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## MOTTA CLAIMS MONTANA OPEN TITLE

MCA President, Paul Motta, of Ennis, put together a strong performance to finish alone atop the 23 player field at the Montana Open with a 4.5-0.5 score. Paul was pushed hard by Kip Limesand in the first round and ceded a draw, but was able to come back and grab the full point from Craig Turner, Ron Matous, Jim Loy and Kip Stubberud. Thad Suits, meanwhile, put together an undefeated performance of his own, including wins over Ron Erickson and Romie Carpenter and draws against Loy and Michael Long, to finish with 4.0-1.0 and clear second. Wyoming's Ron Matous and Jim Loy followed at 3.5-1.5.

## RICHIE HARRIS WINS THE FIRST MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

The first High School Championship in Montana was held concurrently with the Montana Open in Bozeman on May 25-27, 1991. Six regional champions were invited, but the field was reduced to four when two players were unable to attend. A double round robin format was adopted, allowing each of the four to play both Black and White against each opponent. Missoula's Richie Harris swept the competition, scoring a perfect 6.0-0 in the two day event. The High School Champion is invited to play in the Tournament of High School Champions from all States held during the U.S. Open, but Richie was unable to attend this year. It is hoped that the MCA will build strength in the High School competition and be able to provide financial assistance to future champions for the trip to the national contest.

## NEW CONSTITUTION RATIFIED

The new constitution presented to the MCA membership for approval with the last issue of MCN was ratified by those members responding with the mail ballots. The tally of votes was 19 in favor to 4 opposed, meeting the requirement for a 2/3 majority of the eligible voting members participating. President Paul Motta received the ballots from Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Lynch, and certified the ratification process at the MCA business meeting in Bozeman. Thus the new constitution is in force for the current MCA year. Attention now turns to adopting a set of Bylaws to formalize the traditional rules and past resolutions of the MCA and strengthen the framework for the future promotion of Chess in Montana. Paul Motta, Thad Suits, Sherwood Moore, Bill Lynch, Les Brennan and Kip Stubberud have been appointed to the Bylaws Committee, and they would be glad to hear any suggestions from the membership.

## GREG NOWAK BEST OF MIDSUMMER

This year's Midsummer Open was small, at ten players, but strong, with three Experts at the head of the field. Greg Nowak came out on top with a 4.5-0.5 score, outdistancing "the pack" as four other players tied for 2nd-5th at 3.0-2.0. Dave Shughart nipped Greg for the draw and finished 3rd on tie-breaks behind Bud Lester. Richie Harris was best under 1700 with 2.0-3.0. A full report and good selection of games by Mike Jensen will appear in the next issue.

**CHANGES AND DEADLINES:** I hope some of you like the "new look" of this issue. I'm finally learning how to tame the word processing software on my office computer, and hope to use it to produce future issues in a more timely and more interesting manner. The denser line spacing will enable each issue to include more information on less pages. There was alot more good material available for this issue, but I just couldn't corral the time to get it all entered in, and didn't want to delay any longer. I hope to produce a "big" issue before year end, with lots of games and features, and hopefully the return of diagrams. - ED

**LATE NEWS:** The tri-state match between Montana, Idaho and Wyoming was held in Jackson, Wyoming this past weekend, September 14-15. Montana had six players attend while last minute problems left the other states with 5 representatives. When the dust settled, our team had squeaked out a narrow victory with 11.5 to Idaho's 10.5 and Wyoming's 10.0. All the participants agree that these matches are great fun, and it is hoped they can be continued with attendance improving. ### The Montana Closed Championship appears to be set to occur in Bozeman on the MSU Campus on October 12-13. The qualifiers were Kip Stubberud, Paul Motta, Zygmund Mayer, Thad Suits, Jim Loy and Michael Long.

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Table with columns: P1 Name, Rate, RD1, RD2, RD3, RD4, RD5, TOT. Lists 23 players and their performance statistics.

