

WVCA Chess Bulletin

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U. S. Amateur South Comes to Charleston During Memorial Day Weekend!

What started as a comment from Bill Salmon has blossomed into fruition, The U. S. Amateur Championship, South Regional will be contested on May 24-25, Memorial Day Weekend, in Charleston at the Town Center Marriott located downtown. Bill's suggestion was met eagerly by all members. A committee led by Jim Meyer began to work on the possibility of hosting a National event. Rev. John Kay had also been pondering the possibilities of a National event in WV. John and Jim found that there was no current bids for the Amateur South. The late date did not leave much time to get organized and try to set up the logistics for such an event.

Even after the proposal made its way to USCF, it took some time before the tourney award was made. They may have had reservations about working with a group that has not hosted a National Event prior. Or perhaps grappling with the question: Is Charleston in the South? What swung the pendulum in WV's favor were probably a combination of reasons: There were still no other bids for this National Event; they had a group that was excited about hosting it; and maybe the clincher, that Jim Meyer was a part of the effort. Jim is someone that the USCF is familiar with. Besides his duties as a National Tournament Director, he worked for the USCF for years. Much credit is to go to both John and Jim for the superlative effort that landed WV its first National Event Tourney ever.

In order to make this event successful, we will need to have a large contingent of WV players. This may be your only chance to play in a National Event so close to home! The WVCA has been reaching out to State Organizations and Chess Clubs in surrounding states and throughout the South to publicize the event. Most contacted have been helpful, by placing an announcement on their web site or agreeing to mention it in their upcoming bulletins. At this point, we can't

safely estimate the draw for this event. Alabama hosted this event the last two years and drew in the 90s in 1995 and then 70s last year, however, much of that was in the Reserve Section. We hope that you can attend and perhaps with a good crowd, could try it again next year.

Tourney Info:

Date: May 24-25, 1997

Site: Marriott Town Center Hotel, 200 Lee Street East, Charleston, WV (304)345-6500 Rooms \$74 1-4/room
TD: NTD Jim Meyer

Rounds: 5-SS Time Control: 50/2, 25/1;

Two sections: Open (U2199) and Reserve (U1800)

EF: \$30, Scholastic \$15 if by 5/19; add \$10 at site

Site Registration: 8:00-10:00 am

Round Times: Saturday 10-3-8 Sunday 10-3

Entries to: USCF - US Amateur South, 3054 NYS 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553

Info: Rev. John Kay (614) 678-2248 or e-mail to 71524.102@compuserve.com

Check out the US Amateur South website located at:
<http://www.msys.net/tlabue/amsouth.html>

Prizes: Trophies to: Top 5, 1st over age 55
1st Junior, 1st under age 16
(Open and Reserve) 1st under age 13, Upset prize

Open: Top 3 players in classes A, B, C and below
Reserve: Top 3 players in classes C, D, E, U1000

Winner of the Open Section participates in the U. S. Amateur Championship against the winners of the other regionals:
East - New Brunswick, NJ
West - Tuscon, AZ
North - Detroit, MI

Date, time, and location of this event TBD

Upcoming Events in West Virginia

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 (U18); \$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 11, Concord College G/60

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, NS, NC, W
Site: Concord College Student Center, Athens, WV
EF: \$5; \$\$: b/entries
Reg: 9:00-9:30am; Rounds: 10:00-12:30-3:00-5:30
Entries to: Jim Meyer, RR 3, Box 102B
Princeton, WV 24740-9416 (304) 384-9154

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

May 22, U. S. Amateur South Warmup (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

May 24-25, U.S. Amateur South *See details on front page!!*

June 7, Parkersburg June Open

4-SS, G/60, WV Grand Prix, NS, W, NC
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, 104 Iroquois Dr. , Marietta, OH 45750
e-mail: aisecur!PCKelly@bpd.treas.gov

June 21, 11th Dolgovskij Commemorative

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

July 5, Parkersburg July 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, 104 Iroquois Dr. , Marietta, OH 45750
e-mail: aisecur!PCKelly@bpd.treas.gov

July 18-20 or 19-20 PA State Championship

5-SS, 30/75, SD/60, except Rd 1 of 2 day G/90;
Site: Assembly Room and Ballroom, William Pitt Union,
University of Pittsburgh
For more info: see flyer enclosed in Bulletin

July 19, MCCC Classic

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

August 2&3, MCCC Twin Tornados

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

August 9, Kanawha Valley 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 (U18); \$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

Other Upcoming Events:

Aug 16: Parkersburg Homecoming; Aug 30-Sep 1: WV State
Championships including QC and Blitz Championship ;

1997-98 West Virginia Correspondence Championship

I am now taking entries for the 1997-98 Postal Championship. Entry
fee is \$15 and play will begin in June. If there are less than 10
players, there will be 1 section. More than 10 entrants, the sections
will be broken up according to rating. Trophy to winner of any
section. Prize money TBD. Also, WVCA membership is required,
\$7/year. All USCF postal rules apply. More info: Tom LaBue
(304) 472-1682

Parkersburg December Open Crosstables

Last issue we reported that the Ohio youth movement was alive and well with Mark Geist and Andy Nicol the winners in the Parkersburg December Open. Mark is now seriously pushing to break the 2000 rating plateau. This is no surprise to those that have played against him in the past year. The crosstables for the two events finally were returned to John Kay. They are presented to you below.

This concluded another year of Parkersburg chess events, which was mostly successful, included the well attended State Tourney. Please check the Events Page for upcoming tournaments. Hopefully, the Parkersburg club will not lose another site this year as has happened the past two years. It is becoming more and more difficult to find good sites, as any of the local clubs will tell you.

December 7, 1996, Holiday Inn - Parkersburg Open Section Crosstable

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Mark Geist	OH	1831*a8	1856*a8	W--6	D--11	W--5	W--4	3.5
2	Harold Mitchell	WV	1862*A4	1871*A4	W--16	L--3	W--14	W--11	3.0
3	Mike Richardson	WV	1757*A5	1781*A5	W--7	W--2	D--4	D--5	3.0
4	Robert Canary	WV	1768*B0	1777*B0	W--13	W--14	D--3	L--1	2.5
5	Markle Butcher	WV	1691*B6	1731*B6	W--10	W--9	L--1	D--3	2.5
6	Aaron Richardson	WV	1619*b4	1641*b4	L--1	W--17	D--10	W--13	2.5
7	Scott Davis	WV	1504*c7	1525*c7	L--3	D--13	W--17	W--15	2.5
8	Grant Perks	OH	2000*X6	2005*X6	H---	H---	W--11	U---	2.0
9	Doug Mazeffa	OH	1894*B7	1862*B7	D--12	L--5	W--15	H---	2.0
10	Mike Taylor	OH	1857*A4	1832*A4	L--5	W--12	D--6	U---	1.5
11	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1719*a9	1713*a9	W--17	D--1	L--8	L--2	1.5
12	Gary Morris	WV	1639*B7	1629*B7	D--9	L--10	L--13	W--17	1.5
13	Tom LaBue	WV	1564*b7	1559*b7	L--4	D--7	W--12	L--6	1.5
14	Mike Turner	WV	1762*B6	1739*B6	W--15	L--4	L--2	U---	1.0
15	Ben DeLong	WV	1401/04	1455/08	L--14	W--16	L--9	L--7	1.0
16	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1676*C5	1643*C5	L--2	L--15	U---	U---	0.0
17	Gilbert Stone	WV	1394*c6	1365*c6	L--11	L--6	L--7	L--12	0.0

Reserve Section (U1600) Crosstable

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Andy Nicol	OH	1335*D6	1352*D6	W--10	W--11	W--12	W--5	4.0
2	Bob Shock	WV	1424*C5	1411*C5	W--4	W--17	L--5	W--7	3.0
3	Mike Statkiewicz	WV	1174* 0	1179* 0	W--20	L--5	W--16	W--10	3.0
4	Alan Smith	WV	1150*e5	1165*e7	L--2	W--19	W--17	W--11	3.0
5	Stephen Malutich	WV	890* 0	971*d2	W--9	W--3	W--2	L--1	3.0
6	John R. Malutich	WV	1369/10	1341/14	D--15	L--7	W--13	W--12	2.5
7	David Earley	WV	1199/08	1268/11	H---	W--6	W--14	L--2	2.5
8	Travis Martin	WV	1226*E2	1197*E2	L--17	L--10	W--20	W--16	2.0
9	Peter Mauk	WV	1174*e7	1142*e7	L--5	W--20	L--10	W--17	2.0
10	Michael Malutich	WV	1149*e2	1161*e2	L--1	W--8	W--9	L--3	2.0
11	John W. Malutich	WV	996* 0	1031* 0	W--13	L--1	W--15	L--4	2.0
12	Dieter Hackmann	OH	836* 0	888* 0	W--16	W--14	L--1	L--6	2.0
13	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1302*d2	1254*d2	L--11	D--15	L--6	W--19	1.5
14	Bill Salmon	WV	1200*d9	1200*d9	W--18	L--12	L--7	D--15	1.5
15	Mike Price	WV	1140*E7	1136*E7	D--6	D--13	L--11	D--14	1.5
16	Glenn Haynes	WV	1161*D5	1114*D5	L--12	W--18	L--3	L--8	1.0
17	Dan Jessbereger	OH	1016*e2	1017*e2	W--8	L--2	L--4	L--9	1.0
18	Brian Watkins	WV	999* 0	957* 0	L--14	L--16	L--19	W--20	1.0
19	Alexandra Perks	OH	587* 0	614* 0	U---	L--4	W--18	L--13	1.0
20	Evan Perks	OH	674* 0	665* 0	L--3	L--9	L--8	L--18	0.0

Donald Griffith Outlasts Field at 1997 Cross Lanes Open

Donald Griffith finished the day 4-0, including victories over Scott Carmichael, Harold Mitchell and Jim Walker to take first prize at this year's Cross Lanes Open. VA expert Chris Bush finished second at 3½ points. Walker and Aaron Richardson each earned three wins apiece to give each a share of third place. Twenty-one players were present at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse for this event. Donald Griffith directed.

David Hundley (C) - Harold Mitchell (A), Round 1
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. d3 O-O 7. h3 Nc6 8. Be3 Qb6 9. Rb1 Bd7 10. a3 Qa5 11. Bd2 Qc7 12. g4 Rfe8 13. Nb5 Qc8 14. c4 a6 15. Nc3 Qc7 16. b3 e6 17. Ng5 d5 18. O-O dxe4 19. Bxe4 Rad8 20. Qc1 Nxe4 21. Ncxe4 Nd4 22. Re1 h6 23. Bf4 e5 24. Nxf7 exf4 25. Nxe6+ Kh7 26. Ng5+ Kxh6 27. Nf7+ Kh7 28. Rxe8 Rxe8 29. Ng5+ Kh8 30. Qf1 Qe5 31. Ne4 f3 32. Re1 Ne2+ 33. Kh1 Bc6 34. Rxe2 fxe2 35. Qxe2 Bxe4+ 36. dxe4 Qxe4+ 37. Qxe4 Rxe4 and Black soon won.

