

Evans wins 1968 Strawberry Open No. 1 by Buz Eddy

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International Grandmaster Larry Evans, playing true to form, swept through the nine rounds of the Strawberry Open completely unscathed. His closest call came in round 4 when Canadian expert Bruce Amos took him to time control in what appeared to be an even position. Amos had five minutes to make his final move, but became involved in the position and let his flag drop.

Evans victory was as much a foregone conclusion as anything ever is in a chess tournament, and the real contest was for the 2nd place spot money. Viktor's Pupols started the event apparently somewhat off form. His first round win was not impressive and although he took round 2 opponent with relative ease, he was outplayed from start to finish by Gary Holmquist in round 3. Round 4 saw him drawing with Chris Corwin.

Then Monday evening as your writer was making the first round of score sheet checks we paused a moment by Pupols game with Alan Pollard, and saw at long last Pupols had returned to Northwest chess. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-KB4 and Pupols wins. From that point on Pupols was untouchable. He finished with five straight victories and a clear second place, 7.5-1.5.

The Oregon co-champions Clark Harmon and Rick Ganong together with Bruce Amos posted final round victories to finish the event at 7-2 and a 3rd place tie, picking up \$150.00 for it.

Chris Corwin and Arthur Spiller rounded out the top seven with 6.5-2.5 records. Corwin and Spiller played in round 8. Spiller developed a clearly won game backing Corwin into tight, time pressure in the process. But Spiller appeared to become preoccupied in the attempt to run Corwin out of time, and in the process missed a two move combination which gave Corwin the win. Thus Corwin won the right to the last shot at Evans instead of Pupols, but he fared no better than any of the rest.

No less than 15 players tied for 8th place at 6-3. Of these, Jon Sjogren won 1st unrated, Carl Wieman, Robert Lundin and Roger Myers split the first 3 "B" awards, and the remaining 11 divided the "A", expert, and leftover place money. In the 5-4 score group 6 class "B" players split the \$85.00 4th "B" money, and five unrated players divided the \$200.00 in remaining unrated cash.

Zack Wester also finished at 5-4 to win the \$100.00 and trophy for 1st "C". The "C" competition was disappointing to the tournament organizers as with some \$250.00 in "C" money up for grabs, only 7 players with ratings below 1599 appeared to compete.

Eero Jaaska won the Snohomish County trophy and title, finishing 6-3. He was closely followed by John Kuehn (5.5-3.5) and by Lee Baldwin (5-4). Baldwin sported a 1250 NW rating coming into the tournament, but improved it quite a bit with wins over Marty Gray and Mike Schema.

The women's trophy was won by Judy DeGroot of Everett.

It took several rounds for your writer to indoctrinate the Californians to mandatory recording, but after about five rounds they too had adapted. Some didn't particularly like it and Jude Acers stated he felt it was illegal, (Edmondson as then President of USCF in 1966 gave us the go ahead to use it in USCF tournaments, provided it was announced ahead of time.)

Larry Evans defended board 1 successfully for the entire tournament, but board two seemed to have a jinx of sorts. Clark Harmon began the event on that board and was knocked off in the 2nd round. Pupols moved to the board next, but was immediately run off by Holmquist. Then Spiller took over and successfully defended for 2 rounds before moving up to board 1. In round 6 Harmon and Ganong played to a draw leaving Harmon to hold the board, but he lost to Amos in the next round. Amos then took on Pupols at that position and lost. Pupols finished the event with a successful defense against Zukoff.

Another tournament first that occurred at the event was the first double loss recorded by this director. It resulted when neither Dale Bjonson nor Stephen Christopher appeared for the continuation of their adjourned game.

There were two demonstration board, provided by the Marysville Jaycees, which gave the affair aura of a major chess tournament. About 30 chairs were set up facing these 2 boards which follow the games on board 1 & 2, they were generally full. The playing site (Marysville Community Center) was spacious, well-lit, and had a built-in noise cover ventilation system that kept the distraction from noise to a minimum.

The turnout was not quite as large as the organizers had hoped, but the event was still trued a success. The primary credit must go to Jerry Larkin for the fantastic promotional effort within the county. Snohomish county players numbered 30.

