

# WEST VIRGINIA



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**OPEN TO ALL, AT WHEELING YMCA, WHEELING, W. VA. SIX ROUND SWISS, BEGINNING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH LABOR DAY. ENTRY FEES: \$5.00 FOR CHAMPIONSHIP, \$3.00 FOR OPEN, \$2.00 FOR JUNIOR. WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP AND JUNIOR TITLES RESTRICTED TO HIGHEST RANKING RESIDENTS. FOR DETAILS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS, WRITE: CHARLES L. RITTER, 111 ELM ST., WHEELING, W. VA.**

Registration: 10:30 AM; business meeting: 12 noon with the following agenda:

- 1 Reading of minutes and treasurer's report.
- 2 Report of nominating committee.
- 3 Election of officers.
- 4 Installation of officers.
- 5 New business.
  - a Relations with USCF.
  - b Consideration of Constitution.
  - c Report on the bulletin.

Mr. Ritter and the Wheeling Club have spared neither time nor effort in arranging this session and will announce prizes, time of sessions and tournament director.

Mr. A. W. Paull, Sr. has invited all participants to a Sunday luncheon at the Fort Henry Club.

Tom Sweeney writes from Wheeling: "Please have it put into our Bulletin that 10 single rooms and 10 double rooms are being held by the McLure Hotel and will be held until ten days before Labor Day. Persons desiring rooms should write direct to this hotel for reservations, giving my name and noting they will be attending the chess tournament here. There will be a race track meeting here at that time and rooms will be impossible to get except in this way."

### WHEELING OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

In the largest local tournament ever held in Wheeling, Charles Ritter won first place with the score of 9½-2½. Three players tied for second place with the score of 9-3: defending champion Tom Sweeney of Wheeling, Rev. John Gray of Dallas, W. Va., and George Hudson of Sistersville, W. Va.

Twenty - two players, including three women, played in the tournament. It was a six round Swiss with each round consisting of two games between the paired players, one as White and one as Black. The winner received a beautiful mounted trophy with an eleven inch gold king.

### CHARLESTON CITY TOURNAMENT

Last reports show John Hurt leading with Hartling a possibly close second.

The club elected the following officers: President, John Hurt, Vice-President, Edward M. Foy; Sect.-Treas., Dan Lowder; Program Committee, Walt Crede, Tom Walker, John Crawford, and George Hendricks.

### TEAM MATCHES

Charleston won two matches from Huntington, 9-2 and 6-4.

We are advised by Walt Crede that a match at Portsmouth on August 12 is proposed between Charleston and Columbus.

### HUNTINGTON

The annual city championship is progressing to its final games. Delay has been occasioned by the late entries of collegians Burdick and Baker. Burdick is leading the field — his present score, 5½-½ — with Charles Morgan a reputable second, Dr. Werthammer, third and Paul Sayre, fourth.

### ADVENTURES AFIELD

Three of the current state champions, Burdick, Morgan, and Dr. Werthammer, as well as your editor attended the Carolina Open Chess Tournament at Myrtle Beach, S.C., July 19-22. Burdick won second prize on Solkoff points (score 5½-1½). Charles Morgan and Dr. Werthammer tied for sixth with 4½-2½. Tie-break being in favor of Morgan. Your editor finished with a creditable score of 2½-4½. There were 31 entries including contestants from nine states. The tournament winner was USCF master Eliot Hearst of New York City, 7-0.

In the rapid transit tournament (ten seconds per move) Morgan won second prize 9½-2½, behind Norman

T. Whitaker, 11-1, of Washington, D.C. Dr. S. Werthammer won third prize with a score of 9-3. Burdick finished fourth with 8½-3½ and Dr. Hayward 3-9.

The Carolinas Open, an annual affair, is highly recommended for its capable management, excellent prizes and comfort of playing conditions. For further details, see Chess: Life. Don Burdick was second in the North Carolina Open at Wilmington, N. C. with 4½-1½, Kit Crittenden winning the event with 5½-½. Burdick was elected President of the Southern Intercollegiate Chess Association after scoring 2½-2½ on first board for Duke University.

### JOYTINGS

Walt Crede's column in the Charleston Sunday Gazette is worthy of recognition.

Publicity accorded chess locally and nationally by Charles Morgan of Huntington is exceptionally fine.

Paul Sayre, also of Huntington, continues in his quiet but efficient manner to instruct the local youth in our game, as do Hurt, Crawford, and Nelms in Charleston.

