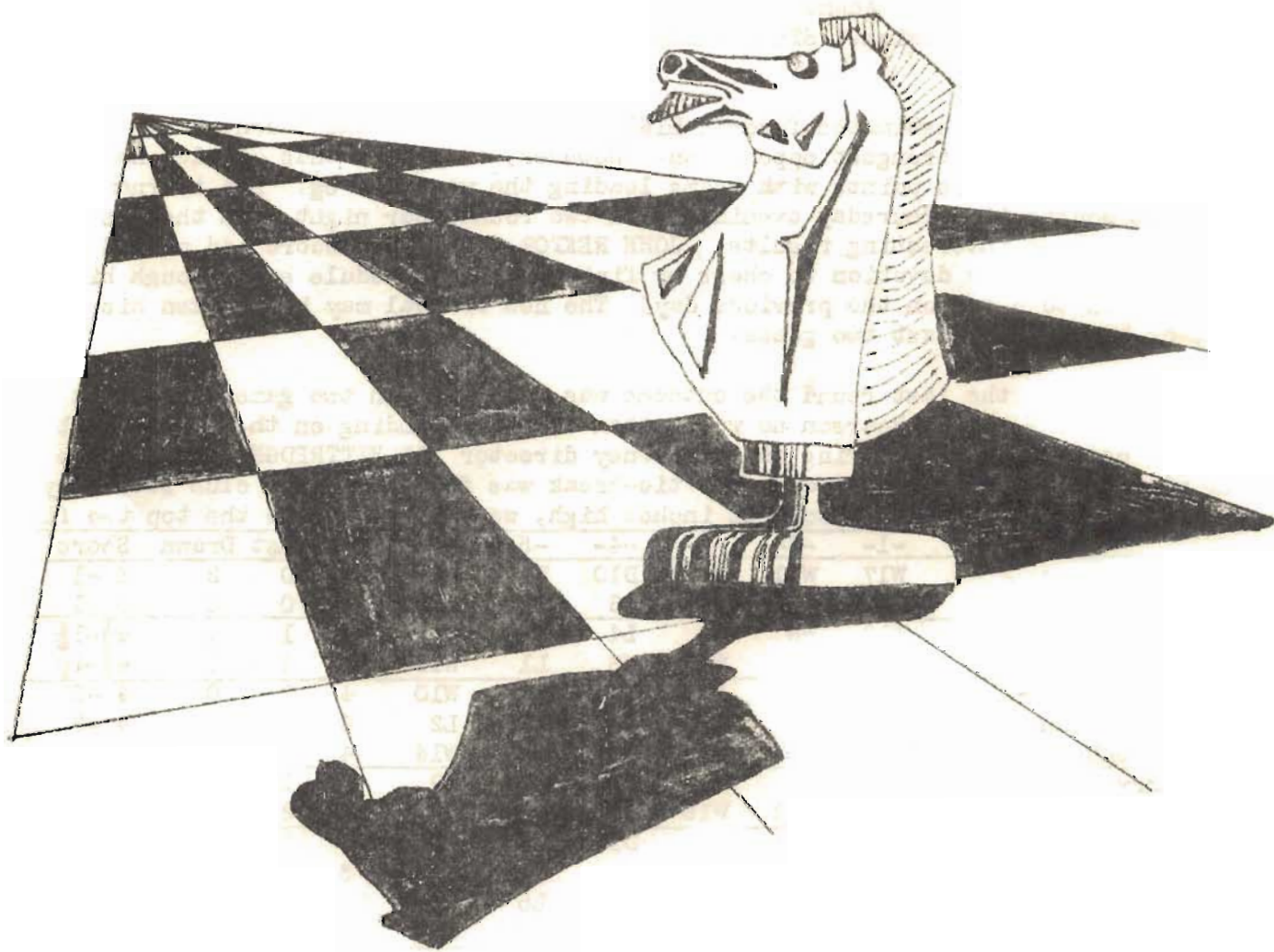


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ADAMS WINS SPOKANE 'WOODY'

DOUG ADAMS, sixth ranked player in the tourney, surprised everybody by winning the 19-63 Spokane Woodpushers. Adams scored 5-1 with 4 won, none lost and two drawn in the twenty-two player six round Swiss. STU PEARSON had the same score as Adams but was second on Median tie-breakers.

Pre-tournament estimates favored MIKE HALABRIN to win the tourney with RAY TRAINOR and STU PEARSON as his strongest opposition. However, after 4 rounds of play no less than eight players had 3 or more points with Adams leading the way with 3½. The tournament was played on three consecutive Thursday evenings with two rounds per night. On the last night's play there were some interesting results. JOHN REKTOR, whose 3-1 score had placed him in contention, showed his devotion to chess by finishing his schedule even though his wife had given birth to a son on the previous day. The new arrival may have taken his mind off the game as he lost his last two games.

Going into the last round the outcome was dependant on two games. Pearson won his game over RANDY DEAN giving Pearson no worse than second depending on the Adams-Halabrin contest. After a period of time, during which tourney director BOB KITTREDGE had to leave for work, the players decided upon a draw. The tie-break was figured out by club secretary HARRY BOOMER. Handsome trophies, some 12 inches high, were presented to the top two finishers.

