

1001 KNIGHTS -- tales from the SDCC...

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Foursome Fun in Long Beach

By David Saponara and Jim Woodward

Some may consider it kinky, some may think it tiring, but everyone knows it's fun! Yes, it's the 1991 U.S. Amateur Team West Championship is to be held over the President's Day weekend, Feb. 16 - 18 in Long Beach. This event is played in four sections in the East, Midwest, South and West. The four regional champs will meet in a quadrangular national championship played over the USA Today Sports Network about two weeks later.

The 3 day event features 4-player teams (plus an optional alternate) with an average rating of Under 2200 (below Master, hence the "Amateur" designation). The annual rating supplement (January Issue of Chess Life) lists the ratings which will determine the team averages. There are prizes for U2000, U1800, U1600 and U1400/Unr. teams also! Top scores on each board number also receive awards. There is even prizes for best team names and best promotional idea. (One of my favorites last year was "Teenage Mutant Ninja Patzers!")

San Diegan Teams have traditionally done well at the West winning in 1988 and 1990. In 1988 there was Laki, Laki, Maki & Haki (Cy Lakdawala, Jimmy Lakdawala, Jim Maki and Dan Neilson) who swept through the event and even won the Finals National Title with a thrilling crush over a powerful East squad in the last round. They were pictured on the cover of the May 1988 issue of Chess Life. SDCC teams also placed second and 1st U2000.

Then the "Smart Alekhines" (Jim Petranovich, Bob Richard, Eric Kuniholm and Leo Stefurak) won the West in '90. They placed 3rd in the playoffs after losing to the eventual winners, the East. Leo did particularly well, scoring 6-0 (and taking the fourth board prize) in the West Championship and 3-0 in the Finals.

The Amateur Team Championship is a favorite event of many players, because it affords a lot of camaraderie and mutual support among teammates, which is missing at non-team events. It's one thing to win as an individual, but something

very special to win as a team. The team which wins the Western regional normally is pictured on the cover of "Rank and File." The team which wins the National playoffs, two weeks later, will be pictured on the cover of "Chess Life."

If you haven't played in this event before, the club strongly urges you to try it. Put your team together and enjoy the fun. If you need help in forming a team, either place your name on the list at the club, or recruit players you need to round out your team from the list!

Let's go up and have some fun!!

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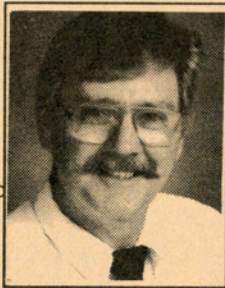
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Jack Miller

1990 was a good year for Chess! 1991 will be even better!

Let's recap what happened last year!



■ We recrowned the same old guy Club Champion, Cy Lakdawala. That's 4 times out of 6 years, we may have to ban him from competition!? Also, this year marked the first time we had a 4-game match for the title. Todd Smith was the challenger and 1990 saw him getting stronger all the time. Todd gained over 100 rating points and at the end of the year, he was over 2300! A lot of hard work!

■ We hired a professional, uniformed security guard.

■ We held the 2nd Annual San Diego Scholastic County Championship!

■ SDCC "Smart Alekhines" won the US Amateur Team West Championship and had a good showing in the National Championship Finals.

■ SDCC organized and sponsored a National tournament, the US Senior Open, on a Cruise ship in the Caribbean! What fun!

■ USCF members elected a new President, GM Max Dlugy!

■ The World Championship was held in New York City! And a whole lot more, of course! This year we look to the following:

■ We have started a series of Saturday weekend tournaments, *Saturday Blitz*,

Saturday Quads, Saturday Octos & Saturday U1600 Swiss.

■ We are bidding on having the *Southern California Open* in San Diego over Labor Day Weekend.

■ We will have the USCF Policy Board meeting in San Diego for the first time ever in February.

■ We are also bidding on the 91 & 92 US Senior Opens!

■ The US Open will be held in Los Angeles this summer!

We're looking for bigger and better things in '91 and we need lots of volunteer help. Please step forward and do what you can!

