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"Week Of Chess" Passes Test

GARY CHESS CLUB RESUMES CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

After a lapse of two years the Gary Chess Club is reestablishing the Gary City Championship Tournament, last won in 1944 by D. O. Brooks (of South Bend), an out-of-town member of the club. Preliminary play began February 9 at the Gary (Ind.) YMCA with D. E. Rhead, president of the Gary Chess Club, serving as referee.

The Gary Chess Club is sponsoring "chess classes" for grade and high school students, although adults will not be barred because of age. The classes meet in the Indiana room of the Central Library under the sponsorship of D. E. Rhead and Ed. Mitchell, director of the Gary Works' "Good-fellow Club." Acting as instructors are Wallace Kosiba, team captain of the Gary Chess Club, and George Tarkane, organization secretary. Mr. Seelark, Gary librarian is the cooperating sponsor of the movement in making room available in the library for these classes.

REVIVAL OF OLD COLONY CHESS LEAGUE PLANNED

On December 22nd at the invitation of Hy Fine of the Attleboro (Mass.) Chess Club, delegates gathered from various New England clubs to discuss a revival of the Old Colony Chess League. Mr. Worcester of the Quincy Y. (Mass.) Chess Club was elected temporary chairman of the league and Mr. Hamm of the Attleboro Club temporary secretary and treasurer.

Clubs represented at this organizing meeting were: Providence, Pawtucket, Attleboro, Fall River, Quincy and Brockton. Worcester was not represented but had already intimated a willingness to join, while the newer organizations in New Bedford and Woonsocket were also expected to enter when the league begins to function.

I. A. HOROWITZ IS UNDAUNTED BY TRAIN WRECK

When the Southern Pacific "San Joaquin Daylight Express" was wrecked near Kingsburg, Calif., on February 4, traveling chess-master Horowitz was among the uninjured passengers who were transferred to autos for completion of their journeys. So little daunted was Horowitz that the same evening in his exhibition at the Modesto Chess Club he won nineteen and drew two games. Herbert Paul of Modesto and Monty Jackson of Riverfork were the two successful gainers of the draw. The usual lecture was cancelled due to the late arrival.

The exhibition was held in the Odd Fellows Hall and drew thirty spectators. Arrangements were handled by Herbert Paul, president, Herbert Betker, vice-president, Leo Kerfoot, secretary-treasurer, and Rev. Donald G. Weston, chairman of the special events committee.

NEWTON CHESS NUTS CELEBRATE CHESS MONTH

On February 15 in celebration of National Chess Month Harlow B. Daly, former Boston Chess Champion, played a twenty-one board simultaneous at the Newton (Mass.) YMCA. He won sixteen, drew one and lost four. Successful against Daly were Charles C. Craig, Lawrence Bonney, Judge Thomas Weston and N. Cary Hayward, while Dr. Cameron A. Rae held the expert to a draw.

Among the less successful contestants were Mrs. Selma Philipp, seventyish, and John Horitz, just past ten. Spectators included former Mayor Edwin O. Childs, Middlesex County Commissioner. Arrangements were supervised by Dr. Cameron A. Rae and Carl S. Crummett of the Newton Chess Nuts.

Though the American Theatre Wing and the American Red Cross, the Newton Chess Nuts are organizing a chess group of army patients at the Murphy Hospital for Veterans at Waltham. Two Chess Nut members go to the hospital each week in this "Chess for Veterans" program.

On February 14 the Newton Chess Nuts defeated the invading team of the Brookline High School Chess Club. William Loring acted as host to this event. Final scores were:

Newton Chess Nuts	Brookline Chess
Monset	Bloom
Rae	Mittle
Orday	Rosenthal
Weston	Garrfield
Craig	Spunt
Newton Chess	Brookline Chess
4	1

KOLTANOWSKI IN BLINDFOLD AT L. A. ATHLETIC

George Koltanowski, blindfold chess expert, on February 11 gave an eight-board exhibition at the Los Angeles (Calif.) Athletic Club against members of the Club Chess Section. Guests at the exhibition were Herman Steiner and Olaf Uvestad, members of the U. S. team in the match with the USSR, who adjudged the unfinished games.

Results showed the blindfold wizard as master of the situation with five wins, two draws and one loss. Victory against him went to DeBann, while Vance and Chapman held the draws. Charles Jarrell acted as referee and Dr. Ralph Kuhns was responsible for all the arrangements.

HARRISBURG HAS DIRECTOR FOR SCHOOL CHESS

With the vim that only seventeen years can produce, John L. Costello, Jr., of Harrisburg (Pa.) has distinguished himself by organizing the various schools in his vicinity into a working chess league for active competition. In recognition of his work USCF President W. M. Byland has appointed Costello as Director of Interscholastic Chess for the central region of the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation.



Harlow B. Daly, Boston chess expert, plays a simultaneous at the Newton Chess Nuts at the Newton YMCA. Players facing Mr. Daly, right to left, are: Dr. Cameron A. Rae, Dr. Deaton E. Nutter, Leonard A. Monzert, Russell A. Fitz, Judge Thomas Weston. Standing, right to left, are: County Commissioner Edwin C. Childs and Curtis W. Hays, Men's Division Secretary, YMCA.

