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Shown are some of the remaining pieces of a 17th-century Chinese chess set, one of the earliest in existence. The King (center) is 1½ inches high. The drawing is by Martin Taylor.



Central California Chess Association



In addition to publishing Chess Voice, the CCCA sponsors inter-club team and individual matches, runs a postal chess league, organizes weekend tournaments, operates the USCF Tournament Clearinghouse for Northern California, provides tournament organizers with a comprehensive computerized mailing list of Northern California chessplayers, and offers help in organizing and running local chess clubs and weekend tourneys.

NEXT CCCA MEETING: Friday, June 11th at the Berkeley Chess Club, Berkeley Central YMCA, 2001 Allston Way, 8 pm.

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KING & PAWN ENDINGS

by RICHARD SHORMAN

Here are 10 King and Pawn endings for readers to try their hands at.

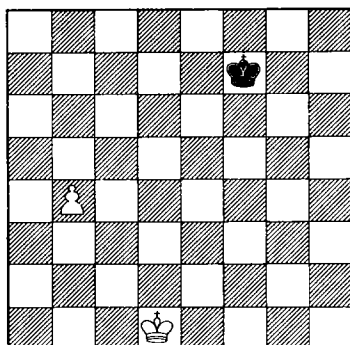
In positions 1-5 White is to play and win. In positions 6-10 White is to play and draw. No specific number of moves is required.

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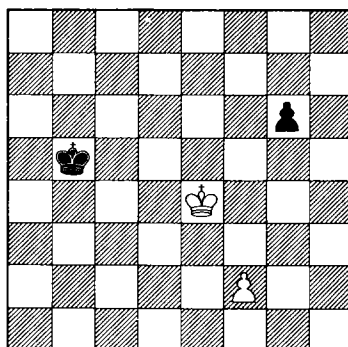
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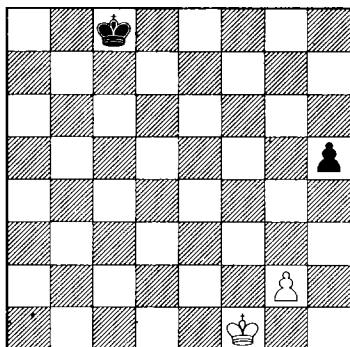
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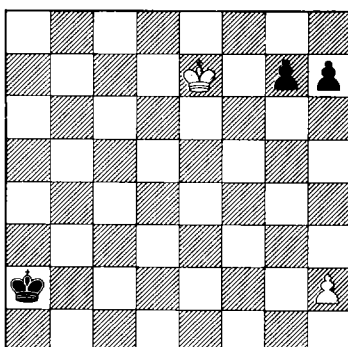
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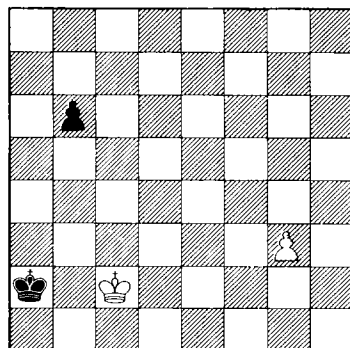
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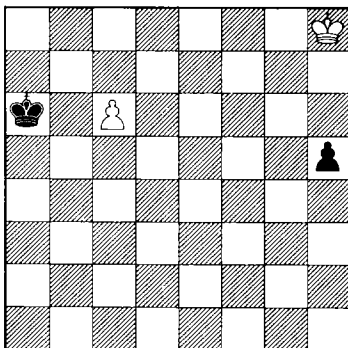
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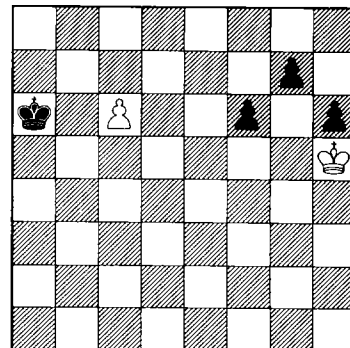
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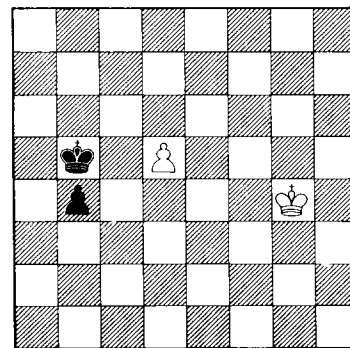
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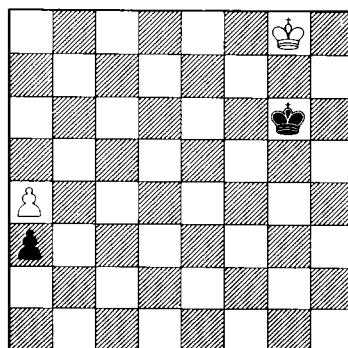
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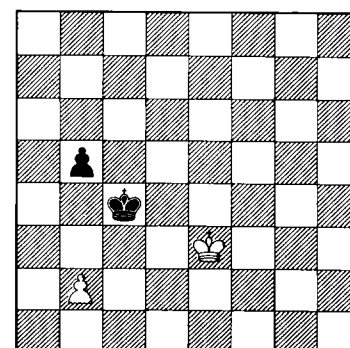
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The French Defense — A Survey

by Peter Prochaska-Kolbas

Chess Voice tries not only to review current chess books but to place them in the context of the existing literature. Here, then, for that special breed of chessplayers who voluntarily play the French Defense as Black, and for the rest of us who encounter it as White, is a survey of the most important books on this opening, with special attention to two recently-published works: French Defense: Main Line Winawer by John Moles and Understanding the Chess Openings: The French Defense by Gligoric and Uhlmann.

Chess openings often suffer at the hands of those who write monographs about them. This is partly due to the nearly impossible task presented by the constant flux of theory. For some reason, such problems have not plagued the French Defense as badly as some other openings.

The French is as complex and as tactical as any other opening--and more than most. So simplicity is certainly not the answer. More to the point, the authors who have treated the opening in depth have been players of the highest rank who have also had the capacity to convey their knowledge to others.

Before discussing in detail two new books on the French Defense, I will quickly survey the other important works already in print.

Books on the French Defense

Botvinnik, M. M. - 100 Selected Games
 Chess Digest - French Defense
 Chess Informant - Encyclopedia of the Chess Openings, vol. C
 Gligoric and Uhlmann - Understanding the Chess Openings: The French Defense
 Horton, M. H. - French Defense, vol. 1
 Keene, R. D. - Aron Nimzowitsch: A Reappraisal
 Keres, Paul - Spanisch bis Franzoesisch
 Moles, John - French Defense: Main Line Winawer
 Nimzowitsch, Aron - My System
 Nimzowitsch, Aron - Chess Praxis
 Schwarz, Rolf - Franzoesisch Vertigung
 Zuethen and Ranjles - French Poison Pawn Variation

Although the French dates from 1883, it is played today as a distinctly modern defense--having its theoretical basis in the works of Nimzowitsch. For this reason his My System and Chess Praxis offer an excellent introduction to many of its key strategic ideas. There is also much for the French player to glean from Keene's excellent book on Nimzowitsch.

Until recently, the basic compendium dealing with the French was Schwarz's huge book. While it still has its uses, it was written in the early '60's, and French theory, particularly in some of its critical lines, has changed since then. Paul Keres' book is a good general study of the French. Like most of the "bis" series, it is short on anal-

ysis, giving it a slightly superficial appearance. However, the ideas and analysis are provided by one of the greatest of chess players, and they are both thought-provoking and sound. (Of course, one must watch out for certain critical lines where later research has changed the original evaluations.)

Horton's book is part of the "Chess Player" series and deals with the rarer lines and with the Tarrasch. Particularly in the Tarrasch it is a bit dated, but I still have found it useful. The Zuethen and Ranjles study of the Poison Pawn variation (Q-N4 in the Winawer) is well done and provides some fine analysis of a most remarkable variation. However, it has recently been superseded by the Gligoric and Uhlmann and the Moles books reviewed below. Chess Digest contends that they have updated Spanisch bis Franzoesisch, but it is more a translation than a new work. Nevertheless, it is useful if you don't read German.

Finally, the Chess Informant Encyclopedia is an up-to-date compendium of French lines. Because it is limited spacially, it is not as thorough as one might like, but the major lines are covered by some extremely talented authors. Its major drawback is its lack of discussion of ideas. This is due to the reliance on communication by international code symbols. Even so, I have found it most valuable.

One can also learn a great deal about an opening by studying the games and commentary of the leading players who use it. Botvinnik was the ruling virtuoso of the French during the '40's and '50's, and so his books of that period have a great deal to offer. This is particularly true of his 100 Selected Games. One should, however, remember that some of his observations have been modified by games and ideas occurring in the intervening years.

Understanding the Chess Openings: The French Defense

by Svetozar Gligoric and Wolfgang Uhlmann, with an introduction by M. M. Botvinnik and a special contribution by Anatoly Karpov.
 (RHM Press, 1976, \$9.95.)

This book has one of the most impressive collections of authors ever assembled to write about a single chess opening. Even more dazzling is the fact that, among modern grandmasters, Botvinnik and Uhlmann are the two greatest experts on the

French Defense.

If Zuethen's book on the Modern Benoni is all a complete technical study of an opening should be, then this book is all a general study of an opening should be. The authors have provided all the information most players need to play the French in its various main variations without deluging them with oceans of possibilities to swamp their minds and waste their time. Even highly-ranked players can gain something from the refined ideas and the analysis of chosen lines. The accent here is not on covering every variation, but on understanding the opening. These authors are certainly the right people to write such a book.

The book is organized so that each major line is given as a game. Then its ideas (and many of those in the notes) are further illustrated with an extensive collection of annotated example-games.

Contributions of the Authors

Botvinnik leads off with an introduction discussing the basic ideas in the French and the history of its development. It is as lucid and interesting a piece as one might expect from a man who has been a great virtuoso of the French for decades and who has earned a place as one of the most important writers in chess history.

The main body of the book is by Gligoric and Uhlmann. It is, as far as I know, Uhlmann's first work to appear in English. He has been the leading exponent of the French in world competition since Botvinnik started playing the Caro-Kann. His knowledge and experience are one of the reasons this book is so good.

Gligoric, of course, needs little introduction to American readers. It might be noted, though, that here we are not faced with the tangle of variations and sub-variations that readers of his column in Chess Life & Review were before he recently changed its format.

