



MONTANA CHESS NEWS

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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Sponsor - Billings YMCA Chess Club

BILLINGS YMCA OPEN

March 26-27, 1977

Place: Meeting Rooms, Billings YMCA, 402 N. 32nd St., Billings, MT
Reg: 8:00-8:50am, Entry Fee = \$7 at site, \$5 if received by 3/24.
Rounds: 5RSS 40/90 (27/hr) 9:00am, 1:00pm, 5:00pm/ 9:00am, 1:00pm
Member: USCF membership req'd (1 yr reg.=\$12, jun.=\$6) may join at site
Prizes: Trophies - 1st,2nd,1st Under 1500,1st Under 1300,1st Junior.
Dir: Bill Lynch
Entry: Bill Lynch, 1144 Harvard Ave., Billings, MT 59102
Notes: All game scores will be kept on Official Score Sheets.
Adjourned games from rounds 1, 2, &3 will be played at 10:00pm Sat.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Sponsor - Montana Chess Association

43RD ANNUAL MONTANA CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

April 30-May 1, 1977

Place: Darigold Building, Bozeman, MT

Further details will shortly be mailed statewide by organizers Tim Estle and Lon Doll. Be sure to plan to attend, as this is likely to be the biggest tournament yet held in Montana.

TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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BILLINGS RIMROCK OPEN - 77

August 27-28, 1977

Full details will appear in the next issue of Montana Chess News in May.

Annual Business Meeting - Elections

Bob McKinnon, current President of the Montana Chess Association, would like to remind all players that elections for the 1977 officers will take place at the annual business meeting following the traditional banquet at the State Tournament in Bozeman. Other officers elected in Great Falls last year were Roberto Barajas, Vice President, and Chuck Pease, Secretary/Treasurer. McKinnon has also served as Montana's Delegate to the USCF for the past year. Bill Lynch of Billings and Gordon Shuck of Whitehall have been appointed Alternate Voting Members to the USCF for 1977 in the absence of an established election procedure. Anyone who might be unable to attend the State Tournament but has a suggestion concerning matters to be considered at the business meeting is encouraged to submit ideas in writing to Bob McKinnon, 1608 7th St. S., Great Falls, MT 59405. Proceedings of the meeting will be reported as fully as possible in Montana Chess News.

February 26-27, 1977

Director: William Lynch

| Place | Name | Rating | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | Score | Tie Breaks M / S |
|-------|-----------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Judson Temple | 1571 | D19 | W9 | W5 | W6 | D3 | 4-1 | 10 |
| 2 | Michael Poole | 1558 | W16 | W21 | L3 | W12 | W6 | 4-1 | 7 |
| 3 | Wasył Jarosz | 1748 | L7 | W19 | W2 | W11 | D1 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 10 |
| 4 | Roberto Barajas | 1604 | L9 | W11 | W13 | W8 | D5 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 9 |
| 5 | Alfred Anderson | 1541 | W17 | W13 | L1 | W14 | D4 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6 | Bill Lynch | 1658 | W15 | W8 | W10 | L1 | L2 | 3-2 | 10 |
| 7 | Howard Hoene | 1464 | W3 | L4 | W19 | W10 | L8 | 3-2 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 8 | Lynn Crewse | 1493 | W14 | L6 | W9 | L4 | W7 | 3-2 | 9 |
| 9 | Robert Jordan | 1347 | W4 | L1 | L8 | W16 | W13 | 3-2 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10 | Shaun Sullivan | 1645 | W20 | W11 | L6 | L7 | W14 | 3-2 | 8 |
| 11 | Gordon Shuck | 1526 | W18 | L10 | W21 | L3 | W15 | 3-2 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 12 | Jerry Thacker | UNR | L13 | Bye | W20 | L2 | W19 | 3-2 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 13 | Wayne Barker | 1476 | W12 | L5 | L4 | W20 | L9 | 2-3 | 9 |
| 14 | Roland Brodniak | NON | L8 | W16 | W15 | L5 | L10 | 2-3 | 8 |
| 15 | Walt Duncan | 1377 | L6 | W17 | L14 | W18 | L11 | 2-3 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ /11 |
| 16 | John Austreng | 1288 | L2 | L14 | W17 | L9 | Bye | 2-3 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ /10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 17 | Andy Shuck | 1236 | L5 | L15 | L16 | Bye | W20 | 2-3 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 18 | Charles Chapman | 1102 | L11 | L20 | Bye | L15 | W21 | 2-3 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 19 | Pete McKeon | 1327 | D1 | L3 | L7 | W21 | L12 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 20 | Harold Ericson | 1376 | L10 | W18 | L12 | L13 | L17 | 1-4 | 6 /11 |
| 21 | Paul Hughes | 721 | Bye | L2 | L11 | L19 | L18 | 1-4 | 6 /10 |

