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First-place winners Marc McNown (1.) and Terry Garnett (r.), of the regular and junior divisions, respectively, pose before the Concord Chess Club's rating board. Each non his division in the club's recent tournament, in which members chose by chance from among five openings each night to see how each game would begin. Twenty-six members took part in the five-round tourney. General agreement was that the tournament was quite enjoyable and made players play openings and study lines that they normally did not play. —Photograph and story by Paul Westerline, Secretary-Treasurer, Concord Chess Club.

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TOURNAMENT CALENDAM

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22	$\mathbf{Jun}e$	Seventh Annual Chess Festival	-	Hayward
4	July	Third Annual Open Air Chess Festival	_	San Bruno
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19-20	J uly	Monterey Art Open	USCF	Monterey
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		Tournament		
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		Championships		•
	October	Carlmont Chess Tournament	?	San Carlos
	November	Novato Chess Tournament	?	Novato
	December	Junior Chess Championships	CFNC	?
13-14	DECEMBER	OAKLAND CHESS CLUR'S FOURTH ANNUAL SAN	USCF	OAKLAND
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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

At the 11 June CCCA membership meeting it was decided to blaze new trails with the introduction of a Summer League, since, of course, chess does not go into estivation during the summer; in fact, we have seen quite an increase in summer chess activities over the past year.

It was voted that this briefer Summer League, in order to provide more USCF activity, would be fully USCF-rated, and that each player must be a USCF member. The League will run from June to September under the experienced hand of Jerome M. Long, CCCA Chairman, who has for years been a prominent tournament and league director in this area. Mr. Long has been empowered to make whatever changes he deems necessary from the CCCA Autumn League for use in the Summer League; these changes will

probably include the reduction of the number of players on a board from six to four.

In order to encourage this invaluable USCF playing experience, there will be no board fee, a trophy to be donated out of the CCCA general fund for the winning team. Of course, CCCA members who are not USCF members and would like to participate in this League are welcome to take advantage of the members' discount rate in USCF dues. (V. p. 16 for further information.)

Affiliates of the CCCA, or prospective affiliates, which would like to enter one or more teams in the Summer League, should contact Mr. Long as soon as possible, whose address and telephone number will be found on page three of this issue. Good luck and happy playing!

NEWS

Oakland Hosts Another One-day Tournament
The CACA Oakland Lodge, newly remodeled, saw the holding of the Cakland Chess
Club's Second Annual Four-man Sectional Chess Tournament on 30 March. A record fifty-four players participated in the USCF and CFNC sections. Al Raymond mosed out Jude F. Acers on a tie-break for victory in the highest USCF section. James B. Shearer (second section), Frank Boschan (third section), and Bruce Werren (sixth section also won trophies for their victories in their respective sections. In the unrated sections a three-way tie between Harold Barnett, Robert Blauner, and Thomas W. Cahill (fourth section), and between Richard Gordon, Richard Lee, and Elwin C. Neyers (fifth section), netted these gentlemen a return of their entry fees.

Albyn Jones Takes Amateur Open

The Fifth Annual Pre-Caster Visalia Amateur Open Championship Chess Tournament, ably organized by Chris A. Fotias, CCCA Assistant Publicity Director for Tulare County saw Albyn Jones, formerly of Porterville, take top honors, topping a field of thirty-

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CHESS IS MY HOBBY By JAMES B. REYMOLDS Scacchic Voice Analysis Columnist

EXHIBITION PLAY. To liven up a newly formed club at the corporation I still work for, we decided to have a simultaneous exhibition of chess by a master. George Koltanowski was contacted and agreed to a thirty board exhibition-the Ordnance Division of FMC Corporation paid the fee. It all happened on a very stormy night as spectators really crowded the Old Mansion House in San Jose on 15 February 1962. At first there were only 29 boards, but 7 more "sneaked" in to make a 36-board affair, and Kolty allowed it without complaint. I hadn't played much in a year or so -- making this a game of "back to the wars"! Kolty won all games except this one.

White: George Koltanowski, San Francisco

Black:	James	в.	Reynold	is,	San	Jose
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1	P-K4	P-QB4	11 P-N5	N_R4	21 P_KB4	N-B3
2	N-KB3	N-QB3	12 BxB	NxB	22 P-QR3	P-QR3 (m)
3	P-Q4 (a)	PxP	13 PxP	N-B4	23 P-KR4	B-B4 (n)
4	NxP	P-K3	14 0-0-0	Q-R4 (g)	24 N-B6ch	K_N2
5	N-QB3	N-B3	15 K-Nl (b)	R-Q1	25 BxB	PxB
6	P-B3 (b)	P_KN3 (c)	16 N-K4 (i)	QxQ	26 K-Bl (o)	N-Q5
7	B-K3	B_N2	17 Rx0	PxP (j)	27 R-K1	N–K3 (p)
8	0-02	NxN (d)	18 RxP (k)	B-K3 (1)	28 R-K5 (q)	NxP
9	BxN	0-0	19 RxRch	RxR	29 RxP	N-K7ch
10	P-KN4 (e)	P-Q4:? (f)	20 B-Q3	N-Q5	30 K-N1	R-Q8ch (r)

- (a): I expected 3 P-B3 followed by 4 P-Q4 (the deferred Alekhine variation of which I remembered Kolty boasted a few years back). I felt I could smash it.
- (b): I didn't consider Kolty's last a good move, and I was thinking of N-R4 and Q-R5ch; however, playing Kolty in an exhibition is like playing "rapid transit," and I didn't really have time to exploit this move. Respecting his ability, I decided simply to develop normally.
- (c): I decided on the Dragon Variation, knowing of Kolty's famed king-side "pawn storm" and queen-side castling.
 - (d): I felt I had to stop 9 B-R6 at this point, and the text forces BxN or QxN.

 (e): Here comes the pawn storm!

