

MONTANA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

SEVENTH ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

May 10-11, 1941

Commercial Club

BILLINGS, MONTANA

REGISTRATION AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Registration for Class A tournament closes at 3:00 PM, Saturday, May 10. Play in the preliminary round in this class begins immediately thereafter. Play in the final round in this class begins at 10:00 AM, Sunday, May 11.

Registration for Class B and Class C tournaments closes at 10:00 AM, Sunday, May 11. Play in these classes begins immediately thereafter.

BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEETINGS

Saturday, May 10, 7:30 PM -- Informal get-together for all players. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, May 11, 9:00 AM -- Annual business meeting of the Montana State Chess Association.

Sunday, May 11, 1:30 PM -- Dinner for all tournament entrants. Denis O'Brien, Master of Ceremonies.

All meetings, registration, and play at the Commercial Club.

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GENERAL SUMMARY

Class "A"

The entrants in Class "A" met at 2:00 PM. at the Commercial Club and play started shortly thereafter. Players were divided into four groups of four players each. In each group, a round-robin was played, the winners proceeding to the finals. On the following day, the winners played a round-robin amongst themselves to determine the championship.

The players eliminated in the first day of class "A" play were entered in a consolation single elimination knock-out tourney, play starting after the business meeting, May 11.

Class "B"

Play commenced after the business meeting May 11. This was a single elimination knock-out tournament.

Results

A record of the pairings and game results is given on the attached sheets.

Groceries

A "Dutch-lunch" for players and their wives was held at 7:30 PM. in the basement of the Commercial Club.

The annual Banquet was held at 1:30 PM., May 11. At this time a collection was taken to help next years host club defray its expenses.

State Chess Tourney Set

Montana Players to Compete in Billings

Billings, May 3.—(Special)—The seventh annual tournament to determine the state chess championship will be held at the Commercial club in Billings Saturday and Sunday, May 10 and 11, under auspices of the Montana State Chess association.

Arrangements for the tournament and annual meeting of the state association are in charge of the Billings Chess club.

The state chess championship this year will be decided by play in a two-day round-robin tournament, rather than in a one-day elimination tournament, as in other years.

Entrants will compete in three classes, with class A players competing for the state championship, intermediate players in class B and novices in class C. Each city or club will designate the class in which its players will compete, and in cases where towns are represented by only one player, the player may register in any class in which he is best suited. There will be no limitation to the number of entries in any class.

At 3 p. m. Saturday, class A players, divided into groups of four or five players, will open a round-robin tournament. This preliminary round will be completed Saturday evening. The four winners in the Saturday eliminations will play a round-robin tournament.

Montana Chess Tournament Will Open in City Today

State Championship Is at Stake In Seventh Annual Competition

Billings Chess club members Friday announced arrangements completed for the seventh annual tournament and meeting of the Montana State Chess association, which will be held at the Commercial club Saturday and Sunday.

Entrants in the tournament play will be competing for the 1941 state chess championship.

The entrants in the two-day round-robin tournament will compete in three classes, with class A players aiming for the state championship, intermediate players competing in class B and novice players entering the class C competition. The number of entries will not be limited in any class.

Play in the state championship competition will start at the Commercial club at 3 p. m. Saturday,

with groups of class A players opening a round-robin tournament. The preliminary round will be completed Saturday night. The four winners in Saturday's eliminations will play a round-robin tournament starting at 10 a. m. Sunday. The winner in the final round will be crowned the 1941 chess champion.

Class A players, other than the four winners in preliminary play Saturday, will compete in a knockout elimination tournament at 10 a. m. Sunday. At the same time, entrants in both class B, for intermediate players, and class C, for novices and beginners, will play in knockout eliminations to determine the champions in the two divisions. First-round losses in each class will play in consolation tournaments.

Registration for the class A tournament will close at 3 p. m. Saturday, while registration for the class B and C divisions will close at 9 a. m. Sunday.

