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CENTERPIECE: We are several days late with this issue for a good reason. We felt that you would want to read all about the AMERICAN OPEN, held at Santa Monica this weekend, rather than wait for two weeks. So here we are.

HOW LARGE IS LARGE?

That is the question that really tells the story of the first AMERICAN OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT, held at the Del Mar Hotel, Santa Monica over the Thanksgiving weekend. Eagerly awaited for many weeks, publicized in all the chess magazines including TERRACHES, did it really come off big as expected?

Well, the number of entries exceeded anything previously achieved in So. California, not counting the Expert Candidates Tournaments. Onehundred and twenty-two (122) players of all strengths forked out \$20 or \$25 entry fee to have a chance for a really hefty prize in the 8-rd. Swiss over the four days. As a number, this is of course tremendous. It outdid all other previous Santa Monica tourneys. But, in comparison to the U.S. Open and National Open, it fell short - mainly due to the lack of the considerable exodus of visitors from out-of-state expected. With a prize fund of \$2360, the tournament broke even or fell slightly in the red, but we must consider that this was the first event of its kind and we could expect an even greater success next year. The indications of the AMERICAN OPEN equalling the National Open are definitely evident; and we may have a real nationally famous, prestige tourney on our hands. Well and good, So. California deserves it!

Quality-wise, the event cannot be beaten. No less than 18 masters and grandmasters and 19 experts were on hand to take a bite of the top prizes; names like BENKO, EVANS, SAIDY, WEINBERGER, RIVISE, BLACKSTONE, HENIN, MARTIN, LESSING, SCHMITT, SPILLER, BOROCHOW, OSBUN, WILCOX, KIRBY, JACOBS, KENNEDY, HANKEN, BLOHM, KUFERSMITH, MORTZ, RADAIKIN, BLISS, ALMGREN, WANG, WARNER, GAMBOA, COTTEN are only a few of the honored participants. Wherever we looked, we greeted the southland's best - other names like STANI, FREED, Mrs. GRUMETTE, Miss OLSSON, KERLENEVICH, BULLOCKUS, PERILLO, KLEIN, FAGIN, SMRYFZAK and on and on.

AMERICAN OPEN - cont'd.

The North was well-represented, at least fifteen to twenty players from San Francisco, Sacramento etc. being on hand. We missed U.S.C.F. President Lt. Col. EDMONDSON, whose Air Force duties did not permit his participation; and we certainly welcomed back Dr. Fernando GAMBOA from Mexico. We were also glad to see Riverside represented. The winners and final results we hope to have for you at STOP PRESS time - all we know at this writing that Mrs. GRUMETTE won the Ladies' Prize (she drew with three masters!) and G. FENNEL the Class C prize.

The facilities were pretty good, the organization swell - we kind of wonder however why, for an event of this calibre, somewhat better trophies couldn't be found. Those displayed would be adequate for maybe a club championship, but that's all.

Final standings - look at the bottom of this page - in the meantime, we go on to other miscellaneous news.

CALIFORNIA STATE FINALS.....The So. Calif. contingent have been busy completing their pre-weekend local schedule. Up-to-date results:

SPILLER leads with 3-0, defeating GROSS, SAIDI, and MAILLARD; KOVACS beat GROSS, and MAILLARD drew with SAIDI. SPILLER still has to play KOVACS, probably next week.

BI-CLUB TOURNAMENT MARRED.....The opening of MONTEREY PARK's annual Bi-Club Invitational at their new premises at the Garvey Ranch House was badly shaken by the unfortunate accident of one of its fine contestants. Steve SZIRMAY, top JPL expert, tripped over a foot high chain stretched between two poles in complete darkness at the City Park's entrance, while running (being a little late) toward the tournament hall. Steve suffered painful facial injuries in the fall, and we can only hope that they were not too severe. His game v. Joe ZIZDA was postponed until Wednesday at City Terrace. Results of other first-round games:

BESEN	O	CUNNINGHAM	1	ARGALL	A	FIRPAROFF	A
KAKIMI	A	JURADO	A	COHAN	O	RAINS	1
YARMAK	1	GLASSBERG	O	PYLE	O	BARNETT	1
BARRIOS	1	JOHNSON	O	McGRANN	O	GISH	1
BROW Dr.	1	ALLEN	O				

Postponed games: HANKEN-RADER, HULTGREN-HOKE, BENZ v. (forgot). MISSION BAY OPEN.....a somewhat disappointing tournament at San Diego's new Herman STEINER Club, with only 30 entries. A pity, especially considering John ALEXANDER's gigantic efforts to make this a real great event. Presumably the other tournaments during the same month hurt.