MERCANTILE CLUB BACK OF "CHESS FOR VETERANS"

At the Valley Forge General Hospital the "Chess for Veterans" program is in full swing. Chairman Leon Rosenfield of the Mercantile Library Chess Club (Philadelphia, Pa.) has the backing of the VA, RC and Army in his project and is already producing results. Members of the Mercantile group visit the hospital every Thursday. William Ruth, well-known Philadelphia chess player, has given a simultaneous as has Harry Morris who also talked on chess.

AIRMAIL CHESS CANADA vs. GREAT BRITAIN MATCH

An airmail chess match between Canada and Great Britain with over two hundred boards in play is sponsored by the British magazine "Chess." Entries will be accepted until March 15, 1947 by D. M. LeDain, Canadian Match Captain, 5970 Durocher Ave., Montreal, Quebec. Canada has participated in several correspondence matches with the U.S.A. and was planning one with Australia when the war intervened; but this is the first multi-board correspondence match by airmail.

ROVING CANADIAN CONTINUES TO SCORE VICTORIES

Latest news from the Continent chalks up a tie for second in the double-round tournament at Copenhagen for A. Yanofsky, the Canadian wanderer. Results were: O. Barda (Norway), 7½-2½; A. Yanofsky and J. Enevoldsen (Denmark), 6-4 each; J. Tornerup (Denmark), 5-5; Bjorn Nielsen 3½-6½; A. Rasmussen (Denmark), 2-8.

KOELSCH BESTS BARNES IN THEIR CHALLENGE MEET

On February 1 at the rooms of the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club Dr. Giles A. Koelsche, former Minnesota Chess Champion, regained temporary possession of the title by winning the final and deciding game of his challenge match with George S. Barnes. The final score was four wins for Dr. Koelsche with three draws and two losses to Barnes. On February 2nd, however, the title again becomes an open one to be gained by the victor in the Annual Minnesota State Championship Tournament, held on that date.

"VARO" CHESS CLUB IS FORMING IN LOS ANGELES

April will see the formal opening of the "Varo" Chess Club of Los Angeles, Calif. Dr. R. H. Kuhns will be president, Dr. D. Levine, vice-president, Dr. R. Barondes, secretary-treasurer. "Varo" stands for Veterans Administration Regional Office, and members of the "Varo" Chess Club will be those associated with the Veterans Administration regional work in and about Los Angeles.

NEWELL BANKS AT FIRESTONE FOR EXHIBITION

January 17th saw the visit of Newell W. Banks, checker and chess expert, to the Firestone (Akron) Chess and Checker Club. He played ten chess and nine checker players simultaneously, losing one chess game to W. E. Heacock, drawing one chess game with Joe Chirich and one checker game with Garret Deidrick.

WEEK OF CHESS DOES WONDERS AT CORPUS CHRISTI

An interesting and successful experiment in chess publicity has just been completed by the Corpus Christi (Texas) Chess Club as a warm-up for the 1947 Open Tournament to be held there this August. For one full calendar week, February 1 to 7 inclusive, George Koltanowski gave a series of simultaneous exhibitions, lectures and talks in the club rooms and in high school chess clubs in Corpus Christi and in nearby small communities. He also appeared at various luncheon and services clubs for talks, highlighted by his famous "Knight's Tour" exhibition.

The results were much more successful than even the most optimistic members of the Corpus Christi Chess Club had anticipated. By the end of the week the whole city was chess conscious. Interest grew with each day, and each exhibition was better attended than the preceding one. As a result the club uncovered a great number of chess fans who did not know of the club's existence and the Corpus Christi Chess Club in consequence almost doubled its membership. Leaders of the club now enthusiastically recommend this same procedure to other chess clubs throughout the country, confident that it will produce startling results wherever tried.

NEW BERWYN CLUB INCLUDES "CHESS FOR VETERANS"

Plans of the newly organized Berwyn (Ill.) Chess Club include a regular session each week at Vaughan General Hospital as a part of the "Chess for Veterans" program. The club grew out of a group sponsored by the Berwyn Recreation Commission and was organized into a formal club by Paul F. Anderson, at present chairman of the Publicity Committee. Plans for a more extensive program were inaugurated with the visit of USCF President Wagner who gave an eighteen board simultaneous in December. The club is now deep in its second tournament to determine the comparative abilities of its members before sallying forth in inter-club matches.

The Chess Bug Sez: by Robson



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CHESS FOR VETERANS

THERE is the danger always that once the crisis is past we forget that the victory was not gained without toil and suffering and injury. During the war chess clubs and chess players responded nobly to the call for chess entertainment and instruction in the army and navy hospitals of the country. This was "Chess for the Wounded"—one of the most far-reaching and important projects ever sponsored by the USCF.

Today in the reaction that is natural after a long, hard struggle there is the temptation to forget that victory leaves in its wake the injured and the maimed. These are more deserving of our friendship and our encouragement than their predecessors upon whom countless organizations showered attention, for they are in danger of being forgotten.

Readers of these pages know that chess is a live issue in the various Veteran Hospitals; they have seen notices of the growing groups of convalescent chess players at Lexington, at Sawtell, at Birmingham. Chess has met with the approval of the Recreation Service Department of the Veterans Administration at Washington. But much remains to be done. Many hospitals are eager to develop a chess program for their patients but lack in trained teachers and advisors; for these the encouragement and cooperation of the local chess club and individual player would be beyond price.

