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## ROMIE CARPENTER IS '88 STATE CHAMPION

MASTER TOPS TURKEY OPEN

MCBROOM WINS' CHINOOK

ENNIS OPEN TO SMITH

GREER TAKES RIMROCK TITLE

STUBBERUD TAKES POSTAL

JANUARY 21, 1989: BILLINGS 30-30 ### Conference Room, Plaza Office Bldg, 1629 Avenue D, Billings, MT 59102. 4 Round Swiss: 9:00am, 11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm. 30 moves/30 minutes, game/30 minutes. USCF & MCA Other state membership required. Entry fee = \$5 advance or at site 8:00-8:45am. Prizes: \$\$ per entries. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch, 4245 Palisades Park Dr., Billings, MT 59106. 406-652-2063.

FEBRUARY 18-19, 1989: VALENTINE 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 = \$8 advance (Masters free), \$10 at site 8:00-9:00am Feb. 18. Prizes: Trophies - 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Upset, Medals - Best Under 1700, 1500, 1300. Sponsor - University-Community Chess Club / Daniel McCourt, 608 West Central, Missoula, MT 59801. 406-721-2706.

MARCH 11, 1989: SOUTHEAST SUDDEN DEATH OPEN ### Confernce Room, MPC Administration Bldg. Colstrip, MT 59323. From Montana 39, turn east on Willow St. and then right to building at gate to power plant. 5 Round Swiss: 10:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:00pm. Game / 30 minutes. USCF & MCA/Other state membership required. Entry fee = \$10 advance (Masters free), \$15 at site 8:30-9:30am. Prizes: 1st - \$100 + Trophy, Trophies - Top C, D, E, UNR, Upset. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Les Brennan, P.O. Box 2404, Colstrip, MT 59323. 406-748-2154.

APRIL 8-9, 1989: CROCUS OPEN ### CHICO HOT SPRINGS LODGE, Pray, MT 59065. 30 Miles south of Livingston off highway US 89. 4 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 1:30pm; 9:30am, 1:30pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 20 moves / hour. USCF & MCA/Other state membership required. Entry fee = \$10 advance (Masters free), \$15 at site 8:00-9:00am April 8. Prizes: 1st - Trophy + \$100, Trophies - B, C, D, UNR, Upset. \*\*\*Chico Hot Springs is a rustic resort with unique character featuring outdoor warm and hot pools, hot tubs, riding horses / X country skis in season, and one of Montana's finest restaurants (no Saturday night round!), Early reservations are recommended (406-333-4933), rooms \$32-49, Cabins, Chalets sleep 6-10 for \$110-\$140. \*\*\* Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Les Brennan, P.O. Box 2404, Colstrip, MT 59323. 406-748-2154.

MAY 6-7, 1989: 54TH MONTANA OPEN ### City Center Motel, 507 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715. (406-587-3158). Details to follow. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch.

Kip Stubberud swept to his second consecutive Montana Postal Championship winning all five of his games for the 87-88 Title. Les Brennan placed clear second  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points, losing only to Kip and drawing with Bill Lynch. Lynch placed third with 3 points. The 88-89 tournament is well underway with Les Brennan reporting one win for the early lead over a field including John Kennedy, Duane Hildenstab, Bill McBroom, Chad Robinson, Don Price and Sherwood Moore.

Dear Fellow Chess Enthusiasts,

Thank you for electing me as your new MCA president. I hope to be a part of the motivating force that keeps MCA moving forward - gaining new members, becoming stronger players and arranging new and exciting chess events.

I would like to hear from anyone with ideas that might better our organization. I know that chess players are creative thinkers. My address is Les Brennan, P.O. Box 2404, Colstrip, MT 59323, (406) 748-2154.

Thanks, Dennis, for a job well done and for all you continue to do for chess in the Great Falls area.

Congratulations, Romie, on your decisive win of the state championship. We all had fun trying to beat you!

