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## TEMPLE WINS THIRD STRAIGHT TO TAKE '77 STATE TITLE

Judson Temple, a native of Bozeman who is now practicing law with a firm in Billings, has earned the 1977 State Championship with a fine  $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  performance in the 43rd Annual Open Tournament, held this year in Bozeman. His victory continued a remarkable personal record of successes which now totals 22 consecutive USCF rated tournament games without a loss and three consecutive tournament wins. Judson thus succeeds the 1976 Champion, Robert Goble, of Bozeman, who won the title in Great Falls.

Roberto Barajas, of Great Falls, finished second with a strong 4-1 showing, and Roland Brodniak, of Kalispell, placed third with an identical score - a splendid finish for an unrated player participating in his second tournament.

For tournament reports, details and games, see pages 3 through 5.

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### TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT 2ND ANNUAL MALMSTROM OPEN

Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / USAF  
June 18-19, 1977

Place: Malmstrom AFB Recreation Center (Newly redecorated and carpeted)  
Reg: 9:00-9:50am, Entry Fee = \$5  
Rounds: 5RSS 40/100 (25/hr) 10:00am, 3:30pm, 8:00pm/ 10:00am, 3:30pm  
Member: USCF membership req'd, may join at site.  
Prizes: Trophies - 1st, 2nd, 1st Under 1500, 2nd Under 1500, 1st Junior  
Dir: Lynn Crewse Asst. Dir: Bill Lynch  
Entry: Lynn Crewse, 2114 2nd Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401  
Notes: 5RSS 5min Speed Tournament 8:30am June 19, \$1 Entry, 80%/20% prizes  
For further info call Lynn Crewse 727-2944, Bill Lynch 252-3701, or  
Malmstrom Rec. Center 731-2248

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### TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT BILLINGS RIMROCK OPEN - 77

Sponsor - Billings YMCA Chess Club  
August 27-28, 1977

Place: Meeting Rooms, Billings YMCA, 402 N. 32nd St., Billings, MT 59101  
Reg: 8:00-8:50am, Entry Fee = \$7 at site, \$5 if received by 8/25.  
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: \$55/\$35; Under 1500 \$30/15; Under 1300 \$30/\$15 (Based on 30 entries)  
Dir: Bill Lynch  
Entry: Bill Lynch, 1144 Harvard Ave., Billings, MT 59102  
Notes: Adjourned games from rounds 1, 2 & 3 will be played at 10:00pm Sat.

March 26-27, 1977

Director: William Lynch

| Place | Name            | Rating | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | Score                            | Tie-Breaks<br>M / S               |
|-------|-----------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1     | Judson Temple   | 1571   | W20 | D11 | W3  | W2  | W5  | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  |                                   |
| 2     | Bill Lynch      | 1658   | W12 | W4  | W5  | L1  | W9  | 4-1                              | 9                                 |
| 3     | Lynn Crewse     | 1493   | W18 | W13 | L1  | W6  | W4  | 4-1                              | 8                                 |
| 4     | Lon Doll        | 1268   | W10 | L2  | W13 | W7  | L3  | 3-2                              | 10                                |
| 5     | Gordon Shuck    | 1526   | W14 | W19 | L2  | W11 | L1  | 3-2                              | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$                   |
| 6     | Robert Jordan   | 1401   | W8  | W16 | L7  | L3  | W13 | 3-2                              | 8                                 |
| 7     | Wayne Barker    | 1476   | L19 | W14 | W6  | L4  | W11 | 3-2                              | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$                   |
| 8     | Howard Hoene    | 1464   | L6  | W17 | L11 | W19 | W12 | 3-2                              | 6                                 |
| 9     | Ted Anderson    | 1348   | L13 | W18 | W12 | W16 | L2  | 3-2                              | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 10    | George Rohrer   | NON    | L4  | L12 | W18 | W14 | W16 | 3-2                              | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /9 $\frac{1}{2}$  |
| 11    | Andy Shuck      | 1236   | W15 | D1  | W8  | L5  | L7  | 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |                                   |
| 12    | Bruce Thompson  | 1232   | L2  | W10 | L9  | W17 | L8  | 2-3                              | 9 /14 $\frac{1}{2}$               |
| 13    | Charles Chapman | 1102   | W9  | L3  | L4  | W20 | L6  | 2-3                              | 9 /14                             |
| 14    | Perry Moler, Sr | NON    | L5  | L7  | W15 | L10 | W17 | 2-3                              | 8                                 |
| 15    | Barry Sleight   | 794    | L11 | D20 | L14 | D18 | W19 | 2-3                              | 4                                 |
| 16    | Walt Duncan     | 1377   | D17 | L6  | W19 | L9  | L10 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$                   |
| 17    | Donald Price    | 1143   | D16 | L8  | W20 | L12 | L14 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$                   |
| 18    | Glen Croy       | 1195   | L3  | L9  | L10 | D15 | D20 | 1-4                              | 8 /13                             |
| 19    | Kelley Beasley  | 1160   | W7  | L5  | L16 | L8  | L15 | 1-4                              | 8 /12 $\frac{1}{2}$               |
| 20    | William Miller  | NON    | L1  | D15 | L17 | L13 | D18 | 1-4                              | 5 $\frac{1}{2}$                   |