 (f): I knew that this move lost a pawn, but I wanted room for my QB. Also, I
- felt that I could gain the pawn back in due time.
- (g): My idea of getting the pawn back: following this move by R-Ql, but watch
 - (h): He wants to move the knight without danger of losing a pawn himself.
- (i): As I said, "Watch out!" However, I can trade down, a thing which I den't mind, since I am a little weak in the middle game.
 - (j): I got it back, but for how long?(k): Not very long.
- (1): Tricky. If RxR, 19 N-B6, and Black doesn't look so good; besides, I wanted the open queen file.
- (m): Notice how White moves his pawns to give his bishop more freedom, whereas Black moves to restrict squares both for the White bishop and for his own black bishop.
- (n): The only way to hold the "pawn storm."
 (o): A mistake, as George later admitted. 26 P-B3 was the move which would avoid what eventually happens, as you will see.
- (p): 27...N-B6 looks good, but it only brings about repetition of moves. With the text, Black closes the king's file and threatens NxP, making way for a passed pawn.
- (q): Kolty had a decision to make. He cannot protect the BP; e.g., the pawn falls with 28 R-B1, R-Q5. By the text he allows a perpetual check (a thing which he knows), providing that Black takes it.
- (r): Drawn by perpetual check. 31 K-R2, N-BSch; 32 K-R1, N-K7ch, etc. I was considering after 31 K-R2, R-Q7, winning the pawn back and going for broke; i.e., if 32 P-B3, NxPch (not 32 K-N3, as 32...N-K5ch wins the rook, or if 32 K-N1, back to the perpetual check). As it was, Kolty was coming around so fast that I decided I had no time to think out good end-game moves, so I announced the perpetual check.

GAMES COLUMN By RICHARD R. SHORMAN Scacchic Voice Games Columnist (CCCA Publicity Director)

Game No. 1. James B. Shearer, a well-booked high school student from Livermore, polishes off his unfortunate victim in exemplary fashion.

Played: CCCA League team match (Eastern Division), at Livermore

Date: 21 March 1969

White: James B. Shearer (Livermore Omegas)

Black: James Willows (Livermore Alphas)

		Opening: Giuo	co Piano		
1 P-K4	P-K4	9 PxN	BxP (g)	17 ExPch	K-N1
2 N-133	N-QB3	10 B-R3 (h)	P-Q3 (i)	18 N-N5 (m.)	0xN (n)
3 PB4	B-B4 (a)	11 R-B1	B-B4	19 0xB	P-KR4
4 P-B3	NВЗ (b)	12 Q-R4 (j)	P-QR3	20 2xPch	K-B2
5 P-04	Px P	13 B-Q5	B~N3	21 H-K4ch	K-R3
6 PxP	R-N5ch (c)	14 RxN (k)	B-22	22 B-H4	resigns
7 N-B3 (d)	NxKP (e)	15 R-Klch	K-B1		
8 0-0	NxN (f)	16 RxQP (1)	Px:11		

- (a): The Two Knights' Defense, 3...N-B3, fights harder for the initiative.
- (b): If Plack wishes to avoid the ensuing tactical melee, he can play the closed system with 4...Q-K2.
 - (c): A bad mistake would be 6...H-N3?; 7 P-95, N-K2; 8 P-K5, N-N5; 9 P-96! (d): An excellent example of sharp chass following 7 B-92 is Rossolimo-

Reissmann, San Juan, 1967: 7...BxPch; 8 QNxB, P-Q4; 9 PxP, KNxP; 10 2-N3, QN-K2; 11 0-0, P-QB3; 12 KR-K1, 0-0; 13 P-QN4, P-QN3 (13...Q-B2 or 13...Q-N3 gives equality); 14 N-K5, B-N2; 15 P-R5, R-B1; 16 N-K4, Q-R2; 17 P-R6, B-R1; 18 Q-KR3, N-R5; 19 0-N4, N/2-04; 20 R-R3, N-K3; 21 BxN, PxB; 22 N-B6ch, K-R1; 23 0-N6!, 0-B7; 24

R-R3, resigns.

(e): Black has a tenable defense after 7...P-Q4; 8 PxP, KNxP; 9 0-0, R-K31; 10 B-KN5, B-K2; 11 BxN, B/3xB; 12 NxB, QxN; 13 BxR, NxB; 14 R-K1, P-KB3; 15 0-K2, Q-Q2; 16 9-K4 (16 P-Q5, 16 QR-Q1, and 16 QR-B1 are answered adequately by 16... K-B2), P-B3; 17 R-K2, K-B2; 18 2R-K1, N-Q4; 19 2-R4 (Keres), 2-B4.

(f): The alternative, 8...BxN, leads to immense complications after 9 P-25;

(the Möller Attack).

- (g): Wins a second Pawn and virtually loses the game. Black must play 9... P-04 here: 10 PxR, PxB; 11 R-Klch, N-K2; 12 B-N5 (stronger than 12 0-K2), P-0R3; 13 0-K2!, B-N5 (13...PxB; 14 0xP is worth the piece); 14 B-B4, K-B2; 15 0xPch, N-94; 16 N-92! (Sakharov), B-K3; 17 B-N3, R-K1; 18 N-K4, with just slightly the better game for White.
- (h): Definitely superior to the older 10 Q-N3, P-Q4!, which leaves White wit! a positional advantage, but without an attack.
- (i): Other tries also favor White, e.g., 10...BxR; 11 H-Klch, N-K2; 12 N-N5, or 10...N-K2; 11 2-N3, P-94; 12 2xE, PxB; 13 KR-K1, and in each case White has enough attack to compensate the material loss.

(j): Threatening 13 P-Q5.

- (k): An explosion that ignites a chain reaction of brilliant sacrifices. If 14...PxR, then 15 0xPch, B-02; 16 R-Klch, K-Bl; 17 0xR wins.
- (1): The sacrificial fire sweeps toward a doomed monarch (16...BxQ?; 17 RxQ mate).
 - (m): The shocks continue.
- (n): Up to this point both sides have followed "book analysis. J. M. Aitken in the British Chess Magazine, March 1937, gives 18...P-N3, 19 BxPch, K-N2; 20 B-K: K-R3; 21 N-K6: as leading to a forced win for White, e.g., 21...BxQ; 22 B-N7ch, K-R4; 23 R-K5ch, K-R5 (23...K-N5; 24 P-B3ch, K-R5; 25 P-N3ch, K-R6; 26 N-R4 mate); 24 P-N3ch, K-N5; 25 P-R3ch, KxP; 26 N-B4ch, K-N5; 27 B-K6ch, K-B6; 28 R-K3 mate.

