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NOEL RENAUD DRAWS TOP RUNG AND HOLDS IT!!

THE PRECITA VALLEY CHESS CLUB got off to a slow, but fair start last week. In the drawing for the ladder, Noel Renaud drew the top rung and proved he deserved it by defeating two challengers on the same night. Below are the results of last week along with the ladder standing and player's ratings which include these results:

Ladder Tournament Results - Mar. 15th

Jim Reynolds 1, John Ramirez 0.
Bob Blakemore 1, Ivan Vegvary 0.
Noel Renaud 1, Paul Bogosian 0.
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Standings and Ratings

Noel Renaud.....	1854
Bob Blakemore.....	952
John Ramirez.....	1049
Ivan Vegvary.....	898
Jim Reynolds.....	1252
Paul Bogosian.....	1099

Actually six members showed up on the opening night of the club but let's not get discouraged. At that only three members paid and perhaps the club should be named the "Three R's" for the first three official members of the Precita Valley Chess Club were John Ramirez, Noel Renaud, and Jim Reynolds. However, we know that the others who attended will join up officially along with a few more expected tonight.

The C.D.'s VIEWS

OVER TWO YEARS AGO I joined the old Reti Chess Club, now the Carroll Ogden Club, and total attendance was five. In three months time the club had built up to 40 members with half attending regularly. See why I'm not discouraged?

I will begin chess classes here at the club as soon as I have enough interested parties.

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KERES CHESS CLUB CHALLENGES PRECITA VALLEY CHESS CLUB TO A TEAM MATCH!!

Visiting our club on opening night last week was A.R. Castellanos and Carl Barton of the Keres Chess Club. They have challenged our club to a team match. Your C.D. has accepted this challenge and the event will take place in about two weeks from tonight. Here's our chance to test ourselves for outside competition---, ready men?

BLINDFOLDED FUN by Jim Reynolds

As far as I'm concerned Koltanowski is the blindfold chess champ of the world regardless of what Najdorf of Argentina claims. Blindfolded chess is not new to me. I play my son this way many of times and I have tackled bed patients at the Letterman General Hospital every now and then sans voir.

Ivan Vegvary and I get together now and then at either his dwelling or mine and have fun playing "skittles" and blindfolded chess. One night at his place we tackled each other blindfolded and upon finishing the games, sat down and wrote out the notation of same. Ivan was amazed that I could remember my game move by move, but then I failed to remember his blindfold game with me even though I won it. I must give him credit for he held me for over 70 moves before I mated him. I've only lost two blindfolded games, one to John Ramirez which

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BLINDFOLDED FUN

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went over some 60 moves though I had lost tract of one of his bishops on the 41st move. After resigning my game in this one I found out that one of my rooks could have taken the bishop I had lost tract of and yet I feared moving the rook lest it was taken by the lost bishop! I had no trouble like this in the following encounter which took place at Ivan's on February 26, 1956.

White: Jim Reynolds (blindfolded)

Black: Ivan Vegvary

SICILIAN DEFENSE

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | . . . |

Not my usual move. Over the board I usually play the much debated about 3. P-B3 before playing P-Q4 against the Sicilian. This usually leads to a closed type of game, but when playing blindfold I prefer to open things up.

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| 3. . . . | PxP |
| 4. NxP | NxN |

Not considered good for Black. 4...., N-B3 is correct. The text move has Black exchanging his only developed piece and helping White to develop one in turn, namely the Queen.

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| 5. QxN | N-B3 |
| 6. N-B3 | P-Q3 |
| 7. B-N5 | P-K4 |
| 8. Q-Q1 | . . . |

Better for White was 8. Q-Q3 followed by 9. O-O-O keeping ahead of Black in fast development.

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| 8. . . . | B-K2 |
| 9. B-N5ch | B-Q2 |

Had White moved 8. Q-Q3 he would have had a devastating attack at this point, which of course would have come about in a different manner and with more effect. Going back let's try this; 8. Q-Q3, B-K2; 9. O-O-O, O-O; 10. N-Q5, NxN; 11. BxB, QxB; 12. QxN winning the QP and holding back Black's QB and KR with threats of winning the QNP and KP or mating by taking the KBP after an eventual B-B4.

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| 10. BxBch | NxB |
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10...., QxB was better here.

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| 11. BxB | QxB |
| 12. O-O | O-O |
| 13. Q-B3 | N-B3 |
| 14. QR-Q1 | N-K1 |
| 15. R-Q2 | N-B2 |

Black had possibilities here with 15...., P-B4!, i.e. 16. Q-Q3 (not 16. PxP because of 16...., P-K5!), PxP; 17. NxP, R-Q1! threatening P-Q4 making it unhealthy for the White Knight. With the text Ivan was trying to confuse the blindfolded player.

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| 16. KR-Q1 | QR-Q1 |
| 17. N-Q5 | NxN |
| 18. RxN | R-Q2 |
| 19. P-B4 | R-B1 |

19...., KR-Q1 would have held everything for Black, attacking the pawn is useless and wastes a move.

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| 20. P-QN3 | R-B4 |
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More uselessness. Still, this Rook on Q1 would hold everything.

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| 21. Q-Q3 | RxR |
| 22. QxR | Q-N4 |

Another mistake. If Black wanted to wait either P-KR3 or P-QN3 would serve the purpose, though Q-Q1 is his best now. The text move leads to Black's loss.

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| 23. P-B5 | Q-B3 |
| 24. PxP | RxP? |

Now Black loses fast. The best he could do was use the Rook for a blocker. For a fighting chance 24...., Q-Q1 was still better.

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| 25. QxR | QxQ |
| 26. RxQ | Resigns |

Not a bad game considering one player was blindfolded.

Send in your games to the C.D. for publication in the CHESS HERALD. Your editor may not be the best annotator in the world but we can have some fun just the same. If you would like, you may comment on your own game and request that it be published with these notes. No matter how, let us have them.

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