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The quarterly Sacramento Chess Observer is a joint effort by chess organizers and players from the Sacramento area.

Any club that wishes to maintain its current membership and grow by capturing the interest of new members, can best do so by keeping its membership informed about past and upcoming events. I wish to stress the upcoming events aspect because so many players miss out on local activities because they were not informed and become discouraged.

Clubs wishing to have their club news published in the Chess Observer for one year (4 issues) need only send the news, the addresses they wish the news sent to, and 50¢ for each address they send. The next issue will be mailed out in the first week of October, so if you wish to take best advantage of this publication you might plan your events for the end of October or later.

We would like to welcome the San Juan Unified Chess League, perhaps one of the finest school district sponsored chess programs in the country, to the Chess Observer.

In the last issue of the Chess Observer we printed a letter in which a couple C players gave vent to their feelings about prize fund distribution followed by a rebuttal. Well, the controversy raged spawning some good and some absurd arguments. In all the smoke and haze of verbal combat two camps emerged. One side favored giving the C and lower class players more money than they now get and the other side wishing to maintain the status quo or slide the rewards even more towards the stronger players. Here are a few of the arguments and comments I encountered during this ordeal.

For change favoring lower rated players:

1) Because there are more C players there should be more money for them than the Bs and above and the Ds and below.

2) C players in their own class face tougher competition than experts in a B and above section.

3) C players are uglier than B players.

4) Its ok if B players get more but not that much more.

5) The number of people playing in a class is relevant when considering the prize money.

6) As a C player I don't care if the Bs get more. I just want to play for the overall money and my class money at the same time like they do.

7) If I don't like the way a prize fund is distributed I'm going to get up a petition and get all the others in the class I think is being treated unfairly to boycott that tournament.

8) I don't think his prize fund distribution is unfair, I'm just using it as an example of an unfair distribution.

For change favoring the higher rated players:

1) C players have to play just as many people as anyone else. Why should they get more money?

2) C players are uglier than B players.

3) Who cares. Lets play chess.

4) There should be more rewards for those who work hard at the game and come closer to the unobtainable perfection, just like it is in anything else.

5) The number of people playing in a class is irrelevant when considering the prize money.

6) The number of

6) There should only be one prize in a tournament, and that prize should go to the overall winner.

7) C players are a scourge and should be eradicated from the face of the earth.

8) I think experts should be payed just to play.

9) They ought to do it like the pro-am golf tournaments where the amateurs pay just to play with the professionals, and their only reward is the right to sit at the same banquet table with the professionals.

10) Why should we play in a tournament when most of our opponents are three or four hundred points below us. We can't win rating points, and the games are either uninteresting, or we lose a mountain of points to them. I think its fair that the higher rated players be offered some inducement to play, like a proportionately higher prize fund.

11) The rating system is not a caste system, although some think it is. Anyone can become a higher rated player with a little of the right practice and study, but who's going to want to if their is greater reward for not excelling?

Letters

We don't get much mail, but the mail we do get is interesting.

Gentlemen,

In the April-June issue of "Chess Observer", on page 16 thereof, you report the chess game between JOHN TE SELLE and A. C. Saxon.

Toward the end of the article, the following statement is published:-

"At this point (16... Kg6) Black actually tried to retract his move. Of course White would not hear of it."

THE STATEMENT IS FALSE, MISLEADING, DEFAMATORY AND MALICIOUS.

Unless a retraction is prominently printed in a prominent place in the next issue of "Chess Observer", I shall be constrained to seek redress against you and all others responsible for the libel.

Sincerely,


A. C. Saxon

Dear Mr. Saxon:

The notation in question was a condensation of information given to us by your opponent. I must admit the note to the game does make you look slightly bad, and we certainly don't want to make anyone look bad who doesn't deserve it. Please accept our humble apology.*

Clubs

Capital City

The Capital City Chess Club meets in Clunie Club house in McKinley Park on Alhambra near F st. From 6pm till 11pm.

