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*Editor pro tem*

*For this month only, due to the sudden resignation of Thad Suits, the previous editor, I shall attempt to step in as editor. This responsibility will soon be shoved, er, placed carefully into the very competent hands of David Duke, an attorney in Billings. Any mistakes in this issue are solely mine. If the next issue happens to be written in "legal-ese" ...well, you'll know whom to call.*

*Alex Dawson*

Ask not what the MCA  
can do for you.....

The agenda for the Annual Meeting next month will start with the usual reports by the Board, followed by election of new officers, and then the following proposals:

1. **Forming a Membership Committee**  
This committee's sole function is to find ways to increase the membership.
2. **Forming a Tnmt Promotion Committee**  
This committee's job will be to assist T.D.s and organizers by mailing flyers, alerting the media, helping with refreshments, etc.
3. **Discuss ways to improve the Invitational/Showdown tnmt**  
Suggestions include letting in out-of-state players, reducing the entry fee, etc.
4. **Discuss the system of proxies, mail-in ballots, etc.**  
Deciding on a fair and practical method where everyone's voice can be heard.
5. **Discussion of 10-Man v. 6-Man Closed**  
What IS the best way to determine the Montana Champion?
6. **Discuss seeking non-profit status for the MCA**  
Companies are eager to sponsor us IF we are a write-off for them. Is it worth the trouble and expense?

Finally, if time permits, any new topic for discussion can be brought up under New Business. After adjournment, and after a 5 minute break, we'll start Round 5.

**Agendas,  
Proxies,  
Proposals**  
by Alex Dawson



# In The Trenches

by Alex Dawson



In this installment I will sum up what the MCA Board has done this last year, and this will, in effect, be my President's Report to the Annual Meeting in Bozeman next month.

I remember 15 years back, when Bill Lynch of Billings held everything together by printing out the newsletter, and directing the scant few tournaments. The newsletter then had no photos, and was smaller compared to now. Individual members invested their own money towards rent and trophies to run the tournaments, which usually ended up being in the red. MCA did not sponsor a single event!

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Most of the Board members were pretty much only figureheads, and our newly adopted constitution sat on the shelf gathering dust with the rest of the chess books.

Well, we've come a long ways since then. The newsletter is bigger and better than ever, with this one exception, and now we even have the best website in the country. The MCA Constitution, though still just an infant, has shown itself to be strong and alert to the task. (It has already helped save the Association this year from being wrongly sued by a member for \$3000, which would have bankrupted us and forced us to cancel a number of programs, including the Junior Championship and mailing out the newsletter. We won the case handily, and that member has been suspended until July of next year. A special debt of gratitude is owed Dennis Petrak of Great Falls who defended us all with "brilliant competence.")

The Board accomplished much this past year. The main results from our effort are:

- Implemented the new Grand Prix schedule allowing for more Grand Prix events
- Constructed a great, new web site at no expense to the MCA members
- Established a new tournament in the championship cycle, the Montana Invitational
- Every Grand Prix tournament (and two others) received an additional \$150 each, a total of \$750. This was donated by one of the Board members.
- The Board now has a way to communicate and vote online (a BIG step forward for MCA)
- More than doubled the amount in the treasury to over \$500
- Reversed the decline in membership from the previous three years. Now it's a dramatic increase!
- Reinstated the Junior Championship again after a ten-year lapse. This is where our new members come from.
- With much effort by Steve Scarff, the Bozeman chess club is fit again and ready for battle.

- Now offer discounted 3-year and family membership rates

Two important things to take special notice of here are:

1) At the end of 1997, the MCA had a total membership of 107 members. That's one member short of the record.

For the last three years, it dropped steadily downward. When we took office last year, I was told that the membership total was roughly around 75 members. After checking, it was found that we really only had 60 members for August 2000. Ouch!

The membership today stands at 90 members. We're up 30 members for this year! Now ten of these I'd promised to sign up, and are ones I've paid for. And maybe some were just late renewing, but 90 is still a pretty healthy number.