Thanks, Jack

NORTH COUNTY NEWS

North County #65 was conducted in two sections; a double round robin for the Club's top four players and an Open section for the rest of the members. Winner of the round robin was Peter Graves with a 5.5 score. In the Open section Randall Wood was the winner with 4-1. Tied for second place were William Gery and Nestor Estrella with 3.5-1.5.

The same format was used for North County #66 which was held from Dec.7 thru Jan.18. Michael Nagaran was the winner of the double round robin with a score of 4.5. Topping the Open section was Greg Sullivan with a 5.5 score. Second place went to Fidel Gonzalez whose only loss was to Sullivan.

North County's next weekender will be held on March 23 & 24 at the Compri Hotel in Rancho Bernardo. See the flyer in this issue for details.

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PRIZES

Following is a list of the prizes members can win in Wednesday night tournaments. The book list is on the outside back cover.

Tournament Prize List

Various Chess Books A, B, C, D, E, F
Quartz ClockA+B
Chess Travel BagA
Cavalier Chess Set + Box ...A
Regulation Staunton
Board + SetD
Regulation Staunton Set only E
Regulation Staunton board ...F
Drueke Folding chess boards C
Schachuhr chess clockA
Blue chess pouchE

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Two 1.0 hr lessons ..B
One 1.5 hr lesson ...C
One 1.0 hr lesson ...D

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership Contest Extended thru 1991! Bring in a new member and you both get a free entry into the next tournament. The person who sponsors the most new members in 90/91 will receive \$100, the second most \$60 and the third most \$40! Go get them!

CALENDAR

- Feb 2,3 USCF Policy Board meeting in San Diego!
 Ramada Inn Downtown.
- Feb.13-Mar.27 SDCC Championship Round Robin (8 player)
 Also, SDCC Class championships.
- Feb. 16-18 US Amateur Team West in Long Beach.
- Feb.23 & Mar.16 Saturday *Blitz* at the Balboa Club
- Mar.2,3 Saturday U1600 Swiss at the Balboa Club.
- Mar. 9 & May 11 Saturday Quads at the Balboa Club.
- Mar 23,24 North County Spring Open - Rancho Bernardo
- Apr. 3 Free Simul with 1991 Club Champ!
- Apr.10 -May 1 SDCC Spring Action tournament.
- Apr.13 Saturday Octos at the Balboa Club.
- May 8 -Jun. 5 SDCC Spring Swiss.
- May 18 San Diego Scholastic Championship.
- Jul 28 -Aug. 9 US Open in Los Angeles!!

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ATTACK ON A WING

by Carl Wagner

This game represents a simple example of a successful wing attack.

The student should note the important elements:

* The locked center prevents counterplay in that sector.

* The importance of strategy in planning the attack.

* The tactical breakthrough at the end.

Wagner Macias
SDCC Ch. Qualifier
January 16, 1991

1.e4 d6
2.d4 Nf6
3.Nc3 g6
4.Be3 Bg7
5.f3 O-O
6.Qd2 e5
7.d5 Nh5
8.g4 Nf4
9.Nge2 ...

After 9.Bf4?,ef,10.Qf4, either f5 or Be5 gives Black compensation for the pawn in active pieces and the two bishops.

9. Ne2
10.Be2 ...

Note Black has expended four tempi in his KN. This gives White a large development advantage.

10. f5
11.ef gf
12.O-O-O f4?

Ceding the important e4 square and locking the center. Better is 12....Nd7. White is now free to proceed with a King-side attack without fear of counterplay in the center which is the classical antidote to a wing attack. For this he must decide on the optimum placement of his pieces. The student should try to visualize this configuration here and compare with the position which occurs after White's 26th move.

13.Bf2 Nd7
14.h4 h6?
15.Bd3 Rf7

16.g5 ...

Taking advantage of the tactical situation to open the g-file. If 16....h5, then 17.Bg6

16. Nf8
17.gh Bh6
18.Rdg1+ Rg7
19.Rg7+ ...

Normally exchanges benefit the defence. Here with only one open file (on which White would have extreme difficulty tripling) the exchange merely removes a valuable defender.

19. Bg7
20.Be1 ...

If immediately 20.h5 & 21.Bh4, Black would threaten to exchange his bad KB with Nh7 & Bf6.