Scott Carmichael (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. Bc4 Nc6 8. O-O Ng4 9. Nxc6 bxc6 10. Qd2 Nxe3 11. fxe3 O-O 12. Rf2 Rb8 13. Rf1 e6 14. Bb3 Ba6 15. Rd1 Be5 16. Rf3 c5 17. Rb1 Qa5 18. a3 c4 19. Ba2 Rxb2 20. Rxb2 Bxc3 21. Qc1 Bxb2 22. Qxb2 Qe1+ 23. Rf1 Qxe3+ 24. Kh1 Qxe4 25. Qc3 Bb7 26. Rf2 d5 27. Bb1 Rc8 28. Qf6 Rf8 29. Rf4 Qe1+ 30. Rf1 Qa5 31. Qe7 Qb6 32. c3 Bc6 33. h4 Qd8 34. Qxd8 Rxd8 35. Kh2 d4 36. cxd4 Rxd4 37. Kg3 Rd2 38. Rf2 Rxf2 39. Kxf2 Kg7 40. g3 Kf6 41. Ke3 Ke5 42. h5 f5 43. h6 Be4 44. Ba2 Bd3 45. a4 a5 46. Kd2 Kd4 47. Ke1 Kc3 48. Kf2 Kb2 and Black won.

Aaron Richardson (C) - Robert Canary (B), Round 2
London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bf4 Nbd7 4. e3 c6 5. c4 Nh5 6. Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 g5 8. Bg3 Nng3 9. hxg3 e5 10. Nc3 Qe7 11. Ne4 Bg7 12. dxe5 dxe5 13. Nd6+ Kf8 14. Rc1 Nb6 15. c5 Nd5 16. e4 Nf6 17. Nd2 b5 18. cxb6 Qxd6 19. Nc4 Qxd1+ 20. Rxd1 axb6 21. Nxb6 Rb8 22. Rd8+ Ke7 23. Rxh8 Bxh8 24. Nxc8+ Rxc8 25. Rxh6 Bg7 26. Rh3 Rb8 27. b3 Nxe4 28. Rh7 Kf6 29. g4 Nc3 30. Rh3 Nxa2 31. Rf3+ Ke7 32. Bc4 f6 and Black won

Donald Griffith (X) - Harold Mitchell (A), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 O-O 8. Qd2 Nc6 9. O-O-O Bd7 10. h4 Rc8 11. g4 Ne5 12. h5 Nc4 13. Bxc4 Rxc4 14. hxg6 hxg6 15. Qh2 Rxc3 16. bxc3 Qa5 17. Nb3 Qa3+ 18. Kb1 Rc8 19. e5 Nh5 20. gxh5 Bf5 21. Bc1 Qa4 22. Rd4 Qa6 23. hxg6 fxg6 24. exd6 Rxc3 25. dxe7 Kf7 26. Re1 Rc8 27. Rd8 Bxc2+ 28. Qxc2 Rxc2 29. e8=Q+ Kf6 30. Qe7+ Kf5 31. Rd5+ Black resigns

Robert Canary (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 3
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e4 d6 6. Be2 e5 7. dxe5 dxe5 8. Qxd8 Rxd8 9. Bg5 Re8 10. Rd1 h6 11. Bd2 Na6 12. Nd5 Nxe4 13. Bb4 c6 14. Nc3 Nxf2 15. Kxf2 Nxb4 16. Rd2 e4 17. Nxe4 Rxe4 18. Rd8+ Bf8 19. a3 Na6 20. b4 Kg7 21. Nd4 Be7 22. White resigns

Charles Haid (C) - Scott Carmichael (B), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Dragon Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. c4 Bg7 6. Be3 Nf6 7. Nc3 O-O 8. Be2 Qa5 9. O-O d6 10. f4 e5 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. Qxd6 exf4 13. Qxf4 Nh5 14. Qf2 f5 15. Bxh5 fxe4 16. Qh4 Qxh5 17. Qxh5 Rxf1+ 18. Rxf1 gxh5 19. Nxe4 Ba6 20. b3 Re8 21. Ne5 Bxc4 22. bxc4 Rxe3 23. Rd1 Rc3 24. Ne6 Bh6 25. c5 Rc2 26. Rd6 Rxa2 27. Rxc6 Be3+ 28. Kf1 Rf2+ 29. Ke1 Rxc2 30. Rc7 Rxh2 31. Rxa7 Rc2 32. Rg7+ Kh8 33. Rf7 Bxc5 34. Ng5 Kg8 35. Rxh7 Be3 36. Rxh5 Rc5 37. Ke2 Bxg5 38. Kf3 Kg7 39. Kg4 Kg6 40. Rh8 Rc4+ 41. Kf3 Kf5 42. Rf8+ Bf6 43. Ke3 Rc3+ 44. Kd2 Rg3 45. Ke2 Rb3 46. Kd2 Ke5 47. Re8+ Kf4 48. Rf8 Kg5 49. Kc2 Rc3+ 50. Kd2 Rf3 51. Ke2 Kg4 52. Rg8+ Bg5 53. Rxc5+ Drawn

Gary Morris (B) - Henry Hunt (C), Round 3
Benoni Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e5 3. d5 d6 4. Nc3 Bd7 5. e4 g6 6. f4 Qa5 7. Bd3 Bg7 8. Nf3 Bg4 9. h3 Bxf3 10. Qxf3 Nfd7 11. Bd2 O-O 12. O-O e5 13. f5 Nf6 14. Bg5 Nbd7 15. Ne2 h6 16. Bd2 Qxd2 17. Qg3 Nh5 18. Qf3 Nf4 19. Nxf4 exf4 20. Rab1 Ne5 21. Rbd1 Nxf3+ 22. Rxf3 Qxd1+ 23. Kh2 Be5 24. White resigns

Chuck Waugh (C) - Gilbert Stone (D), Round 3
English Defense

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 c6 3. b3 d5 4. Bg2 Bf5 5. Bb2 e6 6. Nf3

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Bd6 7. O-O O-O 8. d3 Nbd7 9. h3 h6 10. Nbd2 e5 11. Re1 Bh7 12. Nf1 Re8 13. Rc1 Qe7 14. N3d2 Bb4 15. Bc3 Bxc3 16. Rxc3 Qb4 17. Qc1 e4 18. a3 Qf8 19. dxe4 Nxe4 20. Nxe4 Bxe4 21. cxd5 Bxg2 22. Kxg2 cxd5 23. e3 Nb6 24. Qb2 Rac8 25. Rec1 Rxc3 26. Rxc3 Re8 27. Rxc8 Qxc8 28. Nd2 Qc5 29. Nf3 Nd7 30. Kf1 a5 31. Ke1 Draw

Bill Salmon (D) - Nathan Fortney (F), Round 3
 1. e4 e5 2. Bc4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Nf3 Bb4 5. Ng5 O-O 6. Qf3 Nd4 7. Qd1 d6 8. d3 h6 9. a3 Bxc3+ 10. bxc3 hxg5 11. cxd4 exd4 12. O-O Re8 13. Bxg5 Be6 14. Bd5 Bxd5 15. exd5 Re5 16. f4 Qe8 17. fxe5 Qxe5 18. Bxf6 gxf6 19. Qg4+ Kf8 20. Rae1 Qxd5 21. Rxf6 Qa5 22. Rf1 Qd5 23. Qd7 Black resigns

Jim Walker (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4
 Queen's Indian Defense
 1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 b6 4. Bd3 Bb7 5. Nbd2 c5 6. c3 d5 7. Qe2 Be7 8. Ne5 Nbd7 9. f4 Nxe5 10. fxe5 Nd7 11. O-O Qc7 12. e4 dxe4 13. Nxe4 Rf8 14. Bg5 f6 15. exf6 gxf6 16. Qh5+ Kd8 17. Bf4 e5 18. dxe5 fxe5 19. Bg5 Qc6 20. Bxe7+ Kxe7 21. Qxh7+ Kd8 22. Rxf8+ Nxf8 23. Qf7 Nd7 24. Rd1 Kc7 25. Qe7 Rf8 26. Rd2 Qh6 27. Bb5 Qe3+ 28. Rf2 Qe1+ 29. Bf1 Rxf2 30. Qd6+ Kc8 31. Nxf2 Qe3 32. Qd3 Qf4 33. g3 Qf7 34. Bh3 Bc6 35. Ne4 Qxa2 36. Bxd7+ Bxd7 37. Qd2 Qb1+ 38. Kf2 Qxe4 39. h4 Bg4 40. Qe3 Qxe3+ 41. Kxe3 Kd7 42. Ke4 Ke6 43. b4 cxb4 44. cxb4 a5 45. bxa5 bxa5 46. White's flag fell.

Gilbert Stone (D) - Charles Haid (C), Round 4
 Queen's Gambit Accepted
 1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 e5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Qa4+ Bd7 6. Qxc4 exd4 7. e5 Ne4 8. Qxd4 Nc5 9. Bg5 Nc6 10. Bxd8 Nxd4 11. Nxd4 Rxd8 12. Nb5 Bxb5 13. Bxb5+ c6 14. Be2 Nd3+ 15. Bxd3 Rxd3 16. Nc3 Bb4 17. Ke2 Rd7 18. Rac1 Ke7 19. a3 Bxc3 20. Rxc3 Rhd8 21. Rb3 Rd2+ 22. Ke3 b6 23. Rc1 c5 24. Rcc3 R2d5 25. f4 Rd4 26. Rd3 Ke6 27. g4 Rxd3+ 28. Rxd3 Rxd3+ 29. Kxd3 g5 30. Ke4 gxf4 31. Kxf4 b5 32. g5 a5 33. h4 b4 34. axb4 axb4 35. b3 c4 36. bxc4 b3 37. c5 b2 38. c6 b1=Q 39. c7 Qc1+ 40. Kg4 Qxc7 41. Kh5 Qxe5 42. Kh6 Qf4 43. h5 Kf5 44. Kxh7 Qxg5 45. h6 Kf6 46. Kh8 Qxh6+ 47. White resigns

Brian Serve (G) - David Hundley (C), Round 4
 Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation
 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 bxc6 5. d4 exd4 6. Qxd4 Qe7 7. O-O Nf6 8. e5 Nd5 9. Nc3 Nxc3 10. Qxc3 Qc5 11. Qd3 Be7 12. Be3 Qb5 13. b3 O-O 14. Qe4 Re8 15. c4 Qb8 16. Bg5 Bb7 17. Bxe7 Rxe7 18. c5 d6 19. Ng5 g6 20. Qh4 h5 21. Ne4 Rxe5 22. Nf6+ Kg7 23. Nd7 Qe8 24. Nxe5 Qxe5 25. cxd6 cxd6 26. Rfe1 Qb2 27. Qb4 Bc8 28. Qxd6 Bf5 29. Qxc6 Rc8 30. Qxa6 Rc2 31. Rf1 h4 32. Rab1 Qd4 33. h3 Rd2 34. Rbc1 Bd3 35. Qa4 Qb2 36. Rfd1 Rxf2 37. Rxd3 Rxc2+ 38. Kh1 Rh2+ 39. Kgl Qg2 mate

