

Historical WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER recaps by Russell Miller July 1948

60 years ago Lawrence W. Taro of Everett, WA put out an 11 page issue of WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER as Editor. One finds the 12 player cross-table of the Puget Sound Open in this issue. Jim Schmitt, a 19 year old from Portland Oregon, won the event 6-0. He won \$15.00 in cash. 2nd was Carroll Crain of Tacoma at 5-1. The event was held May 30-31 at the Tacoma Chess Club site in the Carlton Hotel, 17th and Commerce in Tacoma. The Washington Chess Federation annual meeting was held during the tournament. Officers elected were: President-Lawrence Taro, V-P-John Nourse, Sec-Richard Allen, Tres- W. H. Raleigh. Discussion centered around the Chess International Match with British Columbia to be held in Everett on June 27. A report on the Puget Sound League was given. Tacoma CC won the event with 8 matches won none lost. The leading player of the season was Collins of Tacoma 13.5-.5. Richard Allen's column "Fundamental Chess Strategy and Tactics, part 1" appeared filling one page. Several games by the Puget Sound Open winner were printed. Lawrence Taro was the top player on the Postal Chess Rating List.