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy - Judson Temple  
 2nd Place Trophy - Bill Lynch  
 1st Under 1500 Trophy - Lynn Crewse  
 1st Under 1300 Trophy - Lon Doll  
 1st Junior Trophy - Andy Shuck  
 1st Under 1200/UNR \$10.00 - George Rohrer

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In the decisive game of the YMCA Open, Judson Temple had to face Gordon Shuck, whose son Andy had held him to a draw in the second round. By the time they reached the crucial move, all other games had been completed and all eyes were on board one.

WHITE: J. Temple (1571) BLACK: G. Shuck (1526) QUEEN'S GAMBIT ACCEPTED

1. P-Q4 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 PxP 3. N-KB3 P-QR3 4. P-K3 (MCO gives 4. P-K4?! with White sacking two pawns for tactical advantage, but the move in this game is the main line) P-QN4 5. P-QR4 B-N2 6. PxP PxP 7. RxR BxR 8. P-QN3 P-K3 9. PxP PxP 10. BxP N-Q2 (Here MCO shows N-KB3 for Black leading to equality, but the game move prevents White's developing Q-R4 check) 11. O-O N(1)-B3 12. B-QN5 Q-N1 13. Q-R4 BxN 14. PxB K-Q1 15. B-Q2 N-N3 16. Q-B2 B-Q3 17. P-KB4 N(B3)-Q4 18. Q-B6 K-K2 19. N-B3 Q-R1 20. Nxnch PxN 21. B-B3 QxQ 22. BxQ K-K3 23. R-R1 R-QN1 24. R-QN1 B-K2 25. B-R5 K-Q3 26. B-R4 R-R1 27. BxN RxB 28. B-B5oh K-Q2 29. R-B1 R-B5 (Black trades off the pieces, presuming that the outside passed pawn will win, in light of the following BxB 30. RxR K-Q3 retaining equality would have been more prudent) 30. RxR PxR 31. BxB KxB 32. K-B1 R-N3? (the immediate 32. ... K-Q3 33. P-K4 K-B3 34. K-K2 K-N4 35. K-Q2 K-N5! 36. K-B2 P-B5! 37. P-Q5 K-B5 38. P-B3 K-Q5 39. K-B1 K-B5 draws) 33. P-K4! (but now, the passed pawn cannot be saved and White's center pawns cannot be touched) K-Q3 34. K-K2 K-B3 35. K-Q2 K-N4 36. K-B3 P-QB3 37. P-K5 P-KR3 38. P-KR3 P-KR4 39. P-KR4 K-N3 40. KxP And Black soon resigned.