20. Bd7
21.Qg2 Qe7
22.Rg1 Qf7
23.h5 Kh8
24.Bg6 Qg8
25.Bh4 Nh7
26.Ne4 ...

White's pieces are now working at optimal efficiency. Did you "see" this at move 12? Note White did not really think ahead 14 moves. He merely visualized an ideal position. There is now no defense. The immediate threat is 27.h6

26. Be8

White has several ways to win. He chooses the simplest. In this case there is no need for a sacrifice.

27.Bh7 Qh7
28.Bf6 Bf6
29.Nf6 Resigns

White wins the Queen or mates. Note Black never managed to develop his Queen Rook.

NEW SATURDAY FUN

Nothing to do on Saturday? The Balboa Club and San Diego Chess Club have introduced four new tournaments for Saturdays; Saturday Blitz, Saturday Quads, Saturday Octos and Saturday U1600 Swiss.

Saturday Blitz is 5 minute Chess in a round robin format. Entry fee is only \$5! You could bring your family along and let them stroll through Balboa Park while you play Blitz for 3-4 hours, or simply be a maniac Blitz player for an afternoon! Saturday Quads is 40/90 (SD/30), in a 4 player round robin. Entry fee is \$15 (Free to new members who join USCF, SDCC and Balboa Club PLUS free entry into next Saturday Quads!). Rounds at 10:30am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm. Saturday Octos is 45/90 (SD/30), in an 8 player - 3 round Swiss. Entry fee is \$20 (if received before prior Wednesday, otherwise \$5 more at site. A \$5 discount for SDCC members). Rounds at 11am, 2pm, 5pm. Saturday U1600 Swiss is 30/90 (25/1), in a 2 day (Yes, Sat. & Sun.) 4 round Swiss. Entry fee is \$20 (if received before prior Wednesday, otherwise \$5 more at site. A \$5 discount for SDCC members). Rounds at Noon, 5pm on Saturday and 10am, 3pm on Sunday. See Calendar for tournament dates.

SDCC NEWS

The SDCC Holiday Dash for Cash, a one section Open tournament (Oct.24 - Nov.28,90) saw sixty-seven players doing just that, dashing for Cash Prizes. NM Michael Lamon and Expert Philip Leone tied for first with 4.5/5 scores, picking up \$87.50 each. Leone picked up quite a few rating points as he scored 2.5/3 against three 2300 players!

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Holiday Dash for Cash

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Leone drew NM Mark Saylor in the last round while leading the tournament with a perfect 4-0 score!

Tied for third and fourth at 4/5 were SM Cy Lakdawala, NM Carl Wagner, NM Gustavo Hernandez, NM Mark Saylor, NM Todd Smith and David Hart (a NM who just slipped below 2200, but not for long!). They each received \$22 except for Hart, who picked up \$50 for Best U2200. Best U2100 (\$50) went to Leticia Marquez (1913!) for her fine 3.5/5 score and Best U2000 (\$50) went to Greg Sullivan (1880) for turning in a 3.5/5 performance also. Best U1900 (\$50) went to Thomas Virtue (1810) and Best U1800 (\$50) to Ron Rezendes (1593), both with 3.5/5 scores. Dan Stemmler (UNR) picked up Best U1700 (\$50) while Kraig Mitchell (1568) and Jeff Thompson (1245) picked up \$50 and Best U1600 and Best U1500, respectively. The Upset prize went to Jeff Thompson (574 points!) plus another \$50!

San Diego

County Championship

The San Diego County Championship, held Dec. 8-9, 90, was played in three sections; Open, Express U2000 and Reserve U1600.

The Open section had 24 players (2 IM's, 2 SM's and 4 NM's!) and IM Igor Ivanov scored 4.5/5 to take first, \$300. 2nd and 3rd went to David Strauss and Rosendo Balinas (\$150 each), both with 4/5 scores. Best U2300 (\$75) went to Doug Huddleston (2160) and Best U2200 (\$75) to Charles Cole (2127), both with 3 points.