The finals to the club championship have been finished. Erwin Hamm and Kyle Henley were declared co-champions.

1	O. Bender	1960	L8	L2	W7	D4	L3	W6	Bye	2½
2	J. V. Morton	1840	W7	W1	L6	L3	L4	Bye		2
3	E. W. Hamm	1742	D6	W7	Bye	W2	W1	D4	Bye	4*
4	K. F. Henley	1702	W5	W6	Bye	D1	W2	D3	W7	4*
5	Brad Hamilton	1650	L4	withdrew						0
6	M. S. Lowry	1480	D3	L4	W2	W7	L1	Bye		2½
7	J. L. Rice	1352	L2	L3	L1	L6	Bye	L4		0
8	Dan Pearce	1936	W1							1

*Co-champions

Rancho Cordova

The Rancho Cordova Chess Club meets Fridays from 7pm till 12 at the Cordova Parks and Recreation building at 2197 Chase Drive.

The Cordova Chess Club and CSUS Chess Club co-sponsored a series of quads held June 25th and 26th. Some of the Nevada boys came down and gave us a severe thrashing in the top section, which was more of a team match.

CORDOVA QUADS "1976"

1	Phil Geffe	NV	D4	W5	W7	2½
2	David Ryba	NV	L4	W5	W6	2
3	Peter Hess	NV	D4	W6F	W7	1½
4	Mark Buckley		D1	W2	D3	2
5	Mike Guess		L1	L2		0
6	Ostap Bender			L2		0
7	Joseph Morton		L1	L3		0

		1	2	3	4	T			1	2	3	4	T
1	John Bakos	-	-	-	L5	0	1	D. Andersen	L2	L5	-	-	0
2	Ken Brewer	-	L3	L4	-	0	2	S. Gordon	W1	W4	D5	-	2½
3	M. Gilbert	-	W2	-	W5	2	3	R. Vitteli	-	-	-	L5	0
4	Larry Wing	-	W2	-	L4	1	4	S. Katz	-	L2	-	-	0
5	C. Lehman	W1	-	L3	W4	2	5	M. Petersen	W1	D2	W3	-	2½
		1	2	3	4	T			1	2	3	4	T
1	L. Bedten	D2	L4	-	-	½	1	R. Gordon	D2	W3	D4	-	2
2	C. Dypoldt	D1	W4	-	-	1½	2	A. Waddell	D1	L3	L4	-	½
3	M. Weybret	L4	-	-	-	0	3	L. Schafer	L1	W2	L4	-	1
4	Stewart Katz	L1	L2	W3	W5	3	4	P. McGinnis	D1	W2	W3	-	2½
5	J. Morton	L4	-	-	-	0							

*and sympathy

Stockton

The Stockton Chess Club meets each Wednesday evening from 7pm to 11pm at the Hoover Elementary School Auditorium, 2900 Kirk Avenue, Stockton (One long block west of interstate 5 near Alpine Ave.)

The Stockton Chess Club finished up its USCF number 30 Chess Tournament. Here are the results of that tournament.

Player	rating	rounds						Total
		1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 Fredrick Ulrich	1779	L7	L3	F15	with			
2 John Miller	1657	W9	W7	W5	W4	W14	W6	6
3 James Pilkington	1631	D11	W1	W7	L5	with.		2½
4 William McGrady	1676	W13	W12	W6	F2	Eliminated	*3	3
5 Norris F. Shultz	1590	W12	W10	L2	W3	D9	L14	3½
6 Wallace L. Condon	1537	W14	W15	L4	L9	W8	L2	3
7 Gary L. Collins	1506	W1	L2	F3	L13	with.		1
8 Chris TeSelle	1427	L10	L11	L13	D12	L6	Bye	1½
9 Don Eastwood	1304	L2	W13	W11	W6	D5	L12	3½
10 Arthur H. Lee	1264	W8	L5	L14	L11	L13	Elem	1
11 Michael B. Walker	1251	D3	W8	L9	W10	L12	W13	3½
12 John E. TeSelle	1225	L5	L4	Bye	D8	W11	W9	3½
13 John E. Aguirre	1220	L4	L9	W8	W7	W10	L11	3
14 James C. Juanitas	Unr	L6.	Bye	W10	W15	L2	W5	4
15 Stephan Gordon	Unr	Bye	F6	W1	F14	with		2

The Club is planning to close in July and August, re-opening after Labor Day with a new tournament.

