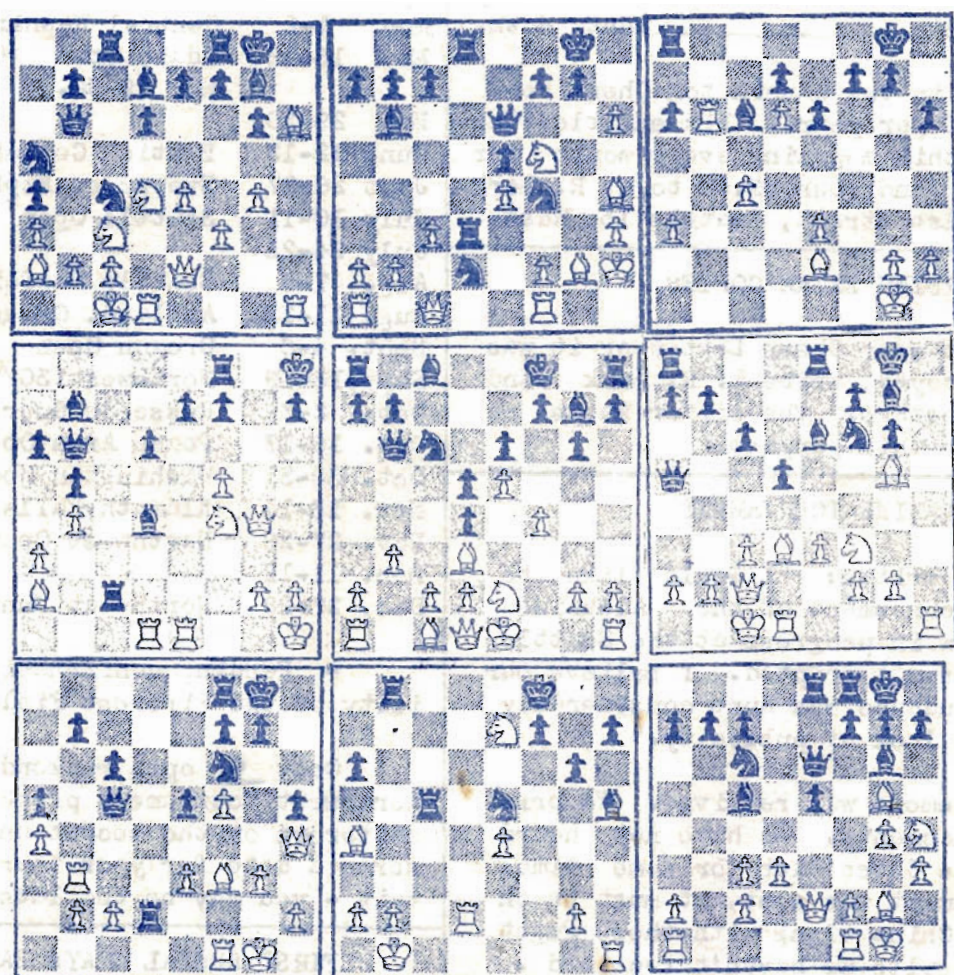


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ALEKHINE TOURNAMENT

GENE FOMIN writes: "I would like to know why my announcement of the Alekhine Tournament (now in progress at the Seattle Chess Club) was not printed. I believe our tournament attendance was hurt considerably because of this lack of publicity."

No announcement was received. We print all such announcements. We have not heard from the Seattle Chess Club for some time. If the announcement was sent, it must be on a slow boat to China along with those Puget Sound League results we haven't received .

CIRCULATION REPORT

Flipping through last month's back covers we find that over one third of our membership is from outside of the state of Washington.

310 copies of the November issue went to individuals, clubs and exchanges. 201 went to Washington state addresses and 109 went outside the state including 66 Oregon-

ian subscriptions. In a past tabulation, the overwhelming majority of our members were Washingtonians. With over one third from out of state, the change from Washington Chess Letter to Northwest Chess Letter comes at an appropriate time.

THIS IS OUR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Dec. 29-30	Northwest Junior Open
Jan. 9-10	Washington Open
Jan. 24-25	March of Dimes (Camas)
Feb. 6-7	Northwest Speed
Feb. 20-22	Washington Closed
Mar. 6-7	1st Annual Gray's Harbor Open (Hoquiam)
Mar. 20-21	Puget Sound Open
Apr. 3-4	Interstate Open
Apr. 17-18	
May 1-2	Central Washington Open
May 15-16	Idaho Open (Changed from May 29-30.)
May 29-30	
June 12-13	British Columbia Open
June 26-27	Evergreen Empire Open *
July 10-11	Seattle Open
July 24-25	
Aug. 7-8	Seattle Seafair Open
Aug. 21-22	Ashland, Oregon Tournament
Sept. 4-6	Oregon Open
Sept. 18-19	Northwest 30/30 Open
Oct. 2-3	Russe de Guere Open (Camas)
Oct. 16-17	Peace Arch Open (Bellingham)
Oct. 30-31	Washington Woodpushers
Nov. 13-14	Klamath Falls Open
Nov. 27-28	Northwest Open
Dec. 11-12	
Dec. 27-28	Northwest Junior

* Pending confirmation of availability of the Fircrest Fieldhouse.

Only 4 open weekends left for our northwest tournament promoters! Let the editor in on the secret and he will reserve a date for your tourney too. Don't wait - you may be too late.

FIRST ANNUAL GRAYS HARBOR OPEN

MARCH 6 - 7
IN THE NEW HOQUIAM Y.M.C.A.