There is also a special contribution by Anatoly Karpov on the variation of the Tarrasch-French he used seven times against Korchnoi in what turned out to be the last "World Championship" match. It has largely been due to Karpov's success with the Tarrasch that it has become so popular. As far as I know, this is also Karpov's first work of this kind to appear in English. Thus it provides an interesting view into the mind of the present world champion.

The book is beautifully produced. There are nice margins that leave space to write notes or ideas and give the pages an airy feel. The diagrams are clear and sizeable. Even the price is reasonable considering the skyrocketing cost of most chess books. Hopefully, this is the sign of an important new series of high quality chess books.

Vain and Imperious

Chess players, generally, are a class vain and imperious; and young players, like the young of all classes, are apt to be carried away by success.

--Frederick Milne Edge

The French Defense: Main Line Winawer
by John Moles (Batsford, 1976, \$12.95)

John Moles' book typifies the best qualities of the Batsford series on the openings. It has so much it has so much information that even the most serious analyst must feel a slight touch of trepidation. In the best Batsford manner, it has sub-variation stacked on top of sub-variation. The maze is arranged with the letter and number system with which we are all familiar.

When dealing with a line that has been analyzed as much as the Main Line Winawer, there is a vast body of theoretical work and games. Moles appears to have included most of it. In fact, he claims that his research has been so thorough that the reader need not fear missing anything. This claim may seem pretentious but I have yet to find an example of Moles' having left something out. Nor have I found any serious analytical errors.

A Flexible, Synthetic Approach

Moles has not only gathered a mountain of material (as Schwarz does); he has also made some attempt to synthesize it so that it is usable. At times his evaluations fly in the face of established theory. I admire his willingness to admit a position is unclear, or good for both sides (as is often the case in this line). Moles is willing to say what he thinks, admitting that he might be wrong or that his thoughts may be changed by later data.

When confronted with so much technical analysis, there is a real danger of missing the forest for the trees. However, Moles has provided thoughtful and highly valuable introductions to the ideas in each main line, and often in the sub-variations. Many chess authors (particularly some of those published by Batsford) give lip service to the idea that it is more important to understand why something is played than to memorize long pages of analysis. But Moles has proved in this book that he really believes it.

The book, as is typical of Batsford, is well-produced physically. Opening it, one is struck with the number of lines given and the sheer bulk of the analysis. It is a bit forbidding, but that is the kind of a book this is, and it is just as well that it is not hidden. My major hesitation about this book revolves around the amount of information contained.

Not for the Casual Student

This is not a book for the casual student of the French. It requires large chunks of serious thought, study, and analysis. This, of course, requires time. Even if one intends to play the French, there may be too much here for anyone less than a master. The lower-ranked player could better spend his time polishing up his endings than risk getting himself hopelessly entangled in a jungle of variations and sub-variations.

Unfortunately, even the stronger player will find the book expensive--but that is becoming an occupational hazard of being a serious player.

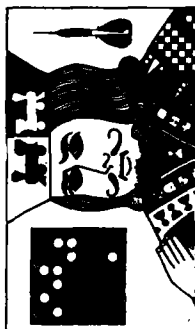
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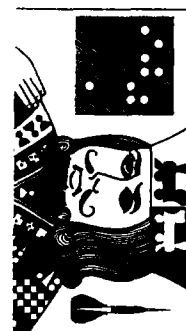
RECENT ARRIVALS:

Understanding the Chess Openings: The French Defense
by Gligorich and Uhlmann. RHM Press -- \$9.95.



The French Defense: Main Line Winawer
by John Moles. Batsford -- \$12.95.

Grandmaster Chess: Lone Pine 1975 by the Editors and
Staff of the Calif. State Chess Federation -- \$4.75.



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Tarjan Makes Grandmaster



Pal Benko, Arthur Bisguier, Walter Browne, Robert Byrne, Larry Evans, Lubomir Kavalek, William Lombardy, Samuel Reshevsky--add one more name to the list of active American Grandmasters: James Tarjan.

Tarjan went to Europe specifically to achieve the Grandmaster title. (In America there are not enough grandmasters at the same time to qualify the great majority of tournaments under FIDE rules as eligible to award grandmaster "norms".) He met some of Europe's top players and proved he could play on even terms with them. Now he will return home as Berkeley's second grandmaster. His new title helps to confirm the San Francisco Bay Area as America's second most important chess region, after New York.

Tarjan achieved his first grandmaster norm by scoring 8-3 and winning first place at Subotica, Yugoslavia last November 7-24. He earned the second of his two required norms at Skopje, Yugoslavia (February 29-March 18) in a strong 16-man event, tying with Kurajica for fourth place (behind Karpov, Uhlmann, and Timman) and reaching the required 9-6.

S.F. EDGES HOUSTON

On March 26 San Francisco defeated Houston in a National Chess League team telephone match. The score was 3½ - 2½--not impressive against the worst team in the league, but enough to put San Francisco back into third place in the League standings.

Previously, on February 11, San Francisco had tied with Miami 3 - 3 and, on February 18, had lost to powerhouse New York 2 - 4.

Individual game scores for the San Francisco-Houston match were: Jeremy Silman (2331) vs. Ken Smith (2292) - ½-½; Peter Cleghorn (2301) vs. Ron Henley (2298) - 0-1; David Berry (2296) vs. Joe Bradford (2216) - ½-½; Dennis Fritzinger (2294) vs. Bruce Diesen (2164) - ½-½; Roy Ervin (2290) vs. Robert Atlas (2122) - 1-0; and Paul Cornelius (2242) vs. Robert Brieger (2068) - 1-0.

Considering that Houston was lower-rated on every board, they did well to get three draws and a win.

The remaining three San Francisco league games will all be played on Wednesday nights at the Berkeley Central YMCA, home of the Berkeley Chess Club. The dates and times are as follows:

April 7 - Washington, 6 p.m.

April 21 - Boston, 6 p.m.

May 12 - Chicago, 6:30 p.m.

Spectators are welcome to watch the matches (and demonstration boards) free of charge.

Two games from the S.F.-Miami match:

White: Jeremy Silman (2331), S.F. Black: Arnold Denker (2371). Miami Telephone Match, Feb. 11, 1976; Board 1. Sicilian Defense.

1 P-K4	P-QB4	22 P-N3	P-N5
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	23 B-Q3	R-N1
3 P-Q4	PxP	24 P-R5	K-B1
4 NxP	P-K4	25 P-B4	P-R4
5 N-N5	P-QR3	26 B-B2	N-N1
6 N-Q6ch	BxN	27 P-N5	R-K1
7 QxB	Q-B3	28 R-K1	RxR
8 Q-Q1	KN-K2	29 KxR	N-K2
9 N-B3	O-O	30 K-Q2	N-B1
10 B-K3	P-Q3	31 P-N6	PxP
11 Q-Q2	B-K3	32 BxP	R-B2
12 O-O	KR-Q1	33 R-K4	R-K2
13 P-KR4	P-R3	34 K-Q3	N-N3
14 N-Q5	BxN	35 RxR	KxR
15 PxB	N-Q5	36 B-B5	N-R1
16 BxN	PxB	37 K-Q4	N-B2
17 QxQP	QxQ	38 P-B5	N-Nch
18 RxQ	QR-B1	39 K-B4	N-R6ch
19 P-KM	R-B4	40 K-Q4	N-Nch
20 P-QB4	P-QM	41 Drawn	
21 K-Q2	R(1)-QB1		

White: David Brummer (2312), Miami. Black: C. Bill Jones (2311), S.F. Telephone Match, Feb. 11, 1976; Board 2. Sicilian Defense.

1 P-K4	P-QB4	20 P-QM4	PxP
2 N-KB3	N-KB3	21 PxP	P-Q3
3 N-B3	P-K3	22 P-N5	Q-B2
4 P-Q4	PxP	23 PxP	BxP
5 NxP	N-B3	24 NxB	NxN
6 NxN	NPxN	25 Q-Q4	R-N3
7 P-K3	N-Q4	26 P-QB5	N-B4
8 N-K4	Q-B2	27 Q-K5	QxQ
9 P-KB4	P-QB4	28 RxQ	B-Q4
10 P-B4	N-N5	29 P-B6	N-N6
11 P-QR3	N-B3	30 P-B5	R-N4
12 B-Q3	N-Q5	31 BxN	RxB
13 O-O	B-N2	32 RxB	PxR
14 B-K3	N-B4	33 P-N6	K-Q1
15 B-KB2	P-KR4	34 P-B7ch	K-Q2
16 R-K1	Q-B3	35 P-N7	R-QB1
17 R-B1	P-R5	36 P-N8(Q)	RxQ
18 P-R3	B-K2	37 PxR(Q)	K-K2
19 Q-Q2	R-R3	38 R-R6	Resigns

Philidor the Patzer

"We had not been long in our new abode before Morphy received a visit from the grandson of Philidor. They had a lengthy colloquy together, and, of course, Morphy asked his visitor if he played at chess. He replied that he once gave some attention to the game, but found that he possessed little aptitude for it, and therefore relinquished all further study; not thinking it right that any one bearing the name of Philidor should be looked upon as a mazette."

--Frederick Milne Edge

"Liberals have a special fallacy that education is everything, that somehow jobs can be created with a diploma. India has lots of educated people with nothing to do but sit around and play chess."

--Governor Jerry Brown

NATIONAL CHESS LEAGUE STANDINGS

	Matches		Games	
	W	L	W	L
Washington	4	0	16½	7½
New York	2½	½	13	7
San Francisco	2½	1½	12	12
Los Angeles	3	2	16	14
Cleveland	2½	2½	16	14
Chicago	2	2	11½	10½
Miami	1½	2½	11	15
Boston	1	3	8½	13½
Houston	0	5	9½	20½



TWO NEW AFFILIATES

Two more chess clubs have become Class II affiliates of the Central California Chess Association in the last two months. They are the Monday Knight Chess Club of Berkeley and the California Correctional Center Chess Club of Susanville. This brings the total number of CCCA-affiliated chess clubs to sixteen.

