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STUART PEARSON WINS SPOKANE

WOODPUSHERS TOURNAMENT

by Bob Kittredge

STUART PEARSON won the 23 player Spokane Woodpushers held on 3 successive Thursday nights, January 10, 17 and 24. Chess books were given to the first three places & last place. The 23 players surprised Spokane club officers who expected about half that number. Pearson drew his opening round game and then ticked off 5 in a row to score $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, a half-point ahead of 2nd place DALE HELLER, who lost to Pearson in the 5th round.

	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Median	Solkoff
1. Stuart Pearson	D3	W11	W10	W8	W2	W5	5-0-1	$5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	----	----
2. Dale Heller	W17	W3	W9	W4	L1	W6	5-1-0	5 -1	----	----
3. Algis Grinnus	D1	L2	W18	W19	W8	W9	4-1-1	$4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$	----	----
4. H. A. Schulz	W11	W16	W7	L2	L5	W14	4-2-0	4 -2	$13\frac{1}{2}$	----
5. Ray Trainor	W16	L8	W14	W15	W4	L1	4-2-0	4 -2	$12\frac{1}{2}$	----
6. Egon Jaensch	W23	W19	L8	W12	W9	L2	4-2-0	4 -2	12	19
7. Vic McDougall	W22	W10	L4	L9	W13	W8	4-2-0	4 -2	12	17
8. Marcus Warden	W20	W5	W6	L1	L3	L7	3-3-0	3 -3	$16\frac{1}{2}$	----
9. Zane Smith	W21	W13	L2	W7	L6	L3	3-3-0	3 -3	$15\frac{1}{2}$	----
10. Gene Hewitt	W14	L7	L1	L11	W22	W15	3-3-0	3 -3	$12\frac{1}{2}$	----
11. Peter Baumstark	L4	L1	W17	W10	W21	L12	3-3-0	3 -3	12	----
12. Bob Johnson	L13	W17	W23	L6	L15	W11	3-3-0	3 -3	11	17
13. Saul Kessler	W12	L9	L19	W22	L7	W17	3-3-0	3 -3	11	16
14. Harry Boomer	L10	W18	L5	W20	W19	L4	3-3-0	3 -3	10	----
15. Joe Goldberg	Bye	LF	W22	L5	W12	L10	3-3-0	3 -3	7	11 TIE
16. Graham McConnell	L5	L4	L20	Bye	W23	W21	3-3-0	3 -3	7	11 TIE
17. Fred Page	L2	L12	L11	W18	W20	L13	2-4-0	2 -4	$10\frac{1}{2}$	----
18. Lorren Nicholl	L19	L14	L3	L17	Bye	W22	2-4-0	2 -4	$8\frac{1}{2}$	13 TIE
19. James Howlett	W18	L6	W13	L3	LF14	LF	2-4-0	2 -4	$8\frac{1}{2}$	13 TIE
20. Joe Burchfield	L8	L23	W16	L14	L17	Bye	2-4-0	2 -4	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$
21. Ken Holmes	L9	L22	Bye	W23	L11	L16	2-4-0	2 -4	8	----
22. Jo McConnell	L7	W21	L19	L13	L10	L18	1-5-0	1 -5	$10\frac{1}{2}$	----
23. Scott Neilson	L6	W20	L12	L21	LF16	LF	1-5-0	1 -5	6	----

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ON SPEED TOURNAMENTS

John Reh, Seattle Chess Club President, says from now on the speed events will be held only on the first Friday evening of each month instead of every Friday evening as in the recent past.

TACOMA CLUB OFFICERS

Officers elected by the members of the Tacoma Chess Club for 1963 were: Col. EDWARD BOSSE, President; DAVID HAUGEN, Vice-President; CALVIN E. BERTRAM Jr., Secretary; ERNIE PRENTICE, Treasurer; VERNON HOLMES, Tournament Director; DAVID FULTON, Assistant Tourn. Director.

PUGET SOUND OPEN TO BE AT BOEING PLANT 2 CAFETERIA MARCH 23-24

Thanks to RUPERT DORN and the Boeing Chess Club and thanks to JOHN REH for contacting Rupert, we have a fine place for the 1963 Puget Sound Open. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 23-24 in the Boeing Plant 2 Cafeteria. Registration starts at 9 a. m. and the first round is scheduled for 10.

This is a six round Swiss at 50 moves in two hours. Median tie-breaking and the usual rules to be posted by the tournament director. Bring board, chess men, clock, pencil and score sheets.

The playing hall is very large so we will have ample room. Please treat facilities with consideration. Plant 2 cafeteria is located at the southern Seattle city limits at 16th Ave. South and highway 99. The parking lot is on the east side of the highway and you use tunnel to cross highway to playing site. THIS IS IMPORTANT! USE TUNNEL.

The area has several restaurants close by and the Boeing cafeteria may be open on Saturday but not on Sunday.

Entry fee is \$3.50 less 50¢ to members of the WCF. Players with ratings of 1900 and over must play in the USCF rated championship section. If you do not belong to the United States Chess Federation you must join at the registration desk. Players who have a USCF rating or WCF rating below 1900 can play in the non-USCF reserve tourney if they wish to do so. Substantial prizes to the top three in each section.

BELLINGHAM CLUB NEWS

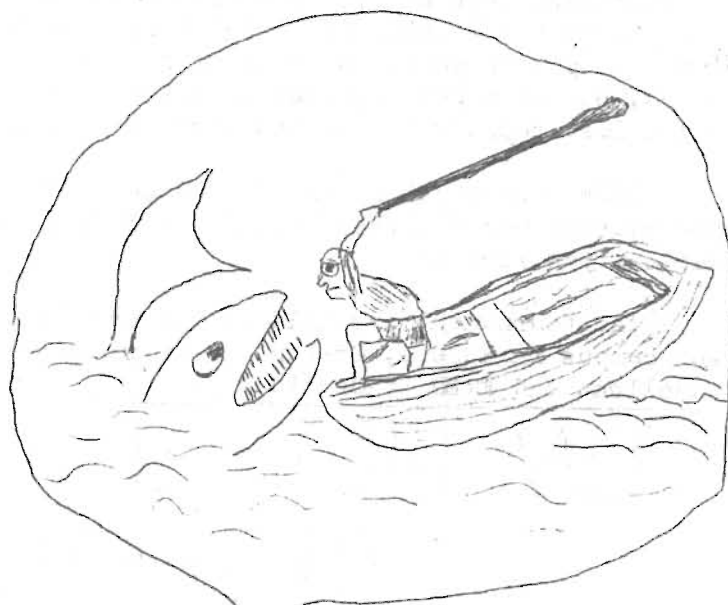
DON KENDALL tops the club ladder as of Jan. 26th ahead of 16 others. DAN CHIN is second followed by MYRON MILLER.

Myron Miller won the 1962 club speed championship with 6-2. He lost twice to 2nd place Dan Chin who scored 5-3. Chin lost a pair to 3rd place Don Kendall who scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. BILL BLACKMORE 3-5 and HAROLD RAYMOND $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$ completed the field.

(More Bellingham news on page six.)

