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The Monterey Peninsula Chess Club meets each Thursday evening  
at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, 467 Alvarado St., Monterey.



## CASA LOCATED AT 467 ALVARADO

Ted and Ruby Yudacufski gathered together some of their friends and had a pad-moving party at the old location of the Casa Alvarado Chess Center at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, August 2, 1970. When Ted found out he could not renew the lease at the old location, a committee was formed and went to work to find a new location. Excellent facilities were found available across the street (ALVARADO) over the VIENNESE PASTRY AND COFFEE SHOP, and Sunday was selected as moving day. All furniture and equipment was quickly carried to the new location. Not so quickly was the problem of arrangement of the tables and other furnishings in the LARGE room at the new Casa Alvarado Chess Center. But the friends of Ted and Ruby will find some way to partition this immense hall into suitable rooms to house the dart players, analyzing room, storage room, and library. Ruby has been enclosed within a slightly larger space than was her bower at the old location. At least the arrangement is such that Mike Friddle may lounge against the counter without blocking the entrance - unless he goes to a great deal of trouble. One apparent problem would seem to be the existing light setup. What will be needed will be some fluorescent fixtures. And some qualified party to install them.

The Casa telephone number remains the same - 372 9790. The mailing address is still the same - P. O. Box 1308, Monterey, Calif 93940.

## AN EDITORIAL

The minutes of the regular business meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club, held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center on July 30 are reported elsewhere in this issue of the GAMBIT. Considerable discussion was directed toward the type of tournament - round robin or Swiss System - to be used to determine the Club Champion. While we feel that the number of entries qualified to play for the Club Championship should determine the type of tournament, this article will not involve itself in a continuation of that part of the subject. Rather we want to suggest a method to be used to determine who shall be qualified to play for the Club Championship.

We feel that the Club Champion should be more than a 'good' chess player. He should have earned the right to play in the Championship Tournament by demonstrating the habits of a good Club member, attending Club meetings, and participating in Club sponsored events.

We suggest a point system, where-by a member is awarded points (or fractions thereof) for attending Club meetings, playing in Club matches, Club ladder events, and by playing in Club sponsored tournaments, including seasonal Club rating events.

To earn the right to play in the Club Championship Tournament the member should have to acquire a specified number of points by demonstrating that he is a good Club member who helps the Club by joining in the Club activities.

To be invited to play in the Club Championship Tournament should be considered a special honor, paid only to members who have earned the honor by showing the chess community that here is a member that helps his Club prosper and grow. The Club Champion would then be known, not only as a 'good' chess player (possibly not the best in the Club), but also as a good fellow member and one we can truly be proud to have represent our Club when ever the occasion requires.

Suggested point schedule for entry into Club Championship Tournament

<u>Non USCF events</u>		Possible points - 67	
Meeting attendance @ $\frac{1}{2}$	52X $\frac{1}{2}$ 26	Club Ladder Matches @ $\frac{1}{2}$	52X $\frac{1}{2}$ 26
Monthly Rapid-transit @ $\frac{1}{2}$	12X $\frac{1}{2}$ 6	Annual Club Meeting (Jan)	3
Business meetings @2	3X2 6		

<u>USCF events</u>		Possible points - 33	
Monterey International Open	8	Fight of the Bumbler B	3
Monterey County Championship	5	Spring Rating Tournament	2
Summer Rating Tournament	2	Winter Rating Tournament	2
Member of USCF	8	Member of CSCF	3

Total possible points - - 100

To be selected to play in the Club Championship Tournament the member must earn 45 or more points. To earn points in tournament events the member must finish the event. If he does not finish - no points.

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Minutes of the regular business meeting held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, on Thursday evening July 30, 1970.

The President called the meeting to order at 8:15 p. m. There were 16 members present, including at least two members of the Executive Committee, constituting a quorum.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Reports were received from the Treasurer and the Secretary.

D. Anderson, an interested visitor, spoke on the problems of finding a new location for the Casa Alvarado CC. She requested that anyone having carpeting, furniture or equipment to donate to the Casa Alvarado CC to contact Ted or Ruby Yudacufski. She mentioned that this was no time for the local chess population to divide and that we should all work together for the good of Peninsula chess.

President Iainson offer to give chess lessons to interested Club members, at the Casa, on Wednesday evenings, starting at 8:00 p.m. August 5, 1970. There would be a fee of fifty cents, payable to the Casa, for the use of their facilities.

It was mentioned that the Fight of the Bumbler B Tournament would be held at the Monterey Youth Center on October 17-18, 1970. A five round swiss system, restricted to players with USCF ratings under 1800 or unrated.

Stan McCarty raised a question concerning the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club Championship Tournament. After much discussion it was voted - ( eight for; none against; eight abstaining ) to have an eight round swiss system tournament, one round each Thursday (meeting night) evening, with no play on rapid transit nights, starting on September 10, 1970. There would be no fee. The winner to receive a trophy and the title - "Monterey Peninsula Chess Club Champion - 1970".

President Iainson congratulated Colin Chambers for winning the "Name the Bulletin" contest and Chambers received a round of applause from the assembly.

President Iainson introduced a new member: Margaret Klare, of Pacific Grove.

The meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the President in October.

Bill Kennedy, Secretary

Tournament given this name because it figures that any Class B player who is not a bumbler should be a Class A player. This tournament gives these bumbling B's a chance to fight other bumlbers to gain the exalted position of a Class A chess player.

RESTRICTED TO PLAYERS WITH USCF RATINGS UNDER 1800 OR UNRATED.

Entry fee \$8, if received prior to October 15. Later \$10. Registration desk will be open at the tournament site from 8:00 to 10:00 am Saturday

Cash prizes: Ties will split cash prizes.

1st place - \$100      2nd place - \$75      3rd place - \$50

These prizes are GUARANTEED. May be increased if entries permit.

Trophies: Tie-break systems will be used to determine trophy winners.

Overall winner. Best woman (Queen B). Best Junior under 18. Best Junior under 16. Other prizes and awards. A player can win only one trophy.

Tournament will be held at the Monterey Youth Center, El Estero and Pearl Street, Monterey.

5 round swiss - 40 moves in two hours - Tournament Director T. Yudacufsk

Three rounds on Saturday - start at 10:30. Two rounds on Sunday - start at 9:30. Must be member of USCF or join at time of registration.

Please bring sets and clocks. Mail advance fees and inquiries to: Monterey Peninsula Chess Club, P. O. Box 261, Monterey, Ca 93940.



CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Must be member of USCF and CSCF or join.

Civic Recreation Center, 1261 E. Main St, Ventura, Calif. Seven rounds Swiss. First two rounds - 30 moves per hour. Last five rounds 40 moves in two hours. 3 rounds Sat Sept 5, two rounds Sunday Sept 6, two rounds Monday Sept 7. THIS IS A CAL-POINT TOURNAMENT. Entry fee \$13 by Aug 31. Later \$15. Late registration 8:00 to 10:00 Sat at tournament site. Write Tournament Director Gordon Barrett, 12556 Daryl Ave, Granada Hills, Cali 91344 (phone 213 360 5710) if you have any questions. Mail advance fees to same address. Will supply list of motels and rates on request. \$1500 prize fund. \$500 - 1st; \$250 - 2nd; \$150 - 3rd. \$100 each to: Top Expe Class A, Class B, Class C, Class D & below ( includes unrated ), best jr under 18. Bring sets, boards, and clocks. Firstround starts at 11:00 a Saturday September 5, 1970.


SAT SEPT 5 - SUN SEPT 6 - MON SEPT 7

VENTURA - CALIFORNIA

OLD MONTEREY BICENTENNIAL 1970 CHESS CONGRESS

Monterey, Bicentennial Capital of California, celebrating its 200th birthday, was remembered by the Casa Alvarado Chess Center's tournament organizers when they named this interesting chess festival in honor of the occasion. It was the last tournament to be held at the original location of the Casa Alvarado Chess Center. A modified Holland Round-Robin system was used so that only one game had to be played on July 28, 29, and 31. July 30 was reserved for the regular business meeting.


Group #1 Rating

B. Lainson	2053	3	
M. Ewell	1991	2	
D. Tucker	(1750)	1 1/2	
C. Daly	1634	1/2	

Group #2 Rating

C. Tanaka	1560	1
D. Henry	1528	2
G. Clark	1526	0
G. Eding	1491	3



Group #3 Rating

J. Parenzan	(1475)	2	
B. Kennedy	1472	3	
G. Gerstl	1465	0	
D. Arrell	(1430)	1	

Group #4 Rating

D. Anderson	1429	2
S. Gales	1410	0
K. Roberson	(1250)	3
P. Grover	1125	1

Group #5 Rating

J. Anderson	1219	2	
J. Quirk	1100	1	
K. Grover	(1075)	1	
S. Hand	1000	2	

Winners and runners-up within each group were awarded Bicentennial Medallions. These medals have already become collector's items.

The tournament was directed by Ted Yudacufski assisted by his wife, Ruby.



THE ROOKERY A compilation of miscellany of and for the members.

Colin Chambers was awarded a copy of James Mason's "Principles of Chess" as a prize for winning the 'Name the Bulletin Contest' ... and Liza Ewell (Monterey County Woman Chess Champion - 1970) received a fine rollup chess board for placing second with the name used in this section of the Gambit.

A new publication, The Southern California Chess Players News, Editor John C. Barnard, 4994 Novgorod St #8, Los Angeles, Ca 90032, in the August 1970 edition, reports on the Pacific Southwest Open and names our own B. Lainson as a winner in the Expert class. Also published one of his games - annotated by Ron Pease - played in this tournament against Robert J. Gauntt (2168). Bernie lost this game and drew with Ed Guth (1650) for a score of 5 1/2 and tenth place. 158 entries for this tournament.

A young chess Expert, playing in his first tournament with his new rating won the first round and drew the second. Complaining to an old timer about the draw he received this comment, "Smile, it could be worse!" He did. It did. He lost the next two rounds.

The Carmel Black Knights, major-domoed by Helen Bennett, a small, select group of social chess players was formed in 1956, with a great deal of assistance from George Koltanowski. Several of the charter members are still meeting with the group.

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