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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

If we remembered all that's ever been said or written about Christmas, absorbed the intrinsic values the Christmas season offers, and followed the principles inherent in all the words throughout the year, we'd all be great and wise men, constantly amicable and kind toward our fellow-men.

But we're not great and wise, because we limit those principles to Christmas and spend the rest of the year in dire suspicion of each other, always expecting the worst. We are capable of better things, but too afraid to take the lead towards accomplishing them. We are just men.

Some of us are chessplayers. This doesn't make us extraordinary, but it provides us with an opportunity to practice the goodwill and friendship at our clubs throughout the year -- an opportunity we should be grateful for.

Let's make the most of it this coming year, shall we? Think about it this Christmas.

And have a Merry, Merry Christmas!

WE SALUTE

....The new officers of the City Terrace Chess Club for 1962! Unanimously elected last Wednesday, we greet --

Edward T. WILLETTE, our new President!

Mr. WILLETTE has been a staunch supporter of our club for a couple of years or so, during which time he proved himself to be a most likeable, helpful and loyal member. A sincere individual, always a sportsman, he will undoubtedly serve as a top President. Many congratulations, Mr. WILLETTE!

For the post of Vice-President, we say Hallo to Robert GISH, another ardent club-supporter. Bob is well-known in chess circles in So. Calif., having participated in numerous tournaments from east to west. He is also well-liked, quiet but firm, and an ideal choice for Vice-President.

Our new Secretary is none other than Mike REINA, who did such a great job directing the OAK Memorial Open for us. Easy-going, always ready to serve, Mike is definitely one of the most reliable members of the club.

In the role of Treasurer, we salute a well-deserving, trustworthy and always amiable gentleman -- Yuri OGANESOV. He has actually held this job since the passing of Mr. OAK, doing a great job, and we are indeed pleased that he's been now elected for a full year.

Our new Tournament Director is a newcomer to the club, though well-known (sometimes too well!) in So. Calif. chess circles: Jerry HANKEN. Big in size, Jerry has a heart to match, and has a great sense of humor which undoubtedly balances his tendency to get into trouble. He is an experienced Tournament Director, serving in that capacity in Cincinnati and in Los Angeles.

The new post of Publicity Director and Magazine Editor has been allotted to your editor -- who, incidentally, will also serve as Chairman of the Board which is an automatic appointment that follows the Presidency.

Appointed to the Board, and thus also forming the core of club officialdom, are: C.E. SWETT, H. D. RADER, B. KAKIMI, Leo HILLMAN and R. ENRIQUEZ. These men have all proved themselves loyal club-supporters in the past, most of them having served as CLUB officers.

And there we are -- the new appointments for official duties for the City Terrace Chess Club in 1962. Don't you agree that we have a GREAT group of men serving YOUR interests?

CASTLES FOR THE TAKING

Not since the days of Oliver Cromwell have there been so many Castles given away, as in Round Three of the Bi-Club Tournament at San Gabriel. RADER displayed his generosity first, though causing quite a bit of concern as your editor believed he was up to some of his usual ambushing shenanigans. WILLETTE, in an advantageous position, attacked ZIZDA's Queen, forgetting that Queens have a habit of taking unprotected castles. CARPENTER, in time-trouble, put his castle en prise in a drawn position against HUSTGREN.

Steve PARKER in the meantime was attacking BENZ's domain left and right, but got only as far as the moat where he quietly drowned. BROW actually got inside OGANESOV's fortress, but got lost in the secret passages and never found his way out. Fred FRILLING had a vicious dragon guarding his castle, but it did not deter GLASSBERG who fought his way through, probably with the help of the Firebird's magic feather.

KAKIMI and RAINS met squarely on the DRAWbridge. BAKER and LARSEN likewise agreed to a truce early on. Incidentally, RAINS and SWORD will play off their first-round game, which will eliminate the byes given to them earlier.

