

The Tenth Annual Valley of the Moon Chess Festival is reported to have been a great success, with 230 players and thousands of kibitzers and spectators. The two-page color photograph in the July 20 issue of "Saturday Evening Post" was undoubtedly a factor in attracting the interest and attendance of hundreds of new spectators and players, in addition to the regulars who have enjoyed this Koltanowski-inspired event at Sonoma, California in past years.

The Junior trophy was won by Greg Bogdanoff of Redwood City. Mrs. Willie Bettencourt, San Francisco, won the Women's trophy. Marina Chess Club won the Trophy for highest membership attendance.

The Monterey U.S.O. Club won the trophy for best score and the King's Knights Chess Club of Marina won the trophy for having the most juniors participating.

N. Parlov won the Trophy for coming from Denver (the furthest from Sonoma) and L. Tabash of Los Angeles won a travel trophy, too.

Further trophy winners at Sonoma are: John Lasich, Berkeley A division; Clark Hutchason, S. F. B division and Richard Headrick, San Bruno in C division. (They gained most rating points.) William S. Stevens, S. F., for best played game, and Magnusson, Health Club, for second place in best score of the day for four player team.

A new event was the "square" chess played by Howard I. Paulson of San Francisco with Morris Ferguson vs. Robert Hyland and Hal Simpson. Other prize-winners included 25 problem solvers.

Here are some of the many section winners: Ruth Ultan, Berkeley; Bruce Clements, S.F.; Andrew Weill, So. S.F.; Randall Hough, Napa; Geil Fiske, Berkeley; Mrs. W. Bettencourt, S.F.; Greg Bogdanoff, Redwood City; Donald Anderson, So. S.F.

Richard Headrick, San Bruno; Irving Frank, S.F.; Preston Mendell, Millbrae; Jack Hubert, Sacramento; Richard Ricketts, S.F.

G. Koltanowski played 30 games simultaneously, winning 27 and drawing 3 (with Miss G. Erus, S.F.; Donald Davis, Pacifica and A. Nace, Hamilton, A.F.B.

The Koltanowskis, and the players in the various events of the Festival wish to express their thanks to the following donors of trophies:

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