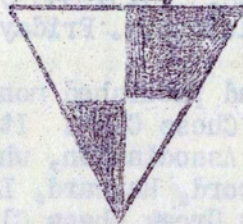


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December 16-17	Oakland Chess Club's Second Annual Bay Area Amateur Open Championship
January 6-7	Walnut Creek Chess Tournament

(Tournament Organizers: Please let us know as soon as possible of tentative or definite tournaments, so that we may be able to reserve the date for you in the "Tournament Calendar." Details for many of the above tournaments will be found in the "News" section.)

NEWS

Second Annual Bay Area Amateur Open Championship

On Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17, the Oakland Chess Club will sponsor its Second Annual Bay Area Amateur Open Championship. The tournament will be held in the Rose Room of the Oakland Central YMCA, 2101 Telegraph Avenue. The tournament is open to all who are or will become members of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) with ratings less than 2000 points. Unrated players will be given a provisional rating at the time of registration. The entry fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors (under 15). Those players who are not members of USCF will be required to pay dues of \$10 (\$5 for players under 21) for a year's membership. Players who cannot produce unexpired USCF membership cards at the time of registration will also be required to pay membership dues.

The tournament will be in the form of a five-round Swiss System in three divisions: A, B, and C. Play on both days will commence at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at approximately 8:00 p.m. Rounds one through three will be played at the rate of 40 moves in 1 1/2 hours; rounds four and five, at the rate of 40 moves in 2 hours.

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Trophies will also be awarded to the first-place winners in each division. If thirty or more players register in any division, 50% of the excess entry fees from that division will be used for increasing that division's prizes. A book will be awarded in each division to the highest-scoring advance entrant not otherwise winning a prize. A "Return and Progress Trophy" will be awarded to that player who, having participated in either the First Annual Bay Area Amateur Open Championship or the Fourth Annual Summer Tournament, gains the most rating points over the course of this tournament. Door prizes will also be awarded.

Entry fees (including USCF membership dues if player is not already a member) should be sent to: Oakland Chess Club, P. O. Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604. Fees will also be accepted from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 16, at the tournament site, but advance entrants are eligible for more prizes. Players should send, with their entry fee, their full name, address (WITH ZIP CODE), and telephone number (with area code).

Questions about the tournament will gladly be answered if parties call (415) 444-9831, 7:00-11:30 p.m. Fridays only or write to the above post office box.

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A Wacky Tournament

By DAVID J. YEN

En Passant Peninsula Reporter

Every year over Labor Day weekend there occurs the California Open Chess Tournament, one of the main attractions in California chess. This year's tournament, a seven-round Swiss, again directed by the able Gordon Barrett, was indeed a wacky one. Everything imaginable happened. Masters and experts were losing left and right to "A" players and "B" players. Aki Kanamori, a well-known San Franciscan player who was the big sensation in last year's tourney, winning his first four games, this year had only managed 2 1/2 points after five rounds. USCF Master John Blackstone, the pride of Saratoga, was unexpectedly defeated early in the tournament by R. Sanders, a rated expert who incidentally finished the weekend's activities with 3 points! Blackstone lost again in round six, this time to Jerry Hanken, a very strong expert from down south. John thus finished with five points and was later heard to exclaim loudly, "I'M GLAD THIS TOURNAMENT IS OVER!" Another disaster was David Blohm's (USCF Master) loss in round one to a class "B" player.

There were other strange happenings in the tournament such as the repeated occurrence of incorrectly placed chess boards before the start of a game. This writer came to his board late for a game (he had White) only to find that his King and Queen were switched and that his K1 square was a black one! This happened no less than twice. Also, another game had been in progress for some moves before the sideways board was discovered.

The tournament director was really put on the spot in one instance. It seems as though a certain game involving terrific complications had also developed into a time scramble. At the critical moment Black replied by moving his Queen and checking White's King! White recklessly slammed his clock button back down, replacing the illegal move, saying, "No, you're in check!" Black looked again at the chessboard and this time, apparently flustered, captured White's harrassing Knight with a Bishop which was pinned to the King by White's Rook! By the time the second mistake was corrected and a legal move made, White's flag had fallen, and Black was

claiming the game on time forfeit. Off to the tournament director with what result? After carefully pondering the situation, Barrett came up with the correct solution. The position was reinstated at the point where Black's King was in check and White's flag was still up. Since he had touched his Queen FIRST, Black was forced to make a legal move with that piece if possible, and of course, OXI would then be the only move. Seeing that he would lose his Queen, Black immediately resigned.

