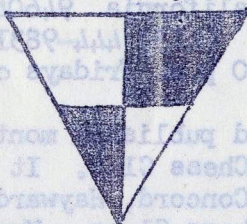


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Annual Chess Tournament
- September Lockheed Employees Recreation Asso-
ciation (LERA) Tournament
- October 1
29- Chess Friends of Northern Calif-
ornia Semi-annual Tournament at
the Berkeley YMCA

NEWS

Oakland Chess Club's Fourth Annual Summer Tournament

By MARTIN MORRISON and ELWIN MEYERS

En Passant Editors

On Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23, the Oakland Chess Club will hold its Fourth Annual Summer Tournament at Lincoln Elementary School, 225 Eleventh Street, Oakland, the club's meeting-place.

The tournament will be open to all chess players who are or will become members of the Chess Friends of Northern California. The entry fee for the tournament is \$4 for CFNC members, \$7 for nonmembers, which includes \$3 annual membership fee to CFNC. The tournament will continue for five rounds in the Swiss System style. Play will be conducted in three classes: Expert/A, B, and C. Two trophies and two books per class are guaranteed as prizes. One more book prize per class will be added for each ten players registering in excess of fifty in number. A "Return and Progress Trophy" will be awarded to that player who, having participated in either the Third Annual Summer Tournament or the First Annual Bay Area Amateur Open Championship, gains the most rating points over the course of this tournament. There will also be a number of door prizes.

The first round will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 26. Three rounds will be played on Saturday and two on Sunday. Participants should bend their entry fee with their name, address, telephone number, and the class desired. Don't forget to include your ZIP code; it is now mandatory according to federal law. Participants who must register at the tournament site may do so on Saturday, August 26, from 9:15-10:00 a.m.

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CHESS PUZZLE

Brown, Clark, Jones, and Smith are the names of the men who hold, though not necessarily respectively, the positions of accountant, cashier, manager, and president in the First National Bank of Fairport.

Although the cashier beats him consistently, the president will play chess with no one else.

Both the manager and the cashier are better chess players than the accountant.

Jones and Smith are nextdoor neighbors and frequently play chess together in the evening.

Clark plays a better game of chess than Jones.

The accountant lives near the president, but not near any of the others.

What position does each man hold?

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SOLUTION TO PUZZLE: Since the accountant lives near the president, but does not play chess with him, then Jones cannot be either the accountant or the president. The same is true of Smith.

Either Jones or Smith therefore must be the cashier or the manager.

Clark cannot be the accountant because both the manager and the cashier play better chess than the accountant, but Clark beats Jones.

Therefore, Brown is the accountant, and Clark is the president.

Since Clark (the president) beats Jones, Jones cannot be the cashier. Therefore, Jones is the manager, and Smith is the cashier.

EAST BAY CHESS ASSOCIATION RATINGS

Coordinated by MARTIN MORRISON and ELWIN MEYERS
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EBCA ratings are computed by and supplied through each player's own chess club on the basis of games played between EBCA members and thus subsume club ratings. The ratings are computed on the USCF and CFNC standard of sixteen points, plus or minus four per centum of the difference in rating points between the players.

If your rating does not seem correct or is not listed, see your club rater. The club raters are: John Smail, Berkeley YMCA Chess Club (B); Robert Clipson, Concord Chess Club (C); Jerry Friedman, Hayward Chess Club (H); Patrick Barry, Livermore Chess Club (L); Roy McCollough and Raymond Ng, Oakland Chess Club (O); Peter Brown, Jr., Richmond Chess Club (R); and Saleh Mujahed, Walnut Creek Chess Club (W).

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The following is the monthly listing of members' EBCA ratings; each member's name is followed by his club affiliations and then his EBCA rating.

