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Charleston to Host 1999 U.S. Amateur South and the 1999 West Virginia Action Chess Championship

Charleston, WV will be the site of plenty of chess excitement this year, starting with the 1999 West Virginia Action Chess Championship scheduled for March 27 and continuing with the 1999 US Amateur South over Memorial Day weekend.

First, the Action Tournament is a seven-round Swiss event to be held at Taylor Books on March 27. Time Control is G/30, the "K" value will be ½ - which means each game will only have half the weight on your rating. Jim Walker and Donald Griffith are the defending champions. WV residents must be a WVCA member to participate. Out of state players are welcome to participate. For more info, see the events page.

I received this communicate from John Kay about this year's USAS event:

We're Back: The 1999 US Amateur South Returns to Charleston!

Ohio Chess Projects is proud to announce that the 1999 U.S. Amateur South will again be held in Charleston, West Virginia. For the third year, the Southern Regional of the nationwide tournament will be in the Mountain State. The tournament dates are May 29-30, the first two days of the Memorial Day holiday weekend. There will be more prizes this year, a great new site, in short, a tournament experience worth participating in!

The tournament has much the same format as previous years; a five Round Swiss System event split into two sections: the Championship section open to players rated 2199 and under, and the Reserve section for players rated 1799 and below. The time limit will be the same as last year, Game in 135 minutes. The same low Entry Fees are in place for this year as well, scholastic entries at

\$15pre/\$25 at site, and other players \$25/\$35. Taylor Books will again be selling equipment at the tournament, Senior Master Bob Bukovac will be doing game analysis this year, and NTD Jim Meyer will be the chief tournament director.

This year, we have moved the tournament site from the Charleston Marriott Town Center just down Lee Street to the new Embassy Suites Hotel, at the corner of Lee and Court Streets. There is more space for the tournament, and more analysis areas at the Suites. It is still just across the street from the great Town Center Mall, and closer the attractions of downtown Charleston. While the hotel room rate is higher this year than last year, \$89 flat (1-4 per room), the Hotel has a free evening Manager's Reception and free cooked to order breakfast in the morning. In short, you get at least two meals and a sleeping room for \$89! You will also enjoy a high quality room to sleep and relax in, with all the amenities of a great hotel! For a national tournament, you cannot find a better value.

Besides the great new site, players in the Reserve Section will also have a new reason to participate in the tournament. There are plans in the works to have the Regional Reserve Section champions participate in an ICC playoff, just like the Championship Section winners do each year. If the plans come to fruition, two regional participants will be trying to win a national Championship!

The 1999 US Amateur South promises to be the best in a growing tradition of outstanding Chess Tournaments in West Virginia. For information on the 1999 Amateur South, contact John Kay at (740) 987-2571, e-mail at jkumpire@netpluscom.com, or by mail at: 549 Logan Street, Junction City, Ohio 43748.

Upcoming Events in West Virginia

March 27, 1999: WV Action Chess Championship

7-SS, G/30, 1/2K, NS, NC, W

Site: Taylor Books, 226 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301

Reg: 9:00-9:45AM. Rounds: 10-11-12:30-1:30-3-4-5:30

EF: \$10 by 3/24, \$15 at site

\$\$: 70% of all EFs returned as prizes

Open to all. State memb. req'd. \$7, OSA

Send entries to: Jim Olson, 5010 Tipperary Street,

Charleston, WV 25313. Phone: 304-776-4274

E-mail: olson@zoomnet.net

May 29-30, 1999: US Amateur South

5-SS, G/135, NS, NC, W

2 Sections: Open (U2200) and Reserve (U1800)

Site: Embassy Suites Hotel, Lee and Court Streets

Charleston, WV, 25301 HR: \$89 (1-4)

EF: \$25, \$15 for scholastic by 5/23, \$10 more at site

\$\$: Trophies for place and class winners

1st place in the Open will earn a slot in the US Amateur Championship against the winners of the East, West and North

More Info: Rev. John Kay, 549 Logan Street,

Junction City, OH 43748

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mid-late June, 1999: Taylor Books Charleston Grand Prix

Date TBA Soon, Watch the WVCA website for updates!!

5-SS, G/80, (G/75-5 sec delay), NS, NC, W

Novag Grand Prix - 6 GPP, WV Grand Prix

Site: Taylor Books, 226 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV 25301

Reg: 9:00-9:45AM Rounds: 10-1-4 10-2

EF: \$20, U18 \$10, \$5 discount to Charleston CC members.

\$\$: Guaranteed - 200-100, U1600: 75-50

(larger and additional prizes based on entry)

Info: Jim Olson Phone: 304-776-4274

E-mail: olson@zoomnet.net

Other Upcoming Events

1) Saturday, July 24 - Taylor Books Kanawha Valley Open

2) Saturday-Monday, September 4-6, WCVA State Tournament

3) Saturday, November 6 - Taylor Books Open - Fall Grand Prix

Scholastic Chess Events

February 13, 1999: Feb. Harrison County Scholastic

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School,

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by February 8, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team, only top 4 scores count)

Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,

Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771

e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com

Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

March 13, 1999: March Harrison County Scholastic

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School,

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by March 8, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team,

only top 4 scores count)

Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,

Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771

e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com

Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

March 27-28: 1999 WV Scholastic Championships

Site: WV State College, Institute, WV.

Note: Open to WV residents only. NS, NC, W.

Four Sections: K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12. Team/individual trophies.

EF: \$12 if paid by 3/17, \$18 if paid by 3/23.

No on-site registration. Check-in 8-9:15

Entries to: John Homer, 208 Brookhaven Dr, Nitro, WV 25143.

Phone:(304) 776-4591

May 8, 1999: May Harrison County Scholastic

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School,

1302 Buckhannon Pike, Clarksburg, WV 26301

4 or 5 round Swiss event (b/players), G/30

Sections: K-2, Grades 2-4, Grades 3-6, Grades 5-12

Registration: 9:00-9:30 am, Opening Comments: 9:45am

Rounds: 10:00-11:15-12:30-1:45-3:00 (if needed)

EF: \$8 if received by May 3, \$10 at the door

Prizes: Trophies to: top 2 per section, top 3 players per grade,

top 2 teams per section (4-8 members per team,

only top 4 scores count)

Entries to: Robert Jordan, 523 Penn. Ave.,

Bridgeport, WV 26330-1232 Phone: (304)842-4771

e-mail: RobAJordan@aol.com

Checks to: Norwood Elementary School Chess Club

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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Joe Ancrile - Undefeated 1998 Parkersburg Club Champion

Joe Ancrile won the 1998 Parkersburg Chess Club Championship with a perfect score of 8-0. Nathan Gundlach, last year's winner, finished at 7-1 to claim the runner-up spot. Joe and Nathan received trophies for their efforts. The round robin tournament attracted nine area players and was played on Wednesday evenings at the Vienna Public Library and Tebay Dairy Co. Time control was G/100.