If we DO happen to sign up 20 kids for the Junior Championship this month, that will break the record with 110 members. If you haven't brought in a new member yet, **make a few calls**. It's easier than you think. Then invite him/her to come to the next tournament with you.

2) Also, in 1994 we had around \$1100 in the bank. The largest sum ever in MCA history. This has been decreasing steadily since then, and when we took office last year, there was around \$250. Today, after we pay for this newsletter and trophies for the Junior Champs, etc., there should be just over \$500 in the treasury. We've more than doubled the amount. And none of it was from donations. Again, this is a good indicator things are moving in the right direction.

And finally, at Bill McBroom's suggestion, we found the time to buy the MCA its very own 42-cup percolator! Now that really IS the heart of every organization. Next on the list: a donut-maker. ☺

We did raise eyebrows and caused some concern with a few of our decisions, but that's to be expected with a "working" Board, especially after many years of inactivity. A long-time member, Don Price of Bozeman, wise beyond his years, told us that everything that grows and evolves, like our association, must suffer certain "growing pains." But these quickly pass and will leave the MCA stronger, more unified, and with a better sense of purpose. I believe he's right.

The University of Missoula club is down in attendance, but I'm sure this is only a temporary situation.

There's a lot more to do. Kalispell, Billings, Butte, and eventually other cities across the state will hopefully get a club started. Without them, chess in Montana will not flourish as it could. And we'll need to obtain non-profit status one of these days in order to attract corporate sponsorship for some of our larger events. Our MCA constitution was written up to comply with the IRS for this very purpose. That was twenty years ago! It's time to decide on a course of action.

Finally, let's set a goal to bring another Grandmaster out to MT for a simul within the next three years (I vote for Walter Browne, but it couldn't hurt to send Bobby a postcard, either.)

I speak for all the Board members now, and say that it's been challenging and difficult, rewarding and not without some controversy, also. An extra thanks goes to their wives and families for their patience. For me, my two dogs missed out on a lot of late night walks. We hope that somehow you personally have been affected in a positive way by the decisions we've made.

Well, that's it for now. Thanks for all YOUR efforts and we'll see you at the MT Open.

*Alex Dawson, President-MCA*

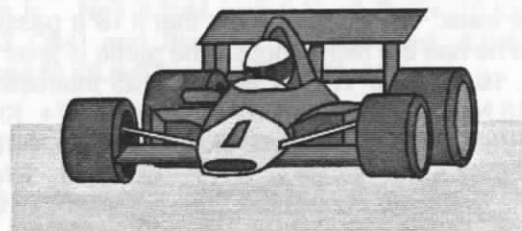
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## Grand Prix Leaders



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| 1 Michael Long -23.57 | 6 Greg Nowak-8.50     |
| 2 Jan Johansson-22.33 | 7 Robert McKean-7.75  |
| 3 James Skovron-19.51 | 8 Michael Jensen-7.65 |
| 4 Dan McCourt-14.88   | 9 Paul Motta-6.80     |
| 5 James Chester-13.17 | 10 Thad Suits-5.98    |



# Mike Jensen wins the first Montana Invitational

## *David Duke narrowly misses on tiebreaks*

Our newest premier event, the Montana Invitational, was finally launched April 24<sup>th</sup>. The late addition of a satellite tournament, the Spring Showdown, caused some hectic last minute searching for a site large enough to seat an estimated maximum of 20 players. As it turned out, Bill McBroom generously offered the services of the University of Missoula. As it also turned out, a small number of players emerged from the rafters anyway to swoop down on a great opportunity, that of qualifying for a spot in the Championships.



However, director Greg (the Octopus) Nowak, relates that all the players had a great time, and many of the games were almost upset by the lower-rated players.

David Duke from Billings gave a determined effort throughout the tournament, but an equally determined Mike Jensen took a "stance" and kept the balance. Tied with three points apiece at the closure, Mike, a past state champion, won the right to compete in the 6-Man Playoffs to be held in October by having enough tiebreaks. This editor wouldn't want to be paired up against Dave at this year's Open, because he's sure to have the "eye of the tiger."

