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LETTERS

TO THE

EDITOR

ED: * Although the addition of this section has been in the planning stage for some time, the following letter is fully responsible for it being initiated at this time. The writer did not intend that the letter be published, but in the interests of chess, the editor is taking the liberty of publishing it in a condensed form, which, it is hoped, will meet with the approval of the writer.

Dear Mr. Taro,

Congratulations on the new Washington Chess Letter. Long may it live and grow!

With all the new books, new issues of old ones, and all the many chess publications, I sometimes wonder whether we mere players and readers can absorb it all, especially games and annotations.

Certainly a publication by the local association seems desirable so that one can keep in touch with one chess friends, postal and personal, and their style and strength as shown by their games.

Your statement of news-worthy items is well conceived. However, there is one thing you left out, that is letters to the Editor, they are inevitable, and some will be

worth printing.

A. C. HOBBS
Winslow, Wash.

Dear Mr. Taro,

I am sorry to see that the Kitsap and U of W teams really landed on your Everett squad. It looks like Seattle and Tacoma again, although Kitsap is also strong. I visited the Seattle club the other day - I see that they keep Ulvestad on their perpetual tourney board.

In the game HANS - CCCBURN in the December issue, what would have happened if black played 17. Q-d1?

JIM SCHREIFF
Portland, Ore.

Dear Larry,

Now there is another large sheet flying in the air. This is about the Schedule of Puget Sound league matches which we just received, almost two months late!!

Our members have been wondering when we were going to play at home and were under the impression that we were due to play at least four matches at home whereas the schedule shows only shows 2 home games. A breakdown of the arrangement shows that Everett, Slaght, Tacoma, and Kitsap all are allotted only 3 games, with Olympia only three.

On the favored side we find at four Seattle clubs. Queen Anne and the University have 6 home games, and the Seattle and YUVA clubs each. This is manifestly unfair.

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EDITORIAL

It is not an easy task to "get people to do things." Chess players are in a class by themselves in avoiding responsibility for the advancement of their own game. They become so engrossed in playing themselves that they lose sight of the fact that some stimulus must be provided in the promotion of the game to a higher plane.

The number of chess organizers is very few in comparison to the players --- usually only one or two in each club. They need your help in building the clubs. Just an occasional suggestion here and there could be a great help, but should, nevertheless, be constructive. Don't condemn everything they do, or perhaps they won't do anything! Then who will do it? You?

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Chess organization has merely touched the surface in the Puget Sound area. We have our Federation; we have our League; we have a few local tournaments; we have a Chess International; we have the beginning of a newspaper. What else?

Junior chess has hardly been touched. Tacoma has had a bit of success in their organization of the schools, but Everett's program has dropped to nothing. Odeia of Seattle is struggling to keep together without the incentive of outside competition.

More tournaments of wider nature should be had, but they must be organized.

Letters to this publication may be of help, if the circulation of them could shake the players out of their lethargy.

Remember, gentlemen, we are a growing organization; a growing organization requires a lot of push to make it succeed. Are you willing to help?

ARNOLD ON USCF AREA COMMITTEE

Edward I. Arnold, president of the Washington Chess Federation, has been named on a three man committee to hold tournaments in the western states to select two masters to compete in the United States Championship for 1948.

Other delegates are Ralph Lukins, of Los Angeles, chairman, and Dr. H. J. Ralston of San Francisco.

Further details will be announced as soon as possible.

TACOMA ON THE UPGRADE

Chess is advancing by leaps and bounds in Tacoma.

A state high school tournament is struggling to get started under the able direction of Mr. Holt, who will appreciate information of school organization elsewhere. Bollarsaine, Stadium, and Lincoln High schools have been very active in the last few months.

An "open house" was recently held at the Tacoma club, with Ed Plume as host, to which the public was invited. Beginner instruction was offered by the tournament team.

Activities are well distributed among the members, with Holmes as president; Keefe, secretary; Plume, treasurer; Guthrie, tournament director; Crain, instructor, and Holt as public relations officer.

The club meets Friday evenings at the Carlton Hotel at 8:00 pm.

HAAS TAKES EVOROTT CROWN

J. A. Haas, recent winner of the Evorott Speed Tournament, is still leading the annual Evorott Chess Club tournament closely followed by the defending champion, Neil Power. Haas' loss was to a junior of Ed Norman Dahlquist.

