

## How to make a club work

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Chess in America is a grass-roots movement. The government will have practically nothing to do with it. It is growing bit by bit, and with no federal subsidies, we ought to overtake the Russians in playing strength in about 50 years.

Yet it is a miracle that American chess grew at all. First, there is a commonality of interest. But to a large extent, it is the organizer, the rare individual who gets down to work, that has made chess grow.

A case in point is the Framingham Chess Club. Last January, Warren Pinches of Boston and Mark Bond of Framingham discussed the idea of a chess club, and as the result of their efforts it was fully functioning.

Pinches and Bond noted a suburban circle of clubs around Boston: in Malden, Billerica, Westford, Worcester, Plainville and Brockton. They wanted a club convenient to the Framingham-Natick areas. Through Stephen Dann, a circle of conspirators was chosen, met and made plans. The area was scoured for sites. A questionnaire and mass mailing was sent out.

The club meets on Tuesdays at the American Legion Hall, at Beach and Franklin streets, Framingham. The format is flexible. Informal or individual-rated games may be had. Informal and planned tourneys are also held. There is an instruction program for novices. A simul was given by John Curdo, and Jimmy Rizzitano will give one on Sept. 27, 7 p.m. The Club has a journal called The Pawn Storm. It recently played a match with the potent Billerica Club and tied 13-13. If the buzz of activity on Tuesday nights is any indication, it just ought to last.