President's Report

Myself and eighteen other happy, smiling people had a good time losing to Grand Master Larry Christiansen. Dave Dyck, unrated, 4th board of Amoco may have had beginners luck in beating Larry. All other winners - Ed Bernheim (USCF 1920) of Darien, says his company will join the CICL when we go to 3-man teams. This event ended at 9:15 when the last holdout, a hungry Greg Berry, gave up all hope for the only draw, and half of a church's chicken dinner. Twelve CICL and nine non-members played in this event.

During the simul, I observed some players and spectators with a Chess pocket computor. I hope they did not use it to determine match moves.

A heart-felt thanks goes to CICL's perennial work horse, Jim Brotsos, who provided liason, protocal and transportation for Larry, Vern Stamn and Myron Swiderski for the hall and refreshments, Charlie Ward for publicity, Doug Anderson for handling the money, and Frank Tegel who cut a class to provide the demonstration board for the lecture.

There is an important matter for which I must poll all members to determine the level of support in order to minimize financial risk to our organization. Jim Brotsos has proposed a 25th anniversary CICL commemorative book. At our request, Jim has submitted an outline for the content of the record book. (PRINTED IN THIS BULLETIN.)

I need to know: 1.) How many members would be interested in having this book and 2.) If so, what price would they be willing to pay.

Poll Method:

- 1.) Each captain in the course of arranging a match would please poll their members and relay this information along with their match results to their division chairman.
- 2.) The division chairman will consolidate and feed-back this information to me for a decision.

I deeply appreciate your help in this matter. I believe this method would be the least burdensome and provide an effective, efficient medium of communication on a continuing basis to know the feelings and ideas of our members. I would also like to try incorporating a "letters to the president" as part of my Presidents Report. This could be question/answers, beefs, funny happenings at chess events, etc.

Paul Weston reminded me that we don't have a division in the south, and with all the industry there, it seems like there should be great potential for one. Our League has always sought for and welcomed new teams into the fold. If we don't try to expand, we may contract. Therefore, I have updated a promotion letter in this issue that Greg Berry published last season. The purpose is that hopefully members will distribute these to prospective teams.

Thank you.

Jim Sobun



To: Jim Sobun
From: Jim Brotsos

CC: Jim Warren, Chas. Ward, L. Stensaker

Subj: Proposal for Contents of CICL Record Book

Below is an outline of my idea of the contents of the commemorative book some of us have been promoting for publication by 1982. This is in accordance with your request at the Aug. 15 meeting.

I. Historical Development of the League

A. Founders of the CICL; first meeting

B. Original teams; club score concept; policies

- C. Growth of the League: start of Chairman post, League Bulletin
- D. Multiple teams; All Star team in Greater Chicago Chess League
- E. Birth of the Rating System; beginning of problem solving contest

F. Special events; simuls vs Masters

- G. Creation of the 4-Man Team Div.; restructuring of Policies
- H. Introduction of Alumni teams, Century Club, James Warren Award
- I. Conversion of 30-30 into Tornado tourney
- J. Change to 6-Man Teams
- II. Tables of all Championship Teams, and Runners-Up, Year by Year A. List names of key team members of above teams
- III. List of All Teams Farticipating in League by Year A.: List Team Gaptains whenever possible
- IV. List All Individual Prize Winners by Year

A. James E. Warren Award

B. Century Club

C. Most Valuable Player

D. Problem-Solving Champions

- E. Awards Banquet Speed Chess Winners (at least in top section)
- V. List of All Officers & Major Committee Chairmen by Year
- VI. List of All Players Who Achieved A CICL Rating of 1800 or Over A. Show years played and team affiliation
 - B. Show highest rating achieved
- VII. League Contributions to Chess at Large
 - A. Tornado (USCF) tournament
 - B. Simultaneouses open to the public
 - C. Cash support of major chess events in Chicago
- VIII. Anecdotes, Oddities
- IX. Captioned Photographs
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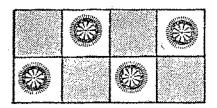
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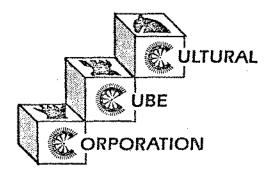
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September 21, 1978

Mr. Jim Sobun President of C.I.C.L. c/o Western Electric Dept. 7835, Rm. 60-533 Bell Telephone Labs Naperville, IL 60540

Re: Items for Discussion and Vote at the Next Business Meeting of the C.I.C.L.

