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## A SPECIAL REVIEW

Names and events - laurels and thorns - the old and the new - feel like refreshing your mind about it all?

Then sit back comfortably by the fireplace, light up your pipe (or cigarillo), pat the dog beside you and relive the year with us. If you don't have a fireplace, a candle will do; if no pipe, have a brandy beside you; and if no dog, invite a stray one in.

### JANUARY

SOFT BREEZE - The year evokes nostalgic memories when Allan TROY takes the helm of the So. Calif. Chess League once again, this time bringing along Mrs. Carol TROY as League Secretary. Darrell RADER is elected Vice-President, with Larry HOKE and Gordon BARRETT remaining at their posts as Treasurer and Tournament Director respectively. Ken FLESHMAN is appointed Asst. Tournament Director.....

TORNADO Whirling and twirling at the fast pace of play, Henry WALPUSKI sweeps the field bare in winning the El Segundo 30-30 with a superb score of 11-0. One of the finest performances seen locally.....

CYCLONE Percentagewise, Bill MAILLARD equals Henry's great showing with a 7-0 final score in the Monterey Park Invitational. Bill finishes 1½ points ahead of Art SPILLER.....TYPHOON The biggest storm of all creates havoc at Pasadena where 87-yr old E. B. ADAMS pulls off the amazing feat of winning the accumulative Rapid Transit Championships played on three separate nights.....

### FEBRUARY

SWING Thirty-one teams of the jet set are practicing judo, karate and yoga in preparation of the year's biggest event, the SCCL Team Matches. Newcomers to the scene include the Northridge, Student and Bechtel clubs, and the Pillsbury Independents....

FEBRUARY - cont'd.

....Santa Monica is welcomed back into the fold, along with Long Beach....JIG Yet another tournament won by a perfect score: Donald COTTEN wins the Pasadena Club Championship with 6-0. Al LARSEN and Mike COTTER finish runnerups in the 37-man field.... TROT Young Larry NEZHNI starts on the road to fame by winning the Northridge Club Champ. a

M A R C H

SYMPHONY The team matches sway in full swing, early results showing Santa Monica, Long Beach and Steiner (Division A), Whittier (Division B), Atlas and Occidental (Division C) and Monterey Park, Aeronutronic, Whittier Quakers and Atlas as the teams with the best initial momentum....RHAPSODY El Segundo once again shows the way, in staging its successful El Segundo Open, the first of a series of big ones to follow. One of the best-organized events with full support of the city, it hosts 99 fighters of all strengths, crowning Dr. A. SAIDY as the winner with 5½-½; SAIDY finishes ahead of seven others, an illustrious list including Robert JACOBS, Bob REYNOLDS, Charles HENIN, Pat EBERLEIN, Art SPILLER, Karl STANI and William STEWART....

A P R I L

EPOCH The star-studded Steiner Club Team coasts to the SCCL Team Championship with a 28½-13½ point count, 4 points ahead of Santa Monica. In Division B, Whittier again rules the waves with 24-12, the Student Club following close behind. In Division C, Atlas climbs the highest mountain (28½-13½), nipping Whittier by 1½ pts.; while in Div. D, play-off honors are achieved by Aeronutronic and Atlas, both finishing at the 27½-14½ mark in "regulation time". Aeronutronic does the nipping in the second encounter....SHORT STORY The Atlas Club institutes the novel idea of a Double Saturday tourney, drawing 22 for its opener. Young Peter RHEE emerges from the deep waters to take this one, ahead of Robert HARSHBARGER.....

