

FIFTH ANNUAL

MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS TOURNAMENT

The 1939 State Chess Tournament will be held in Helena, Montana on Sunday, April 23.

Registration of players will begin at 9:00 A.M. at the Y. M. C. A. Club Rooms. Drawings for the first game will be made and playing of games to start at 10:00 A.M.

An entrance fee of \$1.00 will be charged all players registering. This fee will pay for banquet to be served at 1:00 P.M. and other expenses of the tournament. Contestants will please bring their own chess men and boards.

The Tournament is to be conducted on the three class basis; i.e., "A", "B", "C", and a first prize to be awarded the winner of each class.

As an innovation we are going to ask Class "A" players to record their games for the purpose of awarding prizes for best played games and most brilliant plays. These games will also be published in various Chess publications of the Nation, affording Montana valuable notice in the world of chess.

Each club should designate their Class "A" players upon registration. All other players will be entered in Class "B" for their first game. The winner of the game to remain in Class "B" and the loser to be relegated to Class "C". After classification, the Tournament will proceed in the elimination process; losers automatically out of the Tournament and winners playing winners until one is champion in each class.

The best players of each club being registered in Class "A", the winner of that class will be adjudged the Chess Champion of Montana.

Secretaries of city clubs will help materially to make this Tournament a successful one by notifying the State Secretary a week or so in advance, the probable number of entries to be expected from their clubs, mentioning also the number of Class "A" players.

Individuals not representing a club may register in Class "A", if they so desire, and are registered before any playing has begun.

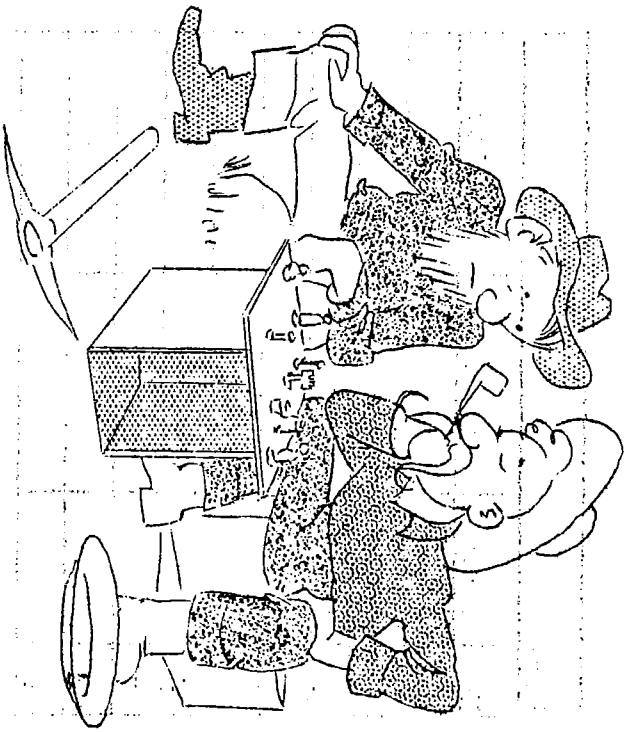
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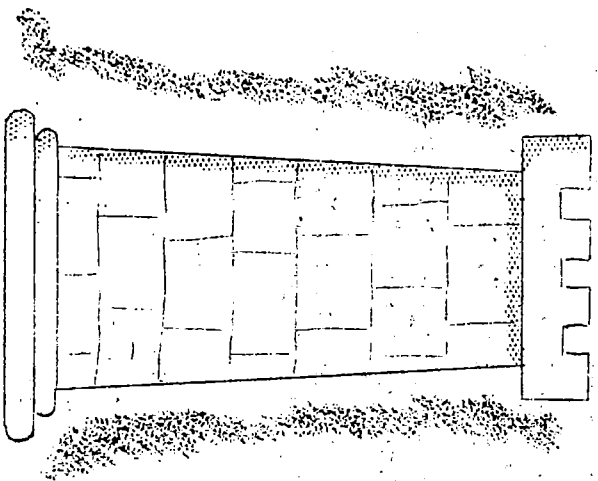
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HELENA APRIL 23 '39

1939 STATE TOURNAMENT

Y.M.C.A. Register 9:00 a.m.

