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Hotel Rainbow --- Palm Room

Three Groups of players classified.

Each group classified as A , B , or C, will continue to play in their own class until eliminated by loss of 2 games.

16 players in A Group and unlimited in the other two groups.

After first round winning Group and loser Group of each class continue to play for awards.

Games of winners of A and B Group will be presented with annotated copy of the final game in addition to prize.

All play will be governed by the laws of chess as compiled by F. I. D. E.

All class A and B players will record

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The contestant of A Group who finishes without the loss of a Game will be declared State Chess Champion and be given suitable award or trophy.

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MONTANA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS TOURNAMENT.

The 1940 State Chess Tournament will be held at Great Falls, Montana, Saturday evening and Sunday, May 11th and 12th.

At 7:30 P.M. Saturday evening there will be a social meeting of all the players who have arrived in Great Falls at that time, at the Rainbow Hotel. Light refreshments will be served and some friendly matches may be played, but no formal tournament games will be started at that time.

Entrants may register at any time prior to 9:00 A.M., Sunday, May 12th, either at the Rainbow Hotel on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, or by mail. Players wishing to register by mail should address their entries to Mr. L. . Dunkin, 3325 2nd Ave. N., Great Falls, Montana. An entry fee of $1.00 will be charged all players. This fee includes Sunday's dinner.

The annual meeting of the Montana State Chess Association will be held in the Palm Room of the Rainbow Hotel at 9:30 A.M., Sunday, May 12th.

Tournament games will be started immediately after the completion of this meeting.

Play will be conducted in three classes, designated as A., B, and C, and prizes will be awarded in each class. Play will be on a double elimination basis. Losers in the first round continue to play each other, in their own class, thus assuring each player at least two tournament games.

Each city or club shall designate its own class A, class B, and class C players, and in cases where towns are represented by only one player, they may register in whichever class they believe best suited to their experience.

Dinner will be served in the regular dining room by the Rainbow Hotel, between 12:30 and 2:30 P.M., Sunday, and players may have dinner at any time between these hours which best suits their convenience.

While there will be a supply of extra boards and men available, players are urged to bring their own equipment if it is convenient.

As hosts to Montana's chess players, the Great Falls Chess Club extends you all a hearty invitation to attend this tournament, and assures you that it will endeavor to make your visit here a pleasant one.

MONTANA STATE CHESS TOURNAMENT

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GREAT FALLS

State Chess Tournament Opens Today

Great Falls Tribune
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Awards Will Be Made to Winners in Each of Three Classes

Play in the annual Montana chess tournament will start this morning at 9 in the palm room of the Rainbow hotel, according to Lawrence Dunkin of Great Falls, chairman of the general arrangements committee.

Registration began last evening and will continue until 9 this morning. A business session of the Montana Chess association will be held at 9 a. m. when the site of the 1941 tournament will be selected and new officers will be elected.

H. M. G. Brandt of Great Falls, president of the organization, will preside at the meeting. John Barto of Great Falls is secretary.

Three classes of contestants will take part in the tournament and awards will be made to winners in each class. Class C will be for novices in chess with less than a year of experience in the game.

Class B will be open for those with more than a year's experience but considered not quite good enough for the class A contests which will be open to all.

The tournament will be an elimination affair and is expected to conclude late in the afternoon today when awards will be made.

J. W. Murray of Billings is defending champion in class A play, while Keith Neilson of Big Timber was class B champion last year and Dr. R. Frazier of Big Timber was the 1939 winner in the class C play last year.

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OPENING Kings Bishop Game.

