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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

To Mr. & Mrs Russell W. Miller a girl Ielleen
Ruth, 6 lbs 10 1/2 oz. on December 7, 1968. Look
out women chessplayers of the world.

STRAWBERRY Open

The Marysville Jaycees recently voted to sponsor the 2nd Annual STRAWBERRY OPEN. The tentative date is June 14-20, 1969. There will be a cash prize fund of \$3,000.00. The prize fund is increased \$200.00 over last year. What prompted this in view of the fact that \$600.00 was lost last summer. Lack of good sense perhaps. Pure stubbornness to succeed. A great deal of credit must go to Hal Parrott, past Jaycee President, he felt it would be a shame to let all the experience of the first STRAWBERRY OPEN go by the wayside.

From the questionnaires turned in by the 95 participants of the first tournament, it was concluded that it was technically a fine event. However, if players in the Northwest want a permanent major tourney each year, the next STRAWBERRY OPEN must be a financial success. The Marysville Jaycees want to hear from Northwest Chess readers what will entice them to attend this time. Two major disappointments last year were failure of any British Columbia players to attend and the scarcity of Class "C" and "D" entries. The event had the largest amateur cash awards in the World. What will it take to get the Class "B" and lower players to enter? Maybe dividing the event into two sections is the answer. Maybe eight rounds with speed events set up for out of towners. One thing certain there will be a 2nd Annual STRAWBERRY OPEN with a \$3,000.00 cash prize fund. The rest may be determined by NWC readers. Larry Evans said the event last year was good as any except more money should go to the top three finishers. But what do non-International Grandmasters want?

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(taken from issue 25-26 of
Chess Express.)

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DEC. 15 6th Rd. Puget Sound League
 DEC. 26-27 NORTHWEST JUNIOR (Seattle)

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JAN. 4-5 WASHINGTON OPEN (Seattle)
 JAN. 11-12 B.C. CLOSED (Vancouver)
 JAN. 12 1st Rd. Portland Metro League
 JAN. 19 CHESS TORNADO (Seattle)
 JAN. 25-26 MARCH OF DICES OPEN (Washougal)
 JAN. 19 2nd Rd. Portland Metro League
 FEB. 2 8th Rd. Puget Sound League
 FEB. 9 3rd Rd. Portland Metro League
 FEB. 15-16 VANCOUVER OPEN (Vancouver)
 FEB. 15-16-21-22 WASH. STATE CHAMP. (SEATTLE)
 FEB. 23 9th Rd. Puget Sound League
 FEB. 23 4th Rd. Portland Metro League
 MARCH 2 5th Rd. Portland Metro League
 MARCH 9 6th Rd. Portland Metro League
 MARCH 29-30 ORE. HIGH TEAM TOURNEY (Medford)
 MARCH 29-30 INLAND EMPIRE OPEN (Spokane)
 APRIL 4-5-6 B. C. OPEN (N. Burnaby)
 APRIL 6 EASTER SUNDAY
 APRIL 13 7th Rd. Portland Metro League
 APRIL 20 8th Rd. Portland Metro League
 APRIL 26-27 RUSE de GUERRE OPEN (Washougal)
 MAY 3-4 WASH. HIGH TEAM TOURNAMENT (?)
 MAY 3-4 VANCOUVER ISLAND OPEN (Nanaimo)
 MAY 30-31-JUNE 1 ???
 JUNE 14-20 STRAWBERRY OPEN (Marysville)
 JUNE 28-29 EVERGREEN EMPIRE OPEN (Tacoma)
 AUG. 2-3 SEATTLE SEAFAIR (Seattle)
 AUG. 10-22 U.S. OPEN (Lincoln, Neb.)
 AUG. 30-31-SEPT. 1 WESTERN WASH. OPEN (Seattle)
 AUG. 30-31-SEPT. 1 OREGON OPEN (Portland)
 OCT. 18-19 WASHINGTON WOODPUSHER (?)
 NOV. 8-9 6th KLAMATH FALLS OPEN (K. Falls)
 NOV. 8-9 SPOKANE COUNTY OPEN (Spokane)
 NOV. 28-29-30 NORTHWEST OPEN (Seattle)
 DEC. 27-28 NORTHWEST JUNIOR (Portland)
 (SEND IN THE DATES FOR YOUR EVENT)

Northwest Jr.

DECEMBER 26 - 27

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 (one block North, Fremont Bridge)

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6 rd Swiss 50 moves 2 hours

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 (if two or more enter)
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 or ICA membership

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 Washington State
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 3rd 30
 1st "A" 40
 2nd "A" 20
 3rd "A" 10
 1st "B" 40
 2nd "B" 20
 3rd "B" 10
 1st "C" 40
 2nd "C" 20
 3rd "C" 10
 1st "D" 25
 Perfect
 Score 120

CHESS TORNADO

JANUARY 19

Seattle Chess Club, 35th & Fremont N.

REGISTRATION: 8:30 to 9:30 am

TWO SECTIONS: 4 round Swiss 30 in 1

USCF OPEN TO ALL

ENTRY FEE: \$3.00 +
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ENTRY FEE: \$1.50 + WCF

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 2nd 30% PRIZE
 3rd 20% FUND

PRIZES CASH

1st 40% OF
 2nd 20% PRIZE
 "C" 20% FUND
 "D" 20%

MARCH of DICES OPEN

JANUARY 25 - 26

P. U. D. Building, 89 "C" St. Washougal, Wash.

Registration 8:30 am to 9:30 am 5 rd Swiss

Entry Fee: \$3.00

Trophies to top three finishers

Proceeds go to March of Dimes T.D. ??

PLAY TOURNAMENT CHESS

PUPOLS WINS NORTHWEST OPEN

For the third straight year Viktors Pupols of Seattle won the Northwest Open, held at the Seattle Chess Club. This time, however, he had to share the title with Peter Biyiasis of Vancouver B.C. They shared the 1st & 2nd prizes for \$55.00 each for their 5½-½ scores. Deane Moore of Portland took a clear third with his 5-1 score for \$20. Moore, who frequently directs Oregon events, lost his last round game to Portland's Owen Dvorshak. He never had faith in the "Swiss gambit" as a director, but this event made him a believer. He is now scheduling speaking appearances on this complicated and exotic opening.

Twenty-three players shared in the prize money. Askay and Holmquist split \$17 for 1st & 2nd Class A. Alexandro Schemm and Germalm split \$5 the Class A 3rd prize. Holmquist and Loyland divided \$17 for 1st and 2nd Class B, and Gray took a clear Class B 3rd for \$5. Dvorshak took 1st Class C with a whopping 4½-1½. Schmitz and Wainey, Dial, Delenea and Erter split the \$12 for Class C 2nd & 3rd. Berry took an undisputed 1st in Class D and unrated for \$9, while Morton Turner, Sandoval and Steen shared the \$15 for Class D and unrated 2nd through 4th. Montchalain cornered the Jr. prize for \$10. Jonathan Berry of B.C. turned in an impressive performance not reflected in his score. He had superior positions against Holmquist & Biyiasis and played the toughest schedule of the tournament. We expect to see a lot more of him in the future.

It has been said that winners never quit, but Pat Hickey disproved it by forfeiting his last two rounds after scoring 3½ in the first four rounds. Unfortunately, his unannounced absence prevented Pupols with a rather easy 5th round. There ought to be a law. . .

Delenea provided a lesson for the younger players. For all his tournament experience, he didn't know that a player must appear or at least call in before the round is an hour old. He finally called, but his opponent was already playing with another player whose opponent had failed to show after an hour.

With the large turnout, Seattle Chess Club was filled to the gunwales. Some players even tried to beat the crush by negotiating the ladder to the balcony. The prize fund and expenses were met by such a margin that the players voted to take a \$1.00 refund on entry fees. Support from players living outside of the Seattle area was excellent. They took 12 of the prizes and 9 of them appeared in the top 14. The Oregon and B.C. Juniors were especially tough as a whole, promising much for the coming years.

The writer of this report and tournament director was Sally Swedine.

Summary Northwest Open Nov.29-30 Dec.1.

