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PAUL MOTTA PROMOTES MONTANA'S LARGEST EVER PRIZE FUND

AUGUST 27-28, 1988: RIMROCK OPEN ### Conference Room, Plaza Office Building, 1629 Avenue D, Billings, MT 59102. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; 9:00am, 2:00pm. 30 moves / 90 minutes, 25 moves / hour. USCF & MCA/Other State membership required. Entry fee = \$10 advance or 8:00-9:00am at site, August 27. Prizes: 30%-1st, 20%-2nd. Sponsor: Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch, 4245 Palisades Park Dr., Billings, MT 59106.

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 1988: ENNIS OPEN \$\$\$ Ennis High School Library, Ennis, MT 59729 #
5 Round Swiss: 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm; 10:00am, 2:00pm. 30 moves / 90 minutes, 25 #
moves / hour. USCF & MCA/Other State membership required - Montana, Wyoming, Idaho #
residents only. Entry fee = \$18 received by Sept. 1, \$20 at the door 8:30-9:30am. #
PRIZES: 1st-\$200, 2nd-\$125, 3rd-\$75; TOP B-\$100, \$60, \$30; TOP C-\$85, \$50, \$25; TOP D, E #
-\$75, \$50, \$25; TOP UNR-\$50, \$25; UPSET-\$25. Sponsor: Montana Chess Association / Paul #
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4240, Lake Shore Lodge 406-682-4424 #
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OCTOBER 1-2, 1988: CHINOOK OPEN & MONTANA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF ### Rainbow Hotel 20 3rd Street, Gold and Silver Rooms, Great Falls, MT 59401. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm; 9:30am, 2:30pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 20 moves / hour. USCF & MCA/Other State Membership required. Entry fee = \$8 advance, \$10 8:00-9:00am at site, October 1. Prizes: 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$25, 3rd-\$15 + Class prizes and Upset award. Sponsor: Great Falls Chess Club / Dennis Petrak, 1909 Colorado Ave., Great Falls, MT 59414. Room reservations: Rainbow Hotel, 406-727-8200, MT Toll Free - 1-800-332-9940. Montana Chess Association Business Meeting will be scheduled between rounds - be sure to attend.

NOVEMBER 19-20, 1988: TURKEY OPEN ### Room 362, Social Science Bldg., U of MT Campus, Missoula, MT 59812. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; 9:00am, 2:00pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 20 moves / hour. USCF & MCA/Other State membership required. Entry fee = \$10 advance, \$15 at site 8:00-9:00am Nov. 19. Prizes: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50; Best Under 1700 - \$30, 1500 - \$15; Trophy - Biggest Upset. Sponsor - University-Community Chess Club / William H. McBroom, 2321 Raymond Ave., Missoula, MT 59802. 406-728-4654 after 5.

FOR VIDEO FANS: The 3 Star Group, Inc., 2600 Colorado Avenue, Suite 420, Santa Monica, CA 90404. 213-828-1500. has produced a video tape entitled "A KNIGHT WITH KOLTY". The 60 minute VHS tape features amusing and amazing stories from George Koltanowski's 7 decades in the world of chess. It includes Kolty's famous Knight's Tour and a host of challenging chess problems - and is endorsed by Koltanowski. \$24.95 per tape. Send your name and shipping address plus check to address above - allow 4-6 weeks delivery.

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1 Paul Motta	2061	W14	W7	W4	W3	D2	4.5
2 Les Brennan	1691	W17	W6	W8	D4	D1	4.0
3 Romie Carpenter	1866	W10	W13	W15	L1	W5	4.0
4 Bill Greer	1876	W15	W5	L1	D2	W6	3.5
5 Arman Goplen	1725	W11	L4	W13	W9	L3	3.0
6 Dan Britt	1604	W9	L2	D7	W15	L4	2.5
7 Bob Phillips	1734	W12	L1	D6	D8	D10	2.5
8 Dave Shughart	1810	D13	W10	L2	D7	D9	2.5
9 Ron Erickson	1839	L6	W12	W11	L5	D8	2.5
10 Bill McBroom	1625	L3	L8	W17	W12	D7	2.5
11 Tom Gluick	1375	L5	BYE	L9	W13	D14	2.5
12 Lyle Petersen	1438	L7	L9	W14	L10	W15	2.0
13 Nick Pazderic	1451	D8	L3	L5	L11	W17	1.5
14 Gregg Ford	1688	L1	L15	L12	W17	D11	1.5
15 Steve Scarff	1633	L4	W14	L3	L6	L12	1.0
16 Sherwood Moore	1504	—	W17	—	—	—	1.0
17 M. Szulczynski	UNR	L2	L16	L10	L14	L13	0