Elsewhere in these pages are notice of the work of individual clubs at Vaughan General Hospital in Illinois and Valley Forge General Hospital in Pennsylvania as signposts pointing in the right direction; but the work as yet lacks proper coordination. It is time that every chess club set for itself as an eternal duty, much more important than winning a few matches in interclub play, the pleasant task of promoting and encouraging the chess playing of invalided veterans in the hospitals throughout the country.

To aid in the work with veterans the USCF has a special imprinted edition of the USCF Yearbook for distribution to interested veterans as well as back numbers of chess magazines for the encouragement and instruction of players. These are available to chess clubs upon application to S. S. Keeney, Chairman of the "Chess for Veterans" program of the USCF.

Complete information on the "Chess for Veterans" program may be obtained by writing direct to: S. S. Keeney, 511 Park Bldg., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Guest Editorial

TO PLAY CHESS IS THE THING

By Mel Schubert

Secretary and Organizer, Twin Falls Chess Club, Idaho

COMPETITION is the life-blood of chess: playing to win "this particular game," having a purpose for winning "this particular game" other than simply making it "five straight" over ol' man Dilldock for the evening.

The test of a chess organization is the opportunity it provides its members for competition, planned competition of a continually widening scope. This does not mean that a chess club cannot serve those who enjoy an occasional game. But it does mean that the stimulus necessary for improving the quality of play can come only from planned competition. The responsibility for that planning rests squarely with the local club.

Those of us who live in areas remote from the recognized chess centers look enviously at the opportunities players in those areas enjoy for the stimulation of tournaments, matches and league play, forgetting such active programs did not spring full grown from the game-room of the local YMCA, but that they are the inevitable reward of steady and continued planning.

Large clubs have this competition inherent within themselves. The problem of a program for a smaller club is somewhat different. A club tournament and ladder is not enough. They become significant only as the stature of the club grows. Soon the players fall into their respective places on the ladder and unless an effort is made to maintain enthusiasm by new competition, interest stagnates.

The Twin Falls (Idaho) Chess Club has found that several three-cent stamps can work wonders in securing team matches from similarly eager groups, organized or unorganized. The club is completing its first four months of organization and in that brief period has played team matches with Salt Lake City and Logan, Utah, Buhl, Idaho; scheduled matches with Boise, Idaho; played host to a one-day Valley Tournament; and is preparing to sponsor a State Tournament this summer. We have

found that distances, always a factor in the West, are an inconvenience but not a handicap. We have found, too, that a recipe for a stimulating, although slightly bitter, chess-potion is a mixture in the proportions of two wins to three losses.

Unfortunately there is no magic passport into a chess players Utopia where tournaments, matches, and competitions come about suddenly and without effort. There is no miracle-maker who can say, "Here, and here, and here shall be active chess programs." To play chess is the thing. And the responsibility rests with the local club.

The views expressed in this Guest Editorial are not necessarily those of CHESS LIFE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

(Monthly Letter No. 39)

By Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

President, The United States Chess Federation

FROM June 30 to July 12 the second annual tournament for the Junior Chess Championship of the United States will be held at Cleveland. The Cleveland Press, the Cleveland Chess Association and the Ohio Chess Association are working cooperatively to insure the success of the tournament in every possible respect. These sponsors have generously undertaken to supply housing for sixty boys for the entire period.

When the first Junior Championship Tournament was planned at the 46th Annual Congress, held at Peoria in 1945, a Junior player eligible to enter was defined as being a boy or girl who had not yet reached his 19th birthday. The Directors are now considering a resolution to raise the age limit to 21, and although the final result will not be known until all ballots have been received, early returns indicate that the change will be made. If so, the doors will be open to thousands of players between 19 and 21.



Elbert A. Wagner, Jr.

If the anticipated increase in age limit is effected, arrangements will be made to divide the players into age groups so that the younger boys will not have to compete against older and more experienced opponents. A complete set of trophies will be awarded in each age section and a boy of 13 who is champion of his group will receive a cup identical in size and quality as that which will be awarded to the champion of the oldest group.

Then a tournament of the champions of all ages will be held, the winner of which will be proclaimed the Junior Chess Champion of the United States, and while I share the general solicitude of the other officers and directors of the Federation to protect the interests of the younger players, I am by no means persuaded that the boys in the lower age groups are not amply able to take care of themselves. No one should be greatly surprised if the next Junior Champion is 14 years old.

Careful study is now being made of such questions as to the number of places in the tournament to be allotted to each State, the determination of the players to receive the housing benefits provided by the Cleveland sponsors, and the like. Entries may not as yet be accepted, but announcement will shortly be made concerning the matter.

Meantime, junior players should contact their own State chess associations and make arrangements for certification in the event that the number of entries from their State should exceed that which may be allotted.

The Federation's junior program is potentially the biggest development in American chess and the greatest hope of regaining and maintaining supremacy in international chess competition. It merits the best efforts which can be given to it.

The Kibitzer

From the Editor's Mail-Bag

Dear Sir:

In Dr. Ferguson's list of professions who are chess players, he left my profession out and that is "Tailors."

MAX ROSENBERG,
Maryland Chess Club
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter and the enclosure. We do have a Taylor. He is not a tailor. But is a fine Taylor at that. Clarence E. Taylor is one of our Board of Directors.

