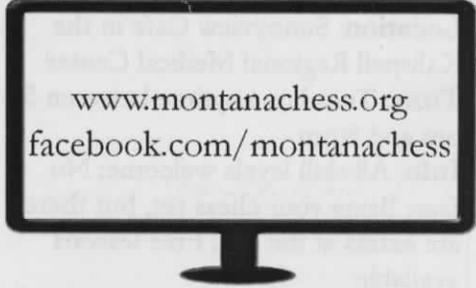




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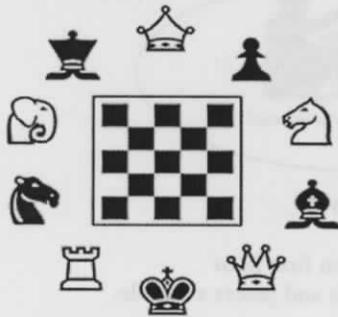
Happy New Year!

August in the Rocky Mountains. Hot temps, smoke in the air, and the dog days of chess attendance. Summer's distractions are rough on chess clubs. This has certainly been my worst ever for showing up at chess club. My thanks and the thanks of the others like me go out to those of you whose iron resolve has kept the lights on at chess club. Just a few more weeks now and you'll notice us ne'er-do-wells drifting back to the pack.

Summer still has it's hold on us but there are some progressive things to report on. Background activity, you might call it. We are getting the wheels back on the chess jalopy and tuning up for the 2017-2018 Grand Prix. It's looking to be a good one. Happy New Year!

Greater Great Falls Open 2017 and 2018?

Yep. We will be playing our 2nd GF Open this year when October 14-15 roll around. After a couple years in the wilderness, the Great Falls event is back in October where it used to live. In fact, before November arrives, we will already have two Grand Prix events under our belts. The Turkey had to be pushed back again due to the Grizzlies football home schedule. Before all that though, we have the Barto and the Closed coming up September 23-24. Time was slipping away when we got a good offer from Jorgenson's in Helena and we took it. Thanks to Murray Strong for donating legwork to that endeavor. I hope it works for most of us—it's about impossible to get a clear weekend for each of 10 qualifiers and 6 alternates. Please RSVP as soon as possible if you plan to play or take a pass on the Closed. Board members contact information is on page two. Lastly, thanks to Dan Mattson and David Duke for the heavy lifting on siting the 2018 Montana Open.



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Kalispell Chess Club

Location: Sunnyview Cafe in the Kalispell Regional Medical Center
Time: Tuesdays anytime between 5 pm and 8 pm
Info: All skill levels welcome; No fees; Bring your chess set, but there are extras at the site; Free lessons available
Contact: Gary Solomon; 253-3883 galsolomon@yahoo.com



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University-Community Chess Club

Meeting Location: Room 203, Rankin Hall
 University of Montana, Missoula
Meeting Time: Thursdays Start drifting in about 6:45pm
 Clocks start at 7:00pm
Club Info: Sherwood Moore 360-3079 SMoore1721@aol.com
 Dan McCourt 274-0465 mccourtj@charter.net
 3 rated games per month, occasional blitz

Billings Chess Club

Location: Off the Leaf coffee house
Time: Thursdays 7 pm
Info: All skill levels welcome; No fees; Chess sets and clocks are available
Contact: David Duke, ddukelow01@gmail.com, 672-8946 or Dan Mattson, mattsondm@me.com, 490-3983

Helena Chess Club

Location: Lewis and Clark County Library
Time: Thursday 6 – 9 pm
Contact: Murray Strong
 murstrong1958@gmail.com

Butte Chess Club

Location: Butte-Silver Bow Public Library
Time: Fridays 2 pm
Info: All skill levels welcome; No fees; Equipment provided (or bring your own)
Contact: Allen Brazier, abrazier@buttepubliclibrary.info



Bring your board and your brain!