With 95 player turnout the financial loss was not as great as it might have been, so the Marysville Jaycees, and Jerry Larkin, have decided to run the event at least one more year. The dates will not be set until January 1969 when Strawberry Festival dates are established. The format will be altered some to attempt to attracted more class players; possibly two or three playing sections. Time control for the event was 45 moves in 2 hours. Tournament Director Buz Eddy was assisted by Jerry and Pat Larkin, Russell and Kathy Miller, plus a host of Jaycee volunteers.

Several players who are not WCF members are receiving this issue of Northwest Chess compliments of Marysville Jaycees.

And another major NW event becomes history!

Here is the crosstable for the 95-player event.

| Player | Home | -1- | -2- | -3- | -4- | -5- | -6- | -7- | -8- | -9- | Score | Winners |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-------------------------|
| 1. Larry Evans | Santa Monica, Cal. | W66 | W28 | W32 | W5 | W9 | W7 | W11 | W3 | W6 | 9-0 | 1 st |
| 2. Viktors Pupols | Seattle, Wash. | W38 | W26 | L8 | D6 | W36 | W16 | W43 | W5 | W10 | 7.5-1.5 | 2 nd |
| 3. Richard Ganong | Yacbalte, Ore. | W65 | W24 | D6 | W8 | W18 | D4 | W9 | L1 | W11 | 7-2 | 1 st Expert |
| 4. Clark Harmon | Milwaukie, Ore. | W44 | D15 | W41 | W10 | W23 | D3 | L5 | W28 | W12 | 7-2 | 3 rd |
| 5. Brtoe Amos | Toronto, Canada | W71 | W42 | W47 | L1 | W28 | W13 | W4 | L2 | W18 | 7-2 | |
| 6. Chril Conrin | Seattle, Wash. | W77 | W67 | D3 | D2 | D17 | W33 | W26 | W7 | L1 | 6.5-2.5 | |
| 7. Arthur Spiller | Santa Monica, Cal. | W69 | W17 | W26 | W11 | W14 | L1 | D10 | L6 | W28 | 6.5-2.5 | |
| 8. Gary Holmquist | Bellingham, Wash. | W93 | W46 | W2 | L3 | W27 | L11 | D20 | W35 | D22 | 6.5-2.5 | 1 st A |
| 9. Jude Acers | Baton Rouge, La. | W64 | W29 | W43 | W15 | L1 | W19 | L3 | L18 | W32 | 6-3 | |
| 10. Leon Zukoff | New York, N.Y. | W73 | DB4 | W48 | L4 | W50 | W23 | D7 | W17 | L2 | 6-3 | |
| 11. Dennis Fritzingier | Vacaville, Cal. | W63 | W56 | W31 | L7 | W57 | W8 | L1 | W27 | L3 | 6-3 | |
| 12. Max Burkett | San Francisco, Cal. | W74 | D27 | W33 | D13 | D24 | D17 | W29 | W30 | L4 | 6-3 | |
| 13. Stephen Strand | Centralia, Wash. | W76 | W59 | D23 | D12 | W30 | L5 | D25 | W41 | D20 | 6-3 | |
| 14. Arnold Dubow | Seattle, Wash. | W50 | W21 | D16 | W42 | L7 | L43 | D46 | W39 | W31 | 6-3 | |
| 15. Michael Schemm | Corvallis, Ore. | W39 | D4 | W54 | L9 | W21 | D29 | L30 | W42 | W28 | 6-3 | |
| 16. Carl Wieman | Corvallis, Ore. | W72 | W30 | D14 | L23 | W67 | L2 | D21 | W36 | W52 | 6-3 | 1 st B (tie) |
| 17. Robert Lundin | Seattle, Wash. | W57 | L7 | W58 | W60 | D6 | D12 | W45 | L10 | W30 | 6-3 | 1 st B (tie) |
| 18. Eero Jaaska | Marysville, Wash. | W81 | D33 | W53 | D27 | L3 | W57 | W47 | W9 | L5 | 6-3 | Sno. Cty. |
| 19. Jon Sjogren | Corvallis, Ore. | D48 | D41 | W44 | W53 | W25 | L9 | L28 | W46 | W29 | 6-3 | 1 st Unr |
| 20. Michael Murray | Seattle, Wash. | W36 | D53 | L27 | D31 | W60 | W51 | D8 | W58 | W13 | 6-3 | |
