

# WVCA Chess Bulletin

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## Jerry Gogol Clinches First in WV Postal Championship

Jerry Gogol finished his games in the 1995-96 West Virginia Postal Championship by drawing Terry Riley and beating Jason Rihel. Jerry, of Follansbee has clinched at least a tie for first with a score of 7-0-2. Only John Roush can catch Jerry, but must win his three remaining games with Gilbert Stone, Jason Rihel, and Tim Goan to add to his 4-0-2 score. Markle Butcher, Jason Rihel and Former WV Postal Champ Terry Riley are also vying for place and show honors. Markle is 5-2-1, Jason 5-2 and Terry has completed with a 5-3-1 mark. Terry had a pretty good tournament except for the three French Defenses he faced, vs. Roush, Butcher and Funkhouser. Here are some recently completed games from the tournament.

Markle Butcher (2064) - John Roush (2096)

French Defense, Advance Variation

Notes by John Roush

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. b4 Bb6 8. b5 Na5 9. Bd3 Qc7 10. O-O Ne7 11. a4 Ng6 12. Re1 Bc5 13. Ra2 O-O-O 14. Be3 Bxe3 15. Rxe3 f6 16. Rae2 Kb8 17. Bxg6 hxg6 18. Nbd2 g5 ...g4 and ...Rh5 threatening the e-pawn which is "pinned" by the threat of ...Qxh2+ 19. g3 g4 20. Nd4 f5 ...Rc8, ...Qd8-g5-h6. 21. N4b3 Nxb3 22. Qxb3 g5 23. Qb4 Bc8 I gave a lot of thought to 23... Rch2 but just couldn't make it work, i.e. 24. Kxh2 Bxb5 25. Kg2 (25. Qxb5 Qh7+ 26. Kg1 Rh8 27. f3 Qh1+ 28. Kf2 Rh2# mate.)

25... Qh7 26. Nf1 Bxe2 [26... Rh8! 27. f3 Bxe2 28. Rxe2 Qh1+ 29. Kf2 Qxf3+ 30. Ke1 Rh1 31. Qb1?! Qxg3+ 32. Kd2 Qf4+ 33. Kc2 Qxf1 was a line I didn't consider! Of course, White probably has an improvement in all this mess.] 27. Rxe2 Qh3+ 28. Kg1 Rh8 29. f4 24. f4 Ending my fantasy. 24...gxf4 25. gxf4 b6 26..Nb3 Rh6?! Still thinking in terms of a K-side attack which is no longer there. 26...Bb7 27. Nd4 Rhe8 and 28...Rdc8. 27. Nd4 Bb7 28. Rc2 Qc4 29. Qe7 29. Qxc4 dxc4+ 29...Qc7 30. Qxc7+ Kxc7 31. c4 dxc4 32. Rxc4+ Kb8 33. Rec3 Rd7 34. Nc6+ Kc8?! A transmission error, I wrote 34...Ka8 in my book, but ...Kc8 on my card! Even after 34...Ka8 it's a double-edged game and ...Kc8 does get my K out of mating nets! 35. Nxa7+ Kd8 36. Nc6+ Bxc6 37. Rxc6 37. bxc6 Rd1+ 38. Kg2 Rd2+ 39. Kf1 Rhxh2 or 38. Kf2?! Rxh2+ 39. Ke3 Rh3+ 40. Ke2 Rxc3 41. Rxc3 Rd4+ 37... Rd1+ 38. Kg2 Drawn 38...Rd2+ 39. Kg1 leads to perpetual while 39. Kf1 Rhxh2 40. Rc8+ Ke7 41. R3c7+ Rd7 42. Rxd7+ Kxd7 43. Rc6 Ra2 44. Rd6+Ke7 45. Rxb6 Rxa4 looks favorable to Black 46. Rb7+ Kd8 47. b6 Rxf4+ 48. Kg2 Re4 49. Rb8+ Kd7 50. b7 Kc7 51. Re8 Kxb7 52. Rxe6 Kc7.

Tim Goan (1739) - Markle Butcher (2064)

Bird-Larsen Opening

Notes by Markle Butcher

1. f4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. b3 Bg7 4. Bb2 O-O 5. e3 d5

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	NAME	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
1	Markle Butcher	2064	*	D	W	W	W		L	W	W	L	5.5
2	John Roush	2096	D	*	W	W	W	W	D				5.0
3	Terry Riley	1974	L	L	*	L	W	W	D	W	W	W	5.5
4	Byron Funkhouser	1727	L	L	W	*	W	L	L	W	L	L	3.0
5	Randy Harper	1860	L	L	L	L	*		L		L	L	0.0
6	Tom LaBue	1909		L	L	W		*	L			L	1.0
7	Jerry Gogol	1765	W	D	D	W	W	W	*	W	W	W	8.0
8	Tim Goan	1739	L		L	L			L	*		L	0.0
9	Gilbert Stone	1720	L		L	W	W		L		*		2.0
10	Jason Rihel	2036	W		L	W	W	W	L	W		*	5.0

## Upcoming Events in West Virginia

### February 15, Sweating in the Snow Open

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix  
Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV  
EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5  
\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50  
Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10  
Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone, Moundsville, WV 26041

### March 1, Marietta Ribs Open

4-SS, G/60, NS, W  
Site: Damon's Restaurant, Marietta, OH; I-77 (Exit 1) on Ohio 7  
EF: \$12 by 2/26, \$15 at site; Prizes: b/entries, but the more ribs eaten at the tourney the bigger the prize fund.  
Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-12:45-3:00-5:15  
For more info: Rev. John Kay, P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712  
Phone: (614) 678-2248  
e-mail: 71524.102@compuserve.com or JKREV@aol.com

### March 15 2nd Sherrard Invitational

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, Open to all  
Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV  
EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5  
\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50  
Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10  
Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone, Moundsville, WV 26041

### March 20, Quick Ribs Open (QC)

4-SS, G/15, NS, W  
Site: Damon's Restaurant, Marietta, OH; I-77 (Exit 1) on Ohio 7  
EF: \$8 by 3/17, \$10 at site; Prizes: b/entries, but the more ribs eaten at the tourney the bigger the prize fund.  
Reg: 6:30-7:15 Rounds: 7:15-7:45-8:15-8:45  
For more info: Rev. John Kay, P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712  
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### April 12-13, Parkersburg Open

5-SS, 50/2, 15/30; WV Grand Prix, USCF Novag Grand Prix  
Site: Holiday Inn- Parkersburg, US 50 just past I-77.  
EF: \$25 by 4/7, \$30 at site  
\$\$: Guaranteed: 200-100. Class Prizes(b/45): 100-50 A/B/C/D-E-U  
Trophy: Champion, 1st U1700, 1st U1400  
Reg: 8:30-10:00am Rounds: 10-3-8, 10-3  
HR: Holiday Inn, \$65 per night (1-4) (304) 485-6200  
Entries to: Rev. John Kay, P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712  
Phone: (614) 678-2248  
e-mail: 71524.102@compuserve.com or JKREV@aol.com

### April 19, 2nd Marshall Co. Championships

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, 2 Sections: Open and Scholastic  
Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV  
EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5  
\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50  
Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone, Moundsville, WV 26041

### April 24, Kings and Ribs Open (QC)

4-SS, G/15, NS, W  
Site: Damon's Restaurant, Marietta, OH; I-77 (Exit 1) on Ohio 7  
EF: \$8 by 4/21, \$10 at site; Prizes: b/entries, but the more ribs eaten at the tourney the bigger the prize fund.  
Reg: 6:30-7:15 Rounds: 7:15-7:45-8:15-8:45  
For more info: Rev. John Kay, P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712  
Phone: (614) 678-2248  
e-mail: 71524.102@compuserve.com or JKREV@aol.com

### May 3, Parkersburg May Open

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, NS, W  
Site: Holiday Inn- Parkersburg, US 50 just past I-77.  
EF: \$12 by 4/28, \$15 at site. Prizes: b/entries  
Reg: 9:00-9:45 Rounds: 10:00-12:45-3:00-5:15  
For more info: Pat Kelly, 105 Iroquois Dr., Marietta, OH 45750  
e-mail: aisecur!PCKelly@bpd.treas.gov

### May 10, Lake Chaweva Open

4-SS, G/80, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W  
Site: Lake Chaweva Clubhouse,  
5101 West Washington Ave., Cross Lanes, WV 25313  
EF: \$20; \$10 (U1800); \$5 off for Charleston CC members  
\$\$: b/entries  
Reg: 9:00-9:45am Round 10-1-4-7  
Entries to: Donald Griffith, 2718 Lakeview Drive  
St. Albans, WV 25177 (304) 727-5009

### May 15, May Quick Ribs Open (QC)

4-SS, G/15, NS, W  
Site: Damon's Restaurant, Marietta, OH; I-77 (Exit 1) on Ohio 7  
EF: \$8 by 5/12, \$0 at site; Prizes: b/entries, but the more ribs eaten at the tourney the bigger the prize fund.  
Reg: 6:30-7:15 Rounds: 7:15-7:45-8:15-8:45  
For more info: Rev. John Kay, P.O. Box 3, Barlow, OH 45712  
Phone: (614) 678-2248  
e-mail: 71524.102@compuserve.com or JKREV@aol.com

### May 17, 12th MCCC Summer Open

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix  
Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV  
EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5  
\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50  
Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10  
Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone, Moundsville, WV 26041

### Other Upcoming Events:

June 7: Parkersburg June Open; June 21: 11th Dolgovskij Commemorative; July 5: Parkersburg July Open ;  
July 19: MCCC Classic; August 2-3: MCCC Twin Tornadoes;  
Aug 16: Parkersburg Homecoming; Aug 30-Sep 1: WV State Championships;

## Mea Culpa!

With all the information I had gone through for November's bulletin, I was not surprised that I had missed a few things among the 32 pages. I was however surprised by the severity of miscues. First, the Parkersburg Homecoming story was ready to go, but was forgotten when it came to press time. It follows on the next page. Also, the MCCC Classic crosstable was actually that of the WV Action Chess Championships. Ray Bagley joked that he must have been playing good chess to win the event even though he was still in California at the time. The corrected crosstable is below. Also, in the games from the 1996 State Championship, the 4th round game between Donald Griffith and Greg Martin, White's 6th move is actually 6. Bc4! So, the comments after White move 8 are invalid. Sorry, Donald. Hopefully, that is all.

## West Virginia Chess Association Home Page

Don't forget to visit the WV Chess Association Home Page located at: <http://www.msyz.net/tlabue/wvca.html> It has up-to-date lists of upcoming events, tourney results, WV Grand Prix standings and a growing list of WV chess history.

I am missing some winners of state tourneys and titles. If you can help, please pass the information on to me. The lists of information I currently have are

in posted in the history section of the Home Page. Lists that are currently incomplete are the Scholastic Champions (both Team and Individual), Charleston City/Club Championship and WV Junior Champions among others. Any help would be appreciated.

Also the WVCA chess archives is missing a few bulletins: Out of the 225 issues, counting this one (there were misnumbered bulletins), we are missing 14. If you have one of these, please contact me. I am looking to get a copy to complete the archives. A photocopy would be fine. These are the missing issues:

June 1942	issue #1	the inaugural issue
July 1943	issue #14	
March 1945	issue #31	
Nov. ? 1963	issue #140	<i>Perhaps, if we can't</i>
Feb ? 1964	issue #141	<i>find these older</i>
Early-Mid 1969	issue #147	<i>volumes, the White</i>
June 1980	issue #172	<i>Collection might have it</i>
Late '88-Early '89	issue #173	
Spring 1992	issue #207	<i>Somehow these recent</i>
Summer 1992	issue #208	<i>bulletins have vanished</i>
Early 1993	issue #210	<i>from the archives!</i>
Late 1993	issue #211	

Also, the WVAC Yearbook(s) from 1942 to 1944. I am not sure if there was one or two in this span. We do have the 1945-1947 WVCA Yearbook.

## MCCC Classic, July 13, 1996, Sherrard JHS

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Grant Perks	OH	2005*X6	2033*X6	W--15	W--9	W--4	W--3	4.0
2	Randy Bierce	WV	1900*x4	1919*x4	W--10	W--11	W--5	W--8	4.0
3	Andy Katz	WV	2084*m5	2073*m5	W--12	W--6	W--8	L--1	3.0
4	Jason Rihel	WV	1813*a4	1807*a4	W--16	W--21	L--1	W--11	3.0
5	Marc Abraham	WV	1459*D2	1467*D2	W--23	W--20	L--2	W--12	3.0
6	Joe Lococo	WV	1348*c7	1367*c7	W--17	L--3	W--15	W--14	3.0
7	Jonette Mercer	WV	1296*c4	1315*c4	W--18	L--8	W--18	W--10	3.0
8	Jim Gikas	WV	1881*A7	1860*A7	W--14	W--7	L--3	L--2	2.0
9	Randall Wissler	OH	1415*CS	1398*CS	W--19	L--1	L--10	W--23	2.0
10	Andy Nicol	OH	1297*D2	1305*D2	L--2	W--22	W--9	L--7	2.0
11	Bob Blackwell	OH	1254*E4	1257*E4	W--22	L--2	W--20	L--4	2.0
12	Josh Sell	WV	1233* 0	1239*E2	L--3	W--23	W--21	L--5	2.0
13	Timothy Gibb	WV	1210/08	1100/12	L--20	W--16	L--14	W--17	2.0
14	Augie Delbert	WV	1167/11	1201/15	L--8	W--17	W--13	L--6	2.0
15	Trevor Knoblich	WV	1060/04	1149/08	L--1	W--19	L--6	W--18	2.0
16	Zach DeGarmeaux	WV	933/15	959/19	L--4	L--13	W--19	W--20	2.0
17	Meredith Hellstern	WV	849/10	843/14	L--6	L--14	W--24	L--13	1.0
18	Kara Jarrett	WV	806/07	822/11	L--7	W--24	L--7	L--15	1.0
19	Jan Bierce	WV	800/04	799/08	L--9	L--15	L--16	W--24	1.0
20	Evan Perks	OH	500* 0	528* 0	W--13	L--5	L--11	L--16	1.0
21	Barry Milbert	WV	Unrated	946/04	W--24	L--4	L--12	L--22	1.0
22	Gabe DeGarmeaux	WV	Unrated	973/04	L--11	L--10	L--23	W--21	1.0
23	Daniel Sell	WV	Unrated	1061/04	L--5	L--12	W--22	L--9	1.0
24	Ashley Dunn	WV	Unrated	477/04	L--21	L--18	L--17	L--19	0.0

## Grant Perks Sweeps Parkersburg Homecoming

Grant Perks defeated Randy Bierce in the final round to take sole possession of first place and win the fourth annual Parkersburg Homecoming Open. Perks, an Ohio resident also took the \$100 bonus donated by Eastern Electric. Weston's Byron Funkhouser had an excellent tourney, beating class-A Mike Taylor and Fred Whitacre and drawing with 1995 State Champ Andy Katz. The tie for third included: Bierce, Jim Gikas, Markle Butcher and Bob Shock. Shock defeated Whitacre and Gary Morris in gaining over 60 ratings points.

Joe Ancrile filled in for Pat Kelly as tourney director (Pat was participating in the U.S. Open in Alexandria, VA). Twenty-five players attended this year's event at the historic Blennerhassett Hotel in downtown Parkersburg.

Peter Mauk (D) - Dewey Chaney (D), Round 1  
Colle System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Bd3 Bg4 5. Nbd2 e5 6. Bb5 e4 7. h3 exf3 8. Nxf3 Bxf3 9. Qxf3 Bd6 10. c4 Bb4+ 11. Bd2 Bxd2+ 12. Kxd2 Ne4+ 13. Ke2 a6 14. cxd5 Qxd5 15. Bd3 f5 16. Rhc1 b5 17. Rc5 Nxd4+ 18. exd4 Qxd4 19. Rxf5 Qxb2+ 20. Ke3 O-O-O 21. Qxe4 Rhe1 22. Re5 Rxe5 23. Kf3 Rxe4 and Black won.

