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Grandmaster Alexander Shabalov (L) returns to West Virginia to play in the 4th Peter DuPuy Memorial

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2016 – 2017 Grand Prix Standings

Sam Timmons leads the way in the 2016-2017 Grand Prix with one event remaining. The Ripley Chess Club announced at the 2016 state tournament that they are donating \$250 to the winner of this year's Grand Prix. They have since announced a \$500 donation for the 2017-2018 Grand Prix!

1.	Sam Timmons	55.88
2.	Ed Garner	35.75
3.	Nicholas Palmer	29.05
4.	John Sefton	27.25
5.	David Bruner	25.08
6.	David Hundley	24.50
7.	Jimmy Fuller	23.33
8.	Michael Felton	21.00
9.	Daniel Preece	18.67
10.	Omkar Yadav	18.33
11.	David Hines	18.00
12.	Markle Butcher	17.50
13.	Nikhilesh Kunche	17.00
14.	John Roush	15.75
15.	Charles McCallister	15.50
16.	Adam Pell	15.33
17.	Joseph Craddock	14.58
18.	Benjamin Good	11.17
19.	Sefus Ellis	9.83
20.	James Reszler	9.50
21.	Keith Lilly	8.50
22.	Nathaniel Palmer	8.00
	Parker Benson	8.00
24.	Lawrence Iorio	6.33
	Robert V Greer	6.33
26.	Dan Cady	6.00
	Aaron Richardson	6.00
28.	Gilbert Stone	5.17
	Aaron Richardson	5.17
30.	Douglas Snuffer	4.75
	Richard Holsberry	4.75
32.	Preston Male	3.50
	Richard Greathouse	3.50
	Cody Kropp	3.50
	Craig Timmons	3.50
36.	Ryan Fitzwater	2.67
37.	Vincent Price	1.00

78th WV State Championship

19 players participated in the 78th WV State Championship, held in Charleston from September 3 to September 5, 2016.

FM Nikhilesh Kunche and Dr. Armando Lopez, who drew each other in Round 3, are the 2016 WV State Champions. FM Kunche took the individual trophy on tiebreaks. They both scored 5.5-0.5. Nathaniel Eerenberg and James Fuller tied for third with 4-2.

5 players participated in a round robin Blitz Championship, which was won by Dr. Lopez with a 4-0 score.



2016 Co-Champions FM Nikhilesh Kunche and Dr. Armando Lopez

Select Games from the 78th WV State Championship

Round 1

Timmons, S – Kunche Sicilian Defense

When's the last time you saw a black knight on f7 by move 10?

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.O-O Bg7 6.c3 Nh6 7.d3 O-O 8.Be3 d6 9.h3 f6 10.Qb3+ Nf7
11.Na3 Bd7 12.Rfd1 f5 13.e5 Rb8 14.Qc4 Qc8 15.Bg5 Re8 16.Re1 Be6 17.Qh4 Qd7 18.exd6 exd6 19.d4
Rxb2 20.dxc5 Bxc3 21.Bf6 Rb4 22.Rxe6 Rxe6 23.Bxc3 Rxh4 24.Nxh4 dxc5 0-1

Hundley – Cady Stonewall Attack

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nd2 Bg7 5.f4 O-O 6.Ng3 b6 7.c3 c5 8.Qe2 Bb7 9.O-O Nbd7 10.Ne5 Ne4
11.Rf3 f6 12.Ng4 e5 13.Rh3 h5 14.Nf2 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 e4 16.Bc2 f5 17.Rf1 a5 18.Qd1 cxd4 19.cxd4 b5
20.Qe1 b4 21.Bd1 Rc8 22.Nh1 Ba6 23.Rf2 Nf6 24.g3 Qd6 25.Rg2 Bc4 26.b3 Bb5 27.Nf2 Rc6 28.Rh4
Rfc8 29.h3 Bh6 30.g4 Bg7 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.Rg6 Kf7 33.Bxh5 Rh8 34.Qd1 Nxh5 35.Rxd6 Rxd6 36.Rxh5
1-0

Sanders – Bruner Alekhine Defense

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5 Nd5 5.Bc4 e6 6.Nc3 c6 7.d4 b6 8.cxb6 Nxb6 9.Bd3 d6 10.Nf3 N8d7
11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Ne4 dxe5 14.dxe5 O-O 15.Nd6 f6 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Nxc8 Raxc8 18.O-O
Nbd5 19.Qd2 e5 20.Rfe1 e4 21.Ng5 Qd6 22.Nxe4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 Kh8 24.Rad1 Rcd8 25.Qg5 Qf6
26.Qxf6 Rxf6 27.Rd4 Rfd6 28.Red1 g6 29.b4 a6 30.Bf3 Kg8 31.Kf1 Kf7 32.Be2 Ke7 33.a3 Nc7 34.Rxd6
Rxd6 35.Rxd6 Kxd6 36.Ke1 Nb5 37.Bxb5 axb5 38.Kd2 c5 39.bxc5+ Kxc5 40.Kc3 h6 41.f3 h5 42.g3
Kd5 43.h3 Kc5 44.g4 hxg4 45.fxg4 g5 46.Kb3 Kc6 47.Kb4 Kb6 48.Kc3 Kc5 49.Kd3 Kd5 50.Kc3 Kc5
51.Kb3 Kc6 52.Kc3 Kc5 1/2-1/2

Round 2

Linsky – Bruner Alekhine Defense

An epic struggle that shows a winning position does not win itself. Passed pawns must be pushed!