Won by BENKO 5-0, EVANS second 4½-½, followed by WEINBERGER, OSBUN and BOROCHOW 4 - 1. The five-day Herman STEINER MEMORIAL OPEN was not held. We hope the San Diego Club's future plans will not be dampened.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA OPEN AND QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT.....Should have given you coverage on this in our last issue, but we went amiss. A four-way tie for first among David BLOHM, Frank THORNALLY, William HAINES and Arthur WANG headed the 78-man field, under the direction of Lt. Col. EDMONDSON. BLOHM qualifies into the Calif. State Finals, to be held at the Steiner Chess Club in Los Angeles Dec. 18-19.

AMERICAN OPEN

WINNER: Benko 7 - 1

Tied for 2nd: Evans, Saidi, Kirby, Schmitt, Rivise 6½ - 1½

Expert: Marchand, Blohm, Grefe 6 - 2

Class A: Greene, Kerllenevich, Rubin, Gean, Enequist, Freed, Stewart, Follard. Class B: Mckenzie, Shuey.

SPEAK TO US, HEPTACHORD!

Add twenty to that seven, and we have the sweet, liltng music of the very enjoyable RIVERSIDE OPEN, played over the weekend of Nov. 13-14 at the Riverside Chess Club in Fairmount Park. The strings were muted for the affair, the percussion kept low and only an occasional blare of trumpets emphasized some of the better games.

The three-cornered faucet went tap-tap-tap. Tibor WEINBERGER of course is back in town from his travels in Hawaii, and celebrated his return by topping the field with a perfect score of 6 - 0, and picking up the \$100 first prize along with the handsome trophy. Instancy pays off. Robert JACOBS, last year's winner, was on cello this year, losing to WEINBERGER and ending up with a score of 5 - 1. Convection of the load across the bamboo bridge. Enos WICHER, a perennial do-gooder from Claremont, well in third with 4½-1½; due to an early loss to SKRYPZAK, he was on bass never having the chance to knock off the two leaders. By the way, did you know that an utricle is a small, one-celled, usually indehiscent, one-seeded or few-seeded achene with thin, membranous pericarp? You didn't? Well, now you know. Don't ever say that all you EVER read about in TERRACHESS is chess. Ain't so.

Other prize-winners in this fine tournament were Robert KLEIN, Steve SKRYPZAK and Donald COTTEN, sharing the Under 2000 prize; Vern FAGIN, Under 1800; Greg HERLICK and Mike KELLY, Under 1600. Directed in and out of the rain by Gordon BARRETT.

R I V E R S I D E O P E N - 1 9 6 5

Riverside, Nov. 13-14

	<u>Ratg.</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Tie-b.</u>
		<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>		
1. WEINBERGER	T. 2405	W 17	W 11	W 5	W 2	W 9	W 6	6 - 0	
2. JACOBS	R. 2248	W 12	W 15	W 7	L 1	W 8	W 9	5 - 1	
3. WICHER	E. 2124	W 20	L 5	D 13	W 14	W 10	W 4	4½-1½	
4. KLEIN	R. u/r	W 8	D 25	D 6	W 5	W 18	L 3	4 - 2	15
5. SKRYPZAK	S. 1800	W 22	W 3	L 1	L 4	W 13	W 11	4 - 2	14½
6. STANI	K. 2018	W 19	D 9	D 4	W 17	W 7	L 1	4 - 2	14
7. COTTEN	D. 1887	W 16	W 12	L 2	W 11	L 6	W 17	4 - 2	13
8. FAGIN	V. 1786	L 4	W 27	W 23	W 10	L 2	W 12	4 - 2	11½
9. FERILLO	P. 1785	W 26	D 6	W 25	W 18	L 1	L 2	3½-2½	14
10. ROGOSIN	H. 1889	W 27	W 23	D 18	L 8	L 3	W 20	3½-2½	10½
11. WALKER	D. 1847	W 24	L 1	W 20	L 7	W 15	L 5	3 - 3	13½
12. WICHER	A. 1750	L 2	L 7	W 22	W 16	W 19	L 8	3 - 3	13
13. NOEL	L. 1644	L 18	W 21	D 3	W 25	L 5	D 14	3 - 3	12½
14. SCHLOSSER	DrM.1791	W 21	L 18	D 19	L 3	W 24	D 13	3 - 3	10½
15. HERLICK	G. 1552	L 25	L 2	W 21	W 19	L 11	W 23	3 - 3	10
16. KELLY	M. 1421	L 7	L 17	W BY	L 12	W 26	W 22	3 - 3	9½
17. OLSSON Miss	G. 1760	L 1	W 16	W 24	L 6	W 23	L 7	3 - 3	8½
18. SMYTH	F. 2059	W 13	W 14	D 10	L 9	L 4	- -	2½-3½	13
19. CHOATE	D. 1613	L 6	W 26	D 14	L 15	L 12	W 24	2½-3½	10½
20. REEB	D. 1751	L 3	W 22	L 11	D 24	W 21	L 10	2½-3½	10
21. CALLAWAY	A. u/r	L 14	L 13	L 15	W 27	L 20	W 26	2 - 4	10
22. BRAATON	H. u/r	L 5	L 20	L 12	W BY	W 27	L 16	2 - 4	8½
23. NIEMI	L. 1200	W BY	L 10	L 8	D 26	L 17	L 15	1½-4½	11½
24. RENCK	J. 1354	L 11	W BY	L 17	D 20	L 14	L 19	1½-4½	11
25. RUBIN	S. 1968	W 15	D 4	L 9	L 13	- -	- -	1½-4½	9½
26. LEWIS	R. u/r	L 9	L 19	W 27	D 23	L 16	L 21	1½-4½	8
27. HENDY Dr.	A. 1536	L 10	L 8	L 26	L 21	L 22	W BY	1 - 5	

