

President's Report

At the April 18 business meeting, the following people were elected officers for next year: Jim Sobun, president; Charles Ward, secretary; Doug Anderson, treasurer; Tom Gaffigan, East Division chairman; Joe Brozovich, Far West Division chairman; Mike Dee, Near West Division chairman, and Lee Stensaker, North Division chairman. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be published in the next issue.

This year's banquet will be held at Nielsen's Restaurant in Elmwood Park on Friday, June 23. Guest speaker will

be USCF master Richard Verber, past president of the Chicago Chess Club and one of the highest rated players in the Chicago area.

The league playoffs have started. Here are the first round pairings: Motorola (first place, North Division) hosts the BTL Dragons (second place, Far West Division), Western Electric Chargers (1st, NW) host Zenith-Glenview (2nd, N), Harza Engineering (1st, E) hosts Argonne Knights (2nd, NW) and the Argonne Pawns (1st, FW) host First National Bank (2nd, E).

Final standings

<u>FAR WEST DIVISION</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Argonne Pawns	8	2	0	41½
BTL Dragons	7	2	1	38½
Argonne Rooks	5	3	2	39
Wheaton Crusaders	5	3	2	34
WE Kingsmen	5	4	1	26½
WE Montgomery	2	6	2	22½
Argonne Bishops	2	6	2	20
Amoco	1	8	1	22

<u>EAST DIVISION</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Alumni Central	8	0	2	43½
Harza Engineering	9	1	0	42½
First Nat'l Bank	5	2	3	40½
R.R. Dornelley	6	3	1	39½
Sears #1	5	2	3	37
Sears Challengers	6	4	0	38
IBT A	4	3	3	38
GATX	3	7	0	24
IBT B	1	9	0	11
Metropolitan CC	1	9	0	7

<u>NORTH DIVISION</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
Motorola	8	0	1	37½
EXcaliburs	7	2	0	37½
Zenith-Glenview	5	2	2	29
Teletype	4	3	2	33
Procon	4	3	2	29½
Kemper Insurance	3	4	2	29
Signode	2	5	2	25
ITT #1	2	5	2	20
Sara Lee	2	7	0	21½
ITT #2	0	8	1	3

<u>NEAR WEST DIVISION</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>Pts.</u>
WE Chargers	9	1	0	44½
Argonne Knights	6	2	2	32½
Argonne Monarchs	5	4	1	32
WesCom	5	5	0	28½
BTL Royals	4	5	1	32
CPC International	2	5	3	26½
Zenith-Rauland	2	6	2	21½
Int'l Harvester	1	7	2	17

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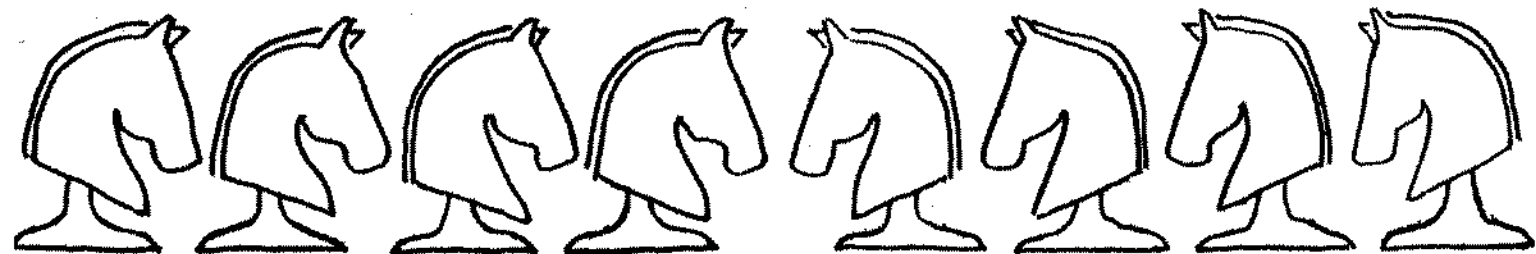
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Banquet information

This year's CICL banquet has been set for Friday, June 23, at Nielson's Restaurant, 7330 W. North Avenue in Elmwood Park. A cash bar will open at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30. The bar will reopen after dinner.

Guest speaker will be Richard Verber, one of the highest rated USCF players in Chicago. A speed chess tournament will be held after the banquet with cash prizes for the winners.

