

# WVCA Chess Bulletin

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**State Tourney Logjam: Roush, Griffith, Katz and Walker  
share 1997 West Virginia State title**

**Gikas wins Quick Chess, Saville the Blitz chess, Perks-Nicol Bughouse chess**

An eventful few days on this weekend in late summer. More than sixty players made the trek to the Days Inn in Wheeling for the 1997 WV State Championship. With an assortment of activities there was action for everyone: the OTB tourney; the quick, blitz and bughouse championships; first weekend of Pro and college football; and great weather to take a swim in the hotel pool.

The action got underway Saturday afternoon, and all of the top seeds were victorious. However, the second round was a different story with some stunning upsets. Former WV Junior Champ Richard Sheppard (B) upended PA expert Ed Borden, Elkins' Walt Rueckert (C) defeated the already tenacious Mike Taylor. Mike Baker (B) obtained an early advantage over expert David Saville and was able to grind out a win in lengthy contest. We also had a match-up a two former champions already in Round 2 with Jim Gikas and Donald Griffith!

Jim Gikas (A) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2  
Slav Defense, Exchange Variation

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. e4 c6 4. Ne3 e6 5. cxd5 exd5 6. Bg5 Be7 7. e3 O-O 8. Bd3 Re8 9. Qc2 Nbd7 10. O-O Nf8 11. Rab1 Bg4 12. Ne5 Bh5 13. b4 h6 14. Bh4 Ne6 15. h3 g5 16. Bg3 Nd7 17. f4 Nxe5 18. fxe5 Ng7 19. Be2 Bg6 20. Bd3 Bh5 21. Be2 Bg6 22. Drawn

The Blitz tournament (5-minute) Championship was settled Saturday night. Twelve entrants battled in a 5 round tourney with two games against each player. Charleston expert David Saville outlasted the field, (Blitz tourney ended after 1am!) with a 9-1 score, the only blemish a loss to Randy Bierce. Randy was second at 8-2, his other loss to Weston's Byron Funkhouser. The show position went to NY expert Robert Feldstein finishing with 6½, however only splitting with Tom LaBue and ending ½-1½ against Ohio's new prodigy

Andy Nicol. Joe Lococo won the U1400 prize with a 6-4 mark.

Round three on Sunday morning saw more fireworks. Walt Rueckert was at it again crushing Randy Bierce. Walt sacked a piece and opened Randy's king to a swarm of pieces. His king survived but at the loss of material and position. Dave Olson upended Jim Walker in a game that teetered back and forth. (See game on p3). Jim Gikas was paired with another former champ, this time drawing with Andy Katz.

Andy Katz (X) - Jim Gikas (A), 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. c3 Ne7 12. Nc2 Nxd5 13. Qxd5 Rb8 14. Qc6+ Qd7 15. Qxd7+ Bxd7 16. Rd1 Be7 17. Nb4 a5 18. Nd5 Bc6 19. Be2 g6 20. O-O f5 21. exf5 gxf5 22. Rd2 Kf7 23. Rfd1 Rhd8 24. Rd3 b4 25. cxb4 Bxd5 26. Rxd5 axb4 27. Drawn

On Sunday night, the Bughouse Championship was contested for the first time in quite a few years. After five grueling rounds, the team of Grant Perks and Andy Nicol were the ones on the top of the heap with a 9-1 score. They were easily the best interactive team of the bunch. Surprisingly, the team of David Olson and Tom LaBue finished second with 8-2 only losing twice to Perks-Nicol. I had only played once before a few weeks prior and this was Dave's first time. We won our last four games: against Bierce-Abraham and Saville-Feldstein.

Later that evening was the WV Quick Chess tourney (10 minute). Even though it began late, a hearty crowd still was on hand. Jim Gikas is this year's Quick Chess  
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## *Upcoming Events in West Virginia*

### **January 31: Cross Lanes 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: John Roush, HC 80, Box 258

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This is the only event scheduled for the next few months that I have been notified about. Here is a letter I received from John Kay that explains the partly the reason:

Dear West Virginia and Ohio friends,

Life it seems so often, is full or regrets, and this is a letter that I wish I did not have to write to you today. However, I need to let you know that because of a change in my status as a minister here in SE Ohio, I will not be able to be involved in running and organizing Chess tournaments for the foreseeable future. It is only in the past day or so that I found this to be the case. Since running tournaments in Parkersburg has been one the greatest joys I have had in my 30 years of USCF rated Chess this is a very sad day.

Since there is so little space and so many events to report on in the Bulletin, I will not take the time to name every person to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for either playing, directing, or just having fun with us in our Parkersburg tournaments. I consider it a privilege to have met so many new friends through these events. I hope that in the future, either by playing, or directing, I will have a chance to see all of you.

When Joe Ancrile, Pat Kelly, and I started running events four years ago in Parkersburg, there was not a lot of activity in the state. Now I can say without hesitation that West Virginia Chess has a very bright future, and I hope I am correct in saying that I did have a small part in building a foundation for that future.

My hope would be that Pat Kelly and others will continue to hold tournaments in Parkersburg, and you will continue to play in them whenever they are held. May God bless you in and your families in the future.

With Humble Thanks and Highest Regards to all of you,  
Rev. John Kay

### *Notes from the Editor* by Tom LaBue

Sorry for the delay in getting this issue to print. Mostly my time to work on the bulletin has been very limited because of an increased workload at the office. Also, I was waiting for State tourney data that never did arrive at my residence, but more on that later. I hope to have the next issue out in mid-February. I will keep the WVCA website as up-to-date as possible for any immediate news. You can visit this at:

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

Here's some info that I need to pass along. If you look to the left and see only one event planned for the next few months and are worried about the health of WV chess, read on. First, you will also find a letter which John Kay sent to me on the future of his TD duties. He had been hinting subtly about for the last year. This is the main reason for the lack of planned Parkersburg events. I would personally like to thank John for helping to kickstart WV Chess with the help of Joe Ancrile and Pat Kelly. We wish him the best in his next ministerial assignment and hope to run into him again in the future. He will be missed by all for his friendliness and ability to keep everything calm even when the circumstances didn't. Of course, the possibility of the 1998 U. S. Amateur South in WV is now almost zero.

I have talked with Pat briefly on this subject. Mike Baker and I have offered to help direct some events in Parkersburg if need be. We especially would like to see the 2-day Parkersburg Open in the spring continue. Look for events to start up again in 1998.

A more serious note to pass on: I have been informed by Ernie Schleck of the USCF that they have officially sent a complaint against Randy Bierce. A few complaints have been filed for various reasons: failure to submit tourney results in a timely fashion, failure to pay out prize money, etc. Most of the tourneys that Randy has held in the last year have not been rated, including the Limestone Invitational and the 1997 State Tourney. The prize money complaints also deal with the State event. Randy has claimed that he has sent in the results and that they have been lost by the USCF. To his credit, I cannot remember seeing so many crosstables in error in a year as in 1997. Ernie told me that they would like to settle the matter with seeing that all the tourneys get rated and the money distributed. If this occurs, Randy is likely only to receive only probation. If this matter is not cleared, there is a possibility that Randy's TD certification could be suspended. If this occurs, the site for the 1998 State Tourney could be in jeopardy. Stay tuned to the website and bulletin for more information on this story.

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## 1997 West Virginia Junior Champ - David Olson

The 1997 West Virginia Junior Champ, David Olson sent some of his games from the tournaments along with some annotations. The first game is his upset of Jim Walker, who eventually finished in a tie for first. Dave asked me if this had happened before, that a State Champion had lost a game. I knew it had, but had to check the records for the last few times. In 1989, Donald Griffith, John Roush and Alex Chang tied for first with a score of 4½. Griffith and Chang lost to Bob Bukovac and Roush had lost to Walker. Bukovac finished with a score of 4. In 1986, Pittsburgh expert Mark Eidemiller won the tourney for his second time, finishing at 5. Along the way he defeated Doug Lane, Andy Katz and Ed Garner, each of whom finished at 4½ and tied for the WV State Title. Pat Kelly also scored 4½, losing to Garner to take a share of the title in that St. Clairesville, OH event.

Jim Walker (X) - Dave Olson (B), Round 3 - English Opening

1. Nf3 c5 2. b3 d5 3. Bb2 Nf6 4. e3 g6 5. c4 Bg7 6. cxd5 Qxd5 7. Nc3 Qd8 8. Ne4 b6 9. Bb5+ Bd7 10. Nxf6+ exf6 11. Be2 O-O 12. O-O Nc6 13. d3 Be6 14. Rc1 Nb4 15. a3 Nd5 16. Nd2 f5 17. Bxg7 Kxg7 18. g3 f4 *Okay, so this sac looks pretty silly now, but I played it mostly to give Jim something to think about as he had a good 45 minutes left on the clock to make the time control.* 19. gxf4 Bh3 20. Re1 Re8 21. Ne4 Qh4 22. Bf3 Rad8 23. Rc2 f5 24. Ng5 Bg4 25. Bxg4 h6 26. Bf3 hxg5 27. fxg5 Rh8 28. Bg2 Qxg5 29. Qa1+ Kf7 30. Qe5 Rh4 31. Rc4 Rg4 32. Rxg4 Qxg4 33. Qg3 Qxg3 34. hxg3 Nc3 35. Bf1 Nb5 36. a4 Nc3 37. Kg2 Kf6 38. Rc1 Nd5 39. Be2 Nb4 40. f4 Rd6 41. Rd1 Nd5 42. Kf2 Nc3 43. Rc1 Nxe2 44. Kxe2 Rd7 45. Rc4 *This is where Jim overlooks the win. If he moves Rh1 here, he gets the open file and active rook, which should allow him to win. Instead, I am able to take the file and penetrate his position with my rook. This and my good king position give me very good drawing chances.* 45...Rh7 46. e4 Rh2+ 47. Kf3 Rb2 48. e5+ Ke6 49. Rc3 Kd5 50. g4 Rb1 51. gxf5 gxf5 52. Ke3 a6 53. Kd2 Rf1 54. Ke3 *Here's one variation that I was really sweating over until I found the way out: 54.Rc4 b5 55.axb5 axb5 56. e6! (Oh no, how do I stop him from queening?) bxc4!! (I don't stop him, I just queen my own pawn.) 57. e7 c3+ 58.Ke2 (If Kxc3, Re1 and wins) c2 59. e8=Q Re1+! (If c1=Q then Qd6 mate) 60.Kxe1 c1=Q+ 61. Ke2 Qxf4 and the resulting queen endgame looks very drawish. I was a little disappointed when Jim avoided this line and I didn't*

*get a chance to play this.* 54...Rb1 55. Ke2 Rb2+ 56. Ke3 Rb1 *I offered a draw somewhere around here and Jim refused.* 57. Kd2 Rf1 58. e6 *Jim tries for the win with a pawn sac or two.* 58...Kxe6 59. a5 Rxf4 60. axb6 Kd6 61. Ke3 Rb4 62. b7 Rxb7 63. Kf4 Rf7 64. Rc4 Kd5 65. Ra4 Rb7 66. Rxa6 Rxb3 67. Kxf5 Rxd3 68. Kf4 Kd4 *With Jim's king cut off from in front of the pawn, and my king and rook well positioned to help the pawn advance, I now have an easy win.* 69. Rc6 c4 70. Rd6+ Ke3 71. Rb6 Kc2 72. Ke4 Rd8 73. Ke3 c3 74. Ra6 Kc1 75. Ke2 c2 76. Rb6 Re8+ 77. Kf2 Re5 78. Rb7 Kd2 79. Rd7+ Kc3 80. Rc7+ Kd3 81. Kf1 Re4 82. Kf2 Rc4 83. Rd7+ Kc3 84. Ke2 c1=Q 85. Rd3+ Kb4 86. White resigns

