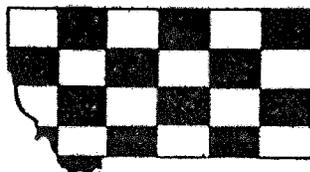


## Greater Great Falls Open Issue



## Montana Chess Association

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### Helena Chess 2017



Nineteen woodpushers showed up for the 2017 edition of Drake's January Thaw including four individuals playing in their first rated tournament. Held in Helena the last weekend in January, this event is named in honor of Mel and Joyce Drake, long-time promoters of Montana Chess.

Jim Skovron walked away with top honors posting 4.5 points. Next up came Wilton Strickland and Thomas Mostad, each with 3.5 points. Frank Miller captured the biggest upset prize. His first round win had a rating differential of 482 points. Thaw results are on page 3.

The 25th annual Collyer Memorial in Spokane is on for February 25-26. Dedicated to the memory of Dave Collyer and Gary Younker, the Collyer tournament has long been a favorite of western Montana chess players filling the gap between Montana events. Bill McBroom was one such person—frequently being the first paid entry as soon as dates were announced.

Coming up on the 3rd anniversary of Bill's sudden passing, this issue features remembrances of the man and his place in Montana chess.

### 2017 MCA Annual Business Meeting

(between rounds 4 and 5 of the Montana Open)

- I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
- V. NEW BUSINESS

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[facebook.com/montanachess](https://facebook.com/montanachess)

Consideration of those items that have been submitted for posting on the MCA website. Such items must have been posted for at least 10 days.

- VI. Good and Welfare

Any member may speak on any topic. Actionable items are not in order.

**Kalispell Chess Club**

**Location:** Sunnyview Cafe in the Kalispell Regional Medical Center  
**Time:** Tuesdays anytime between 5 pm and 8 pm

**Info:** All skill levels welcome; No fees; Bring your chess set, but there are extras at the site; Free lessons available

**Contact:** Gary Solomon; 253-3883  
 galsolomon@yahoo.com



www.flatheadchess.org

**Whitefish Chess Club**

Every Thursday 7-9 p.m.

Red Caboose on Central

All ages and abilities welcome.

**University-Community Chess Club**

**Meeting Location:** Room 235, Liberal Arts Building,  
 University of Montana, Missoula  
**Meeting Time:** Thursdays Start drifting in about 6:45pm  
 Clocks start at 7:00pm  
**Club Info:** Sherwood Moore 544-9992  
 Dan McCourt 274-0465  
 3 rated games per month, occasional blitz

**Billings Chess Club**

**Location:** Off the Leaf coffee house  
**Time:** Wednesdays 7 pm  
**Info:** All skill levels welcome; No fees; Chess sets and clocks are available  
**Contact:** David Duke, ddukew01@gmail.com, 672-8946 or Dan Mattson, mattsondm@me.com, 490-3983

**Helena Chess Club**

**Location:** Lewis and Clark County Library  
**Time:** Thursday 6 – 9 pm  
**Contact:** Murray Strong  
 murstrong1958@gmail.com

**Butte Chess Club**

**Location:** Butte-Silver Bow Public Library  
**Time:** Fridays 2 pm  
**Info:** All skill levels welcome; No fees; Equipment provided (or bring your own)  
**Contact:** Allen Brazier, abrazier@buttepubliclibrary.info

**MCA Board Members**

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**Bozeman Chess Club**

**Location:** Bozeman Public Library  
**Time:** Thursday 6 – 8 pm / 6 – 9 pm when on first floor  
**Info:** No fees, All skill levels welcome, boards and pieces available, brings clocks if you wish  
**Contact:** Kevin Kuehnel; kevin.kuehnel1@gmail.com  
**Note:** There is a kids chess club that meets at the library Tuesday afternoon – see library events calendar for more information

**“PROVISIONAL” DOES NOT MEAN UNRATED!**

*Ratings based on between 4 and 25 games are called “provisional ratings” to indicate they are less reliable than established ratings. However, such ratings are valid for pairing and prize purposes at all USCF-rated events, unless otherwise stated in advance publicity.*

It's rocket sciencel...no!, it's alchemyl...no!, it's smoke and mirrors!!  
 Ok sharks and fishes, it's time for your annual dose of impractical mathematics.  
 Sink your teeth into the **MCA Grand Prix Points Calculator** and give it a good chew.  
 Don't forget to floss after chewing.

