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The Monterey Peninsula Chess Club meets each Thursday evening at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, 467 Alvarado St., Monterey



Walter Browne Here Dec 5

International Grandmaster WALTER BROWNE, of New York, will be the guest of the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center from 2 to 5 p. m. Saturday, December 5. The Master will give a simultaneous exhibition and a short lecture airing his views on chess masters in international competition. Players in the simultaneous will be chosen by lot. The public is invited to attend. There is no fee.

Walter Browne is possibly the world's youngest International Grandmaster. He won the U. S. Junior Championship in 1966 at the age of 17. This was the first of the U. S. Junior Championship series. Eight contestants, all younger than 21, accepted invitations to play in the event. Browne missed the first game, against the tailender, and lost by forfeit. He also lost to Robert Wachtel, who placed second. He won all of the other games to take the title. It may be of interest to know that David Blohm, of Berkeley and Alan Baisley, of San Francisco, played in this tournament.

Browne is an energetic chess personality and changes his address more than Jerry Jennings. He will play anyone anywhere anytime - and will win more than he loses. If he tells you he is the world's greatest chess player - believe him - he may well be. He has played most of the big names and has traveled all over the world in his chess career. He is not the bashful type and should have some good stories to tell.



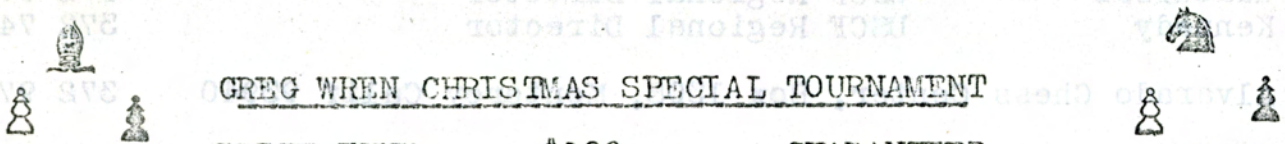
MONTEREY COUNTY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Open to all residents of Monterey County and to all Military personnel stationed in the County. Must be member of USCF or join at time of registration. Titles, trophies, awards and cash prizes. Saturday December 12 and Sunday December 13. Casa Alvarado Chess Center.

5 rounds swiss system. Entry fee: \$5 if mailed before Dec 10 - later \$6. Mail advance entries to Monterey Peninsula Chess Club, Box 261, Monterey, Ca 93940 giving name, address, USCF rating and, if competing for a junior prize, date of birth.

BOOSTER SECTION: Same time and place. Open to all other without residence or membership requirements. Special Prizes. Entry Fee: \$2.

Please bring sets and timers if you have them.



GREG WREN CHRISTMAS SPECIAL TOURNAMENT

PRIZE FUND \$100 GUARANTEED

4 round swiss system ... 2 rounds on Saturday, December 19, and 2 rounds on Sunday, December 20. No night games. TD: Ted Yudacufski.

1st place: \$50 2nd place: \$30 3rd place: \$20.

Entry fee: \$4 - Must be member of USCF or join - Casa Alvarado CC.

1st round each day starts at 10 a/m - 2nd round each day starts at 2 p. m. Registration desk open at 9 a.m. Player's meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Please bring sets and timers.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot (30/30) Non-USCF. November 22 Casa Alvarado. 16 players entered this fun type chess tournament directed by Ted Yudacufski. Bernie Iainson won a turkey for 1st place. Dan Maxwell won a turkey for 2nd place. Ted Yudacufski won a pie and a book for third place. David Henry won a pie for fourth place. Robert Robbins won a turkey for best under 1600.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR MPCCLUB

It is that time of the year again... Club membership dues are now payable for 1971. Our fiscal year runs from January 1 thru December 31. Regular fee: \$8; Married couples: \$12; Junior (under 19): \$4; Enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces on active duty: \$4. Make your check payable to the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club and mail it to Box 261, Monterey, Ca 93940. Your membership card will be sent to you by return mail.

