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Montana Chess Association Newsletter

BD4 Joe Thiebs (Team Muck) 4pts

A 'smile and a handshake' to Sherwood Moore for the most creative name: "Golden Knights of the Sherwood Forest".

It is also interesting to note that, had not the Elephants' 4th board replacement showed up, we (the Cavalry) would have had 13 game points, 1/2 more than the "DW'ers" and would have placed 2nd Overall. Most courageous team had to be "Team Muck", who were all unrated players who play together informally. Andy Shipp (Knights board 4) was a total novice whom I gave just 2 hours of lessons the previous week. I coached him to offer early draws before the opponent could get a good grasp of the situation. Andy did come away with a win, too.

An even bigger team event is being planned for June 20th with a tentative name of "1st Greater NW Team Championship". PS: How can you bend a wind-shear. Maybe the Cavalry "stonewalled" it.

School Team Tourney a 'Winner!'

Greg Nowak

On March 21, 1998, 11 teams gathered to "Brain Storm" at the 1st Regional "School Team" Chess Championship, at Goldsmith's Restaurant and premium Ice Cream store's banquet room at 809 E. Front, Missoula, MT. Teams

consisted of 4 each. The place was full of 44 kids, and many parents, teachers, and principals.

Missoula fronted 3 teams, whole Corvallis and Hamilton sent 2 each. Florence, Plains, Seeley Lake and Helena sent one. The winner was Seeley Lake Swan's "Pawnstorm" with 8 match points. They won on tie breaks (31 Game Points) over St. Joseph's "Bishops" (Missoula) who had 8 match and 28.5 game points.

- Seeley Lake Pawnstorm
Teacher/Coach Kevin Stroh
1. Tony Cocks
 2. Ely Sheets
 3. Noah Madinger
 4. Jim Huffstutter

- St. Joe's "Bishops"
Teacher/Coach Eric Gilbertsen
1. Dillon Tabish
 2. Pat Mc Counaughy
 3. Ian Gordon
 4. Joey St. Peter

The Corvallis "Chess Devils 1" was third with 7 match points (26 Game Points) over porters "Smoking Rooks" with 7 match points and 25.5 game points.

1. The winning team received an enormous handsome school trophy and each team member got \$5.
 2. St Joe's members got \$5 McKenzie River Pizza certificates each.
 3. Corvallis members each got \$5 Crystal Theater Movie Passes.
 4. Porter members each got \$2.50 Del's restaurant certificates.
- Goldsmith's Ice Cream collaborated with director, sponsor, and promoter Greg (The Octopus)

Nowak, to provide free Ice Cream for all kids.

I wish to thank all above businesses for their donations for helping this event.

Winners of best board prizes go \$5 each, they were:

BD1 Johnny Legan of the Corvallis Chess Devils 1 with 8.5 pts

BD2 Kyle Seamons of the Corvallis Chess Devils 1 with 9 pts
Ely Sheets of Seeley Swan Pawnstorm with 9 pts

BD3 Ian Gordon of the St. Joseph Bishops with 9 pts

BD4 Ben Johnson of the Hamilton Mustangs 2 with 10 pts.

Early entry for schools was \$20 per team, \$32 last week and \$40 at the door.

Tourney was directed, sponsored, and promoted by Greg Nowak, a USCF Master and 4 time Montana State Champion with 41 years experience. I was a prodigy at age 9 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, winning my age group for 5 straight years 10 - 14 before being disqualified by superintendent for winning too often. Quote "You won enough Greg, give the other kids a chance".

Time control was G15, with many games ending much sooner, as "Speed Chess".

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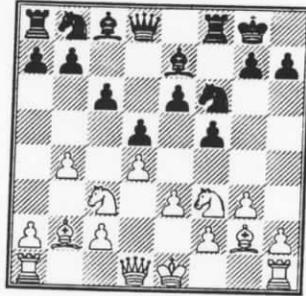
It is interesting to note that board winners Legan, Seamons, Gordon, and Ben Johnson have had previous experience in numerous of my adult downtown non-rated events. And of the teams that won (St. Joe's and Seeley), the coach plays with the kids regularly and has had tourney experience.

The key game of the tourney could easily have been in the last match of tourney, St. Joes already had its 8 match points, so Seeley needed to win match for 1st. (The St. Joe's Bishops had been leading for almost all of the tourney going into the match. In the 9th round, they split with Seeley) Seeley was up 2 games to 1 vs Hamilton Mustangs 2. Hamilton's 3rd board player was several pieces ahead when Noah Madinger (Seeley) make a sensational comeback and mated his opponent with only 1/2 a minute left on the clock. If Seeley would have lost this game the match would b drawn and St. Joe's would have won. There was parity among the top teams, but Seeley had more "Smoke Jobs" of 4-0 scores vs lower teams, Five of them!

