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PAUL MOTTA WINS AT CHICO

FAIRBAIRN TOPS VALENTINE

STEVE SMITH FIRST IN COLSTRIP

MAY 6-7, 1989: 54TH MONTANA OPEN ### City Center Motel, 507 W. Main, Bozeman, MT 59715. (406-587-3158) Mention Montana Open Chess Tournament when registering!! 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; 9:00am, 2:00pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 20 moves / hour. Entry fee = \$18 advance, \$20 8:00-9:00am at site May 6. Prizes: Trophies - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Top Sr. Top Jr., Class awards. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch, 4245 Palisades Park Dr., Billings, MT 59106. 406-652-2063. ### Montana Chess Association annual business meeting, 9:00-9:30am, May 6: Election of Officers, Selection of 1990 Montana Open city, motions by members. ### Top three Montana finishers qualify for State Closed Championship Playoff.

JUNE 10-11, 1989: BILLINGS 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. 45 moves / 2 hours, 25 moves / hour. Entry fee = \$10 advance, \$12 at site 8:00-9:00am June 10. \$\$ prizes per entries. Sponsor - Montana Chess Association / Bill Lynch, 4245 Palisades Park Dr., Billings, MT 59106. 406-652-2063.

JULY 15-16, 1989: UCCC MIDSUMMER OPEN ### Room 362, Social Science Bldg. U of MT Campus, Missoula, MT 59806. 5 Round Swiss: 9:30am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; 9:00am, 2:00pm. 40 moves / 2 hours, 25 moves / hour. Entry fee = \$8 advance, \$10 at site 8:00-9:00am July 15. Free to Masters, $\frac{1}{2}$ off to Experts. Prizes: Trophies - 1st, 2nd, 3rd; Medals - Best Under 1700, 1500, 1300. Sponsor - University-Community Chess Club / Dave Shughart, 359 Marin Lane, Florence, MT 59833. 406-777-2340.

USCF & MCA/Other State membership required for all players in all Montana Events.#####

GRAND PRIX RACE TIGHTEST EVER WITH ONE EVENT REMAINING: After eleven events Paul Motta holds first place with a 1.74 point lead over Les Brennan who, in turn, is just 0.62 ahead of Dave Shughart. The top two places in the Montana Grand Prix competition, which ends with the Montana Open, will be seeded into the Closed Championship Playoff. Points are awarded to the 1st-5th Montana finishers in an event (provided they have a positive score) by the formula: $K*N*C$, where $K = 2.0-1st, 1.6-2nd, 1.2-3rd, 0.8-4th, and 0.4-5th$ $N =$ number of rounds, and $C =$ Average Rating Event Players / 1500. Ties are broken with the tie-breaks set for the event (traditionally = Median, Solkoff, S-B, Cumulative in MCA events). Romie Carpenter, who is already qualified for the playoff as current State Champion, and Mike Jensen could still place by taking first should the top three all be shut out. Standings for all players currently in double figures are as Follows: 1 Motta-37.76, 2 Brennan - 36.02, 3 Shughart - 35.40, 4 Carpenter - 27.34, 5 Jensen - 26.64, 6 Bill Greer - 21.30, 7 Chad Robinson - 14.78, 8 Bill McBroom - 14.74, 9 Bill Lynch-12.98 10 Steve Scarff - 11.56, 11 Jon Lenchner - 10.90. The Montana Open shapes up to be very important, with all five playoff qualifying spots hinging upon the results.

CROCUS OPEN

April 8-9, 1989

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	TOT
1 Paul Motta	2014	W15	W5	W4	W3	4.0
2 Steve Smith	2148	W20	W14	D7	W10	3.5
3 Bill Lynch	1886	W18	W9	W8	L1	3.0
4 Ron Matous	1846	W17	W19	L1	W7	3.0
5 Les Brennan	1759	W21	L1	W18	W11	3.0
6 Steve Scarfff	1586	L8	W17	W19	W13	3.0
7 John Carr	1866	W16	W11	D2	L4	2.5
8 Chris Soper	NON	W6	W10	L3	D9	2.5
9 Dennis Petrak	1648	W22	L3	W12	D8	2.5
10 Barry Anderson	1573	W13	L8	W15	L2	2.0
11 Murray Strong	1551	W12	L7	W22	L5	2.0
12 Kip Limesand	NON	L11	W16	L9	W18	2.0
13 M. Szulczynski	1300	L10	W20	W14	L6	2.0
14 Arman Goplen	1685	W23	L2	L13	W17	2.0
15 Ken Cook	1387	L1	W21	L10	W23	2.0
16 John Kennedy	1368	L7	L12	W21	W22	2.0
17 Don Price	1360	L4	L6	W20	L14	1.0
18 Harold Moneyhun	1371	L3	W23	L5	L12	1.0
19 Dave Gentry	1004	BYE	L4	L6	L20	1.0
20 Lyle Petersen	1462	L2	L13	L17	W19	1.0
21 Glenn Brittingham	1181	L5	L15	L16	BYE	1.0
22 Richard Suko	1012	L9	BYE	L11	L16	1.0
23 Charles Williams	1154	L14	L18	BYE	L15	1.0

