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Precita Valley Club - Symbol of Spirit

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AL HOROWITZ WINS CHESS GAMES AND MANY FRIENDS!!!

"Precita Valley Club - Symbol of Spirit" -- this headline appeared in the MISSION NEWS SECTION by Tom Cargo of the SAN FRANCISCO NEWS just prior to the Al Horowitz lecture and exhibition. Of course, it referred to the entire community club and it couldn't have been more fitting. It can only be said that Tom Cargo and THE NEWS staff did a splendid piece of work regarding this little center in almost the heart of the Mission District. ----And, then, came Mr. I. A. "Al" Horowitz for what was supposed to be Precita Valley Club's big night!

Let's Get Acquainted

INTRODUCING HENRY GROSS-- MAN OF MANY TALENTS & BACL TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

IF YOU HAVE THE BLACK PIECES and your opponent plays 1. P-K4, look up again, because you may be facing HENRY GROSS, BACL tournament director, one of the five directors of USCF, club director of the Golden Gate Chess Club, and vice-president of the California Chess Federation. He is a man of many talents. Besides knowing how to move chess pieces to get the best results, he can also give a good account of himself playing a hand of bridge, he knows his way around a golf course, and he is a very good attorney with an office at 68 Post St. in San Francisco.

Henry Gross, believe it or not, was the first CINC "open" champ in 1953. In 1952 he tied Irving Rivise for the California state championship. Finally, in 1954, he was recognized as a master by the USCF. In the United States "open" championship last year at Oklahoma, Henry finished 10th (the highest amongst those from California) in a strong field of players, such as Arthur Bisguier, Larry Evans, Lombardy, Mednis, Fisher, and-- well, the cream of the crop in American chess. Henry, incidentally, was one of two players to get a draw with Horowitz in the exhibition at Precita Valley!

It was a big night in a sense, but on the disappointing side. The editor of CHESS REVIEW and international chess master, however, won chess games and many friends; not only at Precita Valley but everywhere he went in the Bay Area.

Yes, this is both a report of the event, and editorial. As editor of this humble periodical I wish to report the event as well as comment personally on it.

First, why didn't we have a bigger crowd? I know the excuses of the club members, but the excuses are not mine. As for that matter, I will take complete blame. Actually, the event was not a failure, but a very big success! This report will prove that it was!

The excuses are that we are a small new club, that we changed leagues at the wrong time and so did not get the publicity we should have gotten, and that we are in such a difficult place to find. Your editor wishes to correct this reasoning. Yes, we are a small club but we are growing. Yes, we did change leagues and since the old showed how lousy they are we should wake up to the fact we don't need them. We are not difficult to find-- every gas station in San Francisco has maps of the city and Precita Avenue is well printed on them.

The most important fact seems to be the publicity angle. Yes, a certain (See HOROWITZ, page 2)

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to sound religious, but even Jesus did  
 His utmost to teach us this. In other  
 words, please remember that we have no  
 ill feelings toward anybody, though we  
 are more interested in our new affilia-  
 tion.

Getting back to Horowitz-- I'm sure  
 he understands our situation and truly  
 he is a great man. He did not appear  
 to be so big he could not talk to the  
 little fellow. He showed us why he is  
 great. He gave everyone personal at-  
 tention. The only thing he complained  
 about during his whole stay in San  
 Francisco was that he "never wined and  
 dined so much!". (Well, Henry, Mac,  
 and Charlie-- what's the idea??!??)  
 Al Horowitz proved his greatness in  
 many ways. Just to name one he went on  
 an unscheduled visit with yours truly  
 up to the California State Prison, San  
 Quentin. The chess club at San Quentin  
 gave up their lunch hour just to see  
 and hear Al! So, like I said, Al made  
 a hit wherever he went, including a  
 more complimentary turnout at Mechanics'  
 Institute, which we are surely happy  
 about.

Now, the success of the event! Did  
 we not get plenty of publicity from  
 THE NEWS and KPIX (SHELL NEWS)!!!!

### C. D. 's VIEWS

A BIG SALUTE TO THE VALIANT LADY BEHIND  
 THE SCENES-- MISS MARGARET MACDONALD!!!  
 What would we do without her?

