

38th Annual Montana Open  
Billings, Montana

The 38th Annual Montana Open was held May 12&13 ~~at~~ at the Rimrock Lodge Billings, Montana. The facilities provided were more than generous with a large room and a smaller kibitzing room adjacent; the annual banquet was held Saturday night May 12 at the Fireside room of the Rimrock Lodge, a beef dinner was provided and it was decided to hold the tournament at Glendive, Montana at the discretion of Tai Hum, president, to appoint a secretary from the Glendive area (Tai's address is as follows: 1304 N. Meade Glendive, Mont. 59330) a vote of thanks was given to the directors, Rick Likens of Hardin and K.A. Shinn of Billings. The tournament battle itself was hotly contested with three past champions in attendance; (they were Wally Albert 1966, Tai Hum 1970, and Larry Ross 1972) and half (8) of the "A" section finished with a plus score (a score of at least 3-2 (a win counts 1 a draw 1/2 a loss 0)). There were 32 people in attendance 17 in the "A", 11 "B", and 4 Junior. The winners were in "A" a three way tie was the result with Wally Albert (Missoula, Mt.), K.A. Shinn (Billings, Mt.), Tai Hum (Glendive) Wally Albert was given the 1st place trophy and traveling plaque on the basis of his tie break points (because of three finishers in a tie for first it could not be decided on a simple who beat who basis); in the "B" section another tie occurred with John Ward (Tacoma, Washington), Peter McKeon (Butte, Montana) but the tie was easily broken for John Ward met and defeated Peter McKeon in the first round; in the Junior section the tournament was conducted somewhat unusually because of the small number of entrants in that section. Each player played two games in the "B" section and also played each player in the Junior section Dan Clark won the first place by virtue of his 2 1/2 points against the other juniors. (SEE CROSSTABLES BELOW)

		SECTION "A"							
LEGEND	NAME AND ADDRESS	RD	1	2	3	4	5	FINAL	TIE*BREAKS (MEDIAN)
w (win)	1. Wally Albert		W*5	w-7	w-11	w-3	L-2	4-1	9 1/2
D (draw)	904 Monroe Avenue	Missoula, Mont.	59801						
L (loss)	2. K.A. Shinn		L-17	w-4	w-15	w-12	w-1	4-1	7 1/2
	PO Box 131	Billings, Mt.	59103						
	3. Tai Min Hum		BYE	w-17	w-12	L-1	w-11	4-1	6 1/2
	1304 N. Meade	Glendive, Mt.	59330						
	4. Lawrence R. Ross		w-6	L-2	W-16	D-5	W-9	3 1/2-11/2	8
	2028 32nd St. S.,	Great Falls, Mt.	59405						
	5. Raymond Eugene Anderson		L-1	w-11	w-17	D-4	D-6	3-2	8 1/2
	Jr.; 203 Roskie M.S.U.	Bozeman, Mt.	59715						
	6. Rick Likens		L-4	D-13	w-10	w-16	D-5	3-2	7
	PO Box 131	Hardin, Mt.	59034						
	7. James Robert Loy		w-10	L-1	L-9	w-15	w-14	3-2	6
	Rt. 2 Box 312	Columbia Falls, Mt.	59912						
	8. John R. Barto		L-1	D-10	D-16	w-17	w-12	3-2	5
	2620 2nd Ave S.	Great Falls, Mt.	59405						
	9. Lawrence W. "Andy" Dunkin		L-12	BYE	W*7	D-11	L-4	2 1/2-2 1/2	7 *
	3325-2nd Ave. N.	Gt. Falls, Mt.	59401						
	10. Jack Reddy		L-7	D-8	L-6	BYE	w-16	2 1/2-2 1/2	7 *
	1311 Hauser Blvd.	Helena, Mt.	59601						
	11. William Michael Lynch		w-14	w-15	L-1	D-9	L-3	2 1/2-2 1/2	6
	4140 Frances Bldg.	Mt.	59101						
	12. Wasyl L. Jarosz		w-9	w-16	L-3	L-2	L-8	2-3	8 1/2
	707 S. 13th	Bozeman, Mt.	59715						

13. Ralph Hansen	L-16 D-6 D-8 w-14 L-7 2-3	7 1/2
711 S. Fourth West Missoula, Mt. 59801		
14. Jesus Ashton	L-11 L-5 BYE L-13 W-15 2-3	5 1/2
Box 913 Gt. Falls, Mt. 59402		
15. Terry Dean Likens	w-8 L-11 L-2 L-7 L-14 1-4	8 1/2
PO Box 1053 Rapid City, S.D. 57701		
16. Paul Shanley	w-13 L-12 L-4 L-6 L-10 1-4	7
601 Main Deer Lodge, Mt. 59722		
17. Robert G. Barajas	w-2 L-3 L-5 L-3(forfeit) 1-4	6 1/2
1610 19th Ave. S. Gt. Falls, Mt. 59405		