Leaders Standings	Won	Lost
1. Haas	22	1
2. Husby	13	0
3. Power	13	2
4. Dahlquist	13	10
5. Smith	12	7
6. Tweeddale, E.J.	11	10

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT

The Seattle Chess Club tournament for 1948 is now being organized, and will be conducted in two sections, the championship section will consist of players with ratings of "500" or better, the others in the second group. Both will be double round robin contests.

Charles Joachim will be on hand to defend his title.

O'DIA TAKES COVENTRY

The state's only active junior team is looking for matches. If interested write:

Cluok Grinnell
1816-1st Avenue West
Seattle, Washington

LETTER to the EDITOR, cont.)
for the following reasons:

1. Many players who would be able to spare 4 hours for chess would not be able to put in the 3 hours necessary for playing and transportation time. This will weaken our teams.

2. Travelling is fatiguing to many players and weakens their game.

3. If players do better in their own quarters.

4. Some games are necessary for long range planning. The Kitsap club finds this essential for publicity, and building up interest.

5. Response also is a factor.

There is also a very vital reason why changes should be made, and that is the fact that 3 matches are scheduled in Seattle on the same day in almost all rounds. This is physically impossible of staging, as neither the Seattle Club or the ICL is capable of accommodating more than one match at a time, particularly when it is desirable to play extra boards for reserve training. Also it is an imposition on the Seattle members who go down to the Club on Sunday and find that they are without facilities.

Other clubs may not agree, but our membership is unanimous in requesting that the locale of the remaining games be changed to give us an even break.

Roughly, if the four Seattle clubs are instructed to play their games with the rural clubs in their home towns it will about work out.

I do not consider it possible to

adjust it perfectly, but I do think that it is very necessary to allocate the matches more equitably.

Sorry, Larry, to send you this Irish bouquet, but this thing really needs adjustment.

JOHN KOSMAN, Sec.

Kitsap County C.C.

P.S. The Chess Letter, though late, is very good. You may publish this if you think it desirable.

ED: ** The fairest schedule possible under normal circumstances would be for each team to have at least half of their matches at home, and playing return matches the next year, and that is the way I would prefer it.

Last year's matches introduced the method of 'outside clubs' meeting in Seattle to conserve distance and expense, which was apparently satisfactory to all. A combination of the two systems was used in the new schedule.

Using Kitsap, for example, shows they have home matches with two of the Seattle clubs, playing the others on the road, and outside clubs in Seattle to save distance.

Close examination will find the others following the same system.

Seattle clubs profit by their geographical location, by having several other clubs in their local. Certainly, their generosity would be gratefully accepted if they offered to play the outside clubs away from home, but I feel it outside the limitations of my capacity to 'require' them to do it.

P U P P E T S O U N D L E A G U E N E W S

LEAGUE STANDINGS	Won	Lost	LEADING PLAYERS - Team		Score
			(Undeclared and untied)		
Tacoma	3	0			
Kitsap	3	1	Boyer	Queen Anne	5 - 0
Seattle	3	1	Almond	Kitsap	2 - 0
University	2	1	Au Yong	University	2 - 0
Queen Anne	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	Butler	Skagit	2 - 0
Olympia	1 ^{1/2}	1 ^{1/2}	Davidson, T.	Seattle	2 - 0
Everett	1	3	Knudson	Seattle	2 - 0
Skagit	1	3	Wallock	Seattle	2 - 0
Ymea	0	3			

4th Round Results

Tacoma	6 ^{1/2}	Everett	3 ^{1/2}	
* Kitsap	8	Seattle	1	
University	7 ^{1/2}	Skagit	2 ^{1/2}	*
Queen Anne	5	Olympia	5	
Ymea - bye				

5th Round Schedule
February 15th

Tacoma	vs Skagit	at Seattle
Kitsap	vs Queen Anne	at Bremerton
Seattle	vs University	at Seattle
Olympia	vs Ymea	at Seattle
Everett - bye		

* one game to be adjudicated.

Reiberg	Kitsap	6	-2
Crain	Tacoma	5	-1
Brandstrom	Skagit	5	-2
Hagorlanth	Kitsap	5	-2
Dickford	Seattle	5	-1
* Demslins	Kitsap	5	-2
Scout	Olympia	5	-2
Power	Everett	5	-3
Guthrie	Tacoma	5	-2
Tracy	Seattle	4	-2
Collins	Tacoma	3	-1
Julkunen	Tacoma	3	-1
MacInnis	University	3	-1
Allen	Ymea	3	-2
Arnold	Seattle	3	-1
Ballarntine	University	3	-1
Graham	Kitsap	3	-1
Hewitt	Tacoma	3	-1
Heale	Queen Anne	3	-1
Holmes	Tacoma	2	-1
* Weissonborn	Seattle	2	-1
McCarthy	Everett	1	-1
Roberts	University	1	-1

* Demslins-Weissonborn game to be adjudicated.

