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30TH ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONSHIP. Charleston, 1968

The new West Virginia co-champions are Robert Bonwell, stock broker, of Charleston, and Dr. Cornelio Nolasco, Montgomery physician. Bonwell won 4 games (including those with Nolasco and Gerrard) and drew 2 (with Sayre and Marples). Nolasco won 5 (beating Sayre, Scott, and Stewart) and lost only the one game mentioned. Bonwell took the first place trophy and Nolasco the second on the tie break, but actually they are co-champions and shared equally in the cash and the title, splitting the combined total of \$50 first prize and \$25 second prize.

David Marples, of St. Albans, was 3rd with 4 1/2-1 1/2, his best showing in any state tournament. Paul Sayre of Huntington and Donald Scott of Bridgeport, Ohio, (4-2) tied for 4th and 5th Places.

Next at 3 1/2-2 1/2 were the two highest-scoring juniors, John Richardson of Glenville and Steven Gerrard of Charleston, and Marvin (Joe) Barker (of Charleston and the U. S. Air Force). Richardson and Gerrard are the new junior co-champions, although Richardson won the trophy on the tie-break. (But see discussion under "Business Session")

Richardson also won the upset trophy with wins from Scott and Cunningham.

Dave Marples and Dan Lowder teamed up on another fine job of tournament direction.

Twenty-one players represented 12 West Virginia cities and 2 cities in Ohio.

A late change in the playing site made it impossible to put the usual ad in Chess Life, causing the field to be smaller than in past years. The new location chosen was the Heart-O-Town Motor Inn, which was as comfortable as the former site and much quieter. The use of the room was not donated, but members' donations paid the rent. Perhaps with a little "venture capital" the Association could expand.

While we are on the subject of the room, it should be mentioned that we had no extra room for Skittles or 5-minute tournament. This is something that chess players are beginning to get used to having (some grammar) and should have whenever possible.

BUSINESS SESSION

The officers elected were Robert Bonwell, President, Dan Lowder, Vice-President, Thomas Bergquist, Secretary-Treasurer, and Paul Sayre was reappointed Editor.

The business session was abbreviated due to lack of time. One new rule adopted was that the tie-break should apply to the title in case of a tie in the junior championship. Here is the way it appears in the minutes: "Dave Marples moved that a tie breaking system be used to determine the Junior Champion in case of ties, with the highest ranking Junior to receive the trophy and title. Motion was seconded and carried."

You will note, of course, that this conflicts with the story of the tournament above, which says Richardson and Gerrard are co-champions. Co-champions are sort of traditional in West Virginia tournaments.

The reasoning is that all the players had the same amount of time to prove their superiority, and if they just couldn't manage to do it, they must be content with the title of co-champion. The same reason applies to the ban on playoffs of a tie. There were two other old practice, not exactly rules: If there is only one trophy, and more than one winner, all the winners names must go on the trophy! (Even if there are five co-champions.) If one player hasn't had a trophy before, he gets it, otherwise they flip a coin for it. These practices grew up back in the days when co-championships were frequent (see list of champions).

In 1964, the last previous tie, Kennedy and Scherer were senior co-champions. If we have senior co-champions, why not junior co-champions? If we must divide the cash, why not divide the credit?

Many have a feeling that a tie-break is a nebulous kind of thing, with little real meaning. They feel it provides slim grounds for a claim to a "clear" title. The fact that some other states do it will influence some of us, but not others. Perhaps we can reconsider this question at the next meeting, or perhaps the members can let us know by letter how they feel.

30 YEARS OF WEST VIRGINIA CHAMPIONS

Charleston	1939	John F. Hurt, Jr.	Charleston	1955	(Donald Burdick
Wheeling	1940	William F. Hartling			(Allen DuVall
Clarksburg	1941	Walt Crede, Jr.			(John Hurt, Jr.
Charleston	1942	H. Landis Marks			(Charles Morgan
Clarksburg	1943	Dr. S. Werthammer			(Dr. S. Werthammer
Charleston	1944	Dr. S. Werthammer	Wheeling	1956	(Donald Burdick
Morgantown	1945	Harold W. Liggett			(Charles Morgan
Clarksburg	1946	Dr. S. Werthammer	Elkins	1957	(Donald Burdick
Huntington	1947	H. Landis Marks			(Dr. S. Werthammer
S. Charleston	1948	(John F. Hurt, Jr.	Morgantown	1958	Dr. S. Werthammer
		(Dr. S. Werthammer	Charleston	1959	"Mike" Wren
Huntington	1949	(Edward M. Foy	Parkersburg	1960	H. Landis Marks
		(Dr. S. Werthammer	Huntington	1961	Dr. Alex Darbes
Beckley	1950	Dr. S. Werthammer	Wheeling	1962	Dr. Alex Darbes
Charleston	1951	(Allen H. DuVall	Charleston	1963	John Downes
		(Edward M. Foy	Charleston	1964	(Ronald Kennedy
		(John F. Hurt, Jr.			(John Scherer
		(Dr. S. Werthammer	Charleston	1965	Dr. S. Werthammer
Beckley	1952	Dr. S. Werthammer	Charleston	1966	William Payne
Huntington	1953	Dr. S. Werthammer	Charleston	1967	William Payne
Charleston	1954	Donald S. Burdick	Charleston	1968	(Robert Bonwell
					(Dr. C. Nolasco

OTHER 1968 TOURNAMENTS

Holiday Open, Huntington, January - won by Lt. Thomas Miller of Dayton, Ohio, Jim Angel of Charleston, W. Va., score 4-1. Jim defeated Tom in their last-round game, but Jim had allowed a couple of draws earlier.