CATS TOURNAMENT COMPLETE!

With the last two sections completing their schedule, we can now run down the complete list of winners in all sections, followed by the LIONS and WILDCATS crosstable:

L I O N S

- 1. Steve SZIRMAY 6½-2½
- 2. Ralph SYVERTSEN 6 - 3
- 3. Steve PARKER 5½-3½
- 4. Steve RAINS 5½-3½

P A N T H E R S

- 1. Stan SALTER 8 - 2
- 2. Robert SEIDEN 6½-3½
- 3. F. E. SLEEF 6 - 4

J A G U A R S

- 1. Charles LARSON 7 - 1
- 2. Allan HATCH 6 - 2
- 3. Greta OLSSON 5 - 3
- 4. C. CIRONES 4½-3½

W I L D C A T S

- 1. R. LEE 7½-1½
- 2. R. HOPKINS 6 - 3
- 3. REIFSNYDER 6 - 3
- 4. Robert KLEIN 5½-3½

L E O P A R D S

- 1. Jerry FORTH 6½-1½
- 2. Martin FABIAN 5½-2½
- 3. Jerry WOLLSCHLAGER 5½-2½
- 4. Paul PERILLO 5 - 3

B O B C A T S

- 1. Hector GUADARRAMA 8 - 1
- 2. Henry GANDARA 7 - 2
- 3. Roger NEUSATEDTER 7 - 2
- 4. Dave ARGALL 6½-2½

L I O N S

		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. SZIRMAY	S.	X	1	½	0	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	6½-2½
2. SYVERTSEN	R.	0	X	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	6 - 3
3. PARKER	S.	½	1	X	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	5½-3½
4. RAINS	S.	1	0	1	X	½	1	1	0	1	0	1	5½-3½
5. HANKEN	J.	½	0	1	½	X	0	½	1	0	1	1	4½-4½
6. SAMUELSON	B.	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	½	1	1	1	4½-4½
7. WEINBAUM Dr.	S.	½	1	0	0	½	0	X	½	1	½	½	4 - 5
8. EARNEST	J.	0	0	0	1	0	½	½	X	1	½	½	3½-5½
9. HULAGREN	N.	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	X	1	1	3 - 6
10. CARR	M.	0	0	0	1	0	0	½	½	0	X	1	2 - 7

W I L D C A T S

1. LEE		X	0	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7½-1½
2. HOPKINS		1	X	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	6 - 3
3. REIFSNYDER		½	1	X	0	1	½	1	1	0	1	1	6 - 3
4. KLEIN	R.	0	0	1	X	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	5½-3½
5. BROCK	F.	0	0	0	½	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	4½-4½
6. HARDING	D.	0	0	½	0	1	X	1	½	0	1	1	4 - 5
7. RUDDER	O.	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	1	1	1	4 - 5
8. GRIESMEYER	W.	0	1	0	0	0	½	0	X	1	1	1	3½-5½
9. MAYHEW	E.	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	X	0	0	3 - 6
10. REDWOOD	R.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	1 - 8

And that ends the 1965 CITY TERRACE CATS' TOURNAMENT, 64-man strong. Next year we aim for a clear 100!