It was disappointing to all when the news came that John Thompson's plane was going to be too late for him to participate in the championship contest. It's always exciting to be present when John sits down at the board. Those of us who are familiar with Mr. Thompson's impressive chess history and influential involvement in the USCF (including being instrumental in bringing the Swiss system to U.S. tournament chess), are aware of the wealth of experience and knowledge behind the moves he makes. Hope to see you playing in the next playoff, John.

At the Chinook Open business meeting, the membership voted to have the next State Open in Bozeman. Arrangements have already been made in securing a site, thanks to Murray Strong. The central location of Bozeman should help promote a good turnout.


The membership also voted to modify our procedure for selecting alternate players for the closed championship, to wit:

1. If the player who can't show for "the closed" won his eligibility on the basis of grand prix points, his alternate will be the next highest in grand prix standing, or the next, etc, depending on who is available when the need arises.
2. If the "no-show" qualified by placing in the top three at the State Open, then the alternates will be the 4th place finisher, the 5th place and so on, again depending on who is available to fill in.
3. If the reigning State Champion fails to show, alternates will be chosen according to their order of placing in the previous State Closed.

Does anyone know an MCA member who may need a ride to a tournament? If someone is short on funds and can't quite afford a motel room, can you put him up on your living room floor - in a sleeping bag? Have you seen anybody playing at tournaments whom you haven't met yet? I feel that if we put our creative talents to work in ways that help each other, our competition at the board will be balanced by a genuine camaraderie between rounds.

I look forward to associating with you, playing chess with you and serving you throughout the year. Thanks.

Les Brennan

  
MCA President '88-'89

MONTANA CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP 10/1-2/1988

P1 Name	Rate	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOT
1 Romie Carpenter	1840	x	1/2	1	1	1	1	4.5
2 Paul Motta	2050	1/2	x	1/2	1/2	1	1	3.5
3 Les Brennan	1680	0	1/2	x	1	0	1	2.5
4 Bob Phillips	1723	0	1/2	0	x	1	1	2.5
5 Bill Greer	1876	0	0	1	0	x	1/2	1.5
6 Arman Goplen	1450	0	0	0	0	1/2	x	0.5

Carpenter-Greer RUY LOPEZ 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 N-c6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Bxc6 dxc6 5 d4 exd4 6 Qxd4 Qxd4 7 Nxd4 Bd6 8 Be3 Nf6 9 f3 Bd7 10 Nd2 0-0-0 11 0-0-0 Rhe8 12 Nc4 Bf8 13 Bg5 h6 14 Bxf6 gxf6 15 Ne3 Be6 16 Ndf5 Bxa2 17 Rxd8+ Rxd8 18 Ng4 Bb4 19 Rd1 Be6 20 Rxd8+ Kxd8 21 Ngxh6 a5 22 h4 Ke8 23 Ng8 Bxf5 24 exf5 Kf8 25 Nxf6 Bd6 26 Ne4 Bf4+ 27 Kd1 b5 28 g3 Be5 29 c3 b4 30 f4 Bd6 31 c4 c5 32 b3 Kg7 33 Kd2

CHINOOK OPEN

October 1-2, 1988

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1 Bill McBroom	1656	W10	W7	D3	W2	W5	4.5
2 Ron Erickson	1775	W9	W4	W8	L1	W3	4.0
3 Dennis Petrak	1655	W11	W8	D1	W4	L2	3.5
4 Steve Scarff	1616	W6	L2	W9	L3	W8	3.0
5 Murray Strong	UNR	L8	BYE	W10	W6	L1	3.0
6 Stuart Smith	UNR	L4	W11	D7	L5	W9	2.5
7 Kenneth Cook	UNR	BYE	L1	D6	L9	W11	2.5
8 Otto Grosse	1430	W5	L3	L2	BYE	L4	2.0
9 John Kennedy	1312	L2	W10	L4	W7	L6	2.0
10 Zeth duBois	UNR	L1	L9	L5	W11	BYE	2.0
11 David Gentry	UNR	L3	L6	BYE	L10	L7	1.0