DR. A. B. FERGUSON,
St. Petersburg Chess Club
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dear Sir:

The reasons for Russian team supremacy and general chessic strength is not difficult to see. Chess there has become "institutionalized." By that term I mean that it has become an institution in that country, practically like the institution of marriage, or the institution for the elimination of tuberculosis, or the institution for football games, etc. It does not operate on the basis of personal patronage, the patronage which, until the time of Dr. Samuel Johnson, operated for the writing profession from Chaucer to Shakespeare to Johnson. The trouble with personal patronage system is that it usually dies with the person.

Under an institutional setup, much of this weakness is eliminated. Humorously put, the institution of marriage keeps going regardless of what its members may think of it or how much they may wish to abolish or modify it.

I think one of the best chances for institutionalization lies in our schools. If we could get chess the official school recognition that is accorded such extra-curricular activities as football, baseball, basketball, drama, etc., chess would perhaps never have the difficulties, the ups and downs, that it has run through for some generations. As a teacher, I know that many schools would approve the inauguration of chess clubs for many reasons: many students cannot go out for athletics for physical and other reasons; many intellectual students would welcome an intellectual activity; many superintendents would welcome chess because it would keep students out of mischief during the lunch hour, etc.

The important thing would be to get chess started in the schools, no matter on how small a scale (the thin edge of the wedge must be inserted). After it has had a definite existence, no matter how small or restricted, it will become a recognized activity of the school which is the basic aim in the first place.

FRANK J. SKOFF,
Shah Mat Chess Club
Peoria, Illinois

Who's Who In American Chess

Mel Schubert

A native of Idaho, Mel Schubert had to go to Los Angeles to learn about chess some four years ago. It brings the confession that chess demonstrated why the first twenty-eight years of his life were so dull, and the promise that Mel's life will be much brighter from now on.

A cartoonist by profession, Mel Schubert is once again living in



Mel Schubert

Idaho with a family and a collection of horses, dogs and cats. To the horses he attributes the fact that he has been trying unsuccessfully to demonstrate that a knight is superior to a bishop under all circumstances.

As a player Mel Schubert is modest and depreciates his talents, insisting that the fact he finished seventh in the Major Reserve Tournament in New York instead of last merely shows the injustice inherent in all competitive games. For Mel insists that he plays an over-aggressive game, featuring backward pawns on open files, and missing the essential move at the critical moment.

But Mel is not particularly bothered by tournament rankings; his principal aim and mission, he feels, is to promote competitive chess in the inter-mountain area of Idaho. As an organizer, Mel Schubert can point to the rapid-growing Twin Falls Chess and Checker Club (USCF Chapter 142) with pride. He is still its secretary. And in addition is acting temporary secretary of the Idaho State Chess Association which is now in the process of being organized.

Scott A. Lamb

Born in Princeton, Kentucky, December 15, 1890, Scott A. Lamb did not get acquainted with chess until he came West. The future USCF Director for Idaho, who should have learned his chess in the old Louisville Chess Club during the days of Showalter, actually learned it in Kootkia, Idaho in 1915 (or rather, was vaguely but formally introduced to the game.) Scott says he remembers well that his moves were all gambits, and the other fellow always accepted them all.

It was during the First World War in the Officers Mess Hall at Camp McArthur in Waco, Texas that Scott really began to play chess. He thought he was really doing well until one evening when the Colonel invited him over for a game. Scott claims that this was his first real experience with chess. He played as hard as he could but was not quite good enough to meet the Colonel. When the session was over the Colonel explained the game of chess to Scott in terms of theory.

For the past twenty years or more Scott Lamb has been an electrician for the Milwaukee Railroad and is now settled in Avery, Idaho. This is in the Bitter Root Mountains and according to Scott is "Mostly up and down." Avery is located on the St. Joe River and it is Scott's boast that he has no trouble in catching rainbow and catthroat trout a mere hundred yards from his home.

Upon occasion Scott plays with the visiting railroaders, some of whom play a hard game of chess; but most of his chess has been in following the games of other players through books and periodicals. But with an eye to the future, Scott Lamb has been teaching the younger generation and hopes someday to send forth a new champion from the hardy mountain air of Idaho.

Under The Chess-Nut Tree

By William Rojans

It is with considerable interest that this recliner under the Chess-Nut Tree discovered in the admirable article "In Quest of Originality" by C. S. K. (C. S. Kipping) in the December issue of CHESS (the British publication) that one, at least, of the Gremlin problems published herein (December 20th) was anticipated as the composers term it by a serious published problem by F. Amelung in 1897. It represented the second (or Masked) Gremlin theme in our terminology. Mr. C. S. K. contributes in the same article to Gremlinia another early published problem by T. B. Rowland in 1896 which is an excellent example of the fifth (or Transformed) Gremlin theme which had escaped this columnist's inattentive eye.

Properly speaking, the Gremlin problem should acknowledge no composer but belong to chess tradition—and in this sense the four original Gremlin problems are true Gremlin (although this transmitter of the ancient tradition may have prompted his memory with an occasional touch of originality in presenting the four original settings, as it was many years ago when he was first tricked by them.)