Three players were grouped at first place with 6-1 scores each: Henin, first place on tie-breakers, Jim Tarjan and Victor's Pupols, USCF expert from Seattle. Jerry Hanken, Irving Rivise, and Ziad Baroudi took the expert prizes. Class "A" first was G. Rasmussen, while R. McCollough was first in class "B" far ahead of his competitors was Jim Rosaaen, class "C" who walked away with first prize, scoring 4 1/2 points. The ladies prize was taken by Jean Grumette, and Filbert Ramirez, USCF rating 2252, finished 28th(!), scoring 4-3.

1967 Northern California Class Championships

The second tournament of the year sponsored by the LERA Chess Club, held over the weekend of September 30-October 1, was a big success, boasting 100 players: 22 in the "A"'s, 49 in the "B"'s, and 29 in the "C"'s. The tournament was a five round Swiss, and was directed by George Koltanowski. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the top five places in each division. Winners were: Class A: 1st, Robert Hammie, Palo Alto (4-1); 2nd, Gary Weber, Alameda (4-1); 3rd, Don Card, Sunnyvale (4-1); 4th, Carl Hunkle, San Francisco (4-1); 5th, Gary Pickler, Danville (3 1/2-1 1/2). Class B: 1st, J. Spingard, Sunnyvale (4 1/2-1 1/2); 2nd, Jim Rosaaen, Concord (4 1/2-1 1/2); 3rd, J. Pathis, Mill Valley (4 1/2-1 1/2); 4th, G. Styty, Sunnyvale (4-1); 5th, Jack Ulrich, El Cerrito (4-1). Class C: 1st, David Burgess, Santa Clara (5-0); 2nd, D. Chan, Palo Alto (4-1); 3rd, H. Radke, San Jose (4-1); 4th, Mandall Lanouette, Oakland (4-1); 5th Robert Uomini, Palo Alto (4-1). Junior: 1st, David Clearville, Oakland (3-2); 2nd, R. Varanon, Stockton (3-2).

[Erratum: The byline on this story was inadvertently omitted. The story was written by Mr. David Lynn, In Passant Peninsula Reporter.]

San Francisco Open

On Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, the Bechtel Employees' Club will sponsor the San Francisco Open at the Hilton Hotel. \$350 in cash prizes, trophies, and books is guaranteed. The entry fee is \$8 for players rated Expert or Class A, who will also be required to belong to the United States Chess Federation. Other players will pay \$7 entry fee. The first round will commence at 9:00 a.m. for Expert/A players and 12 n. for others.

Fifth Presidio Open Tournament

The Fifth Open Presidio Open Chess Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3, at the Presidio Service Club, Building 69, Presidio, San Francisco. The tournament will be held in five Swiss rounds, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 2. The tournament is restricted to those with ratings below 2000 points, but there is no entry fee. Money prizes will be awarded in all classes. Those who wish to participate in this tournament should write Miss Elisabeth de la Torre, Presidio Service Club, Building 69, Presidio, San Francisco 94100. Entries will be limited to eighty for the tournament.

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USCF Membership Drive in Full Swing

It was announced in the October issue of Chess Life, the official publication of the United States Chess Federation, that USCF dues would once again be increased. Those who plan to renew their membership or to join for the first time in the immediate future should take advantage of the offices of the Oakland Chess Club, which has been authorized by the United States Chess Federation to collect membership dues for that organization. The current rate of membership dues is \$10 for adults and \$5 for juniors (under 21). Membership dues should be mailed (or paid in person) to Mr. Richard Lee, Treasurer, Oakland Chess Club, P. O. Box 1622, Oakland, California 94604.

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Hayward Chess Club Announces Tournaments

By JERRY FRIEDMAN

En Passant Hayward Chess Club Reporter

Starting in September, a series of monthly rapid transit tournaments will be sponsored by the Hayward Chess Club. The monthly winner will receive a certificate, and the player winning the most certificates during the following twelve months will receive a large trophy and the title of Hayward Chess Club Rapid Transit Champion.

Also in October the Hayward Chess Club is starting a Round Robin tournament for the club championship. Prizes will be a trophy, a certificate, and free club dues.

The Hayward Chess Club has entered one team in the Chess Friends of Northern California League, with R. Shorman as captain.

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UC's Chess Whiz

By THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN

University of California, Berkeley

Julio Kaplan, international chessmaster and current world junior champion, took on thirty-two opponents simultaneously last Thursday, October 19, defeating twenty-eight and drawing four.

Kaplan, a seventeen-year-old freshman here, completed this remarkable feat in approximately three hours. Despite his score, Kaplan said that his opponents in the exhibition were stronger than those in any previous exhibition he had given.