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Andy Katz (X), Round 2  
Van't Kruiys Opening

1. e3 c5 2. b3 Nf6 3. Bb2 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be2 O-O 6. O-O Nc6 7. d4 Ne4 8. Nbd2 d5 9. Nxe4 dxe4 10. Nd2 exd4 11. exd4 Nxd4 12. c3 Nxe7+ 13. Qxe2 f5 14. Rae1 b5 15. f3 Qb6+ 16. Kh1 exf3 17. Nxf3 Re8 18. Ne5 Bb7 19. c4 bxc4 20. Nxc4 Qc7 21. Qe6+ Kf8 22. Ne5 Bxe5 23. Rxe5 Qc2 24. Rxf5+ gxf5 25. Rxf5+ Qxf5 26. Qxf5+ Kg8 27. Qe6+ Kf8 28. Bc1 Red8 29. Drawn

Grant Perks (X) - Alvin Vavrek (B), Round 2  
English Opening, Symmetrical Four Knight Variation

1. c4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Nxd4 6. Qxd4 h6 7. e4 d6 8. Be2 Bd7 9. O-O Bc6 10. Be3 e5 11. Qd3 Be7 12. Rfd1 O-O 13. f3 a6 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. cxd5 Bb5 16. Qd2 Bxe2 17. Qxe2 Rac8 18. Rac1 f5 19. Rxc8 Qxc8 20. Rc1 Qd7 21. Qc4 fxe4 22. Qc7 Qd8 23. fxe4 Rf7 24. Qxb7 Bg5 25. Bxg5 Qxg5 26. Qc8+ Kh7 27. Qc3 Qf4 28. Qe1 Rb7 29. b3 h5 30. Rc6 Rb4?? 31. Qxb4 Black resigns

Mike Taylor (A) - Bob Shock (D), Round 2  
King's Indian Defense, Saemish Variation

1. d4 g6 2. c4 d6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 Nd7 5. Be3 c5 6. d5 a6 7. Qd2 Nb6 8. Be2 Nf6 9. f3 Bd7 10. Bd3 e6 11. Nge2 e5

12. b3 O-O 13. g4 Bxg4 14. fxe4 Nxe4 15. O-O-O Nxe3 16. Qxe3 Qh4 17. Kb1 a5 18. a4 Nd7 19. Qg3 Qe7 20. h4 Nf6 21. Rdg1 Nh5 22. Qg4 f6 23. Bc2 Rf7 24. Ng3 Raf8 25. Nxe4 gxe4 26. Qxe4 Kh8 27. Qf5 Rg8 28. Rg4 Qf8 29. Rhg1 b6 30. h5 h6 31. Nb5 Qd8 32. Qe6 Rd7 33. Rg6 Re8 34. Qf5 Rf7 35. Bd1 Rg8 36. Qe6 Rd7 37. Bg4 Re8 38. Qxd7 Black resigns

Jodie Hare (D) - Thomas Diehl (C), Round 2  
Ruy Lopez, Berlin Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. d3 Bc5 5. Bxc6 dxc6 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 Qd7 8. Nxe5 Qd4 9. Nf3 Qxb2 10. Nbd2 g5 11. Bg3 Bd6 12. e5 Be7 13. exf6 Bxf6 14. O-O O-O 15. Qe2 Qxc2 16. Rad1 Qxa2 17. Bxc7 Bf5 18. Nxe5 hxe5 19. Qf3 Qd5 20. Qxd5 cxd5 21. Nb3 Rfc8 22. Bg3 Rc3 23. Nc1 Rac8 24. h3 Rc2 25. Nb3 R8c3 26. Na5 b6 27. Nb7 Rxd3 28. Nd6 Rxd1 29. Rxd1 Be6 30. f4 gxf4 31. Bxf4 Re2 32. Bc1 Bh4 33. Bd2 Bg3 34. Nb5 a6 35. Nc3 Re5 36. Rf1 d4 37. Na4 b5 38. Nb6 f5 39. Ra1 Bc4 40. Nd7 Re7 41. Nf6+ Kf7 42. Nh5 Re6 43. Nxe3 and White won.

Jim Gikas (A) - Grant Perks (X), Round 3  
Dutch Defense

1. d4 e6 2. c4 f5 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 Bb4+ 5. Bd2 Bxd2+ 6. Nxd2 O-O 7. Ngf3 Qe8 8. O-O d6 9. Re1 e5 10. dxe5 dxe5 11. e4 Nc6 12. exf5 Bxf5 13. Nh4 Bg4 14. f3 Be6 15. f4 Qd7 16. Bxc6 Qxc6 17. Rxe5 Qb6+ 18. c5 Qc6 19. Qe2 Rae8 20. Re1 Bxa2 21. b3 Rxe5 22. fxe5 Qxc5+ 23. Qe3 Qxe3+ 24. Rxe3 Ng4 25. Rf3 Nxe5 26. Rc3 Rd8 27. Rc2 Bb1 28. Rxc7 Rxd2 29. Rxb7 Rd1+ 30. Kg2 Be4+ and Black wins.

Fred Whitacre (A) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 3  
Sicilian Defense, Pelikan Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e5 6. Ndb5 d6 7. Bg5 a6 8. Na3 b5 9. Nd5 Be7 10. Bxf6 Bxf6 11. Qd2 Be6 12. Nxf6+ gxf6 13. O-O-O Qb6 14. Kb1 Rd8 15. c4 b4 16. Nc2 a5 17. f4 b3 18. Na3 bxa2+ 19. Kxa2 Nd4 20. Nb5 Qxb5 21. Kb1 Qb4 22. Qd3 Rb8 23. Rd2 Bxc4 24. Qe3 Qb3 25. Bxc4 Qxe3 and Black won

Jodie Hare (D) - Scott Antes (C), Round 3

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Bg5 Ne4 4. Bf4 Nc6 5. e3 Be6 6. Qb3 dxc4 7. Bxc4 Bxc4 8. Qxc4 e5 9. dxe5 Bb4+ 10. Ke2 Ng5 11. Nc3 Bxc3 12. Qxc3 O-O 13. Nf3 Ne6 14. Bg3 Qe7 15. Rhd1 Qc5 16. Qb3 Na5 17. Qd5 Qxd5 18. Rxd5 Nc6 19. a3 Rad8 20. Rad1 Rxd5 21. Rxd5 Rd8 22. e4 h6 23. h4 g5 24. Rxd8+ Nxd8 25. hxe5 Nxe5 26.

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Nxg5 hxg5 27. Kf3 Ne6 28. Kg4 Kg7 29. Bh2 f6 30. f4 gxf4 31. exf6+ Kxf6 32. Bxf4 a5 33. g3 b5 34. e5+ Kf7 35. Bd2 a4 36. Kf5 Nd4+ 37. Ke4 Nb3 38. Bc3 Ke6 39. g4 c5 40. g5 c4 41. g6 Nc5+ 42. Kf4 Nd3+ 43. Kg5 Nxe5 44. Bxe5 Ke7 45. Kh6 and White won.

Michael Statkiewicz (E) - Bob McLearn (C), Round 3  
 1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bf4 Nf6 4. e3 e6 5. Be2 Bd6 6. O-O Bxf4 7. exf4 O-O 8. Re1 b6 9. Ne5 Nxe5 10. fxe5 Ne8 11. Nd2 f6 12. Nf3 fxe5 13. Nxe5 Qf6 14. Ng4 Qg5 15. c4 Nf6 16. cxd5 exd5 17. Rac1 Bxg4 18. g3 Bxe2 19. Rxe2 Ne4 20. Rxc7 Rf7 21. Rc6 Raf8 22. f4 Rxf4 23. Qc1 R4f5 24. Rc7 Qg4 25. Qe1 Qh3 26. R7c2 Ng5 27. Rf2 Nf3+ 28. Rxf3 Rxf3 29. Rg2 Qf5 30. h4 Rf1+ and Black won

Grant Perks (X) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 4  
 Sicilian Defense, Accelerated Dragon-Maroczy Bind  
 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Ne3 Nc6 4. d4 exd4 5. Nxd4 g6 6. e4 Bg7 7. Be3 Qa5 8. Nb3 Qd8 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O d6 11. h3 a6 12. Qd2 Na5 13. Nxa5 Qxa5 14. Nd5 Qxd2 15. Nxe7+ Kh8 16. Bxd2 Nxe4 17. Bf4 Re8 18. Nd5 Ng3 19. Bxg3 Rxe2 20. Rfel Rxe1+ 21. Rxe1 Bf5 22. Bxd6 Bxb2 23. Re7 b6 24. Nxb6 Rd8 25. c5 Kg7 26. Nd5 Rd7 27. Re8 f6 28. Rb8 Bd4 29. Nb6 Rf7 30. c6 Bxb6 31. Rxb6 g5 32. Rxa6 Kg6 33. c7 Rg7 34. Be5 Rf7 35. g4 Bc8 38. Rd6 Rf8 39. Rd8 Kf7 and White won.

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 4  
 Van't Krups Opening  
 1. e3 d5 2. b3 Nf6 3. Bb2 e6 4. Nf3 c5 5. Be2 Bd6 6. O-O O-O 7. d4 exd4 8. Nxd4 a6 9. Nd2 Nc6 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. c4 e5 12. cxd5 cxd5 13. Rc1 Bb7 14. Bd3 Qe7 15. Qe2 e4 16. Bb1 Rac8 17. Rfd1 Rxc1 18. Rxc1 Rc8 19. Rxc8+ Bxc8 20. Qd1 Ne8 21. Qc2 Qc7 22. Qxc7 Nxc7 23. Bc2 Ne6 24. Bd1 f5 25. g3 Kf7 26. Be2 Nc5 27. Kf1 g5 28. Bc3 Ke6 29. a3 Be5 30. Ba5 Bb7 31. Bd8 h6 32. b4 Na4 33. h4 g4 34. Nb3 Bc8 35. b5 Kd7 36. Ba5 Nc3 37. Bxc3 Bxc3 38. bxa6 Kc6 39. a4 Kb6 40. Bb5 Bxa6 41. Bxa6 Kxa6 42. Ke2 Kb6 43. Kd1 Kc6 44. Ke2 Kb6 45. Nd4 Ka5 46. Nxf5 Kxa4 47. Nxb6 Kb4 48. Nxg4 d4 49. exd4 Bxd4 50. f4 exf3+ e.p. 51. Kxf3 Kc5 52. Ke4 Bc3 53. Ne3 Kd6 54. g4 Ke6 55. g5 Be1 56. h5 Bh4 57. Kf4 Kf7 58. Kf5 Bf2 59. Nd5 Bd4 60. g6+ Kg8 61. Nf6+ Black resigns

Gary Morris (B) - Bob Shock (D), Round 4  
 King's Indian Attack  
 1. Nf3 c5 2. g3 d6 3. Bg2 Bd7 4. O-O Bc6 5. d3 Nf6 6. e4 e5 7. Nbd2 Be7 8. Ne1 Nbd7 9. f4 O-O 10. a4 a5 11. b3 d5 12. fxe5 Nxe5 13. Bb2 d4 14. h3 Bd6 15. Kh2 Qc7 16. Nef3 Ng6 17. Qe1 Nh5 18. e5 Nxe5 19. Nxe5 Bxe5 20. Ne4 f5 21. Qe2 g6 22. Nxc5 Bxg3+ 23. Kg1 Bh2+ 24. Kh1 Ng3+ 25. Kxh2 Nxe2+ 26. Kh1 Bxg2+ 27. Kxg2 Qg3+ 28. Kh1 Qh3+ mate

### Parkersburg Homecoming, August 17, 1996, Blennerhassett Hotel

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Grant Perks	OH	2039*X6	2061*X6	W--15	W--10	W--4	W--3	4.0
2	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1700*a7	1760*a9	W--17	D--7	W--8	W--9	3.5
3	Randy Bierce	WV	1900*x4	1915*x4	W--14	W--11	W--9	L--1	3.0
4	Jim Gikas	WV	1828*A7	1850*A7	W--18	W--12	L--1	W--7	3.0
5	Markle Butcher	WV	1693*B6	1700*B6	W--16	W--19	L--7	W--14	3.0
6	Bob Shock	WV	1399*D6	1460*C5	W--8	L--9	W--17	W--11	3.0
7	Andy Katz	WV	2019*m5	2000*m5	W--13	D--2	W--5	L--4	2.5
8	Fred Whitacre	OH	1900*A9	1900*A9	L--6	W--21	L--2	W--20	2.0
9	Mike Taylor	OH	1895*A4	1858*A4	W--20	W--6	L--3	L--2	2.0
10	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1692*C5	1693*C5	W--25	L--1	W--18	U--	2.0
11	Gary Morris	WV	1689*B7	1659*B7	W--22	L--3	W--19	L--6	2.0
12	Scott Antes	WV	1542/14	1499/18	W--24	L--4	L--16	W--21	2.0
13	J. Scott Davis	WV	1506*c7	1513*c7	L--7	W--23	W--21	U--	2.0
14	Bob McLearn	WV	1446*C9	1449*C9	L--3	W--20	W--22	L--5	2.0
15	Thomas Diehl	PA	1429*c7	1416*c7	L--1	L--16	W--25	W--23	2.0
16	Jodie Hare	WV	1233*E9	1280*E9	L--5	W--15	W--12	U--	2.0
17	Mike Price	WV	1150*E7	1164*E7	L--2	B--	L--6	W--18	2.0
18	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1309/14	1300/18	L--4	W--25	L--10	L--17	1.0
19	Dewey Chaney	WV	1277*d8	1256*d8	W--23	L--5	L--11	L--24	1.0
20	Bill Salmon	WV	1207*d9	1207*d9	L--9	L--14	W--24	L--8	1.0
21	Peter Jessic	WV	1183* 0	1173* 0	B--	L--8	L--13	L--12	1.0
22	Michael Statkiewicz	WV	1182/04	1159/08	L--11	W--24	L--14	L--25	1.0
23	Peter Mauk	WV	1158*e7	1137*e7	L--19	L--13	B--	L--15	1.0
24	Brian Watkins	WV	972/13	999/17	L--12	L--22	L--20	W--19	1.0
25	David Earley	WV	Unrated	1194/04	L--10	L--18	L--15	W--22	1.0

## Wheeling's Fall Chess Activity

### Abraham Shocks Field to Win MCCC Fall Classic

*by Randy Bierce*

Marc Abraham showed a steady hand in winning the MCCC Fall Classic, September 21 at Sherrard JHS. Abraham finished ahead of 4 players rated over 1850. He upset Randy Bierce in Round 3, then handled John R. Malutich in Round 4 to complete his clean sweep.

Jim Gikas and newcomer Ray Bagley battled to a last-round draw; both tied for 2nd with 3.5 points. At the start of the tournament, Jeff Hohn and Bierce topped the 30-player wallchart; they finished with 3 points. Joining them were Joe Lococo and a pair of scholastic players. Ninth grader Josh Sell and sixth grader Michael Malutich also finished 3-1.

Chess Tournament and 4-0 at the WV Action Tournament in Parkersburg over Labor Day, played a mostly adult field. He ended the night with 11 wins, 4 losses and some great memories.

Prof. Bagley opened the simul with an entertaining talk about famous chessplayers he has played and watched. A mixed crowd of spectators were on hand including college faculty and students, and a photographer from the Wheeling Intelligencer.

### Bierce, Bagley, Gikas Successful at 14th Steel City

*Open by Randy Bierce*

Randy Bierce drew Don Meigs (2140) in Round 4 to tie for second at the 14th Steel City Open on September 28. Bierce finished with 3.5. Ray Bagley finished 3-1. Jim Gikas was 2-1. Gikas upset Pittsburgh master Tom Magar (2250), in Round 2 before losing in Round 3 to James Booth (2105). Booth went 4-0 to win the 42-player event.

