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" NORTH 33 SOUTH 27 "

We are a little late with the above information - perhaps most readers already have this - but just to keep the record in the "News" straight as well as current for future reference, the above headline is included. We will not dwell too long on this match, for Neil Austin has written up a creditable summary which is included in this issue. As is the case at each North-South match, many former friends were seen again (some also were not present), stories recounted, games re-played, and all that which goes along with a large chess meeting. Sacramento was proud of the placing of its players, all four played in the top 20 of a 59 board match. We four came out  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ , and no alibies. We simply played our best and that was the way the chips fell. In Meyer's game there were so many queens on the board that it was highly confusing. The score is in the current issue of The Calif. Chess Reporter. If you do not subscribe to the Reporter, do so at once by sending \$1.50 to Dr. H. J. Ralston, 184 Edgewood Ave., San Francisco 17.

The U.S.C.F. Open Chess Tournament is now in progress in Tampa, Florida, so it is too late to remind you to attend. But the Colorado Open will be played in Denver over August 1-4, with lots of prizes and many colorful chessplayers in attendance. Milt Meyer of Sacto expects to attend, and we hope many others do. Remember to look up Merl Reese, of REESE HOUSES (special rates, rooms, best food in Colorado) at 1740 Glenarm Place and tell him "you saw it in Sacto Chess News". And remember to send us some game scores, we are running low again!

**ATTENTION!** Sacramento plays a match with Vallejo this next Sunday, July 27, at the Turn Verein, 1:30 PM. Please contact Austin immediately if you can play. Vallejo is bringing a dozen players, and we certainly must match that.

We wish to report a new member of the California Chess League, or rather the "Central Calif. Chess League" (never can remember that name!). Visalia has now entered a Team for our 1952-53 matches. There is some discussion of entering a team from the Castle Air Base (Merced) chess club.

Meyer won the 2nd game in a playoff with Richards for the City Championship, first game was a draw. Hence Meyer is the 1952 Sacramento City Champion, and will again play top board for Sacto in team matches. Richards is 2nd man on the team, and by a little conniving, Ye Ed expects to play fourth board at the highest. Oh boy! Will there be some wild chess there! CONGRATULATIONS to Meyer on winning our toughest tournament to date, and best wishes in the Colorado Open.

Chess attendance seems to be suffering from heat, Vacations, summertime activities, and what have you. This is understandable for July and August, but we certainly hope the club members come out in droves beginning the first of Sept. as we need some tough clock matches to get in shape for the CCCL matches, and the coming 1953 tournament. There is always fun at Chess Club.

In our last issue we mentioned an idea that was submitted: that a club get up sufficient news and scores to make a page of the bulletin, have a stencil cut and send it in. The idea did not go over - at least no stencils were received. We still think it's a good idea. How about it?

A revised edition of "Simple Chess" by Weaver W. Adams has been received. This has some novel ideas in it and contains some interesting information.

## OFF THE CHESS

By George W. Flynn

From our point of view one of the features of the annual North-South match was the defeat of George Croy by J. Gee. George Croy has long been known as one of the nation's strongest amateurs and has even introduced several opening innovations into the textbooks. Gee had Croy in a bad way in about 8 or 9 moves, and never let his advantage lapse. Congratulations, J. E.

Central California Chess League players did very well in this match and aided considerably in the victory of the North over the South. Bob Burger scored another point...remaining with an unblemished record. He wrote me that he had all the education involved in losing a game, however, coming out almost miraculously in the ending. Bob also scored his point in the San Francisco vs. East Bay match held earlier. In this latter match Milt Meyer played Board 1 and drew with the ever dangerous Heinie Gross.

Neil Austin had the misfortune to be matched against A. J. Fink in the Bay area but held on stubbornly for a creditable struggle against a recognized master.

But what with one thing and another, including buying a house, getting married and a honeymoon at Lake Tahoe, there just haint been much time for chess, in my busy little life. But that situation should be corrected soon.

Even at Lake Tahoe, a chess idea developed. One of our difficulties in holding chess tournaments of stature is that they are usually scheduled over a weekend. And there just isn't time for first class tournament competition in a weekend. Why can't we develop a "vacation tournament" to be held over 2 weeks during the vacation season?

If the dates and place of play were announced long in advance, many players could schedule their vacations to combine a major tournament and all the advantages of a resort area. Only one game a day would be necessary, and, if played in the morning, the entire afternoon and evening would be free for amusement.

Besides, resort owners would undoubtedly assist in the event and offer prizes and, if the play were open to the public, considerable chess interest would be aroused.