Katzl, Stubblefield and Stuckey all took home some cash, while Dave (Mrs. Folgers) Shughart had time between refilling the coffee pot, to play one of the most exciting games of his life against Jensen in the last round.

Rick Stuckey also had David down for the count, but Lady Luck was the referee that day.

Check out these games and more below.

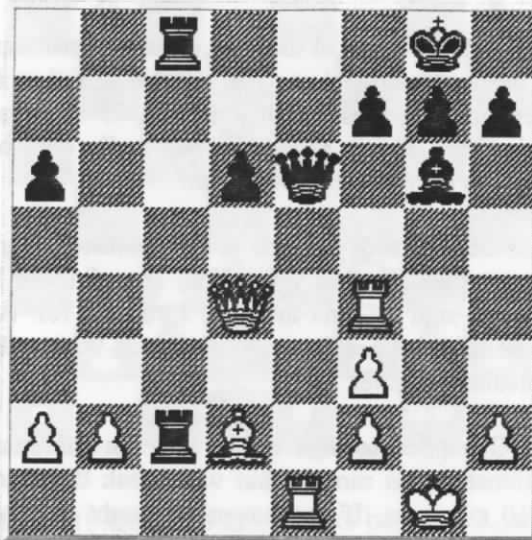
### Shughart, D – Jensen, M [B22]

1st Montana Invitational 2001

[*Sicilian Defense/Alapin's variation*]

Jensen bypasses Shughart's Smith-Morra Gambit by playing 3...Nf6. Maybe because Mike used to play this gambit himself, and knows it's not a lot of fun for Black for many, many moves. 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qd1 d6 8.Bb5 a6 9.Ba4 b5 10.c4! bxa4 11.cxd5 Nxe5 12.Nc3 Bd7 13.0-0 Be7 14.dxe6 Bxe6 Another way for Black to go is 14...Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 fxe6 etc. 15.Qxa4+ Bd7 Black's drawbacks here are that he hasn't castled yet, and the d-pawn is weak. The good news is that it IS a passed pawn, and he has the two bishops. The game is level at this point. 16.Qd1 0-0 17.Re1 Bg4 18.Nd5 Interesting here is 18.Nxe5? Bxd1 19.Nc6 Qd7 20.Nxe7+ Kh8 21.Nxd1 Rfe8! winning. 18...Bf6 19.Re4 Bh5 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Rf4 Qe6 22.Be3 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Rfc8 24.Qd3?! Not good, but Black will come in on c2

anyway, 'cause if White plays his queen rook over to c1 or d1, the a2 and b2 pawns both fall to his weak d-pawn. 24...Bg6 25.Qd4 Rc2 26.Re1 Rac8 Or 26...Qxa2 27.Qxd6 Rxb2 etc. Either way is good. 27.Bd2



Rxd2? Taking the a-pawn would still keep it even. Now white gets the edge. 28.Qxd2 Qxa2 29.Qxd6 Qa5 30.Qe5 Qxe5 31.Rxe5 Rc1+?! 32.Kg2 h6 33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Ra8 Now if Black wants to keep the a-pawn with ...Bd3, he drops the f-pawn. 34...Bh5? Black should try ...Rc6. 35.Rxa6 White has a clear win here. 35...Rb1 36.Rb6 g5 37.Rff6 Bg6 38.b4 Kg7 39.Rfd6 Rb3 It's in the bag on the queenside, but Black has one last trick up his sleeve. 40.Rb8 Bh5 41.Rd4?? White should've given his king a little more breathing room with 41.h3! 41...Bxf3+ 42.Kg3 Bh5+? But this lets White come back to life with 43.f3! Black should play 42...Bc6! 43.Kg4 Rf3 (threatening mate with ...f5+ etc.) 44.Rb5! h5! 45.Kxh5 Bxb5 46.Kxg5 Rxf2 winning. In fairness to Mike, when you're that low on time, he did the right thing and took the easy half point. 43.Kg2 1/2-1/2

