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Junior Championship

The annual T.C.A. tournament to determine the Championship of Texas Juniors will take place in San Antonio at Trinity University on June 26 and 27. According to the T.C.A. Constitution, this tourney is open only to Texas residents under the age of 18 on September 1, 1976. A large turnout of young players is expected by T.C.A. Junior Chess Director Lindsay Phillips due to the well-known activity of San Antonio high school chess clubs.

Bill Church is responsible for getting the tournament moved from Houston, with Lynne Babcock's approval and support, by agreeing to pay \$100 for tourney expenses and then to sponsor the tourney winner on an all expenses paid trip to the U.S. Junior Open.

The Alamo City deserves statewide support.

IMPORTANT

Tournament Chess

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SO YOU WANT TO HOLD A CHESS TOURNAMENT?

There are lots of chess players who have a sneaking feeling that they could become super-duper tournament directors if only they had 'the chance'.

Well, the chance is here and now--the state needs more T.C.A. tournament directors!

You don't have to live in a big town, you don't even have to get certified by the USCF if you don't want to hold a USCF rated tournament--all you have to do is find a place to play and then advertise it.

Wait! Hold on! I can hear the cries of anguish already--someone saying you had better read up on the official rules of chess, someone else saying you had better order some pairing cards and wall charts, someone else saying you had better not plan to make any profit out of being a tournament organizer, advertiser, and director. But don't forget that the true, creative entrepreneur often finds his (or her) own answers.

Nevertheless, you can expect best results by first contacting the U.S. Chess Federation's Tournament Director Certification Program, 186 Rt. 9W, New Windsor, N.Y. 12550, to get certified as a USCF local director. You will probably need to order the new USCF Rulebook (paperback) to be able to pass the TDCP test.

After this (or before, if you don't care whether your tournament is USCF rated or not), you must find a suitable location for your tournament. I would suggest touring the local hotels and asking about their ballrooms if you want to hold a big tourney (not advisable for a first-timer). Schools, especially colleges, will often provide free playing space if you promise not to make a profit (heh! heh!). Large cities often have recreation centers that are available free. Meeting places like churches, YMCA, civic clubs, and even park pavilions have been used for tournament sites.

If you should like a hotel ballroom best--be sure not to pay over \$50/day for it. There is lots of business for a hotel from the out-of-towners at a chess tourney. Impress on the hotel manager that he is throwing away an opportunity if he doesn't provide your 'convention' with a free place to play. The typical manager will offer you a low ballroom rate if you guarantee that chess players will rent a certain minimum number of hotel rooms. Don't agree to a higher number of rooms than you actually expect and do be sure to get all agreements in writing (or you may end up sharing your site with the local bridge club, heaven forbid!).

At the same time that you are scouting for a site, you should be scouting for a date. The date is less important than the site because no one can force you not to have a chess tourney, though if there is a conflict it hurts everyone involved.

The way to avoid a conflict between your tournament and another is to consult the T.C.A. Calendar published in Texas Knights and pick out an open date or a date that someone very far away from you is using. To get the latest Calendar, and to reserve your date, write to T.C.A. Grande Prix Director Clarence Callaway, 524 Cox Dr., Irving, TX 75062.

If you want to have a tourney but there is less than two months' time to your preferred date, call T.C.A. Editor Tom Weaver at (512) 852-5888 for a last minute okay and insertion of your tournament announcement into Texas Knights. Your announcement will not be accepted if there is a T.C.A. membership-required tourney within 70 miles of your proposed site.

WHAT GOOD IS THE T.C.A.?

It is unfortunate that some tournament organizers display an attitude of "What use is the T.C.A. to me?"

Of all people, tourney organizers are the most helped by our statewide association!

The average T.C.A. member receives little more than a subscription to Texas Knights, the right to play in several special T.C.A. events, and the right to vote at the T.C.A. Annual Business Meeting at the Southwestern Open. These things are worth \$4/year (\$3 for juniors), but look at all the extras that tournament organizers get....

1.) A clearinghouse that helps to avoid tournament conflicts (see the T.C.A. Calendar--and use it! If you have an annual tournament don't hesitate to reserve the date you want for it a whole year in advance--other regions may not be aware of your plans even if you have had a tourney on that same weekend for over 20 years).

2.) A Coming Events section for the listing of tournament announcements (preference is given to T.C.A.-required meets) that reacts much more quickly to last minute changes than the U.S.C.F. can. Plus we will run announcements of unrated events such as simuls or high school tourneys that you would have to pay for to get listed in CL&R. Plus you reach the buying public that is going to be interested in your tourney--what do you care if the USCF has a 50,000 circulation if none of them ever come to your local tournaments?

3.) Besides free publicity for organizers, the T.C.A. also presents a step ladder for those who are interested in chess politics, rules, and relations. The T.C.A. is the official state affiliate of the U.S. Chess Federation. We are a democratic, non-profit organization that will gladly hear any gripe or suggestion and do the best that we can for all Texas chessplayers--even those who don't care enough to pay their dues. We solve problems.

4.) Bidding for the big annual T.C.A. events (S.W. Open, Texas Open, Texas Closed & Amateur, Junior, and Women's Championship) is left up to organizers. Persons wishing to host these tournaments are allowed to present their bids before an open meeting of the T.C.A. membership so that a vote can be taken (Lubbock is already working up a strong bid for the '77 Texas Open) to award the events to the organizer with the best plan. This annual Business Meeting at the S.W. Open also presents organizers with the opportunity to meet one another socially.

5.) The T.C.A. is what you make it.

Any officer of the T.C.A. will be happy to provide personal assistance if you wish for it. Just ask us--that is one of the things we were elected to do. Officers of the T.C.A. that have been especially appointed to help organize events in the various regions of Texas are:

- 1.) Bill Snead, 2111 Travis, Amarillo 79101
- 2.) Gary Rogers, 307 Bryan #4, Denton 76201
- 3.) Tom Cunningham, Box 562, Dallas 75221
- 4.) Andrew Lattu, 1402 Murray, Midland 79701
- 5.) John Garcia, Jr., Box 704, Navasota 77868
- 6.) Pete Prattes, Box 7231, San Antonio 78207
- 7.) Jim McKone, 412 Daffodil, McAllen 78501





LONE STAR ROUNDUP



LUBBOCK - Andrea Myers writes:

"The Lubbock Chess Association held a three-round Swiss, the L.C.A. February Warm-Up, on Feb. 10, 17 & 24. There was a three-way tie for first prize between Dean Yarbro, Cecil Simpson, and Mark Lanier, with three points each. Larry Lebowitz and Hung Nguyen, each with 2 points, bested 15 unrated players to win the top Unrated prize. Elven Chase took the third Unrated spot on tie-breaking points. Nearly half of the 33 players were unrated. David Thomas directed for the L.C.A."