COMING EVENTS

- April 20-21 Inland Empire Open in Spokane
- May 25-26 Seattle Open (USCF & reserve)
- June 1-2 Idaho Open at Boise (5 rounds)
- June 15-16 Wash. State Junior for players under 21.
- July 14th Annual British Columbia versus Washington State match.
- July 27-28 Seattle Seafair Open tourney
- Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2 Oregon Open in Portland



USCF Master Jim McCormick recalls that the 'fish' were biting at Eugene!

DALBERGS WINS PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN

By Russell Miller

IVARS DALBERGS of Portland won the fifth Annual USCF Pacific Northwest Open with a 5-1 score. The tournament was small with only 18 players but the average rating was at 1900. GERALD NEUFABRT of Vancouver, B. C., DUNCAN SUTTLES also of Vancouver, and JACK STRONG of Gresham, Oregon all scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and finished second, third and fourth respectively on Median points. Dalbergs took home \$75 while Neufahrt, Suttles and Strong split \$55. GERALD SCHWARZ, Portland high school student winner of the recent Northwest Junior, showed he could do well against the older players by placing fifth with $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. Schwarz won a trophy for being the highest scoring high school student.

Dalbergs ran up his 5 points by beating Kern, Schwarz, Suttles, McCormick and Poulsen and suffered his only loss to Neufahrt in the 4th round. Neufahrt opened strong with four straight wins over Moore, Miller, McCormick and Dalbergs, drew with Suttles and then lost his last game to Strong for his $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. Suttles beat Joe Bricher and O'Gorman, lost to Dalbergs, beat Roney, drew with Neufahrt and then won over McCormick. (Ed. note: He got credit for beating McCormick this time!) Strong, who had not played any serious chess for a couple of years, started with a draw against Roney, then a loss at the hands of Moore, but then put together a string of four straight wins - Kern, Vince Bricher, Schwarz and a last round win over Neufahrt for his $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

USCF master JIM MCCORMICK had another bad tournament and scored only 3-3 losing to the players who finished 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Also the game McCormick won from FRANK FRANK was on time forfeit.

The tournament was held at the Erb Memorial Student Union on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, Oregon on the weekend of Feb. 2-3. The tournament conditions were excellent and FRED BYRON did a good job as director.

TIM NETTLETON WINS RESERVE TOURNEY

TIM NETTLETON, a Portland high school student, won the reserve section of the fifth annual Pacific Northwest Open played at the same time and place as the USCF championship section won by Dalbergs. Tim scored 5-1, winning four and drawing two. He drew with 3rd place MICHAEL HARRIS and 4th place LESLIE VITANYI. HANS LINDE, a U. of Oregon law professor, finished 2nd. Linde also had 5-1, losing his opening round game to 5th place JIM BRYANT, but finished with fewer Median points than Tim Nettleton.

Harris, a U. of Oregon student from Dunsmuir, California and Vitanyi, of Vancouver, British Columbia, both scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ and placed third and fourth respectively on Median tie-breaking points.

Tim Nettleton and Hans Linde both received trophies. Michael Harris received a trophy for being the highest scoring college student.

Eighteen players were in this section making a grand total of 36 for both major and reserve tournaments.

FRED BYRON doubled in brass, directing this tournament also.

The total turnout was remarkable since the publicity for the event arrived too late to appear in the last Washington Chess Letter which goes to 260 northwest chess players.

Summary of Championship Section

Place	Name	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Median
1.	Ivars Dalbergs	Portland, Ore.	W9	W5	W3	L2	W7	W8	5-1-0	5 -1	14
2.	Gerald Neufahrt	Vancouver, B. C.	W16	W10	W7	W1	D3	L4	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
3.	Duncan Suttles	Vancouver, B. C.	W18	W13	L1	W12	D2	W7	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	Jack Strong	Gresham, Ore.	D12	L16	W9	W15	W5	W2	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
5.	Gerald Schwarz	Portland, Ore.	W15	L1	W14	W8	L4	D6	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	Frank Frank	Vancouver, B. C.	L13	W18	W16	L7	W10	D5	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	10
7.	James McCormick	Eugene, Ore.	W8	W14	L2	W6	L1	L3	3-3-0	3 -3	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Sief Poulsen	Salem, Ore.	L7	W11	W10	L5	W12	L1	3-3-0	3 -3	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
9.	Gregory Kern	Portland, Ore.	L1	W17	L4	D14	W15	D13	2-2-2	3 -3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
10.	Russell Miller	Chelan, Wash.	W17	L2	L8	W16	L6	W18	3-3-0	3 -3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
11.	Charles Geary	Eugene, Ore.	L14	L8	W18	D13	W17	D12	2-2-2	3 -3	9
12.	Wayne Roney Jr.	Billings, Mont.	D4	D15	W13	L3	L8	D11	1-2-3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	13
13.	Peter O'Gorman	Seattle, Wash.	W6	L3	L12	D11	D14	D9	1-2-3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
14.	Lyman Johnston	Everett, Wash.	W11	L7	L5	D9	D13	D15	1-2-3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
15.	Vince Bricher	Cottage Grove, Or.	L5	D12	W17	L4	L9	D14	1-3-2	2 -4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
16.	Deane Moore	Portland, Ore.	L2	W4	L6	L10	L18	D17	1-4-1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
17.	Jack Schrader	Salem, Ore.	L10	L9	L15	W18	L11	D16	1-4-1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
18.	Joe Bricher	Cottage Grove, Or.	L3	L6	L11	L17	W16	L20	1-5-0	1 -5	11

Summary of the Reserves Section

Place	Name	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Median
1.	Tim Nettleton	Portland, Ore.	D3	W16	W13	D4	W5	W6	4-0-2	5 -1	14
2.	Hans Linde	Eugene, Ore.	L5	W18	Bye	W11	W7	W3	5-1-0	5 -1	11
3.	Michael Harris	Dunsmuir, Calif.	D1	W6	W8	W10	W4	L2	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.	Leslie Vitanyi	Vancouver, B. C.	W16	W13	W15	D1	L3	W7	4-1-1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
5.	Jim Bryant	Eugene, Ore.	W2	D8	D7	W9	L1	W10	3-1-2	4 -2	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
6.	John Hummer	Eugene, Ore.	D7	L3	W14	W13	W9	L1	3-2-1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
7.	Lynn M. Vinyard	Salem, Ore.	D6	W12	D5	W15	L2	L4	2-2-2	3 -3	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
8.	Tom Nettleton	Portland, Ore.	W9	D5	L3	W14	D12	L11	2-2-2	3 -3	12
9.	Leslie Corey	Cot. Grove, Ore.	L8	W11	W18	L5	L6	W12	3-3-0	3 -3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ *
10.	Pete Behr	Eugene, Ore.	W17	L15	W12	L3	W13	L5	3-3-0	3 -3	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ *
11.	Gary Bricher	Cot. Grove, Ore.	L15	L9	W17	L2	W16	L8	2-4-0	2 -4	11
(Gary was credited with 3-3 instead of 2-4 in the table sent us. So obviously the greater part of the table is incorrect. Ed.)											
12.	Charles Novitski	Eugene, Ore.	W14	L7	L10	W18	D8	L9	2-3-1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
13.	Phil Barnhart	Eugene, Ore.	W18	L4	L1	L6	L10	W17	2-4-0	2 -4	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
14.	Kerry Vinyard	Salem, Ore.	L12	W17	L6	L8	L17	W16	2-4-0	2 -4	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
(Numbers 14 and 17 played each other twice each winning a game.)											
15.	William Jones	Eugene, Ore.	W11	W10	L4	LF7	LF	LF	2-4-0	2 -4	6
16.	Gary Briggs	Springfield, Ore.	L4	L1	LF	W17	L11	L14	1-5-0	1 -5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
17.	Gary Schartz	Eugene, Ore.	L10	L14	L11	L16	W14	L13	1-5-0	1 -5	9
18.	Vernon Pomeroy	Salem, Ore.	L13	L2	L9	LF12	LF	LF	0-6-0	0 -6	5

* Corey 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ S-B points to Behr's 5.

