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STEVE SMITH WINS MONTANA OPEN TITLE

Wyoming's Steve Smith journeyed to Montana once again, and took home another Montana Open Title with a 4.5-0.5 score good enough for clear first. Steve arrived as the new Wyoming State Champion (for the seventh time) after finishing as the top Wyoming player in the Wyoming Open just two weeks before. Montana's Mike Jensen, Zygmund Mayer and Paul Motta were tied for second place, all with 4-1 marks.

GREG NOWAK WINS MONTANA GRAND PRIX TITLE

Despite skipping the Montana Open, the final event on the Grand Prix calendar, Missoula's Greg Nowak took first place in the Montana Grand Prix competition with a total of 44.06 points. Greg's "secret" was taking first place in all the tournaments he played in. Zygmund Mayer, of Billings, secured his second place standing with a solid third place on tie breaks at the Montana Open. to finish with over 39 points. Paul Motta was third with about 24 points, followed by Mike Jensen (22) and Romie Carpenter (17). Nowak and Motta qualify for the State Closed as Mayer is already in as defending Champion. Other qualifiers from the Montana Open are Mike Jensen, Michael Long and Thad Suits.

RICHIE HARRIS WINS THE MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP AGAIN

The second High School Championship in Montana was held concurrently with the Montana Open in Bozeman on May 30-31, 1992. Once again an attempt was made to assemble six regional champions, but the field was reduced to four when 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. Each State's High School Champion is invited to play in the Tournament of High School Champions held during the U.S. Open, but we have not yet reached the point where the MCA is committed to provide financial assistance to future champions for the trip to the national contest.

NEW BYLAWS RATIFIED

The MCA officially adopted 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. The tally of votes of the Board of Governor's was 4 in favor with one abstaining, on a body of 19 Bylaws. President Paul Motta received the ballot report from Secretary/Treasurer, Bill Lynch, and certified the ratification process at the MCA business meeting in Bozeman. Thus the new bylaws are in force for the current MCA year. A copy of the Bylaws will be mailed to all current members in the near future.

GREG NOWAK CONTINUES TO ROLL AT THE MIDSUMMER OPEN

Adding to his successes as reported in this issue by Sherwood Moore, Greg Nowak added the Midsummer Open to his string of tournament victories, defending his Midsummer "title" from 1991. This year's Midsummer Open had twice as many participants as last year, at twenty players, but none of the players could keep Nowak from coming out on top with a 4.5-0.5 score. A visitor from California, Mark Denihan squeezed into second with a 4-1 score (including a draw and a half-point bye). The top pair outdistanced the next five players tied for 3rd-7th at 3.0-2.0, including Paul Motta, Romie Carpenter, Nick Pazderic (back for a visit from his sojourn to Taiwan), Dan McCourt and Steve Maquire. The latter was best under 1700, while James Maquire and Louis Partney had the best scores under 1500 at 2-3.

MOTTA WINS 1991-1992 MONTANA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Paul Motta, now living in Missoula, compiled a perfect 6-0 score in the 7 man round robin competition for the 1991-1992 Montana Postal Championship. Complete results, together with some game scores will be reported at a later date. Check the tournament calendar for entry deadline for the 1992-1993 Postal Tournament.

MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING Bill Lynch

The annual business meeting was held in Bozeman, Montana on May 30, 1992. The following is a narrative report based on conversations with those in attendance. The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Motta.

Under old business, Paul informed the members in attendance that the new bylaws had been passed, and would take effect as of the first of June. Efforts on the high school championship were reviewed, with general agreement that the process needs improvement but should be continued. The financial statement was reviewed: Bill Lynch had submitted a Treasury Balance Worksheet based on the calendar year showing an end balance for 1991 of \$305.22, which was a net loss of \$558.07 from year end 1990, which was the result of match expenses coupled with a decline of income due to drop in membership. The checkbook balance prior to the Open was \$312.51 and memberships were on the rise.

The following New Business was then brought forward:

1. Site for the 1993 Montana Open Tournament. Nomination were received and seconded for Bozeman and Billings. Bozeman won a close vote of 12 votes to 10 for Billings, and Bozeman was thus selected as the site for next year's Open.
 2. Options for finding a new editor for Montana Chess News were discussed, as Bill Lynch has been having a lot of difficulty keeping to any kind of regular schedule. No decision was made, but it was agreed that the new officers should continue to look for an alternate.
 3. Nominations and elections for the new officers were then conducted. Nominations were as follows:

President	Thad Suits
Executive Vice President	Zygmund Mayer
Western Vice President	Romie Carpenter
Eastern Vice President	John Kennedy
Secretary/Treasurer	Bill Lynch
- All of those nominated were duly elected to serve for the 1991-1992 year.

TOP RATING GAIN AWARD TO RICHIE HARRIS

Montana's top Junior player has been improving rapidly, and that improvement is reflected in his achievement of the greatest rating gain (by a player with an established rating) between the 1990 and 1991 Annual Lists. Harris started the year at 1427 and posted a year end rating of 1646 for a gain of 219 points. Bob Melquist of Havre receives honorable mention for his increase of 224 points over his provisional rating of 1033 on the 1990 list. Other established players doing well in 1991 included Sherwood Moore +97, Kip Limesand +74, and Arman Goplen +73.

