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In other words, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Will 1970 be a great one for you? Of course. Positively so. In fact, the only games you will lose during 1970 will be those where you don't play as well as your opponent. Oh, you may lose a few through blunders, or where you go to sleep, are too tired, don't feel well, or by forfeit. But apart from those, you're in the pink! Go to it! See the excellent events coming up in January - there's no reason why you can't start the New Year right. So enjoy your holidays, then get down to some good chess. Good luck!

FANTASTIC AMERICAN OPEN

We don't have much space to give too much sidelights on this tremendous event, with the largest ever participation (202 entries!) and we already published our interview with Ray MARTIN in our last issue. So here are the winners, and a full crosstable overleaves....

Champion: Ray MARTIN Second, Walter BROWNE; third, Kim COMMONS
Fourth: Ron GROSS.

Top Expert: Walter CUNNINGHAM, then Aki KANAMORI, James ULRICH.

Top "A": Daniel AMNEUS; next, John JAFFRAY, Ariel LEVI, Andy SACKS.

Top "B": Tie for first, Paul KOFLOY, Mike COCHRANE, followed
by tie Ray MENDOZA and V. JOVANOVIC.

Top "C": C. DAVIDSON, Paul GRAD. Top "D": Mike NORIEGA, then Lee
SOVRING, C. EGLETT, Norm VALENTI. U/r: V. DeRoux, C.

PARDINI. Top Jr u 18: A. LEVI, Ross STOUTENBOROUGH. U 14: D.
BERRY, L. CHRISTIANSEN. Senior: N. LESSING. Woman: G. OLSSON, O. HIGGINS.