Three Classes Three Prizes

Special Awards for the Best
Losing Game and Most Brilliant
Play in Class "A".

Thirty-two Class "A" Players
All Others Class "B"

First Round Class "B" Losers
Constitute Class "C"

Play to be Governed By the Laws
of Chess as Compiled by E. I. D. E.

Class "A" Players Will Record
Their Games for Adjudication

One Game Elimination

1935 FORMER CHAMPIONS 1935

"A" E. A. Edwards, Livingston

"B" A. E. Davidson, Livingston

"C" Cliff Behre, Livingston 1936

"A" Keith Neilsen, Yellowstone Pk.

"B" W. E. Warren, Hardin

"C" J. H. Jesser, Hardin

1937

"A" Doug Graham, Bozeman

"B" Dr. J. T. Bradbury, Willow Crk.

"C" Cecil Crosby, Miles City

1937

1938

"A" H. L. Maury, Butte

"B" Robert Stevens, Great Falls

"C" W. E. Warren, Hardin

1938

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HELENA STATE CHESS MEET HOST; PLAY STARTS TOMORROW AT TEN

Helena will be the chess center of Montana Sunday when more than four score of the state's most talented board artists gather here to participate in the fourth annual state tournament.

The games will all take place on the local Y. M. C. A. gymnasium floor as players from all sections of the state go into the eliminations which will start at 10 a. m. and go well into the night.

A business session will start at 9 a. m.

Arrangements for the affair have been in charge of Josiah Bowden, state president of the Montana Chess association; Ted Miller, state secretary; William Haegg, local president and Richard Young, local secretary.

Numerous players are expected from

Billings, Missoula, Havre, Great Falls, Butte, Yellowstone park, and many other smaller towns.

A dinner for all contestants and officials will be held at 1 p. m. in the Y. M. C. A. dining rooms.

A business session during the tournament will see the selection of officers for the coming year and the choice of the tournament site for 1940.

Entries will be in the form of two classes, A and B. The winner of the A class matches will be declared state champion. Losers in the B class matches will automatically fall to class C and will become eligible for further play for the "booby" trophy. Winners will continue toward a class B championship.

Defending champion is H. L. Maury of Butte.

CHESS PLAYERS TO OPEN STATE MEET IN HELENA TODAY

75 PLAYERS EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN CONTESTS

Montana's best chess players will tangle for the state championship here today when play in the annual tournament of the Montana Chess association gets under way at the Y.M.C.A. at 10 o'clock.

Games will be played in the "Y" gymnasium.

A business session at 9 o'clock will precede the contests.

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1939 - Meeting

- 1 Mr. A. Brandt makes bid for Gt Falls '940
- 2 Fred Riggle Billing bids Billing 1940
- 3 R.R. Frazier Big Timber nominates Boyman
- 4 Wm Haeg - Helena - Great Falls, matches
- 5 Zimmerman Billing suggests two regional.
- 6 Oak Grove - Gt Falls speaks for
- 7 Gt Falls Tournament.
- 8 E. A. Edwards Livingston also suggests
Gt Falls,
- 9 Mr. Cook from Lewistown speaking
for the most centrally located city
in the State suggests Lewistown
- 10 Brandt Gt Falls suggests holding annual
State meet until the State has enough chess
players to hold regional tournaments satisfactorily
- 11 Young Helena make Motion ~~the~~ Gt Falls
be 1940 Tournament Site
- 12 seconded by Cliff Behre Helena
- 13 Carries Gt Falls 1940 Tournament
- 14 Mr. A. Brandt nominated and
unanimously elected State Assn. Pres. 1940.
- 15 Ed. Edwards nominate J. P. Gt Falls as Sec.
- 16 H. A. Maury nominates E. C. Carruth.
- 17 Mr. Sutton nominates H. J. Nical
- 18 H. J. Nical unanimously elected Sec 1940
- 19 Meeting Adjourned Ed play again begins

