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Happy New Year!
2018 January Thaw

Bad Roads, Cold Temps, Deep Snow, Good Chess
Details Inside



Helena's Premier Chess Event
MCA Grand Prix



Raelund and Duke Share 2017 Championship Title



September 23-24, 2017, Helena



Antonius Raelund rolled to 3 wins during the Saturday go-round and convincingly inserted himself into front-runner status at the MCA Closed...and future MCA events. His 5th round victory earned him a 4-1 result and a share of the Montana Championship.

Meanwhile, David Duke put 2-point bookends around a single 3rd round loss and also finished at 4-1 with a share of the Championship title.

The SwissSys pairing program had to cipher out to the 3rd tie-break in calculating which player would earn the top seed in the 2018 closed. That honor goes to Antonius by a single tie-break point. Although coming second on tie-breaks, David still added a 7th championship trophy to an illustrious run over the past 12 years. Congratulations to both players!



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 235, L.A. Building
 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: Starbucks at 9th and Grand
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

Lewistown Chess Club

Location: Lewistown Civic Center
Time: Tuesdays 5-8 pm
Info: All ages and abilities welcome; No fees; Some equipment provided (or bring your own)
Contact: Brett Thackeray @ 406-350-0170 or brettspaco@gmail.com
 Find 'em on Facebook too!



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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.



26th Dave Collyer Memorial

Saturday-Sunday
February 24-25

Site: Millwood Presbyterian Church Community Center, 3223 N. Marguerite, Millwood, WA

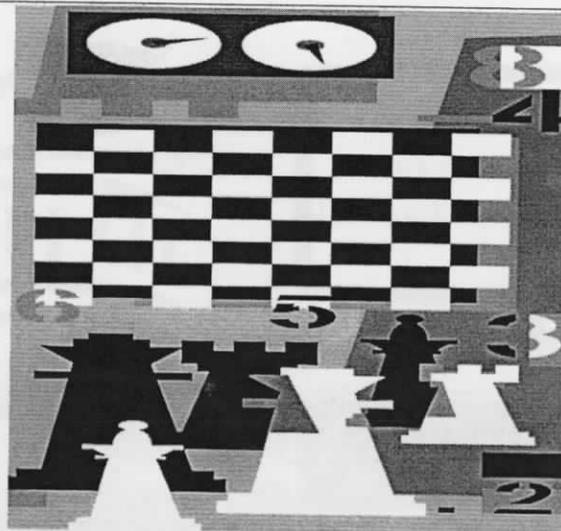
Format: 5 rd, Swiss System.
Time Control: Rd 1: G/90,d5;
Rds 2-5: G/115,d5.
Reg: Saturday, 9:30-10:30am
Rounds: 11am, 2:30pm, 7pm,
and 10am, 2:30pm (or ASAP)

Prizes: Guaranteed \$1800
\$350, \$225, \$125
Class Prizes
Top Expert—\$100
\$100 first, \$70 second for
A, B, C, D, E/unrated
*Class prizes may be reconfigured
if less than five class entries.*

Entry: \$28 by Feb 23, \$35 at
the door. U/19—\$5 less.
Telephone entries accepted. All
must check in by 10:40am unless
given a 1st round bye

Info and entries: Spokane CC,
c/o Kevin Korsmo, N. 9923
Moore, Spokane, WA 99208
Phone: 509-270-1772

Misc: NS, NC, W. 1/2 byes
available—with restrictions.
www.spokanechessclub.org



Thaw Details January 27-28 Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

Location: Radisson Colonial Hotel, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, MT
Phone: 406-443-2100 Chess room rate: \$109

Format: Five-rounds, Swiss System

Time Control: Game/90,d5

Rounds: 9:30am, 1:30pm, 6pm, and 8:30am, 12:30pm (ASAP for Rd 5)

Registration: 8:30-9:15, Saturday morning.

Entry: \$30 Adults; \$15 Juniors. USCF and MCA required, OSA.
MCA membership free to unrated playing 1st rated event

Equipment: Please bring chess equipment. Some will be available.

Prizes: 1st—\$75, 2nd—\$50, Biggest Upset—\$35 (both non-provisional)

Contact Information: Murray Strong, 406-459-6684, Murstrong1958@gmail.com

83rd Montana

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A Heritage Event
April 7-8

Double Tree by Hilton
Billings, Montana
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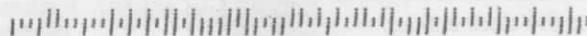


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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| • January Thaw | Helena | January 27-28 |
| • Dave Collyer Memorial | Spokane | February 24-25 |
| • 3rd Annual Lewistown Scholastic | Lewistown | March 24 |
| • 83rd Montana Open | Billings | April 7-8 |
| • Southern Idaho Open | Pocatello | April TBA |
| • Inland Empire Open | Spokane | TBA |