Cross Lanes Open, January 11, 1997, Lake Chaweva Clubhouse

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Donald Griffith	WV	2100*X7	2119*X7	W--11	W--6	W--8	W--3	4.0
2	Chris Bush	VA	2090*m7	2101*m7	H---	W--10	W--5	W--8	3.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2100*M5	2092*M5	W--7	W--14	W--9	L--1	3.0
4	Aaron Richardson	WV	1641*b4	1649*b4	W--18	L--9	W--12	W--10	3.0
5	Sefus Ellis	WV	1714*B6	1721*B6	W--13	H---	L--2	W--11	2.5
6	Scott Carmichael	WV	1669*b7	1673*b7	W--17	L--1	D--7	W--15	2.5
7	Charles Haid	WV	1482*C2	1501*C2	L--3	W--21	D--6	W--16	2.5
8	Harold Mitchell	WV	1871*A4	1864*A4	W--12	W--15	L--1	L--2	2.0
9	Robert Canary	WV	1777*B0	1785*B0	W--16	W--4	L--3	U---	2.0
10	Scott Davis	WV	1533*c7	1531*c7	W--20	L--2	W--13	L--4	2.0
11	Henry Hunt	WV	1437*D5	1461*D7	L--1	W--17	W--14	L--5	2.0
12	David Hundley	WV	1411*c0	1405*c0	L--8	W--19	L--4	W--20	2.0
13	Jeremy Hummer	VA	1400*c6	1389*c6	L--5	W--20	L--10	W--18	2.0
14	Gary Morris	WV	1629*B7	1590*B7	W--21	L--3	L--11	D--17	1.5
15	Chuck Waugh	WV	1582*b2	1556*b2	W--19	L--8	D--16	L--6	1.5
16	Gilbert Stone	WV	1372*c6	1370*c6	L--9	W--18	D--15	L--7	1.5
17	Bill Salmon	WV	1200*d9	1209*d9	L--6	L--11	W--19	D--14	1.5
18	Sammy Magner	WV	959* 0	968* 0	L--4	L--16	W--21	L--13	1.0
19	Nathan Fortney	WV	891* 0	902* 0	L--15	L--12	L--17	W--21	1.0
20	Brian Serve	WV	743/04	874/07	L--10	L--13	B---	L--12	1.0
21	Brian Watkins	WV	957* 0	920* 0	L--14	L--7	L--18	L--19	0.0

A Look at Huntington's Best from the 40s: Siegfried Werthammer and H. Landis Marks

This issue, we take a look back to some of the premiere chess players in West Virginia in the 40s and 50s. We will highlight the careers of two Huntington-based players Dr. Siegfried Werthammer, and H. Landis Marks. Both of these players would be considered to be among the best and most successful chess players in WV.

Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

The early 40s was a tough time for chess not only in WV, but all over. With the war, many of the players were either in the service or working overtime at the factories to keep supplies up. There were very few tournaments, either local or state. The State Championship was "the" event. Dr. Siegfried Werthammer burst onto the WV chess scene in 1943 and quickly became the dominant player in the State Championship by winning thirteen titles including eight outright.

Dr. Werthammer was born in 1911 at Vienna, Austria. He was taught chess by his mother at age 5. He and his wife emigrated to US in 1938 after Austria was annexed by Germany. They became US citizens in 1943. He settled in Huntington and was employed as a pathologist for Huntington Memorial and St. Mary's Hospital. He frequently claimed that he played in best chess between the ages of 16 and 20, before he entered medical school. His favorite chess book was Nimzovitch's "My System".

Dr. Werthammer made his chess presence immediately known by winning his first two attempts at the State title in 1943 and 1944. After winning the 1946 event, he then amazed all by finishing first for six consecutive years, 1948-1953. He rounded out the collection with wins in 1957, 1958, 1965. He finished in a second place tie in the 1976 tourney contested in Ceredo.

There is an interesting story involving Dr. Werthammer from the 1947 State Championships, which were held in Huntington. Here is the text excerpted from WVCA Bulletin #60, September, 1947, written by Gene Collett:

"In the first round, Shiggi Werthammer and Tom Sweeney (who was later a WV State Senator from the Wheeling area - TLB) had their game up to about the 9th or 10th move when Shiggi was called to the telephone. It was from one of his hospitals, an emergency summons, and Shiggi promised to go just as he was as soon as the game was over. The hospital said it was sending a car for him. We don't know whether this pressure from without had anything to do with it, but a few minutes later, Shiggi announced "Mate in 3.", grabbed his hat and coat and

departed on the run. Here's the score of the game; you can figure it out for yourself. It's a King's Gambit with Sweeney playing the white men. Shiggi got his call about the 9th or 10th move.

Tom Sweeney - Dr. Werthammer, Round 1
King's Gambit

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e5 Nh5 5. Bc4 d5 6. exd6 e.p. Bxd6 7. O-O O-O 8. d4 Nc6 9. d5 Ne7 10. Ne5 g6 11. Ng4 Nf5 12. Bd3 Be5+ 13. Kh1 and Black announces mate in three by 13...Nfg3+ 14. hxg3 Nxc3+ 15. Kh2 Qh4 mate

Here is another game from the 1943 State Championship against former WV champ William Hartling with annotations from GM George Koltanowski.

Dr. Werthammer - William Hartling
Queen's Gambit Declined

The Knight and the passed pawn don't get in the final kill, but they paved the way for it.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 c6 6. Nf3 Nbd7 7. Rc1 O-O 8. a3 a5 *So far, so good, but a move like a5 is never good so early in the game. 8...h6, followed by Re8 is better.* 9. cxd5 exd5 10. Bd3 h6 *Here Black could break free with 10...Ne4.* 11. Bf4 Nh5 12. O-O Nxf4 13. exf4 Bd6 14. Ne5 Qh4 *Waste of good time.* 14...Nxe5 15. fxe5 Be7 followed by f6 is to be recommended. 15. g3 Qh3 16. Re1 Bxe5 17. fxe5 Qe6 18. Qh5 f5 19. Ne2 Qf7 20. Qxf7+ Kxf7 21. Nf4 *This wins a pawn. If 21. Bxf5, then 21...Nxe5! Now Black is lost and White finishes strongly.* 21...Nb6 22. e6+ Kf6 23. Nh5 Kg6 24. g4 Nc4 25. Ng3 Nd6 26. gxf5+ Kf6 27. Re5 Ne8 28. Nh5+ Ke7 29. Nf4 Kd6 30. Rce1 b6 31. b4 axb4 32. axb4 Ra4 33. Rb1 Rf6 34. Ne2 Ba6 35. b5 c5 36. bxa6 cxd4 37. f4 Ra3 38. Rxb6+ Kc7 39. Rb7 Kd6 40. Rd7+ **Black resigns.**

Dr. Werthammer was also involved in other aspects in the chess world. Locally, he was the WVCA president in 1947-48. He was named Games Editor for the WV Chess Bulletin and also annotated for Chess Life. He was appointed to the USCF Board of Directors in 1945 and was re-elected to this post.

"Ziggi" competed in a few National and out-of-state events with mixed results. He was the Tri-State Champ in 1952 and placed 2nd in 1945. The Tri-State pitted the top two finishers in the Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia State Championships in a round-robin tourney. He was invited to play in the National Amateur

Championship in 1944 at New York City. Dr. Werthammer was 4-2-2 when called home for a medical emergency. He had to forfeit last 5 games. He was also invited to play in Area 3 Regionals for the USCF National Championship in 1946, finishing 2-3. He won the North and South Carolina Open (Clemson, SC) in 1954.

Dr. Werthammer - Malcolm Patrick (Dayton, OH)

Sicilian Defense

US National Championship Prelims, August 1946

Notes by Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 d6 *Better is 4...Nf6 first.* 5. c4! *Fortifying the central square d5 and obstructing the QB file thru which Black so often goes with a counter attack in the Sicilian.* 5...g6 6. Nc3 Bg7 7. Be3 Nf6 8. Be2 O-O 9. O-O h6 *This and the following Black move are too slow and time losing and permit White to initiate a violent and dangerous attack on the K. Instead 9...b6, followed by Bb7 is in order.* 10. f4 Kh7 11. f5 Ne5 12. g4 g5 13. h4 *A speculative P sacrifice which keeps the initiative.* 13...gxh4 14. g5 hxg5 15. Bxg5 Rg8? *Much better is 15...Rh8* 16. Rf4 Kg8 17. Rch4 Rch4 18. Bxh4 *and though White has a strong attack, Black has more chances than after the text.* 16. Kh1 Bh8 17. Qe1! Kg7 *Not 17...Rxc5, because of 18. Qxh4+* 18. Bxf6+!! *This plausible move had to be calculated to a nicety. See White's 21st move.* 18...exf6 19. Rg1+ Kf8 20. Qxh4 Bg7 21. Rxc7!! *Not only the best move, but the only one.* 21...Rxc7 22. Qh8+ Rg8 23. Qh6+ Ke8 24. Nd5 Rf8 *After 24...Nd7, 25. Nb5! wins at once.* 25. Nb5! *This enveloping move forces the game. The threat is 26. Nxf6+ Ke7* 27. Nd5 Ke8 *and Black loses the Q or is mated.* 25...Kd7 26. Nxf6+ *The ensuing hunting and corralling of the Black K is easy.* 26...Kc6 27. Rd1 Rh8 28. Nh7 Rxh7 29. Qxh7 Qe7 30. Rxd6+ Kc5 31. Qh6 Nxc4 32. Rd5+ Kb4 33. a3+ Kb3 34. Bxc4+ Kxc4 35. Qc1+ Kb3 36. Qd1+ Ka2 37. Nc3+ Kxb2 38. Rd2+ **Black resigns.**

William Byland - Dr. Werthammer

1945 Tri-State Tourney

Notes by Dr. Werthammer

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 c6 3. e4 d6 *Very meek--but Black does not want to play 3...d5 because of 4. cxd5 cxd5* 5. d4, *with the game transposing into a variation of the Caro-Kann favorable to White. With the text, Black plans to set up a King's Indian Defense.* 4. d4 g6 5. Nf3 Bg7 6. Be2 O-O 7. O-O Nbd7 8. e5 *This center action is premature. Better is 8. h3 e5* 9. Be3 *with a good game. Because of White's move, Black gets to play against the overextended White center pawns. Black's position is compressed but he has no weaknesses.* 8...Ne8 9. exd6 Nxd6 10. Bf4 Nf6

11. Bd3 *A time consuming maneuver to protect his QB pawn, but 11. b3 would be dangerous because of the Black KB.* 11...Be6 12. Qe2 Nf5 13. Be5 h6 *To guard against 14. Ng5.* 14. Rad1 Qa5 15. Nd2 Rfd8! *A move which had to be calculated as to the many ensuing variations. Black used more than a half hour and later on got into some time pressure (so did his opponent). Black is forced to lose the exchange, but in return he gets two pawns and a strong attack.* 16. Nb3 Qb4 17. Nc5 Nxd4 18. Bxd4 Bg4 19. f3 Rxd4 20. Nb3 Rxd3 21. Qxd3 Be6 22. Nd2 Nh5 23. Nce4 Nf4 24. Qb3 Qb6+!! *A very fine move.* 25. Qxb6 *If 25. Kh1, simply 25...Bxb2* 26. Rb1 Bd4 *with a winning advantage.* 25...axb6 26. g3 Bd4+ 27. Kh1 Nh3 28. Kg2 Rxa2 29. g4 Nf4+ 30. Kh1 Bxb2 31. Rb1 f5 32. gxf5 gxf5 33. Ng3 Bc3 34. Rxb6 *White abandons the N on d2 to get at least the possibility of a counterchance as after 24. Nb3 BxP he is hopelessly lost.* 34...Rxd2 35. Rxb7 Bxc4! *This again had to be exactly calculated because of White's next move.* 36. Rg1! *A dangerous counterattack, which must be met with care.* 36...Nh3 37. Rc1 Nf4 *The knight maneuver is to win time on the clock.* 38. Rg1 Kf7 *Black must not permit the discovered check on the KN file.* 39. Nxf5 Bd5 40. Nxb6+ Ke6 41. Re1+ Kd6 42. Nf5+ Kc5 43. Rf1 *On 43. Nh4 Ng6! wins.* 43...Bxf3+ 44. **White resigns**

Dr. Werthammer was consistently rated at expert strength during the height of his chess playing career. In 1950 USCF Rating using the Byland system was 2217, Expert class. In 1958, his USCF rating was 2050 figured with the more current rating system.