Game No. 2. Played: Berkeley YMCA Chess Club Championship

Date: 12 October 1966

White: John Mecorney

Black: James Ulrich

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1	P-Q4	P-Q4	11	P-QR4	P-QN4	21	B-23	P-N3	31	Px B	9 x P
2	P-QB4	PxP	12	Q-R4	P-N5	22	B-R6	KR-K1	32	Q-N6	R-Q4
3	P-K4	P- <u>0</u> B4	13	N-K4	NxN	23	B-K4	B-B3	33	Q-N8ch	K-N2
4	P-05	N-KB3	14	Q x N	Q-B1	24	KR-Q1	RxB	34	P_R4	P-R3
5	Q-R4cb	B-02	15	0-0	B-B4	25	Q xR	N-B6	35	P-R6	R-Q5
6	2xBP	P-K3	16	2 - 0B4	N-92	26	9 - 93	NxR	36	Q-K5ch	K-R2
7	N-2F3	$P_{\mathbf{x}}P$	17	P-R5	Q-B2	27	QxN	R-Q1	37	$_{2}$ -R2	R-N5ch
8	PxP	B-03	18	E-K3	N-B3	28	0-K2	B-B5	38	K-P1	⊋-26ch
0	N-B3	0 – 0	19	P_R3	B-92	29	$\mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}\mathbf{B}$	⊙xB	39	K-K1	R-K5 mate
10	P-K2	P=2 R3	20	Q-R4	NxP	30	⊙ x P	BxN			

RULES, RULES; BANE OR BLESSING?— AN AMATEUR'S VIEW OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP By MARTIN E. MORRISON Scacchic Voice Editor

No player of games is more in need of, but less desirous of rules than the tournament chess player. There seems to be an ingrained philosophy of chess as a friendly pastime, with which the strict enforcement of technical rules is not com-When chess went the way of so many other innocuous pastimes by becoming material for regulated tournament play, rather than for simply informal, friendly play, even going so far as to become a profession in some countries, the devising of tournament rules became a regretted necessity. This attitude was probably instrumental in postponing for eighty-one years after "the first /match/ to be held under the strict conditions of championship competition" the formation of a world chess organization, the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE). This attitude is also, I am sure, one of the outstanding reasons why chess tournament rules are so vague and why so many tournament players are in ignorance of the rules, being willing to leave to the discretion of one man, the tournament director, the arbitrary enforcement of the few vague rules that do exist. The great number of tournaments held throughout the United States, the high sophistication of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) rating formulae, along with the greater interest of players in an accurate rating, demand that an equal sophistication be achieved in tournament direction and rules. It is time for us all to stop fooling ourselves by thinking that tournament chess is simply a minor variant of "skittles" games, and to realize that the same need for clearly stated, thorough rules, exists, perhaps unfortunately, for chess as much as for any of our so-called "major" sports. We need look no farther than our own California State Championships (January 1969) to find ample evidence of our ignorance and arbitrariness in the application of tournament rules.

Before I embark on my exposition of the problems involved, let me state that I have no great experience in these matters, other than that which a close look at and interest in the existing rules and conditions of tournament chess have been able to give me. Secondly, I must state my heavy debt to the only two published accounts of the tournaments: that of Guthrie McClain, "David Blohm Wins California State Championship, The California Chess Reporter XVIII (January-February 1969), pp. 62-63, and that of Gordon S. Earrett, "David Blohm Wins California State Championship," Terrachess VII (5 January 1969), pp. 972-3. All chess players of our state should be grateful to these two fine editors for taking the space to report on this tournament and to give us the benefit of their opinion and experience. Any disagreements in this article with their, and other's, conclusions are purely academic.

Dispute One. Scene: adjournament of game between Raymond Schutt vs. Jude F. Acers. Mr. Schutt, whose move it was, "wrote down a move, placed it in the envelope, and stopped his clock. Mr. Acers claimed the game because of breach of the rules."

Article XV of the FIDE's official Laws of Chess, Part II, does in fact state: 3

"The player having the move shall . . . seal the envelope and then stop the clocks." Presumably, the move of adjournament is not completed until the envelope is sealed; thus, Mr. Schutt was in violation of the Laws by illegally stopping his clock, as Mr. Acers claimed. What penalty should the tournament director impose? This situation provides an example of the vagueness and arbitrariness of our rules. Section 45 of the "USCF Tournament Rules," which include "all the FIDE tournament regulations The Laws of Chess, Part II and all the ground rules of the USCF" and which are still in effect according to James T. Sherwin, National Chairman of the USCF's Fournament Rules Committee, states: "Where penalties are not defined specifically by law, the Director has discretionary power to impose any of the following penalties of an infraction of these Rules: . . . (c) Advance a player's clock."

Thus Charles H. Savery III, the tournament director, had every right to impose as the penalty the advancing of Mr. Schutt's clock twenty minutes. Mr. Acers was dissatisfied with the ruling and withdrew. Why did he not appeal to the July, supposedly to be set up at each tournament "to hear and decide such part of an appeal as involves questions of fact or the exercise of his the tournament director's discretionary powers"? Could it be that this section, like so many sections of the rules, is being ignored by tournament organizers, probably through ignorance, even though it is in force and would protect the players from arbitrary rulings? Q. E. p.: poor application and knowledge of the rules.

Dispute Two. Scene: last and most critical round of the Championship. "Mr.]

Blohm was paired against Mr.] Schutt. Mr.] Blohm was leading the field by one-half point; Mr.] needed only a draw to secure the title. [Mr.] Schutt, on the other hand, had to win to get the crown. [Mr.] Blohm, having the white pieces, made his first move, P-K4. At this point [Mr.] Schutt said: 'David, are you playing for a draw?'... [Mr.] Blohm... claimed an offer of a draw has been made, and he accepts!... fournament of rector | Savery ruled in favor of [Mr.] Rlohm, in

spite of Ar. Jochutt's protestations, and the game was declared a draw."

Although this claim may sound drastic, Isanc Kashdan, President of the California State Chess Federation and National Vice President of the USCF, states: "The rule has been in effect for some thirty years, on the theory that a player has no right to ask for his opponent's intentions by such queries, as 'Are you playing for n win?' or 'Are you playing for a draw?' Any remark to that effect is construed as the offer of a draw."

