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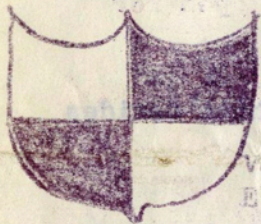
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MAILING ADDRESS

The Oakland Chess Club now has at its disposal a post office box. Any correspondence to the club should be addressed to the Oakland Chess Club or the proper officer, POST OFFICE BOX 1622, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94604.

PROBLEM SOLVING CONTEST

On page 3 of this issue, there appears a chess problem. For everyone who sends in a correct solution to it, there will be a prize. Send your solutions (more than one if you like) to CHESS CLUB, POST OFFICE BOX 1622, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94604.

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CHESS LESSONS

The Oakland Chess Club is happy to announce that it will give a series of five chess lessons on five consecutive Fridays, beginning on November 7 and concluding on December 4. Lessons will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 7:30, with free play thereafter. The lessons are primarily designed for those who have no or very little chess knowledge. If you are interested, please call 444-9831, from 7-11:30 p.m. Fridays, or write CHESS LESSONS, P.O. BOX 1622, OAKLAND, CALIF. 94604.

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ANNOTATED GAME

(The following game was annotated by J. Hurt, and was played in the Oakland Chess Club's Second Annual Summer Tournament, Division Espert/A, Round 5, on June 20th.)

White Black
A. Kana- J. Hurt
mori

Sicilian Defense

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 N-KB3 P-Q3
3 P-Q4 PxP
4 NxP N-KB3
5 N-QB3 P-KN3
6 B-K3 B-N2
7 B-QB4 O-O
8 P-KB3 N-B3
9 Q-Q2 NxN
10 BxN B-K3
11 N-Q5 ...

11 B-N3, Q-R4; 12 O-O-O, P-QN4 is book.

11 ... NxN
12 BxB KxB
13 PxN B-Q2
14 P-KR4 Q-B1

14...Q-N3 and 15...R-B1 looks stronger.

15 Q-Q4+ K-N1
16 P-R5 ...

White's attack looks very formidable, but 16 O-O-O was more prudent.

16 ... Q-R4

Black must counter-attack or his King will soon be in serious trouble. White decides to continue his attack and take his chances with Black's counter-attack.

17 Q-B4 Q-N5+
18 K-B2 QxNP

Not Pawn snatching; it threatens QxP+; more important, it permits the defensive move Q-KN2.

19 B-Q3 Q-K4
20 Q-R3 Q-QB+
21 K-K2 Q-N2
22 PxP ...

If 22...QxQ; 23 PxP+ wins a Pawn.

22 ... R-PxP
23 Q-R4 P-R4
24 P-N4 ...

This move threatens 25 PxP, BxP; 26 BxB, PxB; 27 QR-KN1 and wins.

24 ... PxP
25 PxP R-B5
26 QR-KN1 R-QB1

Black's last two moves have activated his Rooks and the White King is now open for attack.

27 BxN ...

White hopes for 27...QxB; 28 Q-R3+, K-B2; 29 R-R7+ and White wins the Queen and the game.

27 ... B-N4+
28 K-Q2 ...

White is lost. If 28 B-Q3, RxP+; 29 K-Q1 (29 K-K1 or K3 allows mate in one or two), BxB; and White has no defense against 30...Q-R3 mate.

28 ... Q-B3+
29 K-B1 ...

If 29 K-Q1, Q-BG+; 30 K-B1, Q-KG+; yields the text position;

29 ... Q-KG+

30 K-01 ...
 If 30 K-N1 or N2, then 30...R-N5+; 31 K-R1, 2-BG mate.
 30 ... B-K7+
 31 K-K1 BxP mate

ALL SUBSCIBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT AS MANY GAMES AS THEY WANT AND SOLV CHSS PROBLEMS, OPENING OR END GAME STUDIES, LETTERS TO THE EDITORS, ANNOTATIONS, ETC.—Eds.

BOOK REVIEW

Of interest to all chess players, as well as anyone who appreciates a fine novel, is Vladimir Nabokov's The Defense, which has recently appeared in paperback, published by the Popular Library. Although Mr. Nabokov has already gained his reputation as a novelist through Lolita and The Gift, this novel alone would suffice to earn for him the reputation of being one of this century's most thoughtful and accomplished writers.

The novel opens upon the early childhood of Aleksandr Ivanovich Luzhin, in an aristocratic country house, and from this point the reader is taken, almost as a psychological observer, through the rest of Luzhin's unhappy childhood—from country house, to town, to school. From this succession of increasingly unhappy experiences for Luzhin, who is forced to retreat more into himself away from them, an escape chances to come through the person of an aunt, who teaches him how to play chess.

The next time the reader sees Luzhin he is an obsessed grandmaster, still of the same reneating, psychotic temperament, which finally precipitates a complete mental breakdown. Although he recovers and gives up chess, he is unconsciously led into another obsession. Ultimately realizing this repeating patter of his life, and feeling increasingly trapped, he tries to escape the "combination" by an unexpected move—a sui-cate (suicide).