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$40 Judson Temple
 2nd Place Trophy + \$25 Michael Poole
 1st Under 1500 Clock Howard Hoene
 2nd Under 1500 Trophy + \$15 Lynn Crewse

Third Annual A. J. Smith

Tournament Report

February 26-27, 1977

Director: William Lynch

(Double Round Robin)

| Place | Player | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Score | Notes: |
|-------|--------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Ted McDonald | XXX | $\frac{1}{2}$ /1 | 1/0 | 1/1 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 Non-rated event |
| 2 | Coyle Long | $\frac{1}{2}$ /0 | XXX | 1/ $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1/1 | 4-2 | 2 A/B indicates scores vs opponent with white/black pieces |
| 3 | Alan Abrams | 0/1 | 0/ $\frac{1}{2}$ | XXX | 1/1 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| 4 | James Cramer | 0/w | 0/w | w/0 | XXX | 0-6 | |

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$15 Ted McDonald
 2nd Place Trophy + \$10 Coyle Long

A five round, 5-minute, speed chess tournament amongst ten players of the Copper Kings Open, held on Sunday morning prior to the start of the fourth round, was won by Roberto Barajas by virtue of tie-breaks over second place finisher Lynn Crewse. Both players scored 4-1.

All participants in the Copper Kings Open and A. J. Smith gratefully acknowledge the fine job of organization and promotion done by Gordon Shuck of Whitehall.

Otto Grosse placed first on tie-breaks in the Great Falls Chess Club Team Qualifying Tournament held Monday January 24th at the home of John Barto. Larry Jennings, who equaled Otto's 3-0 score in the three round swiss system rated event, took second place. Lawrence Dunkin, Bob Jordan, James Skovron and Ted Anderson captured 3rd-6th places respectively to also qualify for the Great Falls team.

Howard Hoene took a clear first place with a perfect 4-0 score in the Billings 1977 Team Tornado held Saturday January 15th at the Billings YMCA. Bill Lynch, Merv Mecklenberg and Judson Temple tied at 3-1 and were assigned boards 2,3 and 4 respectively on the basis of tie-breaks. Wayne Barker and Chuck Chapman qualified to fill out the team with 2½-1½ scores.

BILLINGS VS GREAT FALLS TEAM MATCH Tournament Report

February 6, 1977 Directors: Otto Grosse & William Lynch

| Billings YMCA Chess Club "Team A" | | | | | | Great Falls Chess Club "Team B" | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Bd Name | Rating | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | Score | Bd Name | Rating | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | Score |
| A1 Hoene | 1464 | WB3 | WB2 | WB1 | 3-0 | B1 Grosse | 1456 | LA2 | WA3 | LA1 | 1-2 |
| A2 Lynch | 1658 | WB1 | WB3 | LB2 | 2-1 | B2 Jennings | 1580 | WA3 | LA1 | WA2 | 2-1 |
| A3 Mecklenberg | 994 | LB2 | LB3 | LB1 | 0-3 | B3 Dunkin | 1381 | LA1 | LA2 | WA3 | 1-2 |
| A4 Barker | 1476 | LB5 | LB6 | WB4 | 1-2 | B4 Jordan | 1347 | DA6 | WA5 | LA4 | 1½-1½ |
| A5 Chapman | 1102 | LB6 | LB4 | LB5 | 0-3 | B5 Skovron | 1396 | WA4 | WA6 | WA5 | 3-0 |
| A6 Heimbichner | 1445 | DB4 | LB5 | WB6 | 1½-1½ | B6 Anderson | 1348 | WA5 | WA4 | LA6 | 2-1 |
| Total 7½-10½ | | | | | | Total 10½-7½ | | | | | |

Note: Doug Heimbichner substituted for Billings on Board 6 when Judson Temple was unable to accompany the team.

For the second year, this event was held at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown which has generously supplied the playing room without charge. We all thank the Resident Manager, Mr. Jim DeMers, for his kind support of Chess activity in Montana.

Roberto Barajas captured first place with a 3-0 score in a Giuoco Piano Tournament held in Great Falls in mid-February. Each game was begun with the same first moves of the old Italian opening, then continued from the basic position.

WHITE: Shaun Sullivan (1645) BLACK: Gordon Shuck (1526) ALEKHINE'S DEFENSE

1. P-K4 N-KB3 2. P-K5 N-Q4 3. P-Q4 P-Q3 4. P-QB4 N-N3 5. P-B4 PxP 6. BPxP B-B4 7. N-QB3 P-K3 8. B-K3 B-K2 9. N-B3 O-O 10. B-K2 P-KB3 11. PxP BxP 12. O-O R-B2 13. Q-K2 R-Q2 14. QR-Q1 P-B4 15. P-Q5 BxN 16. QxB PxP 17. PxP B-K5 18. BxP N-R5 19. Q-R3 NxR 20. QxN BxP 21. RxB! RxB 22. B-B4 N-R3 23. QxRch K-R8 24. N-K5 Q-N3ch 25. K-R1 N-B2 26. Q-N8ch! Resigns 1-0

Shaun's luck took a turn for the worse after this second round win but for many it would have been worth the price of admission alone.