**GP=(rds/5) x (11-place) x (avg. rating/1500) x mileage bonus**  
 Mileage bonus: LT 50=1.0; 50-150=1.33; 151-250=1.68; GT 251=2.0  
 Unrated=tournament opponents average + 400(W-L)/N  
 where N=number of games vs rated opponents if >zero



## 2017 January Thaw TD Murray Strong

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]
1	James Skovron	1747	W19	W14	W8	W4	D2	4.5	11
2	Wilton Strickland	1828	W10	L8	W9	W6	D1	3.5	12.5
3	Thomas Mostad	1687	D17	L7	W16	W12	W5	3.5	10.5
4	Sherwood Moore	1750	W13	W5	H---	L1	D7	3.0	12
5	Michael Muller	1549	W7	L4	W18	W8	L3	3.0	11.5
6	Daniel Mattson	1554	L11	W13	W14	L2	W15	3.0	11
7	Darren Stacey	1849	L5	W3	L11	W13	D4	2.5	9.5
8	Dennis Petrak	1623	W18	W2	L1	L5	D10	2.5	9
9	Dan McCourt	1692	W15	D11	L2	D10	D12	2.5	8
10	Shane Overturf	1447	L2	W15	D12	D9	D8	2.5	7
11	William Davis	1881	W6	D9	W7	U---	U---	2.5	5
12	Jacob Copley	1785	L14	W17	D10	L3	D9	2.0	8.5
13	Jonathan Geyman	unr.	L4	L6	W17	L7	W18	2.0	8
14	Frank Eugene Miller	1303	W12	L1	L6	L15	W19	2.0	7
15	Greg Hayes	unr.	L9	L10	W19	W14	L6	2.0	7
16	Murray Strong	1540	U---	U---	L3	W19	W17	2.0	1.5
17	John Henneford	1543	D3	L12	L13	W18	L16	1.5	8
18	Brynn Holt	unr.	L8	W19	L5	L17	L13	1.0	6
19	Justin Trafton	unr.	L1	L18	L15	L16	L14	0.0	8

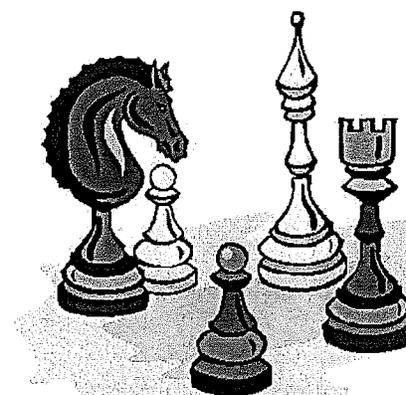
### January Thaw Upsets by Round

Rd 1....Miller (1303) 1-0 Copley (1785) 482 points  
 Rd 1....Muller (1549) 1-0 Stacey (1849) 300 points  
 Rd 2....Petrak (1623) 1-0 Strickland (1828) 205 points  
 Rd 3....Overturf (1447) ½-½ Copley (1785) 169 points  
 Rd 4....Overturf (1447) ½-½ McCourt (1692) 123 points



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MCA 2016-2017 Grand Prix	Turkey	Thaw	Total
Jim Skovron	10.9	13.3	24.2
Sherwood Moore	9.5	10.0	19.5
Wilton Strickland	6.5	11.3	17.8
Anthony Raelund	12.6		12.6
Daniel Mattson		10.0	10.0
Thomas Mostad		8.5	8.5
Michael Muller		8.0	8.0
Jacob Copley	6.5		6.5
J. Michael Jensen	6.5		6.5