It was noted last issue that Huntington became a booming chess town in the 50s, much of it due to the efforts of Drs. Werthammer and Hayward. They encouraged the youth of the area in chess activities. Among them: Paul Sayre, Tom Bergquist, Charles Morgan and Donald Burdick.

Landis Marks, Jr.

Another of the strong Huntington players from the 40s was H. Landis Marks. Marks was born in Lewiston, WV in 1911. He learned chess from reading books at age 11. He started playing serious tournament chess while a young man. Landis earned the only draw given up by Alekhine at a simul in Cincinnati during 1932.

Alekhine - H. Landis Marks

Hungarian Defense

Notes by H. Landis Marks (given to the Cincy paper)

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Be7 4. d4 exd4 5. c3 Nf6 *This move turns out better than it deserved.* 6. e5 Ne4 7. Bd5 Nc5 8. cxd4 Ne6 9. O-O O-O 10. Be4 d5 11. exd6 Bxd6

12. d5 Nc5 13. Bxh7+ Kxh7 14. dxc6 Rh8 15. Nc3 bxc6
 16. h3 Ba6 17. Re1 Nd3 18. Ng5+ Kg8 19. Qb3 Qf6 20.
 Nee4 Qf5? 21. Re3 Nxc1 22. Rxc1 Qg6 23. Rxc6 Rh5
 24. Rxa6 24. Nxd6 leaves Black less chance than the text
 move. 24...Rxc6 25. g3 Rh5 26. Nxd6 cxd6 27. Qb7 Rf8
 28. Qe7 Qb1+ If Black continues by 28...Rxc3, White
 wins by 29. Rxd6 Qb1+ 30. Re1 since White threatens
 now Qxf8+. 29. Kg2 A slip which enables Black to
 equalize. Rxh3 30. Kxh3 Qf1+ 31. Kh4 Qxa6 32. a3
 Qf1 33. Re2 f5 34. Kg5 Qh3 35. Qe6+ Kh8 36. Kf4
 Qg4+ 37. Ke3 Rf6 38. Qd5 f4+ 39. Kd2 fxg3 40. fxg3
 Qxg3 41. Qh5+ Rh6 42. Re8+ Kh7 43. Qf5+ Rg6 Black
 could not interpose the Queen owing to the loss of his
 rook pawn, which would follow the exchange of queens.
 44. Qh5+ Drawn

The West Virginia notoriety began when he won the 1942
 West Virginia State Championship. He moved to
 Virginia during the war years and later returned home.
 His second title came in 1947.

Al DuVall-Landis Marks, 1947 WV State Championship
 Caro-Kann Defense

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 cxd5 4. c4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Nc6 6.
 Bg5 Qb6 7. Nge2 dxc4 8. a3 e5 9. dxe5 Nxe5 10. Nf4
 Be5 11. Qc2 O-O 12. Bxf6 Qxf6 13. Ncd5 Qf5 14. Qxf5
 Bxf5 15. O-O-O Rad8 16. Be2 g5 17. Nf6+ Kh8 18.
 N4d5 Nd6+ 19. Bxd3 Bxd3 20. h4 g4 21. Rhe1 Rd6 22.
 Re5 Bd4 23. Rxd3 Bxe5 24. White resigns

He continued his streak by winning the second annual Tri-
 State Championship. Here is the deciding game.

H. Landis Marks - Thomas Gutekunst (Allentown, PA)
 Notes by Dr. Siegfried Werthammer

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. e3 Bg4 A good move against the
 Colle system. 4. c4 e6 5. Nbd2 Surprisingly tame; White
 plays a QGD with colors reversed. 5...c6 5...c5 is more
 energetic. 6. Be2 Bd6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. b3 Qe7 9. Bb2
 O-O? Everything was prepared for 9...e5 after which
 Black would have at least an even game. With his next
 move, White prevents the freeing move. 10. Ne5 Bxe2 11.
 Qxe2 Ne8 In positions of this kind, it is very difficult for
 Black to find a constructive plan. The text makes White's
 next move more effective and congests Black's first file.
 12. e4! Nxe5 12...f6 (as probably intended) wouldn't be
 any better. 13. dxe5 Bc5 14. exd5 exd5 15. cxd5 cxd5 16.
 Rac1 Nc7 Due to the unlucky position of this K, Black
 could not play 16...Ba3 at once to exchange the
 dangerous B, because of White's 17. Bxa3, followed by
 doubling the rooks on the QB file. 17. Qg4 Ne6 18. Kh1
 Ba3 19. Bxa3 Qxa3 20. f4 Qb4 Of course not 20...Qxa2,

because of 21. f5 with irresistible attack. Though the text
 for the moment prevents f5, it cannot be prevented in the
 long run. Much better would be 20...Qe7 21. f5 Qg5! or if
 21. h4 f5! However, White would still have a superior
 game. 21. Rcd1 Rac8 22. a3 Qxa3? Instead of the two
 preceding moves, Black still had a chance to play Qe7.
 23. f5 Nc7 24. Nf3 Rfe8 25. Ng5 h6? Overlooking the
 following pretty sacrifice--but Black's game was lost
 already. 26. Nxf7! Kxf7 27. e6+ Kf8 If 27...Kg8, then 28.
 f6. 28. Qg6 Nxe6 Forced. 29. fxe6+ Kg8 30. Rf7 Qb2
 31. Rdf1 Qe5 32. Rxb7 Rxe6 33. Rxc7+! Black resigns
 If 33...Qxc7 34. Qxe6+ and wins the other rook, also.

His rating (Byland system) was 2117, Expert
 class, at the end of 1949. Shortly thereafter, he
 disappeared from the chess grind. In 1960, Landis
 returned with a bang with his third WV state title. Marks
 was extremely active as well as successful in his chess
 endeavors during the next few years. A second place
 showing at the Ohio Valley Open followed (no Tri-State
 Senior event), and local wins in the Huntington Club
 Championship and the Huntington 30/30. Landis earned
 first place honors at the Midwest Open in Louisville, KY
 and the Windy City Open in Chicago, IL.

M. Edmondson - H. Landis Marks, from Midwest Open
 Two Knight Game

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. Ng5 d5 5. exd5 Na5 6.
 d3 h6 7. Nf3 Bd6 8. h3 O-O 9. O-O b5 10. Bxb5 Nxd5
 11. Bd2 Rb8 12. Ba4 c5 13. Bxa5 Qxa5 14. Bb3 Nf4 15.
 Nbd2 Qa6 16. Re1 Bc7 17. Nxe5 Bxh3 18. gxh3 Bxe5
 19. Rxe5 Qg6+ 20. Kf1 Rbe8 21. Rxe8 Qg2+ 22. Ke1
 Qg1+ 23. Nf1 Rxe8+ 24. Kd2 Qxf2+ 25. Ke1 Re1 26. c3
 Nxd3+ 27. Kb1 Qxb2 mate

1962 was likewise another successful year on the
 chess board. Landis won another Huntington Club 30/30
 event as well as the HCC Rating Point Tourney. He
 traveled to Pittsburgh to win the Golden Triangle Open
 and to Youngstown, OH again victorious at the Mahoning
 Valley Open. He posted a strong third place performance
 at the NY State Championship, an event won by Pal
 Benko. By the end of 1962, he achieved a rating just shy
 of 2100.

Marks was elected President of the WVCA in
 1967. He scored three victories during the year
 capturing the Holiday Open (Huntington) as well as the
 Charleston Open and the KVO. He finished a close
 second to William Payne for the 1967 State
 Championship.

Next issue, we will continue to take a look back at
 WV chess in the 40s and 50s.

Concord College Chess Revival

Courtney Olson takes the G/90; Jim Walker Sweeps the G/60 Event

Jim Meyer is rekindling the chess scene in Southern WV with the Concord College G/60 and G/90 events. Jim ran similar events in the early 80s which were quite popular in part because of the modest entry fee (EF is still only \$5!). Jim directed a few events last fall and is continuing this year with another G/60, 4 round Swiss scheduled for May 11.

Two events have already been contested this year. In February, a 3-round, G/90 tourney took place with the winner being VA's Courtney Olson. Courtney is currently in the Top 50 in her age group (with a rating

over 1700) and recently participated in the World Youth Festival at Menorca, Spain. Courtney defeated Jim Walker and Scott Carmichael in the final two rounds to claim first. Second place was taken by Gary Morris.

In March, Jim Walker stormed back to go unbeaten with a 4-0 mark, including wins over Scott Davis, Michael Turner and a last round triumph over Joel Harrison in the G/60. Second place was shared by Harrison, Davis and Tom LaBue. A total of 21 players participated in this WV Grand Prix event.

Concord College Tornado, February 16, 1997, Concord College Student Center

PLR #	NAME	ST	Rating	1	2	3	Total
1	Courtney Olson	VA	1637	W--14	W--3	W--5	3.0
2	Gary Morris	WV	1629	W--7	W--6	D--4	2.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2100	W--10	L--1	W--11	2.0
4	Michael Turner	WV	1760	H---	W--11	D--2	2.0
5	Scott Carmichael	WV	1669	W--13	W--9	L--1	2.0
6	Ed Grych	WV	1554	W--8	L--2	W--10	2.0
7	Mike Flanigan		UNR	L--2	W--15	W--13	2.0
8	Ricky Lester		UNR	L--6	W--13	W--9	2.0
9	David Hundley	WV	1411	W--15	L--5	L--8	1.0
10	Joe Meadows	WV	1140	L--3	W--14	L--6	1.0
11	William Widener	WV	1110	W--12	L--4	L--3	1.0
12	Dr. Bernard Kiernan	WV	2000	L--11	U---	U---	0.0
13	Christopher Martin		UNR	L--5	L--8	L--7	0.0
14	Richard Flanigan		UNR	L--1	L--10	U---	0.0
15	Scott Wood		UNR	L--9	L--7	U---	0.0