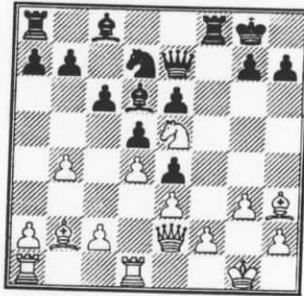
After the tourney, I performed a 20 player exhibition as a free bonus winning all. About 16 kids and 4 adults played, my record is 54 at once in Kalispell in March of 1997. I have also played just school exhibition of 50 at once.

1. A00
Petersen, Lyle - Younker, J
Crocus Open, , 1998

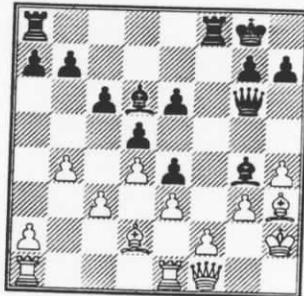
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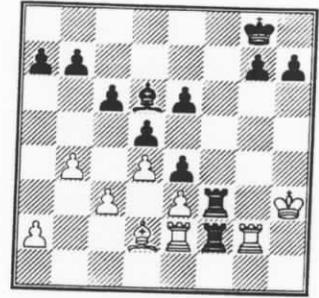
8... Ne4 9. Nxe4 fxe4 10. Ne5 Bd6 11. 0-0 Nd7 12. Bh3 Nf6 13. Qe2 Qe7 14. Rfd1 Nd7



15. Nxd7 Bxd7 16. Bc3 Be8 17. Bd2 Bg6 18. c3 Qg5 19. Qf1 Bf5 20. Bg2 Bg4 21. Re1 Bf3 22. h4 Qg6 23. Bh3 Bg4 24. Kh2



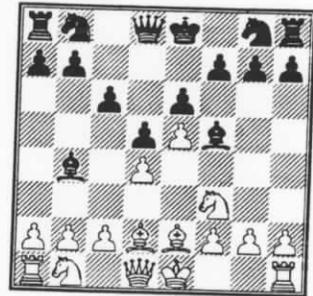
24... Bxg3+ 25. Kh1 Bf3+ 26. Bg2 Bxh4 27. Bxf3 Rxf3 28. Qg2 Qxg2+ 29. Kxg2 Rxf2+ 30. Kh3 Be7 31. Re2 Raf8 32. Rg1 Bd6 33. Rg2 R8f3+



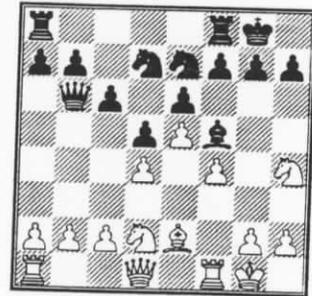
34. Kh4 Rxc2 35. Kh5 Rh3+ 0:1

2. B12
Brownlee - McBroom
Crocus Open, , 1998

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 Bb4+ 6. Bd2



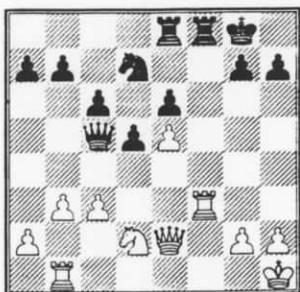
6... Bxd2+ 7. Nbx2d Ne7 8. Nh4 Nd7 9. 0-0 0-0 10. f4 Qb6



11. Nxf5 Nxf5 12. Rf2 Nxd4 13. b3 Nxe2+ 14. Qxe2 Qd4 15. Rb1 Rae8 16. Kh1 f6 17. Rf3 fxe5 18. c3 Qc5 19. fxe5

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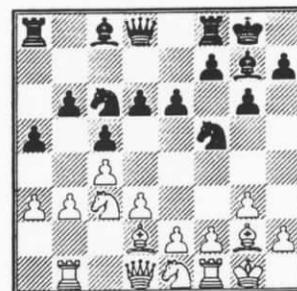
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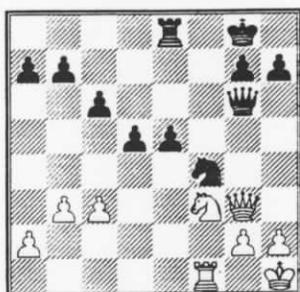
19... Rxf3 20. Qxf3 Nxe5 21. Qh3 Qe7
22. Rf1 Ng6 23. Nf3 e5 24. Qh5 Nf4 25.
Qg4 Qe6 26. Qg3 Qg6



