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Nevada Open

Date: February 26 - March 1
 Place: John Ascuaga's NUGGET Sparks, Nevada
 Director: George Koltanowski
 Type: 7 round Swiss - 50 moves in 2½ hours
 1st round 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 26
 Two rounds each day thereafter

Awards: This is a rating division tournament. You compete for awards only in the section for your starting rating.

Over 2000-	1st \$200.00	Class A - 1st \$175.00
	2nd 150.00	2nd 125.00
	3rd 75.00	3rd 65.00

Class B - 1st 150.00	Class C - 1st 125.00
2nd 100.00	2nd 75.00
3rd 50.00	3rd 35.00

Class D - 1st 100.00	2nd \$50.00	3rd 25.00
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Trophies for all first places plus Nevada Champion
 All prize money guaranteed.

Awards Banquet 9:00 PM Saturday

Registrations: From now till 6:00 PM February 26.
 Advance registrations appreciated.

Entry Fee: \$15.00 plus USCF membership. Make checks payable to Staunton Chess Club, % John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks, Nevada 89431.

Accommodations: Nugget Motor Lodge \$12 to \$25
 Roof Garden Hotel \$ 9 to \$18
 Nugget Roomette Motel \$ 6 to \$ 8

Extra guest charge \$2.00. All prices subject to 5% county room tax.

Direct reservations to: Sparks Nugget, P. O. Box 797, Sparks, Nevada 89431.

Be sure to indicate chess tournament connection.

WENATCHEE VALLEY OPEN

FEBRUARY 22

WENATCHEE Y.M.C.A. WENATCHEE, WN.

REGISTRATION 9:00-10:00 am

TWO SECTIONS 5 round swiss

OPEN RESERVE 18 & Under

ENTRY FEE \$1.00 ENTRY FEE: \$.50

1st Place Trophy 1st prize: WCF memb & CASH

Others if entry warrants

Bring Boards & Sets plus Clocks

chESs for FUN

* March 23rd at the Seattle Chess Club
 3424 Fremont North, Seattle

* Register 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
 \$1.25

* Time control ½ hour to finish
 (if short of clocks, a clock will be placed on the game after an hour, with 5 minutes to complete)

* SWISS SYSTEM - each group of four people will be as closely rated as possible, the winner after three rounds wins a WCF membership and subscription to NW Chess for one full year.

BRING SOME FRIENDS!

BRING SOME CLOCKS!

RUSE DE GUERRE OPEN

APRIL 26 - 26

P.U.D. Building, 89 "C" St. WASHOUGAL, WN.

REGISTRATION 8:30-9:30 AM 5 rd Swiss

ENTRY FEE: \$6.00 plus USCF and WCF or OCF Memberships required

1st - 40% of prize fund plus trophy

2nd - 30% *****

3rd - 15% *****

Best Woman-trophy

Best Junior - trophy

INLAND EMPIRE OPEN

APRIL 12 - 13 (note date change)

CARNATION HOSTESS HOUSE, Washington and Cataldo, Spokane, Washington

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 plus WCF or ICA (Subject to change)

5 rd Swiss 45 in 2

REGISTRATION 8:30 to 9:30 am

AWARDS: CASH based on entries
 Watch for more details next month

Play in Vancouver Open

Feb. 15-16

FOR DETAILS SEE PAGE 7

PUPOLS

No story received with the crosstable from TD Buz Eddy. The crosstable will have to speak for itself in recording Viktors Pupols 4th time to win or tie for 1st place in a Washington Open.

WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP & Alternates Cup

Feb. 15-16-21-22

The Washington State Championship will be held on February 15-16-21-22 at Seattle Chess Club. Invitations will be sent to James McCormick, Robert Holzinger, Pat Herbers, Mike Murray, Gary Holmquist, Joseph Toth, Viktors Pupols and Kent Pullen. Pupols is not expected to accept so Eero Jaaska will probably move up from Alternates Cup. Among those invited to Alternates Cup will be Ben Thurston, Lew Henry, Chris Corwin, Steve Thomas, Milo Nelson, Jeff Fox, Alf Overas and Lyman Johnston. Other players who wish to play in Alternates Cup should be at Seattle Chess Club before 9:00 am Feb. 15. Players with highest master points who are there will be asked to fill out the field so that there will be eight players in both sections. Winner of Alternates Cup gets one year custody of the trophy. Jeff Fox won last year. James McCormick is defending Washington Champion. He plans to play and try for his 6th title and 5th in a row. Spectators are welcome. All the games from top section will be printed in NWC.

WINS

WASHINGTON OPEN

Summary Washington Open Jan 4-5, 1969

Player	Town	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	So.
1. VIKTORS PUPOLS	Seattle	W36	W16	W11	W8	W7	D3	5½
2. KENT PULLEN	Kent	W34	D4	W33	W13	D6	W8	5
3. PETER BIYIASAS	Vancouver	W33	D27	W23	W20	W18	D1	5
4. GERALD LASSEN	Victoria	D5	D2	W24	W21	W25	D6	4½
5. RAY KERR	Victoria	D4	D34	D22	W29	W17	W9	4½
6. ALF OVERAS	Kent	W37	W29	W35	D18	D2	D4	4½
7. GARY HOLMQUIST	Bellingham	W55	W17	D20	W42	L1	W11	4½
8. PAT HICKEY	Seattle	W46	W12	W25	L1	W26	L2	4
9. JONATHAN BERRY	Vancouver	W14	L23	W56	W28	W12	L5	4
10. STU PEARSON	McCleary	L15	L19	W16	W12	W44	W26	4
11. BERT GERMALM	Bremerton	W43	W30	L1	W24	W22	L7	4
12. HAROLD RAYMOND	Bellingham	W54	L8	W31	W35	L9	W19	4
13. DAVID WHITE	Portland	W57	D42	W34	L2	D24	W28	4
14. STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER	Bothell	L9	W53	W38	D19	W27	D21	4
15. VIESTURS SEGINS	Seattle	W10	L24	W48	L26	W33	W30	4
16. PETER O'GORMAN	Seattle	W52	L1	L10	W49	W46	W18	4
17. CLAY KELLEHER	Portland	W48	L7	W37	W43	L5	W25	4
18. MARTIN GRAY	Bellevue	W49	W21	W19	D6	L3	L16	3½
19. ERNST RASMUSSEN	Tacoma	W50	W10	L18	D14	W20	L12	3½
20. JOSEPH TOTH	Seattle	W40	W38	D7	L3	L19	W36	3½
21. MIKE MURRAY	Renton	W32	L18	W45	L4	W38	D14	3½
22. DAVE WILLIAMS	Seattle	L42	W52	D5	W44	L11	W32	3½
23. FRANK ALEXANDRO	Kirkland	W51	W9	L3	L25	D32	W47	3½
24. PATRIC HESSEN	Seattle	W56	W15	L4	L11	D13	D27	3
25. RICHARD PARSONS	Seattle	W45	W26	L8	W23	L4	L17	3
26. STEPHEN MAR	Seattle	W28	L25	W32	W15	L8	L10	3
27. JOE EGGERTSEN	Seattle	W47	D3	L42	W36	L14	D24	3
28. EDGARDO SANDOVAL	Seattle	L26	W41	W47	L9	W39	L13	3
29. JOHN MELLER	Everett	W39	L6	D43	L5	W47	D40	3
30. FORREST DIAL	Tacoma	W31	L11	LF	W40	W37	L15	3
31. ROBERT HOLLAND	Seattle	L30	Bye	L12	L55	W49	W45	3
32. EARL KNAPP	Purdy	L21	W39	L26	W53	D23	L22	2½
33. DIGNÉ deLENEA	Seattle	L3	W57	L2	D47	L15	W48	2½
34. MIKE PARKAS	Seattle	L2	D5	L13	D48	D46	W51	2½
35. EERO JAASKA	Marysville	W41	W44	L6	L12	L36	D39	2½
36. DONALD SEITER	Seattle	L1	W46	D44	L27	W35	L20	2½
37. RON ERTER	Seattle	L6	W49	L17	Bye	L30	D46	2½
38. BRUCE BETZER	Portland	W53	L20	L14	W51	L21	D41	2½
39. JIM HANLEN	Spokane	L29	L32	W57	W45	L28	D35	2½
40. TIM KAUPPILA	Seattle	L20	W54	LF	L30	W51	D29	2½
41. ROY MOE	Seattle	L35	L28	L51	W50	W53	D38	2½
42. JAMES MCCORMICK	Seattle	W22	D13	W27	LF7	LF	LF	2½
43. BRUCE BEARDSLEY	Tacoma	L11	W51	D29	L17	L16	D44	2
44. GEORGE BRAUTLACHT	Bothell	Bye	L35	D36	L22	L10	D43	2
45. JOHN MCCALL	Renton	L25	W48	L21	L39	W52	L31	2
46. REUBEN EVANS	Seattle	L8	L36	L53	W54	D34	D37	2
47. CORDELL CHIPMAN	Pt. Townsend	L27	W55	L28	D33	L29	L23	1½
48. RON NORMAN	Seattle	L17	L45	L15	D34	W55	L33	1½
49. JOHN EDMISTON	NEWPORT	L18	L37	W50	L16	L31	D54	1½
50. ROBERT BURNS	Mercer Island	L19	L56	L49	L41	D54	W53	1½
51. DAVID STUBBS	Oak Harbor	L23	L43	W41	L38	L40	L34	1
52. LARRY REYNOLDS	Seattle	L16	L22	W54	L10	L45	LF	1
53. JAMES N. TURNER	Bellevue	L38	L14	W46	L32	L41	L50	1
54. BOB MCCURDY	Seattle	L12	L40	L52	L46	D50	D49	1
55. TED DAY	Bellevue	L7	L47	LF	W31	L48	LF	1
56. SINAI MANOR	Seattle	L24	W50	L9	LF	LF	LF	1
57. BOB MARTIN	Tacoma	L13	L33	L39	LF	LF	LF	0

PUGET SOUND OPEN

SIX ROUNDS MAY 17 - 18

Will be held at the spacious Boeing Plant #2 cafeteria, South 16th & East Marginal Way, just 20 minutes from downtown Seattle, Wash.