Robert Feldstein (X) - Dave Olson (B), Round 4 English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 f5 3. e4 Nf6 4. exf5 Bb4 5. a3 Bxc3 6. dxc3 O-O 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bxf6 Qxf6 9. Qd5+ Kh8 10. Bd3 Nc6 11. O-O-O Ne7 12. Qe4 d6 13. f4 exf4 14. Qxf4 Ng6 15. Qg3 Ne5 16. Nf3 Nxd3+ 17. Rxd3 Bxf5 18. Rd4 Rae8 19. Re1 Qg6 20. Rxe8 Rxe8 21. Qxg6 Bxg6 22. Kd2 Be4 23. Ke3 Bc6+ 24. Kf2 Rf8 25. Rd3 a5 26. Re3 Bxf3 27. Rxf3 Rxf3+ 28. Kxf3 a4 29. Ke4 Kg8 30. Kd5 Kf7 31. c5 dxc5 32. Kxc5 Ke6 33. Kd4 Kd6 34. Kd3 Kc5 35. c4 g6 36. Kc3 g5 37. g4 c6 38. Kd3 Kd6 39. Kd4 b6 40. Ke4 Ke6 41. Kd4 Kf6 42. Ke4 Ke6 43. Kd4 Kd6 44. Ke4 Kc5 45. Kd3 b5 46. exb5 Kxb5 47. Kd4 c5+ 48. Kd5 Kb6 49. Kd6 Kb5 50. Kd5 Kb6 *Here I offered a draw because anything that Feldstein does other than shuffle his king between b6 and b5 allows me to take his pawn and win. Much to my surprise, Feldstein refused. (Maybe he thought I was going to drop dead from exhaustion after my 5 and a half hour game with Jim and a few hours in this dry endgame).* 51. Kd6 Kb5 52. Kd5 Kb6 53. Kd6 *Here I got tired of moving my king back and forth, and since Feldstein showed no signs of agreeing to a draw anytime soon, I saved myself a lot of king-shuffling and scoresheets by asking for a ruling on draw by three-time repetition. Drawn by repetition.*

Dave Olson (B) - Jon Karraker (B), Round 6 English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nf3 d6 6. O-O f5 7. a3 Nf6 8. d4 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Bd7 10. b4 Nxd4 11. Qxd4 Bc6 12. Bb2 Bxg2 13. Kxg2 O-O 14. c5 dxc5 15. Qxc5 b6 16. Qe3 Qd7 17. Rfd1 Draw agreed.

## Harold Mitchell Lights Up the Holiday Skies at the Parkersburg July Open

Harold Mitchell propelled by wins over Grant Perks and Randy Bierce in the final two rounds earned sole possession of first place at the Parkersburg July Open. Grant Perks recovered to defeat Marc Abraham in the final round for second. Gilbert Stone scored 2½ to share the U1600 prize with Abraham. Pat Kelly directed this event which was held at the Parkersburg Holiday Inn.

Bob McLearn (D) - Harold Mitchell (A), Round 1

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. d3 g6 5. Be3 Ng4 6. Qf3 Nf6 7. h3 Bg7 8. Nge2 O-O 9. d4 cxd4 10. Bxd4 Nc6 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. Rd1 Ne5 13. Bxf7+ Rxf7 14. Qg3 Qa5 15. O-O Be6 16. f4 Qc5+ 17. Kh1 Nc4 18. f5 Bd7 19. Rd5 Qe3 20. Rf3 Qg5 21. Qf2 Qh6 22. fxg6 hxg6 23. Rg3 Be5 24. Rf3 Rxf3 25. Qxf3 Rf8 and Black won.

Marc Abraham (C) - Randy Bierce (A), Round 2

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. c4 c5 4. Nc3 Bg7 5. e4 cxd4 6. Nxd4 Nc6 7. Be3 O-O 8. Be2 d6 9. Qd2 Ng4 10. Nxc6 bxc6 11. Bxg4 Bxg4 12. O-O Rb8 13. Bxa7 Rb7 14. Be3 Qa5 15. Rac1 Be6 16. b3 Ra8 17. Na4 Qe5 18. Qd3 Bd7 19. f4 Qh5 20. c5 Bg4 21. Rf2 dxc5 22. Rxc5 Rd7 23. Qxd7 Bxd7 24. Rxh5 gxh5 25. Nb6 Ra7 26. Nc8 Ra8 27. Nxe7+ Kh8 28. Rd2 Be8 29. Bd4 Bxd4+ 30. Rxd4 and this game finished in a draw.

Tom LaBue (C) - Stephen Statkiewicz (E), Round 2

Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Bg5 Nc6 6. a3 Be7 7. e3 Bg4 8. Be2 Ne4 9. Bxe7 Nxc3 10. bxc3 Qxe7 11. h3 Bxf3 12. Bxf3 dxc4 13. Qa4 Qd6 14. Qxc4 O-O 15. Bxc6 Qxc6 16. Qxc6 bxc6 17. Rb1 Rab8 18. Kd2 g6 19. c4 Rfd8 20. c5 e5 21. Ke3 exd4+ 22. exd4 a5 23. Rhe1 Kg7 24. Rb3 Rxb3+ 25. Kxb3 Rxd4 26. Re7 Rd2 27. Rxc7 Rxf2 28. Rxc6 Rxc7 29. Ka4 f5 30. Rc7+ Kf6 31. c6 Rc2 32. Kxa5 f4 33. Rc8 Ke7 34. Kb6 f3 35. Rc7+ Kd8 36. Rd7+ Ke8 37. Rd1 h5 38. c7 g5 39. Rd8+ Kf7 40. c8=Q Rxc8 41. Rxc8 g4 42. hxg4 hxg4 43. Rc1?? g3 44.

Kc5 f2 45. Kd4 g2 and Black soon wins.

Marc Abraham (C) - Mike Taylor (A), Round 3

1. c4 e6 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. e4 e5 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. d4 exd4 6. Nxd4 Bb4 7. Nxc6 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 bxc6 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bh4 g5 11. Bg3 Nxe4 12. Qd4 O-O 13. Bd3 Nxc3 14. hxg3 Qe7+ 15. Kd2 c5 16. Qd5 c6 17. Qf5 f6 18. Rxh6 d5 19. Rg6+ Kf7 20. Rg7+ Ke8 21. Rxe7+ Kxe7 22. Re1+ Kd6 23. Qh7 Be6 24. Bf5 Rfe8 25. Rxe6+ Rxe6 26. Bxe6 Kxe6 27. cxd5+ cxd5 28. Qb7 Rd8 29. Qxa7 c4 30. a4 Rd7 31. Qb8 Kf5 32. g4+ Ke6 33. a5 d4 34. Qb6+ Rd6 35. Qb8 d3 36. a6 Kd5 37. Qxd6!+ Ke4 38. Qd4 mate.

Gilbert Stone (C) - Bob McLearn (D), Round 3

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e3 Nf6 4. c4 Bg4 5. h3 Bxf3 6. Qxf3 Nb4 7. Na3 c6 8. Bd2 e6 9. cxd5 Nbx5 10. Bc4 Qb6 11. Bb3 Bxa3 12. bxa3 Qa6 13. a4 Qd3 14. Qe2 Qxe2+ 15. Kxe2 O-O 16. f3 Rae8 17. e4 Nh5 18. Kf2 Ndf4 19. Bc4 e5 20. Bb4 exd4 21. Bxf8 Kxf8 22. a5 c5 23. Rab1 Re7 24. Rb5 Rd7 25. Rxc5 d3 26. Rd1 d2 27. Rc8+ Ke7 28. Bb5 Rd4 29. Rc7+ Kf6 30. Rxb7 Ne6 31. Rxa7 Ne5 32. Ke3 Rb4 33. Be8 Ng3 34. Rxf7+ Ke5 35. Rxc7 Rd4 36. f4+ Kf6 37. Kxd4 Ne6+ 38. Kd3 Nxc7 39. Bc6 N7h5 40. Ke3 and White won.

Grant Perks (A) - Marc Abraham (C), Round 4

1. c4 f5 2. e4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Ng4 5. d4 d5 6. h3 Nh6 7. Bxh6 gxh6 8. Qh5+ Ke7 9. cxd5 exd5 10. Qh4+ Ke8 11. Qxd8+ Kxd8 12. Nxd5 Be6 13. Nf4 Bb4+ 14. Ke2 Re8 15. Nf3 c6 16. Ke3 Nd7 17. Bd3 Kc7 18. Nxe6+ Rxe6 19. Bxf5 Re7 20. Rac1 Nb6 21. Be4 Rd8 22. a3 Bd6 23. exd6+ Rxd6 24. Ne5 Nd5+ 25. Bxd5 Rxd5 26. f4 a5 27. Rc5 Rd6 28. Rxa5 h5 29. g4 hxg4 30. hxg4 Kb8 31. Rc5 b6 32. Rc2 Kb7 33. Rch2 Rdd7 34. Kd3 Re7 35. Rh6 c5 36. d5 b5 37. d6 Red7 38. Nxd7 Rxd7 39. Rxh7 Kc6 40. Rxd7 Kxd7 41. Ke4 and White won

### Parkersburg July Open, July 5, 1997, Holiday Inn - Parkersburg

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Harold Mitchell	WV	1886*A4	1914*A4	W--9	D--8	W--2	W--3	3.5
2	Grant Perks	OH	1984*X6	1978*X6	W--14	W--7	L--1	W--4	3.0
3	Randy Bierce	WV	1886*x4	1884*x4	W--11	D--4	W--8	L--1	2.5
4	Marc Abraham	WV	1592*b5	1627*b7	W--16	D--3	W--7	L--2	2.5
5	Gilbert Stone	WV	1462*c6	1486*c6	L--13	W--15	W--9	D--8	2.5
6	Jim Gikas	WV	1850*A7	1872*A7	W--15	W--13	U--	U--	2.0
7	Mike Taylor	OH	1824*A4	1811*A4	W--12	L--2	L--4	W--11	2.0
8	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1657*C7	1653*C7	W--10	D--1	L--3	D--5	2.0
9	Bob McLearn	WV	1334*C9	1342*C9	L--1	W--10	L--5	W--12	2.0
10	Michael Statkiewicz	WV	1146* 0	1179*e5	L--8	L--9	W--14	W--16	2.0
11	Andy Nicol	OH			L--3	W--16	D--12	L--7	1.5
12	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1247*d2	1274*d2	L--7	W--14	D--11	L--9	1.5
13	Pat Kelly	OH	1977*A4	1957*A4	W--5	L--6	U--	U--	1.0
14	Tom LaBue	WV	1484*b7	1436*b7	L--2	L--12	L--10	W--15	1.0
15	Sam Rhodes	NC	1246*b5	1226*b5	L--6	L--5	D--16	L--14	0.5
16	Glenn Haynes	WV	1130*D5	1117*D5	L--4	L--11	D--15	L--10	0.5

## 1997 State tourney summary (cont.)

Champ scoring 4½ out of 5. He was impressive throughout with successive victories against Marc Abraham, Donald Griffith and David Saville. He battled back in the final round to garner a draw with Randy Bierce to secure his title.