100 dollar
first prize!

Plus many other prizes.

A five round Swiss, 45 moves in 2 hours, \$3.50 & \$2.50 (Jr.) entry. BUZ EDDY, T.D.
(More details expected.)

MCCORMICK WINS AGAIN

by Greg Kern

JAMES MCCORMICK, chessic arch-swindler of the northwest, breezed through 6 rounds to win the Pacific Northwest Open played at the U. of Oregon November 28-29th. Jim's $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ victory climaxed an outstanding year for the Seattle expert.

GREGORY KERN of Portland and WILLIAM KIPLINGER of Wishram both scored $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and shared 2nd and 3rd prizes. Both had their troubles during the middle rounds but finished strongly.

VLADMIR DRAGOMANONIC, formerly of Belgrade, Yugoslavia, MIKE FRANETT and EDDY COOPER of Seattle were tied at 4-2. Dragomanonic was unbeaten but held up for four draws. Franett, one of pre-tournament favorites, was held to a draw in round one by Portland's LEIF KARELL and then cut down by Dragomanonic in the third round.

After two rounds, McCormick, Kiplinger, PETER O'GORMAN and ROBERT MITCHELL led the field. McCormick defeated Kiplinger in a tough game and O'Gorman won over Mitchell. O'Gorman probably felt after scoring 3 - 0 that he would at least take 2nd or 3rd but in the fourth round he lost to Mr. Jim and after that the dry rot set in and O'Gorman could not win any more finishing with 3-3.

Dragomanonic is traveling the U. S. for a year and only stopping at Eugene for a few weeks so he probably won't be in any more northwest tournaments.

The tournament was once again a disappointment in its attendance. There were 24 in the U.S.C.F. section and 14 more in the reserve section.

P. S. If anyone is missing a black king from their set, I have it. (Kern's address is 12903 N.E. Multnomah (97230) Portland.)

R. V. HORN of Klamath Falls, Oregon won the reserve tournament with a $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ score. The only blemish on his record was a fifth round draw with KEN DRIESSEL of Corvallis. GARY BRICHER of Cottage Grove was second. He lost only to Horn while compiling a 5-1

record. Driessel's $4\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ score was good enough to take a clear third.

OREGON CHESS NOTES by Kern

DENNY JENQUIN of Portland won the OREGON JUNIOR OPEN. Dark horse BRUCE BETZER was second and I understand LEIF KARELL was third.

This was a popular event attracting over 40 players, mostly high school students.

It was a fun tournament, had to be, because with 5 rounds played in one day there are blunders that would curl the hair! This seems to be the kind of tourney the rank and file like, though.

(Editor's little joke - the file are the strong players while the weak players are rank! Well, someone wrote we should have humor!)

LAVERNE THOMAS of Roseburg formed a new club recently, called the "Roving Bishops." It has about a half dozen players so far.

A NOTE FROM THE U.S.C.F. PRESIDENT

To Dan Wade, Fred Howard and Buz Eddy: A note of triple acknowledgment to 3 men who are doing a great deal for chess in their region - and I'm a firm believer in the principle that national chess can be no stronger than are local and regional organization.

First of all, Dan, I've enjoyed WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER and feel that it serves a tremendous need in the Northwest. I don't know what prompts your decision to retire as editor next April, and perhaps should not voice an opinion (since I do not live in the northwest). All the same, I hope you reconsider; finding a suitable replacement may be too difficult. (The C. L. takes up too much time and interferes with my many other interests. Also my work makes it impossible even to play in most events. Ed.)

(Continued on the next page.)

1964 NORTHWEST JUNIOR
OPEN

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 29-30 room
210-A in Reed College, Portland, Oregon.

Registration at 9 a.m. First Round 9:30.

A six round Swiss at 50 moves in two hours.

This tournament is for players 21 and under.
Tourney director is CLAY KELLEHER, Portland.

Prizes for first, second, best high school &
best grade school will be trophies.

Entry fees: \$2.50 college, \$2.00 high school
and \$1.50 grade school.

By DENNY JENQUIN, Port.

1965 ANNUAL WASHINGTON OPEN

Saturday and Sunday, January 9th and 10th at
the Plant II Boeing Cafeteria, Seattle.

A five round Swiss event.
BUZ EDDY, Tourney Director.

Entry fee \$7.50. Time control 45 in 2 hours.

Prizes for A, B, C and unrated. Registrat-
ion 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. with the first round
getting underway around 9:30. (Actually the
times were never given to the Chess Letter
so we give you the usual starting times of
northwest tournaments.)

MARCH OF DIMES BENEFIT
January 24 - 25, 1965

The Ruse de Guerre Chess Club, 424 N.E. Adams
in Camas, Washington sponsors the annual
MARCH OF DIMES BENEFIT

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

TYPE: Six round Swiss, 3 rounds Saturday &
three rounds Sunday.

REGISTRATION: 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Saturday,
January 24. First round 9:45 a.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 (Deductable from your in-
come tax.

TIME LIMIT: 50 moves / 2 hours. 25 moves /
hour thereafter.

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

RESTRICTIONS: None. This tournament is op-
en to all chess players.

NOTICE: All proceeds above expenses will
go to the March of Dimes for the
continued research in the pre-
vention of birth defects. Here
is your chance to play tourna-
ment chess and to give financial
assistance to a worthy organiz-
ation. BRING SETS, BOARDS, CLOCKS
(Write to above address for further info.)

USCF PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONTINUED:

I'm sure that my friends in Oregon
join in expressing our appreciation of
the fine, complete coverage given the
Klamath Falls Open in November's issue
-- plus the plug for next year!