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Nc3 e6 8.g3 Be7 9.b3 Nc6 10.Bg2 O-O
11.O-O Rc8 12.a3 Bf6 13.Bb2 h6 14.Re1 Re8 15.Ne2 Qc7 16.Rc1 Nd7 17.b4 Qb8 18.Nc3 a6 19.d5 Nce5
20.Nxe5 Nxe5 21.dxe6 fxe6 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 Nd7 24.Bxf6 Nxf6 25.Rd4 Rcd8 26.Qb3 Kf8 27.Qf3
Re7 28.Rcd1 Rf7 29.Qd3 Ne8 30.c5 e5 31.Rg4 Nf6 32.Rc4 b5 33.cxb6 Qxb6 34.Rc6 Qd4 35.Qxd4 exd4
36.Rxd4 Ne8 37.Rxa6 Rf6 38.Ra8 Rxa8 39.Bxa8 Nc7 40.Bg2 Ke7 41.f4 Re6 42.Kf2 Rf6 43.Rd3 g5
44.Ke3 gxf4+ 45.gxf4 Ne6 46.Bc6 Nc7 47.Bd5 Rf5 48.Be4 Rh5 49.Rd2 Rh3+ 50.Bf3 Ke6 51.Rg2 Nd5+
52.Kf2 Nf6 53.Bg4+ Nxg4+ 54.Rxg4 Kf5 55.Rg8 Kxf4 56.Rf8+ Ke4 57.Rb8 Rxh2+ 58.Kg3 Ra2 59.Rb5
Rxa3+ 60.Kg4 Rb3 61.Kh5 d5 62.Kxh6 d4 63.Rb8 Kd3 64.b5 Kd2 65.b6 d3 66.b7 Kd1 67.Kg5 Rb4
68.Kf5 d2 69.Ke5 Rb2 70.Kd4 Kc1 71.Rc8+ Kb1 72.b8=Q d1=Q+ 73.Ke4 Rxb8 74.Rxb8+ Ka2 75.Ra8+
Kb3 76.Rb8+ Ka4 77.Ra8+ Kb5 78.Rf8 Qc2+ 79.Kf3 Qc6+ 80.Kg4 Qg2+ 81.Kh5 Kc6 82.Rf6+ Kd5
83.Rf5+ Ke6 84.Rg5 Qh3+ 85.Kg6 Qd3+ 86.Kh5 Kf6 87.Kh6 Qe3 0-1

Olson – Canary

The I Have No Idea What Black is Doing Defense

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 f6 3.Bf4 g5 4.Bg3 h5 5.h3 h4 6.Bh2 e6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Qd3 Kf7 9.O-O-O c6 10.a3 Bd6
11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.e4 Qf4+ 13.Kb1 b6 14.Qd2 Qxd2 15.Rxd2 Ne7 16.e5 Ba6 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.exf6 Kxf6
19.Re1 Ng6 20.Rde2 Nc7 21.Ne5 Nxe5 22.Rxe5 b5 23.R1e3 Rag8 24.Rf3+ Ke7 25.g4 Rh6 26.Ne2 Rf6
27.Rxf6 Kxf6 28.Re3 Kg6 29.Rf3 Re8 30.Nc1 e5 31.dxe5 Rxe5 32.Re3 Kf6 33.Nd3 Rxe3 34.fxe3 Ne6
35.Kc1 c5 36.Kd2 a5 37.b3 c4 38.bxc4 dxc4 39.Nb2 Nc5 40.Ke2 Ke5 41.Kf3 Ne4 42.Nd1 Nd2+ 43.Ke2
Nb1 44.a4 b4 45.Nb2 Kd5 46.e4+ Kd4 47.e5 Nc3+ 48.Kf2 Nd5 49.e6 Ne7 50.Ke2 Kc3 51.Nxc4 Kxc4
52.Kd2 Kd5 53.Kd3 Kxe6 54.Kc4 Kd6 55.Kd4 Nc6+ 56.Kc4 Ne5+ 57.Kb5 Nxg4 58.Kxa5 Kc5 59.Ka6
Ne5 60.Kb7 Nc6 0-1

Round 3

Bruner – Canary

The I Still Have No Idea What Black is Doing Defense

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 f6 3.e3 e6 4.c4 c6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.O-O Ne7 7.c5 Bc7 8.b4 Nd7 9.Bb2 O-O 10.Qc2 f5 11.Ne5
Nf6 12.f4 Bd7 13.Nd2 Be8 14.Rf3 Ne4 15.g4 Bg6 16.g5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 Bh5 18.Rh3 Bg4 19.Rg3 Nxg3
20.hxg3 Kf7 21.Nb3 h6 22.Be2 Bxe2 23.Qxe2 hxg5 24.Qh5+ Ng6 25.Nd4 Rh8 26.Qf3 g4 27.Qg2 Rh6
28.b5 Ne7 29.Bc3 Qd7 30.a4 Rah8 31.Ra2 R8h7 32.Rb2 Qc8 33.bxc6 bxc6 34.a5 Qh8 0-1

Sanders – Timmons, S

Bishop's Opening

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 Nc6 4.d5 Ne7 5.Nc3 Ng6 6.a3 a5 7.Nf3 Bc5 8.O-O O-O 9.Qe1 h6 10.Be3 Bxe3
11.Qxe3 d6 12.Nd2 Ng4 13.Qg3 Nf4 14.h3 Nh5 15.Qf3 Qg5 16.hxg4 Bxg4 17.Qe3 Nf4 18.Rfe1 h5
19.Be2 Bxe2 20.Qg3 Bg4 21.f3 Ng6 22.Rad1 f5 23.fxg4 h4 24.Nf3 Qh6 25.Qh3 Qf4 26.gxf5 1-0