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Shoreman Column

This newspaper has been informed that Richard Shoreman has for some time had a chess column in the Hayward Daily Review. The column appears on Sundays, and knowledgeable chess players claim that the column rivals that of George Koltanowski.

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Orinda Chess Club Finds Quarters

The Orinda Chess Club, which has been defunct for some years because of the untimely death of Mr. Michael Lynn, at whose restaurant the club had been meeting, has announced that it has found new quarters. Mr. Duncan Campbell, President pro tempore of the club, has affiliated that club to the East Bay Chess Association, and meetings have been announced for Thursdays, beginning at 7:30 p.m., at the Orinda Community Church, 10 Irwin Way, Orinda Village, Orinda. Those who are interested in joining the new club should call Mr. Campbell at 254-4059 or write him at 55 Ardilla Road, Orinda, California 94563.

The East Bay Chess Association welcomes the new Orinda Chess Club into the fold and wishes it every success.

BOOK REVIEW: OFFICIAL CHESS HANDBOOK

By MARTIN ONRISON
En Passant Editor
OFFICIAL CHESS HANDBOOK, Kenneth Harkness, New York: David McKay, 1967. xi, 304 pp., index, \$6.95 (hardbound).

With great anticipation did this writer await the publication of a revised Official Bluebook and Encyclopaedia of Chess. This remarkable book, the bible of chess players in the United States, was unfortunately becoming obsolete because of the many changes which were being made in the rules of tournament chess. With the USCF backing the undertaking, Mr. Kenneth Harkness, author of the original Bluebook and a genius in the field of chess administration, published the long-awaited revision last month, eleven years after its brilliant predecessor. Entitled Official Chess Handbook, the revised edition closely parallels the old Bluebook, verbatim in many places, but just as noticeable in it as the addition of updated material is the elimination of much essential detail and of the author's astute analyses and elaborations.

Chapter I, covering the general "Laws of Chess," and chapter III, covering "Chess Notation," are presented very lucidly, being taken almost verbatim from the old Bluebook. Chapter II covers the "Laws of Chess, Part Two," specifically pertaining to tournament play. This chapter has been in most need of revision and thus has been completely brought up to date in the Handbook, which includes the last amendments to the laws enacted by the 1965 Congress of the Fédération Internationale des Echecs. Many important points have been clarified; e.g., a player cannot lose on time after mating his opponent, a player should offer a draw after completing his move and just before starting his opponent's clock, and many others. On the other hand, the Handbook contains some noticeable gaps in this chapter. The sections on "Penalties and Appeals," "Pairing and Scoring a Round Robin Tournament," "Pairing and Scoring a Swiss System Tournament," and "Appendix A: Harkness Pairing System for Swiss Tournaments" have been completely eliminated. Most conspicuously lacking, however, are many of the necessary "Comments on Tournament Rules," such as those explaining how to handle late arrivals, delivery of score sheets, claims by players, and the administration of the time-forfeit rule.

Chapter IV, "The Swiss System Tournament" and chapter V, "The Chess Club," were the heart of the old Bluebook. These were chapters which were of constant use and help to chess officials. Unfortunately, in the revised edition, the author's detailed and knowledgeable description of the many aspects of the Swiss System tournament to be found in the Bluebook has been shortened by almost two-thirds. This is indeed a great loss, since Mr. Harkness is a recognized expert on the Swiss System and his explanations are always of the greatest help. Some minor improvements are introduced into the Swiss System rules, but the treatment of such important topics as "Defaults and Withdrawals" and "Adjournments and Adjudications" have been completely eliminated. Chapter V on "The Chess Club" has been abridged, but not so drastically as chapter IV. Many of the author's observations on which types of club tournaments are most effective have been eliminated, but most of the material describing the many types of tournaments, which is unobtainable elsewhere, has fortunately been kept. On the other hand, club officials and members both will be pleased that an "Adjustment Table for Rating Point

Ladder" have been included which incorporates the new standardization of the USCF's rating system.

Chapter VI of the Handbook (Chapter VII of the Bluebook), entitled "Rating Chessplayers [sic]," is one of the most expanded chapters of the revised edition. It includes a detailed analysis of the previous, current, and future rating systems of the USCF, as well as a description, quite detailed, of the way in which these systems operate. Mr. Harkness is an expert on rating systems and presents their mechanics with mathematical precision, yet one wishes that the explanations were more simplified, for the benefit of the average chess player, who, contrary to popular opinion, does not comprehend differential calculus and advanced statistical theory.