The annual business meeting of the state association, during which officers for the ensuing year will be elected, will be held at the Commercial club at 9 a. m. Sunday. At 1:30 p. m. all tournament players will be guests at a dinner in the club dining room.

Class A preliminary group tournaments and informal chess games will feature a general get-together of chess players and visitors at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. Refreshments will be served at the session.

Wives of local chess club members will entertain "chess widows" during the two-day tournament.

Arrangement committee members said Friday advance entries had been received from players at Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls, Neihart, Big Timber, Livingston, Hardin, Miles City and other state points, as well as from Mammoth Hot Springs and other Wyoming points. Wyoming players will enter the chess play here, but will not be eligible to compete for the Montana championship.

The advance entries received included those of Doug Graham of Bozeman and J. Van Teylingen, co-holders of the 1940 state chess title; E. A. Edwards of Livingston, the 1935 Montana champion, and Keith Neilson of Mammoth Hot Springs, the 1936 champion.

The committee on arrangements for the annual state tournament and meeting is composed of George R. Pierce, president of the local chess club; G. A. Corwin, secretary-treasurer of the local club; George Zimmerman, in charge of advance registrations; Oscar Bjorgum, in charge of tournament schedules; Denis H. O'Brien, master of ceremonies, and J. H. Kilbourne, in charge of publicity.

MAY 10

'41 Chess Final Ends in Draw

Will Decide Title In Later Match

May 12

Doug Graham of Bozeman and J. Van Teylingen of Great Falls, who shared the Montana chess championship in 1940, again drew in the finals of the seventh annual Montana State Chess association tournament Sunday at the Commercial club. The association ruled the tie must be played off this summer.

Graham was elected association president, succeeding George R. Pierce of Billings. Bernard Copping, Bozeman, was named secretary of the state organization. The 1942 tourney will be held at Bozeman, with setting of dates in charge of the Bozeman Chess club.

M. J. Greenshields of Big Timber won the class B title over M. W. Finkenbinder of Billings.

Other finalists in the round-robin playoff were H. J. Nicol, Great Falls, and Ben Passikoff, Nelhart. Two three-way ties resulted Saturday night for finalists to pair with Graham and Teylingen.

Nicol defeated J. H. Kilbourne, Billings, and H. L. Maury, Butte, and Passikoff won over H. M. G. Brandt, Great Falls; G. A. Corwin, Billings, and Dr. H. C. Shephard, Nelhart, for spots in the finals.

When it became apparent Graham and Teylingen, after playing four hours, could not finish their match in the allotted time, Nicol and Passikoff withdrew from the final round-robin playoff.

Finkenbinder advanced to the class B finals over William Schenck of Bozeman. Greenshields defeated Copping to enter the finals. No class C tourney was conducted because players transferred to the B bracket.

In the final match between the 1940 champions, Teylingen, playing the black side of a Philidore defense, was forced to give up a rook for a bishop to Graham. Subsequently, Teylingen was able to establish a pawn on the seventh rank and threatened to regain the force he lost. The match then was declared a draw.

Brandt and Dr. Shephard gained 1½ points in the round robin to determine one finalist, which Passikoff won. Brandt and Dr. Shephard defeated Corwin and drew with each other.

Kilbourne won class A consolation honors by defeating Guy Turner of Hardin in the finals.

Kilbourne and Turner advanced to consolation finals in class A. Kilbourne advancing over Robert Southern, Billings, and Turner eliminating E. A. Edwards, Livingston, 1935 state champion.

In second round class A consolations, Turner defeated R. R. Frazier of Big Timber, Edwards beat Brandt, Southern eliminated Dr. Shephard and Kilbourne won over Maury.

Advancing in the first round were Turner over George Zimmerman of Billings, Maury over C. E. Colgrove of Great Falls, and Brandt,

In class B tourney second round play, Finkenbinder defeated W. E. Warren, Hardin; Schenck won over J. H. Johnson, Billings; Copping beat Carl Spencer, Livingston, and Greenshields defeated Doug Ferguson, Sheridan, Wyo.