Round 4

Kunche – Fuller

Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 d6 5.O-O a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bb3 Na5 8.h3 c5 9.c3 Nxb3 10.Qxb3 Be6
11.Qc2 h6 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.Re1 Be7 14.Nf1 Rc8 15.Ng3 g6 16.Nh2 Qd7 17.Qe2 h5 18.f4 h4 19.Ngf1
Nh5 20.Qf3 Bf6 21.Ng4 Bxg4 22.hxg4 Nxf4 23.Bxf4 exf4 24.Qxf4 Be5 25.Qf3 Qe7 26.Ne3 Qg5 27.Rf1
O-O 28.Rad1 Bg7 29.Nd5 Ra8 30.Rf2 b4 31.Kh1 bxc3 32.bxc3 Rab8 33.Rdf1 Be5 34.Rd1 Bg7 35.Rc2 f5
36.gxf5 gxf5 37.exf5 Rbe8 38.Rf1 Qg3 39.f6 Qxf3 40.Rxf3 Re1+ 41.Kh2 Bh6 42.Rb2 Re5 43.c4 Kf7
44.Rb7+ Kg6 45.Rd7 Rb8 46.Rxd6 Bf8 47.Rxa6 Rb1 48.f7+ Kh7 49.Nc3 Rb8 50.Ne4 Rb7 51.Kh3 Rb1
52.Kxh4 Rh1+ 53.Kg3 Kg7 54.Raf6 Reh5 55.R6f5 R5h4 56.Rg5+ Kh7 57.Rg8 Rxe4 58.dxe4 Bd6+
59.Kf2 Rh4 60.Rh3 Rxh3 61.gxh3 1-0

Sanders – Lopez

Sicilian Defense

Typical unique style of play from Lewis "Crafty" Sanders

1.e4 c5 2.e5 Nc6 3.Nf3 Qc7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Bf4 f6 6.c3 fxe5 7.Nxe5 d6 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Nxg6 Nf6 10.Qh4 Qb6
11.Bc1 Rg8 12.Nxf8 Rxf8 13.Be2 Bf5 14.O-O O-O-O 15.Nd2 d3 16.Nc4 Qb5 17.a4 Qd5 18.Bf3 Be4
19.Ne3 Qe6 20.Bd1 Kb8 21.f3 Bg6 22.Ra3 d5 23.Re1 Qd6 24.b4 e5 25.Bb3 Ka8 26.Bd2 e4 27.f4 Na5
28.Ba2 Rc8 29.Qg5 Nc4 30.Bxc4 dxc4 31.Qb5 Bf7 32.Nf5 Qe6 33.Nd4 Qd5 34.Qxd5 Bxd5 35.Nf5 Rce8
36.Ne3 Bf7 37.Raa1 Rg8 38.h3 h5 39.Nf1 Bd5 40.Re3 Kb8 41.Kf2 Kc7 42.Rae1 a6 43.Rg3 e3+ 44.Nxe3
Ne4+ 45.Kg1 Nxg3 46.Nxd5+ Kd6 47.Ne3 b5 48.a5 Kc6 49.Kh2 Ne4 50. Nf1 Nxd2 51.Rxe8 Rxe8
52.Nxd2 Re2 0-1

Canary – Hundley

The Now He's Doing It with White Opening

1.d4 Nf6 2.f3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Bd3 O-O 7.Nge2 e5 8.d5 Na6 9.Be3 Nb4 10.Bb1 c5 11.a3 Na6 12.Bd3 Nc7 13.O-O a6 14.b4 b6 15.Qd2 Bb7 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Rfb1 Bc8 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Bc2 Ra7 20.Ba4 Qd8 21.Rb8 Ra8 22.Rab1 Rxb8 23.Rxb8 Qe7 24.Qb2 h6 25.Be3 Nd7 26.Rb3 Nf6 27.Qd2 Kh7 28.Bc6 Nfe8 29.Ng3 f5 30.exf5 Bxf5 31.Nxf5 Rxf5 32.Rb7 Qh4 33.Ne4 Qd8 34.Qa5 Rh5 35.Bf2 Qc8 36.g4 Rf5 37.gxf5 Qxf5 38.Kg2 g5 39.Qc3 h5 40.Bxe8 Nxe8 41.Ng3 Qg6 42.Qe3 Nf6 43.Ne4 Ng8 44.Qxg5 1-0

Linsky – Felton

Scandinavian Defense

Team Scandi will not approve of Black's handling of their favorite defense

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 h5 5.h3 Bf5 6.Bd2 c6 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.Bc4 f6 9.Nh4 Bh7 10.Qxh5+ g6 11.Nxg6 Bxg6 12.Qxh8 Bf7 13.Bxf7+ 1-0

Round 5

Canary – Kunche

The It Didn't Work This Time Opening

Unfortunately I do not have the full game score, but it appears as dark clouds are looming around White's king

1.d4 Nf6 2.f3 d5 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Qb6 5.b3 e6 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Be7 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.f4 g5 10.g3 h5 11.Bg2 h4 12.Kf2 Bd7 13.a4 hxg3+ 14.hxg3 Rxh1 15.Bxh1 gxf4 16.gxf4 Bh4+ 17.Kf1 O-O-O 18.Bf3 Rg8 19.Ng1 Ne7 20.Nd2 *Remaining moves unknown* 0-1

