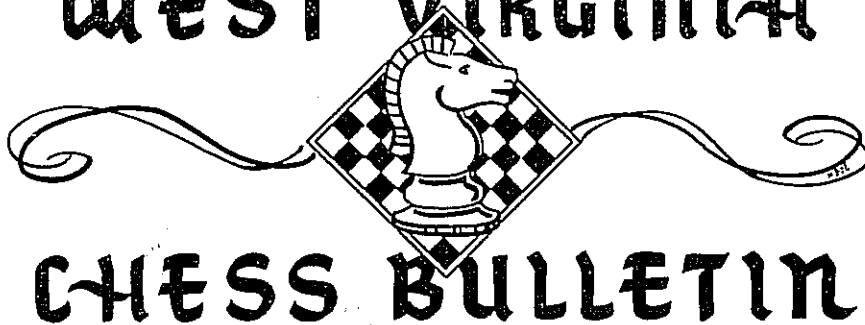


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TRI-STATE CONGRESS

The annual Tri-State Congress was held at Youngstown, Ohio, November 10 and 11, sponsored by the Ohio Chess Association and directed by James Schroeder of Columbus.

The Senior Championship was shared by Charles Heising of Hamilton, Ohio, and J. Glenn Waltz of Pittsburgh, Pa., with scores of $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$.

West Virginia's entries, Charles Morgan and Dr. Werthammer, achieved 2-3 and $1\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$ respectively.

Thirty-seven players competed in the Ohio Valley Open, a 5-round Swiss. This was won by Roger Johnson of Mercer, Pa. The six entries from West Virginia finished as follows: Lee, 10th, Baker 12th, Sayre 20th, Abraham 22nd, Ballard 27th, and Hayward 34th. Baker and Abraham are juniors.

KOLTANOWSKI RETURNS TO HUNTINGTON

After many years, international blindfold chess expert George Koltanowski, a life member of our association, met a small but enthusiastic group at Huntington's rehabilitated YMCA on the evening of December fourth.

The master as usual, was amusing, entertaining, and instructive in his remarks. After giving a simultaneous exhibition of 17 boards (Dr. Werthammer drew, the rest lost), he played 2 blindfold games with capable juniors Howard Cartee and Bill Mc-

Comas. The WVCA, the Huntington-YMCA Chess Club, and Mr. Charles Lauer (YMCA director) were sponsors.

NEW PLAYING QUARTERS

Incidentally Mr. Lauer has put at local chess players' disposal a large room at the 6th Ave. Y for our coming tournaments (State and Tri-State as well as a room at the May Memorial Bldg., 935 10th Ave. The Huntington group meets at the latter location every Saturday afternoon.

HIGH SCHOOL CHESS

The Huntington East High School chess club was revived last fall by Bill McComas, currently its president and an outstanding junior player. In a recent round-robin tournament with 15 entries, McComas won with a score of 13-1, losing only to Raymond Arnold. Ivan Grose, $12\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, was second, and Arnold, 12-2, was third.

Miss Genevieve Underwood, a teacher, sponsors the club.

In East's five-board team match with Marshall College, McComas drew with James Ballard of Marshall for his school's only score.

Harlow Warren of Beckley reports that Woodrow Wilson High School in that city has 115 playing members in its chess class. Two groups meet every other week for 45 minutes during school time, each group requiring

two rooms. He says any school can do the same if they have the principal's support.

John Hurt of Charleston visited them for a 20-board simultaneous and reported that he did not come off unscathed.

COLLEGE CHESS

Frederick H. Kerr reports in his College Chess Life column that a team from W. Va. University visited the University of Pittsburgh for a match. The result was a 4-0 sweep for Pittsburgh. Baker, Lancaster, Adams and Hatfield were the W. Va. players.

WOMEN'S CHESS

Four women players took part in the Tri-State Congress. They were all from Ohio. We are introducing our W. Va. woman champion, Mrs. Cedric Smith of Wheeling, in our games department.