Dear Jim:

- Bulletin and Expenses -- Under existing rules, each partici-1. pating team is required to buy at least one banquet ticket and follow a number of other rules on a per-team basis. However, it is only necessary that each company having one or more teams, buy a copy of the league bulletin. The effect of this is to force single-team companies to subsidize the larger. multi-team companies. The mathematics are quite simple: If total bulletin costs are, say, \$100 and there are ten companies with teams in the league, then the per-company cost is \$10 per bulletin. If, however, there are actually twenty teams, and each is required to buy a bulletin, then the per-team cost drops to only \$5 per team. Failure to share bulletin costs equally among all teams is clearly unfair and I propose that the ruling be changed to require each participating team to buy a bulletin which will lower the prorata cost for all teams.
- 2. Changes in the Rules of Residual Eligibility—Item 1b.2a states in part, "...(each team member can play indefinitely for a company after) being laid off by that company after the minimum of 5 years of service". Under Section 7 there are further statements amplifying this rule. I propose that the sentence quoted above from Sec.1b.2a be deleted entirely from the Charter along with these sections under rule 7, "...other than as specified in 1b.2a above" and the last sentence which reads "a terminating employee who starts work at another league—affiliated company may transfer to his new company's team. If so, his residual eligibility with his

former team will end". The rationale behind this request is three-fold.

- 1. It is morally wrong for an ex-employee to help the performance of a given team or company when in fact, he is no longer representative of that organization. After all, trophies are awarded to companies based on performance; and as such, the membership should be an accurate reflection of that organization.
- 2. Ex-employees will still have the option to play with the alumni team, a different team in the league, or with their old team if they are retirees.
- 3. If a person who no longer has any affiliation with a company is permitted to play with that company, then logically any company should be able to solicit the aid of unaffiliated players; thereby falsely bolstering its performance.

Thank you very much for your assistance. Please schedule these items for discussion and voting at the next business meeting.

Very truly yours,

Lee A. Stensaker Manager, REL. ENG.

Product Evaluation

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cc: Dan Kumro

PS: Please call me after you've had a chance to review this, as I believe you and I are supposed to work out some arrangements regarding bulletin charges. You may also want to publish this in the next bulletin.

Regards,

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Last minute acceptance of second Bell Lab's team, The Chessplayers, in our Division did not cause too many problems as one may expect. I made a new schedule giving them a Bye for Round #1 and including them in progressing competition.

Round #1 already played, shows that this year will not be easy for so-called favorites, and moreover, it brought few unexpected surprises. Especially the win for CPC Intern'l. over Wescom and a loss of Gambiteers to Bishops, indicates that teams are more balanced then a year before. I hope the coming rounds will bring even more interesting matches, as a result of greater efforts made by competing teams.

September 1978 Results

Near West Division

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Well, after several sessions of musical chairs with our western suburban teams, we finally settled on eight teams for the Far West Division. The 1977-78 BTL Dragons were replaced by the BTL Royals from the Near West Division. The Argonne Bishops were replaced by Fermilabs who retired from the CICL for a couple of years and have now returned to torment our ratings chairman and the rest of the teams in the Far West.

All the teams finished the first round on schedule with the following results:

ANL Pawns	4	Fermilabs	2
ANL Rooks	5	W.E. Montgomery	1
Amoco	4	BTL Royals	2
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In early second round results, Amoco beat the ANL Rooks 4 to 2. Amoco won only one match last year and that was in the last round. This year Amoco has won their first two matches convincingly and look like a real contender. The Wheaton Crusaders lost their 1977-78 MVP Mike Burns but they have replaced him with USCF expert Paul Cripe and Wheaton can be very tough this year as the Western Electric Kingsmen found out in the first round.

This year the ANL Pawns have essentially the same team as last year but I think Amoco and Wheaton will give them a run for their money. The ANL Rooks lost the Illinois State Champion Roy Benedek but they acquired Greg Berry to replace him and they are another team that can be very tough this year. If the BTL Royals can get all their experts out of the closets of Bell Labs they can go all the way, too. So it looks like another wide open season in the Far West Division this year.

September 1978 Results

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By R. H. BRAUNSTEIN

It was a warm October day. Our caravan was slowly making its way back across the Turkish desert. Steve Blake and I had undertaken this expedition as a fact-finding mission for the book on which we were collaborating. After many weeks of this nomadic life, we were both * impatient to return to our more accustomed "civilized" existence.

Our guide, Abdul, had informed us that we had two or three more days of travel ahead of us, so we were determined to push on in the hope of arriving on the second day. That's how it happened that even as darkness was rapidly approaching, we still hadn't made camp for the night.