MONTANA'S RATED PLAYERS

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|----------------------|----|------|-----------------------|----|------|
| 1. Loren Meierding | MS | 1973 | 32. Charles Bradley | LG | 1374 |
| 2. Tim Estle | BZ | 1783 | 33. Larry Kiedrowski | GF | 1355 |
| 3. Jim Loy | BZ | 1714 | 34. Danny Dutton | GF | 1351 |
| 4. William Greer | MS | 1677 | 35. Ted Anderson | GF | 1348 |
| 5. William Lynch | BL | 1658 | 36. Bob Jordan | FB | 1347 |
| 6. Robert McKinnon | GF | 1647 | 37. Paul Compa | GF | 1342 |
| 7. Shaun Sullivan | AN | 1645 | 38. Pete McKeon | BT | 1327 |
| 8. Gary Chicoine | BL | 1644 | 39. Chris McKinnon | GF | 1327 |
| 9. Alvis Auseklis | KS | 1634 | 40. Preston Forayter | MS | 1314 |
| 10. Roberto Barajas | GF | 1604 | 41. Dallon Thomas | BL | 1300 |
| 11. Larry Jennings | GF | 1580 | 42. Richard Graham | GF | 1292 |
| 12. Dean Drake | MS | 1579 | 43. John Austrenq | GF | 1288 |
| 13. William Myers | MS | 1574 | 44. Harvey Manekofsky | GF | 1275 |
| 14. Judson Temple | BL | 1571 | 45. Lon Doll | BZ | 1268 |
| 15. Michael Poole | BT | 1558 | 46. Andy Shuck | WH | 1236 |
| 16. Alfred Anderson | BT | 1541 | 47. Bob Perry | KS | 1195 |
| 17. Gordon Shuck | WH | 1526 | 48. Ed Peterman | BL | 1186 |
| 18. Jerry Stump | BL | 1526 | 49. Grea Smith | MS | 1183 |
| 19. Robert Bailey | GF | 1511 | 50. Kelley Beasley | BZ | 1160 |
| 20. John Barto | GF | 1501 | 51. Lee Fishback | KL | 1121 |
| 21. Lynn Crewse | GF | 1493 | 52. Chuck Chapman | BL | 1102 |
| 22. Wayne Barker | BL | 1476 | 53. Thomas Mercer | GF | 1098 |
| 23. Howard Hoene | BL | 1464 | 54. Mike Roam | BL | 1068 |
| 24. Otto Grosse | GF | 1456 | 55. Merv Mecklenberg | BL | 994 |
| 25. Dennis Burke | MS | 1455 | 56. Karl Roam | BL | 966 |
| 26. Doug Heimbichner | BL | 1445 | 57. Brian Court | GF | 862 |
| 27. Marvin McDonald | MS | 1404 | 58. Kevin Sannes | BL | 818 |
| 28. James Skovron | GF | 1396 | 59. Barry Sleight | BL | 794 |
| 29. Lawrence Dunkin | GF | 1381 | 60. Paul Hughes | BZ | 721 |
| 30. Richard Frye | LA | 1376 | 61. Tim Clausen | BZ | 650 |
| 31. Harold Ericson | DL | 1376 | | | |

MS=Missoula, BZ=Bozeman, BL=Billings, GF=Great Falls, AN=Anaconda, KS=Kalispell, BT=Butte, WH=Whitehall, LA=Laurel, DL=Deer Lodge, LG=Lodge Grass, FB=Fort Benton, KL=Kila

U.S.CHESS FEDERATION members as yet unrated or inactive in 1976:

B.R.Buckingham, Thomas Cahill, Donald Cunningham, Richard Dightman, Lee Drummond, Dirk Duykers, Paul Heringer, Keith Huck, James Kilbourne, Terry Leir, Coyle Long, George Marquardt, Perry Moler Sr., James Nelson, Lyle Petersen, Terry Rasmussen, John Reddy, Tom Romine, John Shyne, Raymond Sorenson, Jerry Thacker, Bruce Thompson, Jim Tindall, E.K.Whinnen, Stuart Wiles, Dave Wilkes.

The above list, compiled before the Copper Kings Open, already has some welcome additions. Wasyl Jarosz of Bozeman returned to the fold after a two year absence to assume the number three spot at 1748. Walt Duncan (1377) returned to the state after some time spent in Vermont. Also, Roland Brodniak of Kalispell joined the Federation and established a provisional rating with a fine debut performance. Lon Doll of Bozeman also reports some new members at MSU who signed up when they qualified for the intercollegiate regional tournament in Eugene, Oregon. We hope to learn more about them and their results in that event during State Tournament.