POSTAL CHESS LEAGUE

Kip Brockman, CCCA Postal Chess Director, informs us that there are now seven five-man sections in operation in the newly-organized Postal Chess League. There are also two extra, would-be postal players waiting for three more to make up an eighth section. For further information, contact Brockman at 1328 Purdue (Suite 7), San Leandro, CA 94579.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

On February 6, the Central California Chess Association held its annual election meeting. The following officers were reelected to their previous positions: Peter Prochaska-Kolbas, Chairman; Saleh Mujahed, Secretary; William Atkins, Treasurer; John Larkins, Chess Voice Editor; Richard Shorman, Publicity Director; Hans Poschmann, League Director. Poschmann resigned as Tournament Director and was replaced by Alan Benson. Benson resigned as Tournament Coordinator and was replaced by John Larkins. Kip Brockman was elected both as Postal Chess Director and as Co-Publicity Director. Mike Donald resigned as Vice-Chairman and was replaced by John Larkins.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CCCA TOURNAMENTS

The CCCA has adopted a set of minimum standards to be observed at any CCCA-organized or CCCA-co-sponsored weekend tournament: (1) Tournaments directly organized by the CCCA will be advance-entry-only (to eliminate waiting lines and insure that the first round starts on time). (2) Tournament finances will be publically posted on the last day of the tournament. (3) Tournament sites will be preinspected to insure that reasonable playing conditions in terms of lights, space, noise, and so on are present. (5) CCCA-sponsored tournaments will have reduced entry fees for CCCA members. The basic idea behind these minimum standards is to upgrade playing conditions in the Bay Area and to give advance assurance to players considering participation in a CCCA-sponsored tournament that certain things can be counted on.

The beginning of a very sad story: "I had him completely crushed! But then . . ."

USCF DELEGATES

A number of CCCA officers and members have been appointed as United States Chess Federation Delegates, and Alternate Delegates. The Delegates are Jim Hurt, of LERA, and Hans Poschmann, of the Fremont Chess Club. The Alternate Delegates are: Alan Benson (Campus Chess Club), Leonard Trottier (Richmond Chess Club), Sergius von Oettingen (Davis Chess Club), Peter Prochaska-Kolbas (CCCA Chairman), John Larkins (Chess Voice Editor), and Robert Manners (San Leandro Chess Club). If you have questions, suggestions, or complaints about USCF activities--these are the people to get in touch with. They are your representatives and they can only represent you to the extent that they are aware of what you want.

BERKELEY DOMINATES TEAM TOURNEY

On March 20-21 in Walnut Creek, the Berkeley Chess Club turned back some fierce competition to once again earn the title of Central California Chess Association Team Champions. This is the third year in a row that Berkeley has captured the championship and they will continue to have possession of the large perpetual trophy until next year's tournament.

The Berkeley A team scored 14 points in 20 games (five rounds) to lead the eight-team field. Finishing closely behind the winner was the Oakland Chess Group A team, a pre-tournament favorite because of its two experts on the top two boards, with 13 points. Then came the San Leandro Chess Club with 11 points--followed by the Monday Knights with 10½ points.

Not only did the Berkeley A team win the overall championship; the Berkeley B team won recognition for placing first among the four teams with the four lowest average team ratings by scoring 10½ points. Next came the Walnut Creek Chess Club with 8, Fremont Chess Club with 7½, and the Oakland B team with 5½.

The champion Berkeley A team was represented on boards one through five by John Pope (1964), team captain, Craig Mar (1963), Jerry Kearns (1932), Bruce Kessinger (1721), and Michael Dyslin (1676).

Winning individual honors in the competition by having the best score among players on each board were: Board 1 - Martin Sullivan (San Leandro) and Robert Phillips (Oakland B)--each with 3 points; board 2 - Craig Mar (Berkeley A), 4 points; board 3 - Jerry Kearns (Berkeley A), 3½ points; board 4 - Larry Benford (Oakland A), 4 points; and board 5 - John Spargo (Monday Knights), 3½ points.

The Phantom Opponent

Many times, after a great deal of thinking, I have discarded a plan I had already formulated because I discovered a possible refutation for my opponent. Sometimes, after a game, I learn from him that if I had continued along the line of my original plan, which, incidently, he had never seen, he would most likely have decided to resign.

--Pal Benko

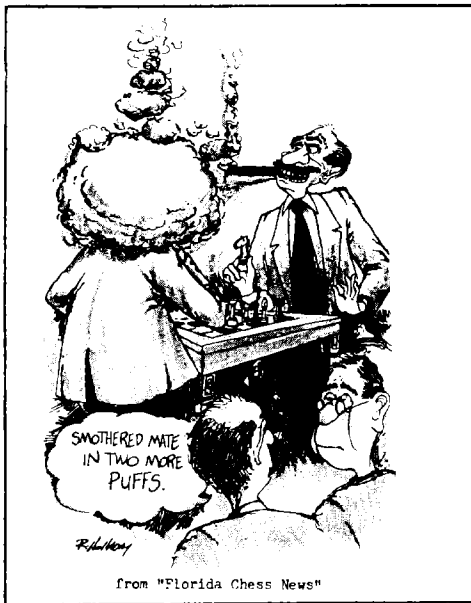


Chess Clubs

U.C. CAMPUS

The University of California Chess Club, dormant for several months, has been reorganized by Tournament Director Alan Benson as the Campus Chess Club. It will hold its grand opening April 7th at 7 p.m. in the upstairs library of the U.C. (Berkeley) Faculty Club--where the club will be regularly holding its meetings on Wednesday nights. A special slide show of the Lone Pine tournament will be featured.

The Campus club will be holding two Swiss prize tournaments starting April 14th and May 12th. It will also offer workshops in beginning and intermediate chess taught by USCF Masters Jeremy Silman and Frank Thornally. (For details on the tournaments and workshops, see the centerfold flyers.)



From "Florida Chess News"

BERKELEY

John Pope (1964) has been crowned the new champion of the Berkeley Chess Club. His 4 points in 5 rounds led the field of six finalists in the Championship Round Robin. Runnerup was Thomas Tedrick (1797) with 3 points--an impressive performance, since Tedrick was the lowest-rated player among the finalists. Pope received a free six-month membership in the Berkeley club and will be its representative in the CCCA invitational tournament for club champions on April 10-11.

Berkeley's "Interim Swiss" (February 6-March 19) produced the following winners. Section I (1500+): 1st-Stewart Scott (2046) 4½ points, 2nd-Bruce Kessinger (1721) 3½, 3rd (tie)-Larry Benford (1728) and Robert Phillips (1606)--each with 3. Section II (Under 1500): 1st-Stephen Skirpan (1460)

5 points.

Speed Tournament

In the bi-monthly speed tournament, Richard Kelson (1957) won the \$5 first prize with 15 points out of 18 rounds. Runnerup was Stewart Scott (2046) with 14½ points.

During April and May the Berkeley club will hold two staggered Swiss tournaments. (To be distinguished from "staggering Swiss tournaments"--contests held annually at rural Swiss wine festivals.) The "Alpha" Tourney started on March 31st and continues on April 2, 16, 23 and May 7 and 21. The "Beta" Tourney starts on April 9th and continues on April 30, May 14, 28, June 25, July 2, and 23. (The "Beta" schedule includes a number of Fridays occurring just before local weekend tournaments. Weekend players can confine themselves to the "Alpha" tourney; non-weekend players can play in both.) On June 4th a third Swiss, the Reti Memorial, will begin.

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OAKLAND

The Oakland Chess Group championship hinges on a game to be played between Peter Prochaska-Kolbas (1932) and Larry Benford (1728). If Prochaska-Kolbas wins or draws he will become the champion. If Benford wins, a playoff will be necessary.

For results of the March 2 simul by Martin Sullivan, see page 35. The next free simul will be given on May 4th by USCF Expert Gary Pickler (2100).

SAN MATEO - BURLINGAME

The San Mateo-Burlingame Chess Club has concluded its Fall Swiss. Winners in the five-class, eight or ten round, round robin tournament were: Class I (1800+)--Jim McIlrath (1905), 6½ points; Class II (1500-1799)--Grover Miller (1742), 8 pts; Class III (1400-1499)--Michael Duncan (1443), 6; Class IV (1300-1399)--Harvey Becker (1339), 7 pts; Class V (Under 1300)--Drew Desky (1124), 5 points.

The club's Spring Swiss started on April 1 and continues on Thursday nights for 7 rounds. It has a USCF-rated section (EF=\$4) and an unrated section (EF=\$3). Club membership is also required.

(Continued on page 34.)

The quiet game -

WHO STOLE MY ROOK?

by Roger Blaine

It was August, 1971. I was in the Army, and had one last weekend to get in a chess tourney before flying to Vietnam. So I bummed a ride to the Insanity Open in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Everything went along just fine, as Insanities generally do. My games all took around three hours, letting me get two hours of sleep between the night rounds on a rolled-up rubber floor mat in the janitor's closet. The director's trombone made a fine alarm clock at the start of each new round.

In the midnight round I was paired with a high school student quite new to USCF tournament play. Around 2 AM, just as I thought I was getting the better of him, I counted the pieces and, to my horror, found I was a Rook short!

"What happened to my Queen's Rook?" I demanded of my youthful opponent.

"You traded it off in that big combination in the center, remember?"

"No, no--I've never even moved that Rook, much less traded it off!"

"Oh, yes you did!" he insisted.

"Call the Director!"

The Tournament Director dutifully came over, replayed the moves from the score sheets, found that the Rook had indeed never moved, and placed it back on QR1.

Now, honestly, I do not know what really happened to the Rook. The tables were crowded very close together, and my neighbor on the next board might have accidentally grabbed my piece. Or I might have bumped it off with my elbow and unwittingly put it back with the captured pieces. Or my opponent might actually have taken advantage of my habit of wandering around between moves and snatched the Rook when I wasn't looking. What happened next leads me to believe the last is closest to the truth.

A few moves later, I forked the kid's King and Rook with a Knight. "Oh", he exclaimed, seeing his error, "can I take that back?"

"WHAT!? This is a tournament! You can't take moves back!" I retorted, fed up.

"I realize that. But since I did a noble gesture by letting you have that Rook back, you could let me have this move back."

"WHAT!? That Rook was mine! You did nothing noble by letting me have it back. Now, MOVE!"

He said nothing more, but kept a hurt look on his face for the rest of the game. Just to punish him, I didn't capture his forked Rook, nor did I ever move my "missing" Rook. Instead, I mated him with two Bishops.

7th ROUND KNOCK-OUT

It seems Tony had just lost his game to a cheapo mate in three. As his opponent walked away, Tony silently began to reconstruct the position on the board before he blundered.

A player on the next board, in time trouble, noticed him and said rather rudely "Hey, let's not have that in here!" Tony cast him a sideward glance that seemed to say, "who died and left you the boss?" and continued his quiet analysis.