M A Y

NOVEL San Bernardino boasts its best attendance ever (71) at the new Town Hall of the San Bernardino Inland Center. One of the strongest too, as evidenced by winner Tibor WEINBERGER (5½-½) and runnerups Dr. A. SAIDY, Jim TARJAN, Robert JACOBS and Sid RUBIN. The event offers a Handicap Prize won by Dave CONWIT.....NOVELLA El Segundo, not sitting on its laurels after its great Open, hands out trophies to winner Irwin LYON and next-in-line Don WILDSCHUTZ in its 1967 Rating Tourney....ESSAY Philosophers and analysts go to work in studying what goes wrong with Morphy Day and the traditional North-South Match and activities at Fresno. On Morphy Day, the schedule of events is revised with good intentions, but results in cancelling the old-time Yank-Rebel match; it also has the lowest attendance in many a year. Revamping needed? At Fresno, the Western Memorial Day Open (won by John BLACKSTONE) sinks into the depths with only 20 players - this after a disappointing southern turnout for the N-S Match, where a good number of Northerners had to be switched as southern standins. The North takes the match 17-15, but it's hardly a "true" match.... FILLER John BLACKSTONE and Phil SMITH take the State Rapid Transit title in a small turnout, while the Morphy Day Rapid Transit title is practically consumed by Leslie SIMON.....POEM Morphy Day's most outstanding event takes place at 4 p.m., when Mrs. Jacqueline PIATIGORSKY is elected into the SCCL Hall of Fame. We could only convey sincere congratulations - there's no one more deserving.

STOP PRESS! SANTA MONICA RATING TOURNEY STARTS JAN. 8.

J U N E

BOLD ADVENTURE - A tremendous idea is advanced by Darrell RADER to further chess in So. Calif. in the form of a Chess Promotional Fund and Program, whereby nine great tournaments would be organized primarily to enhance new players. Idea shelved, at least temporarily, due to conflicting schedules of other new tournaments and the need for more extensive planning.....SAFARI Martin RUBIN of Sepulveda bags elephants and lions in collecting the Expert Candidates Finals crown, with a fine showing of 9-1, just ahead of Sid RUBIN (no relation), 8-2. Martin gets there by winning the S.F. Valley preliminary section, while Sid slides in after tying for first at Atlas. Other section winners: Lee CORBIN and Kim OGDEN, San Bernardino; Robin TAYLOR, El Segundo; Fred BROCK, Irv BESEN, Don COTTEN and Andy VINOCK, Pasadena; Wallace THOMSON, Atomics; Jon TINDALL, Whittier; and Myron COOK, Atlas.....CARAVAN William STEWART tracks across dunes and traps to win the Calif. Junior Championship.....EXCURSION The hand of Djinn guides your editor to the top of the City Terrace Open, ahead of Steve PARKER and Irving BESEN.

J U L Y

CAVALCADE Again, a month of record-breaking - starting with Santa Monica's Pacific Southwest Open, drawing 129 entrants over the July 4 weekend! Top honors are shared by Tibor WEINBERGER and Robion KIRBY, 6½-½, ahead of the San Diego cruiser, Dave ANDERSON, Dr. A. SAIDY, and Jerry HANKEN.....PROCESSION Bakersfield catapults into chess fame through the tremendously strong (40% masters and experts) Ernest Shields Open. After last-minute switching of playing site, wholesale redirecting of player-traffic and other minor elements of confusion, newcomer-to-area Walter BROWNE heads the caravan ahead of seven stalwarts like John BLACKSTONE, Irving RIVISE, Dr. SAIDY, Tibor WEINBERGER, Dave ANDERSON, Frank THORNALLY and Laszlo BINET of Venezuela. Both BROWNE and BINET emerge on the scene as two very formidable forts....

A U G U S T

JUST AS WE SAID BINET shows his teeth and sinew in topping a very strong So. Cal. Open at Santa Monica, wearing down Robert JACOBS in a 100+ move marathon in the last round to emerge on top with 6-0. Carl PILNICK takes second ½ point behind....All and sundry on vacation.