Results -- Round Three:

HULTGREN	1	CARPENTER	0
BAKER	½	LARSEN	½
RADER	0	BARRETT	1
KAKIMI	½	RAINS	½
SARLEY	1	SWORD	0
FRILLING Fk.	1	YOUNG	0
PARKER	0	BENZ	1
SMITH W.E.	1	GAYLOR	0
SLEEP	1	IRWIN	0
MANN	adj.	KEESEY	
OGANESOV	1	BROW	0
GISH	1	SMITH W.O.	0
ZIZDA	1	WILLETTE	0
LAUSHKIN	1	DAVIS	0
GLASSBERG	1	FRILLING Fd.	0

From Round Two:

OGANESOV	1	IRWIN	0
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There'll be no play Friday Dec. 22. Play resumes on Dec. 29 at the Monterey Park Club.

Standings to date:

At <u>3 - 0</u> :	HULTGREN BARRETT	At <u>1 - 2</u> :	YOUNG GAYLOR BROW LAUSHKIN ZIZDA GISH PARKER MANN GLASSBERG SWORD
<u>2½ - ½</u> :	LARSEN BAKER KAKIMI RAINS	<u>½ - 2½</u> :	IRWIN SMITH W.O.
<u>2 - 1</u> :	CARPENTER KEESEY BENZ FRILLING Fk. SLEEP SARLEY RADER SMITH W.E. OGANESOV	<u>0 - 3</u> :	FRILLING Fd. WILLETTE DAVIS

Correction: KEESEY and MANN, 1 - 1.

FAST-DRAW TIME

Are You ready? Fast on the draw? Your fingers just itching to press that clock as fast as you can? You'll get your chance in City Terrace's Rapid Transit Tourney next week, Dec. 27, when 5-MINUTE addicts will have their day. Entry fee, \$1.25 -- four prizes depending on number of entries, probably in the neighborhood of \$10, 5, 3, 2. Bring your set and clock -- come early. Starting time, 8.00 p.m. Don't forget!

CALLING ALL NOVICES!

For a big NEW Tournament starting Jan 3, limited to those rated 1750 or under, or unrated. Seven rounds, U.S.C.F. rated, running through January and February -- with time off for the RESHEVSKY simultaneous in February.

Entry fee: \$5. Four prizes, probably in the region of \$32, 20, 10, 8. U.S.C.F. membership required. Time-limit, 50 moves in 2 hrs. Let's have a big turnout -- our last Novices Tourney held in the spring was a great success, and we want to keep up the tradition, don't we?

Incidentally, tournament is not limited to actual novices -- old-timers rated 1750 or under are also eligible. It's just a name, readers.....

SHADES OF KON-TIKI

Twenty-two experienced seafarers set out on a 64-squared raft across the stormy Steiner Ocean last Friday, on their journey towards the islands where the Club Championship Finals will be held. After the first leg of the voyage, several of the sailors are already longing for the warm hearth of their homes -- S. SALTER, for instance, newest City Terrace member, lost most of his supplies by a WARNER wave, while Frank HUFNAGEL got the worst of it in a fight with a giant squid, OCTOPODA CUNNINGHAMIA. Emil BERSBACH was overwhelmed by the glowing Southern (Bobby) CROSS, while HANKEN found half of his bait stolen by flying fish of the SMITH variety. M. GORDON is pleased though: he caught GUILAROFF unawares in his net.

Results, Round One, Steiner Club Championship Preliminaries:

SMITH	½	HANKEN	½
ROBINSON	adj.	MEGO	
CROSS	1	BERSBACH	0
HUFNAGEL	0	CUNNINGHAM	1
QUILLAN	1	FRIES	0
KUPERSMITH	0	KERLLENEVICH	1
CONWIT	1	DUNAI	0
GUILAROFF	0	GORDON M.	1
WARNER	1	SALTER	0
MARON	1	ROGOSIN	0
STANDERS	adj.	HOMOLKA	

The tournament is a six-rd. Swiss, played on Fridays. Seeded into the finals are: BOROCHOW, KOVACS, MOSKOWITZ, RIVISE and WEINBERGER.

REED CARPET TREATMENT.....

