

MAY 1978

Dan Finucane, of Laramie, survived a last round loss to win the University of Wyoming Championship on tie breaks over Steve Smith, of Casper. Both finished with a 4-1 score in the 5RSS event held in Laramie in early May.

MONTANA GRAND-PRIX CHAMPIONS Bill Lynch

Lately, there has been some interest expressed in the idea of recognizing the achievement of that player who has been most consistent throughout a given year. Prior to 1976, this would not have been too meaningful as there was rarely more than one other tournament besides the State Championship. However, it is rather interesting to examine the last several years. Let us look at the results of Open Tournaments played in Montana which were advertised statewide, and award points as follows: 10 for 1st; 7 for 2nd; 5-3rd; 3-4th; 2-6th; and 1-6th. In 1976 we have (Missing places 2-5 for the Malmstrom Open):

- 1. Lynch 19 2. Barajas 13 3.-5. Robert Goble (State Champ), Loy & Thompson 10.

Bob Goble, an expert rated player, could probably have dominated easily, but chose to participate only in the State Open. Last year was much more decisive:

- 1. Temple 51 2. Lynch 19 3. G. Shuck 15 4.-6. Barajas, Crewse & Lynn 10.

Clearly, Judson deserved his title, having left the field far behind. This year we have quite an interesting fight developing:

- 1. Marc Lynn 18 2. Klaucke 15 3. G. Shuck 10 4. Lynch 8 5.-6. Grieve & Temple 7.

Marc is trying to take the '78 Montana Grand-Prix Title home to Wyoming. I'll update these figures and let you know who comes out on top in January.

MSU CHESS CLUB ROUND ROBIN Tournament Report April 29-30, 1978

Place	Player	Rating	Opponent							Score	
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
1	Bruce Thompson	1341	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6-0
2	Howard Hoene	1461	0	x	1	0	1	1	1	1	4-2
3	Brad Jackson	1068	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	1	4-2
4	Gerald Nerlin	NON	0	1	0	x	0	1	1	1	3-3
5	Eddie Sheehan	NON	0	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	2-4
6	Aaron Davis	NON	0	0	0	0	1	x	1	1	2-4
7	Mark Vandeventer	NON	-	-	0	-	0	-	x	1	0-2

Dir: Bruce Thompson. New MSU Chess Club Officers: President-Lon Doll, Vice President-Bill Dickey, and Sec./Treas.-Bruce Thompson.

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William M. Lynch

William M. Lynch, Editor

BOZEMAN ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournament Report

May 19-20, 1979

Dir: Loy

Place	Name	Rd1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	Score
1	Jim Loy	W5	W4	W2	D3	W6	4½-½
2	Keith Bayern	W11	W10	L1	W6	W3	4-1
3	Lon Doll	W13	D6	W10	D1	L2	3½-2½
4	Ed Sheehan *	W9	L1	L6	W7	W8	3-2
5	Leslie Gunderson	L1	W7	W13	L8	W10	3-2
6	Jae Mathison	W8	D3	W4	L2	L1	2½-2½
7	Chuck Borland	D14	L5	W11	L4	W12	2½-2½
8	Brent Remer	L6	D9	W14	W5	L4	2½-2½
9	Ruth Graham	L4	D8	L12	W14	W13	2½-2½
10	Bob McLeod	W12	L2	L3	W11	L5	2-3
11	Eric Munshower	L2	W12	L7	L10	W14	2-3
12	Ty Schulz	L10	L11	W9	W13	L7	2-3
13	Donny Wilkins	L3	W14	L5	L12	L9	1-4
14	Shannon Lennick	D7	L13	L8	L9	L11	½-4½

*Sheehan was awarded a trophy for 1st Junior High School Student on tie-breaks (Median) over Leslie Gunderson.

The annual business meeting of the Montana Chess Association was called to order at 5:30pm on Sunday, May 27th in the state tournament playing rooms.

Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Lynch, reported that the Association had accumulated interest on the treasury and the incidental profit from one tournament held during the year, leaving a new balance of \$153.00 in the treasury.