Playing Thematic Chess by David Gundlach

David (Darth) Earley vs. Nathan Gundlach
Selected as Best Game from the 1998 Parkersburg Chess Club Championship

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. c3 e6 *Although this is a reasonable move, it is not quite precise. White's preparation to build a pawn center denies him the option of quickly developing his queen knight to c3. Both 3...d5 and Nf6 direct their attention to this deficiency without delay and demand more from White than the text does.*
4. d4 d5 *Slightly better might be: 4...cxd4 5.cxd4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 and Black enjoys a very comfortable French Defense.* 5. e5 *This leads to a well-known position with play for both sides. Still, I would prefer 5.dxc5 to keep the center open and create an isolated pawn to work against.* 5...Nge7 6. Bg5 *This move rightly tries to restrict Black's options and avoids the pitfall, 6.dxc5 Ng6, after which White's game becomes very difficult. Nonetheless, this bishop does not belong on g5, and the king bishop should be developed first. To move this piece at this point just produces unnecessary queenside weaknesses.* 6...h6 *Offering White the option of retreating to the center or queenside to reinforce the weaknesses caused by his premature sortie, this cannot be perfectly accurate. White might also trade his bad bishop for the knight on e7 since, in closed positions, bishops tend to be less effective than knights. Preferable for Black would be the immediate 6...Qb6, touching the weak point at b2. If White tries to defend by 7.Qb3, simply 7...Qxb3 8.axb3 cxd4 and Black enjoys a lasting pull.*
7. Bh4 *White needs to react as in the previous note. After losing this tempo and restricting his dark-squared bishop to kingside action, his deficiencies on the queenside become much more evident.* 7...Qb6 *Right! Black's pressure on the dark squares through the center and on the queenside guarantee him the initiative and the advantage.* 8. b3 *This just increases White's liabilities*

on the dark squares. Since 8.Qb3 would also favor Black too much, it is probably mandatory to play 8.Bxe7 Bxe7 9.Qd2 and White, though still behind, has consolidated to a less critical situation. 8...cxd4 9. cxd4 *Necessary is 9.Bxe7. 9...Nf5 Black is fully won at this point.* 10. Nc3 Nxb4 11. Nxb4 Nxd4 *While this move definitely wins, my own choice is to forget the pawn and emphasize the dark-square weaknesses and the difference in potential development with 11...Bb4 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Nf3 Rc8 14.Qd2 Qa5 and White is already at the cliff's edge.* 12. Nf3 Bb4 *Right! This works tactically and emphasizes White's weak dark squares while developing a piece.* 13. Qd2 Nxf3+ 14. gxf3 d4 15. Bb5+ *An enterprising try, typical of Darth's creativity and courage!* 15...Kf8 *Good! White's king bishop is left in jeopardy. If 15...Ke7, then 16.Nd5+! exd5 17.Qxb4+ Ke6 18.f4 and White is back in the game since Black's king is now exposed to attack. Although 15...Bd7 appears to work tactically, it would not leave the White bishop as a target and would place Black's king in the center of the board.* 16. O-O-O Bxc3 17. Qd3 Qa5 *Inexorably pursuing those dark-square deficiencies. Both 17...Qc5 and 17...a6 also win.* 18. Ba4 Qb4 *Both the text and 18...Bd7 19.Qe4 (or Qc4) Rc8 lead to rapid victory because of the inescapable onslaught upon White's king.* 19. Kc2 Qa3 20. Qb5 Ke7 21. Kd3 Rd8 22. Qc4 Bd7 23. Qc7 Rac8 24. Qxb7 Ba5 25. Qxa7 Rc3+ 26. Ke4 Qb2 27. Bb5 Qxf2 28. Rhf1 *All roads lead to Rome. If 28.Rd3, then 28...Qe2+ 29.Kf4 g5+ 30.Kg3 Rc2 and mate cannot be averted in this line, either. 28...Qe3 and the rebellion has been put down! (That's "checkmate" for those who are "movie-challenged.")*

This hard-fought game is a clear demonstration of the combativeness and insight that have become typical of Parkersburg's young chess gladiators. Darth's vigorously resourceful play was clearly in evidence. It is no wonder that he took 4 1/2 of his first 5 points! While not perfect, Black's strategic conception and tactics were sharp and to the point. Simply stated, he played well. Overall, this was an outstanding effort by both sides. As I mentioned to Darth at the conclusion of the game, his loss could not be considered his fault since my son had the advantage of "the dark side." (The martial strains of Darth Vader's identifying song are playing in the background as you read this.)

Walker defeats Kolkin to win the Taylor Books Grand Prix

Jim Walker defeated Huntington's Yuri Kolkin in the final round to secure first place in the Taylor Books Fall Grand Prix. Jim's only blemish was a second round draw with Elkins' Scott Davis. Yuri (Huntington) defeated Mark Hathaway in round 3 to set up the Walker-Kolkin finale. Twenty players participated in this Novag Grand Prix event.

Mike Turner (B) - John R. Malutich (C), Round 1
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 d6 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 e6 5. Nge2 Be7 6. d3 O-O 7. O-O Qc7 8. h3 a6 9. Be3 Nc6 10. Qd2 Bd7 11. d4 cxd4 12. Nxd4 Nxd4 13. Bxd4 e5 14. Be3 Bc6 15. Bg5 Ne8 16. Bxe7 Qxe7 17. Nd5 Bxd5 18. Qxd5 Qc7 19. c3 Qb6 20. Rab1 Nc7 21. Qd2 Rad8 22. Rfd1 h6 23. Kh1 Rd7 24. f4 f6 25. f5 Rfd8 26. c4 Qc5 27. b3 b5 28. Rbc1 b4 29. h4 a5 30. g4 Kf7 31. Kh2 Rh8 32. Kg3 Rdd8 33. Qf2 Qxf2+ 34. Kxf2 Ke7 35. Ke2 Na6 36. Rd5 Nc5 37. Rcd1 Rd7 38. Kf3 Ra8 39. g5 a4 40. gxf6+ gxf6 41. Rb1 axb3 42. axb3 Ra3 43. Kg4 Rb7 44. Kh5 Nxb3 45. Kxh6 Nc5 46. Bf1 b3 47. Kg6 b2 48. Rd2 Na4 49. Bd3 Rbb3 50. Bc2 Rg3+ 51. Kh5 Ra1 52. Rdd1 Nc3 and Black won.

James Fuller (C) - Gary Morris (C), Round 1
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. e4 d6 4. Be3 Bg4 5. Nbd2 Nc6 6. Bb5 a6 7. Be2 e5 8. d5 Nce7 9. c4 f5 10. Bg5 h6 11. Bxe7 Nxe7 12. Rc1 O-O 13. O-O Bxf3 14. Bxf3 f4 15. Bg4 g5 16. c5 Qe8 17. cxd6 cxd6 18. Rc7 b5 19. Qc2 Kh8 20. Be6 h5 21. Rc1 g4 22. Rb7 f3 23. Qc7 Bf6 24. Qxd6 fxe2 25. Qc7 Bh4 26. Bf5 Rf7 27. Qxe5+ Bf6 28. Qf4 Nxf5 29. Rxf7 Qxf7 30. Qxf5 Rf8 31. Rc8 Rxc8 32. Qxc8+ Kg7 33. Qc2 Bd4 34. Nb3 Be5 35. Qd2 Qg6 36. Nd4 Qxe4 37. Ne6+ Kf6 38. Qg5+ Kf7 39. Qxh5+ Ke7 40. Qg5+ Kd6 41. Qd8 mate

Jim Olson (D) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 1
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 b6 3. e3 Nf6 4. Bd3 Ba6 5. c3 Bxd3 6. Qxd3 e6 7. Nbd2 Be7 8. e4 dxe4 9. Nxe4 Nxe4 10. Qxe4 c6 11. Bf4 Qd5 12. Qe5 Qxe5+ 13. dxe5 c5 14. Bg5 Bxg5 15. Nxc5 Nc6 16. f4 Rd8 17. Ke2 Ke7 18. Rhd1 h6 19. Ne4 f6 20. exf6+ gxf6 21. Rd2 f5 22. Ng3 Kf6 23. Rad1 Rxd2+ 24. Rxd2 Ne7 25. c4 Nc6 26. Kf2 Nd4 27. Ne2 Nc6 28. Rd7 Rg8 29. g3 h5 30. h4 Rb8 31. b3 a6 32. Rc7 Nb4 33. Nc3 Nd3+ 34. Ke2 Nb4 35. Rh7 Kg6 36. Re7 Kf6 37. Rh7 Rg8 38. Kf3 Rd8 39. Ke3 Rd3+ 40. Kf2 Rxc3 41. Rh6+ Ke7 42. Rh7+ Kd6