### Bagley Holds Simultaneous Exhibition At College

*by Randy Bierce*

Professor Raymond Bagley, who recently moved to the Wheeling area from California, held a 15 board simultaneous exhibition at Wheeling Jesuit College on September 26. The simul was used to raise money to start a chess club at the university.

Bagley, who finished 3.5-0.5 at the WV Quick

### Jason Rihels Off 4 Wins;

### Conquers All in Northern WV Championships

*By Randy Bierce*

*MCCC Fall Classic Crosstable, September 21, 1996, Sherrard JHS*

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Marc Abraham	WV	1482*D7	1527*b5	W--26	W--14	W--5	W--9	4.0
2	Ray Bagley	OH	1919*A6	1919*A6	W--21	W--13	W--10	D--3	3.5
3	Jim Gikas	WV	1850*A7	1856*A7	W--18	W--12	W--6	D--2	3.5
4	Jeff Hohn	WV	1902*a9	1873*a9	W--20	L--9	W--18	W--11	3.0
5	Randy Bierce	WV	1900*x4	1900*x4	W--16	W--11	L--1	W--13	3.0
6	Joe Lococo	WV	1379*c7	1395*c7	W--8	W--17	L--3	W--14	3.0
7	Josh Sell	WV	1233*E2	1245*E2	D--22	W--16	D--9	W--17	3.0
8	Michael Malutich	WV	1050/12	1133/16	L--6	W--30	W--12	W--10	3.0
9	John R. Malutich	WV	1291/06	1369/10	W--19	W--4	D--7	L--1	2.5
10	Randall Wissler	OH	1399*CS	1378*CS	W--24	W--15	L--2	L--8	2.0
11	Amanda Forester	WV	1302/06	1344/10	W--25	L--5	W--24	L--4	2.0
12	Jonette Mercer	WV	1300*c4	1287*c4	W--29	L--3	L--8	W--20	2.0
13	Bob Blackwell	OH	1278*E6	1282*E6	W--27	L--2	W--19	L--5	2.0
14	Augie Delbert	WV	1201/15	1194/19	W--23	L--1	W--27	L--6	2.0
15	Timothy Gibb	WV	1090* 0	1080* 0	W--28	L--10	L--17	W--23	2.0
16	Gabe DeGarmeaux	WV	1033/12	1086/16	L--5	L--7	W--22	W--24	2.0
17	John W. Malutich	WV	1018/10	1037/13	B---	L--6	W--15	L--7	2.0
18	Daniel Sell	WV	934/12	1039/16	L--3	W--29	L--4	W--25	2.0
19	Josh Forester	WV	828/06	934/10	L--9	W--21	L--13	W--26	2.0
20	Jason Schrimp	WV	1103/07	1129/11	L--4	W--22	D--23	L--12	1.5
21	Jolene Adkins	WV	1000/04	1012/08	L--2	L--19	D--29	W--27	1.5
22	Stephen Malutich	WV	919/07	935/11	D--7	L--20	L--16	W--29	1.5
23	Lori Calmbacher	WV	Unrated	969/04	L--14	W--25	D--20	L--15	1.5
24	Jan Bierce	WV	929/12	926/16	L--10	W--28	L--11	L--16	1.0
25	Meredith Hellstern	WV	864* 0	847* 0	L--11	L--23	W--30	L--18	1.0
26	Barry Milbert	WV	716/11	732/15	L--1	L--27	W--28	L--19	1.0
27	Joseph Wycherly	WV	Unrated	850/04	L--13	W--26	L--14	L--21	1.0
28	Danya Shephard	WV	Unrated	634/04	L--15	L--24	L--26	W--30	1.0
29	Kara Jarrett	WV	802* 0	792* 0	L--12	L--18	D--21	L--22	0.5
30	Michael Abraham	WV	646/04	576/04	H---	L--8	L--25	L--28	0.5

## Wheeling's Fall Chess Activity

Jason Rihel overcame the clock and Randy Bierce in Round 3, then coaxed a win in the endgame to beat Prof. Ray Bagley to claim 1st Place in the 2nd Northern WV Championships. Andy Katz and Jeff Hohn drew their last round game to finish at 3.5. The tournament was noteworthy for its "twin skittles rooms". The gym was used for more boisterous analysis and a vicious between rounds Monopoly game, as well as the occasional basketball game; the teachers' lounge served its regular role as skittles room.

Other winners: B class, Markle Butcher (Buckhannon) and Bert Setterberg (Pittsburgh); C class, Scott Davis (Elkins); D/E/Unr, William Cruise (Columbus, Ohio) and Wheeling Jesuit student, William West. 36 players battled inside on a dreary October day.

Scholastic trophy winners were awarded to:  
 Jr. High Champ: Marc Abraham (Sherrard JHS)  
 Jr. High Runner-Up: Tim Gibb (SJHS)  
 Top 9th Grader: Amanda Forester (SJHS)

Top 8th Grader: Barry Milbert (SJHS)  
 Top 7th Grader: Brian Skinner (SJHS)  
 Grade School Champ: Jan Bierce (Limestone)  
 Grade School Runner-Up: Ashley Dunn (Limestone)  
 Top 1st Time Player: Chaz Howell (SJHS)  
 Top High School: Sammy Magner (Elkins)

Ray Bagley (A) - Jason Rihel (A), Round 4  
 Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation  
 Notes by Jason Rihel

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 *I learned from a game against Griffith that capturing towards the center is horrible. The text move is best freeing the bishops immediately.* 5. Nxe5!? Qd4! *The pawn capture is bad, for Black now forces the Queen exchange and the loss of castling. My two bishops can slice across the open board.* 6. Nf3 Qxe4+ 7. Qe2 Qxe2+ 8. Kxe2 Be6 9. Re1 O-O-O 10. d3 g6 11. Be3 Bg7 *Placing the bishop on the long diagonal, maximizing its scope.* 12. c3 12. Nc3 *seems*

### Northern WV Championships, October 19, 1996, Sherrard JHS

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jason Rihel	WV	1837*a9	1878*A4	W--27	W--24	W--4	W--5	4.0
2	Andy Katz	WV	2040*m5	2040*m5	W--25	W--9	W--13	D--3	3.5
3	Jeff Hohn	WV	1873*a9	1892*a9	W--20	W--8	W--6	D--2	3.5
4	Randy Bierce	WV	1924*x4	1911*x4	W--18	W--14	L--1	W--12	3.0
5	Ray Bagley	OH	1908*x2	1897*x2	W--19	W--15	W--7	L--1	3.0
6	Markle Butcher	WV	1691*B6	1691*B6	W--28	W--16	L--3	W--24	3.0
7	Bert Setterberg	PA	1684*b0	1682*b0	W--22	W--10	L--5	W--17	3.0
8	Marc Abraham	WV	1527*b5	1531*b5	W--30	L--3	W--25	W--23	3.0
9	Scott Davis	WV	1513*c7	1519*c7	W--35	L--2	W--18	W--20	3.0
10	William Cruise	OH	1258*E2	1293*d5	W--33	L--7	W--28	W--13	3.0
11	William West	WV	Unrated	1305/04	W--31	L--13	W--19	W--22	3.0
12	Joe Lococo	WV	1395*c9	1425*c9	H---	W--17	W--14	L--4	2.5
13	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1751*a9	1719*a9	W--29	W--11	L--2	L--10	2.0
14	Tom LaBue	WV	1606*b7	1579*b7	W--21	L--4	L--12	W--27	2.0
15	Amanda Forester	WV	1344/10	1311/14	W--26	L--5	L--20	W--29	2.0
16	Josh Sell	WV	1245*E2	1221*E2	W--36	L--6	L--22	W--28	2.0
17	Peter Mauk	WV	1183*e7	1179*e7	W--32	L--12	W--31	L--7	2.0
18	Trevor Knoblich	WV	1149/08	1193/12	L--4	W--21	L--9	W--31	2.0
19	Jason Schrimp	WV	1129/11	1147/15	L--5	W--26	L--11	W--32	2.0
20	Timothy Gibb	WV	1080* 0	1109*e2	L--3	W--30	W--15	L--9	2.0
21	Jan Bierce	WV	926/16	937/19	L--14	L--18	W--36	B---	2.0
22	Sammy Magner	WV	903* 0	939* 0	L--7	W--32	W--16	L--11	2.0
23	Brian Skinner	WV	Unrated	1181/04	L--24	W--27	W--34	L--8	2.0
24	Ben DeLong	WV	Unrated	1401/04	W--23	L--1	W--29	L--6	2.0
25	Augie Delbert	WV	1194* 0	1179* 0	L--2	W--34	L--8	D--26	1.5
26	Barry Milbert	WV	732/15	769/18	L--15	L--19	B---	D--25	1.5
27	Daniel Sell	WV	1039* 0	1035* 0	L--1	L--23	W--33	L--14	1.0
28	Lori Calmbacher	WV	969/04	983/08	L--6	W--36	L--10	L--16	1.0
29	Josh Forester	WV	934/10	985/14	L--13	W--33	L--24	L--15	1.0
30	Meredith Hellstern	WV	847* 0	829* 0	L--8	L--20	L--32	W--36	1.0
31	Ashley Dunn	WV	477/04	626/07	L--11	B---	L--17	L--18	1.0
32	Chas Howell	WV	Unrated	820/04	L--17	L--22	W--30	L--19	1.0
33	Carrie Moskal	WV	Unrated	827/04	L--10	L--29	L--27	W--35	1.0
34	Kara Jarrett	WV	792* 0	786* 0	H---	L--25	L--23	U---	0.5
35	Joe Wycherley	WV	850/04	823/06	L--9	U---	U---	L--33	0.0
36	Nathan McCoy	WV	Unrated	603/04	L--16	L--28	L--21	L--30	0.0

## Wheeling's Fall Chess Activity

*better for White than c3. I'm not going to trade bishop for knight. 12...Nf6 13. Nbd2 Rhe8 14. d4 Ng4! The other bishop goes off, and I get 2 bishops over the knights. Randy Bierce once sealed my bishops off, but the open position here makes my advantage almost decisive. White needed to step his king off the e-file. 15. Kf1 Note moving the bishop is a disaster now - 15.Bg5 Bc4+ 16. Kd1 Nxf2+ 17. Kc2 (17. Kc1 Nd3+ 18. Kb1 Nxe1 19. Bxd8 Nxf3 20. Nxf3 Kxd8 wins a piece.) 17... f6 18. Bh4 Ne4 wins a pawn and preserves the two bishops. there may be a better continuation for Black, but I don't see a crusher. Certainly White can misstep in there, and his king is quite unhappy. 15...Nxe3+ 16. Rxe3 Bh6 17. R3e1 c5! My only weakness is the doubled pawn. The threat is on the knight at d2 and the pawns at c3 and d4. 18. Ne4 cxd4 19. Nxd4 Bc4+ 20. Kg1 Bg7 21. Nf3 f5 22. Ned2 Rxe1+ 23. Rxe1 Bxa2 Forced after 21...f5. Note that the bishop cannot be trapped by 24. b3 because of 24...Bxc3. 24. h3 Bf6 25. Ra1 Bf7 26. Re1 b5 Taking away knight squares. 27. Nf1 Re8 28. Ne3 f4 29. Nc2 Rxe1+ 30. Nfxe1 I happily take away all sources of White counterplay, namely the rook. 30...g5 31. Nf3 e5 Knight squares! 32. Kh2 Kd7 The king is a fighting piece and White's going the wrong way. 33. g3 fxg3+ 34. fxg3 Kd6 Black wins on the queenside where his pawn majority waits to crash through. 35. Ne3 Bg6 36. Ng4 Bd8 37. Nge5 Be8 38. Ng4 Kd5 39. Nd2 b4 40. Ne3+ Kc6 The King can't be kept out forever. 41. c4 Kd6 42. Nf3 Bc6 43. Nd2 Ke5 44. Nc2 Be4 The two bishops served their purpose. Now king position wins the game. 45. Ne1 Kd4 46. Kg1 Ke3 47. Nf1+ Ke2 48. Ng2 Bxg2 49. Kxg2 Kd3 50. Kf2 Kxc4 51. Nd2+ Kd3 52. Nb3 Be7 53. Na5 Kc2 54. Nc4 Kb3 55. Ne5 Kxb2 A time scramble results in a Black queen and an easy mate. Black wins.*

### **Jim Walker Pigs Out on Pizza and Opponents at Bartoli's**

"Don't get into time scramble while eating barbecued ribs." With that advice ringing in their ears, 33 contestants started their clocks at Bartoli's. Jim Walker finished off a bucket of pizza, then Grant Perks (Columbus, OH) in Round 4 to win the Bartoli's Pizza and Chess Open. Not only did Walker win 4 games, but he did it in style: each of his opponents finished 3-1. In Perks' defense, he was no doubt distracted by the success of his daughter Alexandra. A tense win in round 4 gave her two points, both at the expense of confounded 7th graders.

Prof. Ray Bagley and Mark Abraham finished at 3.5 to share 2nd. Bagley prevented Randy Bierce from joining Walker at 4-0 with a last round victory.

The tournament marked the return of the popular "all-you-can-eat-while-playing-chess-in-a-restaurant-with-a-pinball-machine-ringing" format. Players battled over chessboards while hogging down on the pizza, ribs, wings, bread sticks, garlic bread, and salad. Bartoli's is located on the Ohio River; Round 2 was interrupted while participants gathered outside to listen to the calliope of the passing 4-story riverboat, *Mississippi Queen*.

Upsets were common; as any science major knows, when the body's blood supply is directed to the stomach, the brain loses out for heavy thinking. Dan Jessberger (6th grade) bagged himself a Lococo scalp; Ray Bagley craftily pushed pawns to draw a piece down ending against Abraham; Josh Sell won a R+B vs. Q shootout with Gary Morris; Abraham won his rubber game with WV Bulletin Editor, Tom LaBue; and Alex Perks' dual triumphs over Josh Forester and Gabe DeGarmeaux put some color (scarlet) in both boys' faces.

Records for most rolls of quarters put in the pinball machine (5+) and most Italian Ices consumed during play (over 200), as well as general good times were set.

Bartoli's also marked the return of the warm-up the night before. Andy Katz, Bierce, LaBue, Peter Mauk, Bagley and his charming wife, Kay, and Bartoli's owner, Brian Lucas set up on Saturday night for the tournament the next day. Pizzas, brewskis, and lemonade were consumed while playing "monster". Prof. Bagley provided interesting on going commentary. Katz, Lucas, Bagley, Bierce, LaBue, and Mauk then squared off in a round robin 5-minute tournament. Katz emerged the victor. His prize: Pride and the envy of all present.

Other winners: B class, Jerry Cannon (East Liverpool, OH); C class, Thomas Diehl (Pittsburgh); D/E/Unr, Jonette Mercer and Pete Jessic. Trophy winners were: Mark Abraham and Josh Sell, first and second in Jr. High. 9th Grade - Zac DeGarmeaux (Bishop Donahue); 8th Grade - Lori Calmbacher; 7th Grade - Brian Skinner. The Grade school winner was Andy Nicol (Bexley, OH). Second through fourth were David Earley (Parkersburg), Dann Jessberger (Bexley, OH), and Alex Perks (Columbus).

Here are a few games furnished and commented on by B class winner Jerry Cannon.