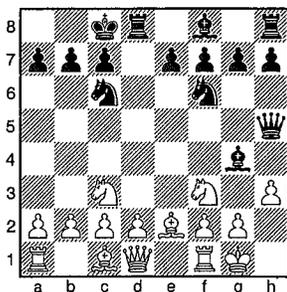


□ Copley, 1785

■ Miller, 1303

January Thaw Scandanavian Defense Rd  
[Biggest Upset]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qh5  
5.Be2 Bg4 6.0-0 Nc6 7.h3 (d3 finishing  
development would serve White better) 0-0-0  
Diagram



8.d3 0 e5 9.Qe1 h6? (Bb4 connects the  
rooks and gets the last piece into the action)  
10.Be3 (Ne4 perhaps) Nd4!? 11.Bxd4 exd4  
12.hxg4 (White wins a piece in this line but  
margin for error will be razor thin) Nxc4 13.Ne4  
Bd6 14.Nxd6+ Rxd6 15.g3 Re8 16.Qd1  
Qh3 17.Qd2 Rf6 18.Qa5 Rxf3 19.Qf5+ Rxf5  
20.Bxg4 Qxg4 21.Kg2 Qf3+ 22.Kg1 Rh5  
White resigns  
0-1

□ Stacey, 1849

■ Muller, 1549

January Thaw French-Tarrasch Rd 1

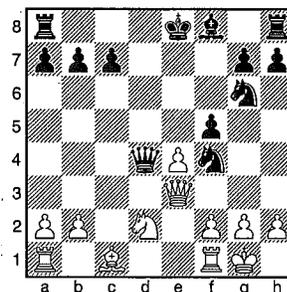
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5  
5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd8 7.Nb3 Bb4+ 8.Bd2  
Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 Nc6 10.Nbxd4 Nxd4  
11.Nxd4 Nf6 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Qe2 Qe8  
14.g4? e5 15.Nb5 Qc6 16.f3? (h3 looks  
safer) e4 17.Rd6 exf3 18.Qd3 Qe4 19.g5?  
Qf4+ 20.Kb1 Bf5 21.Qd4 Ne4 22.Rd5 Qxg5  
23.Qxe4 Qg2 24.Qe1 Qxc2+ 25.Ka1 f2  
26.Qc1 Rfe8 27.Qxc2 Bxc2 28.Rdd1 Bxd1  
29.Rxd1 Re1 30.Nc3 Rd8 31.Be2 Rdx1+  
White resigns  
0-1

□ Strickland, 1828

■ Petrak, 1623

January Thaw Wild Bull Defense Rd2

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bg4 4.Nbd2 e5  
5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be2 Ng6 7.Nd4 Bxe2  
8.Qxe2 Qd7 9.0-0 f5 10.c4 Nf6 11.cxd5  
Nxd5 12.e4 Ndf4 13.Qe3 Qxd4! Diagram



14.exf5+ Qxe3 15.fxe3 Ne2+ 16.Kh1 Ne5  
17.Re1 Nxc1 18.Rexc1 Bd6 19.Nf3 0-0  
20.e4 Rf6 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.Nb5 Bxh2 23.Rc3  
Rh6 24.Rh3 Be5 25.Rxh6 Nxh6 26.Rd1 a6  
27.Nc3 Ng4 28.Rd7 Nf6 29.Rd3 c6 30.Ne2  
c5 31.Nc3 b5 32.Nd5 Kf7 33.Nb6 Ra7  
34.b3 Bd4 35.b4 Nxe4 36.Kh2 Nf6 37.Nc8  
Rd7 38.bxc5 Be5+ 39.Rg3 Bxg3+ 40.Kxg3  
Rc7 41.Nd6+ Kf8 White resigns  
0-1