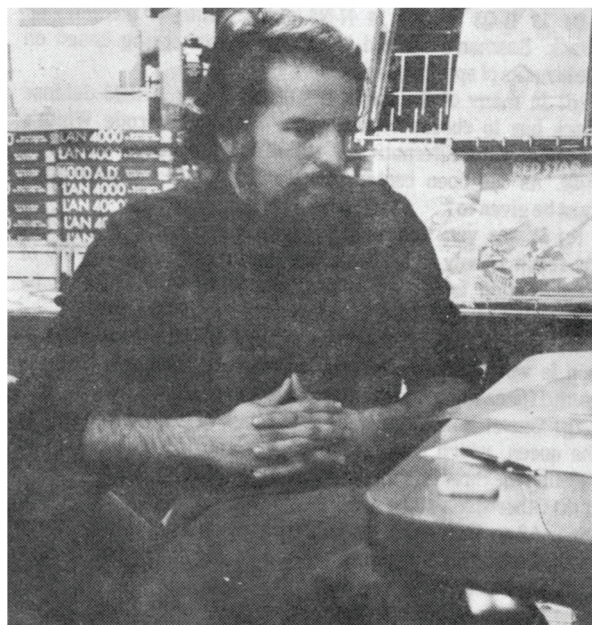
A few seconds later the same guy looked over again and said "Look, I told you to take that to the skittles room". Then he swept the pieces from Tony's board!!

So Tony says "I don't know what your problem is, buddy" and--quick as you can say "Muhammed Ali --threw an open-handed right cross that swept smartypants out of his chair and onto the floor with all his pieces. And his clock is still running! What excitement!

Tony's reaction was excused with a stern warning by TD Tim Redman only because he had received good character reports on Tony, and dubious ones on Wisemouth.

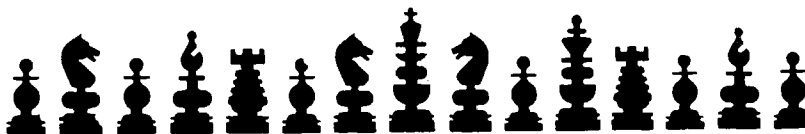
The Virginia players were fascinated by this little anecdote--dubbing Tony the "U.S. Open Heavyweight Champion", winning by KO in the 7th round of a scheduled 12-round.

--Reprinted from the Virginia Chess Federation Newsletter (September 1975).



Peter Cleghorn, San Francisco Master, studies his position in the Miami-San Francisco National Chess League telephone team match. (Photo by Richard Shorman.)

Games



Reprinted from Richard Shorman's chess column in the Hayward Daily Review.

GAMBITER'S SHOWPIECE

In addition to its attacking middlegame, this miniature adds to the opening theory of the King's Gambit Accepted. Notes are by W. Ritson Morry in "Chess" (May 1968, pp. 276-77).

White: M. J. Basman. Black: P. C. Griffiths. Bognor Regis, 1968.

King's Gambit Accepted

1 P-K4	P-K4	12 PxP	NxP(h)
2 P-KB4	PxP	13 Q-R2(i)	NxR
3 N-KB3	N-KB3(a)	14 NxB	B-N5(j)
4 P-K5	N-R4	15 B-Q3(k)	BxR
5 Q-K2(b)	B-K2	16 N-B5(l)	QxB
6 P-Q4	0-0	17 PxQ	B-N5(m)
7 N-B3(c)	P-Q3(d)	18 N-R6ch!	PxN
8 B-Q2	PxP	19 QxP	N-Q2(n)
9 PxP	B-R5ch(e)	20 N-Q5	QR-K1(o)
10 P-N3(f)	PxP	21 N-B6ch	Resigns(p)
11 0-0-0	B-Q2(g)		

(a) A line which was advocated by Nimzovich, who insisted that the knight was not badly placed at KR4 in this particular case.

(b) This sharp move was revived by Keres in a game against Alekhine 25 years ago. A good alternative is 5 P-Q4, which Black can effectively answer with 5... P-Q4.

(c) Here Keres continued vigorously with 7 P-KN4 PxPe.p. 8 N-B3, to which Alekhine replied with 8... P-Q4 9 B-Q 2 N-QB3 10 0-0-0 B-KN5 11 B-K3 P-B3, with a good game for Black. Subsequently, Keres showed in analysis that 8 Q-N2 P-Q3 9 RPxP B-N5 10 N-R2 NxP 11 R-N1 B-B1 12 B-KB4 N-B4 13 B-Q3 P-KN3 14 N-N4 gives White a tremendous attack. Basman's method is less hazardous, being based on the benefits of speedy development.

(d) In many of the variations of the 3... N-KB3 defense Black has to choose between this attempt to erode White's center and the alternative of stabilizing the center with... P-Q4. As the open center soon favors White, consideration must be given to 7... P-Q4 here.

(e) It was very tempting to try to move White's king, but the result is only to lose valuable developing time. Worthy of consideration is 9... P-QB3, and if 10 0-0-0 Q-B2 to be followed by... B-KN5 or... B-K3 and... N-Q2.

(f) The opening of the lines against Black's castled position is worth a pawn or two, as we very soon see. Time is gained for castling and the attack grows apace.

(g) One of Black's troubles is the lack of a good square for the queen, which now has to protect the KB in addition to meeting the threats from the rook on the Q-file.

(h) Otherwise a piece goes.

(i) After this move the threats against the king leave Black little choice of replies. White conducts the final stages with great force.

(j) Black is desperate before the threat of 15 B-Q3, followed by RxN and a mating attack.

(k) White has so many pieces on the scene of action that he does not need all of them. Black can only remove as many as possible and cross his fingers!

(l) Threatening mate in two by 17 N-K7ch. If now 16... P-KN3 17 Q-R6! PxN 18 B-N5 P-KB3 (If 18... QxB 19 QxQch K-R1 20 QxP, forcing mate.) 19 B-B4ch K-R1 (If 19

R-B2 20 BxP, and if 20... Q-B1 21 Q-N5ch wins, or 20... QxB 21 PxQ K-R1 22 BxR, forcing mate.) 20 BxPch RxB 21 PxR and mate must follow.

(m) If 19... B-B6 20 Q-N5ch K-R1 21 Q-B6ch K-N1 22 B-R6 wins.

(n) Otherwise Black would lose material, but now comes the final decisive sacrifice to break open the Black king's fortress.

(o) If 19... B-B6 20 Q-N5ch K-R1 21 Q-B6ch K-N1 22 B-R6 wins.

(p) This hastens the end, but if 20... K-R1 21 N-B6 B-B4 (Or 21... NxN 22 QxNch K-N1 23 B-R6 wins.) 22 NxN, and if 22... BxN 23 Q-B6ch, etc.

(q) For if 21... NxN 22 PxN and mate follows.

REGIONAL GAMES

Here are some of the most interesting games played at Lone Pine, recorded in streamlined coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; captures designated by file letters only).

White: Tigran Petrosian. Black: Miguel Quinteros. Lone Pine, 1976. Benoni Defense 1 d4 g6 2 c4 Bg7 3 Nc3 c5 4 d5 d6 5 e4 e6 6 Nf3 Nf6 7 Be2 0-0 8 0-0 Re8 9 Nd2 ed 10 cd Nbd7 11 a4 a6 12 Ra3 Rb8 13 a5 Qc7 14 h3 b5 15 ab ab6 16 Qc2 Ne5 17 f4 Ned7 18 Kh1 Rb4 19 b3 Nb6 20 Bb2 Qe7 21 Raa1 Ng4 22 Bg4 Bg4 23 Na2 Be2 24 Bg7 Bf1 25 Nb4 Bb5 26 Nc6 Bc6 27 dc Kg7 28 Ra6 Nc8 29 Qc3 Kg8 30 Qd3 Qh4 31 Qf1 Ne7 32 c7 Rc8 33 Rd6 Rc7 34 Kh2 Rc8 35 g3 Qh5 36 g4 Qh6 37 e5 Rb8 38 Qf2 Rb4 39 Kg3 Kg7 40 Qe3 Kh8 41 Rd8 Kg7 42 Ne4 Nc6 43 Rc8 g5 Time forfeit.

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White: Jeremy Silman. Black: Vasily Smyslov. Lone Pine, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 a6 5 Bd3 g6 6 Nc3 Bg7 7 Be3 Nc6 8 Nb3 d5 9 ed ed 10 Bc3 b6 11 Ba3 Nge7 12 0-0 0-0 13 Ne2 Qc7 14 c3 Ne5 15 Nbd4 Nc4 16 Bc4 d6 17 Qa4 Bd7 18 Qb4 Rfe8 19 Qd6 Qb7 20 Rfe1 Nd5 21 Nf4 Nf6 22 f3 g5 23 Nfe2 Nd5 24 Qg3 h6 25 Qf2 b5 26 Ng3 b4 27 cb Nb4 28 Re8 Re8 29 Ndf5 Nd3 30 Qd2 Qb6 31 Kf1 c3 32 bc Bb5 33 Resigns.

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White: Walter Browne. Black: John Grefe. Lone Pine, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 Qc7 9 0-0-0 Nbd7 10 Bd3 h6 11 Qh3 Nb6 12 f5 e5 13 Nde2 Bd7 14 Kb1 Bc6 15 Be3 Nbd7 16 g4 0-0-0 17 Qf3 Nc5 18 Bc5 dc 19 Bc4 Rd1 20 Rd1 Rd8 21 Ng3 Rd1 22 Qd1 Bd8 23 Bd5 Be8 24 h4 c4 25 g5 hg 26 hg Nd5 27 ed Bg5 28 Nge4 Bd8 29 d6 Qc6 30 Qg4 Bf6 31 a3 Kb8 32 Nf6 gf 33 Qg8 Ka7 34 Qh8 Bd7 35 Qf6 Qc5 36 Qf7 Qd6 37 f6 Bf5 38 Qe7 Qb6 39 Na4 Qb3 40 Qc5 Kb8 41 Qe5 Resigns.

