

# SACRAMENTO CHESS NEWS

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The election of Jim Marianos as President of the Chess Club for 1950 was a highly successful step in the right direction. Jim has done wonders towards revitalizing a near-dead Club. Thanks is also due George Flynn, not only for his interesting articles and "Comments" in Chess News, but for his friendliness at the Club in making newcomers feel welcome. Our short friend Spaulding has given a couple hypos to the Club in the right spot. Our "VP" Sam Johnson does a good job in opening up the Club early and getting the chess sets out. A few more members helping out like this will really enlarge our Club so we might even have to look for more spacious club rooms. -- Due to many new players being present lately, we again give our Club Officials so you can contact them:

President: J. T. Marianos, 2168 6th Ave., 3-3282  
Vice-President: Sam Johnson, 817½ 26th St.  
Sec-Treas. J. B. Gee, 5425 8th Ave., 5-1821  
Team Captain: H. O. Meyer, 1409 15th St., 4-7280  
Tournament Chairman, Neil Austin, 1608 42nd St., 6-6081

And welcome back to the Club: Jim Hastings and Roy Daily. -- Heard around the Traveler's Bar, after chess club, Meyer owes his chess success to the cooperation of his opponents. (Don't we all?) And why does everyone play such a tough game against the City Champ? I wonder!

The Club dues are \$5.00 per year, or \$1.25 per quarter. Those paid up to Sept. 1, 1950: S. E. Spaulding, S. G. Johnson, N. T. Talcott, M. O. Meyer, C. J. Carey, Dick Chapman, Roy Daily, and Austin has paid to 12/31/50. Let's have more members like these fellows! Oh yess, Flynn is paid to 9/1/50 too.

The Treasurer's Report is as follows:

Balance on Hand March 10, 1950	\$31.29
Dues received:	13.50
Sale, pad of score sheets	.50
Total on hand & collected:	45.29
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
Calif. Chess News subscription	2.00
Cost of 2nd Chess bulletin:	4.00
	<u>6.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 3/25/50	\$39.29

We heartily welcome Frank Anderson and Bill Yersin as new members of the Club.

There are plenty of pads of score sheets left, 50¢ gets you 100 sheets. And copies of the 1948 Yearbook are still around - if you want one let the Sec. know.

## THE CHESS DIAGRAM

Starting with diagram #1 in this issue we hope to be able to give an interesting position each time to sharpen our eye for combinational play. Experts read no further, we are going to give a strong hint to aid in figuring out #1. Chess experts say one should investigate all checks and captures before making a move. There is only one possible check in this position. Is 1. R-R8 check as silly as it looks? Black either has to take the rook or reply 1...K-N2. Can he take the rook? Set it up on your board and test this out. Yes, White plays 1. R-R8ch as his first move...full answer in next issue.

The diagram passed out to most of you at the March 1st meeting involved White P at KN7, B at KR6, K on K5. Black Pawns on KR2 and K2, King on KB2. White to mate in four. Solution: 1. P-N8 (Q) check! KxQ 2. K-K6 K-R 3. K-B7 P-K3 or K4 4. B-N7 mate! Neat, No??



## COMMENTS

by Flynn

Last Wednesday's informal match within the Club brought up the question of naming the two teams. When Vern Gilman heard that his opponents were to be called the "Fearless Knights", he suggested, without a second's hesitation, that his side be named the "Ragged Rocks". Very good, No? The "Ragged Rocks" may have lost the match but they had the better title.

On March 15th, Sam Johnson heard that his opponent was sick. "Who is it?" Sam asked. "Milt Meyer," replied Gee. Sam groaned, "I'm sick too."

Terry Whittier, a promising new player, is a former badminton champ. So look out, boys, if he brings his racquet down to chess club -- don't get him mad. There's power in them thar wrists.

Fred Fredenberg used to play in the Portland Chess Club and says that although he couldn't beat him, he played several draws with Arthur Dake of Portland. (Dake played sixth board for the USA in the recent match with Yugoslavia.) Fred is in the lumber business and we'll lose him this summer when the woods open up, but we sure hope he'll be back next winter.

Frank Sakaoka was down to the Club last time. Frank taught himself to play chess, but has had trouble finding other players. That's just why we're here, Frank. Glad to have you with us, and watch your game improve as you get more competition.

One thing I learned when playing J. B. Gee. When you get through, you don't say "Gee." No, by Golly, you say, "Gosh!"

### THE CHESS-PLAYER'S BANQUET

By George Flynn

Two plumed knights guarded the door of the Cafe Caissa in the city of New Orleans. When I gave the password, "Mate," they permitted me to go within.

The host met me inside in a dim hallway. I could scarcely make out his four-in-hand tie, his black frock coat.

"I am Paul Morphy," he said, "Pray be seated."