FIFTH ANNUAL AMERICAN OPEN

Nov. 27-30, 1969

SANTA MONICA

		Ratg.	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Tot.	Tieb.
1.	MARTIN	R. 2114	W153	W 85	D 40	W122	W 8	W 21	W 5	W 6	7½	
2.	BROWNE	W. 2445	W169	W 17	L 18	W 63	W 38	W 20	W 11	W 10	7	32½+
3.	COMMONS	K. 2048	W129	W 88	W 41	W 14	W 21	L 6	W 25	W 13		32½
4.	GROSS	R. 2237	W168	W 63	D 34	W 39	D 36	W 27	W 22	W 9		30½
5.	DAHLBERG	I. 2269	W 75	W 44	W 60	W 20	W 18	D 19	L 1	W 24	6½	32
6.	CUNNINGHAM	W. 2186	W139	W 84	D172	W 34	W 33	W 3	W 19	L 1		31
7.	PILNICK	C. 2300	W138	L 23	W 68	W 85	W 66	D 24	W 34	W 28		29
8.	HENIN	C. 2228	W165	D 33	W 62	W 70	L 1	W 83	W 39	W 19		28½
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9.	WEINBERGER	T. 2331	W 68	W 82	L 21	W 69	W 58	W 36	W 16	L 4	6	30½
10.	AVRAM	H. 2257	W121	L 22	W138	W 65	W 40	W 26	W 17	L 2		30
11.	SUHOBECK	A. 2204	W108	W 48	W 45	D 36	D 26	W 80	L 2	W 35		29½+
12.	AMNEUS	D. 1900	W182	W 72	L 20	W 31	W 37	L 34	W 56	W 52		29½
13.	REMLINGER	L. 2275	W105	W 83	L 27	W103	W 59	W 35	W 18	L 3		29+
14.	LESSING	N. 2160	W127	W 86	W 38	E 73	W 23	L 22	W 84	W 43		29
15.	KANAMORI	A. 2124	W110	W 73	W 66	L 18	W 64	L 17	W 54	W 38		28
16.	ULRICH	J. 2123	W151	W 69	D118	W172	D 35	W 45	L 9	W 36		27½
17.	JAFFRAY	J. 1891	W175	L 2	W110	W139	W157	W 15	L 10	W 37		27
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18.	DAVIDIAN	J. 2012	W147	W 91	W 2	W 15	L 5	W 56	L 13	D 25	5½	33+
19.	ANTMAN	B. 2046	W185	W 71	W 43	W107	W 27	D 5	L 6	L 8		33
20.	MAYER	H. 2070	W 95	W 77	W 12	L 5	W 51	L 2	W 59	D 22		32½+
21.	JONES	C.B. 2012	W134	W 64	W 9	W 37	L 3	L 1	D 32	W 62		32½
22.	LEVI	A. 1925	W144	W 10	L 37	W 74	W107	W 14	L 4	D 20		32+
23.	SACKS	A. 1926	W160	W 7	D 29	D 24	L 14	W 57	D 26	W 76		32
24.	HANKEN	J. 2054	W126	W 54	D 46	D 23	W154	D 7	W 33	L 5		31
25.	ACERS	J. 2303	W100	L 51	W 72	W 86	W 67	W116	L 3	D 18		28½
26.	QUILLEN	P. 2049	D101	W125	W106	W119	D 11	L 10	D 23	W 63		28
27.	STOUTENBRO	R. 2006	W171	W173	W 13	W118	L 19	L 4	W 80	D 30		28-
28.	SPENCER	S. 2213	W155	D 62	L 33	W167	W 77	W118	W 50	L 7		27
29.	KOELSCH	G. 2107	W111	W103	D 23	L 33	W 41	L 39	W 69	W 64		27-
30.	RHEE	P. 2176	L130	W176	L169	W 61	W 72	W 73	W 48	D 27		26½
31.	KOPLOY	P. 1767	W 90	W180	W178	L 12	W 88	W154	W 81	D 33		23
32.	COCHRANE	M. 1758	W159	L 35	L136	W148	W137	W 85	D 21	W118		21½
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33.	MANN	R. 1923	W195	D 8	W 28	W 29	L 6	W 60	L 24	D 31	5	33½
34.	RADAIKIN	V. 1987	W181	W 53	D 4	L 6	W 76	W 12	L 7	D 47		33
35.	MENAS	B. 2028	W 61	W 32	D119	W 46	D 16	L 13	W 87	L 11		31½
36.	POLLARD	A. 2063	W102	W 94	W 51	D 11	D 4	L 9	W 92	L 16		31
37.	DAVIDSON	M. 2106	W189	W 65	W 22	L 21	L 12	W 82	W 71	L 17		31-
38.	BICKNELL	D. 1975	W148	W 50	L 14	W 47	L 2	W104	W 62	L 15		30½
39.	EDBERG	R. 1924	D128	W 96	W 55	L 4	W168	W 29	L 8	D 44		29½
40.	BUCKENDORF	G. 1928	W145	W 74	D 1	D 56	L 10	L 91	W109	W100		27½+
41.	GROSS	B. 1826	W197	W116	L 3	D 81	L 29	D 93	W142	W 97		27½
42.	SCHAIN	G. 2042	D123	L 49	W 57	W188	W 53	L 62	W 65	D 50		27½-
43.	DeROUX	V. u/r	W141	W 89	L 19	D 48	D124	W 86	W 45	L 14		27+
44.	ROY	D. 2055	W196	L 5	W 75	L 82	W 74	D 65	W 77	D 39		27+
45.	SCHWARTZ	S. 1986	W176	W 80	L 11	W 54	W136	L 16	L 43	W 84		27
46.	KUROSAKI	T. 1836	W190	W 52	D 24	L 35	L 47	D 49	W147	W 80		27
47.	JOVANOVIC	V. 1771	W178	L 67	W 90	L 38	W 46	D 64	W 89	D 34		27-
48.	NEUSTAEDTER	R. 1890	W200	L 11	W109	D 43	W127	D 81	L 30	W115		26+
50.	BERRY	D. 1802	W170	L 38	D 97	W 96	W 70	W136	L 28	D 42		25½
49.	DAVIDSON	C. 1561	L 81	W 42	D 73	L 62	W158	D 46	W 86	W103		26-
51.	ERVIN	R. 1879	W186	W 25	L 36	W137	L 20	L 87	W102	W 95		25½-