Paul Motta won 1st Place outright with an undefeated 4.5 score. Les Brennan took 2nd Place on tie-break over Romie Carpenter, also unbeaten at 4.0.

In the Class awards, Dan Britt was best under 1700, Lyle Petersen best under 1500, and Miroslaw Szulczynski best under 1300.

Arman Goplen won the Senior Award.

The Montana State Speed Championship, played on Friday night May 13, was won by Romie Carpenter at 7-2. Bill McBroom was close behind with 6½-2½ for second place.

The top five finishers in the Open all qualified for the Championship playoff - Motta and Carpenter via 1st-2nd standing in the Grand Prix

and the others by virtue of their finish in this event (Bill Greer was only narrowly edged out by Romie in the Grand Prix standings, but makes it anyway.) Dan Britt is the first alternate, followed by Phillips, Erickson, McBroom, etc. The majority of players qualified have agreed to play in Great Falls, October 1-2, in conjunction with the Chinook Open.

Szulczynski-Brennan RD1 BD8
 ENGLISH 1 c4 e6 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3 d5 4 b3 d4 5
 Na4 c5 6 Bg2 Qc7 7 d3 Bd6 8 e4 Nc6 9 a3 Bd7
 10 f4 e5 11 f5 0-0 12 g4 h6 13 h4 Kh7 14 g5
 Ng8 15 Qh5 Be8 16 Nf3 g6 17 Qg4 h5 18 fxe6 fx
 g6 19 Qg3 Na5 20 Rb1 Nxb3 21 Nb2 Nxc1 22 Rxc1
 Qa5+ 23 Ke2 Qxa3 24 Rb1 Bd7 25 Bh3 Bxh3 26 Qx
 h3 Qa5 27 Qd7+ Be7 28 Nxe5 Qh6 29 Na4 Qd6 30
 Qxd6 Bxd6 31 Rxb7+ Ne7 32 Nc6 Rae8 33 Rxa7
 Rf7 34 Nb6 Ref8 35 Nxe7 Bxe7 36 Nd5 Bd6 37
 Nf6+ KH8 38 Rxf7 Rxf7 39 Rf1 Bg3 40 Rh1 Kg7
 41 Kf3 Be5 42 Rb1 Kg7 43 Nd5 Rf7+ 44 Kg2 Ra7
 45 Kf3 Ra3 46 Ke2 Ra2+ 47 Kf3 Rh2 48 Rb7+ Kf8 49 Rd7 Rh3+ 50 Ke2 Bg3 51 Re6 Bxh4 52 Rx
 g6 Rg3 53 Rh6 Rxe5 54 Nf4 Kg7 55 Rc6 Re5 56 Ne6 Kf6 57 Nxc5+ Kg5 58 Nb3 Kg4 59 Nxd4
 Rg5 60 Nf3 Ra5 61 Rg6+ Bg5 62 Nh2+ Kh4 63 Nf3+ Kg4 64 Nh2+ Kf4 65 Nf3 Ra2+ 66 Nd2 Kg4
 67 c5 Rxd2+ 68 Ke1 Rxd3 69 c6 Re3+ 70 Kf2 Rxe4 71 c7 Rc4 72 Rg7 h4 73 Ke2 h3 74 Kd3
 Rcl 75 Kd4 Kh5 76 Kd5 h2 77 Kd6 h1=Q 78 Rh7+ Bh6 79 Rh8 Qc6+ 0-1