I received such wonderful and courteous treatment at the Homewood Resort on Lake Tahoe that I'm a little prejudiced in favor of Tahoe as the location of such a tournament. However, there are people who prefer the seashore as a vacation spot and Santa Cruz has always been hospitable to chess. Perhaps even two annual tournaments might grow out of this suggestion, if it were followed up...one in the mountain area and one along the sea.

Even if the tournament were small the first year, it could be played as a double round-robin...and undoubtedly such a tournament would grow in size and importance each year. And better chess would certainly develop in Northern Calif. if two weeks of serious play were available during the vacation season. How about it? Think there's anything to the idea?

In any case, don't forget that Homewood Resort at Lake Tahoe if you want the vacation of your life on the shores of Tahoe, the "Gem of the Sierras". (Say, this guy is getting poetic, musta been the altitude.)

While watching the gambling at the Cal@Neva on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, it occurred to me that chess players almost never bet money on their games.

Yet, chess is a form of gambling and the stakes are high. Each player risks his vanity in every game. Which is the reason money seems an unimportant wager to a chess player. He already has a bigger bet down on the game and, no matter how hard he tries to control himself, any chess player comes out of a lost game with a singed ego.

Say, this guy is getting philosophical...maybe this would be a good time to quit. Quit writing, that is. Quit chess? Never.

		<u>Southern California</u>	
1. J. H. [unclear]	1	1. H. Steiner	1
2. I. Gross	1	2. A. Spiller	1
3. A. J. Fink	1	3. L. Joyner	0
4. P. D. Smith	1	4. I. Rivise	1
5. H. O. Meyer	0	5. R. Martin	1
6. H. J. Halston	1	6. M. Gordon	0
7. J. Schmidt	1	7. S. Mazner	0
8. W. G. McClain (Capt)	1	8. S. Almgren	0
9. J. B. Gee	1	9. H. Gordon	0
10. W. T. Adams	1	10. G. Croy	0
11. W. P. Barlow	1	11. S. Geller	0
12. R. Currie	1	12. L. Erwin	1
13. A. B. Stamer	1	13. R. Banner	1
14. F. Byron	1	14. G. Van Deene	1
15. W. Hendricks	0	15. C. Fuglie	0
16. A. Loera	0	16. E. P. Elliott	1
17. R. Richards	1	17. C. Wallace	1
18. N. T. Austin	0	18. R. Aronson	1
19. C. Svalberg	1	19. L. Johnson	1
20. R. Burger	1	20. C. J. Gibbs	1
21. R. Hultgren	1	21. G. Chase	0
22. G. Kirby	1	22. K. Forrest	0
23. M. Hailparn	1	23. G. Steven	1
24. C. Sedlack	1	24. B. Madrid	1
25. C. R. Wilson	0	25. J. Keckhut (Capt)	1
26. N. Hultgren	0	26. W. S. Carr	1
27. R. Freeman	1	27. G. Hunnex	1
28. F. N. Christensen	1	28. L. Woronzoff	0
29. R. Trenberth	1	29. L. Fielding	1
30. W. Leeds	0	30. L. Millstein	0
31. S. Abrahams	1	31. P. Petersen	1
32. M. Dudey	1	32. C. Kodil	0
33. S. Bean	0	33. T. McDermott	1
34. L. Davis	0	34. T. Baraquet	1
35. A. Stobbe	0	35. C. Ulrich	1
36. L. Beliaevsky	1	36. M. Eucher	1
37. L. Daugherty	1	37. A. Yavorsky	0
38. S. Kondrashoff	1	38. Nancy Roos	0
39. N. Russ	0	39. Mrs. G. Piatigorsky	0
40. F. Olvera	0	40. J. Barlow	1
41. P. Dahl	1	41. W. Wheeler	1
42. E. Kupka	0	42. W. Caverly	1
43. L. Kerfoot	0	43. W. Holmes	1
44. A. Palmin	1	44. C. Henderson	1
45. E. Hoffer	1	45. D. Benge	0
46. K. Draughon	1	46. D. Karpilowsky	0
47. F. Crofut	1	47. R. Zeller	0
48. F. Fries	1	48. M. Templer	0
49. G. Lutz	0	49. L. Domanski	0
50. S. Van Gelder	1	50. D. Maron	1
51. H. S. King	1	51. R. Gross	0
52. R. Taylor	0	52. H. Nager	0
53. E. L. Jeffers	1	53. H. C. Dudley	1
54. L. Krogness	1	54. H. Wingfield	0
55. A. Chappell	1	55. P. C. McKenna	0
56. S. J. Escobar	1	56. M. Cook	0
57. W. Stamer	0	57. H. L. Calkins	0
58. M. Cook	0	58. B. Busheuff	1
		59. F. E. Sleep	1