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52.	RATHER	J. 2116	W109	L 46	L130	W181	W 68	W141	W 91	L 12	5	25+
53.	MORRISEY	K. 1818	W202	L 34	D120	W 97	L 42	W126	D 70	W 81		25
54.	CHRISTIANSEN	L. 1805	W201	L 24	W160	L 45	W153	W 66	L 15	W 83		24½+
55.	PARDINI	C. u/r	W 87	D 57	L 39	L100	W123	W169	D 78	W126		24½
56.	SHOLOMSON	S. 2253	D162	W167	W137	D 40	W 89	L 18	L 12	W 92		24+
57.	MENDOZA	R. 1756	D158	D 55	L 42	W117	W159	L 23	W140	W 94		24
58.	STANI	K. 1963	D 93	W163	D122	W 99	L 9	L 84	W105	W 91		23½+
59.	STANDERS	L. 1950	W179	L119	W162	W 71	L 13	W 98	L 20	W 87		23½
60.	HENSE	K. 1999	W177	W149	L 5	W 92	L 80	L 33	W138	W 98		23
61.	GRAD	P. 1569	L 35	W159	L 65	L 30	W174	W137	W 85	W 82		23-
62.	WILDSCHUTZ	D. 1917	W194	D 28	L 8	W 49	W122	W 42	L 38	L 21	4½	29½
63.	FAELTEN	E. 1877	W133	L 4	W189	L 2	D 75	W101	W119	L 26		28+
64.	HOWETH	W. 1909	W174	L 21	W113	W 88	L 15	D 47	W 99	L 29		28-
65.	NEWBOLD	R. 1843	W183	L 37	W 61	L 10	W114	D 44	L 42	W120		27½
66.	GELLER	S. 1960	W132	W 90	L 15	W 91	L 7	L 54	D108	W121		26½+
67.	KRAFT	B. 1954	W146	W 47	L107	W104	L 25	L 92	W114	D 68		26½
68.	BOSCO	A. 1728	L 9	W182	L 7	W132	L 52	W181	W 90	D 67		26½
69.	PEASE	R. 1875	W191	L 16	W 95	L 9	D105	W168	L 29	W129		26½-
70.	NEZHNI	L. 2002	D125	W123	W 76	L 8	L 50	W122	D 53	D 71		26+
71.	SAWYER	S. 1799	W161	L 19	W112	L 59	W180	W124	L 37	D 70		26
72.	GIBSON	D. 1750	W136	L 12	L 25	W143	L 30	D105	W134	W135		25+
73.	PORTILLO	L. 1843	W199	L 15	D 49	W 93	D119	L 30	D121	W125		25
74.	LEVY	D. 1739	W192	L 40	W158	L 22	L 44	W177	D 88	W119		24
75.	HORNING	J. 1676	L 5	W194	L 44	W173	D 63	W 90	D 94	D 78		24-
76.	McSORLEY	M. 1794	W140	D 81	L 70	W161	L 34	W120	W118	L 23		23½+
77.	WILLIAMS	R. 1843	W164	L 20	W173	D169	L 28	W129	L 44	W133		23½-
78.	STORK	R. 1902	D163	W 93	D157	L 80	W138	D119	D 55	D 75		23
79.	KERLLENEVICH	M. 1897	W184	L107	L139	D135	L120	W127	W123	W128		20½
80.	GREENE	R. 1969	W104	L 45	W 98	W 78	W 60	L 11	L 27	L 46	4	29+