	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	Won	Lost	Drawn	Score	Med.	Solk.
1. Doug Adams	W17	W21	W8	D10	W4	D3	4	0	2	5 -1	13	
2. Stu Pearson	W20	W13	D10	D8	W11	W6	4	0	2	5 -1	12	
3. Mike Halabrin	W19	W6	W5	L4	W9	D1	4	1	1	4½-1½	15	
4. Ray Trainor	W18	D8	WF20	W3	L1	W11	4	1	1	4½-1½	13½	
5. Ted Kahila	W14	W7	L3	L9	W12	W10	4	2	0	4 -2	13	
6. Randy Dean	W16	L3	WF21	W13	W10	L2	4	2	0	4 -2	12½	
7. Vic McDougall	W22	L5	L11	W15	W13	W14	4	2	0	4 -2	8½	
8. Harry Boomer	W15	D4	L1	D2	W14	D9	2	1	3	3½-2½	14	
9. Richard Vroman	L11	W12	W15	W5	L3	D8	3	2	1	3½-2½	13	
10. Paul Franklin	W12	W11	D2	D1	L6	L5	2	2	2	3 -3	15½	
11. John Rektor	W9	L10	W7	W14	L2	L4	3	3	0	3 -3	14½	
12. Ken Coppock	L10	L9	W18	W17	L5	WF16	3	3	0	3 -3	11	
13. Frank Shay	Bye	L2	W16	L6	L7	W15	3	3	0	3 -3	9½	
14. Marlin Lyson	L5	W22	WF19	L11	L8	L7	2	4	0	2 -4	13½	
15. Joel Dyer	L8	W18	L9	L7	WF19	L13	2	4	0	2 -4	12½	
16. McEvoy	L6	LF20	L13	Bye	WF22	LF12	2	4	0	2 -4	7½	
17. Ernest Boswell	L1	L19	W22	L12	W18	LF	2	4	0	2 -4	7	
18. O'Keefe	L4	L15	L12	W22	L17	Bye	2	4	0	2 -4	6½	
19. Dr. Graham McConnell	L3	W17	LF14	LF	LF15	LF	1	5	0	1 -5	4	
20. Stork	L2	WF16	LF4	LF	LF	LF	1	5	0	1 -5	2	
21. Doug Venn	Bye	L1	LF6	LF	LF	LF	1	5	0	1 -5	--	
22. Mrs. Flora Coppock	L7	L14	L17	L18	LF16	LF	0	6	0	0 -6	--	

R. Kittredge

WASHINGTON OPEN - JAN. 11-12

1964 WASHINGTON OPEN TOURNAMENT

sponsored by the WCF

Tournament Director SUZ EDDY

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, January 11th and 12th, 1964

WHERE: Boeing Plant 2 Cafeteria on Highway 99 on southern
Seattle city limits.

TYPE: Six round Swiss system - Median, then Solkoff tie-break.

TIME LIMIT: 50 moves in 2 hours -- 25 moves per hour thereafter

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per person. All players must show cards proving they are paid up members of both the WCF and USCF. (If not, then it costs an additional \$5 to join the U.S. Chess Federation and \$2 to join the Wash. Chess Fed.)

PRIZES: Substantial cash prizes for the top three players. \$5.00 cash prize goes to the biggest upset winner (based on N.W. Ratings) each round. If no upsets in round one, then the prize is carried over to the second round and becomes \$10, etc. until won. A total of \$30 for upset prizes.

SCHEDULE:

Registration Saturday Jan. 11th at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
First round starts at 9:30 a.m. Fourth round on Sunday morning starts at 8:00 a.m. Starting times of other rounds will be decided by the tournament director.

Bring your tools! (That is clocks, sets, boards, pencils. Score sheets will be provided thanks to Mr. R. R. MERK)

The tournament director will decide who qualifies for the Washington State Chess Championship Tournament scheduled for the weekend of February 22nd - 23rd. (Washington's birthday weekend.) More details on this next issue.

Because the Boeing Chess Club has given the W.C.F. the room rent-free, tourney expenses will be slight and prizes should be large. A \$100 first prize appears to be a probability.

Please turn in your best games to the tourney director for publication in this magazine.

The reason for no reserve section is we have only one tourney director and the differences in entry fees and qualifications (no USCF membership needed in reserve sections) would be a tremendous burden on one man. Also this type of tourney has proved to be immensely popular all over the country.

MARCH OF DIMES IN CAMAS FEB. 1ST - 2ND

THIRD ANNUAL

CAMAS MARCH OF DIMES BENEFIT TOURNAMENT

sponsored by
the

RUSE DE GUERRE CHESS CLUB

Camas, Washington

WHEN: ----- Saturday and Sunday, February 1st and 2nd, '64

WHERE: ----- 424 N. E. Adams, Camas, Washington

TYPE: ----- Six round Swiss system

TIME LIMIT: -- 45 moves in 2 hours-- 25 moves thereafter

ENTRY FEE: --- \$2.00 per person -- All proceeds go to the
March of Dimes. (Deductable from income tax)

PRIZES: ----- Trophies to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, best woman and best
junior (under 18)

SCHEDULE:

Registration -- Saturday Feb. 1, 1964, 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

	Saturday, Feb. 1st	Sunday, Feb. 2nd	
1st round	9:30 a.m.	4th round	8:00 a.m.
2nd round	2:30 p.m.	5th round	1:00 p.m.
3rd round	7:30 p.m.	6th round	6:00 p.m.

(Subject to the director's discretion)

Bring sets, boards and clocks.

Help a worthy cause and have the enjoyment of playing chess at the
same time.

For further information contact;

William T. Jessett
707 S. E. Union
Camas, Washington
Phone 834-4981

BOEING FAVORED TO WIN TITLE AFTER 5½-4½ VICTORY OVER SEATTLE

The Boeing Chess Club took over undisputed first place in the Puget Sound League by defeating the visiting Seattle Chess Club team 5½ to 4½ Sunday, November 24th. On the same day Tacoma met Bellingham in Seattle & Tacoma won 7½ to 2½ and the Students visited West Seattle and won over the host team by a 6½ to 3½ score.

Third Round Standings:

	Won	Lost
1. Boeing Chess Club	3	0
2-4. Student Team	2	1
2-4. Seattle Chess Club	2	1
2-4. Tacoma Chess Club	2	1
5-6. Bellingham Club	0	3
5-6. West Seattle Club	0	3

So four of the six teams are still in contention for the crown with only 2 rounds left to play.

Round Four - Sunday, January 5th.

Students at Bellingham
Seattle at Tacoma
West Seattle at Boeing

Round Five - Sunday, January 19th.

Students at Seattle
Bellingham at West Seattle
Boeing at Tacoma

Boeing will have to be favored to win both of their remaining matches while all 3 runner-up teams will be hoping for an upset. If Tacoma can handle Seattle at Tacoma, then they wind up the season again at home with a chance to win or tie for the title in their final match with Boeing. The last round also brings together Bellingham at West Seattle where one of the teams has a chance to win their first match of the season.

ALAN CLARK of Boeing proved the biggest reason for the Boeing win over Seattle when he bopped JOHN BRALEY of the Seattle Chess Club in both of their second board games. On most of the other boards the contestants had to settle for an even break. On the 5th and last board SVEND MONRAD got back one point for Seattle but it was not enough.

In first games, Seattle had only a ½ point from Kenny and 1 point from Monrad. In second games, Seattle scored 3 points.

