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The Cover: For the first time in WCL history we are presenting an on-the-spot picture of a recent event. The scene depicted here is the presentation of trophies for team and individual championships, March 9th. L. to R. Charles Ballantine (winner of the Wash. State Junior Championship), WCF Treasurer W. H. Ralioh, Leslie Coubrough (holding permanent three-year trophy awarded to Tacoma Chess Club), Chessmaster Weaver W. Adams, WCF President John Nourse, T. Davidson (holding 1950 team trophy won by Seattle), WCF Vice-president R. P. Allen, and State Champion Bob Stork.

MASTERS-EXPERTS SET FOR MAY 20-21

The second annual Pacific Northwest Masters-Experts Tournament will get underway Saturday morning, May 20th.

The entry fee will be \$5.00. At least 75% (maybe more) of the entry fees total will be returned in prizes.

The prize scale will run as follows: 1st prize: 40%; 2nd prize: 20%; 3rd: 10%; 4th prize: 5%; subscription prizes for 5th and 6th places.

LATVIAN CHESS MASTER EXPECTED SOON

According to Royal Brougham, P. I. Sports Editor, the Latvian Chessmaster, Elmars Zengalis is due to show up within the next two or three weeks.

Plans are being made by Mr. Brougham and a committee of Seattle chess players (G. Muller, T. Davidson, R.P. Allen and J. Finnigan) to stage a simultaneous exhibition introducing Mr. Zengalis to the chess playing public and vice-versa. The exhibition will be free to all who wish to watch or participate. Watch the P. I. for details.

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: PUGET SOUND CHESS LEAGUE NEWS :  
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FINAL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Tied	P.F.	P.A.
Seattle ....	8	0	0	57	21
Olympia ....	6	1	1	41	28
Tacoma .....	5	3	0	43½	25½
Kitsap .....	4	3	1	42½	37½
YMCA .....	3	2	3	40	40
U. of W. ...	2	4	1	31½	38½
Seattle U. .	2	6	0	24	54
Everett ....	1	6	0	26½	41½
Bellingham .	0	6	0	9	29

A dispute over forfeitures of Bellingham-Everett, and Bellingham-U. of W. matches has been brought up and will be decided upon during the next meeting of WCF officers and directors.

YMCA (9)	SEATTLE U. (1)
Joachim .....	1, Vellias .....
Hebert .....	2, Corbett .....
Hillis .....	2, McGough .....
Allen .....	2, Lucid .....
Warner .....	2, Woiler .....

BOB STORK IS 1950 PUGET SOUND

OPEN CHAMPION

Out of a strong field of twenty players emerged State Champion Bob Stork to win the Puget Sound Open Tournament at Tacoma, April 15th and 16th. In second place came Jack Strong of Portland who edged out Gerald Schain by virtue of an extra S. B. point. Fourth was Chas. Joachim and fifth, Dean Bollman.

Last years winner, Jim Amidon, failed to show up to defend his title. Nor did 1948 champ Jim Schmitt compete.

Storks win proved beyond a doubt his winning of the State Championship was no "fluke", and that his chess is of high caliber.

The tournament was smoothly and efficiently run by Director R. H. Collins, that is, except for one game in which Dick Allen and Joe Cerretelli tried to outdo one another by laying down smoke screens. The standings:

	W.	L.	D.	Pts.	S.B.
Bob Stork .....	4	0	2	5	17½
Jack Strong .....	4	1	1	4½	14
Gerald Schain ...	4	1	1	4½	13
Charles Joachim .	4	2	0	4	14
Dean Bollman ....	4	2	0	4	12
T. Davidsen .....	4	2	0	4	10½
J. Stearns .....	3	2	1	3½	11½
Glenn Müller ....	3	3	0	3	8½
J. Cerretelli ...	3	3	0	3	6½
D. Turner .....	3	3	0	3	6½
R.P. Allen .....	3	3	0	3	6
D. Murray .....	3	3	0	3	6
Carl Enz .....	3	3	0	3	4
A. Murray .....	2	3	1	2½	8½
R. Edberg .....	2	3	1	2½	3½
H. Yocom .....	2	4	0	2	4
V. E. Hultman ...	2	4	0	2	2½
H. Kaffenberger .	1	4	1	1½	3½
C. R. Harneson ..	1	5	0	1	2
C. Yocom .....	1	5	0	1	1

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PORTLAND CHESS CLUB ISSUES CHALLENGE TO ANY AND ALL COLEGES

After walloping Kitsap in a radio chess match, the Portland chess team is rarin' to take on any "revenge-minded team of Washington experts", to quote Jim Schmitt. Arrangements can be made for a mass lesson in chess via "ham" radio by contacting Jim; his address is 1546 S. E. 55th Ave., Portland 15, Ore.