April 30-May 1, 1977

Director: James Loy

| Place | Name             | Rating | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | Score | Tie-Breaks<br>M / S |
|-------|------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------------------|
| 1     | Judson Temple    | 1571   | W28 | W16 | D6  | W17 | W5  | 4½-1½ |                     |
| 2     | Roberto Barajas  | 1613   | W18 | W13 | W8  | D5  | D3  | 4-1   | 9½/16               |
| 3     | Roland Brodniak  | UNR    | W23 | D7  | W20 | W6  | D2  | 4-1   | 9½/15½              |
| 4     | Bill Lynch       | 1653   | W15 | W12 | L5  | W16 | W9  | 4-1   | 8½                  |
| 5     | Alfred Anderson  | 1541   | W29 | W19 | W4  | D2  | L1  | 3½-1½ | 10½                 |
| 6     | Jim Ostby        | 1800   | W9  | W10 | D1  | L3  | W13 | 3½-1½ | 10                  |
| 7     | Lynn Crewse      | 1553   | W14 | D3  | L10 | W21 | W15 | 3½-1½ | 8                   |
| 8     | Bob Jordan       | 1378   | W26 | W21 | L2  | D14 | W17 | 3½-1½ | 7                   |
| 9     | Charles Bradley  | 1374   | L6  | W29 | W11 | W12 | L4  | 3-2   | 9½                  |
| 10    | Lee Drummond     | 1522   | W11 | L6  | W7  | L22 | W14 | 3-2   | 9                   |
| 11    | Merv Mecklenberg | 1027   | L10 | W18 | L9  | W28 | W23 | 3-2   | 7½                  |
| 12    | Wayne Barker     | 1445   | W27 | L4  | W25 | L9  | W22 | 3-2   | 7                   |
| 13    | Dennis Burke     | 1455   | W25 | L2  | D15 | W19 | L6  | 2½-2½ | 8½/14½              |
| 14    | Andy Shuck       | 1236   | L7  | W24 | W23 | D8  | L10 | 2½-2½ | 8½/14               |
| 15    | Perry Moler      | UNR    | L4  | W30 | D13 | W20 | L7  | 2½-2½ | 8½/13½              |
| 16    | Walt Duncan      | 1377   | W30 | L1  | W27 | L4  | D18 | 2½-2½ | 8 / 13½             |
| 17    | Wasyl Jarosz     | 1748   | W32 | D20 | W22 | L1  | L8  | 2½-2½ | 8 / 12½             |
| 18    | Bruce Thompson   | 1298   | L2  | L11 | W29 | W25 | D16 | 2½-2½ | 7½                  |
| 19    | Jim Loy          | 1714   | D21 | L5  | W26 | L13 | W24 | 2½-2½ | 6½                  |
| 20    | Gordon Shuck     | 1526   | W31 | D17 | L3  | L15 | W28 | 2½-2½ | 6                   |
| 21    | Dallon Thomas    | 1300   | D19 | L8  | W24 | L7  | D27 | 2-3   | 8                   |
| 22    | Harold Ericson   | 1376   | L24 | W26 | L17 | W10 | L12 | 2-3   | 7½                  |
| 23    | Howard Hoene     | 1464   | L3  | W31 | L14 | W27 | L11 | 2-3   | 7                   |
| 24    | Anthony Mattina  | NON    | W22 | L14 | L21 | W32 | L19 | 2-3   | 6½                  |
| 25    | Brian Berg       | NON    | L13 | W28 | L12 | L18 | W31 | 2-3   | 6                   |
| 26    | John Hay         | NON    | L8  | L22 | L19 | W29 | W30 | 2-3   | 5½                  |
| 27    | Chris Vilos      | NON    | L12 | W32 | L16 | L23 | D21 | 1½-3½ |                     |
| 28    | Dave Mouat       | 1257   | L1  | L25 | W30 | L11 | L20 | 1-4   | 7½/13               |
| 29    | Don Price        | 1143   | L5  | L9  | L18 | L26 | W32 | 1-4   | 7½/11               |
| 30    | Bill Miller      | UNR    | L16 | L15 | L28 | W31 | L26 | 1-4   | 5½                  |
| 31    | Chuck Chapman    | 1088   | L20 | L23 | W32 | L30 | L25 | 1-4   | 5                   |
| 32    | John Austreng    | 1309   | L17 | L27 | L31 | L24 | L29 | 0-5   |                     |

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy + \$10 - Judson Temple

2nd Place Trophy - Roberto Barajas

3rd Place Trophy - Roland Brodniak

4th Place (5 Issues of Northwest Chess) - Bill Lynch

As 1977 State Champion, Judson's name will be engraved on the travelling trophy plaque which will reside in Butte until the tournament there next year.

Outstanding performances deserving recognition were turned in by Merv Mecklenberg, who deserves to be rated three to four hundred points higher, and Andy Shuck, the only junior playing in the open section.

