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"Of chess it has been said that life is not long enough for it-
But that is the fault of life, not chess." - Napier

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Jim Walker Wins the 1996 Parkersburg Open

There were many good things about this year's Parkersburg Open. First, Jim Walker scored his initial Parkersburg tournament win of the year. Jim finished with 4 wins and 1 draw. Going into the final round there was a four-way tie for the top spot: Gary Cummings, making his first appearance since 1994 WV State Tourney, VA expert Ross Colby, Ripley's John Roush and Walker. Jim and John has just completed a draw in round four. The matchups consisted of Colby-Roush and Walker-Cummings. While Jim outlasted Gary, the other match ended as a draw.

Tied for second at four points were: John Roush and Ross Colby, Mark Mallabone from Akron, OH (Top A) and Jason Rihel (Top B). Jason defeated Robert Canary (B), Edwin Borden (X), and Mark Nostrant (A) to finish with a performance rating of 2016. Top C honors were shared by David Olson of Charleston and Tom LaBue of Buckhannon, each with 3 wins and a draw. Top D/E/Unrated was split by Bob Shock, Bill Salmon, and Beckley's David Moneypenny; all with three.

The second good thing was the room fee paid to the Holiday Inn in Parkersburg for the event: Nothing. That's right, John Kay received the room gratis from management. As usual John did a tremendous job running the event, with help from Pat Kelly and Mike Baker. Forty-three souls dared the fates of chess this weekend (besting last year's 37, another bright spot).

The only negative was that it was not declared a Novag Grand Prix event. Mistakenly, it was overlooked by the Grand Prix directors and an appeal by John Kay was denied. John says the Parkersburg Club is planning another 2-day event in November, which should be a Novag GP event.

Randy Davis (C) - John Roush (X), Round 1
Modern Benoni

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Ne3
g6 7. e4 Bg7 8. Bg5 h6 9. Bb5+ Bd7 10. Bxd7+ Nbx7

11. Bf4 Qb6 12. Qc2 O-O 13. O-O Nh5 14. Be3 Rfe8
15. Nd2 Ne5 16. f3 g5 17. Kh1 Qd8 18. Ne2 b5 19. a4
a6 20. axb5 axb5 21. Rxa8 Qxa8 22. Rc1 Nf6 23. Ng3
Ng6 24. Nf5 Bf8 25. Qb1 Qc8 26. Nf1 Nh4 27. Nxb4
gxf4 28. Qd3 c4 29. Qd2 Kh7 30. Bd4 Bg7 31. Ne3
Qd8 32. Nf5 Rg8 33. Qf2 Nh5 34. Nxb7 Nxb7 35. f4
Nh5 36. Rc3 Ng3+! 37. Rxb3 hxb3 38. hxb3 Qd7 39. f5
Qe7 40. Qf4 Qg5 41. Bf2 Qxf4 42. gxf4 Re8 43. e5 dxe5
44. fxe5 Rxe5 45. d6 Rxf5 46. Bg3 Rd5 47. Kh2 b4
48. Bf4 c3 49. bxc3 bxc3 50. Kh3 c2 51. g3 Rxd6
52. Kg4 Rd4 53. White resigns

Mike Baker (B) - Dave Moneypenny (D), Round 1
Scotch Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bc5 5. Nxc6
bxc6 6. Qf3 Qf6 7. Be2 Qxf3 8. Bxf3 Ba6 9. Bf4 d6
10. Nd2 Ne7 11. c4 Ng6 12. Bg3 Bb4 13. b3 O-O
14. O-O-O Rfe8 15. h4 Ne5 16. Be2 Rad8 17. f4 Nd7
18. Bf3 Nb6 19. Bf2 Bb7 20. h5 c5 21. Rhe1 a5 22. Kb2
a4 23. Re2 axb3 24. axb3 Ra8 25. e5 Bxf3 26. Nxf3
dxe5 27. Rxe5 Rxe5 28. Nxe5 f6 29. Nc6 Re8 30. Rd8
Rxd8 31. Nxd8 Bd2 32. g3 Bb4 33. Ne6 Nd7 34. Nxc7
Kf7 35. Na6 Ke6 36. g4 Bd2 37. Nxc5+ Nxc5 38. Bxc5
Bxf4 39. Bd4 g6 40. hxb6 hxb6 41. b4 f5 42. gxf5 gxf5
43. b5 Kd7 44. Kc3 Bb8 45. c5 f4 46. Kd3 Ke6 47. Ke4
Kd7 48. c6+? Kc8 49. Kf3 Bd6 50. Bf6 Kc7 51. Bg5
Kb6 52. Ke4 Kxb5 53. Kd5 Bb8 54. Bf6 Kb6 55. Bd4+
Kc7 56. Bf2 f3 57. Bh4 Kc8 58. Drawn

Mike Conley (B) - Alan Barrett (D), Round 1
Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 g6 4. Bd3 Bg7 5. N1d2 Nc6
6. a3 b6 7. b4 e6 8. O-O O-O 9. c4 Ne7 10. Ne5 c6
11. f4 Bb7 12. a4 Nf5 13. Qe1 Ne4 14. Nxe4 dxe4
15. Bxe4 Nxd4 16. Bb2 f5 17. exd4 fxe4 18. Qxe4 Qc7
19. Qe3 b5 20. cxb5 cxb5 21. Rac1 Qd6 22. axb5 Qd5
23. Ne3 Rf7 24. Rc5 Qa2 25. Rf2 Bf8 26. Ba3 Qb1+
27. Rc1 Qf5 28. Ne5 Re7 29. Rfc2 Bg7 30. Rc5 R7e8

Upcoming Events in the West Virginia Area

August 3-4, 1996 5th MCCC Twin Tornados

4-SS, G/60; WVGrand Prix

Two separate events; one Saturday & one Sunday

Site: Sherrard Junior High School,

Rt. 88, Sherrard, WV

EF: \$15 at site, \$12 by 7/31; \$5 Jr. High Entry

Prizes: \$\$350 b/35, 100-50; A, B, C, D/E, Unr, each 50

Reg: 8:30-9:45 1st Round: 10:00

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone

Moundsville, WV 26041 (304) 845-6744

August 10-11, 1996 Kanawha Valley Open

5-SS, 30/1, G/1; WVGrand Prix

Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse,

5101 W. Washington Road, Cross Lanes, WV

EF: \$20, \$10 for U18, \$5 off for Charleston CC

Prizes: b/entries

Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-2:30-7:00, 10:00-2:30

Entries to: John Roush, HC 80, Box 258

Ripley, WV 25271 (304) 372-8379

August 17, 1996 Parkersburg Homecoming

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, W, NS, NC

Site: Stables Motor Lodge, US 50 Parkersburg, WV

Separate Unrated Tournament

EF: \$12 by 8/13/96, \$15 at site

Prizes: b/entries

Reg: 9:00-9:45am Rounds: 10:00-12:45-3:00-5:15

Entries to: Pat Kelly, 104 Iroquois St.,

Marietta, OH 45750 (614) 374-0538

August 31-September 2 1996 West Virginia State

Championship: 6-SS, 30/90, SD/60, WV Grand Prix,

Novag Grand Prix, NS, NC, W

Site: Holiday Inn - Parkersburg, I-77(Exit 176) and US

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HR: \$65 1-4 per room, reserve 8/17 (304) 485-6200

Entries: Ohio Chess Projects, P.O. Box 151,

Barlow, OH 45712 (614)678-2248 or (304) 275-3689

E-MAIL: 71524,102@compuserve.com or

JKREV@AOL.COM

For more details, please see page 19.

October 5 Parkersburg October Open

This event has been cancelled to the loss of the Stables

Motel as the site for the event. The Parkersburg Chess

Club apologizes for any inconveniences.

October 19 1996 Clarksburg Open

4-SS; G/75; WVGrand Prix, Clarksburg Grand Prix

Site: Carmichael Center

112 No. 6th Street, Clarksburg, WV

EF: \$13 by 10/16, \$16 at site

Prizes: b/entries

Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-12:30-3:15-5:45

Entries to: Mike Baker, 1552 Fairmont Ave.

Clarksburg, WV 26301

November 2-3 Parkersburg November Open

5-SS; WVGrand Prix; Novag Grand Prix?

Watch for more details in Chess Life

Site: Holiday Inn - Parkersburg, I-77(Exit 176) and US

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HR: \$65 1-4 per room, (304) 485-6200 Entries: Ohio

Chess Projects, P.O. Box 151,

Barlow, OH 45712 (614)678-2248 or (304) 275-3689

E-MAIL: 71524,102@compuserve.com or

December 7 Parkersburg December Open

4-SS; WVGrand Prix

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Site: Holiday Inn - Parkersburg, I-77(Exit 176) and US

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Entries: Ohio Chess Projects, P.O. Box 151,

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(304) 472-1682

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Huntington, WV 25701

The next issue of the WVCA Chess Bulletin will be printed in early November. Any submissions should be in by October 15. Any games, comments, questions, articles of the like will be considered for publication. This is your West Virginia Chess Bulletin, and I would like to see more variety from different sources in the WV Chess scene.

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31. Rc7 Rac8 32. Rxb2 Rxc1+ 33. Qxc1 Qe4 34. Rd7 Rf8 35. g3 g5 36. Qc4 Qe3+ 37. Kg2 Qxa3 38. Qe2 gxf4 39. gxf4 Rxf4 40. Rd8+ Bf8 41. Nd7 Qxb4 42. Qxe6+ Rf7 43. Nf6+ 43. Rxf8+! wins. Kg7 44. Nh5+ Kg8 45. Nf6+ Kg7 46. Nh5+ Kg8 47. Qe5 Qd2+ 48. Kh3 Rf3+ 49. Kg4 Qg2+ 50. Ng3 Rf7 51. Qd5 Qxh2 52. Rd7 h5+ 53. Nxb5 Qg1+ 54. Ng3 Qd1+ 55. Kh3 Qf3 56. Drawn

Chris Burkhammer (D) - Ray Spring (B), Round 1
Cozio Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nge7 4. d4 exd4 5. Nxd4 g6 6. Nxc6 Nxc6 7. Bxc6 bxc6 8. Qd4 f6 9. b3 Bg7 10. Bb2 O-O 11. Nd2 Qe7 12. O-O Rf7 13. Qd3 a5 14. Rae1 Ba6 15. c4 Qf8 16. Qg3 Qd6 17. Qxd6 cxd6 18. Rd1 Bb7 19. a4 d5 20. exd5 cxd5 21. cxd5 Bxd5 22. Rc1 Rab8 23. Rc5 Bxb3 24. Nxb3 Rxb3 25. Bc3 Ra3 26. Bxa5 Rxa4 27. g3 f5 28. Rd1 Bf8 29. Rcd5 Re7 30. Bd8 Rf7 31. Rxd7 Rxd7 32. Rxd7 Rb4 33. Bf6 Rc6 34. Bc3 Rd6 35. Rb7 Rd8 36. Bf6 Re8 37. Kg2 Draw

John Dailey (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2

1. e4 e6 2. d3 d5 3. e5 c5 4. g3 Nc6 5. f4 Nge7 6. Nf3 Ng6 7. Bg2 Be7 8. Nbd2 f6 9. exf6 Bxf6 10. O-O O-O 11. c3 Qd6 12. Nb3 d4 13. c4 e5 14. fxe5 Ncxe5 15. Nbe2 Bg4 16. Ne4 Qc7 17. b3 Rae8 18. Ba3 b6 19. b4 Be7 20. bxc5 Bxc5 21. Bxc5 bxc5 22. h3 Nxf3+ 23. Bxf3 Rxe4 24. Bxg4 Qxg3+ 25. Kh1 Rxf1+ 26. Qxf1 Rf4 27. Be6+ Kf8 28. Qg2 Rf3 29. Qxg3 Rxg3 30. Rf1 Ke7 31. Bf5 Ne5 32. Re1 Kf6 33. Rf1 Rf3 34. Rxf3 Nxf3 35. Bxh7 g6 36. Bg8 Ne1 37. Kh2 Nxd3 38. Kg3 Nb2 39. Ke2 Na4 40. Bd5 Nc3 41. a3 Nxd5 and Black won.

Jason Rihel (B) - Edwin Borden (X), Round 2

Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8. h3 Nd4 9. Nxd4 exd4 10. c3 Bb7 11. d3 dxc3 12. Nxc3 O-O 13. Bf4 Re8 14. Rc1 Bf8 15. Qf3 c5 16. Bg5 Be7 17. Re2 h6 18. Bxf6 Bxf6 19. Nd5 Bd4 20. a3 Ra7 21. Ba2 a5 22. b4 axb4 23. axb4 Qg5 24. R1c2 Bxd5 25. Bxd5 cxb4 26. Ra2 Qc1+ 27. Kh2 Qc7 28. Rec2 Bc3 29. Rxa7 Qxa7 30. Ra2 Qc7 31. Qf5 Bf6 32. g3 Be5 33. Kg2 Rf8 34. Qf3 g6 35. Qd1 Kg7 36. Rc2 Bc3 37. Qb1 Qb6 38. Ra2 Rc8 39. Qb3 Qc7 40. Rc2 Qd7 41. Ra2 Qe7 42. Ra5 Qf6 43. Rxb5 Be1 44. Qa2 Rc1 45. Rb7 Qd8 46. Rxf7 Kh8 47. Qa7 Rc7 48. Rxc7 Qxc7 49. Qxc7 and White won.

Allen Farley (C) - Mark Mallabone (A), Round 2

Alekhine's Defense, Four Pawn's Attack

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. Bf4 dxe5 6. dxe5 Qxd1+ 7. Kxd1 Bf5 8. Nc3 Nc6 9. Nf3 O-O-O+ 10. Nd2 e6 11. a3 Be7 12. Rc1 Nd7 13. Ke1 Ndx5 14. Bxe5 Nxe5 15. Nde4 Nd3+ 16. Bxd3 Rxd3 17. Ke2 Rhd8 18. Rhd1 Rxd1 19. Rxd1 Rxd1 20. Kxd1 Kd7 21. f3 Bg6 22. b4 f5 23. Nf2 Bf6 24. Kd2 c6 25. Nd3 b6 26. f4 Be8 27. Ne2 g5 28. Ke3 gxf4+ 29. Kxf4 h6 30. h3 Kc7 31. g4 fxg4 32. hxg4 Bg6 33. Ne5 Bxe5+ 34. Kxe5 Bd3 35. Nf4 Bxc4 36. Nxe6 Bxe6 37. Kxe6 c5 38. bxc5 bxc5 39. Kd5 Kb6 40. a4 a5 41. Kc4 Kc6 42. Kc3 Kd5 and Black won.