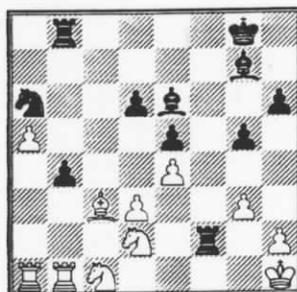
19... Qf7 20. a5 b5 21. cxb5 cxb5 22. Qd1
Nd5 23. Bxd5 Bxd5 24. Nc1 f4 25. e4
fxg3 26. fxg3 Qf2+ 27. Kh1 Be6 28. Qg1
b4 29. Qxf2 Rxf2



12... Bb7 13. Nc2 Qd7 14. Nb5 Rad8 15.
b4 axb4 16. axb4 d5 17. cxd5 exd5 18.
bxc5 bxc5 19. Nc3 Nce7 20. Na4 Qc8 21.
Nxc5 Qxc5 22. Rxb7



27. Qf2 b6 28. Nxe5 Rxe5 29. Qxf4 Re8
1/2:1/2



30. Kg1 bxc3 31. Rxb8+ Nxb8 32. Kxf2
cxd2 33. Ne2 Bh3 34. Nc3 d5 35. Ke2 d4
36. Nd1 Na6 37. Rb1 Be6 38. Rb6



22... Nc6 23. e3 d4 24. Rc7 Nfe7 25. Bxc6
Qb6 26. Rxe7 Qxc6

A04

Jensen, Mike - Nowak, Greg
Crocus Open, , 1998

1. g3 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. Bg2 d6 4. 0-0 e5 5.
d3 Ne7 6. Nbd2 0-0 7. c4 c6 8. Rb1 a5 9.
a3 a4



38... Bc8 39. Rc6 Bb7 40. Rb6 Bc8 41.
Rc6 1/2:1/2



27. Nxd4 Bxd4 28. exd4 Rxd4 29. Bh6
Rfd8 30. Rfe1 1:0



10. b4 axb3 11. Nxb3 h6 12. Qc2 f5 13.
e3 Na6 14. Bb2 b6 15. Ra1 Be6 16. Rfb1
Qe8 17. Nfd2 Rb8 18. Bc3 g5 19. a4

4. A36
Nowak, Greg - Younker, G
Crocus Open, , 1998

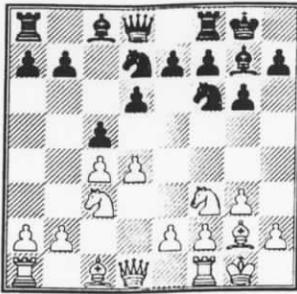
1. g3 g6 2. Bg2 Bg7 3. c4 c5 4. Nc3 Nc6
5. a3 e6 6. Rb1 a5 7. d3 Nge7 8. Nf3 0-0
9. 0-0 Nf5 10. Bd2 d6 11. b3 b6 12. Ne1

5. E65
Carpenter, R - Jensen, Mike
Crocus Open, , 1998

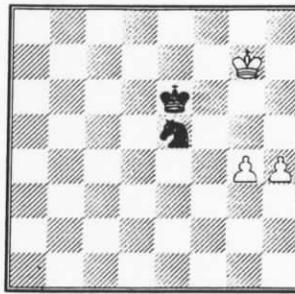
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. g3 0-0 5.
Bg2 d6 6. 0-0 Nbd7 7. Nc3 c5

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8. d5 Rb8 9. e4 a6 10. Qe2 b5 11. e5
Nxe5 12. Nxe5 dxc5 13. Qxe5 Bf5 14.
Bf4 Rb6 15. Qc7 hxc4 16. Qxd8 Rxd8
17. Bc7 Rdb8