Lopez – Fuller

Pirc Defense

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 c6 5.e5 Ng8 6.Bf4 d5 7.Qd2 e6 8.h4 Bb4 9.h5 h6 10.Rh3 Ne7 11.g4 Qa5 12.Ng1 Nb6 13.Nge2 Nc4 14.Qc1 c5 15.a3 Bxc3+ 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Nd4 Nc6 19.Rb1 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Qa5+ 21.Bd2 Nxd2 22.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Bc6 24.a4 Ke7 25.a5 a6 26.Rb6 Kd7 27.Rhb3 Kc7 28.f4 g5 29.fxg5 hxg5 30.Rf3 Raf8 31.Bxa6 bxa6 32.Rc3 f5 33.exf6 Rxf6 34.Rcxc6+ Kd7 35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.Rxa6 Rc8 37.Kc1 Rc7 38.Rdb6 Rf1+ 39.Kb2 Re1 40.h6 Re2 41.h7 Rexc2+ 42.Ka3 R7c3+ 43.Rb3 Rxb3+ 44.Kxb3 Rh2 45.Ra8 Rh3+ 46.Kb4 1-0

Cummings – Linsky

King's Indian Attack

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.d3 d5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.Nbd2 e5 6.e4 dxe4 7.dxe4 b5 8.O-O Bg4 9.h3 Bc8 10.Re1 Bb7 11.c3 Be7 12.Qe2 c4 13.Nf1 h6 14.g4 O-O 15.Ng3 Bc5 16.Be3 Nd7 17.Rad1 Be7 18.Nf5 Qc7 19.Nxe7+ Nxe7 20.Nh4 Nf6 21.f3 Ng6 22.Qf2 Nf4 23.Bf1 Rfd8 24.Nf5 Rd3 25.Bxf4 Rxd1 26.Bxe5 Qxe5 27.Rxd1 Kh7 28.Bg2 1/2-1/2

Round 6

Linsky – Lopez

Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.b3 Qf6 6.Be3 a6 7.c3 Qg6 8.Nd2 Nf6 9.f3 e5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nc4 d5 12.Nxe5 Qh5 13.Nxc6 Bd7 14.g4 Qh4+ 15.Bf2 Qg5 16.h4 Qf4 17.exd5 Bxc6 18.dxc6 Bd6 19.Qe2+ Kf8 20.Qd3 Re8+ 21.Be2 Qe5 22.b4 Bxb4 23.Bd4 Qg3+ 24.Kd2 Qf4+ 25.Kc2 Nd5 26.c4 Nc7 27.a3 Bd6 28.Rhe1 f6 29.Bf1 Ne6 30.Re4 Qh2+ 31.Qe2 Nxd4+ 32.Kd3 Nxe2 0-1

Timmons, S – Cummings Sicilian Defense

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 Be7 10.Nc4 Be6
11.Ne3 Rc8 12.Be2 O-O 13.f3 Nd4 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bd3 Bh4+ 16.g3 Bg5 17.Ned5 b5 18.h4 Bh6 19.a3
f5 20.Kf2 Nxf3 21.exf5 Bxf5 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Qd3 Nd4+ 24.Kg2 Rf3 25.Qe4 Rf7 26.Raf1 Qe8 27.Rxf7
Qxf7 28.Rf1 Qe8 29.Qg4 Kh8 30.Rf7 Rxc3 31.bxc3 Qxf7 32.Qc8+ Qg8 33.Qxg8+ Kxg8 34.cxd4 a5
35.dxe5 dxe5 36.Nc3 b4 37.axb4 axb4 38.Nd5 Bd2 39.Kf2 Kf7 40.Ke2 Bc1 1/2-1/2

Fuller – Canary The Someone Buy Me an Opening Book Defense

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 f6 4.Bb3 c6 5.c4 Be6 6.Nc3 Nd7 7.d4 Bf7 8.d5 c5 9.h4 a6 10.a4 Bh5 11.Qd3 h6
12.Ne2 Bg6 13.h5 Bh7 14.g4 Ne7 15.Nh4 Qc7 16.Bd2 O-O-O 17.Bc3 Kb8 18.f4 a5 19.f5 b6 20.O-O Kb7
21.Bd2 Nb8 22.Nc3 Qd7 23.Qe2 Na6 24.Nb5 Ra8 25.Ng2 Bg8 26.Qe3 Bf7 27.Bd1 Nc8 28.Be1 Be7
29.Bf2 Be8 30.Ne1 Bf7 31.Nc2 Bd8 32.Ra3 Ne7 33.Rb3 Kc8 34.Rc3 Rg8 35.Be2 Nb8 36.Rb1 Na6
37.Nca3 Rh8 38.Qd2 Rg8 39.Be3 Rh8 40.Qe1 Be8 41.Nc2 Ng8 42.Qf2 Qe7 43.Nca3 Qd7 44.b3 Be7
45.Nc2 Bd8 46.Rd3 Ne7 47.Bd2 Kb7 48.Rg3 Nc8 49.Qh2 Be7 50.Kh1 Bd8 51.Rbg1 Be7 52.Ne1 Qd8
53.Nf3 Nb8 54.Bc3 Nd7 55.Ne1 Nf8 56.Nd3 Nh7 57.Bd2 Bd7 58.Be3 Be8 59.Nc3 Bf7 60.Bd1 Qc7
61.Qa2 Be8 62.Qa3 Bd7 63.R3g2 Qd8 64.Rb2 Nf8 65.Bf3 Be8 66.Rgb1 Nd7 67.Ne1 Nb8 68.Ng2 Na6
69.Na2 Kc7 70.Nh4 Rg8 71.Be2 Qd7 72.Nc1 Kd8 73.Bf1 Qc7 74.Ne2 Nb4 75.Ng3 Na6 76.Ng6 Kd7
77.Rd2 Bd8 78.Qc1 Nb4 79.Rh2 Bf7 80.Bxh6 Ne7 81.Bd2 Na6 82.Qc3 Qc8 83.Qf3 Bc7 84.Ne2 Qe8
85.Ng1 Bxg6 86.fxg6 Kc8 87.Bh3 Kb7 88.Rf1 Bd8 89.g5 Nc8 90.Be6 Rh8 91.Qg4 Be7 92.Bd7 Qf8
93.Bc6+ Kb8 94.Bxa8 Kxa8 95.gxf6 Bxf6 96.Bg5 Rg8 97.Rhf2 Nb8 98.Bxf6 gxf6 99.Rxf6 Qh6 100.Rf7
Na7 101.R1f5 Nc8 102.Qg5 Qh8 103.Rh7 *Exact moves uncertain from around move 60* 1-0