Chapter VI of the Handbook, "World and National Champions" (subsuming the Bluebook's Chapter VI, "Directories and Tables"), is an excellent source of information not to be found elsewhere, in addition to the updating of "World and United States Chess Champions" listings, the revised Handbook includes complete results of interzonal, candidates', and championship tournaments for the world championship, as well as reports on the Chess Olympiads and various junior, team, and women's championships, which were not included in the old Bluebook. Unfortunately, the listing of United States chess clubs and organizations was dropped, but the inclusion of an index to the Handbook will be a great help to all users of the book.

In line, the Handbook's greatest asset is its up-to-dateness, whereas its greatest liability is the lack of much useful and necessary detail which was contained in the Bluebook. Mr. Harkness's 1956 Bluebook and Encyclopaedia of Chess will undoubtedly remain a classic of chess administration, and this writer would recommend that if at all possible, chess players especially interested in the conduct of chess tournaments obtain a copy of the Bluebook, now out of print, but copies can probably be obtained from the publisher, David McKay. On the other hand, all chess players will find the new Handbook an indispensable tool because of its updated tournament material and its many articles on matters of great importance to the chess devotee. Indeed, the David McKay Company should be highly praised for its great contributions to organized chess by the publication first of the classic Official Bluebook and Encyclopaedia of Chess and now of its successor, the Official Chess Handbook.

Copies of the Official Chess Handbook can be obtained for \$6.95 from the publisher, David McKay Company, Inc., 750 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Purchase of the book by all chess players is strongly recommended.

GAMES COLUMN
By DAVID GLANVILLE
En Passant, Games Columnist

The following game was played in round four of the recently concluded Oakland Chess Club Championship (preliminary seven-round Swiss). It was Ronald Miao's only loss. Raymond Ng qualified for the final four-man double Round Robin; Mr. Miao subsequently won the Class B trophy. The annotations are Mr. Miao's.

Sicilian Defense (Yugoslav Attack)
White Black

Ronald Miao Raymond Ng
Berkeley Alameda
(1834) (1850)

- 1 P-K4 P-QB4
- 2 N-KB3 P-Q3
- 3 P-Q4 PXP
- 4 NXP N-KB3
- 5 N-QB3 P-KB3
- 6 B-K3 B-N2
- 7 P-B3 Q-O --The opening phase of this game is interesting. White stubbornly feels the "Yugoslav" (or St. George Attack) is still the best line against the Dragon; Black feels the Dragon can withstand anything, and so the dialog continues.
- 8 Q-Q2 N-B3
- 9 B-QB4 B-Q2
- 10 P-KR4 R-D1
- 11 B-N3 N-K4
- 12 P-R5 N-B5
- 13 BxN RxB
- 14 PXP ... --Perhaps premature.
- 14 ... BPXP
- 15 Q-O-O Q-R4
- 16 N-N3 Q-B2
- 17 B-R6 RxB
- 18 QxB R-B2
- 19 K-N1 P-QR4
- 20 Q-Q2 P-R5
- 21 N-Q4 Q-R4
- 22 N-Q5 QxQ
- 23 NxBch RxB
- 24 RxQ R-KB1
- 25 R-K1 R-QB4
- 26 N-K2 B-K3
- 27 N-B3 P-QN4
- 28 N-Q5 K-B2
- 29 P-QR3 R-K1
- 30 R-K3 RxB
- 31 RxB RxB
- 32 PXR P-K3!
- 33 K-B1 ... --A positional sacrifice that is practically forced. 33 PXP, RXP; 34 RxB, KxR is disastrous for White.
- 33 ... PXP
- 34 RxB ... --To drive the Black king back.
- 34 ... KxR
- 35 K-Q2 K-Q2
- 36 K-Q3 F-R4
- 37 K-Q4 ... --The wrong plan altogether. The White monarch is needed on QN4, via QB3.
- 37 ... K-K3
- 38 P-QN3 P-R5
- 39 P-QN4 P-KN4
- 40 P-B3 K-B4
- 41 K-K3 ... --If a "save" is to be found anywhere, it has to be 41 K-Q4, K-N6; 42 KxF, Kx; 43 P-QB4.
- 41 ... K-K4
- 42 K-Q3 K-B5
- 43 K-K2 ... --And White resigned in another ten moves.

This game was a play-off for first place in the "C" Division of the Oakland Chess Club's recent "Lucky Fools" tournament. Although there are quite a few positional errors, the ending makes up for it.