- Grandmaster ... 2600 and above
- Senior Master . 2400 to 2599
- Master 2200 to 2399
- Expert 2000 to 2199
- Class A 1800 to 1999
- Class B 1600 to 1799
- Class C 1400 to 1599
- Class D 1200 to 1399
- Class E 1199 and below

Alexander, Charles	O	UNR	Louie, David	O	1684
Amberstone, W.	R	1767	McCollough, Roy	O	1841
Anderson, Theodore	O	1685	McGinley, Charles	B	1824
Armstein, P.	R	1408	Marks, Allan	O	UNR
Ausmus, Raymond	H	1657	Mecorney, John	B	1860
Baer, H.	B	1664	Meyers, Elwin	O	1776
Barry, Patrick	L	UNR	Miao, Ronald	BO	1809
Bartholomew, Ernest	H	1652	Mitchell, Robert	O	1829
Beaus, J.	R	1640	Morrison, Martin	O	1579
Beltram, D.	B	1648	Mujahed, Saleh	W	1662
Britton, Edward	O	1574	Ng, Raymond	O	1853
Brown, Peter, Jr.	R	1780	Nordell, Larry	O	1710
Burlingham, K.	R	1437	Notor, John	O	1560
Campbell, D.	B	1609	Ortega, David	H	1656
Castellano, William	H	1653	Osternig, Louis	HO	1655
Cook, Fred	BO	1773	Parker, William	O	1793
Cook, L.	B	1541	Pelletier, Richard	O	1687
Crossland, Maurice	O	1651	Quinlivan, Michael	O	2039
Cuneo, Raymond	BO	1953	Rackett, R.	B	1437
Dennis, Jack	BOR	1500	Ramirez, Albert	O	1564
Dobin, Louis	O	UNR	Roy, Gilbert	BO	1734
Dolan, John	O	1650	Salna, Janis	O	1981
Dorfman, James	O	1538	Salo, Eric	H	1637
Dos Santos, Anthony	O	1585	Shahshahani, Mehrdad	B	1653
Drinkwater, David	H	1649	Shepperson, A. P.	H	1837
Dhmann, Carl	H	1678	Shore, C.	R	1188
Eiche, Anatole	B	1531	Sims	B	1827
Eng, Moon	O	1825	Sletner, Anton	O	1620
Forthoffer, David	O	2013	Sloane, Margret	O	1583
Fouch, Roy	H	1525	Smail, John	B	2050
French, George	O	1824	Smiriga, N.	B	1611
Friedman, Jerry	HO	1600	Smith, D.	B	1709
Gaede, Allan	C	1531	Smith, Norman	C	1606
Galindez, M.	B	1640	Tesar, Bruce	O	1800
Gerhardt, Jerry	O	1536	Thacker, Ronald	O	1968
Gerrand, John	O	UNR	Thompson, J.	R	1458
Glanville, David	O	1600	Travers, K.	R	1359
Gorse, M.	R	1724	Travers, R	R	1379
Grivanis, Kon	B	2050	Trenberth, Robert	BO	1904
Hale, Johathan	O	UNR	Tresz, Sandor	O	1810
Hansen, Richard	O	1862	Trottier, Leonard	R	1630
Hayes, Gilbert	O	1675	Tucker, Rodger	O	1606
Hibbler, Fred	O	1625	Ulrich, James	B	2047
Hough, Randall	O	1843	Vadnais, Louis	H	1716
Jacob, Robert	W	1541	Wallan, John	O	1924
Jansen, Ben	O	1585	Weber, Gary	O	1884
Jensen, Arthur	O	1650	Weber, Michael	O	1805
Lane, Lawrence	O	1463	Weisickle, John	O	UNR
Lasich, John	O	1776	Wheeler, John	H	1519
Lasso, Pablo	O	1670	Williams, Lloyd	O	1592
Lee, Richard	O	1735	Wilson, Gary	O	UNR
Long, A.	R	1336	Young, A.	R	1578
Long, Jerome	BC	1724			

CHESS GOSSIP: A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

From the KNIGHT ON THE TOWN

Hello, chess players. There is a strange story coming from Livermore, possibly tragic, but I haven't been able to learn any details. All I know is that the past president of the Livermore Chess Club, to whom Mr. Barry succeeded, became lost in the mountains. If anyone knows any further details, including the gentleman's present whereabouts, please send word to me--and the Livermore Police Department.

On a more cheerful note, let me extend congratulations to Mehrdad Shahshahani, Martin Morrison, Albert Gunston, and Elwin Meyers, who are all graduated last month from the University of California at Berkeley (non-hippie types all!), and to Michael Quinlivan, who was just graduated from the University of San Francisco. Special congratulations go to Messrs. Shahshahani and Morrison, who received the high honor of being elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Martin Morrison also graduated with honors.