(The mistake on Gary Bricher moves both Novitski and Barnhart up one notch and lowers Bricher to 13th. This would also change the Median scores of those who played Bricher and probably change the entire standings enough so anyone trying to correct them would go mad! The principal purpose of the table is served as it shows who beat whom, etc. The Editor.)

BYRON WINS AGAIN AT CAMAS

In a tournament beset with forfeits and upsets, FRED BYRON of Milwaukie, Oregon came from $\frac{1}{2}$ point behind to defeat DON MORGAN of Vancouver, Washington in the last round to win the second Annual March of Dimes Tournament. Byron also won last year's March of Dimes, a tournament sponsored by the Ruse de Guerre Chess Club of Camas, Washington.

Byron's winning score was $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$. Don Morgan reeled off five wins in a row before falling before Byron in the last round. FRED SCHMIDT of Camas took third, also scoring 5 - 1.

24 players entered this tournament played Jan. 26-27 in Camas. 48 dollars in entry fee money went to the March of Dimes. The contestants bought eight dollars worth of doughnuts, donated by the Camas bakery and drank 150 cups of coffee donated by Safeway Stores of Camas.

JIM MCCORMICK, USCF Master and winner of the Seattle World's Fair Tournament last summer, did a fine job of directing the tournament. He kept all players happy and was forced to adjudicate only one game - that of Shilling vs. Cooper - who played over the total time limit.

Byron was among the first to feel the upsetting forces at work when in the first round he was forced to draw to DENNIS GROGG of Vancouver, Wash. Dennis had a rating 600 points below Byron and started ranked 13th and finished 5th with a $3\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ score.

But Fred was not alone. ESTHER SCHRADER, the 1962 Oregon Woman Champion, lost her opening two rounds to unrated players - GORDON PIKE of West Linn, Oregon and MIKE SYVANEN of Vancouver, Wash. Esther did manage to win the best woman player trophy so it was not a total loss. Others who were hurting before the tournament was over were SELF POULSON, who lost his last three rounds to fall from a ranking of second to a tenth place finish. DAVE SHILLING was 'way off, dropping from a ranking of third to a 19th place finish. He lost 4 in a row after scoring 2-0 in his first two games.

Those feeling the better part of the upsets were DON MORGAN who was rated 7th and finished 2nd with a 5-1 score, losing only his last round game to Byron. FRED SCHMIDT was unrated and ranked 22nd at the start of the tournament. He lost his first round game and won his remaining five to finish in third. JOHN COOPER, 16 years old, of Camas, started in sixteenth place but scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ to not only finish in 4th place but walk away with the best junior trophy.

Forfeits ran rampant throughout the tournament beginning with TOM and TIM NETTLETON, who both forfeited their first three. JIM OLSON forfeited his last three, DAVE SAMPLES forfeited his 4th and 5th round games, BILL JESSETT had to work Sunday and forfeited his fourth round game. Mrs. SKARSTEN became ill Saturday night so she and MAL were forced to go home to Forest Grove Sunday morning forcing Mal to forfeit his last three games.

Last year Byron won the first March of Dimes with 6-0. The big question now is - CAN BYRON DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR? It looks as if it is getting rougher.

Ratings from the Wash. Chess Letter going into the tournament: 1. Fred Byron 2086, 2. Don Morgan 1885, 3. Fred Schmidt no rating, 4. John Cooper 1254, 5. Dennis Grogg 1444, 6. Bill Cooper 1578, Bill Harmon 1717, Mike Syvanen no rating, Esther Schrader 1630, Sief Poulson 1868, Herb Kalse no rating, Mit Colpron no rating, Craig Leathers no rating, Bert Marpoux 1598, Bill Jessett 1428, Tim Nettleton 1726, Gordon Pike no rating, Arthur Andrews 1544, David Shilling 1741, Edward Solberg no rating, Mal Skarsten 1721, Jim Olson 1553, Tom Nettleton 1362, and David Samples no rating.

The Summary of March of Dimes

Place	Name	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Solkoff Tie-break.
1.	Fred Byron	Milwaukie, Ore.	D5	W12	W7	W6	W10	W2	5-0-1	5½-½	-----
2.	Don Morgan	Vancouver, Wash.	W13	W4	W19	W10	W5	L1	5-1-0	5 -1	20
3.	Fred Schmidt	Camas, Wash.	L6	W16	W15	W13	W11	W5	5-1-0	5 -1	20 *
4.	John Cooper	Camas, Wash.	W16	<u>L2</u>	D11	W7	W12	W14	4-1-1	4½-1½	-----
5.	Dennis Grogg	Vancouver, Wash.	<u>D1</u>	W21	W8	W17	L2	L3	3-2-1	3½-2½	23½
6.	Bill Cooper	Camas, Wash.	W3	L19	W14	L1	W8	D9	3-2-1	3½-2½	19½
7.	Bill Harmon	Portland, Ore.	W11	W22	L1	L4	D17	W10	3-2-1	3½-2½	20½ **
8.	Mike Syvanen	Vancouver, Wash.	D18	W9	L5	W15	L6	W19	3-2-1	3½-2½	16
9.	Esther Schrader	Salem, Ore.	L17	L8	<u>W23</u>	<u>W21</u>	W19	D6	3-2-1	3½-2½	14½
10.	Sief Poulsen	Salem, Ore.	W15	W14	W17	L2	L1	L7	3-3-0	3 -3	
11.	Herb Kalse	Camas, Wash.	L7	W20	D4	W19	L3	D12	2-2-2	3 -3	
12.	Milt Colpron	Vancouver, Wash.	D21	L1	W18	W20	L4	D11	2-2-2	3 -3	
13.	Craig Leathers	Vancouver, Wash.	L2	<u>W23</u>	W22	L3	L14	W20	3-3-0	3 -3	
14.	Bert Marpau	Portland, Ore.	W24	<u>L10</u>	L6	<u>W22</u>	W13	L4	3-3-0	3 -3	
15.	Bill Jessett	Camas, Wash.	L10	W24	L3	<u>L3</u>	W21	W17	3-3-0	3 -3	
16.	Tim Nettleton	Portland, Ore.	<u>L4</u>	<u>L3</u>	<u>L20</u>	<u>W18</u>	<u>W22</u>	W24	3-3-0	3 -3	
17.	Gordon Pike	West Linn, Ore.	W9	W18	L10	L5	D7	L15	2-3-1	2½-3½	
18.	Arthur Andrews	Portland, Ore.	D8	L17	L12	L16	<u>W24</u>	W23	2-3-1	2½-3½	
19.	David Shilling	Camas, Wash.	W23	W6	L2	L11	L9	L8	2-4-0	2 -4	
20.	Edward Solberg	Vancouver, Wash.	<u>L22</u>	L11	<u>W16</u>	L12	W23	L13	2-4-0	2 -4	
21.	Mal Skarsten	Forest Grove, Ore.	D12	L5	W24	<u>L9</u>	<u>L15</u>	L22	1-4-1	1½-4½	
22.	Jim Olson	Milwaukie, Ore.	W20	L7	L13	<u>L14</u>	<u>L16</u>	<u>L21</u>	1-5-0	1 -5	
23.	Tom Nettleton	Portland, Ore.	L19	L13	L9	<u>W21</u>	<u>L20</u>	<u>L18</u>	1-5-0	1 -5	
24.	David Samples	Washougal, Wash.	<u>L14</u>	<u>L15</u>	<u>L21</u>	<u>L23</u>	<u>L18</u>	L16	0-6-0	0 -6	