P1 Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	TOT
1 Moore	x	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Brennan	1	x	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	6.0
3 Scarff	1	1	x	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4.0
4 McKean	1	0	1	x	0	½	1	1	0	0	4.5
5 Carpenter	1	1	1	1	x	0	1	1	1	0	7.0
6 McBroom	1	1	1	½	1	x	0	0	1	1	6.5
7 Greer	1	0	0	0	0	1	x	0	0	0	2.0
8 Ford	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	x	0	1	5.0
9 Shughart	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	x	0	4.0
10 Britt	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	x	6.0

Carpenter-Motta RD4 BD1 NIMZOVITCH DEFENSE 1 e4 Nc6 2 Nf3 d6 3 d3 e5 4 g3 Be7 5 Bg2
 f5 6 exf5 Bxf5 7 Nc3 Nf6 8 Bg5 0-0 9 Bxf6 Bxf6 10 0-0 d5 11 Nd2 Be6 12 Re1 QD7 13 Na4
 b6 14 c4 Rad8 15 Rcl Kh8 16 Nc3 dxc4 17 Nxc4 Nb4 18 Nxe5 Bxe5 19 Be4 Bg4 20 f3 Nxd3 21
 Bxd3 Bxf3 22 White Resigns. 0-1

Erickson-Goplen RD4 BD3 BIRD'S 1 f4 d5 2 Nf3 Nf6
 3 b3 g6 4 Bb2 Bg7 5 e3 0-0 6 Be2 Nc6 7 0-0 Re8 8 Ne5 Nxe5 9 fxe5 Ne4 10 d3 Ng5 11 Nd2
 c5 12 Nf3 Ne6 13 Qel b6 14 d4 f6 15 exf6 exf6 16 dxc5 Nxc5 17 Bb5 Bd7 18 Bxd7 Qxd7 19
 Rd1 Bh6 20 BD4 Qc6 21 KH1 Re6 22 b4 Ne4 23 c3 Rae8 24 Qh4 Bg7 25 Rcl ND6 26 Rfel NF5
 27 Qf2 Bh6 28 NH4 Nxe3 29 Qf3 Nf5 30 Rxe6 Qxe6 31 Rf1 Nxb4 32 Qxf6 Qxf6 33 Bxf6 Nf5 34
 g4 Ne3 35 Rgl Bf4 36 g5 Re4 37 Rb1 Nc2 38 Rf1 Bd6 39 a4 Re2 40 Bd8 Ne3 41 Resigns. 0-1

McBroom-Petersen RD4 BD6 SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e6 5 Bc4 Nf6 6
 Nc3 a6 7 Bb3 Be7 8 f4 d6 9 BE3 e5 10 Nxc6 bxc6 11 fxe5 dxe5 12 Qxd8 Bxd8 13 Bc5 Be7 14
 Bxe7 Kxe7 15 Rd1 Bb7 16 Kf2 Nd7 17 a3 f6 18 Rd2Rad8 19 Rhd1 Nc5 20 Rxd8 Rxd8 21 Rxd8
 Lxd8 22 Bg8 h6 23 Bh7 Ke7 24 b4 Ne6 25 Na4 Nd4 26 c3 Nb5 27 Bf5 Kd6 28 Nc5 Ba8 29 Nxa6
 Nxc3 30 Nc5 Nb5 31 a4 Nd4 32 Bg4 Nc2 33 Nd3 g6 34 Bd1 Nd4 35 Nb2 Bb7 36 Nc4+ Kc7 37 Ke3
 Ba6 38 Na3 Kb6 39 Nc2 Ne6 40 a5+ Kc7 41 Be2 Kb7 42 Na3 Nd4 43 Bd1 c5 44 bxc5 Kc6 45 B-
 a4+ Kxc5 46 Be8 g5 47 Nb1 Nb3 48 NC3 Kd6 49 Bb5 NC5 50 Bxa6 Nxa6 51 g4 Nb4 52 Nb5+ Kc5
 53 Nc7 Kc6 54 Ne8 Kb5 55 Nxf6 Kxa5 56 Ng8 Kb5 57 Nxh6 Kc5 58 Nf7 Nc6 59 Nxc5 Kd6 60 h4
 Ke7 61 Nf3 Kf6 62 h5 Ne7 1-0