.....and welcome mat is due to.....S. SALTER, newest clubmember. Sam has played in the OAK Memorial Open, did pretty well too -- glad to have you with us! Also to the following new TERRACHESS subscribers:

F. E. SLEEP, renowned Downey Chess Clubmember, and local tourney-frequenter.

J.A. SWORD, President of the Whittier Chess Club, and League representative.

W. IRWIN, the Ezio Pinza of local circles, every inch a staunch supporter.

???? and ???? -- who is next? Would like to see your name here, too, you know, if you're not already a subscriber or member.

GLOWING BRIQUETTES

Mike REINA scored decisively against R. GISH in their five-game match (or best-of-seven), ending on top with a score of 4 - 1. The games were not as one-sided, though, as the score indicates -- all were hard-fought encounters.....The China Lake Club, site of a recent tourney won by MYHRO, issues a magazine called "Horsing Around" about once a month, copies of which are on display "on stage." All members are free to look and read: the magazine is most entertaining.....The next League meeting will be held on Jan 3, at the W. & P. Chess Club's premises. The upcoming team matches will be widely discussed. Any club-representatives reading this (Messrs. HULTGREN, BERSBACH, SWORD, RADER, MISNER, BELL and others, please be sure to bring your tentative calendar of events along....)

Hope to bring you full news coverage of the Downey Opening Tournament next week.....Anyone wishing to buy clocks, let one of the officers know, preferably our new Secretary M. REINA. We can obtain some pretty good ones from Ralph HAGEDORN, So. Cal. League Treasurer who is ordering quite a number of clocks for various clubs. We are getting some for our club, too, incidentally.....For a bit of hilarity, you should have seen the five-minute rapid games played between HANKEN and your editor last week, on ENRIQUEZ's huge chess set whose King measures about nine inches..... Merry Christmas!

BLUE CHIP PARADE

That's right -- we want a Blues on Parade that outmarches Woody Herman!

Come forward, everyone, now's the time -- we need blue chip stamps, as many as you can spare. Bring a book, half-a-book, a page or what you have. If you don't collect them, stop by at a Blue Chip giving gas-station next time you fill up. Let's get the 7/8 books required to get a big coffeemaker for club nights! Your editor's electric kettle is pro-testing -- besides, it's more convenient to make coffee just once or twice, than nine or ten times. So let's get those stamps rolling. The idea, by the way, was born in the heads of our Treasurer OGANESOV and SWETT, to save club funds. It's a great idea. We have one full book already -- only six plus to go. Hand your stamp-contributions to Mike REINA next time you're in. Thank you very much.

HIS NAME IS.....

The above title is one you'll be seeing from now on as a new regular feature of TERRACHESS, spotlighting someone, man or woman (in which case it'll be HER NAME IS, naturally) in a little silhouette of a personality. It is our intention to introduce as many chessplayers to all others as possible this way, all in a nutshell. This Christmas time we feel is an appropriate time to start our feature -- therefore

HIS NAME IS.....

CHARLES EDWARD SWETT, Chairman of the Board of the City Terrace Chess Club.

President in 1960, did a tremendous job in improving club relationships, activities and fostering friendship everywhere. A regular board member, full of ideas which are quite definitive; all in all, a great asset to the club.

C. E. SWETT - continued

A regular tournament player, can give a heap of trouble to anyone facing him. Ends up on the plus side of the ledger in most tournaments, but has not exhausted his full potential as far as playing ability is concerned as yet. Has a good knowledge of openings, likes a combinative game. His draw against HANKEN in the OAK Memorial is a pearl.

A member of the engineering profession we believe, Charlie lives in Highland Park with two pretty ladies surrounding him: his wife, and teenage daughter LINDA. Linda is also a chessplayer, often seen at the club. Charlie SWETT has a pearl-type handwriting that's fully artistic, but graphologically we won't reveal what else it signifies!!

A most likeable man, with an assuring smile, great sense of humor and a good conversationalist. Doesn't get mad often -- and let's hope this is one of those occasions when he doesn't. You see, we forgot to tell him this was coming.....