Underline denotes forfeited game. No tie-breaking totals were sent in. Out of curiosity the editor computed the Solkoff tie-breaking points for the top nine. We found out that Don Morgan and Fred Schmidt finished dead even for second. Both scored 20 Solkoff & both had 13 Median. ** Also we found that Bill Harmon should have been ahead of Bill Cooper. We did not compute the remaining players as we were afraid we would find more errors!

BELLINGHAM CLUB NEWS

Nine Bellingham players are competing in a 30-30 event. Don Kendall has 8½-2½ with only 4 games left to play. Dan Chin is on top percentage-wise with 5-0.

At the Bellingham Club meeting, Kendall was elected president, HUGH GREGORY, vice-pres.; MYRON MILLER, Tmt. Dir.; HAROLD RAYMOND, Secretary; GERRY WILSON, elected treasurer.

The Bellingham club voted the WILLY BRANDAL-VLADIMIR MILICIC game the top game of the Peace Arch Open. Milicic was the award winner for his dashing victory.

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| 2. N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3. B-N5 | B-B4 |
| 4. O-O | N-Q5 |

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| 5. D-B4 | P-Q3 |
| 6. P-B3 | NxNch. |
| 7. QxN | N-B3 |
| 8. P-KR3 | B-K3 |
| 9. ExB | PxB |
| 10. P-Q3 | O-O |
| 11. B-N5 | Q-K1 |
| 12. N-Q2? | Q-N3 |
| 13. B-K5 | N-Q4 |
| 14. Q-K2 | N-B5 |
| 15. ExN | RxB |
| 16. K-R1 | QR-KB1 |
| 17. N-B3 | Q-R4 |
| 18. K-R2 | RxN |
| 19. QR-K1 | P-KN3 |
| 20. PxR | RxF |
| 21. R-KR1 | QxPch. |
| 22. K-N1 | R-N6 mate. |

Honorable mention went to DUNCAN SUTTLES for his win over MIKE FRANETT.

The Bellingham players now meet 2 times a week - Fri. eve & Sun. after noons at the Leopold Hotel.

SEATTLE CLUB TIES BANDIT TEAM - TAKES 2ND

In the season's "grande finale" the Black Bandits met the Seattle Chess Club. Only second place for the club was at stake as the Bandits already had the title safely wrapped up. Seattle had six men for the match - although, because of illness, Seglins arrived late - and the champion Bandits only had four men. Pat Hickey was, at the last minute, unable to play and the Bandits were unable to secure a man to take his place on such short notice.

George Kenny bopped Clark Harmon twice on second board but both John Braley and Jim Montgomery scored 2-0 for the Bandits. Seglins won over Dick Parsons in their first game and also should have won the second but blundered giving Dick an even split. So the Bandits actually, in games over the board, scored 5-3. They had to forfeit a pair making the final score 5 to 5. The tie score was enough to secure second place in the final standings for the Seattle Club.

Seattle Chess Club	5	Black Bandits	5
Viesturs Seglins	1	Dick Parsons	1
George Kenny	2	Clark Harmon	0
Norman Abrahamson	0	John Braley	2
Fred Howard	0	Jim Montgomery	1
John Reh	0	Jim Montgomery	1
Bill Young	2	(forfeit)	0

The match was played a week after scheduled as the club room was occupied by the Kitsap vs. Bellingham match on the regularly scheduled day. Also neither team captain seemed to realize that there was only a one week gap between the last two rounds. Either team could have won the match by forfeit by merely showing up one week earlier!

GENE SOBZYK made the difference. With no Sobzyk Kitsap stumbled around in the league's nether regions in the first three rounds. With Gene, the team finished the season in a blaze of glory, winning their last three matches and Gene scored 6-0 in first board match games. In Kitsap's very narrow $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ win over Bellingham, Gene got fine support from DR. JOHN ALMOND, who scored 2-0, and from GERALD MILLER, who scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. DON KENDALL and HAROLD RAYMOND did their best to save Bellingham, both scoring 2-0, but it was not enough. Kitsap thus finished in a tie with West Seattle for third and fourth in the final standings while Bellingham, who had

flirted with second place all season, had to settle for a fifth place finish although the team had a winning season.

Kitsap County	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Bellingham Club	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Gene Sobczyk	2	Dan Chin	0
George Rehberg	0	Don Kendall	2
Dr. John Almond	2	Larry McKay	0
Gerald Miller	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Myron Miller	$\frac{1}{2}$
Art Wick	0	Harold Raymond	2

The last game was Miller versus Miller with Myron of Bellingham needing a win to tie up the match at 5-5. But Kitsap's Gerald Miller retained the draw to keep Kitsap one point ahead at the end.

West Seattle sent Purdy reeling to its fifth straight match defeat with a crushing $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ victory. Only PETER O'GORMAN was able to win a game for Purdy. He did a splendid job for Purdy all season long scoring over twice as many points during the season as any other Purdyite. The result left West Seattle in a tie with Kitsap for third while Purdy finished in 7th a step and one half ahead of the cellarite Grays Harbor team.

West Seattle	$8\frac{1}{2}$	Purdy Knightriders	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Alan Clark	1	Peter O'Gorman	1
Willy Brandal	$2\frac{1}{2}$	Erman Johnston	$\frac{1}{2}$
Los Walker	2	Earl Knapp	0
Don Seiter	2	Jack Pattie	0
Max Mage	2	Don Lutens	0

GRAYS HARBOR COLLAPSES

Like the Arabs, Grays Harbor silently picked up their tents and stole away. Kitsap, Bellingham and Tacoma all informed us the Grays Harbor warriors failed to show. Each team is awarded a 10-0 forfeit victory.

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	D	P.F.	P.A.
1. Seattle Black Bandits	6	0	1	52	- 28
2. Seattle Chess Club	4	1	2	45	- 25
3-4 Kitsap County Club	4	2	1	39	- 31
3-4 West Seattle Club	4	2	1	41	- 28
5. Bellingham Chess Club	4	3	0	43	- 27
6. Tacoma Chess Club	2	5	0	$29\frac{1}{2}$	- $39\frac{1}{2}$
7. Purdy Knightriders	1	5	1	20	- 50
8. Grays Harbor Club	0	7	0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	- $60\frac{1}{2}$
(P.F. Points for - P.A. Points against.)					