Successful in the first round of class B were Schenck over Loren Johnson, Billings; J. H. Johnson, Billings, over Joseph E. Ferrell, Billings; Copping over H. W. Aldridge, Livingston; Spencer over J. H. Jones, Billings; Ferguson over E. H. Amick, Livingston, and Greenshields over George R. Pierce, Billings. Warren and Finkenbinder drew first round byes.

Warren won the class B consolation title by defeating Aldridge. In consolation semifinals, Warren won over Farrell and Aldridge advanced by default over Amick.

First round consolation winners were Aldridge over Jones, Amick over Pierce, Farrell by default over Loren Johnson. Warren drew a bye.

Inlaid chess boards were awarded to Greenshields and Kilbourne. Another board, to be awarded the class A winner, was held pending the playoff between Graham and Teylingen.

Chess Champions Move to Finals

Annual State Meet Concludes Today

Doug Graham of Bozeman and J. Van Teylingen of Great Falls, co-winners of the 1940 state chess championship, advanced to the final round-robin round of the seventh annual Montana State Chess association tournament Saturday night at the Commercial club.

Round-robin play to determine the other two finalists is slated for Sunday morning between J. H. Kilbourne, Billings; H. L. Maury, Butte, and H. J. Nicol, Great Falls, and H. G. Brandt, Great Falls; G. A. Corwin, Billings; Ben Passikoff, Nelhart, and Dr. H. C. Shephard, Nelhart.

The round-robin championship playoff will follow selection of the finalist bracket, with the player amassing the greatest number of points declared the champion.

Class B and C tourneys will begin Sunday at 10 a. m., with from 16 to 20 contestants in class B and from 12 to 16 competing in class C.

Two former state titlists were defeated and Graham was held to a draw in round-robin play Saturday night. Graham met Guy Turner of Hardin in a seesaw match. Both contestants gained advantages but failed to follow up.

Maury, '38 Montana champ, turned in the best match of the day, then was promptly beaten by Kilbourne. E. A. Edwards of Livingston, 1935 state winner, lost to George Zimmerman, Billings, Teylingen and R. R. Frazier, Big Timber, and dropped to the consolation bracket.

Teylingen entered the finals with a perfect score—3 points. He defeated Frazier, Edwards and Zimmerman. Other scores were:

Graham 2½ points—wins over Robert Southern, Billings, and C. E. Colgrove, Great Falls, and draw with Turner; Colgrove 2 points—wins over Southern and Turner; Frazier 2 points—wins over George Zimmerman, Billings, and Edwards; Maury 2 points—wins over Nicol and J. H. Jesser, Hardin; Kilbourne 2 points—wins over Maury and Jesser; Nicol 2 points—wins over Jesser and Kilbourne.

Turner 1½ points—win over Southern and draw with Graham; Zimmerman 1 point—win over Edwards; Passikoff 1 point—win over Dr. Shephard.

Kilbourne, who needed only a draw with Nicol, after beating Jesser and Maury, to enter the finals, was defeated by Nicol and dropped to a three-way tie for a finalist spot. In the first match of the round robin scheduled to settle the finalist between Kilbourne, Maury and Nicol, Maury reversed the decision over Kilbourne. Other matches to determine the finalist Sunday morning.

Inlaid chess boards will be awarded champions in the three classes. Consolation brackets also are slated for Sunday, matching Colerove, Edwards, Frazier, Jesser Southern, Turner, Zimmerman and losers in the playoff for finalists.

Highlight of Saturday's eliminations was the Maury win over H. J. Nicol of Great Falls. Maury, playing the black side of a king's gambit had sacrificed a rook and a knight for position to queen a pawn.