Concord College G/60, March 9, 1997, Concord College Student Center

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2106*M5	2114*M5	W--3	W--13	W--5	W--2	4.0
2	Joel Harrison	VA	1838*A7	1862*A7	W--18	W--9	W--7	L--1	3.0
3	Scott Davis	WV	1531*c7	1573*C4	L--1	W--17	W--8	W--10	3.0
4	Tom LaBue	WV	1506*b7	1526*b7	W--19	W--8	L--6	W--13	3.0
5	Michael Turner	WV	1772*B6	1771*B6	W--12	W--10	L--1	D--6	2.5
6	Scott Carmichael	WV	1639*b7	1651*b7	W--16	L--7	W--4	D--5	2.5
7	Dr. Bernard Kiernan	WV	1978*x2	1961*x2	W--11	W--6	L--2	U---	2.0
8	David Michael	WV	1690*B6	1647*B6	W--15	L--4	L--3	W--12	2.0
9	Gary Morris	WV	1607*B7	1575*B7	W--21	L--2	L--12	W--15	2.0
10	Tom Brown	NC	1587*C5	1564*C5	W--20	L--5	W--14	L--3	2.0
11	David Hundley	WV	1385*c0	1366*c0	L--7	W--15	L--13	W--16	2.0
12	Billy Leary	WV	1155*E4	1186*E6	L--5	W--16	W--9	L--8	2.0
13	Richard Sheppard	WV	*		W--14	L--1	W--11	L--4	2.0
14	Sammy Magner	WV	968* 0	985* 0	L--13	W--18	L--10	B---	2.0
15	William Widener	WV	1118* 0	1130* 0	L--8	L--11	W--18	L--9	1.0
16	David Magner	WV	798* 0	793* 0	L--6	L--12	B---	L--11	1.0
17	Ken Deel	WV	Unrated	1131/01	H---	L--3	U---	U---	0.5
18	Brian Shallenberger	VA	1248* 0	1198* 0	L--2	L--14	L--15	U---	0.0
19	David Allman	WV	Unrated	1106/01	L--4	U---	U---	U---	0.0
20	Steven Walton	WV	Unrated	1187/01	L--10	U---	U---	U---	0.0
21	Alex Enoch	WV	Unrated	1207/01	L--9	U---	U---	U---	0.0

* Note: Richard Sheppard was not listed on the USCF crosstable, even though he played in the event

1997 West Virginia Scholastic Championships *by John Homer*

Undefeated players Michael Spencer (1996 Champion) of Independence High, Beckley, and Scott Davis, Elkins High, drew in the last round to become Co-Champions at 1997 WV Scholastic Championship. This marked the second title for Spencer, who went 5-0 last year. 1995 Champion John Dailey led a group of players with scores of 4-1, including three unrated and two 800 players. Elkins High repeated as winner of the Team Championship.

Sherrard Junior High won the Middle School Team Championship with the help of Marc Abraham, 4-0, Individual Co-Champion with Luke Trout of McKinley Junior High, St. Albans. Over 70 players competed in this section!

In the Elementary Section A. T. Turner (5.5-0.5) of Mountain View Elementary repeated as Individual

Champion with a final round victory over Stephen Malutich of Clarksburg. This win helped Mountain View to the Elementary Championship on tie breaks over Cheat Lake Elementary (Morgantown area). Teays Valley Christian Academy was third only a half point behind.

Mountain View Elementary also was the Primary Team Champion where Dennis Funkhouser, Jr., of Kanawha City Elementary and Nora Miller of Mountain View tied for first place individual with scores of 3.5-0.5.

This year's Scholastic Championship was held at WV State College, Institute on March 22-23, and drew 189 players and 28 teams from 59 schools. John Homer and Charles Szasz directed the event assisted by Joe Ancrile, Tom LaBue, and Jason Rihel.

1997 WV High School Championship, WV State College, Institute, WV

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Michael Spencer	WV	1606*c2	1610*c2	W-18	W-14	W-7	W-21	D-2	4.5
2	Scott Davis	WV	1598*C4	1604*C4	W-19	W-17	W-33	W-6	D-1	4.5
3	John Dailey	WV	1649*B4	1627*B4	W-5	W-27	L-6	W-24	W-4	4.0
4	Chad Allen	WV	1209*E4	1253*E9	W-20	W-24	W-26	W-8	L-3	4.0
5	John Malutich	WV	1031* 0	1060*e2	L-3	W-28	W-43	W-37	W-25	4.0
6	David Hickman	WV	805/04	1233/09	W-13	W-12	W-3	L-2	W-16	4.0
7	Jesse DeBarr	WV	801* 0	909*d2	W-15	W-46	L-1	W-14	W-13	4.0
8	C. J. Pizarro	WV	Unrated	1322/05	W-42	W-22	W-11	L-4	W-23	4.0
9	Chris Werner	WV	Unrated	1262/05	W-10	L-26	W-32	W-30	W-20	4.0
10	Nicholas Leach	WV	Unrated	1223/05	L-9	W-51	W-19	W-17	W-21	4.0
11	Ryan Reichert	WV	1442*D2	1400*D2	W-30	L-21	L-8	W-27	W-33	3.0
12	Chris Hacker	WV	1190*E2	1161*E2	W-22	L-6	W-47	L-25	W-32	3.0
13	Eric Ferguson	WV	1153*d4	1131*d4	L-6	W-25	W-31	W-33	L-7	3.0
14	Chad Smith	WV	1144/12	1126/17	W-23	L-1	W-42	L-7	W-34	3.0
15	James Grantham	WV	1126* 0	1088* 0	L-7	L-45	W-52	W-42	W-41	3.0
16	Jason Windland	WV	1092*e4	1084*e4	L-27	W-47	W-49	W-45	L-6	3.0
17	Greg Cox	WV	1056* 0	1062* 0	W-32	L-2	W-44	L-10	W-43	3.0
18	Scott Guinn	WV	1027* 0	1033* 0	L-1	W-31	L-41	W-39	W-45	3.0
19	Philip Snyder	WV	1003*E0	1016*E0	L-2	W-37	L-10	W-28	W-40	3.0
20	Richie Ring	WV	965/12	984/17	L-4	W-39	W-38	W-41	L-9	3.0
21	Travis Riffle	WV	943* 0	1003*E2	W-46	W-11	W-45	L-1	L-10	3.0
22	Nathan Fortney	WV	902* 0	917* 0	L-12	L-8	W-50	W-44	W-38	3.0
23	Sam Moore	WV	818/04	961/09	L-14	W-36	W-35	W-26	L-8	3.0
24	Brian Fairall	WV	810/04	1018/09	W-29	L-4	W-36	L-3	W-37	3.0
25	Roger Dodson	WV	762/04	913/09	W-38	L-13	W-40	W-12	L-5	3.0
26	Emilie Yang	WV	Unrated	1090/05	W-40	W-9	L-4	L-23	W-30	3.0
27	Billy Leary	WV	1186*E6	1186*E6	W-16	L-3	D-28	L-11	W-46	2.5
28	Wayne Trembly	WV	580/05	716/10	W-49	L-5	D-27	L-19	W-47	2.5
29	Ashih Gupta	WV	1080*c2	1050*c2	L-24	L-33	W-51	W-31	U---	2.0
30	Richard Tyre	WV	975* 0	974* 0	L-11	W-41	W-39	L-9	L-26	2.0
31	Ashley Noronha	WV	951* 0	926* 0	W-52	L-18	L-13	L-29	W-50	2.0
32	Michael Henning	WV	793/09	831/14	L-17	W-35	L-9	W-36	L-12	2.0
33	Jay Foresta	WV	623/05	842/10	W-53	W-29	L-2	L-13	L-11	2.0
34	James Windland	WV	522/04	618/09	L-37	L-40	W-53	W-35	L-14	2.0
35	John Barker	WV	Unrated	701/05	W-43	L-32	L-23	L-34	W-53	2.0
36	Daniel Amrine	WV	Unrated	726/05	W-48	L-23	L-24	L-32	W-52	2.0
37	Peter Glass	WV	Unrated	863/05	W-34	L-19	W-46	L-5	L-24	2.0
38	Christopher Kaiser	WV	Unrated	720/05	L-25	W-48	L-20	W-49	L-22	2.0
39	Jeremy Kelly	WV	Unrated	784/05	W-50	L-20	L-30	L-18	W-49	2.0
40	Amit Mehrotra	WV	Unrated	764/05	L-26	W-34	L-25	W-48	L-19	2.0
41	Goran Malic	WV	Unrated	828/04	X---	L-30	W-18	L-20	L-15	2.0
42	Isaac Gibson	WV	Unrated	898/05	L-8	W-50	L-14	L-15	W-48	2.0
43	Fred Kerby	WV	Unrated	749/05	L-35	W-53	L-5	W-47	L-17	2.0
44	Stuart Naranch	WV	Unrated	771/05	L-45	W-52	L-17	L-22	W-51	2.0
45	Elliott Mayle	WV	Unrated	940/05	W-44	W-15	L-21	L-16	L-18	2.0

46	Adam Muir	WV	1260/09	1041/13	L-21	L-7	L-37	B---	L-27	1.0
47	Nathan Yoke	WV	747/08	723/13	W-51	L-16	L-12	L-43	L-28	1.0
48	Jennifer Jack	WV	389* 0	375* 0	L-36	L-38	B---	L-40	L-42	1.0
49	Lucy Ice	WV	325* 0	316* 0	L-28	B---	L-16	L-38	L-39	1.0
50	Richard Scott	WV	Unrated	596/05	L-39	L-42	L-22	W-53	L-31	1.0
51	Sara Chamberlain	WV	Unrated	672/05	L-47	L-10	L-29	W-52	L-44	1.0
52	Amy Tennant	WV	Unrated	488/05	L-31	L-44	L-15	L-51	L-36	0.0
53	Kimberley Fortney	WV	Unrated	366/05	L-33	L-43	L-34	L-50	L-35	0.0