White: Jack Dennis, Oakland

Black: Jonathan Hale, Oakland

French Defense

1 P-K4, P-K3; 2 P-Q4, P-Q4; 3 N-Q2, PXP; 4 NXP, Q-Q4; 5 N-N3, B-Q3; 6 N-B3, BxN; 7 R-PxB, N-KB3; 8 B-K3, B-Q2; 9 Q-Q3, P-QR3; 10 Q-B4, Q-R4ch; 11 B-Q2, Q-N3; 12 O-O-O, B-N4; 13 Q-N4, N-B3; 14 Q-B5, QxQ; 15 PxQ, N-K5; 16 B-K3, BxB; 17 KRxB, O-O; 18 R-R1, N-N5; 19 R-Q4, Nxfch; 20 K-N1, N/7-B6ch; 21 NxN, Nxfch; 22 K-N2, N-N4; 23 R/4-R4, P-R3; 24 N-N5, QR-Q1; 25 N-K4, P-QB3; 26 BxP, PxB; 27 R-N4ch, K-R2; 28 N-B6ch, K-R1; 29 Rxf mate.

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The following is an example of the kind of game one plays when one is a "C". The date: June 11; the tournament: Berkeley YMCA; the round: four.

White: Mr. Radke

Black: David Glanville, Oakland

1 P-Q4, N-KB3; 2 N-KB3, P-K3; 3 P-KB3, P-B4; 4 B-B4, N-B3; 5 P-K3, P-QB3; 6 B-N2, B-N2; 7 O-O, P-Q4; 8 R-K1, B-Q3; 9 BxB, QxB; 10 PXP, QXP; 11 P-QB3, O-O; 12 P-QB4, Q-K2; 13 N-B3, KR-Q1; 14 N-K2, P-R4; 15 P-B3, P-K5; 16 B/1-Q4, N-R4; 17 P-KB4, N-B5; 18 Q-B1, N-N5; 19 N-B2, R-Q3; 20 B-B1, R-R3; 21 P-R3, N-B3; 22 N/K2-Q4, B-B1; 23 P-R4, R-N3; 24 N-K2, N-KB4; 25 K-R2, NxB; 26 NxN, QXPch; 27 K-N1, QxNch; 28 resigns.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

EDITORS' NOTE: Mr. James A. DiDomenico is editor of the Chess Scribe of Providence, Rhode Island, an excellent chess magazine. Mr. DiDomenico is also president of the Rhode Island Adult Chess Club. He is one of those rare chess players whose interests are not confined merely to over-the-board play, but who is interested in all facets of the game, especially the organization of chess clubs and tournaments.

DEAR MR. MORRISON: Your last wonderful letter was certainly going to be answered. [Mr. DiDomenico and Mr. Morrison have been carrying on a conversation about the ideal chess club and chess tournament.]...I like your paper (Democracy or Oligarchy) very much. Excuse my differing, but I believe you are wrong when you say that it may not be appealing. The subject matter is interesting and educational, the writing excellent. It will be my honor to bring it to readers. We will have to run it in installments because of its size. So much the better. The treat for readers will be prolonged. [Mr. Morrison, an editor of this newspaper, had written a twelve-page analytical paper entitled "Democracy or Oligarchy in the Voluntary Organization: A Comparative Study," in which the organizational structure of the Oakland Chess Club was compared structurally to the organization of a labor union.]

...Am looking at your last letter, now.—I am running a quote in the November issue [of Chess Scribe] that parallels your thought that too many tournaments in the same general area at about the same time does cut down on attendance. Speaker is from Chicago. You ask me my opinion on how you can make your tournaments more attractive. I will print that question and see if we get any answers. It's a tough one. I am believing more and more, that though there may be initial resistance, the faster time-limit would bring in the most players. If it is to satisfy USCF rating requirements of allowance of

at least two minutes per move, then something like 40 in 80, or 45 in 90.—Martin [i.e., Martin Morrison], I may have detected something, perhaps significant to attendance....I am also developing the belief that trophies are not as attractive as money, books, memberships, trinkets, as prizes.

You people [i.e., the staff of En Passant] are doing very well in the writing....Your publication is quite good, and...I see nothing wrong with the...style....it is a talent....I will go well. (And if you care to break into Chess Scribe print, I would be glad to have you write).

Thank you very much for the detailed data on the ages of OCC [Oakland Chess Club] members, in response to my interest. It is a pleasure to be in communication with someone who is responsible and efficient.

Sincerely,
Jim
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The following letter is from Mr. Earl R. Phillips, Editor of Chess in Action, official publication of the Chess Friends of Northern California. We, the editors, wrote an editorial in the August issue of this newspaper, saying that it was time that the Chess Friends began conforming to some of the traditional principles of free and open organizations. We suggested publication of a financial report, publication of minutes of the CFNC Board of Directors meetings, and some free elections by CFNC members of the Directors who are supposed to represent them. The last issue of this newspaper contained comments from chess players around the Bay Area who agreed with our position. Mr. Phillips herewith elaborated on his practical disagreements.