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MONTANA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION FIFTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

The Fifth Annual State Chess Tournament was held in the Helena Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Sunday April 23, 1939. Forty - eight players entered the match altho several more were there acting as kibitzers

The class "A" was won by J. W. Murray of Billings when he ~~was~~ defeated H. L. Hayward of Butte. The class "B" honors went to Keith Neilson of Yellowstone Park after vanquishing H. L. Maury of Butte. Class "C" laurels were won by R. R. Frazier of Big Timber after he eliminated William Schenk of Bozeman.

Allen Rousch was swarded the Brilliancy prize for his game against Maury in which he won position and a Rook in an exchange thereby winning the game. Dick Young of Helena received an award for his game against Brandt.

Dick Young of Helena made a gallant effort in behalf of Helena by winning from Dr. Frazier, Mr. Corwin and Mr. Brandt only to go down defeated by Mr. H. L. Hayward of Butte in the fourth round (semi-final) who in turn was defeated by Murray from Billings for the coveted State crown. (Young of Helena is a 16 year old High School Senior)

H. L. Maury of Butte last year's class "A" champion was downed i in his first game by Allen Rousch, a student of Montana State College at Bozeman. The victory for Rousch was a distinct upset as Maury is one of the state's strongest players and one of the very few able to carry on 10 or 12 games simultaneously.

Dick Young's little brother (11 year's old) made a hit in the contest by winning two games, one from E. A. Edwards the 1935 class "A" champion.

A banquet was served in the "Y" dining room at one o'clock, after which, a short business session was held. Mr. Bowden ~~of Helena~~ State President welcomed the visitors to Helena, ~~the business session was conducted by Mr. Bowden~~, and was also in charge of the business meeting. Secretary Ted Miller read a short history of the organization and the minutes of the previous meeting at Big Timber. Mr. Hank Brandt of Great Falls was elected next President and Mr. H. J. Nicol of the same city Secretary of the Association. Great Falls was selected as the next tournament site in 1940.

Play began at 10:00 A. M. and with the exception of time consumed during banquet continued till 8:45 P. M. before champions in all classes were ~~adjudged~~ adjudged.

CHESS IN MONTANA

Chess has been played in Montana for years altho no definite organization of the game was in effect. Records show that Helena had chess players long ago as fifty years past altho no clubs were organized at that early time.

Previous to this decade cities that did have clubs rarely had an opportunity to play clubs of other cities due to the inconvenience of traveling long distances over roads that were to say the least, deplorable; but conditions have changed in the last ten years, and Montana's highways are on a par with any in the United States. To-day Chess enthusiasts travel 400 to 500 miles to attend a one day tournament with none of the ~~oldtime~~ misery attributed to auto travel of much shorter distances in by-gone days.

The Annual tournament is an important and anticipated event to the Montana Chess devotee, here he has an opportunity to contest players he has not seen for a whole year and more than likely will not see until the next meeting comes around; so he takes advantage of the fact by really staging a chess marathon. (This year's Tournament lasted nearly ten hours of actual chess play, in one day; so it is apparent we do like the game.)

In 1935 a group of Chessers from the southern part of Montana met to-gether for a tournament and called the organization "The Montana State Chess Association". More than fifty players from seven southern Montana cities participated. E. A. Edwards of Livingston won class "A" crown. Dr. Ivan Budaeff of Yellowstone Park runner-up. "B" laurels to A.E. Davidson of Livingston and "C" to Cliff Behre of Livingston.

