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IT APPEARS THAT SOME MEMBERS ARE NOT AWARE OF SOME IMPORTANT FACTS OF LIFE.

TERRACHESS HAS COME, IT'S BEEN SEEN, AND IT INTENDS TO STAY. THIS MEANS A NEW ISSUE EVERY WEEK, MEMBERS, WITH NEWS OF ALL SORTS AND LIKE THE Q.P.G., UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES. IT IS NOT BEING ISSUED TO COVER JUST ONE EVENT, OR TAKE OFF WITH THE WIND AFTER ONE VALIANT EFFORT.

YET THAT HAS BEEN THE IMPRESSION, IT SEEMS, WITH SOME MEMBERS. IMPRESSION NOW DISSOLVED- RIGHT? AND WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO MORE ISSUES, RIGHT?

ALL IN FAVOR SAY 'AYE.'

ON CASTLING

OUR THOUGHT OF THE WEEK IN OUR LAST ISSUE INDICATED THAT EARLY CASTLING IS A GOOD IDEA. WE RECEIVED A COUPLE OF COMMENTS ON THIS, HOWEVER, AND FEEL THAT A LITTLE MORE EXPLANATION MAY BE IN ORDER.

THE COMMENTS WERE BASED ON THE FACT THAT AN EARLY-CASTLER "COMMITS HIMSELF" TO ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER, MAKING ATTACK-PLANNING EASIER FOR THE OPPONENT.

THIS IS TRUE. HOWEVER, THE MAIN CONSIDERATION IS NOT WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER CASTLING, BUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ONE DOESN'T CASTLE. TURN THE SITUATION AROUND--HOW DO YOU PLAY AGAINST AN OPPONENT WHO DOESN'T CASTLE? DO YOU START A K OR Q - SIDE ATTACK, WITH THE CHANCE OF HIS CASTLING ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE IN EVIDENCE? NO. YOU PLAY IN THE CENTER, KEEPING AVENUES OPEN ON BOTH SIDES. YOU PLAY STRONGLY IN THE CENTER. AND IT IS A WELL-KNOWN FACT THAT CONTROL OF THE CENTER WINS GAMES. BY THE TIME YOUR OPPONENT DOES CASTLE, IF AT ALL, CHANCES ARE YOU WILL HAVE GAINED ENOUGH ADVANTAGE TO PRESS FOR A WIN.

SO - IF YOU DON'T CASTLE, THE SAME IS LIABLE TO HAPPEN AGAINST YOU. DON'T WORRY ABOUT COMMITTING YOURSELF - REMEMBER, A SMALL CORNER OR AREA IS EASY TO DEFEND. WHAT COUNTS IS THE CONTROL OF AS MUCH OF THE BOARD AS POSSIBLE.

SMOKE AND STEAM IN SMOKELESS CLUB

SIZZLE AND EXCITEMENT SWEEP THE VERDUGO HILLS SMOKELESS CHESS CLUB LAST FRIDAY, WHEN YOUR EDITOR PLAYED TWENTY MEMBERS AND WOULD-BE MEMBERS IN A SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION. THE SIZZLE BECAME A FIZZLE HOWEVER, WHEN HE COULD ONLY BAT AN EVEN .500 IN WINNING NINE, DRAWING TWO, AND LOSING NINE GAMES TO A SURPRISINGLY STRONG TEAM. PLAY WENT ON TILL AFTER 2 A.M. (WITHOUT ADJUDICATIONS - A FACT WHICH COST YOUR EDITOR AT LEAST THREE GAMES) BY WHICH TIME LONELY BUTTS WERE PILING UP ON THE FLOOR - THE CLUB GENEROUSLY CONSENTED TO HIS SMOKING, WHICH THEY'LL PROBABLY REGRET.

HIS VICTORIOUS OPPONENTS WERE:

<u>WINS:</u>	VALADES F.	TUGGLE
	VALADES A.	ROTH
	FLEISHMAN	NIELSSEN
	SCHRECK	WESTWICK (CITY TERRACE)
	LARSEN	
 <u>DRAWS:</u>	SCHAUERTE	
	GROVE	

WELL, THAT'S THE WAY IT GOES. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE SIMULTANEOUS ACHIEVED A GAIN OF NEW MEMBERS FOR THE CLUB.

INCIDENTALLY, MR. DAVIDSON, CLUB EXECUTIVE, EXTENDED A KIND INVITATION TO OUR CLUB FOR A TEAM MATCH OF 8 OR 10 BOARDS SOME TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ALL THOSE INTERESTED CONTACT THE EDITOR.

JUST TO REMIND YOU - - - -

NOVICE TOURNAMENT STARTS TODAY, FOR PLAYERS RATED UNDER 1700, OR UNRATED. YOU CAN STILL GET IN - - - -

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS AGAINST ALLAN TROY, PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHESS LEAGUE, TO BE PLAYED NEXT WEEK - - - -

BATTLE ROYAL IN THE CITY

THE STRUGGLE IS ON, GOAL SET TOWARDS THE MAGIC FIGURE OF 2000 IN FIVE SECTIONS OF THE EXPERT CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES. AMONG 24 ENTRIES AT SAN GABRIEL, UNCONFIRMED REPORTS REVEAL CITY TERRACE MEN R. GISH, N. LAUSHKIN AND T. BALDINGER PLUNGING INTO THE THICK OF IT--THEIR FIRST ROUND RESULTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT RUMOR HAS IT THAT GISH WAS FORCED TO WALK THE PLANK. A GOOD SURVIVER HE, WE FEEL SURE HE'LL RIDE ON THE CREST OF THE WAVES THE REST OF THE WAY.

OVER AT DOWNEY, GUIDING LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER FRANK PYE'S LAIR, REPUTABLE TERRACE - MEN H. RADER AND M SARLEY ARE SHOWING THE WORLD THE STUFF THEY'RE MADE OF. BOTH SCORED WINS IN THE FIRST ROUND - RADER AGAINST H. FREED, SARLEY AGAINST A WORTHY OPPONENT WHOSE NAME IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. TWENTY-FOUR PLAYERS ARE COMPETING IN THIS SECTION AS WELL.

GOOD HUNTING, PARTICIPATING MEMBERS!

PERSONALITIES

KINGS, QUEENS AND HOME RUNS SEEM TO DRAW EQUAL TIME IN SENOR TAKADA'S BOOK - THE WAY HE'D BEEN LISTENING TO THE DODGER GAMES COME TO THINK OF IT, YOUR EDITOR ENDORSES THE IDEA, CORDS, EARPLUGS AND ALL NOTICED GISH AND MADAME ERUS ENGAGED IN A HOTLY-CONTESTED GAME FOR RATING POINTS LAST WEEK. FETISH, ANYONE? HEARD ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT BARNES IS THROUGH CLIMBING TREES, LADDERS, ROOFS AND SPIRES. HONESTLY, WE'RE ALL HAPPY TO SEE HIM PERAMBULATE IN GOOD BALANCE AGAIN THAT LONG-ADJOURNED GAME PARKER V. MURPHY IN THE TEAM MATCH AGAINST MONTEREY PARK ENDED IN A DRAW, THEREBY TYING THE MATCH AT 3 - 3. NICE WORK, MR. PARKER.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

AN OPEN FILE IS LARCENY. WITH A ROOK ON IT, IT'S GRAND LARCENY. BUT WITH TWO ROOKS, IT'S MURDER!'