In passing, Charles Morgan attained an important cash prize in the postal department of Chess Review. Morton W. Luebbert, Jr., of 404 Linn St., Valley Falls, Kansas, has asked us to announce his forthcoming postal tournament. He will be glad to hear from you.

### BOOKS

The Macmillan Handbook of Chess, by I. A. Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld (Macmillan 1956, \$4.50, 248 pp.)

Contains official laws of chess, preliminary instruction on chess play, master games, and glossaries of problem-solving and composed end games. There are sections on how to promote and organize a club, run a tournament, make pairings, how a rating system works, chess etiquette, and a thorough up-to-date bibliography. There are sidelights on blind-

fold, postal, and handicap play.

This book fills a long-felt need and should come immediately after "Invitation to Chess" in the beginner's reading list. When the jacket blurb claims it has "the answers to a myriad of questions which are constantly asked by players of every rank" it does not overrate the book. Recommended without reservation.

Also recommended by the bulletin is Fred Reinfeld's "Why You Lose at Chess", published by Simon and Schuster, Inc., N.Y.C.

### CAROLINAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1956

DONALD BURDICK vs  
ELIOT HEARST

SICILIAN DEFENSE

1 J-K4, P-QB4; 2 N-KB3, P-QR3; 3 P-Q4

3 P-B4 is the move.  
3 PxP; 4 Nxp, N-KB3; 5 N-QB3, P-K4

The point of Black's second move. White is now unable to play P-KB4 and retreat his knight to KB3.

6 KN-K2, P-Q3; 7 P-KN3, B-K3  
7 . . . P-QN4 may be better here.  
8 B-N2, QN-Q2; 9 P-KK3, R-B; 10 P-B4, P-QN4; 11 P-R3, Q-B2; 12 P-N3

Threatening 13 P-B5  
12 N-N3; 13 B-N2, Q-B4; 14 Q-Q2, B-K2; 15 0-0-0

Castling into it, but White was relying on his development for protection.

15 P-QR4; 16 K-N, P-N5!? 17 Pxp, Pp; 18 N-K2, 0-0; 19 Nxp

Black had intended to sacrifice this pawn when he made his 16th move. He now gets an attack, but it is doubtful whether or not it is sufficient compensation for the pawn.

19 R-R; 20 N-B, KR-N; 21 Q-B3! N-B5! 22 N-1-Q3, N-R6ch; 23 K-B, Q-K6ch; 24 Q-Q2, Q-N3; 25 QR-K

White must get his king off the QB file. If 25 BxN, RxB; 26 K-N2, R-1-R; 27 R-R, Q-R4.  
25 R-QB; 26 K-Q?

Now White should play 26 BxN followed by 27 K-Q with a slight advantage.

26 NxBP; 27 NxN, BxNP; 28 QB-R3, Q-B3; 29 N-B, QxB; 30 QxQ, RxQ; 31 NxB, RxN; 32 R-K3, R-N7; 33 K-Q2

This loses. White does not realize the seriousness of his predicament. For example, 33 B-B3 loses to 33 . . . Pxp; 34 Pxp, N-R4; 35 P-B5 (Not 35 BxN? because of 35 . . . R-N8ch), N-N6; 36 R-1-K, R-QB; 37 N moves, B-N4 followed if R moves by 38 . . . R-B8 mate. White's only chance seems to be 33 Pxp.

33 Pxp; 34 Pxp, N-R4; 35 R-KB, Nxp; 36 RxN, B-N4; 37 R-4-R3, R-QB; 38 K-Q, R-NxN; 39 Resigns

### GAMES SECTION HUNTINGTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP 1956

Humorous Brevely

(Or, Who's Morphy Now?)

"The old ones are the best" — a new twist on the tail of an old opening trap.

DR. S. WERTHAMMER vs  
DR. V. S. HAYWARD  
BISHOP'S OPENING  
(by transposition)

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N KB3; 3 B-B4, Nxp; 4 N-B3, Nxn; 5 QPxN, P-Q3?

P-KB3 is the move. The text permits the following stock combination.  
6 Nxp, Q-K2

Of course not Pxn?? because after B:Pch he loses the Q.

7 BxPch, K-Q; 8 O-O, QxN

This loses perforce. Somewhat better is N-Q2.

9 R-K, Q-B3; 10 R-K7ch, K-Q2; 11 Q-N4ch, K-B3; 12 B-Q5ch!

A pleasing deflection sacrifice.

12 . . . KxB; 13 Q-K4ch, K-B4; 14 B-K3ch, Resigns.

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