The Crocus Open took a vacation from Missoula and visited Chico Hot Springs Lodge in the Paradise Valley between Livingston and Yellowstone Park. A respectable turnout of 23 players fell far short of filling up the generous playing room, which was warmed by crackling fires in two wood stoves. Nearly half of the participants were joined by their wives and families, and much enjoyment was taken in the hot, and hotter, swimming pools. Those who took the opportunity for an evening meal in the Lodge were treated to one of the finest dining experiences available anywhere. The chess action was good too, with many long and hard fought games! The longest came in the third round when Steve Smith was held to a draw by Wyoming compatriot John Carr and Miroslaw Szulczynski clinched the upset prize with a win over Arman Goplen, both games lasting about six hours. Paul Motta grabbed first place with a perfect 4-0 score by mating Bill Lynch on move 40 with both players' flags hanging. Smith was

clear second at 3.5-0.5, Les Brennan took top B, Steve Scarf was top C, and Szulczynski took top D. Special thanks are due to Les Brennan for setting up the details and directing, and to Nancy Brennan (and Les) for their hospitality on Friday evening. Also many thanks to Nancy, Helga, Maryann, Joan, Cathy, Janell, Belinda, Nellie and Isabel (who did I leave out?) for their company, encouragement and tolerance. It was wonderful to meet you all, and we'll all be looking forward to a chance to get together again.

MONTANA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP '88-'89

P1 Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOT
1 Les Brennan	x	½	-	1	-	1	1	3.5
2 Sherwood Moore	½	x	1	-	-	-	1	2.5
3 Bill McBroom	-	0	x	½	-	-	-	0.5
4 Duane Hildenstab	0	-	½	x	-	-	-	0.5
5 Don Priceman	-	-	-	-	x	-	-	0
6 Chad Robinson	0	-	-	-	-	x	-	0
7 John Kennedy	0	0	-	-	-	-	x	0

Les Brennan has the early lead in this year's postal contest, though Sherwood Moore is keeping pace and their meeting produced a draw: Brennan-Moore VIENNA GAME 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4 d3 Na5 5 Nge2 Nxc4 6 dxc4 Bb4 7 0-0 Bxc3 8 Nxc3 d6 9 Bg5 Be6 10 b3 h6 11 Bxf6 Qxf6 12 Nd5 Bxd5 13 cxd5 0-0 14 c4 Qf4 15 Qd3 f5 16 f3 Qg5 17 a4 fxe4 18 fxe4 b6 19 h3 a5 20 Rxf8+ Rxf8 21 Rf1 Rxf1+ 22 Kxf1 Qf4+ 23 K-e2 Kf7 24 Qf3 Qxf3+ 25 Kxf3 g5 26 Ke2 Ke7 ½-½

UCCC 3RD WINTER 2/9-2/23/89

P Name	Rate	R1	R2	R3	TOT
1 Jon Lenchner	2245	W5	W4	W3	3.0
2 Nick Pazderis	1576	D3	W6	W4	2.5
3 Dave Shughart	1835	D2	W5	L1	1.5
4 Ted Catton	1790	W6	L1	L2	1.0
5 Bill McBroom	1750	L1	L3	W6	1.0
6 Richard Starr	1200	L4	L2	L5	0