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PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Marc Abraham	WV	1552*b5	1556*b5	W-12	W-11	W-18	W-15	4.0
2	Luke Trout	WV	932* 0	998*E2	W-25	W-24	W-42	W-14	4.0
3	Josh Sell	WV	1228*E4	1229*E4	W-51	D-5	W-45	W-19	3.5
4	Michael Malutich	WV	1161*e2	1165*e2	W-33	W-48	D-19	W-16	3.5
5	Aaron Blackshire	WV	1027*d2	1086*d2	W-50	D-3	W-23	W-24	3.5
6	Stephen Gaetke	WV	1193*E4	1183*E4	W-29	L-18	W-37	W-28	3.0
7	Joe Meadows	WV	1140* 0	1137* 0	W-43	W-13	L-15	W-29	3.0
8	Jason Schrimp	WV	1106*e5	1099*e5	L-18	W-34	W-38	W-31	3.0
9	Timothy Gibb	WV	1044*e2	1043*e2	L-14	W-36	W-35	W-32	3.0
10	Brian Skinner	WV	1029* 0	1037* 0	W-44	W-47	L-14	W-36	3.0
11	Randall Gibson	WV	1024*e2	1040*e2	W-32	L-1	W-52	W-34	3.0
12	Chris Williamson	WV	997* 0	1005* 0	L-1	W-56	W-54	W-42	3.0
13	Neil Ball	WV	854* 0	895* 0	W-49	L-7	W-56	W-27	3.0
14	Daniel Kyer	WV	853/14	937/18	W-9	W-25	W-10	L-2	3.0
15	Aaron Cahill	WV	733/08	921/12	W-46	W-49	W-7	L-1	3.0
16	Leonard Ball	WV	719/12	812/16	W-62	W-30	W-27	L-4	3.0
17	Alexander Converse	WV	1037*d2	1026*d2	W-31	L-19	W-39	D-18	2.5
18	Nathan Stark	WV	922* 0	976*e2	W-8	W-6	L-1	D-17	2.5
19	Josh Forester	WV	912* 0	960* 0	W-26	W-17	D-4	L-3	2.5
20	Marshal Markley	WV	679* 0	701* 0	D-61	L-28	W-59	W-43	2.5
21	Donald McClelland	WV	641/06	716/10	D-45	L-29	W-61	W-44	2.5
22	Sam DiStephano	WV	641* 0	689* 0	W-48	L-44	D-43	W-45	2.5
23	Amanda Forester	WV	1185*E2	1149*E2	W-30	L-27	L-5	W-46	2.0
24	Augie Delbert	WV	1146*e2	1107*e2	W-54	L-2	W-33	L-5	2.0
25	Trevor Knoblich	WV	1124* 0	1079* 0	L-2	L-14	W-63	W-53	2.0
26	Joaquin Lopez	WV	1076* 0	1035* 0	L-19	W-35	L-36	W-54	2.0
27	Donald Sheppard	WV	991/09	958/13	W-53	W-23	L-16	L-13	2.0
28	Justin Cantley	WV	989* 0	973* 0	L-47	W-20	W-41	L-6	2.0
29	Mason Williams	WV	982/06	962/10	L-6	W-21	W-57	L-7	2.0
30	Jeremy Allen	WV	971* 0	947* 0	L-23	L-16	W-55	W-59	2.0
31	Daniel Sell	WV	906* 0	900* 0	L-17	W-39	W-40	L-8	2.0
32	John Smiley	WV	810* 0	807* 0	L-11	W-40	W-60	L-9	2.0
33	Hope Wisecup	WV	809* 0	816* 0	L-4	W-60	L-24	W-56	2.0
34	Jamie Halstead	WV	784/12	823/16	W-58	L-8	W-47	L-11	2.0
35	Danya Shephard	WV	782/08	794/12	W-41	L-26	L-9	W-60	2.0
36	James Runner	WV	739/13	788/17	W-59	L-9	W-26	L-10	2.0
37	Adam Roth	WV	708* 0	739* 0	W-57	L-43	L-6	W-47	2.0
38	Andres Potes	WV	688/06	740/10	L-56	W-58	L-8	W-48	2.0
39	Scott Copen	WV	651/06	733/10	W-55	L-31	L-17	W-49	2.0
40	Adam Beverage	WV	514* 0	533* 0	W-63	L-32	L-31	W-52	2.0
41	Jeffrey Gustafson	WV	476/06	563/09	L-35	B---	L-28	W-50	2.0
42	Terra Hardman	WV	272/06	444/09	B---	W-50	L-2	L-12	2.0
43	Lori Calmbacher	WV	943* 0	904* 0	L-7	W-37	D-22	L-20	1.5
44	Laura Smith	WV	902/04	802/08	L-10	W-22	D-46	L-21	1.5
45	Carrie Moskal	WV	794/08	749/12	D-21	W-61	L-3	L-22	1.5
46	Chris Jenkins	WV	Unrated	826/04	L-15	W-51	D-44	L-23	1.5
47	Chris Curry	WV	1315/04	1004/08	W-28	L-10	L-34	L-37	1.0
48	Marlene Rohm	WV	1175/04	908/08	L-22	L-4	W-51	L-38	1.0
49	Stephanie Ross	WV	1063/08	909/12	L-13	L-15	W-62	L-39	1.0
50	Meredith Hellstern	WV	833* 0	775* 0	L-5	L-42	W-58	L-41	1.0
51	Barry Milbert	WV	793* 0	768* 0	L-3	L-46	L-48	W-61	1.0
52	Heather Knollinger	WV	731/04	590/08	L-60	W-62	L-11	L-40	1.0
53	Kara Jarrett	WV	679* 0	653* 0	L-27	L-57	B---	L-25	1.0
54	Jessica Fox	WV	554/04	654/08	L-24	W-55	L-12	L-26	1.0
55	Sarah Galey	WV	Unrated	544/04	L-39	L-54	L-30	W-62	1.0
56	Adam Mossallati	WV	Unrated	654/04	W-38	L-12	L-13	L-33	1.0
57	Joseph Fontaine	WV	Unrated	647/03	L-37	W-53	L-29	U---	1.0
58	Alex Lemley	WV	Unrated	561/04	L-34	L-38	L-50	W-63	1.0
59	Michael Muldrew	WV	Unrated	560/04	L-36	W-63	L-20	L-30	1.0
60	Jeremy Patterson	WV	Unrated	552/04	W-52	L-33	L-32	L-35	1.0
61	Josh Mullins	WV	Unrated	437/04	D-20	L-45	L-21	L-51	0.5
62	Eve Bunner	WV	Unrated	321/04	L-16	L-52	L-49	L-55	0.0
63	Josh McClung	WV	Unrated	328/04	L-40	L-59	L-25	L-58	0.0

**Bierce survives Browns's Memorial Open; Mercer Storms through Reserve
Richardson Dominate Ribs Open; Aaron 1st, Mike 2nd**

Parkersburg started the new year with events in February and March. A two section tourney, The 2nd Cleveland Browns Memorial in Febraury was won by Limestone's Randy Bierce. He was in tight spots against Aaron Richardson and his own protégé Marc Abraham. Randy held a draw with Aaron and came back to beat Marc. Mike Richardson took clear second with 3 points with wins over Jerry Skeen and Mike Baker and draws with Markle Butcher and Frank Dzielski. Meanwhile in the Reserve section, Jonette Mercer (Moundsville) raced to a 3-0 start, then drew her final round game. She was 1½ points ahead the second place group which included Bill Salmon, Bob Jordan and Bob McLear.

In March, The Ribs Open was held at Damon's Restaurant just over the river in Marietta, OH. Aaron Richardson powered to victory with wins over Randy Bierce, Jim Gikas and Fred Whitacre. With this result, Aaron topped the 1700 plateau for the first time. His father Mike Richardson tied for second at three points along with Elkins' Scott Davis. Pat Kelly directed this event. John Kay has worked out a deal with Damon's. For each dollar of food purchased, that much is deducted from the room rental. Check the Events Page for upcoming Quick Chess tourneys there.

Jim Gikas (A) - Aaron Richardson (B), Round 2
Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 d6 5. e4 O-O 6. Be2 Nbd7 7. O-O c5 8. c3 cxd4 9. cxd4 a6 10. Qb3 b5 11. a4 bxa4 12. Rxa4 Rb8 13. Qa3 Qb6 14. b4 Bb7

15. Bxa6 Bxa6 16. Rxa6 Qxb4 17. e5 Qxa3 18. Rxa3 dxe5 19. dxe5 Ng4 20. Bxe7 Rfe8 21. Bd6 Rb5 22. Re1 Ngxe5 23. Nxe5 Nxe5 24. f4 Rd5 25. Nc4 Nf3+ 26. Kf2 Nxe1 and Black won

Tim Cross (E) - Bob McLear (D), Round 2

1. d4 e6 2. e4 Nf6 3. Bd3 b6 4. Nf3 Be7 5. Be3 Bb7 6. Nbd2 Nc6 7. c3 d5 8. e5 Ng4 9. Bf4 h5 10. h3 Nh6 11. Qc2 f5 12. exf6 Bxf6 13. Bg6+ Kd7 14. Bxh5 Qf8 15. O-O Qe7 16. Rfe1 g5 17. Bh2 Rhg8 18. Bg6 Qg7 19. Bd3 g4 20. Ne5+ Bxe5 21. h4 Bxh2+ 22. Kxh2 g3+ 23. Kg1 gxf2+ 24. Kxf2 Qxg2+ 25. Ke3 Rg3+ 26. Nf3 Qxf3+ 27. Kd2 Rg2+ 28. Be2 Ba6 29. Qd1 Nf5 30. Kc2 Bxe2 and Black won

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Glenn Haynes (E), Round 2
Two Knight's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 h6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d4 exd4 6. Nxd4 Be5 7. Be3 O-O 8. Qd2 Ng4 9. Nxc6 bxc6 10. Bxc5 d6 11. Be3 Nxe3 12. Qxe3 d5 13. O-O-O Bg4 14. f3 Bh5 15. exd5 Qf6 16. dxc6 Rab8 17. Qxa7 Qf4+ 18. Rd2 Qxc4 19. Rd5 Ra8 20. Qc5 Qf4+ 21. Kb1 Bg6 22. Rd4 Qe3 23. Nd5 Qe6 24. b3 Qe2 25. Ne7+ Kh7 26. Nxc6 fxc6 27. Rd7 Qxg2 28. Rg1 Qxf3 29. Rxc7 Qf4 30. Rd7 Qxh2 31. Kb2 Rf5 32. Qe7 Rg8 33. Re1 Rf2 34. Qc5 Rf5 35. Qc3 Qg2 36. Ree7 Rf6 37. Qxf6 Black resigns

Mike Richardson (A) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 3
London System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bf4 Bg7 4. e3 c5 5. c3 cxd4 6.

Open Section, Cleveland Browns Memorial, Holiday Inn-Parkersburg, February 8, 1997

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Randy Bierce	WV	1906*x4	1926*x4	D--9	W--7	W--6	W--5	3.5
2	Mike Richardson	WV	1781*A5	1810*A5	W---4	D--5	D--3	W--6	3.0
3	Markle Butcher	WV	1731*B6	1751*B6	L--5	W--9	D--2	W--8	2.5
4	Mike Baker	WV	1641*B4	1652*B4	L--2	W--12	D--9	W--11	2.5
5	Frank Dzielski	WV	Unrated	1885/04	W--3	D--2	W--8	L--1	2.5
6	Jerry Skeen	WV	1809*a7	1796*a7	W--11	W--10	L--1	L--2	2.0
7	Marc Abraham	WV	1524*b5	1552*b5	W--8	L--1	L--11	W--9	2.0
8	Sefus Ellis	WV	1721*B6	1682*B6	L--7	W--11	L--5	L--3	1.0
9	Aaron Richardson	WV	1649*b4	1625*b4	D--1	L--3	D--4	L--7	1.0
10	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1643*C5	1642*C5	W--12	L--6	U---	U---	1.0
11	Gary Morris	WV	1575*B7	1559*B7	L--6	L--8	W--7	L--4	1.0
12	Jim Jordan	WV	1456*b5	1439*b5	L--10	L--4	U---	U---	0.0

Reserve Section

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jonette Mercer	WV	1303*c4	1343*c4	W--4	W--6	W--2	D--5	3.5
2	Bob McLear	WV	1358*C9	1342*C9	W--3	W--5	L--1	L--4	2.0
3	Bill Salmon	WV	1209*d9	1216*d9	L--2	W--4	D--5	D--6	2.0
4	Bob Jordan	WV	Unrated	1252/04	L--1	L--3	W--6	W--2	2.0
5	Jim Olson	WV	1350/07	1278/11	D--6	L--2	D--3	D--1	1.5
6	Mike Price	WV	1136*E7	1125*E7	D--5	L--1	L--4	D--3	1.0

exd4 h6 7. h3 O-O 8. Be2 Nc6 9. O-O d6 10. Nbd2
Re8 11. Nc4 Be6 12. Ne3 Nd5 13. Bh2 Nxe3 14. fxe3
Bf5 15. Bd3 Bxd3 16. Qxd3 Qb6 17. Rf2 e5 18. Qd2
Na5 19. b3 Rac8 20. Raf1 Re7 21. c4 exd4 22. exd4
Nc6 23. Bxd6 Rd7 24. c5 Qb5 25. Qf4 Nb4 26. Drawn