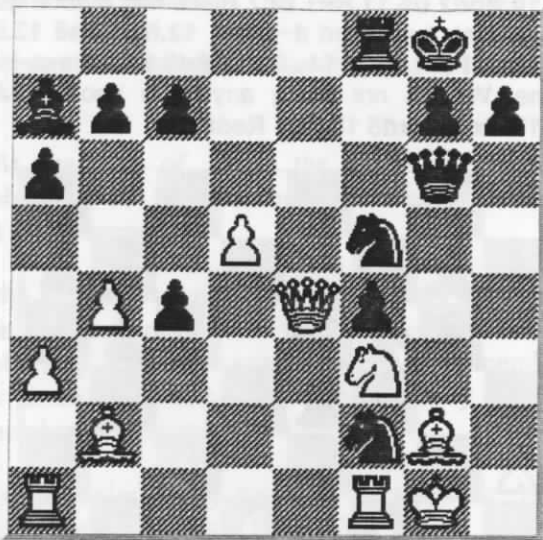
### Katzl, R – Duke, D [A20]

MT Invitational 2001,

[*English Opening*]

Everyone that plays chess in Montana knows that if they sit down to "duke it out" with Duke, and he's playing the white pieces, to expect an English Opening. Here we get a chance to see how Dave himself handles the defense against Rudy's version of 1.c4. 1.c4 e5 2.g3 Bc5 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 0-0 6.a3 a6 7.Nf3 Ng4 8.0-0 f5 9.h3 Nf6 10.b4 Ba7 11.e3 Nc6 12.Bb2 f4 13.exf4 exf4 14.g4 Ne7 15.d4 Be6 16.d5 Bxg4 17.hxg4 Nxg4 18.Ne4 Nf5 19.c5 Qe8 20.Qd3 Qg6

21.Neg5 dxc5 22.Ne6 c4 23.Nxf8 Rxf8 24.Qe4 Nxf2?  
(...Re8)



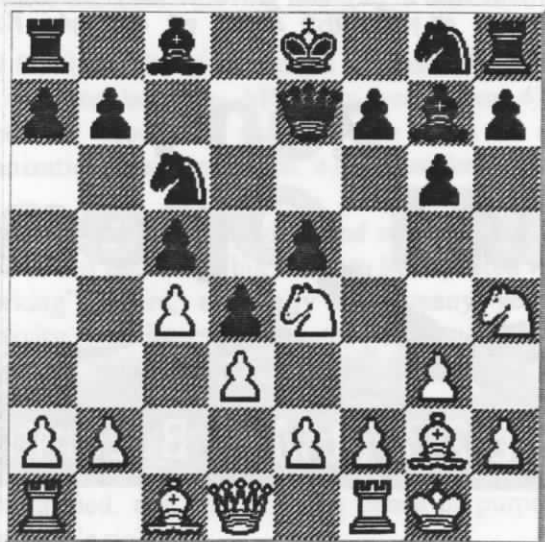
25.Qe6+? (25.Rxf2! is the way.) 25...Qxe6 26.dxe6 Ng4+! 27.Bd4 Nxd4 28.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 29.Kh1 Bxa1 30.Rxa1 f3 31.Bh3 Nf2+! 32.Kh2 Nxf3 33.Kxf3 Re8 34.Kg3 Rxe6 35.Kxf3 b5 36.a4 c6 37.axb5 cxb5 38.Rd1 Rc6 39.Ke4 c3 40.Kd5 c2 41.Rc1 Rc4 42.Ke6 h6 43.Kf5 Kh7 44.Ke6 h5 45.Kf5 Kh6 46.Ke5 g5 47.Kf5 h4 48.Kf6 Kh5 And White has had enough. 0-1

