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THE CALIFORNIA OPEN STORY - FRESNO, 1966

Wow! Whew! What a tournament - what a weekend....What players! Yes, readers, it's getting better than ever - 109 entries, certainly a record within the past five years or so, indicating that our current COME BACK TO FRESNO campaign paid off. Twnety-two (count 'em) masters and experts - a million A players - and well-represented B, C and unrated groups. UPSETS came by the barrel, as attested to by the full result-table: you'll find masters and experts sprinkled throughout, below the customary top twenty positions.

The new ARCADE room of the Hacienda Motel, with excellent lighting and other facilities, was humming from the moment go. And the moment was already Friday night, when no less than 26 early arrivals registered. Thereafter, players were driving throughout the night, some with their families, raring to bite a chunk of the over \$900 prize fund.

The biggest bite, \$200 and a beautiful trophy, went to top-chomper

CALIFORNIA OPEN CHAMPION for 1966

who sailed to the crest with 6½-½, allowing one draw only to Leo KUPERSMITH. Irving came through with flying colors in the last round, when he and Art SPILLER, tied for the lead with 5½-½, met in the crucial decider. Our congratulations to RIVISE, for whom this was

a repeat performance (he won the event three years ago).

John BLACKSTONE, last year's co-winner, was a clear second with 6-1; collecting \$120, he went through the tournament undefeated, but two draws, to BLOHM and A. KANAMORI, dropped him behind RIVISE. Those tied for third to fifth and the Expert prizes, were: Bill MAILLARD, Don SUTHERLAND, Art SFILLER, C.A. BATCHELDER, David BLOHM & Hugh NOLAND. The wix-way tie figured in Class A (\$115) and Class B: (\$90) as well. Class A winners: M. MORRIS, J. TARJAN, K. STANI, W. BRAGG, N.WOOD and R. HENRY. Class B: C. WHITMAN, G. MILLER, D. LYNN, D. WILDSCHUTZ and R. HOUGH. C. FOTIAS was a clear C winner (\$60), tied for second: J. WILSON, D. RHODES and T. HECKMAN. Ladies: Mrs. GRUMETTE.

CALIFORNIA OPEN - 1966 Fresno - Labor Day weekend

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^{*}Sorry - our error in listing. FOSAAEN has ½ pt. and should be in 108th place, ahead of MORRIS T and RAIL.

CALIFORNIA OPEN POLKA DOTS

Neatness was the order of the day for RIVISE, BLACKSTONE and your editor at the presentation of the top prizes and trophy, which was televised by KCB-TV of Fresno.... The Fresno Bee also covered the event, day-by-day..... Robert KLEIN finished out of the money, but should receive some kind of acknowledgment: he defeated three of the four lady participants..... Goody-time fell on Sunday night and Monday afternoon, when 109 ravenous wolves invaded the tables for candy, cheesies, crackers, grapes, biscuits, etc. provided as a goodwill gesture by the C.S.C.F..... Two best game prizes will be awarded to the "brilliant ones" by CSCF President Grandmaster Isaac KASHDAN....

They were there to stay, the players were, as out of 109 only two withdrawals were recorded. Unfortunately, there was also a quitter, J. VARIS, who has to put up a \$20 forfeit fee next time he enters one of our tournaments....A. KANAMORI, an expert at the 2053 mark, had a great start, tied for the lead with John BLACKSTONE after four rds (4-0), then drew with the latter in Round 5 - but ran out of gas in the last two rounds.....The UPSET Prize went to W. BURKITT, who defeated a player 719 points above him....C. BATCHELDER put on a great spurt, ending up at the 5½-1½ mark. He apparently beat SHEAN in the last round, when the near-master overlooked a one-move mate. It can happen to the best of them.....

If you missed this one, you can be truly sorry. But there's next

year - see then?

HE WHO HESITATES WINS

"Should I enter"? Should I not?" pondered Art SPILLER in this summer's Santa Monica Rating Tournament, till the last moment. Finally, to make an even number, he made his decision: and with that, sealed the fate of the rest of the entrants. Winning four straight, and drawing with runner-ups Gordon BARRETT and R. BUKEY, Art topped the 20-man field with a score of 5-1.