Congratulations are also due Mrs. Margret Sloane, of the Oakland Chess Club, who became the mother of a daughter recently, and to Richard Lee, of the same club, who became a father the same week--of a different child. Mr. Lee is now the proud parent of a fine baby boy.

Chess is not the only activity at the Oakland Chess Club. There recently was a classical guitar concert held on the same night as the chess club was meeting. It seems that certain members, even a goodly number of the Board of Directors, preferred to hear Pepe Romero, famed flamenco guitarist, than to play their tournament games. For shame! There is also frequent card-playing (of the non-gambling variety) at the club. The originators of this practice were the two officers of the club who edit this newspaper, whose names I shall not relate, since they asked to remain anonymous. By now, however, a host of people have indulged, including Carol LaBonte, Robert Trenberth, Allan Golbert. Even the club's president and the school custodian have got into the act. Pinochle and Canasta seem to be the favorites. Oh well, at one time more people played Go than chess at the same club, I'm told, and no harm was done.

By the way, what were Albert Ramirez and Richard Lee doing in downtown Oakland at 4 a.m. Saturday morning?

Welcome back to Ronald Thacker, of the Oakland Chess Club, who, if I have sifted conflicting reports correctly, has returned from a junket on a supply ship to South Vietnam. I wonder whether he is still intending to emigrate to New Zealand. He's been talking about it for years.

The number one peripatetic chess player has to be Robert Trenberth, a common figure in East Bay Chess Clubs, who has moved something like ten or fifteen times in the last couple of years. When not in the process of moving, Mr. Trenberth can be found consistently riding on A. C. Transit buses or drinking coffee at Foster's in downtown Oakland. Maybe he moves so much because he used to be connected with the railroad.

Discretion prevents elaboration, but a male member of the East Bay Chess Association paid an unexpected visit to a female member's house the other night. He claims nothing happened--well, they did play a few games of chess.

Here is a wierd tale for fantasy fans. Of course, it can't be explained logically, but I can well understand how Anton Sletner was shaken by the experience. A man approached him one day and asked him, right out of the blue, whether he played chess. An

avid WPCA member, Mr. Sletner, surprised, said he did. The man immediately gave him a chess set free of charge, explaining he didn't need it. Sletner gratefully accepted it, and since the last name and address of the owner of the set was printed on the board, Tony sent a thank-you note a few days later. The next day he received a telephone call from a very excited woman, who asked where he had received the set. On hearing the explanation, the woman screamed, "From my husband? But he died several months ago." Probably the set had been passed to someone else, who in turn gave it to Tony Sletner, but why should anyone want to give a perfect stranger a chess set? The story is odd, to put it mildly. Perhaps the last chapter of the story is that Miss Carol La Bonte borrowed the set some time ago to perform a seance with it. She hasn't performed the seance yet, because she went to Montano for a rest "to think." Now that she is back, watch for further developments.

By the way, don't forget to send me your anecdotes for this column. Details on how to reach me are printed on page two of this issue.

And so, until next time---I'll be watching!

NEWS

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San Bruno Festival

By RICHARD KING

Manager, San Bruno Chamber of Commerce

The San Bruno Chamber of Commerce announces its First Annual Open Air Chess Festival, to be held on July 4, at the San Bruno City Park in Beckner Field. Activities start at 10 a.m. and continue until 6 p.m. International Master George Koltanowski will direct. Events include four-man Round Robin sections, simultaneous exhibitions, and a solving competition. Round Robin sections will be held in Expert, A, B, C, D, Unrated, Women, Beginners, and Junior (under 15) classes. First-place plaques and runner-up trophies will be awarded to each four-man section. The entry fee is \$3.

Ehmann, Frideman, and Ortega Take Ladder

By JERRY FRIEDMAN

En Passant Hayward Chess Club Reporter

Once again Carl Ehmann has won the Hayward Chess Club's Ladder Competition, for the period ending May 31. Mr. Ehmann gained 16 points over the course of the competition. The Hayward Chess Club uses East Bay Chess Association rating points in all their competitions.

David Ortega and Jerry Friedman tied for the award to the player playing the most ladder games. Both played three games.

Forthoffer Wins Oakland Championship

By MARTIN MORRISON and ELWIN MEYERS

En Passant Editors

David Forthoffer and Michael Watson, new members of the Oakland Chess Club, took the first two places in that club's Annual Championship Tournament, with scores of 6½-1½ and 5½-1½, respectively. The championship will be awarded on the basis of a Round-Robin playoff between the first four finishers.