Markle Butcher (B) - David Olson (C), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Nbd7 8. O-O Nc5 9. Qf3 Be7 10. Be3 O-O 11. Rfd1 Qc7 12. a4 b6 13. Bg5 Bb7 14. Qe2 Nfxe4 15. Nxe4 Nxe4 16. Bxe7 Qxe7 17. f3 Ng5 18. h4 Nxf3+ 19. Nxf3 Bxf3 20. Qxf3 Qxh4 21. Rxd6 Rad8 22. Rxd8 Rxd8 23. c3 Qg5 24. Rf1 Qc5+ 25. Rf2 Kh8 26. Qxf7 h6 27. Bc2 Black resigns

Ray Spring (B) - Dave Moneypenny (D), Round 2

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. O-O Bc5 5. c3 Nxe4 6. d4 exd4 7. Re1 d5 8. Bd3 O-O 9. cxd4 Bxd4 10. Nxd4 Nxd4 11. f3 Nf6 12. Bxh7+ Kxh7 13. Qxd4 Re8 14. Qh4+ Kg8 15. Bg5 Rxe1+ 16. Qxe1 Qd6 17. Kh1 Bf5 18. Nc3 Re8 19. Qd2 c6 20. Bf4 Qd7 21. Rd1 c5 22. Bg5 d4 23. Ne2 Qe6 24. Nf4 Qxa2 25. Bxf6 gxf6 26. Nh5 Qe6 27. Nf4 Qc6 28. Qf2 Qa4 29. Re1 Rxe1+ 30. Qxe1 d3 31. Nd5 d2 32. Nxf6+ Kf8 33. White resigns

Gary Cummings (A) - Ross Colby (X), Round 3

Caro-Kann Defense, Main Line

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nf6 5. Ng3 g6 6. c3 Bg7 7. Bd3 Nbd7 8. N1e2 O-O 9. O-O c5 10. f4 Qb6 11. Kh1 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Nd5 13. Qf3 N7f6 14. h3 e6 15. Nb3 Rd8 16. Ne4 Bd7 17. c4 Nb4 18. c5 Qc7 19. Nxf6+ Bxf6 20. Be4 Bb5 21. Rd1 Rxd1+ 22. Qxd1 Rd8 23. Qf3 Nc6 24. Rb1 a5 25. Be3 a4 26. Nd2 Nd4 27. Qe2 Bc6 28. b4 axb3 e.p. 29. axb3 Bb5 30. b4 Nf5 31. Bxf5 exf5 32. Nf3 Drawn

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Mike Baker (B) - Mike Conley (B), Round 3
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6
6. Nf3 Bg4 7. Be2 Bxf3 8. Bxf3 Nbd7 9. Bg5 e6 10. Bf4
e5 11. Bg5 Be7 12. Bxf6 Nxf6 13. Nd5 Rc8 14. c3 O-O
15. O-O Nxd5 16. Qxd5 Qd7 17. h3 Rc5 18. Qd3 Bd8
19. Rfd1 Rc6 20. Qc2 b5 21. Rd5 Bb6 22. Rad1 Qc7
23. R1d3 b4 24. Be2 Rc8 25. Rg3 bxc3 26. b3 Bc5
27. Bc4 Qb6 28. Rf3 Bd4 29. Kf1 Qb4 30. Rd3 Qa3
31. Rd1 Rb8 32. f4 Kf8 33. fxe5 dxe5 34. Rd7 Rf6+
35. Ke1 Rf2 36. Qc1 Qxa2 37. Qg5 Rf1+!
38. White resigns

Jason Rihel (B) - Pat Kelly (A), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6
6. Bc4 e6 7. Bb3 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Qf3 Nc6 10. Be3
Nxd4 11. Bxd4 Qc7 12. Qg3 e5 13. Be3 Kh8 14. f4 Be6
15. fxe5 dxe5 16. Bxe6 fxe6 17. Rf2 Bb4 18. Raf1 Bxc3
19. bxc3 Rf7 20. Bg5 Raf8 21. Qd3 Kg8 22. Bxf6 Rxf6
23. Rxf6 Rxf6 24. Rxf6 gxf6 25. h3 b5 26. Kh1 Kf7
27. a4 bxa4 28. Qxa6 Qd7 29. Kh2 f5 30. exf5 exf5
31. c4 e4 32. c5 Qc7+ 33. Kh1 Qxc5 34. Qxa4 Qe5
35. Qa7+ Kg6 36. Qa6+ Qf6 37. Qe2 Qa1+ 38. Kh2
Qe5+ 39. Kh1 h5 40. g4 hxg4 41. hxg4 f4 42. c4 f3
43. Qe3 Qa1+ 44. Qg1 Qf6 45. Qe3 Qh4+ 46. Kg1
Qxg4+ 47. Kf1 Qe6 48. c5 Qc4+ 49. Kf2 Kf5 50. *As
Jason reached to move 50. Kg3, his flag fell. Pat and
Jason analyzed this position and could not find a sure
win for Black. Black won on time.*

David Olson (C) - Paul Adams (Unr), Round 3
English Opening —

1. c4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 g6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bg7
6. Ndb5 a6 7. Qa4 Nf6 8. Bf4 d6 9. c5 Bd7 10. Nxd6+
exd6 11. Bxd6 Bf8 12. Ne4 Be7 13. O-O-O Qa5
14. Qb3 Nxe4 15. Qe3 Qxa2 16. Qxe4 Be6 17. g4 Qa1+
18. Kc2 Bb3+ 19. Kxb3 Qxd1+ 20. Ka3 Qd4 21. Qxd4
Nxd4 22. e3 Bxd6 23. exd4 Be7 24. Bg2 Rb8 25. Re1
Kd7 26. b4 Rhe8 27. d5 Bf6 28. Re3 Bd4 29. Rf3 f6
30. Bh3 a5 31. g5+ f5 32. Rf4 axb4+ 33. Kxb4 Be5
34. Rh4 Re7 35. Bg2 Bb2 36. d6 Rg7 37. Kb5 Ke6
38. Kb6 Ba3 39. Ra4 Bxc5+ 40. Kxc5 b6+ 41. Kc6 b5
42. Bd5+ Ke5 43. f4 mate

Dale Halterman (D) - Allen Farley (C), Round 3
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e5 c5 4. d4 Nc6 5. Bb5 Bd7 6. Bxc6

Bxc6 7. c3 c4 8. O-O Ne7 9. Bg5 Qb6 10. Qe2 Ng6
11. Qc2 h6 12. Be3 Be7 13. Nbd2 Qa6 14. b3 O-O
15. b4 Ba4 16. Qb2 b5 17. h3 Qc6 18. Rac1 a5 19. a3 f6
20. exf6 Rxf6 21. Ne1 Nf4 22. Bxf4 Rxf4 23. g3 Rf5
24. Ng2 axb4 25. axb4 Bd6 26. f4 Qe8 27. Nf3 Rf7
28. Rf2 Rfa7 29. Ra1 Qg6 30. g4 Qf6 31. Qd2 Bb3
32. Rxa7 Rxa7 33. Qe3 Ra1+ 34. Kh2 g5 35. Ne5 Ra2
36. Rxa2 Bxa2 37. fxe5 Qxe5 38. Qxe5+ hxg5 39. Ne1
Kg7 40. Nf3 Kf6 41. Kg2 Bxe5 42. dxe5+ Kg6 43. h4
gxh4 44. Nxh4+ Kg5 45. Kg3 Bb1 46. Nf3+ Kg6
47. Kf4 Be4 48. Nd4 Kf7 49. Nxb5 Ke7 50. Nd4 Kd7
51. g5 Ke7 52. Kg4 Bf5+ 53. Kh5 and White won.

John Roush (X) - Jim Walker (X), Round 4
Petrov's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 d6 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. d4 d5
6. Bd3 Be7 7. O-O Nc6 8. c3 O-O 9. Nbd2 Nxd2
10. Bxd2 Bg4 11. Bf4 h6 12. Bc2 Bh5 13. Re1 Bd6
14. Bxd6 Qxd6 15. Re3 Rae8 16. Qe2 Rxe3 17. Qxe3
Bxf3 18. gxf3 Nd8 19. Re1 Ne6 20. Kh1 Qe7 21. f4 Qh4
22. Qd3 Rd8 23. f5 Nf4 24. Qg3 Qxg3 25. fxe3 Nh5
26. Kg2 Kf8 27. Kf3 Re8 28. Rxe8+ Kxe8 29. g4 Nf6
30. h4 Ke7 31. g5 hxg5 32. hxg5 Ne8 33. Bd3 f6 34. Kf4
Nd6 35. gxf6+ Kxf6 36. a4 c6 37. b3 b5 38. axb5 Nxb5
39. Bxb5 cxb5 40. b4 a6 41. Kg4 g6 42. fxe6 Kxe6
43. Kf4 Kf6 44. Kg4 Kg6 45. Kf4 Draw

Mark Nostrant (A) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Sozin Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6
6. Bc4 Bd7 7. O-O Rc8 8. Bb3 a6 9. Nf5 g6 10. Nh6 Be6
11. Be3 Na5 12. Bxe6 fxe6 13. Qd3 Nc4 14. Rab1 Qa5
15. f3 Nxe3 16. Qxe3 Qc5 17. Ng4 Nxe4 18. Qxc5 Rxc5
19. fxe4 Bg7 20. Rf3 Rf8 21. Rbf1 Bd4+ 22. Kh1 Rxf3
23. Rxf3 Bxc3 24. Rxc3 Rxc3 25. bxc3 Kd7 26. g5 Kc6
27. g4 Kc5 28. Kg2 Kc4 29. Kf3 e5 30. White resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Jason Rihel (B), Round 4
Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 e6 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Nbd2
Bd6 7. e4 dxe4 8. Nxe4 cxd4 9. Bg5 Be7 10. Nxd4 Nxd4
11. cxd4 O-O 12. Nc3 Bd7 13. Be3 Bc6 14. O-O Nd5
15. Qe2 a6 16. Rac1 Rc8 17. Ne4 Nb4 18. a3 Nxd3
19. Qxd3 Qd5 20. f3 Bb5 21. Nc3 Bxd3 22. Nxd5 exd5
23. Rfd1 Rxc1 24. Rxc1 Bd6 25. g4 Bb5 26. Kf2 Bd7
27. Rc2 h6 28. h4 Kh7 29. g5 hxg5 30. hxg5 Rc8
31. Rd2 Bf5 32. f4 Rc2 33. Kf3 Rxd2 34. Bxd2 Kg6

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35. Be3 f6 36. gxf6 Kxf6 37. Bd2 Kg6 38. Be3 Kh5
 39. Bf2 Be4+ 40. Kg3 Be7 41. Kh3 Bf5+ 42. Kg2 Kg4
 43. Be3 Bd6 44. Bf2 Kxf4? 45. Bg3+ Ke4 46. Bxd6
 Bxd4 47. Kf3 g6 48. Ke2 Kc4 49. Be5 d4 50. Kd2 d3
 51. Bf6 Kb3 52. Kc1 b5 53. Bg5 Kc4 54. Kd2 Kd4
 55. Ke1 Ke4 56. Kf2 Bg4 57. Be3 Kf5 58. Kg3 g5
 59. Kf2 Be2 60. Bd2 g4 61. Be3 Ke4 62. Bd2 Kd4
 63. Bf4 Kc4 64. Ke1 Kb3 65. Be5 Kc2 66. Bc3 g3
 67. Bb4 g2 68. White resigns

Markle Butcher (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 4
 Sicilian Defense, Alapin Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Ne2 Nc6 3. c3 g6 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 Bg7
 6. Nbc3 d6 7. g3 Nf6 8. Bg2 O-O 9. O-O Rb8 10. a3
 Bd7 11. Bg5 a6 12. Qd2 b5 13. Rfd1 Na5 14. Qc2 Rc8
 15. b4 Nc4 16. Qb3 h6 17. Bxf6 Bxf6 18. Nd5 e6
 19. Nxf6+ Qxf6 20. Nc3 Qe7 21. Rac1 Kg7 22. Rd3 Bc6
 23. Rcd1 Rc7 24. Qa2 f5 25. d5 Bd7 26. dxe6 Bxe6
 27. Nd5 Bxd5 28. exd5 Qf6 29. Rc1 R8f7 30. Rdc3 Qd4
 31. Qb3 f4 32. Qd1 Qa7 33. Qc2 fxc3 34. hxc3 Qd4
 35. Qe4? Qxf2+ 36. Kh2 Rce7 37. Qg4 Re2 38. Qh3
 Rf5?! 38...Ne3 is much better on second look. 39. g4!
 Rf4 40. Qg3 h5 41. R1c2 Qxg3+ 42. Kxg3 Rxc4+
 43. Kf3 Rxc2 44. Rxc2 Ne5+ 45. Ke3 Nc4+ 46. Kf3 Kf6
 47. Bh3 Rd4 48. Rf2 Kg7 49. Be6 Rd3+ 50. Ke4 Rg3
 51. Rf7+ Kh6 52. Kf4 Rg1 53. Ra7 Nxa3 54. Rxa6 g5+
 55. Kf3 Nc4 56. Ra8 Rf1+ 57. Ke2 Rf6 58. Rh8+ Kg6
 59. Rg8+ Kh6 60. Rh8+ Kg6 61. Drawn

Bob Shock (D) - Bob McLear (C), Round 4
 Two Knight's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Nc3 Bc5 5. O-O d6
 6. d3 O-O 7. Be3-Bxe3 8. fxe3 Bg4 9. d4 a6 10. d5 Ne7
 11. Be2 c6 12. Nh4 Bxe2 13. Qxe2 cxd5 14. exd5 Qb6
 15. Rab1 Qb4 16. e4 Rac8 17. Nf5 Nxf5 18. Rxf5 Rc4
 19. Re1 b5 20. Qe3 Qxb2 21. Nd1 Qxc2 22. Qg3 Nxe4
 23. Qb3 Qd2 24. Ref1 Qd4+ 25. Kh8 Nd2 26. Qe3 Nxf1
 27. Rxf1 Qxe3 28. Nxe3 Rd4 29. h3 Rc8 30. Kh2 Rc3
 31. Nf5 Rxd5 32. Ne7+ Kf8 33. Nxd5 f6? 34. Nxc3 and
 White won.

Ross Colby (X) - John Roush (X), Round 5
 French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. d4 c5 6. dxc5
 Nc6 7. Bf4 Bxc5 8. Bd3 a6 9. O-O h6 10. Qe2 Nb6
 11. a3 Qc7 12. a4 Bb4 13. Nd1 a5 14. c3 Be7 15. Nd4
 Nxd4 16. cxd4 Bg5 17. Bxg5 hxg5 18. Nc3 Bd7 19. Bb5
 Ke7 20. Qg4 f6 21. Rac1 Bc6 22. f4 Rag8 23. Rce1 gxf4

24. exf6 gxf6 25. Qxe6+ Kd8 26. Qxf6+ Kc8 27. Qxf4
 Qg7 28. Qd2 Rh4 29. Rd1 Rgh8 30. Bxc6 bxc6 31. Qe2
 Nc4 32. Qe6+ Qd7 33. Qxd7+ Kxd7 34. Rf7+ Ke6
 35. Rdf1 Rxd4 36. R1f6+ Ke5 37. Rf5+ Ke6 38. R5f6+
 Ke5 39. Rf5+ Ke6 40. R7e6+ Kd7 41. Rf7+ Ke6
 42. R5f6+ Ke5 This game eventually ended as a Draw.

Mark Mallabone (A) - Edwin Borden (X), Round 5
 English Opening

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 d5 4. e5 Ng8 5. d4 dxc4
 6. Bxc4 Ne7 7. Nf3 h6 8. O-O Nbc6 9. d5 Nxd5
 10. Nxd5 exd5 11. Bxd5 Qd7 12. Re1 Ne7 13. Bxf7+
 Kxf7 14. e6+ Qxe6 15. Rxe6 Kxe6 16. Qb3+ Kf6
 17. Bf4 Kg6 18. Nh4+ Kh7 19. Qd3+ Kg8 20. Bd6 Rh7
 21. Bxe7 Bxe7 22. Qc4+ Kf8 23. Ng6+ Ke8 24. Qg8+
 Kd7 25. Nxe7 Kxe7 26. Qxh7 and White won.

