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Readers of Northwest Chess:

This issue is my fifth. It is strange that there is not a line a block long for the post of editor. Trade schools cost money, business school is a big commitment, and professional, hands-on-experience can be hard to obtain. This editorship supplies components of all three & pays enough to cover your expenses, \$150.00 per issue.

Each issue I am able to work directly with the magazine contents, desktop publishing, from 20-30 hours, usually all within a ten day period a few hours a day. Other duties can take as much as 10-20 hours per issue and can come up on quick notice and can be quite unnecessary and demanding, which in itself affords practical experience.

The editor must become familiar with the business workings; many of the editing functions overlap the business; the editor must take instructions, give assignments, deal with many types of situations involving many people, and still carry out the editing.

So on the one side there are the privileges of the editorship. This scale is balanced in terms of difficulties which make this job surprisingly tough to work through.

The team which the editor must rely upon is elected by you, the subscribers: rather than hired or appointed by an employer, as it would be in a job situation. So immediately, there is a lack of familiarity and cohesion among team members, that is the NWC policy board. The duties of the members are not stated clearly enough to be of practical use; the editor, who must perform the bulk of the work and meet deadlines is let down often by team members who are "doing their own thing."

And an erosion of respectful values has set into this organization over the years. This shows specifically in questionable actions which I myself have witnessed within this policy board: worse, the lack of respect produces a tone of irresponsibility, no follow-through at critical points.

This balance of advantages and disadvantages is not necessary. The business-structure of NWC must change to produce an enjoyable service-organization. In short, I recommend for your consideration that NWC be supervised by one individual. This person makes the decisions, balances the books, and hires an editor. The supervisor post should pay a nominal amount and include some expense money. Of course accountability to the subscribers in terms of honesty with the funds, the copies of the magazine, and overall policy are not to be relinquished by the subscribers.

This, the April issue, is unduly late and compromised. As editor I have not received sufficient support to carry out my job on schedule. I am not certain of continuing under these circumstances.

Respectfully, James Blackwood

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We in Olympia are quite proud to be able to produce the 1989 WA State Chess Championship, the first one to also be a FIDE Futurity. We wanted this particular Championship to be one long remembered for its dedication creating conditions in which the art and science of chess could predominate over the sporting aspects.

The time control affects the balance between art, science, and sport in chess. At an international level, Edward Lasker reports that the greatest number of unforced errors occur in the 5th and final hour of play. So we set the TC to be 40 moves in 2 hours, with adjournments possible after 4 hours of play at either players' convenience. A rested player is less likely to make an error and so the artistic and scientific aspects of chess may come to the front.

This year, in addition to an increased prize-fund, Jorstad Jewelers has donated a silver ring for the Champion.

It is sad to reflect that all too seldom do our top players have the opportunity to meet and play in round-robin tournaments. Anatoly has stated that the trouble with American chess is related to this lack of RR events. Facing one's rating-peers round after round develops a toughness and consistency.

Fortunately, there seem to be some changes in the wind. I believe there may be a Seattle Summer Futurity this year. In Olympia, we are already considering plans for the next FIDE event. I believe that a region that has produced 48 players rated over 2040 and some 30 rated over 2100 has the interest to support 3 or more futurities each year. I also believe that chess players must as a community organize and sponsor the events that they want to see. I see the East/West Tournament Association as a step in the right direction, but we need more club sponsors for these events. [next page...]

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Almost half our masters do not have a FIDE rating. Why is this but for the lack of opportunity? If Washington can keep producing the State Championship as a futurity our top players will catch up with British Columbia whose top class of players is clearly higher rated. Non-Championship futurities in turn will produce opportunities for all high rated players.

The best game prize and the most interesting game prize will be awarded at a later date. The prizes are identical, a free entry into the Lake Fair tournament, July 15-16.

I want to thank the WCF for allowing us to run this event. I wish to thank Randy dean for allowing the use of Dean Securities as the plushiest site I have ever seen for playing chess. I am glad that the players were able to test themselves and have an opportunity to earn a FIDE rating. Until Next Time, Joel Barnes.