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE STATISTICS—WADE

Since the Black Bandits scored 52 out of a possible 70 points and won practically all of their matches by wide margins, it is only natural that members of the championship team ended up taking most of the All Star honors based on the season's individual records. The champions rotated three strong experts on 1st board in PARSONS, HARMON and FRANETT. Parsons repeated his achievement with last year's Olympia team and won first board honors.

1962-1963 P. S. L. All Stars

		W	L	D	Pts.
Board one	DICK PARSONS (Bandits)	10	2	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Board two	GEORGE KENNY (Seattle)	10	1	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Board three	LES WALKER (W. Seattle)	9	1	4	11
Board four	JOHN BRALEY (Bandits)	10	4	0	10
Board five	JIM MONTGOMERY (Bandits)	7	2	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

Parsons played 1st board in 3 of 7 matches. Kenny played all of his games on 2nd board and finished with the league's best record. Walker was the league's highest scoring player. Walker played on third board in five matches and his other two were on second board. Braley played 4th board in three of his seven matches. Montgomery had the best record of any 5th board man although MAX MAGE of West Seattle scored $\frac{1}{2}$ point more but yielded 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points more.

There were other outstanding records. The following table gives the players of each team in the order of their success. 71 players participated in league play this season.

BLACK BANDITS (7 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Dick Parsons	10	2	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Clark Harmon	10	3	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. John Braley	10	4	0	10 -4
4. Jim Montgomery	7	2	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Mike Franett	5	0	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Dan Wade	2	0	0	2 -0
7. Pat Hickey	3	3	0	3 -3

SEATTLE CLUB (7 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. George Kenny	10	1	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Norman Abrahamson	9	4	1	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Viesturs Seglins	9	5	0	9 -5
4. Bill Young	5	3	0	5 -3
5. John Reh	4	5	2	5 -6
6. Don Corey	2	0	0	2 -0
7. Fred Howard	2	5	0	2 -5

WEST SEATTLE (8 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Les Walker	9	1	4	11 -3
2. Don Seiter	7	2	1	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Max Mage	8	5	0	8 -5
4. Charles Joachim	4	3	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Willy Brandal	2	1	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Rod Dimoff	2	3	0	2 -3
7. Don Eilmes	1	2	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Alan Clark	1	3	0	1 -3

KITSAP COUNTY (9 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Gene Sobczyk	6	0	0	6 -0
2. Gerald Miller	5	1	2	6 -2
3. Dr. John Almond	6	5	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Art Wick	4	8	0	4 -8
5. George Rehberg	2	8	2	3 -9
6. George Christey	1	0	0	1 -0
7. John Van Sant	1	1	0	1 -1
8. Charles Magerkurth	1	3	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. J. Hanf	0	2	0	0 -2

BELLINGHAM (9 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Don Kendall	9	3	0	9 -3
2. Harold Raymond	5	3	0	5 -3
3. Dan Chin	5	5	2	6 -6
4. Myron Miller	5	6	1	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -6 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. Larry McKay	3	5	2	4 -6
6. Steve Ludwig	1	0	0	1 -0
7. Phil Rehberger	1	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Vladimir Milicic	1	1	0	1 -1
9. Bill Blackmore	0	1	0	0 -1

TACOMA CLUB (16 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Viktors Pupols	2	0	0	2 -0
2. Lou Fesl	4	3	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Ernest Prentice	2	3	0	2 -3
4. Carl Carlson	3	6	0	3 -6
5. Ernst Rasmussen	2	6	0	2 -6
6. Cal Bertram	1	1	0	1 -1
7. Ron Hamblen	1	1	0	1 -1
8. Russ Howitt	1	4	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Dirk Somsen	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Vernon Holmes	1	3	0	1 -3
11. Ronald Bennett	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. Al Miller	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. Gerald Ronning	0	2	0	0 -2
14. Douglas Ackroyd	0	2	0	0 -2
15. David Fulton	0	2	0	0 -2
16. Randy Sides	0	2	0	0 -2

Puget Sound League (concluded)

PURDY KNIGHTRIDERS (7 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Peter O'Gorman	8	5	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. Lyman Johnston	3	10	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -10 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Jack Pattie	2	8	2	3 -9
4. Don Lutens	2	4	0	2 -4
5. Earl Knapp	2	10	0	2 -10
6. Henry Kaffenberger	1	7	0	1 -7
7. Jack Cowan	0	4	0	0 -4

GRAYS HARBOR (9 players)

	W	L	D	Score
1. Aina Van Sant	2	0	0	2 -0
2. Tom Robinson	2	2	0	2 -2
3. John Van Sant	1	4	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. Ronald G. Smith	1	1	0	1 -1
5. Harold Collins	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. John Soich	0	3	1	$\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Jim Campbell	1	7	0	1 -7
8. Bob Street	1	7	0	1 -7
9. Jim O'Mara	0	2	0	0 -2

These listings are approximate and certainly there are cases where their order is open to argument!

LEAGUE FORFEITS

One unhappy statistic to spoil the success of the season was the number of forfeits. Grays Harbor was by far the greatest offender forfeiting 32 games. They forfeited two games to West Seattle and 3 overtime matches of ten games apiece. The Bandits received 3 forfeited games from West Seattle and donated two games to the Seattle Chess Club.

One other statistic - JOHN VAN SANT of the Grays Harbor team also played one match for Kitsap by mistake.

JOHN BELL of Portland, who is attending Yale University, won the 1963 New Haven championship with 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. This was a club event lasting several weeks. It was concluded Jan. 24th. First prize was \$40. Bell's strongest competition came from former New England Champion JAMES BOLTON whom Bell drew.

FRANK NETTLETON, also of Portland, is touring Europe and won the championship of the Spanish province of Andalucia. Frank won a match from the former champion 2-0 in Madrid.

JOHN BELL won the Connecticut Amateur Open held in New Haven February 1-2-3. Bell

SEATTLE CHESS CLUB

By Fred Howard

The Seattle Chess Club held its annual business meeting Friday, Jan. 18th at 8 p.m. Eleven members were present and the following officers were elected for 1963.

JOHN REH, president; GEORGE KENNY, vice president; DICK PARSONS, secretary treasurer; FRED HOWARD, director; EARL WILSON, director; TERRY NELSON, director; GEORGE KENNY, tournament director; FRED HOWARD, perpetual tournament director.

It was moved and passed that officers try to find new and larger quarters. The club has given up trying to obtain the two rooms at the Jewish Center as they have not acknowledged the club's acceptance of the rooms they were so anxious to rent.

Friday, Jan. 25th Speed Tourney

1. John Braley	5 -1	5. Frank Boschan	
2. Dick Parsons	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$		2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. George Kenny	3 -3	6. Terry Nelson	
3. Svend Monrad	3 -3		2-4
		7. Don Corey	1-5

Braley lost only one game - to Monrad. Parsons lost to Braley and drew with Boschan.