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White: Anthony Miles. Black: Arthur Bisguier. Lone Pine, 1976. Queen's Gambit Declined 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 Nf3 d5 4 d4 c6 5 cd ed 6 Bg5 Be7 7 e3 Bf5 8 Be2 Nbd7 9 0-0 Ne4 10 Be7 Qe7 11 Rcl 0-0 12 a3 a5 13 Qb3 Nd6 14 Na4 Bg4 15 Rfe1 Bf3 16 Bf3 f5 17 g3 Kh8 18 Qc2 g5 19 Be2 g4 20 Nc3 h5 21 h4 gh 22 Bh5 Rf6 23 Ne2 Rh6 24 Nf4 Rg8 25 Kh2 Nf6 26 Bf3 Nde4 27

Rb1 Ng5 28 Bd1 Ng4 29 Bg4 fg 30 Re2 Ne6 31 b4 ab 32 ab Nc7 33 e4 de 34 Re4 Qf7 35 Rbe1 Nd5 36 Re6 Re6 37 Re6 Rg5 38 Qe4 Rf5 39 Re8 Kg7 40 Ne6 Kh6 41 Rh8 Kg6 42 Rf8 Nf6 43 Nf4 Qf5 Resigns.

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White: Anthony Saidy. Black: Roy Ervin. Lone Pine. 1976. King's Indian Reversed 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d3 Nc6 4 g3 Nge7 5 Bg2 g6 6 0-0 Bg7 7 Nbd2 0-0 8 Re1 d6 9 a4 Rb8 10 Nc4 b6 11 Bd2 h6 12 Qe2 e5 13 c3 f5 14 b4 Qc7 15 b5 Nd8 16 ef gf 17 Nh4 Be6 18 f4 e4 19 g4 d5 20 gf ed 21 Qg4 Nf5 22 Re6 Nh4 23 Bd5 Ne6 24 Be6 Kh7 25 Qh4 Rf6 26 f5 Re6 27 fe Bd4 28 cd Qg7 29 Kf2 Rf8 30 Bf4 Qd4 31 Kg3 Qa1 32 Qh6 Kg8 33 Qg6 Qg7 34 Qg7 Kg7 35 e7 Rg8 36 Nd6 Kf6 37 Kf3 Ke7 38 Nc4 Ke6 39 Ke4 Rd8 40 Bd2 Rd4 41 Resigns.

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White: Harry Radke (2120). Black: Paul Whitehead (2139). LERA Peninsula Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Feb. 29, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 Nc6 8 Qd2 0-0 9 Bc4 Nd7 10 0-0-0 Nde5 11 Bb3 Na5 12 Bh6 Nc4 13 Qg5 e5 14 Nde2 Bf6 15 Qg3 Bh4 16 Bf8 Bg3 17 hg Qf8 18 g4 Be6 19 Rh2 Qg7 20 Rdh1 a6 21 Ng3 f6 22 Nd5 Bd5 23 ed e4 24 Ne4 f5 25 gf Qb2 26 Kd1 gf 27 Resigns.

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White: John Pope (1964). Black: Jerry Kearns (1932). LERA Peninsula Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Feb. 29, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bc4 e6 7 Be3 Be7 8 Qe2 a6 9 0-0-0 Qc7 10 Rhg1 0-0 11 g4 Nd7 12 Bb3 Nc5 13 g5 b5 14 Nc6 Qc6 15 Bc5 Qc5 16 f4 Ra7 17 e5 de 18 Ne4 Qc7 19 Nf6 Kh8 20 Nh7 Kh7 21 Qh5 Kg8 22 Rg3 e4 23 Rf1 Qc5 24 Rh3 f6 25 f5 fg 26 Qh7 Kf7 27 Qg6 Kg8 28 Qh7 Kf7 29 Qg6 Kg8 30 Drawn.

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White: Grover Miller (1742). Black: Allen Becker (1959). LERA Peninsula Class Championships, Sunnyvale, Feb. 28, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2 Be7 8 0-0-0 Qc7 9 f4 0-0 10 Nf3 Nbd7 11 Qa1 h6 12 h4 Nc5 13 g4 b5 14 Bf6 Bf6 15 g5 Bc3 16 Qc3 b4 17 Qb4 h5 18 Bd3 Rb6 19 Qc3 Qb6 20 Nd4 Bd7 21 Nb3 Nb3 22 ab Rfc8 23 Bc4 d5 24 ed ed 25 R15 Bc6 26 Rd6 Qf2 27 Rf1 Qg2 28 Rg6 Qf1 29 Bf1 fg 30 Ba6 Bb7 31 Bc4 Kh7 32 Qh3 Rf8 33 Bd3 Bc8 34 Qf3 Bg4 35 Qc6 Bf5 36 Qd6 Rbd8 37 Qb4 Bd3 38 cd Rf5 39 Kd2 Rd8 40 Ne2 Bb3 41 e4 Rdf8 42 d5 Be8 43 Kf3 Drawn.

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White: Roy Ervin (2290). Black: Jeremy Silman (2331). Berkeley, Feb. 16, 1976. Sicilian Defense (analysis by USCF master Roy Ervin) 1 Nf3 c5 2 g3 Nc6 3 Bg2 g6 4 d4 cd 5 Nd4 Bg7 6 Nb3 Nf6 7 Nc3 d6 8 0-0 0-0 9 h3 Bd7 10 e4 Ne5 11 a4 Rcb 12 Nd4 a6 13 Nce2 Bc6 14 f4 Ne7 15 Nc6 bc 16 Be3 Rb8 17 b3 c5 18 Rb1 Qc7 19 c4 (Also quite playable is 19 Qd2.) Rfc8 20 Qd3 (Wasting time. White should begin immediate operations against Black's king side with 20 g4!) Nf8 21 g4 Ne6 22 g5 Nd7 23 Kh1 Nd4! 24 Nd4 cd 25 Bd4 Bd4 26 Qd4 Rb4 27 Qd1 Rcb8 28 e5 de 29 f5 gf (A bold decision that brings the game to a rapid crisis, but 29 f6 is not without risk either.) 30 Rf5 e6 31 Rf1 (White was unsure about the ultimate consequences of sacrificing the exchange by 31 Rf6 here, especially since the text move assures a powerful attack in any case.) Nc5 32 Qh5 Rb3 33 Rbe1 Nd3 34 Be4 f5 35 gf Nf4 36 Rf4 (In his zeal for a swift victory White tries to force the issue, whereas 36 Rg1! Kh8 37 Rg7! Nh5 38 Rc7 Nf6 39 Bg2 remains unclear.) ef 37 Rg1 Rg3 38 Rg3 fg 39 Qg5 Kh8 40 f7 g2! (the saving move, and it wins!) 41 Resigns (Of course, 41 Kg2 loses to 41... Qf7 42 Qe5 Qg7. After 41 Kgl Black might err with 41... Qa7?, overlooking 42 c5, but there is no quarrel about the outcome following 41... Qb6 42 c6 Qb2.)

White: Paul Whitehead (2139). Black: Kim Commons (2452). Berkeley, Feb. 15, 1976. Center Counter Defense 1 e4 d5 2 ed Nf6 3 Bb5 Bd7 4 Bc4 Bg4 5 f3 Bf5 6 Nc3 Nbd7 7 g4 Nb6 8 d3 Be8 9 Bb5 Bd7 10 Bc4 Bc8 11 Bb5 Bd7 12 Bc4 c6 13 dc Bc6 14 g5 Nc4 15 gf Ne5 16 d4 Ng6 17 d5 Bd7 18 Qe2 gf 19 Bd2 Bg7 20 0-0-0 Rcb 21 h4 f5 22 d6 e6 23 h5 Ne5 24 h6 Bf6 25 Nd5 Nc4 26 Nf6 Qf6 27 Bc3 Qg5 28 Kb1 Rg8 29 Nh3 Qh6 30 f4 Na3 31 Ka1 Rc3 32 bc Rg3 33 Rd3 Bb5 34 d7 Kd8 35 Qe5 Bd3 36 Qb8 Kd7 37 Qb7 Kd6 38 Ng5 Rg5 39 fg Nc2 40 Kb2 Qg5 41 Rd1 Ne1 42 Qb8 Ke7 43 Qa7 Kf6 44 Qf2 f4 45 Re1 Bf5 46 a4 Kg6 47 Rf1 Bh3 48 Rg1 Bg4 49 a5 h5 50 Ra1 Qb5 51 Kc1 f3 52 a6 Qg5 53 Kb2 Qb5 54 Drawn.

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White: Craig Barnes (2228). Black: Roger Gabrielson (2050). Berkeley, Feb. 15, 1976. Robatsch Defense 1 e4 g6 2 Nc3 Bg7 3 f4 c6 4 Nf3 d5 5 d4 de 6 Ne4 Bg4 7 Be3 Nd7 8 Bc4 Ngf6 9 Nf6 Nf6 10 Bf7 Kf7 11 Ne5 Ke8 12 Ng4 Ng4 13 Qg4 Bd4 14 Qe6 Be3 15 Qe3 Qa5 16 c3 Rf8 17 0-0-0 Qa2 18 Rhe1 Qf7 19 g3 Qf6 20 Qc5 Rf7 21 Rd6 Qf5 22 Qd4 a5 23 Qh8 Rf8 24 Qh7 Rf7 25 Qh8 Rf8 26 Qh4 Rf7 27 Rde6 Qc5 28 R1e5 Qg1 29 Kc2 Qf2 30 Kb1 Qf1 31 Ka2 Kd7 32 Re7 Kd6 33 Qg5 Resigns.

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White: Max Burkett (2134). Black: Mark Eucher (2020). Berkeley, Feb. 15, 1976. Alekhine's Defense 1 e4 Nf6 2 e5 Nd5 3 c4 Nb6 4 d4 d6 5 ed cd 6 Nc3 g6 7 Bd3 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0 9 Nge2 Nc6 10 0-0 e5 11 d5 Ne7 12 b3 f5 13 f4 Nd7 14 Qd2 h6 15 fe Ne5 16 Rad1 g5 17 c5 f4 18 Bd4 Ng4 19 Bc4 Bd4 20 Nd4 Ne3 21 cd Nf7 22 Ne6 Qb6 23 Kh1 Rf7 24 d7 Bd7 25 Ne4 Nf1 26 Rf1 Ne3 27 Qc3 Nd5 28 Bd5 Be6 29 Be6 Qe6 30 Re1 Rc8 31 Qd2 Rfc7 32 h4 Rc6 33 Qd4 g4 34 Re1 Rc1 35 Nf6 Kf7 36 Nh5 Rd1 37 Qd1 Re8 38 Nf4 Qe1 39 Qe1 Re1 40 Resigns.