### 1989 Washington State Championship

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Place
1. Viktors Pupols	/	1	.5	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	7.5	1
2. Ken Tomkins	0	/	.5	1	1	1	0	.5	1	1	6	2
3. Paul Eggers	.5	0	/	0	.5	.5	1	1	1	1	5.5	3
4. David Weinstock	0	.5	1	/	0	.5	1	1	0	1	5	4
5. Clark Harmon	1	0	.5	1	/	.5	0	0	.5	1	4.5	5-6
6. Matt Edwards	0	0	.5	.5	.5	/	.5	1	1	.5	4.5	5-6
7. Hugh Tobin	0	0	0	0	1	.5	/	1	.5	.5	3.5	7
8. John Brayley	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	/	1	0	3	8-9
9. Mike Franett	0	.5	0	1	.5	0	.5	0	/	.5	3	8-9
10. John Graves	0	0	0	0	0	.5	.5	1	.5	/	2.5	10

### Oregon's Game of the Month

by OCF Editor Jay Thomas Collins

This month we have two winners. First up is a miniature provided by Blaine Deatherage-Newsom, a Portland junior. The game is from his first rated tournament, the 1989 Oregon Class Championships, Novice Section. The notes are mine; the exclamation on White's 14th was given by TD Clay Kelleher and other spectators.

Blaine Deatherage-Newsom (UNR) vs Steve Raptis (1178)

**1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bc5 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 d6?!** This clocks out the B-squared Bishop, allowing White to pile up on f6. **7.Bg5 Bd7 8.Nd5 a6 9.Ba4 b5 9...Nb4?! is worth a try. 10.Bb3 Be6 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.Bh6 Re8 13.Bxe6 fxe6** If 13...Rxe6, 14.Nd4! **14.d4!** 14.Nd4! also wins. **14...Nxd4?** This costs Black at least a piece, as does ...Bxd4. If Black withdraws his Bishop, 15.Nxe5! wins at least a pawn, with continued pressure. **15.Nxd4 Bxd4 16.Qg4+ Kf7 17.Qg7 Checkmate.**

Some of you may not know James Bricher, the winner of our next game. To my knowledge, he has not played in a

tournament for five years. This is a pity, as he is one of Oregon's strongest players, several times state champion. It is generally agreed that his clean style, solid positional judgement, and his high level of technical accuracy could take him far. About the game, Bricher writes, "It may not be my best game, but it is certainly among them, and gave me a lot of pleasure when it was played." The notes with the game are Jim's. My commentary follows.

Sicilian Defense  
Kenneth Chun vs James Bricher  
1978 Oregon Open

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 g6 6.e4 Bg7 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Qxg4 Nxd4 9.Qd1 Ne6 10.Rc1 d6** My ECO frowns on this natural move preferring 10...0-0 11.b4 b6 12.Bd3 Bb7 instead. **11.Bd3** The ECO gods favor an immediate 11.b4 **11...Bd7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Qd2 Bc6 14.Nd5 Nd4 15.Bb1 e5 16.f4 16.Bxd4?! exd4 17.Nf4** hoping to eventually pick up the pawn on d4 gives Black too much counterplay, especially on the dark squares. **16...Bxd5 17.cxd5 Qb6(!) 18.f5?!** A little prophylaxis

with 18.Kh1! would have gone a long way toward avoiding the grief White stumbles into with this thematic but overhasty move. White then would have the more promising position with attacking chances on the Kingside. **18...Bh6!** Coordinating nicely with the Queen on b6, the Bishop is immune since 19.Bxh6?? Nf3+ wins the Queen. Also there are some amusing threats like 19...Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Ne2+! winning the exchange. **19.Kh1?** It's too late now. 19.Rce1 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 is best, but I feel the position after 20...gxf5 21.exf5 f6 is more favorable to Black than White. **19...Nb3!!** Black's position erupts to life! With one piece hanging Black puts two more so, but White is the one that must part with material. One of the prettiest combinations I have played, especially since the follow-up had to be calculated carefully. **20.axb3 20.Bxb6!?** Nxd2 21.Bc7! would seem to be worth a shot since 21...Nxf1 22.Rxf1 Rfe8 23.Bxd6 gives White a pawn for the exchange and some drawing chances but Black has better: 21...Rfc8!! 22.Bxd6 (22.Rfe1 Nxb1 is no help.) 22...Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Nxe4! 24.Bxe4 Bxc1 with an easy win since 25.Bxe5 is hamstrung by 25...Re8 26.d6 Rxe5 27.d7 Bg5. **20...Bxe3 21.Qc3 Bxc1 22.Qxc1**