I wish to thank each and everyone of  
 you who did so much to make the Horowitz  
 event a successful one! I will not  
 name names as it would be just my luck  
 to leave somebody out.

Your C.D. would like to take up a  
 fair crowd to the San Quentin Chess  
 Club in the next month or so. We have  
 disappointed them twice, so I mean I  
 want a fair representation this time.  
 Please everyone, think of a good date  
 that we can all keep! Then, let me  
 know..... Jim Reynolds  
 117 Brewster Street  
 San Francisco 10, Calif. MI 8-5759...

### HOROWITZ (continued from page 1)

person played us dirt just to take it  
 out on yours truly. He claims to be an  
 ardent devotee of chess. If this be so  
 then he should not take anything person-  
 ally against a fellow chess lover. His  
 proper reasoning should be to make a  
 chess event successful, thus upping the  
 cause of the game, especially since a  
 fellow chess master was involved. It  
 is apparent that, as things happened, he  
 does not care particularly whether chess  
 is elevated or not, but whether he him-  
 self is elevated. --nuff said??

Actually, we did not need this  
 particular party's help, but yours truly  
 did not wish to impose upon the fine  
 assistance offered by our new affilia-  
 tion. That is why I am to blame for the  
 whole thing. I should have accepted  
 their help, but I did not wish to in-  
 trude upon the personnel of the new  
 league since we are strangers to it.

Now, let's not be antagonistic toward  
 our old associates. It is not the right  
 way, regardless of whether they feel  
 this way toward us or not. Let's adhere  
 to the old adage that two wrongs do not  
 make a right. At the moment I believe  
 our old associates are learning this the  
 hard way. Too many people go around  
 hating other people for the faults they  
 have. You can only learn to "love thy  
 neighbor" by forgetting his faults and  
 merely realizing the good things you  
 like about him. It would be a world of  
 hate if we all just looked at each  
 other's faults. We can make it a world  
 of love and peace only by noticing each  
 other's finer qualities. I don't mean

NOEL RENAUD LEADS IN SWISS SYSTEM!!

With only two rounds left to go Noel Renaud leads the field in the Precita Valley Swiss System Tourney for the "open" club championship. Noel is now the only undefeated player in the tourney after defeating Leighton Allen in the 4th round. Leighton Allen, by the way, got a draw with Al Horowitz in the recent exhibition here.

Swiss System Tourney  
Standings

Noel Renaud.....	4	0
James Cook.....	3	1
Jim Reynolds.....	3	1
Leighton Allen.....	3	1
Ivan Vegvary.....	3	1
Ed Russell.....	2	2
Bob Blakemore.....	2	2
Paul Bogosian.....	2	2
Don Hufnagel.....	2	2
Rich Moreno.....	2	2
Douglas Jerdet.....	2	2
John Ramirez.....	1	3
Carl Barton.....	1	3
Julio Ercolini.....	1	3
Walt Lewis.....	1	3
Henry Brauns.....	0	4

The following are the pairings for Round 5:

White	Black
Noel Renaud	Jim Reynolds
James Cook	Ivan Vegvary
Leighton Allen	Ed Russell
Don Hufnagel	Paul Bogosian
Rich Moreno	Bob Blakemore
John Ramirez	Walt Lewis
Douglas Jerdet	Carl Barton
Julio Ercolini	Henry Brauns

Round 5 must be played on or before 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, 1957.

A CHESS ODDITY

This is something for Ripley's "Believe It or Not" or "Strange As It Seems"-- when Al Horowitz came to San Francisco he had exhibitions at the oldest and the newest. On Tuesday, January 29th, he had an exhibition at S.F.'s newest chess club, Precita Valley, and on Wednesday, January 30th, at S.F.'s oldest, Mechanics' Institutel

OAKLAND TROUNCES PRECITA VALLEY 6-1!!