### Stubblefield, M – Katzl, R [A04]

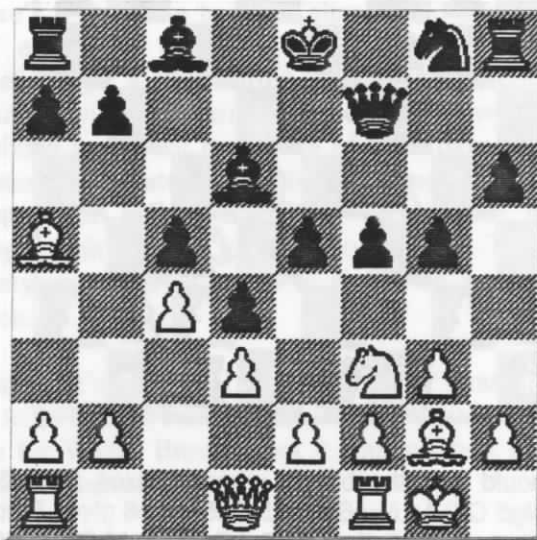
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[Reti/Barcza]

Mike essays the Barcza System of the Reti opening, but aggressive play by Rudy gets the point. 1.Nf3 g6 2.d3 Bg7 3.g3 c5 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.Bg2 d5! If White lets you take the center, you should take it. 6.c4 d4 (6...dxc4 and 6...Nf6 are also good) 7.0-0 e5 8.Ne4 Qe7 9.Nh4?



This gives Black an automatic pawn storm. 9...f5 10.Bg5!? Qf8 11.Nd2 Qf7 12.Nb3 h6 13.Bd2 Bf8 14.Na5 Nxa5 15.Bxa5 g5 Back to work. 16.Nf3 Bd6



17.b4! White must not wait for the end to come on the K-side. 17...Qe7! 18.bxc5 Bxc5 19.Nd2 Rb8 20.Nb3 Nf6! 21.Nxc5 Qxc5 22.Qd2 b6 23.Bb4 Qc7 24.e3! This gives White the edge and shows that Black's attack was premature. 24...Kf7 25.exd4 exd4 26.f4 g4? Too slow. Now the hunter becomes the hunted. 27.Rfe1 Re8 28.Qb2 Not as strong as 28.Rxe8 Nx8 (forced) 29.Bd5+ Kg6 30.Re1 and Black game is hard. 28...Qd8 29.Qa3! a5 30.Bd6 Rb7 31.Bxb7 Bxb7 32.Rab1 Re3 33.Be5! h5 34.Qd6 Qxd6 35.Bxd6 Rxd3 36.Red1? 36.Re7+ wins the bishop. 36...Rc3 37.Rxd4 Rc2 38.a3 Rg2+ 39.Kf1 Rxh2 40.Rbd1? 40.Rxb6! 40...Ne4 41.Kg1 Rh3 42.Be5 Rxf3+ 43.Kh2 Rh3+ 44.Kg1 Nc5 45.Rd6? 45.Rd7+ is better as Black cannot afford to capture. 45...Rh1+ 46.Kf2 Ne4+ 47.Ke3 Rh3+! 48.Ke2 Rxa3? Score ends here. 48...Nxd6 was an easy win for Black, but Rudy was low on time here. Now Mike can crunch with 49.Rd7+ winning the bishop, but somehow missed it. 0-1

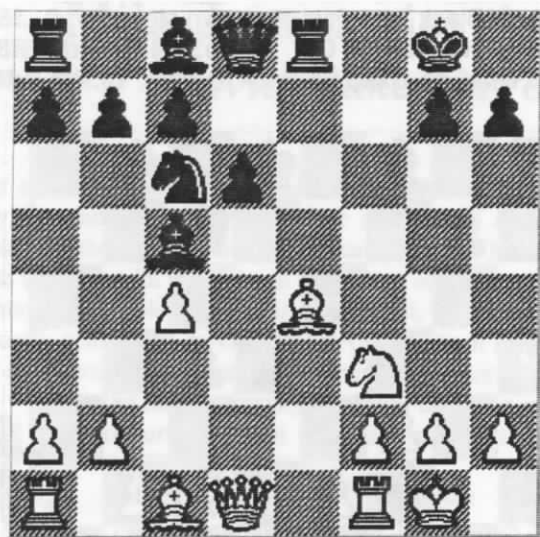
### Stuckey, R – Duke, D [A22]