Black has won the exchange but White has some nasty Kingside threats as can be seen by 22...f6? 23.fxg6 hxg6 24.Qh6 winning the crucial g-pawn or 22...Qxb3? 23.Qh6 threatening to set up a mating-net with 24.f6, and the response 23...Kh8 is met by 24.fxg6 also forcing mate.

**22...Qb5!** This counterattack is the most elegant solution. White's Queen can't travel to h6 while his Rook is under fire, so... **23.Rf3 Qe2!** Drawing White's attention to his first rank again.

**24.Bd3** The alternative 24.h4 doesn't work either, with variations similar to the game. But now... has Black self-trapped his Queen? **24...Rac8** The answer is no. **25.Qh6** The desperado 25.Qxc8 is neatly parried by the ZWISCHENZUG 25...Qe1+ 25.Rf1 Qxf1+! **25...Qxb2! 26.Bf1** 26.f6 is thwarted by 26...Qc1+. **26...Qc1 27.Qh4 Rc3 28.fxg6 hxg6** And not 28...fxg6? 29.Rxf8+ with perpetual check.

**White Resigns, 0-1.**

The game's crucial moment came at the position in the first diagram. Bricher gives **20.Bxb6 Nxd2 21.Bc7 Rfc8 22.Bxd6 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Nxe4 24.Bxe4 Bxc1** and wins. But White has options other than 25.Bxe5(?).

I. **25.Be7 gxf5 26.Bxf5 Bh6** and Black wins with the idea of Bf8, Kg7, f6, threatening both Kf7 and an exchange of Bishops followed by Re8.

II. **25.f6** (threatening 26.Bxe5):  
(a) **25...Bxb2 26.Bc7** If 26.Be7 Rc8! 27.g3! Rc7 38.d6 (or else B-d4-c5) Rd7 29.Bg2 Ba3 30.Bh3 Rxd6 31.Bxd6 Bxd6

when Black wins. **26...Ba3** threatening Rc8 **27.g3!** 27.Bxe5 Re8 28.d6 Bxd6!; 27.d6 Bxd6 28.Bxb7 (or 27.Bxd6 Rd8 winning for Black) Rf8! wins for black. (28...Bxc7 29.Bxa8 Bd8 also wins) and both 29.Bxd6 Rd8! and 28.Ba5 Rb8 29.Be4 Bb4! are simple wins the exchange and a pawn up. Now White's d-pawn is ready to roll. The position is unclear. Black may have to give up his King's Bishop for the pawn and try to win with his passers.

(b) **25...Bg4 26.Be7 Rc8 27.g3 Rc7 28.d6 Rd7 29.Bc2! a6** If 29...Bxg6 30.Bxf6 Rxd6 then 31.Bxe5 is =. **30.Ba4 b5 31.Bc2 Be3 32.Bd4 Bc5 33.Bc6 Rxd6 34.Bxd6 Bxd6 35.g4** and can Black win?

III. **25.Bc7!** Otherwise on 26.d6, the W-squared Bishop rudely exposes on b7. **25...???** [left out] **26.Bxf5** forced **26...Bg5 27.d6** is unclear. If **28...Bd8** to hold the b-pawn and to pin down the White Bs, **29.g4!**? 29.Be4 Bxc7 30.Bxb7 Rd8!. **29...Kg7 30.Be4 Bxc7 31.Bxb7 Bxd6 32.Bxa8** is fairly level. **28...b6** with the idea of ...Rf8 is suspicious, and **28...Be7!**? **29.g4 Rf8** doesn't look like much either. **28...Bxb2 29.d6 Ba3**, and if 30.d7 then Be7, may be Black's best try.

Black's task is already difficult enough, and there are still other reasonable 25th moves for White: g3, b3, b4, and even Ba3.