Jason Rihel (B) - Mark Nostrant (A), Round 5
 Sicilian Defense, Taimanov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nc3 a6
 6. Bc4 Qc7 7. Bb3 Nf6 8. O-O Be7 9. Be3 b5 10. f4 b4
 11. e5 bxc3 12. exf6 Bxf6 13. bxc3 Bb7 14. Qd2 O-O
 15. f5 Na5 16. Bg5 Nxb3 17. cxb3 Bxg5 18. Qxg5 f6
 19. Qe3 e5 20. Nf3 d5 21. Rfd1 Rac8 22. Rac1 Qc5
 23. Kf2 Rfd8 24. c4 d4 25. Qd2 a5 26. g4 Rc7 27. g5
 Qc6 28. Nh4 e4 29. Kg3 Qd6+ 30. Kh3 Qe5 31. gxf6
 gxf6 32. Rg1+ Rg7 33. Rxc7+ Kxc7 34. Rg1+ Kh8
 35. Ng6+ hxg6 36. Qh6+ Kg8 37. Rxc6+ Kf7 38. Qh7+
 Black resigns

Tom LaBue (C) - Gary Morris (B), Round 5
 King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 c6 6. Be3
 O-O 7. Qd2 e5 8. d5 a6 9. Nge2 Ne8 10. Nc1 f5 11. Nb3
 f4 12. Bf2 a5 13. Na4 c5 14. Bd3 Bd7 15. Nc3 a4
 16. Nc1 Na6 17. a3 Nac7 18. N1e2 g5 19. h3 Rb8
 20. Nb5 Nxb5 21. cxb5 Nc7 22. Nc3 Ra8 23. Bc4 Qe8
 24. Bxc5?! dxc5 25. d6+ Ne6! 26. Nd5 Kh8! 27. b6 Bb5
 28. Nc7 Nxc7 29. bxc7 Bxc4 30. d7 Qe7 31. Rd1 Bb3?
 32. d7/Q Raxd8 33. cxd8/Q Rxd8 34. Qxd8+ Qf8
 35. Qxf8+ Bxf8 36. Rd8 Kg7 37. O-O Bc4 and Black's
 flag fell.

Robert Canary (B) - Dave Money Penny (D), Round 5
 Nimzo-Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd2 Bxc3 5. Bxc3 d5
 6. e3 O-O 7. Nf3 b6 8. Qc2 Bb7 9. Ne5 Nbd7 10. Bb4
 Re8 11. c5 bxc5 12. Bxc5 Nxe5 13. dxe5 Nd7 14. Bd4

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c5 15. Bc3 c4 16. c3 cxb3 17. axb3 Qc7 18. Qb2 Rec8
 19. Bd4 a5 20. Be2 Qc2 21. Qxc2 Rxc2 22. Bd3 R2c8
 23. Kd2 Nc5 24. Bxc5 Rxc5 25. Rhc1 R5c8 26. f3 Kf8
 27. Rc2 Rxc2+ 28. Kxc2 Ke7 29. Bb5 Kd8 30. b4 axb4
 31. Rxa8+ Bxa8 32. Kb3 Ke7 33. Kxb4 Bb7 34. Kc5
 Bc8 *This game ended up Drawn.*

Bill Salmon (D) - Allen Farley (C), Round 5
 French Defense, Advanced Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. a3 c4
 7. Be2 f6 8. Qa4 Bd7 9. exf6 Nxf6 10. Qc2 Bd6 11. Be3
 O-O 12. N1d2 Be8 13. Nh4 Na5 14. Rb1 Nb3 15. O-O
 Ba4 16. Nxb3 Bxb3 17. Qd2 Ne4 18. Qc1 Be7 19. Nf3
 a5 20. Ne5 Qc7 21. Bg4 Rf6 22. Bf4 Bd6 23. Qe3 Raf8
 24. g3 h6 25. f3 Ng5 26. Rbe1 Bc2 27. Bxg5 hxg5
 28. Qxg5 Bf5 29. f4 Bxe5 30. Rxe5 Rg6 31. Qh5 Rxg4

32. Rfe1 Qd7 33. R1e3 Rf6 34. Qh3 Rh6 35. Qg2 R4g6
 36. Qf2 Rh3 37. Qe1 Kf7 38. Qd1 a4 39. Qe2 b5
 40. Qg2 Qe8 41. Rxf5+ Rf6 42. Rxf6+ Kxf6 43. Qxh3
 and White won.

Jeremy Scott Davis (C) - Alan Smith (E), Round 5
 English Opening

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 g6 5. d3 Bg7 6. Nf3
 O-O 7. a3 d6 8. O-O h6 9. Rb1 Bd7 10. b4 e6 11. bxc5
 dxc5 12. Rxb7 Rb8 13. Rxb8 Qxb8 14. Qc2 Qc7
 15. Be3 Qa5 16. Nb5 Nd4 17. Bxd4 cxd4 18. Nfxd4 a6
 19. Nb3 Qa4 20. Nc3 Qxa3 21. Ra1 Qd6 22. Bb7 Qe5
 23. d4 Qh5 24. Ra5 g5 25. Bf3 Ng4 26. Bxg4 Qxg4
 27. Qe4 Qh5 28. Nc5 f5 29. Qd3 Bc6 30. Nxe6 Qh3
 31. d5 Bxc3 32. Qxc3 Re8?? 33. Qg7 mate

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2109*M5	W-28	W-9	W-19	D-2	W-7	4.5
2	John Roush	WV	2120*m4	2122*m4	W-25	W-22	W-4	D-1	D-3	4.0
3	Ross Colby	NC	2027*x5	2041*x5	W-29	W-20	D-7	W-6	D-2	4.0
4	Mark Mallabone	OH	1872*a7	1901*a9	W-13	W-27	L-2	W-8	W-12	4.0
5	Jason Rihel	WV	1682*b7	1749*B7	W-14	W-12	L-6	W-17	W-16	4.0
6	Pat Kelly	OH	1950*A2	1938*A2	W-30	W-26	W-5	L-3	D-9	3.5
7	Gary Cummings	WV	1849*a0	1870*a0	W-39	W-38	D-3	W-16	L-1	3.5
8	Michael Conley	WV	1640*b0	1657*b0	D-37	W-35	W-18	L-4	W-19	3.5
9	John Dailey	WV	1629*B4	1649*B4	W-40	L-1	W-30	W-31	D-6	3.5
10	Dave Olson	WV	1550*b7	1583*b7	W-36	L-19	W-34	D-22	W-18	3.5
11	Tom LaBue	WV	1490*b5	1523*b5	W-43	L-16	W-33	D-19	W-22	3.5
12	Edwin Borden	PA	2022*x6	1978*x6	W-24	L-5	W-15	W-26	L-4	3.0
13	Bob Shock	WV	1332*D2	1373*D4	L-4	W-14	L-26	W-38	W-31	3.0
14	Bill Salmon	WV	1247*d4	1302*d9	L-5	L-13	W-39	W-28	W-27	3.0
15	David Money penny	WV	1197 /04	1495 /09	D-18	W-23	L-12	W-35	D-17	3.0
16	Mark Nostrant	PA	1857*A5	1823*A5	W-31	W-11	H-	L-7	L-5	2.5
17	Robert Canary	WV	1775*B0	1759*B0	U-	W-21	W-38	L-5	D-15	2.5
18	Mike Baker	WV	1693*B4	1651*B4	D-15	W-37	L-8	W-24	L-10	2.5
19	Markle Butcher	WV	1683*B6	1679*B6	W-21	W-10	L-1	D-11	L-8	2.5
20	Doug Mazeffa	OH	1659*b4	1647*b4	W-42	L-3	D-24	H-	H-	2.5
21	Mark Huffman		Unrated	1386/05	L-19	L-17	D-36	W-33	W-35	2.5
22	Gary Morris	WV	1642*B5	1622*B5	W-41	L-2	W-28	D-10	L-11	2.5
23	Ray Spring	OH	1600*b0	1600*b0	D-35	L-15	W-32	L-25	W-37	2.5
24	J. Scott Davis	WV	1412*c5	1426*c5	L-12	W-40	D-20	L-18	W-32	2.5
25	P. R. Davis	VA	1412*D4	1428*D4	L-2	D-42	W-37	W-23	U-	2.5
26	Arthur Poskocil	VA	1651*B2	1656*B2	W-34	L-6	W-13	L-12	U-	2.0
27	Allen Farley	WV	1558*c9	1506*c9	W-33	L-4	L-31	W-41	L-14	2.0
28	Don Millican	VA	1400*c6	1400*c6	L-1	W-41	L-22	L-14	W-39	2.0
29	Tom Satterfield	WV	1394* 0	1368*d2	L-3	L-34	W-40	L-32	W-41	2.0
30	Galen Miller	WV	1367*D2	1365*D2	L-6	W-36	L-9	L-34	W-40	2.0
31	Dale Halterman	WV	1252 /14	1296 /19	L-16	W-43	W-27	L-9	L-13	2.0
32	Alan Smith	WV	1121* 0	1161*e5	L-38	W-39	L-23	W-29	L-24	2.0
33	Mike Price	WV	1109*B5	1114*B5	L-27	B-	L-11	L-21	W-42	2.0
34	Paul Adams	MD	Unrated	1491 /04	L-26	W-29	L-10	W-30	U-	2.0
35	Chris Burkhammer	WV	1183*B2	1197*B2	D-23	L-8	W-42	L-15	L-21	1.5
36	Jodie Hare	WV	1182*B7	1175*B7	L-10	L-30	D-31	L-39	B-	1.5
37	Alan Barrett	OH	1133* 0	1150* 0	D-8	L-18	L-25	W-42	L-23	1.5
38	Bob McLear	WV	1449*C4	1425*C4	W-32	L-7	L-17	L-13	U-	1.0
39	Dewey Chaney	WV	1357*d6	1303*d6	L-7	L-32	L-14	W-36	L-28	1.0
40	Chris Lee	NC	Unrated	1143 /05	L-9	L-24	L-29	W-43	L-30	1.0
41	D. J. Lewin	WV	Unrated	1181 /05	L-22	L-28	W-43	L-27	L-29	1.0
42	Jon Miller	WV	1137 /04	1049 /09	L-20	D-25	L-35	L-37	L-33	0.5
43	Tim Cross	WV	1112*e2	1072*e2	L-11	L-31	L-41	L-40	U-	0.0

Jim Walker and Jerry Skeen Share Top Honors at Parkersburg May Open

Jim Walker and Jerry Skeen, both ended their day with 4-0 slates and a share of first prize at the Parkersburg May Open. Jerry polished off Randall Wissler while Jim escaped a time scramble with Jason Rihel to earn perfect scores. Byron Funkhouser scored a fourth round win over Randy Bierce to claim sole possession of third place at 3.5 points. As seems to be the case in WV Chess, there were quite a few upsets. Randall Wissler defeated both Randy Bierce and Jim Gikas; Bob McLear was victorious over Alvin Vavrek and Dick Shellenberger; Allen Farley upset Fred Whitacre. Class E Travis Martin scored a major coup beating Alvin Vavrek.

Pat Kelly directed this event which attracted forty-two players to the Stables Motor Lodge in Parkersburg. Other prize winners were: Class C- Tim Goan, Bob McLear, and Randall Wissler; Class D- James Hatfield; Class E- Mike Price; Unrated- David Moneypenny and Michael Spenser.

Dan Soltys (D) - Jim Walker (X), Round 1

Sokolsky's Opening

1. b4 Nf6 2. b5 b6 3. Bb2 e6 4. e3 Bb7 5. Nf3 Be7 6. c4 O-O 7. Be2 d5 8. O-O c5 9. Qc2 Nbd7 10. a4 a6 11. Nc3 a5 12. d3 Rc8 13. Rfd1 d4 14. Ne4 e5 15. Bc1 Ne8 16. Ng3 g6 17. e4 Ng7 18. Bh6 Rc7 19. Qd2 f6 20. Rf1 Rf7 21. Bxg7 Rxg7 22. Ne1 Bd6 23. f3 Nf8 24. Qh6 Bc8 25. h4 Ne6 26. Qd2 Nf4 27. Bd1 Rcf7 28. Ne2 Ne6 29. g4 f5 30. Ng2 Qf8 31. Ng3 Nf4 32. Nxf4 exf4 33. Ne2 fxe4 34. fxe4 f3 35. g5 fxe2 36. Bxe2 Bf4 37. Qe1 Be3+ 38. Kh1 Bh3 39. Rxh7 Rxh7 40. Qg3 Bd7

Dan hung tough, but during a time scramble for both players, Jim was able to win another piece. Black won.

Fred Whitacre (A) - Allen Farley (C), Round 2

Petroff's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. d4 Nxe4 4. Bd3 d5 5. Nxe5 Bd6 6. O-O O-O 7. f3 Bxe5 8. dxe5 Nc5 9. Bb5 c6 10. Be2 Nbd7 11. b4 Ne6 12. f4 Qb6+ 13. Kh1 Qxb4 14. Ba3 Qd4 15. Nd2 Re8 16. g3 Ndc5 17. Rb1 Ne4 18. Nxe4 Qxe4+ 19. Bf3 Qa4 20. Bb4 Qxa2 21. Qd3 Qc4 22. Qd1 Nd4 23. c3 Nxf3 24. Qxf3 Bf5 25. Kg1 Bxb1 26. Rxb1 Qe4 27. Qd1 b6 28. Bd5 f6 29. Rc1 c5 30. Qd2 d4 31. cxd4 Qxd4+ 32. Qxd4 cxd4 and Black won.

Randall Wissler (C) - Jim Gikas (A), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5

6. Nf3 Bb5 7. Bg5 d6 8. Bb5 Bxc3+ 9. bxc3 Qa5 10. Qd3 O-O 11. O-O Qc7 12. Bxf6 gxf6 13. Nh4 a6 14. Bc4 Be6 15. Bxe6 fxe6 16. Qg3+ Qg7 17. Qh3 Qf7 18. Rab1 Na5 19. Rfd1 Rfd8 20. Rd3 Rac8 21. Rg3+ Kh8? 22. Ng6+ Kg8 23. Nxe5+ and White won.

Jerry Skeen (B) - David Hundley (C), Round 2

1. g3 Nf6 2. Bg2 d5 3. c4 e6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 Bd6 6. O-O c6 7. b3 Qc7 8. Bb2 Nbd7 9. Re1 Ne5 10. Nxe5 Bxe5 11. d4 Bd6 12. Nd2 Bg4 13. f3 Bxg3 14. hxg3 Qxg3 15. Nf1 Qh4 16. Qd2 Bh3 17. e4 dxe4 18. fxe4 Bxg2 19. Qxg2 O-O-O 20. d5 cxd5 21. exd5 Rd6 22. Rac1+ Kd7 23. Ne3 g6 24. Bxf6 Rxf6 25. Qg4+ Qxg4 26. Nxg4 Ra6 27. a4 Ra5 28. Rc4 Rf8 29. Nf6+ Kd6 30. Nxh7 Rh8 31. Ng5 Rxd5 32. Nxf7+ and White won.

Bob McLear (C) - Alvin Vavrek (B), Round 2

Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 a6 4. d3 g6 5. Be2 Bg7 6. O-O e6 7. Be3 d6 8. Qd2 Nge7 9. Bh6 O-O 10. Bxg7 Kxg7 11. d4 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Qb6 13. Nxc6 bxc6 14. Qxd6 Qxb2 15. Qd2 Qb7 16. f4 Qc7 17. Rf3 Rd8 18. Bd3 c5 19. Qe3 Rd4 20. Rh3 f5 21. Rh4 Ng8 22. Qh3 h5 23. Qg3 Kh7 24. Rf1 Nf6 25. e5 Nd5 26. Ne2 Ra4 27. c4 Nb4 28. Nc3 Ra5 29. Be2 Qf7 30. Qg5 Ra7 31. Bxh5 Kg8 32. Bxg6 and White won.