Fred, thank you for the reassuring
message that Klamath Falls Open results
will be included in your January rating
list. By the way, results from the U.S.
C.F. rated section will appear in CHESS
LIFE at about the same time; USCF rat-
ings will appear promptly in the future
if reported promptly by the Tournament
Director.

Buz, congratulations on the upcoming
Washington State Open and its 100% USCF-
rated status, I hope and trust that you
will set new attendance records again this

year! (Never happen - the \$7.50 entry is
too much for our players! The Ed.)

USCF membership has gone up from 79 to
111 in Washington and from 33 to 53 in Ore-
gon. This count probably did not include
the Russe de Guerre and Peace Arch Opens;
it definitely did not include the Klamath
Falls, Pacific Northwest, Western Idaho, &
1965 Washington State Open. When all of
these are reported, USCF membership in the
northwest will jump even more. Thanks to
all of you, and I hope to meet you at one
of your Washington tournaments in 1965.

Regards, ED EDMONDSON

REGARDING CHANGE OF TITLE

Far from doing "Oregon's work" as BUZ
EDDY so quaintly put it, heaven help our
"Letter" if Oregon starts one of her own!
Proof is the source of our material in Dec.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN SUMMARY

Place	Player	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Med.	Sk.
1.	James McCormick	Seattle, Wash.	W-7	W-6	W-3	W-10	W-12	D-4	5-0-1	5½-1½		
2.	Gregory Kern	Portland, Ore.	W-9	D-4	D-11	D-7	W-15	W-10	3-0-3	4½-1½	13	
3.	William Kiplinger	Wishram, Wash.	W-18	W-21	L-1	D-4	W-10	W-12	4-1-1	4½-1½	12½	
4.	Vladmir Dragomanovic	Eugene, Oregon	W-22	D-2	W-5	D-3	D-7	D-1	2-0-4	4-2	16½	
5.	Mike Franett	Seattle	D-11	W-15	L-4	W-9	W-8	D-7	3-1-2	4-2	13½	
6.	Eddy Cooper	Seattle	W-19	L-1	W-20	L-8	W-11	W-14	4-2-0	4-2	12	
7.	Deane Moore	Portland	L-1	W-19	W-13	D-2	D-4	D-5	2-1-3	3½-2½	15½	
8.	Fred L. Schmidt	Camas, Wash.	L-21	W-22	D-14	W-6	L-5	W-16	3-2-1	3½-2½	12	
9.	Vince Bricher	Cottage Grove, Oregon	L-2	W-18	D-16	L-5	W-23	W-13	3-2-1	3½-2½	11	
10.	Peter O'Gorman	Seattle	W-14	W-17	W-12	L-1	L-3	L-2	3-3-0	3-3	15	
11.	Leif Karell	Portland	D-5	D-13	D-2	D-14	L-6	W-20	1-1-4	3-3	14	
12.	Robert Mitchell	Klamath Falls	W-24	W-20	L-10	W-21	L-1	L-3	3-3-0	3-3	12	
13.	Wesley McKaig	Klamath Falls	D-15	D-11	L-7	W-17	W-18	L-9	2-2-2	3-3	11½	17
14.	Esther Schrader	Salem, Oregon	L-10	W-23	D-8	D-11	W-20	L-6	2-2-2	3-3	11½	16½
15.	Jack Schrader	Salem	D-13	L-5	D-22	W-16	L-2	D-17	1-2-3	2½-3½	12	
16.	Denny Jenquin	Portland	L-20	W-24	D-9	L-15	W-21	L-8	2-3-1	2½-3½	10½	15
17.	Buz Eddy	Seattle	W-23	L-10	L-21	L-13	W-19	D-15	2-3-1	2½-3½	10½	14½
18.	Tracy Bearden	Ashland, Ore.	L-3	L-9	D-19	W-24	L-13	WF21	2-3-1	2½-3½	10	
19.	William B. Graeff	Oakridge, Ore.	L-6	L-7	D-18	W-22	L-17	W-24	2-3-1	2½-3½	9½	
20.	Michael A. Schemm	Corvallis, Ore.	W-16	L-12	L-6	W-23	L-14	L-11	2-4-0	2-4	11½	16½
21.	Carl F. Enz *	Florence, Ore.	W-8	L-3	W-17	L-12	L-16	LF18	2-4-0	2-4	11½	16
22.	Kitty Bearden	Ashland	L-4	L-8	D-15	L-19	L-24	W-23	1-4-1	1½-4½		
23.	Lewis Hill	Roseburg, Ore.	L-17	L-14	W-24	L-20	L-9	L-22	1-5-0	1-5	9	
24.	Joe Bricher	Eugene	L-12	L-16	L-23	L-18	W-22	L-19	1-5-0	1-5	8½	

* Could this be the same Carl Enz who was a whiz kid in Seattle chess back in 1951?