MT Invitational 2001

(English)

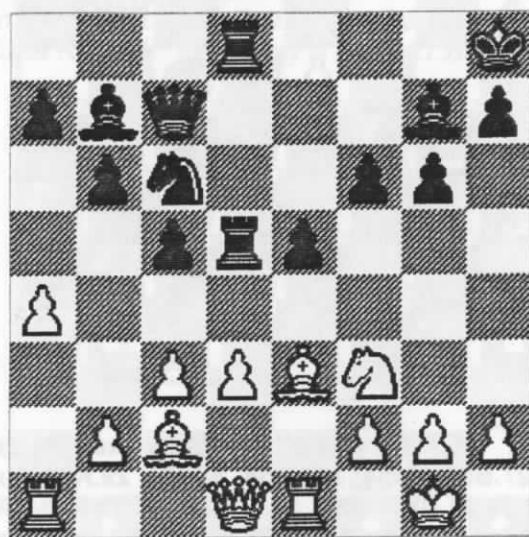
Thanks to a second inaccuracy by Duke on move 11, Stuckey comes in with guns a blazin', but Dave proves the old saying that it only takes one shot, if it's a deadly one, to win the showdown. 1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 Bc5 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.Nf3? Re8 The right move is ...Ng4 8.Nd4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 Bxf2+ 10.Ke2 bxc6 11.h3 Qh4! and Black is looking good. 8.Bd3 Nxe4 9.Nxe4 f5 10.0-0 fxe4 11.Bxe4 Nc6?

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Black should take the bishop where ...Rxe4 12.Qd5+ Re6 13.Ng5 Qf3 14.Nxe6 c6! 15.Qh5! Qxe6 gives Black a nice edge. 12.Ng5 Ne5 13.Bxh7+ Kf8 14.Qd5! Qf6 15.Ne4 Qe6 16.Ng5 Qxd5 17.cxd5 c6 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Kh1?! (19.Ne4!) 19...Ba6! 20.Re1 Bxf2 21.Re4 Bc5 22.Rf4+ Ke7 23.Bd2 Rf8 24.Re1 Rxf4 25.Bxf4 Rf8 26.g3? (There's nothing wrong with 26.Bxe5 etc. here.) 26...Bf2 27.Rd1 c5 28.Rd2 Bb7+ 29.Be4 Bxe4+ 30.Nxe4 Bd4 31.Bg5+ Kd7 32.b4? There is no good move. 32...Nf3 0-1

now and work on Black's weak squares, namely the a2-f7 diagonal. 6...Nge7 7.Bc2?! 0-0 8.d3 d5! 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nbd2 b6 11.Re1 Bb7 Black has a good game due to White's backward d-pawn. 12.Nc4 Re8 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.a4?! (14.Qd2) 14...f6 15.Bd2 Kh8 Dave takes his time. White's not going anywhere soon. 16.Ne3 Rad8 17.Nxd5 Rxd5 18.Be3 Red8