	J. Clary WHITE	L.Dunkin. BLACK
1	P-K4	P-K4
2	B-QB4	B-QB4
3	N-KB3	N-QB3
4	P-Q3	N-KB3
5	P-KR3	P-Q4
6	PxP	NxP
7	N-QB3	NxN
8	PxN	O-O
9	N-N5	P-KR3
10	N-K4	B-QN3
11	Q-R5	B-K3
12	BxKRP	P-KN3
13	Q-KB3	BxB
14	PxB	P-KB4
5	Q-KN3	R-KB3
16	NxR	QxN
17	P-KR4	R-Q
18	P-R5	P-N4
19	BxP	BxP ch.
20	KxB	Q-N2
21	P-R6	Q-N3
22	P-R7 ch	K-R1
23	BxR	QxQ ch
24	KxQ	NxB
25	QR-K	P-K5
26	K-KB4	N-K3ch
27	KxP	N-B
28	RxP	NxP
29	R-K8ch	K-N2
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Montana State Championship--1940
Petroff Defence

(Notes by Fred Reinfeld)

	L. Maury White	D. Graham Black
1	P-K4	P-K4
2	Kt-KB3	Kt-KB3
3	P-Q3?	

A feeble move. The most aggressive continuation, and the one most likely to yield an advantage is 3 KtxP,P-Q3; 4 Kt-KB3, KtxP; 5 P-Q4, P-Q4; 6 B-Q3, followed by 0-0 and P-B4 with a slight but appreciable lead in development.

In the event that White prefers the more conservative course of protecting his KP, it is surely preferable to play 3 Kt-B3, permitting the subsequent development of his KB at QKt5 or QB4. As played however, this piece is at once shut in and limited to a miserable future at K2.

3	....	Kt-B3
4	P-Kt5	

This is good only in conjunction with Kt-B3, to prevent...P-Q4.

4	...	B-K2
5	B-K2	

Again weak. 5 Kt-B3 would prevent ... P-Q4.

5	...	P-Q3

Why not ...P-Q4 with a fine free game and the initiative?

6	P-KR3	

Since ... B-Kt5 would not be a winning move, why not allow it? the text is waste of time.

6	....	B- K3
7	P-B3	

Despite its uninviting appearance, P-B4 might have been played here, leading to approximate equality, as ...P-Q4 would then be impossible for some time.

7... 0-0

Black is not alive to his opportunity. He should play 7...P-Q4!. with a fine game.

8.0-0

White in turn ignores his opportunity: 8 BxKt,BxB; 9 P-Q4 with a fair game.

8... P-KR3

Allowing White to make good his mistake. ...P-Q4 was in order.

9 B-K3

Missing his chance, once more: 9 BxKt, BxB; 10 P-Q4 etc. What was the point of playing the bishop to Kt5 if it is to beat a retreat? And it soon becomes apparent that the B is only in the way.

9.... P-Q4

10 PxP KtxP

11 B-Q2

If this is the right square, why not have gone there in the first place? Now place has to be found for the QKt.

11.... B-Q3

Not essential. Black could improve his splendid position with quite simple moves: ...Q-K2, ...QR-Q1 and ...P-B4 followed by ...B-B3.

12 P-B4

He wants to create room for the unhappy QKt, but in so doing he burdens himself with a backward QP. It is precisely this possibility that renders 11...B-Q3 useless, as the KB blocks the Q file.

12.... Kt-B3

13 Kt-B3 P-R3

Waste of important time. The proper procedure was 13...Q-K2; 14 B-K3 (if 14 Kt-QKt5, QR-Q1 with pressure along the Q file), QR-Q1 and White will hardly dare to play P-Q4

14 P-R3 ?

Whereas after 13 Bk's last crescent of a tempo, it would have been much more to the point to play B-K3 followed by P-Q4 freeing whites game considerably.

14... Q-Q2?

As already indicated, ...Q-K2 was the move. If then 15 B-K3, QR-Q1; 16 P-Q4? PxP; 17 KtxR,KtxKt; 18 BxKt (18 QxKt, B-R7ch), B-K4 etc.

15 P-QKt4?

Pointless. He should have played B-K3 followed by P-Q4

15.... QR-Ktl?

Likewise pointless. ...QR-Q1 should have been played.

16P-B5

There was still time for B-K3 and P-Q4. Now it is too late, and the text is also a mistake in that it drives Blacks KB to the right square.