There were a large amount of players who had a chance to win the title here at the beginning of Round 5. Donald Griffith, Dave Olson, and Jon Karraker (B) all stood with 3½. John Roush was in a tough situation against Karraker, but survived after a positional blunder by Jon. Jim Gikas was beaten by the giant-killer Walt Rueckert. The position was very drawish, but Jim needed a win to stay in the chase for first and forced the issue with an piece sacrifice that proved to be unsound.

Donald Griffith (X) - Dave Olson (B), Round 5  
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Be2 Nc6 6. c4 Nb6 7. exd6 cxd6 8. Nc3 g6 9. d5 Bxf3 10. Bxf3 Ne5 11. b3 Bg7 12. Bb2 Nxf3+ 13. Qxf3 O-O 14. O-O a6 15. Rfe1 Nd7 16. Re3 b5 17. Qe2 bxc4 18. Qxc4 Ne5 19. Qe2 f5 20. f4 Ng4 21. Rxe7 Qb6+ 22. Kf1 Nxb2+ 23. Ke1 Qg1+ 24. Kd2 Qd4+ 25. Kc2 Rac8 26. Qd2 Rc5 27. Qxd4 Bxd4 28. Rd1 Bxc3 29. Bxc3 Rfc8 30. Rd3 Ng4 31. Rg7+ Kf8 32. Rxh7 Nf6 33. Rh8+ Ke7 34. Rxc8 Rxc8 35. Kb2 Ne4 36. b4 Rg8 37. a4 g5 38. g3 gxf4 39. gxf4 Rg2+ 40. Kb3 Rf2 41. Bd4 Rxf4 42. Kc4 Rf1 43. b5 Rc1+ 44. Kb4 axb5 45. axb5 Nc5 46. Rf3 Rb1+ 47. Kc4 Rc1+ 48. Rc3 Rxc3+ 49. Kxc3 Ne4+ 50. Kd3 Kd7 51. Ke3 Kc7 52. Kf4 Nd2 53. Kxf5 Nc4 54. Ke6 Kc8 55. b6 Kd8 56. Bg1 Kc8 57. Ke7 Kb7 58. Kd7 Kb8 59. Kc6 Kc8 60. Bh2 Black resigns

Entering the final round here were the standings:  
4½ - John Roush, Donald Griffith, and Grant Perks.  
4 - Andy Katz, David Saville, Jim Walker, Randy Bierce, Greg Martin and Walt Rueckert.

The pairings were as follows: Griffith-Roush, Walker-Perks, Katz-Bierce, Martin-Saville, and Rueckert-Feldstein. In order for any of the players with 4 points to have a chance there had to be a draw between Roush and Griffith. Since Grant lives in Ohio, he was ineligible for the State title, so if he won would still leave the title for grabs. The Griffith-Roush game finished early with a drawn result.

Donald Griffith (X) - John Roush (X), Round 6  
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be3 Be7 7. Be2 Nc6 8. O-O O-O 9. f4 e5 9...a6 is the mainline. 10. Nb3 exf4 11. Rxf4 Nd7 12. Nd5 Nde5 13. Qd2 Be6 14. Rd1 Bxd5 15. exd5 Nb8 16. Rdf1 Bg5 17. R4f2 Bxe3 18. Qxe3 g6 19. Qh6 Nbd7 20. Rf4 f5 21. Nd4 Nf7 22. Qh3 Ng5 23. Qh6 Nf7 24. Qh3 Drawn

This allowed the others to possibly tie with John and Donald at 5. Walt was finished quickly, losing to Feldstein, but pleased with a tremendous effort overall for the weekend. Jim Walker was able to get a material advantage against Grant and parlayed this to victory. Jim was probably the happiest person in the room, taking home a piece of his first State title. After his loss to Olson in round 3, most considered it a long shot. Also, about this time Andy had the better of Randy. Randy also was attempting to win his first state tourney. Andy ended with the win and piece #4. However the Martin-Saville game was going to go to the bloody end. Both had 2 rooks and 3 pawns with a draw a very possible outcome. With first place on the line, though both would play it out. Finally, late into the day, the result became a draw. Roush, Griffith, Katz and Walker sharing the 1997 WV State Championship

Mike Baker (B) - Jason Rihel (A), Round 6  
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. e5 dxe5 8. Qxd8+ Nxd8 9. Nxe5 Bg7 10. Bb5+ Bd7 11. Nxd7 Nxd7 12. Bd2 a6 13. Bxd7+ Kxd7 14. O-O-O Kc8 15. Nd5 Kb8 16. Nb6 Ra7 17. Be3 Ne6 18. Nc4 b6 19. Nxb6 Rb7 20. b3 f5 21. Nd7+ Kc8 22. Nc5 Nxc5 23. Bxc5 e5 24. Rd5 Rd8 25. Rxd8+ Kxd8 26. Rd1+ Rd7 27. Rxd7+ Kxd7 28. Kd2 Kc6 29. Ba3 e4 30. c4 Bf6 31. Ke3 Bg5+ 32. Ke2 Bf6 33. f3 exf3+ 34. Kxf3 Be5 35. h3 h5 36. Be7 Kd7 37. Bg5 Kc6 38. g4 hxg4+ 39. hxg4 fvg4+ 40. Kxg4 Bd6 41. Bf6 Ba3 42. Kg5 Bc5 43. Kxg6 Kd7 44. Kf5 Bd6 45. Be5 Bc5 46. Bc3 Bf8 47. Ke4 Kc6 48. b4 Be7 49. a4 Bf8 50. Kd4 Bg7+ 51. Kd3 Bf8 52. Bd2 Be7 53. Kc3 Bf8 54. Kb3 Be7 55. b5+ axb5 56. axb5+ Kc7 57. Bb4 Bf6 58. c5 Bd4 59. Kc4 Bg7 60. Kd5 Bf8 61. Ba5+ Kb7 62. c6+ Kc8 63. Ke6 Bc5 64. b6 Bf2 65. b7+ Kb8 66. Kd7 Bg3 67. Bb4 Ka7 68. Bd6 Black resigns

For class winners, please turn to page 17.

## John Roush and Andy Katz Share 1997 Kanawha Valley Open

This year's KVO was played at the Lake Chaweva Clubhouse in Cross Lanes, WV. Donald Griffith directed the Charleston Chess Club's annual tune-up for the State tournament. Charleston experts Andy Katz and John Roush fresh from their third round draw, finished the day with a win, Roush over Robert Canary and Katz beating Jim Walker during a time scramble. Their score of 3 was good enough to edge Canary and Scott Carmichael, who finished third. Both Canary and Carmichael split the top B class prize. Canary scored the big upset of the day upending Jim Walker in round 3. Top C class was a tie between perennial C's Chuck Waugh and Tom LaBue. Chuck drew David Olson in the final round to help him share the C prize. Chuck is now within breathing distance of B class again.

Some of the day's highlights: Donald letting entrants know that maybe if they are real nice, they may be able to persuade John Roush to autograph their copies of *Chess Life*.

David Olson (B) - David Milliken (D), Round 1  
English Opening  
1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 d6 3. Nf3 f5 4. d3 Nf6 5. g3 Be7 6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O Nc6 8. a3 Be6 9. b4 Qd7 10. Bd2 d5 11. cxd5 Nxd5 12. Nxd5 Bxd5 13. b5 Nd4 14. Nxe5 Qe6 15. Bxd5 Qxd5 16. Nc4 Bf6 17. Bf4 Rfe8 18. Ra2 Re7 19. a4 Rc8 20. Be3 g5 21. Bxd4 Bxd4 22. Rc2 f4 23. Re1 Qf5 24. e3 Qh3 25. Rce2 f3 26. White resigns

David Michael (B) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2  
1. d4 e5 2. c3 e6 3. e3 Nf6 4. f4 Be7 5. Nf3 b6 6. Bd3 Ba6 7. O-O Qc8 8. Ne5 Bxd3 9. Qxd3 O-O 10. g4 Nc6 11. g5 Nh5 12. Rf3 Nxe5 13. dxe5 Qc6 14. Rh3 g6 15. Nd2 d6 16. Ne4 dxe5 17. fxe5 Rad8 18. Qc2 Rd5 19. Rxh5 gxh5 20. Nf6+ Bxf6 21. gxf6 Kh8 22. e4 Rg8+ 23. Kf2 Rxe5 24. Bh6 Qxe4 25. Qxe4 Rxe4 26. Rd1 Re5 27. Bg7+ Rxd7 28. fxd7 Kxd7 29. Rd7 Rd5 30. White resigns

Andy Katz (X) - Scott Carmichael (B), Round 2  
Sicilian Defense, Taimanov Variation  
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nxc6 bxc6 6. Bd3 Qc7 7. O-O Bb7 8. c4 Ne7 9. Nc3 g6 10. Be3 Bg7 11. Rc1 O-O 12. f4 f5 13. e5 c5 14. Nb5 Qc6 15. Qe2 Nc8 16. Qf2 a6 17. Nc3 Bh6 18. Be2 Rf7 19. Bf3 Qc7 20. Bxb7 Qxb7 21. Bxc5 g5 22. Qf3 Qxf3 23. Rxf3 gxf4 24. Ne2 Rb8 25. b3 Rg7 26. Nxf4 Kf7 27.

Rd1 Rb7 28. Nh5 Rg8 29. Nf6 Rd8 30. Nxb7 d6 31. Be3 Bxe3+ 32. Rxe3 Kg6 33. Nf6 Rh8 34. exd6 Kxf6 35. d7 Ke7 36. Red3 Kd8 37. dxc8=Q+ Kxc8 38. Rd6 Rbh7 39. h3 Rg8 40. Rxa6 Kb7 41. Rxe6 Rxh3 42. Rd7+ Kc8 43. Rf7 Rhg3 44. Re2 R3g5 45. Rf2 Re8 46. R7xf5 Re1+ 47. Rf1 Rxf5 48. Rxe1 Kc7 49. g4 Rg5 50. Kf2 and White won

Robert Canary (B) - Paul Harless (C), Round 2  
Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack  
1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 d6 5. Nge2 e5 6. O-O Be7 7. d3 a6 8. f4 Bg4 9. Qe1 Nd4 10. Nxd4 cxd4 11. Nd5 Nxd5 12. exd5 Qc7 13. Rf2 O-O 14. h3 Bh5 15. f5 f6 16. Qe4 g5 17. h4 h6 18. Bh3 Rf7 19. g4 gxh4 20. gxh5 Rg7+ 21. Rg2 Qxc2 22. Rxd2 Kxd2 23. Qg2+ Qxd2 24. Kxd2 Rc8 25. Bg4 Rc5 26. Bf3 a5 27. Kh3 Rc2 28. Kxh4 b5 29. Kg3 Bd8 30. Rb1 a4 31. Bd1 Rc5 32. b4 Rc3 33. Be2 e4 34. Bb2 Rc2 35. Bd1 Rd2 36. dxe4 Bb6 37. a3 d3 38. Be3 Ra2 39. Ra1 Bf2+ 40. Kf3 Rxa1 41. Bxa1 Be1 42. Bb2 d2 43. Ke2 Kf7 44. Bd4 Bg3 45. Kxd2 and White won.

