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We're a little late with this issue, fellow chessmen, but the reason is in the above change of address. Ye Ed has moved. Please note new address - although the "River Park" is not necessary for addressing mail - it is used to designate the location of the Avenue in case of a visit. All chess players are welcome - not at one time tho! Also, the fact that two Sundays were used for matches since the last publication did not speed up the present issue.

We are advised by Smith of Oakdale that on Oct. 12th someone left a Knight and a Bishop on the Modesto-Stockton table. If yours, please write Jeff Smith, Rt. 1 Box 622, Oakdale, giving description of pieces and he will forward the same to you. Smith also reports that \$13.26 was collected for the church during our meeting.

There was a bit of difficulty experienced in the Sacramento-Fresno match due to adjudications. Most other clubs had left by adjudication time, altho Sacto-Fresno had three of the six games to be decided upon, all tough positions. Arguments waxed hot and heavy, with Editor Gee suggesting that all three be sent to Fink for adjudication. At first this seemed to be agreed upon, but all of a sudden Austin & Smith (team captains) agreed to draws in the Celle-Fallman and Richards-Fries games, leaving only Meyer-Hailparn to be adjudicated. Inasmuch as certain Sacto players had strong feelings that Celle's game was a forced draw, and Richards was a win, we took it upon ourselves to send in these two also. Richards's game was a win, and Celle's a draw, according to Fink. He also gave a loss to Sacto on the Meyer-Hailparn game. So while the score sheet shows a tied match, Sacramento did have $3\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$. --- All this points out one undisputed fact: players should not be involved in adjudication of their own games, neither should their team mates. This situation does not occur often, but when it next does with Sacramento, all games are going to be sent to Fink. Here are the two positions involved:

8		2 b 2 B r 1	
5 k 2		1 P P 1 K 3	
3 n 1 r 2		P 2 P 4	
1 P 1 R R 3	Black (Sacto)	p 2 p 1 k 2	Black (Sacto) to
6 K 1	to move & draw.	1 p p 5	move and win.
1 r 2 P 3		1 R 4 p 1	
5 P P 1		8	
8		8	

Suggestions to CCCL Team Captains

When two teams, who travel considerable mileage to a match, do not bring the same number of players, an unpleasant situation occurs. It is requested that team captains make every effort to agree on the number of players. This may require correspondence up to the day of the match. It might be well for teams to hold at least one player in reserve so that the agreed number can always be taken. By observing this, we can do our best to avoid having a player travel many miles to a match only to find no opponent.

The difficult situation which occurred when trying to adjudicate unfinished games in the Sacramento-Fresno match prompts the suggestion that no games be adjourned for adjudication until after the match has been decided. - Neil Austin

Another suggestion is to start matches at 12 noon, or 12:30, and set 6 pm for adjudication time, and difficult games to be sent to Fink. Something has to be worked out, because a recurrence of that unpleasant situation is not desired.

Ye Ed still favors a definite number of players for each match. The first year of play, when we had A Teams of six men and B Teams likewise, proved the most satisfactory. After all, it seems ridiculous for one team to show up with 10 players and the second team with eight. Why not a definite number for all teams?

OFF THE BOARD
By Geo. W. Flynn

Neil Austin reports the Fresno versus Sacramento match just about the closest he had ever seen. At last reports, it looked very much like a tie, with one adjudicated game to be decided. Incidentally, there was plenty of hubbub, boys, over which decision should have been made which way. Everybody seemed to have a different idea about each of the close games...and they were all close.

Once again, San Jose looks like the team to beat. Plaintive wail...can't somebody beat San Jose? Fresno, Sacramento, Pittsburg, Stockton, etc., let's all join in the chorus. It can be done, you know. Modesto has done it. Sacramento has done it...(note by San Jose: Not yet recently.)

Well, we'll all give it a try, anyhow. If San Jose wins this year, I believe they receive permanent possession of the League Trophy. And if they do win, there can't be much argument that they don't deserve it. For the last two years, they've definitely been the class of the League.

Bob Burger's simultaneous exhibition against the Sacramento club was an enjoyable performance. Everybody had a good game and a number of us even had the unusual pleasure of winning from the Central California Champion. It seemed to me that Bob played too fast. Particularly in the opening. This was due, of course, to the fact he wanted the games over early because he had to drive ninety miles home, after the exhibition.

