



# MONTANA CHESS NEWS

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\*\*\*\*\* STATE TOURNAMENT \* 1977 \* BOZEMAN \*\*\*\*\*

Tim Estle and Lon Doll of Bozeman, organizers for next year's State Tournament, report that they are seeking local business sponsorship for the event. This would help to offset the costs of publicity, playing site rental, trophies, and USCF tournament fees and allow lower entry fees for all players. Should they be successful, it would be hoped that this would set a precedent for community support of future State Tournaments and perhaps local events as well. Aside from the purely financial benefits for the average chess player, there is a great potential for increasing the visibility, quality and prestige of Montana's chess activities, thereby drawing more people to the pleasures of the game. Let us all wish Lon and Tim the best of luck!

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Wayne Barker won the Billings City Championship Tournament held in that city on National Chess Day, October 9th, with a perfect 4-0 score. The one day event drew twenty-six players including eight promising juniors. Barry Sleight took the junior prize on tie-breaks over Philip Heywood and Kevin Sannes with a 2-2 score. Tied for best performance by non-USCF rated players were Jim Tindall and William Miller, each with a 3-1 record.

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Preliminary plans are being made for a repeat of the match played last year between teams from Great Falls and Billings, which met halfway, at Lewistown, last February. Players from these cities should be on the lookout for tournaments to be held to determine team members in the near future. Should players from other cities, areas or schools be interested in setting up team matches they can contact Bob McKinnon, 1608 7th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405 or Bill Lynch, 1144 Harvard Ave., Billings, MT 59102.

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Bill Lynch of Billings received his USCF Tournament Director's card in October. This brings the number of Certified Directors in the state to four. It thus appears likely that 1977 will prove to be as active a year as was 1976, with tournaments definitely in the works for Great Falls, Bozeman and Billings. Players from other areas wishing to hold a tournament for rating purposes should not hesitate to get in touch with these Directors, as they are likely to be willing to handle the official duties, provided that publicity and on site arrangements are taken care of by local people.

MALMSTROM THANKSGIVING OPEN INVITATIONAL

Tournament Report

November 27-28, 1976

Director: Lynn Crewse

Place	Name	Rating	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	Score	Tie Breaks			
									M	S	S-B	C
1	Bill Lynch	1668	W19	W5	W4	D3	D6	4-1				
2	Judson Temple	1408	D5	W12	D11	W10	D4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	8			
3	Lynn Crewse	1374	D11	W15	W17	D1	D7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /	13/	8.25	
4	William Greer	1678	W20	W13	L1	W11	D2	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /	13/	7.25/	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	Tim Estle	1799	D2	L1	W20	W17	W11	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /	13/	7.25/	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	Larry Jennings	1500	L15	W16	W13	W14	D1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6			
7	Gordon Shuck	1524	W16	L17	W19	W12	D3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
8	Roberto Barajas	1617	W9	L11	L12	W19	W14	3-2	6			
9	Larry Kiedrowski	1344	L8	L14	W18	Bye	W13	3-2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$			
10	Andy Shuck	1143	D17	L19	W16	L2	W12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$				
11	Bob McKinnon	1638	D3	W8	D2	L4	L5	2-3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
12	Otto Grosse	1472	W18	L2	W8	L7	L10	2-3	9			
13	Lon Doll	1300	W14	L4	L6	W15	L9	2-3	8			
14	Howard Hoene	1604	L13	W9	W15	L6	L8	2-3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /	12 $\frac{1}{2}$		
15	Wayne Barker	1412	W6	L3	L14	L13	W20	2-3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /	12		
16	John Austreng	1275	L7	L6	L10	W18	Bye	2-3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ /	11		
17	Preston Foraytor	1571	D10	W7	L3	L5	F10	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$			
18	Dick Lohr	unr	L12	D20	L9	L16	W19	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	5			
19	Bob Jordan	1401	L1	W10	L7	L8	L18	1-4				
20	Danny Dutton	1404	L4	D18	L5	Withdrew		$\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$				

Prizes: 1st Place - Bill Lynch  
 2nd Place - Judson Temple  
 1st Under 1500 - Lynn Crewse  
 3rd Place - William Greer  
 1st Junior - Andy Shuck

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A six round, 5-Minute, speed chess tournament amongst twelve players of the Thanksgiving Open, held on Sunday morning prior to the beginning of the fourth round, was won by Tim Estle on tie breaks over Lynn Crewse with a score of 5-1. This intermission was great fun, and gave birth to many brilliancies!?