Jim Olson (D) - Gilbert Stone (C), Round 2  
Torre Attack  
1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 b6 3. Bg5 Nf6 4. Bxf6 exf6 5. e3 Bb7 6. Nbd2 c5 7. c3 Nc6 8. Qc2 Qd7 9. Bd3 g6 10. O-O-O c4 11. Be2 Bd6 12. e4 b5 13. exd5 Ne7 14. Qe4 Bxd5 15. Qh4 Qe6 16. Qh3 Qxe2 17. Rhe1 Qxf2 18. Nf1 Bxf3 19. gxf3 O-O 20. Kb1 Rfd8 21. Nd2 f5 22. Qh6 Nd5 23. Nf1 Re8 24. Rxe8+ Rxe8 25. Ng3 Bxg3 26. hxg3 Re2 27. Qc1 Ne3 28. Rh1 Rc2 29. Qxc2 Qxc2+ 30. Ka1 Nd1 and Black won.

Andy Katz (X) - John Roush (X), Round 3  
Sicilian Defense, Scheveningen Variation  
1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O O-O 8. f4 Nc6 9. Be3 e5 10. Nb3 exf4 11. Bxf4 Be6 12. Bf3 Ne5 13. Nd5 Bxd5 14. exd5 Nfd7 15. Kh1 Bf6 16. Nd4 g6 17. Rc1 Re8 18. c4 Qb6 19. Qd2 Rac8 20. b3 a6 21. Draw agreed

Jim Walker (X) - Robert Canary (B), Round 3  
1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 c6 3. b3 Nf6 4. Bb2 Nbd7 5. g3 Qb6 6. Qc2 Ne4 7. d3 Qb4+ 8. Nbd2 Nxd2 9. Nxd2 e5 10. a3 Qd6 11. e3 Be7 12. Bg2 Nf6 13. Qc3 Bf5 14. Qxe5 Qxe5 15. Bxe5 Bxd3 16. cxd5 cxd5 17. Bf1 Bxf1 18. Kxf1 O-O 19. Ke2 Rac8 20. Rbc1 Nd7 21. Bd4 a6 22. Nf3 f6 23. Kd2 Bd6 24. h3 Kf7 25. a4 g6 26. Rxc8 Rxc8 27. Rc1 Bb4+ 28. Be3 Nc5 29. Bxb4 Nxb3+ 30.

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Kd3 Rxc1 31. g4 Rc4 32. Bc3 Nc5+ 33. Ke2 Rxc3 and Black won.

Scott Carmichael (B) - Gilbert Stone (C), Round 3  
Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 b6 3. Nf3 Bb7 4. e3 e6 5. Bd3 Nd7 6. Qc2 Ngf6 7. Nbd2 Bd6 8. O-O h6 9. Re1 O-O 10. e4 dxe4 11. Nxe4 Nxe4 12. Bxe4 Bxe4 13. Qxe4 Bb4 14. Re2 Nf6 15. Qc2 Re8 16. a3 Bf8 17. Bd2 c5 18. Bc3 Rc8 19. Rd1 Be7 20. dxe5 Qc7 21. cxb6 axb6 22. b3 Qc5 23. Bb4 Qc7 24. Bxe7 Rxe7 25. Qb1 Qc5 26. Qb2 Ra7 27. a4 Kf8 28. Qd4 Qb4 29. Qd6+ Qxd6 30. Rxd6 Nd7 31. Nd4 Rac7 32. h3 Ke7 33. Nb5 Rc5 34. Red2 Rd8 35. Na7 Ke8 36. Nc6 Rc8 37. Rxd7 R5xc6 38. Ra7 R6c7 39. Rxc7 Rxc7 40. Rd6 Rb7 41. b4 Ke7 42. Rc6 e5 43. b5 f5 44. c5 bxc5 45. Rxc5 Kd6 46. Rc6+ Kd5 47. f3 f4 48. Kf2 Ra7 49. Ra6 Rc7 50. b6 Rc2+ 51. Ke1 Kc6 52. Ra5 Rxc2 53. Rb5 Rg1+ 54. Kf2 Ra1 55. b7 Ra2+ 56. Ke1 Ra1+ 57. Kd2 Ra2+ 58. Ke1 Rxa4 59. Rb2 59. b8=Q Rc4+ 60. Kb2 Rd4 61. Qe8+ Kd6 62. Qxe5+ Black resigns

David Olson (B) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 3  
English Opening

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nf3 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. O-O Nxc3 8. bxc3 Nc6 9. Rb1 b6 10. Nd4 Bxd4 11. cxd4 Bb7 12. d5 Na5 13. e4 c6 14. dxc6 Bxc6 15. d4 f5 16. d5 Bd7 17. e5 Bc8 18. Bg5 Bb7 19. d6 Rf7 20. Bxe7 Rxe7 21. dxe7 Qxe7 22. Bxb7 Nxb7 23. Qd5+ Kg7 24. Rbd1 Rd8 25. Qxb7 Qxb7 26. Rxd8 Qe4 27. f4 Qe3+ 28. Rf2 Qc1+ 29. Kg2 Qc3 30. Kh3 Qe3 31. Rdd2 g5 32. Rfe2 g4+ 33. Kh4 Qc5 34. Rd7+ Kf8 35. e6 Ke8 36. e7 Kxd7 37. e8=Q+ Kd6 38. Re6+ Kc7 39. Re7+ Kd6 40. Qd8+ Black resigns

James Miller (C) - David Michael (B), Round 3  
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Ne7 7. Nf3 Nbc6 8. Be3 Qc7 9. Bd3 Bd7 10. O-O h6 11. c4 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Qxe5 13. Nxc6 Bxc6 14. Be5 b6 15. Re1 Qg5 16. Be3 Qf6 17. cxd5 Bxd5 18. Bb5+ Bc6 19. Bxc6+ Nxc6 20. Qd6 Rc8 21. Rad1 Qe7 22. Qg3 g5 23. Rd3 O-O 24. h4 f6 25. f4 Qg7 26. hxc5 fxc5 27. fxc5 Rf5 28. g6 Ne5 29. Bd4 Nxd3 30. Bxc7 Nxe1 31. Bxh6 Nxc2 32. Qd6 Re8 33. Qd7 Rf1+ 34. Kxf1 Rf8+ 35. Bxf8 Black resigns

Bill Salmon (E) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 3

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 g6 6.

Bc4 Bg7 7. O-O O-O 8. Qe1 b6 9. Be3 Bb7 10. Rd1 e6 11. Bg5 Nbd7 12. d5 exd5 13. Nxd5 Bxd5 14. Bxd5 Rb8 15. Bc6 Qc8 16. Bxf6 Nxf6 17. Kh1 Rd8 18. Ne5 Rxd1 19. Qxd1 Qe6 20. Re1 Qxa2 21. Nd7 Nxd7 22. Qxd7 Be5 23. Bd5 Qxb2 24. Qxf7+ Kh8 25. Rf1 Qb5 26. c4 Qe8 27. Qf3 Bd6 28. Qc3+ Qe5 29. Qxe5+ Bxe5 30. Rf7 a5 31. Bc6 Rc8 32. Bd5 c6 33. Bf3 b5 34. cxb5 cxb5 35. g3 Rb8 36. Bc6 b4 37. Ba4 b3 38. Rf1 Rb4 39. Bxb3 Rxb3 40. Re1 Bc3 41. Re8+ Kg7 42. Ra8 Rb1+ 43. Kg2 Ra1 and Black won in 71.

David Hundley (D) - Jim Olson (D), Round 3  
Scandinavian Defense

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Bb5+ Nbd7 4. Nc3 a6 5. Bc4 b5 6. Bb3 Nb6 7. Nf3 Nfxd5 8. Nxd5 Nxd5 9. c3 c5 10. O-O e6 11. Re1 Bd6 12. g3 O-O 13. c4 bxc4 14. Bxc4 Bb7 15. d4 cxd4 16. Nxd4 Qf6 17. h4 e5 18. Bg5 Ne3 19. Rxe3 Qg6 20. Bd3 e4 21. Bc4 h6 22. Ne6 fxe6 23. Qxd6 hxc5 24. Qxe6+ Kh7 25. Rd1 Qxe6 26. Bxe6 Rad8 27. Rxd8 Rxd8 28. Bf5+ g6 29. Bxe4 Bxe4 30. Rxe4 Rd2 31. Rb4 a5 32. Rb7+ Kh6 33. hxc5+ Kxc5 34. Rb5+ Kg4 35. Rxa5 Rxb2 36. Kg2 g5 37. Ra4+ Kh5 38. g4+ Kh4 39. Kf3 Rc2 40. Ra8 Rc3+ 41. Ke4 Kxc4 42. Rf8 Rc4+ 43. Kd3 Ra4 44. f3+ Kh5 45. Rh8+ Kg6 46. Rh2 Kf5 47. Rf2 Ra3+ 48. Kc4 Kf4 49. Kb4 Rxf3 50. Rg2 g4 51. a4 g3 52. a5 Rf2 53. Rg1 g2 54. a6 Kf3 55. a7 Ra2 56. Rxc2 Kxc2 57. a8=Q+ Rxa8 and Black won.

Jim Walker (X) - Andy Katz (X), Round 4  
Queen's Gambit Declined, Exchange Variation

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. cxd5 exd5 4. Nc3 c5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. Bxe7 Ngxe7 8. e3 c4 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O Bf5 11. b3 cxb3 12. Qxb3 Na5 13. Qa3 f6 14. Rfc1 Nc4 15. Bxc4 dxc4 16. Qb4 Qd7 17. Qxc4+ Be6 18. Qa4 Qxa4 19. Nxa4 b6 20. Nd2 Rac8 21. a3 Nf5 22. Nb2 h5 23. Kf1 Rfe8 24. Nd3 g5 25. Rxc8 Rxc8 26. Rc1 Kf7 27. Rxc8 Bxc8 28. g3 Ke6 29. Ke2 Ba6 30. Nf3 Kd5 31. Kd2 Ke4 32. Nde1 g4 33. Ng1 Bb5 34. Ne2 Nd6 35. Nc3+ Kf5 36. Nxb5 Nxb5 37. a4 Nd6 38. Nd3 Ke4 39. Ne1 a6 40. Kc3 Nf5 and Black won after a time scramble.

Robert Canary (B) - John Roush (X), Round 4  
Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. Nge2 d6 6. d3 e6 7. O-O Nge7 8. f4 O-O 9. Bd2 Rb8 10. Rb1 b5 11. Qc1 f5 12. exf5 gxf5 13. Be3 Bd7 14. Qd2 Nd4 15. Nd1 b4 16. c3 bxc3 17. Nexc3 Nec6 18. Ne2 Nxe2+ 19.