Kip Stubberud, chairman of the Constituion Committee appointed last year, presented a new Constitution for consideration as the replacement for the original, of which written record was lost in 1973. He explained the salient points, indicating that much of the language was borrowed from the Colorado State Chess Association Constitution, which enabled that group to gain IRS recognition as a non-profit organization. It is hoped thereby that Montana can achieve the same status. After discussion, and a few minor modifications, the new Constitution was adopted unanimously by those present.

In addition to the main body of the Constitution, these bylaws were adopted:

1. Annual membership dues shall be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for juniors (under 19 years of age.) - (Payment of dues entitles members to one year's subscription to Montana Chess News and participation in all events sponsored by the Association.)
2. All players in Montana Chess Association sponsored events (except in specially designated sections) shall be required to join the Montana Chess Association.

The new Constitution calls for five elected officers to form a Board of Directors to conduct the Association's business between annual meetings. In accord with that requirement, nominations were accepted and the following officers elected: President - Bill Lynch, Vice President - Ken Shinn, Secretary - Chuck Chapman, Treasurer - Howard Hoene, Junior Vice President - Andy Shuck.

Billings was approved as the location for the 1980 State Tournament.

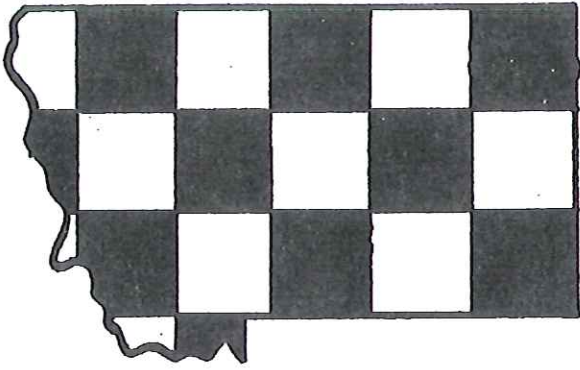
Approval was given for the formation of two committees. A Chess Promotion Committee, to be headed by Bill Lynch and/or Ken Shinn is to explore possible avenues of increasing the popularity of Chess in Montana, and a Corporation Committee is to consider the costs and benefits of incorporating the Montana Chess Association.

Finally, the following expenditures from the MCA treasury were approved:

1. \$40 for printing and distributing the September issue of Jim Loy's instructional newsletter, Chess Lessons, to all High Schools in the State.
2. \$35 for the purchase of one dozen tournament chess sets with paper boards from Kip Stubberud at the price he paid for them to the US Chess Federation.

(Note - copies of the new Constitution will be available at future tournaments, or can be obtained by sending a self addressed envelope to Bill Lynch, 1144 Harvard, Billings, 59102.)

NEXT ISSUE: More games from the State Open, lots of King's Gambits and full results of the Rimrock Open. Plus details on fall tournaments, a review of the new book by Walter Korn - America's Chess Heritage - and a look at Montanan's favorite openings in tournament play.



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LYNN, GUTHRIE TIE IN MISSOULA

STUBBERUD TAKES MONTANA TITLE

LYNN WINS MONTANA OPEN & REGAINS WYOMING TITLE

The Montana Chess Association's Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm on Saturday, May 10th in the State Tournament playing room.

President Bill Lynch read the Treasury Report which showed income totaling \$338.23 and expenses of \$271.15 for a net increase of \$67.08 leaving a new balance of \$220.08.

Selection of a site for the 1981 Montana Open was next on the Agenda and Missoula was nominated and unanimously approved when no other city was proposed.

Then, the following people were elected to the Board of Directors for 1980-81: President - Tony Mattina, Vice President - Ken Shinn, Secretary - Chuck Chapman, Treasurer - Bill Lynch, and Junior Vice President - Matthew Guthrie.

Bill Lynch reported that increased costs would require additional support for Montana Chess News or cuts in the quantity or quality of production. After some discussion, a dues increase was approved to cover the cost of maintaining MCN in its present form. New membership rates are \$4/year Adult and \$3/year Junior.

An extended discussion followed concerning the history of complaints about the State Title being determined by a single Open Tournament which is often dominated by strong out of state players causing the title to be awarded on the basis of tie-break points. Having a Montana Closed Tournament in lieu of the Montana Open was discussed, but this proposal had little support. A Closed Playoff to follow the Montana Open was finally approved by a fairly substantial margin.