Also in contention for the championship are Raymond Ng, Club Tournament Director, and Richard Hansen, who won scores of 5-2. Also scoring 5-2, but receiving fewer tie-breaking points are Janis Salna, John Weisickle, Gary Wilson, Ronald Miao, Richard Lee, and Raymond Cuneo. Complete results will be announced at the conclusion of the playoff.

PROBLEMS COLUMN

By RICHARD LEE
En Passant Problems Columnist

NO. 1B	NO. 2B	NO. 3B
r . . . k . . .	. . . . .	. . . . . q . . .
p R p . . . R p . . .	. . . . .	. . . . . n n . P . . .
P . P K . . . .	. . . . . P . . . .	. . . . . P P B . . .
. . . . .	. . . . . P . N . . . P . . .	. . . . . P P
. P . . . .	. . . . . b k . P . . . .	. . . . . P P N . . .
. . . . .	. . . . . N P . . . .	. . . . . . . . . . k B P
. B . . . .	. . . . . P . . . .	. . . . . N P . . P
. . . . .	. . . . . R K . . . B . R	. . . . . R K . . . R
W mates in 3.	W mates in 3.	W mates in 3.

"In the past many problem authorities and composers have objected to castling in problems on the ground that the right to castle can never be proved in any given initial problem position. Some have suggested as a compromise that Black, being the defensive player, should be allowed the privilege, but that it should be denied to White. The commonsense viewpoint is that inasmuch as castling takes place in almost every game that is played and because it is a move with peculiar positional consequences, composers should exploit its problematic possibilities." Thus Kenneth S. Howard, noted problemist, on castling problems. See how you fare on the above.

GAMES COLUMN

By MICHAEL QUINLIVAN
En Passant Games Columnist

One of the openings with a long background which has been so much neglected these days is the Caro-Kann. To remedy a comparative lack of knowledge on the part of chess players about this important opening, I should like to reprint from the July, 1964 issue of Chess Review a superb game played in the Hungarian National Championship of 1963. Annotations are by noted chess expert Hans Kmoch.

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In this game the way in which White treats the Caro-Kann is neither entirely new nor particularly strong; but it is worth trying.

Black can certainly do better than in this game. But how much better remains to be seen.

Caro-Kann Defense

White Black

Erwin Haag Laszlo Sapi

1 P-K4 P-QB3

2 P-Q4 P-Q4

3 P-K5 B-B4

4 N-K2 . . .

The system of attack which White has adopted is questionable. But the way he treats it is remarkable, and worth trying. (Zahl

in his second match with Botvinnik made a number of more violent tries, but with little success.)

4 ...	P-K3
5 N-N3	B-N3
6 P-KR4	P-KR3
7 P-R5	B-R2
8 B-Q3	BxB
9 PxB	...

The text is better than the conventional 9 QxB as then Black gets a good game with 9...P-QB4 (e.g., 10 PxP, BxB; 11 Q-N5ch, N-Q2; 12 QxP, NxB).

Now White is ready for action on the King side, culminating in P-KB5.

9 ...	N-Q2
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As this knight serves better on QB3, 9...P-QB4 is still indicated. Then Black obtains a satisfactory, if not the better game; e.g., 10 PxB, BxB; 11 P-Q4, B-N3; 12 P-B4, N-QB3; 13 B-K3, Q-Q2 (14 Q-N4 is met by 14...P-B4).

10 P-B4	...
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White relies on the strong effect which P-B5 must have in view of the King-side pawn formation. He has fair compensation for his comparatively bad Bishop.

10...	Q-N3
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This move makes sense inasmuch as the necessary 11 N-K2 reduces White's chances for a quick P-B5.

Even so, 10...P-QB4, though hardly sufficient for equality, deserves preference: e.g., 11 PxB, NxBP; 12 P-Q4, (or 12 N-B3, P-B4), N-K5 (12...N-Q2; 13 P-B5!); 13 NxN, PxB; 14 N-B3, P-B4 and Black probably can hold his own, even after 15 P-Q5!

11 N-K2	N-K2
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Yet again, 11...P-QB4 offers possibilities; e.g. 12 PxB, NxBP; 13 QN-B3, P-Q5; 14 NxB is met by 14...P-Q1!