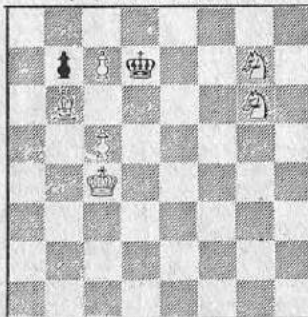
No self-respecting problemist today would resort to the low deceit of these Gremlin problems, so the fact that some of them were once accepted seriously in the problem world merely demonstrates the great advance that has been made in problem composition since 1890.



William Rojans

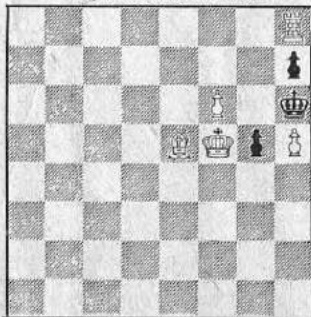
(Solution on page 4.)

V. Transformed Gremlin Theme.



White to move and mate in two.
T. B. ROWLAND
Bristol Mercury, 1896

VI. Masked Gremlin Theme



White to move and mate in two.
F. AMELUNG
Dance Ztg. 1897

Dear Sir:

There is at least one more "Gremlin" theme, i.e. the "Extra-temporal-perception" Gremlin type, which appeared in September 1938 Game Digest, Vol. II, Number 1. The problem, Games Digest No. 55, Original by W. O. Peters, whose "position is legal," is white to mate in one! The solution is given on Page 27, November Games Digest.

GEORGE G. GALLAGER,
Glendale 6, California.

CHESS CLUB OF ORANGES WINS FROM KEARNEY

In the Suburban League on February 13 the Chess Club of the Oranges (Orange, N. J.) journeyed to Kearney to meet the Kearney-Progressive Chess Club and won by the score of 4½-1½.

C. C. of Oranges	Kearney-Progressive
McGarrick.....1	Carpenter.....0
Smith.....1	Woolson.....0
Fordham.....1	Hagenbuch.....0
Lauter.....1	T. Gichner.....0
Tobler.....0	Giechler.....2
Cornish.....0	Schulman.....1

C. C. of Oranges 4½
Kearney-Progressive 1½
As a result of this victory the Chess Club of the Oranges continues to lead the Suburban League with four matches won and none lost; Irvington Polish is second with 3-1 and Elizabeth third with 2-1. Among the individual players Neidick of Elizabeth leads, F. Howard of Oranges is second, Kowalski of Polish third and K. Howard of Oranges fourth.

SO. DAKOTA CHESS ACTIVE AT LEAD AND SIOUX FALLS

The recently organized Lead Junior Chess Club which meets regularly at the Homestake Recreation Hall in Lead (So. Dak.) under the direction of Chambers Keiler has held its first tournament. There were ten entries and the winner was John Ahartz. Second place went to Junior Sento-vich and third place to Richard Wylie.

In the Sioux Falls City Tournament, now in play, McKenna leads section one of the preliminaries with 4-1; Denu heads section two with 4-0; and Hanson paces section three with 3-1.

NAME MARTIN SOUTHERN AS USCF DIRECTOR

In recognition of the growing USCF membership in Tennessee, President Wagner has appointed Martin Southern, prominent resident of Knoxville, to act as USCF Director in Tennessee. Southern is a well-known lawyer and has been for many years very active in chess work. He has been prominent both in the Knoxville Chess Club and the Southern Chess Association, and has recently been elected President of the Southern Chess Association. A man of many interests, Southern has also been very active in Boy Scout work in Knoxville.

RED ROSES CHESS GIVE DEFEAT TO ELIZABETHTOWN

Meeting for the first time on January 13, the Red Rose Chess Club (Lancaster, Pa.) dealt defeat to the Elizabethtown (Pa.) Chess Club by a score of 8½-2½. Age bowed to youth when eleven-year-old J. Frey (Elizabethtown) bested thirteen-year-old Griel Miller (Red Rose).

Red Rose Chess	Elizabethtown
M. Paul.....1	R. Miller.....0
T. Beckenrode.....1	J. Corliss.....3
J. Huss.....1	D. Seiders.....0
J. Logue.....1	H. Weiss.....0
B. Plautner.....1	T. Rodger.....0
D. Taylor.....1	R. Barnhart.....0
W. F. Hartman.....1	P. Engle.....0
G. Miller.....0	J. Frey.....1
R. Herr.....1	O. Frey.....0
K. Hoyer.....0	R. Seiders.....1
F. Wagner.....1	V. Sikorsky.....0
Red Rose.....8½	Elizabethtown.....2½

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NEW YORK STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION AT I.B.M. COUNTRY CLUB

Seated (left to right): Paul G. Giers, vice-president; Fritz Brieger, vice-president; Thomas E. McConnon, President; Harold M. Phillips, treasurer; Harold Thayer, secretary; and Ben Smith, vice-president. Standing (left to right): Jack Maribens, House Chairman of I. B. M. Country Club; Harold Evans, Committee member; Chester Hinaman, I. B. M. Chess Champion; Lynn Bryant, vice-president; Erich Marchand, vice-president; Dr. Max Herzberger, vice-president; Robert Skelding, president I. B. M. Country Club Board; Dr. Edward Lasker; William W. Winans, Publicity Director; and Donald Brooks, I. B. M. Chess Group Committee.

