

MONTANA STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Lewistown, Montana  
April 12, 1947

To All and Sunday Chess Bugs; Greetings:

This is a preliminary announcement concerning the Montana State Chess Tournament, which we are planning for the weekend of May 25th., here in Lewistown. We had hoped to be able to report somewhat earlier, but the press of other duties prevented, however, better late than never.

The tournament will be held in the Queen's Room of the Burke Hotel. This is a new lounge on the second floor, and will assure us of the needed privacy, besides being a very nice setting for the tournament. Arrangements are being made for a luncheon to be served to the group in the Burke Coffee Shop, at 1:30 Sunday. Tickets will be \$1.75, which will include the entry fee for the tournament.

We are planning on staging the usual three classes, A, B, and C, and will also have a Novice class, which will be restricted to boys and girls of the age of high school sophomores and below. This may be primarily of interest to the local youngsters, but we hope that quite a few others will accompany their dads to the tournament and take part in this class. There has been quite an active chess group in the local schools, and it is our feeling that you can't start kids too young to learn this grand old game.

We hope to be able to get play under way promptly at 9:00 A.M. Sunday, May 25th., as far as the major part of the tournament is concerned. However, there will, no doubt, be some who are coming from quite a distance that will be in here Saturday afternoon, and arrangements will be made for use of the tournament room that afternoon and evening, if we will need it. Will everyone who plans to be here, please notify us by May 10th. if possible, indicating which class you plan to enter, and when you expect to arrive? The local chess club will make the drawings ahead of time, and we will arrange for "byes" in each class, so that if some players find they can come at the last minute, they can still be fitted into the tournament list.

The three leading hotels, Burke, Calvert and Fergus, assure that they can take care of all the visiting chess players, however, advance reservations are in order. Hence those who plan to be here on Saturday are requested to advise us of the time of their arrival, so that we can take care of your reservations for you. If you have a preference, kindly indicate the hotel of your choice, otherwise the group will be equally divided among the hotels mentioned.

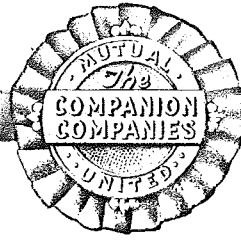
We will get out another letter covering final details after May 10th., to those who indicate that they plan to be here, but in the mean time if any one has any questions, or wants any more information, don't hesitate to drop us a line, and we'll try to clear up any points not covered in this announcement.

With best wishes to all members of the association, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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The Montana Chess Association held its annual tournament in the Queens Room of the Burke Hotel in Lewistown, Mont. May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 1947. The annual dinner and meeting was held in the same hotel on May 25<sup>th</sup> with President Dr. Miller presiding.

The Great Falls Chess Club extended an invitation for the Association to meet with them in Great Falls sometime in the spring of 1948 and upon motion by Mikkelson, duly seconded, the invitation was unanimously accepted.

In an informal talk J. Hawleylingen the suggestion was made that the 1948 tournament be conducted in a little less serious vein than in the past, due to the fact that it seems practically impossible to determine a championship in one and one half days of play.

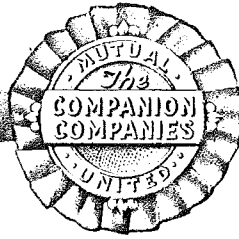
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After considerable discussion it was decided that the Great Falls club should work out a suitable method for play in 1948.

Pres. Dr. Miller stated that it was the Lewistown's Club's desire that suitable books on chess be purchased for prizes when the winners of the 1947 tournament were determined. He requested that the Great Falls club handle this matter.

The election of officers resulted in the naming of John Barts as President and Charles Trekell as Sec. & Treas. for the ensuing year.

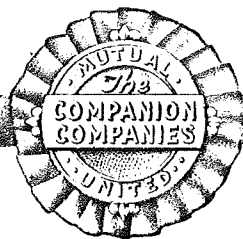
A collection of \$21.20 was made of the members present to be used by the Great Falls Club for the 1948 meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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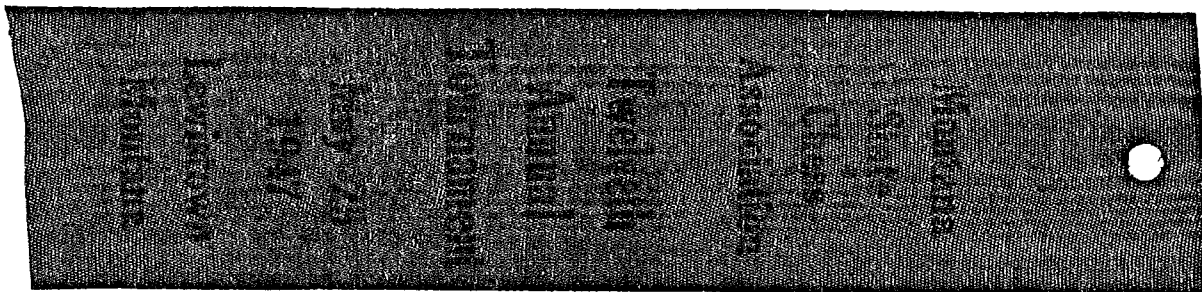
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## 1947 Tournament Play off.

The meeting to determine the winners of the two classes which was left undecided at the Lewistown meeting was held at the Mikkelson ranch home near Lewistown on July 4, 1948.

All who attended this meeting reported an exceptionally enjoyable time.

In the play off J. Van Nylingen defeated Jerry Moou for the Class A. title and Carl Bell, Lewistown, Bob Shoemaker, Harlowton, and Dr. R. Seghlin, Manhattan and Lawrence Dunkin of Great Falls were tied in Class B. Bob Shoemaker was declared the winner in this Group.



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