L.C.A. Editor J. Brock noted in The Ninth Rank, Vol. 2, No. 3, that this was the third such Tuesday night rating tourney held recently in Lubbock. This one served to give the new players some practice in preparation for the big Underwood Memorial, March 12-14.

A full report on the Dr. Ralph S. Underwood Memorial Chess Tournament, written by Philip Childress, appears later in this Texas Knights, but it is appropriate to quote here from a letter by Gary Simms to the L.C.A.:

"Your Dr. Underwood Memorial Tournament was one of the finest in which I have ever had the opportunity to play.

"I would like to thank Phil Childress, Cecil Simpson, David Thomas, and all the other people who made the tournament the huge success it was.

"Apologies are in order for the problems I caused by arriving late for the optional round Friday evening. Sorry!

"The praise I have for your tournament cannot be overstated. The promotion, advertising, directing, and everything else were above reproach. The noise level was low enough to satisfy even me!

"When my wife, Dorothy, told me that Cecil had gotten her a chair when she was sitting on the floor chatting with some of the other 'chess widows,' I was really impressed.

"I didn't win the tournament but I was tickled pink that I had the opportunity to play in this fitting tribute to Dr. Underwood."

These comments represent very well the position of everyone that the Editor has heard from concerning the Underwood Memorial.

HOUSTON - Lynne Babcock writes about the 1976 Southwest High School Championship sponsored Feb. 28 & 29 by the Continental Chess Association in cooperation with the H.C.C.:

"They flew, bussed and drove to Houston from Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and the far reaches of Texas. At the close of registration, 162 HS, JHS, and elementary school kids had their boards set up and were ready to square off in the largest USCF-rated junior tournament ever held in Region VII.

"Top-ranked Bill Reuter, a 14-year-old expert from Houston, and rated a minimum 250 points above the rest of the field, shared top honors with Fred Aguirre, a senior from San Antonio, ranked #2 at 1790. Each scored 5 1/2-1/2. Fred's team, Jefferson HS, easily walked away with first HS team awards, scoring 19-1/2 out of a possible 24 pts. Tied at second place were Clear Lake of Houston and Highlands of San Antonio. Each scored 16-1/2. Tied at 16 were S.A. Robert E. Lee and Houston Strake Jesuit. Top Junior HS team was also a San Antonio school, Longfellow JHS which fielded three teams.

"An encouraging fact to be noted about this year's event is that out of 162 players, more than one hundred were unrated.

"Who are the organizers and sponsors of the junior chess programs in Region VII? Almost without exception they are teachers, principals and headmasters from the schools the junior chessplayers attend. The most enthusiastic group surely has to be the sponsors from San Antonio. It was my pleasure to talk with several of them this year. They've been 'in business' for more than six years, way before the heyday of Fischer-Spassky, 1972. The seniors from Jefferson HS, for example, were 'caught' and coached at the Junior High School level.

"In San Antonio the juniors (numbering well over 200 active participants) play in frequent unrated (by USCF standards) events. A \$2 entry fee is charged and a percentage is put into a kitty (per school) to help fund expenses for such tournaments as the Southwest HS Championship. Small wonder, then, that the San Antonio bunch fielded almost half the 23 teams represented this year....

"Did you see the Top 50 lists in March issue of CL&R? Three HCC women made it: Janette McGaughy, Leza Sturdivant, and Nanette Snapp. Janette will come in about 1650 when everything is rated. Henley did quite well at Lone Pine, pulling even with 3 1/2-3 1/2. He beat GM Forintos and N. J. whiz kid, Michael Rohde. Drew Martz, Mark Diesen, and John Watson. Lost to grandmasters Quinteros and Browne; 2432 performance rating. Petrosian took the \$8,000 first with 5-1/2. Nine followed at 5 including new English GM, Anthony Miles, Miles and Formanek won the recent National Open."

Chevalier, in the Christian Science Monitor of March 9, 1976, featured a "great game" between Arnold Denker and Ron Henley from the Jacksonville Classic in Florida where Ron and Ed Formanek tied for first.

The U.S.C.F. notes that the Houston team is in last place in the National Chess League. The other teams are too much stronger, although much of their strength is due to foreign immigrants rather than homegrown talent (Washington's first place team is led by GM Kavalek). This February 25 Telephone Match is a good example:

<u>New York (4-1/2)</u>		<u>Houston (1-1/2)</u>	
Leonid Shamkovich (2470)	1	Ronald Henley (2298)	0
Sal Matera (2467)	1/2	David Babcock (2229)	1/2
Andrew Soltis (2460)	1/2	Robert Atlas (2122)	1/2
Bernard Zuckerman (2442)	1/2	Robert Brieger (2068)	1/2
Michael Rohde (2343)	1	David Willis (2049)	0
John Fedorowicz (2256)	1	Larry Englebretson (2023)	0

Bill Goichberg of the CCA sent us a crosstable of the \$2,000 Southwest Classic which was run concurrent with the SW HS Championship by TD George Martin. The listing shows that Ron Henley was tied for first by Joe Bradford (2216) at 4-1/2. Henley's draw was with Texas Amateur Champ Carl Vogel while Bradford was slowed by Ken Smith (2319). Smith had 4 pts for third, while 4 pts. was good enough to tie Larry Englebretson and Jess Goodman for top Expert, tie Billy Patteson and Lorenzo Gaskill for top 'A,' and tie Clifford Rierson, Daniel Schey, and Barry Endsley for top 'B.' Kurt Aranow had 3-1/2 for top 'C,' while second 'C' was split by Robert Arthur, Larry Fulbright, Johnny Guinn, Kenny Hebert, and David Katelansky at 3 each. Top 'DE' was Robert Clark's 3-1/2 while the second place tie at 3 was between Terry Anderson, Danny Woodall, and Douglas Brown. Top Unrated was Donnie Black with 3 and Gary Rosin took clear second Unr with 2 pts.

The 85 entrants in this tourney made a total of 247 chessplayers in Houston on Feb. 28 & 29.

CORPUS CHRISTI - A four round club rating tournament was held at the pace of one-game-each-Tuesday night in February. Glenn Escovedo (1887) took first with 3-1/2 pts.

SAN ANTONIO - Pete Prattes writes:

"I don't know whether Goichberg is going to have any tournaments here in San Antonio. Personally I wish he would; I would be able to play instead of Direct.

"We had a rather small turnout for the Alamo Open, 35 in all. I think that the week before when Goichberg had his tournaments in Houston most of the tournament players ran out of money, and another tournament in San Antonio was too much on the old pocket-book. At any rate, here are the results: First - Eugene Kohnitz (1895), 4-1/2 pts.; Second - Gregg Stanley (1815), 4; Third - Richard Spitzer (1782), 4; 'A' - Tommy Smith, 4; 'B' - Louis Thurston over Tony Alston on \dagger b, 4; 'C' - Joachim Fox over Gregory Doughty on \dagger b, 3; 'D' - Eric Kunze, 3; and 'U' - Mohamad Feyznia, 3."

