

# The GAMBIT

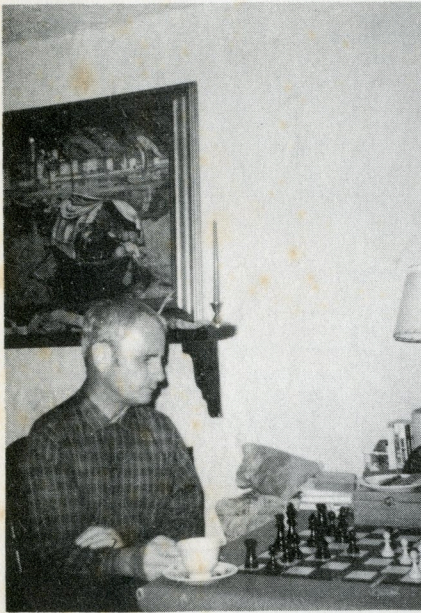


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## CHAMBERS WINS CONTEST



COLIN CHAMBERS

After many hours of careful deliberation, the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club's "Name the Bulletin" committee selected the entry of Colin Chambers as the most suitable. Hence-forth the monthly news letter will carry the name - THE GAMBIT - on the masthead.

Ron Atkinson, committee chairman, announced that Chambers' entry just nosed out Liza Ewell's entry, "The Rookery" and that her suggestion will title that section of the GAMBIT that reports on miscellaneous personal activities of the club members.

In his letter, submitting the winning name, Chambers told how, as a young bank clerk, working on London's Lombard Street, he spent many lunch hours at the Gambit Chess and Tea Rooms, on Williams Street, just around the corner from his bank. In those days this meeting place was operated by a "Miss Price". This motherly soul was much loved by the chess, checker, and domino players that frequented her establishment. (please turn to page 2)

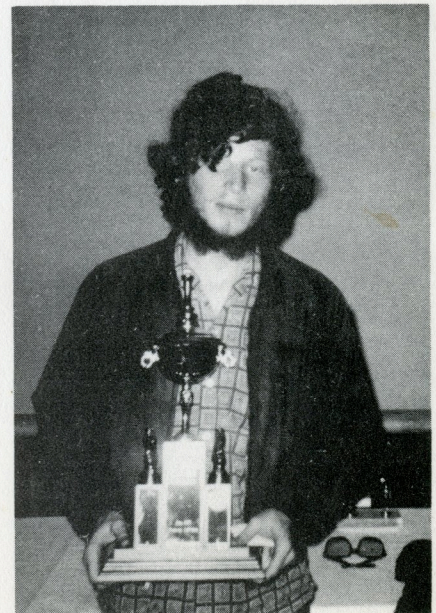
## KAPLAN TOPS M I O

Julio Kaplan, USCF Senior Master, of Puerto Rico, won the 6th annual Monterey International Open Chess Tournament held in Monterey on June 27-28.

Kaplan, International Grandmaster Larry Evans, of Reno, Nevada, and USCF Master Frank Thornally, of Berkeley, California, each finished the five round tournament with five wins. Tie-break points were used to establish Kaplan as the winner, followed by Evans and Thornally in that order.  $\frac{1}{2}$  point in the third tie-break gave the nod to Kaplan.

156 players, including over 30 USCF Masters and Experts, headed by the former U. S. National Chess Champion, Larry Evans, crowded into the Pacific Room of the Hotel San Carlos to battle (please turn to page 3)

Julio Kaplan →



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He reported that here he had watched the chess play of such greats as: Frederick Dewhurst Yates, William Winter, and Vera Menchik.

Yates, six times chess champion of Great Britain, was noted in his early career for his brilliancy as a chess player. Later in life he became noted for his good judgement in developing sound positional procedures and for his end games. Yates wrote a book entitled, "Modern Master Play", and two analytical books on the games of Capablanca v. Alekhine, and Alekhine v. Bogoljubow.

William Winter was an International Master.

Vera Menchik was probably the most famous woman player in the history of chess. She won the Woman's World Championship in 1927 and held the title until her death in June 1944 in a German air attack on southern England. She was undefeated as the champion. Male masters who lost to her belonged to what was known as the "Vera Menchik Club". The list included Dr Euwe, Sultan Khan, Reshevesky, Colle, Lajos, Steiner, Saemisch, Becker, Thomas and Yates.