Now begins the controversy, but before that, it should be stated that Mr. Acers appealed to Wr. Kashdan, who upheld the tournament director. Why, we should ask, did Mr. Hashdan decide the appeal? If, as we suspected above, no Appeal Jury was elected at the tournament, why did the appeal not go to the USC? Tournament Committee, the next higher appeals body, as per Article 53 of the USCF Tournament Rules?

Back to the controversy. Mr. Kashdan, then, upheld the tournament director. Mr. Barrett, Member for the Southern Section of the COCF Tourn ment Committee, disagreed with the decision: "Article 17a /The laws of Chess, Part II/ states that 'A proposal to draw may be made by a player only at the moment when he has just code a move.' . . . Since /Mr.' Schutt never made a move against /Mr.' Blohm, his "offer" of a draw, while /sic/ technically correctly interpreted should have been just as technically invalidated by application of Article 17a."

This opinion seems to me 18.1(e). "Players are forbidden to distract or amony their opponents in any manner whatsoever." In this case, however, the negative would read to be a superstance of the most sound, although it would leave Mr. Schutt liable to penalties under Article In this case, however, the penalty would probably not have been drawwhatsoever. In this case, assessing the game. Edmond B. Edmondson, Executive Director of the USCF, concurred with Mr. Barnett by another argument. Mr. McClain, Member for the Northern Section Mr. Barnett by another argument. Mr. McClain, Member for the Northern Section of the CGCF Tournament Committee, agreed with the tournament director's decision: In our opinion, the law covering the offering of a draw does not apply in this case 14 It is, instead, the law defining the powers and duties of the tournament director." If this debacle shows anything, it is that the law defining the powers of the tournament director is certainly in question.

Perhpas this article has bored you. If you are a tournament player, that is indeed too had, for one of the most striking points about these two disputes is that both arose out of ignorance of the formal tournament rules. Messrs. Acers and Blohm should not be censured for demanding their rights under lawful and impartial tournament rules; rather, it is those of us who are in ignorance of those rules who should he liable to censure. Perhaps if we were more knowledgeable, we should be able to press for clearer and more comprehensive rules, and thus relieve the almost inherent arbitrariness in tournament direction.

Once again: this is only an amateur's view of the tournament, an amateur who was not present at that. I should therefore urge any of the parties or organizations involved to throw further light on the situation by submitting a letter for publication. Let me state quite clearly that the California State Chess Federation is hravely tackling the immense job of organizing state chess activities in a democratic way and in full support of the USCF; witness the fact that many states have no championship tournament. It is, after all, dedicated chess promoters like Messrs. Warrett, Kashdan, and McClain, who perform the unbelievably complex groundwork which makes such an organization flourish and make possible the development of California's proudly proclaimed chess "stars": the Acers, the Schutts, and the Blohms.

- 1. Kenneth Harkness, Official Chess Handbook (New York: David McKay, c. 1967), p. 222.
 - 2. McClain, op. cit., p. 63.
- 3. Harkness, op. cit., p. 58.
 4. Kenneth Harkness, The Official Blue Book and Encyclopaedia of Chess (New York: David McKay, c. 1956), p. 53.
- 5. Letter from James T. Sherwin, National Chairman, USCF Tournament Rules Committee, to Martin E. Morrison, Publicity Director, Oakland Chess Club, New York, 4 December 1967. For some unaccountable reason most of these rules have been omitted from the revised Official Chess Handbook.
 - 6. Harkness, Blue Book, p. 69.
 - 7. Harkness, op. cit., p. 70 (Section 51 of the USCF Tournament Rules).
 - 8. Barrett, op. cit., p. 973.
 - McClain, op. cit., p. 62; cf. Harkness, op. cit., p. 83.
- 9. WcClain, op. cit., p. 62; cf. Harkness, op. cit., p. 63.
 10. Harkness, op. cit., pp. 70-71 (Section 53 of the USCF Tournament Rules).
 Perhaps the CSCF Tournament Committee, consisting of Messrs. Kashdan, Chairman,
 Barrett, and McClain, were considered the Jury, although Section 52 implies that all decisions should be rendered at the tournament, by a majority vote of the three members.
 - 11. McClain, bc. cit.
 - 12. Harkness, Chess Handbook, p. 64.
 - 13. McClain, op. cit., p. 63. 14. McClain, loc. cit.

BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS OF THE CCCA By MARTIN E. MORRISON CCCA Secretary

A regular meeting of the Central California Chess Association was held on Friday, 11 April 1969, in the Music Room of Lincoln Elementary School, 225 Eleventh Street, Oakland (the Oakland Chess Club's quarters). The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by the Secretary, Martin E. Morrison, the Chairman, Jerome M. Long, being absent. It was adopted by general consent that the Secretary serve as chairman pro tempore.

The total attendance for the meeting was as follows: Hans Poschmann (Fremont Chess Club); Jerry Friedman, Richard R. Shorman (Hayward Chess Club); Harold Barnett, Wes Nelson (Livermore Chess Club); Robert A. Alvillar, Ellis Plastrik (Martinez Chess Club); _name not recorded/ (Newark Chess Club); Theodore E. Anderson, Jack W. Dennis, Martin E. Morrison (Oakland Chess Club); Duncan D. Campbell (Orinda Chess Club); Leonard F. Trottier (Richmond Chess Club); Saleh Mujahed (Walnut Creek Chess Club)nine of mineteen affiliates, fourteen members.

It was moved by Mr. Friedman, seconded by Mr. Dennis, and adopted unanimously THAT THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (ANNUAL, 10 JANUARY 1969) BE APPROVED AS PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL CCCA ORGAN, WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION: THAT MR. MORRI-SON'S MOTION REGARDING THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING BE CORRECTED BY STRIKING OUT "4 APRIL 1969, 8:00 P. M., IN THE FACULTY DINING ROOM" AND INSERTING "11 APRIL 1969, 8:00 P. M., IN THE MUSIC ROOM."

It was moved by Mr. Poschmann, seconded by Mr. Barnett, and adopted unanimously THAT THE CHESS INTEREST GROUP OF THE DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION, ON THE APPLICATION OF OFFICER L. P. PETERSON, THE PIEDMONT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB, ON THE APPLICA-TION BY LETTER OF RICHARD GORDON, PRESIDENT, AND THE UC DAVIS CHESS CLUB, ON THE AP-PLICATION OF SERGIUS VON OETTINGEN, TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR, BE ALL AFFILIATED TO THE CCCA.