19.Re2? (19.Qe2 Ba6 20.c4 looks better.) 19...e4 This wins material. 20.Ne1 exd3 21.Bxd3 c4 22.Rd2 cxd3 23.Nf3 Ne5 24.Nd4 Qd7 25.Qb3? Ng4? Fritz/computer found a win with 25...Rxd4! 26.Bxd4 Qg4! 27.f4 Nf3+. 26.Rxd3 Nxe3 27.Rxe3 f5 28.Rae1 Bxd4 29.cxd4 Qc6 30.f3 Qf6 31.Re8+ Rxe8 32.Rxe8+ Kg7 33.Qe3 Rd7 34.Re6 Time trouble is upon both of them at this point and is the reason for Black's next move. 34...Qxd4?? (34...f4) 35.Qxd4+ Rxd4 36.Re7+ Kf6 37.Rxb7 Rd1+?! A draw should be the result, but this helps White get his king into the battle. 38.Kf2 Rd2+ 39.Kg3 Rxb2 40.Rxa7 h6 41.Rb7 Kg5 42.h4+ Kh5 43.a5! g5? (...b5 or f4+ is better) 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.axb6 Rb1? Black must play his king to g7 or h7 to avoid what follows, but it's hard to ask a guy like Dave to play defensively. 46.Rb8 f4+ 47.Kh2 Rb2 48.b7 g4 49.fxg4+ Kxg4 50.Rg8+ 1-0

1 <sup>st</sup> Montana Invitational (March 21, 2001)							
No.	Name	Rtg	RD 1	RD 2	RD 3	RD 4	Tot
1	Mike Jensen	1897	W4	D3	W2	D5	3
2	David Duke	1850	W6	W5	L1	W3	3
3	Rudy Katzl	1900	W5	D1	W4	L2	2 1/2
4	Mike Stubblefield	1558	L1	W6	L3	W6	2
5	David Shughart	1772	L3	L2	W6	D1	1 1/2
6	Rick Stuckey	1192	L2	L4	L5	L4	0

### Jensen, M - Duke, D [B31]

MT Invitational 2001  
(Sicilian defense)

This was probably the key game in the tourney. 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 The Rossolimo variation. 3...g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.0-0 e5! This will cramp White's game considerably but also weakens Black pawn structure. 6.Ba4 White will try to keep his white-squared bishop

# 2001 MT Open





## Controversy? The State Closed

By Paul Motta, MCA Executive Vice-President

In June of 2000, a vote was taken at the Annual Business Meeting to reinstate the 6-player format for the Closed Championship. The proposal passed by an overwhelming majority. In January of 2001, *more than seven months later*, controversy arose from a very small minority of MCA members about this format. Alleged was the idea that this format, officially used for many years prior, does not promote chess in Montana and will have a devastating effect on the MCA. Below are some facts and figures and statements in support of the 6-player Closed.

**FACT:** The six-person format was used by the MCA from 1981 to 1994. During that time, only one tie occurred for the title. That's **one** year out of **13** years. During the past six years in which the 10-person format has been used, there have been ties for 1<sup>st</sup> place **three** times. That's a 50% failure rate and **not** a good record for a method used to determine a sole champion.

**FACT:** During the years that the 6-player format was used, extremely few of the Closed events ever had scheduling problems. However, in the past six years using the 10-player format, **five** have required at least one, and usually two, alternates. One was especially difficult, with several last-minute cancellations.

**FACT:** The USCF handbook states that in the case of determining a clear winner or champion, the round-robin format (6-player) is superior to the open format (10-player).

*from USCF Official Rules of Chess, 4th ed.:*

p78: THE SWISS SYSTEM TOURNAMENT

"... not as accurate as the round robin in determining a winner unless the latter encounters significant withdrawals..."

p126 THE ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT

"... it is the fairest-known tournament format when there are no withdrawals..."

Clearly, a 10-person format is not ideal for determining a clear winner and it ultimately dilutes the championship structure. While the six-person was in effect, it did quite well in determining the state champion. There was good competition and good attendance at all the Grand Prix events. Then, in the Closed, it was fun knowing exactly whom you were going to play and to be able to prepare for those opponents, just like in other chess championship events.

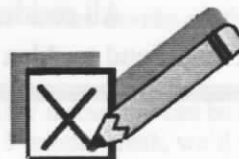
The idea of a 10-person Closed kept getting shot down at the Annual Business Meetings in the early 90s because most of the players knew that the six-person was the most efficient. It was only supported in 1994 more in the interest of an experiment than an actual viable method. At the last Business Meeting, a veteran of MCA chess, Bill McBroom of Missoula, even spoke up and pointed out the logic in using the 6-person format versus the 10-person. The final vote was not any one person's decision or a conspiracy to shut out lower-rated players, but rather a decision based on common sense.