43. Kg2 Nxa2 and Black won in 54.

Mark Hathaway (X) - Tim Goan (C), Round 2
Ruy Lopez, Closed Defense

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d3 b5 6. Bb3 d6 7. c3 Bg4 8. h3 Bh5 9. a4 Be7 10. Nbd2 h6 11. Nf1 O-O 12. Ne3 Re8 13. g4 Bg6 14. Nh4 Bh7 15. Nhf5 Bf8 16. Qf3 Ne7 17. Nxh6+ gxh6 18. Qxf6 Bg7 19. Qxf7+ Kh8 20. Qf3 Ng6 21. Bd5 Rb8 22. axb5 axb5 23. Nf5 Rf8 24. Qg3 Qf6 25. g5 hxg5 26. Bxg5
Black resigns

Scott Davis (C) - Jim Walker (X), Round 2
French Defense

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 b6 4. f4 Ne7 5. Nf3 Qd7 6. Bd3 Ba6 7. Nc3 Bxd3 8. Qxd3 Nbc6 9. Ne2 h5 10. c3 Nf5 11. Bd2 Be7 12. O-O-O O-O-O 13. h3 h4 14. Rdg1 g6 15. g4 hxg3 16. Nxg3 Nxc3 17. Rxg3 Rh5 18. Ng5 Bxg5 19. fxg5 Ne7 20. h4 Nf5 21. Rg4 Kb8 22. Be1 Rdh8 23. Bf2 Qa4 24. Kb1 Kb7 25. Rh2 c5 26. Rh1 Rc8 27. b3 c4 28. bxa4 cxd3 29. Kb2 Rch8 30. Rd1 Nxh4 31. Bxh4 Rxh4 32. Rxh4 Rxh4 33. Rxd3 Rf4 34. Rg3 Rf5 35. Kb3 Kc6 36. Rg2 a6 37. a3 Kd7 38. Kc2 Rf3 39. Kb3 Rf5 40. Kc2 Kc6 41. Kb3 Rf3 42. Kc2 a5 43. Kb3 Rf5 44. Kb2 b5 45. Kb3 Rf1 46. axb5+ Kxb5 47. Drawn

Markle Butcher (B) - James Fuller (C), Round 2
Slav Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. e4 d5 3. Nc3 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. e3 Bb4 6. Qa4+ Nc6 7. Ne5 Bxc3+ 8. bxc3 O-O 9. Nxc6 Qd7 10. Be2 bxc6 11. O-O Ne4 12. Qa3 Nd6 13. cxd5 cxd5 14. Bd2 Nc4 15. Bxc4 dxc4 16. Rfe1 Bd3 17. e4 c6 18. Bf4 f6 19. Qd6 Qxd6 20. Bxd6 Rf7 21. e5 f5 22. a4 Rb8 Rb7 23. a5 a6 24. Ra2 Rb5 25. h3 Ra7 26. Kh2 Rab7 27. Bb4 g5 28. g3 h5 29. Rg1 Rg7 30. f3 g4 31. fxg4 fxg4 32. Rf2 Bf5 33. h4 Rd7 34. Rf4 Kg7 35. Rgf1 Kg6 36. R1f2 Rdd5 37. Kg2 e5 38. dxc5 Rxe5 39. Rxc4 Re1 40. Rff4 e5 41. Rf1?? Rxf1 42. c6 Rd1 43. c7 Rbd5 44. Rc6+ Kf7 45. Bc5 R5d2+ 46. Bf2 Be4+ 47. White resigns

Yuri Kolkin (A) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 3
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. e4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Bg7 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 e5 7. Qd2 Nbd7 8. Rd1 exd4 9. Bxd4 Re8 10. Nh3 Ne5 11. Nf2 Be6 12. b3 c6 13. Be2 h5 14. O-O Qe7 15. Rde1 Qc7 16. Rc1 Rad8 17. Ncd1 Kh7 18. Be3 b6 19. Bg5 Rd7 20. h3 Ng8 21. Nd3 f6 22. Be3 Qd8 23. f4

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Nxd3 24. Bxd3 f5 25. exf5 Bxf5 26. Bxf5 gxf5 27. Bd4 Bxd4+ 28. Qxd4 Re4 29. Qd3 Qf6 30. Nc3 Rd4 31. Qf3 Qh4 32. Rcd1 Rxd1 33. Rxd1 Kg6 34. Qxc6 Qe7 35. Qf3 Nf6 36. Nd5 Qe4 37. Qg3+ Kf7 38. Nxf6 Kxf6 39. Qg5+ Ke6 40. Qg3 Kf7 41. Re1 Qd4+ 42. Kh1 Qf6 43. Qf3 Kg6 44. Re8 h4 45. Qe2 Kf7 46. Qh5+ Qg6 47. Rf8+ Kg7 48. Qh8 mate

David Hundley (D) - Gary Morris (C), Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 Nc6 4. Nf3 d6 5. d3 Nf6 6. h3 Be7 7. Be3 a6 8. a3 Qb6 9. Rb1 a5 10. Be2 O-O 11. b3 Bd7 12. Na4 Qc7 13. c4 Rfe8 14. Nc3 Bf8 15. a4 Nb4 16. O-O Be6 17. Rb2 Rad8 18. Qb1 d5 19. Nb5 Bxb5 20. cxb5 d4 21. Bf2 b6 22. Ne5 Nd7 23. Bh4 Be7 24. Bxe7 Rxe7 25. Bh5 Nxe5 26. fxe5 g6 27. Bg4 Qxe5 28. Rf3 h5 29. Rbf2 hxg4 30. hxg4 Kg7 31. Qf1 Rf8 32. g3 Qg5 33. Rf4 Qe5 34. Rh2 Rh8 35. Rhf2 Rf8 36. Rh2 Rh8 37. Rhf2 f6 38. Rxf6 Qxg3+ and Black won.

Chuck Waugh (C) - Stephen Malutich (D), Round 3
French Defense, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Bd3 Bd6 5. Ne2 Nc6 6. O-O Nge7 7. c3 Bg4 8. f3 Bf5 9. Re1 O-O 10. Bf4 Re8 11. Qc2 Bxd3 12. Qxd3 Ng6 13. Bxd6 Qxd6 14. Nd2 Nf4 15. Nxf4 Qxf4 16. g3 Qf6 17. Re2 Re7 18. Rael Rae8 19. f4 Rxe2 20. Rxe2 Rxe2 21. Qxe2 Qe7 22. Kf2 Kf8 23. Qb5 Nd8 24. Qxd5 c6 25. Qe5 Qxe5 26. dxe5 f6 27. exf6 gxf6 28. g4 Kf7 29. Kf3 Ne6 30. Ne4 h6 31. Nd6+ and White wins

Bill Salmon (E) - Jimmy Whitt (Unr), Round 3
Blackmar-Diemar Gambit

1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. f3 exf3 5. Nxf3 Bg4 6. h3 Bxf3 7. Qxf3 Nc6 8. Be3 e6 9. Rd1 Nd5 10. Bb5 a6 11. O-O Bd6 12. Qxf7 mate