KINGSVILLE - The 1976 Texas A&I Open was held March 13 & 14 in Rhode Hall on the campus near the library. TD at the 20-player event was Bruce Payne, a grad student at A&I.

Arthur Kimes (1753) of San Antonio won first place trophy on tiebreak over A&I math prof. Dr. Louis Thurston (1798). Both had 4-1/2 pts. Top 'B' was Gary West at 3-1/2 while Greg Doughty made the same score for top 'C.' Second 'C' was tied between Dennis Steinmetz, L. David Levinson, and Justo Ybarra at 2-1/2. Sompol Patamalai (1183) scored a surprizing 3-1/2 to take 'DE' while Don McBride got second 'DE' with 3 pts.

DENTON - Gary Rogers writes:

"Unfortunately there is not much going on up here to report on. I am directing a tournament here in Denton, but it is not a TCA-required tournament as I was unable to persuade the NTSU Chess Club to do so...."

NAVASOTA - John Garcia writes:

"The reason you haven't heard anything from Navasota is because there isn't anything going on around here. The junior chess tourney had to be cancelled because of lack of interest...."

POSTAL CHESS - The 1976 Texas Postal now has two sections in action. Entry fee is \$2 plus TCA membership unless you are already a TCA member paid through 1978. Send both payments to Tournament Director Bill McCarty, 2615 Buchanan, Odessa. CCLA is not required in '76.

TCA Postal Program Director Ken Hackney has been elected to the Correspondence Chess League of America Board of Directors. Ken remains in overall charge of the 1974, 1975, and 1976 Texas Postal Championships. Game results should be sent to Ken; he and Bill are planning to keep a TCA postal rating list.

Texas has challenged Michigan to a 10-board correspondence match. Also, the possibility of using the Radio Relay League Traffic System as a medium for passing moves is being investigated. More details will be published if either probe strikes a response.

JUNIOR CHESS - Lindsay Phillips is to be congratulated for having the idea to ask Bill Church to sponsor this year's Texas Junior Championship. Mr. Church's response, that he will be happy to "sponsor the winner to the nationals, and will commit to do this annually," is gracious and certainly well appreciated by all Texas chessplayers. Our thanks is publicly extended to George W. Church, Jr., Chairman of the Board for Church's Fried Chicken, Inc.

MORE TEXAS CHESS HISTORY

"In the spring of 1931, Dr. R. C. Stephenson of Austin, Texas, at the request of F. H. McKee, then Western Chess Association Director for the Southwest, visited Dallas at the expense of Dallas players. A small purse of about \$25 was donated for a title match between Dr. Stephenson and J. C. Thompson of Dallas. As was expected, the Austin man, a professor in the University of Texas, was the winner. Those in the know were satisfied that the winner of this match should be styled the Texas Champion, and Dr. Stephenson was recognized as such by the T.C.A. This was not the first title the champion had held. He was the 1927 North American Champion in the Correspondence Tourney. He had also staked his blindfold championship of San Francisco against that of the Champion of Stockholm, Sweden, and emerged the victor of a 10-game match. He had been a member of the University of California and Harvard University chess teams.

"Despite Mr. Stephenson's unquestioned merits as a player, however, the manner of bestowing the title was not democratic enough to satisfy Texas Chess players in general. Plans for a 1932 tournament were drawn up. The original project was, however, abandoned.

"On July 2, 1932, we were fortunate in having in Dallas several strong out-of-town players who became interested in our plan to organize a State Chess Association and hold annual tournaments, and therefore we decided to hold an impromptu tournament at once with Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, and Austin represented. Although this tourney was far from being completely representative of Texas chess, we think no one can question the validity of the Texas Chess Championship title bestowed on Mr. Anderson, the tournament winner. Chess players will recall that Mr. Anderson was a member of the 1930 United States team at Hamburg and is recognized over the country as an outstanding player.

"The following shows the names of the participants and their final ranking:

1. J. A. Anderson	Ft. Worth
2. J. C. Thompson	Dallas
3. W. N. Kendall	San Antonio
4. H. L. Kornrum	San Antonio
5. F. H. McKee	Dallas
6. T. E. Hartsfield	Dallas
7. J. W. Stapp	Austin"

The modern T.C.A. sends its thanks to Robert Stoeve for providing us with the above quote from the Texas Chess Magazine, Aug., 1932, and to Frank Skoff, Immediate Past President of the U.S.C.F., for his good advice on where to search for still more Texas Chess lore.



REPORT ON THE DR. UNDERWOOD TOURNAMENT
by Philip Childress

The Dr. Ralph S. Underwood Memorial Tournament held in Lubbock, Texas, March 12, 13, and 14 drew 82 players from six states. The optional first round, which could be played Friday night, drew 37 players. This was almost half the total field which indicates the reasonableness of this feature. A second feature new to the sponsoring Lubbock Chess Association was the accelerated pairings for the first two rounds. Theoretically, accelerated pairings aid in determining a single winner when the field is overly large. A single winner did emerge, but the system also produced unlikely pairings in the later rounds.

At any rate, Steven Spencer, hitch-hiking down from Willow Springs, Missouri, nabbed the "longest distance" prize, and won first prize and trophy with a fine 5-0 score. Jerry Milburn, of Fort Worth, secured a last round draw from David Thomas of Lubbock to hold second place clear, with 4-1/2 score. In a mammoth third place with 4-1 were Joseph Bradford, David Thomas, Gary Simms, Nathan Cypert, Bill Wheeler, Bill Snead, Dean Yarbro, H. C. McLaughlin, Brian Dye, Richard Knight, and Ruben Cortez. Class winners were: Expert, Gary Simms. Class A, Nathan Cypert (trophy), Bill Wheeler, Bill Snead, Dean Yarbro, H. C. McLaughlin. Class B, Brian Dye (trophy) and Richard Knight. Class C, Mike Cocanougher (trophy), Ron Northcutt, and W. H. Stapp. Class D, Jay Brock (trophy), W. P. Jackson, Dan Greathouse, Jon Riley, Otis Ivie, and Jim Pratt. Class E, Eric Kunze. Unrated, 1st Ruben Cortez, 2nd Dale Young, 3rd Brown Wilson, and 4th & 5th Robert Herring and M. Bugnone. The oldest player was W. Poundstone Jackson; the youngest, Ralph Welker, one of three 14-year-olds. They won copies of the Official Rules of Chess.

A speed chess tournament was held Saturday morning for the Friday night first round players who had nothing else to do. Young Brian Dye of Portales, N.M. snared the trophy with a perfect 5-0. Mr. Dye was with the Portales High School chess team that was warming up in Lubbock preparing for the N.M. High School Team Championships the following week in Albuquerque.