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JIM AMIDON TAKES SPEED TITLE

Jim Amidon lifted the Washington State Speed Chess crown from Glenn Muller, the former state "speed merchant".

The tournament was held in the Everett Y.L.C.A. Sunday afternoon of March 19th. Peter Husby acted as tournament director, while Bob Stork and T. Davidsen were the referees.

The event was run off smoothly in 7 rounds, at 10 seconds per move. Only one loss was by the forfeit rule. Entry fee was One Dollar. First prize: Five Dollars; Second prize: Two Dollars.

STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Drew	Pts.	S.B.
Amidon .....	5	0	2	6	18½
Muller .....	4	1	2	5	16
Mulford .....	3	4	0	3	11
Edberg .....	3	4	0	3	8½
Dinoff .....	3	4	0	3	8
Schain .....	3	4	0	3	8
Feichtner ...	2	4	1	2½	8½
Taro .....	2	4	1	2½	8

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ROBERT NEALE WINS 1950 SEATTLE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Bob Neale took top honors in the 1950 Seattle Chess Club Championship tournament with a win-loss record of 15-1. Runner-up was Glenn Müller with 13½-2½, followed by E. Weissenborn in third place with 13-4. Carl Enz showed much improvement by his 11-5 score, finishing in fourth spot.

The Standings:

	Won	Lost	Drawn
Robert Neale ....	15	1	0
Glenn Müller ....	13	2	1
E. Weissenborn ..	13	4	0
Carl Enz .....	10	4	2
Lynch .....	8	4	3
Ed Lindstrom ....	9	7	1
Les Buckley .....	5	3	0
Russ Vellias ....	8	7	1
Dr. Shephard ....	6	5	1
T. Davidsen .....	8	8	0
Sturges .....	5	6	1
Laizure .....	6	8	1
Rosen .....	3	6	0
C. C. Bushnell ..	5	12	0
Gillette .....	3	9	1
Weaver .....	2	9	1
Benn Carson .....	1	12	0
Noban .....	0	11	0

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## REHBERG SAYS:

Gioachino Greco was an outstanding Italian chess player who published a collection of his games in 1669. After his death Italy produced no master players for many years.

In other parts of Europe however the game increased in popularity. It was the main pastime in the coffee houses of London and Paris in the 18th century.

Andre Philidor now comes on the scene with his brilliant play. He divided his time between London and Paris. He set down his theories of chess in a book to wit: "Analyze du Jeu des Echecs".

At this time Italy again produced some talented players. The best known of them being Ponziani, E. del Rio and G. Lolli.

Philidor died in 1795 (whether on the scaffold of the guillotine or not is not known).

The term French defence originated in 1831 at which time a French team defeated an English team in a postal match. This team was led by Pierre de Saint Amant.

The Scotch game comes from a London-Edinburgh match played in 1824. This period also brings about the name of Howard Staunton a famous English player.

Staunton won the unofficial championship of Europe in 1843 by defeating the French Saint-Amant. He later published Staunton's "Chessplayers Handbook". This along with the German Von Bilguer's work "Handbuch" published in 1843 first gave the names of the various openings in an orderly fashion.

But it wasn't until 1851 that an International Tourney was held. It was an elimination affair and won by Adolph Anderssen of Berlin.

(To be continued)

## SUCHOBECK LEADS SCHMITT IN TITLE MATCH

Jim Schmitt, Portland Chess Club champion, is trailing Alex Suchobek in a chess match for the club title. Alex has a 3-1 (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1) advantage, needing only two more points to take the crown.

## REHBERG IN MATCH LEAD

George Rehberg has taken the lead in his "grudge match" with Jack Finnigan. The score now stands at 5 to 3 with a draw thrown in.