THREE SECTIONS: OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - 45 in 2
WOODPUSHER (1999 and Below) - 50 in 2
WOODBUSTER (1699 and Below) - 40 in 1½
USCF and WCF memberships required, all three

ENTRY FEES: \$6.00 for the Open Section
\$5.00 for the Woodpusher
\$4.00 for the Woodbuster

REGISTRATION: 8:30 - 9:30 am Saturday

OPEN PRIZES

1st \$65.00 2nd \$35.00 3rd \$25.00
4th \$15.00 5th \$10.00 6th \$10.00
(Perfect Score \$10.00 if entry allows)

WOODPUSHER PRIZES

1st \$20.00 2nd \$12.00 3rd \$8.00
1st "B" \$8.00 2nd "B" \$5.00 1st Jr. \$5.00

WOODBUSTER PRIZES

1st \$12.00 2nd \$8.00 3rd \$5.00
1st "C" \$8.00 2nd "C" \$5.00 1st D&U \$8.00

Tournament Director: Tim Kauppila

KELLEHER

WINS

MARCH of DIMES OPEN

CLAY KELLEHER breezed to an easy victory in March of Dimes Open. Bill Kiplinger topped ranked player was held down by two draws while 2nd ranked Don Turner losted his 1st round game. 28 players attending braved quite a snow storm Sunday morning and all returned to play their games except your writer, I wanted to drive home in day light. Only two players from Camas Washougal took part, they need to develop more local support. Trophies were awarded to top three finishers. This was third largest editon of this event. Only one player Fred Byron has won it twice in its 8 year history. The March of Dimes net \$50.00 or so from the event. Ruse de Guerre Chess Club hopes all the players will be back next year and many more players also. Don't forget the Ruse de Guerre Open April 26-27.

By Miller

PLAYER	Summary HOME	March of Dimes Open -1-	-2-	Jan. 25-26, 1969 -3-	-4-	-5-	So
1. CLAY KELLEHER	Portland	W19	W25	W4	W7	D2	4½
2. BILL KIPLINGER	Portland	W28	W9	D7	W14	D1	4
3. DON TURNER	The Dalles	L5	W27	W25	W18	W12	4
4. SIEF POULSEN	Salem	W15	W10	L1	W13	D5	3½
5. BRUCE BEARDSLEY	Tacoma	W3	D14	W13	D8	D4	3½
6. OWEN DVORSHAK	Portland	L22	D20	W10	W15	W14	3½
7. DEANE MOORE	Portland	W26	W18	D2	L1	D8	3
8. ROBERT MITCHELL	Klamath Falls	W27	L13	W11	D5	D7	3
9. LARRY BALL	Portland	D16	L2	W17	W22	D13	3
10. DARYL DELANEY	Portland	W23	L4	L6	W19	W20	3
11. RONALD COTTON	Silverton, Ore.	L13	W19	L8	W26	W18	3
12. STU PEARSON	McCleary	L18	W23	W22	W21	L3	3
13. ROD ESPEY	Portland	W11	W8	L5	L4	D9	2½
14. PATRIC HESSEN	Seattle	W24	D5	W21	L2	L6	2½
15. DON GRISHAM	Portland	L4	D17	W24	L6	W25	2½
16. RICHARD MORRIS	Portland	D9	L28	D20	W27	D21	2½
17. DENNIS COTTON	Silverton, Ore.	L25	D15	L9	WF28	W22	2½
18. DOUGLAS GRISHAM	Vancouver, Wn.	W12	L7	W26	L3	L11	2
19. BYRON TRAVIS	Hillsboro	L1	L11	W23	L10	W26	2
20. DAVE BRANDENBURG	Portland	L21	D6	D16	W25	L10	2
21. ALAN DVORSHAK	Portland	W20	D22	L14	L12	D16	2
22. WM. CROWE	Portland	W6	D21	L12	L9	L17	1½
23. CRAIG SYLVIA	Portland	L10	L12	L19	D24	Bye	1½
24. JOE BRANDENBURG	Portland	L14	L26	L15	D23	W27	1½
25. FRED SCHMIDT	Camas	W17	L1	L3	L20	L15	1
26. SUNNY ESPEY	Portland	L7	W24	L18	L11	L19	1
27. BILL JESSETT	Washougal	L8	L3	Bye	L16	L24	1
28. RUSSELL MILLER	Yakima	L2	W16	LF	LF17	LF	1

GAMES By Zuk

New York 1968

Ruy Lopez
Sohliemann Defence

White: Sal Maters
Black: Dennis Waterman

1. P-K4
2. N-KB3
3. B-N5

The Schliemann Defence is not actually unsound but violates the principles of sound development; that is why it is seen so rarely today.

4. N-QB3

Alternatives are:

I.-4. BxN, QPxN; 5. NxP, Q-Q5; 6. Q-R5ch, P-N3; 7. NxNP, PxN; 8. QxPch, K-Q1.

II.-4. P-Q4, BPxP; 5. NxP, NxN; 6. PxN, P-B3; 7. B-K2, Q-R4ch; 8. B-Q2, QxKP; 9. B-QB3, Q-KN4; 10. B-R5ch, K-Q1.

III.-4. PxP?, P-K5; 5. Q-K2, Q-K2; 6. BxN, QPxN; 7. N-Q4, Q-K4; 8. N-K6, BxN; 9. PxN, B-Q3; 10. N-B3, N-B3.

IV.-4. P-Q3, PxP; 5. PxP, N-B3; 6. O-O, P-Q3; 7. Q-Q3, B-N5; 8. B-N5, B-K2; 9. QN-Q2.

The move played seems the most natural.

4.
5. QxNP
6. NxP
6. N-N3, B-KN5; 7. P-KR3, BxN; 8. QxN, N-B3; 9. P-Q3, B-QB4 Black has a good game.
6.
7. NxN
8. NxRPch?

I think a stronger line of play for Black is 8.P-B3; 9. NxN, (9. P-QB4, Q-QB4; 10. NxN, PxN.) QxN; 10. Q-N4, K-Q1; 11. N-Q6,

BxN; 12. QxNP, Q-K4; 13. QxNP, R-B1. Black's extra piece outweighs White's pawns.

9. P-QB4
10. BxBch
11. N-N5
12. R-B1
13. N-B3

Both sides have problems. White is a Pawn up but he must return it to develop his Queen-side and get his King into safety. Black has a poor King position.

14. P-Q4

14.N-B3 is met by 15. P-Q5! whereas had Black omitted 12.P-QB3 White would have to worry aboutN-N5.

15. B-K3
16. Q-Q2
17. O-O-O
18. P-B4
19. P-B5
20. QxPch
21. N-R4
22. N-N6ch
23. K-N1

After 23. Q-R3, BxN; 24. BxB, QxPch; 25. K-N1, Q-R3; 26. Q-Q6ch, K-R1; 27. R-Q3, QxN; 28. R-R3 ch, Q-R2 the win, if there is a win at all, will be achieved only with the greatest difficulty. (Dennis pointed out this variation). 22.BxN would only enhance White's chances.

23.
24. B-Q4
25. BxB
26. R-KN1
27. B-Q4
28. RxQ

28.P-R4! would allow Black to defend his KN Pawn by R-R2 and also give him counterplay.

29. R-(3)-KN3
30. R-N5

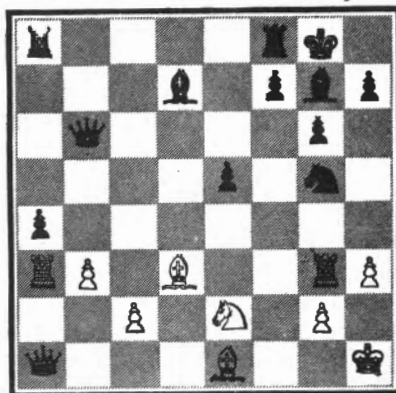
The time scramble begins and both sides play a few second best moves. (DW)

31. B-B3
32. BxNP
33. RxNch
34. RxNP

- Q-K2
- BxN
- Q-K5
- R-K2
- QxQch
- K-B2?
- N-R4
- R-K5
- R-R5
- NxB
- K-Q3
- R-KB1

35. R-G1ch	K-B4
36. R-KB1	KxP
37. R-QB7	R-B3
38. R-K7	R-R7
39. P-R3	P-R4
40. R-B4ch	K-Q4
41. P-R4	P-B4
42. P-R5	K-B3
43. R-R4	RxP
44. P-R6	R-B7

Position after 26. R-N3



On my 44th move I threw the Rook to the last rank. The piece landed on the B7 square. (DW) However, after 44.R-B8ch; 45. K-R2, R(7)-RB; 46. R(7)-K4 Black loses.

Black Resigns

A game of vicissitudes.

NorthWest Open

Robatsch Defence

White:	Black:
Schemm	J. Berry

1. P-K4	P-KN3
2. P-Q4	B-N2
3. P-KB4	P-Q3

I have had some success with the development of the King's Bishop on the QR2-KN3 diagonal. An off-hand game went like this - Zuk vs. X: 1. P-K4, P-KN3; 2. P-Q4, B-N2; 3. N-KB3, P-Q3; 4. B-QB4, P-QB3; 5. B-N3, N-Q2?; (P-Q4!) 6. O-O, P-K4; 7. N-B3, N-K2; 8. Pxp, Pxp; 9. Q-Q6 O-O; 10. B-N5, R-K1; 11. QR-Q1, P-KR3; 12. R-Q3!, PxB; 13. BxPch, KxB; 14. Nxpch and Mate in four more moves. A month after this game was played a different opponent, unaware of the above game, allowed me to follow the same course with the same result!

4. P-KR3?
Excessive caution. Correct is 4. N-QB3.

4. P-QB4
5. Pxp
And better would be 5. N-KB3.

5. Q-R4ch
6. B-Q2 QxBP
7. B-B3
After 7. N-QB3, B-Q5; 8. N-B3, B-B7ch; the game would take on a bizarre appearance.

7. N-KB3
8. B-Q3 O-O
9. N-K2 N-B3
10. N-Q2
The awkward position of White's minor pieces is in direct contrast with Black's harmonious development.

10. P-QN4
11. N-N3 Q-R4
11.Q-N3 was a good alternative.

12. O-O P-N5
13. B-K1 P-R4
14. P-CR4 PxFp.p?
14.BxP! would give Black at least three Pawns for the piece and a lasting attack - e.g. 15. PxB, QxP; 16. N-N3, N-N5; 17. Q-K2, N-Q5.

15. RxP P-R5
16. R-B3 B-K3
17. N(3)-Q4
Why not 17. N-N3?

17. NxN
18. NxN Q-QB4
19. B-B2 Q-N5
20. Q-R1
What a place for a Queen!

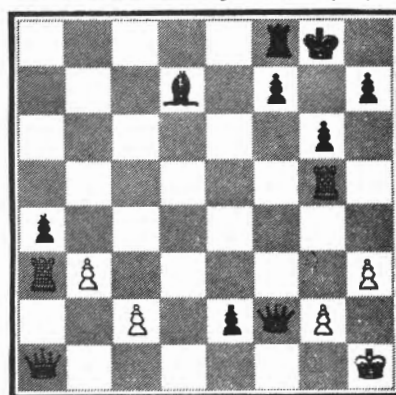
20. B-Q2
21. P-N3? P-K4
22. Pxp Pxp
23. N-K2 NxP
24. B-K1 Q-N3ch?
More accurate was 24.Q-B4ch protecting the Knight afterP-K5.