Joe Ancrile (B) - Bob McLearn (D), Round 3

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 e6 2. e3 b6 3. c4 Nf6 4. Nf3 Ba6 5. Bd3 d5 6. Qe2
Bd6 7. Nc3 c5 8. dxc5 bxc5 9. cxd5 Bxd3 10. Qxd3 e5
11. e4 O-O 12. O-O Nh5 13. g3 Qf6 14. Nb5 Nd7 15.
Nxd6 Qxd6 16. Nh4 g6 17. Bh6 Ng7 18. g4 f6 19. Kh1
Rf7 20. Rg1 g5 21. Bxg7 gxh4 22. Bh6 Nf8 23. Bxf8
Raxf8 24. Qh3 Qb6 25. Qxh4 Rg7 26. b3 Qb4 27. f3
Qd2 28. Qe1 Qh6 29. Rd1 Qh3 30. Rg3 Qh4 31. d6
Rd7 32. Qf1 h6 33. Qc4+ Rf7 34. Qxc5 Kh7 35. b4
Rg7 36. Rdg1 h5 37. gxh5 Rxg3 38. Rxg3 Qf4 39. Qc3
Kh6 40. Qc6 Rg7 41. Kg2 and White went on to win

Bob Jordan (D) - Alvin Vavrek (B), Round 3

French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 cxd4 5. cxd4 Bb4+ 6.
Bd2 Nc6 7. Bb5 Bxd2+ 8. Qxd2 Ne7 9. Nf3 O-O 10.
a3 Na5 11. Qd3 h6 12. Nbd2 Bd7 13. O-O Bxb5 14.
Qxb5 b6 15. h3 Rc8 16. Rac1 Rc7 17. Rc3 Rxc3 18.
bxc3 Qc7 19. Rc1 Rc8 20. Ne1 Nc4 21. Nxc4 Qxc4 22.
Qb2 b5 23. Rc2 a5 24. g4 Nc6 25. h4 f6 26. f4 fxe5 27.
fxe5 Rf8 28. Rf2 Rxf2 29. Kxf2 b4 30. cxb4 axb4 31.
Nf3 b3 32. Ke3 Na5 33. Qd2 Qa4 34. Qc3 Nc4+ 35.
Kf4 Qxa3 36. Nd2 Nxd2 and Black wins

Stephen Statkiewicz (D) - Thomas Diehl (C), Round 3

Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. d3 d6 6.
Bg5 h6 7. Bh4 g5 8. Bg3 Be6 9. Bb5 a6 10. Bxc6+
bxc6 11. d4 exd4 12. Nxd4 Qd7 13. h3 Rb8 14. b3 Bb4

15. Qf3 15. Qd3 Nxe4 16. Ne2 Bf5 17. O-O Nxc3 18.
Qc4 Nxe2+ 19. Qxe2+ Qe6 20. Qxa6 Kd7 21. Rac1
Ra8 22. Qc4 Qxc4 23. bxc4 Rxa2 24. c3 Ba5 25. Rfe1
Re8 26. Red1 Rc2 27. Ra1 Bxc3 28. Ra7 Rd2 29. Rc1
Rc2 30. Rd1 Re1+ 31. Rxe1 Bxe1 32. Kf1 Bc3 33. c5
Bd3+ 34. Kg1 Be5 35. Bxe5 dxe5 36. Ra3 Bb5 37. Rb3
Rxc5 38. f3 Rc2 39. Ra3 f6 40. Ra8 c5 41. Rh8 c4 42.
Rxxh6 Ke6 43. Rh7 c6 44. Rh8 c3 45. Rd8 Rd2 46. Ra8
c2 and Black wins quickly.

Aaron Richardson (B) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 4

Colle System

1. d4 c5 2. e3 Nc6 3. c3 b6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Bb7 6.
Nbd2 e6 7. O-O d5 8. Qe2 Bd6 9. dxc5 bxc5 10. e4
dxe4 11. Nxe4 Be7 12. Rd1 Qc7 13. Bg5 Nd5 14. Bxe7
Nxe7 15. Bb5+ Kf8 16. c4 Nf4 17. Qe3 Nf5 18.
Qxc5+ Qxc5 19. Nxc5 Bxf3 20. gxf3 g6 21. Rd7 Nh4
22. Rad1 Nxf3+ 23. Kh1 Kg7 24. Be6 Rac8 25. Nxe6+
Nxe6 26. Bxf3 Rxc4 27. Bd5 Rd4 28. Rxd4 Nxd4 29.
Rxf7+ Kh6 30. Rxa7 Rf8 31. f3 Ne2 32. a4 Rc8 33.
Be4 Rc1+ 34. Kg2 Nf4+ 35. Kf2 Rh1 36. Ke3 Ng2+
37. Kd4 Rxh2 38. a5 Ne1 39. Rb7 Rd2+ 40. Ke5 Rc2
41. Bxc2 Nxc2 42. a6 and White finishes Black
quickly.

Mike Richardson (A) - Scott Davis (C), Round 4

Colle System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 b6 4. Bd3 Bb7 5. Nbd2 Be7 6.
O-O c5 7. c3 d5 8. Ne5 Nbd7 9. f4 exd4 10. exd4 a6
11. Qf3 O-O 12. g4 g6 13. h3 Nxe5 14. fxe5 Nd7 15.
Qe2 Bg5 16. Nf3 Bxc1 17. Raxc1 b5 18. g5 Nb6 19. b3
Nc8 20. Qe3 Ne7 21. Nh2 Nf5 22. Qf4 Qc7 23. Ng4
Kg7 24. Bxf5 exf5 25. Nf6 Rh8 26. Rf3 h5 27. h4 Qe7
28. Re3 Qe6 29. Re1 Rac8 30. Qf1 Rc7 31. Qf3 Rhc8
32. Qg3 a5 33. Rf1 b4 34. Rff3 Drawn

Ribs Open, Damon's Restaurant, Marietta, OH, March 1, 1997

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Aaron Richardson	WV	1625*b4	1705*a5	W--19	W--14	W--5	W--4	4.0
2	Mike Richardson	WV	1810*A5	1812*A5	W--17	W--7	D--4	D--3	3.0
3	Scott Davis	WV	1573*C4	1598*C4	D--13	W--18	W--14	D--2	3.0
4	Randy Bierce	WV	1926*x4	1903*x4	W--11	W--6	D--2	L--1	2.5
5	Fred Whitacre	OH	1873*A9	1844*A9	W--15	W--9	L--1	D--7	2.5
6	Joe Ancrile	WV	1723*B9	1706*B9	W--16	L--4	W--11	D--8	2.5
7	Thomas Diehl	PA	1536*C9	1550*C9	W--12	L--2	W--16	D--5	2.5
8	Peter Jessic	WV	1178* 0	1230*d5	L--9	W--15	W--18	D--6	2.5
9	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1642*C5	1642*C5	W--8	L--5	W--17	U--	2.0
10	John Kay	OH	1627*b2	1625*b2	L--14	H--	H--	W--17	2.0
11	Bob McLearn	WV	1342*C9	1355*C9	L--4	W--13	L--6	W--16	2.0
12	Glenn Haynes	WV	1114*D5	1126*D5	L--7	L--16	B--	W--15	2.0
13	Tim Cross	WV	1072*e2	1097*e2	D--3	L--11	L--15	W--18	1.5
14	Jim Gikas	WV	1878*A7	1831*A7	W--10	L--1	L--3	U--	1.0
15	Jonette Mercer	WV	1343*c4	1299*c4	L--5	L--8	W--13	L--12	1.0
16	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1254*d2	1244*d2	L--6	W--12	L--7	L--11	1.0
17	Bob Jordan	WV	1252/04	1302/08	L--2	W--19	L--9	L--10	1.0
18	Bill Salmon	WV	1216*d9	1173*d9	H--	L--3	L--8	L--13	0.5
19	Mike Price	WV	1125*E7	1115*E7	L--1	L--17	U--	U--	0.0

Mike Baker wins the Central WV Chess Club Championship

Mike Baker was victorious at the Central WV Chess Club Championship, God Save my King VII. Mike went 3½-½ on the day, drawing with Byron Funkhouser in round 3. Byron finished second, although he has a chance to tie Mike with a win over Markle Butcher in round 4, but the game ended in a draw. The Super 8 Motel in Benton's Ferry (Fairmont area) was the site for the event. Most of the players scurried back and forth trying to get a glimpse the NCAA semifinals on the lobby TV between moves.

Markle Butcher (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 1
Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 e6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Be7 6. Be2 d6 7. Be3 Nf6 8. g4 Bd7 9. g5 Ng8 10. h4 Qc7 11. Ndb5 Qa5 12. Nxd6+ Bxd6 13. Qxd6 O-O-O 14. Qg3 Nge7 15. O-O h6 16. Nb5 Rdf8 17. Nd6+ Kb8 18. Nxf7+ Qc7 19. Qxc7+ Kxc7 20. Nxb8 hgx5 21. hgx5 Rxh8 and White went on to win.

Mike Baker (B) - Bob Jordan (D), Round 1
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 d5 4. dxe5 dxe4 5. Qxd8+ Nxd8 6. Ng5 f5 7. exf6 Nxf6 8. Nc3 Bf5 9. Bf4 h6 10. Nh3 Ne6 11. Be3 Bg4 12. Nf4 Nxf4 13. Bxf4 Bd6 14. Bxd6 cxd6 15. Bb5+ Bd7 16. Bxd7+ Kxd7 17. O-O-O Kc6 18. h3 Rhe8 19. Ne2 Nh5 20. b4 Re5 21. c4 a6 22. g4 Nf6 23. Nd4+ Kd7 24. Nf5 Ne8 25. Rde1 Rc8 26. c5 d5 27. f4 Rxf5 28. gxf5 Kc6 29. a4 Nf6 30. Rhg1 Rc7 31. Kd2 d4 32. Rg6 Kd5 33. Rc1 Re7 34. b5 e3+ 35. Ke2 Ke4 36. Rd1 axb5 37. axb5 b6 38. c6 Nd5 39. Re6+ Rxe6 40. fxe6 Nc3+ Black was in deep time trouble, and Mike held on to win the game. White won.

Scott Davis (C) - Greg Martin (A), Round 1
Queens' Gambit Declined, Slav Defense
1. d4 c6 2. c4 d5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. e4 b5 6. a4 b4 7. e5 Nd5 8. Na2 c3 9. bxc3 bxc3 10. Qc2 e6 11. Nxc3 Bb4 12. Bd2 Qa5 13. Nxd5 Bxd2+ 14. Nxd2 Qxd5 15. Qe4 Ba6 16. Bxa6 Nxa6 17. O-O O-O 18.