Gary Morris (B) - Steve Keenan (C), Round 2

Colle System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 d5 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Nbd2 Qc7 7. O-O Bd6 8. e4 dxe4 9. Nxe4 Nxe4 10. Bxe4 f5 11. Bc2 O-O 12. Re1 cxd5 13. cxd4 Rd8 14. d5 Bb4 15. Bd2 Rxd5 16. Rc1 Qd7 17. Re2 Nd4 18. Bb3 Nxe2+ 19. Qxe2 Bxd2 20. Rd1 Bb4 21. Ne5 Rxd1+ 22. Bxd1 Qc7 23. g3 b6 24. Bb3 Qc1+ 25. Kg2 Qe1 26. Qb5 Bb7+ 27. Kh3 Bd5 and Black won.

Michael Spenser (B) - Jason Rihel (B), Round 2

Ruy Lopez, Anti-Marshall Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Be7 6. Re1 b5 7. Bb3 O-O 8. a4 Bb7 9. Nc3 b4 10. Nd5 d6 11. Nxf6+ Bxf6 12. Bd5 Na5 13. Bxb7 Nxb7 14. c3 a5 15. cxb4 axb4 16. Qb3 Nc5 17. Qc2 b3 18. Qc4 Qd7 19. a5 Rfb8 20. d3 Qb5 21. Qxb5 Rxb5 22. Bd2 Nxd3 23. Reb1 d5 24. Bc3 d4 25. Bd2 Ra6 26. Ne1 Nc5 27. f3 Nb7 28. Rc1 c5 29. Nd3 Kf8 30. Ra4 Ke7 31. Rac4 Kd6 32. Nxc5 Nxc5 33. Rxc5 Rxc5 34. Bb4 R6xa5 35. Kf2

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Rab5 36. Ba3 Kc6 37. Rxc5 Rxc5 38. Bxc5 Kxc5 and Black soon won.

Glenn Haynes (D) - Marc Abraham (Unr), Round 2
Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e5 f6 4. d4 Bg4 5. Bd3 Nd7 6. h3 Bxf3 7. Qxf3 fxe5 8. dxe5 Nxe5 9. Qh5+ g6 10. Qxe5 Nf6 11. g4 Bg7 12. Qe3 O-O 13. h4 e5 14. c4 d4 15. Qh3 e4 16. Bc2 Qa5+ 17. Bd2 Qb6 18. Bb3 c5 19. h5 e3 20. fxe3 dxe3 21. Bxe3 Rfe8 22. Nc3 Qe6 23. hxg6 h6 24. O-O-O Qxe3+ 25. Qxe3 Rxe3 26. g5 Ng4 27. Rd7 Rae8 28. Rh4 Bxc3 29. bxc3 Rxc3+ 30. Kb2 Ne5 31. Rh7 Rxc6 32. Rxh6 Rg3 33. Bc2 Rxc6 34. Rxb7 Ne5 35. Kb3 Rg3+ 36. Ka4 Nxc4 37. Bb3 Rg4 38. Kb5 R8e4 39. Kxc5 Rg5+ 40. Kb4 a5+ 41. Kc3 Rg3+ 42. Kc2 Re2+ 43. Kd1 Rd2+ 44. Ke1 Rg1 mate

Randy Bierce (A) - Randall Wissler (C), Round 3
English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. g3 Bc5 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. d3 h6 7. O-O d6 8. Rb1 Bf5 9. h3 Qd7 10. Kh2 Rab8 11. a3 a6 12. b4 Bd4 13. Nd5 Nxd5 14. cxd5 Ne7 15. Nxd4 exd4 16. Bb2 Ng6 17. Bxd4 Ne5 18. Rc1 Rbc8 19. f4 Ng6 20. e4 Bxe4 21. dxe4 Rfe8 22. f5 Ne5 23. f6 g6 24. Bxe5 dxe5 25. Bf3 Qd6 26. Bg4 Rcd8 27. Qd2 Kh7 28. Rf5 c6 29. Rcf1 cxd5 30. Rh5 Qf8 31. Rh4 dxe4 32. Qe3 Rd3 33. Qxe4 Rd2+ 34. Be2 Ra2 35. Rd1 Rc8 36. Rd7 R8c2 37. Rxf7+ Qxf7 38. Rxh6+ Kg8 39. Rxc6+ Kf8 40. h4 Rxe2+ 41. Kh3 Qe6 42. Qg4 Rh2 mate

Alvin Vavrek (B) - Travis Martin (E), Round 3
Nimzo-Indian Defense, Saemisch Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 Nc6 6. Bg5 O-O 7. e4 h6 8. Bxf6 Qxf6 9. Ne2 b6 10. Ng3 Bb7 11. Bd3 Rfd8 12. O-O d6 13. Nh5 Qg5 14. f4 Qh4 15. Rf3? Qxh5 16. Qe1 Na5 17. Rh3 Qg4 18. Qf2 d5 19. cxd5 exd5 20. Be2 Qd7 21. e5 Bc8 22. Qg3 Qc6 23. Rh4 Bf5 24. Qe3 Nc4 25. Bxc4 Qxc4 26. g4 Qd3 27. Qe1 Be4 28. Qg3 Qxc3+ 29. hxg3 c5 30. g5 hxg5 31. fxg5 cxd4 32. cxd4 Rac8 33. Ra2 Rc1+ 34. Kf2 Rc2+ 35. Rxc2 Bxc2 36. White resigns.

Jim Walker (X) - Jason Rihel (B), Round 4
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Be7 5. Bg5 O-O 6. e3 Nbd7 7. cxd5 exd5 8. Bd3 c6 9. Qc2 Re8 10. h3 h6 11. Bf4 Nf8 12. O-O-O Bd6 13. Bxd6 Qxd6 14. Kb1

Bd7 15. Ne5 c5 16. Nxd7 N8xd7 17. Bb5 c4 18. Rhe1 a6 19. Bxd7 Qxd7 20. f3 b5 21. e4 b4 22. Na4 Rab8 23. Nc5 Qb5 24. e5 Nd7 25. e6 Nxc5 26. exf7+ Kxf7 27. Qf5+ Kg8 28. dxc5 Qxc5 29. Rxe8+ Rxe8 30. Qxd5+ Qxd5 31. Rxd5 b3 32. axb3 cxb3 33. Kc1 Re2 34. Rd2 Re1+ 35. Rd1 Re2 36. Rd3 Rc2+ 37. Kb1
At this point, both Jim and Jason were in time trouble. To everyone, it looked like a drawn game, but Jim wanted to see what he could get out of this situation. Jason eventually erred because of time pressure, allowing Jim to promote a pawn, and Black's flag fell in a lost position.

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 4
Benko Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. cxb5 a6 5. bxa6 Bxa6 6. Nc3 g6 7. f4 d6 8. Nf3 Bg7 9. e4 Bxf1 10. Rxf1 O-O 11. Kf2 Qb6 12. Kg1 Ng4 13. Kh1 c4 14. Qe2 Nd7 15. h3 Ngf6 16. Qxc4 Nc5 17. b4 Na4 18. Nxa4 Rxa4 19. Rb1 Rfa8 20. a3 Nh5 21. Kh2 Rxa3 22. Bxa3 Rxa3 23. Qc8+ Bf8 24. Ng5 h6 25. Nh7 Kxh7 26. Qxf8 Qe3 27. Qxf7+ Ng7 28. Qxe7 Qg3+ 29. Kh1 Ra2 30. Rg1 Ra3 31. Qxd6 Qh4 32. Qd7 Qxf4 33. Rgf1 Qxe4 34. Rbe1 Qxb4 35. Re7 Qd4 36. Rxc7+ Kh8 37. Rf8 mate

Gary Morris (B) - David Hundley (C), Round 4
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 e6 3. Bg2 Be7 4. d3 d5 5. O-O c5 6. Nbd2 Nc6 7. Re1 Bd7 8. e4 dxe4 9. dxe4 e5 10. Nc4 Bg4 11. Qxd8+ Rxd8 12. Nfxe5 Nd4 13. Ne3 O-O 14. N5xg4 Nxg4 15. Nxg4 Nxc2 16. Be3 Nxa1 17. Rxa1 f6 18. h4 h5 19. Nh2 Rd3 20. Bf1 R3d8 21. Be2 g6 22. Rc1 b6 23. Nf3 Kg7 24. e5 Kh7 25. exf6 Bxf6 26. Ng5+ Bxg5 27. Bxg5 Rd5 28. Rd1 R8f5 29. Rxd5 Rxd5 30. Kg2 Re5 31. Kf3 Kg7 32. Bd2 Rf5+ 33. Kg2 Kf7 34. Bc4+ Ke7 35. Kg5+ Kd7 36. Bd3 Re5 37. Bxg6 Re2 38. Bf6 Ke6 39. Bxh5 Re1 40. Bc3 Ra1 41. Be2 Kd5 42. a3 c4 43. h5 Rc1 44. h6 Rc2 45. Bf3+ Ke6 46. h7 and White won.

Travis Martin (E) - Tim Goan (B), Round 4
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e5 c5 4. d4 Nc6 5. Bb5 a6 6. Bxc6+ bxc6 7. Nc7 Qc7 8. Be3 Be7 9. Bg5 cxd4 10. Qxd4 h6 11. Bh4 c5 12. Qg4 g6 13. Qh3 d4 14. Ne4 Bb7 15. Ned2 g5 16. Bg3 h5 17. Bh4 g4 18. Qg3 gxf3 19. Nxf3 Bxf3 20. gxf3 Bxh4 21. Qg7 O-O-O 22. Qxh8

Jim Walker and Jerry Skeen Share Top Honors at Parkersburg May Open

Ne7 23. Qxh5 Ng6 24. f4? Qa5+ 25. Ke2?? Nxf4+ and Black went on to win.

Dave Moneypenny (Unr) - Allen Farley (C), Round 4
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Qe2+ Qe7
6. Qxe7+ Bxe7 7. Bf5 c6 8. Bd3 Nbd7 9. h3 c5 10. c3 c4
11. Bc2 b5 12. Nbd2 O-O 13. O-O Re8 14. Rfe1 Bb7
15. Re2 b4 16. Rae1 Bf8 17. Rxe8 Rxe8 18. Rxe8 Nxe8
19. Ba4 Ndf6 20. Ne5 Bd6 21. Bg5 Bxe5 22. dxe5 bxc3
23. bxc3 h6 24. exf6 Nd6 25. Be3 a6 26. fxg7 Nf5 27. g4
Nxe3 28. fxe3 Kxg7 29. Kf2 Kg6 30. Nf3 f6 31. Bd7
Kg7 32. a4 a5 33. Nd4 Kf7 34. Bc6 Bxc6 35. Nxc6 Ke6
36. Nxa5 and White won.

Here is a game between 1996 Scholastic Champion

Michael Spenser and Joe Ancrile, one the men who has helped to revitalize WV chess in the last few years. Looking at this game, it is no surprise that Michael took the Scholastic title.

Michael Spenser (B) - Joe Ancrile (B), Round 4
Ruy Lopez, Schliemann Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 f5 4. Nc3 fxe4 5. Nxe4 Nf6
6. Ne2 d5 7. Nxf6+ Qxf6 8. Qxe5! Be7 9. Qxf6 Bxf6
10. Bxc6 bxc6 11. c3 Ba6 12. d4 O-O-O 13. Be3 Rhe8
14. O-O-O Kd7 15. Rhe1 h6 16. Nd2 Bb5 17. Nb3 Kc8
18. Nc5 Be7 19. Ne6 Rd7 20. Nxc7 Rg8 21. Bxh6 Rxc7
22. Bxc7 Bg5+ 23. Kc2 Rxc7 24. g3 Kd7 25. h4 Be7
26. b3 Bd6 27. Re3 Rf7 28. f4 Be7 29. Rh1 c5 30. h5
cxd4 31. cxd4 c5 32. Re5 Ke8 33. dxc5 Kf8 34. h6 Bd7
35. c3 Be8 36. c7 Bd7 37. h7 Black resigns

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2101*M5	2106*M5	W-30	W-8	W-17	W-6	4.0
2	Jerry Skeen	WV	1746*a7	1759*a7	W-34	W-20	W-21	W-13	4.0
3	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1704*a7	1730*a7	W-31	W-19	D-14	W-15	3.5
4	Fred Whitacre	OH	1909*A7	1900*A7	W-32	L-17	W-22	W-14	3.0
5	Jim Gikas	WV	1859*A7	1841*A7	W-22	L-13	W-28	W-19	3.0
6	Jason Rihel	WV	1749*B7	1761*B7	W-25	W-10	W-12	L-1	3.0
7	Gary Morris	WV	1638*B5	1626*B5	W-23	L-21	W-31	W-20	3.0
8	Tim Goan	WV	1605*b6	1609*b6	W-35	L-1	W-38	W-25	3.0
9	Jeff Cornett	OH	1596 * 0	1600*C2	W-36	L-15	W-37	W-21	3.0
10	Michael Spenser	WV	1507 /05	1608 /09	W-39	L-6	W-30	W-28	3.0
11	Dave Moneypenny	WV	1450 * 0	1459*D2	L-12	W-41	W-24	W-17	3.0
12	Bob McLearn	WV	1425*C4	1491*C9	W-11	W-29	L-6	W-16	3.0
13	Randall Wissler	OH	1371 * 0	1433*C5	W-26	W-5	W-15	L-2	3.0
14	Tom LaBue	WV	1523*b5	1565*b5	W-18	W-16	D-3	L-4	2.5
15	Randy Bierce	WV	1929*x4	1900*x4	W-24	W-9	L-13	L-3	2.0
16	Rick Shellenberger	OH	1740*A5	1700*A5	W-33	L-14	W-32	L-12	2.0
17	Allen Farley	WV	1554*C7	1560*C7	W-37	W-4	L-1	L-11	2.0
18	Marc Abraham	WV	1533 /04	1455 /08	L-14	W-33	L-19	W-31	2.0
19	Charles Haid	WV	1440*c9	1448*c9	W-40	L-3	W-18	L-5	2.0
20	David Hundley	WV	1434*c0	1430*c0	W-38	L-2	W-27	L-7	2.0
21	Steve Keenan	VA	1406*d4	1422*d6	W-27	W-7	L-2	L-9	2.0
22	James Hatfield	WV	1294 * 0	1299*E2	L-5	W-26	L-4	W-37	2.0
23	Mike Price	WV	1114*E5	1117*E5	L-7	L-27	W-40	W-38	2.0
24	James Cook	WV	1091 /09	1164 /13	L-15	W-36	L-11	W-35	2.0
25	Travis Martin	WV	1082 /13	1204 /17	L-6	W-30	W-29	L-8	2.0
26	Joel Corum	WV	1001 /13	1047 /17	L-13	L-22	W-41	W-32	2.0
27	Eric O'Brien	WV	844 /05	1046 /09	L-21	W-23	L-20	W-33	2.0
28	Joe Ancrile	WV	1647*b7	1629*b7	H-	W-39	L-5	L-10	1.5
29	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1717*C5	1660*C5	W-41	L-12	L-25	U-	1.0
30	Dan Soltys	WV	1388 /09	1354 /13	L-1	L-25	L-10	W-41	1.0
31	Bill Salmon	WV	1302*d9	1288*d9	L-3	W-40	L-7	L-18	1.0
32	Dewey Chaney	WV	1272*d6	1252*d6	L-4	W-35	L-16	L-26	1.0
33	Glenn Haynes	WV	1242*D5	1212*D5	L-16	L-18	W-36	L-27	1.0
34	Alan Smith	WV	1161*e5	1128*e5	L-2	L-38	L-35	W-40	1.0
35	Chris Walker	FL	1073 * 0	1071 * 0	L-8	L-32	W-34	L-24	1.0
36	Daniel Whorley	WV	837 /09	861 /12	L-9	L-24	L-33	B-	1.0
37	Michael Lovejoy	WV	618 /09	734 /12	L-17	B-	L-9	L-22	1.0
38	Joseph Myers	WV	Unrated	1129 /04	L-20	W-34	L-8	L-23	1.0
39	Don Millican	VA	1400*c6	1400*c6	L-10	L-28	U-	U-	0.0
40	Zach Degarmeaux	WV	917 /04	886 /08	L-19	L-31	L-23	L-34	0.0
41	Larry Lovejoy	WV	792 /09	852 /13	L-29	L-11	L-26	L-30	0.0

WV Scholastic Chess News

Michael Spenser surprises at 1996 WV Scholastic Championship

With 1995 Scholastic Champ John Dailey (Wirt Co.), Aaron Richardson (Spenser), David Olson (Cross Lanes), and Scott Davis (Elkins) comprising a strong, competitive field, this year's High School Championship figured to be wide open. It didn't disappoint as unrated Michael Spenser of Coal City (Independence HS) jolted the field and finished with a perfect 5-0 mark to win the 1996 WV High School Tourney. Michael's victims included Andy Skeen, Scott Davis and Aaron Richardson. Michael ended the event with a provisional rating of 1507, but should surely rise in the future. Elkins High School won the Team event, led by strong performances from Scott Davis, Jodie Hare and Nathan Fortney.