Boeing	5½	Seattle	4½
Clark Harmon	1*	George Kenny	1*
Alan Clark	2	John Braley	0
Neil Harmon	1	Norm Abrahamson	1
Rupert Dorn	1	Eugene Fomin	1
M. Harmon	0	Svend Monrad	1
Tony Marsland	½	Svend Monrad	½

* - Two draws.

Peter O'Gorman and Jim Montgomery did the deed at West Seattle providing the 3 point margin in the Student team's 6½ to 3½ victory.

Students	6½	West Seattle	3½
Peter O'Gorman	1½	Charles Joachim	½
Dave Grannis	1	Les Walker	1
Jim Montgomery	2	Rod Dimoff	0
Charles Greenup	1	Max Mago	1
Larry Brandt	1	Don Seitor	1

Bellingham could only get four players for the trip to Seattle to play Tacoma. The Tacoma team scored 5½ points over the board, enough to win the match anyway, and added 2 more on the 5th board forfeits for a 7½ - 2½ match win. George Kajanoff, Scott Lockhart and the two forfeit wins supplied the winning bulge for Tacoma.

Tacoma	7½	Bellingham	2½
George Kajanoff	1½	Larry McKay	½
Scott Lockhart	2	Harold Raymond	0
Ernst Rasmussen	1	Bill Blackmore	1
Ernie Prentice	1	Hugh Gregory	1
Dave Fulton	2	(Forfeit)	0

Puget Sound League matches start at 1 P. M. on the Sundays scheduled. Games are played at the rate of 40 moves per hour.

In case of a tie for first place, a playoff match will be scheduled.

Remember, only match results count in the standings. The score has no influence.

LETTERS

I noticed in your last issue that you seem to have run afoul of some of the more eager and impatient of the younger players in your state! Allow me to assure you that we Oregon players think you are doing a great job and you are fulfilling an obvious need, which is for a regional chess organ in the northwest. Ratings I think are not very important in chess and most players do not pay much attention to them anyway. The only complaint I could have against the Washington Chess Letter is that it is not called the Northwest Chess Letter, covering all the northwest and British Columbia. But I suppose that isn't really a legitimate gripe.

Gregory Kern

Just a few words and news of happenings here in the south. First, I won the New Orleans City Championship with a score of 7-1 concluded here after 8 weeks of play. Second was Tom Ousley with $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$. A few weeks later I placed fourth by tie-breaking with 4-1 at Dallas, Texas. Five others tied my score while Ken Smith won it with 5-0, one full point ahead of the field. I didn't get a shot at Smith.

Our league is underway although only 3 teams are in it. We play Lafayette tomorrow. L. S. U. beat Lafayette $4\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ last month. Next month we play L. S. U. Then the three matches are repeated.

Dick Schultz

(The following from Howard Weaver, WCF Treasurer. The money mentioned in Lockhart's letter last month has been accounted for and Mr. Merk has straightened matters out. Only Dick Parsons can identify the winner of the best game prize and we will have to wait for his return from Alaska.)

No report or money, from the Puget Sound Open, reached me as treasurer, so I assumed the tournament director had, as was the custom, made direct disbursement to prize winners and to USCF. Possibly the prize winner who made the inquiry has changed his address without notice to Chess Life, as was the case in a complaint I received last month. The post office does not forward magazines.

At the annual meeting last April (after

the Puget Sound Open) a suggestion was made that tournaments be assessed a small percentage to make it possible for the federation to guarantee tournament prizes and funds. This met a flat rejection from the Tacoma representatives in regard to the Evergreen Open. Other cities have never operated through the federation treasury. However, I volunteered some help at the Seattle Open and the Seafair Open, because of the added complexities attendant on adopting USCF membership requirements and rating fees, and saw to it that the proper reports and funds were forwarded, including memberships as prizes for these two events. There was some delay in the latter, while waiting for the tie-breaking announcement but it was all cleared up in August.

We are faced with the problem of too much success and not enough leaders. For the 96 player Seafair there was only one director, and for the Woodpushers there was none. In a large group of chess players there are some who are contentious and give the director a bad time. (There are also some who dump garbage on the floor). I watched AL LIVINGSTON put in 16-hour days under constant pressure, and at his own expense, and wondered how much any man can take. I've seen GEORGE FRIEBE in similar efforts. Now I read dark suspicions as to their motives.

The present officers of the WCF may be getting a little tired, but we are steady, and hope to pass the results of past efforts on to reliable volunteers who can enter the field with a going concern that will respond to sincere effort. Look how Tacoma responded to LILJENQUIST, and before that, how high school chess responded to BUZ EDDY, to mention just two who gave it a try. I hope some of the finger-pointers who are demanding to know "What have you done for us lately?" will volunteer to take over for at least a tournament or two, and thereby earn the right to suggest improvements.

(Your editor feels that Mr. Weaver is 100% right as far as he goes but there is a lot more to it. It is felt that at the annual meeting we officers have given our word to do a job for chess for one year. For example, how would the editor be regarded if after a couple of issues he sez, "Gee, this is hard work, a guy in Bellingham does not love me and this work takes up most of my spare time! Guess I'll let things slide & disappear for awhile." Then I'll sneak into the next annual meeting and apologize because I did such a lousy job! Also the individual member probably figures his two bucks entitles him to criticize.)

I just thought I would write you to say that Bellingham chess players aren't all anti-social or hot-headed. (deleted here is the meeting place and time of the club which should appear on another page.)

The senior contingent of our club, including its early leaders and strongest players, are now infrequently attending meeting nights. Therefore, the club is largely supported by senior and junior high school students and about three or four college students and our team is pretty much in the same boat. Both junior and senior high activity is way down from last year; the junior high league was too lopsided and collapsed, and the high school budget was cut, outside activities had to be suspended, and the club also fell apart (chess budget, that is).

The city club is falling toward a state of lethargy. Chess Courier, a former quarterly periodical of our club, has been temporarily suspended. A good amount of material is available for it, but the magazine's editor has had his hands full with moving & other problems. I believe that the club's juniors are too young-hearted to see Bellingham's club die. We have proposed that the juniors publish either a monthly or bi-weekly chess bulletin of events. (Why not send all of this material to the Chess Letter and we will set aside several pages per month to be titled "Bellingham Chess Courier"? - the editor.) The Bellingham club is also planning a big business meeting in January with refreshments. Mr. Raymond has also mentioned that we could try out some of the ideas initiated by USCF President Edmondson. In any case, the only direction we can go is up.