BILLINGS OPEN

June 11-12, 1988

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1 Bill Greer	1851	W6	W3	W8	D4	W5	4.5
2 John Tay	NON	W11	W7	D4	L5	W8	3.5
3 Chad Robinson	1650	½BY	L1	W10	W8	W4	3.5
4 Les Brennan	1665	W9	W10	D2	D1	L3	3.0
5 Tim Kipp	1692	W11	L8	W6	W2	L1	3.0
6 Mickey Crews	1431	L1	W9	L5	W11	W12	3.0
7 Bill Lynch	1936	L8	L2	¼BY	W12	W9	2.5
8 Jacob Czyz	1446	W7	W5	L1	L3	L2	2.0
9 Harold Moneyhun	1320	L4	L6	W12	W10	L7	2.0
10 Lyle Petersen	1471	W12	L4	L3	L9	W11	2.0
11 John Kennedy	1335	L5	W12	L2	L6	L10	1.0
12 Richard Suko	944	L10	L11	L9	L7	L6	0

Bill Greer played solidly to finish clears first in Billings with a 4.5 score. Newcomer John Tay took 2nd on tie-breaks over Chad Robinson as both totaled 3.5 points.

Jacob Czyz and Tay shared upset honors, as both knocked off top-rated Bill Lynch with stong accurate play after achieving an advantage.

Lynch-Czyz RD1 BD1 SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Bc4 e6 7 a4 Be7 8 O-O O-O 9 Be3 Qc7 10 Qe2 Nbd7 11 Bxe6 fxe6 12 Nxe6 Qc6 13 Nxf8 Nxf8 14 Rad1 B-e6 15 Qf3 Bg4 16 Qg3 Bxd1 17 Rxd1 f4 Bc5 23 f5 Bxd4+ 24 Rxd4 Qc5 25

Nxe4 18 Nd5 Qxd5 19 Qf3 Qc6 20 Bd4 Ng6 21 Qg4 d5 22 c3 Ne5 26 White Resigns. 0-1

Tay-Lynch RD2 BD5 QUEEN'S GAMBIT 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 d5 4 BF4 Bb4 5 Rc1 O-O 6 Nf3 Nbd7 7 e3 c6 8 Be2 dxc4 9 Bxc4 Nb6 10 Bd3 Nbd5 11 Bg3 Qa5 12 Qb3 Bd7 13 Be5 Rac1 14 Ke2 Rfe8 15 Ne4 Nxe4 16 Bxe4 Kh8 17 a3 Bf8 18 Qxb2 Nb6 19 Bc7 c5 20 Ne5 Bb5+ 21 Kf3 f5 22 Bc6 Bxc6+ 23 Nxc6 Qa4 24 Nxa7 Rxc7 25 Qxc7 Nd5 26 Qc6 Qxc6 27 Nxc6 g5 28 dxc5 Bg7 29 Nd4 g4+ 30 Ke2 e5 31 Nxf5 Bf6 32 Rhd1 Black Resigns. 1-0

Greer-Brennan RD4 BD1 SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 b3 b6 3 Bb2 Bb7 4 Nc3 e5 5 Nh3 Nf6 6 d3 d5 7 exd5 Nxd5 8 QD2 Qf6 9 Ne4 QF5 10 Ng3 Qf6 11 O-O-O Be7 12 Ne4 Qe6 13 Rel h6 14 Kbl Nd7 15 f4 f6 16 Ng3 Bd6 17 Be2 O-O-O 18 Bf3 Nb4 19 Bxb7 Kxb7 20 Ne4 Bc7 21 Ba3 a5 22 Rhf1 Qd5 23 Nc3 Qc6 24 Bb2 Rhe8 25 f5 Nd5 26 Ne4 a4 27 c4 Ne7 28 b4 cxb4 29 Qxb4 Nc5 30 Nxc5 Qxc5 31 Qxc5 bxc5 32 Kc2 Nc6 33 a3 Nd4+ 34 Bxd4 exd4 35 g3 Re3 36 Rxe3 dxe3 37 Rel Re8 38 Nbl Re5 39 Nf3 Rxf5 40 Rxe3 Rh5 41 Re7 Rf5 Draw Agreed. ½-½