GEORGE BARNES IS TOO GOOD FOR MINN. CHESS CLUB

On January 22 Minnesota State Champion George Barnes gave proof that he was a little too good for the opposition in a simultaneous exhibition at the Minneapolis Chess and Checker Club.

Playing twenty boards, Barnes won sixteen, lost two and drew two. Winners against the champion were Eugene Frey and Carl Diesen, while the draws went to Peter Lowen and Vincent J. Owens.

The exhibition by Barnes will be followed in the near future with one by former State Champion Dr. G. A. Koelsche.

I. B. M. HOST TO NEW YORK CHESS ASS'N OFFICERS

A meeting of the New York State Chess Association was held February 8 at the I.B.M. Country Club to make plans for the forthcoming New York State Chess Congress to be held at the I.B.M. Country Club late this summer. Among the committees chosen to work out the details of the various contests by Thomas McConnon, president, was that composed of Paul G. Giers, Harold M. Phillips and Erich W. Marchand for the drafting of new by-laws and planning of a closer relationship between the State Ass'n and the USCF.

In addition to the annual Genesee Cup Team Matches, there will be another Team Trophy to be called the "Susquehanna Valley Cup," donated jointly by the I.B.M. Chess Group and the Binghamton Chess Club. Details on this event will be announced later.

During their stay in the triple cities of Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott the visiting officials were guests at the I.B.M. Homestead.

TWO NEW CLUBS BATON ROUGE (LA.) IN FIRST MATCH

The two recently organized Baton Rouge (La.) chess clubs sent their teams into action for the first time February 18. The match was won by the YMCA club with a score of 3-2. Following the match W. Frank Gladney, dean of Baton Rouge chess players, gave a six-board simultaneous against opponents drawn from both teams and won all six games.

YMCA Chess	Recreation Center
E. LeRoy Way.....1	C. B. Wallace, Jr.....0
H. W. Williams.....1	E. C. Currie.....0
Bruce Debo.....0	J. V. Robbins.....1
S. L. Rush.....0	C. F. Moullet.....0
M. D. Welch.....0	E. R. Brunner.....1
YMCA Chess.....3	Rec. Center.....2

PROVIDENCE Y WINS MATCH WITH FALL RIVER CLUB

On January 21 the Providence (R. I.) Y Chess Club won a five-board match from the visiting team of the Fall River (Mass.) Chess Club.

Providence Y	Fall River
Reich.....1	Keusch.....0
Peisach.....1	Kaplan.....0
T. Winsor.....0	Wernick.....1
Butterworth.....1	Ford.....0
Worrell.....1	Resendez.....0
Providence Y.....3½	Fall River.....1½

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FRENCH DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
W. ADAMS G. KRAMER
1. P-K4 P-K3 4. P-K5 P-QB4
2. P-Q4 P-Q4 5. P-QR3 P-QB4

3. Kt-QB3 B-K5
5. B-Q2 is considered best here. The text allows 5. BxKt ch. with a good game for Black. Black, however, does not avail himself of this opportunity.
6. B-B4 6. P-QK4
Kuve gives this as the refutation of Black's last move. For if now 6. P-KR1; 7. Kt-K1 Kramer, however, improves on Black's defense by capturing toward the center.

6. P-QP P-KB4 Kt-K2
7. Kt-K15 B-B2 9. Q-K4
White frequently plays this move against the French defense. One feature of this entire opening is that if White's K-side attack fails, Black's better Pawn structure gives him a superior ending.
10. B-Q3 O-O 11. Kt-B3 Kt-B3
12. Kt-K15 Kt-B4 12. Q-R3
An excellent move preparing the following Pawn-thrust.
13. P-KK1 P-KK1 15. PxP Kt-RP
14. Kt-K15 P-KK1 16. R-KK1 Kt-K2
White threatened Kt-BP followed by BxP.
17. B-K12
Preparing the following combination which takes Black unawares. The text prevents a Q-bank by Black's move 17. Q-K4.
17. Kt-K12 15. Kt-B4 QxKt

After 18. Kramer
19. QxKt!
The winning stroke. If 19. P-Q4; 20. R-KRP dble ch. and 21. Kt-Q, remaining a piece able.
19. R-R1 22. Q-B2 QR-R1
20. Q-K2 B-Q2 23. P-B5!
21. BxQP R-R5
Smashing all resistance in Adams' best style!
24. O-B3 Kt-RP 27. P-K6 ch. P-B3
25. BxKt KPxP 28. O-O-O Resigns

RUY LOPEZ

U. S. Championship Preliminaries Area 6 Tournament

Notes by R. J. Crittenden

White Black
W. H. WATTS L. J. ISAACS
1. P-K4 P-K4 10. B-B2 P-B4
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-B3 11. P-Q4 Q-B2
3. B-K5 P-QB3 12. QxP Kt-B3
4. B-R4 Kt-B3 13. P-K2 P-B2
5. O-O B-K2 14. Kt-B1 B-Q2
6. R-K1 P-QK4 15. Kt-K3 QR-O1
7. B-K3 P-Q3 16. Kt-Q5 Kt-Kt
8. P-B3 Q-O3 17. PxKt B-K3
9. P-KR3 Kt-QR4

