

Montana Chess Association
Butte, Montana

Mr. John J. Reddy,
428 Wilder
Helena, Montana

January 11, 1962

Dear Mr. Reddy,

In your notes from the 1961 annual Montana Chess Association in Helena you state that you have started a recording of past tournaments. This should not be necessary as in 1951 I reviewed all the old secretary's reports back to the start of the association in 1934 and compiled them into a large loose-leaf notebook which was passed on each year to the new secretary. This book must have become lost if you did not receive it. Please let me know, as soon as possible, who the previous secretary was and if there was any explanation for the book being missing. I will correspond successively with each past secretary until I locate the missing notes.

We are planning to hold the 1962 tournament in Butte on April 28 and 29 and would appreciate a list of active players and addresses so invitations can be mailed to them later.

Very truly yours,

Herbert A. Wendel, Secretary
2912 State St.
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BILLINGS, MONTANA

February 7, 1962

Mr. Herbert K. Wendel
2912 State Street
Butte, Montana

Dear Mr. Wendel:

Your letter dated January 24 was received today. I recall the hard cover loose leaf notebook to which you refer and I am sure that I gave it to Mr. Reddy. We kept it in a rather large cardboard box along with some score pads and miscellaneous materials. He may have delivered all of this to Mr. Frank Pippey, of Helena.

I later mailed Mr. Reddy a list of the names and addresses of all persons that attended the tournament in Billings and I sent him an "ancient" mailing list that we had among our records. I could prepare and send to you a list of the names and addresses of the persons that attended our Billings tournament but I assume Mr. Reddy or Mr. Pippey has turned over to you the list we sent to them.

I have inquired among other Billings chess players about the notebook, without success. If it turns out that neither Mr. Reddy nor Mr. Pippey nor anyone else in Helena has it, I would like you to let me know and I would try to contact others here in Billings that could not be reached today. I do not recall the pages dealing with the history of the association but I do recall the notebook and I am quite certain it was delivered to someone representing the Helena club.

Sincerely,


James R. Felt

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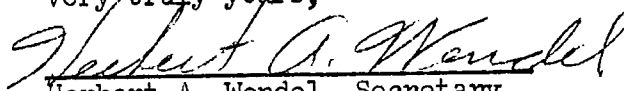
MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

BUTTE, MONTANA

Dear Sir:

The Montana Chess Association will conduct the annual invitational tournament in Butte on Saturday and Sunday April 28 and 29, 1962. In order to send out individual invitations to active chess players, I would appreciate receiving a list of the names and addresses of players in your locality, at your earliest convenience. This tournament will follow the usual pattern of Montana contests using a five-round Swiss system and awarding trophies in the Masters, B, and Junior classes. We hope these dates meet with the approval of the majority of the people in your area, and that we may have good representation from them.

Very truly yours,



Herbert A. Wendel, Secretary
2912 State Street
Butte, Montana

First Baptist Church

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Lewistown, Montana

March 14, 1962

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Montana Chess Association
Herbert A. Wendel
2912 State Street
Butte, Montana

Dear Mr. Wendel:

I have been playing chess with Mr. Arthur Edwards and he showed me your letter announcing the Chess tournament. I am interested in receiving information about the activities of the Association, I had hoped that the Tournament would be the last of May and I would be able to attend while on vacation. I doubt very much if I can make it in April, as it involves a Sunday.

I have found 2 or 3 players since coming to Lewistown who are interested in a Chess Club. One is Dr. Dean Anderson-----
103 Carroll Trail. There is a real possibility of our organizing a Club.

Thanking you for sending me the requested information, I am

Sincerely,

Arthur W. Bayley

MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

BUTTE, MONTANA

March 27, 1962

Mr. Richard A. Schultz
400 West Mercer Street
Seattle 99, Washington

Dear Mr. Schultz:

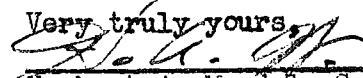
I have been away from home for the past 3 weeks so an answer to your letter of March 4th has been delayed. I am sorry that you have such a poor opinion of our Montana Chess Tournaments and that the players in your area are so particular. Actually our tournaments are not rated as we do not belong to the American Chess Federation. The Chess Review Magazine published our requested announcement without question.