Concerning this tournament director business, personally, Myron Miller has said that he will resign after this year. I imagine he blew his stack with the Peace Arch Open rubbing. I think he was building steam all during the year because of the mumbling complaint that was brewing among the club members about some of the pairings he made in tournaments earlier this year. The job of tournament director to chess is no more popular than the umpire in baseball. In Bellingham chess organizations, the T. D. has been, by far, the busiest official. Certainly his job is a hectic one! (We suggest a bucket of hot tar and a sack full of feathers for faltering tourney directors! Ye Ed.) Tournament directors are elected by the members, and they, in turn, should put their trust in them and have faith that they are

impartial. No one, however, should run for the office without realizing they have an obligation to the players to turn in under any circumstances neat and complete cross-tables immediately after the event. (Amen!) Incidentally, our T. D. has a typewriter.

Controversial issues tend to make the C. L. interesting and they may serve to improve the state organization, but "beefing" and name-calling will be our downfall for there cannot be an organization of hard feelings.

I agree wholeheartedly with Mr. Moks. Most of the people who look at the ratings list are concerned with which tournaments have been rated. It would be very much of an improvement if we followed the example of the USCF in specifically listing rated events. It would save a good deal of calculation on the part of the reader.

By the way, Anacortes also has a club with which we in Bellingham have had a number of matches. Vancouver, B. C. has two large chess clubs and reportedly a good sized high school league. Maybe they could volunteer details of their clubs. (We reserve at least a page every month to any club or organization that can send us enough information to fill the space. - Ed.)

There has long been a feeling among the local chess players that the WCF is a despotic dictatorship controlled by demagogues in Seattle. This is probably a natural feeling generated by the fact some of our Bellinghamites think that most Seattleites think that all Bellinghamites are just hicks and are to be ignored. Experience has indicated to me that this is probably untrue and that the federation is truly sincere to chess throughout the N. W. We have brought it on ourselves by self-ostracization. Instead of grumbling we must represent ourselves at business meetings where such functions are made official. No one here wants to strain our relations, not really.

W.E.S.A. Blackmore

Larry Daly, president of the Boeing Chess Club, asks for a small request.

The Boeing Company, and those employees that take pride in their Company far prefer "Boeing" to "Boeing's" and if no difficulty is involved, please use "Boeing" in your excellent chess chronicle. (See another page for news of the Boeing Club.)

DALBERGS WINS ERB MEMORIAL TOURNNEY

By Gregory Kern.

IVARS DALBERGS of Portland won the Erb Memorial Chess Tournament, played November 30th and December 1st, at Eugene. Dalbergs scored $5\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ in the 40 player six round event.

This result surprised no one, and is only one of a string of victories racked up by Dalbergs this year. He made it appear easy by winning five straight and then drawing with Old Jim (Dalberg's new name for him) McCormick in the last round. McCormick took second prize with a score of 5-1 and Jerry Ronning followed with $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$.

Dalbergs played very steadily, quietly piled up the points and was in serious difficulty only once, against Scott Lockhart of Tacoma. Lockhart by the way, was close to being the giant-killer in this tournament. Early in both games against Dalbergs & McCormick he was doing very well. Unfortunately for him he later went wrong in both games and lost.

McCormick halved a point with Bill Kiplinger in the third round and Old Jim was a half-point behind from then on. Ronning was doing well but in a more or less even game against Dalbergs he tried for too much and lost. A later draw cost him another $\frac{1}{2}$ point. (A side light on the Ronning-Dalbergs game is that Dalbergs arrived late & the pieces were set up with Dalbergs having the black men although the pairings called for him to have the white men. As he was late, this was not noticed at the start of the game. So Dalbergs had the black men 3 games in a row! Pupols reported this.-Ed.)

Ronning came all the way down from Ft. Lewis and finished his last round game just in time to dash back to be on duty at 4:00 A. M. Monday morning. It is too bad that more of the players in the northwest do not have the same love for chess and the enthusiasm for an occasional tournament that he has.

Kiplinger also played well in this event but could not place among the top scorers. The competition was pretty stiff & at no time could the leaders relax because of

characters like Lockhart lurking everywhere. FRED BYRON directed the tournament with his usual calm and efficient ease.

The only let-down in an otherwise ideal tournament was the attendance. The promoters had hoped for 70 - 80 players. Also the college and high school players did not turn out in force. As Fred Byron remarked, the tournaments at Eugene are the only subsidized events in the northwest. If the attendance at these tournaments is consistently poor, we will lose even that one. All players should try to make the Eugene tournament even if it does involve a little extra traveling and expense.

(Added by the editor)

The promoters of this tourney took a financial bawth in this one. Although the Washington Chess Letter printed a full page notice of this event for two months, we understand no players from Seattle attended. First prize was \$100, second \$50 and third \$25. Also there were four expensive trophy prizes awarded.

Possibly Eugene is considered too far for players in the Puget Sound area. Possibly the time of the year or the weather had a lot to do with the attendance figures.

The editor would like some of the better games from this tournament, with or without notes.

At this writing we do not have the cross table of the tournament. If we do get it, the reader will find it on another page in this magazine. If you do not find it we certainly hope to have it in next month's issue.

One further bit of information. We understand that Clay Kelleher of Portland was the fourth place finisher in this tournament. This is not confirmed.

In fairness to the players who spent the time and the money to play in this tournament, we hope to get the cross-tables soon. Many of us are curious to know who did what to who (or should we say whom?)

BOEING CHESS

by Larry Daly

At the December 10th meeting of the Boeing Chess Club the following officers were elected:

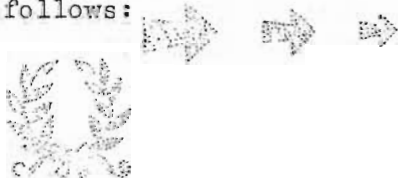
President - Larry Daly
Vice President - Al Clark
Secretary - Kaethe Buenz
Treasurer - Phil Mummert

Current committee chairmen who will continue are:

Ron McLurg - Boeing Chess League
Neil Harmon - Boeing Team in Puget Sound League

Notice that our secretary is an honest-to-God, female-type player who does pretty well at refuting the women-don't-play-chess theory. Mrs. Holstead Harrison also paid us a recent visit and drew with Al Clark, our new vice president, which is no mean feat.