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**Qxe2 Nd4 20. Qd2 Qb6 21. Bf2 Bc6 22. Bxc6 Qxc6 23. Bxd4 Bxd4+ 24. Nf2 Rf6 25. Qe2 Rh6 26. b3 Kf7 27. h4 Rxh4 and Black wins**

Chuck Waugh (C) - David Olson (B), Round 4  
Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 h6 4. Bxf6 Qxf6 5. e4 d5 6. e5 Qd8 7. Bd3 c5 8. c3 Nc6 9. O-O Qb6 10. Qb3 cxd4 11. Qxb6 axb6 12. cxd4 Nb4 13. Rd1 Rxa2 14. Rxa2 Nxa2 15. Bb5+ Bd7 16. Bxd7+ Kxd7 17. Rd3 Be7 18. Nc3 Nxc3 19. Rxc3 Ra8 20. Kf1 Ra4 21. Ke2 Rb4 22. Rc2 b5 23. Kd2 Rc4 24. b3 Rxc2+ 25. Kxc2 f6 26. Kd3 Bd8 27. b4 Bc7 28. g3 fxe5 29. Nxe5+ Bxe5 30. dxe5 Ke7 31. f4 Kf7 32. g4 Kg6 33. Kd4 Drawn

Scott Carmichael (B) - James Miller (C), Round 4

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 Nf6 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 Be7 6. Bg5 O-O 7. O-O h6 8. Bxf6 Bxf6 9. e3 dxc4 10. Qc2 b5 11. Ne5 Black resigns

David Michael (B) - Jerry Skeen (B), Round 4

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 e5 4. dxc5 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 Nc6 6. Be3 Qc7 7. Nf3 Nf6 8. Bd3 Ng4 9. Qd2 Nxe3 10. Qxe3 Ne5 11. Nxe5 Qxe5 12. Qd4 d6 13. cxd6 Qxd4 14. cxd4 exd6 15. O-O O-O 16. f4 Bd7 17. Rab1 b6 18. h3 Rac8 19. c4 f5 20. e5 Kg7 21. d5 Rc5 22. Rfe1 Ra5 23. exd6 Rd8 24. Re7+ Kh6 25. Rbe1 Rxa2 26. Rf7 Ba4 27. Ree7 Ra1+ 28. Kh2 Rh8 29. Rxa7 Rd1 30. Rxa4 Rxd3 31. Re7 Rd4 32. d7 Rd8 33. Ra7 Rxc4 34. Re8 Rxd7 35. Rxd7 Rxf4 and White eventually wins.

Tom LaBue (C) - Paul Harless (C), Round 4  
Queen Gambit's Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 d5 3. Nc3 e6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 h6 6. Bh4 O-O 7. Nf3 c5 8. cxd5 exd5 9. Be2 c4 10. O-O Bf5 11. Bxf6 Bxf6 12. b3 Qa5 13. Qd2 Nd7 14. bxc4 dxc4 15. Qb2 Be6 16. Nd2 Rfc8 17. Rfc1 Rab8 18. Qb5 Qc7 19. d5 a6 20. Qxc4 Qa5 21. Qd3 Rxc3 22. Rxc3 Bxc3 23. dxe6 Bxa1 24. exf7+ Kf8 25. Qxd7 Qd8 26. Qe8+ Qxe8 27. fxe8=Q+ Rxe8 28. Nb3 Bb2 29. Nc5 Re7 30. h4 Ba3 31. Nd3 b5 32. Nf4 Kf7 33. Bh5+ Kg8 34. Bf3 b4 35. Bd5+ Kh7 36. h5 Rd7 37. Be4+ Kg8 38. Bd3 a5 39. Bc4+ Kh7 40. Ng6 Rd1+ 41. Kh2 Rd2 42. Kg3 a4 43. Nf8+ Kh8 44. Ng6+ Kh7 45. Nf8+ Kh8 46. Ng6+ Drawn

Jim Olson (D) - Mike Baker (B), Round 4  
Torre Attack

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 e6 3. Bg5 Be7 4. Bxe7 Qxe7 5. c3 c5 6. e3 cxd4 7. Qa4+ Nc6 8. Nxd4 Bd7 9. Bb5 Qd6 10. Nxc6 Bxc6 11. Bxc6+ Qxc6 12. Qxc6+ bxc6 13. f4 Nf6 14. Nd2 c5 15. O-O O-O 16. Rae1 Ne4 17. Nxe4 dxe4 18. f5 a5 19. fxe6 fxe6 20. Rxf8+ Rxf8 21. Rd1 Rf5 22. c4 Rf8 23. Rd6 Rb8 24. b3 a4 25. bxa4 Rb4 26. a5 Rxc4 27. Rxe6 Ra4 28. a6 Rxa2 29. Rxe4 Rxa6 30. Rc4 Rc6 31. e4 Kf7 32. Kf2 Ke6 33. Ke3 g5 34. g4 Kd6 35. Kd3 h6 36. h3 Rb6 37. Ra4 Rb5 38. Rc4 Rb3+ 39. Rc3 Rxc3+ 40. Kxc3 Ke5 41. Kc4 Kxe4 42. Kxc5 Kf4 43. Kd5 Kg3 44. Ke5 Kxh3 45. Kf5 Kg3 46. Kg6 Kxg4 and Black won.

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2164*m4	2165*m4	W--6	W--10	D--2	W--3	3.5
2	Andy Katz	WV	2040*m5	2066*m5	W--12	W--4	D--1	W--9	3.5
3	Robert Canary	WV	1788*B2	1820*B4	W--15	W--8	W--9	L--1	3.0
4	Scott Carmichael	WV	1653*b7	1670*b7	W--18	L--2	W--15	W--12	3.0
5	David Olson	WV	1763*a4	1747*a4	L--13	W--20	W--14	D--6	2.5
6	Chuck Waugh	WV	1567*b2	1582*b2	L--1	W--13	W--19	D--5	2.5
7	Tom LaBue	WV	1452*b7	1490*b7	L--9	W--17	W--10	D--8	2.5
8	Donald Harless	WV	Unrated	1501/04	W--19	L--3	W--13	D--7	2.5
9	Jim Walker	WV	2056*M5	2018*M5	W--7	W--11	L--3	L--2	2.0
10	Mike Baker	WV	1727*B6	1702*B6	W--16	L--1	L--7	W--18	2.0
11	David Michael	WV	1706*B6	1701*B6	W--17	L--9	L--12	W--14	2.0
12	James Miller	WV	1474*c2	1495*c2	L--2	W--16	W--11	L--4	2.0
13	David Milliken	KY	1341*D9	1358*D9	W--5	L--6	L--8	W--19	2.0
14	Jerry Skeen	WV	1797*a7	1762*a7	W--20	H---	L--5	L--11	1.5
15	Gilbert Stone	WV	1481*c6	1464*c6	L--3	W--18	L--4	D--16	1.5
16	Sam Rhodes	NC	1228*b5	1251*b5	L--10	L--12	W--20	D--15	1.5
17	David Hundley	WV	1342*c0	1306*c0	L--11	L--7	L--18	X---	1.0
18	Jim Olson	WV	1231*E2	1240*E2	L--4	L--15	W--17	L--10	1.0
19	Bill Salmon	WV	1024*D2	1016*D2	L--8	B---	L--6	L--13	1.0
20	Duane Hosom	KY	1386*c2	1357*c2	L--14	L--5	L--16	F---	0.0



# WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes Annual Meeting August 30, 1997

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Chess Association was held on August 30, 1997 at Wheeling, West Virginia.

President Mike Baker called the meeting to order and asked Jim Meyer for his report on the USCF meeting at Orlando, Florida.

The minutes of the 1996 meeting were read. Bill Salmon moved that they be approved as read and after second by Dave Olson, the motion passed.

The financial statement for the fiscal year September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997 was read and was also approved after motion by John Roush and second by Aaron Richardson.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Tom LaBue and Randy Bierce reported on the Scholastic Tournament and said that it went much better and smoother under the new arrangements made at last year's meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Randy Bierce commented with approval on the positive growth of the WVCA treasury.

Jim Gikas opened a discussion on the annual speed tournament and whether there is a need for both a 5 minute and a 10 minute tournament, however there was no followup discussion.

Jason Rihel moved that a separate bid be made on the WVCA Action Championship (G/30) to be held from from April 1st to July 1st annually beginning with the 1997-1998 business year, with full K, and six K rounds. Randy Bierce seconded the motion.

Dave Olson moved an amendment to the motion to leave the K selection, 1/4, 1/2, or full to the tournament organizer. David Saville seconded the motion and it passed 19 to 4.

Mike Taylor moved another amendment to the Rihel motion to make the action tournament seven rounds. Andy Katz seconded and the amendment passed 13 to 10.

The Rihel motion was then voted on and passed 17 to 4.

## NEW BUSINESS (continued)

John Roush opened a discussion and stated that the rotating trophy plates would be filled up after the present championship tournament. David Saville said that he would donate a new rotating trophy, that West Virginia Artists would take care of it and moved that the WVCA accept his offer. Bill Salmon seconded the motion which passed with one dissenting vote.

John Roush moved that the old rotating trophy be given permanently to the member whose name appears on it the most times, namely Donald Griffith. Andy Katz seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The following three motions to award Honorary Life Memberships in the West Virginia Chess Association to three members for recognition of their untiring devotion to chess in West Virginia were made:

Paul Sayre; by Tom Bergquist, second by Jason Rihel  
Bernard Kiernan; by Mike Turner, second by John Roush  
Tom Bergquist; by Randy Bierce, second by Andy Katz

All three motions passed unanimously.

## 1996 TOURNAMENT SITE:

Action Championship (G/30) - Lake Cheweva in Cross Lanes  
by Jim Walker  
Buckhannon as a backup site  
by Tom LaBue  
State Championship - Wheeling by Randy Bierce

All three sites were accepted

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1997-1998:

	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded by
USCF Delegate:	Jim Meyer	Randy Bierce	Mike Turner
Voting Members(2):	Walt Rueckert Joe Lacoco	Randy Bierce Jason Rihel	Tom Labue Jonette Mercer
Bulletin Editor:	Tom Labue	Jason Rihel	Randy Bierce
Secretary-Treasurer:	Tom Bergquist	Randy Bierce	Dave Olson
Postal Director:	Tom LaBue	Bill Salmon	Dave Olson
Vice President:	Jonette Mercer	Randy Bierce	Marc Abraham
President:	John Roush (Roush Declined) Randy Bierce Mike Baker	Aaron Richardson Andy Katz Tom LaBue	Marc Abraham Jason Rihel

Tom LaBue moved that the nominations be closed and after second by Bill Salmon, the motion passed.

President Baker appointed Jonette Mercer to temporarily assume the chair while he and Randy Bierce retired during the election for President.

Miss Mercer called for a show of hands for the election and Bierce won 16 votes to 8 and gave his acceptance speech immediately upon returning to the room.

Mike Baker reassumed the chair and announced the results of the election. As there was only one candidate for each of the other offices, the President declared them elected by acclamation.

President Baker called for a motion to adjourn. Byron Funkhouser so moved and after second by David Olson the motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Sept. 1, 1996 to Aug. 31, 1997

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AVAILABLE September 1, 1996 \$1849.41

RECEIPTS

* 1996 Tournament Entry Fees	NO REPORT	
*** WVCA Dues (Includes One New Life Member)	\$616.00	
** USCF Affiliate Grant	167.60	
Donation (Peter Dessauls)	60.00	
Interest	23.60	867.20

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AND RECEIPTS AVAILABLE \$2716.61

DISBURSEMENTS

* 1996 Tournament Expenses	NO REPORT	
WVCA Bulletin	\$258.76	
** Reunion Expenses (USCF Affiliate Funds)	200.00	
Grand Prix Trophies (95-96)	37.88	
Secretary-Treasurer Expense	74.04	
USCF Affiliate Fee	40.00	
WV License Tax	10.34	
Rotating Trophy Engraving	8.75	879.77

TOTAL PRESENT FUNDS AVAILABLE August 31, 1997 \$2036.84

RECONCILIATION

** USCF Affiliate Funds Available	\$ 895.24	
United National Bank		
*** Life Memberships on Deposit	\$420.00	
**** Operating Cash on Deposit	721.60	1141.60
Total Reconciliation		\$2036.84

NOTES

Changes in Available Funds from Previous Statement

** USCF Affiliate Funds Decrease	\$(32.40)
*** Life Memberships Increase	140.00 (Douglas Hammell)
**** Operating Cash Increase	79.83
Total Increase in Available Funds	\$187.43

\*1996 Tournament entry fees and expenses are incomplete.  
No report was received.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom*

Thomas O. Bergquist  
Secretary-Treasurer

## West Virginia Chess Crosstables

Here are crosstables that I have that were late for last issue or didn't have space for elsewhere in the bulletin.