However, for your information, to be used as you see fit and which may or may not be published, at your discretion - I submit the following:

1. The annual Montana Chess Association Tournament is an Open Contest, open to chess players from any location in the West.
2. The so - called "Masters Class" is a misnomer, but has been so designated for 28 years and has not scared anyone away, to the best of our knowledge.
3. As we do not have any chess clocks owned by the Montana Chess Association, we always request participants to bring them, but very few do so. Even without clocks, interest does not seem to lag.
4. As our tournaments are held during a one and a half day period, time for each round is limited to four hours. Consequently we request 50 moves in the first two hours and 25 moves per hour thereafter. Unfinished games are considered as draws for the next round, but may be completed later if time permits; otherwise they are adjudicated.
5. Results and final standings will be published and distributed within a week after the tournament as I leave then for a 3 week tour of Anaconda Company southwest operations.

We would appreciate clarification of the accusation regarding unfair treatment at the last tournament in Helena, Montana. As you may or may not know, these tournaments are promoted by a different group of officers each year in the location chosen at the annual meeting the previous year. Consequently some of these people have not had any previous experience and may make some inadvertent or unintentional mistakes.

Probably because we do not have cash prizes there are only a very few out of state contestants. Only one resident of your state attended the 1961 contest in Helena.

Very truly yours,

Herbert A. Wendel, Secretary
Montana Chess Association
2912 State Street, Butte, Montana

TOURNAMENT RECORD

CLASS	Round	Opponent	Score
	1.	_____	_____
	2.	_____	_____
	3.	_____	_____
	4.	_____	_____
	5.	_____	_____
		TOTAL SCORE	_____
		S-B POINTS	_____

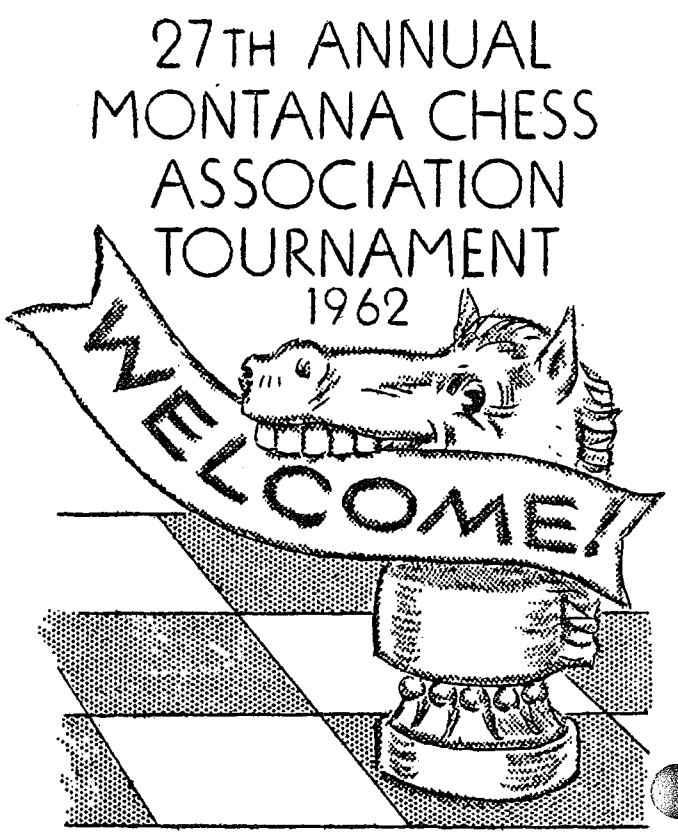
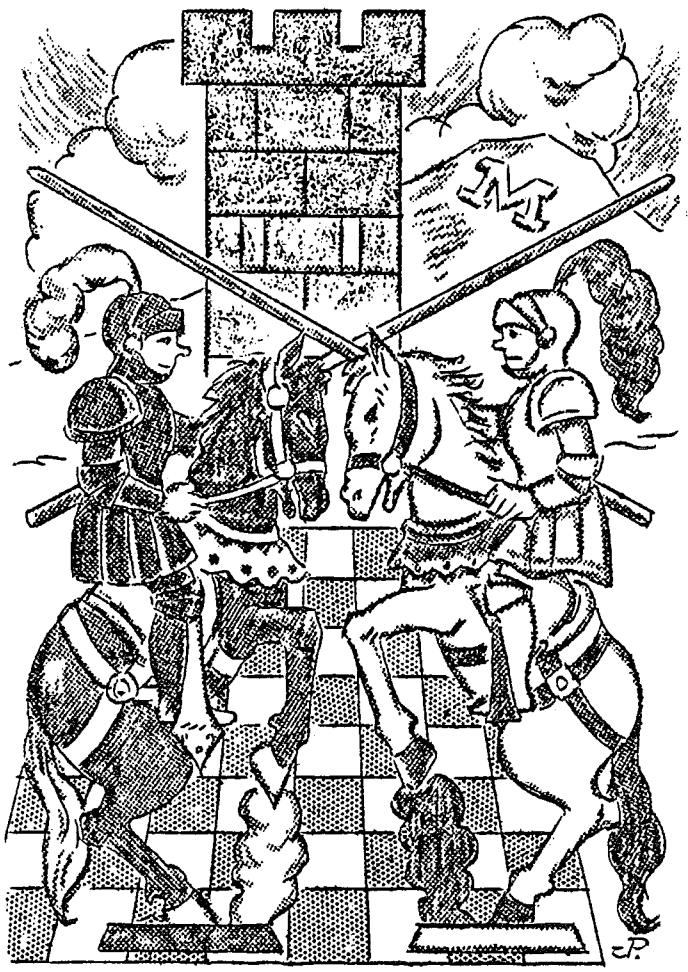
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday April 28:

Registration 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 First Round 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Annual Dinner 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Meeting 7:30 p.m. to 11:55 p.m.
 Second Round

Sunday April 29:

Third Round 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 Lunch (Courtesy Butte Chess Club)
 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Fourth Round
 Fifth Round



BUTTE, MONT. APRIL 28 & 29
 FINLEN WESTERN HOTEL

MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

BUTTE, MONTANA

April 6, 1962

TO ALL CHESS PLAYERS:

The 27th Annual Tournament of the Montana Chess Association will be held in Butte, Montana on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29, 1962. All activities will be conducted in the Finlen Hotel, games will be played in the Belmont and Rose rooms on the mezzanine floor. All interested chess players are welcome to attend and participate.

Championships will be decided in three classes with trophies being awarded to first and second place winners in each division:

1. Class A (Above average players and previous winners of Class B events)
2. Class B
3. Junior Class (Under 18 years of age)

A five round Swiss System tournament will be played in the Class A and Class B contests. Juniors will play a Round-Robin tournament. A time period of approximately 4-1/2 hours will be allotted for each game. Play will be at the rate of 50 moves in the first two hours and 25 moves per hour thereafter. Games not decided in the allotted time will be adjourned and considered as draws for pairings in the next round, but may be finished later if time permits, otherwise unfinished games will be adjudicated.

An entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged for the Class A and Class B events, no charge to Junior Class entrants. The annual dinner meeting of the Montana Chess Association is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Saturday evening in the Finlen Hotel's Round-Up Room. The charge for this dinner is \$3.50; wives, husbands, family members or guests are welcomed.

Please bring chess sets and boards; players who have chess clocks are requested to bring them, especially for the Class A contest.

Dr. Adam J. Smith, 1962 president of the Montana Chess Association is tournament director and announces the following schedule:

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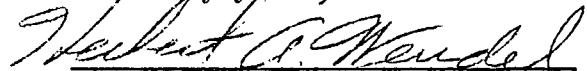
Some flexibility will naturally be allowed in this time schedule.