Name	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	Score	Mo
1. Viktors Pupols	Seattle	W32	D20	W19	W6	W17	W4	5½	15
2. Peter Biyiasis	Vancouver	W51	W5	W18	W25	D4	W8	5½	14½
3. Deane Moore	Portland	L5	W43	W39	W34	W35	W9	5	11½
4. Gary Holmquist	Bellingham	W40	W15	W12	W8	D2	L1	4½	17
5. Owen Dvorshak	Portland	W3	L2	D22	W16	W21	W15	4½	15½
6. Richard Askay	Portland	W30	W37	D10	L1	W38	W19	4½	12
7. Doug Adams	Spokane	L8	W48	W41	W37	D15	W13	4½	11½
8. Jonathan Berry	Vancouver	W7	W13	W9	L4	W11	L2	4	17
9. Mike Schemm	Corvallis	W41	W23	L8	W14	W10	L3	4	15
10. Pat Herbers	Spokane	W38	D16	D6	W21	L9	W24	4	14½
11. Bert Germalm	Bremerton	W49	L26	W40	W23	L8	W18	4	11
12. Mike Montchalain	Portland	W39	W50	L4	L18	W29	W27	4	11
13. Frank Alexandro	Kirkland	W43	L8	W52	W38	W18	L7	4	11
14. Steve Loyland	Portland	LF	W42	W51	L9	W37	W28	4	9½
15. Martin Gray	Bellevue	W54	L4	W49	W24	D7	L5	3½	13½
16. Milo Nelson	Seattle	LF	D10	W29	L5	W45	W34	3½	11
17. Pat Hickey	Seattle	W29	D19	W20	W35	LF1	LF	3½	9
18. Edgardo Sandoval	Seattle	W33	W44	L2	W12	L13	L11	3	15
19. Peter Wludyka	Seattle	W22	D17	L1	W41	D27	L6	3	15
20. Ben Thurston	Seattle	W46	D1	L17	L31	W41	D22	3	13
21. Joe Eggertsen	Seattle	W52	D35	W34	L10	L5	D31	3	13
22. Kenneth Morton	Vancouver	L19	D36	D5	W32	D30	D20	3	12
23. Ken Wainey	Seattle	W27	L9	W50	L11	L28	W37	3	12
24. Dave White	Portland	LF	W31	W26	L15	W39	L10	3	12
25. Joseph Toth	Seattle	W42	D34	L35	L2	W36	D30	3	11
26. Forrest Dial	Tacoma	W28	W11	L24	LF	L34	W38	3	11
27. Ray Steen	Seattle	L23	W49	W42	D36	D19	L12	3	10½
28. James Turner	Bellevue	L26	L51	W43	W40	W23	L14	3	10½
29. Ron Erter	Seattle	L17	W53	L16	W54	L12	W45	3	10½
30. Joe Brandenburg	Portland	L6	L39	W46	W49	D22	D25	3	9
31. Digne Delenea	Seattle	D55	L24	W53	W20	LF	D21	3	10
32. Rrt z Schmitz	Port Orch.	L1	L38	W47	L22	W46	W39	3	8½
33. Robert Ruotsalainen	Seattle	L18	W45	L38	L39	W42	W40	3	7½
34. Stephen Christopher	Bothell	W48	D25	L21	L3	W26	L16	2½	13½
35. Tim Kauppila	Seattle	W53	D21	W25	L17	L3	LF	2½	11½
36. Perry Hawkins	Bothell	L50	D22	D45	D27	L25	W47	2½	9½
37. George Brautlacht	Bothell	W47	L6	W44	L7	L14	L23	2	15
38. Robert McCurdy	Seattle	L10	W32	W33	L13	L6	L26	2	14½
39. Don Itzel	Seattle	L12	W30	L3	W33	L24	L32	2	13½
40. Robert Holland	Seattle	L4	W46	L11	L28	WF50	L33	2	12
41. Gilbert Saulter	Bellevue	L9	W54	L7	L19	L20	W46	2	11
42. John Edmiston	Newport	L25	L14	L27	W48	L33	W54	2	10½
43. Ronald Clarkson	Tacoma	L13	L3	L28	L46	Bye	W48	2	9½
44. Ron Erickson	Seattle	W45	L18	L37	W50	LF	LF	2	6½
45. Rafael Lamarca	Olympia	L44	L33	D36	W52	L16	L29	1½	11
46. Roy Moe	Seattle	L20	L40	L30	W43	L32	L41	1	9½
47. Tim Stewart	Bothell	L37	L52	L32	D53	W54	L36	1½	7½
48. Mike Langworthy	Bothell	L34	L7	D54	L42	W53	L43	1	7
49. David Stubbs	Seattle	L11	L27	L15	L30	LF	LF	0	9½
50. Sven Monrad	Seattle	W36	L12	L23	L44	LF40	LF	1	8½
51. Steve Thomas	Kent	L2	W28	L14	LF	LF	LF	1	7
52. Reuben Evans	Seattle	L21	W47	L13	L45	LF	LF	1	6
53. Paul Stebbins	Seattle	L35	L29	L31	D47	L48	LF	½	9
54. Roy Sneath	Burnaby	L15	L41	D48	L29	L47	L42	½	8½
55. Boyd Walther	Seattle	D31	LF	LF	LF	LF	LF	½	0

NWC Editors Note: Some empty space to fill here, so some comments on the tournament.

It appears that USCF and not Northwest ratings were used to award prizes. Don't know which were used for pairings. Seems to me that Pete Olson goes to a lot of work why don't tournament directors use Northwest Ratings. They are so much more up to date than USCF and the same formula is used. Holmquist, Herbers, Loyland, Gray, Dvorshak, Dial, Delenea, Erter, Berry, Morton, Sandoval and Steen all won Class prizes for which they would have not be eligible if Northwest ratings had been used. A couple are rated two classes higher by Northwest ratings than by USCF. Clark Harmon says that using USCF ratings instead of Northwest ratings gives more meaning to USCF ratings. Why give meaning to something which is not a true rating because USCF ratings are behind NW ones. Only players who want USCF ratings used are ones whose is a class or two lower than Northwest rating. This is not fair to players whose Northwest and USCF ratings are about the same.

TACOMA NEWS

TACOMA WOODBUSTERS CHIPS

BY J. Ward

On December 6th through 20th the TCC will hold the annual 45-45 tournament, with 2 games each Friday evening. We hope each of you will show for this event. More important, however, club elections January 3, 1969. This is your chance to quitcherbelleyachin and get in on the responsibility and hard work of running our chess club. The more people who will come down and devote their energies and contribute their talents, the better club we will have. What will YOUR contribution be?



Pictured above is Vernon Holmes, TCC Champion.

puget sound league

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ROUND 4

BOEING "B"	5½-4½	Seattle C.C.
Don Eilmes	2 -0	Milo Nelson
Lew Henry	1½-½	Frank Alexandro
Roger Shannon	0 -2	Per Hammargren
Mary Lassen	0 -2	Digne deLenea
Sinai Manor	2 -0	Tim Kauppila
BOEING "A"	6½-2½	TACOMA C.C.
Al Clark	1 -1	Alf Overas
Mike Murray	1 -0	Ernst Rasmussen
Kent Pullen	2 -0	Forest Dial
George LeCompte	1 -1	Lyman Johnson
Ed Sandoval	1½-½	Ernst Prentice
BELLEVUE	3 - 7	MARYSVILLE
THUNDERBIRDS	0 - 10	BELLINGHAM (F)

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1. Bellingham	3	1	29½	8½
2. Boeing "A"	3	1	26½	12½
3. Seattle C.C.	3	1	26½	13½
4. Tacoma C.C.	2	2	22½	16½
5. Marysville	2	2	13½	25½
6. Boeing "B"	1½	2½	15	24
7. Bellevue	1	3	14	26
8. Thunderbird	½	3½	9½	30½

Tight race for 1st with 3 rounds to go. See November issue for schedule.

giving a simultaneous exhibition. He played 13 games winning 7 and losing 6. He remarked when viewing the above picture that he looked puzzled, and it was very appropriate as he said he was puzzled all night long. Winners were Gene Linde, Jack Pickham, John Pericic, Bill Ward, John Ward, and Forrest Dial, who won 1 out of the 3 boards he played. Losers were Ward Smith Ed Bosse, Wendale Gunderson, Joe Gorton, Ernst Rasmussen and Forrest Dial (2). In the above picture, Ward Smith, Ed Bosse, Wendale Gunderson can be seen studying their boards, with Gene Linde looking on, making the picture by a nose! We hope to have more pictures in this column as time passes.

Well the great experiment has failed! Sob. We hoped to be able to separate our club into Sr. and Jr. divisions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Not enough showed up on either night to continue to justify this practice, so starting January 7, 1969 the club will be open Tuesday nights for all, and closed Wednesday nights. We are just not big enough yet for the dual operation. Beginning January 7th we are going to start a chess league. This will be composed of several 3 or 4 man teams who will compete for three months for the Tacoma Team Championship. Full details and plans will be sent to all members before the end of this year. If you have any ideas on this, we are open to suggestions.

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SPOKANE COUNTY OPEN

Herbers Winner

Summary of Spokane County Open		Nov. 8-9, 1968					Se
Player	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	
1. Pat Herbers	Spokane	W3	W12	W6	D2	W7	4½
2. Mike Murray	Renton	W13	W10	W4	D1	D5	4
3. J.B. White	Spokane	L1	W21	W8	D4	W6	3½
4. Victor Keiser	Walla Walla	W15	W14	L2	D3	W10	3½
5. Dave Engelhard	Connell	W9	L6	W13	W17	D2	3½
6. Sief Poulsen	Salem	W17	W5	L1	W12	L3	3
7. David Groenig	Spokane	W11	W8	D17	D10	L1	3
8. David Glendaniel	Walla Walla	W20	L7	L3	W16	W15	3
9. Chaffes Adams	Spokane	L5	L17	W21	W14	W12	3
10. Robert Kittredge	Spokane	W16	L2	W11	D7	L4	2½
11. Stu Pearson	McCleay	L7	W19	L10	D18	W17	2½
12. Dennis Schwalm	Cheney	W21	L1	W15	L6	L9	2
13. J. Lyman Johnson	Spokane	L2	W16	L5	L15	W19	2
14. Dan Rogers	Bozeman	W19	L4	L18	L9	W20	2
15. Richard Hanlen	Spokane	L4	W20	L12	W13	L8	2
16. John Edmiston	Newport	L10	L13	W19	L8	W21	2
17. Warren Padelford	Pullman	L6	W9	D7	L5	L11	1½
18. Buz Eddy	Kent	LF	LF	W14	D11	LF	1½
19. Jim Hanlen	Spokane	L14	L11	L16	W21	L13	1
20. Harold Edmiston	Spokane	L8	L15	LF	Bye	L14	1
21. Russ Taute	Billings	L12	L3	L9	L19	L16	0

B. C. BULLETIN

By Bob Eldridge



SUTTLES

DUNCAN SUTTLES IN LINE FOR GRANDMASTER TITLE

Duncan Suttles came through with a tremendous result at the Chess Olympics in Lugano, attaining a total score of 11-5 against a field which included ten Grandmasters. His only loss in the entire event was to Hort.

He scored wins against Boey, Casa, O'Riordan, Van der Laet, Ree (IM), Pietsch (IGM), Padewski (IGM), draws against Darga (IGM), Gheorghiu (IGM), Ivkov (IGM), Korchnoi (IGM), Kostro, Larsen (IGM), Panno (IGM), Recalde, and Szabo (IGM).

When a player takes part in a team tournament like the Chess Olympics his result is counted as if he had played in a tournament in which only he and his opponents had participated. For the purpose of earning international titles, or rather for the purpose of deciding whether a title has been earned, it has first to be decided what category of event the player is deemed to have played in.

The Grandmaster title is awarded to a player for one performance meeting the Grandmaster norm in a category 1a event. The norm is;

- 55% against IGM's
- 75% against IM's
- 85% against others

To be classified as FIDE category 1a, there must be;

- At least 16 players, of whom
- At least 70% are titleholders, and
- At least 50% are Grandmasters.

In the 1968 Olympics, Duncan Suttles played 10 IGM's, 1 IM, and 6 others. He scored 5½-4½ against IGM's, 1-0 against the IM, and 5-1 against the others. Total was 11-5. The total norm required was 11.35, made up from;

- 55% of 10 = 5.5
- 75% of 1 = .75
- 85% of 6 = 5.1

But the presence of 6 untitled players (33%) would make this a category 1b event, requiring a second IGM performance within 3 years to qualify for the title. However, if one untitled player against whom Suttles scored a win were removed from the list this would make it an event of 17 players of whom 70.5% were IGM's.