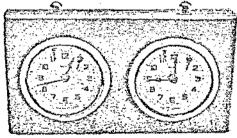
Abdul had just recommended, in a halfpleading tone, that we stop for the night, when a group of men on horseback came racing up. One of the men spoke and Abdul translated: "The Sultan El Faizir,

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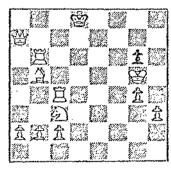
Son of Allah and Master of the Turkish Desert is pleased to bid you partake of the pleasures of his table." An enticing offer indeed! Steve and I were quick to assent. We followed El Faizir's men about a half mile back to their camp.

The meal was one of the story-book type, which seems to occur only in fiction. Meat, wine, fruit and spices abounded in such quantities as to leave no doubt as to the affluence of the host. After dinner, we were entertained by acrobats, musicians and dancing girls. Then, very unexpectedly, the Sultan asked if either of us would care to play chess. Steve was the stronger player and, to the best of my knowledge, never refused a game of chess. The board was set out, and Steve sat down to play against El Faizir.

Steve had White and, not knowing the strength of his opponent, played cautiously at first. It wasn't long, however, before the Sultan left a piece en prise and Steve had gained an advantage. To press his advantage. Steve began trading off pieces.

In apparent desperation, the Sultan launched a violent counterattack, which opened up Steve's Kingside and sent the White King scurrying into Black territory in search of shelter. But the attack fell short of its goal; and, in fact, left Black without a single piece left on the board. At this turn of events, El Faizir began pushing his Pawns. Steve, for his part, began meticulously picking off the Black Pawns until there was but one Pawn left. That one was blocked by the White King.

Steve began bringing up his heavy pieces to close in for the mate. With the position as shown below, it was Steve's



At this moment, El Faizir's right-hand man spoke.

Abdul translated: "It is only fair to warn you. It is written, that anyone who fails to lose to the Sultan, at chess, shall be put to death before the next rising of the sun."

With that "fair" warning still ringing

revealed that El Faizir's men were well stationed and escape was impossible. Under the circumstances, resignation was out of the question. A gleam had erent into the Sultan's eyes, and a suggestion of a smile showed on his lips. While I contemplated whether or not the Sultan had intentionally brought such tragedy to bear upon my friend, Steve began to regain his composure and study his predicament.

What a grotesque joke for the puzzle makers! Imagine a position such as that, with the caption: "White to play and lose." Yet Steve had no choice but to attempt it. I have no idea how many moves were made in arriving at that position, but those that followed I shall never forget.

Steve played carefully.

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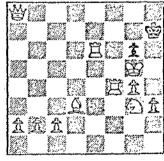
Freeing K1 for the Black King.

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Now Steve had the Sultan's King restricted to two squares as he continued to set up his own spectacular demise (on the chessboard, that is).

> 6 N-K2 K--R2 7 N-N3 K-N2 8 B-Q3 K-R2

Steve, who was needless to say, suspicious of El Faizir's intentions, could not afford to take any chances. With his life at stake, who could!



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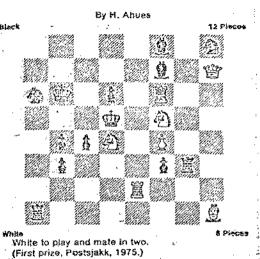
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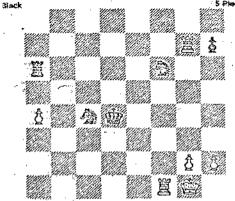
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El Faizir stood up, bid us a pleasan night's rest and retired to his chambers strutting as if to say, "I knew I had th victory in hand all along."

Afterwards, Steve was blase about th entire affair. He told me, in confidence that it was no shame to lose to "the ma that no one could defeat twice.



Position from 17th game



White to make his 34th move.

(17th game, Karpov-Korchnoi, world championship natch, 1978. Who would believe that White [Korchnoil] vould find himself facing inevitable mate by his 39th

The game position above marks the beginning of the

nove?) Korchnol's amazing loss

ir the match itself. The way Korchnoi managed to put mself in a mating net here is almost unbelievable. He ayed 34 R-B4ch, and after Kt-K5; 35 R-O7ch, K-K6; 3 R-B3ch, K-K7; 37 RxP, KiB-Q7; 38 R-QR3, R-QB3. id he was lost. (Actually, he played 39 R-R, Kt-B6ch,

nd for the Championship's 17th game - possibly even

nd then resigned.) If 40 PxKt, R-Kt3ch; 41 K-R; Kt-B7 If in the diagrammed position he had played 34 xKt, RxR; 35 RxP, a win for Black would be very un-

Postal chess can be exciting

The game below was played by mail. The white ayer is Latvian; his opponent is West German. It was ayed in the 1973-76 world postal championship.