16.... B-K2

17 Q-B2 QR-Q1

Now he is on the right track. The QP remains a permanent weakness, as a result of white's failure to get rid of it with B-K3 and PQ4.

18 QR-Q1 Kt-Q4

19 KR-K1 Kt-B5?

...P-B4 was much stronger. The text should lead to the loss of all the pressure.

20 B-KBl?

20 BxKt, PxB; 21 P-Q4 would have relieved much of white's troubles, and was in any event preferable to the text, which loses the QP without any compensation.

20... KtxQP

21 R-K3

If 21 BxKt,/# QxB; 22 QxQ, RxQ; 23 KtxP, KtxKt; 24 BxP, QR-Q1 with a winning position for black.

21 ... B-B4

22 BxKt BxB

23 Q-B1 Q-B4

Black can be absolutely certain of retaining the Pawn by playing 23...P-B3; 24 B-K1, Q-B4.

24 P-Kt4

A sad weakening of his position, but he is understandably anxious to regain his Pawn.

24 ... Q-B3

25 K-Kt2 B-Kt3

Again the Pawn could be held with 25...KR-K1; 26 R-K1, B-B1.

26 QR-K1 R-Q2

Even now the Pawn could still be held with 26...P-QB4

27 KtxP KtxKt

28 RxKt KR-Q1

29 R(5)-K2?

Much better was 29 RxB, RxB; 30 R-K8ch, K-R2; 31 R(1)-K2 and White should be able to hold out for some time.

29... R-Q6

30 B-B4??

Decisive loss of material was no longer avoidable: if 30 B-K3, R-Kt; if 30 R-K3, RxR: if 30 P-B4, Q-B3ch.

30 ... R-Kt
31 Q-Kt2 Q-B3ch
32 K-R2 B-B3
33 B-K5 BxBch
34 RxB Q-B6
35 R(1)-K3 Q-B5 ch
36 K-Kt1 36 K-Kt1 R-B7
27 R-B5 BxR
38 PxB QxPch.
Resigns.

Montana State Tournament, 1940
Giuoco Piano (In effect)

(Notes by Fred Reinfeld)

	J. Clary White	L. Durkin Black
1	P-K4	P-K4
2	B-B4	B-B4
3	Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
4	P-Q3	Kt-B3
5	P-KR3	

White should continue with B-K3 or Kt-K5. The text is superfluous, but is favored by inexperienced players who fear ...B-KKt5.

The text prevents this, but it may in some cases create weaknesses.

5...		P-Q4

A bit premature, as the continuation shows. Simple and good was 5 ...P-Q3, and if 6 0-0, P-KR3!! to be followed by ...P-KKt4-5, opening up a file against White's castled King, and in this way exploiting White's P-KR3.

6	PxP	KtxP
7	Kt-B3	KtxKt

If 7 ...Kt-B3; 8 B-KKt5 would be troublesome.

8	PxKt	0-0
9	Kt-Kt5	

A premature move - but it works.

9	...	P-KR3
10	Kt-K4	B-Kt3?

Very heedless. The Bishop has nothing to seek here. It was important to play ...B-K2, as the Bishop will be useful for defensive purposes.

If then 11 P-Q5, Kt-R4! 12 B-Kt3 (not 12 BxP, PxB; 13 PxP, KtxQ; 14 PxKt, B-KB4 and the attack is over; nor 12 PxKP, KtxB; 13 PxKt, P-KB4; 14 Kt-Q2, B-B3 with the better game), KtxB; 13 KPxKt, P-KB4; 14 Kt-Kt3, B-K3 with a fine game for Black.

11	Q-R5	B-K3
12	BxP!?	

White could maintain a clear positional advantage with 12 BxB, PxB; 13 0-0. The text should lead to only a draw with best play.

12	...	P-Kt3?

This faint-hearted move only loses the exchange. Correct was 12....BxP; 13 PxB, PxP; 14 PxKP, P-B4! and White must take a draw with P-Kt6 ch etc., as Kt-Kt5 leads to nothing.