These rating tournaments are regulars at Santa Monica, going on almost all the time which may be the reason for the large percentage

of dropouts.

SANTA MONICA RATING TOURNAMENT June - July Round Round Round Round Round Total Two Three Four Five A. W 20 1. SHILLER W 6 W W 9 D D 5 - 1 2. BARRETT G. D 17 D 8 W 13 10 W 6 D 41/2-11/2 3. BUKEY R. W 14 W 16 6 1 L W D W 8 41/2-11/2 4. WHITMAN W 18 C. L 15 L 14 W W 10 6 W 5. STURGES S. L 6 W 17 W L 3 W D 31/2-21/2 5 6. BATCHELDER C. W W L L 7. BATCHELDER J. W 18 53 6 W 9 8 L L D D 2 8. CILLERS H. -D W 17 13 W D L 9. OLSSON G. W 13 L 12 L 11 W L 10. WALSH 2 4 W 11 15 13 Rick. -W L L W 11. WALSH 17 Regis -L 10 L 14 W W 13 12. ABLE V. L 16 W 14 L 9 13. BAIRD 9 2 L 8 R. L M 50 L L 11 L 10 1 14. ADAMSON J. L L 12 W 11 L 4 1 4 15. GEHMAN Dr. W. W L 19 L 10 1 354 16. LEIBER F. W 12 1 17. BROWN J. D L 8 L 11 18. TUPAS M. L L 0 - 6 W. BYF 19. SAENGER 20. ROGERS

TIME HAS COME TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

WILLIAM LOMBARDY is looking for correspondence chess opponents, at \$20 per board. If you, or a group of you, would like to challenge him, let us know and we'll give you further details.....

FROM ARIZONA WAY comes news that Allan TROY won the Rocky Mountain Open, defeating Tibor WEINBERGER in the process. Congratulations, Allan! Other congrats are in order to Ronnie GROSS, who won the Arizona Open last July. In that event, localites Greta OLSSON and Terry ELLIS also did well, finishing fifth and seventh respectively out of 42. GROSS won four, drew one (v. Mabel BURLINGAME) in his effort.

- The ARTHUR B. STAMER MEORIAL TOURNAMENT at San Francisco is equalling our So. Catif. "big ones", having paid a prize fund of \$895 in its last performance. The 104-man event was won by Duncan SUTTLES with 6-0, followed by Dr. A. SAIDY and Earl PRUNER, 51/2-1/2.
- FIGHTY-SEVEN years young E. B. ADAMS of the Pasadena Chess Club won the first of that club's series of three Rapid Transit events last August, with a score of 13-2. A truly AMAZING performance!! The next two tourneys in the series will be held on September 30, Friday, and December 30, Friday. Entry fee, 50¢. Each event has its own prize fund, but there will also be a trophy awarded at the end for the best cumulative performance by a Pasadena Club member. Anyone interested in the remaining two events, contact Steve MORFORD at 794-0792.

MONTEREY PARK also has things in the wind. Next Friday, Sep. 16, expert Arthur SPILLER will give a lecture and simultaneous exhibition, at 8 p.m. No charge to play or watch....On Sep. 17-18, a 30-30 Tourney is scheduled, with mandated moves 1.P-K4, P-K4; 2. P-KB4, PxP. Seems like Frank METZ's SITELMANN Memorial set the pace earlier this year. There will be four rounds each day, Sat and Sun, starting at 9 a.m. Not rated; open to all. Entry fee: \$5. Trophy and cash to winner, other prizes as entries permit....On Sep 23, Sven AMGREN, expert will lecture on chess problems at 8 p.m.

GREAT THINGS HAFFENING STILL at the Whittier Chess Club. It has just concluded its Summer Warm-up Tournament, as well as its Woodpusher Tournament; and it is plunging right into the 1966 Annual WHITTIER AMATEUR OPEN.

