

Manhattan, Montana  
May 18, 1943

TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS:

This is your once-a-year opportunity to meet and play chess with a majority of outstanding timber pushers that live in the state. All classes of players will be here, and all classes are invited.

It is a regrettable circumstance that only a dozen felt sure they could go to Big Timber. Thereupon Big Timber very graciously proposed to surrender their rights to the Manhattan Chess Club; we have one advantage only, we feel that our location is central and within a possible traveling distance for a big share of the A and B players. In line with that theory we accept the Big Timber offer, and we most cordially extend invitations to you and your chess-playing friends to meet with us in tournament May 29th and 30th.

Excellent cabins will be opened at the Manhattan Auto Court at one dollar per cabin. Three eating places in town will give you their best. Although this is a small town, we believe you will be well served, comfortable and enjoy your visit, and that your pleasure will bring you back some other time.

The tournament procedure outlined at Bozeman last year will be followed here so far as we can. Very little explanation is needed to most of you. There will be three classes: A, B and C. The players that have gained a good working knowledge of the game will be expected to register in A or B. The C Class is intended for beginners, not for Bashful Bee's.


Registration in Class A will be closed at three o'clock on Saturday, May 29. B and C Classes will close at ten o'clock Sunday morning. You may wish to register in advance if so, designate the class and send your entry to the undersigned. The entry fee is one dollar per person. We do not anticipate any trouble sleeping the number that will possibly show up; however, if you wish to reserve a cabin your wishes will be taken care of promptly.

Under our rationing program, people have had to stay closer home to build V gardens, to plan their play time to conform to ration books and train schedules. We know these circumstances may hold down the tournament attendance, maybe you can pass up a couple of fishing trips and arrange to be here May 29-30, you may enjoy both hereabouts. The Manhattan Chess Club will appreciate your cooperation in trying to make this a good tournament, and we'll be grateful to you for all advance information you can give us to how many we may expect from your club or locality.

We will have numerous sets of chess men and boards on hand, if you can bring your own equipment please do so, we may not have enough.

We sincerely hope you can plan this week end of May 29-30 so as to include this one time a year to meet your chess friends in bulk. We hope they will all be here for individual greetings.

THE MONTANA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION  
by The Manhattan Chess Club

  
S. J. Alexander, Sec'y

THE NINTH ANNUAL  
MONTANA STATE CHESS TOURNAMENT

at  
High School Bldg  
Manhattan Montana  
Saturday & Sunday  
May 29-30, 1943.

PROGRAM

Saturday

- 1:00 P.M. Registration desk open-  
3:00 P.M. Class A registration closes  
All A Class play must have begun  
7:30 P.M. Informal get-together for players.  
Refreshments will be served.

Sunday

- 9:30 A.M. Finals in Class A begin  
10:00 A.M. Registration in Class B & C  
closes, and first round of play  
in these classes begins.  
1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Annual banquet,  
Business meeting of The Montana  
State Chess Association.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING:

Leave Highway No. 10 at the Bank  
corner and cross the railroad,  
thence four blocks to school.

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## Manhattan To Have Montana's Annual Chess Tournament

The Montana State Chess Association will hold its ninth annual state tournament in Manhattan Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30th, 1943, in the high school building.

Three classes will play. Class A will register 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. Saturday, 29th. Classes B & C will be closed at 10 a. m. Sunday, 30th. Entry fee as usual, when registered, one dollar per person.

Program includes an informal get-together at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. Refreshments will be served. Sunday at 9:30 a. m. the Class A finals will start; 1:00 to 2:30 p. m. annual banquet and business meeting of the Montana State Chess Association.

Manhattan chess club has enjoyed considerable activity this past winter. The visit of A. L. Horowitz of New York City a few months ago stimulated interest

in the game in this locality, and holding the state tournament here should further advance interest in the game. Chess is gaining in popularity all over the country, particularly in the army camps and entertainment centers.

The Manhattan Chess Club has 22 dues paid members, has been meeting every Tuesday evening in the public library. They are a member club of the United States Chess Federation as well as the state association.

All chess players in this territory should embrace this opportunity to attend the state tournament here May 29-30. It will probably be several years before the turn will come again to hold the state session here.

Anyone wishing to register in advance should contact Secretary Alexander. All advance information as to who will attend or how many from surrounding clubs may be expected, will be greatly appreciated and help a lot.

## Bozeman Chronicle 5-22 State Chess Tourney Set for Manhattan May 29 and 30

Ninth annual state tournament of the Montana State Chess association will be held in Manhattan Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, it was announced here last night by S. J. Alexander, secretary of the association.

The tourney is bracketed in three divisions. Class A will register between 1 and 3 p. m. May 29, while registrations will close at 10 a. m. May 30 for classes B and C.

The program includes a get-together at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, with serving of refreshments; and the annual banquet and business meeting starting at 1 p. m. Sunday.

## Manhattan "I-M Press

6-4-43

## Burkett a Winner In Chess Tournament

The ninth annual tournament of the Montana State Chess Association was held in Manhattan May 29th and 30th, with 31 registered players.