HARRIS SNARES 1991 UPSET AWARD

The biggest upset of the calendar year in open tournament play between contestants with established ratings was achieved by Missoula's Richie Harris. Harris defeated Thad Suits of Great Falls at the Crocus Open in Missoula where Suits was rated 1927 and Harris was rated 1504, for a difference of 423 points. Sherwood Moore's defeat of Mike Jensen at the Montana Open was a very close second with a differential of 404 points (Jensen 1994 - Moore 1590).

TOURNAMENT FORECAST: These are traditional and/or rumored events. Watch for future details!

- JANUARY 11-12, 1993: WINTER OPEN Billings, Montana.
- FEBRUARY 15-16, 1993: VALENTINE OPEN Missoula, Montana.
- SPRING, 1993: CHICO OPEN Chico Hot Springs Resort, Pray, Montana.
- APRIL, 1993: CROCUS OPEN Missoula, Montana.
- MAY, 1993: 57TH MONTANA OPEN Bozeman, Montana.
- MAY, 1993: WYOMING OPEN
- JULY, 1993: MIDSUMMER OPEN Missoula, Montana.

Editor's Note: No more promises, other than that I'll continue to do what I can to keep the MCA in operation and promote chess activity. Lately, it's the "I can" part that is the kicker. Please note the new address and telephone number in this issue, and keep in touch!

NOWAK WINS CROCUS !
GREG'S SIXTH CONSECUTIVE WEEKEND
VICTORY

If you came to the CROCUS OPEN looking for a few quiet draws, boy did you come to the wrong place! Jonathan Lenchner at the opening of the tournament, made the announcement he would award a \$10.00 gift certificate for the best game. The games would be judged by Steve Smith, from Wyoming. With players from four states, one Master and four Experts, upset became the word of the day.

Greg Nowak won with 4.5 points. Robert Tanner, National Tournament Director and Expert, from Salt Lake City took second on tie-breaks, with 4.0 points. Jonathan Lenchner, Master from Missoula, placed third with 4.0 points, also.

Michael Long grabbed the BEST UNDER 1900 prize. Bill McBroom latched on to the BEST UNDER 1700 award. Robert Rajala grabbed the BEST UNDER 1500 ribbon.

NOWAK - LENCHNER RD4 PRIC: 1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.c3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 0-0
6.g3 Nbd7 7.Bg2 e5 8.0-0 b6 9.Re1 Re8 10.d5 a5 11.a4 Ng4 12.h3 Nh6 13.Nf1
Qe7 14.Bd2 Nc5 15.b4 Nb7 16.Qc1 Qf8 17.Ng5 f6 18.Ne6 Bxe6 19.dxe6 Rxe6
20.Ne3 c6 21.Nc4 axb4 22.cxb4 b5 23.Nb6 Ra6 24.Qxc6 Nd8 25.Qxb5 Ra7 26.Recl
Ree7 27.Nc8 resigns 1-0

TANNER - MCBROOM RD1 CARO-KANN: 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be2 e6 5.Nf3
c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.Oxd4 dxc4 10.Qxc4 a6 11.Be3 Ne7
12.Nc3 Nc6 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Racl Be7 15.Na4 0-0 16.Nb6 Rad8 17.Bf3 Qxe5
18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nd7 Qxb2 20.Nxf8 Rxd1+ 21.Rxd1 Bxf8 22.Rd8 Qb1+ 23.Bcl Qb6
24.Rc8 c5 25.Ba3 e5 26.Rxf8+ resigns 1-0

LENCHNER - KATZL RD5 DUTCH STONEWALL: 1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5
5.0-0 Bd6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.c4 c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bf4 Bxf4 10.gxf4 Ne4 11.Nbd2 0-0
12.Ne5 Qe8 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.Nf3 Qe7 15.Ne5 Pe8 16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.e3 Bh5 18.Kh1
Qh4 19.Rg1 Rf6 20.Rg3 Kh8 21.Rag1 g5 22.fgx5 hxg5 23.Rg5 Rf2 24.Qxf2 resigns 1-0

MOTTA - GOPLEN RD5 BLACKMAR DIEMER: 1.d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 exf3
5.Nxf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 c6 8.Be3 e6 9.Bd3 Bb4 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Ne4 h6
12.Rf2 Qe7 13.Raf1 Ba5 14.Bf4 e5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Re2 Bc7 18.
Nf5 Qc5+ 19.Kh1 Nxf4 20. Qg4 g5 21.Rxf4 Nxe5 22.Qh5 Nxd3 23.Nxh6 Qd5
24.Qxf7+ Qxf7 25.Rxf7 mate 1-0