S E P T E M B E R

GIANT Ah! Fresno, the Hacienda, the excellent California Open topped by a 13-hour marathon for the Championship between Charles HENIN and Jim TARJAN. HENIN takes title on tie-breaking, adding to his Calif. State Championship crown; TARJAN and a visitor from Seattle, Viktors PUPOLS also at the 6-1 mark.....KING-SIZE In headhunter country up at the North American Valley Club, Mike LEIDNER swims to safety in the Summer Rating Tourney at 5-1.....LILLIPUT Ted CULLEN cuts up the wood in the Whittier Woodpushers Tourney, Ted KEMMERER sizzles in the Whittier Summer Warmup (6-0) ahead of George HUNNEX....TREK The Downey Chess Club changes its quarters to Golden Park, almost at the same time as Pasadena moves out of its old Del Mar hut.....JUNGLE The cats are on the move at City Terrace, big-maned lion Jerry HANKEN clawing all others with 7½-1½. Lithe cat Cesar MARIN is next at 6½-2½.....Bengal tigers Steve CROSS and Irv BESEN leap to victory in that cat-section.....COLOSSUS Walter BROWNE, Ronald GROSS, Laszlo BINET and Jerry HANKEN qualify into the State Finals from the So. Calif. Championships held at the Atlas Club. Dave ANDERSON cuts a path through the Class A section, while Robert KLEIN reaps the harvest in the B field. Kim COMBONS, Charles CARTER and Floyd COHEN top the C, D and E/unrated sections.....

O C T O B E R

AURORA BOREALIS Marcelino SIERO lights up the Santa Monica Amateur Open sky, with lesser waves rippling behind him including Sven ALMGREN, Bruce ANTMAN, John DAVIDIAN, Fernando GAMBOA, Dennis LITRELL, Peter RHEE and Gordon BARRETT....COMET Class C/unr. section of the sky above scarred by the Larry NEZHNI streak.....  
TWINKLERS Dave ANDERSON shines in the Amateur Rapid Transit at Santa Monica, while Frank HOWARD gleams through the El Segundo Warm-up....  
JUPITER Plans for a GHEORGHIU simultaneous backfire, but an impromptu Grandmasters' Tourney turns up the sun as Dr. A. SAIDY and W. ADDISON orbit in precision. Dr. SAIDY reaches the Saturns in a simul at NAA Valley Club, P 32, W 24 D 4 L 4.....BUZZ-BUZZ Fight of the Bumbler B at Monterey won by J. MATHIS, 5-0.....INTERNATIONAL MASTER William ADDISON P 16, W 15 L 1 at NAA, his one loss being to Mike LEIDNER who pulls off same feat against Dr. SAIDY previously.....PLUTO A bit out, Donald COTTEN sudden deaths Greg HERLICK to take the Redlands title.

N O V E M B E R

COWBOYS AND INDIANS Trophies and scalps all over Whittier as Robert GISH takes the Whittier Amateur Open.....while Hector GUADARRAMA, a regular at this sort of thing, tops the Fall Rapid Transit....D'ARTAGNAN Allan TROY whips the men of Guise in the El Segundo Club Championship, 5-1, ahead of Henry WALPUSKI.....HUSKIES The year's biggest, Santa Monica's American Open sweeps all in exuberance and momentum - a fabulous event of 131 at the Hotel Miramar, won by Dr. A. SAIDY (7½-½) ½ point ahead of Pal BENKO. John BLACKSTONE equals BENKO's score; Walter BROWNE is next at 6½-1½. Forty masters and experts mix it up in this great Thanksgiving weekend event....SHEPHERDS A new name emerges on the horizon: Edgar HURT Jr. wins the Whittier Club Championship on tie-breaking ahead of Hector GUADARRAMA....POODLES Northridge gets in the news with its Club Championship, handily taken by Hal MILNER, 7½-½, ahead of Mike LEIDNER, 6-2.....