The Closed Playoff will work as follows: Within three or four weeks after the Open, six players will engage in a single round robin tournament, with the winner to be awarded the title of Montana State Champion. The previous year's State Champion, Montana Grand Prix Champion and Montana Junior Champion will be seeded into the group, with the balance of the field coming from the top Montana players in the Montana Open in order of finish. Should any player be unable to participate, the next highest finisher from the Open may be invited to take his place.

Marc Lynn fashioned a $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ score in the Wyoming Open held in Casper, Wyoming from May 30-June 1, to tie Doug Greenwalt of Nebraska, and regain the Wyoming State Title which he held in 1974 and 1975. Defending Champion Steve Smith, who drew both Lynn and Greenwalt, had to settle for third place.

(USCF) - Yasser Seirawan continues to be very successful in the highest levels of Chess competition. He recently fashioned an undefeated 8-2 score to dominate the field and easily win a recent international tournament in Malaga, Spain. His nearest rival was Peruvian GM Rodriguez at $6\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$.

Seirawan is currently playing in the United States Chess Championship in Greenville, Pennsylvania, where he trails the leaders by $\frac{1}{2}$ point after the first three rounds. Larry Christianson and Jack Peters are tied for the lead at $2\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$.

***** EXHIBITION GAMES *****

Maria Ivanka-Howard Hoene MODERN DEFENSE 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 g6 3 g3 Bg7 4 Bg2 d6 5 O-O O-O 6 c4 Nc6 7 Nc3 a6 8 Bg5 Rb8 9 e4 e5 10 dxe5 Nxe5 11 Nxe5 dxe5 12 Qxd8 Rxd8 13 Nd5 Rd6 14 c5 Re6 15 Bh3 Nxe4 16 Bxe6 Bxe6 17 Nxc7 Nxc7 18 Nxe6 Nxe6 19 b4 Rc8 20 Rad1 Nd4 21 Kg2 Rc6 22 Rfe1 Re6 23 a4 Kf8 24 g4 Ke7 25 f3 f6 26 Kf2 Kd7 27 b5 a5 28 h4 Bf8 29 Rc1 Nb3 30 c6 + bxc6 31 bxc6+ Rxc6 32 Red1+ Nd4 33 Rxc6 Kxc6 34 Rc1+ Bc5 35 Kg2 Kd5 36 Rb1 Bb4 37 Rc1 Nc6 38 Rd1+ Nd4 Drawn. 1/2-1/2

Maria Ivanka-Dallon Thomas QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 N-KB3 P-K3 3 P-KN3 N-B3 4 B-N2 P-KN3 5 O-O B-N2 6 P-B4 P-Q4 7 N-B3 O-O 8 P-N3 R-K1 9 B-N2 P-N3 10 R-K1 B-N2 11 N-K5 R-N1 12 NxN BxN 13 P-K4 PxKP 14 NxP NxN 15 BxN BxB 16 RxB P-QB4 17 Q-Q2 P-B4 18 R-K2 PxB 19 QR-K1 P-K4 20 BxB Q-Q2 21 B-N2 QxQ 22 RxQ P-K5 23 BxB KxB 24 R-Q7ch K-B3 25 RxQRP R-K2 26 RxR KxR 27 P-B3 K-B3 28 PxB R-K1 29 P-K5ch RxP 30 RxR KxR 31 K-B2 K-Q5 32 K-B3 P-KN4 33 P-QR3 K-B6 34 P-R4 K-Q5 35 K-K2 K-K5 36 P-B5 PxB 37 P-R5 K-Q4 38 K-Q3 K-B3 39 K-B4 P-B5 40 PxB PxB 41 P-R6 K-N3 42 K-Q3 KxB 43 K-K4 K-N4 44 KxB K-N5 45 K-K3 KxB 46 K-Q2 P-B5 47 K-B1 K-B6 48 P-R3 P-R3 49 P-R4 P-R4 50 K-Q1 K-N6 51 White Resigns. 0-1