## POSTAL CHESS:

### Big A's:

Charles Ballantine .....	1581
J. A. Naas .....	1509
Neil Power .....	1479
L. H. Greene .....	1397
E. Tweeddale .....	1375
Alice Grey .....	1369
Leslie Coubrough .....	1351

### Changes in Ratings:

#### Class A:

Ballantine .....	1581
Joe Cerretelli .....	1229
Leslie Coubrough .....	1351
L. H. Greene .....	1397
Neil Power .....	1497

#### Class B:

J. H. Hellums .....	1177
Parry .....	1068

### Games Results:

#### 49-A-8:

Power 1, Cerretelli 0.
Power 1, Hellums 0.
Hellums 1, Parry 0.
Ballantine 1, Cerretelli 0.
Greene 1, Parry 0.
Power $\frac{1}{2}$ , Coubrough $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## NEIL POWER IN EVERETT TOURNEY WIN

Neil Power won the Everett Chess Club championship with an almost perfect score, dropping only  $\frac{1}{2}$  point while winning thirteen games. Peter Husby was the runner-up with 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

### Standings

Neil F. Power .....	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Peter Husby .....	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
E. J. Tweeddale .....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Harvin Anderson .....	6	-	8
G. M. Anderson .....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
G. E. McCarthy .....	4	-	10
R. E. Sanford .....	4	-	10
Ted LeFree .....	3	-	11

## JURSHEVSKIS RETAINS BRITISH COLUMBIA CHESS CROWN

M. Jurshevskis of Vancouver won the chess championship of British Columbia for the second straight year. M. Pratt was runner-up. W. De Havilland, father of the famous movie stars, finished in fifth place.

# E N P A S S A N T

by Dick Allen

The Washington Chess Federation is a little over two years old; and like all federations it is made strong by its membership. The Puget Sound League is the backbone of the WCF at present altho chess clubs in other sections of the state are considering taking out memberships.

We who are members of the WCF know the benefits that we have received have far exceeded the cost. It's the only thing I've ever heard of where you get out more than you put in. All we have to do is prove it to them in advance, but it's like trying to explain to a blindman how everything would look if he could see.

The WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER is doing most of this "spadework" and the Washington Chess Federation is beamishly proud of its very precocious youngster. In fact, it has been so successful that the editorial and management staff has been given the green light on some improvements such as the lithographed cover of this issue. Naturally, this process entails more expense than the mimeograph, and it may not be possible to publish every issue in this format. However, it will be done as often as the budget permits-- without raising the dues. It is much better to get more members than to sock the present ones harder.

At present, there is only one official circulation method for the WCL--it is given free to members of the Washington Chess Federation. Mr. Peter Husby, the publisher and circulation manager has come up with a very interesting promotional idea. He offers to send the WCL to clubs at \$1.00/dozen, in order to get it into new hands as quickly as possible. This is below cost to the WCF and does not carry the privileges of either personal or club membership. It is recommended by the WCF that these be sold at 15¢ each or given away to prospective members when obsolete. Here is a fine opportunity to plug your club and its treasury, and at the same time insure that the Washington Chess Letter will continue to expand and improve.

By the way, Mr. Raleigh who is Treasurer of the WCF, tells me that some of the clubs in the Puget Sound League have not paid their 1949 registration fees (\$5.00) nor their WCF club dues (\$5.00) for 1949, even though competing in scheduled matches and enjoying the status of WCF membership. This is no doubt an oversight. If you're not sure, check with your club treasurer. Mr. Raleigh's address is 4318 Densmore Ave., Seattle 3, Wash.

The expenses were heavier this year mainly due to the purchase of PSL trophies not only for 1950 but also for the previous years: 1947, 1948, and 1949. This was necessary because the plaque for the Puget Sound League has always been considered a permanent record of the Puget Sound League and not a trophy. There were some very interesting rumors floating around, and an informal director's meeting was held to head off the gathering storm. A precedent making decision was made by the WCF officers in creation of a Puget Sound League trophy to be awarded each year to the club winning first place in the tournament. In case any club gets its name on it three times, the trophy becomes their permanent property. As I understand it, this does not have to be in succession--correct me if I'm wrong. At any rate, judging from the expressions on the faces of the recipients in the cover illustration, the decision will not be appealed...

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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