With most everybody losing won games Oakland trounced Precita Valley 6-1 in the "B" Division of the San Francisco Bay Area Chess League. With Renaud and Ryan especially having won games the Precita Valley team seemed to fall to pieces. Only Jim Reynolds, who had a lost game to F. DeLozier, managed to win for hapless P.V. So, even Oakland's only loss was on a board where they had a won game, or at least it was a draw until a blunder was made. Jim Cook had a dead draw with Art Wang but blundered it away. Here is how the scoring went:

PRECITA VALLEY (1)	OAKLAND (6)
N. Renaud.....	0
J. Cook.....	0
D. Ryan.....	0
E. Russell.....	0
J. Reynolds.....	1
L. Allen.....	0
I. Vegvary.....	0
T. Theodoroff..	1
A. Wang.....	1
D. Willis.....	1
N. Buder.....	1
F. DeLozier....	0
W. Joplin.....	1
C. Larsson.....	1
Totals	1 6

San Francisco Bay Area Chess League  
B Division - Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Games
Oakland.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mech.Inst.B.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mech.Inst.B/1.....	1	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Golden Gate.....	1	1	10-4
Precita Valley.....	1	1	5-9
Univ. Calif.....	0	1	0-7
Alameda.....	0	2	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -11 $\frac{1}{2}$

## Other Results:

Mech.Inst.B 6, Alameda 1.

Golden Gate 7, Univ. Calif. 0 (forfeit).

Next Matches Feb. 23, 1957

Oakland vs. U.C. (at Oakl.)

Alameda vs. Precita Valley (at M.I.)

Mech.Inst.B/1 vs. Mech.Inst.B

Golden Gate--bye

Mar. 2, 1957

Precita Valley vs. Mech.Inst.B/1

U.C. vs. Alameda (at M.I.)

Golden Gate vs. Oakland

Mech.Inst.B--Bye

Mar. 16, 1957

Alameda vs. Golden Gate

Mech.Inst.B/1 vs. U.C. (at M.I.)

Mech.Inst.B vs. Precita Valley (at M.I.)

Oakland--bye



GAMES SECTION (continued)

10. B-R4 P-KN3  
Necessary to castle. He also makes room for the Knight at N2 since he intends to finally land on B4.

- 11. O-O O-O
- 12. QR-N1 N-N2
- 13. P-QN4 P-QR3
- 14. P-R4 B-KB4
- 15. N-K5 BxB
- 16. QxB N-B4
- 17. B-N3 NxB
- 18. RPxN B-Q3
- 19. N-B3 Q-K2
- 20. P-N5 RPxP
- 21. PxB R-R6
- 22. Q-B2 KR-R1

22...., BxP looks like the start of a neat combination, i.e. 23. PxB, QxP ch, etc. However, it only works if White bites for the Bishop.

- 23. PxB PxB
- 24. R-N6 Q-B2
- 25. KR-QN1 R-R8
- 26. Q-N2 N-N5!

The start of a neat combination, but again, White has to bite to make it work.

- 27. P-K4 . . .

He does! Perhaps this one was a bit more deceptive or subtle.

- 27. . . . PxB
- 28. NxP RxB ch!
- 29. Resigns

After 29. QxR, QxR! and White has no answer. He had hoped for N-B6 ch but realized Black need only move his King to hold the combination.

CORRECTION DEPT.

Last month's Problem No. 1 was all cooked up. Your editor apologizes. He tried to hash it up from memory on a problem he composed some six months ago!

In Game No. 15 (Dec. '56) the note to the 4th move referred to a game between Alappin and Macrozy-- the annotator meant Maroczy. Sorry, Ed Russell, and thanks!

-----Editor

P R O B L E M C O R N E R

Problem No. 2

By Bruce Foreman, Richmond, Calif.

WHITE (8)

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. . . . . B .
. . . . . P . . K
. . . . .
. . n . . k p p
R N Q . . . . p
. . . p . . P .
. B . . . . .
. . . . .

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BLACK (6)

White to play and mate in two moves.

Answer to Problem No. 2 is on page 6.

P R E C I T A V A L L E Y C I U B R A T I N G S

The following ratings include all tournament games played up to and including February 7, 1957.