MCA Board Members

Dan McCourt—President (274-0465)
 608 West Central, Missoula, MT 59801
 mccourtj@charter.net
 Jacob Copley—Western V.P.
 yelpocboaj@gmail.com
 Dan Mattson—Eastern V.P.
 mattsondm@me.com
 Wilton Strickland—Executive V.P.
 wiltonlaw3@yahoo.com
 Gary Solomon—Secretary/Treasurer
 712 Mountain Meadow Rd, Kalispell, MT 59901
 (253-3883) galsolomon@yahoo.com

Bozeman Chess Club

Location: Bozeman Public Library
Time: Thursday 6 – 8 pm / 6 – 9 pm when on first floor
Info: No fees, All skill levels welcome, boards and pieces available, brings clocks if you wish
Contact: Kevin Kuehnel; kevin.kuehnel1@gmail.com
Note: There is a kids chess club that meets at the library Tuesday afternoon – see library events calendar for more information

“PROVISIONAL” DOES NOT MEAN UNRATED!

Ratings based on between 4 and 25 games are called “provisional ratings” to indicate they are less reliable than established ratings. However, such ratings are valid for pairing and prize purposes at all USCF-rated events, unless otherwise stated in advance publicity.



The Chess Guest

It's always nice to save some bucks and stay at somebody's house when out of town. Some things to consider when there are several of us so as to make the host's work lighter. Bring: 1) a sleeping bag, 2) a pillow, 3) maybe even bring your own towel, and 4) buy breakfast for the host.



Barto Memorial

Date:
Sept 23-24

Site: Conference Room,
Jorgenson's Inn & Suites,
1714 11th Avenue, Helena
406-442-1770

HR: \$76 by Sept 14, includes
hot breakfast

Format:

Two events, Sat/Sun

Sat: 5rd, SS or RR based
on entries, G/45, d5,
10:00; 11:45; 2pm, 3:45; 5:30

Sun: 5rd, G/29, SS or RR
based on entries, does not
affect regular rating, Rd 1
at 9:30, Rds 2-5 ASAP

Prizes: smiles & handshakes

Entry: No entry fee, must
be current USCF & MCA

Reg. Sat-9:15-9:45am,
Sun-9am-9:15

Contact Gary Solomon, 406-253
-3883, galsolomon@yahoo.com
(phone/email entries must be
present at registration)



Saturday-Sunday September 23-24

The Montana Championship

5 Rounds, Swiss Pairings...Game/105, d5

9:00am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:00am, 1:30pm



David Duke

Defending Tri-Champs

Jim Skovron

Wilton Strickland

Playing site: Conference Room, Jorgenson's Inn and Suites, 1714 11th Avenue, Helena. 406-442-1770, HR: \$76 by Sept 14, includes hot breakfast. Mention chess.

Entry: By invitation, No Entry Fee, must have current USCF and MCA

Check in: 8:15-8:45am Saturday

Prizes: MT Chess Association Championship awarded to winner

Contact: Gary Solomon, 406-253-3883, galsolomon@yahoo.com

2017 MT Closed Seeds

Wilton Strickland James Skovron David Duke
Antonius Raelund William Davis Darren Stacey Daniel McCourt
Sherwood Moore Scott Caldwell Michael Muller

Alternates

Daniel Mattson Thomas Mostad Jacob Copley
J. Michael Jensen William Lynch Hans Mazur

Missoula County Championship

Barto Memorial Montana Closed

Spokane Falls Open

Eastern Washington Open

Great Falls Open-National Chess Day

Turkey Open

Coming Attractions
September
October

2017 Turkey Open

Date:
Saturday-Sunday
October 28-29

MCA Grand Prix Event

Site: Best Western, Grant
Creek Inn, 5280 Grant Creek
Rd Missoula, MT (Exit #101
off I-90)

HR: \$99 by Oct. 13,
hotel phone
406-543-0700 mention chess

Format: 5 rounds, Swiss

Time Controls:

Rd 1 G/90; d5.
Rds 2-5 G/120; d5

Registration:

8:00-9:15am Saturday.

Rounds: 10am, 1:30pm, 6:30,
9am, and 1:30pm or ASAP

Mandatory Player Meeting

@ 9:45 Saturday morning

Entry: \$25 by 10/28, \$29 at
site, U/18—\$5 less, Masters
free, Experts 1/2 price

Memberships: USCF and
State affiliate (MCA is \$15),
OSA, Free MCA to unrated

Prizes: \$\$b/25 paid entries:

1st—\$100, 2nd—\$75
Class B,C,D/E—\$50

Biggest Upset, \$75 (each must
be rated, non-provisional)

Entries to: Romie Carpenter,
2120 South Reserve St,
PMB 212, Missoula, MT,
59801.