Both Howard Hoene and Merv Mecklenberg are to be congratulated for a fine display of sportsmanship in agreeing to remain after the end of round five to play their fourth round games with Chris Vilos and Dave Mouat of Worland, Wyoming, who had missed the round due to a misunderstanding. The tournament was thus completed without any unplayed games.

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournament Report

April 30-May 1, 1977

Director: Tim Estle

(Round Robin)

| Place | Name           | Opponent |   |   |   |   |    | Score |
|-------|----------------|----------|---|---|---|---|----|-------|
|       |                | 1        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  |       |
| 1     | Chris Tiahrt   | x        | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 5-0   |
| 2     | Joe Wingard    | 0        | x | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 4-1   |
| 3     | John Shyne     | 0        | 0 | x | 1 | 1 | 1* | 3-2   |
| 4     | Charles Sexton | 0        | 0 | 0 | x | 1 | 1* | 2-1   |
| 5     | Brad Jackson   | 0        | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 1  | 1-4   |
| 6     | John Thomas    | 0        | 0 | F | F | 0 | x  | 0-5   |

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy - Chris Tiahrt  
 2nd Place Trophy - Joe Wingard

\* Thomas forfeited to Shyne and Sexton by failing to arrive on Sunday.

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NON-RATED AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournament Report

April 30-May 1, 1977

Director: Lon Doll

| Place | Name              | RD1 | RD2 | RD3 | RD4 | RD5 | Score | Tie Breaks |     |          |
|-------|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------------|-----|----------|
|       |                   |     |     |     |     |     |       | S          | M   | S-B / C  |
| 1     | Lon Doll          | W8  | W4  | W2  | W3  | L5  | 4-1   |            |     |          |
| 2     | George Temple     | W7  | W3  | L1  | W6  | L4  | 3-2   | 9          | /14 | / 7 / 11 |
| 3     | Coyle Long        | W6  | L2  | W5  | L1  | W7  | 3-2   | 9          | /14 | / 7 / 9  |
| 4     | Holley Weeks      | W5  | L1  | L6  | W8  | W2  | 3-2   | 9          | /13 |          |
| 5     | Keith Bayern      | L4  | W8  | L3  | W7  | W1  | 3-2   | 7          | /11 |          |
| 6     | Roscoe Montgomery | L3  | W7  | W4  | L2  | W8  | 3-2   | 7          | /10 |          |
| 7     | Dick McMeekin     | L2  | E6  | W8  | L5  | L3  | 1-4   |            |     |          |
| 8     | Gary Roe          | L1  | L5  | L7  | L4  | L6  | 0-5   |            |     |          |

Prizes: 1st Place Trophy - Lon Doll  
 2nd Place Trophy - George Temple

Lon was going to act as non-playing director of the amateur section, but was talked into playing so as to round out the field and avoid the necessity of byes.

Yes, for the curious, George is Judson's brother.

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In a 7RSS five minute speed tournament amongst 14 players held Sunday morning before the start of Round 4, Tim Estle, of Bozeman, scored 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  to edge Roberto Barajas, of Great Falls, who finished with 6-1. Joe Wingard, last year's Junior Champion from Kalispell, took third place with a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$  score including the only draw against Estle.

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WHITE: L. Drummond (1522) BLACK: M. Mecklenberg (1027) RUY LOPEZ

- P-K4 P-K4
- N-KB3 N-QB3
- B-N5 P-QR3
- BxN QPxB
- O-O B-Q3 (Fischer, in MY60 MEMORABLE GAMES, gives P-B3 as the best defence)
- P-Q4 PxP
- QxP P-B3
- R-K1 (Fischer gives 8. QN-Q2! N-K2 9. N-B4 etc.) B-K4?(Black must develop)
- QxQch KxQ
- NxB PxN
- B-N5ch N-B3
- N-Q2 B-Q2
- N-B4 R-K1
- QR-Q1 P-QR4
- R-Q3 P-QN4
- R(1)-Q1! R-K2
- NxKP RxN
- RxBch K-B1
- RxNP NxKP
- B-B4?! Resigns 0-1