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

A special Christmas feature, covering the year's events

What was the year like? What did 1961 offer to the chess world in the Southland? Well, maybe a review of all that happened will refresh your memory. Maybe it will even make good reading during the holidays.

1961...without a doubt, the most overall active year in our chess circles. More clubs held more events in more months with more participants than ever before. For instance...it was the year of the first WESTCHESTER FIESTA, played at Loyola in Westchester. The first of the big-prize tourneys of the year, it attracted almost a hundred players for its two main sections. The top section was won jointly by T. WEINBERGER and L. SIMON, the former coming out ahead on Solkoff points. Larry EVANS, in the only tournament he played in during the year, lost his last round game to WEINBERGER, and ended up with 4½ points along with Z. KOVACS and J. HANKEN. The Consolation Section was won by F. BURKE with 4 - 2. All that was in January.

It was the year when 27 teams entered the So. Calif. League team matches, started in February. Winners were decided by sections: the top section was won by Santa Monica, the Eastern section by Downey (with a tremendous score of 8 - 0), Western section by South Bay. Our City Terrace Challengers won their section, with 5½-2½, and obtained a nice trophy which is on display.

Right after the team tourneys, Monterey Park held a 5-minute Rapid which was won by J. TITONE, ahead of G. BARRETT, M. SARLEY and J. ZIZDA. Twelve players participated in this popular event.

And of course APRIL is a month always remembered for another reason -- TERRACHESS was born on April 5, and officially inaugurated at the April 12 league meeting. We've come a long way since those first issues, haven't we?

April 19 -- The first Novice Tournament held by City Terrace, for those rated 1700 or under. It was a five-round Swiss, that saw Steve PARKER emerge as the winner with $4\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$, allowing one draw to CHAVEZ. Miss Goldie ERUS and CHAVEZ tied for 2-3 with $3\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$. A great tourney -- several new U.S.C.F. members and clubmembers were obtained.

At about the same time, five sections of the Expert Candidates got under way...at San Gabriel, Downey, South Bay, Steiner Club and...well, maybe there were only four sections. 110 participants -- but more about this later.

It was the year that Allan TROY, League President, gave a simultaneous at City Terrace, ending up with P 24, W 15, D 4, L 5. Incidentally, E. BERSBACH also gave a simultaneous earlier in the year, but our records on that event were whirled away by the trade winds.

The 3rd Annual Open at San Bernardino played host to a large group of experts and masters, and the winners were Walt CUNNINGHAM and R. JACOBS with a score of 5 - 1. L. SIMON, who won this event for the two previous years, tied for 3-7 with $4\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{1}{2}$. The tourney had an interesting side-light in the WEINBERGER-HANKEN game, which was declared a loss for BOTH players!

The month of May welcomed two new clubs in the area: the State Highways Chess Club under the direction of Robert MISNER, and the Westlake Bridge & Chess Club under the direction of J. MAIER. Mushrooming.....

Matches were also gaining in favor everywhere. City Terrace won from the Smokeless Chess Club of Verdugo Hills with a score of $4\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ during May. Other clubs were also organizing more matches. The Expert Candidates, Section San Gabriel came to an end, qualifying BROW, GAYLOR and N. HULTGREN into the finals. At Downey, the qualifiers were J. OWEN, J. FREED and D. BAKER. The following week, Steiner Club qualified BUSCH and PATTERSON; South Bay ZANCANARO and VAN DEENE. And there WERE two other sections we forgot to mention: Santa Monica, where MICHAELSON and PFEIFFER took the honors, and N. HOLLYWOOD which sent HAGEDORN into the finals.

The single biggest event in May though, was the great day for the Irish - Morphy Day. Held at Garvey Memorial Park, it combined various simultaneous events by Phil SMITH and your editor, a lecture by L. SIMON, the Yank-Rebel match (won by Yanks 19 - 11) and a Rapid Transit Tourney illuminating RIVISE and Phil SMITH of Fresno as co-winners.

What else happened during that fertile month of May? Well, the North defeated the South at Fresno by $31\frac{1}{2} - 17\frac{1}{2}$. BOTVINNIK regained his title from TAL. The Water & Power Chess Club defeated State Highways 5 - 4. And we welcomed a new club into our circle, the Whittier Chess Club now directed by J. SWORD.