Bf8 34 g4 Kh6 35 Ke3 Be7 36 f6 Bf8 37 Nc3 Kg6 38 g5 Kh7 39 h5 Bd6 40 N-e4 Bf8 41 f5 Kg8 42 Nf2 Bd6 43 Nb4 Bf8 44 g6 fxd6 45 fxd6 Bd6 46 Nh6+ Black Resigns. 1-0

Carpenter-Brennan SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 g6 4 d3 d6 5 Bg2 Bg7 6 Be3 Rb8 7 Qd2 b5 8 Nh3 Qa5 9 0-0 b4 10 Nd1 Bg4 11 f3 Bxh3 12 Bxh3 Bd4 13 c3 Bxe3+ 14 Nxe3 Nd4 15 cxd4 cxd4 16 Nc4 Qh5 17 Bg4 Qb5 18 Qf2 Nf6 and Black Resigns. 1-0

ENNIS OPEN

September 17-18, 1988

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1 Steve Smith WY	2128	W21	W10	W5	W2	D3	4.5
2 Dan Joelson WY	2126	W14	W4	W7	L1	W5	4.0
3 John Carr WY	1807	W24	W19	D8	W9	D1	4.0
4 Ron Matous WY	1771	W18	L2	W13	W17	W7	4.0
5 Romie Carpenter	1949	W20	W11	L1	W8	L2	3.0
6 Mike Jensen	2061	W13	L8	D9	W16	D10	3.0
7 Dave Shughart	1781	W23	W15	L2	W14	L4	3.0
8 Les Brennan	1724	W26	W6	D3	L5	D9	3.0
9 Paul Motta	2030	W19	W17	D6	L3	D8	3.0
10 Ron Erickson	1771	W22	L1	W19	D15	D6	3.0
11 P. Petersen ID	1721	W12	L5	L17	W23	W15	3.0
12 John Piatt ID	UNR	L11	W22	L14	W20	W17	3.0
13 Steve Scarff WY	1616	L6	W26	L4	W22	W18	3.0
14 Dennis Petrak	1634	L2	W18	W12	L7	D16	2.5
15 Mike Britz	1658	W16	L7	W23	D10	L11	2.5
16 Murray Strong	NEW	L15	W20	W21	L6	D14	2.5
17 Don Price	1339	W25	L9	W11	L4	L12	2.0
18 Ken Cook	NEW	L4	L14	W25	W21	L13	2.0
19 Nick Pazderic	1513	L9	L3	L10	W26	W24	2.0
20 John Kennedy	1312	L5	L16	W24	L12	W22	2.0
21 Bill McBroom	1656	L1	W24	L16	L18	W23	2.0
22 Glenn Brittingham	UNR	L10	L12	W26	L13	L20	1.0
23 Mike Serpa ID	1257	L7	W25	L15	L11	L21	1.0
24 M. Szulczynski	1303	L3	L21	L20	W25	L19	1.0
25 Zeth duBois	NEW	L17	L23	L18	L24	W26	1.0
26 David Gentry	NEW	L8	L13	L22	L19	L25	0

Motta-Phillips QUEEN PAWN 1 d4 Nf3 2 Nc3 g6 3 e4 d6 4 Bc4 Bg7 5 Qe2 0-0 6 e5 dxe5 7 dxe5 Nfd7 8 f4 Nb6 9 Bb3 Nc6 10 Nf3 Bg4 11 Be3 e6 12 Rd1 Qe7 13 0-0 Rad8 14 Ne4 Rxd1 15 Rxd1 Rfd8 16 Nf2 Rxd1+ 17 Qxd1 Bxf3 18 Qxf3 N-a5 19 Nd3 Nxb3 20 axb3 Nd5 21 Bc5 Q-d7 22 c4 b6 23 Bf2 Ne7 24 g4 c5 25 b4 cxb4 26 Nxb4 Qg4 27 Be1 a5 28 b3 Qd7 29 Nc2 Bf8 30 Bf2 Nc8 31 Ne1 a4 32 bxa4 Qxa4 33 Qd3 Be7 34 Kg2 Kg7 35 Nf3 Qc6 36 Kg1 Nh7 37 Nd4 Qa4 38 Kg2 Bc5 39 h3 Qa2 40 h4 NC6 41 Qc2 Qxc2 42 Nxc2 f6 Draw Agreed. 1/2-1/2