□ Skovron, 1747

■ Moore, 1750

January Thaw Queen's Indian Def Rd 4

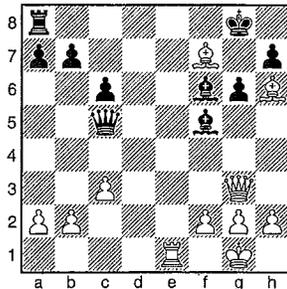
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.c4 Bb7 4.Nc3 e6  
5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 d6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.Bd3 e5  
9.0-0 0-0 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5  
12.h3 Nd7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd5 Bxd5  
15.cxd5 Rac8 16.Bb5 Nb8 17.Bc6 Nxc6  
18.Qxc6 Rfd8 19.Rac1 a5 20.Qb7 Qb4  
21.Rxc7 Rxc7 22.Qxc7 Re8 23.d6 Qd4  
24.d7 Rf8 25.Rc1 h6 26.Rc6 Qd2 27.Rd6  
Qe1+ 28.Kh2 Qxf2 29.Rd1 Qxb2 30.d8Q  
Rxd8 31.Rxd8+ Kh7 32.Qxf7 Black resigns  
1-0

□ Strickland, 1828

■ Mattson, 1554

January Thaw King's Indian Def Rd 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d5  
5.Nbd2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.c3 Re8 8.e4 e5  
9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe4? 11.Nxe4 Rxe5  
12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Qf3 c6 14.Bf4 Re8  
15.Rad1 Qe7 16.Bc4 Qc5 17.Bh6 Qf5  
18.Qg3 Qc5 19.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Bf5  
21.Bxf7+ Diagram



Kxf7 22.Qc7+ Be7 23.Bg5 Be6 24.Be3  
Qd6 25.Qa5 Rd8 26.h4 a6 27.Qa4 Qd5  
28.Qf4+ Ke8 29.Qh6 Qh5 30.Qg7 Rd1  
31.Qh8+ Kd7 32.Rxd1+ Qxd1+ 33.Kh2  
Bd6+ 34.f4 Qd3 score sheets end. White  
goes on to win  
1-0

□ Hayes, 980

■ Miller, 1303

January Thaw Dutch Defense Rd 4

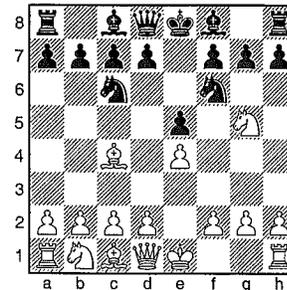
1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3  
g6 6.a3 c6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.c5 Bc7 9.0-0 0-0  
10.h3 Nbd7 11.Ng5 Qe7 12.b4 e5 13.g3 h6  
14.Bxf5 gxf5 15.Nf3 e4 16.Nh4 Qe6 17.Ng6  
Rf7 18.Nf4 Qe8 19.Bd2 Rg7 20.a4 Bxf4  
21.exf4 Qg6 22.Kh2 Nf8 23.Rg1 Ng4+  
24.Kg2 Nxf2 25.Kxf2 Ne6 26.Be3 b6  
27.Rg2 bxc5 28.bxc5 Rb8 29.Rb1 Rgb7  
30.Kg1 Rb4 31.Rxb4 Rxb4 32.g4 Qg7  
33.gxf5 Qxg2+ 34.Kxg2 Rb2+ 35.Kg1  
Black resigns  
1-0

□ Mostad, 1687

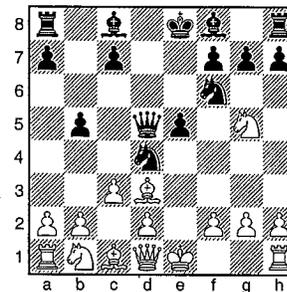
■ Copley, 1785

January Thaw Two Knights Rd 4

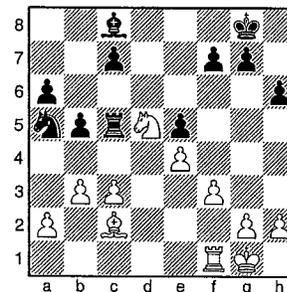
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5  
Diagram



Tarrasch called this a duffer's move but White  
(including Fischer) has done well enough d5  
5.exd5 Nd4 6.c3 b5 7.Bd3 Qxd5 Diagram