Adjudications
Crain (Tacoma) 1, Bollman (U) 0

In the most stunning upset of the year, Kitsap walloped the Seattle Chess Club with a remarkably lopsided score! Noteworthy is the fact that Seattle was headed by three of her better know players on the top boards. A Seattle win over Tacoma could bring about a 3 way tie for first!

KITSAP	8	SEATTLE	1
Hourse	1	Joachim	1
Dunskins	1	Weissenborn	0
Lingerlaucht	2	Tracy	0
Robberg	2	Davis	0
Almond	2	Parrott	0

* 1 game to be adjudicated.

Tacoma moved into first place by winning from Everett while Seattle was losing. More opposition than expected was given by Everett but the defending champions were never in any danger.

TACOMA	3½	EVERETT	3½
Crain	1½	Haro	½
Gutrie	½	Power	1½
Hawitt	1	Haas	1
Miltner	2	Fisby	0
Collins	1½	Dahlquist	½

University proved itself to be one of the better clubs in the league by winning handily from the Slagitt team.

Once again, however, Northwest Washington Champion, Charles Abbott was unable to compete, and due to

illness, may be lost for the season.

UNIVERSITY	7½	SLAGITT	2½
Roberts	1½	Brandstrom	½
Bollman	1½	Gordon	½
Mippell	2	Case	0
Macinnis	1½	Hazen	1½
Schain	1	Cannon	1½

Queen Anne and Olympia drew a hard-fought match, and it is a good thing for the league to find one of its new teams making such a good showing in its first season. Queen Anne missed their ace, Bob Heale.

QUEEN ANNE	5	OLYMPIA	5
Bever	2	Harrison	0
Roberts	1	Ayer	1
Leale	1	Corretelli	1
Rahleigh	0	Seely	2
Brewster	1	Tocua	1

With half of the schedule behind us, we now have a fairly good idea of the strength of the various teams. A three-way battle for the championship has unfolded, with Tacoma, Kitsap, and Seattle in the thick of it. University could also come close, and Queen Anne is always dangerous.

Competition for other places are quite likely to be keen, as there is far more balance in strength in the league than was heretofore realized.

PUGNET SOUND LEAGUE

Queen's Pawn Opening;
KINGLET NOURSE

(Skagit) (Kitsap)
White Black:

- | | |
|------------|---------|
| 1. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2. P-K3 | N-IB3 |
| 3. B-K2 | P-K3 |
| 4. N-IB3 | P-D4 |
| 5. P-QB3 | B-Q3 |
| 6. O-O | QH-Q2 |
| 7. P-K3 | P-K3 |
| 8. P-KP | NKP |
| 9. N-K1 | B-E1 |
| 10. P-K3 | B-B2 |
| 11. N-Q2 | B-D4 |
| 12. N-B3 | N-N5 |
| 13. B-N5ch | K-K2 |
| 14. Q-K | P-Q3 |
| 15. B-K2 | Q-Q3 |
| 16. N-K3 | P-KB3 |
| 17. N-B3 | P-K3 |
| 18. P-QP | P-QB3 |
| 19. N-Q4 | B-Q2 |
| 20. B-KB3 | P-KP |
| 21. P-KP | QR-K |
| 22. B-K1 | N-Q |
| 23. Q-B2 | N-K3 |
| 24. B-K3 | R-N |
| 25. Q-B3 | N-K2 |
| 26. R-B2 | R(2)-N2 |
| 27. P-KP | R-N6 |
| 28. Q-K2 | B-KP |
| 29. N-K2 | B-KP |
| 30. R-K3 | R-K3 |
| 31. Q-K1 | R-KQ |
| 32. K-K1 | Q-K2 |

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|-------------|--------|
| 33. K-B2 | K-B |
| 34. P-R4 | Q-IB3 |
| 35. P-R5 | B-KP |
| 36. B-Q2 | B-N3ch |
| 37. K-B | Q-Q3ch |
| 38. B-K3 | Q-KP |
| 39. K-B2 | Q-KP |
| 40. N-B5 | Q-NYch |
| 41. R-K2 | Q-K3 |
| 42. B-K3 | R-Q5 |
| 43. B-Q2 | Q-QP |
| 44. N-K3 | Q-B3 |
| 45. B-K3 | P-B3 |
| 46. N-Q3ch | N-Q2 |
| 47. B-KPch | Q-K1 |
| 48. R-NYch | N-K3 |
| 49. Res | K-K1 |
| 50. N-K2 | N-B3 |
| 51. K-Q3 | K-Q1 |
| 52. B-K7 | P-Q4 |
| 53. B-N5 | P-Q4 |
| 54. B-K3 | P-B3 |
| 55. B-N5 | P-B3 |
| 56. B-K3 | K-B3 |
| 57. B-N3 | K-K3 |
| 58. K-KP | P-QB7 |
| 59. B-B3 | P-KB7 |
| 60. Resigns | |