Lenchner-McBroom MODERN DEFENSE 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 d6 3 NC3 g6 4 e4 Bg7 5 Be2 0-0 6 NF3 Nbd7 7 0-0 e5 8 Re1 Re8 9 d5 Nc5 10 Nd2 a5 11 b3 Bd7 12 a3 B-h6 13 Qc2 Bg7 14 Rb1 Qc8 15 b4 axb4 16 axb4 Na4 17 Nb5 Bxb5 18 cxb5 Nb6 19 Rb3 Na4 20 Nc4 Nb6 21 Na5 Nbx5 22 exd5 Nxd5 23 Qe4 Qe6 24 Bc4 Nf6 25 Bxe6 Nxe4 26 Bd5 Nf6 27 Bxb7 Rab8 28 Be3 d5 29 Ba7 Rad8 30 Nc6 Rd6 31 Rxe5 Rxe5 32 Nxe5 Ne4 33 Nf3 N-f6 34 Re3 Ne4 35 Nd4 Bh6 36 Re2 f5 37 Rc2 Rd7 38 Ne6 Kf7 39 Rxc7 Bc8 1-0.

UCCC Reports submitted by Bill McBroom - there is rarely enough room for all the fine games selected, and the final choice I make as needed.-ED

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1 Steve Smith	2148	W24	W15	D6	W14	W2	4.5
2 Paul Motta	1967	W19	W7	W3	W4	L1	4.0
3 Steve Scarff	1586	W8	W12	L2	W6	W10	4.0
4 Les Brennan	1776	W17	W20	W5	L2	W7	4.0
5 James Jacobs	1574	W28	W10	L4	W17	W8	4.0
6 Dennis Petrak	1648	W23	W11	D1	L3	W14	3.5
7 John Kennedy	1368	W22	L2	W19	W9	L4	3.0
8 Charles Thiel	NON	L3	W25	W21	W12	L5	3.0
9 Kik Jacobs	NON	L14	W13	W11	L7	W21	3.0
10 Chad Couture	NON	W21	L5	W24	W15	L3	3.0
11 Zach Yockim	1106	W16	L6	L9	W22	W18	3.0
12 Richard Suko	1002	W25	L3	W18	L8	W20	3.0
13 CharlesWilliams	1154	L18	L9	W23	W19	W17	3.0
14 Mickey Crews	1440	W9	W18	D15	L1	L6	2.5
15 Dave McDonald	1433	W26	L1	D14	L10	W23	2.5
16 Ami Mitchell	NON	L11	D23	W28	L20	W24	2.5
17 Matt Hobbs	NON	L4	W27	W20	L5	L13	2.0
18 Mike Lorenz	NON	W13	L14	L12	W24	L11	2.0
19 John Schmoll	NON	L2	W22	L7	L13	W26	2.0
20 Don Price	1360	W27	L4	L17	W16	L12	2.0
21 Dave Marriotti	1121	L10	W28	L8	W26	L9	2.0
22 Jason Bird	NON	L7	L19	W25	L11	W27	2.0
23 Shawn Markwald	NON	L6	D16	L13	W28	L15	1.5
24 Jim Brock	NON	L1	W26	L10	L18	L16	1.0
25 Stacey Benson	NON	L12	L8	L22	L27	W28	1.0
26 T. J. Schwatz	NON	L15	L24	W27	L21	L19	1.0
27 Keith Gustafson	NON	L20	L17	L26	W25	L22	1.0
28 Troy Cundiff	NON	L5	L21	L16	L23	L25	0

PETRAK ANNOTATES! - RD3 Petrak-Smith 1 Nc3 (My trademark "The Wild Bull", my beloved bovine enters the battlefield) e5 2 e4 (The Vienna Game, my Bull has a multiple personality) Bc5 3 Bc4 Nc6 4 Nf3 (Now 4 Qg4!?! looks interesting, for example:[4...Kf8 is a poor choice for Black, no castling privileges, etc.] 4...Qf6? 5 Nd5 Qx f2+ 6 Kd1 Kf8 7 Nh3 Qd4[forced] 8 d3 [threatening c3, winning the Queen] 8...Bb6 9 Rf1[threatening 10 Nxb6 ax b6 11 Rxf7+ wins] 9...Nf6 10 Rxf6 d6 [10...gxf6 11 Bh6 Ke8 12 Qg7 wins] etc.) d6 5 h3 (a bit timid, but 500 rating points in a thirty minute game) f5 6 Bxg8 (This does remove Black's option to castle, but the B at c4 does too, and it is along procedure to dislodge the Lordship... by exchanging it gives Black extra tempo plus it develops the Rook. Perhaps better for W would be 6 d3[with the threat of Ng5 & 8 Bf7 or 8 Nf7]) Rxx8 7 d3 (my Bovine, Vienna is now kind of a Giucco Pianissimo - you have to know thy opening against these big guns or your powder gets wet) h6 8 Be3 Bxe3 9 fxe3 (This works for W as the N is denied access to the center) Be6 10 Qd2 (10 exf5 with 0-0 & Ne5 is interesting if Rxf5 is

