

SONOMA'S COMMUNITY CHESS

THE 13TH ANNUAL Sonoma Open Air Chess Festival, largest of its kind in the Nation, takes place next Sunday in the plaza at Sonoma. The event is supervised by the Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce and directed by The Chronicle's chess master, George Koltanowski.

All chess players are welcome and, in addition to the four-man tournaments for adults and juniors of both sexes, there are always a number of surprises for the ardent chess fan such as problem-solving competitions and exhibition games by outstanding masters.

Most competitors make the Sonoma Festival a family affair. You can, too. Plan a picnic. Bring your board, men and self to play chess to your heart's content under the trees in Sonoma.



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WHO says chess is stuffy? In Sonoma it's an outdoor sport.