Felton – Bruner English Opening

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 Nge7 6.d3 d6 7.Nge2 O-O 8.O-O Be6 9.Rb1 Qc8 10.f4 Bh3
11.Rf2 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 f5 13.Be3 Nd4 14.Qd2 Qd7 15.Rg1 Rad8 16.h3 c6 17.Kf1 d5 18.exf5 Nexf5
19.cxd5 Nxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Qxh3+ 21.Rfg2 cxd5 22.Kf2 Nf5 23.Qc1 d4 24.Ne4 Ne3 25.Ng5 Qg4 26.Rh2 h6
27.Rh4 Qd7 28.Nf3 Kh7 29.Rgh1 Nf5 30.R4h3 Rc8 31.Qd2 Rc5 32.Kg1 Ne3 33.Ng5+ Kg8 34.Ne4 Rc2
35.Qe1 Qg4 36.R1h2 Rfc8 37.fxe5 Rxe2 38.Rxe2 Qxh3 39.Rh2 Qe6 40.Qb4 Rc1+ 41.Kf2 Qf5+ 0-1

Olson – Hundley Queen's Gambit Declined

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 b6 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxg4 Nxg4 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Qxd5 Ngf6
10.Qf3 a6 11.Bc4 Bd6 12.Nd2 O-O 13.O-O b5 14.Bd3 c5 15.dxc5 Nxc5 16.Bb1 Re8 17.b3 Be5
18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Qh3+ Kg8 20.Rb1 Qd3 21.Ba3 Qxd2 22.Bxc5 Rac8 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.exd4 Qxd4
25.a4 Rc2 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rbd1 Rd2 28.Qf3 Rd8 29.Rde1 Kf8 30.Qh3 Qd3 31.Qh8+ Ng8 32.Qh5 Rd5
33.Qg4 Qxb3 34.Qc8+ Rd8 35.Qc5+ R2d6 36.Qe5 Qb4 37.Rb1 Qxb1 38.Qxd6+ Rxd6 39.Rxb1 Rb6
40.f4 Nf6 41.h3 Nd5 42.g3 Ke7 43.Kf2 Kd6 44.Kf3 Rb7 45.Rd1 Re7 46.Rb1 Kc5 47.Rc1+ Kb6 48.Rd1
Kc6 49.Rc1+ Kd6 50.Rb1 b4 51.g4 Kc5 52.Rc1+ Nc3 53.Rc2 Kc4 54.Rb2 Re3+ 55.Kg2 Re2+ 0-1

Crosstable for the 78th WV State Championship

#	Name	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Kunche, Nikhilesh	2338	2338	W---6	W---4	D---2	W---3	W--10	W---8	5.5
2	Lopez, Armando	2158	2173	W--19	W--11	D---1	W---8	W---3	W---9	5.5
3	Fuller, James	1725	1757	W--14	W--16	W---7	L---1	L---2	W--10	4.0
4	Eerenberg, Nathaniel	1709	1718	W--17	L---1	X----	W--11	H----	H----	4.0
5	Cummings, Gary	1768	1777	H----	D---8	W--17	H----	D---9	D---6	3.5
6	Timmons, Sam	1626	1644	L---1	W--14	L---8	B----	W--11	D---5	3.5
7	Hundley, David	1529	1616	W--18	H----	L---3	L--10	W--12	W--13	3.5
8	Sanders, Lewis	2002	1979	D--12	D---5	W---6	L---2	W--14	L---1	3.0
9	Linsky, Andre	1924	1888	D--13	L--12	W--19	W--15	D---5	L---2	3.0
10	Canary, Robert	1877	1845	L--11	W--13	W--12	W---7	L---1	L---3	3.0
11	Mudumba, Janaki	1414/16	1498/22	W--10	L---2	W--15	L---4	L---6	W--17	3.0
12	Bruner, David	1500	1548	D---8	W---9	L--10	L--13	L---7	W--15	2.5
13	Olson, James	1482	1504	D---9	L--10	H----	W--12	H----	L---7	2.5
14	McCallister, Charles	1238	1247	L---3	L---6	B----	W--17	L---8	H----	2.5
15	Felton, Michael	1736	1700	L--16	W--19	L--11	L---9	W--17	L--12	2.0
16	Price, Mike	1167	1216	W--15	L---3	F----	U----	U----	U----	1.0
17	Preece, Daniel	1176/17	1147/22	L---4	B----	L---5	L--14	L--15	L--11	1.0
18	Cady, Danny	2044	2021	L---7	U----	U----	U----	U----	U----	0.0
19	Mahan, Robert	1528	1510	L---2	L--15	L---9	U----	U----	U----	0.0

