two rounds, some three, and even four, and the final tally was San Quentin 7, Precita Valley 6. The faithful turn-outs for P.V. were James Cook, Julio Ercolini, John Ramirez, and Jim Reynolds. James Cook took on 12 or so simultaneously and didn't do too well this time, but Jim does have a couple of nice records up there doing the same thing. Jim Reynolds did the best on this particular day by scoring two wins, one of them over the San Quentin's club champ. Apparently he could do no wrong on this visit. The San Quentin Chess Club has voted in a new president in the person of Nolte who is doing a very magnificent job, and CHESS NUTS is as good as ever.

ANSWER TO PROBLEM NO. 1 IS Q-N5.

Original compositions for the PROBLEM CORNER is open to anybody who happens to get a hold of CHESS HERALD and is not restricted just to Precita Valley Club members.

CENC "OPEN" SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 9 & 10

For those interested, the CENC "Open" Tournament is scheduled for February 9th and 10th at the YMCA, Oakland, Calif. Entry fee is \$2.00 to members of CENC, \$4.00 to non-members which includes membership. Starting time is 12:30 p.m. Saturday, February 9th. Entries may be mailed in advance to Mr. William Pattullo, 2286-46th Ave., San Francisco, Calif., but entries will be accepted beginning at 11 a.m. at Oakland YMCA on Sat., Feb. 9th. There will be three divisions, "Expert-A", "B", and "C". Trophies will be awarded to the first three in each division and there will be various book prizes.

THOSE MISSING AL HOROWITZ AT PRECITA VALLEY C.C. MAY STILL CATCH HIM AT MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, WED., JAN. 30TH!

RULES FOR PLAYING SIMULTANEOUS CHESS

Since Al Horowitz will be playing a simultaneous exhibition here at P. V. on Tuesday, January 29th, your editor feels it proper to list the rules here governing such an event. Of course, it is realized that most of you know the rules for playing in this manner, but there may be a few that are playing this way for the first time, so here they are:

1. The simultaneous player has the WHITE pieces; his opponents the BLACKS.

2. The simultaneous player goes around making his first move against all opponents. Do not answer his move until he again approaches your board.

3. Procedure in rule 2 is repeated throughout the exhibition. DO NOT MAKE YOUR ANSWERING MOVE UNTIL THE SIMULTANEOUS PLAYER APPROACHES YOUR BOARD. This is only fair to the simultaneous player so that he will not have to waste time to figure out what your last move was.

4. You may make two consecutive moves while the simultaneous player IS STILL IN FRONT OF YOUR BOARD, but this is not advisable for various reasons. Be sensible and just make your answering move as he approaches your board. He will make his move and then you have time to think of your next move while he is around the other boards.

5. YOU MUST MOVE AS THE SIMULTANEOUS PLAYER APPROACHES YOUR BOARD or you forfeit your game. YOU CANNOT SKIP A TURN.

6. DO NOT KIBITZ. This mainly goes for spectators but players as well. Kibitzers do not help the game! They mainly make it miserable for the many opponents. The master player really doesn't mind as the kibitzers merely confuse his opponents, not him! So please, NO KIBITZING.

7. KNOW WHEN TO RESIGN. Do not hang on to a hopeless position. If you are lost, do not hang on to see how many moves you can last against the master because you prove nothing. The actual game is based on when you lose, not on how long you can drag it out! GENTLEMEN KNOW WHEN TO RESIGN!!