

MONTEREY PENINSULA CHESS CLUB
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This will be the first of what is to be a monthly letter containing information of interest to the members. It is hoped that this paper, containing news of club activities and advising members of coming events, will become a document of record and present an autobiographic history of this organization's life. It will be the policy of this paper to accept suggestions and constructive criticism offered by readers. Items for publication should be in the hands, in writing, of the club secretary by the 15th of the month preceeding publication. The editor reserves the right to edit all material and, at his discretion, accept or reject material offered for publication.

Since all Chess Club newspapers must have a name we will run a contest to name our paper. A committee, composed of the elected officers of the club and chaired by the president, will accept suggestions and the winning name will be used on the publication for the month of March, 1968. Submit your suggested name, in writing, to the club secretary. The winning name shall become the property of the Monterey Peninsula Chess Club. No entries will be returned.

This issue (Jan. '68) will be mailed to all club members. The succeeding issues will be available, free, at the regular meeting of the club. Those members desiring to receive copies through the mail must pay the postage in advance. To insure receipt it is suggested that the first class rate be used. Extra copies subject to availability.

It may be of interest to members to know that this club was organized on May 22, 1966, by a group of 22 chess enthusiasts who gathered together to write the constitution. The articles state that the club was formed to enable its members to play chess; engage in chess competition; to provide instruction, entertainment, and social life in chess, and to promote the popularity of the game of chess. Any person may become a member by paying the annual dues. While it is strongly recommended that members join the U. S. Chess Federation, such action is not a requirement for membership.

The present officers of the club are:

Francis Mills	President	372 6257
Helen Bennett	Vice-President	375 3406
Bill Kennedy	Secretary-Treasurer	372 7496
Mike Barthelov	Tournament Director	394 5531
Chuck Swords	Team Captain	242 2753
Ted Yudacufski	Advisor-Instructor	372 4195

The very life of a chess club is the participation of its members in the various chess events staged or sponsored by the club. We know that each individual member cannot enter and participate in every event, but our club certainly should be well represented in each event we promote. Past performance indicates some hesitancy on the part of club members to join in the fun and share the excitement of tournament play. There is room for all. We need your support. Come, join the fun and bring a friend.

Now is a good time to thank those members that have done the many small things that make club participation more enjoyable. Those who come early and help set up the chairs and tables. Those who have donated cakes and goodies for members and guests to enjoy with their coffee. Those who have donated to the coffee Kitty to help buy our new coffee urn. Those who have entered the club sponsored tournaments. Those who have helped club activities by donating chess sets, chess boards, tournament aids, signs, trophies and plaques. Our special thanks to those who have helped by attending our regular meetings. Without this excellent contribution we would have no club. Our thanks to the Monterey Recreation Department for their many favors, their thoughtfulness in recognizing the community need for this activity and permitting us to use these facilities for meetings. Our thanks to Monterey Savings and Loan for publishing club information in the Herald on their Bulletin Board. Our thanks to all the local newspapers for the fine coverage we have received. We appreciate these many helpful deeds and do not want to seem remiss by not mentioning our thanks.

Caissa's Comments:

The "Battle of the Bumbler B" gathered together a grand bunch of chess players with ratings below the 1800 mark. While the turnout was somewhat less than expected, those that played had an enjoyable time, gained valuable tournament experience and some improved their USCF rating. Your club tournament committee gained some needed pointers on tournament sponsorship and will show improvement in future events.

J. Mathis won the \$150 first prize, displaying chessability beyond his official rating of 1758. Chuch Swords defeated a fair share of opponents to take home a cash prize. Other club members who participated in the 'B' were: V. Pope, P. Clarke, C. Daly, J. Jennings, T. Dimmick, M. Barthelow, who took the trophy for junior under 18, F. Mills, W. Kennedy, and G. Nelson, who acted as houseman to play those who would have won on forfeit.