Scott Davis (C) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bd3 Nc6 7. Nxc6 bxc6 8. Be3 Ng4 9. Qd2 Nxe3 10. Qxe3 Rb8 11. O-O-O g6 12. f4 Bg7 13. Bc4 Qc7 14. Bb3 O-O 15. h4 Bg4 16. Rd2 Qa5 17. a3 Rb7 18. Re1 Bxc3 19. Qxc3 Qxc3 20. bxc3 Rfb8 21. e5 d5 22. Rf2 Bf5 23. Kd2 c5 24. c4 d4 25. Rff1 d3 26. g4 dxc2 27. gxf5 Rxb3 28. Kxc2 Rb2+ 29. Kd3 gxf5 and Black won

Markle Butcher (B) - Chuck Waugh (C), Round 4
Ruy Lopez Defense, Archangel Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d3 b5 6. Bb3 Bc5 7. h3 Bb7 8. c3 Qe7 9. O-O O-O-O 10. a4 d5 11. Qe2 dxe4 12. dxe4 Na5 13. Bc2 Nc4 14. b3 Nd6 15. b4 Ba7 16. Nbd2 h6 17. axb5 Nxb5 18. Bb2 g5 19. Bd3 g4 20. Nh4 gxh3 21. gxh3 Rxd3 22. Qxd3 Nxe4 23. Nxe4 Qxh4 24. Ng3 Nd6 25. Kh2 Qf4 26. Bc1 Qh4 27. Qe2 f5 28. Qxe5 Re8 29. Qf4 Qf6 30. Ra3 Rh8 31. c4 Bb8 32. Ra2 h5 33. Bb2 Qf8 34. Bxh8 Qxh8 35. c5 Ne4 36. Qxf5+ Kd8 37. Rd1+ Ke7 38. Rd7+ Ke8 39. Qf7 mate

Taylor Books' Fall Grand Prix, November 7, 1998, Charleston, WV

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2033	2035	W-9	D-7	W-4	W-3	3.5
2	Mark Hathaway	WV	2105	2088	W-12	W-17	L-3	W-7	3.0
3	Yuri Kolkin	WV	1951	1965	W-10	W-6	W-2	L-1	3.0
4	James Fuller	WV	1444/14	1549/18	W-8	W-5	L-1	W-11	3.0
5	Markel Butcher	WV	1682	1667	W-19	L-4	D-6	W-12	2.5
6	Tom LaBue	WV	1588	1595	W-21	L-3	D-5	W-13	2.5
7	Scott Davis	WV	1585	1614	W-20	D-1	W-11	L-2	2.5
8	Gary Morris	WV	1551	1541	L-4	W-19	W-10	D-9	2.5
9	Michael Malutich	WV	1443	1477	L-1	W-20	W-16	D-8	2.5
10	David Hundley	WV	1288	1291	L-3	W-21	L-8	W-14	2.0
11	Michael Burton	UT	1600	1600	W-18	D-13	L-7	L-4	1.5
12	Chuck Waugh	WV	1502	1485	L-2	D-14	W-18	L-5	1.5
13	John R. Malutich	WV	1338	1369	W-16	D-11	L-15	L-6	1.5
14	David Holmes	TN	1058	1087	L-17	D-12	W-19	L-10	1.5
15	Sefus Ellis	WV	1844	1845	U---	U---	W-13	U---	1.0
16	Michael Turner	WV	1743	1689	L-13	W-18	L-9	U---	1.0
17	Tim Goan	WV	1581	1581	W-14	L-2	U---	U---	1.0
18	Stephen Malutich	WV	1248	1245	L-11	L-16	L-12	W-20	1.0
19	Jim Olson	WV	1248	1221	L-5	L-8	L-14	W-21	1.0
20	Bill Salmon	WV	1070	1065	L-7	L-9	W-21	L-18	1.0
21	Jimmy Whitt	WV	Unrated	899/04	L-6	L-10	L-20	L-19	0.0

West Virginia Scholastic Chess News

John W. Malutich first in 12th grade at Nationals

John W. Malutich ties for First Place at National Scholastic K-12 Championships

John W. Malutich, of Wolf Summit, WV tied for first place in the 12th grade section of the National Scholastic held in Oak Brook, IL on December 4-6. John, a senior at Liberty High School, finished with a 5-1 mark, losing only to eventual co-champ Jonathan Cearly (TX), the second seed (1871). John did beat the #1 seed, Bryan Gast (IL), rated 2037 and the #3 seed Damien Lee (OH), rated 1737. Congratulations to John for his fine play.

Other WV players attending were:

11th Grade section. Marc Abraham finished tied for 12th place with a 4-2 score. Marc won his first three games, but was not able to keep the momentum going.

9th Grade Section. Jessica Fox scored 1 out of 6 to finish tied for 74th. She attends Sherrard Middle School.

8th Grade Section. Michael Malutich also started off 3-0 and finished with a 4-2 mark, good enough for a tie for 14th. Also in this section were Kevin Schwah (3-3), 39th place and Scott Binns (2½-3½), 59th place.

6th Grade section: Stephen Malutich, the youngest of the famed chess playing brothers scored 3½-2½. Stephen won his first 3 games as well.

All in all, a pretty good performance from the WV Scholastic players.

Harrison County Scholastic Tourneys

These tournaments have continued during the fall months at Nutter Fork Elementary. Bob Jordan and Dave Bitler have done an excellent job of organizing and running there events. Here are the results of the October-December tourneys:

October Scholastic Event - 10/10/1998

K-2 Section:

1st - Jacob Nixon, 2nd - Bethany Gaston

2nd-4th Grade Section:

1st - Kenney Jackson, 2nd - Ryan Butler and Peter Wodzinski

3rd - 6th Grade Section:

1st - Jacob Lubman, 2nd - Cory Leonard, Derrick Vincent and Darrell Strovers

5th - 12th Grade Section:

1st - Kevin Sivaneri, 2nd - Jeremy Green

November Scholastic Event - 11/14/1998

K-2 Section:

1st - Patrick Bailey, 2nd - Jacob Nixon

Team: 1st place - Norwood Elementary

2nd-4th Grade Section:

1st - Truman Gore, 2nd - George Tharp III

Team: 1st place - Norwood Elementary

3rd - 6th Grade Section:

1st - Darrell Strovers, 2nd - Andrew DeMotto

Team: 1st place - Norwood Elementary

5th - 12th Grade Section:

1st - Elliot Roth, 2nd - Jeremy Green

Team: 1st place - Elkins Middle School

December Scholastic Event - 12/12/1998

K-2 Section:

1st - Danny Pumphrey, 2nd - Patrick Bailey

Team: 1st place - Norwood Elementary

2nd-4th Grade Section:

1st - Mary Sparks, 2nd - Peter Wodzinski

Team: 1st place - Norwood Elementary

3rd - 6th Grade Section:

1st - Jacob Lubman, 2nd - Nora Miller

Team: 1st place - Norwood Elementary

5th - 12th Grade Section:

1st - Sean Butler, 2nd - Andrew Bledsoe

Team: 1st place - South Middle School

Please check the Events page for upcoming events at Nutter Fork Elementary School.

1999 WV Scholastic Championships

March 27 at West Virginia State College in Institute, WV. This tournament is open only to West Virginia residents. All registration must be completed in advance. See the events page for more information. Contact Tourney Director John Homer at 208 Brookhaven Dr., Nitro, WV 25143 or phone (304) 776-4591.

Looking Back at West Virginia Chess History 50 , 25, and 10 years ago.

I haven't done this in a while, but time to browse through the archives of the West Virginia Chess Bulletin to take a peek at the chess activities 10, 25, and even 50 years ago.

Three-Way Tie In Carbide Club Tourney

(from March, 1949, #78) Editor: Gene Collett

The Carbide Club tournament in South Charleston, proceeding in a leisurely way with a game every two weeks, was in a three-way tie between Dr. J. S. Blagg, Al DuVall and Harold Liggett, each with a score of 2-0 at the end of February.