If you plan to attend, please sign the enclosed, return addressed postcard, also denote if you wish reservations at any of the listed close-in accommodations. There are many other motels on the outskirts of the city and you should encounter no difficulty in securing accommodations.

Hope to see you at the tournament.

HAW/jk

Sincerely yours,



Herbert A. Wendel
1962 Secretary-Treasurer
2912 State Street
Butte, Montana

27TH ANNUAL MEETING
MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION
BUTTE, MONTANA APRIL 28,, 1962

Following a dinner in th Round Up Room of the Finlen Hotel attended by 45 persons including wives, families or guests, the annual meeting of the Montana Chess Association was held. Dr. Adam J. Smith, 1962 President of the Association presided.

Dirk Duykers, president of the Butte Chess Club made a brief address of welcome and made introductions. He thanked everyone for the fine attendance and announced that there were 46 adults and 2 juniors registered for tournament play, one of the largest groups in recent years.

Dr. Adam J. Smith serves as tournament director assisted by Herbert A. Wendel, Secretary..

The minutes of the previous annual meeting in Helena, Montana were read and approved as read.

Dr. Smith requested ideas and comments from the group for the good of the Association and mentioned that one important matter to be discussed and decided at the meeting was the selection of the location for next year's tournament and meeting.

Herbert A. Wendel explained about the loss of the permanent record notebook for the Montana Chess Association which is passed on each year to the new host club. The Helena Club claims that they did not receive the book from Billings the previous year. Every effort should be extended to locate this book as it has a complete record of all annual meetings since the Association was organized about 1934.

Following several offers and discussion it was decided to hold the 1963 tournament in Kalispell, Montana. Dr. A.V. Swanberg of that city was elected President and Vern Wyman, also of Kalispell was elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

John Reddy introduced the matter of finding better ways and means for handling finances for the annual tournaments. He stated that The Montana Chess Association should go on record as being in favor of passing on of profits to the next host club.

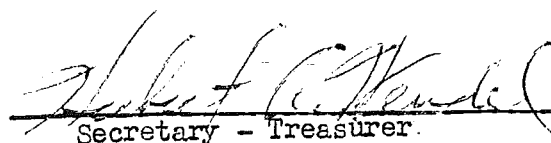
Dr..Smith stated that any loss incurred by the host club on a tournament should be sustained by the balance in the Association's funds.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that any profits or balance in the Montana Chess Associations funds be passed on to the succeeding host club which would not have to stand for any losses incurred .

Discussion was requested on the matter of entry fees. Ralph Hanson mentioned that the hat had been passed at some tournaments in the past to help defray expenses. Following additional discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to the effect that entry fees should be set at \$2.00 as a minimum and that the host club could raise the amount at their discretion.

No action was taken on discussion regarding the best possible dates for annual tournaments. Most members prefer a weekend near the end of the month before fishing season opens.

Following a brief review of second round details by Dr. Adam Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Secretary - Treasurer.

MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

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BUTTE, MONTANA

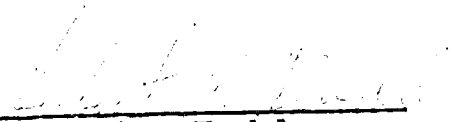
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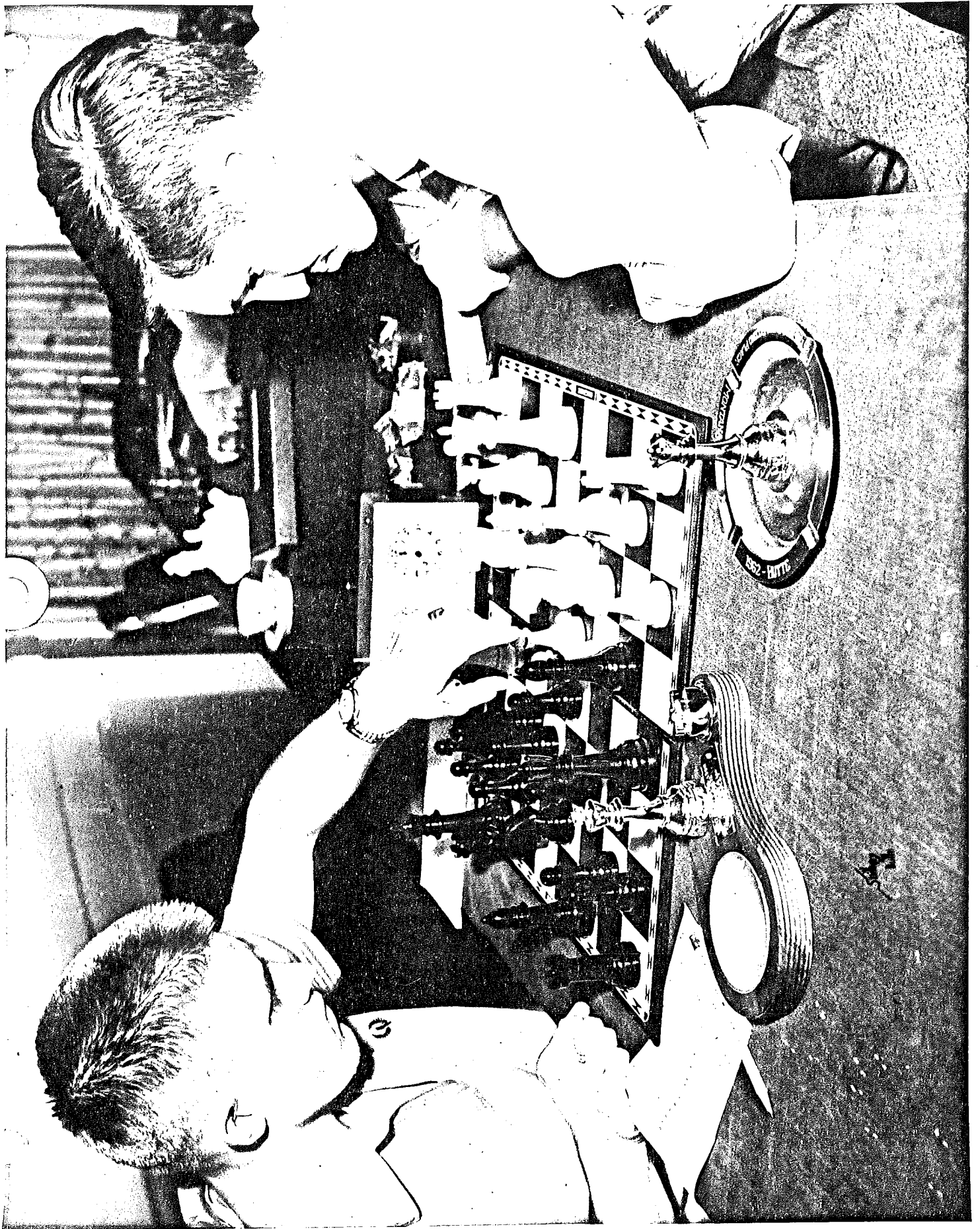
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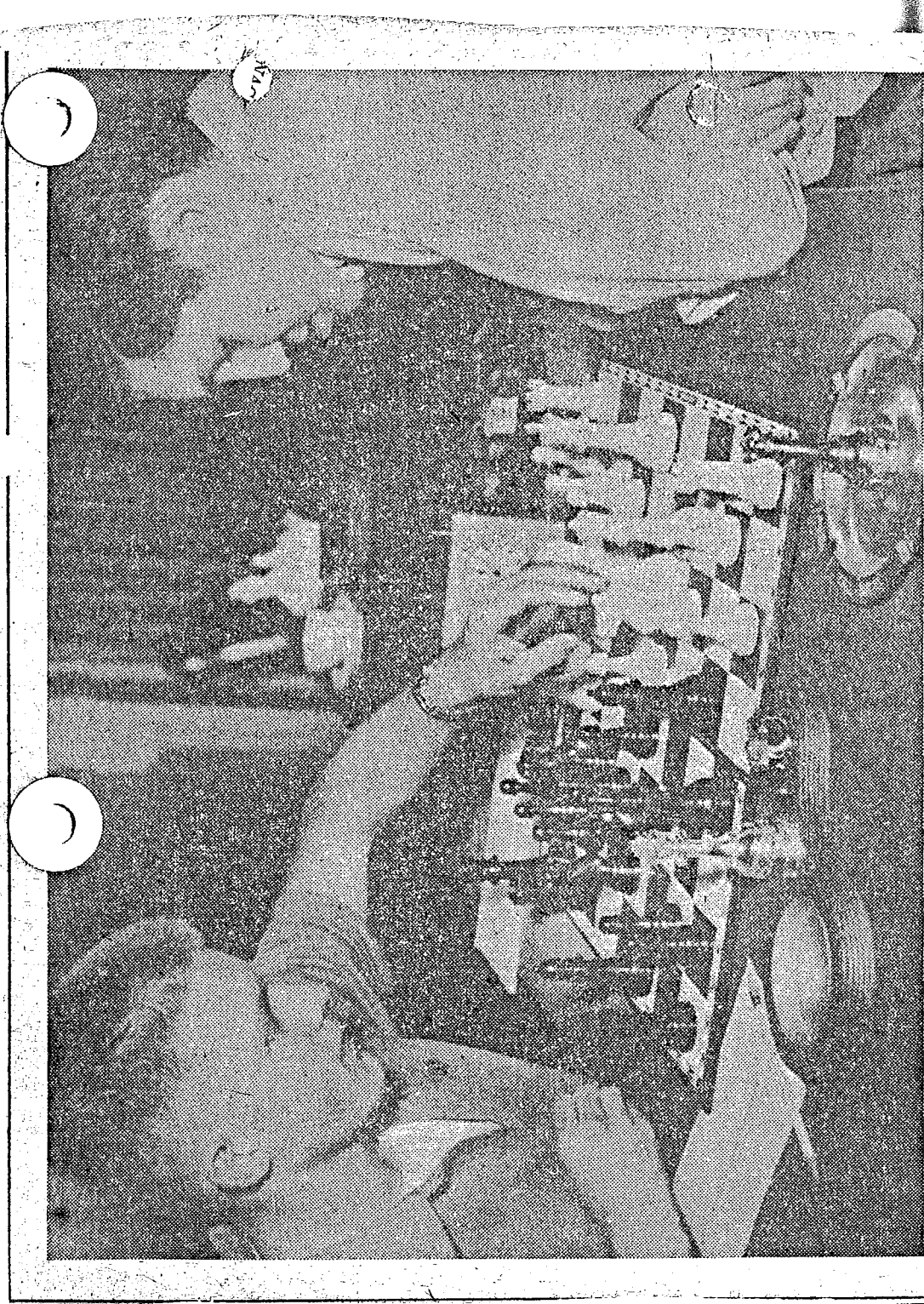
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12/16/61	Received From Helena Club	\$41.18		\$41.18
4/6/62	Chess Book For Junior Prize (2nd Place)		\$ 5.50	35.68
	Envelopes and Cards		4.00	31.68
	Stampss		8.00	23.68
	Score Cards and Pads		2.50	21.18
4/28/62	46 Entry Fees at \$2.00	96.00		117.18
	44 Paid Dinner Tickets at \$3.50	154.00		271.18
	Finlen Hotel for 45 Dinners		157.50	113.68
	Tip for service		15.50	98.18
4/28/62	Trophies and Engraving		42.50	55.68
4/29/62	48 Lunches at \$1.50 (Courtesy Butte Chess Club)			55.68
4/29/62	Donation by Butte Chess Club	19.32		75.00