In 1936 the tournament was held at Billings with on April 19; at least 38 players were in attendance. Zeith Neilson "A" Alfred Hammer runner-up. W. E. Warren, Hardin class "B" and J. H. Jesser of Hardin Class "C"

1937 meet was at Livingston on April 11. Forty players entered. Doug Graham of Bozeman "A" New champion has been member of chess clubs in Los Angeles and Manhattan. Placed second in tournament in Milwaukee in 1929 and once won a game from former world's champion Dr. Alekine. Dr. J. T. Bradbury of Willow Creek "B" and Cecil Crosby "C"

1938 games at Big Timber with 69 players in attendance. Class "A" won by H. L. Maury of Butte; R. R. Frazier runner-up. Robert Stevens of Great Falls "B" W. E. Warren of Hardin "C"

1939 Classic was held April 23 in Helena 48 players entering the match. Class "A" won by J. W. Murray of Billings with H. L. Hayward of Butte being runner-up. Class "B" won by Zeith Neilson of Yellowstone Park while R. R. Frazier of Big Timber took class "C" honors. All class "A" players were ~~xxxx~~ told to keep records of their games for special prizes which were won by Allan Rousch for brilliancy and by Dick Young for best game of a non-class winner.

Records of games will be kept by State secretaries to determine improvement in play in succeeding tournaments. Next Tournament to be in Great Falls in 1940, the new President is Mr. H. Brandt of the Falls and the Secretary being Mr. H. J. Nicol of the same city.

This past winter Mr. I. Horowitz of national chess fame played a number of simultaneous games while at Great Falls. Mr. J. Van Teylingen was one of the boards opposite and he won his game against Horowitz ; speaking rather well for the class of chess of the state of Montana.

One of the greatest of chess fans in the state is John Eger of the State Nursery of Helena. His game was learned while a school boy in Dresden, Germany over forty years ago. To-day he plays correspondence chess with players all over the civilized world. He has copied master's games for a number of years and to-day has over two thousand games copied in his own handwriting.

A class "A" player at this years tournament was G. W. Cook of Lewistown . Mr. Cook is 85 years young and only lost one game, showing the value of years of chess practice.

SPORT SPLURGES

By MARVIN C. LUPTON

Your correspondent took occasion yesterday afternoon to witness—from a safe distance—the chess warfare at the state tournament held in the local Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. While the whole scene was as pacifistic on the surface as grandma's armchair, nevertheless battles of brains and cunning were waging furiously on more than 30 checkered battlefronts. Kingdoms were being threatened, royalty was fleeing and the knaves and serfs of a dozen kingdoms were grappling furiously in an attempt to gain throttle-holds on their ornamented adversaries.

One of the highlights of the day at the tourney was when Bob Young, about 11 years old took to camp no less a personality than E. A. Edwards of Livingston, former state champion. Bob's older brother, Dick, carried the colors of Helena into the semifinal brackets of play, there to lose out to H. L. Hayward of Butte.

Most ardent chess enthusiast of Helena is John Eger, employe of the State Nursery. John, busy at his job yesterday was unable to enter into competition. A hobby of his is clipping and working out on boards of his own, games played by the world's master chess players. He has, since 1928, re-played more than 1,200 games of eminence.

Mr. Eger learned the game in Germany as a youth, and has been an addict all his life. In Germany, he said, chess in the schools was compulsory—and still is. "Its a better developer of the mind than higher mathematics," he stated.

At the present time Mr. Egar is carrying on 48 games by correspondence over the state—and is looking for more competition. The plays are sent by post card—one move to a post card. It takes time, but its worth it, is Mr. Eger's opinion.

JIM MURRAY OF BILLINGS WINS STATE CHESS TITLE HERE SUNDAY

Jim Murray, of Billings, out-manuevered the best chess artists of Montana here yesterday to assume the coveted state crown in the class A division of the Treasure state tournament. High honors in class B went to Keith Neilson, of Yellowstone park. Dr. R. R. Frazier, of Big Timber, took the laurels in the class C brackets.