I still reserve for Jim's assessment the benefit of the doubt. He published startling analysis in Chess Life on an

adjourned Karpov-Korchnoi position which had everyone else baffled. But in these lines, it is easy to believe that he would have trouble winning the game at the board.

In any case, **I announce a prize of \$10.00 off entry** to any OCF tourney for a conclusive demonstration of forced wins for White on both **25.Bc7** and **25.f6**.

Instead of Bricher's 21...Rfc8, however, Black can win with the simple **21...Nxf1 22.Rxf1 f6** If 23.Bxd6 then Rf7 with either Ra-c8-c1 or Bf8 to follow.

As an alternative to Chun's 26.Bf1, you might wonder why he didn't try **26.Rf1**. Threatening 27.f6, and with ...Kh8 lobing to fxg6, Black is left with **26...f6**. But the obvious **27.gxf6** is met with **27...Rc7!**, threatening hxg6 and Rg7. And on **28.gxh7+ Rxh7 29.Qe3 Qxb3**, Black's passed pawns will win. Also, **27.g4 g5!** and **27.h4 gxf5!** both leave White out in the cold. White is defanged.

In playing for more than equality, Bricher took his fate in his own hands; and in this case, he proved the master of it.

**Each winner** of the Oregon Game of the Month Contest receives a certificate good for \$10.00 off the entry fee to any one OCF sponsored tournament. Send all entries to: Jay Thomas Collins, 196 Boone Road S. #81, Salem, OR 97306.

## NORTHWEST POSTAL CHESS

by Kristen Dietsch, Postal Director

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NEWCOMERS: Send all regular and postal ratings with entry

### 1989 GAME OF THE YEAR CONTEST !

Enter any NWPC games that ended on April 1, 1988, through March 31, 1989. The best will receive \$20 or a plaque or trophy, the runner-up six months extension of **NWC**. The top 12 places will be printed, annotations are welcome. Please postmark your entries by May 31, 1989 (over one game okay).

### SECTION NEWS

**Players needed:** Foursomes: 1 for a MX or X; 2 for a Blackmar-Deimer Gambit near X. Challenges: 1 vs a B; 1 vs an X with the B-D or Benko Gambits.

**Welcome** to to John Stanfield, E. Wenatchee, WA; Russel Ness, Mt. View, HI; Terry M. Grant, Federal Way, WA; Phil Carson, Marysville, WA; and Russell Sanders, Represa, CA. The 1989 Class Championships and 1989 WA-OR has been mailed: let me know **immediately** if you have not received your assignment so I may include you! The Class had 4 more than 1987's, and the same as the 1988 Open; the WA-OR had the same as last year's, 16, but there are 10 so far in the upcoming 1989 NWPC-NIPCA, with at least one from each class Expert (X) through D. Please note that you should sign up by the 30th this month. Rob Rittenhouse is the first to advance to the 1988 Open final found by winning first in his section 4-1, 1 remaining. jThe 1988 WA-OR has 4 games left, with OR 2.5, WA 1.5, and the 1988 WA-WA has team A with 1, 3 remaining.

**February Results:** 88CM7 Daniel 25 Schneider. 88CM4 Rittenhouse =9 Schultz. 87D1 Edd6 24 Hill, and 15 Greenwood. 86CM22 Smolensky 19 & minus =7 Schneider. 87A3 Baker 21 Kosinsky. 88W05 McLeod 20 S. Chase. Peterson 26 & 23 Edwards. 87CC1 Norman =14 Vaughn. 88CM6 Lundberg 16 Powe. (Winner, rating change, loser, = is draw)

## Tournament Announcements

### Mountlake Terrace Class ~ April 22-23

Site: Mountlake Terrace H.S. Cafeteria, 21801 44th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace, WA. Going north on I-5, take exit 181, turn onto 44th, school on hilltop. One *King of the Mountain* 6-player RR plus 4 swiss class sections. TC 40/90, then 30 min SD. USCF+State mbrshp req or join at site. Reg 9-10 am. Rds: Sat 10:30 am, 3 pm, ASAP; Sun 11 am, ASAP. KOM for 6 highest rated. Classes U~2000: 1800-1999, 1600-1799, 1400-1599, Unr-1399. 5 rds. **\$1500 Guaranteed:** KOM and each Class **\$130-\$90-\$50-\$30**. EF: **\$25 advance** (rec'd by April 18); \$30 at site. **Adv EF to: Chess International**, 2905-B 10th Street, Everett, WA 98201. Chief TD and info: Robert A. Karch, (206) 252-9083.

