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THE CALIFORNIA OPEN STORY

They've been arriving sparsely and in droves, through Friday night till Saturday morning at eleven, from the High Sierras and San Diego and Campo and Santa Maria and of course the big cities of California. Three of them even came from Mexico, and one from South Africa. They have been signing up at the Hacienda, enjoying this spacious motel's floorshows and other facilities, and above all, they've been playing chess.

Man, have they been playing chess! Not for years do we remember so many overlong games, eight of them going over seven hours, one being adjourned and re-adjourned. It was 91 of the most tenacious crowd you could find - eight masters, 25 experts and some real dark horses further down. Three charming ladies, Mrs. BETTENCOURT, Mrs. CARPENTER and Heidi ELLIS also entered and they all managed to get a share in the prize money! Similarly, the three gentlemen from Tijuana, Mexico, Joes MONDRAGON, ROMERO and Dr. GAMBOA, as well as GRIVAINIS from South Africa (we'll be honest: he didn't just come for the weekend to play) all took a welcome share. Anyone dare say we're not generous hosts?

The man of course who had the least complaints and is glowing like a beacon today, is our new California Open Champion,

J E R R Y H A N K E N

of the City Terrace Chess Club!!!

TERRACHESS hereby extends its heartiest congratulations to Jerry, who topped the field by a clear $\frac{1}{2}$ point, ending up with the score of $6\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. His only draw was against WEINBERGER in Round 5; among his victims were masters Z. KOVACS and J. MONDRAGON. Along with first cash prize of \$158, Jerry also received the Championship Trophy, a beautiful, massive Aladdin's lamp-type trophy which we're sure he will treasure. With first place, Jerry also receives an automatic qualification into the Calif. State Finals at San Francisco over Thanksgiving.

THE CALIFORNIA OPEN STORY - cont'd.

Our congratulations are also extended to runner-ups Tibor WEINBERGER and Walt CUNNINGHAM, who finished with 6 - 1, also to Ray MARTIN and Irving RIVISE who ended up at the 5½ mark.

Here's the complete prize breakdown: (For an analysis of the new prize setup, see elsewhere in these pages)

First & Trophy: \$158 J. HANKEN
 Second-third \$ 83 each T. WEINBERGER and W. CUNNINGHAM
 Fourth \$ 47 R. MARTIN
 Fifth (tie) \$12.50 each J. MONDRAGON and Z. KOVACS

Categories: Under 2200 1. I. RIVISE, \$39
 2. (Tie) C. HENIN, A. SPILLER, RADAIKIN,
 R. HOPPE, D. BLOHM \$5.20 each
Under 2100 1-2 (Tie) R. LAVER and H. BULLWINKLE, \$30 e.
Under 2000 1. Dr. GAMBOA, \$30
 2. N. MILLER, \$10, WOOD \$10 (Tie)
Under 1900 1. A. KANAMORI, \$25
 2. (Tie) D. CLARK and F. HARRIS, \$8.50 each
Under 1800 1. L. O'DOAN \$24
 2. (Tie) S. RAINS, ROMERO \$8 each
Under 1700 1-2 Tie: T. ELLIS, P. VAYSSIE, \$17.50 ea.
Under 1600 1-2 Tie: H. ELLIS, GRIVAINIS, \$17.50 ea.
Ladies Prize 1-2 Tie: Helen CARPENTER, Mrs. BETTENCOURT

All told, there were 29 prize-winners, for 20 prizes. That's almost one-third of the total entry!