The club recently completed its annual championship tournament. Class A results are not in but Class B results in the six-round Swiss were as follows:



Place	Name	Score
1.	Roger Shannon	5½ - ½
2.	Gene Maulbetsch	5 - 1
3.	Gene Crofton	4 - 2
4.	Chuck Williamson	4 - 2
5.	Russ Akers	4 - 2
6.	Dave Marshall	4 - 2

The Boeing Chess Club now boasts 46 members with an average attendance of 30 players each Tuesday night at the Boeing Plant 2 Cafeteria. We have two experts, AL CLARK and CLARK HARMON. Also a pair of Class A players, NEIL HARMON & RUPERT DORN. Ten others are WCF rated.

The Boeing Chess League is a six team league playing a one-cycle round-robin. Its teams represent the various Boeing Plants i. e., Renton, Developmental Center, Plant 1, Missile Production Center, Computer Center, and a team representing the Boeing Chess Club. The league is sponsored by the chess club but team members need not be club members.

Play is once a month for one game between the six-man teams. Developmental Center, Plant 1, and Renton are in a three-way tie for first place after two rounds.

BOB KITTRIDGE of Spokane writes - Sorry to hear of the unpleasantness concerning the Peace Arch Open. Constructive criticism is generally welcomed by most of us, but beefing, without a constructive suggestion, does not do anybody any good. As for my 2 cents worth, I would say that the officers of the Washington Chess Letter are doing an excellent job, far beyond any financial reimbursement could hope to cover. I know that to do the work that goes into the WCL each month, a fellow really has to have "the labor of love" of the game. I am sure that the editor and others of the WCL will welcome suggestions that will help the magazine. I send in suggestions from time to time in the hope that some of them will be of benefit to the Washington Chess Letter.

I wonder if Jim Montgomery would clarify a little bit further his statement on not rating a tournament completely if less than half the contestants have ratings. Does he just rate those that already have ratings? I was wondering if this could be clarified a little bit further in some future issue.

P. S. Want to wish the officers and office girls of the Washington Chess Letter a Very Merry Christmas and a Most Happy New Year.

(Your editor knows as much as you do about the ratings. As for the unpleasantness, the WCF was getting a little too drowsy and needed a shaking up.)

CAMAS WINS SEATTLE CLUB

By William T. Jessett

In a ten round, two game team match held at Clark College, Vancouver, Washington, the Ruse de Guerre Chess Club of Camas, Washington won by a score of 16 to 3. Playing first board for Clark College was DENNIS GROGG who lost to DEANE MOORE of the Ruse de Guerre. Only one game was played on board one due to time limitations.

Clark College won its games on board 3 when CRAIG LEATHERS won one game from HERB KALSE and on board 8 where BARNETT won two games from KENT ELLIS.

A return match is being scheduled for the Ruse de Guerre Club at Camas sometime in January, 1964.

(For Northwest Rating purposes, complete results of matches and tournaments should be sent in. The editor.)

BELLINGHAM MATCH

The Bellingham High School Alumni chess team played and defeated the Bellingham High School Chess team in a four board match by a $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ score.

Bellingham Alumni	$3\frac{1}{2}$	Bellingham H. S.	$\frac{1}{2}$
1. Myron Miller	$\frac{1}{2}$	Bill Blackmore	$\frac{1}{2}$
2. Hugh Gregory	1	S. Ludwig	0
3. D. Oster	1	L. Daugert - *	0
4. Jack Benedict	1	J. Nevins	0

* Larry Daugert - not Dougert as given in last month's Peace Arch Open summary.

A recent talk with OLIVER LAVRENIERE, teacher and chess club advisor at Shoreline High School, disclosed that the Seattle Metro High School Chess League will have an earlier start this time. Expect league reports in coming issues of the Wash. Chess Letter.

By Fred Howard

CLARK HARMON of Renton won the monthly ton second speed tourney held at the Seattle Chess Club Friday evening, Dec. 6th. Clark scored 10-1 in the 12 player event, losing a game to JOHN BRALEY of Seattle. GEORGE KENNY, Seattle Chess Club President and W. C. F. Vice-President, finished second with $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$. He lost to Harmon and had a drawn game with BUZ EDDY, former editor and publisher of this magazine and tournament director for the coming Wash. Open.

Braley finished third with $8\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$. He lost to Kenny and SVEND MONRAD and drew a game with BILL LYONS. Monrad finished 4th with 8-3. He lost to Harmon, Kenny and EARL WILSON.

Other scores: 5. EARL WILSON 6-5, 6. FRANK BOSCHAN $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{1}{2}$, 7. BILL LYONS 5-6, 8. JOHN WALKER 4-7, 9. BUZ EDDY $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{1}{2}$, 10. LARRY BRANDT 3-8, 11. GEORGE OSTRANDER 2-9 and 12. JAMES SHIELDS 1-10.

The Seattle Chess Club's annual business meeting will be held Friday evening, January 17th, 1964 at 8 p. m. in the club-rooms. Room 317 in the Seattle Food Circus.

Although the Food Circus is closed, this does not affect the operation of the chess club. Enter the Food Circus at the main entrance on Harrison Street opposite the Seattle High School Memorial Stadium. Come up the ramp and the elevator is on the right. The Food Circus will re-open in the spring.

JIM MCCORMICK BACK IN SEATTLE

Jarring Jim McCormick is back in his home town, Seattle, again. His hitch at the University of Oregon in Eugene is ended.

He is willing to work for chess and has hopes of making all of our events USCF rated. He met Major Edmondson, USCF President, and was greatly impressed by his sincerity and unselfish zeal for the game.

GAMES

JACK SCHRADER upset CLARK HARMON in the first round of the recent Oregon Open.