\*the tie between Mr. Dunkin and Mr. Reddy could only be broken after they tied on secondary tie-break at Salkoff:10; S-B favored Mr. Dunkin: 4.75 to 2.5

SECTION "B"

NAME AND ADDRESS	RD'S	1	2	3	4	5	FINAL	Tie*Breaks(Median)
1. John R. Ward	w-2	w-15	w-5	L-4	w-6	4-1	9 (beat McKeon)	
3907-N. 34th #7, Tacoma, Wash. 98407								
2. Peter Joseph McKeon	L-1	w-3	w-10	w-5	w-4	4-1	10 1/2	
3018 Phillips St. Butte, Mt. 59701								
3. Jerry Allen Stump	D-13	L-2	w-11	w-8	w-10	(forfeit)	3 1/2-11/2 7	
1124 Sunnyside Dr. Blng, Mt. 59101								
4. John Austreng	L-14	w-7	w-9	w-1	L-2	3-2	9*	
608-6th Ave. N. Gt. Falls, Mt. 59401								
5. Norton H. Moses	w-7	w-2	L-1	L-2	w-12	3-2	9*	
2223 Ash Blng., Mt. 59101								
6. Alfred G. Anderson	w-9	L-14	w-8	w-11	L-1	3-2	6 1/2	
2638 Harvard St. Butte, Mt. 59701								
7. Jones Paul Gustafson	L-5	L-4	BYE	w-9	L-13	2-3	7 1/2	
208 Ave D Blng., Mt. 59101								
8. Norman Robert Hovis	w-10	L-5	L-6	L-3	BYE	2-3	7	
2406 Locust Butte, Mt. 59701								
9. Helmer M. Gronhovd	L-6	BYE	L-4	L-7	w-11	2-3	5	
2631 Wyoming Ave. BLNG, Mt. 59102								
10. Blaine Arthur Weston	L-8	D-11	L-2	BYE (FORFEIT)	1 1/2-1 1/2	5 1/2		
8624 Susanna Blng., Mt. 59102								
11. Era M. Shanley	L-12	D-10	L-3	L-8	L-9	1/2-4 1/2	8	
601 Main St. Deer Lodge, Mt. 59722								

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JUNIOR SECTION

NAME AND ADDRESS	RD'S	1	2	3	4	5	FINAL	SCORE Against Jr.
12. Dan Owen Clark	w-11	w-13	w-15	D-14	L-5	3 1/2-1 1/2	2 1/2-1/2	
3212-7th Ave. N. Gt. Falls, Mt. 59401								
13. LON Michael Doll	D-3	L-12	w-14	w-15	w-7	3 1/2-1 1/2	2-1	
XX. 510 N. 20th Bozeman, Mt. 59715								
14. James Jim Skouron	w-4	w-6	L-13	D-12	w-15	3 1/2-1 1/2	1 1/2-1 1/2	
3208-7th Ave N. Gt. Falls, Mt. 59401								
15. Jacquie Raye Ziegler	BYE	L-1	L-12	L-13	L-14	1-4	0-3	
2712 Normal Ave Blng, Mt. 59102								

\*The tie between Mr Austreng and Mr. Norton was tied after median at 9 after solkoff at 14 1/2 but broken under S-B with Mr. Austreng:7 Mr. Moses:6 1/2.

Kalispell traveling team to Missoula with an average of 3.0 pt/player



Gazette photo by Phil Bell

As time clocks ticked away, chess players sat in quiet concentration Saturday.

## On these 'battlefields,' not a shot, sound heard

By MARK HENCKEL  
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The silence is deafening at a chess tournament.

At three long tables, 32 chess players basked in that silence Saturday at the Montana State Chess Tournament at Rimrock Lodge.

They sat, balding and bearded, young and old, overlooking their checkered battlefields plotting and executing strategy.

Their weapons were inch-high pawns and five-inch kings of wood and plastic.

The serious nature of the games were revealed in the furrowed brows and fidgeting hands of the participants.

By Saturday afternoon, the players were in the second round of the two-day tournament

which ends Sunday and already the room had grown hot.

Cans of pop and cartons of root beer had replaced all but one of the vacuum bottles of coffee that had been at the sides of players during the morning round.

The only steady source of noise was the ticking of the twin timeclocks at the side of each of the 16 game boards used to record moves per hour.

At long intervals, someone would quietly say "check" breaking the silence for a moment before it flooded back through the room.

When the boards are finally cleared at the closing session Sunday afternoon winners in three classes will accept trophies from the Montana Chess Association — probably quietly.