After queening the pawn, he regained the rook and knight from Nicol and forced his opponent to give up a queen for a rook.

Officers will be elected at the annual association business meeting set for 9 a. m. Sunday. Present officers are George R. Pierce, president, and G. A. Corwin, secretary both of Billings. The two men also head the Billings Chess club.

A dinner for all entrants is set for 1:30 p. m. in the Commercial club, with Denis H. O'Brien acting as master of ceremonies.

Registered in class B are E. H. Amick, Livingston; Bernard Copping, Bozeman; M. J. Greenshields, Big Timber; W. E. Warren, Hardin; William Schenck, Bozeman; and Joseph E. Farrell, M. W. Finkenbinder, J. H. Johnson, J. H. Jones, David Magowan and Pierce, all of Billings.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MONTANA STATE
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The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M.; George R. Pierce presiding, Gerald A. Corwin, Secretary. On behalf of the Billings Chess Club and the City of Billings, President Pierce extended a cordial welcome to all entrants.

Pres. Pierce was unavoidably called away and at his request J. H. Kilbourne assumed the chair pro-tem.

The first order of business was the selection of a tournament center for 1942. Invitations were extended by the Livingstone and Bozeman delegations. During the ensuing discussion the Livingstone delegation withdrew their invitation and assured the Bozeman group of their fullest cooperation in preparing for the tournament. Bozeman was accordingly unanimously chosen the 1942 tournament city. It was decided that the date of the tournament would be left to the discretion of the Bozeman tournament committee.

The next order of business was the selection of a new president of the Montana State Chess Association for 1942. Doug Graham of Bozeman was nominated and when it appeared that there were no further nominations, Graham was unanimously chosen president for the coming year.

Immediately upon his election, Graham assumed the chair. It was moved and seconded that election of a Secretary be dispensed with and that the president be authorized to appoint a secretary. The motion was carried.

The question was then raised as to the kind of tourney to be held in 1942. It was moved and seconded that a "Master's Class" be created to be composed of those who had won at least one game in the previous years Class "A" tourney. Considerable discussion pro and con followed, and the merits and demerits of any "Master's Class" followed. The motion was defeated.

It was moved and seconded that play follow the plan used in the 1941 tournament, namely:

Class A play should run two days. The Class A players be divided into groups of about four each, and that each group play a "round-robin" among its members on the first day of the tournament. The winners of each group would then play a "round-robin" the following day to determine the champion. Class B and Class C would be conducted on the same basis as in the past--single elimination knock-out tournaments.

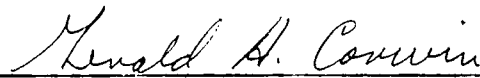
The motion was carried.

It was moved and seconded that the State Secretary be authorized to solicit, at some time before each annual meeting, contributions from each local club to aid in the financing of the 1942 and each subsequent tournament. The motion was carried.

The association members were notified that the customary collection to defray the expenses of next year's tournament would be taken at the annual banquet.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and play was resumed in the various tournament classes.

Records of the various classes is attached.



Gerald A. Corwin, Sec'y

WHITE SULFUR SPRINGS MEETING*

Originally scheduled as an intercity meet between Great Falls and Billings, it was decided to also play off the draw resulting from the 1941 tournament at this time. The meeting was held in a tourist court just out of White Sulfur Springs on June 15.

A delicious picnic lunch was provided by the Great Falls ladies, which all enjoyed very much.

Aside from the championship match, play was informal and no records were kept. Play was in the open on the tourist camp lawn and the pleasant surroundings made the losing of a chess game about as painless as possible.

The championship game lived up to the best Graham-Van Teylingen tradition, lasting about five hours and was a hard struggle all the way. However, this time their usual draw was missing and J. Van Teylingen of Great Falls won the Montana State Chess Championship!

*As one of the primary purposes of this meeting was to decide the draw between Graham and Van Teylingen, I am taking the liberty of reporting it here.

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