| 21. Roger Myers | Seattle, Wash. | W79 | L14 | W49 | D32 | L15 | W54 | D16 | W68 | W27 | 6-3 | 1 st B (tie) |
| 22. Jeff Fox | Mercer Island, Wash. | LF | W62 | W66 | W56 | L29 | D45 | W72 | D24 | D6 | 6-3 | |
| 23. Viesturs Seglins | Seattle, Wash. | W61 | W61 | D13 | W16 | L4 | L10 | L24 | W67 | W41 | 5.5-3.5 | |
| 24. John F. Kuehn | Alderwood Manor, Wa. | W69 | L3 | W38 | W59 | D12 | L26 | W23 | L22 | W44 | 5.5-3.5 | |
| 25. Beldon Pearson | Seattle, Wash. | W85 | L2 | W61 | W55 | L19 | W72 | D13 | W43 | L7 | 5.5-3.5 | |
| 26. Alt Overas | Seattle, Wash. | W40 | W66 | L7 | D67 | W46 | W24 | L6 | L31 | W47 | 5.5-3.5 | |
| 27. Joe Brandenburg | Portland, Ore. | W95 | D12 | W20 | D18 | L8 | W31 | W36 | L11 | L21 | 5-4 | |
| 28. Pat Herbers | Spokane, Wash. | W90 | L1 | W64 | W34 | L5 | W74 | W19 | L4 | L15 | 5-4 | |
| 29. Barry Kraft | San Francisco, Cal. | W88 | L9 | D50 | W63 | W22 | D15 | L12 | W51 | L19 | 5-4 | |
| 30. Lee Baldwin | Marysville, Wash. | Bye | L16 | W45 | W51 | L13 | W42 | W15 | L12 | L17 | 5-4 | |
| 31. Peter Wludyka | Seattle, Wash. | W89 | D35 | L11 | D20 | W58 | L27 | W55 | W26 | L14 | 5-4 | |
| 32. George LeCompte | Seattle, Wash. | W49 | W46 | L1 | D21 | L33 | D56 | W74 | W38 | L9 | 5-4 | |
| 33. Lewis Henry | Seattle, Wash. | W83 | D18 | L12 | W48 | W32 | L6 | L41 | D37 | W57 | 5-4 | |
| 34. Carl Enz | Lake Stevens, Wash. | W80 | L43 | W37 | L28 | L36 | D44 | W54 | W70 | D35 | 5-4 | |
| 35. Allan Pollard | San Francisco, Cal. | W75 | D31 | L55 | W44 | L2 | W50 | W67 | L8 | D34 | 5-4 | |
| 36. Zack Wester | Seattle, Wash. | L20 | W87 | L42 | W82 | W34 | W39 | L27 | L16 | W56 | 5-4 | 1 st C |
| 37. Robert Sirard | Everett, Wash. | L59 | W75 | L34 | W81 | L42 | D40 | W48 | D33 | W58 | 5-4 | |
| 38. Owen Dvorshak | Portland, Ore. | L2 | W90 | L24 | W73 | L47 | W81 | W56 | L32 | W60 | 5-4 | |
| 39. Tony Campbell | Muncie, Ind. | L15 | W52 | W81 | L54 | W55 | L36 | W75 | L14 | W68 | 5-4 | |
| 40. Peter J. Olson | Seattle, Wash. | L26 | L48 | W85 | L49 | W62 | D37 | D61 | W55 | W64 | 5-4 | |
| 41. Ben Thurston | Seattle, Wash. | W65 | D19 | L4 | L50 | W68 | W61 | W33 | L13 | L23 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 42. Martin Gray | Bellevue, Wash. | W70 | L5 | W36 | L14 | W37 | L30 | W49 | L15 | D46 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 43. John Alexander | San Diego, Cal. | W91 | W34 | L9 | D46 | W54 | W14 | L2 | L25 | LF | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 44. Stu Pearson | Winlock, Wash. | L4 | W68 | L19 | L35 | W83 | D34 | W63 | W45 | L24 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 45. Jim Mulder | Seattle, Wash. | W84 | L8 | L30 | W62 | W52 | D22 | L17 | L44 | W69 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 46. Mike Shank | Portland, Ore. | W87 | L32 | W73 | D43 | L26 | W69 | D14 | L19 | D42 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 47. Lynan Johnston | Tacoma, Wash. | W62 | W92 | L5 | L57 | W38 | W49 | L18 | D52 | L26 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 48. Dennis Schwaim | Cheney, Wash. | D19 | W44 | L10 | L33 | L69 | W79 | L37 | W76 | W67 | 4.5-4.5 | |