Missing Pieces Charity Chess Tournament

The Missing Pieces Charity Chess Tournament has been held twice now in Summersville. The first event was on September 24, 2016 at the Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park. 8 players competed in the single-elimination unrated event to raise money for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Jim Adkins of Mount Nebo won the event. 3-time State Champion Benjamin Good conducted a simultaneous exhibition, going 12-0.

The second event was held July 29, 2017 at Maloney's Pub in downtown Summersville. The event was won by Michael Hennessey. Benjamin Good conducted another simultaneous, going 12-0 again. Mr. Good also played a blindfold game against Mr. Hennessey and won.

We hope the event continues to grow and raise money for this worthy cause. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has a 97% recovery rate!

The charity events were sponsored by Matt and Amanda Barber of Birch River. They own a dance studio in Mount Nebo which will host the 79th WV State Championship on September 9 and 10.



L to R: Michael Hennessey (adult winner), Maddox Smallwood (junior winner), Benjamin Good

William H Rice 1947-2016

Bill Rice of Elkins passed away on Friday, November 18, 2016. He was an active member of the Elkins Chess Club and competed in the 2013 State Championship held in Elkins. Bill was 69 years old.

17th Mountaineer Open

The 17th Mountaineer Open was held Saturday, January 14, 2017 at the WVU Mountainlair. Proceeds after prizes (\$220 plus canned goods) were donated to Empty Bowls of Monongalia County. 21 players competed in the Open Section, which was won by Josh Matti. 9 players competed in the rated scholastic section, won by Matthew Ellis. Special thanks to Viraat Das, a Morgantown High student, who organized the event.

#	Name	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Matti, Josh	2098	2106	W--18	W--11	W--13	D---2	3.5
2	Tichenor, Andrew	2208	2198	D---5	W--20	W---4	D---1	3.0
3	Ajayi, Taiwo	Unr.	1884/4	L---4	W--14	W--10	W--12	3.0
4	Timmons, Sam	1746	1807	W---3	W---9	L---2	W---8	3.0
5	Matheny, Jacob	1535	1624	D---2	W--21	D--12	W--11	3.0
6	Palmer, Nicholas	1224	1416	L--10	W--19	W---9	W--13	3.0
7	Felton, Michael	1700	1700	H----	W--16	L---8	W--15	2.5
8	Benson, Parker	1191	1240	H----	X----	W---7	L---4	2.5
9	Hines, David	1901	1859	W--14	L---4	L---6	W--16	2.0
10	Campbell, Matthew	1773	1748	W---6	L--13	L---3	W--20	2.0
11	Hohn, Jeff	1754	1730	W--17	L---1	W--20	L---5	2.0
12	Holsberry, Richard	1737	1723	H----	W--15	D---5	L---3	2.0
13	Baker, Joseph	1729	1717	W--19	W--10	L---1	L---6	2.0
14	Reszler, James	1315	1328	L---9	L---3	B----	W--19	2.0
15	Male, Preston	1147	1154	H----	L--12	W--21	L---7	1.5
16	Kropp, William	1005	1037	H----	L---7	W--17	L---9	1.5
17	Haynes, William	1021	1034	L--11	W--18	L--16	D--21	1.5
18	Greathouse, Richard	1483	1409	L---1	L--17	L--19	B----	1.0
19	Ge, Ning	Unr.	1256/4	L--13	L---6	W--18	L--14	1.0
20	Palmer, Nathaniel	973	972	B----	L---2	L--11	L--10	1.0
21	Cavallo, Franklin	921	917	H----	L---5	L--15	D--17	1.0

Harrison County Championship

32 players (10 open, 22 scholastic) competed in the Harrison County Championship, held on February 25, 2017 at Lincoln High School in Shinnston. Ed Garner won the open section with 3 points, and half the field (!) tied for second with 2.5. Elias Garden swept the scholastic section with a perfect 4-0.

The tournament had a slight hiccup as the Bob Greer's laptop used for the pairings was locked while Craig Timmons and Benjamin Good did not have the password. Bob unfortunately had to leave for a few hours while attending his mother's funeral. We broke out some index cards to do manual pairings, but Bob came to the rescue in time for the next round.

Garner – Good Bird's Opening

1.f4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.c3 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.Na3 O-O 8.O-O Re8 9.Nc2 e5 10.fxe5 Nxe5
 11.Bg5 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Bh3 13.Bg2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Qd6 15.Qe1 Re6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Rf2 Rae8 18.Qf1
 Qe7 19.Re1 Bg5 20.e3 Qd7 21.Rf3 R8e7 22.Re2 Qb5 23.Ref2 f5 24.g4 fxg4?? 25.Rf8+ Kg7 26.R2f7+
 Kh6 27.Rh8 Rxf7 28.Qxf7 Bf6 29.Qxh7+ Kg5 30.Qh4+ (*Qh6+ mates in 2*) 30...Kf5 31.Qf2+ Ke5
 32.Qf4# 1-0