Qxd5 cxd5 19. Rfc1 Rfc8 20. Nb3 Rc4 21. Kf1 Rac8 22. Rxc4 Rxc4 23. Rc1 Rxc1+ 24. Nxc1 Nb4 25. Ke2 Kf8 26. Kd2 Ke7 27. Kc3 Nc6 28. Nd3 Kd7 29. f4 g6 30. Nf2 h5 31. Nd3 Kc7 32. h3 a5 33. g4 Ne7 34. Ne1 Ng8 35. Nf3 hxg4 36. hgx4 Kd7 37. g5 Ne7 38. Ne1 Nf5 39. Nd3 Ng3 40. Nc1 Kc6 41. Kd3 Nf5 42. Ne2 Ne7 43. Kc3 Nc8 44. Kb3 Drawn

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Mike Baker (B), Round 3
Queen's Gambit Declined
Notes by Mike Baker

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. cxd5 Nxd5 4. e4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Nf3 c5 7. Bg5 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Be7 9. Bb5+ Bd7 10. e5 Nd5 11. Bxe7 Nxe7 12. O-O O-O 13. Qe2 Nbc6 14. Rad1 Qc7 15. Bxc6 Bxc6 16. f4 Rad8 17. Nxc6 Nxc6 18. Ne4 Qb6+ 19. Qf2 Qxf2+ 20. Kxf2 Rxd1 21. Rxd1 Rd8 *Equal material, but Black is pinned to his back two files.* 22. Rxd8+ Nxd8 23. Kf3 23. Ke3 Kf8 24. Kd4 Ke7 25. Kc5 f6 26. Nd6 fxe5 27. fxe5 Kd7 28. a4 g6 *Not wanting to create a weakness on my queenside.* 29. a5 h5 30. b4 Kc7 31. Nc4 Nf7 32. b5 g5 33. Kd4 a6 *To create an opening for my king to get out.* 34. Kc5 axb5 35. Kxb5 Nh6 *Now the knights start their job. I offered a draw which White declined because of the a- and e-pawns close to promotion.* 36. Nd6 Ng4 37. Ne8+ Kc8 38. Ng7 Nxb2 39. Nxe6 Ng4 40. Nng5 Nxe5 41. Ne6 Ng4 42. Kb6 Ne3 43. Nf4 h4 44. Kc5 *Here White offers a draw, but I decline because of 44...Nng2 I would love to be vain enough to give myself an ! for this move. Though it doesn't win the game, it now switches the burden of the game to White.* 45. Nng2 h3 and the pawn can't be stopped. 46. Nh3 Ne3 47. Kd4 Nf5+ 48. Ke4 Nd6+ 49. Kf4 Nc4 50. Kg4 Nxa5 51. Kxh4 Kc7 52. Kg3 Kc6 53. Kf2 Kc5 54. Ke2 Kc4 55. Kd1 Nb3 56. Kc2 Nd4+ 57. Kb2 b5 58. Nf2 b4 59. Ne4 Nf3 60. Nf2 Ne5 61. Kc2 b3+ 62. Kb2 Kb4 63. Nd1 Nc4+ 64. Ka1 Ka3 65. Kb1 Nd2+ 66. Ka1 Ne4 67. Kb1 Kb4 68. Kb2 Nc5 69. Ka1 Kc4 70. Nb2+ Kc3 71. Nxd3 Kxd3 72. Kb2 Kc4 73. Kb1 Kc3 74. Kc1 Drawn

March 29, 1997, Super 8 Motel, Benton's Ferry, WV

PLR #	NAME	ST	Rating	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Mike Baker	WV	1641	W--6	W--3	D--2	W--7	3.5
2	Byron Funkhouser	WV	1719	W--9	W--7	D--1	D--3	3.0
3	Markle Butcher	WV	1731	W--8	L--1	W--4	D--2	2.5
4	Greg Martin	WV	1900	D--5	W--9	L--3	H---	2.0
5	Scott Davis	WV	1531	D--4	D--8	L--6	W--9	2.0
6	Robert Jordan	WV	1300	L--1	B---	W--5	L--8	2.0
7	Jodie Hare	WV	1280	B---	L--2	W--8	L--1	2.0
8	Tom LaBue	WV	1506	L--3	D--5	L--7	W--6	1.5
9	Ben DeLong	WV	1401	L--2	L--4	B---	L--5	1.0

Jim Walker Takes the lead in the 96-97 Grand Prix

With his win at the Concord College G/60 Open, Jim Walker has overtaken Marc Abraham for the Grand Prix lead. Marc and the venerable Randy Bierce lurk close behind. Last year's champ John Roush has only 3.5 points and sits in 37th place, however his recent victory at the Parkersburg Open will propel him towards the top ten. Five of the Sherrard events crosstables were lost or not received by the USCF. The results have been resubmitted and hopefully crosstables will be back soon. No one person dominated these events with different winners in all: Andy Katz (Chess in the Hills), Ray Bagley (Holiday Tornado), Grant Perks (Winter Chess Festival), Mike Taylor (Sweatin' in the Snow), Marc Abraham (Sherrard Invitational).

The events that have been included in the current standings are:

- 1-1996 West Virginia State Chess Championship
- 2-MCCC Fall Classic
- 3-2nd Northern WV Championships
- 4-Bartoli's Pizza Open
- 5-Parkersburg December Open
- 6-Cross Lanes Open
- 7-2nd Cleveland Browns Memorial
- 8-Concord College G/60 Open

These events have been contested and are awaiting crosstables:

- 1-3rd Chess In the Hills
- 2-MCCC Holiday Tornado
- 3-Winter Chess Festival
- 4-Sweatin' in the Snow
- 5-2nd Sherrard Invitational
- 6-Parkersburg Open
- 7-2nd Marshall Co. Championships

Upcoming WVCA Grand Prix events:

- 1-Parkersburg May Open
- 2-Lake Chaweva Open
- 3-Concord College G/60 Open (May)
- 4-12th MCCC Summer Open
- 5-U. S. Amateur South (no bonus points)
- 6-Parkersburg June Open
- 7-11th Dolgovskij Open
- 8-Parkersburg July Open
- 9-MCCC Classic
- 10-MCCC Twin Tornado I
- 11-MCCC Twin Tornado II
- 12-Parkersburg Homecoming

Current WVCA Grand Prix standings are current (4/21/97).

Standings are updated on the WVCA Home Page regularly at:

<http://www.msyz.net/tlabue/points97.html>

WVCA Grand Prix Standings

1. Jim Walker	31.50
2. Marc Abraham	27.50
3. Randy Bierce	27.25
4. Markle Butcher	23.00
5. Tom LaBue	18.25
6. Joe Barker	17.50
Andy Katz	17.50
8. Gary Morris	15.75
9. Jason Rihel	14.50
Donald Griffith	14.50
Joe Lococo	14.50
12. Jonette Mercer	14.25
13. Jeff Hohn	13.00
14. Dennis Funkhouser	11.00
15. Grant Perks	9.25
Byron Funkhouser	9.25
17. Josh Sell	9.00
Mike Baker	9.00
19. Mike Taylor	8.25
20. Peter Mauk	8.00
21. Bill Salmon	7.50
22. Bob Shock	6.17
M. Statkiewicz	6.17
24. David Hundley	6.00
25. Alan Smith	5.17
26. Mike Conley	5.00
27. Greg Martin	4.50
Mike Price	4.50
29. Jerry Cannon	4.25
30. Scott Antes	4.17
Walter Rueckert	4.17
David Gargon	4.17
33. Bob Blackwell	4.00
Craig Sutphin	4.00
S. Statkiewicz	4.00
Bob McLearn	4.00
37. John Roush	3.50
38. Allen Farley	3.00
Joe Ancrile	3.00
Ed Garner	3.00
41. Pat Kelly	2.50
Galen Miller	2.50
43. Joe Meadows	2.00
Bob Jordan	2.00
Alvin Vavrek	2.00
46. C. Burkhammer	1.50
Jim Olson	1.50
48. Dewey Chaney	1.00
Glenn Haynes	1.00
Brian Watkins	1.00
Willian Widener	1.00

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

If you looked at the West Virginia Top 25 standings last issue, then you noticed that we have a new Number 1, Scott Carmichael of Beckley. Scott has been playing correspondence for about two years with great results. Here are a few games he has kindly shared with us.

Scott Carmichael - Avalon Watson (Unrated)
Pirc Defense, Austrian Attack

1. e4 g6 2. d4 d6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. f4 e6 5. Nf3 c6 6. Bd3 Nd7 7. Be3 Ngf6 8. Qe2 O-O 9. O-O-O a5 10. Kb1 b5 11. e5 dxe5 12. fxe5 Nd5 13. Nxd5 cxd5 14. h4 a4 15. Bxb5 Qb6 16. h5 Rb8 17. c4! dxc4 18. Bxc4 Ra8? 19. hxg6 fxc6 20. d5! Qb8 21. dxe6 Ba6? 22. exd7+ Bxc4 23. Qxc4+ Kh8 24. Rxh7+ Black resigns

Charles Manley (1922) - Scott Carmichael
1995 Golden Knights Preliminaries

Queens' Gambit Declined, Slav Defense
1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 e6 4. Nc3 dxc4 5. a4 Bb4 6. e4 Nf6 7. e5 Ne4 8. Qc2 Qa5 9. Bd2 Nxd2 10. Nxd2 b5 11. Be2 Bb7 12. O-O Qb6 13. axb5 cxb5 14. Nf3 a5 15. Rfd1 Na6 16. d5 exd5 17. Nxd5 Bxd5 18. Rxd5 Nc7 19. Rdd1 Ne6 20. g3 O-O 21. Kg2 Rfd8 22. Rxd8+ Rxd8 23. Rd1 Rxd1 24. Bxd1 Nd4 25. Nxd4 Qxd4 26. f4 a4 27. Kf3 Bc5 28. Qe2 Qd5+ 29. Kg4 Bd4 30. Qd2 Qc5 31. Qa5 Qc8+ 32. Kf3 Qc6+ 33. Kg4 Qd7+ 34. Kf3 Qd5+ 35. Kg4 Bxb2 36. Bxa4 h5+ 37. Kh4 Qg2 38. Kg5 bxa4 39. Qxa4 Qh3 40. Qa8+ Kh7 41. Qe4+ g6 42. White resigns

Scott Carmichael - Martin Kelly (1769)
1995 Golden Knights Preliminaries
Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nd4 4. Bc4 Nxf3+ 5. Qxf3 Nf6 6. O-O d6 7. Qb3 Nxe4 8. Bxf7+ Ke7 9. d4 c6 10. Nc3 Nf6 11. dxe5 d5 12. Bxd5 Nxd5 13. Bg5+ Nf6 14. exf6+ gxf6 15. Rfe1+ Kd7 16. Qf7+ Be7 17. Rxe7+

Qxe7 18. Rd1+ Kc7 19. Qxe7+ Kb6 20. Be3+ Black resigns

Here is a tough game against Chuck Cadman, who at the time was the National OTB 11th Grade Champion. Chuck is a pretty strong postal player, too. He beat this editor handily in a 1994 GK Prelim. Scott sacs a pawn early for initiative.

Scott Carmichael - Chuck Cadman (1936)

1995 Golden Knights Preliminaries
Sicilian Defense, Najdorf Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e5 7. Nf3 Nbd7 8. a4 Be7 9. Bd3 O-O 10. O-O exf4 11. Bxf4 Qb6+ 12. Kh1 Qxb2 13. Qe1 Qb6 14. Nd5 Nxd5 15. exd5 Qd8 16. c4 Re8 17. Qg3 Nf6 18. Ng5 g6 19. Bd2 Nh5 20. Qf3 f5 1. Ne6 Bxe6 22. dxe6 Bg5 23. g4! Bxd2 24. gxh5 Rxe6 25. hxg6 hxg6 26. Qxb7 d5 27. Bxf5 Rb6 28. Be6+ Kh8 29. Qf7 Bc3?? 30. Rf3 Black resigns

1997-98 West Virginia Correspondence Championship

I am now taking entries for the 1997-98 West Virginia Correspondence Championship. Entries close May 31 and play will begin in June. Ideally, we will have between 14-16 players with 7 or 8 in each section. Sections will be separated by ratings, with the exception of current champ Jerry Gogol, who will be in the top section if he decides to defend his title. The entry fee is \$15. Besides current USCF, WVCA membership is also required. Trophies for the winners of each section and prize money will also be distributed. USCF rules apply, except that game results must be sent to the TD, not USCF. For more info: Tom LaBue, Rt 3, Box 372, Buckhannon, WV 26201 or (304) 472-1682.

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