RAINS WEATHERS THE RAINS

S. JURADO 4½-1½, SYVERTSEN, BROW, ZIZDA

Steve RAINS sailed along unchartered watery streets through the last round of the MONTEREY PARK Club Championship to win 6-0. Next were

THE FALLING DROPS AT LAST WILL WEAR THE STONE.....

Truly applied to John POSTMA, winner of the WHITTIER CHESS CLUB Championship for 1965, after a long dry season of near-misses. John went through the seven rounds Swiss without a loss, allowing two draws only to So. Calif. Chess League President Larry HOKE, and G. CHICOINE.

"Much rain wears the marble"....another way of saying it a la Shakespeare, and this applies to J. BARNARD, one of the newer top players of the Whittier Club, who finished second with only a ½ point behind. BARNARD lost to POSTMA, and drew with G. CHICOINE.

"No rock so hard but that a little wave may beat admission in a thousand years".....So true in the case of Larry HOKE, who got right up there into third place, with 5 - 2. Though we understand from a reliable source that Larry is not quite a thousand years old; he may look it, due to the trials and tribulations of being League President, but it's all a decoy to fool his opponents into false security.....

Chesterfield has said, "Honest error is to be pitied, not ridiculed." So please pity us....for having the names of some of the contestants in the following table wrong. Our source information resembled Sanskrit hieroglyphics, so we may have indeed erred in Nos. 11 and 15.

W H I T T I E R C L U B C H A M P I O N S H I P
Sept - Oct, 1965

		Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Total
		One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	
1. POSTMA	J. W	17	W 13	W 2	D 3	W 8	W 5	D 4	6 - 1
2. BARNARD	J. W	6	W 7	L 1	W 10	W 3	D 4	W 9	5½-1½
3. HOKE	L. W	18	W 20	W 9	D 1	L 2	D 8	W 6	5 - 2
4. CHICOINE	G. D	5	W 14	L 16	W F	W 7	D 2	D 1	4½-2½
5. GODDARD	H. D	4	W 19	L 11	W 14	W F	L 1	W 8	4½-2½
6. ORMAN	D. L	2	W 17	L 8	W 12	W 19	W 7	L 3	4 - 3
7. HAYES	W. W	12	L 2	W 13	W 11	L 4	L 6	W 10	4 - 3
8. FRANZEN	H. W	10	L 9	W 6	W 16	L 1	D 3	L 5	3½-3½
9. LARSON	C. D	16	W 8	L 3	D 19	W 13	D 10	L 2	3½-3½
10. O'HARA	R. L	8	W 22	W 20	L 2	W 11	D 9	L 7	3½-3½
11. NIETLEN	R. L	13	W 15	W 5	L 7	L 10	D 14	W 17	3½-3½
12. GOSIEWSKI	D. L	7	L 16	W 18	L 6	W 17	W 15	D 13	3½-3½
13. HENDERSON	R. W	11	L 1	L 7	W F	L 9	W F	D 12	3½-3½
14. FYLE	J. D	19	L 4	W 17	L 5	W 20	D 11	L F	3 - 4
15. KERNES	J. L	21	L 11	W F	L F	W 18	L 12	W F	3 - 4
16. RADER	H. D	9	W 12	W 4	L 8	L F	- -	- -	2½-4½
17. KNAPP	T. L	1	L 6	L 14	W 18	L 12	W 20	L 11	2 - 5
18. GANDARA	H. L	3	L F	L 12	L 17	L 15	W F	W 20	2 - 5
19. GLASSBERG	S. D	14	L 5	W 22	D 9	L 6	L F	- -	2 - 5
20. LEWIS	N. W	22	L 3	L 10	L F	L 14	L 17	L 18	1 - 6
21. SJORD	J. W	15	L F	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	1 - 6
22. HEIDEN	J. L	20	L 10	L 19	W F	- -	- -	- -	1 - 6

Above table contains some W F and W L designations. We presume these are forfeit wins and losses, but no pairings are available.

IMPORTANT!