25. K-R1 N-N4
26. R-N3
5

Now it appears as if 26.P-K5 achieves nothing because of 27. B-B3, BxB; 28. NxB, PxB N-Q5. However the win is still there.

26.	P-K5
27. B-B3	PxB!
28. BxB	PxN
29. BxR	RxB
30. RxN	Q-B7!

Position after 30.Q-B7!



After this strong move White can give up.

31. R-K5	Q-B8ch
32. K-R2	B-B3
33. RxP	QxR
34. Q-KN1	R-Q1
35. Pxp	R-Q8
36. R-K3	QxBP
37. R-QB3	Q-N7
38. RxB	

Perhaps White is hoping for an earthquake.

38.	RxQ
39. KxR	Q-R8ch
40. K-R2	QxP
41. R-B8ch	K-N2
42. K-R1	K-R3
43. K-R2	K-N4
44. R-B5ch	P-B4
45. R-B8	Q-B5ch
46. K-N1	K-R5
47. K-R1	Q-Q5
48. R-QR8	Q-Q8ch
49. K-R2	Q-Q3ch
50. K-R1	K-N6
51. R-R1	Q-Q4
52. R-R3ch	K-B7
53. R-B3ch	QxR
54. PxQ	KxP
55. Resigns	

ORE. WOODPUSHERS NEWS ???

Guess the Oregon Woodpushers do not want their tourney published. Nothing on the event has reached here to this date. So far two inquiries as to what happened to it. Some folks do not stay till the end and would like to know the final results.

FOX WINS Northwest Jr.

1968 NORTHWEST JUNIOR -- SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

By Kauppila

Jeff Fox of Mercer Island breezed to victory in the Northwest Junior, held at the Seattle Chess Club December 26-27. He won his first five games before drawing with Peter Biyiasas (5 - 1), the second place finisher. The prizes were the subject of much controversy. As well as having no 1st, 2nd, or 3rd this tournament had no class A prize. A few "A" players were shocked to learn after they had started play that they were not eligible for any prize except perhaps a chance to play in the Invitational. I think that this was unfair. Prizes... Class B; Vincent Hikida, Bill Ward, Walter North, Jack Anderson, and Jack Pickham all with 3½-2½ scores each won \$5.40. Class C; Robert Ruotsalainen, Norman Hardy, and Mike Burke all with 3½-2½ scores each won \$9.00. Class D; Wesley Prichard 3 - 3 won \$7.00. Tim Kauppila directed.

PLAYER	HOME	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	SCORE	MED.
1. Jeff Fox	Mer. Is.	W28	W25	W20	W8	W6	D2	5½	13½
2. Peter Biyiasas	Vancouver	W9	D20	W35	W3	W11	D1	5	14½
3. Dennis Waterman	Portland	W23	W7	D30	L2	W20	W8	4½	14½
4. Mike Montchalin	Portland	W24	W13	W33	L6	W17	D5	4½	14½
5. David White	Portland	W17	W21	L6	W10	W9	D4	4½	14½
6. Steve Loyland	Portland	W22	W18	W5	W4	L1	LF	4	14½
7. Steve Thomas	Kent	W40	L3	W22	D12	W14	D9	4	13
8. Forrest Dial	Tacoma	W15	W35	D29	L1	W12	L3	3½	15½
9. Robert Ruotsalainen	Seattle	L2	W27	W18	W13	L5	D7	3½	15
10. Vincent Hikida	Auburn	W26	L30	W31	L5	D22	W17	3½	14
11. Bill Ward	Tacoma	W32	L29	W24	W21	L2	D13	3½	12½
12. Walter North	Seattle	L33	W36	W15	D7	L8	W26	3½	12½
13. Jack Anderson	Seattle	W37	L4	W16	L9	W35	D11	3½	12
14. Jack Pickham	Tacoma	D36	L33	W19	W23	L7	W22	3½	11½
15. Norman Hardy	Seattle	L8	W38	L12	D35	W23	W21	3½	11
16. Mike Burke	Seattle	L29	W32	L13	W37	D21	W25	3½	10
17. Chris Bowen	Milwaukie	L5	W39	W25	WF	L4	L10	3	13
18. Jim West	Seattle	W19	L6	L9	L20	W28	W34	3	12
19. Wesley Prichard	Seattle	L18	D23	L14	W36	D24	W35	3	9½
20. Milo Nelson	Seattle	W27	D2	L1	W18	L3	LF	2½	15
21. Les Cowan	Seattle	W39	L5	W26	L11	D16	L15	2½	13
22. Owen Overton	Seattle	L6	W40	L7	W31	D10	L14	2½	12½
23. Ron Norman	Seattle	L3	D19	W36	L14	L15	W37	2½	11½
24. John Visich	Seattle	L4	W37	L11	D28	D19	D27	2½	11½
25. Perry Hawkins	Bothell	W31	L1	L17	W27	D26	L16	2½	11
26. Gerry Waters	Portland	L10	W28	L21	WF	D25	L12	2½	11
27. George Brautlacht	Bothell	L20	L9	W32	L25	W31	D24	2½	9½
28. John Peters	Tacoma	L1	L26	W38	D24	L18	W36	2½	9
29. Richard Askay	Portland	W16	W11	D8	LF	LF	LF	2½	7
30. Dave Rupel	Seattle	W34	W10	D3	LF	LF	LF	2½	5½
31. Jake Lohr	Milwaukie	L25	W34	L10	L22	L27	Bye	2	10½
32. Albert Gerard	Auburn	L11	L16	L27	L34	Bye	W38	2	8½
33. Robert Morris	Seattle	W12	W14	L4	LF	LF	LF	2	7
34. Ken Buckles	Portland	L30	L31	L37	W32	W38	L18	2	7
35. Mike Langworthy	Bothell	W38	L8	L2	D15	L13	L19	1½	13½
36. Bob Shielee	Bothell	D14	L12	L23	L19	W37	L28	1½	11½
37. Stuart Liddle	Seattle	L13	L24	W34	L16	L36	L23	1	10½
38. Larry Wickersham	Auburn	L35	L15	L28	Bye	L34	L32	1	7½
39. Mike Wellens	Seattle	L21	L17	W40	LF	LF	LF	1	6
40. Don Eisenberg	Seattle	L7	L22	L39	LF	LF	LF	0	5

Biyiasas Tops

By Skubi

PLAYER NAME	HOME	BIYI	MONT	WATE	WHIT	DIAL	TOTAL
Peter Biyiasas	Vancouver	X	1	1	0	1	3-1
Mike Montchalin	Portland	0	X	1	½	1	2½-1½
Dennis Waterman	Portland	0	0	X	1	1	2-3
Dave White	Portland	1	½	0	X	½	3-2
Forrest Dial	Tacoma	0	0	0	½	X	½-3½

There was criticism from a number of the better players on the distribution of prizes at the Northwest Junior Open and Invitational tournaments. Jeff Fox won the Open but received no money. By refusing to play in the closed section, apparently as a protest against an unjust and heartless organizer (me) he failed to qualify for prize money, because the only prizemoney to be disbursed to top players was to go to the invitational winners.

The conditions under which the money was distributed were thought up by me and published for two months in NORTHWEST CHESS, with additional descriptions in the 400 leaflets sent out to various schools. Had there been letters sent demanding a change, it would have been changed. But once the players

had begun the tournament, I was committed to acting as advertized. I make the best judgments I can, because there are remarkably few chess players willing to help.

GETTING BACK TO THE TOURNAMENT....

Biyiasas came out on top after all concerned had gotten in their licks against someone. The tournament was carried on in 15 degree weather, but the faithful Seattle Chess Club heater managed to keep things up to a tolerable (with coat & gloves) 55-60 degrees.

I will pat myself and Sally Swedine on the back for acting as T.D. through the long hours. Sally was somewhat non-committal when I first asked if she would direct. I hadn't been informed she and Vik were getting married 31st.

B. C. BULLETIN

By Bob Eldridge

BIYIASAS WINNER

From Russ Vogler come details of the British Columbia Closed, played January 11th & 12th at New Westminster.

PETER BIYIASAS continued with his winning way with a clean score which included victories over almost all the top finishers. This is his 2nd straight B.C. Closed championship, and he is assured of a place in the B.C. Championship to be played off in May.

FRED SCHULTZ also qualified for the Championship with a second-place finish, his only loss being to Jonathan Berry.

Despite the un-Vancouver-like weather there was a turnout of 35 players, many of them being relatively new faces in tournament chess. Lee and Ludgate, both unrated, finished well up in the final standings, and Ludgate's only loss was to Peter Biyiasas.

1	P Biyiasas	W10	W12	W4	W5	W11	W3	6	2114
2	F Schultz	W23	W28	L5	W17	W14	W4	5	1987
3	R Zuk	W18	W8	W16	L11	W5	L1	4	2064
4	A Zeidak	W34	W9	L1	W16	W15	L2	4	1917
5	J Berry	W19	W17	W2	L1	L3	W11	4	1914
6	H Ulbaek	L11	W31	W7	D9	D10	W13	4	1907
7	V Skabeikis	W25	W22	L6	L10	W17	W14	4	1743
8	R Vogler	W26	L3	W20	L13	W27	W15	4	1698
9	D Shapero	W29	L4	W24	D6	D13	W18	4	1685
10	A Ludgate	L1	W21	D13	W7	D6	W12	4	unr
11	J Lee	W6	W15	W19	W3	L1	L5	4	unr
12	O Rasmussen	W21	L1	L18	W31	W19	L10	3	1785
13	D Collins	L24	W20	D10	W8	D9	L6	3	1776
14	M Potoma	L20	W24	W33	W28	L2	L7	3	1814
15	H Melchior	W31	L11	W21	W18	L4	L8	3	1774
16	W Jung	W22	W25	L3	L4	W24	L17	3	1635
17	H Jamieson	W35	L5	W32	L2	L7	W16	3	1503
18	G Bamman	L3	W35	W12	L15	W25	L9	3	unr
19	B McLaren	L5	W27	L11	W26	L12	W24	3	unr
20	L Mundwiler	W14	L13	L8	L27	W28	W29	3	unr
21	B Foan	L12	L10	L15	W29	W34	W28	3	unr
22	J Leask	L16	L7	L31	W34	W26	W27	3	unr
23	D May	L2	L26	L27	W35	D29	W25	2 1/2	unr
24	H Lemke	W13	L14	L9	W32	L16	L19	2	unr
25	W Van Camp	L7	L16	W34	W33	L18	L23	2	unr
26	R Babb	L8	W23	L28	L19	L22	W34	2	unr
27	M Moyer	L30	L19	W23	W20	L8	L22	2	unr
28	T Greenfield	W32	L2	W26	L14	L20	L21	2	1331
29	R Cotter	L9	L32	W35	L21	D23	L20	1 1/2	unr
30	H Satanove	W27	---	---	---	---	---	1	1649
31	W Ng	L15	L6	W22	L12	---	---	1	unr
32	J Nightingale	L28	W29	L17	L24	---	---	1	1259
33	E Novosad	---	W34	L14	L25	---	---	1	unr
34	D Neale	L4	L33	L25	L22	L21	L26	0	unr
35	G Zuk	L17	L18	L29	L23	---	---	0	unr

* underlined means won or lost by default

NANAIMO 1968

Fred Schultz sends details of two tournaments played in Nanaimo - the "A" and "B" sections of the 12th Annual Nanaimo & District Open Championship.