While I sat at the checkered tablecloth, two waiters dressed in the clerical garb helped me in the selection of my dinner. They wore a queer hat, almost a mitre -- "Bishops, of course," I thought to myself.

On their recommendation I began the repast with Soup a la Giuoco Piano, and very good it was, too. Then came the Salad with Morphy's famous French Defense dressing -- delicious!

To lift my appetite for the main course, I downed a small tumbler of Petroff's vodka--then watched the spectacle as the two Bishops carried in between them a silver chess-board heaped high with the world-renowned entree--Fried Pawns, with Pillsbury Sauce! It was magnificent. Never did a chessplayer enjoy such food before, eaten with a Pawn Fork, of course.

It was too much. Entreat as he did, Paul Morphy himself could not cajole me into eating dessert, even though he promised me a quick game with Rook Odds. No, I had done.

"And now, my host, where is the bill?"

"Ah, nothing so abrupt as that, my dear Mate," replied Morphy, "remember who I am and look about you."

I looked around and saw nothing, but finally I lifted a saucer and there it was. .... Very softly, Paul Morphy said, "Yes, that's it. The discovered check--Mate."



## Tournament Results

by Neil Austin

Fourth round results: Gee 1, Flynn 0; Meyer 1, Johnson 0; Applegate 1, Marianos 0; Spaulding 1, Iverson 0; Trousdale 1, Yuke 0; MacDonald 1, Soligan 0; Burns  $\frac{1}{2}$ , Simonsen  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Rochelle 1, Talcott 0; standings after the fourth round are, 4-0 Gee; 3-1 Flynn, Meyer, Applegate, Spaulding; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$  McDonald; 2-2 Johnson, Marianos, Iverson, Trousdale; 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$  Yuke, Burns, Simonsen; 1-3 Rochelle; 0-4 Talcott, Soligan has 1-3 also.

Four players with 3-1 are hard on the heels of Gee. Gee has not played Meyer, Applegate, or Spaulding, so his next game will be drawn from these three. There is still a hard fight in the next two rounds for first place; and for second place perhaps a harder fight.

We will repeat that not many forfeits have been called to date. If you do not notify either Austin, Gee, or Meyer to the effect that you cannot play, you are liable to forfeiture. In case the game is not played before the start of the next round, the Committee will be the sole judge as to who should be declared the winner.

### Games from the Championship Tourney

Round 2. White: Flynn		Black: Meyer		English Opening	
1. P-QB4	N-KB3	10. Q-B	B-R6	20. Q-N2ch	K-N
2. N-QB3	P-KN3	11. B-R6	BxB	21. P-KR4	Q-N5
3. P-KN3	B-N2	12. KxB	Q-N5	22. Q-Q2	K-N2
4. B-N2	P-B4	13. BxB	KxB	23. P-R5	P-K4
5. N-B3	N-B3	14. P-KR3	Q-Q2	24. R-KR	N-B5ch
6. O-O	O-O	15. Q-Q2	QR-B	25. K-B	NxP RP
7. P-Q3	P-Q3	16. QR-Q	KR-Q	26. R-R4	Q-Q2
8. R-N	B-Q2	17. P-QN3	P-Q4	27. P-N4	N-B5
9. B-Q2	Q-B	18. PxP	NxP	28. NxP	NxN
		19. N-K4	P-QN3	29. QxN	Resigns

Round 3. White: Gee		Black: Flynn		Dutch Defense	
1. P-Q4	P-KB4	13. O-O	Q-K2	25. N-N5 !	Q-K2
2. P-QB4	N-KB3	14. P-QR3	N-Q2	26. Q-K3	N-Q2
3. N-QB3	P-K3	15. QR-B	BxB	27. Q-B4	K-N
4. P-KN3	P-Q4	16. PxP	N-B4	28. Q-KR4	N-B3
5. B-N2	P-B3	17. Q-B2	N-Q2	29. PxN	PxP
6. Q-N3	QN-Q2	18. KR-Q	N2-N3	30. Q-B4ch	K-N2
7. N-B3	PxP	19. N-K2	Q-QB2	31. R-K	Q-QB2
8. QxHP	N-N3	20. P-K4	N-K2	32. N-K6ch	BxN
9. Q-N3	B-K2	21. PxP	PxP	33. RxB	R-R
10. B-B4	KN-Q4	22. N-B4	N-N3	34. QR-K	P-QN4
11. B-K5	B-B3	23. Q-N3ch	K-R	35. R-K7ch	QxR
12. P-K3	O-O	24. NxNch	PxN	36. RxQch	Resigns
				1:41	1:19

The fourth round was remarkable for short games: Johnson grabbed Meyer's QP with a N, Milt played NxN and then Johnson noticed that if he played QxN, his Q would be lost after B-N5ch by white. An old trap in the QGD, but often good. That one took only nine moves! And Spaulding mated Iverson on the 13th move when Iverson overlooked an unusual one-move mate. Better play 'em careful from now on boys!