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### Kere's Memorial May 19-22

Next month, a half-page ad gives the details.

### Willamette Valley Open May 20-21

Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany, OR 97321. 5-SS; 40/90, SD/30. EF \$15 by 5/18, \$17 at site. USCF & State req'd. Prizes. \$440 b/35; \$120, 70, 30; A,B,C,D/E/unr \$55. Reg: 8-9 am. Rds: 9:30, 2, 6:30; 10, 2:30. Entries: Dan Rogers, 1310 Takena St. SW, Albany, OR 97321. NS/WC/Computers OK

### Washington Open May 27-28

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# Washington Report

Robert A. Karch, WCF President

## Volunteers Recognized

For the record and on behalf of the entire chess community, I express our appreciation to the following volunteers who helped with the side tournaments, manned the doors, and worked on the stage during the Karpov-Hjartarson FIDE Candidates Match in Seattle, Jan 29 thru Feb 5, this year:

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## Lessons Learned

During the nine months of planning preceding the match, there was an informal agreement that the Goodwill Games people would meet with one or two of us "chess people" after the match to discuss lessons learned. I see by the Goodwill Games Report on page 11 of the March issue that the meeting was apparently already held without us. So that leaves me to make my own list, and with some conclusions differing from Gene Fisher's report. I brought all of these up for discussion at the WCF Officers' meeting in Everett on Tuesday, March 7th.

(1) The severe snowstorm impacted severely on attendance during two days of the match proper and on the weekend of the scholastic matches. This was further compounded by the negative effect of area-wide one-sided radio and TV announcements that the "chess tournament was cancelled" ~But this was in reference to a weekend

scholastic tournament being held at another school!~ and numerous non-chess events being cancelled at Lakeside School. The chess events were NOT cancelled, but the constant repetition of "Lakeside" must certainly have hurt. One mother from Kent called Lakeside and the school itself told her that the weekend scholastic tournament was cancelled! There is nothing you can do to prevent bad weather, but someone on the Goodwill Games staff could have notified the various electronic media that the chess match and the scholastic tournaments were "on!" No such effort was made.

(2) We received commendable support by area volunteers.

(3) The emergence of Bellevue Crossroads as a site for future events. It would have happened without the match, but the timing was fortuitous.

(4) The proposed "shared table" for NORTHWEST CHESS, CHESS INTERNATIONAL and INSIDE CHESS magazines turned into a table for INSIDE CHESS only. As a result, I think only IC obtained some new subscribers.

(5) Due to the bad weather, INSIDE CHESS was a day late with one bulletin and the last day's bulletin was not available at all.

(6) Phil McCready and Seattle Chess Club, a victim of the delayed publicity as much as the WCF was, cooperated in rearranging the club's own schedule and cancelling some potentially conflicting events. Considering the distance, the Spokane Chess Club, the Tacoma Chess Club and the British Columbia Chess Federation gave support to the match as best they could.

(7) There were no brochures, etc., available to promote the WCF. There was a change of administration in the middle of planning and it was uncertain who would be responsible at the time of the event. A missed opportunity.

(8) There are problems of coordination with a non-chess organization, and they tend to look more at the cash dividends than at the potential for mass participation. For example, I recommended that the opening ceremonies be entirely FREE so that it would be packed, and thus get everything off to a great start! But Goodwill preferred to charge.

(9) The \$5,050 prize fund was the largest ever for the Washington Blitz (5-minute) tournament, but it did not have the most players. Sometime in the late 1970's, we had a far smaller prize fund but attracted 95. Here, with the opportunity of a lifetime, we had only 65. The prize fund was much larger than it needed to be, and the entry fee could have proportionately smaller, with a probable turnout of 150 players.