### *Parkersburg Open - April 12-13, 1997 - Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, WV*

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2167*m4	2191*m4	W-17	W-10	W-19	W-3	W-4	5.0
2	Donald Griffith	WV	2132*X7	2127*X7	W-29	D-16	W-7	D-4	W-9	4.0
3	David Saville	CA	2051*m4	2067*m4	W-21	W-8	W-9	L-1	W-5	4.0
4	Dennis Funkhouser	VA	2114*X0	2106*X0	W-23	W-11	X---	D-2	L-1	3.5
5	Jim Walker	WV	2080*M5	2062*M5	W-22	D-7	W-16	W-19	L-3	3.5
6	Markle Butcher	WV	1783*B8	1787*B8	W-13	L-18	W-23	W-11	D-10	3.5
7	Mike Baker	WV	1703*B4	1737*B6	W-15	D-5	L-2	W-21	W-16	3.5
8	Arthur Poskocil	VA	1672*B2	1678*B2	W-31	L-3	W-22	W-14	H---	3.5
9	Jerry Skeen	WV	1799*a7	1797*a7	W-27	W-26	L-3	W-12	L-2	3.0
10	Sefus Ellis	WV	1695*B6	1693*B6	W-28	L-1	D-17	W-24	D-6	3.0
11	Michael Spencer	WV	1598*c2	1596*c2	W-14	L-4	W-32	L-6	W-25	3.0
12	Robert Bolen	OH	1543*c0	1543*c0	W-32	L-19	W-26	L-9	W-24	3.0
13	Nathan Gundlach	OH	1246*E5	1307*D5	L-6	W-30	D-21	H---	W-19	3.0
14	Peter Mauk	WV	1200*E7	1247*d7	L-11	W-33	W-20	L-8	W-23	3.0
15	Alan Smith	WV	1165*e7	1211*E7	L-7	L-22	B---	W-30	W-20	3.0
16	Aaron Richardson	WV	1705*a5	1707*a5	W-25	D-2	L-5	W-17	L-7	2.5
17	Mark Huffman	OH	1386/05	1495/10	L-1	W-28	D-10	L-16	W-27	2.5
18	Joe Barker	WV	2122*X2	2125*X2	W-30	W-6	F---	U---	U---	2.0
19	Mike Taylor	OH	1864*A4	1826*A4	W-33	W-12	L-1	L-5	L-13	2.0
20	Ray Spring	OH	1600*b0	1523*b0	L-26	W-24	L-14	W-22	L-15	2.0
21	P. R. Davis	VA	1469*C4	1462*C4	L-3	W-27	D-13	L-7	H---	2.0
22	Galen Miller	WV	1385*D4	1385*D4	L-5	W-15	L-8	L-20	W-28	2.0
23	Bob McLear	WV	1317*C9	1303*C9	L-4	W-25	L-6	X---	L-14	2.0
24	David Hickman	WV	1277/14	1296/18	B---	L-20	W-29	L-10	L-12	2.0
25	David Mencer	MI	1154*e7	1145*e7	L-16	L-23	W-33	X---	L-11	2.0
26	Walter Bernard	OH	1049*e2	1093*e7	W-20	L-9	L-12	L-27	W-31	2.0
27	Bob Jordan	WV	1321* 0	1298* 0	L-9	L-21	D-28	W-26	L-17	1.5
28	Glenn Haynes	WV	1136*D5	1136*D5	L-10	L-17	D-27	W-33	L-22	1.5
29	Bob Shock	WV	1411*C5	1396*C5	L-2	W-31	L-24	F---	U---	1.0
30	Galen Cruise	PA	1409*C6	1367*C6	L-18	L-13	W-31	L-15	U---	1.0
31	Bill Salmon	WV	1180*D2	1143*D2	L-8	L-29	L-30	B---	L-26	1.0
32	Mike Price	WV	1115*E7	1110*E7	L-12	B---	L-11	F---	U---	1.0
33	John Bernard	OH	778/15	812/19	L-19	L-14	L-25	L-28	B---	1.0

### *Parkersburg May Open, May 3, 1997 - Holiday Inn, Parkersburg, WV*

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Harold Mitchell	WV	1893*A4	1901*A4	W-12	W-7	D-3	W-6	3.5
2	Marc Abraham	WV	1556*b5	1592*b5	W-18	W-10	W-5	H---	3.5
3	Mike Taylor	OH	1832*A4	1854*A4	W-15	W-14	D-1	D-4	3.0
4	Jim Walker	WV	2091*M5	2062*M5	W-10	L-5	W-9	D-3	2.5
5	Sefus Ellis	WV	1682*B6	1685*B6	W-8	W-4	L-2	D-7	2.5
6	Alvin Vavrek	OH	1642*C5	1663*C7	W-11	D-9	W-14	L-1	2.5
7	Scott Davis	WV	1538*C4	1553*C4	W-13	L-1	W-15	D-5	2.5
8	Bill Salmon	WV	1173*d9	1222*D2	L-5	D-17	W-13	W-14	2.5
9	Randy Bierce	WV	1903*x4	1886*x4	W-17	D-6	L-4	H---	2.0
10	Tom LaBue	WV	1505*b7	1505*b7	L-4	L-2	W-16	W-15	2.0
11	Josh Sell	WV	1225*E4	1234*E4	L-6	D-18	W-17	H---	2.0
12	Jim Olson	WV	1278/11	1252/15	L-1	D-13	W-18	L-16	1.5
13	Ward Sheppard	OH	Unrated	1132/04	L-7	D-12	L-8	W-18	1.5
14	Frank Dzielski	WV	1885/04	1609/08	W-16	L-3	L-6	L-8	1.0
15	Gilbert Stone	WV	1409*c6	1389*c6	L-3	W-16	L-7	L-10	1.0
16	Glenn Haynes	WV	1126*D5	1136*D5	L-14	L-15	L-10	W-12	1.0
17	Bob McLear	WV	1355*C9	1324*C9	L-9	D-8	L-11	U---	0.5
18	T. Hammer-Huber	OH	Unrated	995/04	L-2	D-11	L-12	L-13	0.5

### Miscellaneous Crosstables (cont.)

#### *U. S. Amateur South - Open Section, May 24-25, 1997, Marriot Town Center, Charleston, WV*

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	John Roush	WV	2115*m4	2143*m4	W--23	W--7	W--17	W--5	D--2	4.5
2	Leonard Dickerson	TN	2092*m4	2126*m4	W--25	W--32	W--9	W--4	D--1	4.5
3	Mark Hathaway	WV	2152*X7	2154*X7	W--27	L--17	W--28	W--19	W--11	4.0
4	David Saville	WV	2124*m4	2142*m4	W--20	W--13	W--11	L--2	W--6	4.0
5	Donald Griffith	WV	2119*X7	2132*X7	W--29	W--31	W--12	L--1	W--13	4.0
6	Robert Feldstein	NY	2019*u4	2045*u4	W--22	D--8	W--10	W--24	L--4	3.5
7	Nicholas Barber	TN	1954*A7	1972*A7	W--39	L--1	W--22	W--12	D--14	3.5
8	Thomas Magar	PA	2204*m4	2200*m4	W--21	D--6	L--24	D--20	W--27	3.0
9	Robert J. Fischer	VA	2163*m4	2163*m4	W--28	W--14	L--2	W--17	U---	3.0
10	Joseph McDougall	NY	2067*x7	2032*x7	D--24	W--33	L--6	D--23	W--29	3.0
11	Jim Walker	WV	2057*M5	2044*M5	W--15	W--26	L--4	W--27	L--3	3.0
12	Gary Hardin	WV	2006*X7	1985*X7	W--35	W--30	L--5	L--7	W--24	3.0
13	Ralph Mikell	DC	2000*x2	1991*x2	W--36	L--4	W--29	W--26	L--5	3.0
14	Steve Charles	OH	1962*x8	1951*x8	W--40	L--9	D--23	W--32	D--7	3.0
15	Mike Baker	WV	1683*B4	1703*B4	L--11	D--20	D--35	W--39	W--28	3.0
16	Grant Perks	OH	2069*X6	2023*X6	L--26	L--24	H---	W--35	W--31	2.5
17	Pat Kelly	OH	1980*A4	1977*A4	W--37	W--3	L--1	L--9	D--23	2.5
18	Greg Martin	PA	1927*A2	1884*A2	D--33	H---	L--26	D--22	W--32	2.5
19	David Blair	PA	1923*A4	1884*A4	L--30	W--35	W--25	L--3	D--26	2.5
20	Warren Lohr	NY	1880*a9	1869*a9	L--4	D--15	W--33	D--8	D--25	2.5
21	Palle Reddy	WV	1840/14	1817/18	L--8	L--22	H---	W--33	W--36	2.5
22	Seth Rokosky	OH	1803*B9	1808*B9	L--6	W--21	L--7	D--18	W--38	2.5
23	Markle Butcher	WV	1758*B6	1783*B8	L--1	W--38	D--14	D--10	D--17	2.5
24	David Olson	WV	1721*B9	1780*a4	D--10	W--16	W--8	L--6	L--12	2.5
25	Richard Sheppard	VA	1680*C7	1682*C7	L--2	W--39	L--19	W--38	D--20	2.5
26	David Sullivan	VA	1639*b5	1699*B4	W--16	L--11	W--18	L--13	D--19	2.5
27	Jerry Skeen	WV	1796*a7	1788*a7	L--3	W--37	W--30	L--11	L--8	2.0
28	Jon Karraker	WV	1782* 0	1762*b2	L--9	W--36	L--3	W--30	L--15	2.0
29	John Brewster	WV	1778*A2	1769*A2	L--5	W--40	L--13	W--36	L--10	2.0
30	Chad Robbins	KY	1223*e7	1274*D5	W--19	L--12	L--27	L--28	W--37	2.0
31	Shawn McIntosh	NC	1903*A7	1852*A7	W--38	L--5	D--32	L--34	L--16	1.5
32	Michael Spencer	WV	1610*c2	1610*c2	B---	L--2	D--31	L--14	L--18	1.5
33	John W. Malutich	WV	1146*d5	1182*d5	D--18	L--10	L--20	L--21	W--40	1.5
34	Sefus Ellis	WV	1685*B6	1709*B6	U---	U---	U---	W--31	U---	1.0
35	Frank Dzielski	WV	1609/08	1573/13	L--12	L--19	D--15	L--16	D--39	1.0
36	Tom LaBue	WV	1505*b7	1494*b7	L--13	L--28	W--40	L--29	L--21	1.0
37	Joe Lococo	WV	1389*c9	1350*c9	L--17	L--27	L--38	W--40	L--30	1.0
38	Michael Malutich	WV	1192*e7	1211*e7	L--31	L--23	W--37	L--25	L--22	1.0
39	Steve Meade	KY	1000/15	1089/19	L--7	L--25	H---	L--15	D--35	1.0
40	John R. Malutich	WV	1341/14	1293/19	L--14	L--29	L--36	L--37	L--33	0.0

