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CHAMPIONS AND DRAWS GALORE

The 17th Annual State Congress came to an exciting conclusion mid-afternoon of Labor Day. Perhaps one move in the game between Dr. Werthammer and Charles Morgan decided the issue and gave us five co-champions instead of one absolute champion.

The appended table graphically explains the situation. See Insert.

THE OPEN

The Open event was of interest this year for two reasons:

- 1 Only eight players participated.
- 2 Rudd T. Neel did not win it. The tabulation explains the last statement. David Marples won and Harry Sweeney was second. See Insert.

JUNIORS

Ted Baker and Donald Burdick were the only Juniors present, and as the latter was in there with the championship aspirants, Ted entered the Open and obtained a creditable score. Burdick was however awarded the Junior trophy and Charles Morgan the Senior trophy.

BUSINESS SESSION

Due to "time pressure" our annual meeting was brief and perhaps not wholly satisfactory.

Senator Sweeney of Wheeling pre-

sided and in the absence of Secretary Hartling, dispensed with minutes and read an abbreviated Treasurer's report.

It was voted that suitable steps be taken that our tourney may be rated with the USCF, and that Mr. Hurt's presentation of a constitution be deferred.

John C. Crawford of Charleston was unanimously elected President and Charles T. Morgan of Huntington, Vice-President.

Edward Foy, who has these many years served our group so faithfully as correspondent and liaison officer asked to be relieved and our new Vice-President succeeded him by membership vote.

Regret was sincerely voiced as it became known that our able and efficient Secretary-Treasurer, William F. Hartling, could no longer serve us. David Marples of Charleston was elected to the post.

After the conventional but sincere votes of thanks had been extended to our hosts, the Charleston Chess Club, the YMCA, and of course, the Tournament Director, Kenneth Andrews of Charleston, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p. m.

EDITORIAL

After several years of work upon the Bulletin it has become the firm conviction of the Editor and his associates that the financial position

fending champ, led much of the way but two losses in his final three games dropped him to third with a 5-2 record. Dave Marples finished fourth (4-3). The scores of the four remaining competitors do not indicate the closeness of some of the games. In fact this was probably the hardest-fought of all the Charleston championship tournaments. See insert.

The co-champions, DuVall and Hurt, will share the perennial championship cup: The Winfield D. Scott Trophy, which has been in competition since the 'thirties.

CHARLESTON EAST-WEST

In August this tourney was played and was won by "West" 4-3. Noteworthy was the participation of four former state champions.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.

EAST

- 1. John F. Hurt ----- 1
- 2. Edward M. Foy ----- 1
- 3. Geoffrey Hobday ----- 0
- 4. Dan Lowder ----- 0
- 5. Ruda ----- 1
- 6. Grove ----- 0
- 7. John Crawford ----- 0

WEST

- 1. William F. Hartling ----- 0
- 2. Walt Crede, Jr. ----- 0
- 3. Dave Marples ----- 1
- 4. George Hendricks ----- 1
- 5. Walker ----- 0
- 6. Allen ----- 1
- 7. George Hendricks ----- 1

CAROLINAS' OPEN

Dr. Werthammer and Donald Burdick attended the North and South Carolinas' Open in late July at Asheville, N. C. Burdick placed second with a score of 5-1, and Dr. Werthammer was third with 4½-1½. A large and representative field of players attended. Private Saul Yarmak of Virginia was the winner.

of our association is not particularly sound. Perhaps this situation is due primarily to the fact that our members are not aware of some pertinent facts:

- 1 Our fiscal year begins with the state congress, Labor Day week-end.
 - 2 Our dues are two dollars per year or any part thereof.
 - 3 Tournament participants automatically pay their dues with the tournament fee.
 - 4 All others are now in arrears.
- Another question arising is — Do we wish to continue the Bulletin with the incurred expense of printing?

Members, your best response to these few words is to communicate promptly with our Treasurer, David Marples, 1-43rd Street, Charleston, W. Va.

WHEELING, W. VA.

The 1955 Wheeling, W. Va. Chess Championship was won by Tom Sweeney. The winner was determined on percentage points with each player required to complete twelve games.

Sweeney led the sixteen player event with 89%, but was followed closely by Alex Bolshakov, 83%; and Richard Lee, 80%. Other players with "plus scores" were: Charles Ritter, 69%; Alfred Dobbs, 57%; William Stevens, 52%; and A. W. Paul, Sr., 50%. Incidentally it was pleasing to note the presence of three of the above named gentlemen playing in the Championship round at Charleston.

CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Allen H. DuVall and John F. Hurt won the 1955 City of Charleston (W. Va.) Chess Championship Tournament, tying with 5½-1½ scores. They drew their individual encounter and DuVall lost to Hartling while Hurt lost to Foy. Edward Foy, de-

Tournament Results

WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Donald Burdick, Huntington	D 4	L 5	W 6	D 8	W 10	W 3	4 - 2
2. Allen DuVall, St. Albans	W 10	W 6	D 5	L 3	D 8	W 11	4 - 2
3. John Hurt, Charleston	W 14	D 9	W 4	W 2	D 5	L 1	4 - 2
4. Charles Morgan, Huntington	D 1	W 8	L 3	W 7	W 9	D 5	4 - 2
5. S. Werthammer, Huntington	D 12	W 1	D 2	W 9	D 3	D 4	4 - 2
6. Edward Foy, Charleston	W 7	L 2	L 1	D 12	W 13	W 14	3½-2½
7. John Crawford, Charleston	L 6	W 13	W 12	L 4	L 11	W 10	3 - 3
8. William Hartling, Nitro	D 11	L 4	W 14	D 1	D 2	D 9	3 - 3
9. Paul Sayre, Huntington	W 13	D 3	W 11	L 5	L 4	D 8	3 - 3
10. Richard Lee, Wheeling	L 2	D 14	W 13	W 11	L 1	L 7	2½-3½
11. Rudd Neel, Huntington	D 8	W 12	L 9	L 10	W 7	L 2	2½-3½
12. Geo. Hendricks, Charleston	D 5	L 11	L 7	D 6	W 14	L 13	2 - 4
13. Charles Ritter, Wheeling	L 9	L 7	L 10	W 14	L 6	W 12	2 - 4
14. Tom Sweeney, Wheeling	L 3	D 10	L 8	L 13	L 12	L 6	½-5½

OPEN TOURNAMENT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Dave Marples, Charleston	W 8	W 2	W 4	D 3	W 5	W 7	5½- ½
2. Harry Sweeney, Charleston	W 6	L 1	W 5	W 4	W 7	D 3	4½-1½
3. Harold McClung, Huntington	L 4	W 6	W 7	D 1	W 8	D 2	4 - 2
4. Ted Baker, Huntington	W 3	W 5	L 1	L 5	L 6	W 8	3 - 3
5. Walter Privette, Nitro	W 7	L 4	L 2	W 8	L 1	W 6	3 - 3
6. Tom Walker, Charleston	L 2	L 3	L 8	W 7	W 4	L 5	2 - 4
7. Dr. V. S. Hayward, Huntington	L 5	W 8	L 3	L 6	L 2	L 1	1 - 5
8. James H. Spence, Charleston	L 1	L 7	W 6	L 5	L 3	L 4	1 - 5

CHARLESTON CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT—1955

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score
1. Allen H. DuVall	x	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	5½-1½
2. John F. Hurt	½	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½-1½
3. Edward M. Foy	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	1	5 - 2
4. Dave Marples	0	0	1	x	0	1	1	1	4 - 3
5. William F. Hartling	1	0	0	1	x	0	0	1	3 - 4
6. George Hendricks	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	1	3 - 4
7. Geoffrey Hobday	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	1	2 - 5
8. John Crawford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	0 - 7

RUNTINGTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP — 1955

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score
1. D. Burdick	x	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8 - 0
2. Dr. S. Werthammer	0	x	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	6½-1½
3. C. T. Morgan	0	½	x	0	1	1	1	1	1	5½-2½
4. T. Bergquist	0	0	1	x	1	½	1	1	0	4½-3½
5. R. T. Neel	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	1	1	4 - 4
6. T. Baker	0	0	0	½	0	x	1	0	1	2½-5½
7. Dr. V. S. Hayward	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	1	1	2 - 6
8. P. Sayre	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	x	2 - 6
9. H. L. McClung	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	x	1 - 7

CHARLESTON VS. HUNTINGTON MATCH

A Charleston Chess Team of six came to Huntington and defeat, Wednesday evening, August 24, 1955.

At Board 1, State Champion Donald Burdick of Huntington, drew with Allen DuVall.

Dr. Werthammer of Huntington, finished early by defeating John Hurt, Jr., at Board 2.

Another Huntington winner was Charles T. Morgan, who after a close contest, won from Edward Foy, at Board 3.

Huntington's "old reliable" Rudd T. Neel, drew with William F. Hartling, at Board 4.

Paul Sayre of Huntington, had a not too difficult win from Charles Hendricks, Board 5.

Tom Bergquist, bridegroom, had his troubles with David Marples of Charleston, but eventually won Board 6.

Score: Huntington 5--Charleston 1.

The meeting was held at Dr. V. S. Hayward's home.

HUNTINGTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Donald Burdick repeated his 1954 performance in the Huntington City Tournament by a "clean sweep" of his games. Dr. Werthammer finished second with Charles Morgan third. See Insert.