Fred won the championship by the narrow margin of half a point over 15 years old Brian McLaren, an honor student in Grade 10 and a good prospect for future chess honors in the area.

Rick Fairchild, another 15 years old player, won the "B" section with only one loss (to the second finisher H. Gee, with whom he shared the points in their individual games).

Each section was played as a double round robin. The details:

CLASS "A"

1	B Parker	--	1 1/2	10	00	11	10	5 1/2-4 1/2	3rd
2	P Nelson	0 1/2	--	00	01	01	10	3 1/2-6 1/2	4-5
3	B McLaren	01	11	--	10	11	1 1/2	7 1/2-2 1/2	2nd
4	F Schultz	11	01	01	--	11	11	8-2	First
5	F Jepson	00	10	00	00	--	10	2-8	6th
6	L Davy	01	01	0 1/2	00	01	--	3 1/2-6 1/2	4-5

CLASS "B"

1	H Gee	--	11	10	11	01	6-2	2nd
2	W Stafford	00	--	00	10	10	2-6	4-5
3	R Fairchild	01	11	--	11	11	7-1	First
4	M Laing	00	01	00	--	11	3-5	3rd
5	D Longley	10	01	00	00	--	2-6	4-5

VANCOUVER OPEN

February 15th and 16th

Renfrew Community Center, Room 102,
2929 East 22nd Avenue, Vancouver

Registration 9 - 9.30 Saturday, 1st rnd at 10.

Entry: Adults \$6
Students above 1600 \$6
Students below 1600 \$4

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and class prizes.

Tournament Director Russ Vogler 522-2564

BRITISH COLUMBIA SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday March 9th

Renfrew Community Center, Room 102,
2929 East 22nd Avenue, Vancouver.

Registration noon to 12.30

Entry: \$2

Each player will have 5 minutes.

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SETS AND CLOCKS.

Tournament Director Russ Vogler 522-2564

KROTKI WINS

I reported last month that JAN KROTKI was to play a four game match with CAMILLE COUDARI for the right to represent Canada at the World Junr Championship.

Coudari won the first and third games, and Jan Krotki won the 2nd and 4th, so Krotki will go to the World Junior. Lawrence Day reported that he played very well in the match.

Jan has been enquiring about tournaments in B.C., so we may be seeing something of him over here. I sent him a recent copy of NWC.

OREGON CHESS NEWS

By HARRY GLIDDEN

FREEBURGER & PRICE TIE

An attempt was made in variation chess at the YMCA Benefit Partnership tournament held in Medford on Jan. 18 & 19. It was intended this should be as much for fun as for competition.

The tournament was a second effort to get parent-child and/or teacher-student partnership teams to come out. On this score the event was an out and out flop. Only one father-son pair showed and no teacher-student. More youth showed up than adults and many more said they would have if they could have gotten an adult partner. Six adults and seven children presented themselves at starting time and one child dropped out so six sets of partners completed the tournament. Dr. Frank Freeburger and Bryan Price finished tied for first, through three sets of tie-breaker points, on an individual basis.

Bryan Price and his adult partner, Richard Cavin won team first place hands-down. Cavin finished third on an individual basis, because of a third round handicap. The event was a five round affair. Two games were played Saturday evening, starting at 6:30 PM to allow working people time to enter. Three games played on Sunday started at 1:00 PM so as not to interfere with player's church activities.

The tournament was run with 3 rounds 30/1 and 2 rounds 30/30. Two rounds were played under handicap restrictions. Two of the players complained rather strongly about having to spot pieces to their opponents but complied with the assigned spotting conditions. One player refused to play under the handicap requirement and was allowed to ignore it. This allowance was an error that the tournament director will not repeat. It turned out this single game differential did have the possibility of altering the outcome and in view of all the other players complying with the handicaps the allowance of one exception was unfair to the others.

At departure time Saturday evening all players were advised by the director to expect some unusual variations during their play the next day. When play was resumed Sunday afternoon the more experienced players could barely withstand the shock of the spot penalties they were assigned.

In the third round Bryan Price, 1688, was paired against Jerry Haynes, 1343, with a required spotting of one Rook and one Bishop before play began. In the early part of this battle Jerry was able to take full advantage of his handicap and well into the middle game maintained the lead. Price battled with dogged persistence and caution, finally capturing enough to equalize the power and go on to win. Price's win of that third round match, under surprise and adverse requirements, set up his partnership for the possibility to win top position. Price again showed the result of his ability and careful study of the game in the fifth and final game. In this round Price was paired against John Chitwood, a good senior player, with no handicap given. After being in a poor position through the middle of the game Price was still able to pull out a win to cinch first place for his partnership team.

Don Haynes was required to give one Rook and two Pawns to Steve Bigham, the youngest player, in the third round and still won. John Chitwood spotted Isaac Jones two

Pawns on which Isaac was never able to capitalize. Frank Freeburger spotted Brian Anders one Bishop and one Knight in the third round. In this game Frank found Brian an opponent well able to realize his starting advantage. Brian promptly set out to reduce pieces as rapidly as possible with even trades but Freeburger's experience soon progressed to a win. In round four Freeburger once again found himself giving a handicap of a Bishop and the Queen Bishop Pawn to Norman DeArmond. Young DeArmond maintained his handicap lead for the major portion of the game but finally succumbed. How-

ever DeArmond had just progressed from a third round win over the top rated player in the tournament, Richard Cavin. Cavin gave his Queen and Queen Rook Pawn to Norman for the handicap and DeArmond was able to maintain this advantage throughout the game for his win.

This game went: Cavin's Queen and QRP are gone.			
Cavin	DeArmond	Cavin	DeArmond
1. N-KB3	P-K3	29. RxR	P-N6
2. P-K4	P-Q4	30. K-K1	P-N7
3. P-K5	P-KN3	31. R-Q1	P-QR4
4. P-Q4	P-QN3	32. K-Q2	K-N6
5. P-QB4	PxP	33. K-K2	P-R5
6. BxP	B-KN2	34. K-B2	P-R6
7. O-O	B-QN2	35. R-Q3+	K-R7
8. B-QN5+	P-QB3	36. R-Q2	K-R8
9. B-K2	N-Q2	37. R-Q3	P-R7
10. B-KB4	P-QN4	38. R-Q7	P-N8/Q
11. N-B3	P-QN5	39. RxP	Q-B7+
12. N-QR4	Q-R4	40. K-K3	Q-B4+
13. N-B5	Q-N4	41. K-K2	P-K4
14. BxQ	PxB	42. RxP	Q-B5+
15. NxB	B-B1	43. K-B2	Q-Q5+
16. N-Q6+	BxN	44. K-N3	Q-KB5+
17. PxB	N-KB3	45. K-B2	K-N7
18. N-K5	N-K5	46. R-QN7	Q-Q7+
19. P-B3	NxP	47. K-N3	P-KN5
20. NxN	KxN	48. R-N5	P-R8/Q
21. BxN	KxB	49. RxKP	Q-Q3
22. R-R6+	K-Q4	50. P-B4	Q-R6+
23. P-QN3	KxP	51. K-B4	Q-Q2+
24. R-Q6+	K-B6	52. K-N5	Q-Q1+
25. R/1-Q1	KxP	53. KxP	Q-R3+
26. R/1-Q3+	K-B5	54. K-B5	Q/1-KB3+
27. K-B2	R-Q1	55. K-K4	Q-B5+
28. RxR	RxR	56. K-K3	Q/3xmate

This is an example of a rough handicap and a young player with power predominate in his mind. Helped with permissive play. Something even more note worthy however; this game record was kept as shown with some extra writing, not included here, by a ten year old while playing at 30/30 speed and no irreparable errors.

That teacher, Tom Fryback, is developing a good size group of, soon to be good, chess players.

The most outstanding single game was between Jerry Haynes, a fifth grader, and Hugh Huntley of Eagle Point in the fifth round. No handicap given in this round

but Jerry established a decided advantage in the early part of the game. However in the middle portion of the game Jerry pulled a boner which caused him to give up his Queen for a Knight. Observers thought this might upset the boy too much for recovery. However he calmed down and forced a superior pawn position to work out his win.

This being an effort at a benefit affair there were no official prizes and ofcourse everyone knew there would be no ratings for such unusual playing.

Frank Freeburger donated a chess set to be given to the top Junior, Bryan Price.

The director named Norman DeArmond as the most improved player even after discounting his handicap advantage in the third round. Norman will receive Chess Life and a year membership in the USCF, order already in USCF headquarters, for his accomplishment.

The finishing order was; Frank Freeburger & Bryan Price tied for first, Richard Cavin, John Chitwood, Norman DeArmond, Don Haynes, Roger Vanderbeek, Jerry Haynes-received a book from Freeburger for third place junior, Brian Anders, Isaac Jones, Hugh Huntley and Steve Bigham.

The majority of the players said they had fun but at this writing I do not recommend this type of partnership team tournaments. If you do try something like this; sometimes the slightest change will spell the difference. Perhaps different time, requirements, entry fee (this one was \$2.50 per player but advertised as \$5.00 per

team), or publicity change would help. However it is deffinate that father or mother will not expose themselves to being shown up by their offspring. Try something different in chess tournaments in your area. Let us know how the tournament is operated and how it comes off. The more places that try and let the news of procedure and success or failure the better chance we have of stumbling onto something workable. Charging off only actual promotion expenses and with all three prizes given donated on the side this event netted less than \$10.00/profit for the YMCA.

