

Richard Shorman

Chess

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The first annual Alameda County Novice Championship, held at San Felipe Park in Hayward, Dec. 29, was won by **Ronald Bond**, 4½-½, from Pleasant Hill, followed by **James Pascrell**, 4-1, of Union City and **Mike Riley**, also 4-1, from Hayward.

Michael Plate of San Leandro was awarded the Senior High Trophy for his score of 3½-1½, with the Junior High Trophy going to **Mike Riley**.

Twenty players turned out for the event, which was directed by **Ed Delgado** and **David Smith**.

The next Bay Area County Novice Championship has been scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Redwood City Community Activity Bldg., 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Please phone **David Smith**, 582-6527 (mornings), for details.

KOLTANOWSKI TEACHES CHESS

International chess master, world blindfold champion and syndicated columnist **George Koltanowski** will teach beginning and advanced chess classes at the University of California Extension Center in San Francisco next month.

Two six-session classes for beginners take place Tuesdays, Feb. 5 to Mar. 12, one meeting from 10 a.m. to noon and the other from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Koltanowski will make use of illustrated lectures, demonstrations and supervised play to present the fundamentals of chess, as well as something of its history and psychology.

A six-week advanced class will meet Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Feb. 6 to Mar. 13, covering strategic ideas underlying the chess openings, the endgame, championship style and ways to improve tournament play.

Enrollment fee is \$35, with advance registration recommended because of limited class size. Further information may be obtained from the U.C. Extension Center, 55 Laguna St., San Francisco (telephone, 861-6833).

CORRESPONDENCE MORSEL

Opening mistakes in postal chess can bring just as swift retribution as in over-the-board combat, even though the time taken for a move is measured in days instead of minutes.

This choice correspondence morsel has been recorded in coordinate chess notation (files lettered "a" to "h", ranks numbered "1" to "8", always counting from White's lower left corner regardless of whose turn to move; pawn captures designated by file letters only).

White: Larsson. Black: Englund. Sweden, 1942. King's Gambit Accepted 1 e4 e5 2 f4 d5 3 ed ef (Although not wrong to transpose into the King's Gambit, it is certainly inconsistent with the intent of the Falkbeer Counter Gambit.) 4 Nf3 Nf6 5 d4 (white can attempt to extract more out of the opening here with 5 Bb5 c6 6 dc bc 7 Bc4, but the textmove cannot be bad.) Nd5 6 c4 (Quite plausibly forming a pawn center, while kicking the knight. Correct is 6 Bc4, however.) Bb4! (Taking full advantage of White's over-extended infantry and exposed monarch.) 7 Nbd2 (Somewhat better would be 7 Bd2 Ne3! 8 Qb3.) Bd7 9 Qb3 (Hands off that bishop!) Qe7 10 Kf2 Nd1! 11 Kg1 (Else 11 Qd1? Qe3 mates outright, but now Black reveals what more the position holds in store . . .) Nc3! (Intercepting the queen's path along the third rank to threaten mate and setting up a diabolical snare.) 12 h3 Ba4! 13 Resigns.

JAMES SCHROEDER: PRISON CHESS CRUSADER

Never heard of James R. Schroeder? If a man is truly known by his deeds, then James Schroeder should be a household word all over chess America for his unflagging work for prisoner rehabilitation, using chess as the medium.

A few years ago he sent some chess books from his home in Cleveland, Ohio to inmates of Arizona State Prison. Soon he was mailing regular shipments of books, magazines and equipment to the active chess group there.

Other institutions heard of his generosity and asked for help with their own prison chess programs. Responding with more donations, he was quickly swamped with appeals for aid from prisons across the country.

As the number of requests exceeded his ability to assist, Schroeder formed the non-profit Cleveland Chess Foundation for the purpose of meeting the obvious need.

Chess has been termed a great time waster; the only asset a prisoner has is time...if used constructively. The record of prison rehabilitation through chess has been outstanding. Few inmates involved in prison chess programs ever break parole or commit another crime when released.

Schroeder's prison chess crusade has benefited some 20 penal institutions both in and out of the United States. Among them are Folsom Prison, California Institute for Men (Chino), Deuel Vocational Institution (Tracy) and California Correctional Institute (Tehachapi).

Prominent contributors to his prisoner rehabilitation fund include international grandmaster **Larry Evans**, blindfold champion **George Koltanowski**, chess editor for the Christian Science Monitor **Frederick Chevalier**, Chess Digest editor **Ken Smith**, USCF Technical Director **Martin Morrison**, chess editor for the Berkeley Barb **Jude Acers**, East Asia Book & Game Center "resident master" **Alan Benson**, editor of the Prisoners' Chess Institute Newsletter **Ken Fong** and many more.

Some of the better known book publishers that have responded to Schroeder's worthwhile campaign are Dover, Macmillan, Simon & Schuster, Arco, Pergamon Press, Stackpole Books, Charles Scribner, Penguin Books and Lerner Publications.

You can help, too! Send your tax-deductible donations of money, books, magazines, sets and boards to **Prisoner Rehabilitation Fund, Cleveland Chess Foundation, P.O. Box 5268, Cleveland, Ohio 44101**. Every person to contribute \$5 or more will receive Schroeder's "Elite" Chess Bulletin and his heartfelt thanks.

ROSS VALLEY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The 1974 Ross Valley Chess Club Championship, a six-round Swiss system tournament directed by **Jerry Frazier**, will be held at the Robson-Harrington House, 237 Crescent Rd., San Anselmo, Calif. 94960, starting at 7 p.m., Jan. 15-22-29 and Feb. 5-12-19.

USCF AMATEUR

Open to players rated under 2000 or unrated. Prizes: \$100, \$50 and \$25.

USCF BOOSTER

Open to players rated under 1800 or unrated. Prizes: \$80, \$40 and \$20.

USCF RESERVE

Open to players rated under 1600 or unrated. Prizes: \$60, \$30 and \$20.

USCF NOVICE

Open to players rated under 1400 or unrated. Prizes: \$40, \$20 and \$15.

SPECIAL SECTION

Open to players who are not members of the United States Chess Federation. Those entering this section should be beginners with virtually no tournament experience. Prizes: \$25, \$15 and \$10.

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All players must become members of the Ross Valley Chess Club for the duration of the event. Prize fund based on 100 entries. Entry fee, if mailed by Jan. 9, is \$7 for high school students and \$10 for adults (\$2 more at the tournament site). Registration ends at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15. Please contact **Jerry Frazier**, 454-3163 or 453-7353, for directions and more information.