Had Black played 10....B-K2 he would have had a foolproof defense, as he would not have had to fear the annoying Kt-B5 ch.

13 [illegible]-B3 BxB

As good or bad as anything else, singe if 13 ... R-K1;14 Kt-B6 ch still wins the exchange.

14 PxB P-B4
15 Q-Kt3!

Very good. If instead 15 Bxr?, PxKt and white loses two pieces for the rook

15.... R-B3
16 KtxRch QxKt
17 P-Kr4 R-Q1??

This should lose another exchange--P-K5 might have been tried.

18 ~~[illegible]~~ P-R5??

Missing 18 B-Kt5

18.... P-Kt4??

R-Q3 would save the exchange and the pawn as well.

19 BxP BxP ch??

Black might as well resign after this, as he will be a whole rook down. However, there is nothing to be done after his previous catastrophic move. For instance, if 19 ... Q-Kt2; 20 P-R6, Q-Kt3: 21 BxR, QxQ; 22 P-R7 ch! K-R1; 23 B-B6 ch! Q-Kt2; 24 QxQ ch, KxQ: 25 P-R8(Q) ch and wins.

20 KxB Q-Kt2
21 P-R6 Q-Kt3
22 P-R7 ch K-R1
23 BxR QxQ ch
24 KxQ KtxB
25 QR-K1

Good enough, but 25 QR-Q1 was quicker: 25 ...Kt-B2, 26 R-Q7, K-Kt2; 27 RxKtch - or 25...Kt-B3; 26 R-Q7 followed by RxP and R-B8 ch.

25..... P-K5
26 K-B4 Kt-K3 ch
27 [illegible] Kt-B1
28 RxP KtxP
29 R-K8ch K-Kt2
30 R-K7ch Resigns.

SCORE SHEET

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OPENING Caro-Kann

J.Van Teylingen — D.Graham.

	WHITE	BLACK		WHITE	BLACK
1	P-K4	P-QB3	36	N-B2	Q-K
2	P-Q4	P-Q4	37	N(K5)-B3	R-B5
3	PxP	PxP	38	Q-Q	B-N2
4	KB-Q3	N-KB3	39	Q-N3	Q-Q
5	N-KB3	N-QB3	40	R-K5	R-B
6	P-B3	P-K3	41	R-K3	N-K5
7	0-0	B-Q3	42	Q-B2	NxN
8	R-K	0-0	43	QxN	R-B3
9	B-N5	B-K2	44	N-K5	R-K
10	Q-B2	P-KR3	45	Q-QB2	P-KB3
11	B-R4	N-KR4	46	N-KN6	R-KB2
12	BxB	QxB	47	P-QN3	KR-QB2
13	QN-Q2	Q-B2	48	QR-K	B-Q2
14	N-KB	N-B5	49	R-QB	Q-Q2
15	P-KN3	NxB	50	N-R4	P-KN4
16	QxN	B-Q2	51		
17	N-K3	P-R3	52		
18	N-KN4	N-K2	53		
19	N(N4)-K5	B-N4	54		
20	Q-B2	QR-B	55		
21	N-R4	B-K	56		
22	P-KB4	N-B3	57		
23	N(R4)-B3	Q-N3	58		
24	R-K2	Q-Q	59		
25	N-Q3	N-K2	60		
26	N-B5	B-N4	61		
27	R-Q2	P-QN3	62		
28	N-Q3	N-B4	63		
29	N-KB2	N-Q3	64		
30	Q-B2	P-QR4	65		
31	P-QR4	B-B3	66		
32	N-K5	B-N2	67		
33	Q-K2	N-B5	68		
34	N(B2)-Q3	B-R3	69		
35	Q-KN4	N-Q3	70		

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

Rainbow Hotel,
Great Falls, Montana
May 12, 1940

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M., by President H.M. Brandt.