## Wheeling's Fall Chess Activity

Jim Walker (X) - Jerry Cannon (B), Round 3

London System

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. Bf4 Bf5 4. e3 Nf6 5. Nbd2 e6 6. h3 h6 7. Bd3 Bh7 8. Bxh7 Nxh7 9. O-O Bd6 10. Re1 g5 11. Bxd6 Qxd6 12. e4 Nd7 13. c3 Nb6 14. e5 Qe7 15. Nh2 Nf8 16. a4 a5 17. Rb1 Ng6 18. g3 h5 19. Kg2 h4 20. Ng4 Nd7 21. b4 axb4 22. Rxb4 Rb8 23. Qb3 b6 24. c4 f5 25. exf6 e.p. Nxf6 26. Rxb6 Rxb6 27. Qxb6 Nxg4 28. Qxc6+ Kf7 29. hxg4 h3+ *White was down to about 5 minutes to Black's 20 at about move 30. Black made the mistake of rushing his own moves so that White was not thinking on someone else's time If Black takes his time and goes with 29...dxc4 or 31... followed by Nf8, White still has the winning position. But with only 5 minutes to force a win, Black still has a good chance. (Note: As we have come to know, 5 minutes can be plenty of time for Jim. - TLB)* 30. Kh2 Qf6 31. Re2 Nf4 32. Qc7+ Kg6 33. gxf4 Qxd4 34. Rxe6+ Black resigns

Jerry Cannon (B) - Bob Blackwell (D), Round 4

Sokolsky's Opening

1. b4 After 1. b4...Also known as Sokolsky's Opening or

*the Orangutan. The move stakes out the queenside for White's minor pieces. The advanced pawn may become a battering ram to wreck Black's position on that side of the board. Or it may be exchanged for a more valuable center pawn. 1...e5 2. Bg2 d6 3. b5 Nf6 4. e3 c6 5. a4 cxb5 It is usually unwise to allow an opponent to clear its rook file at the expense of a centralized pawn. 6. cxb5 Qb6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. h3 Bxf3 9. Qxf3 Nbd7 10. c4 Be7 11. Be2 O-O 12. O-O a6 13. Nc3 Nc5 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. Qxd5 Nb3 16. Ra3 Nc5 17. d4 Ne6 18. dxe5 dxe5 19. R3a1 Qd6 19...f6 or Qc7 are both probably better. 20. Qxe5 White took 10 minutes to decide. 20. Bxe5 looked good and 20. Qxb7 with Black's 20...Qd2 looked wild. Ultimately a concrete pawn advantage with solid endgame probabilities prevailed. 20...Qxe5 21. Bxe5 axb5 22. axb5 f6 Looks aggressive but exposes the King. 22...Bc5 followed by b6 is more stable for drawing chances. 23. Bg3 Ra3 24. Bc4 Kf7 25. Bc7 Rc8 26. b6 Rxa1 27. Rxa1 Bc5 28. Bd5 Ke8 29. Bxb7 Black resigns. Ironic that the eccentricity of the Q.P. opening ends with Black resigning as the QNP threatens to queen.*

### Bartoli's Pizza Open, October 20, 1996

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2111*M5	W--10	W--8	W--6	W--4	4.0
2	Ray Bagley	OH	1897*x2	1902*x2	W--26	W--9	D--3	W--5	3.5
3	Marc Abraham	WV	1531*b5	1563*b5	W--28	W--20	D--2	W--11	3.5
4	Grant Perks	OH	2007*X6	2000*X6	W--25	W--7	W--11	L--1	3.0
5	Randy Bierce	WV	1911*x4	1900*x4	W--33	W--13	W--14	L--2	3.0
6	Jerry Cannon	OH	1642*C0	1646*C0	W--18	W--17	L--1	W--13	3.0
7	Tom Diehl	PA	1427*c7	1440*c7	W--22	L--4	W--25	W--14	3.0
8	Andy Nicol	OH	1380*D4	1393*D4	W--31	L--1	W--27	W--15	3.0
9	Jonette Mercer	WV	1287*c4	1303*c4	W--30	L--2	W--18	W--17	3.0
10	Peter Jessic	WV	1173*0	1178*0	L--1	W--31	X---	W--23	3.0
11	Tom LaBue	WV	1579*b7	1567*b7	W--19	W--15	L--4	L--3	2.0
12	Joe Lococo	WV	1425*c9	1403*c9	L--20	W--28	W--26	U---	2.0
13	Bob Blackwell	OH	1282*E6	1286*E6	W--29	L--5	W--19	L--6	2.0
14	Josh Sell	WV	1221*E2	1243*E4	W--32	W--24	L--5	L--7	2.0
15	David Earley	WV	1194/04	1199/08	W--16	L--11	W--29	L--8	2.0
16	Brain Skinner	WV	1181/04	1076/08	L--15	L--19	W--30	W--31	2.0
17	Peter Mauk	WV	1179*e7	1174*e7	W--21	L--6	W--20	L--9	2.0
18	Zach DeGarmeaux	WV	994*0	994*0	L--6	W--21	L--9	W--29	2.0
19	Lori Calmbacher	WV	983/08	1077/12	L--11	W--16	L--13	W--25	2.0
20	Dan Jessberger	OH	915/15	998/19	W--12	L--3	L--17	W--26	2.0
21	Alexandra Perks	OH	520*0	577*0	L--17	L--18	W--28	W--27	2.0
22	Jan Bierce	WV	937*0	932*0	L--7	L--25	H---	W--32	1.5
23	Barry Milbert	WV	769*0	793*0	U---	H---	W--33	L--10	1.5
24	Gary Morris	WV	1654*B7	1626*B7	W--27	L--14	F---	U---	1.0
25	Katie Cannon	OH	1127/08	1139/12	L--4	W--22	L--7	L--19	1.0
26	Timothy Gibb	WV	1109*0	1086*0	L--2	W--30	L--12	L--20	1.0
27	Daniel Sell	WV	1035*0	1002*0	L--24	W--32	L--8	L--21	1.0
28	Josh Forester	WV	985/14	976/18	L--3	L--12	L--21	W--33	1.0
29	Evan Perks	OH	662*0	683*0	L--13	W--20	L--15	L--18	1.0
30	Nora Miller	WV	641/03	697/06	L--9	L--26	L--16	B---	1.0
31	Joe Wycherley	WV	823/06	798/10	L--8	L--10	D--32	L--16	0.5
32	Mike Abraham	WV	576/07	621/11	L--14	L--17	D--31	L--22	0.5
33	Gabe DeGarmeaux	WV	1086*0	1009*0	L--5	L--29	L--23	L--28	0.0

## Roush wins 1996 Charleston Chess Club Championship

John Roush with draws against Donald Griffith and Jim Walker clinched the 1996 Charleston Chess Club Championship. These were the only blemishes against his record. Of his two main competitors, Griffith suffered a loss to David Michael in the infamous "beeper" game and a draw with Chuck Waugh. Walker drew Gary Morris but lost to the "Walker-killer", Griffith. Michael finished with 5 points to take fourth place outright.

Following are some of the interesting games contested in this year's Charleston Club Championship.

John Roush (X) - Donald Griffith (X)

English Opening

Notes by John Roush

1. c4 c6 2. b3 e5!?! I had expected 2...d5 leading to the Reti Opening. 3. Bb2 e4?! I thought this was premature and too committal, but I couldn't prove it during the game. Better is 3...d6 4. d4 Nd7 5. Nf3 Qc7 and Black can choose between ...f5, ...Nf6 or ...Nf6 without ...f5. He can also choose to place the B at g7 or e7 depending on his preference. 4. Nc3 A better plan is g3, Bg2 to pressure Black's pawn chain A sample line: 4. g3 d5 5. Bg2 f5 6. e3 Nf6 7. Ne2 Be6 8. Qc2 Na6 9. a3 Nc7 10. O-O Bd6 11. cxd5 cxd5 12. d3 4...Nf6 5. Rc1 Too slow according to Griff. I agree. 5...d5 6. e3 6.g3 is still possible and is likely better. 6...Bd6 7. cxd5 Allows Black to develop his QN to c6. White is starting to slide downhill. 7...cxd5 8. d3 Nc6 9. dxe4 dxe4 10. Bb5 O-O 11. Nge2 11. Bxc6 bxc6 12. Nge2 Ba6 13. O-O Qe7 14. Na4 =. 11...Ne5! 12. Ng3 Bg4 13. Qc2 a6 14. Bf1 I thought I was winning a pawn. 14...Nd3+! 15. Bxd3 exd3 16. Qxd3 Bxg3 17. Qxd8 Bxf2+ The move I overlooked. 18. Kxf2 Rfxd8 19. Ba1 Rd2+ 20. Kg3 Re8 21. Rhe1 b5 22. h3? I had to try 22. Nb1 with the following possibilities: (a) 22. Nb1 Re2 23. Rxe2 (23. Bxf6 R8xe3+ 24. Kxg4 Rxe1 25. Rxe1 Rxe1 -+.) 23...Bxe2 24. Bxf6 gxf6 25. Kf2 roughly =. (b) 22. Nb1

Rxa2 23. Bxf6 gxf6 24. Kxg4 Rxe2+ 22...Be6 22. Bh5. Black need only be careful about his back rank. 23. Red1 Red8 24. Rxd2 Rxd2 25. Rd1 On hands and knees, but my position is bad enough to justify it. 25...Rxd1 26. Nxd1 Nd5 27. Bd4 a5 28. Nc3 Nb4 29. Bb6 Hoping to exchange all Q-side pawns which should bring about a draw. 29...a4 30. bxa4 bxa4 31. Nxa4 Bxa2 32. Nc3 Nd5 33. Nxd5 Bxd5 34. Drawn

Donald Griffith (X) - David Michael (B)

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. Nf3 d5 4. cxd5 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Qxd5 6. Nc3 Qd8 7. Bg5 e6 8. e3 Be7 9. Bd3 Nbd7 10. O-O O-O 11. Rc1 h6 12. Bh4 a6 13. Bb1 Nb6 14. Qc2 g6 15. Rfd1 Qe8 16. Bg3 Bd7 17. Nf3 Rc8 18. Ne5 Nbd5 19. Qd3 Kg7 20. Nxd5 Nxd5 21. e4 Rxe1 22. Rxe1 Bb5 23. Qd4 Nf6 24. Rc7 Qd8 25. Nd7?? As mentioned by John Roush last issue, this is where Donald had the pager difficulties. 25...Bxd7 26. Rxb7 Bc6 27. Qxd8 Rxd8 28. White resigns

Jim Walker (X) - John Roush (X)

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. d4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. c3 Bd6 6. Ne2 Nge7 7. Bg5 Bg4 8. Nd2 Qd7 9. Nf1 O-O-O 10. Ne3 Rhe8 11. Qc2 Kb8 12. O-O-O h6 13. Bh4 Bxe2 14. Bxe2 f5 15. Bxe7 Nxe7 16. Bd3 g6 17. g3 c6 18. Rde1 Ng8 19. Ng2 Nf6 20. f3 Rxe1+ 21. Rxe1 Re8 22. Rxe8+ Qxe8 23. Drawn

Donald Griffith (X) - Jim Walker (X)

Sicilian Defense, Yugoslav Dragon

1. e4 g6 2. d4 d6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. Be4 c5 5. Nc3 cxd4 6. Nxd4 Nc6 7. Be3 Qa5 8. Bb3 Nf6 9. f3 Nxd4 10. Bxd4 Be6 11. Qd2 Bxb3 12. cxb3 O-O 13. O-O-O Rfc8 We have transposed from a Modern to a Dragon Yugoslav attack. White's doubled pawns gives Black better endgame chances, but for now it helps to shield White's King. 14. Kb1 a6 15. g4 Rc6 16. h4 Rac8 17. h5 e6 18. hxg6 fxg6 19. Rh2 R8c7 20. Rdh1 b5 21. Qg5 e5 22.

	NAME	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	John Roush	2110*m	2115*m4	*	D	D	W	W	W	W	W	X	7.0
2	Donald Griffith	2100*X7	2100*X7	D	*	W	L	W	D	W	W	X	6.0
3	Jim Walker	2100*M	2100*M5	D	L	*	W	D	W	W	W	W	6.0
4	David Michael	1650*B4	1690*B6	L	W	L	*	L	W	W	W	X	5.0
5	Gary Morris	1626*B7	1639*B7	L	L	D	W	*	L	D	W	X	4.0
6	Chuck Waugh	1553*C9	1582*b2	L	D	L	L	W	*	D	W	X	4.0
7	Scott Carmichael	1705*b7	1669*b7	L	L	L	L	D	D	*	W	X	3.0
8	Bill Salmon	1200*d9	1200*d9	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	*	X	1.0
9	Richard O'Neil	1561*0	1560*0	F	F	L	F	F	F	F	F	*	0.0

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Nd5 exd4 23. Nxf6+ Bxf6 24. Qxf6 Rf7 25. Qxd4 b4 26. Rh6 Qg5 27. Qxb4 Rfc7 28. a4 Rc1+ 29. Ka2 Rxh1 30. Rxh1 Rf7 31. Qxd6 Rf6 32. Qd8+ Black resigns

Gary Morris (B) - Donald Griffith (X)

King's Indian Attack

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d3 Nf6 4. g3 Be7 5. Bg2 O-O 6. O-O d6 7. Nbd2 Bg4 8. c3 Qd7 9. Re1 Rad8 10. Nf1 d5 11. Bg5 d4 12. c4 h6 13. Bd2 Nh7 14. h4 f5 15. N1h2 f4 16. Nxc3 Qxc3 17. Nh2 Qg6 18. Qg4 Qxc3 19. Nxc3 fxc3 20. fxc3 Nf6 21. Nxf6+ Rxf6 22. Rf1 Rf8 23. a3 Nd8 24. Bh3? Rf3 25. Rxf3 Rxf3 26. Bf1 Rxc3+ 27. Kh2 Bxh4? 28. Be1 Rg4 29. Kh3 Bxe1 30. Kxc3 Bd2 31. Bh3 Kf7 32. Rf1+ Bf4 33. Kf3 g5 34. Rh1 Kf6 35. Bc8 Kg6 36. Kg4 b6 37. Bf5+ Kg7 38. Kh5 Nc6 39. b4 Ne7 40. Bg4?? Ng8 41. Bf5 Nf6+ mate

Donald Griffith (X) - Chuch Waugh (C)

Petroff'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. c4 Bg4 9. exd5 Qxd5 10. Re1 Bxf3 11. Qxf3 Nf6 12. Qxd5 Nxd5 13. Bb5 Nb4 14. Na3 a6 15. Bxc6+ Nxc6 16. Bf4 O-O-O 17. Nc2 Rhe8 18. Rad1 Bf6 19. Rxe8 Rxe8 20. Kf1 Rd8 21. Be3 Ne7 22. Ke2 Nd5 23. Kf3 Re8 24. Ne1 b6 25. Nd3 h5 26. Nf4 Nxf4 27. Bxf4 g5 28. Be3 Bd8 29. Ke2 f5 30. Kd3 Bf6 31. Re1 Re6 32. a4 Rd6 33. Rc4 Kd7 34. g3 c5 35. a5 exd4 36. Bxd4 Bxd4 37. Rxd4 bxa5 38. f4 Rxd4+ 39. Kxd4 gxf4 40. gxf4 Kd6 41. b3 h4 42. h3 a4 43. bxa4 a5 44. Drawn

Joe Ancrile (B) - John Kay (B)

Scotch Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Nxd4 Bc5 5. Nf5 Qf6 6. Nc3 d6 7. Be3 Bb4 8. Nd4 Nge7 9. Be2 d5 10. O-O Bxc3 11. bxc3 dxe4 12. Nb5 O-O 13. Nxc7 Rb8 14. Nb5 Rfd8 15. Qe1 a6 16. Nd4 Qg6 17. f3 Nd5 18. Nxc6 Nxe3 19. Qf2 bxc6 20. Qxe3 exf3 21. Bxf3 Qxc2 22. Bxc6 Be6 23. Be4 Qb2 24. Rfb1 Qa3 25. Rxb8 Rxb8 26. Qd4 Rc8 27. Rd1 Bxa2 28. Bb7 Rf8 29. c4 a5 30. c5 Qb4 31. Drawn

Alan Smith (E) - John Kay (B)

Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. Nb3 Nf6 7. O-O Qc7 8. Nc3 Be7 9. Be3 b5 10. Qe2 Bb7 11. Nc5 O-O 12. a3 Ne5 13. Nxb7 Qxb7 14. Rad1 Rfd8 15. h3 d5 16. exd5 Nxd5 17. Bxh7+ Kxh7 18. Qh5+ Kg8 19. Qxe5 Bf6 20. Qe4 Bxc3 21. bxc3 Qc7 22. Rd3 Nxc3 23. Qg4 Rxd3 24. cxd3 Qe5 25. Kh1 Nd5 26. Bd4 f5 27. Bxe5 fxc4 28. hxc4 Rc8 29. Ra1 Kf7 30. d4 Rc4 31. Kg1 Ne7 32. Rd1 Nc6 33. f4 g5 34. g3 Nxe5 35. dxe5 gxf4 36. Rf1 Kg7 37. gxf4 a5 38. Kg2 Rc3 39. f5 exf5 40. Rxf5 Rxa3 41. e6 Re3 42. Rxb5 Rxe6 43. Rxa5 Rg6 44. Drawn

Jason Rihel (A) - Alan Smith (E)

French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Bd6 6. O-O O-O 7. Bg5 Nbd7 8. c3 c5 9. Nbd2 c4 10. Bc2 b5 11. Re1 Qc7 12. Nf1 h6 13. Bd2 Nh5 14. Qc1 g5 15. Bxg5 Bf4 16. Bxf4 Nxf4 17. g3 Ng6 18. Qxh6 Nf6 19. Ng5 Bb7 20. Ne3 Black Resigns

## Joe Ancrile Wins 1996 Chigorin Cup

by Mike Baker

Joe Ancrile won the 1996 Chigorin Cup by going undefeated on Saturday, September 21st in Clarksburg. Joe defeated Jason Rihel and Alan Smith and drew with John Kay and Mike Baker. John Kay took second place with 2½ points, also undefeated.