... we needed yeoman assistance to the ... We supplied 19 of the ... all accounted for 11 of the 32 points. Sacramento was represented by Austin, Gee, Meyer, and Richards; San Jose by Adams, Crofut, Daugherty, and Kirby; Fresno by Fries, Hailparn, and Smith; Modesto by Davis, Jeffers, Kerfoot, and Krogness; and Pittsburg by Bean, Escobar, Olvera, and Burger (also claimed by Sacramento). Al Loera, who represented Pittsburg in 1950-51 was also present.

CCCL players were spaced very evenly throughout the North line-up. There were three in the 1st 10, three in the 2nd 10, three from boards 21-30, three from 31-40, four from 41-50, and three from 51-59. The average board was 30.5, which was just 0.5 lower than the team average.

The CCCL score was 9 wins, 4 draws, and 6 losses. San Jose led with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  at an average board of 30. Fresno scored 2-1 at an average of 26. Modesto had 2-2 at average 47. Pittsburg was 2-2 at 38.25. Sacramento scored  $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$  at 13.25. Sacramento players, while not proud of their minus score, felt complimented by being placed on such top boards.

Phil Smith held former State Champion Ray Martin to a draw, while J. B. Gee swarmed over another former State Champion, George Croy. Ray Richards performed creditably in his first match by drawing with a former L. A. City Champ. Three of the League's younger players, Burger, Kirby, and Hailparn did very well at boards 21, 22, and 23, getting one win and two draws. Crofut and Daugherty of San Jose were the first ones finished.

The CCCL scores:

	<u>Board</u>		
	5	P. Smith (Fresno)	Draw
	6	M. Meyer (Sacto)	Lost
	10	J. B. Gee (Sacto)	Won
	11	W. Adams (San Jose)	Won
	18	R. Richards (Sacto)	Draw
	19	N. Austin "	Lost
	21	B. Burger (Pitts)	Won
	23	G. Kirby (SJ)	Draw
	24	M. Hailparn (Fresno)	Draw
	34	S. Bean (Pitts)	Lost
	38	L. Davis (Mod)	Lost
	38	L. Daugherty (SJ)	Won
	41	F. Olvera (Pitts)	Lost
	44	L. Kerfoot (Mod)	Lost
	48	F. Crofut (SJ)	Won
	49	G. Fries (Fresno)	Won
	54	E. Jeffers (Mod)	Won
	55	L. Krogness "	Won
	57	S. Escobar (Pitts)	Won

Kyle Forrest, formerly of Fresno, represented the South at 22nd Board.

#### FRESNO CHESS NEWS

by Tom Fries

There has been a lull in chess activities of our club lately due to the summer months. However, we did manage to dig up 13 players for an informal match with the team from Castle Field Air Base. The final score was 12-1 in our favor. The line-ups were as follows:

1. Smith	1	Fetler	0	8. Beck	1	Langham	0
2. Hailparn	1	Smerker	0	9. Eickholt	1	Rominski	0
3. Strong	1	Diamond	0	10. Eastman	0	Williams	1
4. Fries	1	Neagley	0	11. Markus	1	Burkwell	0
5. Harris	1	Starkweather	0	12. Achterberg	1	Brackman	0
6. Kallmann	1	Lashkin	0	13. Bird	1	Brighton	0
7. Cook	1	Johnston	0				

Although the final score was one-sided, it did not reflect the closeness of the games. Castle Field was surprisingly strong on the upper boards, losing long games in drawish positions due to inexperience. Incidentally our foes would like to enter the League next year, and with a few more matches under their belt they should be strong.