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Chess is a violent

By Arthur Hoppe

As the world watched agog, Soviet title holder Anatoly Karpov and challenger Viktor Korchnol battled last week to the 23rd draw in their two-months-old, no-holds-barred struggle for the chess championship of the planet.

Korchnoi, the Russian defector, stanned the eagerly waiting experts by bringing off a surprise "Schenec tady Opening." This required him to enter the half 14 minutes late attired in powder-blue leotards and circle the playing table four times on a motorized skateboard while juggling three overripe papayas and shouling, "Strangle the international Communist octopus!" If the 27-year-old Karpov was dis-

concerted by this unusual attack, he failed to show it. Instead, he coolly responded with the standard "Dneiper Defense," whipping out a pocket comb and waxed paper on which he presented a rousing rendition of "The Internationale" while keeping time by stomping on Korchnor's skateboard.

There was no question that this strategy upset the 47-year-old chal-Jenger. He quickly recovered, however, and gained a clear initial advantage over Karpov by swiveling his chair up three feet higher than his opponent's.

es our concentration and ex ed a perfect "Sicilian Gambii belching directly into Karpov's As the audience gasped, Ka clutched his throat and topthe floor. His deputy advisadvanced weaponry and logis General Nokitoff, immediately plained to assistant arbitrator Lopez (the only official to whom

Russians are now speaking) Karpov then glared directly Korchnoi through his new diame rimmed glasses. Korchnoi clap his nand before his eyes, cry "God. I have been blinded! I'll ne play the saxophone again." Karpov told Nokitoff to tell Lo

to tell Korchnoi he had never pla

it before. But Korchnot told God i people shouldn't bring up extra ous issues in the middle of a match . Meanwhile, in a move that c expert described as "a terrible bl: der." Karpov's parapsychologi Vladimir Kouhlar, whom he allegly hired to hypnotize Korchn moved from the first row to the se enth row to the ninth row and the back to the third row.

out. Korchnoi signified with a nod God that he would accept and pov reluctantly removed his finge from the challenger's windpipe. The matches in this, the world most intellectually demandir game, will continue until one conte tant or the other is determined to b the most intelligent human being o

the face of the earth.

Back up on stage, the match ca:

to an abrupt end when Karpov to

Nokitoff to tell Lopez to offer Ki .chnoi a draw, primarily because t

eyes were in danger of being goug-

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BERNHEIM

At the start of our second season, twenty years ago on October 10, 1958, Angelo andrin (a renowned name in Illinois Chess) made one of his rare guest appearances on oard #1 (he won) for the Western Electric team and helped his team to victory. (4½ - 3½, 1d 8-Man Division). His opponent that night was Bill Nyman of the First National Bank Do you remember Bill?). That victory for W.E. over the Bank made it two in a row for lestern and helped the W.E. team run their victory string to 12 wins and went on record is the first C.I.C.L. team to go undefeated and untied for the entire season. I'm sure some of the veteran players (Century?) at Argonne remember that Angelo played for Argonne out he was employed by Western in the late '50's and played there first before he transferred and played at Argonne!

'team" score (only the first 8 boards counting). This type of scoring was used only for one year, the League's first season. That year two Championship trophies were awarded, one for the best record team wise, and one trophy for the best club record. On June 20, 1958, Western Electric and the First National Bank met and (this was the last match of the season for these two teams) Western was facing a Bank team that had not lost or drawn a Club match all season and had a perfect 9-0-0 record. However, Western won that night and kept the Bank from being the only team in League history to win two championships in one year! Regardless, the Bank won the team championship and Western won the only club championship that ever existed. The final club result for these two teams was 9-1-0, each team lost 1 match. Early in the League history, trophy ties were not broken by an additional match but by game scores and Western won by a higher game score.