In chess the gambit is an opening maneuver by which a pawn (or piece) is offered in order to obtain a better position, to break up the opponent's center or to set the stage for an attack. It is a move that gives the opponent a choice of replies and neither player knows for sure what the outcome will be. The committee felt that this was an appropriate name for a chess paper as many of the comments and articles published invite reply, with the choice of reply left to the reader's discretion.

The following is a game played, in 1942, between Vera Menchik and E. G. Sergeant in a West London Chess Club Lightning Tournament (10 seconds per move). Menchik is white. Sergeant played the black pieces.

1. P-Q4	KN-B3	11. O-O-O	N-K4
2. QN-B3	P-Q4	12. Q-K3	N/3-N5
3. B-KN5	P-K3	13. Q-B4ck	K-K1
4. P-K4	B-K2	14. KN-R3	R-B1
5. P-K5	KN-Q2	15. Q-R4ck	B-Q2
6. P-KR4	B-KB3	16. Q-QN4	Q-B2
7. Q-R5ck	K-B1	17. BXB	KXB
8. PXP	KNXP	18. RXP	KN-QB3
9. Q-B3	P-QB4	19. QXN	PXR
10. PXP	N-QB3	20. NXPck	K-Q1
		21. Q-KN5ck	Resigns

Spring Rating Tournament

Mike Ewell, of Monterey, won the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club's Spring Rating Tournament held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center. One game was played each Thursday (Club meeting night) starting on May 14 and ending on June 11. Ted Yudacufski directed this seasonal event. 22 players participated. It was USCF rated.

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for the cash, trophies and other prizes.

Blazo Sredanovic, of Palo Alto, who won the Monterey Cup in 1964 and Frank Thornally, of Berkeley, who won in 1967, returned to Monterey to play in this annual event.

Other 'Chess Names' found on the pairing boards were: David Henry, of Carmel, 1970 Monterey Peninsula Schools Chess Champion; Mike Ewell, of Monterey, 1970 Monterey County Chess Champion; Hawaii State Champion C. Bill Jones; Former California State Champion, David Blohm; Former U. S. National Junior Chess Champion, James Tarjan, of Sherman Oaks, California; and many other chess title holders, making the 1970 MIO a classic chess event.

USCF Master Alex Suhobeck, of Monterey, won the prize for the best Monterey player.

Dolores Anderson, of Carmel Valley, captured the trophy for the best woman player in the tournament.

Don Draper, of Carmel Valley; Richard Bustamante, of Salinas; and, David Sewell, of Salinas, won prizes in the junior class.

George Oakes and Virgil Pope, both of Salinas, won prizes in their class.

Cal Tanaka, of Seaside and Frank Saulsbury, of Carmel, operated the large magnetic chess boards at the top two boards to keep the many spectators informed of the progress of these games. This enabled everyone to study the game strategy without pushing to peer over the players shoulders.

This, the biggest and strongest chess tournament ever held on the Monterey Peninsula, was directed by Ted Yudacufski, of Monterey. Yudacufski is on the Board of Directors of the United States Chess Federation and the California State Chess Federation. He was ably assisted by his wife, Ruby. Gar Clark, of Seaside, also assisted in the many details connected with directing a large tournament as this one.

The souvenir games record cover and the many posters and signs posted about the Hotel San Carlos were the work of Ron Atkinson, of Carmel.

Carmel epicure Glen Watson dispensed coffee to the thirsty players. And managed to get in a few games of skittles during slack periods.

Also lending a helping hand, to keep things rolling smoothly were: Dolores Anderson, of Carmel Valley; Chuck Nystrom, of Carmel; Jerry Gerstl, of Monterey; and, Bill Kennedy, of Pacific Grove.

The management and staff of the Hotel San Carlos went out of their way to offer every service they could to help make this tournament the big success it was.

A sincere 'Thank You' to Ron Pease, of Monterey Park, California, who was kind enough to report the error in the cross table.

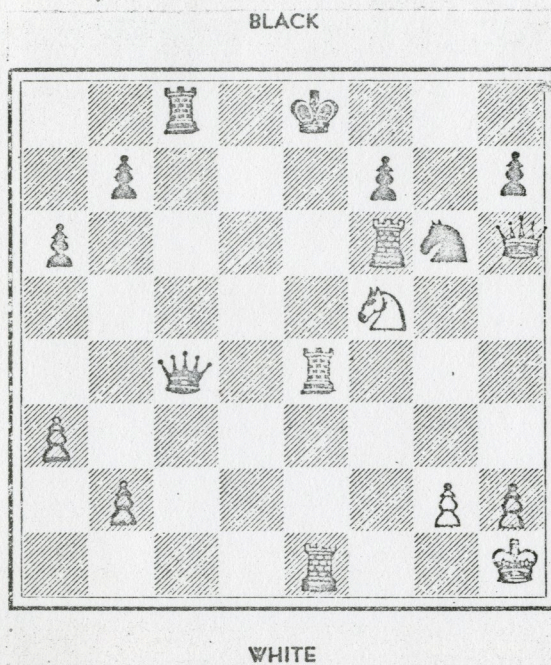
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The following game was played by Julio Kaplan, Tournament winner, and David Blohm, in the final round of the Monterey International Open Chess Tournament held in Monterey on June 27-28, 1970.