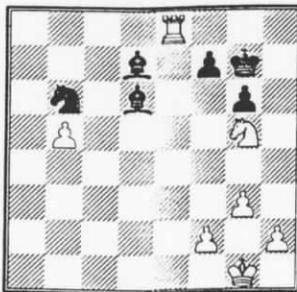


59. g5 Kf5 60. Kh6 Nf7+ 61. Kh5 Ne5
1/2:1/2

End of Section



18. Bxb8 Rxb8 19. Rfe1 Kf8 20. Na4
Qb5 21. Rac1 Bd3 22. b3 cxb3 23. axb3
24. d6 Rb8 25. dxe7+ Ke8 26. Bc6
27. Nxc5 Bxc6 28. Nxa6 Rc8 29. b4
Be5 30. b5 Bb7 31. Rxc8+ Bxc8 32. Nc5
Bd6 33. Ne4 Kxe7 34. Ng5+ Kf8 35.
Nxb7+ Kg7 36. Re8 Nb6 37. Ng5 Bd7



38. Re2 Bc5 39. Ne4 Bd4 40. Rd2 Be5
41. f4 Bc7 42. Nd6 Nc8 43. Nxf7 Bxb5
44. Ne5 Bxe5 45. fxe5 Ne7 46. Rb2 Bc4
47. Rb7 Kf7 48. Kf2 Ke6 49. Ke3 Bd5
50. Ra7 Nf5+ 51. Kf4 Ne7 52. Ra6+ Bc6
53. h4 Nd5+ 54. Kg5 Ne7 55. g4 Kxe5
56. Rxc6 Nxc6 57. Kxg6 Ke6 58. Kg7
Ne5

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MCA Bylaws

1. The President shall act as the official delegate for Montana to the U.S. Chess Federation. He will also appoint the two alternate voting members.
2. MCA shall adopt a schedule of membership fees with categories and rates as follows:

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| Juniors (under 18) | \$3/yr |
| Regular | \$6/yr |
3. All players in MCA sponsored or sanctioned events (except where specially designated) shall be required to join MCA.
4. First-time players, new to USCF will receive one (1) year free MCA membership to help with costs.
5. The MCA shall make appropriate awards for the following:
 - a) Montana State Chess Champion(s)
to the winner(s) of the State Championship
 - b) Montana State Grand Prix Chess Champion
to the winner(s) of the Grand Prix Championship
 - c) Montana State Postal Chess Champion(s)
to the winner of the Montana Postal Chess Tournament
 - d) Montana State Speed Chess Champion(s)
to the winner of the State Speed Chess Championship
 - e) Montana Senior Chess Champion
to the winner of the State Speed Chess Championship
 - f) Biggest Upset of the Year
to the Montana resident (at the time of the game) who wins a game against a higher-rated opponent where the difference in ratings is the greatest for any game played in an open tournament during the calendar year. The rating of both players must be established at the time of the game.
 - g) Greatest Rating Gain for the Year
to the player with the most gain in rating points according to the annual list published by the USCF. The player must have an established rating at the beginning of the year, and must be a Montana resident for at least six months, including either the beginning or the end of the year.
 - h) Montana High School Chess Champion
to the winner of the State High School Championship.
 - i) Grand Slam Award
to any player who takes a clear 1st place in four Grand Prix tournaments during the course of the MCA tournament calendar year (after a Montana Open to the next Montana Open). The trophy of plaque will have the name of the player and the four tournaments in which he/she took 1st place.

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6. In the State Closed playoff, all players tied for 1st place will be listed as co-champions of that year.

The Montana Postal Championship shall be an official MCA annual event. The MCA Postal Championship shall be rated by USCF. Only members who are legal residents of Montana may enter.

8. Any tournament "sponsored" by the MCA is:

- a) Organized and directed by officers of the MCA or persons appointed by the MCA.
- b) Financially supported by the MCA.
- c) Advertised in the official newsletter of the MCA.

9. Any tournament "sanctioned" by MCA must:

- a) be advertised in the official newsletter of the MCA.
- b) require MCA membership.

10. In any tournament "sponsored" or "sanctioned" by the MCA, the following conditions will apply:

- a) The entry fee for all players will be the same except in the case of Junior players, who will receive a 50% discount. In all MCA "sponsored" events, the current State Champion(s) will be entitled to free entry.
- b) A uniform tie-break system for prizes will be used. The order will be: 1)Solhoff 2)Cumulative 3)Head-to-Head.
- c) Prizes advertised must be available to the prize winners at the end of the event. The exception will be the State Closed, in which the name of the State Champion would need to be engraved on the trophy. The trophy would then be delivered within 60 days to the new State Champion.
- d) Any change in the starting time for a round, as determined by the director, will be limited to no more than plus or minus one (1) hour from the advertised starting time, except in the case where the Director may delay the last round to await the conclusion of games crucial to pairings. Any changes shall be announced before the start of the previous round.
- e) The time control for any MCA Grand Prix game shall not be faster than G/90.