In the Junior High Section, Billy Leary finished 4-0 and helped lead Elkins to a first place finish. In the Elementary division, it was Teays Valley in first with A.T. Turner blazing the trail with a scorching 6-0.

This year's Scholastic Championship was held at West Virginia State College and drew 169 players and 23 teams from 37 schools. John Homer directed this event.

Here is the deciding game in the High School section featuring the winner Michael Spenser and the dangerous Aaron Richardson.

Michael Spenser (Unr) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 5
West Virginia Scholastic Championship
French Defense, Advance Variation
Notes by Michael Spenser

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. a3 c4
7. Qc2?! *I don't know what the books say about this move. The idea is to protect the b-pawn, which allows the bishop to move to f4 to protect the e-pawn. 7...Nge7 Black should play his pawn to f6 on this move or the next. If 7...Na5, then 8. N1d2 Nh6?! 9. Rb1 Nb3 10. Nxb3 cxb3 11. Qd3 Nf5 [11...Bd7 12. Bxb6 gxb6 13. Rc1 Rc8, when Black's pawn structure is wrecked, his dark-squared bishop is useless, and his king has nowhere to hide.] 12. Qb5+ Qxb5 [on 12...Bd7 13. Qxb6 axb6 14. c4 where White has a large advantage.] 13. Bxb5+ Bd7 14. Bxd7+ Kxd7. In this position, White has a winning endgame because of his space advantage and Black's bad bishop. 8. N1d2?! Best was 8. Bf4. 8...Nf5?! This knight does nothing on f5. 9. Rb1 Be7 10. b3 cxb3 11. Rxb3?! Qc7 12. Bd3 O-O?! 13. g4 Nh6 14. h3 I didn't play 14. Bxb7+ Kh8 15. h3 g6 16. Bxb6 fxb6 17. Qxb6 Nf7 because although his king is out in the open, my*

pieces are not in a position to further the attack. 14...f5?! He could defend h7 with 14...g6, but his position would be very passive. With this move he achieves some counterplay. 15. exf6 e.p. gxf6 16. Bxb7+ Kh8 17. Bd3 17. Nf1 may have been better. 17...e5 18. Nh4 My plan is to get rid of his dark-squared bishop and move my bad knight at d2 to a better post at f3 so that my dark-squared bishop can join the attack. 18...Rf7 19. Ng6+ Kg7 20. Nxe7 Qxe7 21. Kd1! This is much better than castling. My king is safer on d1, my rook gains control of the e-file and can join in the attack, and I can carry out a kingside pawnstorm without endangering my king. 21...exd4 22. Re1 Qd6?! 23. Nf3 dxc3 24. Re8! The only way for the rook to get into the attack was to come in through the back door. 24...Re7 25. Bxb6+ Kxb6 26. Rh8+ Kg7 27. Rh7+ Kg8 28. Rh6 Rg7 29. Qxc3 Kf7 30. g5 d4 31. Qc1?! Ke7 32. gxf6+ Black resigns.

Abraham Wins Inaugural Sherrard JHS CC Event by Randy Bierce

Marc Abraham (Glen Dale) went 4-0 to win the Marshall Co. Scholastic Championship. Held April 13, 1996, this was the first USCF-rated tournament for the newly-formed Sherrard JR. High School Chess Club. The club has sponsored an unrated tournament in March, also won by Abraham, which attracted 20 scholastic players.

The SJHSCC affiliated with USCF in April and now has 30 USCF members. Taking the second place trophy on tie-breaks was Amanda Forester with 3. Tim Gibb, Marlena Rohm and Josh Sell also finished with 3.

Sherrard Wins Match with Moundsville By Randy Bierce

Led by wins on the top five boards, Sherrard JHS won a 14-board match with Moundsville JHS 10.5-3.5. Held at Moundsville JHS, May 21, 1996, this was the first scholastic match between Marshall Co. school ever. 29 exhibition games were contested after the match. It was Moundsville's initial foray into chess competition and the school plans to sponsor a club next year. Dave Rutherford is the moving force behind the Trojans.

Board 1- Marc Abraham SH 1-0 Paul Anderson MO
Board 2- Vaughn Schultz SH 1-0 Joe Dantrassy MO
Board 3- Josh Sell SH 1-0 Donnie Wood MO
Board 4- Amanda Forester SH 1-0 William Roupe MO
Board 5- Stephanie Ross SH 1-0 Eric Garrison MO
Board 6- Marlena Rohm SH 0-1 Adam Alderman MO

Gikas Third at 4th Gikas Commemorative
by Randy Bierce

Randy Bierce won a crucial third round game with Jaon Rihel and picked up a last-round forfeit from Jim Gikas to win the Fourth Gikas Commemorative. Gikas cited a strong personal committment to avoiding fatigue for the forfeit. Jason Rihel continued his recent, winning ways by finishing 4-1 to finish second. Joe Lococo earned the players' gratitude by playing. Joe came late due to work and played a solid ten hours to ensure that there was an even amount of players.

Randy Bierce	5.0	Joe Lococo	1.5
Jason Rihel	4.0	Bob Blackwell	0.5
Jim Gikas	3.0	Marc Abraham	0.0

Randy Bierce (A) - Jason Rihel (B), Round 3

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. d4 Bd6 6. Bg5 c6 7. a3 Bf5 8. e3 Nbd7 9. Nh4 Bg6 10. Nxc6 hxc6 11. Bd3 Qc7 12. Rc1 O-O-O *Black walks into a pin, which leaves a lethal diagonal open.* 13. Nb5 Qb8 14. Nxd6+ Qxd6 15. Bf4 *Jason sidesteps several double-bishop mates in the next few moves.* 15...Qe6 15...Qe7?? 16. Rxc6+ bxc6 17. Ba6 mate. 16. Qa4 Nf8 16...a6 17. Qxa6 bxa6 18. Bxa6 mate. 17. Qxa7 Kd7 *Black's king has his dancing shoes on.* 18. Qxb7+ Ke8 19. Rxc6 Qe7 20. Rc7!? *OK, OK. White has three pawn and two bishops: shouldn't he trade queens? That would appear to be correct; many times, however, it's an error to trade when a player has better position and the attack. Black has no counterplay, right?* 20...Qe6 21. Bb5+ N8d7 22. Rc6?! 22. Bg5 *should let White trade into a rook and pawn endgame. The a- and b-pawns are both passed.* 22...Qf5 23. O-O Ng4 24. Rc8 Ke7 25. Rxd8 Rxd8 26. Qc7 Qe6 27. Rc1 Qf5 28. Qd6+ Ke8 29. Bxd7+ Qxd7 30. Qxd7+ Rxd7 31. Rc8+ Ke7 32. Rc7 Rxc7 33. Bxc7 Kd7 34. h3 Nf6 35. Be5 Ne8 36. f3 f6 37. Bg3

Kc6 38. e4 dxe4 39. fxe4 g5 40. Kf2 g6 41. Ke3 f5 42. exf5 gxf5 43. Be5 *Black resigns.*

Jason Rihel Wins God Save My King VI

Jason Rihel defeated Mike Baker in the final round to win the sixth God Save My King tournament held March 30 in Morgantown. Jason beat Chris Burkhammer, Dan Soltys and Tom LaBue on his way to a perfect 4-0 run. Mike Baker has three strenuous games with Dale Halterman, Steve Keenan and Byron Funkhouser before matching up with Jason. Byron, Mike and Steve each finished with three wins to tie for second.

Mike Baker (B) - Jason Rihel (B), Round 4
Scotch Game

Notes by Mike Baker

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Nge7 5. Bc4 Nxd4 6. Qxd4 d6 7. Nc3 Nc6 8. Qe3 Be7 9. Qg3 Ne5 10. Qxg7 Bf6 11. Bxf7+ Nxf7 12. Qg3 Be6 13. Nd5 Bxd5 14. exd5 Qe7+ 15. Be3 O-O-O 16. O-O-O b6 17. Qg4+ Kb8 18. Qa4 Bg5 19. Rhe1 Bxe3+ 20. Rxe3 Qd7 21. Qxd7 Rxd7 22. Rde1 R7d8 23. f4 Nh6 24. Re6 Nf5 25. g4 Ng7 26. Re7 Rde8 27. f5 h6 28. f6 Rxe7 29. Rxe7 Ne8 30. h4?? *A horrible blunder! There is only one move in this position, 30. f7. I looked at the position and saw 30. f7 Nf6 31. h4 and 32. g5 to kick the knight out. So I grabbed h4 only to realize f7 hadn't been played. Jason pointed out afterward that 30...Nf6 loses to 31. Re6!. He saw 30. f7 Ng7 31. f8=Q+ Rxf8 32. Rxc7 Rf1+ with a drawish endgame. 30...Nxf6 31. g5 I play on although I realized when I touched h4 that my chances in the game were almost nil. 31...hxc5 32. Rf7 Nxd5 33. Rf5 Ne7 34. Rf7 Nc6 35. hxc5 Rg8 36. Rf5 Rg7 37. Kd2 Ne7 38. Rf2 Rxc5 39. c4 a5 40. Rf8+ Kb7 41. Rf3 Nc6 42. Kc3 Ne5 43. Re3 Rg2 44. a3 Rxb2 45. c5 bxc5 46. Rg3 Rf2 47. Re3 Rf3 48. White resigns*

God Save My King Crosstable, March 30, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jason Rihel	WV	1646*b7	1682*b9	W-8	W-5	W-10	W-3	4.0
2	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1759*a7	1754*a7	W-6	W-10	L-3	W-5	3.0
3	Mike Baker	WV	1684*B4	1693*B4	W-11	W-4	W-2	L-1	3.0
4	Steve Keenan	WV	1393*d2	1406*d4	W-12	L-3	W-11	W-9	3.0
5	Dan Soltys	WV	1374 /05	1388/ 09	W-9	L-1	W-7	L-2	2.0
6	John Sefton	KY	1350*b2	1353*b2	L-2	L-7	W-8	W-10	2.0
7	Chris Walker	WV	980 /13	1073 /17	L-10	W-6	L-5	W-11	2.0
8	Chris Burkhammer	WV	1189*E2	1183*E2	L-1	D-9	L-6	W-12	1.5
9	Jon Miller	WV	Unrated	1137 /04	L-5	D-8	W-12	L-4	1.0
10	Tom LaBue	WV	1530*b5	1490*b5	W-7	L-2	L-1	L-6	1.0
11	Dale Halterman	WV	1319 /10	1252 /14	L-3	W-12	L-4	L-7	1.0
12	Dana Riggelman	WV	987* 0	961* 0	L-4	L-11	L-9	L-8	0.0

Jerry Skeen, Gary Morris Share Charleston Open

Jerry Skeen and Gary Morris battled to a final round draw, which was enough to give each player a piece of the 1996 Charleston Open title. Only Joe Ancrile had a chance to catch the co-leaders in round four, however, Joe lost to Harold Mitchell. It was a successful day for Joe anyway, as he posted a win over Jim Walker and a draw with John Roush. There was a four-way tie for third which included: Jim Walker, John Roush, Harold Mitchell and Robert Canary.

Donald Griffith directed this event, which was played at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse in Cross Lanes. Twenty-two players entered, a disappointment but there were two mitigating factors. One, Marshall Co. held their Summer Tornado the same day, and more importantly, it was the first sunny, pleasant day in more than a week.

John Sefton (D) - John Roush (X), Round 1
Colle System

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nbd2 d5 6. Bd3 Be7 7. O-O Qc7 8. Re1 Bd7 9. e4 dxe4 10. Nxe4 Nxe4 11. Bxe4 cxd4 12. Nxd4 O-O-O 13. Be3 a6 14. Qe2 Bf6 15. Nf3 h6 16. c4 g5 17. h3 Rdg8 18. Rab1 h5 19. Nh2 Bd4 20. b4 Bxe3 21. Qxe3 Qf4 22. b5 Qxe3 23. Rxe3 axb5 24. cxb5 Nd4 25. Rc1+ Kb8 26. b6 Bc6 27. Nf3 Nxf3+ 28. Bxf3 Rc8 29. Rc5 Bxf3 30. Rxc8+ Rxc8 31. Rxf3 f5 32. Rd3 Rc1+ 33. Kh2 Kc8 34. Rd6 Re1 35. a4 Re4 36. a5 Re5 37. Kg1 Rxa5 38. Rxe6 Kd7 39. Rg6 f4 40. g3 fxx3 41. fxx3 Rb5 42. Kf2 Rb2+ 43. Kf3 Rb3+ 44. Kf2 Rb2+ 45. Kf3+ Rb3+ 46. Kf2 Rb2+ 47. Drawn

David Hundley (C) - Daniel Lovejoy (E), Round 1

1. e4 a6 2. Nf3 d6 3. Be4 Nh6 4. d4 Nc6 5. Be3 b5 6. Bd5 Bb7 7. Nc3 Rb8 8. a4 g6 9. Qd2 Nb4 10. Bxb7 Rxb7 11. Nd5 Nxd5 12. exd5 Nf5 13. Bg5 Bg7 14. O-O O-O 15. Rfel Re8 16. Nh4 Nxd4 17. Re4 c5 18. dxc6 e.p. Nxc6 19. g3 d5 20. Re3 Bf6 21. Bxf6 exf6 22. Rxe8 Qxe8 23. Qxd5 Rb8 24. Kg2 Nb4 25. Qc5 a5 26. Ra3 bxa4 27. Re3 Qc6+ 28. Nf3?? Qxc5 and Black won quickly.

Robert and Dave played to a final round draw in April in Parkersburg. Here's the rematch.

Robert Canary (B) - David Moneypenny (C), Round 1
Queen's Gambit Declined, Tarrasch Defense

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. dxc5 Bxc5 6. e3 Nf6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. Bd3 Re8 9. O-O Bg4 10. Na4

Bd6 11. h3 Bh5 12. Be2 Nc6 13. b3 Bxf3 14. Bxf3 Be5 15. Bb2 Bxb2 16. Nxb2 Ne4 17. Rc1 Rac8 18. Na4 Qd6 19. Nc3 Nxc3 20. Rxc3 Red8 21. Bg4 Rc7 22. Qc1 g6 23. Rd1 Re7 24. a3 Ne5 25. Be2 Nd7 26. Qc2 Qxa3 27. Rxd5 Rde8 28. Rcd3 Ne5 29. R3d4 Qa1+ 30. Bf1 Nc6 31. Ra4 Qf6 32. Be2 Re5 33. Qd1 Rxd5 34. Qxd5 Rd8 35. Qf3 Rd6 36. Qxf6 Rxf6 37. Bf3 a6 38. Kf1 Kf8 39. Ke2 Ke7 40. Bd5 Rd6 and Black's flag fell.