The annual business meeting of the Montana Chess Association was conducted between rounds on Sunday, May 31, 1981. Treasurer Bill Lynch began with the treasury report which showed a balance of \$219.09 compared to last year's 220.08 after income of \$433.09 and expenses of \$434.00 (\$309.00 for production of MCN). Bill McBroom pointed out that babysitting expenses for the exhibitors children had not yet been paid. When these costs were added the corrected balance became \$169.09. Next, nominations were called for the city to serve as the site of the 1982 Open. Helena and Bozeman were nominated, Voting showed 13 in favor of Helena and 7 in favor of Bozeman, so Helena will be the site of the 1982 Open. Officers were nominated as follows: President - Gordon Shuck, Vice President - Duane Hildenstab, Treasurer - Bill Lynch, Secretary - Kip Stubberud and Junior Vice President - Mark Laceky. There were no opposing nominations, and the slate of officers was accepted by acclamation. Ken Shinn proposed that a list of all known chessplayers in the state be prepared and included in a future issue of MCN. Editor Bill Lynch agreed to compile the list from old mailing lists and advertise its availability to those willing to send a self-addressed envelope with a stamp, but not to take up space in MCN for its publication. Jim Chester informed the meeting that he had preliminary approval from Montana Magazine to write an article on the history of chess in Montana and is working on researching it. There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned. (Report by Bill Lynch)

***** RESERVE GAMES *****

RD4 BD1 Mark Wood-David Stacey FOUR KNIGHTS 1 P-K4 P-K4 2 N-KB3 N-QB3 3 B-B4 B-B4 4 N-B3 N-B3 5 O-O O-O 6 P-Q3 P-Q3 7 B-KN5 K-K3 8 BxB PxB 9 N-QR5 B-Q5 10 P-B3 B-N3 11 NxN BxB 12 P-Q4 Q-K2 13 PxB NxP 14 NxN PxN 15 P-B3 Q-B2 16 BxB QxB 17 Q-Q7 R/R-B1 18 R/R-Q1 R/B-Q1 19 Q-R4 RxR 20 RxR R-Q1 21 RxR QxR 22 K-B2 Q-Q7ch 23 K-N3 Q-B5ch 24 K-B2 Q-Q7ch 25 K-N3 Q-Q7ch 26 K-B2 Q-Q7ch Drawn. 1/2-1/2

Current standings for the 1981 Montana Grand Prix Championship show Bill Lynch in the lead with 22 points followed closely by Matt Guthrie with 17. Rounding out the top ten are Andy Shuck (12), Kip Stubberud and Andras Budinszky (10), Howard Hoene and Joe Wingard (8), Maria Ivanka (7), Gary Ritchie (5) and Gordon Shuck (4).

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Thus, the 1981 Montana Championship playoff ended in a three way tie. No procedure for breaking ties had been established prior to the event, no further full scale playoff was practical and no fair tie-breaking scheme could be agreed on when each procedure clearly favored one or another of the tied players. Therefore, Matt Guthrie, Jim Loy and Kip Stubberud were declared Co-Champions and will all have their names recorded on the traveling plaque and in the official records of the Association. This action was approved by the members of the association remaining after play was completed - a group numbering 14 and including several of the Association officers. Each of the three will receive a trophy plaque for first place in the 1981 Montana Championship.

Montana Championship Procedures Opinion by Bill Lynch

This year's playoff was a major improvement over the previous system which too often produced a champion who had not faced any of his nearest rivals and who was awarded the title on tie-breaks over Montanans with the same score. The top six players met head-to-head to determine the best amongst them and the resulting tie demonstrated how arbitrary the previous procedures had been, since no one player was clearly superior to the others. Under the old system, I would have been the 1981 State Champion (top Montanan in the Open on tie-breaks), but my performance in the playoffs showed I wasn't the top player. I do not find it distressing that we have co-champions, but there are some procedural problems. It was shortsighted not to have established a tie-breaking procedure prior to the playoff event. Qualification procedures call for the State Champ, State Junior Champ and Grand Prix Champ to be seeded into the 1982 playoff. If Matt had not taken the Junior title and if another player takes the Grand Prix title, we could have had five places filled in next year's event before the qualifying Open tournament. And, four, five and six way ties are also possible in a round-robin with six players - so we could have as many as eight players seeded into a six man event. Also, multiple trophies create a financial burden for the association treasury. Therefore, I feel it is necessary to adopt a procedure for breaking ties, at least for the purpose of seeding players into the next year's playoff. I would propose that we do this by looking back at the results of the Montana Open, and awarding the title to the tied player with the best finish in that tournament. The others in the tie can no longer object that they did not have a chance to beat the top Open finisher in direct competition, and the procedure provides an incentive for seeded players to play in the Open even though they do not have to qualify. Others should propose tie-breaking procedures they would prefer and a meeting should be held to resolve this issue at some tournament before the next Montana Open rolls around.