There was excellent community support for this tournament. Lubbock restaurants donated free meals which were distributed by drawing immediately before the second round. Vegetarian S. Spencer received one all-he-could-eat Bar-B-Q beef dinner and almost everyone received something.

Mrs. Zelda Underwood visited the tournament to greet old friends and to meet and congratulate each winner privately.

Reminiscences.... An odd thing in the upset event. Four players won from players 300 points or higher, and all were Lubbock Chess Association members. Mike Burns, upset winner at the Texas Championship a month earlier, carried off the prize... Gary Simms, last round, tied 4-0 for the lead, white against Spencer, played P-QN4, the Polish. Spencer studied 15 minutes before answering. In the middle game Simms overlooked an intermetzo and lost.... Leftover chess pieces and left behind coats, write in and describe 'em and we'll mail 'em.

A few minutes after Gary Simms lost his first game as a master, he approached the tournament director and said, "Nice tournament. I couldn't complain about the noise-- it was that quiet." This tournament had a good mood.

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Ralph S. Underwood

1892-1974

Chess Master Steve Spencer accepts his first place trophy and check for \$200 from Mrs. Zelda Underwood, widow of the former Professor of Mathematics at Texas Tech.

AN ADDENDUM by David Thomas: "Philip Childress and Cecil Simpson did a very excellent job of directing the tournament. Most chess players do not recognize the burdensome responsibility, the tedious bookkeeping, and the patient diplomacy that this work requires...I would also like to thank Terry Blankenship, Fred Marriott, Jay Brock, Marinel Brock, Otis Ivie, Sammy Hitt, Mike Cocanougher, Mike Fredrick, Jess Headley, Steve Hill, and the many other LCA members whose time and efforts made the tournament program possible...I would like to thank Jon Riley who donated his Class D winnings to the Texas Tech Library to buy chess books in honor of Dr. Underwood...I would like to thank Margene Cude and the staff of the Parkway Travelodge Motel... Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Zelda Underwood whose kind and patient support made all the effort worthwhile."

ARE WOMEN JUST WOODPUSHERS?

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The controversial issue of a woman's ability in chess will be a long-standing one for many years to come, until some real serious psychological research is done on the subject. About two years ago I began a series of interviews with some women tournament players and had devised a group of psychometric tests to be administered to the women players I interviewed. The tests were designed to characterize the chess ability of each subject in terms of the four main variables in chess psychology: Visual Perception, Positional Judgement, Memory, and Logic. Unfortunately, I only got to the interviews, as my teaching duties didn't allow me the time for the administering of the tests. What I obtained from the women players was a whole new viewpoint on their feelings and ideas toward the male domination of the game, the nature of "chess intelligence," and the social factors which contribute to their overall reluctance to continue pressing onward in spite of many losses and disappointments.

The first question one must ask is: Is there something inherent in the game of chess which favors the success of men as opposed to women? Many players (male ones, I mean) to whom I've talked about this question seem to believe that chess is mainly a bloodless battle of egos; a relentless search and struggle to find the truth. It requires extreme patience, tenacity, and an extraordinary recuperative power of the will or ego to bounce back from numerous defeats and failures. Most of the men are of the opinion that women in general do not possess all of the above qualities within one being. In other words, women just aren't made of the "sterner stuff." All of the women I interviewed at the 1974 U.S. Open in New York said that women do have the mental ability for the game, but that it's the social factors which keep many more talented women from participating in chess, and is the reason why many of the potentially able ones give chess up altogether. They feel that they are not looked upon with true equality of ability, regardless of the rating they possess. One woman said that she overheard two male players at the tournament talking about women players, and one said to the other, "Of course, you know that a man rated 1750 is always better than a woman with the same rating." Is this ignorance or arrogance?

An Austrian psychologist (who shall remain nameless) had done some psychological research on women in Europe just after the Spassky-Fischer match. His research had nothing explicitly to do with chess, but some of his conclusions need, I think, further proof and study. He claimed that:

1. Women in general tend to crack under pressure more than men.
2. After a certain amount of trials in which failures have resulted each time, women tend to give up without continuing toward accomplishment, as men, in general, would do.
3. Women on the whole are less adept in areas which require mathematical ability and logic.

There were some other finds (which I hope are preliminary) which tend to support the view presently held by most men that women are, in general, more emotional, and

this may be causative of their not excelling in areas which demand the qualities I've already mentioned. I myself cannot wholeheartedly agree with the above findings, since there are just too many extraneous but important variables to consider--one is subjectivity. As long as chess is going to remain a contest between the minds of two individuals, then subjectivity will be the main consideration. Then the women who play the game will be considered for their playing ability as intelligent entities rather than representations of socially affected performers, trying to compete, no less succeed, in what is purported to be a game of "male intelligence."

At the '74 U.S. Open I had the pleasure of interviewing Ruth Cardoso, Ruth Orton (formerly Ruth Haring), Ruth Donnelly, and Rachel Crotto. Ruth Cardoso is six times (maybe by now seven times) Women's Champion of Brazil. Her rating was up in the 1800's the last I remember, but above all, her desire to compete is what makes her successful. She loves tournament play and its challenges. She said, "Perhaps women don't think abstract enough; and this is why they don't do as well." This argument has also been given for why there aren't many women engineers and top-notch mathematicians. But does this preclude that a superior ability for mathematics is a prerequisite for excellence in chess? This is another area which I am currently involved with. She doesn't think that women have more trouble making decisions than men do, but that women are more practical, in general. Ruth related to me a story of how the Russian women players use psychological tactics more than men in order to obtain victories. "They talk aloud to themselves, they offer you coffee constantly; they offer you their sweater, even though it's boiling in the tournament hall." Ruth has defeated many an able male opponent, and the majority of her losses have been on oversights well into the middlegame, rather than from lack of opening preparedness. Her conducting of the endgame is very admirable, as I have witnessed on several occasions. Ruth Cardoso has, indeed, a bright future.

Rachel Crotto was 15 years old at the time of the '74 U.S. Open. She had already appeared two years before this on Shelby Lyman's chess commentary show (WNET in New York) as a guest. She was already establishing herself as a future strong woman player. She said that her math ability was average, but that she did have musical ability. There is definitely a relationship between chess and music, as has been pointed out countless times before by writers. Ruth admitted, "I want to be as strong as I possibly can." This desire is certainly admirable, for it shows her determination to continue in the game, trying to overcome "the odds," as it were. She is bothered by noise, especially talking, in the playing area. I may be stretching it a bit, but as psychoanalyst Barrie Richmond in his article on Fischer (CL & R, Aug. '75), in a footnote, "...extraordinary acoustic sensitivity is not an uncommon finding in studies of the psychology of genius."