#### *1997 Parkersburg Chess Club Championship, Parkersburg, WV*

PLR #	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Nathan Gundlach	W--11	W--4	W--5	W--2	X---	5.0
2	Joe Ancrile	W--8	W--7	X---	L--1	W--10	4.0
3	David Hickman	L--4	W--12	W--8	X---	F---	3.0
4	Mike Price	W--3	L--1	W--6	L--7	W--11	3.0
5	Bob McLear	W--10	L--9	L--1	D--11	X---	2.5
6	Ray Spring	L--9	L--10	L--4	W--12	W--8	2.0
7	Nicholas Leach	W--12	L--2	L--10	W--4	F---	2.0
8	David Earley	L--2	W--11	L--3	W--10	L--6	2.0
9	Alan Smith	W--6	W--5	F---	F---	U---	2.0
10	Glenn Haynes	L--5	W--6	W--7	L--8	L--2	2.0
11	Bob Leach	L--1	L--8	W--12	D--5	L--4	1.5
12	Jessica Gundlach	L--7	L--3	L--11	L--6	B---	1.0

*U. S. Amateur South - Reserve Section, May 24-25, 1997 - Marriott Town Center, Charleston, WV*

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Robert Canary	WV	1754*B0	1788*B2	W--37	W--27	W--14	W--15	W--4	5.0
2	Dan O'Hanlon	WV	1759*a6	1771*a6	W--29	W--17	H---	W--8	D--7	4.0
3	Eric Berthoud	PA	1665*b2	1661*b2	W--24	W--20	L--6	W--18	W--14	4.0
4	David Michael	WV	1663*B6	1675*B6	W--30	W--10	W--16	W--6	L--1	4.0
5	Glenn Donahey	PA	1624/02	1606/07	W--18	W--32	L--8	W--23	W--16	4.0
6	David Moneypenny	WV	1416*D2	1481*C5	W--35	W--7	W--3	L--4	W--36	4.0
7	Michael Turner	WV	1768*B6	1747*B6	W--28	L--6	W--11	W--21	D--2	3.5
8	Chuck Waugh	WV	1556*b2	1567*b2	W--38	D--11	W--5	L--2	W--21	3.5
9	G. L. Honaker	VA	1529/06	1503/11	D--32	D--46	W--41	W--29	D--10	3.5
10	Andy Nicol	OH	1435*c0	1443*c0	W--12	L--4	W--24	W--31	D--9	3.5
11	Galen Miller	WV	1345*D2	1385*D4	W--44	D--8	L--7	W--38	W--26	3.5
12	Adam Wheeler	KY	821* 0	916*d2	L--10	D--30	W--33	W--37	W--28	3.5
13	Isabelo Toledo	PA	1558*c2	1517*c2	W--25	L--21	D--37	D--30	W--29	3.0
14	Scott Davis	WV	1553*C4	1545*C4	W--34	W--19	L--1	W--28	L--3	3.0
15	Gary Morris	WV	1546*B7	1552*B7	W--41	W--22	W--23	L--1	U---	3.0
16	Mike Holsinger	PA	1489*c9	1477*c9	W--42	W--39	L--4	W--19	L--5	3.0
17	David Hundley	WV	1354*c0	1356*c0	W--36	L--2	L--31	W--34	W--30	3.0
18	David Milliken	VA	1287*D2	1303*D2	L--5	W--34	W--39	L--3	W--37	3.0
19	Peter Mauk	WV	1142*c7	1200*E7	W--46	L--14	W--22	L--16	W--31	3.0
20	Bob McLear	WV	1324*C9	1317*C9	W--40	L--3	W--25	L--36	D--23	2.5
21	W. P. Hoogendonk	VA	1300*c6	1318*c6	W--45	W--13	H---	L--7	L--8	2.5
22	James Olson	WV	1252* 0	1231*E2	W--43	L--15	L--19	W--42	D--25	2.5
23	Sam Rhodes	NC	1239*b5	1262*b5	W--47	W--26	L--15	L--5	D--20	2.5
24	Bill Salmon	WV	1222*D2	1221*D2	L--3	W--40	L--10	D--39	W--38	2.5
25	Andrew Thomas	OH	1127/09	1176/14	L--13	W--45	L--20	W--27	D--22	2.5
26	Bruce George	VA	1587*B5	1510*B5	W--31	L--23	L--28	X---	L--11	2.0
27	Duane Hosom	KY	1464*c2	1414*c2	W--33	L--1	L--29	L--25	W--42	2.0
28	Bob Jordan	WV	1346/11	1321/16	L--7	W--42	W--26	L--14	L--12	2.0
29	David Hickman	WV	1233/09	1277/14	L--2	W--35	W--27	L--9	L--13	2.0
30	Ricky Durbin	KY	1173*d4	1175*d4	L--4	D--12	W--32	D--13	L--17	2.0
31	Billy Leary	WV	1117*E6	1121*E6	L--26	W--47	W--17	L--10	L--19	2.0
32	Aaron Blackshire	WV	1086*d2	1098*d2	D--9	L--5	L--30	D--40	W--41	2.0
33	Luke Trout	WV	1049*E2	1018*E2	L--27	L--37	L--12	X---	W--43	2.0
34	Sammy Magner	WV	985* 0	983* 0	L--14	L--18	W--44	L--17	W--45	2.0
35	Roger Davis	FL	909* 0	908* 0	L--6	L--29	W--47	H---	H---	2.0
36	Steve Shomo	WV	Unrated	1416/04	L--17	U---	W--46	W--20	L--6	2.0
37	Raymond Pary	KY	1251*E2	1224*E2	L--1	W--33	D--13	L--12	L--18	1.5
38	Richard Shaver	WV	1166*E0	1142*E0	L--8	W--44	H---	L--11	L--24	1.5
39	Bill Satterfield	KY	938/14	980/18	U---	L--16	L--18	D--24	W--40	1.5
40	Aaron Cahill	WV	921/12	908/17	L--20	L--24	W--45	D--32	L--39	1.5
41	Jim Flesher	WV	1190*d4	1163*d4	L--15	W--43	L--9	F---	L--32	1.0
42	Stephen Malutich	WV	1008*d2	998*d3	L--16	L--28	W--43	L--22	L--27	1.0
43	Gary Combs	KY	692/04	741/09	L--22	L--41	L--42	W--47	L--33	1.0
44	Nicholas Ryan	WV	680* 0	665* 0	L--11	L--38	L--34	L--45	W--47	1.0
45	Alexandra Perks	OH	576* 0	587* 0	L--21	L--25	L--40	W--44	L--34	1.0
46	David Gargon	WV	1570*C5	1515*C5	L--19	D--9	L--36	F---	U---	0.5
47	Evan Perks	OH	602* 0	572* 0	L--23	L--31	L--35	L--43	L--44	0.0

**Additional Upcoming Event:**

December 13: *Return of the Tug Valley Chess Club*

4-SS, G/45, NS, NC, W

Site: Belfry Branch Library,

U. S. Rt 119, Belfry, KY (about 4 mi. south of Williamson, WV)

Reg: 10:00-10:45am Rounds: 11-1:15-3-4:45

EF: \$12, K-12 \$8 \$\$: b/entries

Entries to: Tim Goan, P. O. Box 358

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E-Mail: [tgoan@gte.net](mailto:tgoan@gte.net) Everybody welcome Tim Goan back to WV!

## Nathan Gundlach - 1997 Parkersburg Club Champ

Twelve year old Nathan Gundlach swept the field, finishing 5-0 and capturing the 1997 Parkersburg Club Championship. Among the victims were Bob McLearn and Joe Ancrile. Ancrile finished with a 4-1 score only losing to the Champion. The tourney was contested as a 5 round Swiss with one game per week played. Joe Ancrile was the TD for this affair. Not only did Nathan win the club championship (succeeding his father, Ohio expert David Gundlach, who won this event in 1996), but was selected by FM Chuck Schulien as having played the best game of the event. Here is that game against Mike Price played during Round 2.

### Playing Thematic Chess by David Gundlach

Mike Price (E) - Nathan Gundlach (D), Round 2  
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack  
Best Game of tourney.

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. f3 *The obvious alternative 5. e5 leads to a sharp contest in which White often grabs all the space he can obtain with a broad, advanced center and Black, for his part, tries to undermine that center before White's king can get to safety. A game of this nature was contested between Rene Letelier and Bobby Fischer at the Leipzig Olympiad in 1960. The devastating nature of Black's victory led most players of the white pieces after that event to prefer less critical avenues, such as the one selected in this game.* 5...d6 6. Be3 Nbd7 7. Bd3 c5 8. d5 *Being slightly behind in development, it is logical that White should keep the position closed until he can catch up. Therefore 8. d5 is a very reasonable response to Black's strike at the center. Nonetheless, 8. N1e2, trying to restore the developmental balance as possible appears a little more accurate.* 8...Ne5 9. Nge2 a6 *Also good is 9...e6 with a Benoni-type formation. The text move essentially prevents White from following the automatic effort to assault Black's king by castling long and throwing kingside pawns. Black, with his magnificent, dark-squared bishop on g2 and a rook already stationed at a8, is well-placed to sacrifice a pawn at b5 to activate his pieces against a long-castled king's precarious position.* 10. f4 *Having played well to this point, White's impulsive choice is a serious error. His pawn at f3 supported his center, prevented encroachments by the active black knights, and provided the base for a possible*

*advancement of the g-pawn to g4 at a later point. White's greatest need at this time is to get his king to safety so he could begin his campaign against Black. With the text move, he emphasizes his own lagging development and offers Black a new square by which to penetrate the White position.* 10...Nf4 *Right knight!* 11. Bc1 Nxd3+ 12. Qxd3 b5 13. cxb5 *What else? Yet, this capture does offer Black a fine-looking, Benko Gambit king of position. Black will be forced to play aggressively and accurately, but White is definitely going to have his hands full.* 13...axb5 14. Qxb5 *Although this move looks suspect, it may actually be the best among only difficult choices. Danger for White must lurk in such a situation. The alternative capture looks like trouble, too:* 14. Nxb5 Ba6 15. a4 Qa5+ 16. Bd2 Bxb5 17. Qh3 Qc7 18. Qxg4 Bxa4 19. Nc3 Bc2 20. O-O Bd4+ 21. Kh1 Bxc3 22. bxc3 (22. Bxc3 Bxe4 23. Qg5 Qb7 24. Rad1 f6 25. Qg4 Bxd5 26. f5 Bb3 27. Rde1 Ra4 28. Rf4 Rxf4 29. Qxf4 gxf5 30. Qxf5 e5 31. Qg4+ Kh8 and Black enjoys two extra pawns and a terrific attack against the g2 square.) 22...Rxa1 23. Rxa1 Bxe4 24. c4 Bd3 25. Rc1 Rb8 26. Qd1 Qd7 27. h3 Qf5 28. Qa4 Qe4 29. Qa7 Rf8 30. Qa2 Qe2 31. Rc3 Rb8 32. Rxd3 Qxd3 and Black is winning, or 15. Qf3 Bxb5 16. Qxg4 Qa5+ 17. Bd2 Qa4 18. f5 Bxb2 19. Rd1 Qc4 20. Bh6 Rxa2 21. Qf3 Bg7 22. Bd2 e6 23. Rc1 Qxe2+ 24. Qxe2 Bxe2 25. Kxe2 Bh6 26. Rhd1 gxf5 27. dxe6 fxe6 28. Ke1 Rxd2 29. Rxd2 fxe4 30. Rcd1 Bxd2+ 31. Rxd2 d5 and Black trades his attack for the ending of a chessplayer's dreams. Yes, there are other possibilities. Lengthy analyses of this sort are bound to contain errors and overlook chances. The point of all this is that these representative variations do suggest that White would still have had plenty of troubles had he selected 14. Nxb5 rather than the text. 14...Ba6 *This may well be the most accurate method of conducting the attack, but there is another plan that also appears to demonstrate the precarious nature of the position of the White king:* 14... Bd4 15. Nxd4 cxd4 16. Ne2 Ba6 17. Qb4 Bxe2 18. Kxe2 d3+ 19. Kf3 Qd7 20. Qc3 Nf6 21. Qxd3 Ra4 22. Re1 Qg4+ 23. Kf2 Qh4+ 24. Kf1 Ng4 25. Be3 f5 26. h3 fxe4 27. Qe2 Nxe3+ 28. Qxe3 g5 29. b3 gxf4 30. Qc3 f3 31. bxa4 Qg3 32. Qd2 Qh2 33. Rxe4 fxe2+ 34. Ke2 g1=Q+ 35. Kd3 Rf3+ 36. Qe3 Rxe3+ 37. Rxe3 Qxa1. *Although a single variation cannot hope to exhaustively illustrate the possibilities for both sides, it can aid in highlighting some of the thematic elements so that the general situation can be better understood.* 15. Qb3 c4 16. Qc2 Qb6 17. Ng3 *The alternative to this*



