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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE SAN JOSE "Y" CHESS CLUB

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 9th., 1954.

Fellow Members:

The year just closing has been a fairly successful one for our club. We have made some progress here and there, but have nowhere reached our full possibilities as a live and growing chess club.

We should have a membership of at least 100 active players, and an average weekly attendance at meetings of about 50. We should have a well-written and carefully prepared piece of chess publicity in our local newspapers at least once each week. We should own our own chess sets, boards and clocks and have proper locker space in which to house them. We should be able to stage, in addition to our own club tournaments, at least one large chess affair each year. We should have a program of aid and development for promising young players of school and high school age. These and many other things we should some day be able to accomplish. We must keep these and similar goals in sight and strive to reach them. Only thus will our club grow and develop properly.

Meanwhile let us cast a backward glance at what the club has done in the past year. Perhaps the most significant was the winning of the Central California Chess League Championship for the third time, and thus gaining permanent possession of the prize cup. The team fought an uphill fight and came through with an impressive win over Sacramento in the final match of the season. Chess history was made when our No. One player, Janis Kalnins fought for over 11 hours to score his win against Sacramento's Milton Meyer. And on clocks, too! Team Captain deserves much credit for his able handling of the matches during the season and to Mark Gazse goes a hearty commendation for work well done.

In a broad sense our club's most important achievement of the year was hosting the California Open Chess Championship in September of 1953. This tournament was a signal success in number of entries, amount of prize money, numbers of special prizes, and quality of competition and directing. It is fitting to make special mention of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw in appreciation of their fine work on the California Open. Edward Dreis did some very necessary work in preparation for this same tourney and is to be commended heartily.

In order to bolster up the club's puny treasury, the club for the first time held raffles of a chess clock and a chess set. These were kindly donated by Prof. Francis Crofut and Harry Shaw respectively, so that the entire sum from the sale of raffle tickets could go into our treasury without deduction. Both raffles were successful and our financial position is much improved.

In concluding I wish to thank each and every member for his cooperation during the past year. Let us all look forward to a bigger and better chess year coming up.

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