J. Schrader

C. Harmon

King's Indian

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| 1. P-Q4 | N-KB3 |
| 2. P-QB4 | P-Q3 |
| 3. N-QB3 | P-KN3 |
| 4. P-K4 | B-N2 |
| 5. B-K2 | O-O |
| 6. P-B4 | P-B4 |
| 7. N-B3 | PxP |
| 8. NxP | N-B3 |
| 9. B-K3 | Q-R4 |
| 10. N-N3 | Q-Q1 |
| 11. O-O | B-Q2 |
| 12. R-B1 | Q-B1 |
| 13. P-KR3 | P-N3 |
| 14. R-KB2 | R-Q1 |
| 15. B-B3 | R-N1 |
| 16. R-Q2 | N-K1 |
| 17. N-Q4 | NxN |
| 18. BxN | P-K4 |
| 19. N-Q5 | Q-N2 |
| 20. PxP | PxP |
| 21. B-B3 | B-QB3 |
| 22. QR-QB2 | P-QR4 |
| 23. R-B2 | N-Q3 |
| 24. P-QN3 | P-R5 |
| 25. QR-Q2 | K-R1 |
| 26. NxP!? | BxP |
| 27. RxN | RxR |
| 28. QxR | BxB |
| 29. NxP | B-QB3 |
| 30. N-B5 | Q-B1 |
| 31. BxP | BxB |
| 32. QxBch. | K-N1 |
| 33. Q-B6 | Q-K1 |
| 34. N-Q3 | B-K5 |
| 35. N-K5 | B-B4 |
| 36. QxPch. | QxQ |
| 37. NxQ | KxN |
| 38. P-KN4 | K-K3 |
| 39. PxBch. | PxP |
| 40. R-K2ch. | K-Q3 |
| 41. K-B2 | R-N2 |
| 42. K-B3 | R-KB2 |
| 43. K-B4 | K-B4 |
| 44. R-K5ch. | K-N5 |
| 45. RxP | R-R2 |

White won in eleven more moves.

Vik Pupols lifted the following from the Latvian chess magazine. It had previously appeared in Chess Life where, unannotated, it seemed a grisly example of what happens to Latvian Gambit players.

U. S. Amateur, Asbury Park, 1963.

L. Wagner

R. Melton

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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. N-KB3 | P-KB4 |
| 3. B-B4 | PxP |
| 4. NxP | Q-N4 |
| 5. P-Q4 | QxP |

A standard opening variation in which, as I have observed before, both sides have completed their development.

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| 6. Q-R5ch. | P-N3 |
| 7. B-B7ch. | K-Q1 |
| 8. B-N5ch? | B-K2 |
| 9. BxP | BxB |
| 10. N-B7ch. | K-K2 |
| 11. NxB | QxRch? |

Here Black gets too greedy, a failing usually fatal to White in this variation. He will be at least a piece up in the end-game after 11 ... N-KB3! If either 12. Q-R6 or Q-R4, Black replies with R-N1! If 12. BxKP QxRch.

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| 12. K-K2 | N-QB3 |
| 13. BxKP | NxPch. |
| 14. K-Q2 | QxB |
| 15. Q-B7ch. | K-Q1 |
| 16. Q-B8ch. | Resigns. |

Just goes to show what happens when you let a bunch of amateurs play with a dangerous weapon.

Mr. Schrader's luck ran out in a later round of the Oregon Open.

Pat Hickey

Orang Utan

J. Schrader

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| 1. P-QN4 | P-K3 |
| 2. P-QR3 | P-QB4 |
| 3. B-N2 | N-KB3 |
| 4. PxP | BxP |
| 5. P-K3 | N-B3 |
| 6. N-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 7. P-Q4 | B-K2 |
| 8. B-Q3 | P-QR3 |
| 9. P-B4 | PxP |
| 10. BxP | P-QN4 |
| 11. B-Q3 | B-N2 |
| 12. O-O | R-QB1 |
| 13. Q-K2 | N-Q4 |
| 14. QN-Q2 | P-N5 |
| 15. PxP | N/3xP |
| 16. B-K4 | P-B4 |

17. BxN	QxB	34. P-R4	P-QR4
18. KR-B1	C-O	35. Q-Q6	Q-K1
19. N-B4	Q-K5	36. N-B3	P-R3
20. N-N6	RxBch.	37. Q-K5ch.	K-B2
21. RxR	N-Q6	38. QxP	R-B8ch.
22. R-B7	B-Q1	39. K-R2	Q-N1ch.
23. RxB	QxR	40. N-K5ch.	K-N1
24. QxN	QxN	41. Q-R6	Q-QB1
25. B-R3	R-K1	42. Q-Q6	P-N4?
26. B-B5	Q-N4	43. P-R5	Q-K1
27. Q-B2	B-B3	44. N-N6	R-QN8
28. N-Q2	R-QB1	45. P-N3	R-N1
29. Q-R2	K-B2	46. Q-K5	K-B2
30. N-B4	B-K2	47. P-Q5	R-Q1
31. N-K5ch.	K-B3	48. Q-B7ch.	R-Q2
32. BxBch.	KxB	49. N-K5ch.	K-K2
33. Q-R3ch.	K-B3	50. P-Q6ch.	Resigns

Protected King vs. exposed King; good Knight vs. bad Rook equals good night!

CHESS PUBLICITY IN THE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND SEATTLE TIMES

In the Seattle Sunday Times magazine section of Dec. 22nd on pages 12-13, Seattle's chess club hit the publicity jack pot. The club received a full, two page spread with an article written by Nancy Scott Freeburn, a free lance writer.

The article gave some of the chess club's early history and mentioned our Washington Chess Letter and the Puget Sound League. Three good pictures were given of players in the club. One showed club secretary FRED HOWARD with a chess clock. Another showed Howard in a game with DICK DORWIN with LESTER KERTON looking on. In the background was the bulletin board showing Seattle's $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ win over West Seattle in the Puget Sound League. A third pic showed FRANK FORRAY vs. DR. A. LEWIS; FRANK BOSCHAN vs. DAN WADE, and JIM CAMPBELL vs. STANLEY FRANKLIN.

Mrs. Freeburn got her material via a visit to the club plus telephone calls to various Seattle area players including the editor. Besides some of the best pictures of local players, the article was very good not having the inaccurate statements so common in previous articles of this sort.

The article started out with early history, followed with the present quarters, mentioned the Puget Sound League, quoted club president GEORGE KENNY, secretary FRED HOWARD & Wash. Chess Letter editor Wade. The club's speed events and chess by mail were mentioned. Thus the game can be played at any speed desired. High school chess was mentioned. Chess master GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI, whose column "Chess Fun" appears each week in the Sunday Seattle Times, was quoted as saying Seattle players are of a much higher caliber than those in many other large cities. (The annual match with British Columbia was mentioned and the editor wonders if the B. C. players wonder where all of the fine Seattle players are? Of course they discover them at the local tournaments!)

Women in chess (chess is predominantly a man's game) and chess sets (experienced players seldom use "showy" sets) also had their innings in the article.

The publicity certainly cannot harm the chess club. One fellow in Edmonds said he would bring in possibly 20 players to join the club. If the club officers handle it right, possibly using some of USCF president Edmondson's chess promoting ideas, they can hold on to these players when or if they get them and attract others.