County Championship Tournament

This annual tournament, to determine the Chess Champions of Monterey County, will be held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, 467 Alvarado St., Monterey on December 12 and 13, 1970. First round will start at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Five rounds swiss system. First two rounds at 40/1½; last three rounds at 45/2.

Open to all residents of Monterey County and to all military personnel on active duty and stationed in the county. Must be member of USCF or join at time of registration.

Overall winner will be named Monterey County Chess Champion and will receive a trophy and a cash prize of \$25.

Best woman player (not winning top prize) will be named Monterey County Woman Chess Champion and will receive a trophy and a cash prize. If less than three woman players entered only title and trophy will be awarded.

Best player under 18 years will be named Monterey County Junior Chess Champion and will receive a trophy and a cash prize. If less than three juniors entered only the title and trophy will be awarded.

The best military player will receive a special prize.

A player may win only one prize. Tie-break points will be used to determine title and trophy winner. Cash prizes will be split in case of tie. A player qualifying for more than one prize may choose the prize desired. Remaining prize goes to the next best qualified. Player must complete all rounds to qualify for a prize.

ENTRY FEE: \$5 if paid prior to December 10, 1970. Mail check, name, address, USCF rating, and, if under 18, date of birth to Monterey Peninsula Chess Club, Box 261, Monterey, Ca 93940.

Registration desk will be open at the tournament site at 8:30 a. m. on Saturday December 12. Entry fee at the desk will be \$6.

Please bring sets and timers. Be prepared to show USCF membership card or to pay annual membership dues.

B O O S T E R

An additional tournament, open to all without residence or membership requirements. To be played at the same time and place as above. Entry fee \$2, payable at the registration desk. Open to all ages and chess skills. There will be prizes and awards. A wonderful chance to get the feel of tournament play - join us and bring a friend. Please bring sets and clocks if you have them.



MIKE'S MEDITATIONS:



The following game, played in the 1970 MPCCLUB's Championship Chess Tournament, between Chuck Nystrom (1720) and Mike Ewell (2067) should demonstrate that the Sicillian Defence is a "MUST" for the Club Player's compilation of openings. Time spent in studying this strong opening (for Black) will re-pay the student with an enjoyable rise in his USCF rating. You are advised to direct your studies toward the principles upon which the opening is based and not to memorize long columns of variations. Any slight deviation from the text book may upset your thinking unless you are aware of the general principles of the opening being used. Club players will fall into one of two classifications - either he is a 'combinative' player and is at his best in the attack and partial to the open or semi-open game; or he is the 'positional' player with little liking for the hurly-burly of the combinations and prefers to pile up small advantages. It is vital then that he select an opening that fits his style. While the Sicillian is adaptable to either style it is essentially a counter attack and Black should be energetic in his play. It is a game for the fighter. Purely defensive play can tie the board into a knot.

Nystrom
White

SICILLIAN - Closed System

Ewell
Black
BLACK

Note: Open comments by Mike Ewell. (Those in brackets are the Ed's).

1. P-K4, (Morphy himself couldn't do better! This is one of the strongest possible opening moves. It establishes a pawn in the center and opens the way for two pieces to come into play. What more could one ask of the first move?) 1 ... P-QB4; (Black refuses to play White's game and insists on naming the weapons.) 2. N-KB3, (Develops a piece that exerts influence on the center.) 2... N-KB3; (Develops a piece that threatens a lonesome P.) 3. P-Q3, avoiding the Nimzovitch Sicillian (and opens a path for another piece.) 3 ... N-B3; (Develop pieces early.) 4. P-KN3, (This establishes the Closed Variation. White keeps the center closed with P-Q3 and develops the KB in a Fianchetto.) 4 ... P-Q3; 5. B-N2, P-KN3; 6. O-O, B-N2; Setting up the Dragon formation. 7. R-K1, neglecting the Q side development 7 ... B-N5; 8. P-B3, Q-Q2; Prevents P-R3 and prepares for Q side castling. 9. N-Q2, P-KR4; 10. N-B1, a waste of time as it takes four moves to capture the B. 10 ... P-R5; 11. B-B4, N-KR4; 12. B-K3, better was developing Q2 and unpinning the N. 12 ... PXP. 13. BPXP, White should consider RPXP here as there is no R on the open B file. 13 ... O-O-O; (Tucking his Majesty away and bringing another R into play.) 14. Q-Q2, P-K4; 15. P-QN4, P-B4; 16. NPXP, QPXP; 17. PXP, PXP; 18. R-N1, (Rs belong on open files.) 18 ... P-KB5; 19. BXQBP, QXP; 20. Q-KB2, Better was Q-N2 threatening mate. 20 ... PXP; 21. NXNP, N-B5; 22. Q-K3, only three pawns each are left at this point, but all of the pieces are still on the board. 22 ... NXB; 23. KXN, BXNck; 24. QXB??, RXP ck; 25. KXR, QXQ; 26. B-B2, R-R1ck; 27. K-N1, B-R3; 28. QR-Q1, B-B5; 29. Resigns. (For BXN followed by R-R8 mate.)