Chess effects are distinguishable throughout the novel, not only in separate scenes, but also in the basic structure of the novel. Notwithstanding the coldness chess might seem to exude, The Defense contains and diffuses great "warmth." Considering the great success which the author achieves with the book, the reader can indeed rejoice that Mr. Nabokov did not take the suggestion of one of his publishers to "replace chess by music and make Luzhin a demented violinist"—chess did fine!

Martin E. Morrison

CHESS PROBLEM CORNER

- #1. White mates with Bishop in six moves. 3k4/4R3/3/4P1B1/4K3/3/3/3/.
- #2. Whites mates in two moves. 1b1B2R1/4pR1p/b02p3/r3k3/7N/P2P2pn/1N2n1B1/5K2/.
- #3. White mates in four moves. 8/3B4/7K/3k4/3/3/3N4/3Q4/.

PROBLEM SOLVING CONTEST

The editors of En Passant will give suitable prizes for all those who solve the following problem before the next issue comes out with the answer:

8Q1B1k/4p3/n2p1N1p/N1p1N3/1p1N4/2N5/pNp5/K1n/. White compels Black to mate in twelve moves.

Send your solutions to the return address on the first page or present your solution to either of the editors of this newspaper. Time is limited, so hurry.

SOLUTIONS TO CHESS PROBLEMS

- #1. 1 K-R3; 2 R-K5; 3 N-N2+; 4 B-N4+. All moves are forced, on Black's part.
- #2. K-K square
- #3. 1 N-N3; 2 K-B5 (a); 2 B-R4, K-N5; 3 Q-QR sq. etc. (a) 1. K-K5; 2 B-N4, K-B5; 3 Q-QR sq. etc.

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BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS

Minutes

The annual business meeting of the Oakland Chess Club was held on October 3, 1965, in the Auditorium of Lincoln Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by the President, the Secretary also being present.

The minutes of the last meeting (September 10, 1965) were approved as published.

The Treasurer gave the following:

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Covering the period from July 31, 1964 to October 1, 1965:

REVENUE:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Club-sponsored CFNC tournament (\$101.50), Club dues (31.00), Sale of Chess Review (23.10), Tournament fees (12.30), Past account (.90), and TOTAL (\$218.33).

EXPENDITURES:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Purchase of Chess Review (\$34.30) and Printing of score sheets (24.28).

(5) A schedule of club tournaments was set up, including a variety of types, to satisfy everyone's tastes.

In the future we plan to:

- (1) Begin an annual tournament similar to the one held at Sonoma, to be held in the summer at Lakeside Park.
- (2) Hold a Swiss Tournament on December 18-19.
- (3) Hold our Third Annual Summer Tournament.
- (4) Hold various club tournaments during the year.

It was moved by Mr. Morrison and seconded by Mr. Hough that Ted Anderson and Ray Ng be given a vote of thanks for their part in seeing the club through a difficult period. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Suter and seconded by Mr. Hough that the meeting adjourn. The motion was carried. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Raymond Ng, Secretary

Mr. Meyers, reporting for the Board of Directors, gave the following report:

May 7, 1935 to September 8, 1935

During this period of time we have been publishing the official club newspaper, furnishing a means of communication both inside and outside the club of the chess activities and happenings in our area, especially in our club. We have also provided entertainment and information to our readers through chess games, problems, feature articles, etc. We now have 84 readers of every month's issue, and the number is always increasing because of the purchase of year's subscriptions by chess players in and outside this area. We have also set up a rider as a means of communication. We send out to a mailing list of 200 information about our chess club and requests. We have tried also to get outside contacts and for this reason sent requests for free publicity to radio stations, newspapers, feature writers, and radio broadcasters. We are happy to say that in addition to the assistance furnished by newspapers in the area, three radio stations broadcast live chess by K'BB, K'FRC, and KAL.

This summer we undertook another project to publicize our club tournament: the publishing of a tournament book based on our Second Annual Summer Tournament. This book received and is still receiving publicity. The number of purchases has been very encouraging and very profitable for the club. In the future we plan to undertake a major publicity campaign, including some kind of regular column in the *Friday*. We also intend to push the line out of a newsletter which will provide the club and its officers with information on how to better handle in *Parsons*, the club, and our tournaments. In addition to getting more subscriptions to *Parsons*, we have plans to have lithographed posters made free, to be placed in conspicuous places around the Bay Area. We also plan to begin a campaign to increase membership in the Oakland Chess Club. Any suggestions from the members will be greatly appreciated.

The President, reporting for the Board of Directors, gave the following Annual Board of Directors report:

May 7, 1935 to September 8, 1935

In the short time in which the Board of Directors has had to act, the following things were accomplished: (1) A checking account, free of service charge, was established with the Bank of America. (2) A rapid tennis tournament was conducted to contribute to John... (3) The Annual Summer Tournament was held at Lakeside Park. (4) The very successful and profitable chess tournament was conducted.