

CAPITAL CITY CHESS & CHECKER CLUB BULLETIN
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GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION
Thursday, Nov. 13, 1941
Room 202, YMCA, 5th & J, Sacramento
8 PM

The CCCCC has arranged for a simultaneous exhibition by Mr. George Koltanowski on November 13. Mr. Koltanowski is not only the world champion blindfold player, but also is a writer and lecturer well-known. His articles in the CCLA magazine are enjoyed by a great many of us. Following is a short history of his career:

Broke all existing records for Simultaneous Blindfold in Edinburgh Scotland, Sept. 20, 1937, with 34 games, winning 24, drawing 10 without a single loss!

During a tour through Switzerland, the Belgian Master established the unbelievable record of playing 10 games blindfolded for 26 consecutive days with a winning average of 94 per cent!

He won First Prize with Salo Flohr, Barcelona, 1935.

First Prize at Antwerp, 1934, ahead of Flohr, Sir Geo. Thomas etc.

Six times champion of Belgium. Played 160 games simultaneously in Antwerp, 1932, winning 135, drawing 18 and losing but 7 times.

The above record speaks for itself. Mr. Koltanowski's reputation as an entertainer at exhibitions has given him a large following in America. The cost will be the usual \$1 per board, and in addition he will play some blindfold games free. If time permits he will allow a member to place a lone Knight upon the board, and blindfolded he will move the Knight to each of the 64 squares upon the chess board without repeating a move. Quite a feat!

Mr. Koltanowski will give us an entertaining evening, so let us all turn out and give him a good crowd.

The annual Checker Tournament will begin soon as a one-round knockout affair. Entry fee 50¢. Please contact Mr. Wise.

Plans are being made for the annual Chess Tournament and we anticipate a very strong field. Dick Chapman is in charge of the Committee so turn in entries to him. Entry fee is 50¢. This Tournament will start immediately upon completion of the Checker Tournament. We hope we can secure a record of each game in the Tournament this year which will enable us to print a better Tournament Book. Please keep a record of all games and turn them in to the Secretary.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Chess Club's Match Team took a severe drubbing from the Castle Club in Oakland last spring. However a return bout is scheduled for this fall and we hope to do better. 'Nuff said.

A little excursion to the Folsom Prison for a match left yours truly wondering if perhaps we hadn't better put in a little more time at practice. In an eight board match we eked out a $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ win, and what I mean we really 'eked' it out! Too close for comfort.

A trip to Waterman by four CCCCC members gave us a 4-0 victory over the department heads at Lone. The total score indicates a push-over but each game in itself was the usual tough one.

For various reasons and in accordance with the majority's wishes, we are now meeting back at the YMCA. While our Treasury shows a balance of some eight bucks it won't long remain at that figure with a weekly drain of .75 for rent at the Y. To combat this a suggestion has been made that we contribute each week something to the "Kitty", a nickel or dime, to pay the rent. Such a method would be easy on all and yet would pay the rent nicely and our Club Treasury would remain on a high level to take care of exhibitions, prizes, etc. Another added feature of this method would be the actual persons present at each meeting would pay the rent. If you missed a meeting, none of your dues would go for rent. It is estimated that if 10 or more are at a meeting, a nickel will do; if under 10 are present, a dime each. So let's all dig in a dime each into the Kitty and keep the Rent out of the Club's cash!

Our last year's champion, Mr. Applegate, has tendered to Mr. Gee a challenge to play the whole club simultaneous. The idea is interesting and while we feel Mr. Applegate very definitely will come out on the short end of the horn, several of us are willing to accommodate him at the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Chapman has lost his "Winged Victory" trophy, secured as a result of his fine draw game with Mr. Horowitz, to Mr. Gee, who says invitations are open for additional matches with the "trophy" at stake.

The Club's challenge board is somewhat inactive these days. Remember that your standing on the board (if among the first eight) gives you the right to be on the Club's Match Team. We would like to split the first 12 names on the board into three teams of 4 men each. Such a method would give the second and third teams a chance to play matches as well as the first few men on the board. Any member willing to support the Team will gladly be given a chance to play at matches. Consult Mr. Austin, Team Captain.

Mr. M. O. Meyer again has his position as #1 man on the Board, having taken said position away from Mr. Applegate by virtue of two straight wins, thereby ending a three-game match quite shortly.

More challenge matches played with clocks would be good practice for the coming Tournament!

All suggestions and new ideas concerning Club affairs are welcome.