C A L I F O R N I A O P E N T O U R N A M E N T

Fresno, Hacienda Motel, Sep 5-6-7

		<u>Ratg.</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Round</u>	<u>Total</u>
			<u>One</u>	<u>Two</u>	<u>Three</u>	<u>Four</u>	<u>Five</u>	<u>Six</u>	<u>Seven</u>		
1.	HANKEN J.	2167	W 70	W 25	W 43	W 8	D 2	W 9	W 6		6½-½
2.	WEINBERGER T.	2320	W 45	W 57	W 11	W 33	D 1	D 6	W 8		6 - 1
3.	CUNNINGHAM W.	2231	W 36	W 12	W 16	D 64	D 7	W 34	W 23		6 - 1
4.	MARTIN R.	2247	W 29	D 17	W 73	D 7	W 12	D 14	W 15		5½-1½
5.	RIVISE I.	2190	W 62	W 39	W 83	L 21	D 33	W 45	E 35		5½-1½
6.	MONDRAGON J.	2256	W 47	D 73	W 17	W 16	W 21	D 2	L 1		5 - 2
7.	LAVER R.	2068	W 89	W 69	W 23	D 4	D 3	D 18	D 19		5 - 2
8.	KOVACS Z.	2300	W 46	W 52	W 38	L 1	W 43	W 28	L 2		5 - 2
9.	HENIN C.	2195	W 81	W 18	L 33	W 44	W 25	L 1	W 28		5 - 2
10.	GAMBOA Dr. F.	u/r	W 63	L 16	W 36	L 12	W 29	W 48	W 34		5 - 2
11.	SPILLER A.	2126	W 74	W 26	L 2	W 27	W 49	L 23	W 32		5 - 2
12.	BULLWINKLE H.	2011	W 76	L 3	W 91	W 10	L 4	W 43	W 33		5 - 2
13.	RADAIKIN V.	2117	W 37	D 64	W 27	W 83	D 50	D 22	D 14		5 - 2
14.	HOPPE R.	2176	W 60	D 44	D 49	W 43	W 64	D 4	D 13		5 - 2
15.	BLOHM D.	2113	W 71	L 43	W 70	W 20	W 83	W 21	L 4		5 - 2
16.	ALMGREN S.	2087	W 31	W 10	L 3	L 6	W 69	D 50	W 52		4½-2½
17.	BURKE F.	2040	W 85	D 4	L 6	W 84	D 53	W 40	D 24		4½-2½
18.	EDBERG R.	2007	W 55	L 9	W 37	D 51	W 68	D 7	D 39		4½-2½
19.	JAFFRAY J.	2110	D 69	D 35	W 58	W 26	L 34	W 64	D 7		4½-2½
20.	KANAMORI A.	1750	L 53	W 86	W 52	L 15	W 38	D 33	W 50		4½-2½
21.	KUPERSMITH L.	2214	W 50	D 42	W 66	W 5	L 6	L 15	W 53		4½-2½
22.	MILLER N.	1912	L 34	W 59	L 40	W 91	W 65	D 13	W 45		4½-2½
23.	SCHMITT J.	2244	W 54	W 43	L 7	W 24	D 28	W 11	L 3		4½-2½