ERRATA

Bulletin No. 113, July 1955, Page 2, Cpl. and Mrs. J. R. Ballard are now living at 810 "D" Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma.

Also No. 113, Page 4--In this game the winner, John Hurt, Jr., played the Black pieces.

JOTTINGS

Ted Baker of Huntington and Richard Lee of Wheeling are attending the University of West Virginia.

THE TRI-STATE

Over the Veteran's Day week-end in Pittsburgh's Downtown YMCA (Wood St. and Third Ave.) will be played the Tri-State annual tournament. This event has always included a well-patronized Open Tournament with members from West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania participating.

Mr. William Byland of 3244 Lantonia Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. advises us that a 5-round Swiss is contemplated; the opening round to start at 10:00 a. m. Saturday, November 12, followed by two rounds later that day and the final two rounds on Sunday. Can you attend?

GAMES SECTION

Dr. Werthammer annotates the first game, Donald Burdick the second.

CAROLINAS' OPEN

— 1955 —

Ashville, N. C.

SICILIAN DEFENSE

Dr. S. Werthammer vs.
A. Margolis

1 P-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3;
3 P-Q4, PxP; 4 NxP, N-B3; 5 N-QB3,
P-Q3; 6 B-K3, P-KN3; 7 Q-Q2, B-N2; 8 P-B3, 0-0; 9 NxN?

Unnecessary; 0-0-0 at once.

9 . . . , PxN; 10 B-R6, Q-R4

Though the text is not bad, R-N would embarrass White at once.

11 Bxb3, Kxb3; 12 B-B4

This actually is a defensive move to answer R-N with B-N3.

12 . . . , R-Q

Still QR-N; the text is too slow.

13 0-0-0, P-K4?

This is completely out of order and gives White a strong attack.

14 P-KR4, P-R4.

The losing move. P-KR3 was necessary. After the text Black succumbs to a vicious attack.

15 P-KN4, PxP; 16 P-R5, NxP; 17 RxP, BxP; 18 QR-N, P-Q4

Best.

19 RxB, PxB; 20 Q-N5, K-B; 21 R-R; K-K;

If instead R-Q3, then 22 R-N2! ! and Black is helpless against R-2-B2.

22 N-Q5! !

A decisive interference sacrifice removing the Q-protection from the KP.

22 . . . RxN

Better than PxN.

23 PXR, QxQP; 24 R-Q, Q-K3; 25 RxP! P-KB4

QxR loses after 26 QxPch followed by Q-R8ch.

26 R-QR4, N-B5

Somewhat better was Q-B3.

27 Q-R6, Q-B3; 28 Q-R7, Q-B? ?

Overlooking the mate, but Black was lost anyway.

29 Q-Q7 mate.

CAROLINAS' OPEN KING'S GAMBIT

D. Burdick vs

Mr. Fawcett

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 P-KB4, B-B4; 3 N-KB3, P-Q3; 4 P-B3, N-QB3

Probably inferior to N-KB3 or P-B4.

5 P-Q4, PxQP; 6 PxP, B-N3; 7 B-N5, B-Q2; 8 0-0, N-B3

MCO gives 8 . . . KN-K2 with equal chances although I would prefer White's game here.

9 N-B3, 0-0; 10 K-R, B-N5; 11 B-K3, P-Q4

This move has the advantage of tying up White's pieces temporarily, but it has the disadvantage of stabilizing the center, enabling White, if he should manage to free his pieces, to attack unhindered on the K-side.

12 P-K5, N-K5; 13 B-R4, N-K2; 14 Q-K, N-KB4; 15 R-Q, P-QB3; 16 B-N, NxN; 17 PxN, Q-K2; 18 B-QB2, P-N3; 19 P-KR3

The signal of White's emancipation. He is now ready to proceed in earnest with his K-side attack. Black has not played badly since his 11th move, which would seem to indicate that the disadvantage of that move outweighs its advantage.

19 . . . BxN; 20 RxB, K-R; 21 B-B2, B-Q; 22 P-N4, N-R5

Placing the N on a limb, but other moves are not much better.

23 R-K3, P-KN4; 24 BxN

P-B5 was also good.

24 . . . PxB; 25 P-N5, R-KN; 26 QxP, R-N2; 27 R-N3, Q-R6; 28 P-B5

The forward march of the foot soldier brings a thrill. If chess games were movies the background music might well be "Onward Christian Soldiers" or "The Battle Hymn of the Republic".

28 . . . QxRP; 29 B-N, Q-K7; 30 R-1-N, B-B2; 31 P-B6, R-N3; 32 ExR, PxB; 33 Q-R6, R-KN; 34 P-B7, Resigns.

And so the Black Villain admits defeat and sinks away, leaving the Good White King and his Queen to live happily ever after. The End.

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