Tickets to the banquet are \$7.20 per person. Team captains should canvass their players and collect money from those who plan to attend. Captains should report the attendees to their division chairmen, who should pass the information along to banquet chairman Vern Stamm by June 16. Stamm can be reached at (312) 494-2576; if he is out, leave a message.

Need new bulletin editor

The CICL Bulletin needs a new editor for next year. Duties include compiling submissions from league officers, preparing copy for reproduction and mailing the finished bulletin.

Anyone interested, please contact Jim Sobun at (312) 690-5552 or at Bell

Telephone Laboratories, Room 6B533, Warrenville and Naperville Roads, Naperville, IL 60540.

The present editor will be happy to explain the process to the new editor.

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Division reports

EAST DIVISION -- TOM GAFFIGAN

Congratulations to the Harza Engineering and Alumni Central teams which have clinched first and second place in the East Division. The exact order of their finish has yet to be determined.

Since the alumni team is ineligible for team trophy awards or for participation in the championship playoff competition, the second place trophy and second playoff spot will go to the third place finisher.

R.R. Donnelley and Sears #1 have finished their schedules and are tied for third place with $6\frac{1}{2}$ match points. First National Bank, having drawn matches with Alumni Central and Sears #1, could pull even with the others at $6\frac{1}{2}$ by winning its two remaining matches against Metropolitan Correctional Center and Illinois Bell's B-team. Illinois Bell's A-team also has a chance to tie R.R. Donnelley and Sears #1, but must defeat Alumni Central to do so.

Since at least two teams, and possibly four, will be tied for third place, there will be a playoff match to determine which team joins Harza in representing the East Division in the league championship playoffs. (The above article was written in mid-April. Since then, First National Bank has emerged as the East Division's third-place winner. -- Ed.)

FAR WEST DIVISION -- JOE BROZOVICH

At this writing, interdivisional position round nine is complete with the exception of the match between the Argonne Bishops and Zenith-Rauland. The results are shown below. In the Far West Division, the BTL Dragons have clinched a playoff berth by drawing their last match with the Argonne Knights. The other playoff berth will go to either the Wheaton Crusaders or the Argonne Pawns. In the final round, the Pawns host the undefeated Western Electric Chargers and the Wheatons Crusaders host WesCom. The Pawns can finish anywhere from undisputed first place to a tie for second place, depending on the outcome of these matches. Good luck to all and may the best team win. (This article was written in mid-April. Since then the Pawns finished in first place and the BTL Dragons finished second. -- Ed.)

Congratulations to International Harvester on their first CIGL victory in their two-year history. They defeated Amoco of the Far West Division, 4 to 2.

One final note: starting April 24, my address and phone number will change to that shown below. Please direct all correspondence and phone calls to my new location: J.M. Brozovich, Dept. 7165, Western Electric Company, Switching Software Center, 4300 Commerce Court, Lisle, IL 60532. Phone: (312) 420-3932 or (312) 420-3933.

Match results

EAST DIVISION

IBT B-team 1, Alumni Central 5: 1. M. Downs - T. Czerniecki; 2. B. Sampson + J. Durworth; 3. L. Young - W. Stephan; 4. W. Vomer - R. Fabijonas; 5. D. Lukes - M. Cox; 6. M. Wedell - R. Dargis. 1 Mar 78.

Harza Engineering 3½, R.R. Donnelley 2½: 1. M. Stevanovic + G. Dobbins; 2. J. Rigor - F. Leben; 3. P. Kolenda = H. Swanson; 4. J. Baron = R. Burk; 5. R. Munoz + J. Carlson; 6. A. Mabini = R. Baran. 22 Mar 78.

IBT A-team 5½, Metropolitan Corr. Center ½: 1. E. Sedlock = A. Wilson; 2. K. Wollenberg + forfeit; 3. K. Buell + forfeit; 4. W. Logelin + forfeit; 5. W. Lawyer + forfeit; 6. R. Lauth + forfeit. 22 Mar 78.

First National Bank 3, Sears #1 3: 1. W. Leong + E. Latimer; 2. W. Nyman = R. Golla; 3. J. Gibbs = T. Andresen; 4. R. Smith - H. Chan; 5. T. Gaffigan - S. Schwartz; 6. M. Smith + B. Morton. 30 Mar 78.