It is a six-round Swiss System event, with Al DuVall defending his Championship. Dr. Blagg has wins over Bruce Marples and Kingsley Hughes, DuVall over Jim Ankeney and Bob Swarbrick, and Liggett over J. Schilling and Bill Hartling.

Fourth place was a tie between Arthur Maloy and Ray Martin, each with 1½-½. They drew each other. Maloy won from David Marples and Martin won from Strasser.

The next seven players also were tied with scores of 1-1 each. They are Greenley, Dick Grimm, Bill Hartling, Kingsley Hughes, Bruce Marples, David Marples, and Bob Swarbrick. The remaining four players, Ankeney, Schilling, Semeral and Strasser have yet to win a game.

(The foregoing report..is taken from Eddie Foy's fine chess columns in the Charleston papers.)

TLB - Al DuVall eventually won the 1949 Carbide Championship.

Holiday Open Results

(from Spring 1974, #157) Editor: Mike Richardson

The following is from the Holiday open that was held in Huntington, February 2 & 3, 1974. The tournament was won by Paul Harless with a perfect 5-0 record. The notes are from the current state champion John Molino. The tournament was directed by Paul Sayre.

Paul Harless (~1600) - Pat Kelly (~1700)

1974 Holiday Open

Notes by John Molino

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 *The Tarrasch variation of the French. Not as active as 3. Nc3 since it does not present*

an immediate 3...c5 by Black. 3...c5 More common than 3...Nf6. 3...dxe4 4. Nxe4 Nd7 is the very solid Burn variation. 4. exd5 4. Ngf3 is the alternative. Now black must choose between an isolated QP or a lag in development. He chooses the latter. 4...Qxd5 5. Ngf3 cxd4 6. Bc4 Qh5?! Better is 6...Qd8 or 6...Qd6. 7. Nb3 Tarrasch-Thorold, Manchester, 1890 went 7. O-O Nc6 8. Nb3 e5 9. Nxe5 Qxd1 10. Rxd1 Nxe5 11. Re1 f6 12. f4 Bb4 13. Bd2 Bxd2 14. Nxd2 Bf5 15. fxe5 O-O-O 16. Bd3 with an advantage by White. 7...Bb4+ Tempting, but it increases White's lead in development. 8. Bd2 Bxd2+ 9. Qxd2 e5? Black can hardly expect to maintain these pawns. 10. O-O-O! Bg4?? Even after this move, White's lead in development is at three tempi and the Black king is exposed. 10...f6 would have left the King in the centre also. Black is lost, but the only hope for survival was 10...Nf6. 11. Nxe5! Be6 11...Nh6 can be met by 12. Bb5+ Kf8 13. Qb4+ Kg8 14. Rxd4 with an easy win. 12. Bxe6 Also good is 13. Bb4+ Kf1 14. Qxd4. 12...fxe6 13. Qxd4 Nc6 More hope could have been offered by 13...Qg5+ and 14...Qe7. If 13...Na6 14. Qd7+ Kf8 15. Nd4 Nc5 16. Nxe6+ Nxe6 17. Qxe6 Qh6+ 18. Qxh6 18...Nxb6 19. Rd7 is a won ending for White. 14. Nxc6 bxc6 15. Qd7+ Kf8 If 15. Qxg7 Qh6+ would have allowed the exchange of Queens. 16. Qxc6 Again, 16...Qxe6 Qh6+ trades Queens. Stronger than the move played was 16. Nd4. If now 16...Qg5+ 17. f4! Qe7 18. Nxe6+ Kf7 19. Ng5+ Kg6 (19...Kf6 20. Rd6+) 20. Rd6+ Kh5 21. Qh3 mate. Thus Black is forced to play 16...Ne7 17. Nxe6+ Kf7 18. f4 to close the diagonal, followed by 19.g4 If 19...Qxg4 20. Nd8+ with a raging attack. 16...Qe8 17. Qxe8+ Rxe8 and White won after a long ending.

1989 Charleston Open

(from August, 1989, #198) Editor: John Roush

Jerry Skeen pulled off a stunning upset over a field that included five experts to win the Charleston Open. He topped the tournament with a 3½-½ score. After drawing round I with a C player, Jerry went on a tear and ended with wins over Morgantown palladins Terry Auvil and Jeff Crook.

Bob Bukovac, John Roush, Doug Lane, and Richard Lang finished a half point off the pace at 3-1. Donald Griffith performed the directorial duties.

West Virginia Chess Association
Minutes from the Annual Meeting - September 5, 1998

The annual meeting of the West Virginia Chess Association was held on September 5, 1998 at Parkersburg, WV.

Vice President Jonette Mercer called the meeting to order in the absence of the President.

The minutes of the 1997 meeting were read and the Vice President called for any additions or corrections. David Saville said that the rotating trophy was filled up after the 1996 State Tournament and that he purchased the new trophy and had the names of the 1997 winners engraved on it. Bill Salmon moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Dave Olson seconded the motion, which was then approved.

The minutes of the special meeting on March, 28, 1997 were read. Bill Salmon moved that they be approved as read. After second by Dave Olson, the motion passed.

The financial statement for the fiscal year September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1998 was read and was also approved after motion by David Saville and second by Chuck Waugh.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Taylor moved that the WVCA pay all remaining unpaid expenses of the 1997 West Virginia State Championship Tournament. George Mullins seconded the motion, which passed 24-0.

David Saville moved that the possibility of legal action against Randy Bierce be pursued and that Bierce be barred for life from membership in the WVCA. Motion was seconded. Mike Baker moved an amendment to give Randy Bierce the chance to make restitution to the WVCA. Jonette Mercer seconded the amendment motion which passed 21 for to 2 against. The original motion was then voted on and also passed 16 for to 0 against.

Mike Turner volunteered to act as clearinghouse for complaints about Randy Bierce tournaments and forward any complaints to the proper authorities. He would then report back to the WVCA. Tim Goan moved to accept Mike Turner's offer and that the WVCA would assume no responsibility for unpaid expenses in other Randy Bierce tournaments. After second by Bill Salmon, motion passed 21 to 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Taylor moved that any WVCA member be able to win any trophy (specifically the Championship Trophy and the Junior Championship Trophy) as long as it is returned the following year. After a second by Walt Rueckert, the motion failed: For 2 - Against 12.

Tim Goan moved that the WV Grand Prix Coordinator be allowed to award points to WVCA members playing in chess tournaments held by WV Chess Clubs that are held in adjoining states in counties that adjoin West Virginia. Tom LaBue seconded the motion, which passed 20-0.

1999 TOURNAMENT SITE:

The Charleston Chess Club offered to host the 1999 State Championship Tournament next Labor

Day weekend and also the Action Tournament in March 1999. David Saville moved that the offers be accepted; Mike Turner seconded the motion. There being no other offers, Vice President Mercer declared the Charleston site accepted by acclamation.

David Saville moved that a Simultaneous Exhibition and Lecture be scheduled for the State Tournament and that our USCF funds be used to pay for it if approved by USCF with a \$500 maximum. Marc Abraham seconded and the motion passed 17 for and 0 against.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1998-1999:

Position	Candidate	Nominated by	Seconded by
USCF Delegate	Jim Meyer	Mike Turner	Donald Griffith
Voting Members (2)	Walt Rueckert Tim Goan	Tom LaBue Tom LaBue	Jonette Mercer Jonette Mercer
Bulletin Editor	Tom LaBue	Jonette Mercer	Tim Goan
Secretary-Treasurer	Tom Bergquist	Tim Goan	Chuck Waugh
Trustees (2)	Donald Griffith John Roush	David Saville David Saville	Bill Salmon Bill Salmon
Vice President	Jonette Mercer Mike Turner Markle Butcher	(declined) (declined) Tom LaBue	Tim Goan
President	David Saville	Chuck Waugh	Tim Goan

The Vice President called for any further nominations.