Greer-Kipp RD5 BD1 PETROFF 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 d4 exd4 4 Bc4 Be7 5 e5 Ne4 6 Qxd4 Ng5 7 Bxg5 Bxg5 8 Qd5 O-O 9 e6 Bf6 10 exf7+ Kh8 11 Nc3 Bxc3 12 bxc3 Qe7+ 13 Kd2 Qxf7 14 Qxf7 Rxf7 15 Bxf7 d6 16 Rhe1 Bd7 17 Re7 c5 18 Rael h6 19 Bg6 Black Resigns. 1-0

MIDSUMMER OPEN

July 16-17, 1988

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1 Sief Poulsen OR	1967	W11	W6	D5	W2	D3	4.0
2 Dave Shughart	1805	W10	W7	W4	L1	W6	4.0
3 Mike Jensen	2061	D5	W9	D6	W7	D1	3.5
4 Dan McCourt	1813	W13	W8	L2	D5	W9	3.5
5 Bill McBroom	1636	D3	W11	D1	D4	D7	3.0
6 Ted Catton	1772	W14	L1	D3	W8	L2	2.5
7 Dennis Petrak	1596	W9	L2	W14	L3	D5	2.5
8 Roger White	1690	W12	L4	D10	L6	W13	2.5
9 Ron Erickson	1835	L7	L3	W13	W10	L4	2.0
10 Steve Yockim	1447	L2	W12	D8	L9	D11	2.0
11 Ray Jorgenson	1608	L1	L5	D12	W14	D10	2.0
12 M. Szulczynski	1343	L8	L10	D11	L13	W14	1.5
13 Lyle Petersen	1464	L4	L14	L9	W12	L8	1.0
14 Tom Gluick	1343	L6	W13	L7	L11	L12	1.0

Visitor Sief Poulsen from Oregon took first place on tie-breaks over Dave Shughart, each at 4.0. Wins were hard to come by as Mike Jensen and Bill McBroom were both unbeaten but had to settle for third and 5th place respectively.

McBroom's 3-2 score was best under 1700, while Steve Yockim placed best under 1500 with a win and two draws. Best under 1300 ?? - no takers this time around.

Dangerous Dan makes a mistake on move six, and pays the price. McCourt-Shughart RD3 BD2 ALAPIN'S GAMBIT 1 e4 e5 2 Ne2 Nc6 3 f4 d6 4 f5 Nf6 5 Ng3 d5 6 Bd3? dxe4 7 Bx

e4 Nxe4 8 Nxe4 Qh4+ 9 Nf2 Bc5 10 g3 Bxf2+ 11 Kxf2 Qd4+ 12 Kf1 Bxf5 13 d3 Nb4 14 Na3 O-O-O 15 Qf3 Bh3+ 16 Kel Rhe8 17 Bd2 e4 18 Qf4 exd3+ 19 Kd1 dxc2+ 20 Nxc2 Bg4+ 21 Kc1 Nd3+ 22 Kbl Qxb2++ 0-1

Everything seems fine for White until Black spears a rook. Maybe there's a better way to press the attack than 23 Qc2? 25 Rg3 is the most obvious mistake. Shughart-Poulsen RD4 BD1 SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 e5 5 Nf3 Nf6 6 Bc4 Be7 7 O-O d6 8 Nc3 Bg4 9 Be3 O-O 10 Qe2 Qa5 11 Nd5 Nxd5 12 exd5 Nd8 13 B-d2 Qc7 14 h3 Bxf3 15 gxf3 Rc8 16 Bd3 Qd7 17 Kh2 f5 18 Rg1 Nf7 19 Rg2 Bf6 20 Rag1 Rc5 21 c4 Re8 22 Be3 Rcc8 23 Qc2 e4 24 fxe4 Ne5 25 Rg3 Nxd3 26 Qxd3 fxe4 continued page 4