RESERVE SECTION

Place	Player	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	W L D	Score	Median
1.	R. V. Horn	Klamath Falls	W-12	W-13	W-5	W-2	D-3	W-4	5-0-1	5½-1½	
2.	Gary Bricher	Cottage Grove	W-14	W-9	W-3	L-1	W-10	W-5	5-1-0	5-1	
3.	Ken Driessel	Corvallis	W-11	W-4	L-2	W-5	D-1	W-6	4-1-1	4½-1½	
4.	Arthur B. Springer	Eugene	W-6	L-3	D-9	W-7	W-11	L-1	3-2-1	3½-2½	
5.	Arvin Dangerud	Salem	W-10	W-6	L-1	L-3	W-9	L-2	3-3-0	3-3	15
6.	Arthur Everett	Ashland	L-4	L-5	W-12	W-9	W-8	L-3	3-3-0	3-3	12
7.	LaVerne Thomas	Roseburg	L-13	W-8	L-10	L-4	W-12	W-11	3-3-0	3-3	10
8.	James Rousey	Chemult, Ore.	L-9	L-7	W-14	W-13	L-6	W-10	3-3-0	3-3	9½
9.	Jerry Weikel	Harrisburg, Ore.	W-8	L-2	D-4	L-6	L-5	W-14	2-3-1	2½-3½	12½
10.	John Redmond	Eugene	L-5	W-14	W-7	D-11	L-2	L-8	2-3-1	2½-3½	11½
11.	Dennis Schave	Hoquiam, Wash.	L-3	W-12	W-13	D-10	L-4	L-7	2-3-1	2½-3½	11
12.	Anthony Gwyther	Creswell, Ore.	L-1	L-11	L-6	W-14	L-7	W-13	2-4-0	2-4	
13.	David Gwyther	Creswell	W-7	L-1	L-11	L-8	L-14	L-12	1-5-0	1-5	10½
14.	David Mitchell	Klamath Falls	L-2	L-10	L-8	L-12	W-13	L-9	1-5-0	1-5	10

Horn and Gary Bricher won the first and second place trophies while Driessel won the college player trophy and Jerry Weikel won the high school trophy.

The above cross-tables were sent in from the Erb Memorial Student Union signed by Adell McMillan, Program Director, Judy Grankey is their Games Chairman.

VANDENBURG WINS W. IDAHO OPEN

The Western Idaho Open was a one day, four round Swiss held at the Boise YMCA on Saturday, December 5th. 19 players entered this event which was directed by and won by DICK VANDENBURG, USCF expert and current Idaho State Champion.

This was a 100% USCF rated tournament. Vandenburg scored $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$, drawing his last round game with MAX WENNSTROM, also of Boise. Wennstrom also scored $3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ but was second on Solkoff Points. He won the Class B trophy.

JOE BELANGER won the Class C and unrated trophy. EUGENE COWAN could have won the tourney by winning his last round game against DENNIS HANSEN but misplayed a complicated position and lost instead. Upset awards were awarded at the conclusion of each round with the chart supplied leaving it unclear who the winners were as the (*) were left out. A business meeting was also held and it was decided to move the Idaho Open date up to May 15-16 from May 29-30.

Place	Player	USCF	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	Score	Solk.	S.B.
1.	Dick Vandenburg	2010	Boise	W3	W6	W8	D2	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{1}{2}$	
2.	Max Wennstrom	1792	Boise	W19	W11	W16	D1	$3\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$	6	
3.	Dennis Hansen	1702	Salt Lake	L1	W17	W11	W5	3 -1	9	
4.	Lloyd Kimpton	1897	Twin Falls	W7	L8	W15	W10	3 -1	8	6
5.	Eugene Cowan	1853	Driggs, Idaho	W16	W10	W9	L3	3 -1	8	5
6.	C. E. Harris	1752	Caldwell	W15	L1	W12	W8	3 -1	8	$4\frac{1}{2}$
7.	Ray Wheeler	1692	Sparks, Nev.	L4	W19	W17	W9	3 -1	6	
8.	Jerry Stanke	1749	Nampa, Idaho	W18	W4	L1	L6	2 -2	10	
9.*	Joe Belanger	----	Fruitland, I.	W14	W13	L5	L7	2 -2	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
10.*	Norman Lee	----	Boise	W12	L5	W13	L4	2 -2	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
11.	Dick Shropshire	----	Boise	Bye	L2	L3	W15	2 -2	$7\frac{1}{2}$	
12.	Dave Reid	1355	Boise	L10	Bye	L6	W16	2 -2	6	
13.	John Cosho	1825	Boise	W17	L9	L10	W18	2 -2	$5\frac{1}{2}$	
14.	Nick Skirmants	1719	Boise	L9	L15	W19	Bye	2 -2	3	
15.	D. J. King	1583	Caldwell	L6	W14	L4	L11	1 -3	9	
16.	George Rasor	1646	Boise	L5	W18	L2	L12	1 -3	$8\frac{1}{2}$	
17.	Spencer Joslyn	1518	Boise	L13	L3	L7	W19	1 -3	8	
18.	Herman Myers	1412	Boise	L8	L16	Bye	L13	1 -3	5	
19.	Vic Waterman	1428	Nampa	L2	L7	L14	L17	0 -4	9	

* An unbreakable tie for 9th and 10th places.

A. C. SHIVES of Toledo, Washington writes, "I have wanted for some time to get chess started in Toledo, so a short time ago I took the matter up with the superintendent of Toledo Schools. I told him if they could get ten students to take up chess I would donate a \$10.00 trophy for the winner of a tournament to be played by the students only. He took to the idea and over fifty students were interested enough to want to enter. The faculty were all for it. So they are arranging for a tournament to start in November. I am very pleased to have such good results."

PUGET SOUND LEAGUE

Puget Sound League results continue to trickle in from various sources. Here are the first round results played Sunday, Nov. 8th.

Boeing 9. West Seattle 1., U. of Wash. 7. Bellingham 2, Tacoma 5½ Seattle 4½, Kitsap ? Golden Horde ?