The Secretary, Mr. Morrison, reported that he had sent resumes of the CCCA's progress over the past year to the three national USCF officers, the USCF Executive Director, and the USCF Regional Vice President, and read excerpts from the encouraging replies of President Rohland and Executive Director Edmondson. It was also reported that affiliation letters and extra copies of the organ were sent to all non-affiliated clubs in Central California.

The Treasurer, Mr. Trottier, gave the following REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CCCA

FOR THE PERIOD 11 JANUARY TO 7 APRIL 1969 Receipts

Balance on hand 11 January 1969	\$188.15
Bimonthly assessments of affiliates* \$ 52.85	
USCF memberships 52.00	
Sale of chess clocks 176.90	281.75
	\$469.90
Disbursements	
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USCF memberships paid to USCF	
USCF charter, one year 20.00	
Postage for League Director 2.08	
To the Editors for the official organ** 145.57	
Loan, interest, postage, and insurance on clocks 65.70	\$285.35
Balance on hand 7 April 1969	184.55***
Total	\$469.90
*The Oakland Chess Club deducted \$2.25 from their assess	sment as one
half the cost of the post-office box shared with that c	

quarter April-June, as per CCCA resultuion of 11 October 1968. Total ECCA membership at 5 Febuary assessment period: 270.

**Includes three clocks sold, given for advertizing.

***Includes \$75.00 in Autumn League board fees, from which trophy expenses are yet to be paid.

The League Director, Mr. Dennis reported that of the two matters referred to him, Mr. Poschmann's perpetual cup tournament is still under consideration, as is the source for buying league trophies.

The minutes (report) of the Executive Board, published in the last issue of the organ, were read. It was moved by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Trottier, and adopted unanimously THAT THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD BE ADOPTED.

Mr. Trottier, Chairman of the standing Clock Committee gave the following report:

Chess clock sales: 12+3 for advertizing\$189.40
Loan repaid to Hayward Chess Club
Interest paid on loan (50¢ per clock) 6.00
Postage and insurance on mailed clocks 3.10
Income from sale of 15 clocks

Sale of 3 clocks given for advertizing32.50

He also reported that more clocks are now on order, with two being reserved already and another possibility of an order of thirty.

Mr. Plastrik, Chairman of the ad hoc Sun Vailey Exhibition Committee, reported that the matter was under consideration by the Board of Directors of the Sum Valley Shopping Center, and that a decision would be forthcoming by the CCCA's next regu-

lar meeting. The date would probably in September. The following resolution was moved by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Poschmann. and adopted after amendment:

RESOLVED, FIRST THAT THE CCCA SPONSOR A TOURNAMENT, TO BE CALLED THE "FIRST CCCA ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP," A USCF TOURNAMENT.

RESOLVED, SUCOND THAT THE TOURNAMENT BE HELD AT THE CONCORD REC-REATION CENTER, CONCORD, ON 19-20 JULY 1969.

RESOLVEE, THIRD THAT THE TOURNAMENT BE A PIVE-ROUND SWISS SYSTEM IN TWO SECTIONS: CHAMPIONSHIP (THOSE RATED 1800 AND OVER) AND RESERVE (THOSE RATED 1799 AND UNDER).

RESOLVED, FOURTH THAT THE ENTRY FEE DE 35 FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION AND 83 FOR THE RESERVE SECTION, PLUS USCF MEMBERSHIP.

Resolved, Fifth That \$1 be saved out of each player's entry fee and returned to the affiliates in proportion to the percentage of the affiliate's membership participating in the tournament, or in proportion to the affiliate's membership in the CCCA, and that a prize be reserved for that affiliate having the greenest percentage of its membership participating in the tournament or having the highest average score. It was moved by Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Friedman, and adopted to amend by striking out this resolution.

RESOLVED, FIFTH FRAT THE FRIZES BE, IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION, 50% (FIRST OVERALL), 30% (SECOND OVERALL), 20% (PIRST A NOT OTHERWISE WINNING A PRIZE) (UNRATED PLAYERS BEING ELIGIBLE FOR THE FIRST TWO PRIZES) OF THE ENTRY FEES AFTER EXPENSES; IN THE RESERVE SECTION, 25% (FIRST B), 15% (SECOND B), 10% (THIRD B), 25% (PIRST C), 15% (SECOND C), 10% (THIRD C) (HIGHEST UNRATED PLAYER GETTING A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO CHESS DICEST) OF THE ENTRY FEES AFTER EXPENSES.

RESOLVED, SIXTH THAT CONCURRENTLY THE CCCA SPONSOR SHE TERST CCCA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP, A FIVE-ROUND OPEN SWISS SYSTEM.

MESOLVED, SEVENTH THAT THE ENTRY FEE FOR THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP BE

RESOLVED, MIGHTH THAT USCF MEMBERSHIPS BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND FINISHERS IN THE 15-16 AGE GROUP, AND OF THE 14-AND-UNDER AGE GROUP.

RESOLVED, NINTH THAT ROBERT A. ALVIDLAR, CCCA'S LIAISON WIFT THE ROYS' CLUB PROMOTE PARTICIPATION OF THE BOYS' CLUBS IN THIS TOURNAMENT, ESPECI-ALLY THE JUNIOR SIVISION.

RESOLVED, ELEVENTH THAT THE CCCA EDITORS BE ALLOCATED AT TOURNALENT EXPENSES \$20.00 FOR PUBLICITY IN THE CCCA'S OFFICIAL ORGAN.

RESOLVED, TWELFTH THAT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE WITH POWER, TO CONSIST OF THE CCCA CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY, TREASURER, ELWIN C. MEYERS, AND SALEH MUJAMED, HANGLE ALL ARRANGEMENTS AND DISPOSITION OF THE TOURNAMENT, IN-CLUDING THE DIRECTORS, PROVIDING THAT THE CHESS CLUB OF THE CITY IN WHICH THE TOURNAMENT IS PROPOSED TO BE HELD APPROVES OF HAVING THE TOUR ALENT HELD IN THEIR CITY.