Thirty eight members were in attendance, including representatives from Billings, Bozeman, Browning, Butte, Big Timber, Great Falls, Helena, Livingston, Missoula, and Whitefish.

An invitation was extended to the Association to hold its 1941 tournament at Billings.

Moved and seconded that this invitation be accepted. Motion carried.

Nominations were declared in order for the office of President of the Association for the year of 1940-1941.

George Pierce of Billings was nominated.

Moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. George Pierce was unanimously elected president.

Nominations were declared in order for the office of Secretary of the Association for the year 1940-1941.

Gerald Corwin of Billings was nominated.

Moved and Seconded that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. Gerald Corwin was unanimously elected secretary

Some discussion followed relativ to the advisability of turning the annual tournament into a two day meeting, at least for the class A players. It was suggested that the class A players be divided into groups of about four each, and that each group play a "round robbin" among its members on the first day of the tournament. The winners of each group would then play a round robbin the following day to determine the champion. Play in groups B and C would be conducted on the same basis as in the past.

A poll of the class A players present was taken and they were unanimously in favor of this plan for their group. It was left for the host club to work out the details of this plan for the 1941 tournament.

President Brandt called the attention of the members to the collection which is taken each year to help defray the expenses of the next years tournament. Ten dollars and forty cents was contributed by the members present to this fund.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M., and play in the 1940 State

Championship tournament began at once.

cord of the pairings and game results in all classes is given on the attached sheets.

John R. Barto.
Acting Secretary.

Billings Gets 1941 Chess Tournament

Great Falls Tribune
5-13-40

Cleary and Hamilton Win Class B and C Championships Sunday

Determination of champions in two of three divisions, election of officers and selection of Billings as the site for the 1941 meet featured the sixth annual Montana chess tournament held at the Hotel Rainbow Sunday.

Jim Cleary and John Hamilton, both of Great Falls, emerged as the state class B and C champions, respectively. J. Van Teylingen of this city and Doug Graham of Bozeman met in the class A finals but neither gained a noticeable advantage at the end of 50 moves and play was suspended.

The problem will be sent to I. I. Horowitz of New York city, renowned chess master and former world's champion, for adjudication. His analysis of the positions of the opposing chessmen will determine the championship. Van Teylingen and Graham played for nearly four hours. The local man entered the finals by defeating Stevens of Great Falls, Edwards of Livingston and Frazer of Big Timber. Graham advanced on wins over Colgrove of Great Falls and Maury of Butte.

Cleary won the B title by defeating Lawrence Dunkin of this city. Hamilton triumphed over James Logan of Great Falls to take the class C title. Thirty-seven players from throughout the state competed in the tournament.

George Pierce of Billings was named president of the Montana Chess association at the annual meeting Sunday morning. He succeeds H. M. Brandt of Great Falls. Gerald Corwin of Billings was elected president, succeeding H. J. Nicol of Great Falls.

Expert to Decide Chess [illegible]tle

Van Teylingen, Graham Halt 4-Hour Game

A renowned chess master in New York city, I. I. Horowitz, former national champion, will decide the Montana chess championship.

The title contest between J. Van Teylingen, Great Falls architect, and Doug Graham of Bozeman, a Montana Power Co. employe, formerly a Milwaukee player, was abandoned last night after nearly four hours of play and at the conclusion of the 50th move. The two had agreed at the 40th move to draw the game and share the championship if positions had not changed materially in 10 more moves, but at the end of the 50th, since the game appeared to have been opened up slightly, they agreed upon analysis of the moves and adjudication by the chess authority. He may name the winner or call the game a draw.

Both men were tired and the contest, which started at 7 p. m., had been deadlocked for several moves with the positions of both apparently impregnable and both players inclined to maintain defensive rather than offensive games. It was Van Teylingen's fourth game of the day and Graham's third. They had been at the chess boards with little letup since 9 o'clock in the morning. The local man, due to scarcity of entrants, had had to beat Robert Stevens of Great Falls, E. A. Edwards of Livingston and R. R. Frazier of Big Timber before meeting Graham in the final game. He was admittedly exhausted. Graham had defeated Clarence Colegrove and Grove Dutton, both of Great Falls.