Joe Ancrile (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2
Modern Defense

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 c6 4. Nf3 d5 5. Be2 Bg4 6. exd5 cxd5 7. Ne5 Bxe2 8. Qxe2 a6 9. f4 e6 10. O-O Nf6 11. g4 h5 12. f5 gxf5 13. gxf5 Qb6 14. Be3 Nbd7 15. Nxf7 Kxf7 16. fxe6+ Qxe6 17. Qf3 Nb6 18. Kh1 Rae8 19. Rae1 Qg4 20. Qf2 h4 21. Rg1 Qd7 22. Ref1 Re6 23. Bg5 Rf8 24. Bxh4 Ke8 25. Qg2 Bh6 26. Qg6+ Qf7 27. Qxh6 Rg8 and Black lost on time.

Harold Mitchell (A) - Michael Spenser (B), Round 2
Queen's Gambit Declined, Semi-Slav

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Bd3 dxc4 7. Bxc4 b5 8. Bd3 a6 9. O-O c5 10. Ne4 cxd4 11. exd4 Bb7 12. Nxf6+ Nxf6 13. Be3 Be7 14. Ne5 Qd5 15. f3 O-O 16. Qe2 Rfd8 17. Rd1 Bd6 18. Bf2 h6 19. Kh1 Rf8 20. Bc2 Rad8 21. Bb3 Ng4 22. Bxd5 Black resigns.

Jerry Skeen (B) - Gilbert Stone (C), Round 2

1. g3 d5 2. Bg2 e5 3. c4 c6 4. cxd5 cxd5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. O-O Bc5 7. d3 Nf6 8. Nc3 a6 9. Bg5 Qd6 10. a3 h6 11. Bxf6 gxf6 12. Nd2 Be6 13. e3 O-O-O 14. Na4 Ba7 15. Qc2 Kb8 16. b4 Rc8 17. Qb2 b5 18. Nc3 h5 19. Nf3 d4 20. Ne4 Qe7 21. Qe2 Bd5 22. Rac8 dxe3 23. fxe3 Bxe4 24. dxe4 Qe6 25. Nh4 Ne7 26. Rxc8+ Qxc8 27. Rxf6 Qc1+ 28. Kf2 Qxa3 29. Qd2 Kc7 30. Qd6+ Kc8 31. Bh3+ Kb7 32. Qxe7+ Ka8 33. Nf5 and White won.

Gary Morris (B) - Harold Mitchell (A), Round 3
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 c5 2. e4 d6 3. d3 Nf6 4. g3 Bg4 5. Bg2 Qd7 6. O-O Bh3 7. Nc3 Bxg2 8. Kxg2 Nc6 9. Bg5 Ng4 10. h3 Nge5 11. Nxe5 Nxe5 12. Be3 O-O-O 13. f4 Nc6 14. Ne2 f5 15. c3 fxe4 16. dxe4 g6 17. Qc2 Bg7 18. Rfd1 Qe6 19. Rac1 Kb8 20. a3 h5 21. b4 c4 22. Nd4 Bxd4 23. cxd4 d5 24. e5 Qf5 25. Qa4 Qe4+ 26. Kf2 b6 27. Qxc6 Rc8 28. Qa4 g5 29. Qc2 gxf4 30. Bxf4 Qxc2 31. Rxc2 h4 32. g4 Rcf8 33. Ke3 e6 34. Rf2 Rc8 35. Bg5 Rcg8 36. Be7 Rh7 37. Bd6+ Kb7 and White won.

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Robert Canary (B) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 3

King's Indian Defense, Fianchetto System

1. d4 g6 2. c4 Bg7 3. Nf3 c5 4. e3 cxd4 5. exd4 Nf6 6. g3 O-O 7. Bg2 d6 8. Nc3 Nc6 9. O-O d5 10. c5 Ne4 11. Be3 Nxc3 12. bxc3 Bg4 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Bxf3 e6 15. Rb1 Rb8 16. Qa4 Qc8 17. Rfd1 Ne7 18. Qxa7 Nf5 19. Bf4 Ra8 20. Qxb7 Qxb7 21. Rxb7 Rxa2 22. Rdb1 Bh6 23. Bxh6 Nxh6 24. Rd7 Rc2 25. Rb3 Ra8 26. c6 Nf5 27. c7 Kg7 28. Rd8 Ra1+ 29. Kh2 Rxf2+ 30. Bg2 Ne3 31. h4 Rxc2+ 32. White resigns

John Sefton (D) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3

Dutch Defense

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 f5 3. c4 Nf6 4. e3 Bb4+ 5. Bd2 Be7 6. Bd3 O-O 7. Nc3 d5 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Qc2 g6 10. O-O c6 11. Ne5 Nbd7 12. Na4 Nxe5 13. dxe5 Ne4 14. Bxe4 fxe4 15. Nc5 b6 16. Nb3 c5 17. Bc3 Bb7 18. Rad1 Qc8 19. Qe2 Ba6 20. Qc2 Qe6 21. Rfe1 Bb7 22. Qe2 a5 23. Qc2 Rf5 24. Nd2 Raf8 25. f3 exf3 26. Nxf3 Bd8 27. Rf1 Bc7 28. a4 R8f7 29. Qe2 Bc6 30. b3 Bb7 31. Ba1 Bd8 32. e4 Rh5 33. h3 d4 34. Kh2 Bc7 35. g4 Qxg4 36. Qg2 Qxg2+ 37. Kxg2 and Black went on to win.

Jerry Skeen (B) - Gary Morris (B), Round 4

Pirc Defense

1. g3 g6 2. Bg2 Bg7 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. O-O O-O 5. Nc3 d6 6. e4 e5 7. d4 Nbd7 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. b3 c6 10. Bb2 Qc7 11. Ba3 Re8 12. Qd3 Qa5 13. Bb2 Nc5 14. Qe2 Bg4 15. a3 Ne6 16. Qe1 Bxf3 17. Bxf3 Nd4 18. Bd1 Rad8

19. Nd5 Qxe1 20. Nxf6+ Bxf6 21. Rxe1 h5 22. Re3 Bg5 23. Rd3 Nb5 24. h4 Rxd3 25. cxd3 Bf6 26. Kg2 Rd8 27. Be2 Nd4 28. Bxd4 Rxd4 29. Rc1 Be7 30. b4 Kg7 31. Rc4 Rxc4 32. dxc4 a5 33. c5 axb4 34. axb4 Kh6 35. Bc4 Kg7 36. Kh3 g5 37. hxg5 Bxg5 38. b5 Be7 39. bxc6 bxc6 40. f4 f6 41. fxe5 fxe5 42. Be6 Bxc5 43. Bd7 Kg6 44. Bxc6 Kg5 45. Bd7 Bf2 46. Be8 h4 47. g4 Be1 48. Bd7 Kf4 49. Bf5 Kf3 50. Drawn

David Moneypenny (C) - John Sefton (D), Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bd3 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Re1 O-O 9. a3 Nc6 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. e5 dxe5 12. Rxe5 Bd6 13. Re1 Qc7 14. h3 Bb7 15. Ne4 Nxe4 16. Bxd4 Rfd8 17. Qf3 Qa5 18. Qe2 Rd7 19. Kh1 Kh8 20. Bd2 Qe5 21. g3 Qxb2 22. Reb1 Qf6 23. c3 Rad8 24. Qf3 Be5 25. Qxf6 gxf6 26. Be1 f5 27. Bf3 Ba8 28. Rb6 c5 29. Bxa8 Rxa8 30. Rc6 Rad8 31. Kg1 Rd1 32. Rc8 Rxa1 33. Rxd8+ Kg7 34. White resigns

Charles Haid (C) - John Roush (X), Round 4

French Defense, Winawer Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bd2 dxe4 5. Qg4 Nf6 6. Qxg7 Rg8 7. Qh6 b6 8. O-O-O Rg6 9. Qf4 Bb7 10. Nge2 Bd6 11. Qh4 Nbd7 12. Bf4 Rg4 13. Qh6 Bxf4+ 14. Nxf4 Nf8 15. Nfe2 Qe7 16. Ng3 O-O-O 17. Be2 Rg8 18. Qe3 Nd5 19. Nxd5 exd5 20. Qc3 Ne6 21. Kb1 Rdf8 22. Nf5 Qd8 23. Ne3 f5 24. Rhg1 Kb8 25. Bb5 f4 26. Nf1 Qd6 27. Nd2 Rg6 28. g3 Rfg8

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1	Jerry Skeen	WV	1759*a7	1774*a7	W-18	W-13	W-6	D-2	3.5
2	Gary Morris	WV	1635*B5	1669*B5	W-14	W-20	W-5	D-1	3.5
3	John Roush	WV	2157*m4	2135*m4	D-8	W-12	D-7	W-11	3.0
4	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	W-16	L-7	W-8	W-9	3.0
5	Harold Mitchell	WV	1884*A4	1871*A4	W-17	W-9	L-2	W-7	3.0
6	Robert Canary	WV	1759*B0	1756*B0	W-10	W-11	L-1	W-13	3.0
7	Joe Ancrile	WV	1629*b7	1667*B4	W-22	W-4	D-3	L-5	2.5
8	John Sefton	KY	1423*b2	1465*b2	D-3	W-16	L-4	W-10	2.5
9	Michael Spencer	WV	1608/09	1606/13	W-19	L-5	W-14	L-4	2.0
10	David Moneypenny	WV	1459*D2	1440*D2	L-6	W-22	W-20	L-8	2.0
11	Charles Haid	WV	1448*c9	1450*c9	W-15	L-6	W-19	L-3	2.0
12	David Hundley	WV	1430*c0	1410*c0	L-20	L-3	W-18	W-19	2.0
13	Gilbert Stone	WV	1403*c4	1401*c4	W-21	L-1	W-15	L-6	2.0
14	Ronald Lanham	WV	1156/04	1202/08	L-2	W-21	L-9	W-20	2.0
15	Scott Guinn	WV	920/08	1056/12	L-11	W-18	L-13	W-16	2.0
16	James Hatfield	WV	1299*E2	1266*E2	L-4	L-8	W-22	L-15	2.0
17	Bill Salmon	WV	1288*d9	1237*d9	L-5	L-19	L-21	W-22	1.0
18	Chauncy Carter	WV	1167*e7	1143*e7	L-1	L-15	L-12	W-21	1.0
19	Mike Price	WV	1117*E5	1129*E5	L-9	W-17	L-11	L-12	1.0
20	Larry Lovejoy	WV	852/13	940/17	W-12	L-2	L-10	L-14	1.0
21	Michael Lovejoy	WV	734/12	816/16	L-13	L-14	W-17	L-18	1.0
22	Daniel Whorley	WV	861/12	900/16	L-7	L-10	L-16	L-17	0.0

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29. Rge1 Rh6 30. Nf1 Ng5 31. Be2 Bc8 32. gxf4 Qxf4
33. Qg3 Rf6 34. h4 Qxg3 35. Rxx3 Nf3 36. Bxf3 Rxf3
37. Rd2 Rgf8 38. Ne3? Rxe3 39. Rg1 Rxx3 40. White
resigns

Jim Walker (X) - Michael Spenser (B), Round 4
Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. c4 e6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Qc2 Nf6 6.
Nc3 Nbd7 7. Bg5 Be7 8. e3 O-O 9. Bd3 h6 10. Bh4 Re8
11. Bg3 Nf8 12. O-O Bd6 13. Bxd6 Qxd6 14. Rab1 Ne4
15. Nxe4 dxe4 16. Bxe4 Qe6 17. Bd3 Qa2 18. Ne5 Qa5
19. Rfc1 Qd8 20. Qb3 Qe7 21. Bc4 Ne6 22. Nd3 b5
23. Bxe6 Bxe6 24. Qc3 Rec8 25. Ra1 Bd5 26. Qc5 Qxc5
27. Rxc5 a5 28. f3 a4 29. Nb4 Kf8 30. Rac1 a3 31. bxa3
Rxa3 32. Nxd5 Rd8 33. R5c3 Ra6 34. Nb4 Rb6
35. Rxc6 Rxc6 36. Rxc6 Re8 37. Kf2 and White won.

Gilbert Stone (C) - Robert Canary (B), Round 4
Old Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d6 3. c4 Nbd7 4. Nc3 c6 5. e4 e5
6. dxe5 Nxe5 7. Nxe5 dxe5 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8 9. Bg5 Be7
10. Rd1+ Kc7 11. Be2 Be6 12. O-O Bb4 13. Bxf6 gxf6
14. Nb1 Rhg8 15. a3 Bc5 16. b4 Bd4 17. g3 h5 18. h4
Rxx3+ 19. Kh2 Rg7 20. f4 Rag8 21. Kh1 Bg4 22. Bxx4
Rxx4 23. Rd2 Be3 24. Re2 Rxx4+ 25. Rh2 Rxx2+
26. Kxx2 Bxf4+ 27. Kh1 Rg3 28. Rg1 Rxx1+ 29. Kg1
Kd6 30. Nc3 Bc1 31. c5+ Ke6 32. Nb1 f5 33. exf5 Kxf5
34. Kf2 e4 35. a4 Ke5 36. Kg3 f5 and Black won.

Bierce, Rihel Tie at 10th MCCC Summer Open by Randy Bierce

The prostrated pleadings for a draw of Randy Bierce sapped the ears of Jason Rihel; the point in their last round chessic food-fight was split. So, Bierce and Rihel shared 1st place in the 1996 MCCC Summer Open. It was the first time that there has been a tie for first in the tournament's history.

Rihel knocked off Ed Garner in Round 3, while Bierce took advantage of Jerry Cannon (East Liverpool, OH), who was playing in his first tournament in 12 years. 25 players participated in the May 18 event at Sherrard JHS.

Marc Abraham (Glan Dale) and Vaughn Schultz (Wheeling) tied with 2.5 for top scholastic players. Abraham had the better tie-breaks between the two 8th

graders to gain the first place trophy.

Abraham gained revenge over Tom LaBue in Round 2, then drew Mike Taylor in Round 3. However, Cannon slowed down Abraham's quest for a first place tie by winning their last round matchup.

Bill Salmon watchers were disappointed that the Dunbar-based Salmon did not participate in this tournament. There's hope Bill will be present next time.

LaBue won the "Brother Love's Traveling Chess Show" Award. LaBue made the trip from Buckhannon, played 4 games, helped direct the tournament (doing the lion's share after round 1), helped promote the WVCA by passing out extra WVCA Chess Bulletins and still had the energy to sign up three new WVCA members. (I donated rating points to the Sherrard Chess Club as well - Tom).

Other winners: B- Mike Taylor; C-Jerry Cannon, Randall Wissler; D/E/Unr-Joe Lococo.

Scholastic winners: 1st: Mark Abraham; 2nd: Vaughn Schultz; Top 7th Grade: Meredith Hellstern; Top 8th: Josh Sell; 1st Grade School: Zack Yoklic; 2nd Grade School: Augie Delbert; Top 1st Time player: JB Chaykowsky.

