CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

On Friday September 14 competition for the San Fernando Valley Club Championship
will start. The tournament will be a five round Swiss System. The first round to
be played on Friday September 14 at 8 p.m. Rounds 2 and 3 will be played on Sat-
urday September 15. The final two rounds to be played on Sunday September 16.
Anyone interested in participating in this event must register by September 13.
All club members are invited to participate in the tournament.
There is no entry fee to club members. We would like to see more of our woman
members participate in the tournament and attend the club.
Prizes will be awarded to all that complete their playing schedule. Titles at
stake are SFVCC champion, SFVCC women's champion and SFVCC junior champion.

TOURNAMENTS IN PROGRESS

Mort Dushman beat Arthue Drucker to take over the lead, midway in the Prize
tournament. Ben Schneider attempted to pull the curtain over Don Bicknell but
he got draped in the process.

NEW CLUB PRESIDENT APPOINTED

After long valued service to the club, Joe Mizrachi, the club President
has tendered his resignation. Travel plans in his retirement, moved Joe
to take the step.

according to the by-laws, the remaining members of the Board of Direct-
ors are empowered to appoint a replacement for any vacancy.

Jerry Levitz will serve as President and member of the Board of Direct-
ors along with Vice President Paul Polland and Secretary-Tres. Sigmund
Goldstein. Various reorganization plans are being studied and recommen-
dations will be brought to the club at its August meeting.

All club members are invited to attend the meeting, Saturday August 25,
at 12 noon.

GAMES BY CLUB MEMBERS

WHITE: Peter Schmidt   BLACK: Paul Polland

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-K4 PxP 3. P-KN4 the old Blackmar Gambit which has be-
en refuted as follows ... N-KB3 4. P-N5 N-Q4 5. P-QB4 N-N3 6. N-Qb3 B-B4
(the saving move for later) 7. P-B5 N-Q4 8. Q-N3 NxN 9. QxNP Q-Q4 this
must have been shocker, because he said he might "take a bath". 10. QxBP
QxQP 11. B-K3 Q-N5 12. B-Q2 still struggling for the initiative - does
keep black from developing... N-Q4 14. Q-R5 N-QB3 at last! a peice is
developed! 15. B-N5 B-Q2 16. Q-R4 looks good ... N(4)-N5 hidden resour-
ces - actually an attacking move. 17. N-K2 N-K6 ch 18. K-B (forced) QxB
19. BxN(6) NxR 20. NxN QxNch 21. K-K2 Q-N7ch 22. K-B Q-Q7 now all is
defended, in spite of almost complete undevelopment on K side. 23. Bxbch
QxB 24. P-B6 Q-B2 25. K-N2 R-B 26. Resigns

WHITE: Don Bicknell   BLACK: C. Crittenden

1. P-Q4 N-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-KN3 3. N-QB3 B-N2 4. P-K4 P-Q3 5. P-KR3 not too usual, has the two ideas of BK3 without being attacked by N-N5, and to make blacks P-KB4 difficult by an eventual P-KN4. 5. ... 0-0 6. B-K3 N-R3? Questionable, has the idea of trying to force P-QN4 7. N-B3 P-B4 8. P-Q5 N-B2 9. B-Q3 P-QR3 10. P-QR4 R-N1 11. R-QN1 B-Q2 12. P-QN4 P-QN3 13. 0-0 P-QR4 14. P-N5 White has blocked the Queen side, and he has a positional advantage on the King side. 14.... N-N5 15. B-Q2 N-K4 16. NxN PxN 17. P-KN4 N-K1 18. N-K2 P-KB4 must be played or Black has a cramped game. 19. PxP PxP 20. PxP P-K5 if BxP than 21. BxB RxB 22. N-N3 and Blacks control of K4 is lost plus the weakness of the open King and Knight files must prove decisive.

21. BxP N-Q3 22. B-Q3 NxP 23. N-B4 N-Q5 24. K-R1 Q-B2 25. Q-R5 B-B4 26. BxB BxB 27. Q-N4 R1-KB 28. R-N1 Q-K4 29. N-Q3 Q-B3 30. P-B4 P-R4? 31. Q-N2 K-R2 32. N-K5 R-N1 33. QR-K1 P-R5 34. Q-K4 K-R1 35. R-N6 RxN 36. PxR Q-B6ch and Black lost on time

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From Isaac Asimov's recent and very enjoyable TREASURY OF HUMOR we cull the following story:

The chess game had begun, and White moved his king's pawn to K4 in the standard opening. Black studied the board with painful concentration for fifteen minutes, then whispered in a tone of husky emotion:

"Got you! Mate in fifty-four moves!!!!!"

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FRENCH DEFENSE

1. P-K4 P-K3 2. P-Q4 P-Q4 3. N-QB3 B-N5 4. P-K5 P-QB4 5. P-QR3 This, the main variation of the Winawer, has undergone many stringent theoretical tests over the past 25 years. 5.... BxNch Better than 5.... B-R4; 6. P-QN4 PxQp; 7. Q-N4 N-K2; 8. PxB PxN; 9. QxNP with good play for White, Smyslove Botvinnik, World Championship Match 1954.

6. PxB N-K2 There has been much debate whether this or 6.... Q-B2 is best.

7. Q-N4 White chooses the tactical continuation, which compels careful play by both parties. The positional 7. P-QR4 favored by Smyslove and more recently by Fischer, is also playable here, 7.... Q-B2 8. QxNP R-KN1 9. QxRP PxP 10. N-K2 QN-B3 11. P-KB4 B-Q2 12. Q-Q3 PxP 13. R-QN1 Evidently a new try in this position which up to this point is MCO(10) p155, column 44. Keres recommends 13. N-N3 at this turn. 13.... 0-0-0 14. B-K3 N-B4 15. B-B2 P-Q5 16. P-KR3 P-KB3! 17. PxP P-K$ 18. P-KN4 P-K5! 19. QxKP KR-K1 20. Q-Q3 QxP Black has opened the position up with a series of sharp pawn-moves. He now has control and a strong attack in compensation for the sacrificed P.

21. B-N2 RxNch Acarefully calculated sacrifice of an exchange which insures Black of a continuing attack, since it prevents the safeguard 0-0 by the White K. 22. KxR R-K1ch 23. K-B1 R-K6 24. Q-B4 N-Q3 25. Q-R4 R-K7 26. KxR P-Q6ch 27. PxP QxQ 28. KR-QB1 N-Q5ch 29. K-B1 P-B7 30. BxN QxB 31. RxPch K-Q1 32. K-K2 B-N4 33 R-Q2 N-K5! 34. BxN QxBch 35. K-B2 Q-B5ch 36. K-K2 Q-K4ch 37. K-B2 QxPch 38. K-N1 Q-Q5ch 39. R-B2 QxP 40. R(1)-N2 Q-N6ch 41. R-N2 Q-K6ch 42. K-R2 Q-K4ch 43. K-N1 B-B3 44. QR-Q2ch K-B2 45. R-QB2 P-QN4! 46. P-KN5 K-N3 47. P-N6 BxR 48. RxB Q-Q5ch 49. K-R2 Q-N2 50. P-KR4

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