### 1996 Chigorin Cup Crosstable

	NAME	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Alan Smith	1150	*	L	D	L	L	0.5
2	Joe Ancrile	1667	W	*	D	D	W	3.0
3	Rev. John Kay	1602	D	D	*	D	W	2.5
4	Mike Baker	1621	W	D	D	*	L	2.0
5	Jason Rihel	1813	W	L	L	W	*	2.0

## Chess Items for Sale!

The WVCA still has chess materials for sale. These include a copy of ChessBase for Windows, two copies of Fritz on CD-ROM, disks of databased games for Fritz or ChessBase, and two issues of the Informant. These are the same items mentioned at the WVCA Business meeting to be auctioned, but no bids were received at the time. If you are interested in purchasing any of these items, please contact me. All proceeds from these sales are to go directly to the coffers of the WVCA.

## The Pioneers of the West Virginia Chess Association by Tom LaBue

Since I started competing in tournament chess in West Virginia, I've noticed (and a few others as well) that not a lot is known of the beginnings of the WVCA. Now that the archives have fallen into my lap, I wish to share some of the names that helped build the WVCA. Many of you should be familiar with names like Ed Foy, John Hurt and Dr. Siegfried Werthammer; however, we focus this month on four individuals who each contributed in his own way to the founding and furthering of the WVCA: Gene Collett, Dr. Vincent Hayward, Archibald (A. W) Paull, and Micajah Wren.

### Gene Collett

Walter Eugene Collett was born July 27, 1901 at Petroleum, WV (Ritchie County). Gene learned chess at age 16 from the book "The Major". However, he was not set totally straight on all the rules until Bill Devericks filled in the details. Bill and Gene founded the Clarksburg Chess Club in 1940. Gene was one of the forces that founded the West Virginia Chess Association back in 1941. He directed several WV State Championships including the 1941 event which was the first under the auspices of the WVCA. His best showing at the Championship was in 1948 where he finished a solo third, only a point behind the co-champions John Hurt and Dr. Werthammer. He served as the first bulletin editor from 1941 to 1948. Gene was also the secretary-treasurer of the WVCA until 1946.

Gene worked for the Clarksburg newspapers for eighteen years before transferring to Pittsburgh to become an Associated Press staffer in 1943. However, he continued to produce the Bulletin for several years after his relocation to Pittsburgh. At that time the WVCA Bulletin was a *monthly* publication and it continued to be so under his reign as editor. Gene, along with Pittsburgh's Bill Byland initiated the Tri-State Championship which pitted the winner and the first runner-up from the West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio State Championships in a round-robin tournament. This event lasted from 1945 until 1962 with the site cycled among the three states.

Gene was a major source of information to the West Virginia Chess faithful, especially during the rough times of World War II, when many were engaged in the war effort. The bulletin related what was happening in each of the chess clubs, presented a problems page (edited by first by Walt Crede and then NY resident Francis

DeBlasio), letters from WVCA members (which were plentiful), and national chess news. There were not so many games in the bulletin due to the frequency of the bulletin and smaller number of events. It was not uncommon that the membership of the WVCA reached over 100 during this era, with many out-of-state members including GM George Koltanowski (still a member today!), Albert Pinkus, Dr. Albrecht Buschke of New York among others. Gene set the editorial standard for content and punctuality that the WVCA has not seen since.

### Dr. Vincent S. Hayward by Paul Sayre

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The Doctor was known to chess players all over the state. He was a leading member of the Association for 13 years, and after retiring to New York (Long Island) was voted a life member for his many years of service. It could be said that Gene Collett founded the Association and gave it a start, A. W. Paull gave it leadership in the early life, and Dr. Hayward nursed it to a degree of maturity. He helped hold it together in lean times, when possible gave it a push forward, and when necessary lent material support. He served as WVCA president in the 1957-58 year and was editor of the Bulletin from 1950 to 1957. He was a keen partisan, relishing the "politics" of the Association nearly as much as he did chess. He was an unequaled teacher of beginners.

During his years of service at the Veterans Administration in Huntington, he had occasion to deal with many veterans who were disabled. And many of them went away with a chess set which just happened to be lying around, and which the Doctor happened not to be using.

Among the things about which no kidding was allowed in the Doctor's presence were the flag, the uniform, and other patriotic symbols. He was a retired captain, having served as a physician, and was buried as he wished in the National Cemetery, as he wished, with military honors.

The saga of the Hayward wit needs a better Homer than this writer, but those who knew him can think of a number of examples. A potent weapon, it seemed to be directed (with just enough barb to make it stick, he said) now at hypocrisy, now at the modern cult of the casual in speech, manners, and dress, then at hazy thinking, and -- neither last nor least-- at obstructions in the path of chess. He was not above a joke on himself. When he dryly

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referred to his spells as 'unsuccessful heart attacks', his friends had to smile, even though they felt a twinge. The man had courage.

Some of his pet expressions--which bring back fond memories of our chess sessions at the Haywards' home:

*Slumps:* Some weeks you can't make a nickel.

*Boners:* No game for a blind man.

*Traps:* The old ones are the best.

*Black and White squares:* Wet and dry squares.

*Long queen move:* Over the hot sand she goes.

While the Doctor loved his act--and even felt a certain obligation toward his public--anyone with common sense knew that it was only an act. That he was behind it all, kind, generous, and steadfastly loyal to his friends and convictions.

*Addendum*(TLB): It is mentioned in other issues that the rise in Huntington area chess in the 1950s with then-emerging stars like Don Burdick, Charles Morgan, Paul Sayre and Tom Bergquist, was greatly attributed to the efforts supplied by Drs. Hayward and Werthammer. They supplied chess instruction and materials to the interested youngsters. In fact, Dr. Hayward started the Huntington Junior Chess Club to cater to and develop the enthusiasm and talents of the younger chess players.

### Archibald (A. W.) Paull

Archibald W. Paull, "the Dean of the West Virginia Chess Players" was the first president of the WVCA when it formed in 1941. He served four consecutive terms as its leader until he voluntarily stepped down to allow others a chance to serve. He remained a big benefactor to the fledging WVCA with monetary contributions that kept the Bulletin on the presses during the lean years of the 1940s.

A. W. Paull was born November 23, 1869 at Wheeling, WV. He became president of the Wheeling Stamping Company, which was founded by his father in 1877. The firm employed about 750 persons with its products including oil lanterns and lamp burners, plastic caps for glass containers and collapsible tubes for Pepsodent, Listerine, and similar products (circa 1944).

He was taught chess by his father when he was 15 years old. A. W. was quick to downplay his chess ability. Witness the following quotes: "I have played in

tournaments in Pittsburgh, Zanesville and Parkersburg....; in each tournament, the title I received was that of 'worst player'". "I give knights, queens, rooks and bishops away with the prodigality equal to Republicans contributing to a campaign fund when the tariff is about to be lowered." A. W. finished 7th (out of 12) in the 1940 WV Championship in the only state event that he participated in.

### Micajah "Mike" Wren by Ed Foy

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Mike's truly incredible career had its share of triumphs and failures. He had the most fertile imagination; a flair for words, a flair for chess--his hobby of hobbies. He did newspaper work and free-lance writing, wrote radio scripts, wrote for TV, worked for an advertising agency, did public relations work, wrote night club sketches for Josh White and a special FDR-death broadcast for Walter Hampden. CBS thought so highly of his "Battle of Gettysburg" script for the "You Were There" radio show that they issued a Columbia masterworks recording of it. Sure, he had other jobs, too, much more menial and less spectacular. And he played chess.

More than any one person, Wren was responsible for organized chess on the state level in West Virginia. He was the best player in Charleston in the early thirties and a match victory over Landis Marks gave him a strong claim to being the best player in the Mountaineer State.

Then he left Charleston for a quarter-century, returning a few years back. Mike won the state championship in 1959 brilliantly, with an amazing 6-0 score. He won the Charleston title in 1960.

Mike was one of the finest chess players ever to come out of this city or out of West Virginia. He knew how to win and lose with dignity and he would play anybody. Chess will not be the same without him.

*Addendum:* Mike Wren won the Charleston City Championship twice: 1932 (which was the inaugural tourney) and 1960. Mike was consistently known during the 40s as the "unofficial WV chess champion of the 30s", as a testament to his achievements over the board during that era.

Next issue we will look at some of the fantastic players from the 40s and 50s, in particular Dr. Werthammer, John Hurt, Landis Marks, and Al DuVall.

## David Gundlach Crowned Parkersburg Club Champ

By Joe Ancrile

Competing in his first chess tournament in about twenty years, David Gundlach posted a perfect 7-0 score to sweep the field in the 1996 Parkersburg Chess Club Championship. "Crazy Dave", as he is affectionately known to his friends, demonstrated his masterful chess skills with extremely accurate play in the 8-player round robin event. Runners-up were Joe Ancrile and Bob McLear, each with 5½ points. The top three finishers received trophies for their efforts.

After the tournament, David testified that each one of his opponents seemed to battle extra hard against him. As a result, several earned nicknames like "Mad Dog" McLear and "Hulk" Haynes.

Two of David's games, which he annotated, are given here. They serve as highly instructive models of vigorous and uncompromising chess, trademarks for which David is well known. It should be noted, too, that David won numerous chess tournaments in the 1970's including the prestigious Cardinal open in Columbus and the Golden Triangle Open in Pittsburgh.

Alan Smith - David Gundlach

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 e5 3. c4 d4 4. Bg2 Nc6 5. O-O e5 6. d3 f6 7. e3 Since Black is taking the time to make pawn moves in preparation for a possible attack on the White king, White correctly chooses to diffuse the coming storm and generate counterplay. 7...Be6 8. exd4 cxd4 Forced, but good. 9. Nbd2 Qd7 Although this move appears to clear the queenside for castling, the main purposes are to support the white-squared bishop for the invasion of the kingside and, especially at this point in the game, preemptive defense of the light squares of the queenside so White will not have counterplay at a critical moment. 10. a3 Good! Preparing immediate play in the area where White has a preponderance of pawns. This, of course, serves to prevent Black from castling on that side, as well, and necessitates that Black deploy his pieces and get his king to safety expeditiously. 10...a5 11. Qa4 Ra6 Turning the apparent pin on Black's a-pawn into a restrictive force that prevents White's queenside advance. Apart from this, Black would face great obstacles to getting his pieces out on a timely basis. 12. Ne4 If White tries 12. Qb5, then 12... Nge7 13. Ne4 Nc8 (threatening 14, then N817) 14. Nc5 Bxc5 15. Qxc5 N8a7 (threatening to win the queen with 16...b6) 16. a4 Nb4 and White must sacrifice his knight and leave Black with a won game in order to rescue his queen. 12...Bd6 13. Bd2 Nge7 14. Rfc1 Since Black has almost completed his development and will likely play down the e and f-files, White decides to support his force on the

queenside and make his bid there before Black can generate an attack on the other wing. While this is certainly a reasonable plan, the placement of White's forces suggests he might do better to engage Black on the e and f-files with 14. Nh4 and a quick pawn thrust to f4. 14...O-O 15. Qd1 Necessary before White can commence his action on the queenside because of Black's excellently posted rook at a6. 15...h6 This apparently quiet move signals that the Black kingside is about to surge forward. The g5 square will be unavailable to the White pieces, so the strong 16...f5 now looms large. White, despite his fine effort so far, will be forced to play very actively and carefully to avoid being overrun on the kingside. 16. Nxd6 Although this is consistent with White's plan to roll his queenside pawns before Black storms his king, his centralized knight is clearly too valuable to trade for Black's bad bishop. For better or worse, White must initiate his queenside action without hesitation. A likely line would run 16. b4 axb4 17. axb4 Rxa1 18. Rxa1 f5 with both sides observing the thematic requirements of the game and a serious fight yet in store. 16...Qxd6 17. c5 Qd7 18. b4 b5 Apart from this move, White's strategy would be largely successful. This sharp response exposes the weaknesses in the White camp, however. 19. Be1 Trying to bring the knight to a more effective post, but it is already too late. 19...axb4 20. axb4 Rfa8 21. Rcb1 Preparing to trade one set of rooks and then play his knight to d2 because the b-pawn will be held by the remaining rook. 21...Nd5 What was merely a knight at e7 becomes a monster at d5. This also prevents White from continuing with his idea because of the threatened fork at c3. 22. Bd2 Ra2 The domination of the a-file becomes domination of the second rank, as well. 23. Rxa2 Rxa2 24. Qe1 Stopping the invasion of c3, but Black's position is already overwhelming. 24...Bf5 The initial move of a subtle maneuver that nets two tempi and, ultimately the game. 25. Rb3 More or less forced. If 25. Bf1 then White is reduced to utter passivity after Black plays g5 and invades either the queenside or kingside with his queen. 25...Nce7 Black supports his splendid knight at d5 against discovered attacks so that his queen is free to move away from support of that piece and engage White more fully elsewhere. 26. Nh4 Be6 27. Rb1 Necessary because of the potential discovered attack on the rook. 27...g5 28. Nf3 Bf5 Now the logic of Black's deployment is seen. The return of the bishop to f5 presents White with insurmountable difficulties. If 29. Rb3, then 29...Qe6 stretches White's defense beyond its limit because of the threatened discovered attack on the White rook. If 29. Bf1,

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then 29...Bg4 places White under extreme pressure. For instance, 30. Kg2? Bxf3+ 31. Kxf3 Qc6 32. Kg4 (32. Ke2?? Nc3++) 32...f5+ 33. Kh3 Ne3 34. Bxe3 g4+ 35. Kh4 Qf6+36. Kh5 Qf7+ 37. Kh4 Ng6+ 38. Kh5 Nf4+ 39. Kxh6 Qg6++ or 30. Be2 Qf5 31. Kg2 when either 31...Bxf3+ 32. Bxf3 Qxd3 or 31... Nc3 32. Bxc3 dxc3 should quickly deliver Black the full point. 29. Nxe5 Admittedly, this move was sheer desperation, but White was down to five minutes at this point. His position was strategically lost, and he was being presented with problems of increasing difficulty on every turn. Although this choice is not correct, it does offer Black a couple of ways to go wrong and is a reasonable possibility when the practical realities of the situation are considered. 29...fxe5 30. Qxe5 Rxd2 31. Bxd5+ Hoping to provide a getaway square for his king at g2 in the event that his rook would be needed in the coming fray. Although better, 31. Re1 was also entirely hopeless. 31...Nxd5 32. Re1 Nxb4 33. Qb8+ Kg7 Required to avoid justifying White's sacrifices. If the Black king moved to f7, then White's queen could invade h8 with unnecessary play. If, instead, the Black king played to h7, then White's queen would have access to f8 and more tactics. Finally, if Black played 33...Qc8, then 34. Qxb5 creates multiple serious threats. 34. Qe5+ Kg6 35. Qd6+ Qxd6 36. cxd6 Nxd3 37. Kg2 Yes, this is an error, but White simply had no moves. 37...Rxd2+ Of course, 37...Nxe1+ must also mate shortly. Black chose the text to take over the second rank and force mate in another way. 38. Kg1 Bh3 39. White resigns If 39. d7, then 39...Rg2+ 40. Kf1 Rd2 (or c2, b2, or a2)+ 41. Kg1 Nxe1 42. d8=Q Nf3+ 43. Kh1 Rxb2 mate.