81.	RADER	R. 2025	W 49	D 76	D187	D 41	W106	D 48	L 31	L 53		29
82.	POST	L. 1830	W 97	L 9	W181	W 44	L116	L 37	W 93	L 61		28
83.	SHUEY	P. 1969	W135	L 13	D168	W101	W100	L 8	D106	L 54		27½+
84.	HILDRETH	E. 1817	W112	L 6	W145	L157	W151	W 58	L 14	L 45		27½
85.	OLSSON	G. 1865	W150	L 1	W126	L 7	W121	L 32	L 61	W142		27+
86.	COTTEN	D. 1858	W166	L 14	W196	L 25	W108	L 43	L 49	W147		27
87.	YASUTAKE	P. 1785	L 55	W142	L 88	W102	W115	W 51	L 35	L 59		27-
88.	LOZADA	R. u/r	W 98	L 3	W 87	L 64	L 31	W111	D 74	D108		26½
89.	BERGGREN	R. 1926	W180	L 43	W108	W187	L 56	D 99	L 47	D101		26
90.	ROTH	P. u/r	W 31	L 66	L 47	W196	W187	L 75	L 68	W153		25½
91.	MELNIKER	R. 1803	W193	L 18	W164	L 66	W125	W 40	L 52	L 58		25½-
92.	McCARTHY	P. 1785	L119	W165	W140	L 60	W169	W 67	L 36	L 56		25
93.	HIGGINS	O. 1487	D 58	L 78	W 94	L 73	W189	D 41	L 82	W139		25-
94.	DeLAURA	R. 1902	D187	L 36	L 93	W176	W128	W130	D 75	L 57		24½
95.	MURDOCK	B. 1603	L 20	W175	L 69	L140	W173	W164	W124	L 51		24+
96.	FRANK	R. u/r	D106	L 39	W123	L 50	L101	W189	W165	D 99		24+
97.	CUNNINGHAM	S. u/r	L 82	W153	D 50	L 53	W188	D100	W104	L 41		24-
98.	BROOKS	G. 1791	L 88	W143	L 80	W134	W144	L 59	W110	L 60		23½+
99.	EDELSTEIN	H. 1765	W131	L118	W192	L 58	W140	D 89	L 64	D 96		23½+
100.	WRANGELL	P. 1714	L 25	D166	W163	W 55	L 83	D 97	W136	L 40		23½
101.	HARDENAN	B. 1588	D 26	L157	W166	L 83	W 96	L 63	W158	D 89		23½+
102.	POLDOWITZ	M. 1602	L 36	L112	W174	L 87	W182	W156	L 51	W159		23½
103.	GARDNER	R. 1828	W156	L 29	W195	L 13	W139	L107	W180	L 49		23½
104.	KATONA	S. 1803	L 80	W135	W150	L 67	W111	L 38	L 97	W146		23+
105.	TORRES	G. 1679	L 13	L195	W142	W145	D 69	D 72	L 58	W148		23
106.	FAGIN	V. 1806	D 96	W128	L 26	W120	L 81	W171	D 82	L F		22½
107.	SAIDI	G. 2159	W113	W 79	W 67	L 19	L 22	W103	-	-		22½-
108.	SCHWEGER	G. 1644	L 11	W191	L 89	W186	L 86	W132	D 66	D 88		22+
109.	BARNETT	H. 1615	L 52	W199	L 48	L115	W145	W175	L 40	W144		22

