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 John Donaldson to give Simul at Collyer

Message from the President

——— Dan McCourt

Good wishes to all in the upcoming year. We certainly have plenty of chess on tap for the first half of 2003.

Three Grand Prix tournaments and a high-octane doubleheader in Bozeman will keep our calendars highlighted January through April. The Montana Open will happen May 3-4 if tentative plans become reality.

Regarding the timing of the Open, voice your opinion(s) early and often so the MCA Board and the Billings organizers can get a feel for what will work best.

Scholastic chess tournaments are scheduled for Great Falls and Missoula. Hopefully, we can come up with a site for a Bozeman area youth tournament.

We are still working on details, but we do

have a date and site for the Junior Championship. We picked March 8 in hopes of avoiding (as much as possible) conflicts with basketball and soccer.

Here in Missoula, scholastic chess started off with a big splash at our "Five-Valley Freeze-Out" on December 14. Thirty-nine junior chess-hounds collected medals and gift certificates in a boisterous, five-round event. Three players turned in perfect 5-0-0 scores.....defending Junior Champ Scott Young, Mac Widdicombe (6th grade), and Dawes Elwood (3rd grade).

So far, we have not had any feed-back concerning proposals and observations made in this column in the last newsletter. We might try to have a MCA Board meeting after round 3 at the Helena January Thaw so let us know your are thoughts concerning the Montana chess scene.

See you in Helena, Dan McCourt

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP?

The expiration date of your MCA membership is on your front address label. Take a moment to see when your membership come up for renewal.

Send your membership fees to:

Jim Skovron - Treasurer.
3405 Kingwood Dr.
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I notice a few memberships have lapsed. Renew today to keep your MCN coming so you will know of all the exciting tournaments to come and the results of past tournaments.

John Donaldson, frequent reporter for Chess Life and prolific writer of chess manuals, will be giving a simul and playing in the John Collyer Memorial Tournament in Spokane, Washington, set for February 21-23. Check the Spokane Chess Club's Website for details - <http://spokanechessclub.org> or call Kevin Korsmo, TD, at (509) 466-0530 (evenings and weekends). Reliable Missoula sources that this tournament is an excellent opportunity to play in a big tournament close to home. Every year the tournament grows in number and prizes. This year the prize fund is a guaranteed \$1,250. There are 5 class prizes (depending on number in the class) and a prize for the biggest upset. For those of you on the Western side of Montana, Spokane is just a few hours drive.

**MONTANA STATE OPEN
MAY 3-4, 2003
BILLINGS, MT.**

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For local chess info, check out these web sites:
www.web-ballistics.com/mca
www.montanachess.com
<http://spokanechessclub.org>
<http://idahochess.org>



Grand Prix Race

- Jan Johansson 26.83
- Jim Skovron 18.94
- Henry Palleres 16.49
- Dan McCourt 14.63
- David Duke 11.11

**MONTANA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
MARCH 8, 2003
GREAT FALLS,
MONTANA**

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Let them know about your ideas

Let the Good Times Roll By Greg Nowak

The "Christmas Party" at the Clandestine Chess Club, December 21, 2002, was a rollicking day of good chess fun. Along with some opponents, a dozen players devoured five pots of coffee, a huge tin of cookies, and four large pizzas with everything. (Food was free). There were 6 cash prizes too, I declined to take prizes and passes them down. I did try to get a perfect score though at the G15 unrated and Game 7 double round robin, Ken Schultz (1350) failed my bid in the G7. I won the Game 15, unrated 4-0, while Rich Hall (1593), Roger White (1500), and Travis Taylor all tied for 2nd with 3-1 scores.

In the G7 tourney, I took 1st with 19-1, with Ken Schultz (1350) taking clear 2nd with 16-4, Bob Hayes (1427) took 3rd with 15-5, AND Rich Hall finished 4th at 14.5-5.5.