CSUS

The California State University Sacramento Chess Club meet in the Student Senate Chambers in the new student union on Monday nights at 7pm. The club offers the best playing facilities in town and one of the best in the state, but it will be closed for the summer, probably opening again in October.

CORDOVA SPRING OPEN May 22nd and 23rd 1976

The Cordova Spring Open didn't meet with last years standards of attendance, but it was one of the strongest tournaments in Sacramento history, with 9 players rated over 2000. Anyone who likes the competition should consider playing in the Summer Open. Frank Thornally has promised a return visit.

Player	Rating	Rounds				Total
		1	2	3	4	
1 Roy Ervin	2312	W14	W5	W10	D3	3½
2 Mike Goodall	2026	W20	W7	D3	W6	3½
3 Frank Thornally	2331	W17	W11	D2	D1	3
4 Mark Buckley	2026	W15	D6	W16	D8	3
5 P. Prochaska-Kolbas	1932	W21	L1	W10	W13	3
6 Randall Feliciano	1801	W8	D4	W11	L2	2½
7 Jan C. Kuba	1698	W9	L2	D12	W21	2½
8 Hugh Noland	2141	L6	W25	W18	D4	2½

9	Eric W. Burris	2037	L7	W15	D17	W16	2	1
10	Max Burkett	2132	WF	D18	L1	W17	2	1
11	John Farwell	2030	W19	D16	L6	W24	2	1
12	Peter D. Hess	1972	L16	W24	D7	W18	2	1
13	Tim Stevens	1980	W24	L3	W14	L5	2	1
14	David Thomson	1834	L1	W22	L13	-	2	1
15	Erwin Hamm	1742	L4	L9	W23	W22	2	1
16	Nicholas Tripolski	1646	W12	D11	L4	L9	1	1
17	Bill Poindexter	1842	L3	W21	D9	L10	1	1
18	Jerome V. Weidel	1916	W22	D10	L8	L12	1	1
19	Michael Lowry	1480	L11	Bye	D24	with	1	1
20	Lucho Geremendia	1722	L2	W23	L5	F14	1	1
21	Jeffrey L. Olson	1623	L5	L17	W25	L7	1	1
22	Attila Pelsen	1618	L18	L14	Bye	L15	1	1
23	Tom Dorsch	2133	F	L20	L15	Bye	1	1
24	William Valine	1653	L13	L12	D19	L11	1	1
25	Pamela C. Ford	1758	F	L8	L21	with	0	1

RESERVE DIVISION

26	Ed Elizondo	1576	W35	W34	D29	W27	3	1
27	Donald W. Sibrel	1575	W36	W33	W28	L26	3	1
28	Donald E. Ried	1553	-	D31	L27	W29	2	1
29	Douglas Anderson	1405	W39	W20	D26	L28	2	1
30	Dalton Peterson	1446	W38	L29	D31	W37	2	1
31	Paul J. McGinnis	1520	D34	D28	D30	W35	2	1
32	Thomas M	^7	L33	L37	W36	W34	2	1
33	Louis Schaffer	1568	W32	L27	W37	with	2	1
34	Marvin Gilbert	1424	D31	L26	W39	L32	1	1
35	Pfeffer Washek	1513	L26	D39	W38	L31	1	1
36	Lawrence Badten	1500	L27	L38	L32	Bye	1	1
37	Elizabeth A. Traina	1455	F	W32	L33	L30	1	1
38	Douglas Heimlichner	1526	L30	W36	L35	with	1	1
39	Clemont Falbo	1540	L29	D36	L34	with	1	1