On the grounds that it would be unreasonable to deprive a player of a title because he played and beat an extra player to give Canada one more point in the team competition, the Chess Federation of Canada will submit a proposal that the title be granted on the basis of this performance.

There is a good chance of carrying this argument, as there is a normal provision that if a player wishes, he may discard the results attained in the preliminary rounds altogether and count only those in the finals.

Dropping the win against one untitled player, Duncan would be left with 10.5 points, which equals the norm;

- 55% of 10 = 5.5
- 75% of 1 = .75
- 85% of 5 = 4.25 Total 10.5

I am sure all readers will join me in wishing Duncan good luck in the bid, and in congratulating him on his terrific performance.

HILL TOPS

1967 BURNABY OPEN

1	D. Suttles	2420	W11	W6	L4	W17	W9	4
2	P. Biyiasas	2112	W12	L9	W14	W7	W20	4
3	R. Zuk	2064	W13	W8	D17	W5	D4	4
4	A. Hill	2006	W14	W20	W1	W9	D3	4½
5	H. Uldbaek	1907	W15	L17	W22	L3	L7	2
6	J. Berry	1868	W16	L1	L20	W14	W17	3
7	W. Crookes	1845	L17	W22	W11	L2	W5	3
8	R. Vogler	1714	W18	L3	L16	L22	W19	2
9	I. Olson	1710	W19	W2	W13	L4	L1	3
10	W. Jung	1635	L20	L16	W18	W12	W13	3
11	D. Shapero	1631	L1	W21	L7	W15	W16	3
12	D. Williams	1617	L2	D15	W19	L10	L22	1½
13	A. Schick-Ferber	1485	L3	W18	L9	W21	L10	2
14	D. Collins	unr	L4	W19	L2	L6	W21	2
15	T. Greenfield	unr	L5	D12	L21	L11	W18	1½
16	J. Lee	unr	L6	W10	W8	L20	L11	2
17	A. Ludgate	unr	W7	W5	D3	L1	L6	2½
18	L. Mundwiler	unr	L8	L13	L10	L19	L15	0
19	W. Ng	unr	L9	L14	L12	W18	L8	1
20	A. Zeidaks	unr	W10	L4	W6	W16	L2	3
21	R. Sneath	unr	L22	L11	W15	L13	L14	1
22	G. Beck	unr	W21	L7	L5	W8	W12	3

The first Burnaby Open was played November 23-24th and resulted in some surprising upsets. Although there were only 22 entries, seven of them were rated 1800+, and Duncan Suttles, fresh from his triumph at Lugano, was beaten into a tie for 2nd by Allan Hill (Hill thus repeated his jinx effort over Duncan pulled off in last year's B.C. Open).

Olson raised a few eyebrows by beating Peter Biyiasas in the 2nd round.

The low entry fee and small number of competitors kept the prize money low, but a bonus for Hill is a seat in the 1969 B.C. Championship, as this was a qualifying tournament for that event.

Andris Zeidaks took the under-1800 trophy on tie-break and A. Ludgate won the unrated prize.

Russ Vogler must have gone straight home and typed up the cross table, as I received it in the mail on Tuesday or Wednesday.

So HILL is the first Burnaby Open Champion, and let's hope this is just the first of many annual renewals.

B.C. TOURNAMENTS FOR 1969

The winners of these tournaments qualify for a place in the 1969 B.C. Championship:

January 11-12th B.C. CLOSED (for B.C. residents only). New Westminster Community Center 6th Ave at Cumberland St.

February 15-16th VANCOUVER OPEN. Renfrew Community Center, 2929 East 22nd Avenue Van.

April 4-5-6th (Easter weekend) B.C. OPEN. Capitol Hill Community Hall, Hastings & Howard St North Burnaby.

May 3-4th THE VANCOUVER ISLAND OPEN. Legion Hall, Nanaimo.

May (Victoria Day weekend) B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP. This will be a single round robin with ten participants, who qualify by winning designated BCCF tournaments (Hill has a place already by winning the Burnaby Open reported in this issue)

BCCF PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Bill Rayner, 1029 St. Andrews St., New West. is now Publicity Director of the BCCF. Bill works on the Sun. With Bill in Vancouver and Ray Kerr in Victoria we should be able to get more news about chess into the lay press.

Laszlo Szabo was recently interviewed by Pal Salamon of *Magyar Hírek*, a Hungarian journal. Apart from some interesting observations on chess and chess players, the conversation reveals some equally interesting sidelights on human character, so I give the translation in full, as worked out with Charles Felter of Vancouver.

"Do you agree that we start the interview this way? 'I was speaking to Laszlo Szabo, well known sportsman'.

"You mean chess is a sport?

"Yes, but let's make that my first question. Is it?

"It is a sport. In chess two brains oppose each other with moves; it is a fight, and this gives it the character of a sport. This character also expresses itself in the score. However, chess players are proud rather of the characteristics of art and science in the game.

"Art and science?

"It is possible in chess to accomplish things esthetically beautiful in the sense of harmony and entirety. At the same time, in chess at the higher levels logic, mathematics, combinative ability and geometry all play an important part. It is well known of Tal, ex world champion, that he is very gifted in geometric feeling. Because of this, he will see a position in a different way to the way that most of his opponents see it.

Speaking of the sports character of chess, I said it is a fight between two opposing brains. However, it is clear that it would be impossible for one playing alone to create the same degree of excellence; a weak opponent offering insignificant resistance makes it impossible to develop a truly beautiful and complicated situation.

I remember Alekhine, one time world champion, once made a statement which seems at first to be rather high-handed, but which is really not unfounded. He said 'It is a pity I cannot create a game by myself'.

During the fight there must exist a certain unity between the opponents; this is essential, because otherwise no truly creative play can result.

"When did you start playing chess?

"In 1931, in the KAOE Association.

"And when did you become Master? When did you first win the Hungarian championship and when did you become International Grandmaster?

"I became Master in 1934; I first won the Hungarian championship in 1935, and I became IGM in 1948.

"How many times were you Hungarian champion?

"So far, eight times

"What do you consider your greatest international performance?

"I participated three times in world championship candidates tournaments. On one of these occasions, in Amsterdam in 1956, I finished in a tie for third place.

"Have you ever beaten Botvinnik, former world champion?

"Yes, for instance in 1965 in Hamburg during the European Championships, in a 9-hours-long fight.

"Have you ever beaten Petrosian, present champion?

"Yes

"Who do you think is the most powerful Hungarian chess player at present?

"Lajos Portisch.

"Is it an accepted fact in the international chess world that Portisch is better than you?

"Yes

"Has Portisch so far ever excelled your greatest achievements in the international field?

"His greatest achievement so far has been to be among the eight candidates in the world championship elimination matches.

"I have read very often in accounts of chess championships of the role of psychological factors, for example fear and over-selfconfidence.

"Indeed both are important factors; if they overcome you they can both be very dangerous.

"What is the defence against them?

"The perfect defence does not exist; but well grounded preparation, and good analysis of the opponent's style can save you from unnecessary fear or from the dangers of over-selfconfidence. You didn't mention them, but other important factors are patience and stamina. Unfortunately I cannot count myself among the patient players.

"I have heard very often that chess, among other things is a game of nerves.

"Sure. For instance Ivkov, excellent Yugoslav IGM, and not only in one tournament, has started off with four or five victories, but then had his nerves wrecked by one sudden defeat so that he was unable to gather himself

together again. Lajos Portisch is quite a different kind of player; with him these factors have no effect.

"Are there any Grandmasters against whom you are afraid to sit at the chess board?

"Are there any? Yes, there are; but it is more true to say that there are players who have a strange style that disturbs me, for instance Korchnoi or Petrosian.

"I understand that you are known as a Grandmaster with an attacking style and particularly constructive thinking. Is this true?

"It is true that I am a constructive thinking player; but I don't think I am an attacking player right now. With the gradual development of chess theory it has become more and more impossible to apply a single style. The impressive sacrificial attacking, in other words the romantic, style is now dead. A complex play style has come to the fore. The less spectacular positional moves have become of great importance, the accumulation of positional and space advantages. After the accumulation has been accomplished, as a rule some kind of advantageous combination will appear.

"How many tournaments have you played?

"One fan of mine who lives in the country, Dr. Leo Szilard, a retired Professor, has 1700 tournament scores of mine; Laszlo Csepány has listed these.

"It would be very interesting to look through these scores; this would give your professional biography.

"I have to go over them because the Corvina company will be publishing a collection of my games.

"You are 51. How can you keep up in the front rank internationally where except for Botvinnik and Reshevsky competitors over 50 years old are almost non-existent?

"Keres, Najdorf and Barcza are also more than 50 years old. I was a champion swimmer in my youth; I have been active in sports ever since then; I live a moderate, or if you wish, a sportive life; I do not smoke and very rarely drink alcohol. What is even more important, I have other interests besides chess. I believe this also ensures that as a chess player I won't burn out.

"What do you mean? What other interests have you in addition to chess?

"Mostly my daughter Veronica and my ten months old son Gabor. I like music and sports, and I like to move around amongst people.

"What is your main activity in the chess life?

"I edit the *Magyar Sakkelet* (Hungarian Chess Life) and I run the *Magyar Nemzet* chess column; also I am the trainer of the Voros Meteor chess team.

"I noticed that you made some objective remarks about your opponents. I bring this up because in my experience objectivity would be very desirable in other branches of community life. Are you inclined to objectivity, or did you become that way because of chess?

"I am no stranger to objectivity. It is true that chess demands objective analysis. Any player who allows analysis or deep objective knowledge to be replaced by emotions or assumptions is lost.

"During a football world championship competition it became apparent to me that a sport can liquidate itself. It is possible for professionalism to take away the beauty from sport and leave only the fight for the win. Does this happen in chess?