available or 10 exf5 Bxf5 11 e4 Be6 12 0-0=) Qd7 11 a3 (keeps the N at bay, but 11 0-0-0 with Kbl is prudent and probably a winning move.) 0-0-0 12 0-0-0 Rdf8 13 Rhf1 (striving for play on the f-file...obtaining aslight initiative) Rf7 14 Rf2 Rgf8 15 Rdf1 (to counter the wing play perhaps 15 d4 is called for) fxe4 16 Nxe4 Bxh3 (16...Bxh3 should lose immediately with 17 gxh3 Qxh3 18 Qe2! & Ng1[or Qe2 d5 19 N4d2 consolidating]) 17 gxh3 Qxh3 18 Nel? (Qe2 holds White together because of the loss of time that follows) Qxf1 19 Rxf1 Rxf1 20 Kd1 (20 c4! with Kc2-c3 escapes the bondage. W's extra N can easily stop the g & h pawns) d5 21 Ng3 (aiming at f5 outpost) Rlf2 22 Qc3 R8f6 23 e4 d4 24 Qc4 (finally the Q has scope - g8 looks good) Rg6 25 Qg8+ Nd8 (Kd7 is not better 26 Nf5 Rg1 27 Qf7+ with at least a perpetual check) 26 Nf5 Rg1 27 Nxh6?? (White wins with Qe8![the Black kigdom was about to fall and I'm off picking off pawns] forcing Rxf5 because 28... c6 29 Qe7 & 30 Nd6+ or 28...b6 29 Ne7+ Kb7 30 Qxd8 Ka6 31 Qc8+ Ka5 32 Nc6+ & mate in a few moves) Rff8 28 Nf5 Rxe1+ 29 Kd2 g5 30 Ne7+ Kd7 31 Nf5 Rdl+ 32 Ke2 Re1+ 33 Kd2 Rdl+ 34 Ke2 Re1+ 35 Kd2 (Black can't release the checks or White has a perpetual check) Draw Agreed. $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ After analysis these games offer up so many possibilities. But, in a thirty minute blast it is a wonder the game went so well for White...Watch for more adventures of the "Wild Bull". Coming to a tournament near you! — Dennis Petrak

SMITH ANNOTATES - RD5 Motta-Smith 1 d4 d5 (I always play the Dutch, but Paul plays the Staunton Gambit [1 d4 f5 2 e4...] and the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit [1 d4 d5 2 e4...] and I think the the Staunton is more sound than the BDG, so I play 1...d5) 2 e4 dxe4 3 Nc3 Nf6 4 f3 exf3 5 NXf3 e6 (The Euwe line. A solid but passive line that the books don't analyze very much.) 6 Bg5 Be7 7 Bd3 c5 (I like the active piece play, but moving the Bishop twicw may be alittle too risky.) 8 dxc5 Bxc5 9 Qe2 Nc6 10 0-0-0 Bd7 11 Bb5 (Another try is 11 Rhe1 Qa5 12 Ne5 Nxe5 13 Qxe5 0-0-0 14 Bxf6 gxf6 15 Qxf6 Bb4 with rough equality.) Qa5 12 Bxc6 Bxc6 13 Qe5 Ke7 (An unhappy move, but forced.) 14 Nd4 (14 Nd5+ Bxd5 15 Rxd5 Be3+ 16 Bxe3 Qxd5 should win for Black.) Bb4 (Not 14...Rh8 15 Nf5+ Kf8 16 Nxx7 Qxa2 17 Nxe6+ fxe6 18 Qxf6+ wins or 17...Qxe6 18 Qc5+ with a small advantage.) 15 Nf5+ Kf8 16 Bxf6+ gxf6 17 Qxf6 Rg8 18 Nd6?? (In time pressure Paul blunders.[cont'd]