WHITE: A. Mattina (NON) BLACK: Jim Loy (1714) PIRC DEFENCE

1. P-K4 N-KB3 2. N-QB3 P-Q3 3. P-Q4 P-KN3 4. N-B3 B-N2 5. B-QB4 O-O  
6. O-O B-N5 7. B-B4 P-B4 8. P-K5 QPXP 9. BxKP PxP 10. BxQP BxN 11. PxP  
N-B3 12. B-K3 QxQ 13. KRxQ KR-Q1 14. N-Q5 N-KR5 15. NxKPch K-B1 16.  
B-B5 NxB 17. N-B6disch K-K1 18. NxR RxN 19. R-K1ch K-Q2 20. QR-Q1ch  
K-B1 21. BxP RxR 22. RxR NxP 23. R-N1 N-Q4 24. R-K1 K-Q2 25. R-K2 N-QB5  
26. R-K4 N-Q7 27. R-QR4 NxPch 28. K-R1 N-B5 29. R-KB4 N-K4 30. B-Q4 NxP  
31. BxN BxB 32. RxPch K-B3 33. RxRP P-KN4 34. R-R6ch K-B4 35. P-R4 PxP  
36. RxP N-N5 37. R-R5 K-Q3 38. P-QB4 N-Q6 39. K-N2?? N-B5oh 40. Resigns O-1

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WHITE: J. Ostby (1800) BLACK: R. Brodniak (UNR) RETI

1. N-KB3 P-Q4 2. P-QB4 PxP 3. P-K4 P-QB4 4. BxP P-K3 5. P-Q4 P-QR3 6.  
B-K3 N-KB3 7. Q-B2 PxP 8. BxQP N-QB3 9. B-B3 B-K2 10. O-O O-O 11. R-Q1  
Q-B2 12. N-R3 P-QN4 13. B-Q3 B-N2 14. BxN BxB 15. QR-B1 P-KN3 16. Q-K2  
QR-B1 17. R-Q2 Q-N3 18. P-K5 N-Q5 19. Q-Q1 RxR 20. QxR NxNch 21. PxN  
BxKP 22. R-K2 R-B1 23. Q-KN5 B-N2 24. K-N2 Q-Q1 25. QxQ RxQ 26. B-K4  
B-QB1 27. P-KB4 R-Q2 28. P-QN3 B-N2 29. BxB RxB 30. N-B2 R-Q2 31. N-N4  
R-Q3 32. R-B2 B-B3 33. R-B6 RxR 34. NxR K-B1 35. N-N4 P-QR4 36. N-B6  
B-B6 37. N-R7 B-Q7 38. K-B3 P-N5 39. N-B6 P-B4 40. NxP K-K2 41. P-KR3  
B-B6 42. K-K3 K-Q3 43. K-Q3 K-Q4 44. N-B4 B-Q5 45. N-K3ch BxN 46. PxP  
P-R3 47. P-R4 P-R4 48. P-K4 PxPch 49. K-K3 P-K4 50. PxP KxP 51. K-K2  
Resigns 1-0

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Following is the deciding game of the tournament with notes by Bill Lynch and Judson Temple:

WHITE: A. Anderson (1541) BLACK: J. Temple (1571) QUEEN'S INDIAN DEFENCE

1. N-KB3 N-KB3 2. P-Q4 P-QN3 3. QN-Q2 B-N2 4. P-QB4 P-K3 5. P-K3 B-K2  
6. B-Q3 O-O 7. O-O P-Q4? (Black surrenders the center and loses a tempo)  
8. PxP BxP 9. P-K4 B-N2 10. R-K1? (Q-B2 appears to better maintain the  
pressure, threatening P-K5 and BxPch and preparing N-N3 to free the QB)  
P-QB4 11. P-K5 N-Q4 12. N-N3 PxP 13. N(N3)xP N-B3 14. NxN BxN 15. P-QR3  
R-B1 16. B-K3? (White gives up the bishop pair and a tempo) NxB 17. RxN  
B-B4 18. R-K1 P-QR4 19. Q-K2 Q-K2 20. QR-Q1 R-B2 21. B-N1 R-Q1 22. RxRch  
QxR 23. Q-B2 P-KN3 24. R-Q1 R-Q2 25. RxR QxR 26. N-N5 Q-Q4 27. N-B3 Q-Q1  
28. Q-Q3 QxQ 29. BxQ K-N2 30. K-B1 P-KR3 31. K-K2 P-KN4 32. P-KN4 P-KR4  
33. P-KR3 PxP 34. NxP? (PxP should preserve drawing chances, since Black's  
win of a pawn by BxNch 35. KxB B-Q5 would leave opposite colored bishops)  
PxP 36. N-B3? (If NxP then B-Q5 and Black will have the extra pawn and  
retain the two bishops. Now, however, Black has an easy win with BxNch  
36. KxB P-R7 37. K-N2 P-R8=Qch 38. KxQ BxBP 39. K-N2 B-Q5. But, Black  
chooses a slower method.) K-R3 36. B-B2 B-Q4 37. B-Q1 B-Q5 38. P-N3 (If  
NxB then P-R7) BxNch 39. KxB BxP (P-R7 etc. still works) 40. K-N4 P-R7  
41. B-B3 P-B4ch 42. K-R3 K-N4 43. K-N2 B-Q5 44. K-N3 P-K4 45. KxP (White  
could have fought harder with 45. B-N2 though P-B5 46. P-B3 B-K4oh! 47.  
K-B2 K-B5 48. PxP PxP should still win for Black) BxP 46. K-N2 B-Q5 47.  
P-R4 P-K5 48. B-K2 P-B5 49. P-B6ch K-N3 50. B-K4ch K-B5 51. B-N5 P-K6ch  
52. K-K1 B-B6ch 53. Resigns O-1

## GORDON SHUCK ELECTED AS MCA PRESIDENT

At the annual business meeting following the traditional banquet at the state tournament, Butte was the unanimous choice as the site for the 1978 Championship, and Gordon Shuck, of Whitehall, was elected unanimously to serve as President of the Montana Chess Association for 1977-78.

Following the election, Tim Estle of Bozeman, at the request of Kennedy Poyser, chief editor of the magazine NORTHWEST CHESS, presented a proposal for the Montana Chess Association to affiliate with the Northwest Chess Federation. After considerable discussion, the proposal was rejected by a large margin. The consensus of opinion was that the Northwest Chess services would represent an unnecessary duplication of those presented by the USCF and an additional expense to Montana's serious players.

A brief discussion of the future of the newsletter MONTANA CHESS NEWS led to a resolution to support the costs of the publication through voluntary donations at Montana tournaments.

Roberto Barajas, of Great Falls, spoke of the fine job done by Bob McKinnon as MCA President despite his reluctance to serve two consecutive terms, and found those in attendance in agreement with the general principle that it would be best to elect a new President each year, preferably someone from the city selected as the site for the state tournament.

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

The first three issues of MONTANA CHESS NEWS constituted an experiment to see if there was sufficient interest across the state to justify and support a regular chess publication. The response has been gratifying, and I have received encouragement from Martin Morrison of the USCF as well as from local players and organizers. In fact CHESS LIFE & REVIEW listed the newsletter as the official publication of the Montana Chess Association, which is not the case.

Jim Loy, of Bozeman, and earlier, Bob Perry, of Kalispell, suggested that MCN should appear frequently, and on a regular schedule. I have come to agree, and therefore propose to publish six issues in the coming year, which will appear as soon as possible after the first day of July, September, November, January, March, and May. This appears to fit well with the current schedule of tournaments across the state.

I would like to invite all players to contribute material which may be of interest. Every effort will be made to include games, analysis, tournament announcements, tournament reports, letters to the editor, MCA business or other items received by the last day of the month preceding the publication of each issue. One item I would like some help on in the near future is a listing of local Chess Clubs with their meeting places, times and days of meetings, mailing addresses, officers, etc.

The MCA has decided to support MCN for the immediate future on a limited basis by means of voluntary contributions collected at tournaments held in the state. This has been done already at the YMCA Open and the State Championship with enough money raised for this issue and perhaps the next. Ultimately, I believe that a subscription rate will be necessary, either independently, or as a part of an annual MCA membership fee should the newsletter become the official state publication. A few more issues will clarify the cost picture, but it appears that one dollar per year per person would cover expenses. At this time I would like to close by appealing to those non-tournament players who enjoy receiving MONTANA CHESS NEWS to send a contribution to support its continuation in the coming year.

Thank you,

*William M. Lynch*  
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