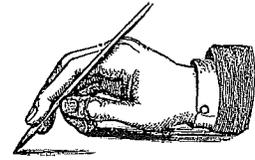
8.0-0 Bb7 9.f3 Nc6 10.Bc2 Bc5+ 11.Kh1  
0-0 12.d3 h6 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.dxe4 Qe6  
15.Qe2 a6 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Rad8  
18.Nd2 Rd6 19.Nb3 Qf6 20.Nc5 Bc8  
21.Rad1 Rfd8 22.Rxd6 Rxd6 23.Kg1 Na5  
24.b3 Qe7 25.Nd3 Rc6 26.Nb4 Qc5  
27.Qxc5 Rxc5 28.Nd5 Diagram



Rc6 29.Ne7+ Black resigns  
1-0



## Remembering Bill McBroom 1937-2014



I first met Bill McBroom at the beginning of his “chess career” in 1981. He had just initiated the University Community Chess Club in Missoula. Bill acquired a playing site on campus, directed tournaments, and was constantly promoting the chess club. At one point more than 20 players would show up on Thursday nights. Bill supported Montana chess by attending weekend tournaments and becoming active in the state organization. He was a leading advocate in the adoption and, later, the fine-tuning of our grand prix system. While serving as president of the MCA he submitted a revised and updated version of the association’s constitution which was adopted in 2004. Bill was a major factor in holding the organization together when it was fracturing during the early 2000’s controversies.

At UM, Bill was never shy about stepping up to “extra duties”. Early in his career, Bill was a mover in the successful effort to remove an incompetent university president. Later he served terms as president of the faculty senate where times are always turbulent. Through it all, Bill was part of an elite group of professors known as the “university within the university”. Any student who took classes from these scholars received instruction second to none.

Summing up Bill McBroom—a life—is best done with an excerpt from a Neil Postman graduation speech describing the Athenians and the Visigoths.

“The first group lived about 2,500 years ago in a place we now call Greece, in a city they called Athens. They were the first people to develop a complete alphabet. They invented the idea of democracy. They invented what we call philosophy. And they also invented what we call logic and rhet-

oric. They composed and sang epic poems of unsurpassed beauty and insight. And they wrote and performed plays that, almost three millennia later, still have the power to make audiences laugh and weep. They even invented what today we call the Olympics, and among their values none stood higher than that in all things one should strive for excellence. They believed in reason. They believed in beauty. They believed in moderation.

The second group of people lived in the place we now call Germany and flourished about 1,700 years ago. We call them Visigoths. They were spectacularly good horsemen, which is about the only pleasant thing we can say about them. They were marauders—ruthless and brutal. Their language lacked subtlety and depth. Their art was crude and even grotesque. They swept down through Europe destroying everything in their path and they overran the Roman Empire. There was nothing a Visigoth liked better than to burn a book, desecrate a building, or smash a work of art. From the Visigoths we have no poetry, no theater, no logic, no science, no humane politics.

Like the Athenians, the Visigoths also disappeared, but not before they had ushered in the period known as the Dark Ages. It took Europe almost a thousand years to recover from the Visigoths.

Now, the point I want to make is that the Athenians and Visigoths still survive and they do so through us and the ways we conduct our lives.”

Professor Postman went on to explain how we must choose to live in the spirit of one side or the other and recognition as an Athenian bestows one of life’s highest honors.

Bill McBroom was an Athenian.

*Submitted by Romie Carpenter*



## More Remembrance



In November 1981, Heraldica Imports of New York City held a national contest. Each state would hold a qualifying tournament. The winners would then meet in New York to play for the championship. Thinking I knew how to play chess, I headed for the University of Montana. The first person to greet me at the door on the 3rd floor of the Social Science Building was John Barto. John, in his usual friendly, gentlemanly manner, guided me to the registration desk. There I met the assistant director, William McBroom.

Bill would eventually direct over 250 tournaments throughout Montana from 1981 to 2010. He paid his own expenses. He served on the Board of Directors for the MCA for many years and in many offices, including President. Whenever the MCA had problems, Bill was there to assist in finding a solution. Bill encouraged others to take on directing tournaments. I pride myself that I was able to join the ranks of USCF Local Director with Bill, Thad Suits, and Steve Scarff in Montana.