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White: Steve Cross (2054). Black: Roy Ervin (2290). Berkeley, Feb. 14, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Bd3 Nc6 6 Be3 d5 7 Nc6 bc 8 Nd2 Be7 9 0-0 0-0 10 c4 e5 11 cd cd 12 Qc2 Bb7 24 Kac1 de 14 Ne4 Nd5 15 Nc5 Ne3 16 Nb7 Nc2 17 Nd6 Nb4 18 Nc6 Nd3 19 Ne7 Kh8 20 Rc7 a5 21 b3 a4 22 Rb1 ab 23 ab Ra2 24 Nc6 Rc2 25 Rd7 e4 26 Nd4 Rf2 27 b4 g6 28 b5 Ra8 29 Ne6 Rh2 30 Rd8 Rd8 31 Rb2 fe 32 Resigns.

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White: Jeremy Silman (2331). Black: Terry Godat (1406). Simultaneous Exhibition, Berkeley, Feb. 20, 1976. Sicilian Defense 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cd 4 Nd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bg5 e6 7 f4 Be7 8 Qf3 h6 9 Bh4 g5 10 fg Nfd7 11 Ne6 fe 12 Qh5 Kf8 13 Bb5 Rh7 14 0-0 Kg8 15 g6 Rg7 16 Bg3 Qe6 17 Bc4 Qg6 18 Qe2 Nc6 19 e5 Nde5 20 Bb3 Nd4 21 Qd1 Nb3 22 ab Bh4 23 Qd6 Bg3 24 hg Qg3 25 Rf8 Kh7 26 Qf2 Nf3 27 Rf3 Qf3 28 Rf1 Qg4 29 Rf8 Rd7 30 Qf2 Qd4 31 Rf7 Kg6 32 Resigns.

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White: Jeremy Silman (2331). Black: Michael Dyslin (1676). Simultaneous Exhibition, Berkeley, Feb. 20, 1976. English Opening 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e5 3 d3 Bb4 4 Bd2 0-0 5 g3 Ra8 6 Bg2 c6 7 Nf3 d5 8 cd cd 9 0-0 Nc6 10 Rc1 d4 11 Ne4 Ne4 12 de Bd2 13 Nd2 Be6 14 a3 Rc8 15 b4 b6 16 Qe4 Qd7 17 f4 f6 18 Nf3 Rd7 19 Rfd1 Nb8 20 Qd7 Nd7 21 Kf2 Rc3 22 Rc3 dc 23 Rc1 Rc8 24 Ka3 Kf8 25 Kd3 Bc4 26 Kc3 Be2 27 Kd2 Rc1 28 Kc1 Ke7 29 Kd2 Bc4 30 Ka3 Kd6 31 Bb3 Be6 32 Be6 Ke6 33 Kd3 b5 34 Nd2 ef 35 gf g5 36 fg fg 37 Kd4 g4 38 Nf1 Kd6 39 Na3 Ne5 40 Nf5 Ke6 41 Ke3 Nc4 42 Kf4 a6 43 Kg4 Ke5 44 Ng3 Na3 45 Kg5 Nc2 46 Kh6 Nb4 47 Kh7 Nd3 48 Kg7 Nf4 49 h4 b4 50 Nf1 Ke4 51 Nd2 Kd3 52 Nb3 Kc3 53 Nc5 b3 54 Kf6 b2 55 Na4 Kc2 56 Nb2 Kb2 57 Kf5 Nh5 58 Kg5 a5 59 Kh5 a4 60 Kg6 a3 61 h5 a2 62 h6 a1(Q) 63 Kg7 Kb3 65 Kg8 Qa8 65 Kg7 Qb7 66 Kg8 Qd5 67 Kh7 Qg5 68 Resigns.

MINI-MATES

Here are the solutions to Richard Shorman's "Mini-Mate" problems presented on page 2 of the February-March Chess Voice.

1- 1 Kd5! Kc7 (On 1...Ke8 2Ke6 Kf8 3 Rg1 Ke8 4 Rg8 mate) 2 Ra1! Kb6 (If 2...Kb7, then 3 Kd6 Kb6 4 Rb8 mate) 3 Re7 Kb5 4 Rb7 mate.

2- 1 Bh1! h2 2 Kc6 Ka8 3 Kb6 mate.

3- 1 ef Nf7 2 Nc4! and 3 Nd6 mate.

4- 1 Rh1! Kf3 (On 1...Kh1 2 Kg3 Kg1 3 Re1 mate and 1...Kf2 2 Kh3 Kf3 3 Rf1 mate) 2 Rh2 Kf4 3 Rf2 mate.

5- 1 Rc8!! Kg3 2 Qc7 mate.

6- 1 g8(N)! b5 2 Ne7! Kb4 3 Nc6 mate!

7- 1 Rf4! Kg3 (If 1...Kh1, then 2Kf2 Kh2 3 Rh4 mate) 2 O-O!! (Sam Lloyd still lives!) Kh3 3 Rf3 mate (Gesundheit!).

8- 1 Rh3!! gh 2 Kf3 g4 3 Kf4 g3 4 hg mate!

9- 1 Bg4! Kh7 2 Bf5! Kh8 (Or 2...Kh6 3 Bg6 g4 4 Ng8 mate) 3 Kg6 g4 4 Kh6 g3 5 Be6! g2 6 Ng6 mate (in the corner opposite to the color of the bishop).

10- 1 Kd7!! ("We're not retreating, just attacking in a different direction!") Ke4 2 Re5! Ke5 3 Qd4 mate!

MORE CHESS CLUBS (Continued from page 30.)

HAYWARD

The Hayward Chess Club has put out a Wanted poster on Godzilla (alias Steve Joplin)--described as "mean, green, big, bad, and ugly". Godzilla/Joplin is the only undefeated participant in the Hayward club championship--having already "stomped on Samo, raided Rogers, waylaid Watson, and roasted Del Rosario."

SAN LEANDRO

In February the San Leandro Chess Club conducted an experimental double round robin with two games a night at a move a minute. Called (dare you guess?) "Squigglers #24", it was divided into three sections. Kerry Lawless (1849) won the first section with 6 points; Ed Bazo (1400) won the second section with 5½ points; and Alan Rollerson (1292) won the third section with 6 points. The winners received \$6.80 each.

In March the club returned to its usual format. (There was a general consensus that 60 moves in 60 minutes does not produce good chess.) Keith Mehl (1674) won "Squigglers #25" with 4 points and received \$4.15. Second place went to Rick Kiger (1611) for 3 points and \$2.50. Len Petty (1723) and Ed Bazo (1400) tied for third place--each with 2½ points. Their prize? 83¢ each.

Tournament Director Robert Manners, one of the founders of the San Leandro club and the only tournament director it has ever had, has announced his resignation--effective April 30th. Man-

ners will continue to be a member of the club, but the pressure of other activities prevents him from continuing as its director. Manners is an Intermediate Tournament Director, a USCF Delegate, and a former officer of the CCCA, and the club will have a hard time replacing him. But they have some 45 members, 36 chess sets and boards, and a bank account. All they need now is a director.

WALNUT CREEK

Walnut Creek was the host club for the annual CCCA Team Championships on March 20-21 and for the Vasily Smyslov simultaneous exhibition on March 21.

Walnut Creek's USCF Master Ed Kennedy participated in a three-day, ongoing simultaneous demonstration sponsored by Bayview Federal Savings in Walnut Creek. Bayview offered a free \$25 savings account to anyone who could defeat Kennedy. Kennedy played more than 125 games, five at a time--drawing two and losing only one. The proud winner was Mark Poppin of Concord.

FREMONT

Twenty players participated in the February-March Knockout Tournament at the Fremont Chess Club. In the final match Randy Fong won by defeating Hans Poschmann. He received the 15-pound Ebony Rook trophy. Randy is also leading in the club championship--with Dale Blanchard in second place and still with a chance to win.

A five-round Spring Rating Tourney began on March 24 and continues through April 21. On April 28 a four-round Swiss will begin. The club's annual business meeting will take place on May 26. There will be an election of officers and a speed chess tournament.

CONCORD

The Concord Chess Club has lost its meeting place at the Concord Senior Citizens Center and has suspended meetings while it hunts for a new site. For further details contact TD L. Carter Keck, 943 Notre Dame, Concord, CA 94518.

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Exhibitions

KOLTANOWSKI IN FREMONT

World famous blindfold champion, international master George Koltanowski discussed current events in chess before a group of 50 enthusiasts of the royal game, performed his renowned "knight's tour" feat and engaged a total of 24 players in simultaneous exhibitions at Kennedy High School in Fremont, Mar. 9.

Demonstrating that, at 72, he still possesses formidable playing powers, "Kolty" won on 22 boards, drew one game with Kim Goss of Fremont and lost only once against Ed Sheffield of Newark.

Ohlone College Community Services Deptment sponsored the activity as a part of Koltanowski's course on chess at Ohlone College.

SULLIVAN EXHIBITION RESULTS

San Leandro chess expert Martin Sullivan (UCSF 2061) defeated 16, drew with five and lost to two players in a 24-board free simultaneous exhibition at the Oakland Chess Group, Mar. 2.

Draws were achieved by Derek Edwards (1345), Henry Mar. (1267), Scott McCargar (1709), David Novak (1396) and Leonard Petty (1723). The two winners were Larry Benford (1826) and Keith Mehl (1674).

Free simultaneous exhibitions are held at the Oakland Chess Group, 1969 Park Blvd., on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. Phone John Larkins, 653-6529, for more information.



GM Vasily Smyslov at Walnut Creek. Players (right to left): Tom Tedrick, Alan Piper, Michael LaMarche, Hans Poschmann. Spectators: Chess Voice editor John Larkins, ?, Mike Dyslin, Sheldon Watson, Charlie Vail, Saleh Mujahed, ?.

SMYSLOV RESULTS

Fifty-three Bay Area chess players vied with Soviet Grandmaster Vasily Smyslov, a former world chess champion, in weekend simultaneous exhibitions. At Mechanics Institute in San Francisco, Smyslov took on 30 players at once, drawing with nine and losing to three: Victor Baja (2052) of San Francisco, Randy Fong of Hayward (1921) and Jay Whitehead (2175) of San Francisco. But the real news here is that all three winners are teenagers — Baja is 16, Fong 17 and Whitehead 14!

Smyslov, noticeably tired in San Francisco after Los Angeles events, vowed that "Walnut Creek is going to be different" — and indeed it was. Somewhat rested by Sunday, Smyslov took on 23 players at once at the conclusion of the CCCA Team Olympics. He lost none of the games and drew only two: Martin Sullivan (2061) of San Leandro and Hans Poschmann (1574) of Fremont.