Sears Challengers 6, GATX 0: 1. R. Reyes + G. Neidhardt; 2. F. Kuch + H. Mut; 3. M. Stone + forfeit; 4. W. Lems + forfeit; 5. L. Bess + forfeit; 6. G. Johnson + forfeit. 30 Mar 78.

Alumni Central 5, IBT A-team 1: 1. T. Czerniecki = E. Sedlock; 2. J. Durworth + K. Wollenberg; 3. W. Stephan + K. Buell; 4. M. Cox = J. DeBoth; 5. R. Fabijonas + W. Lawyer; 6. R. Dargis + R. Lauth. 13 Apr 78.

First National Bank 6, Metropolitan Correction Center 0: 1. W. Leong + A. Wilson; 2. W. Nyman + H. Reddick; 3. J. Gibbs + J. Leftwich; 4. R. Smith + forfeit; 5. T. Gaffigan + forfeit; 6. M. Smith + forfeit. 12 Apr 78.

EAST DIVISION PLAYOFF

Sears #1 4, R.R. Donnelley 1, First National Bank 4: 1. E. Latimer (Sears) = G. Dobbins (RRD); 2. F. Leben (RRD) - W. Leong (FNB); 3. R. Golla (Sears) + W. Nyman (FNB); 4. H. Swanson (RRD) - J. Gibbs (FNB); 5. T. Andresen (Sears + R. Smith (FNB); 6. H. Chan (sears) + R. Burk (RRD); 7. S. Schwartz (Sears) - T. Gaffigan (FNB); 8. B. Morton (Sears) = J. Carlson (RRD); 9. R. Baran (RRD) - M. Smith (FNB).

NEAR WEST DIVISION

Argonne Knights 4, Argonne Monarchs 2: 1. G. Berry + D. Kucera; 2. C. Young + M. Peterson; 3. C. Ward + R. Maglic; 4. B. Nelson - R. Tewari; 5. K. Burba - K. Kellogg; 6. G. Kinsella + B. Frost. 21 Feb 78.

WesCom 4, Zenith-Rauland 2: 1. M. Flynn + A. Sanchez; 2. D. Graft + H. Tomlinson; 3. P. Nelson - J. Roelke; 4. S. Tay + D. Lopez; 5. R. Medinger - R. Gonzalez; 6. J. Pomykala + R. Duenas. 22 Feb 78.

CPC International 3, International Harvester 3: 1. J. Desjardins + D. Satterlee; 2. B. Urbas + W. Ristoff; 3. J. Stesjkal - R. Motycka; 4. F. Armbruster + E. Jacklin; 5. forfeit - W. Hallman; 6. L. Gibson - A. Gesior. 28 Feb 78.

BTL Royals $2\frac{1}{2}$, Western Electric Chargers $3\frac{1}{2}$: 1. Jakstas = J. Warren; 2. D. Anderson - C. Cobr; 3. Hoppner + D. Kumro; 4. Thomas - E. Radavicius; 5. Yang + V. Stamm; 6. DeWitt - M. Swiderski; 7. Martin - T. Lee. 2 Mar 78.

FAR WEST VISITS NEAR WEST

Western Electric Chargers 5, BTL Dragons 1: 1. J. Warren = C. Bhojwani; 2. B. Marcowkai + J. Sobun; 3. K. Dobr = J. Rosen; 4. D. Kumro + F. Myslinski; 5. E. Radaviciusi + T.C. Li; 6. V. Stamm + E. Madison. Rnd 9.

Argonne Knights 2, Wheaton Crusaders 4: 1. G. Berry = W. Underwood; 2. C. Young = A. Davidson; 3. C. Ward - M. Burns; 4. B. Nelson = M. Walhout; 5. G. DiLorio = S. McClatchey; 6. G. Kinsella - T. Dzugan. Rnd 9.

Argonne Monarchs 4, Western Electric Kingsmen 2: 1. R. Maglic - J. Brozovich; 2. L. Baker + W. Elliott; 3. K. Kellogg + forfeit; 4. R. Tewari + R. Shaff; 5. G. Dragel + R. Harringer; 6. A. Taboas + forfeit. Rnd 9.

