

SECOND CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

A new State champion of California has arisen in the person of A. J. Fink of San Francisco as a result of the second annual tournament contested at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, Los Angeles, Cal., September 4 to 15. The field, a strong one, comprised a list of twelve entries. Fink, who lost only one game in the second round and drew one each in the third and fourth rounds, finished with a total of 9—2. For this fine performance he received \$100 in cash, a gold medal and a silver cup, donated by Messrs. Brock & Co. of Los Angeles, with the stipulation that it shall become the property of the first player to win it three times. Fink, therefore, has the first "leg" on this trophy.

The second prize of \$70 and third prize of \$65 were divided between Harry Borochow and R. F. Lyon, both of Los Angeles. Borochow was in the van for the first six rounds but after that Fink took the lead and held it throughout the balance of the tournament. Lyon failed to appear on the first day of play and forfeited to Whipple. Last year Lyon held the championship of the Boston Chess Club.

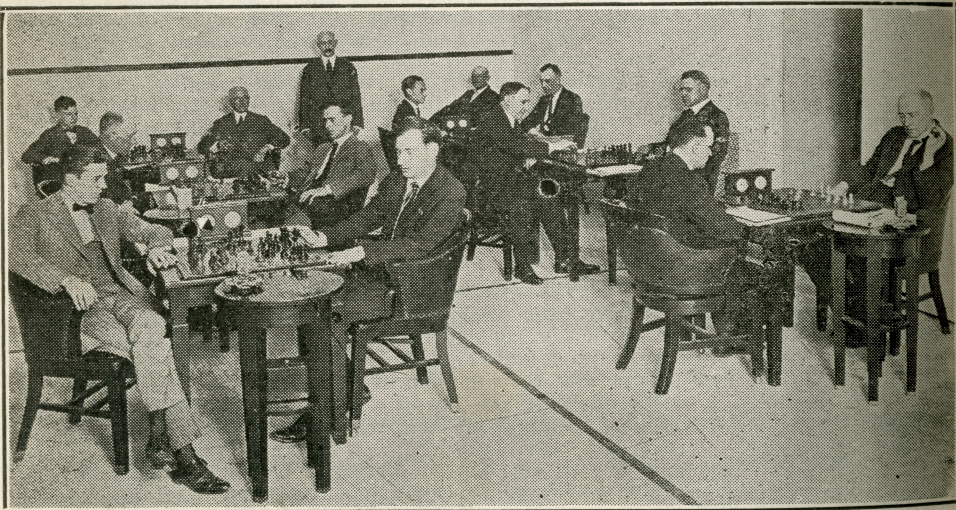
The fourth prize of \$60 was captured by Edward F. Schrader of San Diego, for many years prominent in St. Louis chess circles, besides being Western champion several years ago. The fifth prize was divided between Stasch Mlotkowski of Los Angeles and D. Smith of San Francisco. The prize fund was oversubscribed and there is a balance in hand for next year's meeting.

The following is a full list of the competitors:

A. J. Fink, B. Smith, J. F. Smyth, San Francisco; E. F. Schrader, San Diego; S. Mlotkowski, R. F. Lyon, E. R. Perry, H. Borochow, D. H. Mugridge, C. H. Whipple, Jr., E. W. Grabill, G. S. G. Patterson, Los Angeles.

The committee, which arranged the tournament, consisted of Commodore B. T. Walling, chairman; E. W. Grabill, secretary; H. T. Rudisill, treasurer; S. Mlotkowski and H. Borochow. Commodore Walling acted as referee and was present during all the hours of play. The time limit was thirty moves for the first two hours and twenty moves an hour thereafter. Hours for play were from 1 to 5 P. M. and 7 to 11 P. M. daily, except Sunday, September 10.

Donald H. Mugridge, only 17 years of age, made a splendid showing, especially in the earlier stages. He won two games from Smith and Borochow and drew three with Mlotkowski, Perry and Grabill in the first five rounds, but lost in the next two, thereby permitting a good chance for a prize to slip from him.



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Seated at tables on left side of picture: Front table, Patterson (left) and Mlotkowski (right); second table, Smyth (left) and Lyon; third table, Mugridge (left) and Grabill.

Seated at tables on right side of picture: Front table, Schrader (left) and Whipple; second table, Smith (left) and Perry; third table, Borochow (left) and Fink.

Standing in the rear is Commodore Walling, referee, and at his left, seated in the corner, is H. T. Rudisill, treasurer of the committee.