"It is not only the victory that is important, but how the play itself is carved out. I suppose you know that a large percentage of games result in so-called tactical draws, the competitors for various reasons divide the points among themselves without a real fight. I don't want to reveal a secret, but that happened to me recently in Solingen. I had a chance of winning the tournament; then I was beaten by Grandmaster Parma. Then in the last round a four-way tie developed. I had to play Janosevic, and having the white pieces I had great chances of winning; despite this on the eleventh move I offered a draw and he immediately accepted. The half point from the draw was enough to secure third place. If I had gone for a win, I would also risk a loss, in which case I would have fallen back to seventh or eighth. As you will agree there is a great difference between third and eighth.

Because of this kind of situation, I approve of the efforts of Grandmaster Bronstein, who has been fighting for many years in various international forums for the principle that all Grandmasters in a tournament should be guaranteed an honorarium. There would then be more interest in the risky fight.

"Thank you for your interest and for your time.

OREGON CHESS NEWS

by Harry Glidden

Portland Metro League

The 1969 Portland Metro League chess season will start in January.

All entries should be registered before Christmas.

Individuals and teams should contact one of the following:

Lewis Richardson, 16 Blue Ridge Dr., Astoria, Or 97103
Clark Harmon, 15153 SE River Rd., Milwaukie, Or 97222
Deane Moore, 2225 SE 66th Apt. #8, Portland, Or 97215

If we assume there will be six teams they will be assigned designations; for this report called A, B, C, ect.

Round 1 on Jan 12	teams	E & F
Round 2 Jan 19	teams	A-C & B-D
Round 3 Feb 9	teams	C-F & D-E
Round 4 Feb 23	teams	A-E & B-F
Round 5 Mch 2	teams	A-B & C-D
Round 6 Mch 9	teams	C-E & D-F
Round 7 Apr 13	teams	A-F & B-E
Round 8 Apr 20	teams	A-D & B-C

Team Captains, as usual, are in short supply. Some one has to take these positions. Any and all willing to be a team captain, contact one of the three Metro League Board Members listed above. Should anything need explaining they will do so.

OREGON LOCAL CLUB NEWS

If your clubs location, activity, ect. has not appeared in NW Chess recently it is only because your club secretary has not sent me the dope - message - info. This applies to all chess activities: Adult, College, High School, Junior High and grade school.

Once again if you are holding an event fire me the missel as far ahead (hopefully at least two months) of the execution date as possible. People not right in your club have to know soon enough to plan their trip to your diggings.

Portland Chess Club is holding the Portland Junior Open while I am typing this. Just received the notice last week too late for the Nov. issue. The Oregon Woodpushers tournament will be going on when or just before you receive this issue. I received the info Nov. 28. In regards to these two events I also received a long distance telephone call from a party near Portland who wanted some information about tournaments to attend in that area. What he wanted to know was not in the NW Chess November issue. There are many more who read out publication but would not be willing to make a long distance call to find an activity to compete in. The chess calendar kept by Bus on page two does not give enough details for many potential entrants. This is not intended to be picking on just Portland but it is a current case in point. Get your club or group secretary to send out the news in time to be useful.

The OCF tournament committee held a meeting right after the Klamath Falls Open. How about a report on what was decided, accomplished or just discussed. Members do not want to wait till next August to find out what was set up regarding this year's tournaments. I know Deane Moore is the Chairman of that committee. He does more than his share of information work. Surely the committee has a secretary. Let us read what went on.

Mr. Strong of the Brookings Chess Club writes: "College has sure knocked a big hole in our club again. We need every member we can get. Our attendance is pretty slim and prospects for increase are not bright. A couple of our boys have and are joining the Navy. How are other clubs in the State holding up? We meet every Monday at

7:30 PM at the Brookings Studio, 709 Chetco Ave." Visitors are always welcome. (Anyone have some suggestions for these small clubs? Mr. Strong sent in a new OCF member with his letter; Hank Shields of Brookings.)

The Albany Chess Club secretary, Carl Steen, sent in a new OCF member, Gary Russell of Albany. Steen writes that their club is growing in membership and they will soon give us the address of a regular meeting place. The new Albany club is setting up for a tournament about the middle of December. Mr. Don Lundberg, 1450 Waverly, Albany 97321, is in charge of getting the event under way. In case this is changed to January watch NW Chess for more details. (Don't forget to send me the info fellows.)

Medford's Chess For Fun Club meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM. We meet at the Medford YMCA building on 6th street between Oakdale and Main. Ofcourse visitors are always welcome. Our membership and attendance has also been poor. We are holding a parent-child team tournament for the benefit of the Medford YMCA remodeling fund Dec. 7 & 8. The relationship of the two player team will be rather loosely controlled. In event a boy or girl or adult does not have a related partner they can pick a partner in which age category that is missing. We have no trouble on the youth side of the pairs. I do not know how it will work out on the adult side. You might try it in your area. If this works out fairly well we will bill the next event like it early enough for any other area people who would like to enter to know soon enough.

SPECIAL NOTE TO ALL OCF MEMBERS: Joe Brandenburg is this year's OCF Sec.-Tres. Address: 11907 SE Main, Portland, Or. 97216. Send your remittances to Joe. I still like to hear from any and all of you even if you do not have news for publication but membership service is faster if you work direct with Joe on such matters.

The Southern Oregon High School Chess League has grown from four last year to six schools this year. Grants Pass High, Medford Senior High, Medford Mid High, Phoenix High, Ashland High and Klamath Falls Union High. The first inter-school match of the season has been played.

Klamath Falls - 4	defeated	Phoenix High- 0
1. David Mitchell	1	Larry Edwards 0
2. Doug Shafer	1	Demos Athanassiou 0
3. Charles Gunderson	1	Richard Dickson 0
4. Mike Goakey	1	Jonathan Marney 0
5. Forfeit		Forfeit

Fifth player did not show up for either team.

FOR RATING: Both schools are OCF members.

What is happening with you other High School leagues???

CHESS CLOCKS & BOOKS

I have two new BHB chess clocks in stock \$13.00
Chess clock, German made, repairs will be in effect by the time you read this. You do not have to send them to Germany any more. For service information write to Harry Glidden, 243 S. Stage Rd., Medford, Or. 97501. That price above applies only to OCF members and schools. This office will obtain the USCF "Official Chess Handbook" for any member of our three federations and schools for \$5.50 delivered. Any USCF member in your locality can do the same on the books. Bookstore price is \$6.95. Any USCF member in your locality can do the same thing. Join USCF yourself. It only cost \$10.00 per year. **XMASS SPECIAL:** USCF membership with Chess Life and a chess clock (BHB above) in combination - the whole works through this office for \$20.00 total cost delivered. Include NW Chess for total of \$22.50. Without USCF the OCF and clock for only \$15.00. Sticking my neck out on the three unit combination but so what it is Xmass.

MERRY CHRISTMASS & HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

SCHEMM TOPS K. F FALLS

Michael A. Schemm, Corvallis, won the 5th Klamath Falls Open, held at the Winema Motor Hotel on Nov. 10th and 11th. Schemm scored four wins and one draw, eeking out a slim victory over David F. Mitchell.

The victory qualifies Schemm, an accounting senior at Oregon State University, to play in Oregon Championship invitational matches next summer. In the last two Klamath tournays Mike Schemm had taken second place honors, losing on tiebreaker points to Robert A. Mitchell in 1966 and to David White in 1967.

The pre-tournament favorite and 1964 Oregon State Champion, Don Turner of The Dalles, played a grueling draw with Robert Mitchell in the second round which so exhausted both that they lost their third rounds, finishing 6th and 7th respectively. David Mitchell's second place finish hung on the results of his fourth round game with John Reagan, Humboldt State College student, from Crescent City, California. This game having been adjourned was still unfinished when it was time to start the last round. It was then decided to have Mr. Turner, the highest rated player in the tourney, to adjudicate the adjourned position and young Mitchell was able to demonstrate he had a win. Mitchell had a choice of the second place trophy or the Klamath County trophy. His choice of second place gave the local championship to John C. Powell, Southern Pacific trainman, who finished just ahead of Wes McKaig, the potato king.

Out of the field of 32 players other awards were as follows: Third Clay Kelleher, Portland; Fourth and best A trophy to Deane Moore; Fifth and best Junior trophy to Mike Montchalin; Best B trophy to Sam McKibben of Yakima; Best C trophy to Lewis Hill of Roseburg. Door prizes of magnetic chess sets went to R. V. Horn and Mal Skarsten. Tournament was sponsored by cash contributions and support from KOTI-TV, Winema Motor Hotel, Ernie's and other local individuals.

	Player	Rnd.	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Solk
1	Mike Schemm		W17	W-9	D-2	W-5	W-3	4½	17½
2	David Mitchell		W27	W24	D-1	W17	W-8	4½	12½
3	Clay Kelleher		W20	W14	W-4	W-8	L-1	4	16
4	Deane Moore		W22	W13	L-3	W12	W20	4	15
5	Mike Montchalin		W25	W19	W-6	L-1	W-9	4	15
6	Don Turner		W23	D-7	L-5	W13	W17	3½	14½
7	Robert Mitchell		W18	D-6	L17	W20	W14	3½	12
8	Sam McKibbin (Yakima)		W29	W11	W10	L-3	L-2	3	15½
9	Jerry Weikel		W31	L-1	W16	W15	L-5	3	15
10	Steve Loyland		W12	W26	L-8	W18	L-4	3	14½
11	Carl Wieman		W16	L-8	L12	W25	W22	3	13
12	Wm. M. Jones		L10	W32	W11	L-4	W19	3	12½
13	Jack Powell		W30	L-4	W28	L-6	W18	3	11½
14	Wes McKaig		W32	L-3	W27	W21	L-7	3	11
15	Lewis Hill		L19	W20	W24	L-9	W23	3	10½
16	Mel Skarsten		L11	W29	L-9	W31	W21	3	9½
17	John Reagan (Calif)		L-1	W31	W-7	L-2	L-6	2	16½
18	Harold Carlson		L-7	W23	W26	L10	L13	2	14
19	Dan Cillis		W15	L-5	L21	W27	L12	2	13
20	David Jones		L-3	L15	W29	L-7	W-F	2	13
21	Carl Steen		L24	W25	W19	L14	L15	2	12
22	Dick Pax		L-4	L28	W30	W24	L11	2	11
23	Malcolm Crawford		L-6	L18	W31	W28	L15	2	10½
24	R. V. Horn		W21	L-2	L15	L22	W29	2	10
25	R. H. Davies		L-4	L21	W32	L11	W30	2	10
26	Doug Shafer		W28	L10	L18	L-F	W27	2	7½
27	Charles Gunderson		L-2	W30	L14	L19	L26	1	12½
28	James L. Phillips		L26	W22	L13	L23	L-F	1	11
29	Hugh Huntley		L-8	L16	L20	W32	L24	1	10
30	John Green		L13	L27	L22	Bye	L25	1	8
31	Harry Glidden		L-9	L17	L23	L16	D32	½	10½
32	Roy Wilson		L14	L12	L25	L29	D31	½	9½

KF OPEN DIRECTION & RULES VARIATIONS

by Robert A. Mitchell

The Klamath Falls Open for 1968 was run under the FIDE rules as defined in the USCF "Official Chess Handbook" by author Kenneth Harkness, modified as follows: Color assignment for the first round was by a coin flip between the first listed pairing with following players alternating.