UCCC SUMMER ROUND-ROBIN		June-July, 1981							Mike Jensen-Bill McBroom DUTCH 1 d4
P1 Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	f5 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 Be7 5 g3
1 Mike Jensen	1638	x	1	1	1/2	1	1	4 1/2 - 1/2	0-0 6 Bg2 d5 7 cxd5 exd5 8 0-0 c6 9
2 Roger White	1605	0	x	1	1	-	1	3-1	Bf4 Nh5 10 Be5 Nd7 11 Rb1 f4 12 e3 fx
3 Brian Hattel	new	0	0	x	1	1	-	2-2	g3 13 fxg3 Ndf6 14 Bxf6 Rxf6 15 Ne5
4 Bill McBroom	1254	1/2	0	0	x	1	1/2	2-3	Rxf1 16 Qxf1 Nf6 17 b4 a6 18 Qd3 Be6
5 Sam Stem	new	0	-	0	0	x	1	1-3	19 a3 Qc7 20 e4 Bd6 21 Nxc6 dxe4 22
6 Larry Austin	1431	0	0	-	1/2	0	x	1/2 - 3/2	Nxe4 bxc6 23 Nxd6 Qxd6 24 Rc1 Bd5 25
Brian Hattel-Bill McBroom DUTCH 1 d4 f5 2 Nf3									26 Bxd5+ Qxd5 26 Rc5 Qd7 27 Qc4+ Nd5 28
Nf6 3 Bg5 e6 4 Nc3 Be7 5 e3 0-0 6 Bd3 d5 7 Ne5									Rxc6 Kh8 29 Rxa6 Rxa6 30 Qxa6 h6 31
Nbd7 8 0-0 Nxe5 9 dxe5 Ne4 10 Bxe7 Qxe7 11 Nxe4 fxe4 12 Be2 Bd7 13 Qd4 Rf5 14 Rad1 c5 15									Qa8+ Kh7 32 Qa5 Nc3 Drawn. 1/2 - 1/2
Qc3 b6 16 f3 Qg5? 17 fxe4 Rxe4 18 Rf5 Rxf5 19 exf5 Qxf5 20 Rf1 Qe4 21 Rf4 Qg6 22 Bd3 Qg5									
23 Qd2 e5 24 Rf2 Rf8 25 Rxf8+ Kxf8 26 Bxh7? d4? (g6!) 27 Qf2+ Qf6 28 exd4 Qxf2+? (brings									
White King to center) 29 Kxf2 cxd4 30 Kf3 Bc6+ 31 Be4 Bd7 32 Bd5 Ke7 33 Ke4 Kf3 34 c4 Bf5+									
35 Kf3 Kg5 36 b5 Kf6 37 h4 Be6 38 g4 d3 39 Bxe6 Kxe6 40 Ke3 e4 41 a4 Ke5 42 h5 d2 43 Kxd2									
Kf4 44 c5 bxc5 45 bxc5 Ke5 46 g5 Black Resigns. 1-0									

CORRECTION In the game M. Ivanka - K. Shinn on page 2 of the May - June 1981 issue of Montana Chess News the following moves were incorrect and should be changed to read as: 12...N-B3; 18...BxBP; 34...R/1-B4; 35 R/1-K3 R/R-N4; 42 K-K3; 47 K-B3.

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B3 20 BxN PxB 21 B-Q5 22 Q-B2 Q-N4ch 23 P-B4 Q-Q2 24 R-K6 P-QB3 25 Q-B5 Q-N2 26 RXPch K-K1 27 R-B7 Q-R8ch 28 K-N2 R-N1ch 29 K-R3 Q-B6ch 30 P-B3 R-N6ch 31 PXR Black Resigns. 1-0