As a chess player, Bill's rating peaked over 1800. He and I traveled to many tournaments together, usually in cahoots with Romie Carpenter. We shared rooms, followed Bill to gourmet restaurants, and of course—played chess. The USCF records only go back to 1991. In that time frame, Bill and I played 57 games. The vast majority were

draws. I remember the first game Bill offered me a draw. I'd just dropped a piece. He smiled and said, "would you care for a draw?" My hand shot out before he could withdraw the offer. But of course, Bill wouldn't have anyway. Later, it was I who could return the favor. There is more to chess than just winning.

Traveling back from tournaments, sometimes late at night, Bill, being a professor, was versed in many subjects. He'd start discussing a subject of historical significance. History was my major. After we had thoroughly proceeded to grind the matter down in "pros" and "cons", Bill would start telling jokes to keep me focused on the drive, rattling off one after the other. Being focused was not always easy with tears of laughter rolling down my cheeks. Finally, he'd get down to hunting, firearms, and Army stories. (Bill served with the Old Guard whose duties included watching over the tomb of the "Unknown Soldier".) Bill loved to go out shooting every Tuesday morning with friends Hans and Romie after meeting for breakfast.

Looking back 36 years, it doesn't seem that long ago. Bill McBroom was a husband, father, teacher, tournament director, chess advisor, scholastic mentor. He was something I've had very few in life—he was my friend.

*Submitted by Sherwood Moore*



## 2017 Inland Empire Open

**Date:**  
Saturday—Sunday  
April 29-30

**Site:** Jepson Center, Room 109,  
Gonzaga University, Spokane,  
Washington

**Format:** 5 round, Swiss System

**Time Control:** Game/120, d5

**Reg:** Saturday, 8:30-9:30am

**Rounds:** Sat—10am, 2:30pm,  
7pm, Sun-9am, 1:30pm (ASAP)

**Prizes:** \$750 based on 35 entries  
\$175, \$140, \$100.

Class prizes:

1st (A;B;C;D/E/unrated) \$50

2nd " " \$25

Biggest Upset: \$35 (non-prov)

**Entry:** \$23 by April 28, \$28 at  
site, 18 and under \$5 less.

Spokane Chess Club  
% David Griffin  
P.O. Box 631

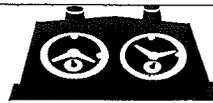
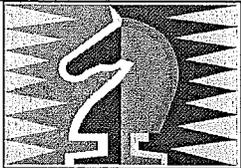
Spokane Valley, WA 99037

**Info:** Dave Griffin

(509) 994-9739

**Misc:** Phone entries accepted.

Class prizes b/5. Sunday byes  
must be requested before the end  
of round 3. Director reserves the  
right to use class pairings in final  
round. Cookies and coffee  
provided.



## 25th Collyer Memorial A Northwest Chess Grand Prix Event

The Spokane Chess Club and the Gary Younker Foundation, in memory of former presidents Dave Collyer and Gary Younker, proudly present the Twenty-Fifth Dave Collyer Memorial Tournament.

**Location:** Millwood Presbyterian Church Community Center,  
3223 N. Marguerite, Millwood, WA  
From I-90 Exit 287, north on Argonne Road to light at Euclid,  
turn left and travel two blocks

**Format:** Five-round Swiss System, Computer pairings

**Time Control:** Rd 1: G90 d5; Rds 2-5 : G/115 d5

**Rounds:** 11-2:30-7:00, 9-1:30 (or ASAP)

**Registration:** 9:30-10:30 am Saturday morning

**Entry:** \$27 by 2/24, \$35 at the door. Under 19 @ \$5 less. Telephone  
entries accepted (pay at door). Free advance entry to all rated over 2199.  
All registrants must check in by 10:40 unless a 1st round bye was granted.

**Byes:** One 1/2 point-bye available if requested by end of prior round.  
Sunday byes must be requested by end of round 3.