In the class B tournament James Cleary defeated L. Dunkin for the title. Both are Great Falls men. In class C John Hamilton defeated James Logan to take top honors. They also are local players.

George Pierce of Billings was named president of the Montana Chess association, succeeding H. M. Brandt of Great Falls, and Gerald Corwin of Billings was named secretary to succeed H. J. Nicol of Great Falls. The next meeting of the association will be in Billings.

Thirty-seven players participated in yesterday's tournament in the palm room of Hotel Rainbow, to which the all-day deathlike stillness which is the inevitable accompaniment of chess tournaments attracted many curious onlookers and very well behaved "kibitzers" who set up boards of their own to follow the play.

The former state champion was J. W. Murray of Billings, who did not defend his title at yesterday's tournament. The record of the championship game follows:

Caro-Kann Opening

White (Van Teylingen)	Black (Graham)
1. P—K4	P—QB3
2. P—Q4	P—Q4
3. P x P	P x P
4. KB—Q3	KKt—B3
5. QKt—B3	Kt—B3
6. P—B3	P—K3
7. Castles	B—Q3
8. R—Ksq.	Castles
9. QB—Kt5	B—K2
10. Q—B2.	KRP—R3
11. B—R4	KKt—R4
12. B x B	Q x B
13. QKt—Q2	Q—B2
14. Kt—Bsq.	Kt—B5
15. P—KKt3	Kt x B
16. Q x Kt	B—Q2
17. Kt—K4	P—R3
18. Kt—KKt4	Kt—K2
19. Kt (Kt4)—K5	B—Kt4
20. Q—B2	QR—Bsq.
21. Kt—R4	B—Ksq.
22. P—KB4	Kt—B3
23. Kt (R4)—B3	Q—Kt3
24. Q—K2.	Q—Qsq.
25. Kt—Q3	Kt—K2
26. Kt—B5	B—Kt4
27. Q—Q2	P—QKt3
28. Kt—Q3	Kt—B4
29. Kt—KB2	Kt—Q3
30. Q—B2	P—QR4
31. P—QR4	B—B3
32. Kt—K5	B—Kt2
33. Q—K2	Kt—B5
34. Kt (B2)—Q3	B—R3
35. Q—KKt4	Kt—Q3
36. Kt—B2	Q—Ksq.
37. Kt (K5)—Q3	R—B5
38. Q—Qsq.	B—Kt2
39. Q—Kt3	Q—Qsq.
40. R—K5	R—Bsq.
41. R—K3	Kt—K5
42. Q—B2	Kt x Kt
43. Q x Kt	B—B3
44. Kt—K5	Q—Ksq.
45. Q—QB2.	P—KB3
46. Kt—KKt6	R—KB2
47. P—QKt3	KR—QB2
48. QR—Ksq.	B—Q2
49. R—QBsq.	Q—B2
50. Kt—R4	P—KKt4

(Suspended for adjudication)

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June 9, 1940

Dear Mr. Barto,

Enclosed are my annotations to the games you sent, and I hope you will find them satisfactory.

Strangely enough, I annotated the Van Teylingen-Graham game before seeing your letterm and after learning that the title depends on the game, I am all the more convinced that calling the game a draw is the only fair solution.

As for the questions you raise:

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 P-K5

This move is very poor, because it exposes the KP to attack, and in just the position where it has been deprived of its most natural protection (the QP). Black should have no trouble in getting a nice game, for example 2 ... Kt-QB3; 3 P-KB4 (3 P-Q4 is not available!) , P-Q3 and White will be unable to maintain the KP advantageously.