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WHITE: Judson Temple (1408) BLACK: William Greer (1678) BOGOLYUBOV-INDIAN DEF.

1. P-Q4 N-KB3 2. P-QB4 P-K3 3. N-KB3 B-N5ch 4. B-Q2 Q-K2 5. N-QB3 Q-O 6. P-K3 BxN 7. BxB N-K5 8. Q-B2 P-KB4 9. B-Q3 NxB 10. QxN P-QR4 11. O-O P-QN3 12. KR-K1 B-N2 13. P-K4 Q-B3 14. R-K3 P-B5 15. R-K2 P-Q3 16. P-K5 PxP 17. RxP N-Q2 18. R-KR5 P-KN3 19. R-KR3 P-QB4 20. R-K1 Pxp 21. QxP QxQ 22. NxQ P-K4 23. N-K6 R-B2 24. N-N5 R-K2 25. B-K4 BxB 26. NxB N-B4 27. N-B6ch K-R1 28. N-Q5 R(1)-K1 29. NxB RxN 30. R-QB3 R-Q2 31. P-KN3 Pxp 32. RpxP R-Q7 33. RxKP RxNP 34. P-R3 K-N2 35. R-K7ch K-R3 36. K-N2 P-R5 37. R-QB1 N-Q6 38. R-R1ch K-N4 39. R(R1)xP RxPch 40. K-N1 R-B6 41. R-R2 K-B3 42. R-QN7 RxPch 43. R-N2 RxRch 44. KxR K-K4 45. RxNP K-Q5 46. R-QB6 N-B4 47. RxNP Kxp 48. R-N6 N-Q6 49. K-B3 K-B6 50. R-N8 N-K8ch 51. K-K4 N-B7 52. R-B8ch K-N6 53. R-QR8 Kxp DRAWN

This game secured second place in the final round and typifies the solid, if cautious, play on the top boards where seven of twenty games produced draws. Overall, nearly 20% of all games were drawn - unusual - but indicative of the equality of talent throughout the field.

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Reports are that Montana now has three USCF Certified Tournament Directors. In addition to Otto Grosse of Great Falls, who has been carrying the load, Lynn Crewse of Great Falls and Jim Loy of Bozeman have recently passed the Federation test. Lynn has already served as Assistant Director and primary organizer of one tournament this year and rumor has it that Jim may have a Bozeman tournament in the works. This is very good news for Montana chess as it paves the way for more tournaments which leads to better play and additional participation.

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\*\*\*\*\* STATE TOURNAMENT - 1977 - BOZEMAN \*\*\*\*\*

Lon Doll of Bozeman, secretary for next year's State Tournament, reports that planning is already underway to make 1977 a big year for the Montana Championship. As many of you may already know, it was decided at this year's Banquet/Business Meeting that the Montana Chess Federation and the Montana Chess Association should merge under the latter name, affiliate with the United States Chess Federation, and conduct a rated tournament next year to determine nationally recognized State and State Junior Champions. In addition to recognition it was noted that the USCF may provide full or partial funds to send our Junior Champion to the National Junior Championships. However, Lon informs us that Tim Estle, who is heading the organization effort, hopes to conduct play in four divisions - open and junior USCF rated competition and open and junior non-rated competition. The hope is that everyone will participate regardless of membership in the national organization, and that many new players will get a taste of tournament experience. Be on the lookout for further information, which Lon hopes will be forthcoming as early as January, on this tournament to be held in late April or early May.