In Bulletin #1, Jim Brotsos mentioned a "club" score (all boards counting) and a

Here is how those C.I.C.L. pioneers finished out the League's first season:

(Team Competition)

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P <u>lace</u>	<u>Team</u>	Match Points	<u>Game Points</u>
1 2	1st Nat'l Bank Western Electric	$7\frac{1}{2} - 2\frac{1}{2}$ $7 - 3$	51½ 50

IBM Assembler Language Programmer. The rating list has been one of the Bulletin's most popular articles and I would hope that someone will come forward by the end of this year and work with Terry to take advantage of his experience. Regardless, we do need help in the near future to maintain the continuity of the rating system. Terry has done an excellent job and we certainly will need a responsible person to fill the vacancy he will leave. However, there are somethings that we can do to help make his last months more pleasant ones. Being a former rating statistician, I can sympathize with Terry in the area of I want to caution all team captains to watch their spelling and also their handwriting, please print. If a player wins a game and works four or five hours in doing it, the person reporting the results certainly can take a few extra seconds of his time to report the result clearly. However, a careless slip of the pen may create a ghost player by the name of Johnsen and Johnson receives no credit for the win and his rating remains unchanged. Or, if a Johnsen already exists, he gets credit for a game he didn't win-and there is an error in his current rating and two ratings are incorrect. But if anything can be a nightmare for the rating chairman, bad spelling can certainly be it. When some is doing a "giant" of a job, we're sorry to see him go and that is why I asked my daughter, Sherry, to draw the article on page 2 (I'm no artist). So, if a couple of tears are shed when Terry leaves, I'm sure even more will be shed if we don't get a replacement. Also, if you do not see an article by your Division Chairman, he felt that

nothing was warranted at this time or maybe he forgot to send it to the Bulletin Chairman.

fore, the C.I.C.L. is looking for a successor. Terry mentioned that to be able to use and

expand upon the current program that he is presently using, his replacement should be an

GAMES OF INTEREST March 14, 1978 French Defense In this game, the win of a pawn and later control of a half-opened bishop's file eventually gives Black a win, although White's valiant struggle makes it far from easy. Black White **Black** White '. Miller, Zenith D. Stuhlbarg, Procon P-K4 P-K3 A pretty move. If Black ignores the threa P-Q4 P-Q4 White can force a draw by perpetual check. P-K5 P-QB4 25. K--R1 B-N5 ck N-083 P-KN3 is also good, but the text move allo PxP N-KB3 Black to play P-Q5 first, keeping the Knig 0-0 B-Q2 away from the center. This seemingly simple development move 26. N-R1 sets a trap that countless hundreds of Adds protection to the beleaguered QB Pawn Whites have failed to see. but what a lousy spot for a knight. P-QR3 (?)NxKP 26. P-QR4 Springs the trap. If 8. NxN, BxB and 27. B-02 P-Q5 Black is a pawn ahead. 28. B-K1 N-QN3 29. PxP N-0B5 BxB ck NxB QR-N3 30. P-KN3 --- N-KB3 QxP 31. N-KR4 N-K5 P-QN4 32. R(KN3)-Q3 hite's 7th and 10th moves prevent R-R3 avoids the fork, but P-KN5 followed lack from playing B-QB4, but so what? by P-N6 by Black gives White new problems. B-K2 0. 33. N-B4 1. QN-Q2 0x0NxR(Q3)34. N-B3 R-N1 Q-N3 35. PxN NxP(R6)lack being a pawn up and with a strong 36. B-Q2 enter, is willing to trade queens; but Apparently to prevent R-B8, but . . hite says "No." 37. R-B8 ck! 0 - 03QR-B1 38. N-K1 RxN(R8)R-K1 Q-B3 (?) Many players, playing White, would have re R-B2 followed by KR-B1 is oses time. signed by now; but White struggles on to uch stronger. eventually end up in a surprise center of R-N2 Q-B6 the board . mate. Q-N5 6. 39. K-B1 N-B7 gain White declines the trade. 40. K-K2 NXN P-KB4 41. 7. R-B2 8. R-K3 Q-B3 BxN wins back the piece but R-B7 ck. appl 9. Q-Q3KR-QB1 fresh pressure. ٥. KN-Q4 0-R3 41. NxNP 1. QxQ PxQ 42. NxP ck R-N2 last the Q trade is made, but Black 43. K-B3 R-B2 s saddled with doubled rook pawns. K-N2 44. R-N8 P-KB3 N/21_N2 P_KA 45. R-N5 2

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	K-K4 B-R5	R-R6 R-Q2		
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An unblocking theme is often used in chess problems, but is not common in mating nets in actual games. Here the play of the knight not only checks the king, but unblocks the sixth rank for the rook so that the check is mate.

notes by D. Stuhlbarg

BERNHEIM GAME

White BLACK

SHOULD BE MOVES

3. N-KB3 13. QXBCK 16. N/5-KB3

, R/5-KI

38. P-KN4! 31. QR-KR1 32. NXBP 35. R/1-R7CK 36. R-N7CK 37. R-R6CK