Carpenter-Shughart RD2 BD3 CENTER GAME Black avoids the wide open Center Game at the cost of a pawn -- which finally tells. 1 e4 e5 2 d4 d6 3 dxe5 Nc6 4 exd6 Bxd6 5 Bb5 Ne7 6 Nc3 O-O 7 Nge2 Re8 8 Rg5 Bd7 9 Qd2 Ne5 10 O-O-O a6 11 Bxd7 Qxd7 12 f4 Nc4 13 Qd4 Qc6 14 Bxe7 Bxe7 15 Nd5 Bc5 16 Qxc4 Be3+ 17 Nxe3 Qxc4 18 Nxc4 Rxe4 19 Rd2 Rxc4 20 Rhd1 g6 21 R d8+ Rxd8 22 Rxd8+ Kg7 23 g3 Kf6 24 Rd5 Re4 25 Nc3 Re1+ 26 Rd1 Re6 27 g4 Rc6 28 Re1 Re4 29 Rc6 Kd2 30 a5 a4 31 Rd6+ Ke2 32 c6 h4 33 b5 axb5 34 cxb5 Nxb5 35 Rb6 c4 36 a4 Kd3 37 Kg7 Re5 38 f6 Rd5 39 Rb7 Kc3 40 Re7 c5 41 Re3+ Rd3 42 Re4 c6 Black Resigns. 1-0

The annual business meeting of the Montana Chess Association was held at 1:30pm, Sunday, May 16th, 1982 with 24 members present. Treasurer Bill Lynch reported a balance of \$273.87 compared to \$169.09 in 1981 after income of \$419.00 from memberships and \$10.00 in contributions and \$295.52 expenses for producing Montana Chess News plus \$28.70 for 500 membership cards. Then, nominations were called for the city to host the 1983 Open. John Barto nominated Great Falls, indicating that that city was anxious to have the tournament in hopes of rejuvenating chess activity there. Andy Shuck nominated Bozeman, after which the nominations were closed and the voting showed 14 in favor of Great Falls and 7 for Bozeman, so Great Falls will be the site of the 1983 Open. The election of officers followed, with these people voted in: President - John Barto, Vice President - Bill McBroom, Treasurer - Bill Lynch, Secretary - Andy Shuck and Junior Vice President - Darrin Stacey. There followed a lengthy discussion of methods to solve the problem of ties in the Montana playoff seeding too many players into the following playoff. **These resolutions were eventually adopted: 1. In the event the current champion is one of the tied players he shall retain the title. (not to be implemented until 1983 as there are currently three co-champions). 2. In the event of a tie, the player with the best standing in that year's Montana Open, including tie-breaks, shall be the winner. 3. These tie break methods shall apply only to selecting the player to be seeded into the following playoff. All of the tied players will be listed as co-champions for that year. One final resolution was adopted following a discussion of the need for greater promotion of chess activities nationwide. Gordon Shuck, delegate to the USCF annual meeting, was directed to support any measures proposed there about furthering chess promotion. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned. (Report by Bill Lynch.)**

Seirawan-Karpov 1 Nf3 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 d4 Be7 5 Bg5 h6 6 Bh4 O-O 7 Rc1 b6 8 cxd5 Nxd5 9 Nxd5 exd5 10 Bxe7 Qxe7 11 g3 Re8 12 Rc3 Na6 13 Qa4 c5 14 Re3 Be6 15 Qxa6 cxd4 16 Rb3 Bf5 17 Bg2 Bc2 18 Nxd4 Bxb3 19 Nxb3 Rac8 20 Bf3 Rc2 21 O-O Rxb2 22 Rd1 Rd8 23 Nd4 Rd7 24 Nc6 Qe8 25 Nxa7 Rc7 26 a4 Qa8 27 Rxd5 Qxa7 28 Rd8+ Kh7 29 Qd3+ f5 30 Qxf5+ g6 31 Qe6 Black Resigns. 1-0

Next Issue: LOY's Page Returns! Montana Reserve games. And, the Midsummer Open and the Montana Closed Championship reports!

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MONTANA CHAMPIONSHIP July 23-24, 1983

Pl	Name	Rate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
1	Jim Loy	1901	x	1/2	1	1	1	1	4.5
2	Darren Stacey	1637	1/2	x	1/2	0	1	1	3.0
3	Matt Guthrie	2068	0	1/2	x	1	0	1	2.5
4	Howard Hoene	1862	0	1	0	x	1	0	2.0
5	Kip Stubberud	1922	0	0	1	0	x	1	2.0
6	Mike Jensen	2012	0	0	0	1	0	x	1.0

In it's third year, the Montana Championship closed playoff once again brought together the State's top players for a head-to-head battle. All of the seeded players except Bill Lynch of Billings were able to attend, and first alternate, Kip Stubberud, was on hand to fill out the field making for five of the same players as in 1982 - only Howard Hoene wasn't in last year.