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110.	IFILL	D. 1627	L 15	W174	L 17	L144	W143	W160	L 98	W149	4	21½+
111.	PYLE	J. 1610	L 29	W156	L124	W112	L104	L 88	W174	W136		21½
112.	FELDMAN	P. u/r	L 84	W102	L 71	L111	L117	W173	W179	W138		21½-
113.	HILL	D. 1628	L107	W183	L 64	W150	L141	L142	W182	W140		20+
114.	PILIAVIN	L. 1634	L122	L158	W128	W160	L 65	W144	L 67	W143		20
115.	NORIEGA	M. 1102	L137	L122	W177	W109	L 87	W151	W141	L 48		19½
116.	KAHYAI	K. 2051	W188	L 41	W121	W141	W 82	L 25	-	-		18½
117.	MYERS	W. 1492	-	-	-	W197	L 57	W112	L121	W175	W131	15
118.	STUMBR	O. 1934	W143	W 99	D 16	L 27	W130	L 28	L 76	L 32	3½	29
119.	OLSON	C. u/r	W 92	W 59	D 35	L 26	D 73	D 78	L 63	L 74		28
120.	SOVRING	L. 1256	W124	L172	D 53	L106	W 79	L 76	W168	L 65		26
121.	LIEBERMAN	D. 1664	L 10	W184	L116	W149	L 85	W117	D 73	L 66		25
122.	JOHNSON	R. 1648	W114	W115	D 58	L 1	L 62	L 70	L133	W170		24½
123.	SANDERS	H. 1578	D 42	L 70	L 96	W155	L 55	W170	L 79	W162		23½
124.	DEVINE	T. 1879	L120	W179	W111	D130	D 43	L 71	L 95	D132		23
125.	ARRINE	M. 1538	D 70	L 26	W190	D154	L 91	D159	W155	L 73		22½
126.	COLLINS	B. 1595	L 24	D161	L 85	W133	W170	L 53	W159	L 55		22½-
127.	FEYER	J. 1628	L 14	D152	W133	L136	L 58	L 79	W145	W158		22
128.	VALENTI	N. 1391	D 39	L106	L114	W166	L 94	W161	W162	L 79		22-
129.	SLECHTA	D. 1586	L 3	L140	W184	D192	W161	L 77	W139	L 69		21½
130.	BEESKOW	W. 1668	W 30	L137	W 52	D124	L118	L 94	L135	W161		21½-
131.	SALGADO	R. u/r	L 99	L181	L143	W193	W146	D134	W167	L117		20
132.	BIRKEL	J. 1480	L 66	L198	W201	L 68	W178	L108	W164	D124		18½+
133.	EGLETT	C. 1248	L 63	D162	L127	L126	W194	W167	W122	L 77		18½
134.	RADER	D. 1549	L 21	L178	W191	L 98	W195	D131	L 72	W163		18
135.	BENKO	N. 1496	L 83	L104	W156	D 79	D162	D165	L130	L 72		18-
136.	VAN LEEUWEN	F. u/r	L 72	W177	W 32	W127	L 45	L 50	L100	L111	3	26½
137.	MERKES	T. u/r	W115	W130	L 56	L 51	L 32	L 61	L143	W174		26
138.	RACS	S. 1681	L 7	W144	L 10	W146	L 78	W148	L 60	L112		25½
139.	KRISTOFFERSON	1641	L 6	W186	W 79	L 17	L103	W180	L129	L 93		25
140.	LENGHEIMER	A. u/r	L 76	W129	L 92	W 95	L 99	W153	L 57	L113		24
141.	KRAUS	A. 1825	L 43	W146	W149	L116	W113	L 52	L115	-		24
142.	MARTIN	D. 1412	L172	L 87	L105	W201	W196	W113	L 41	L 85		22½+
143.	GULLMES	A. 1460	L118	L 98	W131	L 72	L110	W197	W137	L114		22½
144.	VAN LEEUWEN	J. 1396	L 22	L138	W165	W110	L 98	L114	W151	L109		22
145.	PATSCH	A. 1436	L 40	W155	L 84	L105	L109	W193	L127	W183		20½
146.	AHMED	V. 1469	L 67	L141	W193	L138	L131	W150	L156	L104		20½-
147.	SIMON	E. 1552	L 18	L169	L186	W200	W149	W190	L 46	L 86		20
148.	JIRON	J. 1507	L 38	L154	W199	L 32	W192	L138	W184	L105		18½+
149.	HERSCHENSOHN	B. 1364	W BY	L 60	L141	L121	L147	W176	W177	L110		18½
150.	TILLEY	J. 1154	L 85	W BY	L104	L113	L181	L146	W176	W179		18
151.	GOSIEWSKI	D. 1626	L 16	L160	W194	W195	L 84	L115	L144	W186		17½+
152.	MSTERS	M. 1200	L154	D127	L167	L171	L163	D166	W185	W177		17½
153.	YOUNG	B. 1613	L 1	L 97	W202	W164	L 54	L140	W160	L 90		17
154.	VIHON	S. 1867	W152	W148	D188	D125	L 24	L 30	-	-		17-
155.	HINRICHSSEN	D. 1732	L 28	L145	L180	L123	W183	W195	L125	W175		16½
156.	DAVIS	R. u/r	L103	L111	L135	W194	W176	L102	L146	W199		16½-
157.	OSTER	R. 2071	D167	W101	D 78	W 84	L 17	-	-	-		16
158.	STAPLES	E. u/r	D 57	W114	L 74	L168	L 49	W188	L101	L127	2½	24½
159.	SCHWARZ	F. u/r	L 32	L 61	W182	W185	L 57	D125	L126	L102		23½
160.	BRESTYANSKY	P. 1414	L 23	W151	L 54	L114	W185	L110	L153	D164		23½-
161.	KELLOTAT	G. u/r	L 70	D126	W171	L 76	L129	L128	W188	L130		22
162.	RAZIEN	P. 1664	D 56	D133	L 59	L180	D135	W144	L128	L123		21½
163.	LIEBERMAN	J. 1298	D 78	L 58	L100	L190	W152	L162	W193	L134		20
164.	BECK	A. u/r	L 77	W185	L 91	L153	W166	L 95	L132	D160		19½
165.	WOOD	G. 1645	L 8	L 92	L144	W184	W179	D135	L 96	-		19
166.	MOHAWK	W. 1127	L 86	D100	L101	L128	L164	D152	D173	W191		19-