			Ratg.	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Round	Total
				One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven		
24.	THORNALLY	F.	2081	W 59	D 34	W 62	L 23	D 40	W 55	D 17	4½-2½	
25.	WOOD	N.	1996	W 56	L 1	W 89	D 35	L 9	W 74	W 49	4½-2½	
26.	ADAMS	W.	1940	W 77	L 11	W 61	L 19	W 37	L 35	W 63	4 - 3	
27.	ALEXANDER	J.	1950	W 84	D 32	L 13	L 11	D 41	W 69	W 66	4 - 3	
28.	BLACKSTONE	J.	2175	W 58	D 66	W 42	W 39	D 23	L 8	L 9	4 - 3	
29.	CLARK	D.	1803	L 4	L 85	W 82	W 61	L 10	W 67	W 64	4 - 3	
30.	ELLIS Heidi	u/r		L 83	L 37	W 87	L 81	W 91	W 59	W 76	4 - 3	
31.	ELLIS	T.	1675	L 16	L 45	W 77	W 57	D 43	W 83	D 48	4 - 3	
32.	FOLEY	D.	2140	W 65	D 27	L 64	D 54	W 81	W 66	L 11	4 - 3	
33.	FRIES	T.	1956	W 86	W 53	W 9	L 2	D 5	D 20	L 12	4 - 3	
34.	GRIVAINIS	K.	u/r	W 22	D 24	D 41	W 42	W 19	L 3	L 10	4 - 3	
35.	GROSS	H.	2215	W 57	D 19	D 44	D 25	D 66	W 26	L 5	4 - 3	
36.	HARRIS	F.	1801	L 3	W 76	L 10	L 59	W 79	W 81	W 62	4 - 3	
37.	O'DOAN	L.	1702	L 13	W 30	L 18	W 46	L 26	W 68	W 65	4 - 3	
38.	ROBINSON	M.	2097	W 61	W 68	L 8	D 40	L 20	W 75	D 41	4 - 3	
39.	STANDERS	L.	2000	W 82	L 5	W 71	L 28	W 60	D 53	D 18	4 - 3	
40.	VAYSSIE	P.	1649	L 52	W 46	W 22	D 38	D 24	L 17	W 61	4 - 3	
41.	WARNER	E.	2120	W 91	D 49	D 34	D 50	D 27	D 44	D 64	4 - 3	
42.	WILKERSON	M.	2001	W 72	D 21	L 28	L 34	W 85	D 62	W 44	4 - 3	
43.	BAKER	R.	1925	W 90	W 15	L 1	L 14	D 31	L 12	W 73	3½-3½	
44.	BEDFORD	M.	2000	W 79	D 14	D 35	L 9	W 51	D 41	L 42	3½-3½	
45.	BYRNE	H.	1880	L 2	W 31	D 85	W 70	W 59	L 5	L 22	3½-3½	
46.	EDELSTEIN	H.	1836	L 8	L 40	W 79	L 37	W 76	W 70	D 60	3½-3½	
47.	METHVEN	M.	1812	L 6	W 87	L 55	D 71	W 72	L 52	W 75	3½-3½	
48.	MUELLER	B.	2030	W 78	L 23	W 74	W 55	L 8	L 10	D 31	3½-3½	
49.	PARKER	S.	1947	W 88	D 41	D 14	D 53	L 11	W 51	L 25	3½-3½	
50.	RAINS	S.	1791	L 21	W 72	W 67	D 41	D 13	D 16	L 20	3½-3½	
51.	ROMERO	A.	u/r	W 75	L 83	W 68	D 18	L 44	L 49	W 69	3½-3½	
52.	SAIDI	T.	2046	W 40	L 8	L 20	W 58	D 62	W 47	L 16	3½-3½	
53.	SMITH	P.	2137	W 20	L 33	W 60	D 49	D 17	D 39	L 21	3½-3½	
54.	ANDERSON	D.	1803	L 23	W 78	D 84	D 32	L 55	L 65	W 76	3 - 4	
55.	BETTENCOURT	S.	1580	L 18	W 81	W 47	L 48	W 54	L 24	L 30	3 - 4	
56.	CORNWELL	J.	1550	L 25	L 70	L 57	W 78	L 58	W 89	W 86	3 - 4	
57.	CUNEO	R.	1800	L 35	L 2	W 56	L 31	W 82	L 61	W 81	3 - 4	
58.	FAGIN	V.	1774	L 28	W 80	L 19	L 52	W 56	L 63	W 79	3 - 4	
59.	FOTIAS	C.	1675	L 24	L 22	W 88	W 36	L 45	L 30	W 83	3 - 4	
60.	HUNEKE	C.	1786	L 14	W 79	L 53	W 67	L 39	D 71	D 46	3 - 4	
61.	NICHOLSON	N.	1680	L 38	W 63	L 26	L 29	W 90	W 57	L 40	3 - 4	
62.	OAKES	G.	1787	L 5	W 82	L 24	W 90	D 52	D 42	L 36	3 - 4	
63.	RASMUSSEN	G.	1930	L 10	L 61	W 76	L 65	W 71	W 58	L 26	3 - 4	
64.	ROBINSON	N.	1899	W 67	D 13	W 32	D 3	L 14	L 19	L 29	3 - 4	
65.	SACCUZO	D.	1764	L 32	L 84	W 80	W 63	L 22	W 54	L 37	3 - 4	
66.	SYVERTSEN	R.	1994	W 80	D 28	L 21	W 85	D 35	L 32	L 27	3 - 4	
67.	WISE	W.	u/r	L 64	W BY	L 50	L 60	W 89	L 29	W 82	3 - 4	
68.	ZVERS	J.	1800	W BY	L 38	L 51	W 89	L 18	L 37	W 78	3 - 4	
69.	EDELSCHICK	D.	1680	D 19	L 7	W 78	W 73	L 16	L 27	L 51	2½-4½	
70.	HOKE	L.	1765	L 1	W 56	L 15	L 45	W 88	L 46	D 71	2½-4½	
71.	IRWIN	R.	1684	L 15	W 90	L 39	D 47	L 63	D 60	D 70	2½-4½	
72.	JACHENS	W.	1577	L 42	L 50	L 75	W 80	L 47	D 86	W 84	2½-4½	
73.	MYHRO	R.	2045	W 87	D 6	L 4	L 69	L 39	W 84	L 43	2½-4½	
74.	SANDERS	W.	1750	L 11	W 77	L 48	D 75	W 73	L 25	-	2½-4½	
75.	ZIZDA	J.	1903	L 51	L 89	W 72	D 74	W 84	L 38	L 47	2½-4½	
76.	BETTENCOURT Mrs	1590	L 12	L 36	L 63	W 86	L 46	W 80	L 54	L 54	2 - 5	
77.	CARPENTER Mrs.	u/r	L 26	L 74	L 31	L 79	L 78	W 87	W 90	W 90	2 - 5	
78.	CLARK R.G.	1597	L 48	L 54	L 69	L 56	W 77	W 88	L 68	L 68	2 - 5	
79.	COHAN	R.	1568	L 44	L 60	L 46	W 77	L 36	W 90	L 58	2 - 5	
80.	GANDARA	H.	1503	L 66	L 58	L 65	L 72	W 87	L 76	W 88	2 - 5	
81.	GROSS	B.	1790	L 9	L 55	W 86	W 30	L 32	L 36	L 57	2 - 5	
82.	RADER	D.	1556	L 39	L 62	L 29	W 87	L 57	W 91	L 67	2 - 5	
83.	WILSON	C.	1933	W 30	W 51	L 5	L 13	L 15	L 31	L 59	2 - 5	