FEDERATION NEWS

The USCF is holding its national open tournament in Cleveland August 5-17. This is an experience that every player should enjoy as often as possible.

A National Chess Festival is being considered by the Federation and details of same may be obtained from

the committee by addressing J. M. Calderon, 1 Washington Mews, New York 3, N.Y.

HUNTINGTON CITY CHESS TOURNAMENT 1956

For the third straight year, Donald Burdick is the Huntington City Chess Champion. He finished with score of 10½-½, drawing with Dr. S. Werthammer. Charles Morgan, a former city champion, finished third with 9-2. Dr. S. Werthammer was third with 8½-2½. The surprise of the tournament was Paul Sayre who beat Morgan and Werthammer and led the field for several rounds; Sayre finished with 7-4. Thirteen year old Jack Abraham finished with the creditable score of 5½-5½.

The rapid transit (ten seconds per move) was almost a mirror of the regular tournament with Burdick first, Morgan second, and Werthammer and Sayre tied for third.

JOTTINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bergquist are the proud parents of a daughter. Her name is Cynthia Ann.

John Hurt expects the Charleston tournament to begin soon.

Wheeling players want postal opponents. Write to our President, address below.

Lee of Morgantown says it looks

SCORETABLE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Donald Burdick	X	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10½-½
2. Charles Morgan	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9 - 2
3. Dr. S. Werthammer	½	0	X	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3½-2½
4. Paul Sayre	0	1	1	X	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	7 - 4
5. Rudd T. Neel	0	0	0	0	X	1	½	1	1	1	1	6½-4½
6. Tom Bergquist	0	0	0	1	0	X	0	½	1	1	1	5½-5½
7. Jack Abraham	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	X	1	0	1	5½-5½
8. Ted Baker	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	X	1	½	1	5 - 6
9. B. Conley	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	1	3 - 8
10. Wm. McComas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	½	2½-8½
11. Dr. V. Hayward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	1½-9½
12. O. Feuchtenberger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½-10½

like the WVU team will make the collegiate. And there are a couple of women in the club, though not on trip to Duke for the Southern Inter-team, we suppose.

Sayre says "How To Be A Better Member", by Coon, a Signet Key book (35c) has many ideas which could be used by chess clubs.

We regret that this issue of the Bulletin comes to you at a much later date than was intended. The treasurer's report appended will give a hint concerning our difficulties.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Financial Statement
 Sept. 1, 1956 — March 15, 1957

CASH ON HAND \$ 80.77
 September 1, 1956
 CASH RECEIPTS:
 Entry Fees \$94.00
 1956 Congress 36.00
 Dues 130.00

TOTAL CASH RECV. \$210.77
 EXPENDITURES:

Prizes and Trophies \$51.00
 Engraving 2.25
 USCF Affiliation & Rating Fees 16.90
 Bulletins (May, 1956 & Aug., 1956) 46.92
 Bulletin (Oct., 1956) 30.60
 Postage 11.00
 Telephone 2.03

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$160.70

BALANCE ON HAND, MARCH 15, 1957 \$ 50.07

GAMES SECTION TRI-STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 1956

Black's over-aggressive tactics at the wrong time and place are parried. Dr. S. Werthammer vs. J. G. Waltz

PHILIDOR'S DEFENSE (HANHAM)

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, P-Q3; 3 P-Q4, N-Q2; 4 B-QB4, P-QB3; 5 N-B3

Here PxP is a better alternative, giving Black a lifeless game.
 5 . . . B-K2; 6 B-K3, KN-B3; 7 P-QR4, 0-0 8 0-0

A bit better is Q-Q3 to prevent the following pseudo-sacrifice.
 8 . . . NxP; 9 NxN, P-Q4; 10 BxP, PxB; 11 N-N3, P-K5

With the center push Black gets the better game. The white squares of White are weak.

In the "Philidor" White has to guard against this maneuver, which he did not do here.

Against a P-push on the Q-wing by P-QN4, P-QR4 was the preventative.