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167.	TARMAN	T.	1609	D157	L 56	W152	L 28	W190	L133	L131	- -	2½	18½
168.	BRADY	J.	1648	L 4	W200	D 83	W158	L 39	L 69	L120	- -	-	17½
169.	LEONHARDT	K.	1732	L 2	W147	W 30	D 77	L 92	L 55	- -	- -	-	17
170.	HUGHES	C.	u/r	L 50	L188	W179	D189	L126	L 59	W190	L122	-	16½
171.	STAMPS	R.	1540	L 27	D190	L161	W152	W175	L106	- -	- -	-	14½
172.	BATCHELDER	C.	1985	W142	W120	D 6	L 16	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	12½
173.	VEST	M.	1445	W198	L 27	L 77	L 75	L 95	L112	D116	D178	2	24
174.	BRIGGS	E.	1370	L 64	L110	L102	W197	L 61	W185	L111	L137	-	22
175.	SCHAIN	R.	1288	L 17	L 95	W BY	W178	L171	L109	L117	L155	-	20½
176.	JUDD	T.	1508	L 45	L 30	W183	L 94	L156	L149	L150	W193	-	20
177.	JUDD	C.	1513	L 60	L136	L115	W191	W186	L 74	L149	L152	-	19½
178.	PYLE	S.	u/r	L 47	W134	L 31	L175	L132	L182	D191	D173	-	19
179.	MASTERS	T.	1463	L 59	L124	L170	W183	L165	W186	L112	L150	-	18½
180.	SKRATULIA	J.	1428	L 89	L 31	W155	W162	L 71	L139	L103	- -	-	18½-
181.	RALPH	R.	1510	L 34	W131	L 82	L 52	W150	L 68	- -	- -	-	17+
182.	WEILER	J.	1434	L 12	L 68	L159	W199	L102	W178	L113	- -	-	17
183.	ANDERSON	E.	u/r	L 65	L113	L176	L179	L155	W194	W195	L145	-	15+
184.	MINERS	K.	1288	L 79	L121	L129	L165	W199	W196	L148	- -	-	15
185.	DEAN	T.	1585	L 19	L164	W200	L159	L160	L174	L152	W194	-	14
186.	FEDERSEN	P.	1259	L 51	L139	W147	L108	L177	L179	W199	L151	-	14
187.	FOGARTY	E.	1758	D 94	W201	D 81	L 89	L 90	- -	- -	- -	-	10
188.	GARVIN	E.	1589	L116	W170	D154	L 42	L 97	L158	L116	- -	1½	17
189.	LABRE	R.	1609	L 37	W197	L 63	D170	L 83	L 96	L196	- -	-	17-
190.	CRAYTON	J.	u/r	L 46	D171	L125	W163	L167	L147	L170	- -	-	16
191.	FEDERSEN	R.	1201	L 69	L108	L134	L177	L193	W199	D178	L166	-	14
192.	WALL	W.	u/r	L 74	W193	L 99	D129	L148	- -	- -	- -	-	10½
193.	HOOPER	V.	u/r	L 91	L192	L146	L131	W191	L145	L163	L176	1	18
194.	STRONG	C.	1375	L 62	L 75	L151	L156	L133	L183	W BY	L185	-	18-
195.	ABRIGO	D.	1387	L 33	W105	L103	L151	L134	L155	L183	- -	-	17½
196.	KITSIANIS	J.	1589	L 44	W202	L 86	L 90	L142	L184	L189	- -	-	13½
197.	DEMELIUS	H.	u/r	L 41	L189	L117	L174	W200	L143	- -	- -	-	11½
198.	THOMASON	M.	1931	L173	W132	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	2
199.	ATKINSON	A.	u/r	L 73	L109	L148	L182	L184	L191	L186	L156	0	-
200.	RACZ	F.	1272	L 48	L168	L185	L147	L197	- -	- -	- -	-	-
201.	GERSDOFF	P.	u/r	L 54	W187	L132	L142	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-
202.	FAETH	H.	u/r	L 53	L196	L153	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	-	-