Bob suggested that other clubs send one of their better players visiting on similar exhibitions. Not a bad idea, at all. What the heck, it's a lot of fun.

Next time we have a simultaneous I suggest that nobody but the exhibitor be allowed inside the charmed circle of tables. There must be some way to arrange the tables so that he won't have to run like a scared scot-back, dodging kibitzers around the room. At the Gligorich exhibition I had the same thought. Poor Gliga must have thought he was playing his beloved "swcor" again as he ducked and dodged through the crowd of spectators.

Another bit of bad manners I indulged in myself. I didn't think of it until afterwards, but my game was soon over and I sat talking and analysing...very probably to the distraction of the others. I promise not to do it again. Fortunately my next-door neighbor was my good-natured pal, Jim Hardy. Even at that, I wouldⁿ't have blamed Jim if he rapped me on the noggin with a chessboard. At our team matches and exhibitions let's all try to give the fellows who are still playing a little peace and quiet, even if our own games are finished. How about it?

President Sam Johnson has a recipe for a genuine chess pie. I'd print it here but maybe Gee already has it somewhere else. Sam is quite a chef. Understands how to can preserves and tomatoes and things, too. All this, besides being one of the roughest, toughest opponents a chess player ever had.

I'm hoping Sam will start a short beginner's class and advertise it in the Sacramento Bee in the "Letters to the Editor" column. I suggested it to Sam: He wrote back that I should, perhaps, write the letter to the Bee. Shucks, Sam, I haven't even had time to answer your letter yet, let alone write that one to the Bee. And I doubt I'll get it done. I'm playing teacher now (that's a joke, son) in a great books course...meets every other Monday down at 18th & K Sts., 7 PM. It's really good (the course, that is) and if you want to see something funny, you just come down and join us. I'm the funny part; I'll bet there was never a teacher like this one before. Fortunately, there are two teachers (or leaders, as they call it) and the other one, Mrs. Virginia Smith, is an experienced, inspirational leader...otherwise the class might think we were trying to revive vaudeville. But, seriously, if you like the idea of the great books' program, join up with us.

Chess note: one chess player found, so far, in the great books class. I'm working on him to join up with us. Also, I'm putting out a newsletter to the Great Books members. I promise to put in a big plug for our chess club in the next issue.

That will repay us for giving this space to Great Books. A fair bargain?

Only three teams or Clubs have paid the annual subscription to "Chess News" for the coming season: Pittsburg, Fresno and Coledale. Will the other Clubs please take note and send in their six bucks right away. so we can keep our finances up?

SWISS CHESS NEWS

by Tom Fries

A six round Swiss System to determine Fresno's board one player in this year's contest was recently completed. Winning board one honors was Mike Hailparn, who drew with his two closest opponents and won from the rest of the field. Phil Smith was tied for first place going into the late rounds but became careless and lost his game to Tom Fries. Fries took an early lead, due to the draw between Hailparn and Smith, but was knocked out of the running by his loss to Dr. Kallmann. Dr. Kallmann, ex-club champion, placed fourth. Womack and Rubin played consistent chess, losing only to the top players. Eickholt and Mrs. Rubin suffered from inexperience and McCullough was forced to withdraw midway in the tournament. The tourney was marred by the absence of Club Champion Winston Strong and Ernie Cook. The final results:

		5-6 R. Womack	3-3
1.	M. Hailparn	5-6 M. Rubin	3-3
2-3.	P. Smith	7. W. Eickholt	2-4
2-3.	T. Fries	8. Mrs. Rubin	1-5
4.	H. Kallmann	9. R. McCullough	0-6

A letter has been received from Richard C. Murphy, P. O. Box 1100, Chico, asking about chess players in that vicinity. If you know of any, drop him a line.