11. The Montana State Open tournament will be "sponsored" by the Montana Chess Association and will be an "Open" tournament. Players from any state are welcome.

12. The entry fee for the Montana Open shall be:

\$20 per player in advance, \$25 at the playing site. Junior players (under 20) shall pay 1/2 price.

13. The date for the Montana State Open will be determined by the Board of Directors. The dates will be in May or June, excluding MOTHERS DAY, GRADUATION DAY and MEMORIAL DAY.

14. There will be a "Closed" playoff following the State Open to determine the State Champion. The ten players to compete in the "Closed" will be the previous year's State Champion, the top four (4) finishers in the Grand Prix, and the top five (5) Montana finishers in the State Open. Non-residents are not eligible for the State Closed Playoff. Residents will be defined as those members who live within the borders of the State of Montana 188 days each year.

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15. After the Montana Open, the Grand-Prix finishers will first be determined for seeding into the State Closed playoff. Then, excluding the top four Grand Prix finishers and the previous State Champion, the top five finishers (Montana residents) in the Montana Open will be determined and seeded into the State Closed playoff.
16. The procedure for determining alternate players for the "Closed" is as follows: Grand Prix seed will be replaced by those next in line in the Grand Prix standing: State Open seeds will be replaced by players next in line in the State Open Standings: A sole State Champion will be replaced by the #6 finisher in the Montana Open A Co-State Champion will be replaced by the other co-champion with the best tie-breaks in the previous State Closed playoff.
17. When there is a tie in the "Closed" playoff, the following method of tie-break will be used to determine who is seeded into the next years "Closed" playoff:
 - a) If the current champion is one of the tied players and he is the sole champion from the previous year, or the only one of the previous years Co-Champions, then he shall be the seeded player.
 - b) In a tie not involving the current champion, the player with the best standing in the previously held State Open, including tie-breaks, shall be the seeded player.
 - c) In a tie not involving the current champion or a player who competed in the previous State Open, the player with the best Grand Prix standing shall be the seeded player.
18. The State Closed shall be an MCA "Sponsored" event. The site, date and tournament director for a given years Closed State Championship shall be established by the MCA Board of Directors, and these arrangements shall be announced at the same time that the years State Open is first listed in Montana Chess News. The Championship shall have an Open satellite. The playoff must take place by no later than October 31st of that year.
19. The Grand Prix shall begin after the Montana Open each year, and conclude with the following years Montana Open. Only a Swiss-system, open tournament will be eligible to be a Grand Prix event. In any Grand Prix tournament, all Grand Prix points will be issued to the first ten Montana finishers with a plus score, respective of finish. No tie-breaks will be in effect for Grand Prix Points, i.e. Two players tie for 1st. They would split 1st and 2nd Grand Prix points equally. Grand Prix points will not e issued to non-resident members. The Secretary/Treasurer shall compute the Grand Prix points awarded and track the standings through the year, arranging for those standings to be published in the official newsletter throughout the year.
20. Grand Prix points will be awarded according to the following formula:
$$(N/5) \times (11-P) \times C$$
where
 - N = Number of rounds in the event
 - P = Plate in order of finish among Montana resident players (the average place in the event of ties)
 - C = Average rating of all players in the event / 1500

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For the purpose of determining the average rating of all players in an event, the ratings used by the director for pairings will be used, except that players without ratings will be assigned a number equal to:

Average rating of RATED players + $(W-L) \times 100$ where W = wins and L = losses (of the unrated player).

21. MCA Grand Prix events will be limited to one (1) per sponsoring USCF affiliate organization per year. All MCA Grand Prix events must be announced as such in advance in MONTANA CHESS NEWS. A minimum of six players will be required to participate in a Grand Prix event to qualify the awarding of official Montana Grand Prix points to participate.
22. The annual MCA business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Montana State Open. The Agenda for the business meeting will be decided by the members throughout the year and announced in advance of the State Open in the MCA Newsletter.