Ph. 406-546-1940

romiecarpenter@gmail.com

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Greater Great Falls Open National Chess Weekend October 14-15 Montana Grand Prix

Location: Holiday Inn, 1100 5th St South, Great Falls,
MT, 406-727-7200, 406-268-2791, Room discount if
reserved by September 29, mention chess.

Format: 5 Rd, SS.

Time Control: Game 90--d5

Registration: 8:30-9:30 Sat. **Rounds:** 10:00am, 2pm,
6pm, and Sun at 9:00am, 1:00pm or ASAP

Prizes: (based on 25 entries):

1st—\$75, 2nd—\$50, 3rd—\$25.

Biggest Upset—\$50 (both must be non-prov)

Entry Fee: \$25 by Oct 13, \$30 at site....Juniors at 1/2

Entries payable to: Jim Skovron, 1312 Camas Drive,
Great Falls, MT 59405

Misc Info: USCF and MCA (\$15) required. OSA.
MCA free to unrated players.

Byes—Rds 1-3 before pairings are posted.

Rds 4-5 by close of day 1.

Contacts: Jim Skovron, skovron5@hotmail.com

Gary Solomon (TD), galsolomon@yahoo.com

Dan McCourt, mccourtdj@charter.net

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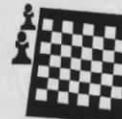
Bad Roads, Cold Temps, Deep Snow, Good Chess

January 2018

Details TBA



Helena's Premier Chess Event



2017 Spokane Falls Open

Date:

Saturday Sunday
August 19-20

Site: Jepson Center, Rm 108 & 109
Gonzaga University

Registration: 8:30 to 9:45am

Format: 5 rds, SS, G/120 d5.

Rounds: 10am, 2:30pm, 7pm,
9am and 1:30 or ASAP

Prizes: \$500 based on 25

1st Overall: \$150 2nd Overall: \$100

Class prizes: Based on at least five
per section. 1st: \$50 2nd: \$25

Biggest Upset: \$25 (both non-prov)

Entry: \$18 by 8/18, \$3 less for U/18.
\$25 for all at the door.

Entries and Info: Spokane Chess
Club, c/o Dave Griffin, P.O. Box 631,
Spokane Valley, WA 99037

Ph. 509-994-9739

dbgrffn@hotmail.com

Misc: One 1/2 point bye if requested
before preceding round. Sunday byes must
be requested before the end of round 3.
Director reserves right to use class pairings
in the final round.

Cookies and coffee provided!

Missoula County Chess Championship



Saturday, September 9

Location: Meeting room, Thunderbird Motel
1009 East Broadway, Missoula, MT

Format: 4 rounds, Swiss pairings, Unrated.

Time Control: G/30

Registration: 12:10-12:30pm Cash only at the door.

Entry Fee: Early Registration: \$15 Adults, \$5 Juniors
and Newcomers. \$5 more at the door.

Rounds: 1pm, 2:30, 4:00, 5:20

Prizes Guaranteed: \$30, 25, 20, 18, 12, 10

Top Junior \$7 Top Newcomer \$10

All skill levels welcome. Please bring tournament
Standard Sets and Clocks

Players must arrive by 12:30 or lose their entry fee.

Entries and Info: Mail to: Greg Nowak, PO Box 8572,
Missoula, MT 59807 or in person at: Liquid Planet on
Higgins, 7:30-8:30

Misc: No time delay or insufficient losing chances rule.

Eastern Washington Open September 30—October 1

Jepson Center, Rooms 108-109, Gonzaga University
One block southwest from St. Al's church.

!! \$630 Prize Fund Guaranteed Northwest Grand Prix Points !!

Five Rounds, Swiss Pairings, Game/120 (d5)

Reg: 8:30-9:30 Saturday

Rds: 10am, 2:30pm, 7pm; 9am and 1:30pm

Entry Fee: \$21 by 9/29, \$26 at the door, \$5 less for U/18

Prizes: 1st—\$125 2nd—\$75

Class Prizes: \$65 first, \$30 second: A; B; C; D/E/unrated Biggest upset: \$50 (both non-prov)

Additional info and entries: Kevin Korsmo, 9923 N. Moore St., Spokane WA 99208. 509-270-1772

www.spokanechessclub.org

Dan McCour
608 West Central
Missoula, MT 59801



Gary Solomon
712 Mountain Meadow Rd
Kalispell, MT 59901



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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