

THE LAKESIDE PRESS CHESS CLUB

From the Captain's Chair

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"It is astonishing how much hot water a master can wade into within the first dozen moves, despite a century of opening exploration."

William Napier, British Chess Champion  
1904

Training Program. This season's training program will begin with a lecture-discussion on the Queen's Gambit by Bill Stevenson. Bill is one of our most expert players, especially in the opening phases of the game. His discussion will cover the theory and main variations of one of the strongest and most popular openings used today. This talk will be given at 4:30 on September 15th. Let's all plan to attend.

League Competition. Last Monday a meeting of the Chicago Industrial Chess League representatives was held to establish policies for the coming season. Mr. Hugh Williamson of Stewart Warner was elected chairman of the League and Mr. Miroslav Mejstrik of the 1st National Bank will remain League treasurer.

The only major change agreed on was to eliminate club scoring and have official scoring only for the first 8 boards. The disadvantages of having a dual scoring set-up are that the club score usually amounts to the same thing as the team result; the club form of competition is non-standard and difficult to explain in short news items; dual awards mean double expenses for trophies. The only advantage that club competition offered was that a greater number of players could officially participate in competition, especially when 2 large clubs met. However, normal ladder rating turnover and absences from matches by team regulars will still allow quite a few club members to play on the team. It is hoped that "extra board" matches can still be arranged during League matches even though the results won't affect awards. Activity points will be given for attendance at matches even if only as a spectator.

Another change was discussed and is being investigated: The expansion of the League into a 10-team, 2-division affair. This would place us in the East division competing with the 4 Loop or East side clubs. Winners of each division would play off for team trophies.

Team's First Victim (?) to be Chicago Title & Trust. Our first League match this year will be at C. T. & T. with whom we split last year. This match is scheduled for the latter part of September. Let's all try to attend. With good attendance (which we lacked in the match that we lost to them) we should beat this club. Details will be published later.

Team Match Scheduling. In order to help us to plan team matches for this year each member is requested to fill out the attached blank in pencil and return it to Brotsos, 9-2.

Jim Brotsos, Team Captain

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Circle nights you prefer to play team matches; cross out nights (after 5:30) you are normally unavailable for chess activity.

MON. TUES. WED. THURS. FRI.

I am interested in attending /none/ some/ most/ of the chess matches.

Remarks about scheduling .....  
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