Jim Loy came out on top again - for the third straight year, and clear first for the 2nd year in a row. Almost as impressive is Darren Stacey's second place finish with 3 points, up from last place and 1/2 point last year. He'll not be a 1600 player for long. Perhaps the truest indicator of the strength and balance of the field lies in the fact that Mike Jensen was held to only 1 point. Mike has emerged as a truly fine player in the last year and this setback will surely be only temporary. Following are a few games:

RD3 Jim Loy - Matt Guthrie ENGLISH 1 c4 Nf6 2 Nc3 e6 3 e4 e5 4 Nf3 Nc6 5 d3 d6 6 Be2 g6 7 Bg5 h6 8 Be3 Ng4 9 Bd2 Be6 10 h3 Nf6 11 Qb3 Qc8 12 Be3 Bg7 13. 0-0-0 a6 14 Nd5 Nd7 15 d4 exd4 16 Nxd4 Nc5 17 Qc2 Bd7 18 Nxc6 bxc6 19 Bxc5 cxd5 20 Bd4 Bxd4 21 Rxd4 dxe4 22 Rxe4+ Kf8 23 Rf4 Bf5 24 Rc3 Rg8 25 Bf3 Rb8 26 Re1 Rd8 27 Bc6 Rg5 28 Qe3 Kg7 29 g4 Be6 30 Qd4+ Kh7 31 h4 Qe7 32 h5 Qg5 33 Kc2 Rbf8 34 Rxe6 fxe6 35 hxg6+ Black Resigns. 1-0

RD3 Kip Stubberud - Darren Stacey LARSEN'S 1 P-QN3 P-K4 2 B-N2 N-QB3 3 P-K3 P-Q4 4 B-N5 B-Q3 5 P-KB4 Q-K2 6 P-Q3 N-B3 7 PXP BXP 8 P-Q4 B-B5 9 N-K2 BxKP 10 Q-Q3 N-N5 11 B-R3 B-B7+ 12 K-B1 Q-R5 13 N2-B3 N-K6+ 14 K-K2 B-N5+ 15 K-Q2 Q-N4 16 N-K4 PxN 17 QxP+ K-Q1 18 P-B4 N-Q4+ 19 K-Q3 White Resigns. 0-1

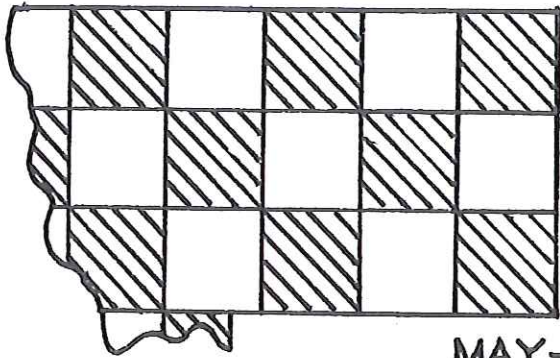
RD4 Howard Hoene - Matt Guthrie KING'S PAWN 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 Bc4 Nxe4 4 Qh5 Nd6 5 Qx e5+ Be7 6 Bb3 0-0 7 Nf3 Nc6 8 Qf4 Na5 9 0-0 Nxb3 10 axb3 c6 11 d3 Ne8 12 Qg3 d6 13 h4 Nf6 14 Rfe1 h6 15 Qh2 Bg4 16 Nd4 d5 17 Be3 c5 18 N4b5 d4 19 Bxh6 dxc3 20 Bc1 cxb2 21 Bxb2 a6 22 Nc3 Bd6 23 Qh1 Re8 24 f3 Bg3 25 Ne2 Bxe1 26 Rxe1 Qa5 27 Bc3 Qxc3 White Resigns. 0-1

The 1983 Annual Meeting of the Montana Chess Association was held on Sunday, May 21st at the site of the Montana Open Tournament. The meeting was called to order by President John Barto at about 1:30pm. Treasurer Bill Lynch reported that the Association's balance on hand had declined from 273.87 in 1982 to 219.94 in 1983 indicating that dues have begun to fall behind the costs of producing Montana Chess News and a dues increase or cutback in some phase of production might be necessary next year. Discussion of several alternatives followed, but no motions were made.