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Lynn Crewse of Great Falls has tentative plans for a USCF rated tournament to be held in that city the weekend following Thanksgiving, November 27th&28th. Drop him a card if you are interested and he will make sure you receive a bulletin with all the details when he gets them worked out.

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Our Nation's Bicentennial year has proven to quite a celebration in Montana Chess circles as well. As early as February 1st teams from Billings and Great Falls met in Lewistown for a one day match won by Great Falls 14½-10½. Two members of the Great Falls team were also successful in a telephone match with the University of Chicago. Early March brought a seven round rated tournament at the YWCA in Great Falls won by Jim Loy of Bozeman with 5½. Dan Dutton of Missoula took Junior division honors with a perfect score. Butte also challenged Great Falls to a team match (results not known to this writer). Then, May 1st&2nd found the 41st Annual Championship of the Montana Chess Association being held at the Ponderosa Inn in Great Falls. John Barto did a tremendous job of organizing and conducting a fine tournament won by Robert Goble of Bozeman. Class B Champion was Terry Mitchell of Glendive, while Joe Wingard of Kalispell took home the Junior division trophy. June brought twenty players to the Malmstrom Air Force Base for another rated event won by Roberto Barajas of Great Falls, after which mid-summer heat and vacations curtailed activities until twenty-five players met in Billings for the Rimrock Open reported in full here.

All around, the best year in Montana Chess History, and it's not over yet.

BILLINGS RIMROCK OPEN Tournament Report

August 28-29, 1976 Director: Otto Grosse

Place	Name	Rating	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	Score	TieBreaks(solhoff)
1	Allen Thompson	1720	W16	W10	W5	W3	D2	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
2	Bob McKinnon	1612	W9	D6	W14	W5	D1	4-1	
3	Bill Lynch	1637	D6	W16	W11	L1	W7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	14
4	Gordon Shuck	1487	W13	L5	D10	W11	W8	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
5	Gary Chicoine	1875	W15	W4	L1	L2	W13	3-2	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	Bob Jordan	1327	D3	D2	L7	W10	W15	3-2	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
7	Mal Skarsten	1445	L11	W8	W6	W13	L3	3-2	14
8	Ted Anderson	unr	Bye	L7	W17	W14	L4	3-2	9
9	John Austreng	1250	L2	L12	Bye	W17	W16	3-2	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
10	Otto Grosse	1485	W12	L1	D4	L6	W17	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
11	Wayne Barker	unr	W7	D14	L3	L4	Bye	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
12	Judson Temple	unr	L10	W9	L13	D15	W14	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
13	Charles Bradley	unr	L4	W15	W12	L7	L5	2-3	
14	Howard Hoene	1604	W17	D11	L2	L8	L12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
15	Lynn Crewse	1374	L5	L13	W16	D12	L6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
16	Dallon Thomas	1338	L1	L3	L15	Bye	L9	1-4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
17	Chuck Chapman	1146	L14	Bye	L8	L9	L10	1-4	10

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$20.00 Allen Thompson  
 2nd Place Trophy + \$15.00 Bob McKinnon; 3rd Place \$15.00 Bill Lynch  
 Top Under 1600 Cup + \$7.50 Gordon Shuck; 2nd \$7.50 Mal Skarsten  
 Top Under 1400 Cup + \$7.50 Bob Jordan; 2nd \$7.50 John Austreng  
 Top Under 1200/Unr Cup + \$7.50 Ted Anderson; 2nd \$7.50 Judson Temple

Junior Division Round Robin:

Place	Name	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1	Lon Doll	1207	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	Kelley Beasley	unr	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3	Andy Shuck	1143	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	5-2
4	Mike Roam	unr	0	0	1	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	Karl Roam	unr	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	1	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6	Kevin Sannes	unr	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-5
7-8	Paul Hughes	unr	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
7-8	Tim Clausen	unr	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	x	$\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$10.00 Lon Doll  
 2nd Place \$10.00 Kelley Beasley; 3rd Place \$7.50 Andy Shuck;  
 4th Place \$5.00 Mike Roam

Special Thanks to Billings' YMCA Youth Center Director Jack King for his assistance and permission to use that fine facility.