RD1 BD1 Limesand-Motta SOLLER GAMBIT Kip expertly draws blood on Paul' Queenside, but the "Terminator" is a tough man (machine?) to put away. 1 d4 e5!? 2 dxe5 Nc6 3 Nf3 f6 4 e6?! d5! 5 Bf4 Bxe6 6 c3 Bd6 7 Bg3 Nge7 8 e3 Nf5?! Black should just castle. 9 Qb3! Qd7?! The awkward ...Qc8 or ...Rb8 is probably best. 10 Qxb7 Rb8 11 Qa6 Rxb2? Here ...Rb6 12 Qd4 Qf7 was in order to open d7 for the Bishop. Now Black must lose the exchange. 12 Bb5! Nfe7 13 Nd4 Bxg3 14 hxg3 Rxb5 15 Qxb5 Bf7 16 Nd2 0-0 17 N2b3 Rb8 18 Qa4 Qd6 19 0-0 Be8 20 Nxc6 Nxc6 21 Qf4 Ne5 22 Rfd1 c5 23 e4 Bf7 24 exd5 c4 25 Nd4 g5! This weakens the Kingside, but ...Qxd5 lets White play 26 Nf3 with a trade of Knights. Of course, not ...Bxd5? 26 Nf5! Q-any 27 Rxd5! 26 Ge3 Gxd5 27 Nf5 Qb7 "I'll be back." 28 Rd6 Bg6! 29 Re1? Not 29 Rxf6?? Qb1+! 29...Re8! The terminator's "battery" is about to explode. 30 Kh1 Bxf5 Either ...Nf3 or ...Ng4 fail to 31 Ne7+! 31 Rxf6 Bg6 32 Qxg5 Black's Knight is lost, how can he save the game? 32...Qg7! 33

Rxe5 Rxe5 34 Qxe5 Qh6+ 35 Kg1 Qc1+ 36 Kh2 Qh6+ Drawn. 1/2-1/2 Whew! RD2 BD1 Long-Stubberud SICILIAN DRAGON Still smarting from their first encounter earlier this year, Kip ties a slightly different setup against Michael's aggressive style. But the result is still the same. 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 f4 Nc6 6...Bg7 7 e5! 7 Be3 Bd7 8 Qd2 Bg7 9 h3 a6 10 g4 e5 11 Nxc6 Bxc6 12 Bg2 Qe7?! ...Qc7 13 f5 gxf5 14 exf5 h6 15 0-0-0 Rd8 16 Nd5 Nxd5 17 Bxd5 Qf6 18 Qc3 Rc8 19 Qb4 0-0 20 Bxc3 Rxc3 21 Qxb7 Rfc8 22 Rh2 Rc4? ...e4! 23 Bd4 Qb5+! 23 Rh2 e4 24 Bd4 Qxd4~ ...Qb5! was better. Now if 25 Bxg7 Rxc2+ 26 Kb1 Qxd2! (Not ...Rxd2 27 Qxc8+ Kxg7 28 Qc3 winning.) 27 Qxc8+ Rxc8 28 Rxd2 Kxg7 29 Rxd6! e3 30 Rd1 e2 31 Re1 Re8 32 Kc2 Re3 33 Kd2 Rxh3 34 Rxe2 but White will still probably win on the Queenside. 25 Qxc8+! Rxc8 26 Rxd4 Bxd4 27 Rxd4 Re8 28 Kd1 Kg7 29 Rxd6 f6 30 Rxa6 h5 31 Re6 Ra8 32 Rxe4 Rxa2 33 Rb4 Ra1+ 34 Kd2 Kh6 35 c4 Rh1 36 gxh5 Rxh3 37 c5 Kg5 38 c6 Rxh5 39 c7 Rh8 40 Rb8 and White won. 1-0

RD2 BD5 Carpenter-Jarosz ENGLISH Wasyl had extremely tough pairings in this tournament, having to play four past state champions and Michael Long! 1 c4 c5 2 g3 g6 3 Bg2 Bg7 4 Nc3 Nf6 5 e3 Nc6 6 Nge2 a6 7 0-0 0-0 8 d4 cxd4 9 exd4 d6 10 Re1 Bg4 11 h3! Bf5 12 Be3 Strong here is 12 d5! because if ...Nb4? or ...Ne5!? 13 Nd4! or if 12...Na5!? 13 Qe2! with the double threat of Qxe7 and b4. 12...h5 13 f3?! Rc8 14 g4 hxg4 15 hxg4 Bxg4! 16 fxg4 Nxg4 17 Qd2 e5! 18 d5 Nb4 19 Bf2 a5? Here ...Bh6! is a killer, 20 Qd1 Nxf2 21 Kxf2 Qh4+ 22 Ng3 (forced) Bf4 23 Ne2 Bxg3 24 Nxg3 Rxc4 winning. 20 a3 Na6 21 Qd3 Nc5 22 Qh3 f5 23 Nc1 Kf7! 24 Bf3 Rh8 25 Qf1 Nxf2 26 Qxf2 Qg5+ 27 Qg2 Qf6 28 Ne4? Nxe4 29 Bxe4 Rh5! 30 Re2 There's nothing White can do. 30...Rg5 31 White Resigned. 0-1