KITSAP COUNTY

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REIBERG COOKE

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|----------|--------|
| White | Black: |
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-KP |
| 4. B-KP | B-B4 |

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|------------|---------|
| 5. N-Q3 | Q-KP |
| 6. N-KB3 | Q-Q4 |
| 7. P-B | Q-Q |
| 8. O-O | P-K3 |
| 9. P-N3 | N-B3? |
| 10. B-Kch | Q-N1 |
| 11. B-N5 | Q-B6 |
| 12. B-K3 | N-Q2 |
| 13. R-B | Q-K4 |
| 14. B-B2 | Q-KP |
| 15. R-K | P-KB3 |
| 16. B-D4 | B-K2 |
| 17. B-K3 | K-K3 |
| 18. N-Q4 | N-B4 |
| 19. N-B6ch | Resigns |

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NOURSE COOKE

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|-----------|--------|
| White | Black: |
| 1. P-K4 | P-QB3 |
| 2. P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3. P-K3 | B-D4 |
| 4. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 5. N-KB3 | B-N3ch |
| 6. N-B3 | P-KP |
| 7. B-KP | P-QP4 |
| 8. B-K2 | P-QB3 |
| 9. O-O | N-K2 |
| 10. B-N5 | Q-O |
| 11. N-KP4 | Q-B2 |
| 12. B-Q3 | R-B |
| 13. Q-B | P-R3 |
| 14. B-Q2? | P-QP4 |
| 15. Q-N3? | R-KP |
| 16. P-QB3 | R-N |
| 17. B-KP | N-N3 |
| 18. P-B | P-KP |
| 19. QR-N | N-B3 |

20. NbdN RndN
 21. QdP QdP
 22. BcP! Qc3
 23. BcPch Q-B2
 24. QdN QR-B
 25. B-B3 B-B7
 26. Q-B3ch N-R
 27. Q-B4ch Q-B2
 28. Q-B4ch Q-B2
 29. Q-Q3 Q-B2
 30. Q-B3 KcP
 31. R-B2 R-B3ch
 32. R-B QdN
 33. Q-B3ch Q-B2
 Resigns.

24. R-Q3 Q-N
 25. B-B4 P-QB3
 26. P-B5 QdP
 27. B-B3 Q-B4
 28. Q-B2 N-B3
 29. K-N N-K5
 30. Q-B6 R-B3
 31. B-B5 QdP
 32. Q-QP Q-B7ch
 33. K-N Q-B5ch
 34. B-B2 N-B3ch
 35. K-N N-B7ch
 36. N-B NbdN
 37. B-Q3 Q-B3ch
 N-N N-B7ch
 N-R

19. B-KB5 R-K
 20. P-B4 N-B4
 21. BcB NcB
 22. P-B5 N-BB3
 23. RdP R-BP
 24. P-BB4 Q-R
 25. R-R QdN
 26. P-B5 NcP?
 27. NbdN Q-N4ch
 28. N-B3 P-BB4
 29. K-B N-Q4
 30. Q-BB3 P-QB3
 31. R-K Q-Q7
 32. D-Q3 K-N2
 33. NcPch R-N
 34. QdP Q-BB3
 35. Q-Q7ch K-B
 36. Q-B4?? Q-B3ch
 37. N-K2 N-BB6ch
 38. K-Q2 QcQ
 Resigns

Petrovsk
 HOUSHE MIDDING
 White Black

1. P-B4 P-B4
 2. N-BB3 N-BB3
 3. RdP P-B3
 4. N-B3 NcP
 5. B-B2 P-B4
 6. O-O D-B3
 7. P-B3 N-B3
 8. B-B5 O-O
 9. P-Q4 B-BB5
 10. N-B5 BcB
 11. QdN N-B2
 12. N-Q2 Q-Q2
 13. P-BB4 P-B4
 14. Qd-K R-K
 15. P-B3 RdP
 16. RdP B-B5
 17. P-QB3 RndN
 18. Qc3 Q-B3
 19. NbdN RndN
 20. R-NY RndN
 21. RndN R-K
 22. R-N Q-B2
 23. K-B2 QdN

Black announces mate
 in three with Q-B5ch;
 40.D-B2, Q-K3ch; 41.D-N,
 QdRa to.