Jerry Jennings won first place in the Fall Rating Tournament with his aggressive play and skillful combinations. The suave Lewis Meehan, who has played in tournaments before, earned the second place spot, while Bob Jones, a hard man to beat, placed third. Each received a trophy for his efforts and the improved ratings will show in the next rating issue of Chess Life. Mike Barthelow directed and played in this contest, turning in a fine job of directing but apparently the pressure of his administrative duties affected his game and he ended up half way down the list. Twenty six members entered this tournament and received valuable tournament experience, improved their ratings and enjoyed some serious chess. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of the club members who played in the tournament.

Alex Suhobeck, MPCClub was declared the Monterey County Chess Champion when he won the Monterey County Open held December 2nd and 3rd at the Neighborhood Center, New Monterey. Alex took home \$25.00 in cash and a handsome trophy for his efforts. D. Mathews, playing against strong opposition, captured second place, while Ted Yudacufski, assisted by his lovely wife Ruby, directed this important tournament was still able to top enough of his games to earn third spot. Other winners were Junior County Champion, N. Bogatirev; Class B award to C. Swords; Class C award to F. Mills; and the unrated award to W. Atkinson.

The nineteen entrants signed in from Salinas, Carmel, Marina, Seaside, Monterey and Pacific Grove. This tournament is set to become a really big show and should draw more tournament players from the southern part of the county. There was some disappointment because there were no women players signed up. We need the gals to brighten the tournament scene and our own club members. Helen Bennett, last year's women's champion; Gen Nelson, strong competition from Laguna Seca and Loli Willox, considered about the best woman player from Carmel could have entered and played on a par with most of the other players. One of them would have been named the Monterey County Woman Champion and taken home the trophy for that event. It was also surprising that the Robert L. Stevenson School did not enter a contingent to battle for the junior crown. The Bob Luey Chess Team has some strong chess players and surely they could have made Nicky Bogatirev realize he had been in a battle. Perhaps next time. Congratulations to the winners and our thanks to all those who played in this event.

The December Rapid-transit tournament was won by a new member, Jerry Wallshlager, stationed at Ford Ord. Jerry is obviously a seasoned tournament player and when he gets his rating adjusted will come out as a high expert. Welcome to the club, Jerry, and our congratulations on winning this fun event.

Al Nonevitch won the Fast-Play chess tournament, played the same night. This is a real exciting fun game played without clocks, but with a caller calling "Move" every ten seconds to advise each player, in turn, to make his move. Ruby Yudacufski gave a fine performance as the caller and also announced the pairings for each set.

These enjoyable fast-chess games are played on the first Thursday of each month, other events permitting.

President Mills is planning a Club Ladder Contest, which he will direct. Details are still in the formative stage, but play will start very soon. Mills will be needing some help with the administrative end of his duties as contest director and will welcome assistance from anyone desiring to learn something about the administrative side of tournament chess. Volunteers, please.

The MPCClub winter rating tournament is set to start on Thursday, January 18. Six round swiss, with one game to be played each Thursday night until completed. Entry fee \$2.00. Prizes and awards to winners. Membership in USCF required as this will be a USCF rated tournament. Ted Yudacufski will direct. Bring chess sets and clocks. We will furnish boards, score sheets, coffee, goodies and strong competition. All club members should participate in this tournament to gain tournament experience, improve USCF rating, and to enjoy the fun of some serious chess. See Bill Kennedy for details.

Sick call: Ron Atkinson is recovering at home from a bout with the flu bug. Col. Daly had to leave the Monterey County Open with an infected tooth. Get well quick, fellows. We miss you at our meetings.

Ted Yudacufski and family are on a trip back East to visit his folks. Expected back in time to officiate in the Winter Rating Tournament.

Members are advised to renew their USCF membership through the club secretary as the club can collect a percentage of the fee at no extra cost to you. You must have a valid USCF membership card to play in the USCF rate tournaments. Non-USCF members may join and enjoy the advantages of this national organization by contacting your club secretary.

Members desiring chess sets, clocks, books or other chess equipment may order these items through the club secretary. Just let Bill Kennedy know what you want and orders will be placed. You can't beat the price any place and you will help the club bank account if you will order through your secretary.

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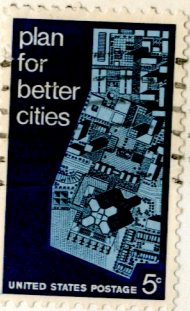


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