BTL Royals $\frac{1}{2}$, Argonne Pawns $5\frac{1}{2}$: 1. K. Jakstas = D. Streets; 2. D. Anderson - S. Mihailovich; 3. P. Hoppner - W. Walsh; 4. G. Thomas - E. Veleckis; 5. P. Yang - T. Renner; 6. G. DeWitt - H. Feder. Rnd 9.

CPC International $5\frac{1}{2}$, Western Electric Montgomery $\frac{1}{2}$: 1. J. Desjardins = L. Parker; 2. M. Kay + R. Yuknavech; 3. F. Armbruster + R. Lee; 4. B. Urbas + P. Weston; 5. J. Stejskal + D. Finley; 6. L. Gibson + J. Lips. Rnd 9.

WesCom $2\frac{1}{2}$, Argonne Rooks $3\frac{1}{2}$: 1. M. Flynn - R. Benedek; 2. D. Graft + Thompson; 3. P. Nelson - E. Appelman; 4. S. Tay - S. Decman; 5. L. Lux = D. Dever; 6. K. Molitor + J. Barhorst. Rnd 9.

International Harvester 4, Amoco 2: 1. G. LaChapelle - J. Zechinati; 2. D. Satterlee + M. Dee; 3. L. Weaver + E. Lambers; 4. W. Ristoff + D. Fajfar; 5. W. Kallman - V. Reinhardt; 6. R. Motycka + forfeit. Rnd 9.

Zenith-Rauland 4, Argonne Bishops 2: 1. S. Karlovics - J. Jackson; 2. H. Tomlinson + L. Shirkey; 3. J. Roelke + D. Sivers; 4. D. Lopez - J. Dailey; 5. H. Lange + L. Thompson; 6. R. Gonzalez + forfeit. Rnd 9.

NEAR WEST VISITS FAR WEST

Argonne Rooks 6, CPC International 0: 1. R. Benedek + J. Desjardins; 2. E. Appelman + B. Urbas; 3. S. Decman + J. Stejskal; 4. J. Barhorst + J. Mudde; 5. D. Dever + Draviak; 6. McKee + Evans. Rnd 10.

BTL Dragons 3, Argonne Knights 3: 1. D. Wilson = G. Berry; 2. C. Bhojwani = C. Young; 3. J. Sobun + C. Ward; 4. J. Rosen - B. Nelson; 5. F. Myslinski - G. Kin-

Games of interest

RETI OPENING

R. Benedek, Argonne Rooks -- M. Flynn, WesCom

Notes by the winner.

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| 1. N-KB3 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-B4 | P-B4 |
| 3. N-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. PxP | NxP |
| 5. P-K3 | N-B2 |

This move loses time and leaves the knight poorly placed. Remarkably, 5. ... P-K3 is virtually the only good move here.

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| 6. P-Q4 | PxP |
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Slightly better is 6. ... P-K3.

White would then play 7. B-B4, attacking the "ghost" of Black's knight.

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| 7. PxP | P-K3 |
| 8. B-Q3 | N-B3 |
| 9. B-KB4 | |

9. B-B1 was also possible. The text takes advantage of the misplaced knight, since Black's capture of the QP would now lose a piece.

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| 9. ... | N-Q4 |
| 10. B-N3 | Q-R4 |

Behind in development, Black can ill afford this pawn-grabbing expedition.

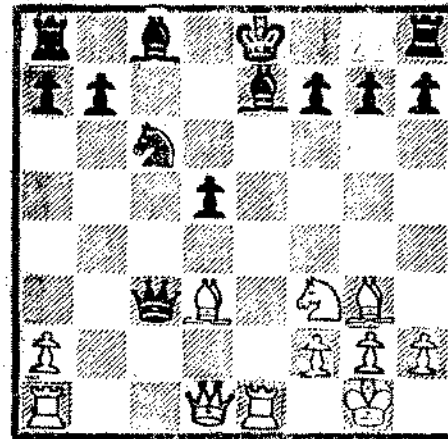
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| 11. O-O | |
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White could, of course, defend the pawn, but sacrificing it yields excellent attacking chances.

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| 11. ... | NxN |
| 12. PxN | QxP |
| 13. P-Q5 | |

Gaining additional time. The material will soon be regained with interest.

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| 13. ... | PxP |
| 14. R-K1ch | B-K2 |



Position after 14. ... B-K2.

White's next move is also strong against 14. ... B-K3.