(10) The \$8,355 prize fund was also the largest ever for a Washington Action (Game-30) tournament but the turnout was a disappointing 77. I told the Goodwill Games people that *minimum 60-days' advance notice was EXTREMELY important*, and the lack of it showed here. This event should have attracted nearly 200 players. But the details didn't even get into CHESS LIFE and NORTHWEST CHESS, so we have the simple rule of thumb: "People who don't know won't come!" I believe that the mass mailing barely three weeks before the match is what salvaged it, but this is not mentioned by the Fisher report.

(11) In this instance, and very probably in others to come for the next decade (or until chess can get it own full-time regional office), the volunteer

chess people will almost always be in an unequal bargaining position when dealing with the professional, non-chess, business oriented promotional groups. Not that they are any smarter, and they certainly know less about chess, but that they usually have the STAFF of several full-time persons who can collectively outgun the individual chess organizer and will often, using that staff, undertake actions on their own initiative (and, too, leave things undone) without concern for its impact upon the chess community at large.

I take particular exception to the remark in the Goodwill Games Report that "...the level of participation...just does not augur well for the support of grass roots tournament chess by local business sponsors because the results is not worth the effort and the costs."

I was told repeatedly that they were not in it to make money, but fully expected much of the losses. But their actions (extra high prizes and much larger entry fees than is normal for this region) and now this remark in their report confirms that they were indeed looking at "the bottom line." We in chess do not fault that approach, just that they pursued a course of self-deception in claiming an entirely altruistic motive AND they did not take some of the necessary and recommended steps to reduce costs and increase participation and income.

## New Chess Club in Marysville!

Right downtown, due east from the mall. Address: 1510 3rd street, in the paperback bookstore! Every Monday night from 7 to 10 pm. Contact: Phil Carson, Phone (206) 653-1631.

## Dennis Ambler new WCF Officer

As a result of a poll taken of the WCF Officers, Dennis Ambler received two votes, John Braley received two votes and Gary Dorfner received no votes for the vacant position of WCF Tournament Coordinator. After the tie-break vote, Dennis emerged as the new WCF TC. Congratulations!

## WCF Officers Meetings

The meetings are open to interested persons, and it is intended that the minutes be prepared and submitted for publication in NWC:

Tue, May 9th, 7:30 pm, Univ District, Seattle

Call Secretary Kleist for site, (206) 632-0371

Tue, July 18th, site pending

Tue, Sep 12th, site pending, probably West Seattle

Tue, Nov 21st, my home in Everett

For the May 9th meeting, we will discuss proposed changes to the WCF Constitution and Bylaws, ask John Braley to present an outline for the upcoming Summer Chess Camp and for his ideas on how the WCF could help, and ask new TC Dennis Ambler to prepare a comprehensive annual schedule of WCF-sponsored events.

## Michael Spiegel

Yes, it was Michael Spiegel of Seattle, not John Braley, who was the third master who gave a simultaneous exhibition at the Crossroads Mall. You can see a picture of Mike on page 5 of the March issue of NWC. John did volunteer but the Goodwill Games did not give him an assignment at Crossroads.

## Wash-Oregon Annual Match

Oregon Chess Federation has expressed interest in an annual inter-state over-the-board match. After we iron out details, I expect to ask the Teranomics people if they would like to host the Washington-Oregon Match for April 1990.

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**REGIONAL CHESS CALENDAR**

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**April**

1-2	Daffodil Open	Tacoma CC
1-2	Eugene Open	U of O, Eugene
8-9	Grants Pass Open	Grants Pass, OR
15	WA Junior Open	
22-23 *	Mountlake Terrace Class	Mountlake T. H.S.
29	Hi-Roller Octagonal	Seattle CC
29	Unrated Beginner's Tournament	Seattle CC
29	Over 2000 Unrated Action Event	Seattle CC
29-30 *	Idaho Open	Boise State U

**May**

13-14*	Tacoma-Pierce County Open	Tacoma CC
19-22	Keres Memorial	Vancouver, B.C.
20-21*	Willamette Valley Open	Albany, OR
27-28*	WA Open	U of W, Seattle

**June**

17-18	Evergreen Open	Tacoma CC
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\* Indicates an event announcement or ad in the current issue.