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Tot
1	Greg Nowak	2137	W6	W9	B	W2	4.0
2	Rich Hall	1593	W8	W7	W4	L1	3.0
3	Roger White	1500	L4	W10	W6	W7	3.0
4	Travis Taylor	Unr	W3	W5	L2	W8	3.0
5	John Hay	1176	W10	L4	L7	W11	2.0
6	Rick Rabner	Unr	L1	W11	L3	W9	2.0
7	Bob Hayes	1427	W12	L2	W5	L3	2.0
8	Ken Westphal	1245	L2	W12	W9	L4	2.0
9	Dave Reinhold	1181	W1	L1	B .5	L6	1.5
10	Ben Anderson	Unr	L5	L3	L11	W12	1.0
11	Sara ?	Unr	L9	L6	W10	L5	1.0
12	Dale Gross	1553	L7	L8	—	L10	0.0

#	Name	Rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1	Greg Nowak	2143	W2	B-1	W5	W4	B-.5	4.5
2	Dale Gross	1515	L1	B-.5	W7	W3	W5	3.5
3	Don Robinson	1300	L5	W11	W9	L2	W7	3.0
4	Rajesh Baskaran	1299	L7	W10	W6	L1	W9	3.0
5	Tom Dyer	1091	W3	W6	L1	W9	L2	3.0
6	Dave Reinhold	1240	W11	L5	L4	L8	W10	2.0
7	Mark Rupp	Unr	W4	L9	L2	W10	L3	2.0
8	Ken Westphal	1219	U	U	L10	W6	W11	2.0
9	Bob Leader	1520	D10	W7	L3	L5	L4	1.5
10	John Hay	Unr	D9	L4	W8	L7	L6	1.5
11	Will Gordon	Unr	L6	L3	B-1	L12	L8	1.0
12	Sandy Sievers	Unr	U	U	U	W11	U	1.0

#	Name	Rtng	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Tot
1	Greg Nowak	2137	X	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	19-1
2	Ken Schultz	1350	01	X	00	10	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	16-4
3	Bob Hayes	1427	00	11	X	00	11	11	11	11	01	11	11	15-5
4	Rich Hall	1593	00	01	11	X	00	11	11	11	11	11	.51	14.5-5.5
5	Dale Gross	1553	00	00	00	11	X	00	11	00	11	11	11	10-10
6	Travis Taylor	Unr	00	00	00	00	11	X	11	11	00	11	11	10-10
7	Ken Westphal	1245	00	00	00	00	00	00	X	11	11	11	11	8-12
8	Dave Reinhold	1181	00	00	00	00	11	00	00	X	11	11	01	7-13
9	Ben Andersen	Unr	00	00	01	00	00	11	00	11	X	00	00	5-15
10	John Hay	1176	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	11	X	11	4-16
11	Sara ?	Unr	00	00	00	.50	00	00	00	10	11	00	X	3.5-16.5

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd2	Rd3	Tot
1	Rudolf Katzl	1925	W3	U	W4	2.0
2	Dan McCourt	1704	W4	D5	W3	2.5
3	Thomas Wacker	950	L1	D4	L2	0.5
4	Nicholas Wright	New	L2	D3	L1	0.5
5	Sherwood Moore	1630	U	D2	U	0.5

**MONTANA STATE
 OPEN
 MAY 3-4, 2003
 BILLINGS, MT.**

Yuletide Open - Bozeman - G/25								
#	Name	Rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1	Jan Johansson	2012	W4	D2	W3	W7	W6	4.5
2	Brandon Baines	1358	W5	D1	W6	L3	W7	3.5
3	Stephen Fusselman	1499	W8	W6	L1	W2	D5	3.5
4	Mike Shuyler	1162	L1	W5	D7	W8	H—	3.0
5	Brian Fusselman	702	L2	L4	W8	D6	D3	2.0
6	Steven Scarff	1666	W7	L3	L2	D5	L1	1.5
7	Phillip Clark	1086	L6	W8	D4	L1	L2	1.5
8	James Cadwallader	996	L3	L7	L5	L4	H—	0.5

Brandon Baines is the talk of the Yuletide Open. Brandon drew against co-state champion Jan Johansson and pulled out a win against Steve Scarff with a nice piece sac. Here are Brandon's two games.