#	Name	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Garner, Edward	1887	1913	W--10	D---2	W---3	D---5	3.0
2	Roush, John	2044	2041	W---6	D---1	W---4	L---3	2.5
3	Good, Benjamin	2033	2030	W---8	D---4	L---1	W---2	2.5
4	Butcher, Markle	1948	1949	W---7	D---3	L---2	W---8	2.5
5	Hines, David	1859	1851	W---9	L---6	W---7	D---1	2.5
6	Timmons, Sam	1815	1822	L---2	W---5	D---8	W--10	2.5
7	Bruner, David	1524	1535	L---4	W--10	L---5	W---9	2.0
8	Baker, Joseph	1706	1703	L---3	W---9	D---6	L---4	1.5
9	Reszler, James	1293	1305	L---5	L---8	W--10	L---7	1.0
10	Greathouse, Richard	1410	1364	L---1	L---7	L---9	L---6	0.0

4th Peter DuPuy Memorial

The 4th Peter DuPuy memorial event was held June 3, 2017 at the Benedum Civic Center in Bridgeport.

Jim Anthony, a friend of Peter DuPuy, attended the event and told us a little bit about Peter. Jim and Peter had been friends for some time, and Peter would always tell Jim how he was in the middle of playing chess on the computer when Jim would call. Charles McCallister began working for Jim at a nuclear plant in Vermont several years ago. Jim found out that Charles played chess and introduced him to Peter. The three of them were good friends from then on.

Peter had heart trouble and died seven years ago with Jim and Chuck at his side. Chuck decided to hold a memorial tournament in Peter's honor and has held the event four times now in West Virginia where Chuck resides.

21 players attended the event, including Grandmaster Alex Shabalov of Pittsburgh, who has played in all four. Alex won the event with a 4-0 score. The running joke of the event was to see who could last the longest against him.

Lawrence Iorio was up first and lasted 19 moves before impending checkmate. Michael Felton was next and faced the same fate in 9 moves. Markle Butcher castled into fire in an 6. h3 Najdorf and lasted 22 moves.

Benjamin Good was the only other 3-0 going into the last round. He made some early mistakes and was faced with a 2 pawn disadvantage and a weakened king position. However, he had a slight bit of counterplay with an active queen and rook and weakened dark squares near Shabalov's king. Alex thought for a good twenty minutes about how to handle the situation. He gave up one pawn to trade off the pieces, and won a rook and pawn endgame. The game was the last game to finish in the tournament and went 46 moves.

Good – Shabalov Caro-Kann Defense

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Be6 7.Bg5 g6 8.c5 Bg7 9.g3 Bg4 10.Bg2 Ne4
11.Be3 O-O 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxc5 14.Nxd5? (*14.Bxd5 is necessary*) 14...Ne6 15.O-O Nxd4 16.Bg2
e6 17.Nc3 Qa5 18.Qa4 \$2 Ne2+ 19.Kh2 Bxc3 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qc2 Nxc3 22.fxg3 Be5 23.Qxc6 Rab8
24.Rf2 Rxb2 25.Rxb2 Bxb2 26.Rb1 Be5 27.a4 Rd8 28.Rb7 *Alex thought for 20 minutes here on how to
handle the situation, deciding to force an endgame which is almost certainly won for Black* 28...Bd4
29.Qf3 Qf5 30.Qxf5 gxf5 31.Bxd4 Rxd4 32.Rxa7 Rd2+ 33.Kg1 h5 34.h4 Ra2 35.a5 Kg7 36.a6 Kf6
37.Ra8 Ke5 38.a7 Ke4 39.Rh8 Rxa7 40.Rxh5 f4 41.gxf4 Kxf4 42.Rh7 e5 43.Kf2 e4 44.Ke2 Ra2+ 45.Kd1
f5 46.Rf7 Rh2 0-1

2017 WV Action Championship

Ripley was once again the site for the WV Action Championship, having been previously held in Ripley in 2013 and 2003. 12 players competed in the event, which was won by Jimmy Fuller with a 5-1 score.



2017 WV Action Champion Jimmy Fuller and Tournament Director John Roush

#	Name	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Fuller, James	1758	1781	W--10	W---8	W---9	W---3	L---5	W---6	5.0
2	Garner, Edward	1910	1886	W---6	D---5	L---3	D---9	W--10	W---7	4.0
3	Timmons, Sam	1817	1815	W---4	L---9	W---2	L---1	W--11	W---5	4.0
4	Hundley, David	1563	1563	L---3	W--12	W---8	D---5	D---7	W--10	4.0
5	Ellis, Sefus	1705	1711	W--11	D---2	D---6	D---4	W---1	L---3	3.5
6	Craddock, Joseph	1587	1613	L---2	W---7	D---5	W---8	W---9	L---1	3.5
7	Stone, Gilbert	1459	1459	H----	L---6	W--10	W--11	D---4	L---2	3.0
8	Pell, Adam	961	982	B----	L---1	L---4	L---6	W--12	W--11	3.0
9	Richardson, Aaron	1694	1692	W--12	W---3	L---1	D---2	L---6	U----	2.5
10	McCallister, Charles	1233	1202	L---1	D--11	L---7	W--12	L---2	L---4	1.5
11	Lilly, Richard	Unr.	903/6	L---5	D--10	W--12	L---7	L---3	L---8	1.5
12	Fitzwater, Ryan	Unr.	502/5	L---9	L---4	L--11	L--10	L---8	B----	1.0

Mid-Ohio Valley Open

19 players competed in the Mid-Ohio Valley Open in Parkersburg on August 20, 2017. The open section was won by Tom Magar of PA with a perfect 4-0 score. David Hines, Sam Timmons, Omkar Yadav, and John Sefton tied for 2nd at 3-1.