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Tournament Tables

The Book Worm

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| McBroom, W. | 1746 | x | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Andersen, H | 1769 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Carpenter, R | 1839 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Gilbertsen, E | 1584 | 0 | 0 | 1 | x | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Nowak, G | 2172 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | x | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Joyce, M | 1467 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 |
| McCourt, D | 1685 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | x | 2 |

1st Spring

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|--------------|------|----|----|-----|-----|
| Jensen, M | 1897 | W4 | U | U | 1 |
| Carpenter, R | 1927 | U | W5 | U | 1 |
| Andersen, H | 1697 | D5 | W4 | Bye | 2.5 |
| McCourt, D | 1647 | L1 | L3 | D5 | 0.5 |
| Moore, S | 1635 | D3 | L2 | D4 | 1 |

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| Nowak, G | 2200 | W6 | W2 | D3 | W5 | 3.5 |
| Carpenter, R | 1931 | W7 | L1 | W5 | D3 | 2.5 |
| Jensen, M | 1894 | W8 | W4 | D1 | D2 | 3 |
| Brownlee, K | 1746 | W9 | L3 | D7 | W8 | 2.5 |
| Yunker, G | 1682 | W10 | W6 | L2 | L1 | 2 |
| McCourt, D | 1654 | L1 | L5 | L8 | U | 0 |
| McBroom, W | 1611 | L2 | W10 | D4 | X9 | 2.5 |
| Yunker, J | 1376 | L3 | W9 | W6 | L4 | 2 |
| Petersen, L | 1268 | L4 | L8 | X10 | F7 | 1 |
| Joyce, M | 1255 | L5 | L7 | F9 | U | 0 |

| SCHOOL TEAM | Rd1 | Rd2 | Rd3 | Rd4 | Rd5 | Rd6 | Rd7 | Rd8 | Rd9 |
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| Seeley Swan "Pawnstorm" | | 0.5 | 1 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| St. Joseph "Bishops" | 0.5 | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Corvallis "Chess Devils I" | 0 | 0.5 | | 1 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 |
| Porter "Smoking Rooks" | 1 | 0.5 | 0 | | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Plains "Horsemen" | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.5 |
| Hamilton "Mustangs" | 0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 | | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1 |
| Roosevelt "knights" | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | | 0.5 | 1 |
| Florence "Invaders" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0.5 | | 0.5 |
| Helena "X-rays" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | |

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| Hamilton "Mustangs I" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Corvallis "Chess Devils II" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Upcoming Events

May 2nd Hamilton Open

G/25 tourney Site: Morning Glory coffee house. 111 South 4th St., Hamilton, MT EF: \$9 adults \$5 17 & under in advance. \$2 more at door. Prizes: (Based on 20 entries) 1st = \$25, 2nd = \$20, 3rd = \$15, 4th = \$10, 1st & 2nd age 15 & under = \$10 & \$5. Reg: 1:30-1:45 Rnds: 2, 3, 4, 5, ASAP Advance Entry: Greg Nowak, PO Box 8572, Missoula, MT 59807

May 9th Butte Chess Championship

Format: 5 Round Swiss, Time Controls: G/25, Site: Blue Venus Coffee Shop, 124 South Main, Butte, MT. EF: Adults \$10 Under 18 \$7 in advance, \$3 more at door. Prizes: (Based on 20 entries) 1st = \$30, 2nd = \$25, 3rd = \$20, 4th = \$15, 5th = \$10 2best under 18 = \$10 & \$5 Reg: 11:15 - 11:45 or forfeit 1st rd. must register by 12:50 or forfeit tourney. Rnds: Noon, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40 Advance Entry: Greg Nowak PO Box 8572, Missoula, MT 59807

September 12 & 13, 1998.....John Barto Memorial Open

Format: 5 Round Swiss, Time Controls: 30/90 SD 30, Site: Helena Chamber of Commerce, 225 Cruse Avenue, Helena, MT 59601. EF: \$15 by 9/9, \$20 on site. State membership reqrd \$6, Other State's OK Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, U1800, U1600, U1400 Reg: 8 - 8:30 Rnds: 9, 2, 7, 9, 2 Advance Entry: Sherwood Moore, 453 Minnesota Ave, E. Missoula, MT 59802. (406) 728-1695 no phone entries. NS, NC, W

July 11 & 12, 1998.....UCCC Midsummer Open

Format: 5 Round Swiss, Time Controls: Rd1 G/60, Rd2 G/90, Rds 3-5 G/120, Site: Room 362 Social Science Bldg, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812 EF: \$15 in advance, \$20 on site. State membership reqrd \$6, Other State's OK Prizes(as Gift Certificates): 1st = \$75, 2nd = \$50, under 1900 = \$30, under 1700 = \$20, under 1500 = \$10 Reg: 8:30 - 9 Rnds: 9:30, 12:30, 5, 8:30, 1 Advance Entry: William H. McBroom, 2321 Raymond Ave. Missoula, MT 59802 (406) 728-4654 no phone entries. NS, NC, W (Full refund if leave message at 406-243-2843 by 7:00am July 11.)

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