Jan Johansson (2012) - Brandon Baines (1358) [B02] Yuletide Open, Dec. 12, 2002. Comments by Jan

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.d5!? (Theory is: 8.Rc1 O-O 9.b3 Nc6 10. d5 Ne5 11.Be2) 8...0-0 9.Bd4 f6 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 N8d7 13.b3 Ne5 14.Qe3 Nc8 15.Be2 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qd4+ Kg8 19.0-0 Qb6 20.Nb5 Qxd4+ 21.Nxd4 Nd8 22.Bf3 Re8 23.Rfe1 a6 24.a4 Nb6 25.Kf2 Nd7 26.g4 Nc5 27.gxf5? Nd3+ 28.Kg3? Nxe1 29.Rxe1 gxf5 30.Nxf5? (Bh5!) 30...e5 31.fxe5? (31.Kf2 - or 31.dxe6 e.p. Nxe6 32. Nxd6) 31...Rxe5 32.Rxe5 dxe5 33.d6? (Kg4) 33...Nc6 34.Bxc6? (Bd5+) 34...bxc6 35.Ne7+ Kf7 36.Nxc6 Ke6 37.c5 Draw agreed. *Black increases the pressure with 37. . . Kd5. A pawn must fall - Ed. 1/2-1/2*

Brandon Baines (1358) - Steve Scarff (1666) [C16] Yuletide Open, Dec. 12, 2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 f6 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 fxe5 7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qxe5 Nf6 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Qxe6+ Qe7 11.Qxe7+ Kxe7 12.0-0-0 Kf7 13.Bd3 c5 14.Nf3 c4 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Bxc4!? Brandon is already a pawn up and with this sac, Brandon has three pawns and for his piece. 16...dxc4 17.Ne5+ Kg7 18.Nxc4 Be6 19.Nd6 b6 20.Rhe1 Bd5 21.f3 Rad8 22.Ne4 Rc8 23.Kb2 Rc4 24.Nd6 Rc6 25.Ne4 Rhc8 26.Re3 Bxe4 27.fxe4 Ng4 28.Rg3 h5 29.h3 Nf6 30.Re1 Re8 31.e5 Nd5 32.Rf3 Rce6 33.Ref1 Kh6 34.c4 Ne7 35.g4 h4 36.Rf7 Ng8 37.Rg1 g5 Score-sheet ends here. White won. 1-0

In the following game from the Blizzard, Jim gets a win off of his son, Mike.

James Cadwallader (845) - **Mike Shuyler** (1193) [C44] Blizzard Open, Dec. 12, 2002

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 Be5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.d3 Bg4 7.0-0 0-0 8.a3 Nd4 9.b4 Nxf3+

Blizzard Open - Bozeman - G/50								
#	Name	Rtng	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1	Jan Johansson	2062	W5	W2	W4	W3	W6	5.0
2	Stephen Fusselman	1201	W3	L1	W6	W7	W4	4.0
3	James Cadwallader	845	L2	W7	W5	L1	H—	2.4
4	Steven Scarff	1594	D7	W6	L1	B—	L2	2.5
5	Mike Shuyler	1193	L1	B—	L3	D6	W7	2.5
6	Brian Fusselman	702	B—	L4	L2	D5	L1	1.5
7	Phillip Clark	959	D4	L3	B—	L2	L5	1.5

10.Bxf3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Bd4 12.Bb2 Qd7 13.Rab1 Qh3 14.Nd5 Ng4 15.Qh1 Bxb2 16.Rxb2 c6 17.Ne3 h5 18.Nxg4 hxg4 19.f3 f5 20.fxg4 fxg4 21.Rbb1 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8 24.Kf2 Ke7 25.Ke2 d5 26.exd5 cxd5 27.c4 dxc4 28.Qxb7+ Kf6 29.Qh1 cxd3+ 30.Kxd3 Qh7+ 31.Qe4 Qxh2 32.Qxg4 Qh7+ 33.Ke3 g5 34.Qf3+ Qf5 35.Qxf5+ Kxf5 36.a4 Kg4 37.Kf2 e4 38.a5 e3+ 39.Kxe3 Kxg3 40.b5 Kh3 41.b6 axb6 42.a6 g4 43.a7 1-0