1 P-K4 P-QB4
2 P-QB4

Black has no difficulty in getting a good game with 2 ... Kt-QB3. If now 3 Kt-QB3 or 3 P-B4, 3 ... P-KKt3! followed by ... B-Kt2 prevents P-Q4 for good. Then Black can play ... P-K3 and ...KKt-K2, as the Q file can never be opened, and hence his Q3 is safe from attack.

If, however, 3 Kt-KB3, P-K4! and White cannot have recourse to the normal move P-Q4. Black can continue with ... P-KKt3, ... B-Kt2 and ...KKt-K2 followed by ...O-O and ...P-B4. This latter move is the natural one for both sides, but Black plays it first because his KKt has gone to K2 instead of KB3.

Sincerely,

Fred Reinfeld

*** SEVENTH ANNUAL MONTANA STATE CHESS TOURNAMENT **********

TIME AND PLACE

The seventh annual tournament to determine the chess championship of the state of Montana will be held at the Commercial Club in Billings, Montana, on Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th, 1941.

TOURNAMENT CLASSES AND SCHEDULES

Entrants will play in one of three classes--in Class A for the championship of the State, in class B for intermediate players, and in class C for novices. Each city or club shall designate its own class A, Class B, and class C players, and in cases where towns are represented by only one player, such player may register in whichever class he believes best suited to his experience. There is to be no limitation in the number of entries in any class.

Class A

In accordance with the decision of the Montana State Chess Association at the Great Falls tournament in May, 1940, the State Championship will this year be determined by play in a two-day round robin tournament, rather than in a single day elimination tournament, as in the past. Entrants in class A will be grouped together in four groups of approximately four or five players, depending on the total number of class A entries. On Saturday afternoon, May 10, beginning at 3;00pm each group of class A players will begin its own round robin tournament. This preliminary round will be completed on Saturday evening. The four winners of the Saturday group tournaments will then play in a round robin tournament on Sunday, May 11, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The winner of the final round robin tournament will be chess champion of the State of Montana for 1941.

The class A entrants other than the four winners of the Saturday preliminary tournaments will participate in a knockout elimination tournament beginning Sunday May 11, at 10:00 A.M.

Class B

Entrants in class B will play in a knockout elimination tournament beginning on Sunday, M, 1941, at 10:00 A.M. for the championsh p of class B, as in past annual tournaments. First round losers in this tournament will play in a consolation tournament.

Class C

This class is intended only for novices and beginners, and not for too modest class A and B players. As in class B, entrants will play in a knockout tournament, beginning Sunday, May 11, at 10:00 A. M. There will also be a consolation tournament for first round losers,

Prizes:

Suitable prizes will be awarded to the winner of each class. No prizes will be awarded to consolation winners.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the class A tournament will close at 3:00 PM, Saturday, May 10, 1941. Registration for Class B and C tournaments will close at 9:00 AM Sunday May 11. The registration fee for entry in any class is one dollar. Entrants for any class may register either at the Commercial Club in Billings, or by letter addressed to George E. Zimmerman, 411 Terry Ave., Billings, Mont. In order to facilitate conduct of the tournament, the Billings Chess Club will greatly appreciate advance registration by mail, especially in Class A, but the Club urges all interested players to attend and register even if advance registration by mail is inconvenient. If advance registrants so desire, Billings Chess Club members will secure hotel reservations.

MEN AND BOARDS

While there will be a supply of extra boards and men available, players are requested to bring their own equipment, if convenient.

BUSINESS MEETING AND SOCIAL PROGRAM

The seventh annual business meeting of the Montana State Chess Association will be held at the Commercial Club in Billings, Mont. on Sunday May 11, 1941, at 9:00 A.M. Any interested person is urged to attend.

Saturday evening, May 10, will be devoted to Class A preliminary group tournaments and to informal games. The Billings Chess Club cordially invites the attendance of all interested players at this get-together, starting at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday afternoon, May 11, at 1:00 P.M. dinner will be served at the Commercial Club to all tournament entrants. The registration fee includes the cost of the Sunday dinner.

The Billings Chess Club wives have arranged for the entertainment of chess widows.

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