DEAR MR. MORRISON:Firstly, Chess Friends of Northern California is a private, charitable organization. Their impetus is contained within the confines of a small group whose altruistic goals have moved amateur chess forward in this area for some eighteen years.

To those of us who have had the opportunity of consorting with businessmen and clubmen in England, indeed, in Europe generally, CFNC could not have existed for so long, let alone grow in any manner whatsoever. More there than in America committees upon committees, elected and/or appointed by electees, govern such matters. To my knowledge, only one diametrically opposite has and does exist—the Soviet Union's Chess Youth Movement. Government subsidization of that organization appears to disqualify it from our consideration.

There is no pose to the contrary about CFNC. Perhaps its authors and directors have erred in not proclaiming their basic character. I, for one, think not. CFNC has a history of being short on publicity releases of what it hopes; long on accomplishments. In all the English speaking nations (for that matter, all of Europe, notwithstanding my meager knowledge) there is no lack of cynicism towards charitable acts—especially those of organizations. That such a statement has a terrifying and appalling ration of truth to incident makes the attitude of the individuals running CFNC quite palatable.

Please not I do not wish to draw our exchange of ideas into the arena of political theory. Yours and my fervent hopes of witnessing a large body of amateur chess players guiding themselves through the maze of everyday business while advancing both themselves and chess is doubtlessly shared!

Secondly, for CFNC to mimic any other organizational structure than its own is to place before the amateur chess player a facade that is morally incorrect. To announce directors' meetings, to publish all manner of financial figures, and to suggest that its workers are electees,

in some sense, would be such a facade. To indulge in these artifacts of organization would be to work at cross purposes to the immediate aims and goals of the CFNC leadership. I submit two samples of what I mean:

Budgetary allowances are self-destructive and by any CPA's manual. The premise of each budget is simple and requires only that dedicated workers freely expend of themselves spend all income possible on the amateur chess players and his progress.

Expenses? The often alluded to salaries, especially in the case of ye editor, are not enough for the standard, approved federal hourly rate, let alone gas and oil. And this is NOT a complaint. [We, the editors of En Passant, must point out here that we do not receive anything for the work which we do, work which is 50% more (in pages) than Chess in Action. And this is NOT a complaint.]

In addition to financial concerns, the matter of personnel staffing is NOT a happy blending of theory and practice, as proposed by parliamentarians....It is all practice! Appointments are made by the leadership from a select and small group of "doers." The leadership is notably lax in guidelines in that its prime considerations are that the appointee is congenial and not self-serving. The mechanism is neither diplomatic nor parliamentarian; however, it is self-sustaining to CFNC. It is that which turns the axle! In its simplest terms the ultimate test of CFNC leadership remains as originally conceived: will the leadership offer more opportunities to more amateur chess players?

The point to be made, as I see it, is that the slow, forward progress of CFNC will continue to be applauded while its methods will be continually questioned. Leadership of any endeavor proposing to advance into hitherto uncharted realms must accept such comment.

I ramble on. The points are made. It is certainly true that every member of the CFNC leadership has faith and abiding trust in the parliamentarian procedures you presented in both your letter and En Passant. However, you and I here discuss the works of charity (hope you will remove the emotive meanings of that word while trying to understand me) and the furtherance of amateur chess, both in terms of the practical world of debits and credits.

Pragmatist? I hope not. For not too many decades ago I was adamantly ready to sacrifice the shape of my rather ample nose should one wish to credit me with such a "title." It is, however, realistic. And in the face of that title, the shape of my nose is not jeopardized.

Cynics have inspected the inner-self of CFNC for the past fifteen years or more. Their annual prediction has been that CFNC will die. Yet, one source of the strength of the good CFNC exudes is derived from its hourly battles. Superior criticism, such as yours, nurtures the spirit of the organization. When this outstanding characteristic is no longer a truth, CFNC will wither and die as quickly and as quietly as the passing of Indian Summer.

Thank you for your ideas, you eyes and your ears.

[signed] Phillips

EDITORS' NOTE: We have devoted this much space to Mr. Phillips's letter because we feel that the organizational structure of the Chess Friends of Northern California is very important. We always encourage those who oppose any editorial stand we take to answer in print; this Mr. Phillips did, and we all can be grateful to him. Anyone else who would like to be heard on this issue should write to us, as explained on page two of this issue. Those who would like to see more openness and democracy in CFNC (pro) and those who support the present system (contra) will both be given equal opportunity.

The point system is used to provide a tie-breaking system. It is this system that will determine the first, second, and third-place winners. The points are scored as follows: two points for the solution to a two-move problem; three points for the solution to a study, with half a point extra for the most thorough analysis; four points for the solution to the three-movers.