Steve Scarff (1594) - Phillip Clark (959) [B07] Blizzard Open,

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.h3 e6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qf3 0-0 9.Nge2 Bd7 10.e5 dxe5 11.Qxb7 Nc6 12.Bb3 Na5?! (Ra7 traps the Q) 13.Qf3 Nxb3 14.axb3 exd4 15.Nxd4 e5 16.Nc6 e4! 17.Nxd8 exf3 18.Nb7 fxg2 19.Rg1 Bc6 20.Nc5 a5 21.Ke2 Rfd8 22.f3 Nd7 23.Nd3 Re8 24.Rxg2 Ne5 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Rd1 Bf6 27.Kf2 Bh4+ 28.Ke2 Bg5 29.Rd3 f5 30.Kf2 Bh4+ 31.Kf1 Kh7 32.Bf2 Bxf2 33.Kxf2 Rad8 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Kg3 g5 36.Re2 f4+ 37.Kf2 Re8 38.Ne4 Kg6 39.Nc5 Rxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Kf7 41.Nd3 Ke6 42.c3 Kd6 43.Nf2 h5 44.Kd3 Ke5 45.Ke2 Kf5 46.Nd3 Draw agreed under time pressure

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18, 19 2003 - January Thaw - Helena - (Montana Grand Prix Tourney)

Site: Helena Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Ave. **Format:** 5 rd, SS. G/90 **EF.:** \$20 by Jan. 17, \$25 at the door, Juniors - half price. **Prizes:** 1st = \$50, 2nd = \$30, two trophies for the best two scores for junior players and a trophy for the biggest upset. **Registration:** Sat.: 10:30 - 10:40 am. **Rounds:** Sat: 11 am, 2:30 pm., 7 pm., Sun: 9 am., 12:30 pm. **Contact:** Mel Drake, 5950 Canyon Ferry Road, Helena, MT 59602, Phone 475.3481.

February 1, 2003 UCC Midwinter Open (Bozeman)

Site: 106E Strand Union Building, MSU-Bozeman. **Format:** 5 rd, SS. G/50 **EF:** \$10 at the site (\$15 if playing in both the Midwinter and the Feb. 2, Groundhog). If paying by mail, checks payable to University Chess Club, SUB Box 23, Bozeman, MT 59717 (must be received by Jan. 30, 03). 19 & under half price. **Prizes:** Trophies for 1st, U1600, Unrated, Upset (non-provisional) **Registration:** Sat.: 8:30 - 8:45 am. **Rnds:** Sat.: 9 am, 10:45 am, 1:30 pm, 3:15 pm, 5 pm. **Contact:** Steve Scarff, steve@bridgeband.com **Sponsors:** University Chess Club and Office of Student Activities, MSU-Bozeman. **Other:** No computers, no smoking, wheelchair accessible; ½ point byes available for any round if requested before first round.

February 2, 2003 UCC Groundhog Open (Bozeman) - Quick Rated

Site: 106E Strand Union Building, MSU-Bozeman. **Format:** 5 rd, SS. G/25 **EF:** \$10 at the site (\$15 if playing in both the Feb. 1 Midwinter and Groundhog). If paying by mail, checks payable to University Chess Club, SUB Box 23, Bozeman, MT 59717 (must be received by Jan. 30, 03) 19 & under half price. **Prizes:** Chess merchandise/ gift certificates. **Registration:** Sun.: 9:30 - 9:45 am. **Rnds:** Sun.: 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm. **Contact:** Steve Scarff, sscarff@mailandnews.com **Sponsors:** University Chess Club and Office of Student Activities, MSU-Bozeman. **Other:** No computers, no smoking, wheelchair accessible; ½ point byes available for any round if requested before first round.