SILMAN'S EXHIBITION DISASTER

In what can only be described as a disaster, USCF master Jeremy Silman suffered 14 losses and 4 draws mixed with 13 wins in his Berkeley Chess Club simultaneous exhibition, Feb. 20. Fortunately, the knowledge that he had just recently played Arnold Denker to a draw in a national league telephone match and played well in the Berkeley "People's Tournament," winning one of the finest games of the event against Roy Ervin in the process, served to mollify Silman's anguish.

The happy winners were Barton Bolmen (1380), who defeated an opponent rated 951 points higher (2331) than his own, Rich Dost (1602), Mike Dyslin (1676), Stanley Eng (1556), Robert Fojt (1956), Terry Godat (1406), R.O. Hansen (1799), Richard Hobbs (1488), Bruce Kessinger (1721), Leonard Petty (1723), Alan Piper (2139), Stephen Skirpan (1460), Paul Stainthorpe, 14 (1546), the youngest player to win, and Tom Tedrick (1797). Draws were scored by Michael Arne (1553), Scott McCargar (1709), Thomas Pastusak (1761) and James Stewart (1659).

Tournaments

LONE PINE '79 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Louis D. Statham's sixth Lone Pine international tournament offered \$22,700 to 56 select players, Mar. 7-13. First prize of \$8,000 was won by former world champion Tigran Petrosian, while nine other masters and grandmasters earned \$1,511 each in a log-jam tie for second place. Isaac Kashdan, assisted by Carl Budd and Myron Lieberman, with additional aid from Jerome Hanken and Myron Johnson, directed the seven-round Swiss system event. Complete results:

1st, Tigran Petrosian (2635), USSR, 5½-2½; 2nd-10th, Walter Browne (2580), Larry Christiansen (2431), Gyoza Forintos (2400), Hungary, Anthony Miles (2510), England, Oscar Panno (2520), Argentina, Miguel Quinteros (2540), Argentina, Kenneth Rogoff (2496), and Vasily Smyslov (2580), USSR, 5-2; 11th-16th, Arthur Bisguier (2440), Curt Brasket (2303), Roy Ervin (2290), John Grefe (2419), Leonid Shamkovich (2485), Israel, and Norman Weinstein (2480), 4½-2½; 17th-23rd, Pal Benko (2474), Kim Commons (2452), Bill Martz (2406), John Peters (2416), Michael Rohde (2343), and Jeremy Silman (2331), 4-3.

24th-34th, Peter Cleghorn (2301), Arthur Dake (2340), Arnold Denker (2371), Nick DeFirman (2260), Mark Diesen (2306), Larry D. Evans (2320), Edward Formanek (2318), Ronald Henley (2298), Anthony Saidy (2411), James Sherwin (2339), and Marcel Sinięga (2191), Mexico, 3½-3½; 35th-41st, Craig Barnes (2228), David Berry (2294), Peter Blyviasas (2460), Canada, Julius Loftsson (2335), Eugene Martinovsky (2347), Frank Street (2207), and Timothy Taylor (2301), 3-4.

42nd-48th, Boris Baczynskyj (2300), Kenneth Frey (2295), Dennis Fritzing (2301), Robert Gruchacz (2306), C. Bill Jones (2311), David Strauss (2369), and Jonathan Tisdall (2316), 2½-4½; 49th-51st, John Fedorowicz (2256), Jerald Meyers (2286), and Yasser Seirawan (2319) (age 14), 2-5; 52nd-54th, Rudi Blumenfeld (2317), Viktors Pupols (2275), and Tibor Weinberger (2378), 1½-5½; 55th-56th, David Brummer (2312), 1-5; and Frank Thornally (2331), 0-2 with Dennis Waterman (2272), 1-1.

LERA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The 12th annual LERA Peninsula Class Championships were held in the LERA Main Auditorium, opposite Sunnyvale, Feb. 28-29. Two hundred players competed for more than \$2,000 in prizes in seven divisions. Newly certified Intermediate Tournament Director Jim Hurt of Saratoga, with assistance from Bill Bates, Gene Lee and Ken Stone, directed the USCF rated, five-round Swiss system event. Complete results:

Open Division: 1st-2nd, Ira Pohl (2106), Santa Cruz, and Frank Thornally (2331), Berkeley, 4-1, \$167.50 each; 3rd-5th, Alan LaVergne (2127), Palo Alto, Jay Whitehead (2068), San Francisco, and Paul Whitehead (2139), San Francisco, 3½-1½, \$55 each.

Class A: 1st, Jerry Kearns (1932), Alameda, 4½-½, \$160; 2nd, Max Wilkerson (1992), Colma, 4-1, \$80; 3rd-4th, Mitchell Bedford (1979), Salinas, and Mark Pasternak (1806), Montara, 3½-1½, \$42.50 each.

Class B: 1st-2nd, Chris Brentlinger (1696), Berkeley, and Greg Payne (1736), Palo Alto, 4½-½, \$165 each; 3rd-4th,

James Black (1757), San Jose, and Richard Phillips (1794), Santa Cruz, 4-1, \$55 each.

Class C: 1st, Rainier Viernes (1569), Gilroy, 5-0, \$190; 2nd, Hans Poschmann (1574), Fremont, 4½-½, \$85; 3rd-6th, Darinko Bozich (1526), San Mateo, Timothy Fung (1556), Oakland, Juergen Kasprk (1577), Piedmont, and Frederick Muollo (1446), San Jose, 4-1, \$25 each.

Class D: 1st, Calixto Magaoy (1363), Vallejo, 5-0, \$140; 2nd-4th, John Johnson (1396), Saratoga, Shawn McGovern (1240), Campbell, and Dary Olsen (1370), San Jose, 4-1, \$47 each.

Class E: 1st-2nd, Richard McKenzie (1097), Cupertino, and Wesley Sonner (0991), Morgan Hill, 4-1, \$45 each.

Unrated Division: 1st, Andre Shaari, Saratoga, 4½-½, \$110; 2nd-3rd, Ken Brooks, Jr., Saratoga, and Robert Harmsen, San Jose, 4-1, \$50 each.



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"THE PEOPLE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT"

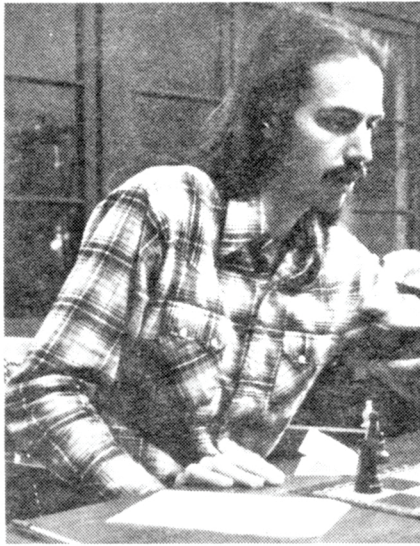
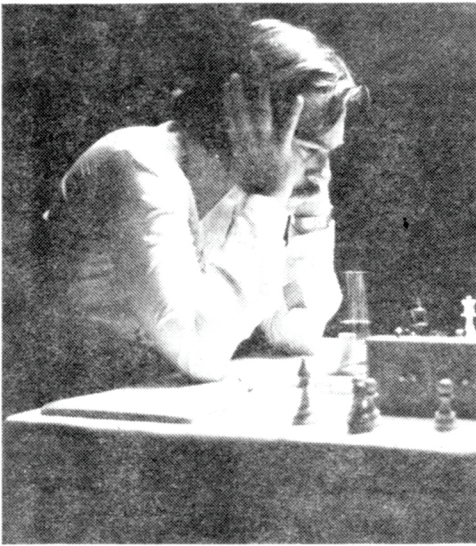
International masters Peter Blyviasas and John Grefe and international grandmaster Walter Browne divided over \$1,000 in prize money for scoring equal first at the People's Chess Tournament in Berkeley, Feb. 14-16. The six-round, USCF-rated, Swiss system competition in three sections attracted 220 players and a crowd of interested spectators to the well appointed Faculty Club on the campus of the University of California.

Demonstration-board analysis of top games, separate playing rooms for each section, complete restaurant facilities and sponsorship by CSCF all contributed to the success of the tournament. Berkeley chess organizer Alan Benson, assisted by Mike Goodall and Mike Donald, directed the \$3,000 event, which featured a playing schedule of only two rounds a day at 40 moves in two hours for all games. Complete results (prize winners listed in tie-break order):

Master-Expert Division

Master Section: 1st-3rd, Peter Blyviasas (2439) (trophy), Vancouver, Canada, John Grefe (2419), Berkeley, and Walter Browne (2580), Berkeley, 3½-½, \$137.50 each; 4th-8th, Jeremy Silman (2331), San Francisco, and Kim Commons (2452), Los Angeles, 4½-1½, \$46.87 each; Top U.C. Student, Raul Cornelius (2242), Berkeley, 4-2, trophy.

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THE PEOPLE'S CHESS TOURNAMENT

Top row: Grandmaster Walter Browne (2580), Berkeley, and International masters John Grefe (2419), Berkeley, and Peter Biyiasas (2439), Vancouver, Canada, shared 1st place.

Middle row: Masters John Watson (2371), Denver, Takashi Kurosaki (2254), San Francisco, and Frank Thornally (2331), Santa Cruz.

Bottom row: The playing room for the A&B section at the Men's Faculty Club on the University of California campus. Top U.C. student was Paul Cornelius (2242).

(Photos by Alan Benson and Richard Shorman.)

The People's Chess Tourney (cont.)

Expert Section: 1st, Ervin Middleton (2190) (trophy), Las Vegas, Nevada, 4½-1½, \$375; 2nd-7th, Martin Sullivan (2061), Hayward, Aki Kanamori (2110), San Francisco, Harry Radke(2120), San Jose, John Thornley (2086), Santa Cruz, Jim McCormick (2121), Berkeley, and William Bartley (2034), San Francisco, 4-2, \$54.37 each.

Class A-B

Section A: 1st, Stephan Havas (1973) (trophy), Santa Barbara, 5½-½, \$300; 2nd-4th, Ron Frasco (1970) (junior trophy), Bel-Air, Janis Salna (1894) (senior trophy), Oakland, and Charles Nevins (1830), Fairfield, 5-1, \$87.50 each.

Section B: 1st, Gary Berry (1794) (trophy), Berkeley, 4½-1½, \$225; 2nd-4th, John Miller (1675), Tracy, Paul Schure (1722), San Francisco, and Louis Argyres (1740), San Leandro, 4-2, \$66.25 each.

Class C-D-E-Unr.