Tom Bergquist moved the above nominations be closed. Tim Goan seconded the motion, which passed 16-1.

The Vice President then declared that since there was only one candidate for each office that all candidates were elected by acclamation.

Markle Butcher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bill Salmon seconded and motion passed.

Vice President Jonette Mercer declared the meeting adjourned.

1998 West Virginia Action Chess Championship

Come out to Taylor Books, located at 226 Capitol Street in Charleston for this year's WV Action Chess Championship. Seven thrilling rounds of fast-paced chess to get the heart pounding and the brow sweaty. Highest scoring WV player will be known as the 1999 WV Action Chess Champion. For more information on this event, contact Jim Olson: 5010 Tipperary Street, Charleston, WV 25313. Phone: 304-776-4274
e-mail: olson@zoomnet.net

David Saville Repeats as Charleston Chess Club Champion

Charleston expert David Saville finished with a 12½-1½ mark to win his second consecutive Charleston Chess Club Championship. He finished a half point ahead of perennial contenders Jim Walker and John Roush. Jim's win over David wasn't enough to propel him into the winners circle. James Fuller placed fifth in his first attempt at the Championship. He did manage a draw with Donald Griffith and played well against the group of A/B players that included current and former state champs Mike Turner, Sefus Ellis and Gary Cummings.

The fifteen competitors in this year's in the largest since the late 70s-early 80s. It was decided to play the tournament as a round robin. If the number of players stays the same next year, it may be broken up into sections as has been done in the past.

We are fortunate to have some annotated games from this event. First, Donald Griffith will take you through his draws with Allen Mullins and James Fuller. Following, we have the Griffith-Cummings battle dissected by WV master Bob Bukovac. Bob has promised to send us another game from this event for the next issue. Enjoy!

Donald Griffith (X) - Allan Mullins (B),
1998 Charleston Chess Club
Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation
Notes by Donald Griffith, Soltis, and Fritz 5.32

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 dxc6 5. 0-0 *The exchange variation of the Ruy Lopez gives White a Superior pawn formation for the endgame. Other lines for Black are 5...f6, 5...Qd6 with the idea of O-O-O soon*

and 5...Bg4 6 h3 h5. 5...f6 6. d4 exd4 7. Nxd4 Bd6 8. Nc3 Soltis gives 3 other lines: 8.Nf5 Bxf5 9.exf5 Qd7 10.Re1+ Ne7 11.Qh5+ Kf8 12.g4 Nd5; 8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qf3 Bxh2+ 10.Kxh2 Qxd4 11.Rd1 Qc4 12.Bf4 Qf7; and 8.Be3 Ne7 9.Nd2 Ng6 10.Nc4 0-0 11.Qd3. 8...Ne7 9. Be3 0-0 10. Qe2 Ng6 10..Qe8 11. f4 Ng6 12.Rad1 Bd7 11. Rad1 Qe7 12. f4 Bd7 13. g3 to cover f4 & h4 13. Bb4 14. Nf5 Bxf5 15. exf5 Bxc3? 15...Nh8 may be necessary. 16. fxc6? Better is 16.Qc4 and White is winning after 16...Qf7 17.Qxf7 Rxf7 18.fxc6 or 16...Kh8 17.Qc3 Rfe8 18.Bc5 or 16...Rf7 17.Bc5 Qe8 18.fxc6 hxc6 19. Qc3 16...Rfe8 17. Qc4+ If 17.gxh7+ A) 17...Kxh7? 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Bc5 B) 17...Kh8 18.Rd3 Bxb2. 17...Qe6 18. gxh7+ Kxh7 19. Qxc3 Qxe3+ 20. Qxe3 Rxe3 21. Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22. Rxe1 Rd8 23. Kf2 Kg6 24. Kf3 Rd7 25. g4 c5 26. h4 b5 27. Re6 Rd2 28. Re2 Rd6 29. Re7 Rd2 30. f5+ Kh6 31. Re2 Rd1 32. Re8 Threat is Rh8 mate. 32...Kh7 33. g5 The threat is g6. 33...Rf1+ 34. Kg4 fxc6 35. hxc6 Rg1+ 36. Kh4 Rh1+ 37. Kg3 Rg1+ White cannot avoid the checks without giving up a pawn and going to the e-file will lose the rook to a check. So a draw was agreed.

James Fuller (C) - Donald Griffith (X),
1998 Charleston Chess Club
Torre Attack

Notes by Donald Griffith and Fritz 5.32
1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 d5 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. e3 g6 5. c4 Bg7 6. Nc3 c6 7. c5 *This reduces tension in the center and allows black a quick e5. 7 Bd3 or Qc2 looks better.* 7...0-0 8. Bd3 Re8 9. 0-0 e5 *The thematic attack.* 10. Be2 h6 11. Bxf6 *Better is 11.Bh4 11...Qxf6 12. dxe5 Nxe5 13. Rc1 Bf5 14. Nd4 Rad8 15. b4 Nc4 16. Bxc4*

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NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
1 David Saville	*	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	X	12.5
2 John Roush	L	*	W	D	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	X	12.0
3 Jim Walker	W	L	*	D	W	W	W	W	D	W	X	W	W	W	X	12.0
4 Donald Griffith	L	D	D	*	D	W	W	W	W	D	W	W	W	W	W	11.0
5 James Fuller	L	L	L	D	*	L	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8.5
6 Mike Turner	L	L	L	L	W	*	D	W	W	D	D	W	W	W	X	8.5
7 Gary Cummings	L	D	L	L	W	D	*	W	L	D	D	W	W	W	X	8.0
8 Sefus Ellis	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	*	W	D	W	W	W	W	X	6.5
9 Gary Morris	L	L	D	L	L	L	W	L	*	W	X	W	U	W	X	6.5
10 Chuck Waugh	L	L	L	L	L	D	D	D	L	*	D	L	W	W	X	5.0
11 Allen Mullins	L	L	F	D	L	D	D	L	F	D	*	L	F	W	X	4.0
12 Jim Olson	D	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	*	L	L	W	3.5
13 George Mullins	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	U	L	X	W	*	D	X	3.5
14 Bill Salmon	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	D	*	X	2.5
15 Steve Sutherland	F	F	F	L	L	F	F	F	F	F	F	L	F	F	*	0.0

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dx4 17. Qa4 Bd3 18. Rfe1 *This gets into a pin on the e-file. Maybe* 18. *Rfd1 was better.* 18...**Qe7 19. Nf3 g5 20. g3?** *Better is* 20. *a3.* 20...**Bxc3 21. Rxc3 Qf6 22. Rxd3 cxd3 22...Rxd3** *seems even better* 23.**Kg2 g4. 23. Nd2 Qc3 24. Rd1 Qc2 25. Qb3** *The only move.* 25...**Kg7** *Better is* 25...*a5* 26.**bx5 Re5 27.Nf1 Rxc5. 26. Nc4 Qxb3 27. axb3 Re6 28. Nd6 Rxd6** *Giving back the exchange to get rid of the powerful knight.* 29. **cx6 Rxd6 30. Kf1** *Blockcading the passed pawn.* 30...**Kf6 31. Ke1 g4 32.Kd2 Ke5 33. Rc1 f5 34. b5** *To activate his rook.* 34...**cx5 35. Rc7 Ke4 36. Rxb7 Kf3?** 36...*a6 is better.* 37. **Rxb5 Kxf2 38. Rxf5+ Kg2 39. Rh5 a5 40. e4** *Pushing his passed pawn now that the black king is away.* 40...**Rb6 41. Kxd3 41.e5 Rxb3 42. e6 a4. 41...Rxb3+ 42. Kc4 Rb6 43. Rxa5 Kxh2 44. Ra3 h5 45. Kd5 h4 46. gxh4 g3 47. e5 g2 48. Ra2 Rh6 49. e6 Rxh4 50. Drawn** *Each side will have to sac his rook to prevent the pawn from queening.*

Annotations by Bob Bukovac

Griffith,D (2080) - Cummings,G (1870) [B96]
Charleston Chess Club Championship (7) 1998
Notes by Bob Bukovac

This game features some razor-sharp play right from the start. The survey of alternative possibilities up to where the game leaves known paths will be only a brief orientation since anything more would lead us too far afield. Nunn's works on this variation are among the best available and are recommended if the reader wants more detail.