Though attendance fell somewhat short of expectations (hopes?) play was generally excellent and exciting with no untoward incidents. Assuming all goes well you can look for an invitation to the Second Annual Rimrock Open about this time next year.

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Many thanks to John Barto of Great Falls whose contribution helped make this bulletin possible.



MONTANA'S RATED PLAYERS

1. Robert Goble	2070	51. Guy Turner	1338
2. Loren Meierdling	2032	52. Gale Wolfe	1336
3. Gary Chicoine	1875	53. Mike Surowicz	1333
4. Tim Estle	1799	54. Bob Jordan	1327
5. Wasyl Jarosz	1748	55. Lawrence Dunkin	1327
6. Allen Thompson	1720	56. Jesus Ashton	1313
7. William Greer	1675	57. Chris McKinnon	1285
8. Anthony Pettus	1673	58. John Gustafson	1278
9. Ulysses Harris	1659	59. Kevin Knaus	1272
10. James Loy	1650	60. Aaron Hitchcock	1264
11. Ted DeParry	1650	61. Ray Miller	1260
12. Shaun Sullivan	1645	62. Pete McKeon	1258
13. Bill Lynch	1637	63. John Austreng	1250
14. Alvin Auseklis	1634	64. Harley Frazis	1248
15. Richard King	1618	65. Mickey Diede	1247
16. Bob McKinnon	1612	66. Anthony Sibert	1234
17. Tom Kalaris	1610	67. Danny Dutton	1232
18. Howard Hoene	1604	68. Jack Podd	1226
19. William Myers	1603	69. Bob Perry	1224
20. Dean Drake	1579	70. Lawrence Kiedrowski	1223
21. Preston Forayter	1571	71. Philip Cochrane	1216
22. Michael Poole	1557	72. Allan Apothekar	1216
23. Jerry Stump	1543	73. Jon Eaton	1216
24. Alfred Anderson	1539	74. Lon Doll	1207
25. Steve Kaufman	1538	75. John Hall	1205
26. Roberto Barajas	1533	76. Elmer Wolfinbarger	1188
27. Gordon Shuck	1487	77. Mike Sullivan	1180
28. Otto Grosse	1485	78. Forbs Larkin	1178
29. Raymond Anderson	1478	79. Chuck Chapman	1146
30. John Barto	1467	80. Steve Elliott	1144
31. James Skovron	1465	81. Andy Shuck	1143
32. Robert Griffith	1457	82. Don Price	1143
33. Dennis Burke	1455	83. Carl Hughes	1105
34. Gene Hansen	1454	84. Thomas Mercer	1098
35. James Rowan	1447	85. Keith Bayern	1082
36. John Bigham	1440	86. Roy Sniffen	1062
37. Kim Jones	1435	87. Neal Warner	1051
38. Marvin McDonald	1404	88. Byron Williams	1050
39. John McIntyre	1404	89. Thomas Schwarz	1036
40. Marty Edwards	1382	90. Gary Fisher	1008
41. Stephen Chapman	1382	91. Michael Hawkalyk	1007
42. Donald Skaar	1382	92. Randall Armon	990
43. Ed Leitz	1380	93. Dennis Yeatts	966
44. Harold Ericson	1376	94. Joe Burris	950
45. Lynn Crewse	1374	95. David Winans	940
46. Gerald Cole	1360	96. Larry Roos	905
47. Walter Congdon	1349	97. Hjalmar Amundson	896
48. Lawrence Nix	1346	98. Anthony Poluzzi	871
49. Claude Laubach	1341	99. Ron Fortin	837
50. Dallon Thomas	1338	100. Pete Daniels	743

Advance apologies are in order as many of these numbers are quite old and some people are almost certainly omitted. No attempt has been made to list new USCF members not yet rated. Hopefully a more complete and accurate list can be generated in the near future.