Section C: 1st, Mario Dragicev (1483) (trophy), Pleasant Hill, 6-0, \$187.50; 2nd-4th, Allen Buckbee (1524), San Francisco, Leslie Colin (1497), San Jose, and John Brennan (1567), San Francisco, 5-1, \$53.75 each.

Section D-E-Unr.: 1st, Calixto Magaoay (1363) (trophy), Vallejo, 5-1, \$112.50; 2nd-3rd, Charles Wilson (Unr.), San Francisco, and Myron Johnson (1345), Oakland, 4½-1½, \$46.87 each; 4th-5th, Timothy Tobiason (1367), San Francisco, and Mark Lopez (Unr.), San Jose, 4-2, \$9.37 each.

JIMMY BUFF SPECIAL

On February 28-29 the experimental \$1-entry-fee, no-prizes Jimmy Buff Special drew 26 players to San Anselmo. The tournament was directed by Scott Laird and organized by Jerry Frazier.

Appropriately enough, the winner (on tie-breaks) of the A & B section was none other than Jimmy Buff. John Powers was runnerup. In the C, D, E & Unrated section, Charlie Tackett of Mill Valley took first place.

Organizer Frazier lost money but attracted some new players to Marin County. The question remains: could a similar low-cost, no-prizes tournament held in a more accessible location attract enough players (75 or so) to make this a workable alternative tournament format?

KONOCTI OPEN

The First Open Class Tournament held at Konocti Harbor Inn in Kelseyville (Clear Lake) attracted 56 entries on March 13-14. USCF President George Koltanowski was the tournament director.

Peter Hess of Reno and CCCA Chairman Peter Prochaska-Kolbas of San Francisco divided first prize in the Open Section (ratings up to 1999). In the "B" Section, the winner was Jan Kuba, Folsom, 4 points and second place went to Elmo Mugmani, San Francisco, 3½. Ben Gross, San Francisco, and Ray Wheeler, Sparks, Nevada, tied for third place with 3 points.

Donald Reid, Palo Alto, won the C/D/E section with 4 points. Then there was a log-jam eight-way tie for second place: M. Boykins, San Francisco; S. Hafer, Corte Madera; Alfred Hansen, Hillsborough; M. Fulgham, Eureka; Michael Jones, Napa; Harvey Presley, Sparks; C. Thompson, Sacramento; and David Weldon, Berkeley--each with three points out of four.

MARIN SPECIAL

The March 27-28 Marin County Rating Points Special was another experimental \$1-entry-fee tournament sponsored by Jerry Frazier's Redwood Empire Chess Association. The event attracted 25 entries--not enough to pay the \$45 site rent.

Kevin Lewis (1648) won the 5-man A&B Section with 4½ points. Don Meixsell (1445) won the C & Below Section with 5 games out of 5. Charlie Tackett was the tournament director.

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Bakersfield College has won the 1975-76 championship of the Central Valley Intercollegiate Chess League by edging the defending champions, College of the Sequoias, 16½ to 16.

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CHESS THE CHARACTER-BUILDER?

While it is hardly likely that chess players are any less self-disciplined or sportsman-like than other people, they are certainly not more so. Any evidence that chess builds character or trains the mind in any other way is, alas, highly subjective.

--Horowitz in The Joys of Chess

Letters to the Editor

J'adoube. In the February-March "Letters to the Editor" section (page 13) David Moeser, of Cincinnati, was wrongfully identified as "a member of the USCF Committee on Finances". Mr. Moeser is a USCF Delegate but not a member of the USCF Finance Committee. His lengthy letter (accompanied by some 31 pages of documents) was edited down to about one-fifth its original size.

Who's Minding the Store?

The Editor has received a number of interesting letters and documents on the subject of USCF finances and accounting practices. The writers include Frederick Townsend (Chairman of the USCF Finance Committee), Martin Morrison (USCF Technical Director), Fred Cramer (former USCF President and candidate for the vacant office of USCF Treasurer), and David Moeser (Chairman of the Cincinnati Chess Federation).

Further, a USCF Policy Board Newsletter (#3), designed to clear up misconceptions about USCF finances, has been promised--but not yet delivered.

Chess Voice plans to present portions of this material in its June-July issue. The questions involved are weighty, but difficult to assess. (One question: have USCF financial records consistently failed to take account of future Chess Life & Review subscriptions and services owed multiple-year and life members--leading to an unlisted deficit of from \$450,000 to \$1,000,000?)

In the meantime, the Editor will send a list of relevant questions to both the "establishment" and the "critics" and the answers will be printed in the next issue.

COMING TOURNAMENTS

April 10-11 - Visalia Amateur. (Visalia)
EF=\$10. Room 331, College of the Sequoias. VGL.

April 10-11 - CCCA Under 1800 Amateur.
(See centerfold flyer in Feb.-March issue.) EF=\$6, prizes. Advance registration only by April 8th. Site: 2058 "D" St., Hayward.

April 10-11 - CCCA Closed Championship.
(Hayward, same site as above.) The annual invitational for the club champions of all CCCA affiliates.

April 10-11 - Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Team Championships. (Monterey) Monterey Chess Center.

April 24-25 - April Rating Points Special.
(San Anselmo) Redwood Empire Chess Assoc. EF=\$2, no prizes. Advance registration only by 3/27. No smoking.

May 1-2 - Catalyst Chess Classic (Monterey)
Monterey Chess Center. (See centerfold flyer.)

May 1-2 - Central California Amateur.
(Turlock) Valley Chess League.

May 8-9 - Five Round Swiss. (Petaluma)
EF=\$12, prizes. Don Meixsell, 1650 Peggy Lane, Petaluma, CA 94952.

May 22-23 - May Rating Points Special.
(San Anselmo) Redwood Empire Chess Assoc.

May 29-30, June 1 - LERA Memorial. (Sunnyvale)
(See centerfold flyer.)

June 12-13 - Del Webb's Townhouse Summer Chess Festival. (Phoenix, Arizona) 4 rounds, \$3600 in prizes. Contact Myron Lieberman, 1444 West 6th St., Tempe, AZ 85281.

June 12-13 - Stanislaus County Open. (Turlock)
Valley Chess League.



Tournament Directors at the 12th Annual LERA Peninsula Class Championships were (left to right) Bill Bates, Gene Lee, Jim Hurt, and Ken Stone. (Photo: Shorman)

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June 19-20 - Monterey International. Monterey Chess Center. (See centerfold flyer.)

June 26-27 - Hayward Summerfest. Hayward Chess Club. (See centerfold flyer.)

July 3,4,5 - Golden Gate Open. (San Francisco) California State Chess Federation. (For details see March CL&R, p. 139. \$15,000 guaranteed.)

July 10-11 - Captain Weber Days--Burn Center Charity Tournament. (Stockton) Valley Chess League.

July 24-25 - Paul Masson American Class Championships. Browne Vintners/ Martin E. Morrison. (Saratoga)

August 7-8 - San Joaquin Valley Open. (Modesto) Valley Chess League.

August 15-27 - United States Open. (Virginia)

September 11-12 - Hayward Chess Festival. Hayward Chess Club. Jerry Rogers.

September 25-26 - LERA Sunnyvale Class Championships. LERA Chess Club.

October 9 - "National Chess Day" (Organizers are requested to leave this day free for local club-sponsored open houses and low entry fee tournaments)

November 6-7 - 2nd Konocti Open. (Kelseyville/ Clear Lake) George Koltanowski.

(November 13-14) - CCCA Open. Tentative.

November 26,27,28 - LERA Thanksgiving Tournament.

November 28-29 - American Open (Santa Monica)

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(VCL) Valley Chess League. Robert B. Tanner, 1916 Vista Dr., Modesto, CA 95355.

(RECA) Redwood Empire Chess Assoc. Jerry Frazier, 237 Crescent Road, San Anselmo, CA 94960.

Monterey Chess Center. Theodore Yudacufski, P.O. Box 1308, Monterey, CA 93940.

LERA Chess Club. Jim Hurt, P.O. Box 451, Sunnyvale, CA 94088.

Hayward Chess Club. Jerry Rogers, 19541 Times Ave., Hayward, CA 94541.

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California Correctional Center (Susanville). Contact George F. Strohmeyer, Supervisor of Recreation, PO Box 790, Susanville, CA 96130.

College of the Redwoods (Eureka). Meets Thursdays at noon in the Lakeview Room, Coll of the Redwoods, Thompkins Hill Road, Eureka, CA 95501. Contact Francis L. Hinkley, 2925 "C" St, Eureka, CA 95501.

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Fresno City College. Contact Peter C. Lang, 1101 East University Ave, Fresno, CA 93704.

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Monday Knights (Berkeley). Meets Mondays. (By invitation only.) Contact John Spargo, PO Box 2264, Berkeley, CA 94702.

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San Leandro. Meets Mondays, 7-11, Washington School Cafeteria, 250 Dutton St. Contact Robert Manners, 1155 East 14th St. (Rm 19), San Leandro, CA 94577, 483-6088.

Vallejo. Meets Fridays, 7:30 pm, Community Center Bldg, 225 Amador St. Contact Frank Harris, 115 Crescent, Vallejo, CA 94590.

Walnut Creek. Meets Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Senior Citizens Hospitality House, 1385 Civic Drive. Contact Saleh Mujahed, 5 Abbey Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94595.

Other Places To Play:

Mechanics Institute (San Francisco). Opens daily at 9 am, closes Mon-Fri at 11 pm, Sat at 12 pm, Sun at 10 pm; 4th floor, Mechanics Inst Bldg, 57 Post St, San Francisco.

Monterey Chess Center. Open weekdays 4:30-10, Sat & Sun 2-10, closed Mondays. 430 Alvarado St., Monterey. Contact Theodore Yudacufski, PO Box 1308, Monterey, CA 93940.

Cherryland Cafe (Hayward). A cafe where chess is played all night long. Open 11 pm to 6 am Tuesday through Friday; 10 am to 6 am Sat & Sun, closed on Mondays. 22472 Meekland Ave (at "A" St), Hayward, CA 94541, 581-4161.

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San Jose. Meets Wednesdays, 7-10:30, San Jose YMCA 1717 The Alameda. Also meets Fridays, 7-11, San Jose City College, Room B-204, Business Bldg. Contact James Black, 6281 Cloverhill Dr., San Jose, CA 95120, 997-1954.

Daly City. Meets Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, Westlake Park Clubhouse, 149 Lake Merced. Contact Carl Barton, 2460 21st Ave., San Francisco, CA 94116, 731-9171.

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