Pairings were made with little regard to color. In any color conflict the lower rated player's color was changed. Where an odd number of players had the same score; the odd player listed last of the top group moved down to next group; The odd player listed first in the lowest group was moved up; always working toward the center group. A player moving down was paired from the top of his new group and a player moving up was paired from the bottom of his new group. If this left any impossible pairings the second in order within any given group was either dropped or raised to the next group.

Where clocks were used opponent's prior move must have been recorded before punching the clock. A win on time-forfeit had to be claimed. (Editor did not observe any such claims nor were any reported.)

Tie-Breaker points in order were Solkoff, Median and S-B; if still unresolved then by mutual agreement or coin flip.

Adjudication for pairings: The TD paired as a draw unless he could determine winning advantage on one side. The TD reserved discretionary power to impose penalties and: 1. Declare any game lost. 2. Declare a game drawn or lost by both players. 3. Expel a player from the tournament. (Glidden and Horn were ordered from the room during pre-play discussion for talking too loud. They were guilty.) 4. Cancel a game and rule a new game to be played in its stead. 5. Advance a player's clock. (Editor would like to know the reasons for this 5.)

Pre-play rules provided for a players committee. (The editor received no report of anyone being on such a committee. They were probably appointed while I was out of the room on mouse penalty.) The rules stated: "Decisions of the committee shall be advisory and the T.D. will abide by them if he can in all conscience do so!"

The usual variations occurred in the pairings. Schemm and Crawford were both assigned three blacks in a row. Turner and Cillis each received three whites in a row. Wieman was assigned four blacks during the tourney. Because of byes and forfeits no one held four whites. No one had the same color for all five rounds. "Personally I think this is better than juggling the pairings as is usually done!", Robert A. Mitchell, T.D.

THE PROMOTED PAWN

USCF Chess Rules, Article 6, sub-paragraph C states THAT THE PROMOTION OF A PAWN PROGRESSING TO THE 8th RANK IS IMMEDIATE AND PART OF THE SAME MOVE. It seems this problem came up in a tournament recently, The Oregon Open, after the player's committee had two-thirds departed.

Because any player promoting a pawn is at the mercy of his opponent for the actual piece exchange, his queen, or what have you, having been taken by the enemy, the finding of a piece to replace the pawn for a player under time pressure could of itself cause a time lost game. It is my opinion that any player completing a pawn to the 8th rank move shall have satisfied the requirement by stating his promotion choice before punching the clock. To avoid argument in such cases it would be a good idea to have located the choice piece during your opponent's preceeding move.

northwest ratings

By Peter J. Olson

Events Covered

PSL Bellingham 8 Marysville 1
PSL Boeing B 5 Tacoma 5
PSL Boeing A 9 Bellevue 1
Oregon Open
New Westminster Open
Rhodes Jr. 15-18 Age Group
Rhodes Jr. 12-14 Age Group
Rhodes Jr. 8-11 Age Group
Klamath Falls Open
Seattle High School Open #2

Martin Zwitzer 2½ Jerone Lee 3½
Martin Zwitzer 4 JeroneLee 2
Martin Zwitzer 8 F. Freeburger 2
Martin Zwitzer 1½ Richard Cavin 2½
Robert A. Mitchell 3½ R. V. Horn ½
Ken Morton 6 Roy Sneath 0
Ken Morton 6 Roy Sneath 0
Pat Hickey 1 P. J. Olson 0
Pat Hickey 1 Buz Eddy 0
" 42 " New Unrated Players This Month

Abrahamson, N WA 1963
Addis, E OR 1860
Albrecht, J WA 1554
Austin, D OR 1210*
Anctil, M OR 1183*
Aylvin, C OR 1494*
Baldwin, L WA 1690
Banko, J OR 1127*
Bates, E OR 1000*
Beck, G CD 1731*
Berry, J CD 1994
Biyasas, P CD 2190
Bowen, C OR 1485
Bradley, B OR 1623
Bradley, C OR 1184*
Brandenberg, D OR 1503*
Brandenburg, J OR 1826
Buckles, G OR 1345*
Buckles, K OR 1526*
Bullock, B OR 1295*
Burke, M. G. WA 1531*
Burkett, C OR 1689
Burnet, D WA 1171*
Burrigh, L OR 1450
Burton, K WA 1316*
Cadrecha, D OR 1382*
Caldwell, Richard OR 1567*
Caldwell, Robert OR 1540*
Carlson, H OR 1610*
Carnese, G OR 1343*
Cavin, R OR 1965
Chamberlain, D OR 1237*
Chaney, S WA 1672*
Chin, A OR 1598*
Chin, D WA 2056
Chin, W WA 1837
Cillis, D OR 1642
Clark, A WA 2143
Cogan, M OR 1421
Cook, G WA 1542
Cowan, L WA 1635
Crawford, M OR 1578*
Crowe, W OR 1596*
Dammen, P OR 1296*
Davidson, D OR 1791
Davies, R. V. OR 1564
DeKleer, J CD 1633*
DeLenea, D WA 1793
Dellelt, J OR 1112*
Dellelt, S OR 1059*
Delman, J OR 1118*
Delman, M OR 1378*
Demster, K OR 1562*
Dial, F WA 1869
Dubay, C OR 1071*
Dunham, D OR 1436*
Dunham, E OR 1516*
Dvorshak, A OR 1837
Dvorshak, O OR 1810
Eddy, B WA 1717
Eilmes, D. P. WA 1859
Ekback, B CD 1425*
Erikson, M OR 1450*
Evans, R WA 1567
Falkowsky, C CD 1778
Fesl, L WA 1815
Firey, B. Jr. OR 1467
Fitzgerald, B OR 1774*
Freeburger, P OR 1520
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Gundersen, C OR 1533
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Hill, L. C. OR 1465
Hoaglin, R UK 1510*
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Kindret, M CD 1857
Klein, F WA 1734
Kuehn, J. F. WA 1861
Larkin, J WA 1602
Lassen, M WA 1816
Lee, J OR 1616
Levine, G OR 1559*
Lewis, J OR 1240*
Lewis, S OR 1515*
Lezak, D OR 1452*
Limke, H CD 1519*
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Manor, S WA 1846*
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Marty, R OR 1241*
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Mayhew, T OR 1389*
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Middleton, T CD 1609*
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Mims, K OR 1166*
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Mitchell, Rick OR 1483*
Mitchell, R. AOR 1909
Montchalin, M OR 1488*
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Moore, D OR 1955
Morton, K CD 1691
Murray, M WA 2034
McCauley, J OR 1509*

McCreedy, P OR 1489*
McKaig, W OR 1751
McKibbin, S WA 1779
McLennan, A OR 1536
Neering, R OR 1380*
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Nepom, D OR 1354*
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Oaks, D OR 1409*
Olguin, E OR 1517*
Olson, P. J. WA 1934
Paulson, T OR 1642*
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Phillips, J. OR 1552*
Pitt, A WA 2037
Potoma, M CD 1919*
Powell, Jack OR 1730
Powell, Jim OR 1053*
Pratt, L WA 1622*
Press, S OR 1705*
Price, B OR 1688
Pullen, K WA 2104
Rasmussen, E WA 1996
Rasmussen, O CD 1890
Raymond, H WA 1830
Reagan, J CA 1650*
Reese, G OR 1580*
Robe, K WA 1453*
Robe, N OR 1000*
Ruotsalainen, WA 1584
Russ, D OR 1359*
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Sandoval, E. WA 1831
Satanove, H CD 1683
Schemm, M OR 1950
Schmidt, Frank OR 1540*
Schwartz, D OR 1259*
Schwartz, P OR 1201*
Schwartz, S OR 1298*
Seid, H CD 1763*
Shaffer, Doug OR 1689
Shannon, R WA 1836
Shapero, D CD 1687
Shindel, R CD 1749*
Simonsen, R OR 1324*
Sjogren, J OR 2073
Skarsten, M OR 1614
Skucas, J CD 1498*
Sneath, R. W. CD 1283
Sommer, T OR 1204*
Steen, C OR 1340*
Stipe, G OR 1358
Strong, S OR 1876*
Sylvester, C OR 1382*
Thomas, P WA 1602*
Trefiak, J CD 1660*
Turner, D OR 2020
Turner, G OR 1415*
Turner, M OR 1310*
Van Deene, G. WA 2033
Vogler, R CD 1762
Vetto, T OR 1403*
Ward, B WA 1701
Watson, B OR 1161*
Weare, T OR 1602*
Weber, D OR 1629*
Weikel, J OR 1560
Welk, G OR 1398*
Wieman, C OR 1945
Williams, B CD 1846
Williams, D CD 1740
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Zuk, R CD 2073
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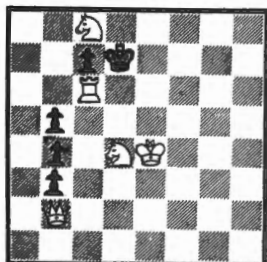
NOTICE

All officers of WCF ICA & OCF please cast your vote for or against membership in the federation. If you vote "Yes" then all players must belong to one of the three federations to play in tournaments and matches that will be rated by Northwest Ratings. If you vote "No" then the present policy of rating every event or match which is sent to me or printed in NWC is rated. Send your votes to P.O. Box 1631, Yakima, WA 98901. Mr Miller will tabulate the votes and verify signatures. I hope that we all make the right decisions to further organized CHESS and what it can do for the youth of today and the future. I'm hoping that we can solve this problem in an orderly manner to eliminate future problems. Well, there it is, your vote is important so please don't neglect your organization, VOTE. WCF Rating Director, Peter J. Olson

idaho chess bulletin

By Richard Vandenburg

Problem Corner No. 12, by F. Giegold courtesy of Isaac Kashdan



White to move and mate in 3. White has 5 pieces and Black has 5.

