

HERMAN STEINER

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IN MEMORIAM

Herman Steiner

IT IS WITH A DEEP SENSE OF SHOCK THAT THE CHESS WORLD LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF HERMAN STEINER ON NOV. 25TH, 1955. TO ALL OF US WHO ENJOYED HIS VIVACIOUS AND SPARKLING PERSONALITY THE SUDDENNESS OF HIS PASSING SEEMS INCREDIBLE. HIS ENERGY WAS AS BOUNDLESS AS WERE HIS TIRELESS EFFORTS IN BEHALF OF CHESS.

IT WAS HERMAN STEINER WHO ACCELERATED CHESS ACTIVITY IN THE WEST TO IT'S PRESENT IMPRESSIVE HEIGHTS. IT WAS HE WHO WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ALMOST ALL OF THE MAJOR TOURNAMENTS IN CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING SUCH OUTSTANDING EVENTS AS THE 1ST AND 2ND PAN-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENTS.

HERMAN STEINER EDITED ONE OF THE MOST EXTENSIVE AND INFORMATIVE NEWSPAPER CHESS COLUMNS IN THE UNITED STATES. CHESS PLAYERS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND OTHER WESTERN STATES READ HIS COLUMN AVIDLY EACH WEEK, FOR NOWHERE ELSE COULD THEY OBTAIN SUCH COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CHESS ACTIVITY.

HERMAN STEINER'S CLUB-OUR CLUB- WAS THE FOCAL CENTER OF ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES, AND IT WAS THERE HE RADIATED THE WARMTH OF PERSONALITY THAT ENVELOPED ALL. HE HAD A HOST OF FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS, AND NO WONDER-FOR HE LOVED PEOPLE. IT IS RARE INDEED FOR A CHESS MASTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL REPUTE THAT WAS HERMAN STEINERS TO HAVE SHARED HIS TIME AND HIS TALENTS SO UNSELFISHLY WITH OTHERS. DESPITE THE NUMEROUS DEMANDS ON HIM AND THE OVERWHELMING BURDENS OF CHESS ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION, HE ALWAYS FOUND TIME FOR A MULTITUDE OF CHARITABLE ACTS.

HERMAN STEINER GAVE GENEROUSLY OF HIMSELF TO EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING THAT NEEDED SUPPORT; AND THOUGH HE HAS LEFT AN EMPTY PLACE THAT NONE CAN EVER FILL, HE HAS HANDED ON FOR US TO PERPETUATE, THE AIMS, THE IDEALS, AND THE PURPOSE, WHICH MADE HIS OWN LIFE SO RICH IN ACHIEVEMENT.



HERMAN STEINER CHESS CLUB

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED, AS MANY OF YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE HOLLYWOOD CHESS GROUP. THE CLUB WILL BE OPERATED AS A NON-PROFIT ENTERPRISE, AND WILL BE KNOWN AS THE HERMAN STEINER CHESS GROUP, IN HONOR OF ITS BELOVED FOUNDER. IT WILL BE DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED BY A BOARD OF GOVERNORS TO BE ELECTED PERIODICALLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP.

TO HANDLE THE ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS INCIDENT TO LAUNCHING THE NEW VENTURE, A TEMPORARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS WAS CHOSEN AT A RECENT MEETING.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW GROUP IS GENE RUBIN. CHARLES HENDERSON IS VICE-PRES., DON MARON SEC'Y, AND SELMA STEINER TREAS

SERVING ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES ARE KYLE FORREST, SAM GELLER, GEORGE GOEHLER, LENA GRUMETTE, ROBERT JACOBS, PHILIP MCKENNA, JACQUELINE PIATIGORSKY, IRVING RIVISE, HY ROGOSIN, EUGENE STEINER, AND DR. S. WEINBAUM.

A BROAD AND VARIED PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES IS ALREADY SLATED FOR THE CLUB. THIS WILL INCLUDE

IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR EVENTS SUCH AS CLUB TOURNAMENTS, WEEKLY RAPIDS, ETC., A SCHEDULE OF EXHIBITIONS BY WELL-KNOWN MASTERS, AND DIVERSIFIED EDUCATIONAL EVENINGS.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE IS IN STORE FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT VISITED THE CLUB SINCE ITS RECENT GLAMORIZATION WITH DRAPES, CARPETING NEW CHESS TABLES AND SETS. AND ITS ALL YOURS FOR \$18 A YEAR, THE NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES!*(STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS - \$10 PER YEAR) CLUB QUARTERS WILL BE OPEN TUES. FRI. AND SAT. EVENINGS AND SAT. AND SUN. AFTERNOONS.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IS HEREWITH ENCLOSED. IF YOU ARE NOT YET ENROLLED AS A MEMBER, THE UNVALIDATED CARD WILL BE HONORED UNTIL JAN. 10TH, 1956; AND WE HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO VISIT THE CLUB AND ENJOY ITS COMFORTABLE SURROUNDINGS AND CONGENIAL ATMOSPHERE.



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*DUES MAY BE PAID SEMI-ANNUALLY.

Club Tournament

THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HERMAN STEINER CHESS GROUP ANNOUNCES THAT THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, TO BE HELD AT THE CLUB'S QUARTERS, WILL START JAN. 15TH, 1956.

PLAYERS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS - MASTERS, EXPERTS, AND CLASS A-B COMBINED. ENTRANTS WILL BE GROUPED ACCORDING TO STRENGTH AND RATINGS BY QUALIFIED MEMBERS OF THE TOURNAMENT RATING COMMITTEE. EACH SECTION WILL PLAY A ROUND ROBIN, AND WILL COMPRISE APPROXIMATELY TWELVE PLAYERS.

ALL MEMBERS, AND ONLY MEMBERS, OF THE HERMAN STEINER CHESS GROUP ARE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL PLAY FRI. AND SAT. EVENINGS, SAT. AND SUN. AFTERNOONS.

TOURNAMENTS IN ALL SECTIONS WILL BE USCF-RATED.

GEORGE GOEHLER IS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

MASTERS SECTION-

FIRST PRIZE \$250.00
SECOND PRIZE \$125.00
THIRD PRIZE \$75
FOURTH PRIZE \$30

ENTRY FEE- \$10.50

REGISTRATION CLOSES JAN. 10TH

CLASS A-B SECTION-

TROPHIES AND
MERCHANDISE PRIZES

ENTRY FEE- \$5.50

REGISTRATION CLOSES JAN. 14TH

EXPERTS SECTION-

FIRST PRIZE \$60
SECOND PRIZE \$40
THIRD PRIZE \$20

ENTRY ENTRY FEE- \$5.50

REGISTRATION CLOSES JAN. 14TH

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