It was moved by Mr. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and adopted after amendment THAT 830 OF THE LEAGUE FUND BE USED TO PURCHASE SIX TROPHIES, TO BE GIVEN TO THE TOP A, B, AND C PLAYERS IN EACH DIVISION, AND THAT THE REMAINDER AFTER EXPENSES BE USED TO PURCHASE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WINNING CLUBS, PLAQUES FOR THE PLAYOFF WINNER AND THE OTHER DIVISION WINNER ON A 60%-40% BASIS; AND THAT THE FOLLOWING METHOD BE USED TO DETERMINE THE WINNER OF THE SIX TROPHIES: FIRST, HIGHEST RAW SCORE INCLUDING FORFEITS, SECOND, HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF WINS EXCLUDING FORFEITS, THIRD, LOWEST LAST PUBLISHED RATING, FOURTH, FOSS OF A COIN.

It was moved by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Barnett, and adopted unanimously THAT (1) THE CCCA SPONSOR A SUBMER LEAGUE, TO RUN FROM JUNE TO SEPTEMBER, IN WHICH EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BE A USCF MEMBER, ALL GAMES TO BE RATED BY USCF; (2) THE ADMINISTRATOR BE EMPOWERED TO RUN THE LEAGUE, MAKING ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS WROM THE AUTUMN LEAGUE RULES, INCLUDING THE CHANGING OF THE MAKE-UP AND NUMBER OF BOARDS; (3) ALL CCCA APPILIATES BE NOTIFIED OF THE SUMMER LEAGUE, AND THAT SPECIAL CONSID-ERATION BE GIVEN TO THE CHESS INTEREST GROUP OF THE DEUEL VOCATIONAL INSTITUTION

AND THE SAN QUENTIN CHESS CLUB; (4) THAT THERE BE NO BOARD FEE FOR THIS LEAGUE, A TROPHY TO THE FINAL WINNER TO BE CONTRIBUTED FROM THE CCCA GENERAL FUND; (5) JEROME M. LONG BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE SUMMER LEAGUE.

It was moved by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Dennis, and adopted unanimously that the CCCA 4DVISE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING AS ASSISTANT PUBLICITY DIRECTORS: RUDY R. QUINTERO (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, MARTINEZ AREA), CHARLES VAIL (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CONCORD AREA), SALEH MUJAMED (CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, WAINUT CREEK AREA), ERNEST M. BARTHOLOMEW (ALAMEDA COUNTY, HAYWARD AREA), PETER M. BROWN, JR. (ALAMEDA COUNTY, RICHMOND AREA), JACK D. OETTLI (MARIN COUNTY), RICHARD GORDON (SANTA CLARA COUNTY), SERGIUS VON OETTINGEN (YOLO COUNTY), OFFICER L. J. PETERSON (SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY), THEODORE E. ANDERSON (ALAMEDA COUNTY, OAKLAND AREA /END/).

JOAQUIN COUNTY), THEODORE E. ANDERSON (ALAMEDA COUNTY, OAKLAND AREA /2ND7).

It was moved by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Friedman, and adopted unanimously
THAT A FINE OF \$1 BE LEVIED AGAINST ANY AFFILIATE WHICH PAYS ITS ASSESSMENT MORE THAN

TWO WEEKS LATE WITHOUT A VALID EXCUSE ACCEPTED BY THE TREASURER.

Mr. Dennis tendered his resignation as League Director because of his plans to travel over the next year, to be effective 30 June 1969. It was moved by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and adopted unanimously THAT MR. DENNIS'S RESIGNATION FROM THE POST OF LEAGUE DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE 30 JUNE 1969, HE ACCEPTED.

It was moved by Mr. Trottier, seconded by Mr. Barnett, and adopted unanimously THAT THE CCCA'S NEXT REGULAR MEETING (IN JULY) BE HELD ON FRIDAY, 11 JULY 1969, 8:00 P.M., IN THE MUSIC ROOM OF LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, 225 ELEVENTH STREET, OAKLAND (THE OAKLAND CHESS CLUB'S QUARTERS).

It was moved by Mr. Barnett, seconded by Mr. Nelson, and adopted unanimously THAT THE MEETING ADJOURN SINE DIE. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned sine die at 11:14 p.m.

I must personally compliment those who attended the above meeting for their great dedication and zeal in democratically working together to determine major activities of their, and <u>your</u>, CCCA. Every CCCA member is encouraged to participate at meetings, especially the next, as a new League Director, who will serve during our next Autumm League, will be elected—<u>use your vote</u>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

EDITOR MARTIN E. MORRISON:

As you surmised, I'm busy-to darned busy in a way, but happily so for chess and USCF. A 24.5% increase in membership during calendar 1968 has meant vastly increased workload here.

. . . Your progress has been extremely heartening to all of us who are interested in chess growth; your current <u>Scacchic Voice</u> and letter addressed to me, <u>President</u> Rohland, <u>Vice President</u> Kashdan, <u>Secretary</u> Dubeck and Regional Vice President Daly provide ample evidence of that progress.

. . . Keep up the fine work.

/S/ Ed Edmondson
_Executive Director, USCF/

EDITOR MARTIN E. MORRISON:

Thank you for your letter of 25th March and for the copies of <u>Scacchic Voice</u>. We in USCF are very appreciative of your efforts and are quite pleased at your direct promotion of USCF memberships.

- . . . USCF is a Federation and is not a governing body from the top down, but rather a service organization which must serve its members and affiliates and be sensitive to them. . . .
- ... I very much agree with you that a democratic organization in chess can function very well. That has been our tradition. We encourage participation in USCF affairs, and welcome inquiries. It is one way we can stimulate new leadership. Prior to my election to the USCF Presidency I was the USCF Secretary for eleven years. During this period I have have seen times of apathy and times of discord, and frankly, I would prefer the discord. At least interest is stirred up. If apathy creeps into a chess organization, interest is lost, energy is detoured to other channels, and a chess organization may easily fade away.

Rest wishes to you and CCCA. It is the health and energy of local organizations such as your that contribute to USCF success.

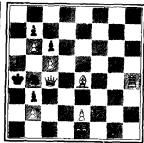
/S/ Marshall Rohland President, USCF

The above are two replies to a letter which Mr. Morrison, as Secretary of the CCCA, sent to various USCF officers outlining CCCA's progress over its first year and its plans for the future. The USCF is an integral part of both the progress and the plans. Mr. Rohland's letter printed above shows, in our opinion, one of the most incisive analyses of the rôle of USCF, local chess organizations, and apathy in chess that we have encountered. It is surely fortunate for chess and the USCF that we have such fine and dedicated officers as Messrs. Rohland and Edmondson and their fellow officers.—2DS_/

MATING MAZE By RICHARD LEE

Scacchic Voice Problems Columnist (CCCA Assistant Publicity Director, Alameda County, Oakland Area)







No. 51
White mates in two.