Solution in February NWC.

Send Solution by Jan. 10 to: Dick Vandenburg
2316 Regan Ave.
Boise, Idaho 83702

For our final problem in 1968, we have a easy one. Let's wind up in a blaze of glory, we had quite a few solvers for No. 10, but, alas quite

a few were incorrect. Those successful were: JACK SCHRADER (8), CHARLES BALLANTINE (4), LEWIS RICHARDSON (3), and ANDREW MCLENNAN (1) (Oregon); STU PEARSON (1), LARRY PRATT (1), MEL HORMAN (10), HORTON THOMPSON (7), JEFF THORSON (1), and ROBERT RUOTSALAINEN (3) (Washington); DAN ROGERS (4) (Montana); STEVE HUNT (5) (Georgia); and RICK GANONG (8) (Canada). Incorrect were RUTH ASHTON (-1), RON JARMON (7), PHILIP MCCREADY (-1), RICH HANLEN (0), RICHARD MURRAY (-2) DUNCAN DAVIDSON (-1), and RICHARD SHROPSHIRE (-1). These wrong answers spanned several different moves too. The correct answer to No. 10 was ----- Q-B5 ! You must be a current subscriber to NWC to get and extension at the end of the year. Must have at least two points for your subscription to be extened. If you want a new membership card showing your new expiration date send a self addressed stamped envelope to your federations treasurer. He will then send you a new card.

IDAHO CLOSED

The Idaho State Tournament, formerly scheduled for December 7-8, has been postponed until sometime in February. The exact date will be set during January.

Reynolds Wins Utah Open

	Player	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	Score
David Reynolds a newcomer to Idaho took top honors in Utah State Open held at Salt Lake City Y.M.C.A. Nov. 6-9. This gives Idaho 3 USCF rated Experts provided Glen Buckendorf can get his rating up there in the next list. This makes two years running that an Idaho resident has topped Utah Open. Buckendorf won in 1967. Gaston Chappuis was crowned Utah State Champion for 1st time after many tries. Indebted to him for this report. He has won Idaho and Nevada Opens. There were quite a few upsets in the event. Chappuis says "the youngsters are getting mighty tough."	1. David Reynolds	Pocatello, Id.	W23	D10	W12	W5	D2	D3	W9	5½-1½
	2. Glen Buckendorf	Buhl, Id.	W19	W13	W10	D3	D1	D4	D5	5 -2
	3. Gaston Chappuis	Salt Lake City	W7	WF22	D5	D2	W11	D1	D6	5 -2
	4. Farrell Clark	Salt Lake City	D6	D11	D21	W8	W13	D2	D7	4½-2½
	5. Hans Morrow	Bountiful, Ut.	W8	W21	D3	L1	W16	D6	D2	4½-2½
	6. Larry Strong	Sunset, Ut.	D4	D12	W25	W18	D10	D5	D3	4½-2½
	7. Dale Gillette	Salt Lake City	L3	L17	W23	W24	W22	W12	D4	4½-2½
	8. Paul Narveson	Salt Lake City	L5	W23	D14	L4	W21	Bye	W11	4½-2½
	9. Stanley Hunt	Magna, Ut.	D11	W16	D18	D13	D12	W10	L1	4 -3
	10. John Reed	Salt Lake City	W17	D1	L2	W14	D6	L9	W20	4 -3
	11. Alan Taye	Salt Lake City	D9	D4	W15	WF22	L3	W18	L8	4 -3
	12. Ted Hartwell	Twin Falls, Id.	W20	D6	L1	W21	D9	L7	W19	4 -3
	13. Don Arnow	Salt Lake City	W15	L2	W24	D9	L4	W21	D14	4 -3
	14. Don Benge	Burbank, Cal.	L21	W20	D8	L10	W17	W16	D13	4 -3
	15. Dick Heilbut	Salt Lake City	L13	W19	L11	L17	W24	W23	W18	4 -3
	16. Alfred Freimann	Salt Lake City	D18	L9	W19	Bye	L5	L14	W22	3½-3½
	17. Norval Turner	Murray, Ut.	L10	W7	L22	W15	L14	L20	Bye	3 -4
	18. Dale Blanchard	Provo, Ut.	D16	W25	D9	L6	W20	L11	L15	3 -4
	19. Chas. Metzelaar	Clearfield, Ut.	L2	L15	L16	W23	W25	W22	L12	3 -4
	20. Kirk Cargill	Casper, Wy.	L12	L14	Bye	W25	L18	W17	L10	3 -4
	21. C.C. McDaniel	Salt Lake City	W14	L5	D4	L12	L8	L13	W24	2½-4½
	22. Gerd Freimann	Salt Lake City	W24	LF3	W17	LF11	L7	L19	L16	2 -5
	23. Fred Docekal	Salt Lake City	L1	L8	L7	L19	Bye	L15	W25	2 -5
	24. Rick Heilbut	Salt Lake City	L22	Bye	L13	L7	L15	W25	L21	2 -5
	25. Craig Heilbut	Salt Lake City	Bye	L18	L6	L20	L19	L24	L23	1 -6

20-15-10-5 Years Ago

DECEMBER 1948 WEAVER ADAMS gave an exhibition and lecture in Seattle. Tacoma and Bellingham now led Puget Sound League 3-0. WCF approved a constitution. Oscar awards were setup for outstanding and meritorious service. TOM CANNON was awarded one for 1945 for setting up Chess International. JACK NOURSE was voted 1946 award for foundation and organization of Puget Sound League. GEORGE REHBERG took 1947 award for his work as editor and publisher of Puget Sound Chess News.

DECEMBER 1953 Seattle YMCA and UofW teams led Puget Sound League with 2 wins and 2 draws records. Kitsap dropped to third with 2-1-1 score. DAN WADE wrote and editorial about USCF ratings and how underrated Northwest players were.

DECEMBER 1958 Kitsap team lost to Seattle and Latvians so Latvians team led Puget Sound

League play after 5 rounds. OLAF ULVESTAD won 28 player Central Washington Open held in Yakima with 5½-½ score. CLARK HARMON was 2nd 5-1 while IVARS DALBERG was 3rd 4½-1½. BUZ EDDY played and directed. CHARLES JOACHMIN won South Sound Open 5½-½. This event held in Olympia drew 28 players. DECEMBER 1963 DOUG ADAMS won 22 player Spokane Woodpusher on tie-break over STU Pearson. Boeing team led Puget Sound League. Several letters printed including one from GREG KERN suggesting change of name of the publication from Washington Chess Letter to Northwest Chess Letter. IVARS DALBERG took title in Erb Memorial Open with 5½-½ over the likes Old JIM MCCORMICK 5-1 and GERALD RONNING 4½-1½. LARRY DALY was new president of Boeing Chess Club. Report of story in Seattle Times about Seattle CC appeared.

high school in chess

BY HOWIE CHIN

COLLYER WINS

David Collyer won the North Central Washington High School Tournament as reported last month. He organized and directed the event held November 2nd at Wenatchee High School. Paul Peabody won 1st Senior prize, Mark Wetherald took 1st Junior, Ron Hupp was 1st Sophomore and Kurt Collyer 1st Freshman. Collyer does not understand just how he came to pair Paul Peabody the way he did.

Summary North Central Washington High School Tourney

Name	School	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Score
1. David Collyer	Wenatchee	W5	W8	W3	W2	W4	5 -0
2. Bert Ortiz	Peshastin	W6	W5	W7	L1	W3	4 -1
3. J.D. Miller	Chelan	W9	W4	L1	W5	L2	3 -2
4. Mark Wetherald	Wenatchee	W7	L3	W5	W6	L1	3 -2
5. Paul Peabody	Wenatchee	L1	L2	L4	L3	W8	1 -4
6. Randy Quigly	Wenatchee	L2	LF	L8	L4	W7	1 -4
7. Ron Hupp	Wenatchee	L4	Bye	L2	LF	L6	1 -4
8. Kurt Collyer	Wenatchee	LF	L1	W6	LF	L5	1 -4
9. Dave Burt	Sunnyslope	L3	LF	LF	LF	LF	0 -5

De LENEA High School WINNER

Seattle High School Open #2

Digne deLenea continued his domination of high school chess. This time he won by a full point and a half. Les Cowen (3 - 2) won the Class C trophy and Paul Thomas (3 - 2) won the "D" trophy. Time control was 45 in 1½ for this two day event. Tim Kauppila directed.

Player	School	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	Score
1. Digne deLenea	Garfield	W11	W9	W5	D2	W3	4½ - ½
2. Walter North	Roosevelt	D6	W3	W8	D1	L4	3 - 2
3. Paul Thomas	Roosevelt	W7	L2	W9	W5	L1	3 - 2
4. Rueben Evans	Garfield	W8	L5	W7	L6	W2	3 - 2
5. Les Cowen	Queen Anne	Bye	W4	L1	L3	W8	3 - 2
6. Gerald Cook	Queen Anne	D2	L8	W10	W4	D7	3 - 2
7. Robt. Ruotsalainen	Garfield	L3	W10	L4	W11	D6	2½ - 2½
8. Tim Kauppila	Queen Anne	L4	W6	L2	W9	L5	2 - 3
9. Mike Burke	Roosevelt	W10	L1	L3	L8	Bye	2 - 3
10. Vincent Johnson	Cleveland	L9	L7	L6	Bye	W11	2 - 3
11. Norm Hardy	Queen Anne	L1	Bye	F	L7	L10	1 - 4

Seattle Metro League

by Norm Hardy

With five rounds already completed in the first round robin, two schools, Roosevelt and Queen Anne, are undefeated with 5 - 0 records. These two schools will face each other in the ninth round.

The Seattle Metro League will this year be run on a similar basis as last year, due to the fine job of Steven Hunt. The league will play a double round robin. After the first round is completed, the schools finishing in the top half of the standings will compete among themselves for the league championship, while the schools in the lower half will play to determine positions seven through twelve.