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84.	DUNCANSON	D.	1440	L 27	W 65	D 54	L 17	L 75	L 73	<u>L 72</u>		1½-5½
85.	GAZSE	M.	1600	L 17	W 29	D 45	L 66	L 42	- -	- -		1½-5½
86.	SCHULZ	A.	1448	L 33	L 20	L 81	L 76	W BY	D 72	L 56		1½-5½
87.	BUSH	J.	1600	L 73	L 47	L 30	L 82	L 80	L 77	<u>W 91</u>		1 - 6
88.	CARPENTER	L.	u/r	L 49	L 91	L 59	W BY	L 70	L 78	<u>L 80</u>		1 - 6
89.	CASTLEBERRY	G.	1673	L 7	W 75	L 25	L 68	<u>L 67</u>	<u>L 56</u>	- -		1 - 6
90.	GASH	M.	u/r	L 43	L 71	W BY	L 62	<u>L 61</u>	<u>L 79</u>	<u>L 77</u>		1 - 6
91.	OLMSTED	D.	1710	L 41	W 88	L 12	L 22	L 30	L 82	<u>L 87</u>		1 - 6

Here are the tie-breaking points for the leaders:

WEINBERGER 22½, CUNNINGHAM 22, MARTIN 23½, RIVISE 19, MONDRAGON 23, LAVER 21½, KOVACS 21, HENIN 20½-29, GAMBOA 20½-28½, SPILLER 20-28½, BULLWINKLE 20-27, RADAIKIN 19, HOPPE 18½, BLOHM 17½.

HIGHLIGHTS - SPOTLIGHTS - SIDELIGHTS.....

at the Calif. Open, Fresno

There may be nothing new under the sun, but there was plenty under the lights.....A player announced "I resign" tipping his King halfway over, then trumped it with "No, I don't" and moved his Queen instead. (The King had no move.) He later won the game.....Another player, obviously an optimist, offered a draw, left his opponent pondering for some time, then withdrew the offer before his opponent's acceptance or next move. He lost the ensuing argument of course.....

Adjusting a man on the board without saying 'J'adoube' a problem? Not when the opponent is on the move and the adjuster has laryngitis and can't speak! (Incidentally, for those of you who may not be aware of it, one's supposed to adjust on one's own time, not on the opponent's.)Open question: What to do with a player who insists on adjourning an easily won game, hoping he'll get a weaker opponent by his game being considered a draw for pairing purposes? Of course he's out of luck if the Tournament Director sees through it, but....actually, this has happened a number of times in recent tournaments.....

Talk about adjourned games being considered draws for pairing purposes - - a T.D.'s woes are unending. He looks at a game, finds an even position (each side has six pawns, two rooks, a queen and three minor pieces and the Kings are protected by the FBI), considers it a draw for pairings and goes on merrily with his work. Later he is chastised by a group of players who insist the game is an easy, definite, irrevocable win for one or the other and how could he call it a draw for pairings.....And they're right. After all, they've just analysed it for 58 minutes.....

Round 2 provided some real entertainment in the convention hall next to us....an Armenian dance-gathering, playing the type of music Lawrence of Arabia used when charging his enemies.....Someone aptly termed it "Music to Have Time-trouble By".....Won't happen next year.....

Our appreciative thanks to C.E. SWETT for his able assistance in the tournament. Also thanks to Nathan ROBINSON, H. D. RADER, BOBO, Larry HOKE and others for their assistance.....

Seems like everyone enjoyed it and will be back next year. How about you who wasn't there? Will we see you there??