Marc Abraham (C) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 2
Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation
Notes by Randy Bierce

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 *In this Sicilian variation, the control of d5 is crucial for both players. If White controls the d5 square, Black will be on the defensive. If Black can enforce d5 without penalty, then his game will be very good.* 5. Nf3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Bb4 7. Bg5 O-O 8. Bc4 a6 9. O-O b5 *This is Black's game plan---play on the queenside to distract White from creating kingside mating threats.* 10. Be2 *Thought may have been given to* 10. Bb3. 10...Bxc3 11. bxc3 d6 12. a4! *This chops up Black's queenside pawns.* 12...b4 13. cxb4 Nxb4 14. Rb1 a5 15. c3! *It is not best to let the knight have this fine outpost. Ejecting it with c3 is absolutely correct.* 15... Na6 16. Nh4 Nc5 17. Qc2 *This may subject the queen to further threats on the c-file. Put the bishop on f3 and double the rooks on the d-file, pressuring the Black d-pawn. At some point, Nf5 and if Black swaps off the knight, then use the front f-pawn as a battering ram.* 17. Nxe4 18. Bxf6 Nxf6 19. Rfd1 *White*

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has to keep this d-pawn under observation and try to keep it from advancing to d5. If it does advance, White has to extract a price or suffer the consequence. 19...Qe7 20. Bd3?! This bishop should be on c4 (or f3, after the repositioning of Nh4), eyeing up the d5 square. 20...e4 21. Bc4 Rd8 22. Qd2 d5 Can Black get away with this? 23. Rb6!? Be6 24. Ba2 Ng4 25. h3 Qxh4? Nh6 wins the White knight for a pawn. 26. hxxg4 Qxxg4 27. c4! Attacking Black's center. In general, the further down the board the pawns go the weaker they become; UNLESS they are heavily supported and one of them can queen. 27...Qh4 28. cxd5 Bxd5? 29. Bxd5 Qxd5? 30. Bxa8! Qxd1+ ! 31. Qxd1 Rxd1+! 32. Kh2 g6 33. Bxe4 White now has a completely won game; the only way Black can draw is if White makes several mistakes. The only way Black can win is if White completely collapses. 33...Rd2 34. f3 Rd4 35. Bc6 Kg7 36. Ra6 Rd6 37. Bb5 Rxa6? 38. Bxa6 and White won.

1. John Roush	49.30
2. Jason Rihel	34.75
3. Andy Katz	27.50
4. Mike Taylor	26.20
5. Mike Price	25.70
6. Randy Bierce	24.50
Bob McLearn	24.50
8. Pat Kelly	23.05
9. Tom LaBue	22.25
10. Bill Salmon	20.03
11. Jim Gikas	19.25
12. Dave Olson	19.00
Tim Goan	19.00
14. Markle Butcher	18.25
15. Dave Moneypenny	17.83
16. Byron Funkhouser	16.00
17. Aaron Richardson	13.70
18. Charles Haid	13.00
19. Joe Ancrile	12.00
20. Dennis Funkhouser	10.00
21. David Hundley	9.33
22. Ed Garner	9.00
23. Alan Smith	8.25
24. Walter Bagnall	8.17
25. Duane Hosom	8.00
26. Bob Shock	7.83
27. Allen Farley	7.50
Michael Spenser	7.50

Current WV Grand Prix Standings (as of June 1, 1996)

John Roush has opened up a fifteen-point lead over Jason Rihel and Andy Katz in the 1996 West Virginia Grand Prix race. John and Jason shared first place bonus points for the Parkersburg Open and John received the share for the Charleston Open. The rest of the standing are quite tight as the standings change greatly from week to week. These results include all events through June 1, including the Charleston Open and the 10th Marshall Co. CC Summer Tornado. Results from June events had not been received by press time.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Randy Bierce	WV	1947*x4	1947*x4	W-15	W-5	W-4	D-2	3.5
2	Jason Rihel	WV	1787*B7	1823*a4	W-14	W-12	W-9	D-1	3.5
3	Mike Taylor	OH	1769*a5	1746*a5	W-17	D-13	D-7	W-12	3.0
4	Jerry Cannon	OH	1631*C0	1642*C0	W-16	W-11	L-1	W-7	3.0
5	Randall Wissler	OH	1433*C5	1446*C5	W-18	L-1	W-15	W-11	3.0
6	Joe LoCoco	WV	1377*c7	1408*c7	W-21	L-9	W-14	W-10	3.0
7	Marc Abraham	WV	1415 /12	1460 /16	W-22	W-10	D-3	L-4	2.5
8	Vaughn Schultz	WV	Unrated	1412 /04	L-9	W-23	W-22	D-13	2.5
9	Ed Garner	WV	2072*x0	2047*x0	W-8	W-6	L-2	U-	2.0
10	Tom LaBue	WV	1565*b5	1528*b5	W-23	L-7	W-13	L-6	2.0
11	Josh Sell	WV	1292 /04	1256 /08	W-25	L-4	W-21	L-5	2.0
12	Jonette Mercer	WV	1282*c4	1296*c4	W-20	L-2	W-16	L-3	2.0
13	Bob Blackwell	OH	1220*E2	1242*E4	W-24	D-3	L-10	D-8	2.0
14	August Delbert	WV	1025 /04	1113 /08	L-2	W-20	L-6	W-22	2.0
15	Zach Yoklic	WV	1007* 0	1034* 0	L-1	W-18	L-5	W-21	2.0
16	John Caykowsky	WV	Unrated	1275 /04	L-4	W-24	L-12	W-19	2.0
17	Stephanie Ross	WV	1075 /04	1063 /08	L-3	L-21	D-18	W-20	1.5
18	Trevor Knoblich	WV	Unrated	1060 /04	L-5	L-15	D-17	W-23	1.5
19	Amanda Forester	WV	1350 /04	1302 /06	U-	U-	W-23	L-16	1.0
20	Josh Forester	WV	900 /03	828 /06	L-12	L-14	B-	L-17	1.0
21	Zach DeGarneau	WV	866 /08	916 /12	L-6	W-17	L-11	L-15	1.0
22	Meredith Hellestern	WV	775 /04	846 /07	L-7	B-	L-8	L-14	1.0
23	Katie Cannon	OH	1295 /04	1127 /08	L-10	L-8	L-19	L-18	0.0
24	Erika Montes	WV	859 /04	857 /06	L-13	L-16	U-	U-	0.0
25	Olivia Freeland	WV	644 /03	696 /04	L-11	U-	U-	U-	0.0

Twenty Players Contest Parkersburg June Quads; Walker Takes Top Section

Joe Ancrile has tried to vary the formats of the tourneys he has directed. For the Luck of the Irish, Joe used the pairing scheme of the player closest to your rating from the same score group. He felt it was time to schedule quads with slower time controls. Twenty players attended and formed five sections. Jim Walker edged out Jim Gikas and Mike Taylor to win the top flight. Other section winners were: Quad 2- Alvin Vavrek and Richard Sheppard; Quad 3- John Sefton; Quad 4- Randall Wissler; and Quad 5- Alan Smith.

This event was held at the Stables Motor Lodge in Parkersburg, WV. Here is some of the action that transpired at the Parkersburg June Quads.

Jim Walker (X) - Mike Taylor (B)

Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. d4 e6 2. c4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. cxd5 Nxd5
6. Bxe7 Qxe7 7. Nf3 Qb4 8. Qd2 Nxc3 9. bxc3 Qe7
10. e4 O-O 11. Bd3 b6 12. O-O Bb7 13. Qe2 Nd7
14. Rfe1 c5 15. a4 Nf6 16. a5 bxa5 17. Rxa5 cxd4
18. cxd4 Rfc8 19. h3 Rc3 20. Rea1 Qc7 21. e5 Rc1+
22. Kh2 Rxa1 23. Rxa1 Nd5 24. Qe4 g6 25. Rb1 Rb8
26. Qh4 f5 27. Ng5 Re8 28. Nxb7 Qxh7 29. Qxh7+
Kxh7 30. Rxb7+ Re7 31. Rxe7+ Nxe7 32. g4 Kh6
33. Kg3 Kg7 34. gxf5 gxf5 35. Bc4 Kf7 36. Kf3 Ng6
37. Ke3 Ke7 38. f4 a5 39. d5 exd5 40. Bxd5 a4 41. Kf3

This game finished as a Draw.

Jim Gikas (A) - Jim Walker (X)

Dutch Defense

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 f5 3. c4 Nf6 4. g3 Bb4 5. Bd2 Be7 6. Bc3
Ne4 7. Bg2 O-O 8. O-O d5 9. b3 Nxc3 10. Nxc3 c6
11. e3 Nd7 12. Qd3 Kh8 13. Ne5 Nxe5 14. dxe5 Bd7
15. f4 Rb8 16. Rac1 Ba3 17. Rc2 Qe7 18. Ne2 Rfe8
19. Rf2 b5 20. cxb5 c5 21. Nc3 Qe8 22. Bf1 h6 23. Be2
Qe7 24. Bf1 Qd8 25. Qe2 d4 26. exd4 cxd4 27. Nb1
Bxb5 *This game ended up Drawn.*

Fred Whitacre (A) - Michael Taylor (B)

French Defense, Tarrasch Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. c3 c5 6. Nd3
Nc6 7. Bd3 Qb6 8. Ne2 cxd4 9. cxd4 Bb4+ 10. Bd2 O-O
11. O-O f6 12. exf6 Nxf6 13. a3 Bd6 14. b4 e5 15. dxe5
Nxe5 16. Nxe5 Bxe5 17. Be3 Qd8 18. Rb1 Kh8 19. f4
Bc7 20. Bc5 Bb6 21. Rc1 Ng4 22. Qd2 Bf5 23. h3 Bxd3
24. Qxd3 Nf6 25. Kh2 Bxc5 26. Rxc5 b6 27. Rc6 Rc8
28. Nd4 Rxc6 29. Nxc6 Qd7 30. b5 Ne4 31. g3 Qd6
32. Re1 Nc5 33. Qe3 h6 34. Nxa7 Ra8 35. Nc6 Ne4

36. Rd1 Qxa3 37. Qxa3 Rxa3 38. g4 Ra2+ 39. Kg1 Nc3
40. Rd3 Ne2+ 41. Kh1 Nxf4 42. Rb3 Rd2 43. Ne7 d4
44. Nc8 d3 45. Nxb6 Rd1+ 46. Kh2 d2 47. Nc4 Rh1+!
48. Kg3 d1/Q 49. Re3 Rxh3+ 50. Kxf4 Rxe3 51. Kxe3
Qxg4 52. Kd3 Qd7+ 53. White resigns

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Alvin Vavrek (B)

Queen's Pawn

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. cxd5 Qxd5 4. Nc3 Qd8 5. e4 c6
6. Nf3 Bg4 7. Be2 h6 8. O-O e6 9. a3 Be7 10. Be3 O-O
11. Qd2 Nbd7 12. h3 Bh5 13. g4 Bg6 14. g5 Nxe4
15. Nxe4 Bxe4 16. gxh6 g6 17. Ng5 Bd5 18. f3 Nf6
19. f4 Ne4 20. Nxe4 Bxe4 21. Bf3 Qd5 22. Qg2 Bxf3
23. Rxf3 Qh5 24. Raf1 Kh7 25. f5 g5 26. fxe6 f6 27. h4
g4 28. Rh3 Rg8 29. Qe4+ Kh8 30. Rh1 Rad8 31. Rf5
Qg6 32. h5 Qh7 33. d5 Rxd5 34. Rf4 Qxe4 35. Rxe4 f5
36. Rd4 Rgd8 37. Rxd5 Rxd5 38. Bxa7 Rd6 39. Kf2
Rxd6 40. Be3 Bf8 41. Rd1 Kh7 42. Rd7+ Re7 43. Rxe7
Bxe7 44. Kg3 Bf8 45. Bd4 Bxh6 46. Be5 Bg5 47. b4
Kh6 48. a4 Kxh5 49. b5 cxb5 50. axb5 Kg6 51. Bc7 Kf7
52. Bb8 Ke6 53. Bc7 Kd5 54. Bb6 Kc4 55. White
resigns

Richard Sheppard (B) - Mike Baker (B)

Four Knights's Game, Rubenstein Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bb5 Nd4 5. Nxd4 exd4
6. Nd5 c6 7. Nxf6+ Qxf6 8. Bc4 Bd6 9. O-O O-O 10. d3
Bc7 11. f4 b5 12. Bb3 a5 13. a3 a4 14. Ba2 d6 15. Bd2
Qg6 16. Qe3 h6 17. f5 Qh7 18. Qh5 Bb7 19. Rf3 d5
20. Rh3 Be5 21. g4 f6 22. g5 fxg5 23. Bxg5 Bf6 24. Bf4
Rfe8 25. Kf2 Kf8 26. Rg1 Rad8 27. Rg6 Rd7 28. Bxh6
gxh6 29. Rxf6+ Rf7 30. Rxh6 Qg7 31. Rg3 Qe5
32. Rh8+ Ke7 33. Rxe8+ Kxe8 34. Rg6 Qf4+ 35. Ke2
Kd8 36. Rg8+ Ke7 37. Qg5+ Qxg5 38. Rxx5 Rh7
39. Rg2 Kf6 40. Kf3 dxe4+ 41. dxe4 c5 42. Rg6+ Ke7
43. f6+ Kf8 44. Rg8+ mate

John Sefton (C) - Gary Morris (B)

King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. Nf3 d6 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 O-O
6. Be2 Nbd7 7. O-O e5 8. d5 a5 9. Rb1 Nc5 10. Qc2
Nh5 11. Re1 f5 12. Bg5 Bf6 13. Bxf6 Qxf6 14. Bf1 fxe4
15. Nxe4 Nxe4 16. Rxe4 Bf5 17. Bd3 Bxe4 18. Bxe4
Rae8 19. c5 Qe7 20. Bxg6 e4 21. Bxe8 Qxe8 22. Re1
Rf4 23. Ng5 Nf6 24. Ne6 Rg4 25. h3 Rh4 26. Qd2 Rh5
27. Nxc7 Qf7 28. cxd6 Nxd5 29. Qxa5 Nf4 30. Qa8+
Kg7 31. Rxe4 Qf5 32. Re7+ Kh6 33. Qg8 Rg5 34. Qc4
Rxx2+ 35. Kf1 Qb1+ 36. Re1 Rg1+ 37. Kxx1 Qxe1+

Twenty Players Contest Parkersburg June Quads; Walker Takes Top Section

38. Qf1 Ne2+ 39. Kg2 Nf4+ 40. Kf3 Qxf1 41. Kxf4
 Qxf2+ 42. Ke5 Qg3+ 43. Ke6 Qxh3+ 44. Ke7 Qh4+
 45. Kd7 Kg7 46. Ne6+ Kf7 47. Nd8+ Kf8 48. Kc7 Ke8
 49. d7+ Ke7 50. Nc6+ Kf7 51. d8/Q+ and White won.

Aaron Richardson (B) - John Sefton (C)
 Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Bf5 4. c4 c6 5. Qb3 Qc7
 6. cxd5 cxd5 7. Nc3 e6 8. Bd2 a6 9. Rc1 Nc6 10. Be2
 Bd6 11. O-O O-O 12. Na4 Ne4 13. Bb4 Bg4 14. Bxd6
 Nxd6 15. Nb6 Ra7 16. Bd3 Bxf3 17. gxf3 Qd8 18. Kh1
 Qh4 19. Qc2 Qh5 20. Be2 Qh4 21. Qc5 Rd8 22. Bd3
 Nc8 23. Nxc8 Qh3 24. Nxa7 Qxf3+ 25. Kg1 Qg4+
 26. Kh1 Qf3+ 27. Kg1 Drawn

David Hundley (C) - Randall Wissler (C)
 Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 Nf6 5. d4 exd4
 6. cxd4 Bb4+ 7. Nc3 d6 8. O-O Bg4 9. Be3 O-O 10. a3

Bxc3 11. bxc3 Nxe4 12. Qb3 Na5 13. Qa2 Nxc3 14. Bg5
 Qd7 15. Qc2 Nxc4 16. Nxc3 d5 17. Rab1 Rab8 18. Rfe1
 f6 19. Bf4 b6 20. Qb4 Bxf3 21. gxf3 Rbc8 22. Re7 Qh3
 23. Bg3 a5 24. Qc3 Qf5 25. Rbe1 c5 26. dxc5 Rxc5
 27. Qc1 Ne5 28. Rxe5 fxe5 29. Qb2 d4 30. Qxb6 Rfc8
 31. Qd6 Qxf3 32. Qe6+ Kh8 33. Rxe5 Rc1+ 34. Re1
 Rxe1+ 35. Qxe1 d3 36. Qd2 Rc2 37. Qe1 h6 38. Qb1
 Rd2 39. Qe1 Rd1 and Black won.