Moving on, June opened with a Rapid Transit at El Monte Chess Club, won by H. RADER with a score of 15 - 3! THOMPSON finished second, half-point behind. Monterey Park organized a New Tourney, which drew 32 entries. The Expert Candidates Finals were in full session; El Monte was running a small Round Robin for five players. The Rapid was still in fashion, one at Downey being won by R. GROSS and F. FYE with 5 - 1.

June offered an lot of other activity as well; a great match between City Terrace and the State Highways Club ended up with a 6 - 1 victory for the home club. Then came the BIG event for the month: the So. Calif. Open, held at Santa Monica. Seventy-one participants played six rounds of a weekend tourney, Leslie SIMON emerging as the winner with 5½-½. His only draw was to J. MORTZ in the second round. Five players followed in his tracks with 5 - 1, including HANKEN, KOVACS, WEINBERGER, GROSS and RIVISE. The Consolation Section was won by H. ROGOSIN and G. SHERIDAN jointly.

At about the same time, the Expert Candidates Finals concluded with VAN DEENE of South Bay earning the top spot with the impressive total of 8½-1½. PATTERSON and OWEN followed with 8 - 2. Over at El Monte, J. GARREN won the "Little" Tournament --- and the So. Calif. Championship Qualifying Sections were slated to start at six clubs, but materialized only at two.

It was the year which in July launched the Summer Open at City Terrace. This was a novel tourney, seven rounds in ten weeks, allowing vacationers to compete without forfeiting any games -- but it caused some pretty hefty organizing headaches. El Monte figured in the news again, this time league-wise, by holding the Metropolitan Open which offered more trophies than the Olympic Games. In this weekend tourney, somewhat disappointing attendance-wise, S. SHOLOMSON took top honors along with Walt CUNNINGHAM, at 5 - 1; KALISCH of San Francisco and E. BERSBACH took the next two places half-point behind. The Challengers Trophy was earned by J. ZIZDA; the Reserves Trophy, by Y. OGANESOV. Other trophies were awarded to ROGERS, OWEN, WILLETTE and NEWBORN.

It was during July that the Herman Steiner Chess Club moved into its glamorous new quarters at 8801 Cashio St -- just in time for the great and controversial FISCHER-RESHEVSKY match. Of course we all know about the match (unless you were out testing satellites in another world) and we hope, read the full coverage TERRACHESS gave this event -- including memento autographs of the players and Mr. Jose FERRER.

And so we move on to August -- but maybe you'd like to take a breather here and reflect on the months so far covered. So we have a "station-break".

This is TERRACHESS, your "friendly" magazine, operating on Channel No. 1961, Opus No. 38. Keep reading.

August started off with a bang, by H.D. RADER winning the Downey Section of the So. Calif. Qualifying Tourney. W. METZGER also qualified, while N. HULTGREN and D. YOUNG took the honors at Pasadena Section. The Monterey Park Tourney also came to a finish, J. TITONE winning the top spot with a wallop score of 7½ - ½, drawing with runner-up CARPENTER. The Challengers Section of this tourney was won by R. GISH, and J. SWORD took the Reserves.

Steve SHOLOMSON turned in a fine performance at Fresno, to win the Calif. Open with 6½ points out of 7. Allan TROY won second prize at Phoenix, in the Rocky Mountain Open which was won by C. MORGAN. These two weekend tournaments coincided which was a pity but couldn't be helped.

It is with reverence that we move on to September.....For the month was greatly saddened by the sudden death of our beloved Executive Secretary and spirit of the City Terrace Club, Mr. Bernard OAK. To honor the great leader, it was decided in an ensuing board meeting that the annual Eastside Open, soon to start, be renamed the OAK Memorial Open. The 5th issue of TERRACHESS paid tribute to the man who cannot be replaced.