1st Round Matches - Oakdale, Oct. 12, 1952

<u>Pittsburg</u>		<u>Oakdale</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>Fresno</u>	
1 R Burger	1. H Mortensen	0.	-1 H O Meyer	0	M Hailparn	1.	1.
2 F Olvera	1. V Smith (Mrs.)	0.	-2 R L Richards	1/2	T Fries	1/2.	1/2.
3 F Weinberg	0. W Maxey	1.	-3 J B Gee	0	P D Smith	1.	1.
4 G Garcia	1. C J Smith	0.	-4 O A Celle	1/2	M Kallmann	1/2.	1/2.
5 H Lansing	1. A Buerer	0.	-5 R E Russell	1	E J Cook	0.	0.
6 J Garcia	0. S Sampson	1.	-6 N T Austin	1/2	R Womack	0.	0.
	4		2		3		3

<u>Modesto</u>		<u>Stockton</u>		<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Visalia</u>	
1 M C Jackson	1/2. L E Woolfe	1/2.	1 Geo. Kirby	1	E Achtenberg	0.	0.
2 E L Jeffers	0. B Leigh	1.	2 W E Adams	1	W Marcus	0.	0.
3 L E Davis	1. J David-Malig	0.	3 F Crofut	1	C Fotias	0.	0.
4 L H Kerfoot	1. M A Sanders	0.	4 E H Mueller	1	B Mitchell	0.	0.
5 H P Bethker	0. P Hubbard	1.	5 M Gasse	1	Dr. Greensides	0.	0.
6 H E Paul	0. H Ellenberg	1.	6 J Kalnins	1	J Davies	0.	0.
7 L Krogness	1. W LeDeux	0.	7 L Daugherty	1	E Thompson	0.	0.
8 E Hawksworth	0. A Stubbs	1.		7		0.	0.
9 H Wente	0. J Saxon	1.					
10 B Axelrod	0. A C Saxon	1.					
	3 1/2		6 1/2				

2nd Round Matches, Nov. 2, 1952

<u>Stockton</u>		<u>Sacramento</u>		<u>San Jose</u>		<u>Pittsburg</u>	
1 Woolfe, L C	0. Meyer, H O	1.	1 Kirby	0	Burger	1.	1.
2 Mattingly, M E	0. Richards, R L	1.	2 Adams	1	Loera	0.	0.
3 Leigh, R A	0. Gee, J B	1.	3 Crofut	0	Trenberth	1.	1.
4 David Malig, J	0. Celle, O A	1.	4 Mueller	1	Garcia	0.	0.
5 Hubbard, P T	1/2. Russell, R E	1/2.	5 Gasse	1/2	Olvera	1/2.	1/2.
6 Ellenberg, M	1. Austin, N T	0.	6 Kalnins	1	Weinberg	0.	0.
7 W LeDeux	0. Kozen, S S	1.	7 Daugherty	0	Wilson	1.	1.
8 J Saxon	1. Johnson, S G	0.	8 O'Shaughnessy	1	Lansing	0.	0.
9 A Stubbs	1. Clawson, F	0.	9 Van Hooser	0	Escobar	1.	1.
10 Saxon, A C	0. Zimmerman, N	1.	10 Wood	1	Glover	0.	0.
11 Mrs. David-Malig	0. Hardy J.	1.		5 1/2		4 1/2	4 1/2
	3 1/2		7 1/2				

Getting so there are no easy teams left in the League. Imagine, Pittsburg came mighty close to upsetting San Jose! They probably will finish high in the League this year too. But someone had better beat San Jose or they get to keep the cup this year! Then the League would have to buy a new one!

Cap Game Pittsburgh

Kirby	Burger	14	LdKch	BxB
1 P Q4	N KB3	15	QxPch	B Q3
2 P Q4	P K4	16	B N5	B Q2
3 PXP	N K5	17	BxB	KxB
4 Q B2	4 B N5ch	18	Q K6ch	K B3
5 B Q2	KxB	19	PxP	P Q14
6 NxB	N QB3	20	N QB3	QxP
7 P KB4	P Q5	21	QR Q3	R KB
8 O O O	PxP	22	N K2ch	Q B4
9 QN KB3	Q B3	23	RxQch	KxR
10 PxP	Q B5ch	24	R Ech	K K5
11 P K3	QxPch	25	N Q4	K K4
12 K N	B Q2	26	N B6ch	N K3
13 P QR3	O O O !	27	Q K3ch	K K3
14 B Q3	B K2	28	QxPch	K B
15 B K4	K N	29	N K7ch	K Q2
16 N K2	NxP !	30	N Q5	Resigns
17 NxB	B R5			