Total actual tournament expenses, not including dinner or lunch was \$ 62.50

Check for \$75.00 mailed to Dr. A.V. Swanberg, Kalispell, Montana on August 1, 1962.


Herbert A. Wendel
1962 Secretary-Treasurer





Irwin
1963

Checkmate

Don B. DeVore, left, 17-year-old Helena High School senior, is the new Montana State Chess Association champion. He is pictured in the deciding match against Peter Irwin, Montana State University student. DeVore is the youngest player in history of the association, founded in 1934, to win the major title. Gerald Cole,

Kalispell, won the Class B title and Richard Southern, Missoula, the junior class. Forty-eight players competed in the Butte tourney. Kalispell will host the 1963 tourney. Dr. A. V. Swanberg of that city was president.

27TH MONTANA STATE CHESS TOURNAMENT

Butte, Montana

April 28 and 29, 1962

Championship Class

Rank	Name	Town	ROUND					Game Score	S-B Points
			1	2	3	4	5		
1	Don B. Devore	Helena	W/12	W/15	W/7	D/3	W/6	4-1/2	12-1/2
2	Peter Irwin	Missoula	W/24	W/5	W/14	W/15	D/3	4-1/2	10
3	Dr. Peter Lapiken	Missoula	W/9	W/6	W/4	D/1	D/2	4	14-1/2
4	Wally Albert	Missoula	W/10	W/11	L/3	W/8	W/7	4	11
5	Bill Hakes	Helena	W/22	L/2	W/13	W/16	W/17	4	7
6	James Sheire	Butte	W/8	L/7	W/10	W/19	L/1	3	7
7	J. B. Spaulding	Helena	W/18	W/16	L/1	W/17	L/4	3	6
8	Dirk Duykers	Butte	L/6	W/22	W/11	L/4	W/14	3	5-1/2
9	Ellak Papp	Billings	L/3	L/10	W/23	W/13	W/2	3	5
10	John Reddy	Helena	L/4	W/9	L/6	W/20	D/12	2-1/2	5-3/4
11	John Barto	Great Falls	W/13	L/4	L/8	D/14	W/21	2-1/2	4-1/2
12	Herbert Anderson	Missoula	L/1	L/13	W/22	W/18	D/10	2-1/2	4-1/4
13	Michael Prephan	Billings	L/11	W/12	L/5	L/9	W/20	2	4
14	Ingwald Stromsborg	Kalispell	D/20	W/21	L/2	D/11	L/8	2	3-1/2
15	R. G. Turner	Kalispell	W/17	L/1	W/19	L/2	L/9	2	3-1/2
16	Dr. D. Berkoff	Bozeman	W/23	L/7	W/18	L/5	L/-	2	3
17	Robert Burley	Billings	L/15	W/23	W/21	L/7	L/5	2	2-1/2
18	James Felt	Billings	L/7	W/24	L/16	L/4	W/22	2	1
19	Wasył Jarosz	Bozeman	D/21	W/20	L/15	L/6	L/-	1-1/2	2-1/4
20	Ralph Hanson	Missoula	D/14	L/19	W/24	L/10	L/13	1-1/2	1
21	Robert Southern	Missoula	D/19	L/14	L/17	W/24	L/11	1-1/2	0-3/4
22	John Stafford	Great Falls	L/5	L/8	L/12	W/23	L/18	1	1
23	George Zimmerman	Helena	L/16	L/17	L/9	L/22	W/24	1	0
24	Clarence Healy	Anaconda	L/2	L/18	L/20	L/21	L/23	0	0