At the business session, held subsequent to the lunch hour, Hank Brandt, of Great Falls, was unanimously elected to the presidency of the organization for the coming year, and H. J. Nicol, of the same city, was named secretary.

Great Falls was selected as the site for next year's championship tournament.

More than 60 players entered in the different divisions in yesterday's meet. Play got underway shortly after 10 o'clock and continued until slightly before 9 last night.

Dick Young Strong.

Biggest bidder from Helena for class A honors was Dick Young. He defeated Dr. Frazier, Bill Corwin, of Billings, and Hank Brandt, of Great Falls, to enter the semifinals, where he lost to H. L. Hayward, of Butte. Hayward played Murray in the final game.

Laundes Maury, last year's class A champion, was defeated in his first game by Allan Roush of Bozeman, MSC student. The defeat came as a surprise to all present. Maury is recognized as one of the best chess players in the state, and one of Montana's few who are able to carry on up to a dozen games simultaneously.

Bowden Officials.

Josiah Bowden, of Helena, retiring president, was in charge of the luncheon program. He welcomed the players to the city and officiated at the business session. State Secretary Ted Miller read the minutes of the last

meeting and gave the history of the organization.

Yesterday's tournament was the fifth annual.

The first meet was held in Livingston on March 24, 1935. E. A. Edwards of that city was the class A champion.

On April 19, 1936, the players of the state met at Billings and Keith Nielson, of Yellowstone park, won the championship.

Doug Graham, of Bozeman, won the 1937 crown at the April 11 tournament held in Livingston.

Last year's meet was held at Big Timber with Maury, of Butte, taking the laurels.

Many Enter.

Taking part in yesterday's event here were the following:

Butte—Laundes Maury, H. L. Hayward, James Perkins and Dick Duykers. Bozeman—Allan Roush, Bernard Capping, William Shenk and Wilbur DeAttey.

Billings—Andrew Duykers, George E. Zimmerman, Fred G. Riggle, J. W. Murray and G. A. Corwin.

Big Timber—Ceryl O'Leary, Stewart Nicholson, Charles W. Campbell, E. R. Patterson, Clarence Farnsworth, Darman Kellogg, M. J. Greenshields, Dr. R. R. Frazier and Forest Keller.

Great Falls—J. R. Barton, J. F. Miller, C. E. Coldgrove, A. L. Sipes, A. J. Jones, Grove H. Dutton, Hank Brandt and L. W. Dunkin.

Yellowstone Park—C. W. Anthony and Keith Neilson.

Livingston—E. H. Amick, E. A. Edwards and Tom Gleason.

Missoula—Victor Rowe, E. L. Cross and Dr. H. C. Shepherd.

Whitehall—A. W. Robert and G. W. Cook.

Helena—Robert Gilmore, Robert Miller, Robert Young, William Haegg, Dick Young, Floyd Young, Cliff Behre, Josiah Bowden, Ted Miller.

Great Falls Awarded 1940 Chess Tourney

HELENA, April 23.—(P)—J. W. Murray of Billings won the class A competition at the annual tournament of the Montana Chess association here today.

Keith Neilson of Yellowstone Park, won in class B, and Dr. R. R. Frazier of Big Timber topped class C. Runnersup included H. Hayward, Butte, class A; H. J. Maury, Butte, class B, and Bill Schenk, Bozeman, class C.

Homer Brandt of Great Falls was elected president of the state association at the annual banquet meeting tonight. H. J. Nichol of, Great Falls was named secretary, and Great Falls awarded the 1940 tournament.

GOLF, HORSESHOES OUT BUT CHESS IN

Eighty-five-year-old George W. Cook of Lewistown used to play golf but he suffered a leg injury and had to quit.

A wrenched shoulder spoiled his precision at horseshoe pitching, so he gave that up too.

Chess, however, is a different thing, and so last Sunday Mr. Cook—whose 86th year is just around the corner—drove his car to Helena and entered Sunday's state tournament.

Of the less strenuous game, he said, "And I was only beaten once!"