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1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 b6 Although the player of the Black pieces has enjoyed some success with this move, the weakening of the light squares and leisurely approach to development must run afoul of opening principles and suffer swift retribution against accurate play. 4. d4 Nd7 Although not pleasant, the concession of the center by 4...exd4 was necessary. This, in turn, would only advance White's development and bring Black's light squares under

greater pressure. 5. dxe5 Qe7 The recapture, 5...dxe5 loses a rook after 6. Qd5, and the alternative 5...Nxe5, also leaves Black in a dreadful position after 6. Nxe5 dxe5 7. Bxf7+ Ke7 8. Qxd8+ Kxd8. Nonetheless, this latter variation offers more hope than the game continuation since material would be reduced and mating fears eliminated. 6. Bd5 Rb8 7. Bg5 f6 8. exf6 Ndx6 Developing another piece from the back rank with 8. Ngxf6 appears more appropriate. 9. O-O Threatening 10. e5 dxe5 11. Nxe5 with the end in sight. 9...Qd7 Black breaks the pin on his knight and would like to develop his king bishop to e7. He feels justifiable concern about the threat in the preceding note, but 9...Bg4 to restrict White slightly is likely better. This, of course, would not alleviate many of Black's difficulties after 10. c4 10. Nc3 Nxd5 11. exd5 Nf6 Black would have preferred to close the e-file with 11...Be7, but this would also leave him hopeless after 12. Re1 Bb7 13. Nd4. 12. Re1+ Kf7 13. Bxf6 White eliminates Black's best defender to enhance the proportionate influence of his pieces around the Black monarch. White, of course, could have taken the knight first and then offered check, but the move order in the game gives Black more to think about and more opportunity to err. 13...gxf6 14. Nd4 Rg8 15. Re6 Preventing Black from trading queens with Qg4. 15...Rg5 16. f4 Rg6 17. f5 Rh6 18. Nc6 Ra8 19. Qf3 White would like to proceed with 19. Qg4, but the text squelches Black's last defensive effort while permitting White to muster his remaining forces for the final stages of the battle. 19...Bb7 20. Rae1 Threatening 21. Re7+ 20...Bxc6 21. dxc6 Qc8 It is true that d8 would have been a more appropriate haven for the hapless lady, but there is little cause for rejoicing after 21... Qd8 22. Nd5 (with the threat of 23. Re7+ Bxe7 24. Rxe7+ Qxe7 25. Nxe7 Kxe7 26. Qe3+ collecting the rook) 22...Kg8 23. R1e4 Kh8 24. Rg4 and the attack continues inexorable down the g-file. 22. Nd5 Qa6 Black realized, of course, that the White knight could fork his queen and rook, but he chose to die in the field rather than in the trench. 23. Qg4 Qb5 24. Re7+ Bxe7 25. Rxe7+ Kf8 26. Qg7 mate.

	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1	David Gundlach	*	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	7.0
2	Joe Ancrile	L	*	D	W	W	W	W	W	5.5
3	Bob McLear	L	D	*	W	W	W	W	W	5.5
4	Ray Spring	L	L	L	*	W	W	W	W	4.0
5	Alan Smith	L	L	L	W	*	W	W	W	3.0
6	Glenn Haynes	L	L	L	L	L	*	W	W	2.0
7	Jessica Gundlach	L	L	L	L	L	L	*	W	1.0
8	Mike Price	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	*	0.0

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Mark Geist won his second straight Parkersburg event, outscoring the field with 3½ points. Only Byron Funkhouser was able to hold the future expert to a draw. Geist powered to victory lane with wins over Aaron Richardson, Markle Butcher and Robert Canary. Mike Richardson and Harold Mitchell each finished with a score of 3 to share second. Other prize winners in the Open section were Robert Canary for 1700-1799, Markle Butcher and Aaron Richardson in the 1600-1699 grouping and Scott Davis for U1600. Each finished with 2½ points.

In the Resrve section, Andy Nicol settled in and went unblemished for the afternoon, earning a 4-0 score and becoming the sole champion.

Mike Taylor (A) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 1  
King's Indian Defense, Saemish Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 Nc6 7. Qd2 e5 8. d5 Ne7 9. Bd3 Ne8 10. g4 f5 11. gxf5 gxf5 12. Bh6 f4 13. Bxg7 Nxc7 14. Nge2 Ng6 15. O-O-O Qh4 16. Nb5 Rf7 17. Nec3 a6 18. Na3 Bd7 19. Rdg1 Qe7 20. Qf2 Qh4 21. Qxh4 Nxh4 22. Be2 Bh3 23. Bf1 Bd7 24. Bg2 Nxc7 25. Rxc2 b5 26. cxb5 axb5 27. Nxc5 Bxb5 28. Nxb5 Rxa2 29. Rhg1 Ra1+ 30. Kc2 Rxc2 31. Rxc2 Kf8 32. Ra1 Ne8 33. Ra8 Rg7 34. Kc3 Ke7 35. Na7 Rg2 36. Nc6+ Kf7 37. h4 Rf2 38. Nd8+ Ke7 39. Nc6+ Kf8 40. Ra3 Rxf3+ 41. Kc2 Rf2+ 42. Kc1 Rh2 43. Nd8 Rxc4 44. Ne6+ Ke7 45. b4 Rg4 46. Rh3 Nf6 47. Nxc7 Rg3 48. Rh6 Rc3+ 49. Kb2 Rxc7 50. Kb3 Kf7 51. b5 f3 52. Kb4 f2 53. Rh1 Ne8 54. b6 Rc2 55. Kb3 Rc8 56. Kb4 Rc2 57. Kb3 Rc5 58. Kb4 Rc8 59. Rf1 Nf6 60. Rxf2 Ke7 61. Kb5 Nxe4 62. Rh2 Nf6 63. b7 Rc1 64. Ka6 Ra1+ 65. Kb5 Rb1+ 66. Ka6 Kd7 67. Ka7 Ra1+ 68. Kb8 Nxd5 69. Rxh7+ Ke6 70. Kc8 Rc1+ 71. Kd8 Rb1 72. Kc8 Ne7+ 73. Kc7 Rc1+ 74. Kd8 Nc6+ 75. Kc7 Na5+ 76. Kd8 Rb1 77. Rh6+ Kd5 78. b8=Q Rxb8+ 79. Kc7 Rb7+ White resigns

Mike Turner (B) - Ben DeLong (C), Round 1

1. e4 Nc6 2. d4 e5 3. Nf3 Nxd4 4. Nxe5 c5 5. Bc4 Qa5+ 6. Bd2 Qb6 7. Bxf7+ Kd8 8. Bc3 d6 9. Qd2 dxe5 10. Ba5 Qxa5 11. Qxa5+ b6 12. Qd2 Ke7 13. Bxg8 Rxc8 14. Nc3 Bb7 15. O-O Rd8 16. Qg5+ Ke8 17. Qxe5+ Be7 18. Rad1 Nc6 19. Rxd8+ Nxd8 20. Nd5 Bxd5 21. exd5 Nf7 22. Qb8+ Nd8 23. Re1 Kf7 24. Qc7 Re8 25. Qd7 h6 26. d6 Black resigns

Gilbert Stone (C) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 1  
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Bf4 O-O 6. Nf3 Nh5 7. Be3 e5 8. dxe5 dxe5 9. Be2 c6 10. Qb3 Qe7 11. h3 Rd8 12. O-O Na6 13. Rfd1 Be6 14. Rd2 Rxd2 15. Nxd2 Nf6 16. Rd1 Rd8 17. Qa4 c5 18. Nf3 Rxd1+ 19. Bxd1 Nd7 20. Nb5 Nb6 21. Qa3 Nxc4 22. Bxc5 Nxa3 23. Bxe7 Nxb5 24. Be2 Nd4 25. Bxa6 Nxf3+ 26. gxf3 bxa6 27. Kg2 Bxa2 28. Bc5 f5 29. Bxa7 Bb1 30. exf5 gxf5 31. b4 Bf8 32. Bb8 e4 33. fxe4 fxe4 34. f4 exf3+ 35. Kxf3 Bxb4 36. Bc7 a5 37. Be5 a4 38. Ba1 a3 39. Ke2 a2 40. Kd1 Bf8 41. Kc1 Bg7 42. Bb2 Bxb2+ 43. Kxb2 Kg7 44. Ka1 Kh6 45. White resigns

Mark Geist (A) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 1  
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. c4 c6 5. Bd3 Bd6 6. Nc3 Nf6 7. Bg5 dxc4 8. Bxc4 O-O 9. Nge2 Bf5 10. Qd2 Nbd7 11. O-O Qc7 12. Ng3 Bxc3 13. hxg3 Rae8 14. Bf4 Qb6 15. Bd6 Ne4 16. Nxe4 Rxe4 17. Bxf8 Rxd4 18. Qb4 Qxb4 19. Bxb4 Rxc4 20. Bc3 Nc5 21. Rad1 Nd3 22. Rxd3 Black resigns

Markle Butcher (B) - Doug Mazeffa (B), Round 2  
Nimzo-Indian Defense, Classical Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qc2 c5 5. dxc5 Bxc5 6. e3 b6 7. Be2 Bb7 8. Nf3 Nc6 9. a3 O-O 10. b4 Be7 11. Bb2 a6 12. Bd3 h6 13. Rd1 Qc7 14. Ne4 Nxe4 15. Bxe4 Rfd8 16. O-O Bf8 17. Rd2 Ne7 18. Bxb7 Qxb7 19. Rfd1 Ng6 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. Bxe5 Rac8 22. Bd6 Bxd6 23. Rxd6 Rc6 24. Qd3 Qc7 25. Rxc6 Qxc6 26. h3 Qa4 27. Qd6 Qc2 28. Qd3 Qa4 29. Qd6 Qc2 30. Rd4 Rc8 31. Qxb6 Rxc4 32. Rxd7 Qe2 33. Qd8+ Kh7 34. Rxf7 Qe1+ 35. Kh2 Qc3 36. Rf8 Qe5+ 37. g3 Qh5 38. Qd3+ Qg6 39. Qxc4 and White won

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Mark Geist (A), Round 2  
Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 O-O 6. Nf3 b6 7. Qc2 c5 8. dxc5 bxc5 9. Rd1 Qa5 10. cxd5 Nxd5 11. Rxd5 exd5 12. Bxe7 Re8 13. Ng5 g6 14. Bf6 Nd7 15. Bb5 Rb8 16. Bxd7 Bxd7 17. O-O Bf5 18. Qe2 h6 19. g4 Bc8 20. Qf3 Qb4 21. e4 dxe4 22. Qh3 h5 23. gxh5 Qb6 24. Nd5 Bxh3 25. h6 Kf8 26. h7 Qxf6 27. Nxf6 Kg7 28. Nxe8+ Rxe8 29. Nxb3 Kxh7 30. Re1 f5 31. f3 Rb8 32. fxe4 Rxb2 33. exf5 gxf5 34. Re7+ Kg6 35. Rxa7 e4 36. Ra6+ Kg7 37. Rc6 Rxa2 38. Rxc4



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Ra1+ 39. Kg2 Ra2+ 40. Kg3 Ra3+ 41. Kg2 Ra2+ 42. Nf2 Kg6 43. Rc8 Ra4 44. Rf8 Kg5 45. Nh3+ Kg6 46. Kg3 Ra3+ 47. Kg2 Ra2+ 48. Kh1 Ra1+ 49. Ng1 Kg5 50. Kg2 Ra2+ 51. Kg3 Ra3+ 52. Nf3+ Kg6 53. Kf2 Ra2+ 54. Drawn

Robert Canary (B) - Mike Turner (B), Round 2  
Colle System

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 d5 4. Bd3 c5 5. c3 Nc6 6. Nbd2 Bd6 7. O-O Bd7 8. Re1 c4 9. Bc2 Qc7 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Bxe4 O-O-O 13. Qe2 Ne7 14. b4 Nd5 15. Bd2 f6 16. a4 g5 17. g3 h5 18. h3 h4 19. g4 Nf4 20. Qf1 f5 21. Bc2 fxg4 22. hxg4 Rdg8 23. Ne5 Bxe5 24. Rxe5 h3 25. Rc5 h2+ 26. Kh1 Bc6+ 27. f3 b6 28. Re5 Qb7 29. Be4 Bxe4 30. Rxe4 Qc6 31. b5 Qc7 32. Bxf4 gxf4 33. Rxe6 Kb8 34. Rael Qh7 35. Qxc4 Qh3 36. Qc6 Rc8 37. Qd6+ Ka8 38. Qd5+ Kb8 39. Re7 Rc7 40. Rxc7 Kxc7 41. Re7+ Kc8 42. Qb7+ Black resigns

Ben DeLong (C) - Alvin Vavrek (B), Round 2  
Colle System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. c3 Bg4 4. Nbd2 e6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Bd3 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. h3 Bh5 9. e4 dxe4 10. Bxe4 Nxe4 11. Nxe4 c5 12. g4 Bg6 13. dxc5 Bxe4 14. b4 Nf6 15. Bd2 Bxf3 16. Qxf3 Qxd2 17. Qxb7 Qd7 18. Qf3 Rfd8 19. Rfd1 Qb5 20. a4 Qc4 21. c6 Nd5 22. b5 Bc5 23. Rac1 a6 24. Qd3 Qxd3 25. Rxd3 axb5 26. axb5 Nf4 27. Rxd8+ Rxd8 28. Rc2 Bb6 29. Ra2 Nd3 30. Ra6 Bxf2+ 31. Kf1 Bc5 32. c7 Rc8 33. b6 Bf8 34. b7 Rxc7 35. b8=Q Rxc3 36. Ra8 Black resigns

Mike Richardson (B) - Robert Canary (B), Round 3  
Old Indian Defense

1. d4 d6 2. Nf3 Nd7 3. Bf4 Ngf6 4. e3 c6 5. c3 Qb6 6. Qb3 Nh5 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 Qxb3 9. axb3 g5 10. Bg3 f5 11. Bd3 Ndf6 12. h3 Ne4 13. Bh2 Bg7 14. Nbd2 Nhf6 15. Ng1 Nxd2 16. Kxd2 Ne4+ 17. Ke1 e5 18. f3 Nf6 19. dxe5 dxe5 20. Bxe5 Be6 21. Ne2 Nh5 22. Bxg7 Nxg7 23. Nd4 Rf8 24. Nxe6 Nxe6 25. Kf2 Nc5 26. Bc2 a6 27. Rad1 Rd8 28. Rxd8+ Kxd8 29. Rd1+ Ke7 30. Ke2 Rf6 31. g3 Drawn

Mark Geist (A) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 3  
Caro-Kann Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Bd3 Nc6 5. c3 Nf6 6. Bf4 e6 7. Nf3 Bd6 8. Ne5 Qc7 9. Qe2 Nd7 10. Bb5 Ndx5 11. Bxe5 Bxe5 12. Qxe5 Qxe5+ 13. dxe5 O-O

14. Bxc6 bxc6 15. O-O Ba6 16. Rd1 e5 17. Na3 Be2 18. Rd2 Bh5 19. Nb5 a6 20. Nd6 c4 21. b3 cxb3 22. axb3 Rab8 23. b4 Rb6 24. Rda2 Rc6 25. Rxa6 Rxc3 26. b5 Be2 27. R6a3 Rxa3 28. Rxa3 Rb8 29. f3 h6 30. Kf2 Be4 31. Ke3 f6 32. f4 fxe5 33. fxe5 Kh7 34. Nxc4 dxc4 35. Ra5 c3 36. Kd3 Rc8 37. Ra2 Rc5 38. b6 Rb5 39. Ra6 Rc5 40. Kc2 Rxe5 41. Kxc3 Rb5 42. Kc4 Rb2 43. Kc5 e5 44. Ra4 Rxc2 45. b7 Rb2 46. Rb4 Rc2+ 47. Kb6 Rxh2 48. b8=Q and White won.