Ruth Donnelly, a mathematics teacher in Long Island, N.Y., represented (along with Eva Aronson) the U.S. in the Women's Interzonal at Menorca, Spain in 1973. She, too, was rated somewhere in the 1800's and "enjoys winning," as she puts it. She said, "For women to be intelligent was not the image, but now the image is changing. The lack of enough women in chess is a cultural thing, because men frown upon the idea of an aggressive female." Ruth believes that women on the whole will improve their ability and that there is a definite need for more women players. She's mainly a tactical player who likes an unclear fight and all the complications which lie therein.

Last but not least, of all the women I interviewed at the tournament, the brightest star was undoubtedly Ruth Orton. I sat next to her every last round of every day of the tournament. It was truly both a pleasure and a unique learning experience to observe her play. Ruth came in second, one-half point behind Mona Karff in the 1974 Women's U.S. Championship. Mrs. Orton's style is a deliberate, thoughtful, and patient one with a host of surprising tactical nuances which have given her many an impressive victory over higher-rated male players. Jeff Kastner, U.S. master and manager of the Manhattan CC, played her at the Open. "She really gave me a run for my money," he said, as Ruth managed to draw. What I admire most about this girl from Arkansas, who is 21 years old, is her tenacity and determination. She never gives up! Especially in the endgame, she displays an uncanny Sitzfleisch which puts great pressure on her opponents. Ruth is a psychology major at college with an above average I.Q. She used to play the piano, the drums, and the clarinet. Her ambition in chess is to be a woman master with a 2200 rating. She admitted, "I think it's possible for there to be a woman grandmaster." Well, Ruth has what it takes; and with the accumulation of experience along with her other positive qualities for the game, I think she's on her way. I firmly believe that Ruth Orton will be the U.S. Women's Champion before she's 25, and that she'll be the highest rated woman player in the U.S. by 1980.

I wish to thank Mia Immerman, Sharon Evans, and Tandy Kane for granting me their time for interviews. I couldn't speak to Gisela Gresser, as she was in Africa on an archeological expedition. As the chess world knows, Mrs. Gresser has many admirable accomplishments to her credit as an outstanding woman player.

Well, the stage is set for women in this country to take their stand in many areas where men had formerly dominated. Chess is one area where women must prove themselves. There are probably a lot of "Vera Menchiks" out there, and the chess world is anxiously waiting for them to come to the fore.

 FIDE International Rating List, Jan. 1976

1.	Karpov	USSR	2695
2.	Korchnoi	USSR	2670
3.	Petrosian	USSR	2635
4.	Polugaievsky	USSR	2635
5.	Spassky	USSR	2630
6.	Portisch	Hungary	2625
7.	Larsen	Denmark	2625
8.	Mecking	Brazil	2620
9.	Ljubojevic	Yugoslavia	2620
10.	Geller	USSR	2620
11.	Tal	USSR	2615
12.	Smejkal	Czechoslovakia	2615
13.	Hort	Czechoslovakia	2600
14.	Anderson	Sweden	2585
15.	Hubner	W. Germany	2585
16.	Browne	U.S.A.	2585

All of the above, except defending World Champion Karpov, will appear in this year's two Interzonal tournaments (in Switzerland and the Philippines). Of the total of 36 players qualified for the interzonals, 27 are grandmasters and 9 are international masters. Texans wishing to see these fine chess tournaments should begin planning now.

Winning the Grande Prix
by Ronald Henley

I would like to thank all of the organizers who supported the Grande Prix Program in 1975, and I would like to encourage more of them to do so in 1976. I feel the program presents rising players with a worthwhile goal to shoot for. Once again, thanks to everyone who made the Grande Prix possible, and now for two hard-fought games.

Corpus Christi Buccaneer Days Open
R. Henley - Aurthur Møzucu

1. d4	Nf6	10. Kb1!(2	0-0-0	18. c5(6	Kb8	26. Rd4	Nd5(16
2. c4	g6	11. Nc1(3	Ne8!?(4	19. g4!(7	Qe8	27. Nd5!(17	Rc2
3. Nc3	Bg7	12. a3	f5	20. a4?!(8	Be5!(9	28. Kc2	Bd5?(18
4. e4	d6	13. b4	Nf6	21. Rhe1!(10	Bg7(11	29. Rd5	Qc8
5. f3	b6!?(1	14. Be2!(5	Ne7	22. cb6	cb6?!(12	30. Kd1	Ne7
6. Be3	Bb7	15. Qc2	fe4	23. Bf4+	e5!?(13	31. e6+	Ka8
7. Qd2	e6	16. fe4	d5	24. de5	Rc8!?(14	32. Rd7?!(19	Qc3
8. 0-0-0	Nc6	17. e5	Ng8	25. b5!(15	d4	33. Rd3	Resigns(20
9. Nge2	Qd7						

(1 An interesting method of meeting the Saemisch. (2 A strong, waiting move which keeps white's attacking options open on both sides of the board. (3 The logical follow-up to my last move. (4 A good attempt at counterplay. (5 Preventing 14...Pxp 15. Pxp N-n5. (6 At this point white has a strategically winning game. (7 Preventing a black knight from occupying f5. (8 This move makes for a nice (but unnecessary) pawn sacrifice, but in reality was just a blunder on my part! After 20. Nb3 the attack rolls on. (9 The only attempt at counterplay, if now 21. de5 d4! 22. Bd4 Bh1 is unclear. (10 Thus turning the blunder into a sacrifice and setting a trap. (11 Of course not 21. ... Bh2? 22. Bb5 c6 23. Qh2 check. (12 Better was 27...ab6 23. a5 and white still has a strong attack. (13 The only move as 23...Ka8 loses to 24. Nb5. (14 Threatening?! 25...d4. (15 Taking the c6 square away from 4! black pieces. (16 The move black was counting on. (17 Removing 2 pieces from the defense of the black king, and the rook, knight and passed pawn are much stronger than the queen. (18 Giving up his best piece on the board but white had many threats, anyway. (19 32. Bf3! is more artistic. (20 ...as there is no adequate defense to the threat of 34. Bf3 check.