12 QN-B3	N-KB4
13 N-R4	Q-R4ch
14 B-Q2	B-N5

Since Black must also watch out for 15 P-KN4, he has little here. The only fair alternative is 14...Q-Q1; 15 P-KN4, N-R5 followed possibly by ...P-KN4. Then White must be careful not to endanger his own king with further King-side pawn play.

Now Black threatens both 15...BxBch and 15...N-K6.

Black can do little else here; even 15...Q-Q1 spells trouble. He has all three minor pieces developed, but none of them properly.

This valuable bishop has no good square of retreat (16...B-K2??; 17 P-KN4).

Now White's center is well-protected while his bishop has gained in scope.

This action is much too risky as will soon appear. Yet again 17...P-QB4 is indicated.

18 P-N4	N-K2
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Apparently Black has thought that he will now be able to open lines on the King side and start an attack by means of 19...P-B3.

19 P-B3!	...
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White however, destroys Black's plan by coming first with this brilliant break-through. It is remarkable that the key move of White's entire deployment comes in as a sacrifice.

19 ...	PxB
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20 P-N5! PXP
21 P-R6! ...

One point after another (one can say one pawn after another)! White destroys the pawn wall around the enemy king and so obtains a powerful attack.

21 ... P-N3

Other moves offer no better defense: 21...P-B3; 22 P-K6! or 21...P-B5; 22 NxP! or 21...P-N5; 22 PXP! or 21...PxP; 22 RXP, P-N5; 23 R-N1! In all these alternatives, White's attack is at least as strong as in the game.

22 P-R7ch K-R1
23 BXP P-B3
24 PXP NXP
25 R-QN1 Q-R3
26 N-B4 ...

White aims to check with either the bishop or the knight. The effect is disastrous—while the pawn is alive on R7.

26 ... QR-K1
27 Q-K2! ... -

A peculiar and amusing continuation: [The corrected edition reads/; White can afford this precarious position of his king and queen as the enemy knight on K2 cannot move, because of 28 NxPch (and it may be added, in some instances, because of 28 BxNch).

Now White threatens: 28 NxPch, NxN; 29 BxNch, BxB; 30 QxRch, N-B1; 31 Q-K5, N-Q2 (31...P-B4; 32 R-R6!) 32 Q-N3, R-B1; 33 R-N1 and mate follows.

27 ... P-B4

At long last Black gets in his key move: here in order to meet BxNch by ...QxB. He has nothing better. 27...NxP loses to 28 Q-K5ch, K-N1; 29 RxB, KxR; 30 K-Q2.

28 Q-K5! ...

Now the primary threat is 29 RXP, or is it 29 N-K6? At any rate Black simply has no playable move.

28 ... N/2-N1
29 NxPch K-N2
30 P-R8/Qch KxN
31 R-R6ch resigns.

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Queen's Gambit

White	Black
P. H. Clarke	Klaus Darga
England	West Germany
1 P-Q4	N-KB3
2 N-KB3	P-Q4
3 P-B4	P-K3
4 N-B3	P-B4
5 P-K3	N-B3
6 P-QR3	PxOP
7 KPXP	B-K2
8 B-Q3	O-O
9 O-O	PXP
10 BxBP	P-QN3
11 R-K1	B-N2
12 B-R2	R-QB1
13 Q-Q3	R-K1
14 B-N5	N-Q4
15 BxB	N/3xB
16 QR-Q1	N-B5
17 Q-K3	NXP
18 KxN	N-B4

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|------------|--------|
| 19 O-B4 | P-KN4 |
| 20 Q-B1 | N-R5ch |
| 21 K-B1 | B-R3ch |
| 22 R-K2 | NxN |
| 23 Q-K3 | P-N5 |
| 24 Q-R6 | Q-N4 |
| 25 QxQch | NxQ |
| 26 B-N1 | BxRch |
| 27 KxB | K-N2 |
| 28 K-K3 | P-B4 |
| 29 N-K2 | QR-Q1 |
| 31 R-QB1 | K-B3 |
| 31 R-B6 | R-QB1 |
| 32 resigns | |

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The above is another example of an opening which is little used nowadays in comparison with the more popular Sicilian Defense, etc. A fine game, well-played on both sides.

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Please submit your better games to me for annotations and publication. Don't be so modest.

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