Grant Perks (X) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 3  
King's Indian Defense, Saemish Variation

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 Nc6 7. Nge2 e5 8. Qd2 Bd7 9. d5 Ne7 10. g4 Ne8 11. Ng3 f5 12. gxf5 gxf5 13. Bh6 f4 14. Bxg7 Nxg7 15. Nge2 Ng6 16. O-O-O Nh4 17. Ng1 a6 18. Qf2 b5 19. c5 b4 20. Nb1 Qe7 21. c6 Bc8 22. Nh3 a5 23. Rg1 Kh8 24. Nd2 Ng6 25. Qg2 Bxh3 26. Qxh3 Qh4 27. Qd7 Qd8 28. Bh3 Qb8 29. Rg5 Qc8 30. Qxc8 Rfxc8 31. Bxc8 Rxc8 32. Rdg1 Rg8 33. Nc4 Nh4 34. Nxd6 cxd6 35. Rxc7 Black resigns

Aaron Richardson (B) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 3  
Queen's Gambit Declined, Orthodox Variation

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. d4 d5 4. Nf3 Be7 5. Bg5 O-O 6. e3 h6 7. Bh4 Ne4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. Rc1 Nxc3 10. Rxc3 Qb4 11. Qb3 Qxb3 12. Rxb3 dxc4 13. Bxc4 Nc6 14. Rc3 Bd7 15. O-O Kh8 16. e4 Na5 17. Bd3 Nc6 18. d5 exd5 19. exd5 Nb4 20. Be4 c6 21. dxc6 Bxc6 22. Ne5 Bd5 23. Bxd5 Nxd5 24. Rd3 Nf6 25. h3 Kg8 26. Rfd1 Rfe8 27. Nf3 Re2 28. Rd8+ Rxd8 29. Rxd8+ Kh7 30. Ra8 a6 31. b4 Rxa2 32. Ne5 Ne4 33. Nxf7 Nxf2 34. Nd6 b5 35. Nxb5 Nd3 36. Nd6 Nxb4 37. Nb7 a5 38. Drawn

Markle Butcher (B) - Mike Richardson (B), Round 4  
Benoni Defense

Notes by Markle Butcher

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. Nf3 Bg7 8. Bf4 O-O 9. Be4?! 9. Be2 is more common, the text allows Black a chance to gain some small amount of counterplay. 9...a6 10. a4 Re8 11. Qc2 Ng4 12. O-O Ne5 This weakens the pawn on c5, Black needs to complete his queenside development. 12...Nbd7 might be a better try. 13. Nxe5 dxe5 14. Be3 Qd6 15. Qb3 Nd7 16. a5 Nf6 17. f4? White allows Black back into the game. Simply 17. h3, followed by 18. F4 and

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*Mike would have a very hard time coming up with conterplay. 17...Ng4! 18. Ne2 Nxe3 19. Qxe3 exf4 20. Rxf4 Be5 20...Bh6 wins the exchange. 21. Rh4 Bf6 22. Rf4 Bg5 23. g3 Bg4! Mike has gained the initiative, and is in no hurry to snatch the rook as it isn't going anywhere. 24. Raf1 Re7 25. h4 Bxe2 26. Qxe2 Bxf4 27. gxf4 Qf6 28. e5 Qxh4 29. d6 Rd7 30. Qf3 Kg7 31. Qd5 31. Rf2 might be a better try. 31...Qg3+ 32. Kh1 Qh3+ 33. Kg1 Qe3+ 34. Kh1 Qd4 35. Qxd4 cxd4 36. Rd1 Rc8 37. Rxd4 Rcd8 38. Kg2 Drawn My outlook on the game has been that I must play for a draw, when in fact after 39. b4 and 40. b5, White has some serious winning chances since the Black rooks are stepping on each other's toes and can't easily enter the game. Oh, well! Mike is a very strong player and I really enjoy our games.*

Harold Mitchell (A) - Byron Funkhouser (B), Round 4  
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. Bf4 O-O 5. Qd2 d6 6. h4 Nh5 7. Bh6 e5 8. Bxg7 Kxg7 9. O-O-O Nc6 10. dxe5 dxe5 11. Nd5 Be6 12. g3 Ne7 13. Qc3 Bxd5 14. cxd5 f6 15. e3 Kh8 16. g4 Ng7 17. g5 Ne8 18. gxf6 Nxd5 19. Qb3 Nexf6 20. e4 Nxe4 21. Rxd5 Qf6 22. Nh3 Nxf2 23. Nxf2 Qxf2 24. Rxe5 Rad8 25. Qc3 Qd4 26. Re7 Qxc3+ 27. bxc3 Rf2 28. Bc4 Rdd2 29. Rxc7 Rc2+ 30. Kb1 Rxc3 31. Re1 Rf8 32. Ree7 Black resigns

Tom LaBue (C) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 4  
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 c5 6. d5 e6 7. Be3 exd5 8. cxd5 O-O 9. Bc4 a6 10. Nge2 b5 11. Bb3 Nbd7 12. O-O Ne5 13. Qd2 Nh5 14. Nf4 Qh4 15. Nxb5 gxf6 16. Qf2 Qf6 17. Bc2 Kh8 18. Kh1 Rg8 19. Rg1 Qg6 20. Rab1 Bf6 21. Ne2 Nc4 22. Nf4 Qg5 23. h4 Qxh4+ 24. Qxh4 Bxh4 25. Bc1 Bf2 26. Rf1 Be3 27. Nxb5 Bxc1 28. Rfxc1 Ne3 29. Nf4 f5 30. b3 fxe4 31. Bxe4 Ra7 32. Rb2 Rag7 33. Rg1 Rg5 34. Re2 Rf8 35. Rxe3 Rxf4 36. g4 h5 37. gxf5?? Rh4 mate

Here are some games from the Reserve Section:

Steve Statkiewicz (D) - John Malutich (E), Round 1

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. Nc3 e5 5. d3 h6 6. Be3 Bg4 7. Nd5 Nf6 8. c3 a6 9. Bd2 b5 10. Bb3 Na5 11. Ne3 Bxf3 12. Qxf3 Nxb3 13. axb3 Be7 14. O-O O-O 15. Ng4 Nxb3 16. Qxg4 Bg5 17. f4 exf4 18. Bxf4 c4 19.

bxc4 bxc4 20. d4 Bxf4 21. Rxf4 Qg5 22. Qf3 Rab8 23. Qf2 a5 24. g3 Qb5 25. Rb1 a4 26. Rf5 Qb3 27. Ra5 Qa2 28. Qc2 Ra8 29. Rb5 Rfb8 30. Rb4 Rxb4 31. cxb4 a3 32. Qc1 axb2 33. Rxb2 Qa1 34. Qb1 c3 35. Kf2 Qxb2+ 36. White resigns

Andy Nicol (D) - John Malutich (E), Round 2  
Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 f6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e3 b5 6. a4 Qa5 7. Bd2 b4 8. Na2 e5 9. dxe5 fxe5 10. Bxc4 e4 11. Nd4 Ba6 12. Bxa6 Nxa6 13. Nxc6 Qb6 14. Qh5+ g6 15. Qe5+ Ne7 16. Nxe7 Nc5 17. Nd5+ Qe6 18. Ne7+ Kf7 19. Qxe6+ Nxe6 20. Nxa8 Bd6 21. Bxb4 Bxb4+ 22. Nxb4 Rxa8 23. O-O Rb8 24. Nc6 Rxb2 25. Nxa7 Nc5 26. Rfb1 Rd2 27. Nc6 Kg7 28. a5 Rd6 29. a6 Nxa6 30. Rxa6 h6 31. Nb4 Rd8 32. g3 g5 33. Nc6 Rd6 34. Rb7+ Kf6 35. Nb4 Rxa6 36. Nxa6 and White won

Stephen Malutich (E) - Bob Shock (C), Round 3  
Sicilian Defense, Rossolimo Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+ Bd7 4. Bxd7+ Nxd7 5. O-O e6 6. Nc3 a6 7. d3 Ngf6 8. Bg5 Be7 9. Bxf6 Bxf6 10. Rb1 O-O 11. Re1 b5 12. Nd2 b4 13. Na4 Nb6 14. Nxb6 Qxb6 15. Nc4 Qd8 16. e5 dxe5 17. Nxe5 Qc7 18. f4 Qd6 19. Qd2 Rad8 20. Re4 g5 21. Rbe1 g4 22. Nxb4 Bxb2 23. Nh6+ Kg7 24. f5 Bc3 25. Qg5+ Kh8 26. h3 Bxe1?? 26...f6 needed to be played first. 27. Qf6 mate

Steve Statkiewicz (D) - Michael Malutich (E), Round 4  
Vienna Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. d3 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. Bg5 Nbd7 7. O-O h6 8. Be3 Bxe3 9. fxe3 c6 10. d4 b5 11. Bd3 Qb6 12. Qe1 exd4 13. exd4 c5 14. Nxb5 a6 15. Nxd6 cxd4 16. Nc4 Qa7 17. Qg3 Nc5 18. Nfe5 Be6 19. Rxf6 Bxc4 20. Bxc4 Nxe4 21. Rxa6 d3+ 22. Rxa7 Nxb3 23. Rxa8 Ne2+ 24. Kf2 Rxa8 25. Nxf7 Rf8 26. Ke3 Re8+ 27. Kxd3 Nf4+ 28. Kc3 Ne2+ 29. Kd2 Re7 30. Nxb6+ Kh7 31. Nf5 Re5 32. Rf1 g6 33. Bxe2 gxf5 34. Bd3 Rd5 35. Rxf5 Rxf5 36. Bxf5+ and White won.

### Parkersburg November Open

Mark Geist won a shortened Parkersburg November Open with 3½ points with a win over Joe Ancrile in the final round. Only 12 players attended. The originally planned 2-day event was scrapped and a non-rated, four round event was played. Donald Griffith was second at 3 points.

## WVU's Foray to the Intercollegiate Pan Am Championships by Jason Rihel

Despite playing without a fourth board, West Virginia University's chess team of Jason Rihel, Travis Martin, and Eric O'Brien managed to pull together 3 draws in 6 games at the Intercollegiate Pan Am Championships, held in Baltimore, Maryland on December 27-30. While a 1.5 out of 6 score may not seem like much, the team surrendered a forfeit loss each round, making the task of scoring a full point next to impossible. A newcomer to West Virginia chess, Nabil Feliachi, was expected to play board 2 for the Mountaineers, but his late university registration left him ineligible for the team competition. He did succeed in clinching the unrated title in the Open section with a draw against Wunderkind Mark Geist in the final round.

Despite the disappointment of playing a man down, the tournament was great fun. Some of the best players in the country showed up for this event, including the number 1 women in the US, WGM Anjelina Belakovskaya. WIM Anna Kahn and IM Valery Atlas were some of the other titled players. The pairing chart read as a who's who among college players, included players from the top 50 under 21 in the nation: #6 Michael Mulyar, #10 David Arnett, #27 Erez Klein, and #48 Adrian Keatinge-Clay. Add to this some players from the Open section, including Mark Geist and a computer rated at 2570, and one can see how the quality of chess was very high.

WVU put out some quality chess results as well. Yours truly got a very satisfying draw against Mike Mulyar in the first round, overcoming a 500 point rating gap in my first contest against a senior master. I finished 5-0-2 for the tournament, putting me in third place for board 1. Travis Martin and Eric O'Brien, despite finding themselves as two of the lowest rated players on boards 2 and 3, also came up with some key victories that launched WVU to three draws. Here are the best outings from the WVU team:

Jason Rihel (1878) - Michael Mulyar (2440)  
French Defense, Tarrasch Variation, Guimard Defense  
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nc6 4. Ngf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nb4 6. O-O Nxd3 7. cxd3 Be7 8. Qe2 b6 9. a3 a5 10. Re1 Ba6 11. Ne5 dxe4 12. Nxe4 Nxe4 13. Qxe4 O-O 14. Nc6 Qd7 15. Nxe7+ Qxe7 16. Bf4 Qd7 17. Re3 Rad8 18. Rh3 f5 19. Qe2 Qf7 20. Be5 Rd7 21. Rc1 f4 22. Rf3 Qg6 23. Qe4 Drawn??

OK, OK. I can hear the boos and hisses from the audience. Yes, White does win a clear pawn here, but move 50 was time control and I have 10 minutes to

make it there. No thanks; I'll take my (cheapo?) draw with a senior master and go home.

Travis Martin (1226) - Erik Shumaker (1165)  
Ruy Lopez

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 b5 5. Bb3 Nf6 6. d3 d6 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Bxf6 Bxf6 9. Nc3 Be6 10. O-O O-O 11. Nd5 Bg5 12. Nfg5 Qxg5 13. Qf3 Rac8 14. Qg3 Qxg3 15. fxg3 Rfe8 16. Rf2 Nd4 17. Raf1 Nxb3 18. axb3 Bxd5 19. exd5 Re7 20. Ra1 Ra8 21. Rff1 f6 22. Ra2 c6 23. e4 cxd5 24. cxb5 a5 25. Rfa1 Rb7 26. Rxa5 Rxa5 27. Rxa5 Kf7 28. Kf2 Rb6 29. Ke3 d4+ 30. Ke4 Ke6 31. h3 d5+ 32. Kf3 f5 33. Ra6 Rd6 34. b6 e4+ 35. Ke2 exd3+ 36. Kxd3 Rd8 37. b7+ Kd7 38. Ra8 Rb8 39. Rxb8 Kc7 40. Rh8 Kxb7 41. Rxh7 Kc6 42. Kxd4 Kb5 43. Kxd5 Kb6 44. Rxc7 Kb5 45. Rb7+ Ka6 46. Kc6 Ka5 47. Rb8 Black resigns. With that win, Travis helped WVU draw against one of the University of Maryland at Baltimore County teams.

Phillippe Pourreaux (1307) - Eric O'Brien (1034)

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e3 Nc6 4. Nc3 e6 5. a3 Be7 6. Bd3 O-O 7. O-O Bd6 8. Re1 e5 9. Bb5 Bg4 10. Bxc6 bxc6 11. e4 Re8 12. exd5 cxd5 13. dxe5 Bxe5 14. Bg5 c6 15. Qd3 Qd6 16. Re3 d4 17. Rxe5 Rxe5 18. Nxe5 Qxe5 19. Bxf6 Qxf6 20. Ne4 Qe5 21. f3 Bf5 22. Qa6 Qb5 23. Qxb5 cxb5 24. Nd6 Bxc2 25. Nxb5 d3 26. Kf2 Rb8 27. Re1 d2 28. Nd4 dxe1=Q+ 29. Kxe1 Rxb2 30. Nxc2 Rxc2 31. Kf1 Ra2 32. h3 Rxa3 33. Kf2 f6 34. White resigns. Eric helped us tie the Stetson "A" team with that victory.

Playing at a National event is great fun, and a MUST for any serious chess fan. National tournaments attract players from all over the nation (correction, the world; there was a Peruvian team at the Pan Am games!), and the organization is top notch. Players who found quick wins or losses could watch the top boards in another room via a computer monitor, and spectators could have their games analyzed by a senior master. The atmosphere is festive and exciting. If you haven't attended a national tournament, I suggest that you do.