UNQUESTIONABLY GREAT!

It will be the first one in 1970, and a momentous one indeed. We are talking about the annual meeting of the So. Calif. Chess League, to be held at the Atlas Chess Club, League Headquarters, 3351 W. 43rd St., on January 6, 7.30 p.m. It's a Tuesday evening.

On the agenda:

1. Payment of club dues and team entry fees.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Selection of Hall of Fame Award recipient for 1970.
 4. Discussion of and commitments to the Calpoint Program.
 5. Performance and Participation Trophy Program.
 6. Merit Award Point Program.
 7. Prepaid entries to So. Cal. Championships.
 8. Tentative entries to Team Matches.
- Club representatives should be prepared to discuss points 4-5-6-7 and commit their clubs on these points. Other proposals and business will be taken up if time permits. Clubs that are not members are invited to send representatives and learn about the League.

JANUARY THE GREAT

(Well, maybe a little December too)

All right - so you will all enjoy the Christmas Holidays, have a wonderful Yuletide season with your families and so on....but then, it's time for some good chess - right? OK. It will be provided for you as the following rundown of events shows:

- Dec. 26-27-28: California State Championship Finals at El Segundo. Come and watch the ten finalists battle for the title! First round on Friday Dec. 26 at 12.30 p.m.
- Dec. 29, Monday: Holiday Fun Chess at the Whittier Chess Club, Rose-hedge/Broadway, Whittier - 7.30 p.m. 5-min. Rapid Transit, limited to players under 2200. Entry fee, \$1.
- January 5, Mon: More Holiday Fun Chess at Whittier, the start of a 6-rd Swiss of 15 minute chess - in fact start and finish in one night - similar to rapid transit with 15 min. instead of five, and Swiss pairings. EF \$2; u 21, \$1.
- January 7, Wed: The City Terrace Chess Club gets into action. 5-min. Rapid Transit Tournament, EF \$1.25. Open to all. At 7.45 p.m. At 1126 N. Hazard St, City Terrace Park.
- January 9-10-11, weekend: More action at City Terrace. New!!

EXPERIMENTAL OPEN

A new type of tournament for your enjoyment! A proper 6-Rd Swiss, like all other weekend tournaments, except that the entry fee is low, low - only \$3. Trophy for the winner, and cash prizes as entries permit. Obviously these prizes will not be whopping big ones, but therefore the EF is a pittance almost. Let's see if you care to play chess for fun, not money - a test of the poll recently taken in the North in which 90% preferred low-entry fees into even weekend tournaments. It may not work in So. Calif., then again it may!

Awards other than first will be made based on Merit Award Point system. Also new and sounds good. One other thing: if 5% of the entrants are Masters (not less than 2) the tournament should qualify as strong enough for CALPOINTS. Induce some masterfriends of yours to play!

Starts Friday Jan 9 at 8 p.m. Saturday rds at 9, 2, 7; Sunday, 9 and 2. Time limit 45 in 1 1/4 hrs. Directed by Jerry WOLLSCHLAGER, the club's new T.D. doing a good job of directing the Bernard Oak Memorial right now. Assistants Darrell RADER and Gordon BARRETT will be on hand should Jerry run into a stickler. Yes - it's the EXPERIMENTAL OPEN!

January 12, Mon - Back to Whittier again for the Mid-Winter Rating Tournament, 6 rd Swiss 40/2. Runs through Feb 16. At 7.30 p.m. In three sections: Above 1699, 1500-1700, and below 1500. EF \$3 clubmembers, \$4 non; juniors u 21 \$1.50 and \$2.00. USCF-rated. 1st prizes, \$15 + trophy, second and third trophies. Directed by Ken FLESHMAN.

January 21, Wed - At City Terrace, through Feb. 25 - a tremendous NOVICE TOURNAMENT with only a \$5 entry fee and good prizes. Five-rounder, with a lecture by a master on Feb 11. USCF-rated.. * A good one!

January 23-24-25: L.A. COUNTY OPEN at Atlas Chess Club, 3351 W. 43rd St., Los Angeles. Held at this club instead of Santa Monica in 1970. Top prizes - a real big one, but no details available yet. Prepare now!

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