Friday, Feb. 1st Speed Tourney

1-2 John Braley	7 -1	(Lost to Wilson.)
1-2 Dick Parsons	7 -1	(Lost to Braley.)
3. Don Corey	8 -2	
4-6 Frank Boschan	4 -4	
4-6 Don Keeler	4 -4	
4-6 Svend Monrad	4 -4	
7. Earl Wilson	2 -6	(He beat Braley.)
8-9 Dick Dorwin	1 -7	(He beat Wilson.)
8-9 Jerry Guess	1 -7	

The Seattle Chess Club has been holding these speed tournaments every Friday evening for several months. You are invited to come down to the club and play.

scored 6-0. Runner-up was W. E. GOULD, a former Rhode Island champion, who scored 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. Prizes were trophies.

CHESS IN IDAHO

CLARK WINS UTAH OPEN

Farrell Clark of Salt Lake City won the 1962 Utah Open played in Salt Lake City Nov. 7-10. Clark's winning score was 6-1. He won five straight and then drew his last two finishing $\frac{1}{2}$ point ahead of Don Bengé and Gaston Chappuis who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively on Median points. Bengé lost to Stan Hunt and drew Clark. Chappuis lost to Ken Jones & drew with William F. Taber. 4th, 5th & 6th places went to Hunt, Dick Heilbut and Taber, all scoring 5-2 in the seven round, 37 player Swiss tournament.

Idaho was represented by two players - 8th place Glen Buckendorf, who scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$, and 10th place Eugene Cowan, also $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. The tournament was 100% USCF rated.

JIM FISHER WINS EASTERN IDAHO OPEN TOURNAMENT

Only 12 players turned out for the USCF rated Eastern Idaho Open held in Idaho Falls. Jim Fisher of Salt Lake City won the event, scoring $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$. He drew his game with second place Eugene Cowan of Driggs, Idaho who also scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ but finished with fewer Median points. No other player in the tourney scored more than 3-2.

BOISE WINS TWO MATCHES OVER CANYON COUNTY

Boise defeated Canyon County at Nampa on December 13th by a score of 8 to 5. The second match was won by Boise $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. Canyon county was short three players so Boise loaned them three. The three loaned players scored 2 wins for Canyon County. Dick Vandenburg led the Boise team in both matches, beating Wilfred Ross in the first match and beating Jerry Stanke in the second match.

DICK VANDENBURG WINS TWO SIMULTANEOUS MATCHES

Boise City Champion Dick Vandenburg won simultaneous matches played against both the Boise and Canyon County chess clubs during October and November. In October at Boise he scored $11\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$. In Nampa during November Dick beat the Canyon County club by a $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$ score.

SEATTLE HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

OLIVER LAFRENIERE, who teaches at Shoreline high school, has set up a 1963 Seattle High School Chess League. Ten schools are scheduled to meet each other in chess match play. Each school is scheduled to play in nine matches. The first round was scheduled for Feb. 2nd. The final round is April 20th.

The ten schools are Ballard, Edmonds, Garfield, Ingraham, Lincoln, Mountlake Terrace, Queen Anne, Rainier Beach, Roosevelt and Shoreline.

At the present writing the league has played one third of their schedule. We may have some results in next month's 'Letter.'

In a pre-season match Shoreline swamped Edmonds High School by a 11 to 1 score.

Shoreline High School	ll.	Edmonds High	l.
1. Hal Leonard	2	Steve Rush	0
2. Ron Prevest	2	Doug Knutsen	0
3. Hu Steffey	2	Alan Towne	0
4. Mike McGee	1	Dick Osgood	1
5. Alan Beam	2	Howard Dudley	0
6. Dale Horten	2	Gary Sager	0

The match was played at Shoreline January 9th.

In a Shoreline High School tournament, Hal Leonard finished first with a perfect 11-0 score. Second was Hu Steffey with 10-1 and Ron Prevest finished third with 9-2.

ELLIS WINS CANYON COUNTY SUMMER TOURNAMENT

A. B. Ellis scored 7-1 to win the 1962 Canyon County summer tournament. Nine players competed in the round-robin. Roy Parker handed Ellis his only loss. Both are Nampa players. Parker and C. E. Harris of Caldwell both scored 6-2. Jerry Stanke of Nampa ended fourth with 4-4. Others in the tourney were 5. Warne Schaap $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$, Cecil Likens 3-5, Vic Waterman 3-5, John Dyer 2-6 and Paul Anstey, who scored $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $6\frac{1}{2}$.

INFORMATION ON U.S.C.F.

By Richard Vandenburg

The United States Chess Federation (USCF) has made great strides in recent years. Long plagued by internal strife, low membership, etc., the USCF has licked many of the old problems while expanding membership from 2616 in June, 1958 to 6823 in Nov., 1962. 'Chess Life' has grown from a not-too-good newspaper to a top flight chess magazine. The USCF ratings, months or even years behind in the past, now are up-to-date and modernized. However, in spite of these accomplishments, much remains to be done and ideas such as have been expressed in recent issues of the 'Washington Chess Letter' will help us to even better times.

In a recent news sheet mailed to chess promoters, USCF President Fred Cramer, who is doing an outstanding job, discusses some problems mentioned in the 'Washington Chess Letter' (WCL), mostly dealing with the content of 'Chess Life (CL)'. The argument deals with more emphasis on local news of tournaments, etc. and differences of opinion are wide throughout the country. Cramer quotes Al Wallace of Denver who says that many people around there do not think the USCF does enough at the local level, doesn't publish ratings often enough, etc. Wallace believes ratings four times a year are sufficient but others he deals with think this is not nearly enough. Al can't quite agree with the local news argument because "you can't expect a national organization to work up a sweat in each community across the country." (Eugene Cowan, who writes regular articles for the Idaho Bulletin, states in that magazine's December issue that he feels CL readers are mainly looking for national and international news and players in a specific area, such as the northwest, aren't very interested in detailed descriptions of events in Georgia, Louisiana, etc.) In the writer's opinion, we want to strike a happy medium. Short, but informative, articles about local events are fine and should be printed in CL, but not long, detailed accounts unless a particular region is being headlined.

USCF strictness regarding how reports and announcements are submitted has been questioned by some. For instance, material is not generally gleaned from a publication such as the WCL if it is merely mailed in to CL. In answer to the writer's query on this and other problems, USCF President Cramer replied that the USCF is extremely short of operating funds, in spite of membership gains and strict budgeting, and there is no professional sales force. All such leadership has to come from volunteer troops such as the president, regional vice-presidents, etc. Adequate clerical and stenographic help cannot be afforded and Joe Reinhardt, the Business Manager, has to type all his own letters and screen his correspondence, answering only those letters that must be answered. (Mail concerning memberships, purchases, ratings, etc. is answered, but briefly.) The USCF does not have an editorial staff and Reinhardt writes all articles for CL, unless they come to him in ready copy form. Reinhardt has no time for research or by-mail discussions to clarify vague or inaccurate information.

These financial limitations were somewhat of a surprise but it would be a problem to increase USCF membership dues, but perhaps it may have to be done. Even so, the USCF is slowly pulling out of its financial doldrums, many of which were inherited from an earlier era.

Because of the above, the writer's position as northwest regional vice-president is possibly more important than previously thought. It is up to the writer, primarily, to help local promoters such as the editor of the WCL accomplish their aims with regards the USCF and the following are some ideas which might help us along.