Brennan-Motta ST. GEORGE 1 e4 a6 2 a4 e6 3 d4 b5 4 axb5 Bb7 5 Nd2 axb5 6 Rxa8 Bxa8 7 Bxb5 f5 8 Bd3 Nf6 9 Q-e2 Be7 10 Nf3 f4 11 Ne5 Nc6 12 Nxc6 Bxc6 13 0-0 g6 14 Nf3 Nh5 15 Ne5 Qa8 16 Nxc6 Qxc6 17 g4 fxd3 e.p. 18 fxd3 Rf8 19 Bh6 Rxf1+ 20 Kxf1 Qb7 21 c3 Nf6 22 Bg5 Qa8 23 h4 Nh5 Draw. 1/2-1/2

Above games from the Montana Closed selected by Dennis Petrak. Thanks!

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Time and space are pressing ye olde Editor, so the fine selection of games from the Chinook and Ennis Opens will be in the next issue as will a complete report on the big

Turkey Open, won by Montana's second master Jonathan Lenchner, recently arrived from New York via California. Look for that next issue of MCN towards the end of January - and have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year celebration in the meanwhile. - Bill

RIMROCK OPEN

August 27-28, 1988

P1	Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1	Bill Greer	1879	W7	W10	W3	D4	D2	4.0
2	Chad Robinson	1691	L3	W7	W11	W6	D1	3.5
3	Paul Motta	2030	W2	W6	L1	D8	D4	3.0
4	Bill Lynch	1890	D5	W11	D6	D2	D3	3.0
5	Jacob Cxyz	1545	D4	D8	1/2BY	D7	W9	3.0
6	Ron Erickson	1775	W9	L3	D4	L2	W8	2.5
7	Nick Pazderic	1513	L1	L2	W10	D5	BYE	2.5
8	Les Brennan	1724	D11	D5	W9	D3	L6	2.5
9	Mickey Crews	1444	L6	BYE	L8	W10	L5	2.0
10	John Kennedy	1312	BYE	L1	L7	L9	W11	2.0
11	Harold Moneyhun	1378	D8	L4	L2	BYE	L10	1.5

Lynch-Cxyz SICILIAN 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3  
d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 a6 6 B-  
c4 b5 7 Bb3 e6 8 O-O Be7 9 f4 O-O 10  
Be3 b5 11 e5 bxc3 12 exf6 Bxf6 13 bx  
c3 Qc7 14 Qd3 Bb7 15 Rad1 Rd8 16 f5  
e5 17 Ne2 Qc6 18 Bd5 Qxd5 19 Qxd5 Bx  
d5 20 Rxd5 Be7 21 Rfd1 Nd7 22 Ng3 Nf6  
23 Ra5 Rdc8 24 Ne2 Rcb8 25 Bg5 Rb6 26  
Bxf6 Bxf6 27 Ng3 Be7 28 Ne4 Rc8 29 R-  
d5 f6 30 Rd3 Rcc6 31 a4 Rc8 32 Kf2 R-  
b2 Draw Agreed. 1/2-1/2

Greer-Motta  
NIMZOVITCH 1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 exd5  
Qxd5 4 Be3 e5 5 c4 Bb4+ 6 Nc3 Qe4 7  
Nf3 Bg4 8 Bd3 Bxf3 9 gxf3 Qh4 10 d5

Bxc3+ 11 bxc3 Ne7 12 Qb3 b6 13 c5 Rd8 14 Bb5+ Kf8 15 Rd1 Nf5 16 Ke2 Nge7 17 cxb6 axb6 18  
Bcl e4 19 f4 Qg4+ 20 Ke1 Qg2 21 Rf1 Qxh2 22 Qc4 Qh6 23 Qxe4 Nd6 24 Qe2 Nxb5 25 Qxb5 Qd6  
26 c4 f6 27 Rd3 c6 Black Time Forfeit. 1-0