Class "B" Tournament

1	Gerald Cole	Kalispell	W/21	W/14	W/6	W/8	W/4	5	13
2	Ed Reeves	Drummond	W/9	W/5	L/4	W/18	W/8	4	11
3	Jim Ostby	Bozeman	W/20	L/12	W/14	W/9	W/7	4	9
4	*Dick Southern	Missoula	W/22	W/13	W/2	W/12	L/1	4	8
5	Ted E. McDonald	Col. Falls	W/6	L/2	W/15	L/7	W/13	3	7
6	Jack Maiden	Great Falls	L/5	W/17	L/1	W/11	W/19	3	6
7	Bob Southern	Jackson Hole Wyoming	L/13	W/19	W/20	W/5	L/3	3	5-1/2
8	Gary A. Wendel	Butte	W/17	W/15	W/12	L/1	L/3	3	5
9	Chris Burgmeier	Great Falls	L/2	W/21	W/16	L/3	W/12	3	5
10	Keith Taft	Helena	L/12	L/16	W/22	W/20	W/14	3	3
11	Ted Applebaum	Billings	D/19	L/20	W/21	L/6	W/18	2-1/2	3-3/4
12	Ben Jarrell	Missoula	W/10	W/3	L/8	L/4	L/9	2	7
13	Leroy Shifty	Butte	W/7	L/4	L/18	W/16	L/5	2	5
14	Joe Gerle	Butte	W/18	L/1	L/3	W/17	L/10	2	4
15	Dolores Swanberg	Kalispell	W/16	L/8	L/5	L/19	W/21	2	3
16	Fred J. Hill	Butte	L/15	W/10	L/9	L/13	W/22	2	3
17	Mike Murray	Homestead	L/8	L/6	W/19	L/14	W/20	2	2-1/2
18	John Ward	Tacoma, Wash.	L/14	W/22	W/13	L/2	L/11	2	2
19	Dr. Malison	Butte	D/11	L/7	L/17	W/15	L/6	1-1/2	3-1/4
20	Dr. A. V. Swanberg	Kalispell	L/3	W/11	L/7	L/10	L/17	1	2-1/2
21	Ronald Ricco	Deer Lodge	L/1	L/9	L/11	W/22	L/15	1	0
22	**Chris Swanberg	Kalispell	L/4	L/18	L/10	L/21	L/16	0	0

* Awarded First Place in Junior Class

** Awarded Second Place in Junior Class

MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION

May 2, 1962

Don B. De Vore of Helena, Montana, a high school senior is the new Montana State Chess Association champion. He is the youngest chess player to have earned this distinction since the association was founded in 1934. De Vore succeeds Ellak Papp, of Billings, who was champion last year. Runner - up for the title this year is also a young man, Peter Irwin, formerly from New Jersey, but now a student at Montana State University.

Gerald Cole of Kalispell was the winner of the Class B title and Edgar Reeves was the runner up in this Class for average players.

Richard (Dick) Southern of Missoula won first place in the Junior Class and Chris Swanberg an 11 year old grade school student from Kalispell won second place. Young Southern's father Robert Southern Sr. is a former state champion and is still an active player.

This 27th annual tournament of the Montana Chess Association featured a record turnout of 48 chess players from all parts of Montana. There were two out of state players at the contest from Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Tacoma, Washington.

Dr. Adam J. Smith, president of the chess association presided at the annual dinner meeting and also served as tournament director. He has been Montana Chess champion several times during the past ten years. Kalispell was selected as the site for the 1963 tournament and the officers for the association next year are both residents of that city. Dr. A. V. Swanberg was elected president and Vern Wyman, secretary-treasurer.

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May 2, 1962

Mr. Herbert K. Wendel
2912 State Street
Butte, Montana

Dear Mr. Wendel:


Since returning from the Butte Tournament, I made another search of my office for the old minute book, with no success. I have not yet been able to contact Mr. Olson, as he is out of town.

I have gone through my file and made copies of the letters with the officers from Missoula and those from Helena. After reading these and noting that we did not receive a mailing list from Missoula, I am beginning to have some doubt that we ever obtained the old minute book from the Missoula people. I recall seeing that notebook but I may be remembering it from the previous tournament in Billings rather than the 1960 tournament.

The way the minutes of the meetings were handled also indicates that the old minute book was not being used.

When Mr. Olson returns, I will ask him if he knows anything about this subject but I am beginning to think it will be necessary to trace this back through Mr. Hansen and perhaps through Mr. John Butler.

Yours truly,



JAMES R. FELT

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cc: Mr. Ole Olson