(1) Announcements and/or tournament reports submitted to the USCF must be in the New York office six weeks prior to tournament time. Material must be on regular forms & give complete details. Submit tourney reports promptly and use newspaper style form for articles (not needing rewriting) with pictures whenever possible. If you do not

have the proper forms, write New York or Dick Vandenburg, 2316 Regan Ave. Boise, Idaho, and you will get them! (2) Since the writer is the USCF representative in the north - west, it might help to drop me a carbon copy of your correspondence with the national office and I can help with any details I think need explaining or expediting. (3) If you have any ideas for improving 'Chess Life' or the USCF itself, drop me a line and I will forward your ideas to the proper channels in the east!

It is doubted that 'Chess Life' should ever replace our local publications because it is basically a summation magazine with not only regional and national news to report but international as well.

It was mentioned in the December WCL that Washington had more WCL subscribers than CL subscribers but that Idaho and Oregon had the reverse. Idaho gets better local coverage in the WCL than we do in CL, because the WCL deals primarily with local and regional events, but Idaho has a magazine of its own which goes to every player in Idaho, whether they subscribe or not, and this number is about double Idaho's present USCF membership. (Each club subscribes for its players) Idaho gets double news, both from its own and from the WCL. Idaho's relatively high USCF membership stems from their emphasis on national ratings which started some time ago. Idaho, Utah and Nevada players all are especially interested in national ratings since they count throughout the country and are now current and regularly published. The writer is interested in the idea of a possible "Northwest Chess Letter" and would consider converting our Idaho memberships from the Idaho Chess Bulletin to the Washington Chess Letter if such a move were made, and would be willing to act as your Idaho correspondent, promptly sending in news of all local events, on stencils, if necessary.

I know you are against compulsory membership even though having it would probably double the WCL subscription list. I was against the USCF going to compulsory membership (in order to play in rated tournaments, that is) but have changed my mind because I feel national and local organizations should be supported by those that take advantage of their facilities, such as organized tournaments, ratings, etc. Chess players have for too long considered chess as "coming to the club once every week or so." If you play duplicate bridge, you must join the national to get ranking. If you bowl, you must join a league to really get anywhere and any sport you can mention will cost more in two or three weeks than it would cost in a year to join the UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION, the WASH. CHESS FEDERATION and about any other chess organization worthy of support. I think it is about time we decided that chess is worth something and we will find we get more out of it when we put a little in!

As an elected representative of the USCF, I offer my assistance to anyone interested in any segment of that organization and will do my best to help it become more closely aligned with the ideas and needs of its members. The USCF "brass" is a crew of dedicated, over-worked chess enthusiasts who need all the help we can give them to make the organization what we all want it to be. Write me anytime--2316 Regan Ave., Boise.

Dick Vandenburg, Vice Pres.
U. S. Chess Federation

MARCHING FOR CHARITY

With all the fuss stirred up recently by JFK resulting in these 50 mile hikes (a shot in the arm for the shoe industry) we heard that LYMAN JOHNSTON and a friend, fifteen year old LARRY DURFEE, marched 50 recently. They belong to the Young Democrats and the 50 mile hike was for sweet charity - in this instance the Heart Fund. So they got lots of publicity for the stunt with newspapermen hopping out of cars and asking them questions etc. But the hikers were dead serious and did little talking not wishing to be thrown off their pace. One writer thought Lyman was reading a bible as he walked along but it turned out to be a pocket chess set the hikers passed back and forth. The two hiked 25 miles Everett to Stanwood and back again in 17 hours. They didn't even take a break during the 25 miles from Everett to Stanwood. About a hundred people were waiting to cheer them when the two got back to Everett. We didn't hear whether they sprinted the last 200 yards or not.

GAMES BY VIC PUPOLS

NO USCF MASTERS WANTED!

Only two native Washingtonians have ever become USCF-rated masters: Olaf Ulvestad and, as of the last rating list, Jim McCormick. The players of the outlying states have often grumbled that it is impossible to become a rated master unless one lives in New York City. Olaf made the pilgrimage and, if his mediocre results in Europe continue, will at worst be reclassified as a Master Emeritus. Jim, who hasn't been beyond San Francisco in years, has to live with the sneer of the Gothamites that the lack of strength and consistency of competition elsewhere can breed only "nominal" masters. Last month their point of view was borne out by the velocity with which Northwest players cannibalized the new master, sending him into the sharpest tailspin of his career (3.5 of 6 in Wn. Open, 3 of 6 in Pacific NW Open). Such a reverse is news; moreover, the three games published here show it is a deserved one. The opening play, particularly, is sloppy for one who has spent so much time on theory. Could it be that after winning a multitude of games by playing passively and waiting for the opponent to blunder, one comes to believe that nothing further is necessary?

McCormick - Dalbergs
Pac. NW Open, Eugene, 1963

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4. B-N5 | P-KR3 |
| 5. B-R4 | P-B4 |
| 6. P-Q5 | P-Q3 |

Most controversial is 6...P-QN4.

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| 7. P-K3 | P-KN4 |
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Dalbergs is willing to accept weaknesses to make a fight. He probably feels as entitled to a master's rating as Jim.

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| 8. B-N3 | N-K5 |
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| 9. R-B1? |
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Moves are best when they are multi-purpose. After 9. Q-B2 White retains a small advantage, e.g., 9...BxN ch 10. PxN, NxB 11. RPxN, P-K4 12. B-Q3, Q-Q2 13. P-B4!

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| 9... Q-B3 |
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| 10. Q-N3? | P-KR4! |
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By failing to play Q-B2 White has given Black time to play his last two strong moves.

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| 11. P-B3 | BxN ch |
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| 12. PxB | P-R5 |
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| 13. B-B2 | NxB |
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| 14. KxN | P-K4 |
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| 15. Q-N5 ch? |
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More of the same. This will only make it more difficult for the Queen to return later.

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| 15... | N-Q2 |
| 16. B-Q3 | P-N5 |
| 17. P-KR3 | P-N6 ch |
| 18. K-K1 | Q-N4 |
| 19. K-Q2 | P-B4 |
| 20. N-K2 | O-O |
| 21. P-B4? | |

The weaker position welcomes a blockade. Rather than open any lines, White should try to prevent ... P-QN4, regroup, and wait, even if it doesn't save his game; e.g., 21. P-QR4, Q-R3 22. B-B2, P-R3 23. Q-N2, R-N1 24. Q-B1, P-N3 25. R-Q1, etc.

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| 21... | Q-R3 |
| 22. PxP | PxP1 |
| 23. KR-KH1 | F-R3 |
| 24. Q-R5 | P-N3 |
| 25. Q-R4 | P-K5 |
| 26. E-B2 | M-K4 |
| 27. N-B4 | B-Q2 |
| 28. Q-N3 | P-N4 |
| 29. PxP | PxP |
| 30. Q-N1 | |

White is paying the tab for his ineffective Queen manoeuvres.

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| 30... | N-B5 ch |
| 31. K-K2 | F-N5 |

Threatens ...B-N4.