WHITTIER AMATEUR OPEN

Starts M nday, Sep. 12 at 7.45 p.m. Entry fee, \$6, \$1 of which is a forfeit fee. U.S.C.F.-rated, open to all rated UNDER 2000, and unrated. 40 in 2. Trophies and cash prizes.

Directed by Ken FLESHMAN, OX 9-5787. Pity that this event has to conflict with City Terrace's Bernard Oak Memorial Open, even though supposedly the dates were cleared for these and the San Gabriel Valley Open abd the Bi-Club Invitational coming up later this year. C'est la vie - ye olde conflict rears its mane again....

Classes for beginners are now being conducted by John BARNARD at Whittier, every Monday at ? p.m.

Now for those results: WOODPUSHER TOURNAMENT, limited to those rated under 1500, was won by Bill KANE, Hugh WILLIAMS and John DOZIER with 5-1, followed by Bill DUNKIN and Jeff STEVENS at 4½-1½. There were 32 participants....Fourteen others fought in the Summer Warm-up Tourney, won by W. C. THORNTON, 5-1, followed by R. HENDERSON, Bill HAYES and Darry HOKE at 4-2....Also, a Daughters and Sons Tourney for under 15-year olds was won by David AUBRO, 5-0, ahead of Steve MURPHY, 3½-1½. A field of ten boys and a girl in this one - the future is laid on solid groundwork at Whittier!

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The poorly-attended So. Calif. Chess League meeting of August 19, led to some drastic i mediate steps to remedy some of the things you have been complaining about for some time now, but have done nothing about to improve. So...H. D. RADER, new City Terrace Chess Club President, is issuing a call for a

Mass Meeting of chess-players

on Sunday, Sept. 18, at 1.30 p.m. at City Terrace, to give you a chance to voice your opinions on the league, its actions, faults, failures etc. Your conclusions and opinions will be passed on to act upon by the League, and this way we will give you the service you've been asking for all along. OK? Will you be at City Terrace Sep. 18? While League officials are invited to be present and learn what YOU want from the League, this is YOUR meeting. Schedule of events:

1.30 Call to order

1.30-1.45 Nomination and election of meeting chirman

1.45-2.00 Topibs for discussion

2.00-4.00 Discussion of topics and action on those meriting vote.

Chess till 6.00 p.m.

Mr. RADER, a long-time officer of the League, has long felt that this type of contact between YOU and the League is needed. So, especially if you have kicks as to how and what the League does, attend this meeting and sound off, or forever hold your piece.

BENT LARSEN'S FAREWELL

Once again, it seems that City Terrace was the only club to be lucky enough to secure one of the Grandmasters participating in the PIATIGORSKY CUP for a simultaneous exhibition. And a grand event it turned out to be!

Fifty-five boards fought against the Grandmaster, ranging in age from 11 to? Playing from 8.45 to 1.30, after a most delightful talk by LARSEN covering the highlights of the CUP as well as other fascinating facets of grandmaster-life and the World Championship, LARSEN won 43, drew six and lost six. Those defeating this great player were: M.COOK, J. WOLLSCHLAGER, R. NEUSTAEDTER, O. STUMBRS, F. MARTINEZ and J. UBANS. Those wrenching ½ point, Fred FRILLING, W. BRAGG, G. DAVIS, G. HUNNEX, W. MAILLARD and a mysterious Mr. X. A great time was had by all!

Masters and Experts: \$200 & Trophy; \$100 Best performing expert \$100 and trophy Class A \$ 50 \$100 Class B \$100 \$50 Class C \$100 11 \$50 11 Class D and unr. 11 \$100

You may play in the OTEN section, or within your own class only; the winner of each class will become the So. Calif. Champion - Class The top four finishers qualify into the California Championship (closed).

Held at the ATLS CHESS CLUB, 3351 W. 43rd St, Sept. 30-Oct 1-2. Registrations close Friday at 7.00. Entry fee: \$12.50. Six-rd Swiss, directed by A. SPILLER. REGISTER NOW!......Stop Press! No room this time for PIATIGORSKY CUP games. Will resume next issue.