GRIMES COUNTY OPEN - Navasota
R. Henley - Larry Moss

1. e4	d6	17. Bb2	Nbd7?(6	33. c4	Rce8	48. Ra7(14	Rc6
2. d4	Nf6	18. Rad1	Rac8	34. Bb2	Qg5	49. Ra6	Re8(15
3. Nc3	g6	19. Rd3	Rfe8	35. Qg4	Qg4	50. Rb7	Ree6
4. Nf3	Bg7	20. Red1	Nb8!?(7	36. hg4	h5?(11	51. Raa7(16	Rcd6
5. h3	c6	21. Nd5	Nd5	37. gh5	gh5	52. Bh4	Bh4
6. a4	a5	22. Bd5	Nc6	38. Rd7	Kg6	53. Rh7+	Kg6
7. Be2(1	Qc7	23. c3	Rc7	39. Rb7	Bf6	54. Rh4	Rd1!(17
8. 0-0	0-0	24. Nd2	f5	40. Rd5	Rc8	55. Kh2	Red6
9. Re1	e5	25. Nc4	Ba6	41. f3	Rh8	56. Rah7	R6d2
10. de5	de5	26. Bc6?(8	Rc6	42. Bc3!	Rhe8	57. R4-h6+??(18	Kg5
11. Bc4	h7?!(2	27. Rd7	Qf6	43. Rd7	Rh8	58. Rb6??(19	Rf1??(20
12. Nh4!(3	Kh7	28. Bc1	Bc8!(9	44. Kh2!	Rg8	59. Re7	Rf3
13. Qf3	Qe7	29. R/7-d5	f4	45. Be1!(12	Rh8	60. Re5+	Kg4
14. b3!(4	b6	30. Qf3	Rc-e6	46. Kh3	h4(13	61. Rg6+	Kh4
15. Qe3!(5	c5	31. Nd6!(10	Rf8	47. Bf2!	Kh6	62. Rgg5!	Resigns
16. Nf3	Bb7	32. Nc8	Rc8				

GAMES

1976 Texas Closed Championship, Midland
Steve Spencer (2268) - Gary Simms (2146)

1. d4	Nf6	17. gf	Ne4	33. Kc3	Rc8+	49. e4	Bf5:
2. Bg5	d5	18. Qd4	Nc3+	34. Kb3	Nc1+	50. ef5	Rf5:+
3. Nd2	Nbd7	19. Kf2	Nb1:	35. Ka4	Rc4+	51. Ka4	Na2
4. e3	e5	20. Qb4:	Nc3	36. Qc4:	Bc4	52. Qc2	Kg6
5. Ngf3	Bd6	21. Be2	Ne2:	37. Ka5:	Rg5+?	53. Ka3	Kf6
6. c4	e4	22. Ke2:	b6	38. Ka4	Be2	54. Qb2+	Ke7
7. Ng1	c5	23. Qb2:	Ba6+	39. f4	Bb5+?	55. Qb7+	Kf6
8. Ne2	h6	24. Kd1	Nd3	40. Ka5	Rc5	56. Qb2+	Ke7
9. Bh4	Qa5	25. Qd4	ba5:	41. Qd8+	Kh7	57. Ka2:	Rg5
10. Nc3	0-0	26. Rg1	g6	42. Qd4	Rh5	58. Qb4+	Ke8
11. cd	cd	27. d6	Rab8	43. Qe4+	Kg8	59. Qb8+	Ke7
12. Nc4	dc???	28. d7	g5	44. Qg2+	Kh7	60. Qb4+	Ke8
13. Na5:	cb	29. Bg5:	Rb1+	45. Qe4+	Kg8	61. Qb8+	Ke7
14. Rb1	Bb4+	30. Kd2	Rg1:	46. f5	Bd7	62. h4	Rg6
15. Ke2	Ne5	31. d8=Q	Rg5:	47. Qa8+	Kg7	63. Qh8	but
16. f3	ef+	32. Q(8)f6	Rg2+	48. Qg2+	Kh7	White is out of time. 0-1.	

Gary Simms notes that the final position should be drawn and says, "I played this exact ending with Brieger last year (Q+P vs. R+2P) but then I was on the other side. That's why I gave the B and N for 3 P's to reach this position against Spencer...also, in the annotations to my game with Smith in T.K., 32...Rd4 not only would not have won but would have given White good winning chances (33. Rd4!)."

The editor readily admits to being a sorry annotator and adds that he also made a blunderous hash of the Thomas-Gaskill annotations. But he did manage to print the most complete report of a Texas Championship that has ever appeared in T.K. despite being in 'time trouble' (like Gary was on move 37).

El Paso Open, 1976
Benito Ramirez (2129) - William Martz (2406)

1. PQ4	NKB3	9. 0-0	PN3	17. PN4	PB4(f)	25. NN3	RN3
2. PQB4	PKN3	10. PB4(c)	NR4	18. PxPep	BxP	26. QQ2	QR6
3. NQB3	PQ4(a)	11. BQ3	PQB4	19. PB5	KPxP	27. BB4	NxB
4. PxP	NxP	12. BK3	PxP	20. PxP	QBxP	28. QxN	RQ1
5. PK4	NxN	13. PxP	NB3	21. BxB	PxB	29. RQ1	QK3(h)
6. PxN	BN2	14. PK5(d)	NN5	22. RxP	QQ2	30. PQR3	QQ4
7. QB4	0-0	15. BK4	NQ4	23. RB3	KR1	31. KRQ3	BN2
8. NK2	NB3(b)	16. BQ2	PK3(e)	24. BR6(g)	RN1+	32. QK3(i)	RN5(j)

White resigns.

This game reminds me of the stories Jack Hardy tells about his stay in Mexico City--it seems that almost all the Mexicans love to attack with P-KN4. But as USCF Senior Master Martz shows in his notes, the tactic is dangerous:

a.) "Black's general strategy in this defense will be to combine attacks by Queen and Bishop against the White Q-Pawn.

b.) "Delaying, but not abandoning, the idea of P-QB4 to continue the attack above.

- c.) "This is too aggressive--better was 10. B-K3 to secure the center pawn.
- d.) "Blocking the Black K-Bishop, but also yielding a good square for Black's Knight at Q-5.
- e.) "Black must stop White's P-KB5, which would free many squares for the White attack.
- f.) "Now White achieves his Pawn advance, but at the cost of re-opening my Black Bishop's diagonal.
- g.) "He has no good square for this piece.
- h.) "White threatened 30. P-Q5, with a strong passed Pawn.
- i.) "White is running out of moves; if 32. Q-QB7, then 32...R-QB3, 33. Q-QN7, P-KR4, and the threat 34...P-R5 and 35...R-N3+ wins easily for Black.
- j.) "The White King is still exposed, and the Q-Pawn is lost."