D E C E M B E R

ROAR The Lyons are at it again at El Segundo this time. Lynn BEAVERS rules the savannah in a novel tourney, the LYON'S SHARE, in which a new system of prize-awarding is tried with good success. Mathematicians have a heyday.....SCREAM Excitement rules the NAA Valley Club, as Mike LEIDNER takes the title just a short way ahead of your editor.....TOPPER OF ALL

What could be more fitting to finish the year than the tremendous California State Championship, hosted by the Steiner Club and producing the new State Champion: Walter BROWNE, who showed the shape of things to come back in Bakersfield. Final crosstable:

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1.	BROWNE Walter	X	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	7½-1½
2.	BINET Laszlo	0	X	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6 - 3
3.	BLACKSTONE John	½	1	X	0	1	0	1	1	½	1	6 - 3
4.	HANKEN Jerry	½	0	1	X	1	½	½	0	1	0	4½-4½
5.	HENIN Charles	0	1	0	0	X	½	½	½	1	1	4½-4½
6.	TARJAN Jim	0	0	1	½	½	X	0	½	1	½	4 - 5
7.	GROSS Ronald	0	0	0	½	½	1	X	½	½	½	3½-5½
8.	WEAVER Norris	0	0	0	1	½	½	½	X	0	1	3½-5½
9.	OSBUN Erik	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	1	X	1	3 - 5½
10.	FRITZINGER Dennis	½	0	0	1	0	½	½	0	0	X	2½-6½

Sorry! Omitted Ronnie GROSS' win in the Riverside Open. And there we are. A great 1967. Can we top it in 1968? It's up to you. Please forgive us for a dreadful omission: the San Gabriel Valley Open. We'll make it up in next issue - full details!

TO START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT, how about some international news?

At Mallorca, Spain - - Bent LARSEN tops a field of 18 with 13-4, ahead of BOTVINNIK and SMYSLOV, 12½-4½; PORTISCH, 11½-5½; GLIGORIC, 10½-6½, and IVKOV, 10-7. Others in the tourney include MATULOVIC, LEHMAN, TORAN, DONNER etc.

LARSEN lost to BOTVINNIK and MEDINA.....

BOTVINNIK lost to DAMJANOVIC (only loss)....

DONNER beat SMYSLOV....

Venice, Italy: DONNER first, 11-2, ahead of PETROSIAN and EVANS.

Re our upcoming playoff match - RESHEVSKY, HORT, STEIN - we learn from a reliable source that STEIN and HORT will not come to Los Angeles to play RESHEVSKY, unless the qualifying matches are extended to four apiece instead of 2. If RESHEVSKY wants 2, he has to go to Europe.

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A FEW THINGS IN STORE FOR YOU IN 1968:

Jan 26-28      A great Santa Monica Tourney  
Late February - Candidates Playoff Matches  
Early March - Another great Santa Monica event  
April -      Visalia Open; El Segundo Open  
May - middle - A fabulous tourney in Long Beach!

And of course, starting early in March, the SCCL Team Matches.

Be sure to attend the League meeting this Friday, Jan. 5 -  
be ready for the Team Matches!

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The time is approaching for the next selection of an outstanding chess personality into the So. Calif. Chess League's Hall of Fame. Club representatives will be given a little history on all eligibles at the next League meeting, so we won't repeat them all this time, but it is in order to give a little background on the newest addition to the Honor Roll, Mrs. Lina GRUMETTE:

A top woman player, who scored many successes in recent years in So. Calif., counting many masters and experts among her victims. For many years the life and soul of the Herman Steiner Chess Club, putting in relentless hours in building and organizing that fine club. Also, acted as the right-hand to Mrs. PIATIGORSKY, Hall of Famer, in the two great PIATIGORSKY CUP Grandmaster Tournaments and other activities such as the Student Club, Women's Club etc. A steady representative of the South at Fresno and one of the best-known lady players in California. A deserving addition to the Honor Roll.

Other names on the Honor Roll, from which this year's Hall of Famer will be selected: Herbert ABEL, Judge FORMAN, Alex TAYLOR, Isaac KASHDAN, Nancy ROOS, Herman STEINER, Bernard OAK, Irving RIVISE, and Gordon BARRETT.

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