(White, never in position to threaten Black, delayed development of the Q side pieces, lost tempos by his repeated moves of the QN and was on the defensive after Black's second move.) (Magnificent play by Black, who never once relaxed his iron control of the game.) (White's 19th move was the only time White crossed the fourth rank - into Black's side of the Board.)

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The 8-week-long tournament gathered together 18 Club members to battle for the honor of being the Club Champion for the coming year. While the games were hard fought, all of the entries seemed to have enjoyed the tough competition. The event was USCF rated and there will be some adjustments in individual ratings.

The winner, Bernie Lainson, will have his photograph mounted on the Wanted Poster, announcing the details of the tournament. He also received a fine trophy. Other winners were: Mike Ewell, top Expert; A. Lee Hall, top Class A; R. Osborne, top Class B; Ken Roberson, top Class D; Bruce Dickinson, top Junior. Each received a chess book as a prize. G. Eding, top Class C.

Ted (and Ruby) Yudacufski turned in a fine job directing this tournament.

The players, their rating and final position follow:

1. B. Lainson	1978	7	10. R. Atkinson	1545	4
2. M. Ewell	2067	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	11. G. Gerstl	1523	4
3. R. Osborne	1641	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	12. B. Kennedy	1500	4
4. G. Eding	1522	5	13. F. Saublsbury	1608	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. B. Dickinson	1712	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	14. C. Daly	1616	3
6. C. Nystrom	1720	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15. A. Lee Hall	1819	3
7. T. Montemurro	1646	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	16. S. Hand	1282	3
8. K. Roberson	1394	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	17. M. Friddle	1354	1
9. F. Sutor	1616	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	18. S. Gales	1416	0

Minutes of the Business Meeting of November 12, 1970:

17 members in good standing were present, including at least two members of the Executive Council, constituting a quorum. The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:10 p. m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. President Lainson introduced Jeff Rushton, a new member. The group discussed securing the services of name chess players to give exhibitions and lectures to the membership and President Lainson announced that Walter Browne, an international grandmaster, was in the area and available. The President stated that he would invite Browne to visit our Club and give a simultaneous exhibition of twenty boards and a short lecture. The event to be held at the Casa on December 5. It was moved and passed that the Club underwrite the event; That the exhibition and lecture be open (free), and that the twenty players to take boards against the Master be selected by lot. The President stated that he would advise Mr Browne and invite him to appear. It was moved and passed that the Executive Council meet at the call of the Chairman to set the dates for the 1971 Club Championship and to offer, for approval of the membership, the type of play to be used for this tournament. Chairman Nystrom, of the Nominating Committee, asked if there were any nominations for the election of Club Officers to be held at the Annual Meeting on the second Thursday of January. There were no nominations from the floor. It was suggested that copies of the Club's Constitution be prepared and distributed to the membership as the 1971 dues were paid. The meeting was adjourned to meet on January 14, 1971.

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- 18. B. Kennedy
- 17. F. Salisbury
- 16. C. Daly
- 15. A. Lee Hall
- 14. E. Hand
- 13. M. Widdie
- 12. ...
- 11. ...
- 10. ...



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