Consideration was then given to two suggestions put forth in writing by Vice President Bill McBroom, who could not be present. The first proposed the creation of an official title, Montana Senior Champion, to be awarded to the Senior player with the best showing in the Montana Open. After some discussion as to the age to be used to determine Senior status, this motion was approved with the age set at 50.

The second suggestion called for changes in the method of determining seeded players for the Montana closed Championship playoff. McBroom proposed that the Junior Champion be dropped, and that the second and third place finishers in the Montana Grand Prix standings be added to the seeding, leaving two places to be filled by top finishers in the Montana Open. Also, the first alternate could be the Junior or Senior Champion. This proposal was split into two motions. Dropping the Junior Champion was approved with the amendment that the higher finishing of the Junior and Senior Champions should be first alternate. Adding the two seeds from Grand Prix standings was defeated.

Next, nominations were opened for the site of the 1984 Montana Open Tournament. Missoula was nominated, and when no further nominations were forthcoming, was approved by a near unanimous vote. Then nominations were received for the 1983-1984 officers and the following were elected: President - Tim Hovet, Missoula; Vice President - Kip Stubberud, Helena; Secretary - Jim Loy, Bozeman; Treasurer - Bill Lynch, Billings; and Junior Board Member - Darren Stacey, Helena. Also receiving votes for the latter position were Steve Olson and Mark Wood, also of Helena. No further business was forthcoming, and the meeting was adjourned at about 2:20pm.



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STUBBERUD, BURKE WIN CROCUS SECTIONS

The 1984 business meeting of the Montana Chess Association was held at 1:00pm, May 13, at the site of the Montana Open in Missoula. As President Tim Hovet was engaged with his Open directing duties, the meeting was conducted by Treasurer, Bill Lynch. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$237.10 compared to the 1983 balance of \$219.94 (After a net expense of \$15.25 for the 1984 Open, the balance is \$221.85). No dues increase was recommended as continued cost control measures appear adequate to maintain the treasury.

First order of business was selection of the site for the 1985 Montana Open, which will be the 50th. Dave Shughart suggested we return to the site of the original 1st Open, but as this was in Livingston, which is not currently active in MCA, the proposal was dropped. Helena was nominated and received general support as centrally located, as the state capitol for our 50th and as preserving the tradition of moving the tournament each year, and was approved handily over several other cities.

Prior to electing officers, Bill Lynch made a motion that the elected positions be changed from President, V.P., Sec., Treasurer and Junior V.P. to President, Eastern V.P., Western V.P., Secretary/Treasurer and Junior V.P. This was seconded and then approved. Elections followed and the following slate was approved: Kip Stubberud - President, Chuck Chapman - Eastern V.P., Dave Shughart - Western V.P., Bill Lynch - Secretary/Treasurer and Steve Olson - Junior V.P.

Under new business, the following motions were made and approved:

1. That the seeding of the Montana Closed Championship playoff be revised to include the top 2 (two) Montana finishers in the Grand Prix, reducing the number of qualifiers from the Montana Open from 4 (four) to 3(three).
2. That the MCA President shall arbitrate and dispute over the site for the Montana Closed playoff should one arise amongst the six qualified players.
3. That the Grand Prix year be revised to begin after the Montana Open each year and conclude with the following year's Montana Open. The current Grand Prix year shall run from January 1, 1984 through the 1985 Montana Open.
4. That the Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the USCF of all official news for the record, particularly the name of the current State Champion.
5. That the Association shall make appropriate awards to the State Champion and the Grand Prix Champion and that the organizers of the Montana Open shall designate \$1.00 per player of the entry fees collected for this purpose.

Discussion followed about the need for better publicity and a full schedule of tournaments all across the state to celebrate the 50th year. Also, Bill Lynch indicated he is working on a revised formula for Grand Prix points to account for tournament strength, to be put into effect this year.

- Bill Lynch, Secretary/Treasurer