Portland Metro League

Played January 19 at Portland Chess Club - moves 40/80

Dark Avengers	5	Bd.#	Rocky Butte Raiders	5
I. Dalbergs	1½	1	B. Kiplinger	0½
E. Addis	2	2	O. Dvorshak	0
D. Delaney	1	3	M. Montchalin	1
J. Brandenburg	0½	4	D. Moore	0½
J. Brandenburg	0	4	D. Davidson	1
Forfeit	0	5	P. Keef	2

Black Knights	6½	Bookends	3½	
C. Harmon	1	1	D. Waterman	1
D. White	0½	2	D. Turner	1½
C. Kelleher	2	3	J. Holmes	0
S. Loyland	2	4	A. Eert	0
B. Betser	1	5	N. Thompson	0
A. McLennan	0	5	N. Thompson	1

1968 PORTLAND INVITATIONAL 30/30 Played in December at Deane Moore's house TROPHY for 1st place

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1 D. Waterman	x	1	0	1	1	1	4-1
2 C. Harmon	0	x	1	1	1	1	4-1
3 D. Turner	1	0	x	1	½	1	3½-1½
4 D. Moore	0	0	0	x	1	1	2-3
5 M. Montchalin	0	0	½	0	x	1	1½-3½
6 R. Askay	0	0	0	0	0	x	0-5

Ed. Note: The above two activities were sent by some one unwilling to be named, to Russell Miller at Yakima. Rusty in turn mailed them to me. This, if done too often, can run up postal expenses as well as taking up extra time and effort of the persons involved. The reason for having an Oregon editor and any other sectional or division editor is to spread out the work load of getting out this magazine. When I or any other of the various editors send in the material to Rusty it is ready, after positional layout, to go to the printer. If some of you have something you think should go in the magazine and do not want to send it through me you can certainly type it up on clear white paper ready for the printer and send it direct to Mr. Miller. But someone does have to prepare all material for print.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT FOR RATING

It has been relayed to me that no one from Oregon took the effort to vote on this matter. There was a request in the December issue of the NW Chess that all officers of the three federations vote on whither to restrict ratings by NW to members only or leave ratings open to all. This writer foolishly thought that his views on the subject were well known and was one of those who neglected to vote. Sorry. I do not at this writing know what the result of those who did vote was but in case it is still open I for one vote for MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT of all players beyond high school age. On this youth part of the question it might be well to carry their ratings in a separate section of the files that could be dropped when the young player loses interest or perhaps rate them for their first three appearances only; then drop them unless they become members by one route or the other. (School membership or individual.) Reason for writing this is that I do not object to all and sundry knowing my vote and the suggestion regarding the youth part of this question. Any other suggestions?

STUDENT EVENT

March 20 & 21

Medford, Oregon

ELIGIBLE: Students of all Oregon schools attending 12th grade and lower.

TYPE: Swiss - five rounds - 50 moves in two hours
No doubtful adjudications
After 4 hours overall time in one game speed chess will decide outcome if necessary.

1st round starts at 10:00 AM March 20.

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00 - All schools represented by five or more players will receive a year membership in Oregon Chess Federation and 12 issues of the Northwest Chess magazine for their library or club. Card goes to Faculty Advisor or Club President.

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES: First three places in each of;
High - Junior High - Grade School

SPECIAL: Medford Mail Tribune rotating trophy for Jackson & Josephine county schools who's players total the highest score.

STATE WIDE TEAM AWARD:

If five or more schools outside the above counties enter teams there will be a state wide team award. Winning team may choose award; either TROPHY or two top quality 3½" king, wooden, CHESS SETS

NOT Eligible for this award are school teams who hold first place in their league of the Oregon High School Chess Association. They get their chance to show their stuff at the state team Championship playoffs and this is not competition for that event.

This tournament is intended to give the losing teams in the various leagues a chance to compete against each other for experience, hopefully to help improve their game for next year.

It also gives players from junior high and schools without teams a chance for some outside competition and acts as a warm up session for the Oregon High School Individual Championship tourney in June.

REGISTRATION: Advance registration is required for teams enterinf for state wide award competition and must be in the director's hands no later than March 10.

Single entries and Jackson & Josephine county teams may register from now till 9:30 AM March 20.

ACCOMMODATIONS: A first rate hotel will supply rooms, two or more to a room, for \$2.50 per person per night. Room reservations must be made with tourney director.

DIRECTOR: Harry Glidden, 243 S Stage Rd, Medford 97501

OREGON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Oregon High School Chess Association team Championship playoffs will be held at Phoenix High School on March 28 & 29.

We have been listing it in the tournament schedule as March 29 & 30. That was an error.

If your school is qualified for entry in these playoffs and has not yet received the official information circulars write at once to: Secretary, Southern Oregon High School Chess League, P. O. Box 598, Jacksonville, Ore. 97530.

This is an invitational affair based on the standings of the teams in their various area chess leagues. Officials for the 1969 playoffs have set up a system of pairing that in theory will automatically establish the state team champion in four rounds of play. However in the interest of fairness for placing the next four place winners a fifth round for final playoffs is being allowed for.

It is anticipated that sixteen teams from throughout Oregon will compete in the event.

HOW THE RATING SYSTEM WORKS

BY

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This is necessarily a dry Technical Agendum which in itself leaves most people cold and therefore unfamiliar with the USCF rating system, and how it is applied to the individual who competes in Tournament Chess. The way to get around all of this is to have a little fun with it and give you a typical young player's score and results: Please remember that we are attempting a hypothetical case with a few puns thrown in to liven it up.

This is a practical course for the functional man who can understand basic concepts and is willing to learn: Those who like the technical jargon; please write, you might get an answer.

Now first and most important: We must separate the Beginning player and all players who have not completed 25 games from those players who have completed 25 tournament games.

Reason you asked ??

Simple Question, Simple Answer:

Two different formulas are used for computing all ratings.

Question: "Why"

Answer: All right smart guy, I just work here and do as I'm told!! Anything else you want to know before we continue with our course of instructions? O.K. now that we have squared that problem away, we will continue. "(You will find the correct reasons for this later on in this outline.)

EXAMPLE

A brand new Fish, "excuse me, I meant player " walks over to our beloved Tournament Director-Buz Eddy, who hasn't had both eyelids open on a Saturday morning for over seven years: " Those Friday nights are hard on our younger generation." Well anyhow to continue:

New Fish: Excuse me Sir !!!

T.D. Opening one eye, Whataya want kid ?? Go away, your mother is calling you !! "Both eyes close again as head hits table and you gussed it, ZZZZZZZZZZ!!!"

New Fish: But Sir: I would like to enter the Chess Tournament and I have brought the required amount of money with me.

T.D. Money, Money!!!, Did you say money, both eyeballs are opening now, tobacco stained teeth are showing through a belated smile, did you say money? Well yes sir, this is the place to match your skills with the finest players in the Northwest and to improve yourself in the fine game of chess.

New fish: "there I go again, I meant new player"

Who are those Buns with the long beards and dirty clothes,? Surely that type doesn't play in Tournament Chess: Shouldn't they be asked to leave??

T.D. No, we don't throw anyone out as most of those people are of very high intelligence and Graduates of the U of W. We have only the top talent at these events.

New Fish: But, But, they look like Buns.

T.D.: Well they won't bite! just don't make any sudden moves in front of them and your perfectly safe. New Fish: I have to be honest and tell you that I have been playing quite a bit of chess in the last year and have lost very few games.

T.D. "Laughing under his breath" He hasn't got the entry fee yet. Quite all right son, may the best man win and all of that, now lets see: that will be \$10.00 for membership in the USCF and \$3.00 for membership in the WCF and \$10.00 for the entry fee , a total of \$23.00 altogether.

New Fish: "Excuse me, I meant the Player." The player then hands over the \$23.00 dollars and this is where it all begins. The player then fills out a registration card with his Name, Address, State, etc,etc, and next is what happens to this new player and his rating.

Part One: The Baffling Answer:

His score along with everyone else who competed in the USCF and WCF sanctioned event is sent to New York to be rated by the USCF Rating Director and possibly you will hear from then three months from now if you are lucky. Hooray for the USCF!!

Part Two: The Most Important Part:

A beat up score sheet is sent to Rusty Miller, who has his wife clean off the coffee stains and cigarette ashes and then try to decipher the tournament results. If possible, and print the cross table in Northwest Chess the following month. Well, anyhow on this score sheet we can make out 30 of the 32 players which is pretty good all things considered. The top two names are Pat Hiczxp and Bob Lunstv so we are going to guess and call it Pat Hickey and Bob Lundin and hope we are right. If we get then wrong, they will scream and we will make the adjustment the following month in NWC so you can see what an efficient machine you have bought for \$3.00 a year. Finally a copy is sent to your handsome and loveable rating director Peter J. Olson who is never wrong. (By the way, as a new years bonus, rating points may be purchased at five for a dollar which is 1/2 price as compared to what it used to be.) Anyhow the tournament will be rated and you will see the results within 30 days or sooner. Well enough of this garbage, pay strict attention as class is in session.

The Objective of The System

The USCF rating system is designed to provide as close an estimate as possible of the current playing strength of an individual chess player as computed from his performances in competition with other players and measured along an arbitrary arthmetical scale.

The Basic Premises of The System

1. The numerical value of the rating of an individual is based upon his percentage score in tournament or match competition. In the evaluation of any performance, however, proper adjustment is made for the strength of the competition.
2. It is assumed that the distribution of the performances of an individual in different encounters may be described by the so-called " Normal distribution function," and that the mathematical processes associated with that function are appropriate to the description and analysis of chess performances.
(The normal distribution function, which has wide application in statistical methods, may for this particular application be roughly stated as follows: The performances of an individual occur with the same frequency below the average as above the average, and performances near the average occur more frequently than performances far from the average, etc.)

From these assumptions and definitions, it is possible by means of well-established probability theory to deduce the probability of either of two contestants winning or losing an encounter, provided the difference in their rating is given.

Rating An Unrated Player

The rating of an unknown player may be determined by the Formula:

$$R = Ra + 400 (W - L) / N$$

R is the rating of the performances;
Ra is the average rating of the competition;
W is the number of wins;
L is the number of losses;
N is the total number of games in the event.
Draws are counted as 1/2 wins and 1/2 losses.

Provisional Ratings

The variance of chess performances being what it is, a sampling of around 25 games is required of an individual's play before just his class can be determined with reasonable confidence. Therefore in the application of the methods described, a player's rating is considered "Provisional" until data on at least 25 games have been accumulated.

EXAMPLE

Assume that an unrated player participates in three tournaments in which he encounters in turn six rated players with a total rating of 11880 against whom he scores 4½-1½. Next nine rated players with a total rating of 17250, his score 6-3. Next seven rated opponents with a total rating of 14120 and a score of 3½-3½. The following shows the treatment of the data and the progress of his provisional rating after each event.

1. First Tournament: Plays 6 rounds and his opponents cumulative ratings is 11880. Dividing 6 into 11880 we get 1980 or the average rating of his opponents. His score is 4½-1½. Now we divide the 6 rounds into the constant 400 which gives us 66.6 - now we subtract the 1½ from 4½ which leaves us with 3 good points: Now multiply 3 X 66.6 and we get 200 points which we add to 1980 and for the first tournament the player has a 2180 provisional rating. Of course if his score were reversed with a 1½-4½ we would subtract the 200 points from 1980 and he would have a 1780 provisional rating.