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|---------|
| 49. Bill Ward | Tacoma, Wash. | L32 | W89 | L21 | W44 | W59 | L47 | L42 | W61 | D51 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 50. Alan Dvorshak | Portland, Ore. | L14 | W84 | D29 | W41 | L10 | L35 | L68 | W72 | W70 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 51. Waldo Summers | Washington, D.C. | W52 | L23 | W71 | L30 | W79 | L20 | W69 | L29 | D49 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 52. John Meller | Everett, Wash. | L61 | L39 | W65 | W77 | L45 | W64 | W59 | D47 | L16 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 53. Earl Knapp | Gig Harbor, Wash. | W60 | D20 | L18 | L19 | LF | L76 | W84 | W71 | W73 | 4.5-4.5 | |
| 54. James E. Munro | Seahurst, Wash. | W82 | D10 | L15 | W39 | L43 | L21 | L34 | D62 | W79 | 4-5 | |
| 55. Russell W. Miller | Yakima, Wash. | L3 | W88 | W35 | L25 | L39 | W63 | L31 | L44 | W77 | 4-5 | |
| 56. Eino Moks | Seattle, Wash. | W58 | L11 | W63 | L22 | D61 | D32 | L38 | W59 | L36 | 4-5 | |
| 57. Richard Eitel | Everett, Wash. | L17 | W69 | W98 | W47 | L11 | L18 | L58 | W78 | L33 | 4-5 | |
| 58. Dennis Pederaon | Everett, Wash. | L56 | W93 | L17 | W92 | L31 | W60 | W57 | L20 | L37 | 4-5 | |
| 59. Robert Burns | Mercer Island, Wash. | W37 | L13 | W80 | L24 | L49 | W77 | L52 | L56 | W72 | 4-5 | |
| 60. Douglas O'Conner | Everett, Wash. | L53 | W74 | W82 | L17 | L20 | L58 | W87 | W75 | L38 | 4-5 | |
| 61. Forrest Dial | Tacoma, Wash. | L23 | W70 | L25 | W89 | D56 | L41 | D44 | L49 | W84 | 4-5 | |
| 62. Ronald Ball | Everett, Wash. | L47 | L22 | W86 | L45 | L44 | D84 | W85 | D54 | W78 | 4-5 | |
| 63. Ronald Norman | Seattle, Wash. | L11 | W78 | L56 | L29 | W89 | L55 | L44 | W86 | W76 | 4-5 | |
| 64. Steve Thomas | Kent, Wash. | L9 | W83 | L28 | L72 | W84 | L52 | W77 | W74 | L44 | 4-5 | |
| 65. R. Kent Hanson | Everett, Wash. | L41 | L26 | L52 | L78 | W91 | D80 | W66 | D73 | W74 | 4-5 | |
| 66. Stephen Christopher | Bothell, Wash. | L1 | W72 | L22 | L75 | W92 | L71 | L65 | W88 | W81 | 4-5 | |
| 67. Theodore Day | Seattle, Wash. | W78 | L6 | W76 | D26 | L16 | W70 | L35 | L23 | L48 | 4-5 | |
| 68. Steven Dykstra | Marysville, Wash. | L24 | L44 | W78 | D79 | L41 | W82 | W50 | L21 | L39 | 3.5-5.5 | |
| 69. William Gillette | Seattle, Wash. | L7 | L57 | D70 | W76 | W48 | L46 | L51 | W80 | L45 | 3.5-5.5 | |
| 70. Robert Holland | Seattle, Wash. | L42 | L61 | D69 | W88 | W73 | L67 | W76 | L34 | L50 | 3.5-5.5 | |