No. 52 White mates in two.

No. 53 White mates in two.

Fred Leffingwell, of the UC Davis Chess Club, a new CCCA affiliate, was the only person to solve last month's problems, to win a chess magazine. Mr. Leffingwell is also a problem composer. We shall be pleased to publish his work for the first time in next month's Scacchic Voice. We are always happy to print original work by local chess players in this column.

Solutions to last issue's problems: no. 48, Q-Q3; no. 50, B-K3. Correction to the solution of problem no. 45, Q-R8.

NEWS (Continued from page 2.)

seven. The tournament, held annually at the beautiful College of the Sequoias, where Mr. Fotias is advisor to the College of the Sequoias Chess Club, a CCCA affiliate, also saw the following winners: Walter Stuart, Paul Hubbard (President of the Ione Chess Club), Gregory Wong, and Robert Clark (second place), Gregory Wong (first C); Lamny Chan (first D); David Stocksdale, Robert Casey (first and second COS); Robert Clark, Arthur Stobbe (first and second Visalia); Walter Stuart, Rod Bobo (first and second Tri-county); Donna Bragg (first Lady); Gary Wong, Kelly Toomy (first and second Junior); Michael Pollowitz, William Myers (first and second Novice)

Proud winners display their trophies (1. to r., top row: William Bragg, Tournament Director from the Santa Monica Chess Club, Albyn Jones, Lanny Chan, Walter Stuart; 1. to r., seated: Gregory Wong, Michael Pollowitz.)



All CCCA Members to Receive The California Chess Reporter

By an arrangement with W. Guthrie McClain, Editor of The California Chess Reporter, official organ of this state's USCF affiliate, the California State Chess Federation (CSCF), all CCCA members will receive in the mail soon a free sample copy of the Reporter. The California State Chess Federation is a worthy organization, democratically and in league with the USCF running at-large state events. The Reporter is recognized as one of the nation's outstanding periodicals for its many annotated games, submitted by the state's top players. We urge all CCCA members to consider membership in our sister organization, the CSCF, and a subscription to this fine magazine. We hope that all CCCA members will enjoy this special benefit of their CCCA membership.

Novel Monterey Art Open at Casa Alvarado Center By THEODORE YUDAKUFSKI

California State Director, USCF

On July 19-20 the unusual Monterey Art Open will be held at the Casa Alvarado Chess Center, 494 Alvarado Street, Monterey. The five-round Swiss System tournament, USCF rated, offers the movel first prize of a \$150 portrait in oils by noted artist-chess player Jerry Jennings. Other prizes include less expensive portraits and hand-crafted object d'art. Ten dollars will enter a player. Round one begins promptly at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, 19 July. Entries and inquiries may be sent to the center, P. O. Box 1308, Monterey 93940.

CCCA Boys' Club Liaison Makes Headlines
Robert A. Alvillar, CCCA Boys' Club Liaison, recently hosted Rosalie Benson, Mayor of Martinez, at the Martinez Boys' Club, of which he is Executive Director. The mayor signed a proclamation relating to the "youth guidance work of the Boys' Club of Martinez" CCCA is proud to relate that chess activity will become an integral part of the Boys' Clubs program, through the work of our chess-playing associate and liaison, Mr. Alvillar. (Mayor Benson, center, signs proclamation, while Robert A. Alvillar, r., looks on.)
--Photograph courtesy of Morning News-Gazette.



CCCA LEAGUE INTERIM REPORT By JACK W. DENNIS CCCA League Director

After almost all matches have been completed, this is the final interim report of CCCA Autumn League activity.

	Eastern Division			Western Division	
Rank	Team	Score	Rank	Team	Score
1	Livermore Alphas	$6\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$	1-2	Hayward	40-10
2_3	Orinda	4 _3	1-2	Oakland Stingers	4-1-1-
2-3	Livermore Omegas	4 -3	3	San Quentin	4 _2
4	Concord B	3½_1½*	4	Alameda	3 1 _21
5-6	Martinez A	2 1 _2 1 *	5	Newark	2 4
5-6	Concord A	2 1 _2+	6	Oakland Oaks	1 1 -4 1
7-8	Martinez B	1 -6	7	Richmond	1 -5
7-8	Walnut Creek	1 -6			

* indicates two matches remain to be played. The playoff between the divisions will take place in May, and announcement of the winners of the trophies for first A, B, and C in each division will also be made in May.

USCF-CCCA RATINGS By EVERETT MC NALLY CCCA Rating Administrator

The purpose of these ratings, to be published bimonthly, is to give every CCCA member a current rating for participation in USCF and CCCA tournements, leagues, and matches. The ratings are divided into two categories: Adjusted USCF Ratings and Supplementary CCCA Ratings.

Adjusted USCF Ratings are given to all those CCCA members who have USCF ratings, and are the last-published official USCF ratings, adjusted to include USCF tournament, league, and match play in Central California since the last publication of the officia USCF ratings. Supplementary CCCA Matings are given only to those CCCA members who are not USCF members. For these ratings all available information is used to give a player the fairest initial rating, which is then adjusted on the basis of subsequent tournament, league, and match play between CCCA members.

From the above it will be seen that official UNCF ratings are the backbone of this system. It is hoped that in the future CCCA members will all become members of the UNCF, so that the Supplementary CCCA Matings will be unnecessary.

For this listing official USEF ratings through the March Rating Supplement have been used. The listing has been updated to the 5 February CCCA membership list.

One final note. It would be helpful to the Rating Administrator to have a Rating of club ratings for use in determining initial Supplementary CCCA Ratings. Club raters are therefore requested to send such a listing to the Rating Administrator, whose address is given on page three supra.