North-South  
Gee vs Croy

1 P K4 P K4  
2 N KB3 N QB3  
3 B B4 B B4  
4 P B3 N B3  
5 P Q4 P xP  
6 P xP B N5ch  
7 B Q2 P Q4  
8 P xP Q K3ch?  
9 K B 1 N QR4  
10 Q R4ch B Q2  
11 B QN5 P B3  
12 B xB P xB  
13 Q xN Q K5  
14 QN Q2 Q xP/Q4  
15 R Kch B K3  
16 Q B7 N Q2  
17 P KR4 P B3  
18 N K4? Q B5ch  
19 Q xQ B xQch  
20 K N K Q  
21 N Q6 P QN3  
22 N xB P xN  
23 K R2 P QR4  
24 B K7ch K B2  
25 R QB P QN4  
26 P QN3 KR K  
27 KR K N N3  
28 P xP P xP  
29 B B5 R xR  
30 N xR R K  
31 N B2 R K7  
32 K N N Q4  
33 K B R Q7  
34 N K3 N xNch  
35 P xN R xRP  
36 R xP K Q2  
37 R B3 R N7  
38 R R3 R N4  
39 P K4 K K3  
40 K B2 P B4  
41 P K5 P N3  
42 K B3 K B2  
43 K B4 P R3  
44 P R5 R N7  
45 P xPch K xP  
46 R N3ch K B2  
47 K xP P R5  
48 P K6ch Resigns  
2:01 2:06

Stockton Club  
Challenge Match  
Woolfe-Malig

1 P K4 P K3  
2 P Q4 P Q4  
3 N QB3 B N5  
4 N K2 P xP  
5 P QR3 B xN  
6 N xN P KB4  
7 P KB3 P xP  
8 Q xP P B3  
9 B K3 N B3  
10 0 0 0 0 0  
11 B QB4 Q K2  
12 KR K B Q2  
13 B KN5 P KR3  
14 B KR4 P KN4  
15 B B2 K N2  
16 P Q5 1 P K4  
17 P Q6 Q K  
18 B Q4 P K5  
19 N xP 11 P xN  
20 R xP Q N3  
21 R K7ch K R  
22 B Q3 Q N  
23 B xNch R xB  
24 Q xRch Resigns

Fresno vs Castle  
Smith-Fetler Bd.1

1 P Q4 P Q4  
2 P QB4 N KB3  
3 P xP N xP  
4 P KN3 B B4  
5 B N2 B xN  
6 R xB P K3  
7 KN B3 N Q2  
8 0 0 P B4  
9 Q N3 N/2 N3?  
10 P xP B xP  
11 Q N5ch N Q2  
12 Q xP R QN  
13 Q R6 0 0  
14 P QR3 B N3  
15 P K4 N B4  
16 Q K2 N B3  
17 R Q Q K2  
18 B B4 QR Q  
19 N K5 Q N2  
20 R K P KR3  
21 Q B3 N/4 Q2

22 QR Q N xN  
23 B xN N Q2  
24 B B3 P K4  
25 R Q5 Q B3  
26 R/1 Q Q K3?  
27 B N4 KR K  
28 R Q6 Q B5  
29 R xN B Q5  
30 P N3 Q B7??  
31 Q xPch Resigns  
:45 1:00

Sacto Reserve  
Tourney

Volkert vs Gray  
1 P K4 P K4  
2 P Q4 N QB3  
3 P xP N xP  
4 N KB3 P Q3  
5 N xN P xN  
6 Q xQch K xQ  
7 N QB3 B Q2  
8 B K3 P QR3  
9 0 0 0 N KB3  
10 B QB4 K K  
11 N Q5 N xN  
12 B xN R QN  
13 B xPch K xB  
14 R xBch K K3  
15 R xP/QB7 B K2  
16 R Q R/KR Q  
17 R xR R xR  
18 R xP R Q3  
19 P QB4 R QB3  
20 P QN3 B QRch  
21 K B2 B K2  
22 R N6 K Q2  
23 R xRch K xR  
24 K B3 P QR4  
25 P N3 B N5ch  
26 K Q3 B K2  
27 P KB4 Resigns

The Calif. State Championship Tournament will be held in SF over Labor Day weekend. The CCCL is to furnish one players for this event. A qualifying tournament will be held in Modesto (?) over a weekend or two during August. Details depend upon how many entrants there will be. Austin will be TD, and it is hoped at least one and possibly two players from each CCCL Club will enter this event. A nominal entrance fee will be retained to cover the \$25 prize money to be put up by the CCCL for the State Championship. Entrants must be willing to play in SF in Championship, as that is a requirement for the winner. If you wish further information, contact Austin at 1608 42nd St., Sacramento.

There are plans under way to hold a Northern Calif. Sectional Tourney in Sacto this fall, also over Labor Day. This to take care of players who cannot play in State Champ. or Open Tourneys. Plans have not been completed on this, so if you have any suggestions please mail them to the

Editor of Sacramento Chess News. This will probably be a three-day, five round Swiss event, with suitable prizes. Perhaps it won't even call for an entry fee. More information on this in next News.