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bg5

This was the rage back in the 1970s when these players were among the contenders of Charleston chess. 6. Be3 is 'en vogue' today. 6...Ng4 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 g5 9. Bg3 Bg7 10. Be2 h5 11. Bxg4 hxg4! This is the latest critical example from top-flight play, Shirov-Kasparov, Wijk aan Zee 1999 (0-1, 49).

6...e6 7. f4 Nbd7

A lesser known try in this position. 7...Be7 is the workhorse of this variation. 8. Qf3 Qc7 9. 0-0-0 Nbd7 10. Bxf6 Nxf6 11. g4 b5 12. g5 Nd7 13. f5 Nc5 14. f6 gxf6 15. gxf6 Bf8 16. Rg1 has been the main try since

the middle 1980s; 7...Qb6 is the strategically consequent Poisoned Pawn variation. 8. Qd2 Qxb2 9. Rb1 Qa3 10. f5 (10. e5; 10. Be2; 10. Bxf6); 7...Nc6 has been tried by Browne in recent years. 8. Nxc6 bxc6 9. e5 h6.

8. Qf3 Qc7 9. 0-0-0 b5 10. Bxb5

The sharpest reply to Black's audacious try. 10. e5 Bb7 11. Qh3 is the other sharp continuation, which has been tried more often in GM play. 11...dxe5 12. Nxe6 fxe6 13. Qxe6+ Be7 14. Bxf6 (14. Bxb5; 14. Nxb5); 10. Bd3 is the least flagrant of the bunch, however... 10...Bb7 11. Rhe1 Qb6 12. Nd5 is critical and not without its complications.

10...axb5 11. Ndx5

11. e5 is also possible. One difference is that compared to the move played it cuts across the possibility of Ra8-a5 in some lines but allows the additional Qc7-c8 in others.

11...Qb8

11...Qb6 is comparatively rare, but certainly comes into consideration.

12. e5 Bb7

12...Ra5! 13. exf6 gxf6 14. Bh6 (14. Bh4 Rxb5 15. Nxb5 Qxb5 is considered hopeless for White by Nunn. If the position does not seem so to the reader I will merely add that from a theoretical point of view a world-class GM is not going to go down a risky line like this in order to back out now and leave himself with no real attacking chances and leave his opponent with a compact center and three nice minor pieces. So white presses on instead.) 14...Bxh6 15. Nxd6+ Ke7 16. Kb1 (16. Rhe1).

13. Qe2 dxe5

13...Be7 is also known, but perhaps black is not yet facing enough danger that he must resort to this 'out'.

14. fxe5

A new try. 14. Qc4 Be7 (14...Bc5 allows a strong attack by 15. Bxf6 gxf6 16. Rxd7! Be3+ 17. Kb1 Kxd7 18. Rd1+) 15. Nc7+ Kf8 16. Rxd7 Nxd7 17. Rd1 Bxg5 18. fxe5 Bc8 19. N3b5!

14...Nd5

14...Qxe5 might be a simple way to pull teeth since 15. Qd2 (15. Qxe5 Nxe5 16. Nc7+ Ke7 17. Nxa8 Bxa8) 15...Bb4 16. Rhe1 Bxc3 does not offer white real attacking chances.

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15. Ne4?

15. Rxd5! keeps white on the map. 15...Bxd5 16. Nxd5 exd5 17. e6 (17. Nd6+ Bxd6 18. exd6+ Kf8 19. Qe7+ Kg8 20. Qxd7 Rxa2 21. Kd1 Ra7) 17...Nf6 (17...Rxa2 18. exd7+ Kxd7 19. Qg4+ Kc6 20. Nd4+ Kb6 21. Kb1 Ra4 22. Be3) 18. Bxf6 gxf6 19. exf7+ Kd7 (19...Kxf7 20. Qh5+ Kg8 21. Qxd5+ Kg7 22. Qd7+ Kg6 23. Qg4+ Kf7 24. Qc4+=) 20. Qg4+ Kc6 (20...Kd8 21. Nd4) 21. Nd4+

15...Qxe5 16. c4 f6?!

16...f5 17. cxd5 fxe4 18. dxe6 Rc8+ (18...Qxg5+ 19. Kb1 Nf6 20. Qc4 gives white more chances to complicate matters.) 19. Kb1 Qxe6 is very simple and leaves black with a good grip on white squares and an extra piece. White has no attack here.

17. cxd5 Bxd5

Black gets cold feet and steers the game to calmer waters. 17...Rc8+ 18. Kb1 fxe5 19. Ned6+ Bxd6 20. Nxd6+ Qxd6 21. dxe6 Be4+! 22. Qxe4 Nc5; 17...fxg5 18. dxe6 Rc8+ (18...Bxe4? 19. exd7+ Kd8 20. Rd4!±) 19. Nec3! Qxe2 20. exd7+ Kf7 21. d8/Q Rxd8 22. Nxe2.

18. Nxf6+ gxf6 19. Qxe5 fxe5 20. Nc7+ Kf7 21. Nxa8 Bd6 22. Rhf1+ Kg6 23. h4 Rxa8 24. a3 Rc8+ 25. Kb1 Rc4 26. Rc1 Rg4 27. Rc8 Rxc2 28. Rd8 Be4+ 29. Ka1 Bc6 30. Rd1 Bc7?

The clock begins to take it's toll (G/80). 30...Bc5.

31. Rc8 Ba4 32. Rxd7?! 32. b3±. 32...Bxd7 33. Rxc7 Bb5?! 33...Ba4. 34. b4 h6 35. Bc1 e4 36. h5+ Kxh5? 37. Rc5+ Kg4 38. Rxb5+- Kf3 39. Re5 Re2 40. Bxh6 Re1+ 41. Kb2 e3 42. Rxe3+ 1-0

Past Winners of the Charleston Club/City Championship

1932 Mike Wren	1958 John Hurt, Jr.	1982 D. Funkhouser, D. Griffith
1933 Arthur Malory	1959 Allen DuVall	1983 Joe Barker
1934 John Hurt, Jr.	1960 Mike Wren	1984 Bob Bukovac
1935 John Hurt, Jr.	1961 ?	1985 Donald Griffith
1936 Edward Foy	1962 Allen DuVall	1986 Donald Griffith
1937 Edward Foy	1963 David Marples	1987 Jim Walker
1938 Bill Hartling	1964 ?	1988 J. Walker, J. Barker, J. Roush
1939 Arthur Malory	1965 David Marples	1989 D. Funkhouser, John Roush
1940 Walt Crede	1966 John Scherer	1990 Dennis Funkhouser
1941 Walt Crede	1967 ?	1991 Dennis Funkhouser
1942 John Hurt, Jr.	1968 Robert Bonwell	1992 ?
1943 Irving Lowens	1969 ?	1993 ?
1944-46 not contested	1970 ?	1994 Donald Griffith
1947 John Hurt, Jr.	1971 Mark Smith	1995 John Roush
1948 John Hurt, Jr.	1972 Mark Smith	1996 John Roush
1949 Allen DuVall, Edwin Faust	1973 ?	1997 David Saville
1950 John Hurt, Jr.	1974 ?	1998 David Saville
1951 John Hurt, Jr.	1975 ?	
1952 ?	1976 ?	
1953 John Hurt, Jr.	1977 John Roush	
1954 Edward Foy	1978 Bob Bonwell	
1955 A. DuVall, John Hurt, Jr.	1979 Bob Bukovac	
1956 John Hurt, Jr.	1980 D. Funkhouser, C. Szasz	
1957 John Hurt, Jr., Edward Foy	1981 Joe Barker	

If you can fill in some of the blanks here, it would much appreciated. The old Ed Foy chess columns might have some of this information. Please contact me if you can help out.