After 17. B-K3
Isaacs
Overlooking the combination by which White obtains an almost won position,
18. BxP ch. KxP
19. B-K1, then 19. Kt-R4, P-R3 (30. K-R2; 27. Q-K7 ch. B-B2 (forced); 28. Kt-R5 ch. K-B3; 23. B-K5 ch. K-B4; 24. P-Kt4 mate); 21. BxP, and the threat of 22. Q-R5 ch. with a probable mate should decide.
19. Q-B2 ch. Kt-K1 21. B-K15 B-B3
20. PxB PxP
Of course not 21. BxR; 22. Kt-B with an easy win.
22. Q-K4 R-Q4 24. Q-K4 ch. K-B2
23. PxB PxB 25. R1-R4 Kt-K2
The Rook was threatened via 25. Q-K4 ch. R-R2; 27. Q-K7 ch. B-B2 (forced); 28. Kt-R5 ch. K-R1 or Q1; 29. Q-K8 ch., followed by 30. QxR ch.
26. Q-R5 ch. K-K2 27. R-K3 P-K5
The only move, if now 28. R-K5 ch., QxR wins a piece.
28. Q-K4 ch. R-K4 29. QxP (K4)?
29. QxP (R4) was correct, for now he wins the pawn on K4 also.
29. Kt-Q4 30. KR-K1

Solution to Gremlin Problems
1. R-KP mate.
2. R-K5 mate.
3. R-K8 (debonomas Black B)
4. R-K8

Tournament Life

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30. R-B3 preventing Kt-B5 was perhaps preferable.
30. Kt-B5 32. P-KK3 KtXP
31. K-B1 R-KR1
Grabbing pawns is not a good practice when one's King is in such an exposed position.
33. Kt-B3 R-B4 37. QxP Q-K12 ch.
34. K-K2 O-KB2 38. Q-K4 O-B1
35. Q-K4 ch. Kt-K4 39. R-R1 R-K4
36. Kt-K1 R-Kt1 40. RxR Kt-QR

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Simultaneous Exhibition, Dallas, 1947

Only game lost by Horowitz out of thirty-four boards

Notes by Richard Harrell

White Black
1. A. HOROWITZ R. HARRELL
1. P-K4 P-QB4 2. P-QB3
Unorthodox, but eminently logical. The plan is to secure Q4 and avoid trading a center pawn for Black's side pawn.
2. P-K3
White Kt cannot reach Q3, but Black chooses differently.
3. P-Q4 Kt-QB3
This looks like tempting the gods; P-Q4 seems more natural, after which Black can trade Queens with nothing worse about his game than an isolated QP; 3. P-Q4; 4. QxP (if 4. P-K5, P-K5 and Black has a favorable variation of the French Defense); BxP; 5. PxP, QxP; 6. QxQ, PxQ. The text deliberately allows White to advance his pawn to the bishop's file, though it will be weak.
4. P-O5 Kt-K4 6. P-O6
5. P-KB4 Kt-K13
The only logical procedure; White is bent on choking his opponent to death.
6. Kt-B3 7. P-K3 Kt-Q4
The course of the game is already decided; the outcome will depend not on tactical errors, but upon the basis of which player's idea is correct. White has chances for a direct attack, whereas if Black is ever able to liberate himself, he will have the better end game because of the loose White pawns.
8. Kt-KR3 P-B5!
P-Q4 must be prevented; Black cannot afford further congestion of position.
9. BxP Q-R5 ch. 10. Kt-B2
11. Kt-K13 Kt-K13
A sad slip—the capture with the other Kt is far stronger; 10. Kt-Q4; Kt-B3; 11. P-K13 (there is nothing better; White is powerless against the threat of 11. Kt-R3 followed by QxR), Kt-K17 ch; 12. K-B1, QxR ch; 13. KxKt, KtXP with a quick fianchetto of the QB and Black must surely win—the QP will undoubtedly fall also.
11. Kt-K13
11. P-K13?? Kt-K17 ch and wins a piece for if 12. K-B1, Kt(K17)-K5 ch.
11. Kt-B2 12. O-O P-B3
Black continues resolutely with his attack on the advanced pawn. It was Nimzovitch who first enunciated the principle that pawn chains should be attacked from the rear and so it goes here: the RBP, the KP, and the QP fall in order.
13. Q-K2 PxP 15. Q-K13 Q-K13
14. QxP Q-B3
Black is enamored of trading Queens.
16. B-B4
16. QxQ would not appreciably hurt Black; White prefers to develop.
16. QxQ 18. R-B1 P-QK13
17. BxQ Kt-K5!
Possibly 18. Kt-B5 plugging in the White QKt for time and—if Black wants it—winning a pawn is better, but the White KtP can be protected and—if Black then takes the QP his own center pawns become exposed.
19. Kt-Q2 B-K12 21. B-K5 R-B1
20. QKt-K4 Kt-B4
A pathetic move; Black is so tied up that he can scarcely breathe, but his position is

solid and in the sequel White ruins himself by "attacking."
22. P-QR4 Kt-K6 23. P-R5
A bit hasty; 23. P-QK13 to keep the Black Kt off B4 would offer better chances of success.
23. Kt-B5 24. PxP!
Not too much danger here, since the Black K-side can never join the defense; even after this sacrifice White still in effect plays a piece to the good.
24. Kt-B5 25. RxP
25. PxP, Kt-B3; 26. R-B3 (in such positions keep off the color of your opponent's P—thus not R-B3), R-K1; 27. Kt-R1, Q-B3 (to prevent Kt-B6 after P-KR5) and Black's K-side will finally get into the fight.
25. R-K1 27. KtXB RXP!
26. P-B4 BxKt
An attempt to hold the piece would result in disaster.
25. P-B5 RxKtP 31. R(R)xB RxR
29. R-R5 ch. K-B2 32. RxB
30. R-B1 ch. K-K13