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| 15. B-N5 | |
| Far better than 15. B-Q6. | |
| 15. ... | Q-B4 |
| 16. N-Q4 | O-O |

This loses a piece, but if 16. ... B-Q2 17. BxN PxN 18. R-B1.

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| 17. BxN | PxB |
| 18. R-B1 | Q-R6 |
| 19. R-K3 | QxP |
| 20. RxB | Q-R6 |
| 21. R-K3 | Q-R7 |
| 22. B-Q6 | R-Q1 |
| 23. NxP | B-N5 |
| 24. Q-K1 | P-Q5 |
| 25. R-K4 | P-Q6 |
| 26. NxR | B-K7 |

And Black resigned because of 27. R-K8 mate.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

J. Jackson, Argonne Rooks -- J. Brozovich, WE Kingsmen

Note by J. Brozovich and L. Parker.

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. P-KN3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. B-N2 | N-KB3 |
| 4. N-K2 | P-K4 |

To keep the knight off d4 or f4.

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| 5. O-O | P-KR4 |
| 6. QN-B3 | |

If 6. P-KR4, White stays ahead in development while Black's K-side is weakened.

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| 6. ... | P-R5 |
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Kmoch's St. George Attack.

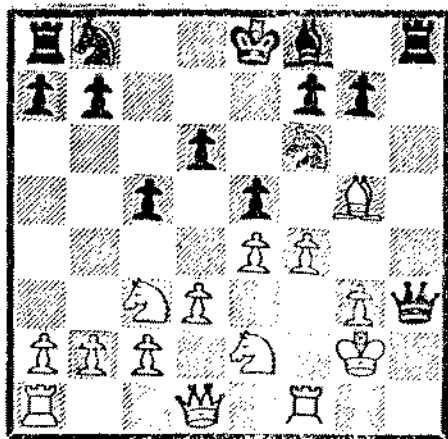
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| 7. P-Q3 | PxP |
| 8. RPxP? | |

A blunder. Black gets a nice attack via the Saemish King's Indian reversed.

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| 8. ... | B-R6 |
| 9. B-N5 | Q-Q2 |
| 10. P-KB4 | |

Creating a flight square for the K. After 10. BxN, Black lacks enough power to sustain his attack.

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| 10. ... | BxB |
| 11. KxB | Q-R6+ |



Position after 11. ... Q-R6+.

12. K-B2??

The losing move. Necessary is 12. K-B3.

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| 12. ... | N-N5+ |
| 13. K-B3 | N-R7+ |
| 14. K-K3 | NxR+ |
| 15. QxN | QxQ |
| 16. RxQ | P-B3 |

Closing the trap on White's B.

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| 17. B-R4 | PxP |
| 18. NxP | P-KN4! |
| 19. KN-Q5 | PxB? |

Better is 19. ... K-Q1 which puts Black a whole rook ahead.

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| 20. N-B7+ | K-Q2 |
| 21. NxR | PxP |
| 22. N-Q5 | |

Trying to free the trapped knight.

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| 22. ... | N-R3 |
| 23. NxP+ | K-B3 |
| 24. N-Q5 | B-R3+ |
| 25. K-B3 | RxN |
| 26. KxP | N-N5 |
| 27. R-B7 | NxN |
| 28. PxN+ | KxP |

If 28. ... K-N3 29. R-B6 B-B1 keeps the black pawns strong and connected.

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| 29. RxP | P-R4 |
| 30. K-B3 | K-B3 |
| 31. R-K7 | B-B8 |

Better is 31. ... P-R5 followed by ... B-B8.

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| 32. P-N3 | P-R5 |
| 33. K-K2 | PxP |
| 34. RPxP | B-N7 |
| 35. K-Q2 | B-K4 |
| 36. R-KB7 | R-KR1 |
| 37. R-KB2?? | R-R7 |

The rest is technique.

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| 38. RxR | BxR |
| 39. P-B3 | B-K4 |
| 40. K-B2 | K-N4 |
| 41. K-Q2 | B-B5+ |
| 42. K-B2 | B-K4 |
| 43. K-Q2 | P-Q4 |
| 44. K-B2 | P-Q5 |

Not 44. ... P-B5? which forces a draw.

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| 45. P-B4+ | K-N5 |
| 46. Resigns | |