Erickson-Robinson BIRD'S 1 f4 d5 2 Nf3  
c5 3 e3 Nf6 4 b3 e6 5 Bb2 Be7 6 Bb5+ Nc6 7 Ne5 Bd7 8 Bxc6 Bxc6 9 d3 O-O 10 Nd2 Rc8 11 Q-  
f3 b5 12 Qg3 Ba8 13 h4 Nh5 14 Qh3 d4 15 Ndf3 dxe3 16 Qh2 f6 17 Ng4 Bd6 18 Qg1 Bxf4 19 Nx  
e3 Bg3+ 20 Ke2 Bd6 21 Kd2 c5 22 Nd4 cxd3 23 Nxe6 Qa5+ 24 c3 Re8 25 Qd1 b4 26 c4 Rxe6 27  
Qg4 Rce8 28 Rh3 Be4 29 Bxe4 Qxe4 30 White Time Forfeit. 0-1

Lynch-Greer NIMZOVITCH  
1 e4 Nc6 2 d4 d5 3 e5 e6 4 f4 Nfe7 5 Nf3 h5 6 Bd3 Nb4 7 Be2 Nf5 8 c3 Nc6 9 Bd3 Nce7 10  
Na3 c3 11 Nc2 g6 12 Qe2 Qc7 13 Bd2 Bd7 14 Ng5 Bh6 15 Qf2 Bg7 16 O-O-O Nh6 17 Rdl 1 O-O-O  
18 Ne3 Rhf8 19 h3 c5 20 Kbl c4 21 Bc2 Qb6 22 g4 hxg4 23 hxg4 Rh8 24 Rxh6 Rxh6 25 Nxf7  
Rdh8 26 Nxb8 Rxh8 27 g5 Qc6 28 Ng4 Qb6 29 Qg2 Qa6 30 Rh1 Rxh1+ 31 Qxh1 Nf5 32 Bxf5 exf5  
33 Nf6 Bxf6 34 gxf6 Qe6 35 Qh8+ Be8 36 Qg7 Qf7 37 Qh8 Kd7 38 b3 b5 39 Bcl Ke6 40 Ba3 Kd7  
41 Be7 Qe6 42 Bd6 Qf7 43 Qh2 Ke6 44 Be7 Kd7 45 Qb2 Qh7 46 Qe2 Ke6 47 Kb2 Qh1 48 Qd2 Qh4  
49 Ka3 Qh1 50 Kb4 cxb3 51 Kxb3 Qb1+ 52 Ka3 Qf1 53 Bb4 Bf2 54 Bf8 Qc4 55 Kb2 a5 56 Bc5  
Draw Agreed. 1/2-1/2

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After seven events, the 1988-89 Montana Grand Prix Race is shaping up as a tight battle. Missoula's Dave Shughart leads with 24.30 points, while Romie Carpenter is not far back at 22.90 and Bill Greer is also close at 21.30. Paul Motta is fourth with 18.26 just a bit ahead of Mike Jensen at 17.76 and Les Brennan at 17.28. Chad Robinson's 14.98; Bill McBroom's 14.74; and Jonathan Lenchner's 10.90; put a total of nine players over the 10 point level, and any one of them could still come out on top with five events on the calendar for 1989. Carpenter is already seeded into the closed championship playoff, but the others will be seeking to pick up the two Grand Prix qualifying spots. Points are awarded to the 1st-5th Montana finishers in each event (provided they have a positive score) by the formula: C \* No. of Rounds \* Average Rating Event Players / 1500, where C = 2.0-1st, 1.6-2nd, 1.2-3rd, 0.8-4th, and 0.4-5th. Ties are broken using the methods set for the event (traditionally = Median, Solkoff, S-B, Cumulative in MCA events).

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