**Prizes: \$2500 GUARANTEED.** 1st—\$500, 2nd—\$300, 3rd—\$200.  
Class prizes based on at least 5/class: classes (and class prizes) may be re-  
configured if less than five entered. Only one prize per player (excluding  
biggest upsets). Director reserves right to use class pairings in final round.

**Class prizes:** Top expert—\$100; for classes A; B; C; D/E/unrated—  
top score \$125 and 2nd best \$75.

**Biggest upset each round:** \$50 (both non-provisional); additional \$50  
for overall biggest upset (both non-provisional)

NS, NC, W. Coffee and snacks provided

Entries: Spokane Chess Club, c/o Kevin Korsmo,  
N. 9923 Moore, Spokane, WA 99208-9339

# Dave Collyer Memorial

February 25-26  
Spokane, Washington  
USA Grand Prix-20 pts  
\$2500+ guaranteed

## Greater Great Falls Open

**Date:**  
Saturday-Sunday  
March 11-12

**Site:** Holiday Inn, 1100 5th St.  
South, Great Falls, 406-268-2791  
Room discount if booked by Feb. 25  
—mention chess

**Format:** 5 round, Swiss System  
**Time Control:** Game/90 d5

**Registration:** 8:45-9:15am Saturday  
must be paid to be paired

**Rounds:** Sat—9:45am, 2pm, 6pm,  
Sun—9am, 1pm or ASAP

**Prizes:** \$\$b/25 (increased if possible)  
1st...\$75 2nd...\$50  
Biggest Upset...\$25 (both non-prov)

**Entry:** \$25 by March 10, Juniors at  
\$13 by March 10 \$5 more at site,

**Entries and Info:** Jim Skovron, 1312  
Camas Drive, Great Falls, MT 59405  
skovron5@hotmail.com

**Memberships:** USCF and MCA  
required Other state memberships  
accepted  
MCA: \$15 adult, \$6 junior.

**Misc:** Unrated MT players get free 1-  
year MCA membership

**MCA GRAND PRIX EVENT**



## 82nd Montana Open A Montana Chess Grand Prix Event

**Location:** Ruby's Inn & Convention Center, 4825 N.  
Reserve Street, Exit 101 off I-90, Missoula, MT, 59808

Phone: 406-721-0990

**HR:** \$89 if reserved by March 14, mention chess

**Registration:** 8:30-9am Saturday

**Format:** 5 Rd SS **Time Control:** G/120 d5

**Rounds:** 9:30am, 2pm, 6:30pm, and Sun at 9:00am and  
2:30 pm or ASAP

**Prizes:** \$545 based on 25 paid adult entries:

1st—\$200, 2nd—\$120, 3rd—\$80

Combined classes B/C—\$40, classes D/E—\$35,  
Provisional/unrated—\$30

Biggest Upset—\$40 (both must be non-provisional)

**Entry Fee:** \$30 by March 31, \$35 at site....Juniors at 1/2

Entries payable to MCA. Phone/email entries must be  
paid by 9:15 to be paired.

**Entries and Info:** Dan McCourt, 608 West Central,  
Missoula, MT 59801

406-274-0465 mccourt@charter.net

**Misc:** wheel chair access, MCA membership  
required or OSA, 1/2 point byes available, byes  
for rds 4-5 must be arranged before leaving Sat night.

**MCA annual meeting between rounds 4-5**  
agenda to be announced

# 82nd Montana

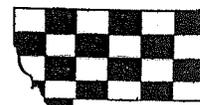
# Open

A Heritage Event  
April 1-2

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Missoula, Montana



# Montana Chess



Montana Chess Association

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| • 25th Collyer Memorial         | Spokane     | February 25-26 |
| • Greater Great Falls Open      | Great Falls | March 11-12    |
| • 82nd Montana Open             | Missoula    | April 1-2      |
| • Inland Empire Open            | Spokane     | April 29-30    |
| • Western Montana Chess Unrated | Missoula    | May 6          |
| • MIS Scholastic                | Missoula    | May 20         |



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