WINTER CHESS CLUB
 Ray Lopez

McCarty White Masby Black
 1. P-B4 B-B4
 2. N-BB3 N-BB3
 3. B-B5 P-QB3
 4. B-B4 N-BB3
 5. O-O P-QB4
 6. B-B3 D-B2
 7. P-K P-Q3
 8. P-QB3 O-O
 9. R-P-Q4 RdP
 10. RdP N-QB4
 11. B-QB2 N-QB5
 12. D-QB3 N-BB3
 13. N-QB3 B-QB2
 14. B-B3 P-B5
 15. -B2 RcP
 16. Q-Q3 N-BB3
 17. K-BB3 RndN
 18. R-B3 P-BB3

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Sicilian Defence

NEIL POWER

LAWRENCE TARO

White

Black

(Notes by Lawrence Taro)

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. P-K ⁴ | P-Q ⁴ |
| 2. N-K ³ | P-Q ³ |

The Modern variation for preventing the Richter Attack.

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 3. P-Q ⁴ | hP |
| 4. hP | N-K ³ |

5. N-Q³

P-K³

6. B-Q⁴!?

.....

This move is not considered good in most variations of the Sicilian, but the complications arising from this variation may prove it sound.

6.

N-B³

7. hN!

P-N

8. P-B³

N-N⁵

9. P-K³

P-K⁴

If hP; 9. NcPch, KcB; 10. Qc1 win

10. O-O

B-K²

Q1 ... hP etc, would lose a piece

11. B-B⁴

N-K⁴

12. B-Q⁴

O-O

13. K²-K

B-Q³

14. Q¹-N

P-N

15. Q-Q²

Q-B

16. B-K²

PcB

17. QcB

P-B⁵

Necessary to ease the pressure.

18. Q-N⁵

BcB

19. N-N³

Q-N²

20. P-K³

P-B⁴

21. Q¹-g

P-B³

22. P-Q⁴!?

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If hP, 23. Qc1 winning a pawn,

22.

P-K³

23. N-Q⁷

If Q-N⁴, P-N⁴ wins the rook.

23.

PcQ

2⁴. hPQ

hN¹

25. hN¹

P-N³

26. BxP

K²xP

27. N-Q⁵

P-B³

28. R-12 R-17
 29. R-13 R-18
 30. R-14 R-19

GAMES REGULATIONS

Dec 15th to Jan 15th, incl.

31. R-20, R-21 allows regrouping, and regaining command of the seventh and eighth ranks. Other moves would lose quicker.

31. Losings.

Note: More games are needed. We do not expect master games; we want CGI games!

	47-A-2		
Taro	1, Power		0
	47-B-2		
Hoas	1, McCarthy		0
Howard	1, Allen		0
	47-C-1		
McMartin	1, Moss		0
Londenberger	1, Neilson		0

POSTAL CHESS RATINGS

Big A's

Taro, E.	1423
Guthrie, A.	1362
Finnegan, J.	1300
Herman, A.	1267

Class A

Power, V.	1200
Corrotolli, J.	1250
McTulla, Dr. F.	1208
Finnegan, J.	1500
Guthrie, A.	1362
Hoon, R.	1201
Hubb, P.	1250
Haight, A.	1219
Lagoriarth, C.	1250
Walt, R.	1250
Moore, C.	1226
Hoas, J.	1248
Herman, A.	1261
Power, H.	1214
Goode, H.	1205
Hanning, J.	1250
Wool, H.	1250
Taro, E.	1423

Class B

Allen, W.	955
Almond, Lt. H.	1100
Lentzen, H.	1100
Harrison, C.	1100
Hollins, J.	1079
Howard, F.	1056
Kraftenberger	1100
Londenberger	863
McCarthy, G.	1061
Rahloigh	1100
Taylor, C.	1062
Yocum, C.	1100

Class C

Anderson M.	800
Corbett, T.	850
Gordon, J.	900
Hiscox, R.	747
Jones, Dr. G.	850
McCownell, C.	850
McMartin, Dr.	937
Mulder, Dr.	934
Moss, Mrs.	764
Neilson, R.	843
Plume, F.	732
Rink, A.	850
Taro, E.	850
Volz, C.	850