It is my personal opinion that the solutions to the three-move problems are often more difficult to solve than the studies. The half-point is only awarded to the best analysis of all the correct answers received.

Each month six problems will be published for three months. Readers of En Passant who care to participate must mail the key moves in, within thirty days of their receipt of this newspaper. Key moves should be mailed to: Problem-Solving Contest, c/o Publicity Director-ship, Oakland Chess Club, P. O. Box 1622, Oakland, CA 94604. I shall be the final judge of the contest. Happy solving and good luck!

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If your rating does not seem correct or is not listed, see your club rater. The club raters are: ~~Monrovia Chess Club~~ Club (A); John Smail, Berkeley YMCA Chess Club (B); Jerome Long, Concord Chess Club (C); Jerry Friedman, Hayward Chess Club (H); Patrick Barry, Livermore Chess Club (L); Duncan Campbell, Orinda Chess Club (N); Raymond Ng, Oakland Chess Club (O); Peter Brown, Jr., Richmond Chess Club (R); and Saleh Mujahed, Walnut Creek Chess Club (W).

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The following is the monthly listing of members' EBCA ratings; each member's name is followed by his club affiliations and then his EBCA rating.

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Master	2200 to 2399
Expert	2000 to 2199
Class A	1800 to 1999
Class B	1600 to 1799
Class C	1400 to 1599
Class D	1200 to 1399
Class E	1199 and below

Alexander, Charles	O	1750	Beltran, D.	B	1648
Amberstone, W.	R	1767	Blanco, Jose	C	1628
Anderson, Theodore	O	1699	Bogardus, Robert	C	1550#
Armstein, P.	R	1408	Bradley, Gary	C	1550"
Ausmus, Raymond	H	1680	Britton, Edward	O	1582
Baer, H.	B	1644	Brown, Peter, Jr.	R	1780
Barry, Patrick	L	UNRA	Burlingham, K.	R	1437
Bartholemew, Ernest	H	1638	Bush, James	C	1615
Bauer, Fritz	O	1500	Campbell, D.	B	1609
Beaus, J.	R	1640	Campbell, Duncan	N	UNRA

Castellano, William	H	1650	McCullough, Roy	CO	1957
Clapp, Donald	C	1774	McKinley, Charles	EB	1824
Clipson, Robert	C	1666	McNown, Marc	C	1756
Clipson, William	C	1551	Marks, Allan	O	1529
Cook, Fred	BO	1773	Marski, Walter	O	UNRA
Cook, L.	B	1541	Mecorney, John	B	1860
Crossland, Maurice	O	1605	Meyers, Elvin	O	1852
Cuneo, Raymond	BO	1914	Megounigal, John	O	1550
De Rosa, Joseph	C	1550	Miao, Ronald	BO	1818
Dennis, Jack	BOR	1612	Mitchell, Robert	O	1876
Dobin, Louis	O	UNRA	Mitchell, David	O	1466
Dolan, John	O	1645	Morrison, Martin	O	1598
Dorfman, James	O	1614	Mujahed, Saleh	CM	1662
Drinkwater, David	H	1649	Ng, Raymond	O	1908
Earl, William	C	1503	Nordell, Larry	O	1732
Edman, D.	H	1583	Olivera, Frank	C	1708
Ehmann, Carl	H	1776	Olwell, Kevin	C	1604
Eiche, Anatole	B	1531	Ortega, David	H	1601
Elleason, James	C	1521	Osternig, Louis	HO	1695
Eng, Moon	O	1829	Oyler, Robert	C	1603
English, R.	H	1599	Parker, William	O	1779
Forthoffer, David	O	2070	Pelletier, Richard	O	1655
Fosaaen, James	C	1773	Phillips, R.	H	1599
Fouch, Roy	H	1523	Quinlivan, Michael	O	2032
Freeman, Darrell	A	UNRA	Quintero, Rudolph	C	1656
French, George	O	1808	Rackett, R.	B	1439
Friedman, Jerry	HO	1582	Ramirez, Albert	O	1616
Gaede, Allan	C	1531	Reich, Dennis	C	1597
Galindez, M.	B	1640	Rivera, Manuel	C	1570
Garcia, Gabriel	C	1635	Roy, Gilbert	BO	1739
Gerhardt, Jerry	O	1549	Salna, Janis	O	1938
Gerrand, John	O	1542	Salo, Eric	H	1632
Glanville, David	O	1651	Schulman, Sid	O	UNRA
Gorse, M.	R	1724	Segura, Ralph	H	1640
Grasso, Philip	C	1550	Sehrt, O. L.	H	1507
Grivanis, Kon	B	2050	Shahshahani, Mehرداد	B	1653
Guzman, Raymond	C	1652	Sheppersen, A. P. H	H	1814
Hale, Johathan	O	1677	Shore, C.	R	1188
Hale, Reuben	O	UNRA	Shorman, R.	H	1991
Hansen, Richard	O	1861	Sins	B	1827
Hayes, Gilbert	O	1643	Sletner, Anton	O	1621
Henderson, Michael	C	1550	Sloane, Margret	O	1533
Hibbler, Fred	O	1684	Smail, John	B	2050
Hiden, Charles	O	1513	Sniriga, N.	B	1611
Holt, Marx	O	UNRA	Smith, D.	B	1709
Hough, Randall	O	1804	Smith, David	C	1493
Jacob, Robert	CW	1540	Smith, Eric	O	1550
Jensen, Arthur	O	1611	Smith, Norman	C	1585
Keim, George	C	1550	Smith, Steven	C	1471
Kilker, Stanley	C	1669	Snavely, Theodore	C	1629
Lane, Lawrence	O	1401	Stone, Donald	O	1650
Ianouette, Randall	CO	1558	Stuckman, Robert	C	1550
Iasich, John	O	1776	Thacker, Ronald	O	1968
Lee, Richard	O	1739	Thompson, J. B	R	1458
Long, A.	R	1336	Travers, K.	R	1359
Long, Jerome	BC	1724	Travers, R.	R	1379
Lopez, L.	H	1629	Trenberth, Robert	BO	1881
Louie, David	O	1684	Tresz, Sandor	O	1810
Love, Raymond	A	UNRA	Trottier, Leonard	R	1630
McCallen, A.	C	1559	Turner, Roy	C	1708