After 32. RxB Harrell



Horowitz
This White has regained his pieces, but he has a strategically lost position because of his blocked pawns; Black rams the point home with inexorable logic.
32. R-B2 34. R-B4 R-B5 ch.
33. P-R3 R-B5 35. Kt-R2 P-R4
If 35. Kt-Q8 immediately, the check on K14 would be aggravating to say the least.
36. R-B2
36. R-B3 to protect the pawn by R-B3 (or attack Black's by R-B3) is futile for 36. R-B5 forces the R right back to B4; then 37. Kt-Q6.
36. Kt-Q6 38. R-K13 ch. K-R3
37. R-B3 KtXP 39. Kt-K15
He naturally avoids exchanges.
39. R-B5 44. Kt-K13 R-Q4
40. P-R4 R-B5 45. R-R4 PxR
41. R-R3 Kt-K5 46. K-B4 K-K13
42. KtXP R-K1 47. K-K5 P-Q5!
43. R-Q3 R-K4
A rather pretty clincher; this had to be calculated before the Rooks were traded.
48. KxP K-B4 50. KQ4
49. K-O5 P-K13
After 50. P-K13 Black can either gobble the BP and KtP or maneuver White out of the OP.
51. K-K3 53. K-K15 K-B2
52. K-K4 KxP 54. P-KM4
52. K-B4 K-K2
54. P-K13 is relatively better, but then Black tempoos with P-Q4.
54. PxP 58. K-R4 K-K5
55. KxP K-B3 59. K-K13 K-K6
56. P-R5 PxP ch. Resigns.
57. KxP K-B4

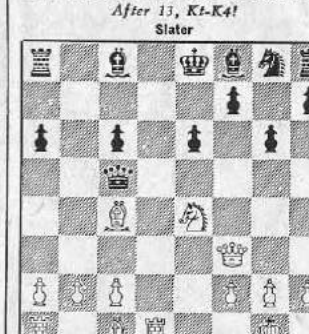
SICILIAN DEFENSE

1946 U. S. Women's Championship Tournament

Notes by Erich W. Marchand

White Black
MISS N. M. KARFF MRS. K. SLATER
1. P-K4 P-QB4 4. KtXP Kt-KB3
2. Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3 5. Kt-QB3
3. P-Q4 PxP
Of course not 5. Kt-Rt, Kt-PKt; 6. P-K5, Q-R5, Q-R4 ch. winning a Pawn.
5. P-Q3 6. B-QB4

Playable and trappy, but not best. After 6. P-K3 White's B(B4) will prove to be misplaced. Experience shows that K2 is the proper place for this piece against the Sicilian. One reason is to protect Kt4; another is to play P-KB4 and B-EB3.
7. P-KK13 S. P-K5 Kt-Kt1
7. KtXP PxKt
Not 8. P-K5; P-K5; 9. BxP ch. wins the Queen. Better than the text, however, is 8. Kt-Q2.
9. Q-B3 P-K3
10. P-QP P-Q4 10. KtXP! etc. P-QR3
Development is sadly needed, but 11. P-R3; R-K2 is met by 12. R-K5 with practically a forced win.
12. R-Q1 Q-B4 13. Kt-K4!
If now 13. QxR; 14. Kt-B6 ch., KtXKt (if 14. Kt-K2, 15. KtXB, R-K1; 16. B-K5 ch.); 15. QxRt wins at least the exchange.
After 13. Kt-K4!



Karff

13. Q-K15 Q-KK16 15. Q-O5 R-R2
14. Kt-O6 ch. BxKt 16. B-K3 R-Q2
15. QxP ch. K-K2 20. O-B6 ch. K-K12
16. QxB ch. K-B3 21. B-OB5
17. Q-O4 ch. P-K4
Not 21. QxB, RxB ch. wins the Queen. Black has come out of her troubles admirably but still should lose.
21. Kt-KB3 26. Q-K16 R-QB1
22. B-O3 P-K5 27. B-Q4 Kt-Q4
23. P-K2 Kt-Q1 28. QxRP Kt-B5
24. P-QB3 Kt-K1 29. B-K3 Kt-Q6
25. RxR BxR 30. BxKt
This makes the win more difficult due to Bishops of opposite colors.
30. PxB 35. B-R6 P-B3
31. R-Q1 B-K4 36. B-K3 R-K1
32. Q-O6 R-QR1 37. P-QR4 B-R3
33. P-Q3 Q-K5 38. P-QK14
34. Q-Q3 Q-K3
This overlooks Black's strong reply which practically forces the draw. The key to such a position is to place the Pawns as far as possible on the color the same as the opponent's Bishop. For example, White is weak on the white squares. A good way to proceed would be 38. Q-QK14; 39. P-QK14; and 40. P-QB4.
39. P-QK14 Q-K16 40. P-QB4 QxKtP
39. R-QR1 Q-K17 41. QxQP BxP
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Black deserves great credit for her difficult defense in this game.

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