 The way things are (we had about ten hours of sleep all told over the four-day weekend) all other news will have to wait. IN OUR NEXT ISSUE - full details about City Terrace's great CATS TOURNAMENT, first results of the Tournament of Champions, the San Gabriel Valley Open and lots of other goodies.

THE NEW PRIZE SETUP.....EXPLAINED

An innovation in the prize structure this year resulted in 29 prizes in eight categories, creating a lot of satisfied prize-winners -- and it may be that we have found a new system of awarding prizes which will successfully supersede the generally practiced Class A, B, C etc. setup. The system has its pros and cons, and we'd like to cover some of these here now, then invite comments from you all.

HOW IT WORKS

Instead of awarding Class prizes, like Expert, A, B, C etc. prizes are given in categories of an Open Fund, Under 2200, under 2100, under 2000, under 1900, under 1800, under 1700 and under 1600. To illustrate: The conventional expert prize, under the old system given to the highest-finishing expert, can now be won by the highest-finishing ANY player under 2200 (in other words, all except masters) and in the case of under 2100 category, the highest-finishing ANY player except masters and top-half experts. Similarly, the old system's Class A prize, awarded to the highest-finishing Class A player, can now be won by the highest-finishing ANY player rated under 2000 (or 1900).

Of course, EVERY player, including an unrated one, is eligible for the Open Fund prizes. An unrated player is eligible for all prizes in all categories. (He's under everything.) Only one prize per player may be given; and it has to be the largest sum possible for him to win. This is an important rule, because a player may easily be eligible for several prizes.

A player, through his entry fee, contributes a certain amount to his category's prizes, half as much to the next highest category, half as much again to all closest higher categories, with the balance going to the Open Fund. For instance, a 1725 player, contributing \$8 to the total prize fund, breaks it down as follows: \$2 to Under 1800, \$1 to Under 1900, 50¢ to Under 2000, 50¢ to Under 2100, 50¢ to Under 2200 and the balance, \$3.50, to the Open Fund.

POINTS FAVORING THE NEW SYSTEM

1. A greater number of prizes are awarded than before.
2. By far the majority of players are eligible for more prizes than before.
3. An unrated "dark horse" (in the majority of cases) no longer deprives a Class C player from his prize, (Old system often categorizes Class C and unrated together for a prize), as in all likelihood he will win a higher prize. (And if he's that good, he deserves it.) The old system's unrated "shutouts" are a bone of contention among Class C players.
4. A player, through his entry fee, contributes only to those categories he is eligible to win.
5. The usual top prizes are NOT reduced. The Open Fund is quite compatible with any old top prize setup.
6. As players cannot be sure which prize they may win, the new system creates extra excitement and suspense - good for the soul.

POINTS AGAINST THE NEW SYSTEM

1. Due to its complex nature, it is pretty hard to explain to players how it works. Of course as time goes on, players will learn, but there will always be uninitiated ones yearning for an explanation.
2. In general, the tournament must be completely over before prizes can be awarded, as one outstanding game at top level may affect ALL the prizes. This means undue waiting-around, or a mailing of prizes which is a psychological letdown. Several players may leave not knowing whether they won a prize or not.

3. May take a lot of extra time for the T.D. to figure all prizes, due to the many alternatives. We say "may" because experience could speed up process.
4. The rule of choosing the best deal for a player creates a superficial inequality among players who finish with the same score.
Example: There are five players (score 5 - 2) tied for and eligible for fifth prize of the Open Fund, which is \$25. This means \$5 for each. However, 3 of the 5 players are also eligible for a lower prize of \$30; this means \$10 for each. As \$10 is more than \$5, the 3 players receive this amount, leaving the other 2 to share the \$25, which is \$12.50 each. Result: Even though five players are tied with the same score, 3 get \$10, the other two get \$12.50 each.
A true enough situation, but it benefits all parties - each gets more than the \$5 they'd have received originally!

S U M M A R Y

Points in favor:

1. More prizes
2. More chances to win
3. Unrated problem solved
4. Top prizes NOT reduced

Points against:

1. Hard to explain
2. Late prize-distribution
3. More work for T.D.
4. Ties receive different amounts

Tournament Director's comment - Being the "guinea-pig" in trying out the new system, we believe it is feasible, especially as experience will minimize its complexities.

We owe a great vote of thanks to H. D. RADER, Tournament Director of the So. Calif. Chess League, who originated the idea. Good work, Darrell!

Could be that the new system is slated for USCF consideration and big things - so get with the analysis!! Let us hear from you.

Next TERRACHESS out Sept. 22.