Ulrich, Jack	O	1667	Weber, Michael	O	1872
Ulrich, James	B	2047	Weisickle, John	O	1881
Underwood, Keith	C	1519	Weitzner, Max	C	1650#
Vadnais, Louis	M	1688	Westerline, Paul	C	1514
Vail, Charles	C	1660	Wheeler, John	H	1497
Watson, Mark	CO	1877	Williams, Lloyd	O	1592
Wallan, John	O	1934	Wilson, Gary	O	1895
Weber, Gary	O	1952			

CHESS GOSSIP: A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT
From THE KNIGHT ON THE TOWN

It seems that there has been a great deal of speculation on my identity. Let me allay the suspicion that I am either Elwin Meyers or Martin Morrison. I am not. For those whose curiosity is killing them, let me say that I live in Berkeley. Now, on to more titillating bits.

There was quite a reaction to my last column, when I said that some chessophrenetics had suspicions about Mr. Leonard Trottier's tournament tactics. Remember, I said that he seemed to be too pleasant a fellow for any kind of chicanery, and that he was merely one of those players who were unable to improve, always remaining a very weak B or a very strong C. Am I responsible for those whose nasty little minds wanted to believe what the grumbling losers devised as an excuse for their poor play? I hear that Mr. Trottier will not play in the C's any more. Well, at least he has integrity. What more proof do you need?

I hear that our busy editor, Martin Morrison, has taken on some more work for himself--being a teaching assistant at the University of California at Berkeley. Who'd ever guess that he's teaching--Latin? Well, at least he has culture.

It seems that Mr. Richard Hansen went to jail the other day. Oh no, not to serve a sentence. He went as part of a chess team to challenge the skills of the Vacaville Medical Facility's team. It must have been quite a surprise to his team to find out that the opponents had on their side the infamous Dr. De Kaplany (convicted of killing his wife in an acid bath a few years ago). How did Richard's team fare in the match? "Pretty poorly," he said, adding, "after all, they have lots of time to study."

En Passant's brilliant little games columnist remarked the other day that all the games printed in this newspaper had only eighteen moves. I'm glad he has nothing better to do than count moves.

Sorry for the pithiness of this column, scaccics, but don't pout--I'll have more for you next time. A final word of thanks to those who have been sending in juicy items for this column.

Confidential to P. R., of Richmond: No, I am not Robert Clipson. Keep trying.

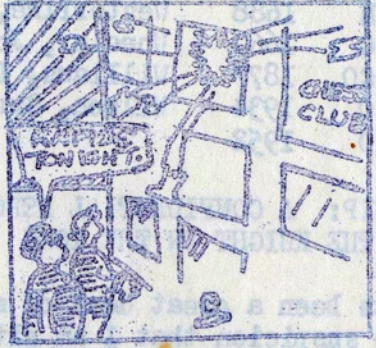
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