RD3 BD5 Scarff-Jensen BLACKMAR-DIEMER GAMBIT This game was the highlight of the whole tournament. 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 e4 dxe4 4 f3 e3 5 Bxe3 Bf5 6 Bc4 e6 7 Nge2 c6 8 g4 Bg6 9 Nf4 Nd5 10 Ncxd5 cxd5 11 Nxg6 hxg6 12 Bb3 Bd6 13 Qe2 Qc7 14 0-0-0 Nc6 15 Bg5!? Bf4+ 16 Bxf4 Qxf4+ 17 Kb1 Nxd4!? 18 Ba4+ Kf8 19 Qf2 e5 If ...Nc6 20 Bxc6 bxc6 21 Qc5+ or if ...Nxf3 20 Rhf1 Qxa4 21 Qxf3 and Black will have an awkward time. 21 Qc5+ Kg8 22 Bc2 Qxg4 23 Qxd5 Nxb2? Good enough was ...Rxh2! 24 Qd8+!! Black Resigns. 1-0

RD3 BD1 Loy-Suits LARSEN'S Thad gives Jim's b3 opening a good shakedown, but can't bring home the full point. 1 b3 e5 2 Bb2 Nc6 3 e3 Nf6 4 Nf3 e4 5 Nd4 d5 6 c4 Bc5 7 Nxc6 bxc6 8 d3 0-0 9 Nd2 Bf5 10 Qc2 d4!! 11 dxe4 dxe3 12 fxe3 Bxe4! 13 Nxe4 Nxe4 14 Qxe4 Bb4+ Unclear is ...Re8 15 Qc2 Rxe3+ 16 Be2 Bb4+ 17 Kf1 etc. 15 Kf2 Qd2+ 16 Kf3 Qxb2 17 Bd3 Qf6+ A good try to keep the attack going is ...f5! 18 Qf5 Qxf5+ 19 Bxf5 Rad8 20 Rad1 Rd6 21 Bd7 Rf6+ 22 Ke2 Be7 23 Rd3 c5 24 Bg4 Bd6 25 Bf3 Re8 Drawn. 1/2-1/2

RD3 BD6 Hansen-Carpenter PHILODOR'S ATTACK Romie gets off to a flying start and eventually dives in at he last to extinguish any spark of hope Doug may have had. 1 e4 g6 2 Nf3 Bg7 3 d3 c6 4 Nbd2 d5 5 Be2 Nd7 6 0-0 e5 7 Re1 Ne7 8 c3 0-0 9 a4 b6 10 b4 Kh8 11 Nb3 Bb7 12 h4 dxe4 13 dxe4 c5 14 Qc2 cxb4! 15 cxb4 Rc8 16 Qb1 Nc6 17 b5 Nd4 18 Nbx4 exd4 19 Ra2 Nc5 20 h5? Bxe4 21 Qa1 Nb3 22 Qb2 Nxc1 23 Rxc1 d3 24 Rxc8 Qxc8 25 Qb4 dxe2 26 Qxe4 Re8 27 Qh Qd8 28 Rd2? Qe1! e1=Q+! 29 White Resigns. 0-1

RD4 BD7 Moore-Jensen SLAV DEFENSE The Jens-meister gets rolling quick, but starts to lose traction, makes a few slips, and gets punctured on the driver's side by a "tough-as-nails" Sherwood. 1 c4 c6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 Nf3 dxc4 5 a4 Bg4 6 e3 More common is 6 Ne5 Bh5 7 f3 with the continued Page 3

Continued from Page 2. option of playing e4 and also recapturing the c-pawn with the Knight. ...e6 6...e5! seems more to the point, but who likes to trade Queens on the 7th move? 7 Bxc4 Bb4 8 Be2 0-0 White's last move released the K-Knight, but gave Black the green light to pile on the Q-Knight with ...Ne4 and ...Qa5 with a trade of pieces, But Mike wants to keep things complicated. 9 0-0 Qe7 10 Qc2?! 10 Ne5! ...c5 11 Na2 Bf5 12 Qc4 Nc6 13 Nxb4 cxb4 14 Bd3 Na5! 15 Qc2 Rac8 16 Qd1 Bxd3 17 Qxd3 Rc7 18 Bd2 Nc4 19 b3 Nxd2 20 Nxd2 Rc3 21 Qb1 Rfc8 22 Nc4 Qc7 23 Rc1 Nd5! 24 Rxc3 Nxc3 25 Qd3 Rf8 25 Nxa4? fails to ...Rxa4 26 b5 Rxb4. 26 Qc2 Rd5 27 Ne5! Not 27 e4? and White's d-pawn is weak. ...f6 28 Nd3! Rh5?! 29 g3 Threatening 30 Nxb4 and 30 Nf4 winning the e-pawn. ...Qd6 30 Nf4 Rf5 Daring White to play e4 or g4, so he can play Rxf4! 31 Ne2 Nxe2+ 32 Qxe2 Now Sherwood wastes no time exploiting Black's shaky position. ...Ra5 33 Rcl Ra6? 34 Rc8+ Kf7 35 Qh5+ And mate next move. 1-0