The Class "A" champion, with a score of eight and one-half, was Jerry Moore of Billings. Class "B" winner was A. D. Burkett, Trident, in an elimination contest. In Class "C," top place was won by Gordon McLeod, Bozeman.

Included in the eleven players registered in Class "A" were:

Lowndes Maury, Butte; Bernard Copping and F. G. Eric Peterson, Bozeman; H. J. Nichol, C. E. Colegrove and Hank Brandt, Great Falls; R. R. Frazier, Helena; George Zimmerman, Robert Southern and Jerry Moore, Billings; H. C. Shephard, Hughesville.

In Class "B" with 16 entrants, were: William E. Schenk and Dr. D. T. Griffith, Bozeman; George Pierce, Billings; Erwin H. Amick, Livingston; Dr. W. P. Coghlan, Whitehall; Maynard Sinton, Doran May, J. H. Gilbert, Don E. Lemon, Ray Clinton, John Speelman, W. [unclear] of Bozeman.

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## Great Falls Tribune Billings Player 6-2- Wins Chess Title '43.

MANHATTAN, June 1.—(Special)—Jerry Moore of Billings won the class A championship in the ninth annual Montana State Chess association tournament conducted here. A. D. Burkett of Trident took the class B title and Gordon McLeod of Bozeman was victorious in the class C contest. Thirty-one contestants participated.

S. J. Alexander of Manhattan was elected president of the state association at the annual banquet. He succeeds Dr. K. A. Coghlan of Manhattan, who was elected secretary-treasurer. Manhattan again was selected for the next tournament.

## Chronicle 6-4-43 Billings Man Wins Chess Tournament At Manhattan

### Gordon McLeod of Bozeman Is Top Man in Class "C"

Manhattan, June 3.—The ninth annual tournament of the Montana State Chess association was held in Manhattan, May 29 and 30 with 31 registered players.

Jerry Moore of Billings was crowned class A champion, with a score of 8½. Class B winner was A. D. Burkett, Trident, in an elimination contest. In class C, top place was won by Gordon McLeod of Bozeman.

Included in the 11 players registered in class A were Lowndes Maury, Butte; Bernard Copping and F. G. Eric Peterson, Bozeman; H. J. Nicol, C. E. Colegrave and Hank Brandt, Great Falls; R. R. Frazier, Helena; George Zimmermann, Robert Southern and Jerry Moore, Billings; H. C. Shep-

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING MONTANA STATE CHESS ASS'N.  
Manhattan Montana May 29-30 1943.

There were thirty one players registered in this two day event. The play was held in Gym of the Manhattan Community High Bldg.

Play in the A Class began at three o'clock P. M. Saturday May 29th, continued saturday evening with lunch being served to all contestants, and four ladies present. Informal playing between other than Class A players was indulged in throughout Saturday afternoon and evening.

Unlooked for business called the undersigned scribe away for the Sunday May 30th session, until 530 P. M. J. H. Gilbert, Manhattan, scoring the games and reporting for that day.

Playing in all classes started at ten a. m. Sunday May 30th.

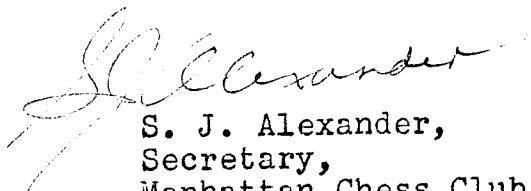
At 1:30 p. m. Sunday the annual banquet seated 37 persons. The business meeting was opened by Dr. K. A. Coghlan, president of the Manhattan Chess Club, with words of welcome and other appropriate remarks. Dr Coghlan then turned the meeting over to H L Maury, acting as toastmaster for the balance of the meeting. The contestants assembled agreed that Manhattan was a good and sufficient point to again hold their tournament, it was so moved and seconded and the motion passed to hold the Tenth Annual meeting in this town, dates to be selected later. S. J. Alexander of Manhattan was nominated and unanimously elected Association President for the following year. Dr. K. A. Coghlan was nominated and unanimously elected Association Secretary-Treasurer address also being Manhattan.

The usual cash collection was called for that would help pay the expense of the 1944 tournament. The amount collected was forty dollars and thirty five cents, banked in the local bank.

No further business of the association coming before the meeting, the business session was declared closed. A social hour followed, then the business of playing the final games was resumed, continuing thruout Sunday evening to result:

Class A Winner - Gerald J. Moore, 715 N 31st St, Billings.  
Class B Winner - A. D. Burkett, Trident, Montana.  
Class C Winner - Gordon McLeod, Bozeman.  
Score sheets attached herewith.

Statement of finances for this tournament next attached.

  
S. J. Alexander,  
Secretary,  
Manhattan Chess Club.

TOURNAMENT RIGHTS THIS YEAR RELINQUISHED BY BIG TIMBER TO THE MANHATTAN CLUB ACCOUNT TOO FEW SIGNIFIED ATTENDING IF HELD IN BIG TIMBER. SEE CORRESPONDENCE FILE FOR LETTERS.  
S.J.A.