Best U2100 had a four-way tie (\$18.50 ea.) between Aniceto Lacno, Marcos Rayna, Rudolf Katzl and Jose Macias, all with 2 points.

The Express U2000 section had 25 players. Carlos Varella and Arthur Gramata tied for 1st (\$107.50 each) with 4.5/5. Tied for 3rd with 4 points were James Adkins and Leticia Marquez (\$30 each). Top U1900 (\$50) went to Michael Mills (1713!) with 3/4 (plus a .5 point bye makes 3.5). Best U1800 (\$50) went to Charles Ensey (1698) for a 3/5 score. Tied for Best U1700 were James Fritz, Arnel Enguillado and Jeff Martin (\$16.50 each) with 2.5/5 scores.

The Reserve U1600 section had 13 participants. 1st went to Mike West (\$80) with a 4.5/5 score, a full point ahead of the field! Tied for 2nd and 3rd were Ron Rezendes and Stephen Slagle (\$50 each) with 3.5/5 scores. Tied at 3 points for Best U1500 were Elmer Haugum and Doug Gould (\$17.50 each). Also tied at 2 points for Best U1400/Unr were Michael Hess, Jesus Orozco and Louis Pace (\$21.50 each).

SDCC December Quads

The December Quads (obviously held in December!) boasted 11 four player round robin Quads and some hard fought battles. SM Cy Lakdawala (\$25) won Quad 1 (2321-2529) with 2.5/3 and close on his heels was NM Carl Wagner (\$15) with 2/3.

David Hart (\$25) won Quad 2 (2010-2194) with Ed Koss and Phil Leone (\$7.50 each) next at 1.5/3.

Rudi Katzl (\$25) emerged victorious in Quad 3 (1995-2074) with 2.5/3. 2nd went

to Jose Macias (\$15) with 1.5/3.

James Malowney and Greg Sullivan tied for 1st in Quad 4 (1850-1992) and picked up \$20 each for their labors.

Fred Gerlach scored 2.5/3 to take top honors and \$25 in Quad 5 (1800-1845). 2nd was David Baer with 1.5/3.

Thomas Virtue cleanly swept Quad 6 (1721-1790) with a 3-0 score to collect his \$25. 2nd at 2 points was Russell Cashman (\$15).

Randy Wirtz and Alina Markowski tied for top honors in Quad 7 (1659-1721) with 2 points each to collect \$20 apiece.

Ron Rezendes and Mike West drew each other and beat the rest to share \$20 each in Quad 8 (1562-1650).

Charles Carr 3-0 his Quad 9 (1498-1534) to carry off the \$25 top prize while Vic Flashman was right behind him with 2 points to take \$15.

Victor Cardenas had a perfect 3-0 score in Quad 10 (1245-1491) to grab \$25. Michael Kass was next at 2 points for \$15.

Jesus Orozco cleaned up in Quad 11 (Unr-1214) with 3 points to collect \$25 while Bo Sorensen came 2nd with 2 points for \$15.

Saturday Blitz

The first Saturday Blitz tournament was held Jan. 11, 91 with 14 players participating in a 13 round robin at the Balboa Club in Balboa Park. 1st was SM Cy Lakdawala with 12/13. 2nd with 10/13 was Phil Leone and in 3rd-4th were M. Ibanez and Ben Josephs with 8.5/13 each.

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CANDIDATES MATCHES

News just came over the wire on the USA Today Sports Network about the Candidate Matches for the next World Championship. These are eight game matches to determine who moves on to the next stage.

Ivanchuk crushed Yudasin with four straight wins and then picked up the remaining draw to move on. Shades of Fischer?!

Gelfand leads Nikolic 4-3 and is one of the favored to go all the way to the finals!

Anand suprised (?) Dreev and crushed him 4.5 - 1.5, winning the last 3 games!

Timman is still very tough as he takes out Huebner convincingly 4.5-2.5.

Short and Speelman stand at 3 apiece, not very surprising.

Dolmatov and Yusupov stand equal at 4 each (Playoff tie-breakers not known at this time).

Korchnoi (he's been around at the Candidates for a long time!) and Sax also stand equal at 4 apiece.