The night of the picture taking was a poor one attendance-wise and the only reason the editor was there was he had been to a football game earlier in the day next door, sat in a wad of gum, and was in the Food Circus trying to clean his coat!

Financial Report of Puget Sound Open Tournament by R. R. Merk

About two weeks ago when George Priebe was visiting me (Dec. 7, 1963) the subject of the results of the Puget Sound Open Tournament held on March 23 & March 24, 1963 came up. The financial details of that tournament were never reported to the Washington Chess Federation. Also several memberships in the U.S.C.F. which were paid at that time were not sent in promptly as well as the U.S.C.F. memberships that were awarded as prizes to Pat Hickey, Joseph Kaltenecker and Scott Lockhart. George tells me that he did send these in with his personal check to the U.S.C.F. but for some reason unknown to him, his check was never cashed nor did he receive acknowledgement of the receipt of these memberships from the U.S.C.F. George Priebe is entitled to a good deal of credit for having stepped in to direct this tournament when our regularly elected tournament director failed to appear. George has made an accounting of the funds collected at this tournament to me, which I am reporting below. He also has stopped payment on his check to the U.S.C.F. and I sent my personal check to the U.S.C.F. for these memberships on Dec. 15, 1963 taking the money from the amount that George Priebe turned over to me.

Receipts of Puget Sound Open Tournament

5 A Division entries @ \$3.50	\$17.50
21 A Division entries @ \$3.00	63.00
8 B Division entries @ \$3.50	28.00
24 B Division entreis @ \$3.00	72.00
6 U.S.C.F. memberships @ \$5.00	<u>30.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>210.50</u>

Disbursements

Receipts and score sheets	1.70
Prizes awarded	
Clark Harmon	60.00
Gerhart Neufahrt	20.00
Ivars Dahlbergs	20.00
Jim McCormick	20.00
Scott Lockhart	11.00
Joseph Kaltenecker	11.00
Pat Hickey	11.00
Funds deposited with R. R. Merk	<u>51.80</u>
	206.50
Shortage which cannot now be accounted for	4.00
	<u>210.50</u>

Of the \$51.80 deposited with R. R. Merk, \$36.00 was remitted to the U.S.C.F. in payment for the 9 U.S.C.F. memberships for Pat Hickey, Joseph Kaltenecker, Scott Lockhart, (prizes), and for the following who paid cash for their memberships, Oliver LaFreniere, Garry Singer, Mike Farkas, William C. Young, H. Neal Harmon and Jack Stumph. This leaves \$15.80 in the W.C.F. treasury. Of this, \$12.00 is reserved for the awarding of the brilliancy prize when and if this information can be secured from Dick Parsons who has the scores of the games in his possession and was to have reviewed them for the awarding of this prize.

This tournament was to have been U.S.C.F. rated but due to delays in reporting, they never received the necessary information for their rating. When I sent in the above mentioned memberships, inquiry was made as to whether or not they could now accept our report and if they can, then the report will be made to them together with their rating fees.

It is my feeling that our tournament directors have had too much responsibility for only one man to handle any tournament. The director has enough to do to make the pairings and to run the tournemnet without having to handle the financial end of it and I would suggest that there always be a representative of the W.C.F. treasurer on hand at all WCF sponsored tournaments to take care of the handling and accounting of the financial part of the tournament.

It is suggested that when W.C.F. members wish to take out a membership in the U.S.C.F. or to renew their membership, that they send them to Howard Weaver, our treasurer, for remitting to the U.S.C.F. as by so doing the W.C.F. can retain 20% as a commission for handling these memberships.

Where To Play Chess In The Northwest

This directory of Northwest Chess Clubs has been compiled from records now available and if there are any additions or corrections to be made please forward the information to R. R. Merk. We will attempt to keep this directory up to date as changes are received. Complete information as to time of meetings will be added as the information comes to us. All of these clubs are not now paying members of the Washington Chess Federation and the least that they can do is to support the WCF with a club membership.

Bay Area Chess Club

Robert J. Gray, Sec.
Every Tuesday 7:00 P.M.
I.W.A. Hall, 6th & Commercial
Coos Bay, Oregon

Boeing Chess Club

Tuesday 7:30 P.M.
Boeing Plant #2 Cafeteria

Bellevue-Mercer Island Chess Club

James N. Turner, Sh 6-4919
Every Tuesday evening
The Make-It Shop, 832 - 102 N.E. Bellevue.

Brookmark Ltd.

889 Oak Street
Eugene, Oregon
Every Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

Columbia Basin Chess Club

Larry Taylor, Sec.-Treas.
2600 No. Chase Street
Pasco, Washington

Green Lake North End Chess Club

Every Wednesday, 6:30 to 10:00 P.M.
Green Lake Field House
Seattle, Washington

Yakima Chess Club

Yakima Y.M.C.A. No. Naches Ave. & E. Yakima
Yakima, Washington

Kalispel Chess Club

Vernon L. Wyman, Sec.
507 W. Arizona Street
Kalispel, Montana

Kitsap County Chess Club

Second and Fourth Friday each month.
Dr. J. C. Almond's residence recreation room.
Poulsbo, Washington

Portland Chess Club

411 Henry Building, Portland, Oregon
Tuesday & Thursday 7:00 P.M., Sat. 3:00 P.M.

Seattle Chess Club

Room 317A Food Circus, Seattle Center.
Open every day.

Snohomish County Chess Club

Irving Kahler, Sec.
426 So. 72, Everett, Washington

Tacoma Chess Club

Tacoma Public Library, 11th & Tacoma Ave.
Tacoma, Washington
Every Friday 7:30 P.M.

The Dalles Chess Club

H. R. Davidson, M.D. Sec.
1625 E. 9th, The Dalles, Oregon

The Russe De Guerre Chess Club

424 N.E. Adams, Camas, Washington
Tuesdays, 8:00 P.M. to midnight.

Spokane Chess Club

Every Thursday, 7:00 P.M.
Y.W.C.A., Spokane, Washington

West Seattle Chess Club

High Point Recreation Center, 30th & S.W. Graham
Second & Fourth Friday, 7:00 P.M.
Seattle, Washington

Bellingham, Washington Chess Club

Committee Room, Leopold Hotel
Every Friday 7:00 P.M.