2. Second Tournament: Plays 9 rounds and his opponents cumulative rating is 17250. His score is 6-3. Now we combine the first tournament results with the second round tournament results. All together, 15 rounds of tournament games have been played. Total cumulative rating strength of opponents is 29130 and by dividing 15 into 29130 we get 1942 average rating strength of opponents. Now we divide 15 rounds into the constant 400 and we get 26.6. His two scores of 4½-1½ and 6-3 are now added together which gives him 10½-4½; subtracting 4½ from 10½ we get 6 good points; multiply 6 X 26.6 and we get 160 points to add on to 1942 which gives him 2102 new provisional rating.

3. Third Tournament: Plays 7 rounds and his opponents cumulative rating strength is 14120; His score is 3½-3½. Now we combine the first & second tournament results with the third tournament results. Opponents cumulative rating strength is 43250 and the average strength of opponents is 1966; now we divide 22 rounds into the constant 400 and we get 18.1; adding the players score of 3½-3½ to our previous 10½-4½ we now have 14-8 for the 22 rounds. Subtracting 8 from 14 we get 6 good points. Multiply 6 X 18.1 and we have 109 points added to 1966 and we have 2075 for a new provisional rating for the 22 rounds.

4. Fourth Tournament: Plays 6 rounds and his opponents cumulative rating strength is 12920; his score is 4-2; now we combine the first, second third and fourth tournament results together. Cumulative rating strength 56170 and the average strength is 2006. Now we divide the 28 rounds into the constant 400 and we get 14.3; adding the players score of 14-8 to the latest results we have 18-10; subtracting 10 from 18 we have 8 good points; multiply 8 X 14.3 we get 114 good points and we now have an official rating of 2120 and he will now be rated the same as an established player.

Calculations of New Ratings For Established Players

For a player who has established a rating on the basis of 25 or more games, new ratings are computed after each event (Game, Match, or Tournament) in which he participates. The new rating is obtained by means of the following Formula.

$$R_n = R_o + 16 (W - L) + 4\% (D)$$

R_n and R_o are the new and old ratings, respectively; W and L are the number of wins and losses, respectively;

D is the sum of the differences between the ratings of the opponents and that of the player.

There is an important limitation that no one (D) may exceed 350 points, in making the summation of of the D 's. Any difference which exceeds 350 is treated as though it were 350. This protects a player from losing rating points while winning a game from a player far below himself on the rating scale. This formula in effect provides a new estimate of the average of the performances of the player. The new average rating thus obtained, however, is an adjusted average, as the formula tends to give a greater weight to the most recent performances. The effect of the earlier performances is not obliterated, although these become less and less significant as a player participates in more and more rated events.

It is obvious from the formula that in any encounter a player risks losing rating points while expecting to win points. The formula is so designed that the ratio of the points the player expects to gain to the points he must risk is the same as the ratio of his probability of winning. In other words, the odds are so adjusted that over an extended period the rating of a player should not change materially unless his playing strength actually changes relative to that of the entire chess population.

Also it is seen that for a player to gain rating points it is not sufficient merely to obtain a plus score in an event. To advance in rating he must achieve a percentage score which is better than the percentage expectancy determined from the rating of his competition.

Computation of The Rating of an Established Player !

An established player is one who has played 25 or more games, including the event being rated. To compute the new rating of an established player, follow these steps:

- Add up the ratings of your opponents. If any are more than 350 points above or below you, consider them to be only 350 points above or below.
- Multiply your rating by the number of games you played in the event.
- Subtract B from A. (The result may be negative).
- Take 4% of C (The result may be negative).
- Subtract your losses in the event from your wins and multiply the result by 16. (The result may be negative).
- Your new rating equals the sum of D, E and your old rating.

EXAMPLE

You have an established rating of 1900. You then play six games in an event, winning 2½ and losing 3½. Your opponents are rated 2000, 2300, 2250, 2200 and 1950. Following the steps gives the following:

- $2000+2200+2250+2200+1950=12750$. Note that the opponent rated 2300 is counted as only 2250 (350 point difference).
- $1900 \times 6 = 11400$.
- $12750 - 11400 = 1450$.
- $4\% \text{ of } 1450 = 58$.
- $2\frac{1}{2} - 3\frac{1}{2} = \text{minus } 1$. Minus 1 X 16 = minus 16.
- $16 \text{ minus } 58 = 42$. $1900 + 42 = 1942$, which is your new rating.

For players with established ratings of 2400 or above, a different procedure is used; step D involves taking 2% of C and in step E, after losses are subtracted from wins the result is multiplied by 8. This produces exactly half the usual change.

This refinement has brought the ratings of rapidly improving players more in line with their recent performances, thus providing a better estimate of their current strength; it has helped to protect players who are not declining from losing points due to their opponents improvement.

The Improvement Factor works as follows: For players rated below 2000, if the player's new rating exceeds his highest previous rating, he automatically gains one additional point for each two points by which his new rating exceeds his previous high. For players rated between 2000 and 2100 the rate is one additional point for each four; for those between 2100 and 2150 the rate is one for each eight. The Improvement Factor is not used for players rated over 2150; their very slow rate of improvement makes it unnecessary.

EXAMPLE

You have an established rating of 1900, which is the highest rating you have ever had. You then gain 42 points in a tournament (as in the example given in the preceding section). Since your new rating exceeds your previous high by 42 points, you gain an additional 21 points; your new rating becomes 1963.

Suppose your rating of 1900 advanced to 1942 but you had a previous high of 1920. You would then gain an additional 11 points; your new rating would be 1953.

The Improvement Factor is not used for players who have played less than 4 games prior to the event being rated; nor is it used for any individual matches.

In April, I will have 1 year of service with the WCF as Rating Director. Now it must go to someone else to carry this important task. We should all become involved to help organized chess and I will have done my share, now it is up to one of you to carry the ball.

WCF Rating Director

Peter J. Olson

Seattle Chess Club Notes BY SKUBI

On January 20th the Seattle Chess Club annual meeting was convened and new officers elected by the members. Those elected were Bob Burns, President; Svend Monrad, Vice-President; Willy Skubi, Secretary-Treasurer; plus five members to the Board of Directors: Ole Miller, Philip Geis, Tim Kauppila, Norm Hardy and Fred Howard. Mr. Howard, who was not present at the meeting, agreed to accept the office by telephone long enough to amend the club's bylaws to allow Tim Kauppila to also run for and win the office of Tournament Director.

The first Director's meeting will be held on Friday, January 31st. Fred Howard has resigned as Director as he will be doing some traveling this summer. This vacancy will be filled by the Board. Other items on the agenda will include possible relocation of the club, a requirement that all tournaments held at the club (with very few exceptions) be required to pay for the use of the club (perhaps 25-30¢ per person per day), and possible means of expanding club revenue.

THE CLUB NEEDS NEW MEMBERS AND MORE MONEY TO SUPPORT ITS VERY LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO WASHINGTON CHESS AS THE DOORMAT TO MOST SEATTLE TOURNAMENTS, FOR WHICH IT RECEIVES NEITHER MONEY, MEMBERSHIP FROM THOSE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE, NOR EVEN AN OFFER TO HELP CLEAN UP THE RESULTANT MESS. THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE!

In the meantime, the club is located at 3424 Fremont North in Seattle. We are open Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 P.M. to Midnight or later, and on Sundays from 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., plus whenever tournaments are scheduled. Membership rates are \$10.00 per year for nonresidents of Seattle and those under 21, \$15.00 per year for all others. Contributions and membership dues may be sent to the club or paid in person. But.... do it today, please.

CHESS TORNADO

The Chess Tornado held January 19th was won by Joseph Toth most unexpectedly. He scored four wins, including a surprise thumping of Pat Hickey and an upset win over Peter Biyiasas, to lead the field of nine players. The small number can be attributed to the morning snowfall that threatened to stop the event. Luckily it melted soon after play began. Top prize in the reserve section was shared by D. Shapiro, a newcomer to NW chess and resident of Vancouver, B.C., and Lee Baldwin of Marysville. They both finished with perfect scores. More of these popular one day tornado tournaments will be scheduled for the coming months. They are fun for the professional and novice alike. Tim Kauppila directed.

Tornado Open

Name	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	Score
1. Joseph Toth	W4	W7	W8	W2	4
2. Peter Biyiasas	W5	W8	W7	L1	3
3. Edgardo Sandoval	L7	W5	D4	W8	2½
4. Milo Nelson	L1	D6	D3	Bye	2
5. Frank Alexandro	L2	L3	Bye	W9	2
6. Gary Holmquist	LF	D4	W9	D7	2
7. Pat Hickey	W3	L1	L2	D6	1½
8. Patrie Hessen	W9	L2	L1	L3	1
9. Arthur De Haven	L8	Bye	L6	L5	1

Tornado Reserve

Name	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	Score
1. D. Shapiro	W6	W19	W12	W3	4
2. Lee Baldwin	W27	W20	W9	W4	4
3. Walter North	W7	W11	W17	L1	3
4. Rafael Lamarca	W15	W14	W8	L2	3
5. Lucio Aguilar	L20	W18	W14	W12	3
6. Mike Burke	L1	W24	W26	W16	3
7. Stephen Mar	L3	W27	W19	W11	3
8. William Davison	W13	WF	L4	D9	2½
9. Robert Holland	W22	WF	L2	D8	2½
10. Vincent Johnson	L11	W22	D16	W13	2½
11. Bruce Beardsley	W10	L3	W25	L7	2
12. Robert Ruotsalainen	W23	W16	L1	L5	2
13. Steven Dykstra	L8	W17	W15	L10	2
14. Marvin Hayami	W24	L4	L5	W21	2
15. Stuart Liddle	L4	W21	L13	W19	2
16. Willie Skubi	W21	L12	D10	L6	1½
17. David Stubbs	W26	L13	L3	D18	1½
18. Mike Tonning	LF	L5	W23	D17	1½
19. Robert McGurdy	W25	L1	L7	L15	1
20. Les Cowan	W5	L2	LF	LF	1
21. Roy Sneath	L16	L15	W22	L14	1
22. Oscar McDaniel	L9	L10	L21	W25	1
23. Ted Greenfield	L12	L25	L18	Bye	1
24. Ron Radford	L14	L6	Bye	LF	1
25. Wes Prichard	L19	W23	L11	L22	1
26. Marc Wilhelm	L17	Bye	L6	LF	1
27. Norm Hardy	L2	L7	LF	LF	0

northwest ratings

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EVENTS COVERED

Northwest Junior		Grants Pass	3	Ashland	2
Northwest Jr. Inv.		Ashland	3	Med. Mid Hi	2
B. C. Woodpusher		Grants Pass	4	Med. Mid. Hi	1
Oregon Woodpusher		Boise C. C.	5½	Canyon County	4½
Washington Open		Dark Avengers	5	Rocky Butte Raiders	5
Crusaders C.C. Tour.		Black Knights	6½	Bookends	3½
Tacoma C.C. Tour.		PSL Marysville	7	Bellevue	3
Kla. Falls	3	PSL Sea. C.C.	6½	Bellevue	3½
Ashland	3	PSL Bellingham	6	Tacoma	3
Med. Sr. Hi	5	Bill Ward	2	Gordon Hancock	0
Kla. Falls	5	Rusty Miller	3	Sam McKibbin	0
Med. Sr. Hi	4	Pat Hicky	1	Buz Eddy	0