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Look for the WVU Chess Club Home Page on the internet at: <http://www.wvu.edu/~wvuchess/>

The WVU Chess Club meets Tuesday nights from 8 to 10 pm in the MountainLair located on the WVU campus. The meeting room is posted on the events list.

## WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

### *Minutes - Annual Meeting - August 31, 1996*

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Chess Association was held August 31, 1996 at the Holiday Inn located in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

President Markle Butcher called the meeting to order and appointed Tom LaBue, Acting Secretary-Treasurer in the absence of Tom Bergquist. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. It was moved by Dennis Funkhouser that they minutes be approved as read; Vice President Andy Katz seconded. Motion passed.

The financial statement for the fiscal year September 1, 1995 to August 31, 1996 was read. Charles Szasz moved that they be approved as read. Jonette Mercer seconded, and the motion passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

None

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Dennis Funkhouser, who currently in the WV Chess Archivist, announced that he will be moving in the following months and that someone else will need to take over this position.  
*Nomination were opened:*
  - Randy Bierce was nominated by Bill Salmon;
  - Tom LaBue was nominated by Markle Butcher;*Nomination were closed.*

Randy Bierce declines the nomination, if able to have access to the bulletins. Tom LaBue agrees. Bierce withdraws. Tom LaBue elected by acclamation.
- Bill Salmon initiated discussion that the WVCA should try to bid on a national tournament to be held in West Virginia. Jim Meyer suggested that the best bet would be to try for the U. S. Amateur. After discussing this issue, Bill Salmon moved that WVCA look into obtaining a national tourney. Mike Baker moved to amend the motion, that a volunteer committee be formed to look in this. Andy Katz seconded Salmon's motion and it passed. Jim Meyer seconded the Baker amendment and it also passed. Four members volunteered for the committee: Mike Baker, Jim Meyer, Bill Salmon, and Randy Bierce.
- Randy Bierce opened discussion about possible changes in the WV Scholastic Championship setup. Randy discussed his problems with getting a team entered into the Junior high event. Greg Miller recounted similar problems. John Homer and Charles Szasz, also of the WVSCA, discussed how many of the arrangements and time controls came about; many of the coaches of the scholastic teams have input into the tourney conditions. Andy Katz moved that the WVCA form a committee, with as its members Charles Szasz, John Homer, Mike Baker and Randy Bierce. This committee would set the parameters for the events, and if there are adjustments needed for future tourneys that they would handle this. Mike Baker seconded the motion and it passed 14 for and 2 against.
- Tom LaBue mentioned the donation from Peter Dessauls of chess materials to the WVCA. Tom mentioned that a letter of thanks was sent from him and President Markle Butcher to acknowledge this

gift. The items include: a copy of ChessBase, two CD-ROMs of Fritz, numerous database disks, and two old copies of the Chess Informant. Ideas were taken of what to do with the items. Markle Butcher moved that they be sold and the money go to the WVCA for future use. Bob Shock seconded; the motion passed 14 for and 2 against.

- Tom LaBue reminded all members that with all the tournaments happening in West Virginia, it would be wise to remember to use the clearinghouse, so we do not schedule events for the same day. Donald Griffith is the current Tournament clearinghouse for West Virginia. Tom also mentioned that the West Virginia Chess Association Home Page is operational; all WV Chess events will be posted there as well.

#### 1997 TOURNAMENT SITE:

- Nominations were opened for the 1997 WV State Championship. Randy Bierce nominated Wheeling, to be held at the same site as the WV Championships of 1993 and 1994, the Days Inn off I-70. Bill Salmon seconded the nomination. No more bids were received and Mike Taylor moved that the nominations be closed; Bill Salmon seconded. Being only one bid, Wheeling was awarded the 1997 Championship.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1996-1997

##### *USCF Delegate:*

Jim Meyer was nominated by Tom LaBue; second- Markle Butcher.

##### *Voting Member:*

Walt Rueckert nominated by Markle Butcher; second- Bill Salmon.

##### *Bulletin Editor:*

Tom LaBue nominated by Jason Rihel; second- Randy Bierce.

##### *Secretary-Treasurer:*

Tom Bergquist nominated by Jason Rihel; second- Bob Shock.

##### *Postal Director:*

Jason Rihel nominated by Markle Butcher; second- Bill Salmon.

##### *Vice President:*

Allen Farley nominated by Randy Bierce; second- Bill Salmon.

##### *President:*

Mike Baker nominated by Tom LaBue; second- Randy Bierce.

No other nominations were received. Randy Bierce moved that the nomination be closed; Bill Salmon seconded. The motion passed. As there was only one candidate for each position, all nominated were elected by acclamation.

Jason Rihel moved that the meeting be adjourned. Chris Burkhammer seconded and the motion passed.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Sept. 1, 1995 to Aug. 31, 1996

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AVAILABLE September 1, 1995 \$1762.23

RECEIPTS

* 1995 Tournament Entry Fees	NO REPORT	
WVCA Dues	\$564.00	
Interest	24.08	
USCF Affiliate Grant (Report not rcvd)	No Report	588.08

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AND RECEIPTS AVAILABLE \$2350.31

DISBURSEMENTS

* 1995 Tournament Entry Fees	NO REPORT	
Tournament Expenses paid by WVCA	\$ 65.00	
WVCA Bulletin	209.45	
Grand Prix Trophies	84.06	
Secretary-Treasurer Expense	71.70	
USCF Affiliate Fee	40.00	
Printing Expense (Membership Cards)	30.69	500.90

TOTAL PRESENT FUNDS AVAILABLE August 31, 1996 \$1849.41

RECONCILIATION

* USCF Affiliate Funds Available	\$927.64	
(from previous statement)		
United National Bank		
Life Memberships on Deposit	\$280.00	
* Operating Cash on Deposit	641.77	921.77
Total Reconciliation		\$1849.41

\* NOTES

Changes in Available Funds from Previous Statement

USCF Affiliate Funds	No Change	\$ 0.00
Life Memberships	No Change	0.00
Operating Cash	Increase	87.18

Total Increase in Available Funds \$87.18

1995 Tournament entry fees and expenses are incomplete.  
No report was received.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom*

Thomas O. Bergquist  
Secretary-Treasurer

## Scholastic Chess Events and Results

### March 1, Southern WV Scholastic Spring Open

Site: Danville Community Center; Danville, WV

Located near the corner of 4th Street and Phipps Ave.

Reg: 9:00 - 9:45 am; Rounds at 10:00, 12:30, 2:15, 4:00

Entry Fee: \$10; 4-SS, G/45

Prizes: Team (minimum of 4 players)

Individual: High School (12th grade and under)

Middle School (8th grade and under)

Elementary School (5th grade and under)

Trophies to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each section

Contact: Allen Farley, P.O. Box 180, Sarah Ann, WV 25644

Phone: (304) 946-2602 or (304) 792-7028 ext. 226

### March 22-23, 1997 West Virginia Scholastic Championships

Site: Wilson Student Union, WV State College; Institute, WV

Directions: I-64 Exit 50. East on WV25 for 1/2 mile to Washington

Avenue. South 3 blocks to student union parking lot.

West Virginia residents only!, NS, NC, W

4 Sections: High School (K-12), 5-SS, G/75, Sat. & Sun.

Middle School (K-9), 6-SS, G/60, Sat. only

Elementary (K-6), 4-SS, G/30, Sat. only

Primary (K-3), 4-SS, G/30, Sat. Only

Note: If coaches send in ALL team entries together, with ID and entry fees, maximum fee is \$50 per team.

Advanced entries only! Entries due: March 12 No Entries at Site!

Must bring Valid USCF ID to Tourney!

Check In: Sat. 8:00-8:30; Players meeting 8:30; Round 1: 9:00am

Entry Fees: HS \$9, MS \$8, EL \$7, PR \$5

Prizes: Trophies for Top Teams and Individuals in each section

Entries to: John Homer, 208 Brookhaven Dr. ,

Nitro, WV 25143-1104 (304)776-4591

e-mail: 74072.2213@compuserve.com

### April 19, 2nd Marshall Co. Championships

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, 2 Sections: Open and Scholastic

Site: Sherrard Junior High School; Sherrard, WV

EF: \$12 in advance, \$15 at door; Jr High/Grade School \$5

\$\$: 350 b/35 Non-JHS entries 100-50 A,B,C,D/E/Unr 50

Reg: 8:30-10:00am Round 1: 10:10

Entries to: Randy Bierce, 150 Limestone, Moundsville, WV 26041

### April 19, WV Elementary School Chess Open

Unrated tourney, 4-SS, 30/30; Open to WV students K-5

Site: Adamston Elementary School; Clarksburg, WV

West Pike St. exit from US 50. Left at light and left at next light.

Parking across the street from the building.

EF: \$5 by April 10, \$7 at door;

Trophies: Top 5 teams, top 3 individuals, top 2 in grade, top female

Reg: 9:00-9:45am Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:45-2:00 Awards 3:30

Entries to: Frank Dzielski, Adamston Elementary School

1636 West Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301, (304) 624-3243

### Sherrard JHS 9th Grade Team is

National Runner-Up by Randy Bierce

Sherrard JHS Chess Club journeyed to Terre Haute, IN in search of answers to the questions buzzing in their young, inquisitive minds: Can we get into the Top 10? Could any of us be national Champion? Will anyone else from West Virginia be there? How much pizza do we get to eat tonight? Where's my clock?

The answers: Yes. No. Yes. Lots. It walked away.

The Glanbard (IL) West HS edged out Sherrard JHS 9th graders for National Championship honors 10½-10. After leading the tournament for the first three rounds, the Rams faltered in round 4, fell to third, then recovered in round 6 to nearly overtake Glenbard West. 33 schools from 12 states were represented. The remainder of the Top 5 9th Grade teams were Michigan City JHS - 3rd, Indianapolis Ritter - 4th, The Academy (Tampa, FL) - 5th.

Some of the better known teams had masters for analysis and herds of coaches, but Sherrard countered with 3-time WV Champ, Andy Katz. Andy drove the 7-hour trip Friday night and ground out 13 straight hours of between round analysis on Saturday. He also tirelessly put in 6 hours on Sunday, before departing for Charleston after the Award Ceremony. Scott Davis also helped between round, as did Randy Bierce. Two clocks were lost, then finally found to round out the weekend.

Sherrard's 7th grade team came out of 24th place in round 2 to finish 7th. 54 schools from 13 states were represented. SJHSCC 8th graders were 15th. 44 schools from 15 states competed in the 8th grade section. Limestone Elementary's 5th grade team finished 19th of 50 schools from 16 states. Hunter College Elementary of New York City was 5th grade National Champion.

Scott Davis of Elkins finished in a tie for 8th in the 12th grade section with 3½ points. Katie Cannon (E. Liverpool, OH) finished with 1.5 in the 7th Grade section. Team Malutich from Clarksburg were successful: Steven (4th) finished with 4 points; Michael (6th) ended with 3.5; John (10th) had 3. There were 19 players from WV. A total of 852 players participated in the 6-round event.

Here are the results of the SJHSCC members:

9th Grade: Mark Abraham, Josh Sell, 3½, 20th place; Trevor Knoblich, 3; Jason Schrimp, 2½; Amanda Forester, 2.

8th Grade: Gabe DeGarmeaux, 2½, 53rd place; Lori Calmbacher, 2; Kara Jarrett, ½.

7th Grade: Augie Delbert, 3, 34th place; Josh Forester, Brian Skinner, 2½; Tim Gibb, 2; Daniel Sell, 1½.

5th Grade: Jan Bierce, 2, 66th; Ashley Dunn, 1.

6. Be2 c5 7. O-O Nc6 8. Ne5 Qc7 9. Bf3?! *MCO 13 gives 9. Nxc6 Qxc6 10. Bf3 as equal. 9...Ne4 10. d3 Nxe5 11. fxe5 Bxe5 12. Bxe5 Qxe5 Black has won a pawn, and the e3 pawn is weak. 13. Nd2 Ng5 14. Qe2 Nxf3+ 15. Nxf3 Qc7 16. Qf2 h6 I was trying to keep the knight out of g5 when White can pile up on the f7 pawn. 17. Qh4 Kg7 18. g4 Be6 19. h3 Rh8 20. Qf2 h5 21. Ng5 Raf8 22. gxh5 Qe5 Not 22...Rxb5 23. Nxe6+ fxe6 24. Qxf8+ and White wins. 23. h4 Rxb5 24. d4 Rxb5+!! The winning move as now Black busts open the kingside, and the rook on a1 can only sit back and watch. 25. hxg5 Qxg5+ 26. Qg2 Qxe3+ 27. Qf2 Qg5+ 28. Qg2 Qxg2+ 29. Kxg2 cxd4 Black has a bishop and four pawns for the rook. and Black won shortly.*

Terry Riley - Markle Butcher  
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 Bd7 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. b4 Bb6 8. b5 Na5 9. Bd3 Ne7 10. O-O Rc8 11. a4 Ng6 12. Re1 Nc4 13. Bxg6 fxe6 14. Ra2 O-O 15. Bg5 Bxf2+ 16. Rxf2 Qb6 17. Be7 Rf7 18. Bb4 Ne3 19. Qd4 Qxd4 20. Nxd4 Rxf2 21. Kxf2 Nc4 22. Re2 g5 23. g4 a5 24. bxa6 bxa6 25. a5 g6 26. Kg3 Kg7 27. Nb3 Rb8 28. Nc5 Be8 29. Nd2 h5 30. Nxc4 dxc4 31. Rd2 h4+ 32. Kh3 Kh6 33. Rd8 Rxb4 34. cxb4 c3 35. Rxc8 c2 36. Nxa6 Kg7 37. Rxc2 Kh7 38. b5 Black resigns

In other WV postal news, Mike Baker told me that he has started playing Correspondence Chess last year. Here is one of his efforts from the 1995 Golden Knights Preliminaries.

Richard Mahon (1751) - Mike Baker  
English Opening

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. O-O O-O 5. d3 d5 6. Nbd2 b6 7. c4 Bb7 8. cxd5 Bxd5 9. Re1 Bb7 10. Nc4 Nbd7 11. e4 Nc5 12. Nfe5 Nfd7 13. d4 Nxe5 14. Nxe5 Bxe5 15. dxe5 Qxd1 16. Rxd1 Rfd8 17. Bg5 Kf8 18.

Rac1 Rxd1+ 19. Rxd1 Ke8 20. Rc1 Ne6 21. Be3 c5 22. Rd1 Rd8 23. Rxd8+ Kxd8 24. Kf1 f5 25. exf6 exf6 26. f4 f5 27. e5 Bxg2+ 28. Kxg2 Ke7 29. Kf2 Nc7 30. Ke2 Ke6 31. Kd3 Kd5 32. Bd2 a6 33. b3 Ne6 34. Be3 b5 35. Bd2 h6 36. Be3 Nc7 37. Drawn

Send any questions, comments, tourney results or announcements to:

Tom LaBue, Rt 3, Box 372  
Buckhannon, WV 26201

(304) 472-1682 *e-mail: tlabue@msys.net*

To become a WVCA member, send \$7 for one year's membership to:

Tom Bergquist  
4375 Bowman Hill Road  
Huntington, WV 25701

### Late News from the Tournament Committee!!

Word has it that the committee looking into obtaining a national tournament may have found one for West Virginia. The U. S. Amateur South is looking for a home. A 5-round tourney over Memorial Day weekend at the Marriott in Charleston with Jim Meyer directing has been proposed to the USCF. Originally, the committee thought that the WVCA would need to insure the tourney with \$1000 to make sure of the guaranteed payouts, which we do not have. Apparently, the USCF has agreed to split the liability as they have no other offers to hold the event. News should come within the next few weeks if the proposal has been accepted. Stay tuned here and in the WVCA Home Page for more information. This would be a good tourney to show the local WV chess support. Keep you fingers crossed!!

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