BOOSTER DIVISION

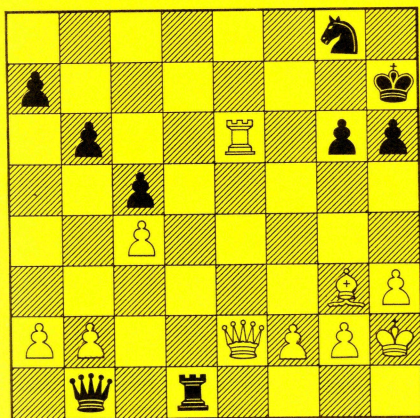
40	Gerald Lim	1391	W49	W42	W41	W48	4	1
41	William Clard	1385	W47	W46	L40	W45	3	1
42	Mitch Ring	1349	W53	L40	W51	W44	3	1
43	Michail Brent	1232	D45	L47	L44	W49	2	1
44	Robert A. Berg	1374	L46	W50	W43	L42	2	1
45	Robert T. Gordon	1350	D43	W52	D48	L41	2	1
46	John T. Bakos	Unr	W44	L41	D49	D50	2	1
47	Robert Jaffa	1242	L41	L43	W52	W51	2	1
48	H. Farley Turner	1377	D52	W51	D45	L40	2	1
49	David Keil	1322	L40	W53	D46	L43	1	1
50	Richard Estes	Unr	L51	L44	W53	D46	1	1
51	Craig Christensen	1192	W40	L48	L42	L47	1	1
52	Bill Jordan	1198	D48	L45	L47	D53	1	1
53	Rodney Crownover	Unr	L42	L49	L50	D52	1	1

City Champ

Mark Buckley is the new City Champion, being the highest scorer who meets the resident requirements. Jay Whitehead, a promising young junior from the bay area, and Tom Dorsch, a frequent player in the Sacramento area, out scored Buckley by half a point winning the tournament honors.

1	Jay Whitehead	2188	W27	W26	W4	W5	D2	4	1
2	Thomas Dorsch	2154	W35	W33	W14	W3	D1	4	1
3	Mark Buckley	2102	W19	W25	W16	L2	W8	4	1
4	Richard Lew	1811	W12	W30	L1	W24	W15	4	1
5	Eric Burris	1995	W36	W32	W15	L1	W14	4	1
6	John Tweden	1796	D46	W18	D34	W19	W22	4	1