" 47 New Unrated Players This Month "

Addis, E	OR	1917	Eggertsen, J	WA	1861	MacDonald, W	OR	1610*	Sandoval, E.G.	WA	1850
Albrecht, J	WA	1635	Eidswick, R	OR	1176*	Malison, B Dr.	MT	1560*	Savage, M	OR	1574
Alexandro, F Dr.	WA	1915	Eisenberg, D	WA	1284*	Maloney, P	OR	1552*	Schmitz, Fritz	WA	1722
Anderson, J	WA	1725	Ellis, A.B.	ID	1913	Manor, S	WA	1843	Schweizer, G	OR	1273*
Askay, R	OR	2032	Espey, R	OR	1752	Mar, S	WA	1538*	Seglins, V	WA	2045
Athanassion, D	OR	1379*	Espey, S.L.	OR	1473	Marney, J	OR	1119*	Seid, H	CD	1615*
Babb, M	OR	1819*	Evans, R	WA	1573	Martín, Bob	WA	1498	Seiter, D	WA	1783
Baldwin, L	WA	1730	Falkowsky, C	CD	1742	Martin, B	WA	1599*	Shafer, Doug	OR	1733
Ball, L	OR	1731	Farkas, M	WA	1686	Mattila, G	OR	1424*	Shapero, D	CD	1803
Bartley, D	OR	1219*	Fox, J	WA	2048	Means, J	OR	1000*	Shieles, B	WA	1338*
Beardsley, B	OR	1665	Garen, R	WA	1529	Melger, L	OR	1243*	Sickles, N	OR	1159*
Berry, J	CD	2050	Geiger, B	WA	1453*	Meller, J	WA	1861	Skabeikis, V	CD	1607*
Betzer, B	OR	1787	Gerard, A	WA	1320*	Milicic, V	WA	1956*	Skarsten, M	OR	1607
Biyasas, P	CD	2200	Germalm, B	WA	1978	Miller, K	CD	1465*	Skirmants, N	ID	1776
Boettcher, J	WA	1712	Gerstenbauer, E	WA	1540*	Miller, R	WA	1756	Smith, W	WA	1679
Bosse, E Col.	WA	1554	Goakey, M	OR	1447*	Mitchell, D	OR	1938	Smith, Wn. F.	OR	1719
Bowen, C	OR	1538	Gray, M	WA	1930	Mitchell, R.A.	OR	1920	Sneath, R.W.	CD	1278
Brandenburg, J	OR	1758	Greenfield, T	CD	1456*	Mobley, T	OR	1000*	Stach, R	OR	1709*
Brautlacht, G	WA	1532	Grisham, D	OR	1627*	Moe, R.E.	WA	1540	Stanke, J.E.	ID	1832
Bricher, J	WA	1707*	Gritzka, E	WA	1752*	Montchalin, M	OR	1980	Stubbs, D	WA	1492
Brumbach, E	ID	1554	Gumbel, E	CD	1466*	Moore, D	OR	1918	Tarlow, S	OR	1063*
Buckberry, R	CD	1516*	Gunderson, C	OR	1552	Morris, R	WA	1874*	Thomas, S	WA	1853
Buckles, K	OR	1462*	Gunderson, W	WA	1343*	Moyndham, G	CD	1734	Thompson, N	OR	1755
Burke, M.G.	WA	1555	Gutjahr, L	OR	1869*	Mugweru, J.S.	WA	1092*	Toth, J	WA	1945
Burns, R	WA	1624	Hager, K	OR	1312*	Murray, M	WA	2006	Turner, D	OR	2032
Burright, L	OR	1457	Hancock, G	WA	1522*	McCall, J	ID	1667*	Turner, J.N.	WA	1440
Burton, K	WA	1385*	Hanlen, J	WA	1595*	McCormick, F	ID	1492	VanDeene, G.J.	WA	2014
Byron, F Jr.	OR	1986	Hardy, N	WA	1544	McCormick, J	WA	2191	Vandenburgh, D	ID	2068
Carlson, C	WA	1731	Harmon, C	OR	2241	McCormick, G	OR	1000*	Visich, J	WA	1507*
Chin, D	WA	2046	Hawkins, P	WA	1648	McCoy, D	OR	1498*	Vitums, V	OR	1404*
Chin, W	WA	1819	Heintz, R	OR	1381*	McCurdy, R.H.	WA	1532*	Vogler, R	CD	1865
Chipman, C	WA	1592	Hendricks, S	OR	1485	McKibbin, S	WA	1660	Wagner, F	ID	1664*
Christopher, S	WA	1800	Hessen, P	WA	1917*	McLennan, A	OR	1493	Ward, B	WA	1785
Clark, B	OR	1056*	Hickey, P	WA	2038	Neill, D	OR	1076*	Ward, J	WA	1695
Clark, J	OR	1617*	Hikida, V	WA	1684	Nelson, M	WA	1855	Washburn, J	OR	1766*
Clarkson, R	WA	1450*	Holland, R	WA	1556	Nettleton, T	OR	1347	Waterman, D	OR	2055
Collins, D	CD	1918*	Holmes, J	OR	1876	Norman, R	WA	1537	Waterman, V	ID	1499
Corwin, B	OR	1000*	Holmes, V	WA	1956	North, W	WA	1679	Waters, G	OR	1443
Cotton, R	OR	1673*	Holmquist, G	WA	2125	Odell, B	OR	1687*	Watson, S	OR	1516*
Cowan, L	WA	1634	Horn, B	OR	1640	O'Gorman, P	WA	1987	Wellens, M	WA	1462*
Crowe, W	OR	1538*	Iba, T	OR	1286*	Olson, I	CD	1867	Wennstrom, M	ID	1854
Dalbergs, I	OR	2305	Jaaska, E	WA	1941	Overas, A	WA	2020	West, J	WA	1727
Darlington, P	CD	1605	James, R	OR	1691	Overton, O	WA	1584	White, D	OR	1950
Davidson, D	OR	1823	Jarmon, R	WA	1757	Parsons, R.W.	WA	2028	Wickersham, L	WA	1032*
Davies, K	OR	1709*	Johnson, L	OR	1394*	Pearson, S	WA	1829	Wiles, S	ID	1894*
Day, T	WA	1728	Joiner, K	WA	1709*	Perala, B	OR	1706	Williams, D	WA	1888
Delaney, D	OR	1841	Jung, W	CD	1731	Pericio, J	WA	1745	Wordak, S	OR	1805*
Delene, D	WA	1805	Kaupila, T	WA	1680	Peters, J	WA	1485	Work, J	OR	1763*
Delman, J	OR	1162*	Kelleher, C	OR	1972	Phipps, T	WA	1588*	Wright, M.W.	ID	1460
Delman, M	OR	1362*	Kerr, R	CD	2110	Pickham, J	WA	1736	Yee, F	CD	1769*
Denison, E	OR	1325	Kiplinger, B	OR	2037	Pratt, L	WA	1615*			
Detroboy, ??	WA	1110*	Kleemaier, K	CD	1815*	Prentice, E	WA	1855	Voting on membership requirement for rating in not complete. Several Washington Chess Federation and no Idaho Chess Assoc. Officers have not voted, please do so, see Dec. NWC. Stands 5-3 in favor now.		
Dial, F	WA	1782	Klein, F	WA	1708	Price, B	OR	1758			
Dickerson, J	OR	1000*	Knapp, E	WA	1705	Prichard, W	WA	1519*			
Dickson, R	OR	1371*	Kuehn, J.F.	WA	1867	Pullen, K	WA	2128			
Dunford, G	OR	1019*	Langworthy, M	WA	1513*	Pupols, V	WA	2285			
Dvorshak, A	OR	1868	Lassen, G	CD	2227*	Ragland, V	OR	1633*			
Dvorshak, O	OR	1914	Leask, J	CD	1584*	Rasmussen, E	WA	1936			
Dykstra, S	WA	1538*	Lemke, H	CD	1738*	Rasor, G	ID	1646			
Eddy, B	WA	1728	Liddle, S	WA	1250*	Raymond, H	WA	1893			
Edmiston, J	WA	1524	Lohr, J	OR	1519*	Reynolds, L.O.	WA	1597			
Edwards, L	OR	1313*	Loyland, S	OR	2049	Running, J	WA	1173			
Eert, A	OR	1825*	Lynch, R	OR	1590*	Ruotsalainen, R	WA	1662			
						Rupel, D	WA	1968			

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BY HOWIE CHIN

LEAGUE PLAY NEWS

Western District Independents

Howie Chin is Directing the "West Indies." Western independent matches reported are:

Everett 5-0 Marysville
Rainier Beach 3-2 Blanchet
Queen Anne 6½-3½ Blanchet

Northwest League

The Northwest League will not begin until February. Stephen Chase IV is directing; his address is 511 Beta, WWSC, Bellingham 98225. The schools concerned are:

Bellingham	Burlington
Sehome	Sedro Woolley
Mt. Vernon	Ferndale
Oak Harbor	Anacortes

Western Conference

League play will begin in February. Howie Chin is director. Schools involved are:

Everett	ML Terrace
Snohomish	Edmonds
Cascade	Meadowdale
Marysville	Woodway

Northwest Metropolitan

This league will be played-off in meet style in February. Dan Geraghty is the new director. Schools entitled to play are:

Edmonds	Blanchet
Everett	Cascade

Seattle Metropolitan League

Queen Anne	6 0 1
Roosevelt	6 1 0
Cleveland	6 1 0
Franklin	4 3 0
Mt. Rainier	3 3 1
Garfield	3 4 0
West Seattle	3 4 0
Ballard	3 4 0
Rainier Beach	2 4 1
Ingraham	2 4 1
O Dea	2 5 0
Tyee	0 7 0

Seattle Catholic League

The SCL is modeled after the old SC basketball league, and will be conducted in meet-style. Br. Hunt of O Dea will direct the following teams in this league:

Blanchet	Kennedy
O Dea	Seattle

King County League (KINGCO)

Interlake has led the first round-robin. the new director is Larry Pratt, 101 Cascade Key, Bellevue, 98004, who sent me the following:

Interlake	6-0-0
Newport	5-1-0
Inglemoor	4-2-0-
Bothell	3-3-0
Bellevue	2-4-0
Redmond	1-5-0
Lk Wash	0-6-0

Please include scores with league results in the future.