February 22-23, 2003 The 11th Dave Collyer Memorial

Site: Room Ad-101 Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. **Format:** 5 rd, SS. G 2 **EF:** \$26 is received by 2/21, \$31 at door, under 19 \$5 less. **Prizes:** A Christofer Grand Prix Event - \$1,250 prize fund guaranteed. 1st = \$300, 2nd = \$200, 3rd = \$100 Class Prizes: \$100 first, \$50 second: A,B,C, D/E/unrated. Biggest upset: \$50. Additional prizes (up to \$200) for Scholastic players to be announced at tourney. Class prizes based on 5 per class, classes maybe reconfigured. **Registration:** Sat.: 9:30 am., All registrants must check in by 9:30. **Contact:** Spokane CC, c/o Kevin Korsmo, N. 9923 Moore, Spokane, WA 99208-9339. For information please call (509) 466-0530 evenings or weekends; (509) 477-2871 days. **Other:** Coffee and snacks provided. Telephone entries accepted., NS, NC, W. One ½ point bye available if requested by end of preceding round. Sunday bye must be requested by end of round 3. For updates check website: www.spokanechessclub.org



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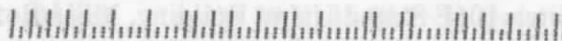
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March 8, 2003 - Montana Junior State Championship - Great Falls, MT.

Site: University of Great Falls (building and room TBA). **Format:** 5 Rd., Either RR or SS, depending on entries in each section, G/30 **Prizes:** 1st and 2nd place trophies for the following divisions: grade 9 through age 19, grades 6-8, grades 4-5, and grades K-3. Winner of top division will "Montana Junior Champion." Younger players will be permitted to "move up" to higher levels of competition. **Entry Fee:** \$5 for MCA members., \$10 for non-members. **Rounds:** First round starts 11:30 am., Pizza break after round 2. **Registration:** 10:30 - 11:15. **Entries to:** Jim Skovron, 3405 Kingwood, Great Falls, MT. 59404. **Other:** Information and details: Dan McCourt, 406.721.0254 or dmcc@micro-mania.net

March 15, 16 2003 - St. Paddy's Open (Billings) - Montana Grand Prix Event

Format: 5 Rd., SS, G/90 **Site:** Either Con'eer Engineering, 1629 Ave. D, Suite 7C, or Billings YMCA, 402 N. 32 **Prizes:** All money returned after payment of costs, expected to be around \$125. 1st = 30%, 2nd = 20%, 1700-1899 = 15%, 1500-1699 = 15%, Unr - 1499 = 10%, Biggest Upset = 10%. **Entry Fee:** \$20 by March 14, \$25 at the door, (Juniors half price), **Rounds:** Sat: 11:00 am., 2:30 pm., 7 pm., Sun: 9:00 am., 12:30 pm. **Registration:** Sat: 10:00 - 10:45 pm. **Entries to:** David Duke, P.O. Box 3052 Billings, MT. 59103. Phone: 254.2121 (w), 254.8474 (h). **Other:** Coffee and donuts.

April 12 - 13, 2003 - Crocus Open - Missoula - UCCC - (Grand Prix Event)

Site: University of Montana, Rankin Hall, Room 203, Missoula, MT. **EF:** \$20 by April 10, \$25 at site, Juniors (U/20) at 1/2. price. **Format:** 4 Rd Swiss, G/2. **Prizes:** 1st = \$125, 2nd = \$75, 1600-1799 = \$40, 1400-1599 = \$30, U1399 = \$20, Biggest Upset (both must be non-provisional) = \$10. Prize fund based on 20 paid adult entrants. **Registration:** Sat.: 9-9:30 am. Rds: Sat.: 10 am, 2:30 pm, Sun.: 9:30 am., 1 pm. **Contact:** Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT. 59802 (406) 728.1695.

May 3-4, 2003 - 68th MONTANA STATE OPEN - Billings, MT. - Details TBA