Due to a budget shortfall, the Parkersburg Homecoming did not hold events on Sunday. The tournament site and name for the Parkersburg Homecoming chess tournament was changed as a result. This was the 25th year for the event.

#	Name	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Magar, Thomas	2200	2203	W---5	W--14	W-- 9	W---6	4.0
2	Hines, David	1843	1826	W--11	L---4	W--12	W---7	3.0
3	Timmons, Sam	1791	1779	L---4	W--11	W--15	W--10	3.0
4	Yadav, Omkar	1337	1543	W---3	W---2	L-- 8	W---9	3.0
5	Sefton, John	1484	1531	L---1	W--17	W--18	W---8	3.0
6	Felton, Michael	1711	1705	W--15	W--13	D-- 7	L---1	2.5
7	Bruner, David	1511	1561	W--19	W---8	D-- 6	L---2	2.5
8	Garner, Edward	1957	1913	W--12	L---7	W-- 4	L---5	2.0
9	Richardson, Aaron	1692	1682	W--17	W--10	L-- 1	L---4	2.0
10	Riley, Patrick	Unr.	1626/4	W--16	L---9	W--14	L---3	2.0
11	Preece, Daniel	1276	1308	L---2	L---3	W--19	W--16	2.0
12	Combs, Dustin	1279/11	1281/15	L---8	W--19	L-- 2	W--17	2.0
13	Morris, Jack	116/9	161/12	B----	L---6	L--16	W--19	2.0
14	Craddock, Joseph	1613	1584	W--18	L---1	L--10	D--15	1.5
15	McCallister, Charles	1218	1293	L-- 6	W--16	L---3	D--14	1.5
16	Hundley, David	1563	1490	L--10	L--15	W--13	L--11	1.0
17	Lilly, Keith	903/6	900/9	L---9	L---5	B----	L--12	1.0
18	Timmons, Craig	668	667	L--14	B----	L---5	U----	1.0
19	Price, Vincent	Unr.	101/4	L---7	L--12	L--11	L--13	0.0

Pieces of WV Chess History

Benjamin Good

I have for some time been interested in genealogy. I've found out a lot of names and birth/death dates for my ancestors, but not much beyond that. To that end, I recently signed up for a free trial on newspapers.com to see if I can find any more information. That hasn't proven very fruitful for my genealogy research, but it has allowed me to find some chess-related stories.

It seems as though Wheeling had an active chess community in the late 1890s. There were mentions of matches played between clubs in Wheeling and Wellsburg, tournaments were held, and there were even two visits by the U.S. Champion Harry Nelson Pillsbury. What struck me as most interesting, though, were mentions of a WV Chess Association.

The WVCA as we know it today was founded in 1941 at the 3rd annual WV State Championship tournament. However, a state association was started at a June 11, 1898 match between Wheeling and Wellsburg. The officers that were chosen are as follows:

President – C. E. Githens, Wellsburg

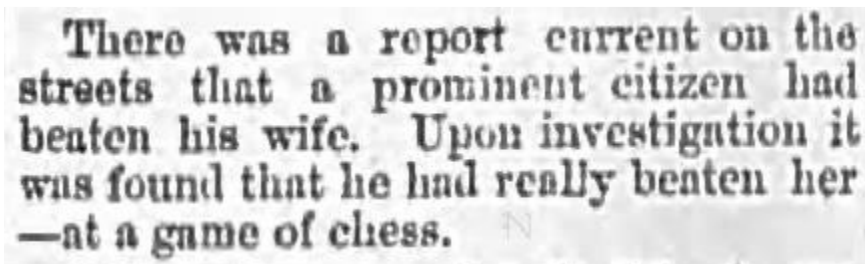
Secretary – James Ewing, Wheeling

Executive Committee – Henry Zilliken, Wellsburg; C. R. Oldham, Moundsville; Dr. C. A. Wingerter, D. B. McCune, and Judge T. J. Hugus, of Wheeling.

The association was still in effect as of Pillsbury's visit in November 1900, but I have not yet found anything further about it. Also mentioned in some of these articles is A. W. Paull, the first president of the current WVCA in 1941.

Charleston had an active club throughout the 30s, but I came across something I had not seen before. In November 1933, I. A. Horowitz was to visit the club at the Daniel Boone hotel. He was slated to give a short lecture and a simultaneous exhibition. I am not certain if the event actually took place, however.

The funniest item I came across was the following, from the Weston Democrat on Saturday, April 14, 1877:



There was a report current on the streets that a prominent citizen had beaten his wife. Upon investigation it was found that he had really beaten her —at a game of chess.

Congratulations

John Roush was recently awarded a Career Achievement award by the U. S. Chess Federation. The award was presented at the U. S. Open in Norfolk, VA.



Congratulations to Sam Timmons, whose rating has topped 1800 this year.

Edward Garner finished 2nd in the Under 2100 section at the Cleveland Open. Well done!

On a rather odd note, Mike Price managed a feat I've never witnessed in the same Cleveland Open. He scored both a forfeit loss and a forfeit win.

Omkar Yadav gained 206 rating points at the Mid-Ohio Valley Open with a stellar 3-1 performance against much higher rated opposition. Omkar recently competed in the Barber tournament of middle school state champions.