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"Travel gives a character of experience to our knowledge"...and the MONTEREY PARK CHESS CLUB is about to embark on such travel. They are moving to new quarters starting December 3 to:

GARVEY RANCH HOUSE

No exact address given for this park, only that it's on ORange St. which is reachable from Garvey. San Bdoe Freeway to Garfield, south to Garvey, east to Orange, south to new home.

INTO THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Clouds were being dispersed, the stars shining brighter, the Milky Way paved with marble for the 1965 Atomics International Club Championship. You may remember how well Atomics did in the League Team Championships earlier this year - finishing fourth in Division C, with a plus score.

Well, apparently, under the direction of R. L. McKISSON, the club just concluded an atomically powerful tournament, with 23 entries and not one forfeited game! That's what we like to hear.

ATOMICS INTERNATIONAL CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A.I., 1965

	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Total	Tie-br.
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six		
1. GYSBERS	J. W 21	W 3	W 4	D 10	D 2	W 9	5 - 1	16½
2. KOLIN	H. W 20	W 18	D 7	W 5	D 1	W 4	5 - 1	13
3. THOMSON	W. W 17	L 1	W 12	W 15	W 6	W 8	5 - 1	12½
4. ROBINSON	N. W 15	W 11	L 1	W 7	W 10	L 2	4 - 2	15½
5. ALLEN	W. W 14	W 6	L 10	L 2	W 7	W 13	4 - 2	14½
6. BILIBIN	K. W 19	L 5	W 11	W 13	L 3	W 12	4 - 2	12½
7. BERGGREN	R. W 8	W 9	D 2	L 4	L 5	W 19	3½-2½	15
8. KORST	W. L 7	W 23	W 17	D 9	W 11	L 3	3½-2½	12
9. FAELTEN	E. W 16	L 7	W 18	D 8	W 19	L 1	3½-2½	11½
10. WARNER III, C.	W 23	W 12	W 5	D 1	L 4	- -	3½-2½	10
11. ERVIN JR. G.	W 22	L 4	L 6	W 16	L 8	W 18	3 - 3	12
12. WITTELER	L. W BY	L 10	L 4	W 23	W 14	L 6	3 - 3	11½
13. GEHLAN	W. L 18	W 20	W 16	L 6	W 15	L 5	3 - 3	10½
14. McKISSON	R. L 5	W 19	L 15	W 18	L 12	W 20	3 - 3	8½
15. CHER	M. L 4	D 22	W 14	L 3	L 13	W 21	2½-3½	12
16. ZETO	R. L 9	W 21	L 13	L 11	D 17	W 22	2½-3½	10
17. HOFFMAN	N. L 3	W BY	L 8	L 22	D 16	W 23	2½-3½	8
18. JORTNER	J. W 13	L 2	L 9	L 14	W BY	L 11	2 - 4	12½
19. HALL	W. L 6	L 14	W 20	W 21	L 9	L 7	2 - 4	12
20. ROMO	F. L 2	L 13	L 19	W BY	W 22	L 14	2 - 4	9½
21. EICHELBERGER	R. L 1	L 16	W 22	L 19	W 23	L 15	2 - 4	8½
22. SEAGAL	D. L 11	D 15	L 21	W 17	L 20	L 16	1½-4½	9
23. ARMSTRONG	J. L 10	L 8	W BY	L 12	L 21	L 17	1 - 5	10

The first three finishers received trophies. In other club activity, 16 entrants mauled each other in a 6-rd Swiss Rapid Transit Tourney, won by J. LAJCIK, second H. KOLIN, with 5-1 and 4½-1½ scores. They also received trophies to mount on their spaceships.

Played in the Riverside Open, 1965.

White, R. JACOBS

Black: D. COTTEN

1. P-K4	P-K4	7. QB-N5	N-K4	13. BxB	FxB	19. NxR	RxR
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	8. KNxN	PxN	14. Q-R5	QR-B	20. RxR+	BxR
3. N-B3	N-B3	9. P-KB4	Q-Q3	15. FxP	Q-B3	21. Q-N6+	L-Q
4. P-Q4	FxP	10. BxN	FxB	16. P-QN4	BxP	22. R-Q	L-B
5. N-Q5	B-B4	11. O-O	B-K3	17. Q-N5	B-B4	23. J-N8	Q-K
6. KB-B4	F-Q3	12. NxP+	K-K2	18. NxRP+	K-K	24. R-KB	Resigns.

In a little friendly match between CITY TERRACE and the S OFFLESS CHESS CLUB of TUJUNGA, the latter proved rather strong, defeating the local club's second team by 5 - 1.