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| 32. P-R4 | Q-R3 |
| 33. PxP | PxP |
| 34. QxP | QR-N1 |
| 35. Q-B3 | KR-B1 |
| 36. K-K1 | N-N7 |
| 37. Q-Q4 | BxP |

38. Q-Q2 N-B5
 39. Q-Q4 BxB
 40. RxB R-N8 ch
 41. K-K2 N-R6 ch
 42. R-B4

Hope springs eternal in the
 human beast.
 42... RxB
 43. RxB RxB ch
 44. K-K1 N-B7 checkmate!

Duncan Suttles, Vancouver, B. C., is barely seventeen and the Northwest's rising chess star. He is an imaginative contender who currently draws or loses more than a just share of his games because of a fondness for attacks, some of them dubious. This youthful stage, which sheer natural talent can often bridge successfully (as in the case of Keres), is well exemplified in the game below, which ended in a double forfeit (see last month's Letter). Mc Cormick loses over the board. Suttles loses because of a lack of routine and an offended Canadian sense of fair play.

Mc Cormick - Suttles
 Washington Open, 1963
 1. P-Q4 P-KN3
 2. P-QB4 B-N2
 3. N-QB3 P-Q3
 4. N-B3 N-QB3
 5. B-N5?

It is impossible to try for an advantage with this move, since it doesn't prevent ...P-K4.

5... P-KR3!
 6. B-K3

6. B-R4, P-KN4 7. B-N3, P-N5 loses a Pawn; but 6. B-K3, far from supporting a Queen-side advance with P-QB5, only provokes Black's King-side pawnroller.

6... P-K4
 7. P-Q5 QN-K2
 8. P-KN3 P-KR4
 9. B-N2 P-KN4
 10. O-O N-KB3
 11. N-K1 P-B5

White was threatening to "clinch": 12. P-B4 would lead to an equal, blockaded position.

12. B-Q2 B-B4
 13. P-K3 N-N3

Two-edged; now Black may not have time to castle.

14. KPxP NfxP
 15. Pxp N-N5?

The hardest piece to sacrifice correctly is a Pawn. Here White may not take immediately: 16. Pxp, Bxp! - but is reasonably safe after 16. P-KR3, N-B3 17. Pxp, NxB 18. P-B4, N-N3 19. N-B3. Preferable is 15...Pxp; e.g., 16. Q-B3, B-N5 17. Q-Q3, K-B2 18. N-B3, Q-Q2; or 16. Q-B1, N-R4 17. B-B3, O-O! 18. K-R1 (18. N-N2, N-R5!), Q-R5 19. N-N2, Q-R6 20. BxN, QxB. White gets no Pawn.

16. P-B3
 Mc Cormick wants to play the line in the previous note with his Pawn still on KR2; but Suttles surprises him.

16... NxB

Rather than withdraw his Knight, he plays this speculative sacrifice. Psychology and courage are important in chess! Said Suttles: "I know my King-side attack wasn't sound, but I wouldn't have played that way against a good player."

17. KxN Q-R5 ch
 18. K-N1 PxB

19. Q-K2 ch

How should one deal with psychological sacrifices? By attempting exchanges, by not tying major pieces to minor tasks, by counter-attacks and -surprises. For many moves hereafter, Black will threaten to win material by ...B-Q5. 19. N-N5! would have brought instant relief, e.g., 19...O-O 20. B-B3! KR-N1 21. BxB, RxB 22. N-Q4, B-R6 23. N-K6! In the following part of the game, Suttles adroitly finds a series of cliffhanger moves making the defense harder.

19... K-B2
 20. Q-B2 Q-R4
 21. N-K4 KR-N1
 22. N-Q3 B-R1
 23. BxB

I see no reason why 23. NxB, exchanging another piece, isn't better.
 23... N-R5

24. B-N3

One of the pitfalls Jim had to avoid was 24. N-N3, Q-N3 25. NxB? NxB.

24... NxB
 25. QxN B-Q5 ch
 26. R-B2

another is 26. N(3)-B2, BxN and a doubling of Rooks.

26... B-R6

27. N-B4

Jim attempts to clear the air combinatively. Equally good is 27. Q-R2, e.g., 27...Q-B4 28. N-B4, RxBch. 30. NxR, QxN 31. Qx B, BxRch. 32. KxB, Q-Q5ch. 33. K-B1.

27... BxQ

28. NxQ BxP!

29. N(5)-B6?

Short of time in this fantastic position, White fails to find the winning 29. R-KB1! which retains the piece because Black's King is pinned on the open file.

29... RxBch!

30. NxR KxN

31. R-KB1 K-N4

32. K-R2 BxR

33. RxB K-N5

34. N-B5 KxN

35. RxBch. K-N3

36. R-K3 R-KB1

37. K-N3 R-B2

38. R-K8 P-KR4

39. P-N4 K-B4!

He also plays the endgame well, exchanging one advantage for another.

40. R-QN8 P-N3

41. R-QR8 K-K5

42. RxP K-Q5

43. P-B5 NPxP

44. P-N5 R-B1!

45. RxP R-QR1

46. P-N6 RxP

47. R-QR7 R-N7

48. P-N7 KxP

49. K-B4 K-B3

50. P-N8(Q) RxQ

51. R-R7 P-Q4

52. RxP P-B5

53. K-K3 K-B4

54. K-Q2 R-N7ch.

55. K-B1 R-N7

56. R-R8 K-Q5

57. R-R4ch. K-B6

58. R-R3ch. K-N5

59. R-R8 P-Q5

60. R-R7 P-B6

61. R-N7ch. K-B5

62. R-KR7 P-Q6

Here the reconstructed game score ends. Suttles managed to queen before the game reached its scandalous conclusion. Many people have told us they were in sympathy with Suttles; the issue is best disposed of in this later game, which we include as addendum.

Suttles - McCormick
Pacific NW Open, Eugene, '63

1. P-K4 N-QB3

2. P-Q4 P-K4

3. PxB NxP

4. P-KB4 N-QB3?

Some openings are strange and some are hackneyed. Whichever you play, it pays to know them. This one is beloved by the Argentinian grandmaster, Rossetto; but only with 4...N-N3. After 4...N-QB3? Black a) is playing the passive Hungarian Defense, b) has ceded the center, c) is two tempi down (because White's KBP wasn't blocked by his N).

5. N-KB3 P-Q3

6. B-B4 B-K2

7. O-O N-B3

8. N-B3 O-O

9. P-QR3 N-Q2

10. N-Q5 N-N3

11. NxBch. QxN

12. B-Q3 P-B4

13. R-K1 Q-B3

14. P-K5 Q-K2

15. B-K3 P-Q4

16. P-QN4 R-K1

17. B-B5 Q-Q1

18. Q-K2 B-K3

19. N-N5 Q-Q2?

It will be seen that 19...P-N3 was forced.

20. P-N4 P-N3

21. PxB BxP

22. P-K6 BxB

Nor is there salvation in 22...Q-N2 23. BxB, PxB 24. K-R1, P-R3 25. R-K N1.

23. PxB RxQ

24. BxN! RPxB

25. PxB RxP

With 25...RxRch. 26. RxR, K-B1 Black can run for an endgame in which he is two Pawns down.

26. RxQR RxRch.

27. K-B2 R-Q8

28. P-N5 Resigns.

The romantics will exclaim here that, had McCormick been a gracious loser, the Canadians might never have gone to Eugene and punished his flaccid play.