Name	Rating	Class
Leighton ALLEN.....	1454	B
E. H. BATCHELDER.....	900	C
Carl BARTON.....	1232	B
Bob BLAKEMORE.....	1170	B
Paul BOGOSIAN.....	1129	B
Henry BRAUNS.....	946	C
Steve CABITO.....	900	C
A. R. CASTELLANOS.....	1487	B
James COOK.....	1660	A
Jack CRAIG.....	1191	B
Julio ERCOLINI.....	994	C
Don HUENAGEL.....	1162	B
Douglas JERDET.....	747	C
R. P. KOVACH.....	1500	A
Walt LEWIS.....	907	C
Rich MORENO.....	954	C
Eugene NAKAMURA.....	915	C
John RAMIREZ.....	1245	B
Noel RENAUD.....	1887	A
Jim REYNOLDS.....	1480	B
Ed RUSSELL.....	1237	B
Jess SILVER.....	744	C
Ivan VEGVARY.....	1275	B

Above 2000-- Expert: 1500-1999-- A:  
1000-1499-- B: Below 1000-- C.

WELCOME STEVE CABITO!! Steve joined us on January 31, 1957. And visitors are always welcome.

HOROWITZ EXHIBITION SIDELIGHTS

RALPH SANDINO, KPIX photographer was having his troubles taking motion pictures to be shown on SHELL NEWS the following night. Players complained about the spotlights he had to use. Evidently they didn't care to see themselves on TV. Also they didn't want excuses. They merely wanted to play their best vs. Al Horowitz! The club director asked Mr. Sandino if he might not rather wait and probably have better takes at Mechanics' on Wednesday night, to which Mr. Sandino replied, "Let's build up Precita Valley!"

And, yes, leave it to John Ramirez! John sacrificed (?) two pieces to Al Horowitz, and, after doing so, did not wish to embarrass the chess master with his unclear but surefire combination, so offered him a DRAW!! Al looked stunned for a brief second and smiled, then replied, "I REFUSE!!!" As it turned out John's combination was so subtle and complicated that he could not remember it after being shocked by Mr. Horowitz's refusal and so resigned!

Then, we had our own photographers. Paul Bogosian brought along one of those very fancy and intricate gismos. He tried to teach Sue Reynolds, Jim's wife, how to operate the thing. He wanted to be sure he was in at least one or two of the pictures. Sue, not being too sure she was making good takes lined the camera several times in Paul's direction. After observing the results, Paul had to call Sue up and said, "For goodness sakes! I just wanted to be sure I was in one of them--, you didn't have to feature me in all of them!"

Doughnuts and coffee were furnished by Miss Margaret MacDonald. Our sincere thanks for her thoughtfulness and also the time she put in to help make the event successful.

It was nice seeing some old faces-- especially Jack Craig who can't get out often because of his deep studies in college, and of course, R. P. Kovach, John Akins, and Ernie Bartholomew.

HOROWITZ AT SAN QUENTIN

It was unscheduled and somewhat hard to squeeze in on Al Horowitz's very fast schedule, but following his night at Precita Valley and just prior to his exhibition at Mechanics' Institute, Al did manage to get to San Quentin. Al was greeted there by John Apostel, asst to supervisor of recreation, Mr. C. L. Swagerty who was on leave. He, in turn, was also greeted by old president of San Quentin's chess club, Nolte, and their new president, Frazier. The club is getting very democratic so have a new president about every club election.

The San Quentin Chess Club members gave up their lunch hour to see and hear Al. This did not give Al much time but he did make a hit and chatted with the members of the club and treated them as personally as possible. Upon leaving the institution, Al remarked, "I'll never regret having made this visit--, it was new and most interesting. And, say, they have quite a chess club in there!"

All during his stay in San Francisco Al kept his eyes open for a post office. The post office at San Quentin stood out like a sore thumb and Al couldn't help using the facilities. As he asked for a money order, the lady clerk on duty asked, "For somebody inside?" "Goodness no!" replied Al, "I have no relatives there!" But--, he was probably thinking, I hope I have some friends.....

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 2 IS 1. N-B2. BRUCE FOREMAN of Richmond likes to compose as well as solve chess problems. You're doing alright, Bruce, and keep it up!

THE PROBLEM CORNER is open to anyone composing an original two mover, three mover, four mover, or what have you? Just send the problem along with its solution to the editor of CHESS HERALD, address on page 2. If possible, show the solution on the back of the page of your composition because-- you see-- your editor likes to solve them too! Anyway, send them in!