from page 3: 27 Qc2 Be5 28 Bh6 Bxg3+ 29 Rxc3 g6 30 f3 Qf5 31 fxe4 Qxe4 32 Qc3 Qe2+ 33 Rg2 Qe5+ 34 Qxe5 Rxe5 35 Bf4 Re4 36 Bxd6 Rexc4 37 Be7 Rc2 38 d6 Rxc2+ 39 Kxc2 Rc2+ 40 Kf3 Kf7 41 Ke3 Ke6 42 Bf8 Rxb2 43 Bg7 Rxa2 44 Be5 Ra3+ 45 Kd4 Rxh3 White Resigns 0-1

Mike's attack is stalled by a locked-up pawn structure and careful defense. When Black makes the time control with seconds to spare, Mike agrees to a draw. Jensen-Poulsen RD5 BD1 QUEEN PAWN 1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-Q3 3 N-QB3 B-KB4 4 P-KB3 N-Q2 5 P-K4 B-N3 6 B-Q3 P-K4 7 P-Q5 N-B4 8 B-B2 P-QR4 9 KN-K2 B-K2 10 B-K3 O-O 11 Q-Q2 N-Q2 12 P-KN4 B-R5+ 13 N-N3 P-KR3 14 O-O-O B-N4 15 N-B5 BxB 16 QxB BxN 17 NPxB Q-R5 18 N-K2 QR-K1 19 QR-N1 N-KB3 20 R-N3 K-R1 21 Q-N1 R-N1 22 Q-N2 N-R4 23 R-N4 Q-K2 24 R-N1 Q-B1 25 Q-R3 N-B3 26 R-R4 N-R2 27 R-N4 N-KB3 28 R-N3 R-QN1 29 Q-R4 R-K1 30 R3-N2 R-R1 31 N-N3 Q-K2 32 Q-R3 P-R5 33 P-R3 N-Q2 34 N-B1 Q-B1 35 N-K3 N-R2 36 N-KN4 NR2-B3 37 Q-R4 P-QN3 38 Q-B2 Q-K2 39 Q-K3 N-R4 40 N-B2 N-B5 Draw Agreed. 1/2-1/2 Report by Dave Shuhart.

While Paul Motta ran away with the first place in the 1987-1988 Montana Grand Prix Championship, racking up a total of 46.72 points, the fight for second position was down to the wire. Romie Carpenter barely edged out Bill Greer by 29.48 points over 28.36 points - just barely passing Bill with 6.6 points from the Montana Open to Bill's 4.4 points. Kip Stubberud, the 86-87 Champ, placed fourth with 22.98 points while Les Brennan of Colstip totaled 22 points for 5th. Rounding out the top ten were: 6 John Thompson - 20.50, 7 Ted Catton - 16.32, 8 Tom Booth - 12.16, 9 Max Burkett - 8.40 and 10 Roger White - 10.32. Early leaders in the 88-89 competition are Bill Greer and Dave Shuhart with 10.30 and 11.11 points respectively from their first place finishes. To remind everyone, points are awarded for all events advertised statewide, 1st place = 2.0*N*C, 2nd place = 1.6*N*C, 3rd place = 1.2*N*C, 4th place = 0.8*N*C, 5th place = 0.4*N*C where N=number of rounds and C=average rating of all players in the event, and the exceptions that no points are awarded to out of state participants and that no points are awarded to any player who does not have a plus score in an event.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1988: MONTANA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP ### Deadline for entries in '88-'89 MPC tournament. Probably one section unless we get more than seven this year. 30 days / 10 moves. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch, 4245 Palisades Park Drive, Billings, MT 59106. 406-652-2063.

Kip Stubberud appears to be in a good position to repeat as Montana Postal Champion in the '87-88 tournament, presently having a 3.0 score with two games in progress. Bill Lynch has 3.0 points with only one game remaining, while Les Brennan has 2.5 points and one game in progress.

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