'76 Southwest H.S. Championship, Houston
David Naiser (1682) - Bill Reuter (2059)

1. P-K4	PQB4	18. PKR4	PK4	35. RxP+	KB2	52. RB7+	KN5
2. NQB3	NQB3	19. BPxP	QPxP	36. RxR	RxR	53. RN7+	NN4
3. PKN3	PKN3	20. QPxBP	NPxP	37. RQR6	RQ2	54. KB1	KB5
4. BN2	BN2	21. QRQ1	PB5	38. PN6+(b)	KN2	55. RN8	NK3
5. PQ3	PQ3	22. BB1	QRQ1	39. PQN4	PB5	56. KK1	RQR7
6. KNK2	PK3	23. PN5	NB1	40. RQB6	NxP	57. KQ1	NQ5
7. O-O	KNK2	24. PR5	QK2	41. RxP	NxP	58. RK8	NB6
8. BK3	O-O	25. QN4	NQ3	42. PN5	KxP(c)	59. RK7	NK4
9. PB4	NQ5	26. PxpP	PxpP	43. PN6!	PxpP	60. RK8	K-K5
10. QQ2	PB4	27. QR4+	KN1	44. RB6+	KB4	61. KK1	KQ5
11. NQ1	RN1	28. NN4	KB2	45. RxP	RQ7	62. KQ1	NQ6
12. PB3	NxN+	29. BxP	PxB	46. RN8	NB6	63. RQ8+	KK6
13. QxN	QB2	30. RxP+	KN1	47. RB8+	KK5	64. RK8+	KB7
14. RB1	PQN3	31. NB6+	BxN	48. RK8+	KB6	65. RB8+	KN7
15. PQ4	BN2	32. RxB(a)	BxP	49. RB8+	KK6	66. RN8+	KB8
16. NB2	RK1	33. BxB	QxB	50. RK8+	NK5	67. RN1+	Draw,
17. PKN4	KR1	34. QxQ	NxQ	51. RK7	KB6		since if KxR, stalemate.

David Naiser of El Campo annotates:

- a.) "If 32. PxB, Q-B2. Now all I have is 33. P-K5 which doesn't work: 33. P-K5, N-B4, 34. Q-N4, RxR+, 35. QxR, N-K6.
- b.) "I'm in a little time trouble.
- c.) "At first I thought KxP was a mistake but if he played R-QN2, I can play K-B2, K3, Q2, and go win his Knight with R-R4. If he plays RxP while my king is going toward his Knight I have R-QR4; R-QN2 is better but I should still draw."

1976 Alamo Open, San Antonio
Bruce Payne (1609) - Ray Smith (1738)

1. PQ4 NKB3	8. BR4	PQ4	15. 0-0!	NxN	22. BxP(f)	QR4
2. PQB4 PK3	9. RQ1	BPxP	16. PxQP(c)	NxN	23. BK2	QR7
3. NQB3 BN5	10. NxP(4)	PKN4?	17. PxN(3)	PxP	24. KRK1	NB7
4. QB2 0-0	11. BN3	NK5	18. PxB	NxP	25. BQ3+	KN1
5. BN5 PB4	12. BK2	QR4	19. QN2	BK3(d)	26. QxRP	PB4
6. NB3 NB3	13. N(4)N5	PQR3	20. QB6!	KR2	27. QN6+,	Black
7. PK3 PKR3	14. BB7(a)	PQN3(b)	21. BQ6(e)	QxP		resigns.

Annotations by Bruce Payne of Kingsville:

a.) "Removes the possibility of NxN, White needs this Bishop to exploit Black's black square weakness.

b.) "If 14...QxRP, 15. 0-0, NxN, 16. NxN, BxN, 17. QxB, Q-R5, 18. P-QN3, Q-N5, 19. QxQ, NxQ, 20. B-Q3.

c.) "The resource that saves White.

d.) "Black's position is hopeless; he cannot keep the White Queen off of B6. White is threatening B-Q6.

e.) "To remove the Knight, and allow the white-squared Bishop to enter the attack.

f.) "KR-K1 is faster, but this works as well."

1976 Texas Amateur Championship, Midland
Carl Vogel (1995) - Fred Alsop (1773)

1. c4	Nf6	9. Be3	Nc5	17. Nb6	Rb8	25. Rc7:	Nh5
2. Nc3	g6	10. Nfd2	e5	18. f3	Nh5	26. Bh5:+	Kh5:
3. d4	Bg7	11. b5	Ncd7	19. Rfc1	Nf4	27. Rac1	f5
4. e4	d6	12. c5	Qe7	20. Bf1	Nd7	28. Rc8:	Rc8:
5. Be2	0-0	13. cd	cd	21. Nca4	Nb6:	29. Rc8:	Black
6. Nf3	Nc6	14. Qc2	a6	22. Nb6:	Bh6		resigns.
7. d5	Nb4	15. Nc4	Re8	23. Kh1	Kg6		
8. a6	Na6	16. 0-0	Nf8	24. Qc7	Qc7:		

Spirit of '76, Houston
David Naiser (1685) - R. Harrington (1630)

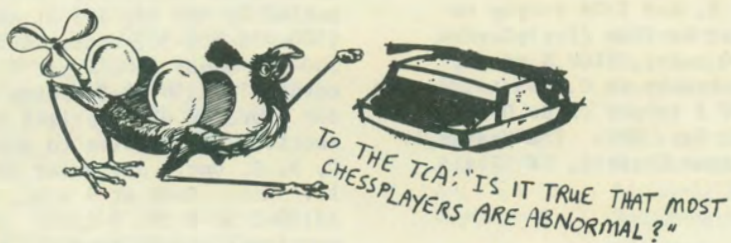
1. PK4	PK3	5. PQR3	BxN	9. PxP	QB2	13. QxNP	RKN1
2. PQ4	PQ4	6. PxB	NK2	10. BQ3	NxKP?	14. QxP+	KQ1
3. NQB3	BN5	7. QN4	QNB3	11. NxN!	QB6+	15. QxR+	NxQ
4. PK5	PQB4	8. NB3	PxP	12. KK2	QxR	16. BN5+	Black
							resigns.

This fourth round victory gave David a 4-0 final record at this Jr. tourney.

Dallas Chess Club, 1975
Stanley Capps (1733) - Robert McCready (1924)

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| 1. PK4 | PK3 | 5. KxQ | NQB3 | 9. NK2?! | NB4 | 13. RKN1?! | 0-0-0+ |
| 2. PK5?! | PQ3 | 6. PKB4?! | PQN3 | 10. BB2 | BB4! | 14. KK1 | NK6 |
| 3. PQ4 | PxP | 7. BK3?! | BN2 | 11. BxB | PxB | 15. KB2 | NN5+ |
| 4. PxP | QxQ+ | 8. PB3 | KNK2 | 12. NR3 | QNK2 | 16. KN3 | PKR4! |
17. White resigns.

This game was annotated by USCF Master John Jacobs in his chess column which appears every Sunday in the Dallas Times Herald. John also gave a thorough analysis of the Henley-Haines game from the Texas Closed.



Note:

The following memberships expire in the months of May or June. If your name is on this list then you should renew your T.C.A. dues at once. Please remember that you may take advantage of the U.S.C.F./T.C.A. combination rate of \$16, adults, or \$9, juniors, when renewing through the secretary-treasurer. Please note the name of a nearby friend whose membership is expiring and give him a call if he needs encouragement to prompt his renewal. Renewed TCA memberships are extended 1 year from the expiration date of the previous membership, so letting your membership lapse just penalizes you.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS



June 5-6

\$4,000 Houston Open

May 1-2

Buccaneer Days Open
Corpus Christi

5-SS, two sections, TL 40/90, at the Hilton Inn, 6255 I.H. 37 (at the Corn Products Rd. exit) (call 800-492-6993 for room reservation). EF: \$15, USCF & TCA req'd. PRIZES: (Based on twenty entries in each section) Open Section, \$140 & trophy to first, \$30 to second; \$60 & trophy to A, and \$508 trophy to B+ Lower; Booster Section (for players rated under 1700 only), \$100 & trophy to first, \$60 & trophy to C, \$50 & trophy to D, \$40 & trophy to E+ Unr. REG: 9:30 a.m., Sat. ENT: Tom Weaver, 3617 Lamont, Corpus Christi, TX 78415.