Tacoma League (PIERCE COUNTY)

Two rounds have kicked-off in this league with Mr. Ron Jarmon directing. It's difficult to see who may come out of the dog pile on top. The results are:

Auburn	1-0-0
Lincoln	1-0-0
Ch. Wright Ac.	1-0-0
Stadium	1-0-1
Lakes	1-1-0
Cleaver Bark	1-1-0
Bellarmino Prep	0-0-1
Mount Tacoma	0-0-0
Wilson	0-1-0
Franklin-Pierce	0-1-0
Enumclaw	0-1-0

Bellarmino 2½-2½	Stadium
Lincoln 3-2	Clover Park
Lakes 3-2	Enumclaw
Auburn 5-0	Wilson

Stadium 4½-½	Wilson
C. Wright 3-2	Lakes
Clover Park 3-2	Fr. Pierce

Eastern District Independents

Most Independents have not yet been contacted as to where they should send their results to be printed. Eastern District includes schools east of the Cascades.

Independent matches in the east this month are:

Wenatchee 8-2	Eastmont
Wenatchee 7-3	Eastmont

Columbia Basin League

Dave Collyer is directing, who says that he may have to use a meet-style due to snow. The following is the roster:

Wenatchee	Leavenworth
Eastmont	Peshastin
Chelan	

Ratings

All league directors will be required to vote each month on the ratings. Give 10 points to your number one, 9 to number 2 etc. Failure to do so will give the votes to me. So act.

Top Ten	score	overall	UNIT
Interlake	600	(600)	Kingco
Queen Anne	601	(701)	Metro
Roosevelt	610	(610)	Metro
Cleveland	610	(610)	Metro
Newport	510	(510)	Kingco
Wenatchee	000	(200)	Basin
Stadium	101	(100)	Tacoma
Franklin	430	(430)	Metro
Everett	000	(100)	Wesco
Wright Ac.	100	(100)	Tacoma

ORGANIZATION NEWS

State Team Tournament

This tourney will be played April 26-27, 1969 at Seattle University. Applications will be sent with complete instructions.

Since space in the program to be published needs proper time, application blanks which are sent back to me by April 2, 1969 will indicate a non-acceptance.

Jr. High Tourney
Mr. Ken Price of Marysville Jr. High is making plans for Wash. St. Jr. High IND. tmt.

Wash. St. H.S. Individual Championship
Willie Skubi has not accepted the bid for this tourney. Dave Collyer spoke up so he has been contacted for the bid.

Scholarship director
We would like to give a nominal scholarship from the WCF to a graduating preparatory senior. We need a director to judge the applicants. Volunteers please contact H.E.Chin.

National Tournament
There will be an individual-team nat'l high school tournament held April 11 through 13, 1969, at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City. For more info, write: Mr. W.Goichberg, 450 Prospect Avenue, Mt. Vernon, Ny 10553.

State Tournament
A blue print has been drawn -up for the State Tournament. It will be xeroxed and sent to my league directors for approval.

Directory
The directory of all chess coaches' and captains' addresses and phones will be completed when the independents and Seattle Metro's lists are in. Independents are difficult to contact. The Directory will be published in January.

Chess Course.
Mr. Dale Gustafson of 7229 Twelfth Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. ,55423, is attempting to establish a chess course at Eden Prairie Jr.-Sr. High School where he is a faculty member and chess team coach. He wishes to have good arguments in favor of his course sent from people over the US. He has requested me to write this article for him. So if you would like to see chess as a course, which may reach the West Coast someday, send him some arguments—I have!

In the USSR, one can get a PH.D. for chess in physical education. And celebrated chess master and writer Fred Reinfeld teaches a chess class at New York City University.

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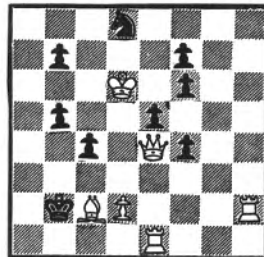
By **JOHN WARD**

No postal section this month, John Ward was down with flu bug for two weeks. He was hard hit by it. Is back on his feet as of 2/1. Oregon-Washington match assignments will be going out soon.

idaho chess bulletin

By **Richard Vandenburg**

PROBLEM CORNER NO. 2, by J.Scheel, courtesy of Isaac Kashdan



White to Move and mate in 3. White has 6 pieces and Black has 9.

Solution in April NWC.

Send Solution by Mar. 10
to: Dick Vandenburg
2316 Regan Ave.
Boise, ID 83702

Problem No. 1 for January really has brought out a rash of solvers. Looks like everyone is trying to start the new year out right. No. 2 should slow you down a little. It is quite a remarkable problem. No. 12 generated considerable interest and was our final problem for 1968. Those successful were PETER RYGG (1), BRADLEY MARTIN (1), ROBERT RUOTSALAINEN (Wn.) CHARLES BALLANTINE (6) and JACK SCHRADER (10) (Oregon); and RICK GANONG (9) (Canada). Incorrect were: JONATHAN BERRY (-1) (sorry about that, Jonathan), RICHARD MURRAY (-2), and HORTON THOMPSON (oops) (7). The correct answer to No. 12 was ----- N-K6!

Our 1968 solving contest is over and MEL HORMAN of Seattle was the lone player sending in correct answers to all 12 of our problems. Congratulations to the winner! For his efforts he receives a year's free subscription to NWC and membership in WCF. JACK SCHRADER of Salem scored the second highest point total with 10 correct. (Esther must of helped him.) Others scoring within the final three months with a least one quarter's credits were: CHARLES BALLANTINE (6), RICK GANONG (9), ROBERT RUOTSALAINEN (5), HORTON THOMPSON (7), RON JARMON (6), LEWIS RICHARDSON (3), DAN ROGERS (4) and STEVE HUNT (5). Other players either had less than 3 points or didn't answer any of the last three problems of the year. Each of the above, if he is a current subscriber to NWC, will receive monthly extensions to his subscription equalling his point score. Thanks to all of the above, and the other solvers we had during the year for participating in our problem solving contest. Let's hear it for 1969!

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Metro League

By NORM HARDY

Upsets made their "debut" in the Seattle Metro League in the ninth and tenth rounds.

It started off with Roosevelt upending Queen Anne, and then losing to Franklin in the next round. Ingraham crushed Cleveland, and Mt. Rainier barely hung on to a draw with Ballard. The battle for sixth and seventh place is really raging, with five teams that are in contention, and only three can make it into the top section for the championship round.

The Seattle Metro League's rating system is the same as used in WCF. This month's top ten are:

PLAYER	SCHOOL	RATING
1. Milo Nelson	Cleveland	1869
2. Steve Thomas	Mt. Rainier	1816
3. Digne deLenea	Garfield	1805
4. Jack Anderson	Mt. Rainier	1764
5. Walter North	Roosevelt	1717
6. Tim Kauppila	Queen Anne	1705
7. Jim Kimmel	Queen Anne	1702
8. Les Cowan	Queen Anne	1649
9. Robert Ruotsalainen	Garfield	1638
10. Gerald Cook	Queen Anne	1623

<u>Rainier Beach</u>	2½-2½	<u>Garfield</u>
1. Doug Fatto	0 - 1	Digne deLenea
2. Ken Tanino	½ - ½	Reuben Evans
3. Paul Nimomura	0 - 1	Robert Ruotsalainen
4. Chuck Lonski	1 - 0	Peter Tsai
5. Pat Hall	1 - 0	Mike Grow

<u>Roosevelt</u>	3 - 2	<u>Queen Anne</u>
1. Owen Overton	½ - ½	Tim Kauppila
2. Walt North	½ - ½	Les Cowan
3. Paul Thomas	½ - ½	Gerald Cook
4. Mike Burke	½ - ½	Norm Hardy
5. Don Eisenberg	1 - 0	Kirk Fechter

The standings after the tenth round:

SCHOOL	WON	LOST	TIE	PTS
1. Queen Anne	8	1	1	8½
2. Roosevelt	8	2	0	8
3. Cleveland	8	2	0	8
4. Franklin	6	4	0	6
5. Garfield	5	4	1	5½
6. Mt. Rainier*	4	3	2	5
7. West Seattle	4	5	1	4½
8. Ballard	4	5	1	4½
9. Ingraham*	3	5	1	3½
10. Rainier Beach	2	6	2	3
11. O'Dea	2	7	1	2½
12. Tye	0	10	0	0

* have not played their tenth round match.

<u>Franklin</u>	3 - 2	<u>Roosevelt</u>
1. Steve Rummel	1 - 0	Walt North
2. Dave Hata	0 - 1	Owen Overton
3. Dan Ikeda	1 - 0	Paul Thomas
4. Howard Onishi	0 - 1	Mike Burke
5. Evan Shu	*1 - 0*	Don Eisenberg

<u>Ballard</u>	2½-2½	<u>Mt. Rainier</u>
1. Paul Mueller	0 - 1	Steve Thomas
2. Don Carlberg	*1 - 0*	Andy Carr
3. Pete Schlager	1 - 0	Dick Lang
4. Warren Franklin	0 - 1	Bob Heim
5. Dennis Duffy	*½ - ½*	Wayne Hatcher

* adjudicated by Norman Abrahamson.

<u>Ingraham</u>	4 - 1	<u>Cleveland</u>
1. Steve Drew	1 - 0	Marvin Hayami
2. Ruth Larson	0 - 1	Garvin Jones
3. Larry Brassfield	1 - 0	Jerry Lee
4. Nora Roberts	1 - 0	Vince Johnson
5. Mark Oslo	1 - 0	Barney Wing

De LENEA

Despite the heavy snow, eleven players showed up for the 2nd Seattle Metro League Tornado on Sunday, January 26 at the Seattle Chess Club.

Digne DeLenea of Garfield High finished first, with Tim Kauppila & Gerald Cook of Queen Anne following in a tie for 2nd place.

Glass prizes were won by Norm Hardy & Reuben Evans who split Class "C," and Bob Born, who won Class "D." Tim Kauppila directed.

SEATTLE METRO LEAGUE TORNADO No. 2

PLAYER	SCHOOL	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	SCORE	SOLK
1. Digne deLenea	Garfield	W5	W7	W2	W6	4 - 0	9
2. Tim Kauppila	Queen Anne	W4	W3	L1	W5	3 - 1	11½
3. Gerald Cook	Queen Anne	W11	L2	W9	W4	3 - 1	6½
4. Reuben Evans	Garfield	L2	W8	W7	L3	2 - 2	10
5. Norm Hardy	Queen Anne	L1	W10	W6	L2	2 - 2	9½
6. Les Cowan	Queen Anne	W8	W9	L5	L1	2 - 2	8½
7. R Ruotsalainen	Garfield	W10	L1	L4	W9	2 - 2	7
8. Bob Born	Queen Anne	L6	L4	W11	W10	2 - 2	5½
9. Kirk Fechter	Queen Anne	Bye	L6	L3	L7	1 - 3	7
10. Vince Johnson	Cleveland	L7	L5	Bye	L8	1 - 3	6
11. Dave Harrison	Garfield	L3	Bye	L8	LF	1 - 3	5

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