U. of Washington	7.	Bellingham	2.
Dave Grannis	2	William Blackmore	0
Jim Campbell	1	Harold Raymond	0
Larry Brandt	1	Jack Benedict	1
Donald Corey	0	Peter Hashisaki	1
Peter Layno	1	Peter Hashisaki	0
(Forfeit)	2	(Forfeit)	0

Even with the forfeits, the score was 2-2 for awhile before the U. started winning and winning and winning. The Campbell-Raymond game was so long there was no time for their second game.

Boeing Chess Club	9.	West Seattle	1.
Andy Schoene	2	Max Mage	0
Alan Clark	2	Killiam Seckamp	0
Clark Harmon	2	Bob Schrank	0
Tony Marsland	2	Peter Olson	0
Harrison	0	Bob Lundin	1
Warden	1	Lloyd Goodwin	0

It appears as if the Boeing club has cornered most of the best players. It is a pity they do not report their matches.

Tacoma 5½ Seattle 4½ reported in last month's WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER.

Second round results played Nov. 22nd.

Tacoma ? Boeing ?, Golden Horde 8½ West Seattle 1½, U. of Washington ? Kitsap ?, Seattle 6½ Bellingham 3½.

Seattle Chess Club	6½.	Bellingham	3½
George Konny	1	Danny Chin	1
Norm Abrahamson	1½	Harold Raymond	½
Gene Fomin	2	Wm. Blackmore	0
Svend Monrad	½	Myron Miller	1½
Stephen Christopher	1	Jack Benedict	0
Stephen Christopher	½	Bruce McLeod	½

Golden Horde	8½	West Seattle	1½
Dick Parsons	1½	Los Walker	½
Robert Holzinger	1	Max Mage	1
Matt Kenny	2	Bob Schrank	0
Willy Brandal	2	Peter Olson	0
John Braley	2	Bob Lundin	0

Third round results played on Sunday, December 6th: Seattle Chess Club 9½ Kitsap ½, West Seattle 6½ U. of Washington 2½, Bellingham ? Boeing ?, Golden Horde ? Tacoma ? (This report is being written up on Dec. 13th so it is possible other scores will be received before the Chess Letter enters the mail.)

Seattle Chess Club	9½.	Kitsap County	½.
Norm Abrahamson	2	Dr. John Almond	0
Gene Fomin	2	G. L. Miller	0
Lyman Johnston	2	Art Wick	0
Svend Monrad	2	Don Olson	0
John Garrett	1	Ed Arnold	0
Stephen Christopher	½	Joc Reid	½

West Seattle	6½.	U. of Washington	2½.
Charles Joachim	½	Kent Pullen	½
Les Walker	2	Larry Brandt	0
Max Mage	0	Peter Layno	1
Bob Lundin	0	Peter Layno	1
Charles Johannes	2	Thorkelsen	0
Peter Olson	2	Syvanen	0

Joachim-Pullen had no time left for a second game. Mage had to go to work so let Lundin play his second game contrary to the rules. Also contrary to the rules was letting John Braley, because of late arrival, play fifth board in the Horde-W. Seattle PS L match. Unreported matches will eventually be considered double-forfeits.

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Jan. 17th.	Boeing at Kitsap, G. Horde at Bellingham, Tacoma at U. of Wash. and Seattle at West Seattle.
Jan. 31st.	Boeing at Seattle, U. of Wash. at G. Horde, Kitsap at West Seattle and Bellingham at Tacoma.
Feb. 14th.	Boeing at U. of Wash., Seattle at G. Horde, Kitsap at Tacoma & West Seattle at Bellingham.
Feb. 28th.	G. Horde at Boeing, U. of Wash. at Seattle, Kitsap at Bellingham and West Seattle at Tacoma.

GAMES

LARRY PARR sent in the following: The late V. W. BEVER was well-known in Washington chess circles. His reputation as a very strong player was not undeserved. In fact, old issues of the Washington Chess Letter indicate that he was the terror of the Puget Sound League in the late 1940's. Even at this point he was in his seventies. The following game was played in 1939 and demonstrates his virtuosity in the endgame.

V. W. Bever	W. J. Platten
1. p-k4	p-k4
2. b-b4	p-qb3

Mr. Bever often played the Bishop's Opening. Incidentally, I have several hundred of his games, some of which involve interesting sacrificial attacks.

3. n-qb3	n-b3
4. p-q4	pxp
5. qxp	p-q3
6. n-b3	b-k2
7. p-k5	pxp

Black's position is cramped; however, White's move opens the position. One would think that 7. b-b4 and 8. O-O, etc. more logical.

8. qxq	bxq
9. nxp	O-O
10. O-O	b-b4
11. b-q3	bxq
12. nxb	b-n3
13. b-q2	qn-q2
14. p-qr4	p-qr4
15. p-kr3!	kr-k1

Having failed to secure a bind on the Q-side, White prepares for a king-side advance.

16. kr-k1	rxrch.
17. rxr	r-k1
18. rxrch.	nrx
19. p-kn4	n-q3

With a hole in his pawn structure at qn3 and a knight at q2 instead of qb3, Black has an inferior game.

20. p-n3	k-b1
21. k-n2	p-b3
22. p-r4	p-r3
23. p-b4	p-kb4

Worth thinking about is 23.---,n-qb4; 24. nxn (Black threatens n/3-q5), bxn; and Black has at least an even game because of an active bishop and a pin threat. If 25. n-n1, p-qn3; 26. k-b3, k-k2; or if 25. n-q1, p-qn3; 26. b-k3, bxb; 27. nxb, k-k2; and the position is nearly symmetrical.