Expert2000-2199 Class B ...1600-1799 Class B ...1200-1399 Class E ...1199 & below Class A ...1800-1999 Class C1400-1599

		Adjusted	USCF Ratings (62)		
			Top Ten		
3 Von Oettingen			1991 R Hammie	1953 E McNally	1887
D Forthoffer		A Raymond	1989 D Rapoport	1948	
A Estilai	2028	M Watson	1975 S Tresz	1904	
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Alameda CC (3)		Newark CC (2)	A Estelai	2028	
A Hall		H Poschmann	1681 F Garosi	1616	
R Ng		R Sills	1749 R Hansen	1844	
L Petty	1647	Oakland CC (22)	D Jacobson	1592	
Concord CC (11)		T Anderson -	1457 M Langhans	1299	
D Clapp		R Clipson	1745 F Leffingwell	1215	
J Fosaaen		M Crossland	1742 R Roach	1331	
R McCollough		H Cuneo	1849.3 Von Oettingen	2127	
M McNown		J Dennis	1494 Visalia CC (1)		
F Olvera, Sr.		D Forthoffer -	2050 C Fotias	1586	
M Rivera, Sr.		D Glanville	1674 Walnut Creek CC		
D Thompson		J Hale	1563 M McNown	1625	
F Ulrich		R Hammie	1953 S Mujahed	1639	
C Vail		R Hansen	1844 C Vail	1597	
J ∀eiler		R Hough	1991	*	
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                  UNRA Newark CC (7)
                                             D Hazlett
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                                         UNRA M Krueger
                                                                1830 Rated Tournament was held
D Ryan
                 UNRA H Ebarb
                                         1785 M Masunaga
                                                                1480 from January to March.
J Thaver
                 UNRA E Gushwa
M Thayer
                                                                1750 Gary Pickler and A.
                 UNRA S Gushwa
                                         1518 A Mock
                                                                1520 Estilai tied with 42-2;
P Walters
                  UNRA G Marshall
                                         1550 F Mock
                  UNRA J Marshall
                                         UNRA G Montanaro
                                                                1000 next was M. El Sayed,
D Wheeler
                  UNRA B Seymour
                                         UNRA D Morin
                                                                 800 with four points, who
D Williams
                                         UNRA D Myers
                                                                1500 won the brilliancy prize.
Hayward CC (27)
                       A Sisneros
                                                                1390 Highest unrated player
                 UNRA Oakland CC (40)
                                              R Ramirez
M Albertson
                                                                1390 was S. Rubenstein, with
                                              S Scampini
R Ausmus
                  1773
                                         1500 R Tangone
E Canfield
                  1657 F Bauer
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                                                                         SAN BRUNO CHESS CLUB.
                  1787 A Boyd
                                         UNRA K Terry
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W Castellano
                                                                     The March Rapid Transit
J Crimmine
                  1399 E Britton
                                         1485 D Thacker
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                                         UNRA K Yamasaki
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                  1660 P Cass
C Ehmann
M Frandy
                  1631 W Chew
                                         UNRA Richmond CC (7)
                                                                     Brune Chess Club was won
                                         UNRA P Arnstein
1240 P Brown, Jr.
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J Friedman
                  1664 L Dobin
                 UNRA J Dorfman
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R Holloway
L Hopkins
                 UNRA G French
                                         UNRA D Claudio
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                                                                UNRA went undefeated. Paul
                                         1664 R Ewing
P Landfried
                 UNRA J Friedman
K Lawless
                 UNRA D Fung
                                         UNRA S Marchan
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R Martinez
                 UNRA J Gerhardt
                                         1609 F Thompson
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                 1599 J Gerrand
                                         1554 B Werren
S Magness
                                                                UNRA Schoene.
D Basgalajian
                 1591 B Hansen
                                         UNRA San Quentin CC
                                                              (8)
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E Nixon
                 UNRA G Hayes
                                         UNRA E Albrecht
                                                                1596 CHESS CLUB. A rapid
D Ortega
                 1661 F Hibbler
                                         1643 W Allen
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                                         UNRA L Benge
L Osternig
                 1632 M Holt
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E ∃alo
                  1578 J Horner
                                         UNRA M Brown
                                                                1646 the Washington Birthday
                                                                1737 Cherry Tree Open, was
F Scarano
                 UNRA E Kupka, Dr.
                                         UNRA W Chamberlain
D Sehrt
                 UNRA E Meyers
                                         1806 A McFarlin
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A Shepperson
                 1800 R Mitchell
                                         1907 N Mihailoviki
                                                                1898 complete results were:
                                         1598 R Parra
R Shorman
                 2009 M Morrison
                                                                1640 (1) B. Lainson, 62-2;
                  1498 L Osternig
E Silva
                                         1632 Walnut Creek CC (7)
                                                                     (2) T. Yudakufski, 6-1;
                                                                1404 (3) J. Davies, 5-2;
1653 (4) G. Newman, 4½-2½;
                                         1612 S Bass
                 1624 F Pyle
I. Vadnais
                                         1634 E Doherty
R Weinberg
                 UNRA R Remy
J Wheeler
                 1599 E Rubsamen
                                         1548 J Ellett
                                                                UNRA (5) D. Draper, 3-4;
                                                                     (6) J. Brooks, 2-5;
(7) W. Kennedy, 1-6;
Livermore CC (15)
                      E Sagan
                                         UNRA R Ellett
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P Barry
                 1669 S Schmidt
                                         UNRA R Jacob
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                 1919 S Schulman
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G Boer
                                        UNRA D Jones
                 1620 A Sletner
                                         1621 S Kilker
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T Curtis
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R Gulliford
                 UNRA E Smith
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G Hage
                 1514 L Soto
                                        1666 Springer, Monterey Chess Club News.
1764 20 JULY, one of the days of the CCCA
T Haritani
                 1647 K Stocksdale
                 UNRA C Tabler
C Hendrickson
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T McMullen
                 1599 L Warden, Jr.
R McSwiggin
A Nelson
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M Nelson
                 UNRA J Whitaker
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                 1650 H Wong
W Nelson
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                                              Federation was initiated by Pierre Vincent
J Ranelletti
                 1590 T Wong
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D Smith
                 1646 L Yale
                 1565 <u>Orinda CC</u> (12)
1659 M Ayer
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T Weissenborn
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J Willows
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                 1534 B Fleuriot
                 UNRA D Geymer
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R Alvillar
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C Bailey
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B Brown
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                 1477 M McQuary
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J Greenwald
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S Kitabayashi
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D Petersen
                 1467 A Westcott
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                 1486 H Wright
J Petersen
                 1050 Piedmont Hills High in many European languages.
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