Charleston Club Championship - played in the Spring as a round-a-week Swiss. Won by Robert Bonwell, 5-0. Dr. Cornelio Nolasco was second at 4-1.

Charleston, 1969, Anne Mays and Joe Barber
Charleston, 1970, Myles Bonnell, Scherer, and Jorge Rubino

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Charleston, 1971 - Charles Szasz

West Virginia Chess Association
 Financial Statement
 Sept. 1, 1967 to Aug. 31, 1968

Cash on Hand Sept. 1, 1967 \$117.38

Receipts

1967 Tournament	\$72.00	
WVCA Dues	86.00	
USCF Dues (Individuals)	<u>55.00</u>	<u>213.00</u>

Total Cash Available \$330.38

Disbursements

1967 Tournament		
Trophies	28.25	
Tips	10.00	
Cash Prizes	80.00	
USCF Rating Fee	<u>8.00</u>	\$126.25
USCF Individuals Dues		44.00
West Virginia Chess Bulletin		
Printing	10.00	
Editors Expenses	<u>4.42</u>	14.42
Secretary-Treasurer Expenses		<u>8.60</u> 193.27

Cash on Hand Aug. 31, 1968 \$137.11

Respectfully submitted,

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 Secretary-Treasurer
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(from Tournaments page 2)

Charleston Open, May. Won by Bernard Schmidt of North Carolina 5-0. His wife, a true chess-lover, also entered the tournament, and won a couple of games. She now has a provisional rating of Class C. But she studies a master game every day, and has very good future prospects. More women should discover the fascination of chess!

WEST VIRGINIA SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
CHARLESTON, 1968

										Score	Tie	Break
										Pts.		
											Med	Sol
1	Robert Bonwell	Charleston	W19	W10	D3	W2	D4	W7	5-1	15		
2	Dr. Cornelio Nolasco	Montgomery	W14	W9	W5	L1	W13	W4	5-1	14		
3	David Marples	St. Albans	W20	W15	D1	L4	W6	W9	4½-1½	16½		
4	Paul A. Sayre	Huntington	D18	W6	W7	W3	D1	L2	4-2	16½		
5	Donald Scott	Bridgeport, Ohio	W17	W8	L2	L6	W12	W13	4-2	13		
6	John Richardson	Glenville	D7	L4	W10	W5	L3	W15	3½-2½	14½		
7	Steven Gerrard	Charleston	D6	W18	L4	W16	W9	L1	3½-2½	12½		
8	Marvin Barker	Charleston	W16	L5	W14	L13	D15	W11	3½-2½	11½		
9	Robert Stewart	Charleston	W12	L2	W16	W11	L7	L3	3-3	14		
10	William Cunningham	Wheeling	W11	L1	L6	L12	W17	W18	3-3	11½	18	
11	Bernard Klerose	Princeton	L10	W19	W15	L9	W14	L8	3-3	11½	16	
12	Roy Elwood White	Point Pleasant	L9	L13	W19	W10	L5	W16	3-3	11		
13	Ronald Kennedy	Charleston	Lf	W12	W20	W8	L2	L5	3-3	10½		
14	Larry Scites	So. Charleston	L2	W21	L8	W17	L11	W19	3-3	9½		
15	Herbert B. Marples	Frankford	W21	L3	L11	W20	D8	L6	2½-3½			
16	Ed Dutton	Marietta, Ohio	L8	W17	L9	L7	W19	L12	2-4	11½		
17	Martin Ribeiro	Welch	L5	L16	W18	L14	L10	W20	2-4	9½		
18	Hank Chinn	Charleston	D4	L7	L17	L19	W20	L10	1½-4½			
19	Jorge Ribeiro	Welch	L1	L11	L12	W18	L16	L14	1-5	11		
20	David Higginbotham	So. Charleston	L3	Bye	L13	L15	L18	L17	1-5	9		
21	Robert Skeen	Dunbar	L15	L14	-	-	Bye	WD	1-2			

Tournament Directors; Dan Lowder - Dave Marples

BOOK REVIEW. By Ed Foy (Condensed from his Gazette-Mail column)

We have long ago regarded Al Horowitz favorably as a chess teacher. Back in the fifties he carried a series of articles on the various aspects of the Royal Game in ChessReview, which magazine he also edits and publishes. From time to time groups of these articles appeared in book form: "How to Win in the Chess Openings", "Modern Ideas in the Chess Openings", "How to Win in the Middle Game of Chess" and "How to Win in the Chess Endings".

Now these four books have been brought together in one volume, "How to Win at Chess, a Complete Course", By I. A. Horowitz, published by David McKay Co., Inc., 750 Third Ave., New York, \$9.95. This is a good course of instruction, and a good review course. The final section is by former world champion Max Euwe, perhaps the finest living chess teacher.

(Note by PAS) "Complete" means "fairly thorough" for your first year or so, or your first year of study, if you have been playing without studying. You can get the single volumes in paperback cheaper than the combined single volume in hardcover.

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