MT HS CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 25-27, 1991

P1 Name	1	2	3	4	TOT
1 Richie Harris	x	2.0	2.0	2.0	6.0
2 Andy Miller	0	x	1.0	1.5	2.5
3 Seth Borland	0	1.0	x	1.0	2.0
4 Jeremy Casey	0	0.5	1.0	x	1.5

Bf3 19 Qg3 h5 20 Bxg6 Be4 2i Bh7+ Kxn7 22 Qg7 Mate. 1-0

RD6 BD1 HS Championship Harris-Miller STONEWALL ATTACK Demonstrating a strong understanding of the Stonewall Variation, Richie shows why he clearly deserves the title of Montana High School Champion. 1 d4 d5 2 e3 e6?! 3 Bd3 c5 4 c3 c4?! 5 Bc2 Nc6 6 f4 Nf6 7 Nd2! Stopping any thought of 7...Ne4. ...Bd6 8 Ngf3 0-0 9 Ne5 White is now set to launch a Kingside attack with g4. ...b5? 10 Nxc6 Qb6 11 Ne5 Bxe5 12 fxe5 Ne5? 13 Nxe4 dxe4 14 Bxe4 Bb7 15 Bc2 Bxg2 16 Rg1 Qc6 17 Qh5 17 Qg4! ...g6 18 Qg4

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MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING . . . . . Paul Motta, Bill Lynch

The annual business meeting was held in Bozeman, Montana on May 25, 1991. The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Motta. The following Old Business was discussed:

1. Wyoming-Montana and Idaho-Montana matches. The Wyoming match was won by Montana, but the Idaho match was lost. The three states are working on the possibility of combining the matches with a fall date.
2. The information was presented that the new constitution was passed.
3. The inaugural efforts on the high school championship were reviewed. Doug Hansen suggested that a map be developed defining the regions.
4. The financial statement was reviewed. Bill Lynch has composed a Treasury Balance Worksheet based on the calendar year. The year end balance for 1990 was \$863.29, which was a net gain of \$22.82 from year end 1989. The checkbook balance prior to the Open was \$295.11 and the forecast for year end 1991 was \$810.11, a net loss of \$53.18, based on the expected membership income and expenses.
5. High School Chess was further discussed, revolving around how we might expand to the High School Athletic Association.

The following New Business was then brought forward:

1. Site for the 1992 Montana Open Tournament. Nominations were received and seconded for Bozeman and Butte. Bozeman received 12 votes to 3 for Butte, and Bozeman was thus selected as the site for next year's Open.
2. Dates for the Open were discussed as to whether May was the best time of year. After discussion Thad Suits made a motion, seconded by Romie Carpenter, to keep the date in May. The Motion passed.
3. Numbers of rounds and time controls were discussed. Romie Carpenter made a motion, seconded by Thad Suits, that the membership be surveyed as to preferences for number of rounds and time controls in the MCN and Wyoming Chess News. The motion passed 14-0.
4. Nominations and elections for the new officers were then conducted. Nominations were as follows:

President	Paul Motta
Executive Vice President	Thad Suits
Western Vice President	Sherwood Moore
Eastern Vice President	Bill Lynch
Secretary/Treasurer	Les Brennan

All of those nominated were duly elected to serve for the 1991-1992 year. Sherwood Moore made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved.

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1990/1991 MONTANA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

P1 Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOT
1 Zygmund Mayer	x	1	.5	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
2 Paul Motta	0	x	1	.5	1	1	1	-	4.5+
3 Bill McBroom	.5	0	x	1	.5	.5	.5	1	4.0
4 Les Brennan	0	.5	0	x	.5	1	1	1	4.0
5 Sherwood Moore	0	0	.5	.5	x	.5	1	1	3.5
6 Duane Hildenstab	0	0	.5	0	.5	x	1	1	3.0
7 Kip Limesand	0	0	.5	0	0	0	x	.5	1.0
8 Don Price	0	-	0	0	0	0	.5	x	0.5+

With only one game remaining in progress, Zygmund Mayer has got the '90-'91 Montana Postal Title wrapped up. He finished with a near perfect score, giving up only one half point to Bill McBroom. Paul Motta will claim his second second place in two years while Les Brennan and McBroom share third-fourth with a plus score and Sherwood Moore had to settle for 3.5-3.5 and fifth.