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Washington Man Wins Chess Meet

Gerald Moore of Billings, defending champion, finished in a third-place tie with Dr. G. H. Parker of Spokane during the Montana State Chess Tournament at Missoula over the weekend.

Robert Edberg of Tieton, Wash., won the championship on tie-breaking points after he and Adam J. Smith of Butte finished with four wins, and one draw each. Edberg was presented with a trophy.

Smith, as Montana's top player, is keeper of a traveling plaque for the coming year. Moore was upset by R. A. Dightman of Helena.

Lothar Bullinga of Bozeman won in the junior division.

Melvin Von Hess of Billings was elected association president and Benton Barnhart, also of Billings, was elected secretary. Next year's tourney will be staged at the YMCA in Billings.

20th Annual Mont. State
Chess Tournament

May 14-15, 1955 *Missoula*

The 20th Annual Mont. State Chess Tournament was opened Saturday noon, May 14, at the Palace Hotel in Missoula. Play began at 1:30 P. M. The five-round, single-class Swiss system was used.

The annual dinner and business meeting was held at 5:50 pm at Palace Hotel. Mr. Robert Southern, president, opened the business meeting by having each person to introduce himself.

A special welcome was extended to out-of-state players. Dr. G. H. Parker, president of the Spokane Chess Club extended thanks for the contingent of three Montana players who entered the Inland Empire Open, April, 23-24, 1955. He extended an invitation to all Montana players to enter the tournament in April, 1956, at about the same date.

Two men travelled all night to participate. They came from Yakima after hearing of our tournament through the Washington Federation Chess letter.

Reading of minutes of 1954 ^{Tournament} ~~minutes~~ was then given by Herbert Anderson, Secretary. Treasurer's report followed.

Pres. Southern spoke a few words in Memory of deceased members, calling attention to Guy Sheridan. A moment of silence in respect for deceased members was then observed.

Gerald Moore invited the Association to hold its 1956 Tournament at the Y. M. C. A. in Billings. His invitation was cordially accepted. The president and secretary of the Billings Chess club were elected in absentia to head the State Association in their respective capacities. *MELVIN ISNATE*
PRES. AND BENTON BORNHART, SECRET.

Dr. Parker gave details of how the Coombs Pairing system had worked out in Spokane Tournaments.

Pres. Southern set the date for a Chess Festival to be held in Missoula, July 23-24. It was intended to be a picnic affair if possible.

Pres. Southern then suggested adjournment.
The meeting was adjourned.

Herb Anderson

Financial Statement

20th Annual Mont. State Chess Tournament

1955

Received from Secr.-Treas., Paul Shanley, 1954	\$40.00
Interest from First Nat'l Bank, Missoula	.30
Admission fees for tournament	<u>56.00</u>
Total finance for tournament	<u>\$96.30</u>

Disbursement:

Postcards	\$.70
Stamps	3.65
Envelopes (123)	1.25
Paper	.75
Scoreboard	1.80
Badges	6.00
Trophy cups	17.00
Junior prize	7.50
Room rent	20.-
Typing	5.00
Total Disbursed	<u>\$63.65</u>

Net profit paid to Secr.-Treas for 1956

\$32.65
10.-
\$42.65

*Ten Dollar rebate on
Hotel room due to noise
outside and switch of
rooms at last minute*

Rec'd from Sec. Herbert Anderson	\$42.65
To A J Smith, advanced for in- scription on championship plaque	<u>1.00</u>
Funds due sec. for 1956	<u>41.65</u>

Gerald J Moore