The time control is 30/1. The recording of moves is mandatory in all games. All of the rules and regulations were agreed upon by the captains of the schools in a meeting held on October 13. A sheet was then copied and sent out to all schools with the rules on them.

The Seattle Metro League, for the most part, is free from Howard E Chin's so called uniformity plan for all leagues in the state.

The standing thus far:

TEAM	WIN	LOST	TIE	PTS	TB
1. Roosevelt	5	0	0	5	22
2. Queen Anne	5	0	0	5	19
3. Cleveland	4	1	0	4	17
4. Franklin	3	2	0	3	14
5. Mt. Rainier	3	2	0	3	13½
6. Garfield	2	3	0	2	12
7. Ballard	2	3	0	2	10
8. West Seattle	2	3	0	2	8
9. Ingraham	1	3	1	1½	12
10. Rainier Beach	1	3	1	1½	11½
11. O'Dea	1	4	0	1	5
12. Tyee	0	5	0	0	4

<u>Roosevelt</u>	3-2 <u>Garfield</u>
1. Owen Overton	0-1 Digne deLenea
2. Walter North	1-0 Reuben Evans
3. Mike Burke	0-1 Robert Ruotsalainen
4. Paul Thomas	1-0 Peter Tsai
5. Stuart Liddle	1-0 Mark Wilhien

<u>Queen Anne</u>	3-2 <u>Ballard</u>
1. Les Cowen	1-0 Paul Mueller
2. Tim Kauppila	1-0 Don Carlberg
3. Gerald Cook	0-1 Peter Schlager
4. Norm Hardy	1-0 Dennis Duffy
5. John Visich	0-1 Warren Franklin

Franklin
 1. Dave Hata
 2. Evan Shu
 3. Howard Onishi
 4. Dan Ikeda
 5. Steve Rummel

3-2 Cleveland
 0-1 Milo Nelson
 0-1 Eddie Look
 1-0 Garvin Jones
 1-0 Jerry Lee
 1-0 Reinhart Schaefer

Mt. Rainier
 1. Jack Anderson
 2. Rod Cradford
 3. Wayne Hatcher
 4. Andy Carr
 5. Dick Lang

3-2 Rainier Beach
 1-0 Ken Tanino
 0-1 Jim Muchosly
 0-1 Chuuk Lonski
 1-0 Tim Wicks
 1-0 Brian Sullivan

The leagues are prepared for chess team competition next semester. Although three have already begun, and two are just moving out of the blueprints.

They are:

Northwest League:
 Bellingham
 Sehome
 Mt Vernon
 Oak Harbor
 Anacortes

Burlington-Edison
 Sedoro Woolley
 Ferndale
 Director: S.J. Chase IV
 311 Beta
 WWSC, Bellingham, 98225

Northwest Metropolitan League
 Queen Anne
 Edmonds
 Everett
 Blanchet
 Cascade

Director:
 H.E. Chin
 919 E. James St.
 Seattle, Washington
 98122

Snohomish League (WESTERN)
 Everett
 Snohomish
 Cascade
 Marysville
 Mt. L.K. Terrace
 Edmonds
 Meadowdale
 Woodway

Director:
 Seth Dawson
 3112 1/2 Tulalip
 Everett, Wn.
 98201

King County League
 Mercer Island
 Newport
 Ingelmoor
 Bothell
 Lk. Wash.
 Issaquah
 Redmond
 Bellevue
 Lk. Sammamish

Director:
 Karl Joiner
 16464 S.E. 24th St.
 Bellevue, Wn. 98004

Al Varness
 Lk. Washington High S.
 Kirkland, Wn.

Seattle Catholic League
 O'Dea
 Seattle P.
 Blanchet
 Kennedy

Director:
 H.E. Chin
 919 E. James St.
 Seattle 98122

Seattle Metropolitan League
 Blanchet
 Franklin
 Tyee
 Rainier Beach
 Roosevelt
 O'Dea
 Blanchet
 Queen Anne
 West Seattle

Ingram
 Cleveland
 Garfield
 Ballard
 Director:
 Norman Hardy
 3037 27th W
 Seattle, Wn
 98199

Pierce County League
 Stadium
 Auburn
 Bellarmine
 Charles Wright
 Clover Park
 Enumclaw
 Fr. Pierce
 Lakes
 Lincoln

Mt. Tahoma
 Wilson
 Director:
 Ron Jarmon
 Stadium High School
 Tacoma, Wn.
 or
 1015 Daniels Drive
 Tacoma, Wn.

Puget Sound League (Proposed)
 Kent-Meridian
 Highline
 Mt. Rainier
 Auburn
 Lakes
 Federal Way
 Clover Park
 Fr. Pierce
 Renton
 Puyallup
 Tyee
 Evergreen

No Director:
 If anyone wants to run a league, contact me. I have my hands full without this one to run. This league play-off may be in a single day or in a two day meet. You need a hall or school to play-off and a week-end or two.

Western District Independents
 Olympia
 Highline
 S. Kitsap
 C. Kitsap
 N. Kitsap
 E. Bremerton
 R.A. Long
 Hudson's Bay
 Centralia
 Minton-Freewater
 Aberdeen
 Camas
 Peninsula
 Port Angeles

Fort Vancouver
 Chehalis
 Columbia River
 Morris
 Kelso
 Hoquiam
 W. Bremerton
 Shelton
 Washougal
 Director:
 H.E. Chin
 919 E. James St.
 Seattle, Wn
 98122

North Central League (Columbia Basin)
 Wenatchee
 Eastmont
 Chelan
 Leavenworth
 Peshastain

Director:
 Dave Collier
 109 E. Elliot
 Wenatchee, Wn.
 98801

Spokane City League (PROPOSED)
 West Valley (S)
 Mead
 Rogers
 Gonzaga
 Central Valley
 University
 Ferris
 Lewis and Clark
 Shadle Park

No Director:
 If anyone feels like being a director, please contact me. This league involves contacting as well as finding chess players in the respective schools, and then setting a play-off up.

Yakima Valley League (Proposed)
 Russell W. Miller is attempting to re-organize this dead league. The last time it played-off was in 1966.

Eastern District Independents
 Pullman
 E. Wenatchee
 Ellensburg
 Wapato
 Walla Walla
 Kennewick
 Moses Lake
 Richland
 Postfalls

*Selah
 *Pasco
 *Eisenhower
 *(Marquette)
 *Davis
 *Sunnyside
 *North Central
 *Central Valley
 *West Valley (Y)

* indicates Yakima Valley League possible entry. Marquette may have changed its name when it united with two other schools to form one school. (Y) indicates West Valley of Yakima, since there is another West Valley of Spokane.

DIRECTORY

I am preparing a directory listing all addresses and phone numbers of faculty coaches and captains. It is necessary then to send me this information if you happen to have it, or any part of it. I shall send the Directory into be published in January.

STATE TOURNAMENT

The 1969 ST. Tmt. will be a qualifying affair. It will not be open to any team which merely shows up. I must consult my directors as to the qualifications. One thing is for sure, league champs automatically qualify. However, we must solve the problems of the independents' and league non-champs' qualifications.

RUSSELL'S CHESS CHATS

18th Chess Olympiad was won by as usual USSR with 39½ points in Championship group. Yugoslavia was next at 31 then Bulgaria 30, USA 29½, West Germany 29. Canada finished 13th with 19. DUNCAN SUTTLES was the star for Canadian team playing 17 games winning 7 drawing 9 and losing only 1 and according to Chess qualifying him for grandmaster title! SUTTLES played 2nd board. In Group B finals Holland took top honors ½ point ahead of England while Group C went to Australia and Group D to Singapore. Best board scores were won by PETROSIAN 1st board 87.5%, TRINGOV of Bulgaria 78.6% on 2, KORCHNOI 84.6% on 3, KAGAN of Israel 80.8% on 4 while 1st reserve went to POLUGAYEVSKY of USSR 80.8% and 2nd reserve to SMYSLOV 91.7%. 53 nations took part. ROBERT FISCHER ~~wanted~~ to play for USA but did not like the lighting, had to have fluorescent, then too he had to be able to play his games in private. Were other things also when the two listed were not met he just up and left. DONALD BYRNE who was to be non-playing captain was now a playing member of the team. Players and spectators were very close together in the hall and PETROSIAN was in agreement that conditions were unsatisfactory, but he put up with them. Assume Chess Life will have quite a bit to say about this. Wonder how much USCF paid Fischer? Scores for USA team were: RESHEVSKY 5-6-2 for 61½, EVANS 4-5-3 for 54.2% BENKO 2-8-2 for 50% ROBERT BYRNE 4-7-1 for 62.5% LOMBARDY 5-5-1 for 68.2% and DONALD BYRNE 7-4-1 for 75%. Of interest to Canadian readers are score for their team YANOFSKY 4-4-6 42.9% SUTTLES 7-9-1 67.7% MACSKASY 4-5-4 50% ALLAN 4-4-4 50% DAY 3-1-8 29.2% and SCHULMANN 2-4-2 50%. Site for 1970 Chess Olympics is Siegen, West Germany and 1972 at Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Larsen

By Jude Acers

CONVERSATION WITH A GRANDMASTER: BENT LARSEN
ASPEN, COLORADO - AUGUST, 1968

Q. Bent, I do not understand the ease with which you speak to skeptics and friends alike when your World Candidates match with Spassky is discussed. Surely it wasn't a mere statistic?

A. Well, hardly a mere statistic! It was primarily a disappointment with the World Chess Federation, with its long series of matches to get a World Championship match that bothers me. You must understand that the playing conditions in Sweden were not stipulated in advance and the Boris Spassky was very upset with the arrangements for our match when he arrived in Sweden. I had prepared for this match for so long and wanted to win badly. So I was not so careful in determining the fee to be paid and other items. When we got to Sweden it was simply too late to change the terrible affair. Of course for me there was the simple fact that I was unable to concentrate at the worst possible time. I would sit at the board and could not see a thing. I only wanted to get away as soon as possible without, naturally, throwing away games on purpose.

Q. Mr. Larsen, can you be more specific? Exactly what were the uncomfortable snags and who was responsible?

A. Well, the match was without notice scheduled in Sweden rather than Yugoslavia as both Spassky and I had requested. Yugoslavia is ideal, you know, with its fervent chess enthusiasts and ideal playing conditions (to say nothing of good money prizes for both players).