(continued from page 3) Better is 18 Qh6+ Ke8 19 Qxh7 Rf8 20 Ng7+ Ke7 21 Qh4+ f6 22 Qe1 e5. Black can win back the pawn but White may still be slightly better in a very double-edged game.) Bxd6 19 Rxd6 Qg5+ 20 Qxg5 Rxg5 21 Rg1 Rxg7 22 Rf1 (At this point Paul is in extreme time pressure with less than a minute for the rest of the game so he is unable to put up much resistance.) Ke7 23 RD2 Rxd2 24 Kxd2 Rd8+ 25 Ke3 f6 26 Ne2 e5 27 c4 Ke6 28 b3 b5 29 c5 b4 30 Rcl a5 31 Rgl Rd7 (Black is now ready to start advancing the 2 connected passed pawns which should win easily.) 32 White's flag falls. 0-1

RD4 Scarff-Petrak BLACKMAR-DIEMER GAMBIT 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nc3 d5 3 e4 dxe4 4 f3 Bf5 5 g5 B-d7 6 g5 Ng8 7 fxe4 e6 8 Bf4 Bb4 9 Qf3 Ne7 10 0-0-0 c6 11 Nge2 a5 12 h4 a4 13 a3 Bxc3 14 Nxc3 0-0 15 h5 g6 16 Be5 Ra5 17 Qf6 Rxe5 18 h6 Nf5 19 Qxd8 Rxd8 20 dxe5 Ne3 21 Rd3 Ng4 22 Rg3 Nxe5 23 Nxa4 Be8 24 Be2 Na6 25 Bxa6 bxa6 26 Rd1 Rb8 27 Nc5 Rb6 28 Rb3 Rxb3 29 cx b3 Nf3 30 Rd8 Kf8 31 Nxa6 Nxe5 32 Nc7 Ke7 33 Rxe8 Kd7 34 a4 Kxc7 35 a5 Nxe4 36 Re7+ Kd6 37 Rxf7 Ng5 38 Rg7 e5 39 a6 e4 40 a7 e3 41 Kd1 Nf3 42 Ke2 Black Resigns. 1-0

VALENTINE OPEN

February 18-19, 1989

MCA BUSINESS: FOOD FOR THOUGHT -

P1 Name	Rate	RD1	RD2	RD3	RD4	RD5	TOT
1 Steven Fairbairn	1673	W6	W8	W5	W3	D2	4.5
2 Dave Shughart	1877	W15	D12	W7	W5	D1	4.0
3 Mike Jensen	2006	D11	W19	W12	L1	W6	3.5
4 Ted ...	1899	W16	D15	W7	W10	W10	3.5
5 Romie ...	1934	W19	L1	L2	W12	W12	3.0
6 Bob Phillips	1714	L1	W18	W20	W9	L3	3.0
7 Arman Goplen	1643	W20	W10	L2	L4	W14	3.0
8 Ron Matous	1870	W18	L1	L11	W19	D9	2.5
9 Les Brennan	1776	W14	L5	W19	L6	D8	2.5
10 Ron Erickson	1771	W16	L7	W14	D11	L4	2.5
11 Dan McCourt	1769	D3	D20	W8	D10	WD	2.5
12 Bill McBroom	1754	W21	D2	L3	W15	L5	2.5
13 Dennis Petrak	1648	L5	L14	D16	W18	W15	2.5
14 M. Szulczynski	1295	L9	W13	L10	W16	L7	2.0
15 Nick Pazderic	1616	L2	W21	D4	L12	L13	1.5
16 John Kennedy	1368	L10	L4	D13	L14	W19	1.5
17 Dan Britt	1632	—	—	—	—	W18	1.0
18 Tom Gluick	1462	L8	L6	W21	L13	L17	1.0
19 Lyle Petersen	1462	W4	L3	L9	L8	L16	1.0
20 Allan Johnson	1940	L7	D11	L6	WD	WD	0.5
21 Carl Jacobs	1091	L12	L15	L18	WD	WD	0

MCA membership is up for the first time in about 4-5 years. How can we continue the trend? Would a formal Membership Drive be a good idea?

USCF provides partial financial support to representatives of each state at the Arnold Denker tournament of High School Champions held in conjunction with the U.S. Open. Montana has yet to send a representative. How can we determine a High School Champion? Can MCA provide any support in addition to USCF?

Putting together special events such as Grandmaster exhibitions has been very difficult financially. If more are desirable, how can we get additional money if attendance will not cover costs? One possibility is raising dues, but if we lose members that is counterproductive. Another idea is to establish Patron Memberships. Bring your ideas on May 6.

No games were submitted from the Valentine Open

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