| 71. Dale BJornson | Bellingham, Wash. | L5 | W79 | L51 | W80 | L72 | L66 | D73 | L53 | W88 | 3.5-5.5 | |
| 72. Tex Barlett | Everett, Wash. | L16 | L66 | W87 | W64 | W71 | L25 | L22 | L50 | L59 | 3-6 | |
| 73. Gordon Ayars | Marysville, Wash. | L10 | W85 | L46 | L38 | L70 | W83 | D71 | D65 | L53 | 3-6 | |
| 74. Ward L. Smith | Puyallup, Wash. | L12 | L60 | W88 | W83 | W75 | L28 | L32 | L64 | L65 | 3-6 | |
| 75. Terry Andersen | Marysville, Wash. | L26 | L37 | W84 | W66 | L74 | W78 | L39 | L60 | L63 | 3-6 | |
| 76. Leon Badgley | Arlington, Wash. | L13 | D82 | L67 | L69 | W86 | W53 | L70 | L48 | D80 | 3-6 | |
| 77. George Brautlacht | Bothell, Wash. | L6 | L81 | Bye | L52 | W80 | L59 | L64 | W82 | L55 | 3-6 | |
| 78. Barry Seltzer | Paine AFB, Wash. | L67 | L63 | L68 | W65 | W93 | L75 | W81 | L57 | L2 | 3-6 | |
| 79. Michael Langworthy | Bothell, Wash. | L21 | L71 | W93 | D68 | L51 | L48 | D82 | W87 | L54 | 3-6 | |
| 80. David W. Stubbs | Oak Harbor, Wash. | L34 | W91 | L59 | L71 | L77 | D65 | W86 | L69 | D76 | 3-6 | |
| 81. Joe Whalen | Seattle, Wash. | L18 | W77 | L39 | L37 | W87 | L38 | L78 | W83 | L66 | 3-6 | |
| 82. William Van Veldhouse | Everett, Wash. | L54 | D76 | L60 | L36 | W85 | L68 | D79 | L77 | W90 | 3-6 | |
| 83. J.D. Miller | Chelan, Wash. | L33 | L64 | W91 | L74 | L44 | L73 | W90 | L81 | W89 | 3-6 | |
| 84. Terry Miller | Everett, Wash. | L45 | L50 | L75 | W91 | L64 | D62 | L53 | W85 | L61 | 2.5-6.5 | |
| 85. Robert Findley | Marysville, Wash. | L25 | L73 | L40 | D86 | L82 | W89 | L62 | L84 | W87 | 2.5-6.5 | |
| 86. Lawrence Pulczlinski | Marysville, Wash. | LF | LF | L62 | D85 | L76 | W90 | L80 | L63 | W92 | 2.5-6.5 | |
| 87. Douglas Palms | Edmonds, Wash. | L46 | L36 | L72 | W90 | L81 | W92 | L60 | L79 | L85 | 2-7 | |
| 88. J. Brace Kennedy | Everett, Wash. | L29 | L55 | L74 | L70 | L90 | W91 | W92 | L66 | L71 | 2-7 | |
| 89. John Sholberg | Lake Stevens, Wash. | L31 | L49 | W90 | L61 | L63 | L85 | L91 | W92 | L83 | 2-7 | |
| 90. Judy DeGroot | Everett, Wash. | L28 | L38 | L89 | L87 | W88 | L86 | L83 | W91 | L82 | 2-7 | Women's |
| 91. Dave Anderson | Marysville, Wash. | L43 | L80 | L83 | L84 | L65 | L88 | W89 | L90 | Bye | 2-7 | |
| 92. Myrnalee Faulkender | Marysville, Wash. | W94 | L47 | L57 | L58 | L66 | L87 | L88 | L89 | L86 | 1-8 | |
| 93. James D. White | Spokane, Wash. | L8 | L58 | L79 | Bye | L78 | | LF | | | 1-8 | |
| 94. Gregory Kern | Portland, Ore. | L92 | | | | | LF | | | | 0-9 | |
| 95. Lore Lingenfelter | Everett, Wash. | L27 | | | | | LF | | | | 0-9 | |