24. n-k5!	k-k2
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25. nxn	kxn
26. p-r5!	pxp

A neat temporary sacrifice and the point of 24. n-k5!, for with a knight at q2 Black could play 27. n-kb3. White's move immobilizes Black's king-side.

27. k-n3	n-b4ch.
28. kxp	k-k3
29. n-k2!	n-k6ch.

A nice idea: White gives up bishop for knight in order to play the knight on the white squares; whereas, Black's bishop is innocuous against the advanced white-squared pawns of White.

30. bxn	bxq
31. p-qb4!	p-qn3
32. n-n3	b-q5
33. k-b3	b-b6
34. k-k4	b-k8
35. n-b5	b-b6
36. n-r4	b-b3
37. n-b3!	k-q3

White forces the trade of knight for bishop and what follows.

38. n-k5!	bxn
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Believe it or not, Black should not take the knight. However, letting the knight roam along with the king in the back ranks does not represent salvation either.

39. pxbch.	k-k3
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If 39.---,k-b4; 40. p-k6, k-q3; 41. k-b5, p-qb4; 42. k-n6, kxp; 43. kxp and wins.

40. p-n4!!	pxp
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If 40.---, p-qb4; 41. p-qn5 and it is zugswang.

41. p-b5	p-n6
42. k-q3	resigns.

All notes by LARRY PARR.

From the 1964 Oregon Open with notes by JERRY WOLFE.

Jim Campbell	Jerry Wolfe
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1. p-q4	n-kb3
2. n-qb3	p-b4

Black avoids the Blackmar Gambit 2.---p-q4; 3. p-k4.

3. p-q5	p-k3
4. p-k4	pxp
5. pxb	p-kn3
6. n-b3	p-q3
7. b-qb4?	b-n2
8. O-O	O-O
9. b-kn5	p-kr3

White's position looks free, but in reality he has poor prospects. His king-bishop is poorly placed on b4 where it has little mobility, and his queen-bishop is easily driven off. But the most significant aspect of this position is White's lack of a dynamic pawn center. This fact gives Black good play on both wings without worry of a central breakthrough by White.

10. b-r4?!	p-kn4
11. b-kn3	n-r4
12. q-q2	p-b4
13. p-kr3	p-b5
14. b-r2	

White's bishop at r2 is now permanently hemmed in. Virtually a piece up, Black continues development.

14. ----	n-q2
15. qr-kl	n-k4
16. q-k2	

nxn or b-k2 would save the bishop for defense of the king-side.

16. ----	nxb
17. qxn	b-b4
18. r-k2	q-q2

The possibility of a sacrifice by bkrp for Black is created by this move. The move also connects the black rooks.

19. kr-kl	qr-kl!
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Black's advantage can only increase with the exchange of White's active pieces. 19.---, bxxp is unclear.

20. rxr	rxr
21. rxrch.	qxr
22. p-kn4?	

Looking for freedom, White blunders. However, 22. q-n3, q-q2 threatening a sack at rook 6 is unappetizing for White as is 22. n-ql, q-k5; 23. qxq, bxq winning a pawn for if 24. p-qb4? bxn! and White's bishop will never get out.

22. ----	pxp e.p.
23. pxb	q-k6ch.
24. k-n2	bxpch.
25. kxb	qxn

Now Black threatens to win the queen by n-b5ch. White prevents this but loses another way.

26. n-k2	q-b8ch.
27. k-n4	n-b3 mate.

A very decisive finish! (The cd.)

Another game from the 1964 Oregon Open with notes by GREG KERN.

Greg Kern

Robert Holzinger

1. p-k4	p-qb4
2. n-kb3	p-q3
3. p-q4	pxp
4. nxb	n-kb3
5. n-qb3	p-qr3

One sees so many tournament games with this position it sometimes is monotonous. I sometimes miss Canadian master DUNCAN SUTTLES for his inexorable reply of 1.---, p-kn3 to 1. p-k4.

6. b-kn5	p-k3
7. p-b4	b-k2
8. q-b3	p-r3
9. b-r4	p-kn4

An extraordinary variation. The idea is to secure Black's k4 square for use of the knights. However, there will remain slight weaknesses on the flank and at q3.

10. pxb	kn-q2
11. b-n3	

Not p-n6, bxbch.

This 'notorious Gotborg Variation', as it is called, received lavish experiment and analysis during the late fifties. The line continued; 11. nxb! (The type of sacrifice made famous by ~~and~~ making famous Keres and Tal.) 11.---, pxn; 12. q-r5ch., k-b1; 13. b-n5! after which White had good attacking chances in almost any line Black could play.

I find the 'notoriety' of the line stems from the fact that three Argentinians (Najdorf, Panno, Pilnik) all played it in the same round against three Russians (Keres, Geller, Spassky) at the 1955 Interzonal. The slaughter was terrible!

11. ----	pxp
12. O-O-O	q-b2
(n-qb3!)	
13. b-n5!	qn-b3

After 13.---, pxb; 14. n/q4xnp White would get at least two pawns and a powerful attack.

14. kr-b1	r-b1
15. b-qr4	nxn
16. rxn	q-b4

If 16.---, p-qn4; to break the pin, 17. bxxp, pxb; 18. nxnp and 19. nxqpc. gives more than enough for the piece. Black must now beware of an assault against his weak link at q3.

17. bxxch.	bxp
18. r/kb-ql	p-n5
19. q-k2	q-n4ch.

20. k-n1 p-k4
 Drastic, but necessary. The once important k4 square of Black is blocked and a new square, at q5, will be occupied by White.