September saw the end of the Summer Open, which was won jointly by your editor and Mike REINA; Trophies were also awarded to Challengers Section winner J. PORTH, and Reserves winner R. BUKEY. It was during this month also that the So. Calif. Championship began at the Steiner Club, with 34 entrants. A series of reports were issued to all participants after every round, to help them keep track of what was happening.

At City Terrace, an impromptu simultaneous was given by newcomer D. CONWIT, who registered four wins and a draw out of the twelve games played. At the Steiner Club, a series of important lectures were started, to be given by different teachers every week.

In October, the parade of tournaments continued. At Pasadena, 25 players entered in the San Gabriel Valley Open, including ten-year old P. LEONARD. At City Terrace, 28 contestants vied for top honors in the OAK Memorial Open. But the biggest event of the month, and probably the year, was the excellently organized So. Calif. Amateur Open at Santa Monica. Limited to those rated 2000 or under, it attracted a huge field of 88, all of whom had visions of walking away with one of the top prizes which were \$300, \$150 and \$75. D. BENGE and T. FRIES earned the honors in this one, after two weekends of eight rounds of play, the second half of which was played at the Steiner Club. Third prize was divided among tied players O'CONNOR, HENDERSON, ROGOSIN H., LEIBER, and LEWIS. H. KEESEY of Downey won the consolation Section to which no prize was attached.

Over at Van Nuys, the San Fernando Valley Open got under way with 40 entries -- a strong field. One tournament concluded during the month -- the Downey Chess Club Championship, which was won by Dale BAKER, 6 - 1. Frank PYE was second, KEESEY and VAN T'HOF tied for 3-4.....Monterey Park also sprinted off with their Club Championship, the six finishers of which would qualify into the Bi-Club Tourney in December.

Some year, if we may say so.....1961. Well, it was the year that witnessed a three-way tie for first in the So. Calif. Championship in November, among Ray MARTIN, Irving RIVISE and Walt CUNNINGHAM. Jerry HANKEN also qualified into the finals, but couldn't make it so Gene RUBIN took his place. The finals, played over the Thanksgiving weekend as a round robin which included three players from the North, LOFTSSON, WILCOX and HYDER, produced two California co-champions: I. RIVISE and T. WEINBERGER.

The San Gabriel Valley Open was won by A. LARSEN, 5½ - ½, with E. KLEIN taking second spot with 5 - 1. Downey became active again, with an Opening Tourney where a different opening had to be played each week. J. ZIZDA became Monterey Park Club Champion, with LAUSHKIN as runner-up; a challenge match between the two will be played within six months. The San Fernando Valley Open ended on a bit of a sour note, but it was all straightened out -- J. BARRY won with a score of 7 - 1, with E. BERSBACH and J. HANKEN tied for the next two places. Veteran Sven ALMGREN won a 60-60 tourney at the Steiner Club. And at City Terrace, J. HANKEN won first place and trophy at the Bernard OAK Memorial Open. His score of 5 - 1 was equalled by Neil HULTGREN and Ben KAKIMI who lost out on tie-breaking.

And so, slowly, we come to the end of a great year....December. R. MYHRO put in a great show at China Lake, to win by $4\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$; W. REBOLD tied with the same score. The Santa Monica Open, another big money tourney, saw T. WEINBERGER emerge on top with $7 - 1$; R. JACOBS followed with $6 - 2$. The Monterey Park - San Gabriel Bi-Club Invitational got under way, with a field of 30 of the strongest eastern contenders.

And the Steiner Club Championship began last Friday with ± 6 22 entries. How current can we get?

The year in review, parading in front of you. Were you part of it all? Why, of course you were. And you'll be in there pitching during 1962. After all, you're a chessplayer.....

Don't feel slighted if your name, or your club's name or event, was not covered in our review. Many activities were staged during the year which we either had no information on, or space. Or just plain forgot. For instance, there were matches between Whittier and Downey; Van Nuys and Tijuana. Steiner Club held its regular Tuesday night Rapid Transit Tourneys every week. Many simultaneous displays were given at various clubs by various people. But we did cover the majority of events -- hope you enjoyed it.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

All the very best to all of you for a very Merry Christmas!