The MCA does not have enough members to justify the use of an open event to determine a champion. Since the average attendance at most MCA events is between 10 and 20 players, a 10-person Closed is more like one of the regular monthly MCA tournaments. The concept is to field a champion from the best players, not conduct an "on any Sunday" type of event with the idea that some underdog might have a really good day and emerge as the winner. Restricting the qualifying to a six-person round-robin event makes our stronger and more competitive players strive to attend the various events to qualify, and, as a result, to play better. Consistent strong play is the mark of a champion.

The World Championship and the U.S. Championship both require tough qualifying in order to participate and advance to the finals. Why shouldn't a state championship also require skill, talent and determination? Also, many of the other states in the USA allow only the highest-rated players to compete for their state championship titles, ruling out all other different avenues for the rest of their members to qualify. Despite the allegations that the road to the top in Montana is too restrictive, the fact remains that the MCA has probably one of the most organized championship formats and gives its general membership more chance to qualify and participate in the championship process than most other states.

A majority of the Board and a great majority of the general membership still agree that the 6-person format is efficient and makes sense.

Cast your vote at the Annual MCA  
Meeting in Bozeman, June 2-3!



## Top Ten things....

You know it's time to quit playing tournament chess ....

10. When you go out into the hallway and three players try to sign you up with the Amway Corporation.
9. When your aging opponent corners you and relates that the last good "game" he had was playing Milton Bradley's "Twister" in the 60's with the McAllister sisters.
8. When your opponent tells his buddies that he's paired with you, and they grin and high-five each other.
7. Your opponent chooses his next move by playing "duck-duck-goose."
6. The young T.D. is too busy playing DonkeyKong Jr. on his Gameboy to hear your complaint.
5. In post-mortem, your opponent keeps citing the battle of Godzilla v. Mothra, Tokyo 1961.
4. After calling for the T.D. to dispute an "Insufficient Losing Chances" rule, he asks your opponent, "What's the problem here, Uncle Frank?"
3. As the T.D. introduces you to all the players as the newest state expert, he makes those little quotation marks in the air with his fingers.
2. Every time you check your opponent's king, he replies... "Whatever."
1. For the name of the opening, your opponent writes on the score sheet "The Chop, Smash, Chomp, Crunch, You're Gonna Die! Opening."

## Editor's Note:

This letter came in the mail a few days ago.

Thanks so much for hosting a junior tournament! We moved in from out of state and were shocked there was no state championship for kids to participate in. My husband Dan and I are willing to help in any way possible. Please mail 10 extra flyers to Charlene Young at 2600 Queen St. Missoula, MT 59801, and I can distribute to 4 middle schools I teach in and elsewhere in town.

Also, please register my sons, Scott Young, 13 yrs, 7th grade and Steve Young, 15 yrs, 10th grade. I will get a check in the mail for them on Monday. I believe both boys have MCA memberships but they may be due for renewal soon. Again, we were thrilled to see this was happening and let us know how we can help.

Charlene and Dan Young

## Teach a kid to play chess.



## Upcoming Events

### June 2-3 -- The 2001 Montana State Open in Bozeman

**Format:** Grand Prix event! 5 round Swiss, Game in 2hrs

**Site:** MT State University, Bozeman, Strand Union Bldg., Room 106E

**Entry Fee:** \$20 by May 29<sup>th</sup>, \$25 after that, no exceptions

**Prizes:** Trophies for 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> / Top Class B, Top Class C, Top Class D, Top Class E and lower, Top Senior (50 years +)

**Registration:** 8:00-8:45AM **Rounds:** 9, 2, 7 / 9:30, 3 Annual Meeting: Sun 2 PM.

All resident MCA members urged to attend.

**Entries:** Send to Alex Dawson, 1805 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Helena, MT 59601 Tel. (406) 443-7903