## Nathan Gundlach - 1997 Parkersburg Club Champ

*reasonable move, 17. Nd1, seems to fare little better than the text after: 17. Nd1 f5 18. h3 Nf6 19. exf5 Nxd5 20. fxg6 Nb4 21. gxh7+ Kh8 22. Qg6 Rf6 23. Qe4 d5 24. Qb1 Re6 25. Bd2 c3 26. Nxc3 Bd3 27. Qd1 Bc2 and resignation is in order. 17...Bd4 A strong move that emphasizes the weaknesses in White's camp. 18. h3 Nf2 19. Rf1 Nd3+ 20. Ke2 Necessary was 20. Kd1, although Black would retain command after 20. Kd1 Rfb8 21. Nge2 Bg7 22. Na4 Qb4 23. Nec3 Bb5 24. Nxb5 Qxb5 25. Nc3 Nxb2+ 26. Ke2 Bxc3 27. Qxc3 Na4 28. Qd4 c3+ 29. Kf2 Nc5 30. Kg1 Nb3 31. axb3 Rxa1 32. Qxc3 Rb1 or something similar. 20...e6 Excellent, thematic play! With White's king stranded in the center, Black proceed to open files to the monarch as quickly as possible. 21. dxe6 A retreat of the White king to d1 was still required. Black's central pawns cannot be allowed to become mobile and able to dissolve the remaining White center with White's king residing on the central files. 21...fxe6 22. b3 This, of course, is suicide. Essential was still 22. Kd1 22...cxb3 23. Qd2 The alternatives allow Black to detonate a thermonuclear device on White's side of the board and vaporize all of his forces. 23...Rac8 For a boy who was still 12 years old when he played this game, Black shows admirable restraint by further activating his pieces and by continuing to pinpoint White's weaknesses before cashing in his advantages and grabbing material. 24. Bb2 The other option, 24. Na4, also loses quickly: 24...Qc6 25. Ba3 Nxf4+ 26. Ke1 Nd3+ 27. Nd1 Rxf1+ 28. Nf1 Nf2+ 29. Ke1 Qxe4+ 24...Nxb2+ 25. Kf3 Rxc3+ 26. White resigns A fine example by Black of allowing the position to dictate his moves. The alternative (tying to force the game to go the way a player wants it to) is among the main reasons why chess games are lost.*

### A. Significant Change to USCF Governance

*by Jim Meyer, WVCA Delegate*

For several years now there has been a movement in USCF politics to change the way we elect our Policy Board (PB). This movement has usually been called One Man One Vote (OMOV) because it promotes direct election of the PB by all (adult) USCF members. Currently, only about 500 Delegates and Voting Members (DVMs) vote for PB candidates. Most of these electors are chosen by the various state chess organizations.

The main argument in favor of OMOV is self evident. It appeals to our democratic instincts. This is especially true if you believe the horror stories about the undemocratic way some DVMs are chosen. There is another side to the argument, of course. The increased number of voters means that being a serious candidate will be too expensive for most of us to ever consider. Administering such an election is likely to be quite expensive. There is also the fear that well-known but incompetent candidates would be elected. Bobby Fischer, for example, should have no trouble being elected but most of us would doubt his qualifications for being on the PB.

Partly as a reaction to OMOV and partly because it seems obvious that some changes must be made, a compromise system has been introduced by a Blue Ribbon Panel on Governance (BRC) appointed for the purpose two years ago. The recommendations of the BRC were approved, with some modification, by the delegates at the annual meeting in Orlando in August. The main effect of the compromise is to democratize the election of DVMs by requiring that they be elected by all adult USCF members in the state. Hence we will have OMOV in the election of DVMs but they will still elect the PB. Some other changes include:

- PB members will be elected at large and will elect their own officers,
- A system for recalling PB members will exist, and
- Regions and Regional Vice Presidents will be eliminated.

On the whole, governance questions are considered by most chess players to be real "yawners" but these changes are fairly revolutionary and promise to affect us all in one way or another.

### 1997 WV Championship Class Prize winners

Junior Champ: Dave Olson

A class: Grant Perks (trophy) and Greg Martin. - 4½  
B class: Jon Karraker (trophy), Dave Olson, Mike Baker, Richard Sheppard, Byron Funkhouser & Mike Conley -4  
C class: Walt Rueckert (trophy) and Andy Nicol -4  
D/E/Unrated: Jonette Mercer (trophy) 3½

Ten others tied for second at 3.

## The Postcard by Tom LaBue

Here is a game from the USCF 1994 Team Tourney that Carl Kiser participated in. Carl's finished 3½-2½, though his team was last in the 7 team section. Here, he beats his Board 2 opponent from the winning team.

Joe Valari (Harper's Four) - Carl Kiser (Deffely's Four)  
Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. Nc3 d5 3. Nf3 e6 4. Bg5 Nf6 5. Ne5 Be7 6. e3 O-O 7. g4 Nxc4 8. Bxe7 Qxe7 9. Nxc4 fxc4 10. Qxc4 c6 11. Qg3 Nd7 12. O-O-O e5 13. dxe5 Nxe5 14. f4 Ng4 15. Re1 Bf5 16. e4 dxe4 17. Rg1 Nf6 18. Bc4+ Kh8 19. Qg5 g6 20. Nd1 Rad8 21. Ne3 Nd5 22. Qg3 Nxe3 23. Qxe3 Qb4 24. Bb3 Qd4 25. Qe2 b5 26. Rd1 Qb6 27. Rxd8 Rxd8 28. Qe1 b4 29. Qg3 Qd4 30. Qg5 Qd2+ 31. Kb1 Qd1+ 32. White resigns.

Mike Baker has recently started with correspondence chess. Here is a game from his first Golden Knights event. He finished with 4½, just short of the 5 necessary to advance to the semis. His opponent here only needed this draw to get to the next round.

Mike Baker - Mike Kissick  
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. Qd3 Nf6 6. Bd2 Bxc3 7. Bxc3 Nc6 8. Nf3 O-O 9. Qb5 Qe4+ 10. Qe2 b6 11. O-O-O Bb7 12. Bd2 Rfd8 13. Qxe4 Nxe4 14. Be3 Nb4 15. Be4 Bd5 16. Bxd5 Nxd5 17. Rhf1 a5 18. Nd2 Nxe3 19. fxe3 Nf6 20. h3 a4 21. c3 Nd5 22. Rf3 a3 23. e4 axb2+ 24. Kxb2 Ne7 25. g4 c5 26. Ne4 b5 27. Ne3 Ra4 28. Nc2 cxd4 29. Rxd4 Rxd4 30. cxd4 g5 31. Ra3 Rc4 32. Rc3 Ra4 33. Ra3 Rc4 34. Rb3 e5 35. Rxb5 exd4 36. Rxc5+ Kf8 37. Na3 Rb4+ 38. Kc2 Ra4 39. Kb3 d3 40. Nb1 Rxe4 41. Kc3 Re3 42. h4 Rh3 43. h5 f6 44. Ra5 Rg3 45. Nd2 Rxc4 46. a3 Kg7 47. Kxd3 Nc6 48. Ra6 Ne5+ 49. Ke3 Rg3+ 50. Ke4 Rg5 51. Ra7+ Kh6 52. Ra6 Kg7 53. Ra7+ Kh6 54. Ra6 Kg7 55. Ra7+ Kh6 56. Drawn by repetition

Here is another fine effort from Beckley's Scott Carmichael who is currently the highest ranked postal player in the West Virginia.

Scott Carmichael (2264) - Lester Weiss (1860)

1996 Golden Knights Preliminaries

Notes by Scott Carmichael

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. Be3 cxd4 8. Nxd4 a6 *Out of book.* 9. Be2 9. Qg4=. 9...Nxd4 9...Bb4= 10. Bxd4 Nb8 11. Qd2 11. O-O=. 11...Nc6 12. O-O-O Qa5 13. Bf2 13. Kbl=. 13...Bd7 += 13...Bb4= 14. h4 b5 15. Kb1 Bb4 16. Rh3 Rc8 17. h5 += 17. g4± 17...O-O 18. a3 Be7 19. h6 19.f5+= 19...g6 20. Rd3 Be8 21. f5 b4 1) 21... Nxe5 22. Nxd5 Qd8 23. fxc6 A) 23...exd5? is no good. 24. Rxd5 fxc6 25. Rxd8 (25. Rxe5?! Qxd2 26. Rxd2 Bf6 +=) 25...Rxd8 26. Qe1+- B) 23...fxg6 24. Bb6 Qd7 25. Nf6+ Rxf6 26. Rxd7 Nxd7 27. Be3+- C) 23... Nxd3 24. gxh7+ Kxh7 25. Qxd3+ f5 (25...Kxh6?? The pawn must remain untouched. 26. Rh1+ Bh4 27. Bxh4 f5 28. Bf6+ Bh5 29. Qg3 Rxf6 30. Rxh5#) 26. Qg3+- 2) 21... gxf5?! 22. Qf4 Kh8 23. Bc5 =+ 22. Nxd5 exd5 23. f6 23. Rxd5 Qxd5 24. Qxd5 bxa3 25. fxc6 hxc6 26. bxa3 Bxa3+- 23...Be5+- 23... b3 is the best option Black has: 24. fxe7 bxc2+ 25. Kxc2 Nxe7+ 26. Kb1 Qxd2 27. R3xd2 Bb5= 24. Rxd5 and Black resigned in the face of 24... Nb8 25. axb4 Bxb4 26. Rxa5 Bxd2 27. Rxd2 Bc6 28. Bg4! with the idea of playing e6+-.

An update on the 1997 West Virginia Postal Championships: Open Section - no final results so far - looks to be a tight race. Reserve Section: Another withdrawal, this by Marc Abraham, leaves six players competing. Byron Funkhouser leads with a 4-0 mark including wins over Sefus Ellis and William Widener. Mike Baker, Tim Goan and Jim Flesher also remain in contention.

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