21. r/4-q2 O-O-O?
 Loses a pawn, but if 21.---,b-k3; (to repel the knight) 22. n-n5?! pxn; 23. qxmp ch., b-q2; 24. qxmp and now:

I. 24.---,r-bl; 25. p-qr4 and the pawn is hard to stop.

II. 24.---,r-ql; 25. b-b2, p-n6; 26. b-n6, ppx; 27. r-b2, (The threat was 27. ---,qxrl) q-r5; (or r-kr1) 28. r-rl and while this is very unclear, the white rooks can hold the line and the queen-side pawns become very menacing.

22. n-q5 b-k3?
 22.---,b-qb3; 23. nxbch., qxb; 24. qxmpch., k-n1 loses a pawn but prolongs the game.
 23. q-b4ch. Resigns.
 23.---,k-n1; 24. q-b7ch. followed by
 25. qxb.

From the 1964 Seattle Seafair Open. Ivars Dalbergs Greg Kern

1. p-qb4	n-kb3
2. n-qb3	p-k4
3. n-b3	n-b3
4. p-q4	pxp
5. nxp	b-b4
6. nxn	npxn
7. p-kn3	p-q4?
8. b-n2	b-k3
9. O-O	O-O
10. q-r4	b-q2
11. b-n5	r-n1
12. bxn	qxb
13. ppx	rxp
14. qr-bl	b-q5
15. n-k4	q-k4
16. p-k3	b-n3
17. ppx	b-kb4
18. n-b3	b-r4

Not 18.---,bpx; 19. pxb, qxpch.; 20. k-rl, q-q7; 21. r-knl, b-r6; 22. q-k4 remaining a piece ahead.

19. n-q5	b-q7
20. q-q4!	qxq
21. pxq	bxr forced
22. rxb	r-n8
23. rxr	bxr
24. nxp	bpx

The sequel shows that White's passed pawns are nearly impossible to stop.

25. p-q5	r-n1
26. b-b3	
b-k4! best.	
26. ----	b-b5!
27. k-n2	k-bl?
(27.---,r-n7; 28. p-q6, r-q7; 29. p-q7, k-bl would be much better.)	
28. p-q6	r-ql
29. p-q7	k-k2
30. b-q5	k-q3
30.---,bxb would hold out a long time but would eventually lose too.	
31. n-k8ch.	k-b4
32. p-b7 and wins.	
(All notes by Kern.)	

Regarding our games pages (which have been completely handled by the editor these many months, thanks to annotated games sent in by Kern, Parr and others) WILLIAM BLACKMORE has this to say: "I believe the games section should include the most important, crucial, and well-played games against the strongest or top-finishing players. This is really part of the tournament report. (Underlined by the editor.) There is mention of an important game, or in the crosstable one sees the battle between two top players and one wonders what it was like.

A solution to the games section problem resulting in greater enjoyment for the readers would come about if the tournament director requested that certain games be turned in, or if the tourney director could copy them in between rounds. In most cases the winner is most happy to turn in his win.

Concerning the games section, a group of interested parties had a talk with TERRY NELSON and convinced him that he should be games director. He could make a few annotations, but his main job would be to sort out the games, selecting the best. Terry indicated he would "abdicate" his job if someone like Pupols wanted the job back."

(Ed. note: So that lets Buz off the hook and we will be waiting for Terry.)

Blackmore is also unhappy about the raise in the WASHINGTON OPEN entry fee. The fee will be \$7.50 instead of the usual \$5. The WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER has not had to raise its subscription price in 12 years in spite of the fact that postage has gone up twice and the cost of paper, ink, stencils (and editors!) has gone up quite a bit. We see no reason for the entry fee raise and predict it will keep many away.

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 report the information to R. R. Merk. We will attempt to keep this directory up to date as changes are received. These clubs actively support and are affiliated with the Washington Chess Federation. Is your chess club a free loader in taking advantage of our Northwest ratings for use in their tournaments, publicity of coming events and news of what they have done and not taking a club membership at the rate of \$2.00 per year?