7	Dan L. Pearce	1936	W50	L15	W30	W32	W16	4
8	Raymond Musselman	1893	D20	W42	W17	W9	L3	3
9	Donald Sibrel	1450	W51	W31	W23	L8	D10	3
10	Barry Nelson	1794	L16	W29	W27	W34	D9	3
11	Tim Stevens	2053	L21	W37	W20	D25	W26	3
12	Douglas Anderson	1405	L4	W49	W44	D26	W31	3
13	Scott Gordon	1656	D18	W46	F	W42	W25	3
14	Erwin Hamm	1761	W37	W21	L2	W17	L5	3
15	Robert Spencer	1796	D46	W18	D34	W19	W22	3
16	Jonathan Voth	1703	W28	W40	L3	W21	L7	3
17	Philip Morgan	1342	D13	L6	W54	D20	W35	3
18	Robert Digerness	1342	W10	W39	L8	L14	W34	3
19	Clarence Lehman	1437	L3	W45	W39	L6	W38	3
20	Robert T. Gordon	1387	D8	W54	L11	D18	W33	3
21	Dalton Peterson	1455	W11	L14	W33	L16	W32	3
22	Merlvin Petersen	1536	L30	W28	W50	W23	L6	3
23	Francis Toftten	1810	W41	W47	L9	L22	W36	3
24	Art Waddell	1517	L31	W51	W47	L4	W30	3
25	J.F. Gerace	1596	W48	L3	W36	D11	L13	2
26	Glen Sarvis	1610	W45	L1	W35	D12	L11	2
27	David Bixby	1506	L1	W48	L10	D28	W43	2
28	William Goss	1350	L16	L22	W52	D27	W42	2
29	McCormick, Lillian	1377	L39	L10	D43	W49	W44	2
30	John Gaigh	1576	W22	L4	L7	W50	L24	2
31	Joseph Morton	1802	W24	L9	W40	L15	L12	2
32	Attila Felsen	1618	W52	L5	W41	L7	L21	2
33	Gary Ward	1690	W38	L2	L21	W37	L20	2
34	Wallace Condon	1549	D42	W44	D6	L10	L17	2
35	Badten, Lawrence	1500	L2	W38	L26	W53	L18	2
36	Elizabeth Traina	1375	L5	W52	L25	W47	L23	2
37	Robert Berg	1374	L14	L11	W48	L33	W47	2
38	Marvin Gilbert	1446	L33	L35	W51	W40	L19	2
39	Schuyler Bailey	1676	W29	L17	L19	W41	with	2
40	Thomas Waldeck	1578	W49	L16	L31	L38	W48	2
41	Forrest Flocker	1367	L23	W53	L32	L39	W51	2
42	Curtis D. Thompson	1434	D34	L8	W40	L13	L28	1
43	Michael Walker	1274	L15	L50	D29	W46	L27	1
44	Douglas Heimbichner	1528	D54	L34	L12	W45	L29	1
45	Deil, David R.	1305	L26	L19	D49	L44	W53	1
46	Farley Turner	1377	D6	L13	L42	L43	D49	1
47	Louis C. Schafer	1552	W53	L23	L24	L36	L37	1
48	Jaffa, Robert	1242	L25	L27	L37	W52	L40	1
49	Ronald Heacock	1145	L40	L12	D45	L29	D46	1
50	Herman Barchet	1441	L7	W43	L22	L30	with	1
51	Northam, E. G.	1041	L9	L24	L38	Bye	L41	1
52	Ambrus A. Balogh	1349	L32	L36	L28	L48	Bye	1
53	James Sims	1075	L47	L41	Bye	L35	L45	1
54	Roy C. Lunsford	Unr	D44	L20	D18	with		1



Here's an interesting position taken from the Thornally Tim Stevens game, from the Cordova Spring Open. It's white to move and win. USCF Master Frank Thornally will be giving a simultaneous exhibition on the eve of the Cordova Summer Open at the Cordova Chess Club.

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Cordova Recreation & Parks Center, 2197 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova California, just 10 miles east of Sacramento.

A 4 round swiss in 3 divisions: Premier, 1600 and above. Reserve, 1400 to 1599. Booster, 1399 and below. Players may play in their own division or the Premier.

Open to all who are or will become members of the United States Chess Federation. Memberships may be purchased at the tournament site (\$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for juniors. Juniors must be under 19 at date of expiration).

Entry Fee: \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for juniors if mailed before May 17th \$20 at the door.

Make checks out to Steven Markman and mail to 10286 McCracken Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Schedule: Registration from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Rounds at 11, & 5 Saturday, and 10 & 4 Sunday.

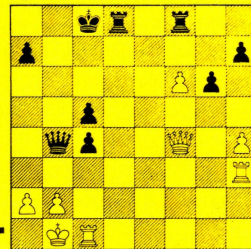
Time Control: 40 moves in 2 hours

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PRIZE FUND

Frank Thornally
will give a simultaneous exhibition
at the Cordova C.C. July 16th 7:30

Premier	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
Overall	\$200	100	50	25	+Trophy
A class	100	50	20		+Trophy
B class	100	50	20		+Trophy
Reserve					
C class	100	50	25	20	+Trophy
Booster					
D class	70	40	10		+Trophy
E class	60	30	10		+Trophy
unrated	50	20			+Trophy

White To Move



Prize fund based on last years **92** entries. Prize fund will be raised proportionately if more enter.

Please bring your own sets (Staunton), boards, and clocks.

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