Fresno-Sacto

Womack-Austin

19 QXB	QxBch	1 P K4	P QB4
20 Q B2	QxQ ch	2 N KB3	N QB3
21 KxQ	R Q3	3 P Q4	4PxP
22 RxB	PxR	4 NxP	K B3
23 N Q4	K B2	5 N QB3	P Q3
24 R N	B B3	6 B K2	P KN3
25 K Q3	K Q2	7 O O	B N2
26 R K2	BxN	8 N N3	O O
27 KxB	R K	9 P B3	B K3
28 RxB	KxR	10 N Q5	BxN
29 P QN4	P KB4	11 PxB	N K4
30 P N5	K Q2	12 B K3	P QN3
31 P QR4	P KN4	13 P QB4	R B
32 P R5	K B2	14 R B	N/4-Q3
33 P N3	P R3	15 Q Q2	N B4
34 P R3	P Q4	16 BxN	PxN
35 NXP	PxP	17 B R6	N K
36 KxP	KxP	18 BxB	KxB
37 P R4	PxP	19 R B3	N Q3
38 PxP	P B5	20 P QN3	N B4
39 K Q4	K N4	21 R K	N Q5
40 K K4	KxP wins	22 K B	R K

Pittsburg Oakdale

Burger-Liortensen

1 P K4	P K4	25	PxP	RxP
2 N KB3	N QB3	26	RxB	QxR
3 B B4	P KR3	27	B Q	Q R6ch
4 P Q4	PxP	28	K N	R Q
5 O O	B B4	29	Q K3	Q K3
6 P QB3	Q B3	30	QxQ	NxQ
7 P K5	NxP	31	P B4	R Q7
8 NxB	P Q3	32	B B3	P N3
9 NxP	P KN4	33	B Q5	K B3
10 NxB	QxN	34	BxN	PxB
11 Q R5ch	K Q	35	P QR4	R Q6
12 BxPch	N K2	36	R N	P QR4
13 R K	P Q4	37	R N2	P K4

38 P-Pch	NxP
39 K P	K Q5
40 K K2	K B6
adj. a win for	
Black.	

Sacto-Vallejo

Johnson-Abram

1 P Q4	N KB3
2 P Q4	P Q4
3 P K3	P K3
4 N KB3	B K2
5 B Q3	P QN3
6 P Q5	PxP
7 PxP	PxP
8 B N5ch	Q N Q2
9 P Q4	P Q3
10 B Q3	P N2
11 P K4	O O
12 O O	N N5
13 P KR3	N N K4
14 B QB2	B KB3
15 N KR2	Q K2
16 N N4	NxN
17 QxN	N K4
18 Q Q	P Q4
19 P KB4	N Q2
20 B Q3	B Q5ch
21 K R	BxN
22 PxB	B QB3
23 P B4	N KB3
24 R K	P KN3
25 P K5	PxP
26 PxP	N R4
27 Q KN4	B B
28 Q N5	P B3
29 Q R4	Q Q
30 P K6	R K
31 B N2	Q Q3
32 P N4	N N6ch
33 K N2	B xKP
34 PxB	QxB
35 QxN	Q Q7ch
36 Q B2	QxQ
37 KxQ	QR Q
38 BxP	R Q3
39 P N5	RxP
40 RxB	RxB
41 R K	K L2
42 RxB	KxR
43 B Q8	K K4
44 BxP	K Q5
45 BxP	KxP
46 B Q8	K N5
47 B K7	KxP
48 BxP	K N4
49 B Q4	K B3
50 K B3	K Q3

51 K N4	K Q4
52 B B6	K K3
53 P R4	K Q4
54 P R5	K K3
55 PxP	PxP
56 B R8	K B2
57 K B4	K N
58 B B6	K B2
59 K N5	K N
60 B Q8	K B2
61 K Q6	K N2
62 K K6	K R2
63 K B6	K N
64 KxP	K R
65 B B6ch	K N
66 K R6	K B2
67 K R7	K K3
68 P N6	Resigns

We can only publish what our readers send in - so how about it? Let's have more game scores from top boards in our Valley League. One would think at least the winners would mail in the score.

In Sacto, Richards has challenged Meyer to a six-game match. So far Meyer has proved his City Championship by winning the first two games. A hard lead to overcome.

Any short news items from other Clubs?

All for now, see you next edition and send me some game scores!