Finally there is a P-push on the K-wing possible by P-KR3 and P-KN4, but White has played B-K3 instead of B-KN5.

12 N-K5, P-B4?

Black's first weak move, P-B3 is much better.

13 P-KB4, NxN?

This is worse — liberating the White QB which was hemmed in by Ps.

14 QPxN. B-K3

Burying his own B. A last chance was P-QN3, B-R3, and B-B4.

15 Q-Q2, Q-B2; 16 N-K2, B-B4; 17 P-B3, BxB

White's N is now superior to Black's B.

18 QxB, P-KN4

The intended attack on the White K is not justified by the position.

19 N-Q4, QR-K; 20 P-KN3, P-QR3; 21 KR-Q, B-B; 22 R-Q2, K-R; 23 QR-Q

The very simple refutation of Black's plan—center attack against insufficient flank attack (a la Niem-zowich).

23 . . . P×P; 24 P×P, R-Nch; 25 K-R, R-K2; 26 N-B2, B-K3; 27 N-N4, R-Q2; 28 N×QP, R×N; 29 R×R, B×R; 30 R×B, Q-B5; 31 R-Q, Q×RP

Black tries to get play with a few pieces left and good drawing chances — but the ensuing end-game is lost.

32 Q-Q4, Q×Q

This is the hitch — the Q-exchange is forced, otherwise P-K6 disch wins easily. The end-game is easy although Black could have played stronger and prolonged game (37 . . . P-QR4 and 39 . . . K-Q4 were weak).

33 P×Q, R-Q; 34 P-Q5, K-N2; 35 K-N2, K-B2; 36 P-Q6, K-K3; 37 R-QB, P-QR4; 38 R-B7, R-Q2; 39 R-B8, K-Q4; 40 R-KB8, R-N2ch; 41 K-B2, K-Q5; 42 P-K6, P-K6ch; 43 K-B3, R-N8; 44 P-Q7, R-B8ch; 45 K-K2, R-B7ch; 46 K-K, R×NP; 47 P-Q8(Q)ch, K-K5; 48 Q-Q, R×RP; 49 Q-Nch, K-B6; 50 Q×NPch, Reigns.

S. W.

W. VA. OPEN

1956

The Power of Woman

This game is "rara avis" because it was played by a woman in a W. Va.

tournament. It was played (on both sides) in a charming, light-hearted, gossipy manner rather new to our possibly over-serious tournaments. Perhaps our readers would like to make their own annotations and reminisce a bit about their own early difficulties.

A. C. Dobbs, Sr. vs.

Elizabeth (Mrs. Cedric) Smith

1 P-K4, P-K4; 2 N-KB3, N-QB3; 3 B-B4, N-B3; 4 N-B3, B-B4; 5 N-KN5, 0-0; 6 P-KR3, P-KR3; 7 N-B3, P-Q3; 8 P-Q3, P-R3; 9 P-R3, P-QR4; 10 B-Q2, B-Q2; 11 0-0, P-R5; 12 Q-K2, B-Q5; 13 N×B, P×N; 14 N-R2, N-K4; 15 P-B4, N-N3; 16 P-B5, N-K2; 17 N-N4, P-B3; 18 P-B3, P-QN4; 19 B-R2, P-B4; 20 N-B2, N-B3; 21 P-B4, N-K4; 22 P-QN4, Q-B; 23 P-N4, P-N4; 24 P×Pc.p., N/3×NP; 25 P×Pch, K-R2; 26 P×N, N×KBP; 27 BP×P, B×KNP; 28 Q-R2, B-K7; 29 B×N, Q-N5ch; 30 K-R, B-B6ch; 31 R×B, Q×Rch; 32 K-N, R-Nch; 33 B×Rch, R×Bch; 34 Resigns.

As she said to her opponent after the game, "The trouble with you men is, you underestimate us women."

Temporarily not so light-hearted, Mrs. Smith was shaking "like a leaf" over her victory. May her tribe increase, and may they all find chess as exciting as she found it! P. S.

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