April 10

Fourth Javalina Open
Kingsville

3-SS in 8-man sections, TL 40/90, at Texas A&I Univ. Rhode Hall, Rm 309. EF: \$3, USCF req'd. PRIZES: \$108 trophy to first in each section. ENT: Bruce Payne, Box 2343, Kingsville, TX 78363.

April 16

Dallas Countywide Jr.

Two sections for Dallas Co. juniors at Greenhills School, 14255 Midway Rd., Dallas. EF: \$3. REG: 8-9 a.m., Fri. PRIZES: 11 trophies. SPONSOR: DCC and Greenhills School.

April 24, May 22, June 26

DCC 3-Round Swisses
Dallas

Series of 3-SS held at Dallas Chess Club, 5513-1/2 East Grande (one block off I.H. 20, E. Grande exit). EF: \$10 (DCC members \$5). PRIZES: Unknown. There may be a DCC 5-SS on May 29-30, EF: \$15

5-SS, two sections, TL 45/2, at the Holiday Inn-Houston Airport, 3702 North Belt East, Houston 77060 (reservations thru Holidex or by writing, rates are \$21-27-30). OPEN-EF: \$20 if mailed by May 28, \$26 at site. PRIZES: \$700 & trophy-400-200-100, under 2200's get \$300-150-50, under 2000's get \$300-150-50. REG: Ends at 9 a.m., Sat. RDS: 10-3-8; 9-2:30. RESERVE - (Open to under 1800 & unrated) EF: \$19 if mailed by May 28, \$25 at site. PRIZES: \$300-150-100-50, under 1600's get \$250-100-50, under 1400's get \$250-100-50, unrated's \$150-50 (unrates are ineligible for place or class prizes in reserve section), & trophies to Reserve Champ, C, D, E, Unr., Jr. under 18, & Jr. under 14. REG: Ends at 9 a.m., Sat. RDS: 10:30-3:30-8:30; 9-2:30. ENT: (for both sections) Lynne Babcock, Houston CC, 4714 Fannin, Houston, TX 77004.

*Extra for Texas Knights readers: Door prizes--guess the exact number of players at the Houston Open (combined total) and get back your entry fee. Guesses must be submitted in writing with EF before May 28, 1976. The 1975 total was 233.

*Another note: This is a different hotel from past Houston Opens and Lynne says it is "simply terrific."

June 26-27

1976 Texas Junior Championship
San Antonio

5-SS, TL 45/90, at Trinity University Student Union. Open only to Texas residents under the age 18 on Sept. 1, 1976. EF: \$5.00 if rec'd by June 21; \$7.50 at site, USCF & TCA mem. req'd--combined EF +TCA: \$7.00, combined EF+TCA+USCF: \$9.00 (no magazine), combined EF+TCA+USCF with CLR subscription: \$13.50--no discounts at site, all combined fees by June 21. PRIZES: Top three get clocks & trophies. Also clock & trophy to top in 13-15, 10-12, and under 10 age brackets, trophy to second in each age group. Clock & trophy to second girl. Champion is guaranteed round trip expenses to play in the 1976 U.S. Junior Open by the generosity of

CALENDAR

Church's Fried Chicken, Inc. TD: Larry Englebretson. REG: 8-10 a.m., Sat. RDS: 1-3:30-8; 9-2. ENT: Dr. Lindsay F. Phillips, 4621 Sun Valley, El Paso, TX 79924. Make checks payable to the Texas Chess Association

GRANDE PRIX EVENT
July 10-11
South Texas Open
Victoria

5-SS, TL 45/2, at Totah's Motel, 2911 Houston Highway, Victoria, TX 77901. EF: \$15, Jrs. \$12.50, USCF & TCA req'd. PRIZES: Cash and trophies per entries. REG: 8-9:30 a.m., Sat. RDS: 10-2:30-7:30; 9-2:30. TD: Carolyn Patrick. ENT: Joe Lucke, 709 E. Mistletoe, Victoria, TX 77901.

July 17-18
Texas Womens' Championship
Houston

5-SS, TL 45/2, HCC area. EF: None, USCF & TCA req'd. PRIZES: \$50-30; under 1400, \$20. Also trophies to first, second, top under 1400, top unrated. REG: 8-9 a.m., Sat. RDS: 9:30-2-7:30; 9:30-2:30. ENT: Lynne Babcock, 4714 Fannin, Houston. TCA mem. will be donated to entrants that are without it. The actual playing site will be moved from the Houston CC into an isolated room "elsewhere" due to an untoward incident or three that happened among the "spectators" at last year's tournament.

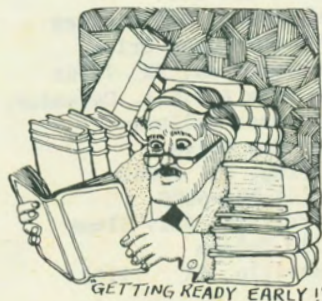
Key to Abbreviations

CC: Chess Club
EF: Entry Fee
ENT: Where to send entries
RDS: Times that rounds start
REG: Registration period
SS: Swiss System Pairing
TD: Tournament Director
TL: Time Limit



Apr. 3-11	Lubbock Chess Week
Apr. 10-11	TCA Gold Star Date
Apr. 24-25	San Jac Open, College Sta.
May 1-2	Holiday in Dixie, La.
May 1-2	Buc Days Open, CorpusC
May 15-16	Amarillo May Open
May 29-30	DCC 5-Rd Swiss, Dallas
June 5-6	Houston Open
June 19-20	TCA Gold Star Date
June 26-27	Hub City Open, Lubbock
June 26-27	Texas Jr. Champs, San Antonio
July 3-4	DCC 5-Rd Swiss, Dallas
July 10-11	So. Texas Open, Victoria
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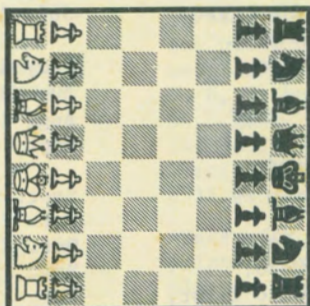
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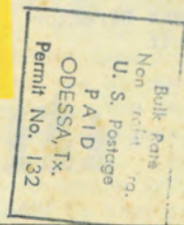
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