<p>ASHLAND CHESS CLUB Every Sunday at 2:00 P.M. Bards Brook Coffee House 31 Water Street Ashland, Oregon</p>	<p>SEATTLE CHESS CLUB Room 3, 158 Thomas Street Seattle Center Seattle, Washington</p>	<p>BRITISH COLUMBIA CHESS FEDERATION Vancouver, B.C. 1337 The Crescent</p>
<p>BOEING EMPLOYEES' CHESS CLUB Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Boeing Plant #2 Cafeteria Seattle, Washington</p>	<p>TWIN CITIES CHESS CLUB Larry Bidner, Sec. 1204 So. Gold Street Centralia, Washington Every Tuesday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>The following chess clubs are all in Vancouver, B.C.</p>
<p>BELLINGHAM CHESS CLUB Committee Room Leopold Hotel Every Friday at 7:00 P.M. Bellingham, Washington</p>	<p>TACOMA CHESS CLUB Tacoma Public Library 11th & Tacoma Ave. Tacoma, Washington Every Friday 7:30 P.M.</p>	<p>CITY CHESS CLUB & VANCOUVER CHESS CLUB Academy of the Arts 2695 West Broadway Tuesday & Thursday</p>
<p>CANYON COUNTY CHESS CLUB Every Thursday at 7:30 P.M. Community Center 910 First Street South Nampa, Idaho.</p>	<p>THE DALLES CHESS CLUB H.R. Davidsen, M.D. Sec. 1625 East 9th The Dalles, Oregon</p>	<p>VANCOUVER CONTINENTAL CHESS CLUB 543 Seymour Street Tuesday</p>
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<p>GREEN LAKE NORTH END CLUB Every Wednesday 6:30 to 10 P.M. Green Lake Field House Seattle, Washington</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY OF OREGON C.C. Erb Memorial Student Union Building Eugene, Oregon Thursday at 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB Brockhall University Campus Wednesday</p>
<p>KALISPEL CHESS CLUB Vernon L. Wyman, Sec. 507 W. Arizona Street Kalispel, Montana</p>	<p>University of Wash. C.C. Student Union Building University of Washington Seattle, Washington Every Friday at 2:00 P.M.</p>	<p>NEW WESTMINSTER CHESS CLUB Kiwanis House, Moody Park 7th Ave. & 8th Street Tuesday</p>
<p>KITSAP COUNTY CHESS CLUB 2nd & 4th Friday each month. Dr. J. Almond's residence Recreation Room Poulsbo, Washington</p>	<p>VASHON HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CLUB Vashon High School Burton, Washington.</p>	<p>WEST VANCOUVER CHESS CLUB West Vancouver Community Centre 2158 Fulton Avenue Monday</p>
<p>PORTLAND CHESS CLUB 411 Henry Building Portland, Oregon Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 P.M. Saturday 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p>WEST SEATTLE CHESS CLUB High Point Rec. Center 30th & S.W. Graham Street Seattle, Washington 2nd & 4th Friday 7:00 P.M.</p>	<p>We would like to hear from Eastern Washington Clubs as we have none from that area to be listed in this roster of chess clubs. . Spokane, Yakima, Kennewick, Pasco and Richland should have functioning clubs.</p>



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REPORT OF GAMES COMPLETED TO NOV. 30, 1964 Pts.

11/2	64A-1A	Rudzitis	1	Schmidt	0	26
11/5	64C-1B	Fay	1	Youngman	0	58
11/8	63A-4B	Morris	1	Abrahamson	0	37
11/10	63A-5B	Pupols	1	Morris	0	60
11/11	63C-9B	Cyr	1	Youngman	0	96
11/12	64A-4A	Seiter	½	Morris	½	24
	64A-7A	H. Raymond	1	Scripps	0	32
	63A-10A	Bell	1	H. Raymond	0	70
11/14	64B-7A	Youngman	1	Donnell	0	82
11/16	64C-2A	Youngman	1	Becker	0	68
11/18	64A-5A	Weaver	1	Harmon	0	52
11/19	63A-5A	Morris	1	Pupols	0	50
11/19	64B-4A	Christey	1	Howard	0	62
11/22	Private	D. Parsons	1	Collins	0	58
11/25	Private	D. Parsons	1	Collins	0	46
	Private	D. Parsons	1	Collins	0	46
	64B-4B	Christey	1	Skarsten	0	52
11/26	64A-5A	Morris	1	J. Nourse	0	30
11/27	64B-4A	Merk	1	Christey	0	86
	64A-5A	Harmon	1	J. Nourse	0	50
11/30	64A-3B	Sage	1	Skarsten	0	45
	64C-4A	Blosser	1	Link	0	10
	64C-4A	P.D. Lamasney	1	Link	0	10
	64C-4B	E. Denison	1	Link	0	10
	64C-4B	Blosser	1	Link	0	10
	64C-4B	P.D. Lamasney	1	Link	0	10
	63C-9A	Cyr	1	Link	0	10
	63C-9A	Keating	1	Link	0	10
	63C-9B	Cyr	1	Link	0	10
	63C-9B	Keating	1	Link	0	10
	62A-9A	R. W. Allyn	1	C. W. Allyn	0	50
	62A-9B	C. W. Allyn	1	R. W. Allyn	0	50

Evelyn Link has found it necessary to withdraw from all of her postal games and as indicated above all of her games are awarded to her opponents on the basis of 10 points per game. If any of them feel that they have a winning advantage and will send the score of the game to us we will award full points for a win if it appears that they do have a win.

Dick Parsons is determined to get to the top ten in the A Division and advanced this month from 25th to 13th position, so it looks like he may make it.

Jeffrey Holmes, Rte 1 Box 172 Brookings Ore. wants a private 6 game match with any A Division player.

	63A-4A	63A-4B
Morris	x 1 1 1	x 1 1 1 6
Abrahamson	0 x 1 1	0 x 1 1 4
Weaver	0 0 x 1	0 0 x 1 2
D. Parsons	0 0 0 x	0 0 0 x 0

Morris wins this one and on his application his prize will be awarded.

	63A-5A	63A-5B
Morris	x 1 ½ 1	x 0 ½ 1 4
Pupols	0 x 1 0	1 x 1 1 4
Vellias	½ 0 x 1	½ 0 x 1 3
Collins	0 1 0 x	0 0 0 x .1

Although Morris and Pupols each made 4 points in this section, we award the prize to Morris as he advanced his position by more points on the rating ladder than did Pupols.

	62A-9A	62A-9B
Pupols	x 1 0 1	x 1 1 1 5
C.L. Allyn	0 x 0 1	0 x 1 1 3
R.W. Allyn	1 1 x 1	0 0 x 1 4
D. Parsons	0 0 0 x	0 0 0 x 0

Pupols wins this section and on application can have whichever of the prizes he desires.

We welcome the following to our postal player department: David Fulton in the A Division, Dale K. Olson and Wm. M. Olson in the B. Division, and in the C Division James Knittel and Christine Lamasney, wife of Peter D. who became a postal player a few months ago.

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