1959 GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

TYPE OF TOURNAMENT AND PLACE OF PLAY: 12 round Swiss System, to be played at the GOLDEN GATE CHESS CLUB, HOTEL BROADMOOR, 1499 SUTTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, or at such other place as may be mutually agreed upon by the players.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all chess players who are, or become, members of the Golden Gate Chess Club and the United States Chess Federation.

Nonmembers of the Golden Gate Chess Club can become members by joining and paying dues for 6 months ($6.00) in advance. There is no initiation fee.

Membership in the United States Chess Federation is being required in order that the tournament may be nationally rated. In addition, the United States Chess Federation is the only organization in the United States that promotes chess tournaments, matches, and the game of chess itself on a national and international scale, and it is deserving of our cooperation and support.

Membership dues in the United States Chess Federation are $5.00 per year and entitle a member to receive Chess Life, the excellent 8-page bi-weekly publication of the organization containing games, articles, the latest tournament results, and other chess news of importance.

ENTRY FEE AND FORFEIT FEE: $3.50. In addition, a deposit of $3.50 as a bond against forfeiting more than one game will be required. This deposit will be returned when a player completes his schedule, provided he has not forfeited more than one game.

PRIZES: 1st prize ---- $50.00, and a trophy emblematic of the club championship for 1959
2nd prize ---- $30.00
3rd prize ---- $20.00

There will also be a trophy awarded to the player with the best score whose last published United States Chess Federation rating was under 2000.

PLAYING DATES AND TIME OF PLAY:

FIRST ROUND: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1958, at 8:00 P.M.

Subsequent rounds on each successive TUESDAY at 7:30 P.M.

By mutual agreement games may be played at any time during the week in which they are scheduled, provided that all games must be completed no later than SATURDAY of said week.

TIME OF PLAY: 50 moves in the first $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours; 20 moves per hour thereafter.

PAIRINGS: The HARKNESS pairing system will be used.

RULES OF PLAY: United States Chess Federation tournament rules will prevail, with the exception that there will be no double forfeit for failure to keep score. The only penalty for failure to keep score will be that a player cannot claim a game on time unless he is able to turn in to the tournament director a legible and reasonably accurate score at the time he claims that his opponent overstepped the time limit.

ADJOURNMENTS: Adjournments may be had at the request of either player after the completion of 5 hours of play on the 51st, 61st, 71st, etc., move. The sealed move shall be made by the player of the white pieces. Only one adjournment is allowed. Adjourned games must be completed no later than Saturday of the week in which they are scheduled to be played.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: HENRY GROSS.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: IMRE KÖNIG, GUTHRIE McCLAIN, and ARTHUR STAMER are constituted a tournament committee to hear and decide appeals from any decision of the tournament director.