FIDE World Championship Cycle 1990-93

Candidates Matches Rd. 1

Riga, USSR

Ivanchuk, V. 2695 URS

Yudasin, L. 2645 URS

1 1 1 1 .5 4.5

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Sarajevo, Yugoslavia

Gelfand, B. 2700 URS

Nikolic, P. 2620 JUG

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Madras, India

Anand, V. 2635 IND

Dreev, A. 2625 URS

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0 .5 1 0 0 0 1.5

Sarjevo, Yugoslavia

Timman, J. 2630 NLD

Huebner, R. 2620 GER

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London, England

Short, N. 2635 ENG

Speelman, J. 2670 ENG

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0 .5 1 .5 1 0 3.0

Wijk ann Zee, Netherlands

Dolmatov, S 2620 URS

Yusupov, A. 2605 URS

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.5 .5 .5 .5 0 .5 .5 1 4.0

Wijk ann Zee, Netherlands

Korchnoi, V. 2615 SWZ

Sax, G. 2605 HUN

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.5 .5 .5 .5 0 1 .5 .5 4.0

SDCC Championship

The 1991 San Diego Chess Club Championship Qualifier tournament is coming up quickly to the final fifth round. So far NM Carl Wagner and NM Todd Smith share the lead with perfect 4-0 scores. They both have probably qualified for the final 8 player round robin with seated players SM Cy Lakdawala, NM Gustavo Hernandez and NM Mark Saylor. The other 3 qualifying slots will be fought for during the last round on Feb.6. 4.5 points of more will get in and most likely any with 4 will also progress, but you never know!

NM Wagner knocked off NM Jim Petranovich in the fourth round while NM Smith took out NM Mike Lamon (as in knocking him out of contention. Lamon only has 2.5 after 4 rounds).

So anyone with 3 points or more is still in the hunt! It ought to be an exciting finish.

Starting Feb.13 1990 Champion Cy Lakdawala will defend his title in the eight person final round robin for the Championship title. Also, for all those who do not make it into the final round robin, the San Diego Chess Club Class Championships will begin the same night and go for 7 weeks to determine the individual class champions of the Expert, Class 'A', Class 'B', Class 'C' and Class 'D-E-Unr' sections. Defending champions are as follows:

Expert	Marc Brooks
Class A	Phil Leone
Class B	James Sims
Class C	Ron Rezendes
D-E-Unr.	Mike West

Some interesting notes are that Phil Leone is now an Expert and may even qualify for the round robin, James Sims is now a Class 'A' player and Mike West is a Class 'C' player. Looks like a lot of new blood seeking those higher class championships!

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'C' **RON REZENDES**
'D-E-Unr' **MIKE WEST**

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New Books in!

'B' prizes

Play Like a Grandmaster - Kotov
Train Like a Grandmaster - Kotov
Batsford Chess Openings - Kasparov/Keene
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'C' prizes

Winning with the King Indian - Martin
Korchnoi's Chess Games - Levy/O'Connell
Grandmasters at Work - Kotov
Plan Like a Grandmaster - Suetin

'D' prizes

Paul Keres Master Class - Neishtadt
Beginner - Expert in 40 Lessons - Kostyer
Winning with the English - Soltis
Analysing the Endgame - Speelman
Sicilian for the Tourn. Player - Gufeld
Mastering the King - Bellin
40 Lessons for the Club Player - Kostyer
Beating the Sicilian II - Nunn
The Dynamic Caro Kann - Silman

'D' prizes (Cont.)

Test your Chess IQ (2nd) - Livshitz
The Semi-Open Game in Action - Karpov
The Open Game in Action - Karpov
The Semi-Closed Game in Action - Karpov
The Closed Game in Action - Karpov
The French Defence - Short

'E' prizes

Test your Endgame - Livshitz/Speelman
Chess Tactics - Kotov
The Centenary Match/ KK III - Keene
The Best Move - Hort/Jansa
Kasparov's Opening Repert. - Shamkovich
How to Play the Ruy Lopez - Taulbut
Test & Improve Your Chess - Albut

'F' prizes

Trends in the KID Samisch - Martin
Trends in the Caro Kann - Martin
Trends Spanish w/out 3...a6 - Martin

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