LONG - CARPENTER RD5 MODERN: 1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nf3 e5 5.d5 Nd4
6.Be3 c5 7. Nc3 Ne7 8.d6 Nc6 9.Nd5 0-0 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 exd4 12.f4 b6
13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Ne7+ Kh8 15.0-0 Bf6 16.Nd5 Bxd5 17.cxd5 Bg7 18.Qg4 f6 19.f5
g5 20.Rf3 Qe8 21.Rh3 h6 22.Re1 Qe5 23.Rh5 Rae8 24.h4 Qxd6 25.hxg5 fxg5 26.
Qxg5 Rg8 27.f6 Qxf6 28.e5 Qe7 29.e5 Bf8 30.Qf4 Qg7 31.Qh2 Re7 32.Rf1 Rxe5
33.Rxf8 Re1+ 34.Rf1 Rxf1+ 35.Bxf1 Kh7 36.Bd3+ Kh8 37.Rxh6+ resigns 1-0

Thanks to all the participants for attending, with twenty-two in the field, it was gratifying to see our tournaments growing again.

A special THANKS to David Duke for filling in as houseman. And Doug Hansen for bringing his young SHARKS to Missoula!

TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP: Unless indicated otherwise, USCF and State (or home State) Membership is required for all listed events. Expert Players, rated 2000-2199, enter MCA sponsored events for one-half of listed entry fees. Masters enter MCA events for free.

AUGUST 21, 1992: WUH HOOKS SAY YOH (LIGHTNING STORM) Location and contact as below. Entry fee = \$5, 8:30-9:00pm at site. 5RSS, 5 minutes per player per game. Unrated, no membership required. Prizes: Trophy to 1st Place.

AUGUST 22-23, 1992: CHEYENNE HAWHUT MAYENEV Cherry St. Mall W. Entrance, Colstrip, Montana 59323. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; 9:00am, 2:00pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 20 moves / hour. Entry Fee = \$12 if received by 8/19, \$15 at site 8:00-9:00am August 22. 1/2 fee for Under 19. Prizes: 1st = \$100 + Trophy, 2nd = \$50, 3rd = \$30. Trophies - Top A, B, C, D/E, Biggest Upset and Top UNR. Lodging: Fort Union Inn, \$35 single, \$39 double. Space is limited. John Kennedy or Les Brennan may be able to offer sleeping space to some players. Sponsor - MONTANA POWER COMPANY hosted by Castle Rock Chess Club / John Kennedy, P.O.Box 2307, Colstrip, MT 59323. (406) 748-4449.

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1992: BOBCAT QUADS / BOBCAT ACTION OPEN Room 275, Student Union Building, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59715. SATURDAY: Four man Quads - 3 Round Robin; 10:00am, 2:00pm, 6:00pm. 40 moves / 100 minutes, 25 moves / hour. Entry Fee = \$8 advance, \$10 at site 9:00-9:30am. SUNDAY: 5 Round Swiss; 9:00am, 10:15am, 11:30am. -1:30pm, 2:45pm. Game / 30 minutes. Entry Fee = \$8 advance, \$10 at site 8:30-8:45am. Prizes - \$\$ per entries. Sponsor - MSU Chess Club / Steve Scarff, 916 W. Koch, Bozeman, MT 59715. (406) 548-4479.

SEPTEMBER 19-20, 1992: MONTANA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP Room 274, Student Union Building, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59715.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1992: MONTANA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP Deadline for entries in the '91-'92 MPC Tournament. Entry Fee = \$5. One section up to eleven entries. 30 days / 10 moves. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch, 1914 Colton Blvd., Billings, MT 59102. 406-256-1399

OCTOBER 10-11, 1992: CHINOOK OPEN Civic Center, Upstairs, Central & Park Avenue, Great Falls, MT 59401. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm; 9:00am, 1:00pm. 45 moves / 2 hours 20 moves / hour. Entry Fee = \$12 if received by 10/8, \$15 at site 8:30-9:15am October 10. Prizes: 1st - \$75, \$25 to top in each division, \$25 biggest upset. Sponsor - Great Falls Chess Club / Thad Suits, 3601 1st Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401. 406-453-6160

OCTOBER 23-25, 1992: JACKSON OPEN Snow King Ski Resort, 400 E. Snow King Ave. (PO Box SKI), Jackson, WY 83001. 6 Round Swiss. Open Prizes: 1st - \$2150, 2nd - \$950. Reserve (U2100): 1st = \$500, 2nd = \$375, U1600 - \$125. Director - NTD Robert Tanner. Entry fees to be announced. Entry/info - Harold Moye, P.O. Box 428, Pinedale, WY 82941. (307) 367-4228.

NOVEMBER 7-8, 1992: TURKEY OPEN Room 362, Social Science Building, Univ. of MT Campus, Missoula, MT 59812. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; 8:30am, 1:00pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 20 moves / hour. Entry Fee = \$15 if received by 11/5, \$20 at site 8:00-9:00am November 7. Prizes: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50. Top Under 1900 - \$25, 1700 - \$15, 1500 - \$10. Biggest Upset - Trophy. Sponsor - University/Community Chess Club / Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota, Missoula, MT 59802. 406-728-1695 after 5.

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