Alan Smith (E) - Peter Mauk (E)
 Pirc Defense

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O
 6. O-O Nbd7 7. Be3 e5 8. d5 b6 9. Ne1 Nc5 10. f3 a6
 11. b4 Ncd7 12. a4 Bb7 13. Nd3 Ne8 14. Na2 f5 15. c4
 fxe4 16. fxe4 Nef6 17. Nc3 Rf7 18. a5 c5 19. Rb1 Rb8
 20. Qa4 b5 21. cxb5 axb5 22. Qxb5 Ba8 23. Qa4 cxb4
 24. Rxb4 Rxb4 25. Qxb4 Bf8 26. Ra1 Qb8 27. Qc4 Ne8
 28. Nb5 Ndf6 29. a6 Nc7 30. Nxc7 Rxc7 31. Qa2 Nxe4
 32. a7 Qb7 33. Rb1 Qc8 34. Rb8 and White won.

Quad #1

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2100*M5	*	D	D	W	2.0
2	Jim Gikas	WV	1848*A7	1857*A7	D	*	W	L	1.5
3	Mike Taylor	OH	1746*a5	1771*a5	D	L	*	W	1.5
4	Fred Whitacre	OH	1947*A7	1925*A7	L	W	L	*	1.0

Quad #2

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1660*C5	1692*C5	*	D	W	W	2.5
2	Richard Sheppard	WV	1645*C7	1680*C7	D	*	W	W	2.5
3	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1730*a7	1700*a7	L	L	*	D	0.5
4	Mike Baker	WV	1618*B4	1600*B4	L	L	D	*	0.5

Quad #3

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	John Sefton	KY	1465*b2	1511*b2	*	W	D	W	2.5
2	Gary Morris	WV	1669*B5	1666*B5	L	*	W	W	2.0
3	Aaron Richardson	WV	1632*b4	1619*b4	D	L	*	W	1.5
4	Dave Money Penny	WV	1440*D2	1410*D2	L	L	L	*	0.0

Quad #4

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Randall Wissler	OH	1446*C5	1445*C5	*	W	L	W	2.0
2	David Hundley	WV	1410*c0	1400*c0	L	*	W	D	1.5
3	Dewey Chaney	WV	1282*d8	1292*d8	W	L	*	D	1.5
4	Bill Salmon	WV	1237*d9	1238*d9	L	D	D	*	1.0

Quad #5

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Alan Smith	WV	1128*e5	1170*E5	*	W	W	W	3.0
2	Peter Mauk	WV	1115*e2	1126*e2	L	*	W	W	2.0
3	Glenn Haynes	WV	1212*D5	1177*D5	L	L	*	W	1.0
4	David Comer	WV	967/07	902/10	L	L	L	*	0.0

Roaming Around the Mountain State

The West Virginia Chess Association Home Page has moved. Its new location is now:

<http://www.msys.net/tlabue/wvca.html>

Since the server resides in Buckhannon, it is much easier for me to update the page on a more timely basis.

Specifically, upcoming events and tournament results are up-to-date. Some new features are Scholastic chess news, West Virginia Club postings and WV Chess History. The WV Chess History section is fledgling, with much more to come in the future. I am currently looking for information and pictures that will give us a better look at the story of WV chess. If you have any items to be listed in any categories, please send them to me.

Hopefully, I will obtain the old WVCA Bulletins and be able to peruse them for useful information in the near future. One of the main focuses will be to find information on the West Virginia chess players from the 40s to the 60s and give a brief biographies along with some pictures.

Also, I will be adding a listing of chess sites on the Internet. Some of these are bigger sites with even more links, some club sites and others are online chess sites. If you have any other ideas for the WVCA Chess Page, feel free to contact me.

Also, we are sad to report that Tim Goan, of Williamson will be leaving the area for sunny California. Tim was offered a job opportunity he could not pass on. Tim has been instrumental in Chess growth in the Southern WV area. Tim organized the Tug Valley Chess club, with assistance from Dave Blanton and Allen Farley. It had become very active the past few years. We wish Tim the best in Long Beach.

Some distressing news reported to me from Joe Ancrile. The Stables Motor Lodge, in Parkersburg has been lost as a site for future chess tournaments. Apparently during the most recent event - The Stars and Stripes Open, there was an incident with a chess player and his dog swimming in the pool. The owner of the motel asked him to leave the pool three times before the request was listened to. To worsen matters, the owner was given a hard time by this player. Pat Kelly and Joe were unaware of this incident until it was too late. Pat spoke with the owner on Monday to ask him to reconsider, but his mind was made up. This make the second site in the Parkersburg area to prohibit the chess tourneys. As of press time, the Parkersburg

Homecoming site was moved to the Blennerhasset Hotel, which is located Downtown on Market Street. The State Tourney site is unaffected by this recent development. However, the Parkersburg October Open has been canceled because another site could not be garnered on such short notice. The November two-day and the December events will be played at the Holiday Inn on Rt. 50.

The WVCA would like to thank Peter Dessauls, of Hedgesville for his generous donation of chess items to the organization. Items include: Two copies of *Fritz* (on CD-ROM), a copy of *Chess Base*, dozens of database disks with collections of games, and some copies of the *Informant*. The WVCA shall decide what will be done with these contributions at the upcoming Business meeting. The meeting will take place at 10am on Saturday, August 31 at the Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, before the start of the 1996 State Tournament.

I would like to thank the following people for contributions for this edition of the *West Virginia Chess Bulletin*: Markle Butcher, Terry Riley, Randy Bierce, Mike Baker, Joe Ancrile, Pat Kelly, Donald Griffith, and John Kay. If you have any thing you would like to submit to the *Bulletin*, whether questions, comments, games (annotated or not), amusing items, etc..., please send to along.

Mike Baker is starting a series of events in Clarksburg, beginning on October 19. There will Clarksburg Grand Prix points given out over the four events. The top scorers will be invited to a Round Robin event. For more information on these events, contact Mike...I would like to remind everyone one more time about the 1996 West Virginia State Championship weekend to be held in Parkersburg August 30 - September 2. All sorts of fun and excitement are planned. With the State Championship, Quick Chess and Action Chess Titles all up for grabs. Also, on Friday, there is a golf tourney, blitz event and a simul by Andy Katz. For more info, please see page 19 or give Rev. John Kay a ring. John directed last year's event and everything went well. A larger crowd this year is expected because, one, more people are playing on a regular basis in WV, and secondly, because of the added attraction of Novag Grand Prix points. This is the first Novag Grand Prix Event held by a West Virginia Club since the Fairmont Open in November 1991. Hope to see you all there!!!

1996 West Virginia State Tournament: August 31 - September 2

Here is the schedule of events at this years West Virginia State Tournament:

Friday, August 30:

For more details on Friday's events - please contact John Kay.

Golf Tournament
Blitz Exhibition
Simul (Andy Katz)

Saturday, August 31:

10:00am WVCA Business Meeting
12:30pm Round 1 of the WV State Championship
5:30pm Round 2 of the WV State Championship
10:00pm Start of WV Quick Chess Championship

Sunday, September 1:

9:30am Round 3 of the WV State Championship
2:30pm Round 4 of the WV State Championship
7:30pm Start of WV Action Chess Championship

Monday, September 2:

9:30am Round 5 of the WV State Championship
2:30pm Round 6 of the WV State Championship

Here are the listings for the individual events:

Contact: Rev. John Kay, Ohio Chess Projects,
P.O.Box 151, Barlow, OH 45712 Info: (614) 678-2248
e-mail: 71524,102@compuserve.com or
JKREV@AOL.COM

August 31 - September 2:

1996 West Virginia State Championship
West Virginia Grand Prix, Novag Grand Prix (6 points)
6-SS; 40/90, G/1

Site: Holiday Inn. Parkersburg, WV
I-77(Exit 176) and US 50.

HR: \$65, 1-4 per room, reserve by 8/17, (304) 485-6200

EF: \$25 by 8/26, \$30 at site;

Juniors: \$20 if by 8/26, \$25 at site

WVCA membership required \$7/yr, OSA

\$\$: \$1120 b/55, top 3 guaranteed; 150-120-100,

A,B,C,D,E/Unr each class 100-50

Trophies to individual champion, top scorer in class, 1st

Junior, 1st scholastic

Prizes increased if entries allow

Reg: 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Rounds: Sat 12:30-5:30, Sun/Mon 9:30-2:30

August 31:

1996 West Virginia Quick Chess Championship
4-SS (minimum), G/10

Site: Holiday Inn. Parkersburg, WV

I-77(Exit 176) and US 50.

EF: \$7 by 8/26, \$10 at site

WVCA required, \$7/yr, OSA

\$\$: 70% of EF's returned

Trophy to top WV player, distribution of prizes b/entries

Reg: 9:00-10:00pm Round 1 starts at 10pm

September 1:

1996 West Virginia Action Chess Championship
4-SS, G/30

Site: Holiday Inn. Parkersburg, WV

I-77(Exit 176) and US 50.

EF: \$7 if by 8/26, \$10 at site

WVCA required, \$7/yr, OSA

Prizes: 70% of EF's returned

Trophy to top WV player, distribution of prizes b/entries

Reg: 6:30-7:30pm Rounds: 7:30-8:30-9:30-10:30

State Tournament Predictions:

Number of participants: 68. I think this will be the largest state event in recent memory. Early indications that some of the strong players who missed last year's event will be on hand this year: Dennis Funkhouser, Byron Funkhouser, Jim Walker and Jerry Skeen.

1996 WV State Champion: There is a tough choice, as many past winners are expected to be in field, including 1995 winner Andy Katz, Donald Griffith, John Roush, Jim Gikas, Dennis Funkhouser. Ed Garner and Gary Cummings have both played at a few events this year and could make an appearance. Also, could Jim Walker be ready for a breakthrough? He has several tourney wins this year: Tug Valley Open, Huntington "Y", Parkersburg May and the two day Parkersburg Open. I peer into the crystal ball and see: a tie between Andy Katz and Donald Griffith.

Darkhorse: Ready to run with the big boys is Jason Rihel. I don't think he will win, but could surprise some of the top seeds. Jason has shot over 1800 this year, a rise of about 200 points since last years state championships, and has beaten and drawn expert class players. Jason also is better with the slow time controls.

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

Here are some games and comments from Terry Riley from the 1995-96 West Virginia Correspondence Championship. Terry is currently the leader with four wins and no losses turned in, included a win over 3-1 Jason Rihel. Terry, Jason, Jerry Gogol, John Roush and Markle Butcher are still in contention for the Postal crown.

Terry Riley (1917) - Randy Harper (1890)
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Variation
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. d5 g6 4. Nc3 d6 5. e4 Bg7 6. f3 O-O 7. Bg5 e6 Started as a Benoni, but I tried to transpose to a King's Indian. This is now the Saemisch, King's Indian. 8. Qd2 exd5 9. cxd5 h6 10. Bxh6! Nxe4 11. Nxe4 Qh4+ 12. g3 Qxh6 13. Qxh6 Bxh6 14. Nxd6 Nd7 15. f4! Bg7 16. O-O-O Nf6 17. Nxc8?! This is premature, should have played 17. Nf3. 17...Raxc8 18. Bh3 Rcd8 19. d6 Ne4! 20. Nf3 Nf2 21. Bg2 Nxh1 22. Bxh1 Rfe8 23. Ng5 b6 24. Bd5 Rf8? Dooms Black to strangulation. Should be more aggressive with the rook. 25. Bc6 Bd4 26. d7 Kg7 27. Re1 Black resigns.

Terry Riley (1917) - Jason Rihel (Unr)
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Variation
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5 7. d5 c6 8. Qd2 cxd5 9. cxd5 h6?! 10. Bxh6 a6 11. Nge2 Nxe4!? 12. Nxe4 Qh4+ 13. g3 Qxh6 14. Qxh6 Bxh6 15. Nxd6 Nd7 16. Bh3 Re8 and White won.

Here is Markle Butcher's first result, a tough win against Byron Funkhouser.
Markle Butcher (2046) - Byron Funkhouser (1899)
French Defense, Advance Variation
Notes by Markle Butcher
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5! I have great respect for Byron's handling of the Black side of the Winawer, so 3. Nc3 was not in my plan for this game. 3...c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 6. Be2 cxd4 7. cxd4 Nh6 8. Nc3 Nf5 Black strikes at the pawn on d4, trying to undermine White's center. 9. Na4^{dl} Qa5+ 10. Bd2 Bb4 11. Bc3 This is the only way to add

support to the pawn on d4. 11...b5 12. a3 Bxc3+ 13. Nxc3 b4 14. axb4 Qxb4 15. Bb5 Bd7 16. Bxc6 I know we've all been told that a bishop is stronger than a knight in most open positions, but in this case White must release some of the pressure on d4. 16...Bxc6 17. Qd2 a5 18. O-O O-O 19. g4 Ne7 20. Ng5 h6 21. Nf3 a4 22. Rfb1 Nc8 The knight is heading for c4, and now the question is, can White win on the kingside before he gets smashed on the other wing. 23. h4 Nb6 24. h5 Nc4 25. Qc1 f5! This move stopped me dead in my tracks, and it took me ten days to realize I only have one move if I want to continue to try for the win. 26. g5 Kh7 27. Kh2 Be8?! Now I had a chance to gain an advantage as the Black rooks are no longer working together. 28. g6+ Kg8 29. b3. Black resigns I was very happy to win this game as I felt in order to try to win the championship, Byron was one of the major hurdles I would have to get by.

In other WV Postal news: While I was in Huntington in June for the Huntington "Y" Open, I ran into Dan O'Hanlon. Dan informed me that he was part of the postal team that won the ICCF Team Championship. This team also included other members from the 1993 National Team Championship, Bonin in the USA, on which Dan played fourth board... More news from Huntington: Jeff Jackson informed me that Mike McAlister has temporarily stopped playing OTB to concentrate primarily on postal. Mike is closing in on 2300 quickly and is intent on making Correspondence Master...The pairings are out for WV's entry into the 3rd USCF Team Championship. The Backward Pawn Blues consist of John Roush, Markle Butcher, Tom LaBue and Byron Funkhouser. We have been placed in Division II and are third seeded of the four teams. Also participating in Division II is Martinsburg's John Thommen. He sits on third board for Thommen's Four... We will try to start the 1997-98 West Virginia Correspondence Championship earlier in the year, probably March -April of 1997.

	NAME	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	Markle Butcher	2046	*			W							1.0
2	John Roush	2091		*		W		W					2.0
3	Terry Riley	1917			*		W	W			W	W	4.0
4	Byron Funkhouser	1899	L	L		*	W	L	L	W	L	L	2.0
5	Randy Harper	1890			L	L	*						0.0
6	Tom LaBue	1901		L	L	W		*				L	1.0
7	Jerry Gogol	1730				W			*	W			2.0
8	Tim Goan	1739				L			L	*		L	0.0
9	Gilbert Stone	1702			L	W					*		1.0
10	Jason Rihel	Unrated			L	W		W		W		*	3.0