Kaplan

Blohm

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|----------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|---------|
| 1. P-K4  | P-K4  | 13. N-Q5  | B-B3  | 25. P-KB6   | N-N3    |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 | 14. Q-QN4 | R-N1  | 26. N-K7 ck | K-B1    |
| 3. B-N5  | N-B3  | 15. QR-Q1 | R-K1  | 27. PXQP    | PXQP    |
| 4. O - O | P-Q3  | 16. B-N3  | N-K4  | 28. N-B5    | Q-N3 ck |
| 5. P-Q4  | B-Q2  | 17. P-QB3 | N-N3  | 29. K-R1    | PXP     |
| 6. N-B3  | B-K2  | 18. Q-B4  | R-QB1 | 30. RXP     | Q-N5    |
| 7. R-K1  | PXP   | 19. Q-N3  | R-N1  | 31. P-QR3   | Q-B5    |
| 8. NXP   | NXN   | 20. P-QB4 | B-R5  | 32. Q-K3    | R-B1    |
| 9. QXN   | BXB   | 21. P-B5  | BXB   | 33. RXP     | RXP     |
| 10. NXB  | O - O | 22. QXB   | R-K3  | 34. Q-R6 ck | K-K1    |
| 11. B-B4 | P-QR3 | 23. P-B4  | N-K2  | 35. RXR ck  | Resigns |
| 12. N-B3 | N-Q2  | 24. P-B5  | R-K4  |             |         |



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The Monterey Peninsula Chess Club meets each Thursday evening at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, 494 Alvarado St., Monterey.

## The ROOKERY

A compilation of miscellaneous information about and for the Club membership.

Casa Alvarado turns to amateur rapid-transit tournaments on Tuesday nights. Open to players rated under 1800 - not required that you be a member of USCF - altho that's not a bad idea - anyway, these games will not be rated by USCF. Entry fee one buck - and you may win a cash prize that wont effect your amateur standing.

And another biggie ... The Casa will offer a three (3) round USCF rated tournament on July 28, 29 and 31. Called the Old Monterey Bicentennial 1970 Chess Congress. You must be a member of USCF or join at time of registration. Entry fee only \$5. Plenty of cash prizes and play starts at 7:00 p. m.

Another one for the amateur is our annual FIGHT OF THE BUMBLER B tournament that will be held at the Monterey Youth Center late in October. Make your plans for this one. You will certainly enjoy top notch chess with your peers. Limited to players rated under 1800 - or unrated - and you must be a member of USCF. We will give you more on this next issue. TD will be Ted Yudacufski and it will be the regular five round swiss system tournament. Cash prizes, trophies (Queen B) , and other awards.

The Casa Alvarado Chess Center's lease is up and cannot be renewed. Ted and Ruby must be out of the Casa early in August. They are now busy looking for a new location. Any one that has any ideas should contact Ted and explain. Several locations have been inspected and they would like to see some more comparables. They might be interested in combining the chess center operation with some other compatible enterprise. Look around and advise Ted of your findings.

In this connection the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club may return to the Youth Center for its weekly meetings. Details are yet to be worked out. Should know for sure at our regular business meeting on Thursday July 30 at the Casa Chess Center. Meeting starts at 8 p.m.

Check the July issue of Chess Life and Review for an article by Larry Evans - What's the Best Move? Answers many questions on the Why of your moves than you can find in a shelf of so called chess books.

Your Editor would like to have some help in compiling this monthly report... Like some information on the results obtained by the local talent when they participate in tournaments away from home ... Would like a run down on the members that played in the Junior event in Los Angeles . If you will give me some notes - I'll get it in YOUR Gambit and we can all enjoy reading about our ambassadors to other areas and their reactions to the treatment enjoyed at these tournaments.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE CASA ALVARADO CHESS CENTER, 494 ALVARADO ST, MONTEREY AT 8 P. M. THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1970..

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