I am sorry to say that one man was responsible for all arrangements, FIDE President Folke Regard. Somehow he wished to use his sponsorship of the match to bolster his bid for the Presidency of the Swedish Chess Federation. This seems to be the sole reason for bringing the match to his nation.

Q. But Bent, that seems fantastic. He's already President of FIDE. Surely there must have been other Regard motives.

A. I do not understand the matter either but it is apparently true. Regard disappeared just after the opening moves of the 1st game and could not be located for an explanation of the prizes, virtually nothing, nor of the other match irregularities. Spassky arrived in Sweden a day before me and wanted to leave immediately after learning the match terms. He kept saying "I am a chess professional!" for all of the members of the press to hear despite the tendency of all the Russians to be listing themselves as journalists of students or what have you. Indeed, had I arrived on the same day it is very probable we would never have played the match in Sweden at all. As it were I arrived just three hours before the 1st game. By this time Mr. Regard had assured Spassky and his second that many adjustments would be made. The Russian Chess Federation was horrified to learn that it was responsible for Spassky's expenses and in foreign currency to boot. Payment in non-roubles is, as you know practically a disaster for a Russian agency. In fact this was the reason I could not play in the Moscow 1967 grandmasters tournament, because no arrangements could be made to allow me to take my winnings out of the country. And so Spassky and I wound up playing for about \$40.00, nothing whatsoever being changed as the match progressed. Regard has gotten a banker friend to allot a small amount for the match and though well meaning this patron knew nothing about chess at all. He only afterward learned the true conditions of the play and the meaning of the match to the chess world. Then he sent an apology and explanation of what a sad trick had been played upon us.

Q. You said something earlier, something fantastic happened as you were preparing to begin.

A. Yes! Folke Regard threatened me with reprisals if I should complain about the match on the Swedish radio and television. Imagine! He said that he would make life unlivable for me in Sweden during the match and that I would be unpopular generally. And do you think that Bobby Fischer is not well acquainted with this condition of FIDE? I should retaliate on my own television program in Denmark!

Q. Bent, are you and Spassky good friends?

A. Oh yes! We get along splendidly and often spend time analyzing and touring between rounds of tournaments.

Q. Who do you pick now in the Spassky-Korchnoi match?

A. Oh, well, Korchnoi of course. Why, what do you think?

Q. What?! ...Well....Of course I must choose Spassky because of the tremendous care with which he prepared for your match with him. Is it possible at your, shall we say "normal" playing strength to lose 3 games in a row as in the Spassky match?

A. Oh yes. You laugh but it happened in a small tournament last year to me. It is possible to play well and still lose if one is not chicken!

Q. Is it true that the Danish people really do make it pleasant for the best grandmaster in the country?

A. Yes. I was amazed to learn that a man in Copenhagen keeps records of the times a name, living or dead, is mentioned in the leading newspapers and such. Of all the sports figures I was first. That shows something. And of course financially things are well.

(To be continued next month, with what Larsen thinks of Petrosian, zonal system, FIDE, Fischer, etc.)

GAMES By Zuk

The following game illustrates the dangers inherent in giving away central squares to your opponent.

Sicilian Defence (Dragon Variation)

White: P. Biyiasias
Black: A. Hill

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4. NxP | P-KN3 |
| 5. N-QB3 | B-N2 |

The Maroczy Bind beginning with 4. P-QB4 is not as feared as it used to be because of the exchanges that can be initiated by an eventual ...N-KN5. However, many devotees of the Dragon prefer to avoid it by 4.N-B3.

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| 6. B-K3 | N-KB3 |
| 7. B-QB4 | P-Q3 |
| 8. O-O | |

The usual move nowadays is B-N3 followed by Queen-side Castling.

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| 8. | O-O |
| 9. B-N3 | Q-R4 |
| 10. P-B3 | |

A good plan in this and analogous positions is a Pawn-storm on the King-side. P-KR3 followed by P-B4, Q-B3 and P-KN4 would seem to be a good line of play. The move played seems a trifle passive.

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| 10. | B-Q2 |
| 11. Q-K2? | KR-B1? |

Black could have gotten the superior game by 11.NxP, because if 12. NxN(6), NxN; 13. NxQ, NxQch; 14. K-B2, N-Q5; 14. NxP, P-QR4 White's Knight is in a predicament.

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| 12. QR-Q1 | N-K4? |
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Black's last move was premature as White will gain a tempo by P-B4.

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| 13. P-KR3 | QR-N1 |
| 14. P-B4 | N-B3 |
| 15. P-B5? | |

A serious strategic error.

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| 15. | N-K4 |
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Now the strong position of the Knight safeguards KB7 and also exerts pressure on White's position.

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| 16. PxP | RPxP |
| 17. P-KN4? | |

N-Q5 is better.

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| 17. | RxN! |
| 18. PxR | NxKP |
| 19. Q-K1 | R-B1 |

Black has ample compensation for the exchange.

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| 20. R-Q3 | P-K3 |
| 21. B-Q2 | P-Q4 |
| 22. R-K3 | NxP |
| 23. RxN | |

Desperation - Black would win the ending quite easily after 23. CxN (B-R3 would win back the exchange).

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| 23. | QxBP |
| 24. R-B4 and White resigned | not waiting for 24.QxNch. |

The above game was played off-hand sometime in November.

In the next game White indulges in too many artificial moves. Not surprisingly Black quickly gains an advantage.

Played at Wenatchee Chess Club

Queen-Pawn Opening

White: H. Thompson
Black: D. Collyer

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. N-Q2 | P-K3 |
| 3. KN-B3 | P-Q4 |
| 4. N-N3 | P-CR3 |
| 5. P-CR4 | |

In the last couple of moves both players have not furthered their development. In the opening one's only concern should be the proper mobilization of his forces.

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| 5. | QN-Q2 |
| 6. B-B4 | P-B4 |
| 7. PxP | NxP |
| 8. NxN | BxN |
| 9. B-K5? | O-O |

With his last move Black gains the initiative.

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| 10. P-K3 | B-Q3 |
| 11. B-Q3 | N-N5 |
| 12. B-B3 | P-K4 |
| 13. P-KR3? | |

B-K2 is better.

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| 13. | NxKBP! |
| 14. KxN | P-K5 |
| 15. B-K2 | PxN |
| 16. BxP | Q-R5ch |
| 17. K-K2 | R-K1 |
| 18. QxP | |

It is not a wise policy to open up lines for your opponent when your King is in the center like this. Either B-Q4 or Q-Q4 would give White a better chance for survival.

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| 18. | B-B5 |
| 19. B-Q4 | B-K3 |
| 20. Q-R5 | B-B5ch |
| 21. K-Q2 | Q-B7ch |
| 22. K-Q1 | BxP |
| 23. BxB | QR-Q1ch |
| 24. K-B1 | QxBch |
| 25. K-N1 | Q-KBch |
| 26. RxQ | RxRch |
| 27. B-Q1 | KRxch |
| 28. QxR | RxC Mate. |

From the Burnaby Open:

Sicilian Defence

White: R. Vogler
Black: R. Zuk

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| 1. P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-Q3 |
| 3. P-QB3 | |

The beginning of a very artificial plan. White wishes to play P-Q4 and recapture with the BP in case of an exchange. Black refutes this plan by simple and energetic moves.

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| 3. | N-KB3 |
| 4. B-Q3 | N-B3 |
| 5. B-B2 | B-N5 |
| 6. P-KR3 | B-R4 |
| 7. P-KN4 | B-N3 |
| 8. P-Q3 | P-K4 |
| 9. B-K3 | P-Q4 |
| 10. N-KR4? | |

This loses a pawn. Better would have been QN-Q2.

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| 10. | PxP |
| 11. Nx8 | RPxN |
| 12. PxP | QxQch |
| 13. KxQ | NxNP |
| 14. K-K2 | NxB |
| 15. KxN | B-K2 |
| 16. N-Q2 | B-N4ch |
| 17. K-K2 | BxN |
| 18. KxB | R-R5 |

Black intends to tie White's pieces down to the defence of his pawns.

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| 19. K-K3 | K-K2 |
| 20. R-R2 | CR-R1 |
| 21. QR-R1 | N-Q1 |
| 22. B-Q1 | P-KB4 |
| 23. P-B3 | K-B3 |
| 24. PxP | PxP |
| 25. B-K2 | N-K3 |
| 26. K-B2 | N-B5 |
| 27. K-N3 | N-R4ch |

A joke. If 28. KxR? P-N4 Mate.

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| 28. K-N2 | N-B5ch |
| 29. K-N3 | N-Q4 |
| 30. P-QR3 | P-B5ch |
| 31. K-B2 | N-K6 |
| 32. K-N1 | P-KN4 |
| 33. K-B2 | P-K5! |

If now 34. PxP P-K5.

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| 34. K-N1 | K-K4 |
| 35. K-B2 | R-Q1 |
| 36. P-QN3 | |

36. R-KN1 leads to a finish similar to the one that actually occurred after the reply PxP.

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| 36. | R-Q7 |
| 37. R-KN1 | PxP |
| 38. Resigns | |

In the above game if anyone is wondering why White did not try to obtain counter-chances with 24. R-Q2 the answer is he couldn't. I accidentally inverted Black's 23 and 25th moves. Sorry.

BOOK REVIEW By Miller

CHESS PIECES

"An Anthology in Prose and Verse"
Compiled and Commentary by Norman Knight

If you are looking for a book that has mentions of chess from literature this is the one for you and a great one at that. The items are grouped under table of contents headings like: In Praise of Chess, Chess in Drama, Chess in Proverb, Chess in Captivity, Chess and Love, Chess Quarrels and 14 more headings. Some of the authors are: Ben Franklin, Daniel Fiske, Frank Marshall, Charles Lamb, Edgar Allan Poe, George Shaw, Chaucer, Robert Browning, Shakespeare, Voltaire and many many more. There are 343 different entries. Must have been a labor of love to put this book together. There are one line quotes, poems, some take two or three pages. Mr. Knight makes a comment after most of the entries. There are more books written about chess than any other sport. There are lots of mentions of chess in literature of all kinds as this book proves. This 315 page book can be ordered from your favorite book store or from the publisher Chess, Sutton Coldfield, England.

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