

Sacramento, Calif.  
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Dear Mr. Ralston:

Enclosed is a list of addresses of the most active chess players and organizers in the various cities. I wish to point out, also, that there are two other USCF directors in the North, namely, Gee and Koltanowsky.

The following ideas are offered merely as suggestions, and no offense will be taken if any or all are not acted upon.

1. For the present, it seems better to organize the proposed Association on a club rather than an individual basis.
2. The area might be divided into three or four sections with a Director from each section. These would be comprised of clubs from (1) Central Calif. (2) Redwood Empire (3) East Bay and (4) San Francisco. It is possible that East Bay and San Francisco might be combined to form one section, if there are not enough clubs for two. I believe that there is now Redwood Empire League in operation.
3. A system of leagues should be formed, culminating in a match for the N.C.C.A. Club Championship. These leagues might be composed of teams from the above mentioned sections, or a Major and two Minor leagues could be formed. It was suggested by Mr. Capps that Sacramento join the Bay teams in a league, but that would entail considerable traveling.
4. At the conclusion of league play, a series of all star matches could be played. These would be 15, 20, or 25 boards similar to the S.F. - East Bay matches or our recent series.
5. The above program should be completed before the North-South match each year, and would enable a better selection to be made for that affair.
6. An individual championship tournament could be held over a 3-day holiday such as Labor Day. It would have to be a Swiss system tourney, and might be restricted to not more than eight players chosen from the various districts, so that each would have at least one.

In conclusion, I wish to say that any attempt to organize Northern California Chess must have the backing and cooperation of Mechanics Inst., but I am sure that most of the smaller clubs will cooperate. I, personally, will be glad to assist in any way possible.

Yours,

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Ibbelieve that Rasmussen still has a home in Vallejo,  
but Nick can tell you who to contact

*Note. Koltanowski or Dr. H. B. Tower of Petaluma  
can inform you about the Redwood Empire League.  
Nick Russ might also know.*