Marble Palace Chess Club

Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts
Maryhill, Washington
There is a fine collection of many chess sets on display at the Maryhill Museum of Fine Arts that is well worth while seeing.

POSTAL CHESS

R. R. MERK -- DIRECTOR
1026 N.E. 71 SEATTLE, WASH. 98115

New players start in "A" Division with a rating of 1600, "B" 1300, and in "C" 1000. Send your entries to the Postal Director with the entry fee of 50¢ per section of four players and if a new player in our tournaments, advise which Division you wish to play in. You can enter as many sections as you desire.

REPORT OF GAMES COMPLETED TO NOV. 30, 1963

	Section				Pts.
11/1	63C-1A	Joe Miller	1	Denison	0 78
11/4	63B-5A	Carlson	1	Webb	0 42
	63B-5B	Carlson	1	Webb	0 42
	63C-5A	Reid	1	Youngman	0 46
11/5	63C-7B	D. Rupel	1	Waldron	0 46
11/8	62B-3A	Dart	1/2	Lyberger	1/2 18
11/9	63A-1A	Harmon	1	Monrad	0 32
	63A-1B	Harmon	1	Monrad	0 32
11/13	63B-5B	Denison	1	Webb	0 38
	63C-1B	Baldwin	1	Denison	0 82
11/15	63C-6A	Shives	1	Dorwin	0 63
	63C-2B	Shives	1	Cyr	0 18
	63C-6B	Shives	1	Youngman	0 37
11/16	63A-5B	Pupols	1	Vellias	0 26
11/21	63C-3A	Denison	1	Keating	0 24
11/24	62B-3A	Merk	1	Rogers	0 46
11/26	63A-4A	Abrahamson	1	Weaver	0 58
	62B-4A	M. Miller	1	Hager	0 90
	62B-4B	Nagel	1	M. Miller	0 30
	62B-4B	Nagel	1	Wm. Rupel	0 42
	Private	Vanatta	1	Skarsten	0 46
	63B-4A	Gifford	1	Rogers	0 10
	63B-4A	Cassino	1	Rogers	0 10
	63B-4A	J.R. Donnelly	1	Rogers	0 10
	63B-4B	Gifford	1	Rogers	0 10
	63B-4B	Cassino	1	Rogers	0 10
	63B-4B	J.R. Donnelly	1	Rogers	0 10
	63B-3A	Dart	1	Rogers	0 10
	62B-3B	Dart	1	Rogers	0 10
11/30	63C-6B	Youngman	1	Dorwin	0 74

We welcome W. E. A. S. Blackmore to our "A" Division postal tournaments as well as Gary Bricher in the "B" Division. They have been given their assignments for their first section.

Players should observe the 48 hour rule in replying to the moves of their opponents. If a player exceeds this length of time in replying his opponent may claim a forfeit. but before calling this to the attention of the Postal Director he should send a repeat card as cards do get lost in the mail.. When reporting such delays to the postal Director he should be informed of the dates of the sending of the last card and the date of the repeat card. The Director will then call the delay to the attention of the offending player and if a satisfactory resumption of the game can be arranged then the game will proceed to a conclusion but if not, then a forfeit will be declared and points awarded on the basis of a win.

Unfortunately Jim Rogers has found it necessary to resign from all of his current games because of press of work. He hopes to be able to return to our postal chess tournaments some time in the future. As is usual when this happens we are awarding his opponents 10 points for the games that he is withdrawing from. If any of his opponents believe that they have a winning position and will submit the score of such games to the Postal Director we will review them and if we concur, points will be awarded on the basis of a win. When submitting the score of these games an outline should be also sent in giving the probable line of play that will lead to a win.

As of this writing we have 100 current active postal players, all of whom are in the states of Ore. and Wash. except one in Minnesota, one in Ottawa, Canada and three in California. This concentration of players in Wash. & Oregon makes for faster games by mail than would be the case if players were more widely scattered.

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3	Dolph	1968	3	Skoglund	1463
4	Cummins	1871	4	Van Sant	1460
5	Abrahamson	1858	5	Dart	1442
6	Knapp	1849	6	Hager	1436
7	Vellias	1845	7	Monrad	1426
8	Weaver	1816	8	Carlson	1416
9	Wilson	1813	9	Nagel	1410
10	R.W. Allyn	1802	10	Turner	1407
11	C.L. Allyn	1795	11	R. Raymond	1380
12	Mage	1789	12	Laugen	1378
13	Scripps	1787	13	Merk	1374
14	Collins	1740	14	Cassino	1360
15	Harmon	1732	15	Rader	1355
16	Jones	1721	16	Christey	1352
17	Howard	1709	17	Reddig	1338
18	Erickson	1650	18	Fry	1300
19	Eng	1650	19	Bricher	1300
20	Wick	1650	20	Stiles	1300
21	Eilmes	1649	21	Benson	1293
22	Seiter	1644	22	R.W. Miller	1286
23	Beavo	1600	23	Denison	1283
24	Bell	1600	24	Dickson	1283
25	Blackmore	1600	25	Lyberger	1282
26	Brandt	1600	26	Nedell	1254
27	Campbell	1600	27	J.R. Donnelly	1246
28	Franklin	1600	28	Rogers	1220
29	Heathman	1600	29	Ward	1219
30	Lockhart	1600	30	Wm. Rupel	1210
31	Johnson	1600	31	James	1216
32	Kern	1600			
33	J. Parsons	1600	"C" Division cont'd.		
34	Prentice	1600	Below 1200		
35	Marsland	1600			
36	Stratton	1600	8	Running	1078
37	Baskett	1594	9	Dearing	1074
38	Vanatta	1593	10	Jensen	1068
39	R.G. Smith	1576	11	Stecher	1064
40	H. Raymond	1572	12	Reid	1046
41	Guess	1524	13	Reh	1040
42	Woodward	1501	14	Dorwin	1029
			15	D. Rupel	1022
			16	Bauman	1000
			17	Becker	1000
			18	Williams	1000
			19	Keating	976
			20	Moore	956
			21	Berg	948
			22	Youngman	943
			23	Link	938
			24	Waldron	893
			25	F.J. Donnelly	844
			26	Cowan	808
			27	Cyr	690

"C" Division Below 1200		
1	M. Miller	1185
2	Joe Miller	1182
3	Shives	1154
4	Webb	1138
5	Simmons	1114
6	Baldwin	1104
7	R.M. Taylor	1079