

## **Historical WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER recaps by Russell Miller August 1958**

Dan Wade of Seattle was the Editor of the WASHINGTON CHESS LETTER for August 1958. The publisher was Fred Weaver of Seattle and circulation R. R. Merk of Seattle. Dr. Griffith H. Parker of Spokane was president of the Washington Chess Federation then. Some of news from this issue: Walt Conner won a speed event at the Seattle Chess Club with a 6-0 score, Seattle Seafair is set for August 2-3 at the Seattle YMCA under the direction of Al Livingston of Olympia, Jim McCormick and Viktors Pupols were winners of the 1957 event, Conner did a junior simul at the Seattle CC and scored 10-4, playing each junior twice, Robert Karch did a junior simul also scoring 3-2, 15th Annual International Match Washington vs. BC was set for Sunday August 10 in Mount Vernon, in 1957 BC won the match 22-8, Charles Hewitt of Tacoma won the 1958 Pierce County Champion, Tacoma Open was to be held Aug 23-24 at the Oakland Field House in Tacoma, Max Bader won the 1958 Seattle Chess Club Championship, 285 players were listed in the Robert Karch Northwest Rating List - Top 4 Arthur Dake, James McCormick, Olaf Ulvestad and Elmars Zemgalis, all 2150 and up, David Erickson won the 6th North East Seattle Invitational, Coubrough was the top player on the postal chess rating list this month.

Fred Weaver wrote an article "Chess Club in Distress" about problems of the Seattle Chess Club. There was only \$17.00 in the treasury on July 18 and \$40.00 rent due in two weeks. Only 39 paid-up members on the lists and the president had moved from Seattle and resigned. Fred Howard took over the slot.

"Chess Champ at the Fair" was a article about Larry Finley of Oswego, Oregon taking 15 year old Bobby Fischer around the Brussels World's Fair. The information came from a series of articles Finley had written for the *Oregon Journal* newspaper.