Top 25 Ratings for Active West Virginia Chess Players

Regular (Over-the-Board) Updated from the 2/99 Supplement

Quick Chess Ratings Updated from the 2/99 Supplement

Correspondence Updated from the 9/98 Chess Life

1. Joe Barker	2125
David Saville	2125
3. Feliachi Nabil	2113
4. Mark Hathaway	2088
5. Don Griffith	2050
6. Andy Katz	2025
7. Jim Walker	2009
8. John Roush	2000
Ed Garner	2000
10. Byran Burke	1996
11. Neil Markovitz	1982
12. Yuri Kolkin	1965
13. Bernard Kiernan	1951
14. Randy Bierce	1904
15. Jeff Hohn	1892
16. Harold Mitchell	1885
17. Jim Gikas	1862
18. Jason Rihel	1858
19. Gary Cummings	1830
20. Palle Reddy	1817
21. Anastas Popov	1815
22. Jon Karraker	1805
23. Sefus Ellis	1784
24. Mike Richardson	1782
Jeff Cook	1782
Dan O'Hanlon	1782

1. John Roush	2204
2. Jim Walker	2199
3. Mark Hathaway	2158
4. Andy Katz	2152
5. David Saville	2069
6. Donald Griffith	2064
7. Randy Bierce	2042
8. Joe Barker	2027
9. Yuri Kolkin	2018
10. Jim Gikas	1931
11. Ed Garner	1925
12. Bryan Burke	1879
13. Gary Cummings	1875
14. Robert Canary	1849
15. Dan O'Hanlon	1844
16. John Brewster	1824
17. Jerry Skeen	1805
18. Michael Turner	1798
19. Feliachi Nabil	1787
20. James Fuller	1784
21. Markle Butcher	1774
Byron Funkhouser	1774
23. Joe Ancrile	1749
24. Allen Mullins	1741
25. Mark Tipton	1722

1. Scott Carmichael	2322 S
2. Jeffrey Jackson	2122 Q
3. John Roush	2107 Q
4. Clarence Stuchel	2073
5. Markle Butcher	2033 P
6. Stephen Sutherland	2030
7. Jason Rihel	2024/13
8. Charles Hubbard	1988/24
9. Tom LaBue	1965 O
10. John Simmons	1895 N
11. Jerry Gogol	1884 O
12. Dan O'Hanlon	1876 N
13. Terry Riley	1874 O
14. Sefus Ellis	1834/17
15. Randy Harper	1807 O
16. Johan Tran	1805 N
17. Scott Antes	1794/17
18. Byron Funkhouser	1788 P
19. Mike Baker	1764/11
20. Tim Goan	1760 M
21. Gilbert Stone	1758 M
22. Tim Cross	1756
23. Mike McAlister	1746 R
24. Richard Shaver	1678 M
25. Ingrid Fasching	1661/08

1998-99 West Virginia Grand Prix Standings

The 1998-99 West Virginia Grand Prix is underway and Pat Kelly holds a slight advantage over Jim Walker after two events. The events that were included in these tabulations are the 1998 WV State Championship and the Taylor Books Fall Grand Prix. The Beckley Christmas Open and the Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix have been played, but I have not received the crosstables yet.

The top 10 finishers will receive a trophy or plaque for their efforts.

The following upcoming events have been deemed WV Grand Prix tournaments:

- 1- Taylor Books Charleston Open
- 2- 1999 US Amateur South (no bonus points)

Current Standings

1. Pat Kelly	17.50	16. John W. Malutich	4.50
2. Jim Walker	16.80	John R. Malutich	4.50
3. Mike Turner	8.30	18. Marc Abraham	4.00
Sefus Ellis	8.30	Donald Griffith	4.00
5. James Fuller	8.00	Neil Markovitz	4.00
6. Dave Olson	7.30	Joe Meadows	4.00
David Saville	7.30	S. Malutich	4.00
8. Markle Butcher	7.00	23. Robert Canary	3.50
9. Mike Richardson	6.00	A. Richardson	3.50
Mark Hathaway	6.00	25. 7 tied with 3.00	
Tim Goan	6.00		
Chuck Waugh	6.00		
Tom LaBue	6.00		
Michael Malutich	6.00		
15. David Hundley	5.00		

More West Virginia Crosstables

1998 West Virginia State Championship, September 5-7, 1998- Parkersburg

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Pat Kelly	OH	1976	2032	W-36	W-15	W-24	W-2	D-3	W-7	5.5
2	David Saville	WV	2133	2125	W-47	W-14	W-34	L-1	W-4	D-3	4.5
3	Jim Walker	WV	2075	2072	W-26	D-6	W-17	W-21	D-1	D-2	4.5
4	Sefus Ellis	WV	1770	1844	W-45	W-33	W-8	D-7	L-2	W-16	4.5
5	Dave Olson	WV	1757	1768	L-35	W-20	W-18	W-12	D-8	W-14	4.5
6	Mike Turner	WV	1728	1793	W-38	D-3	D-10	W-22	W-13	D-8	4.5
7	Donald Griffith	WV	2080	2050	W-46	W-30	D-13	D-4	W-23	L-1	4.0
8	Neil Markovitz	WV	2055	2016	W-43	W-23	L-4	W-15	D-5	D-6	4.0
9	Mike Richardson	WV	1820	1782	D-28	W-32	D-12	D-16	D-17	W-26	4.0
10	Marc Abraham	WV	1706	1746	W-40	D-21	D-6	D-14	W-30	D-13	4.0
11	Tim Goan	WV	1581	1581	D-20	W-39	L-21	D-28	W-29	W-22	4.0
12	Chuck Waugh	WV	1459	1502	W-41	H-	D-9	L-5	W-31	W-23	4.0
13	Jim Gikas	WV	1872	1862	W-19	W-16	D-7	H-	L-6	D-10	3.5
14	Robert Canary	WV	1798	1780	W-29	L-2	W-31	D-10	W-24	L-5	3.5
15	Aaron Richardson	WV	1731	1713	X-	L-1	W-40	L-8	W-25	D-18	3.5
16	Markle Butcher	WV	1706	1713	X-	L-13	W-38	D-9	W-21	L-4	3.5
17	Dick Shellenberger	OH	1601	1600	D-39	W-28	L-3	W-27	D-9	D-20	3.5
18	John W. Malutich	WV	1321	1355	L-22	W-44	L-5	W-38	W-32	D-15	3.5
19	Nathan Gundlach	OH	1307	1352	L-13	L-38	H-	W-37	W-43	W-30	3.5
20	Joe Meadows	WV	1077	1150	D-11	L-5	W-39	H-	W-27	D-17	3.5
21	Gary Cummings	WV	1870	1828	W-37	D-10	W-11	L-3	L-16	D-24	3.0
22	Greg Martin	PA	1800	1800	W-18	L-24	W-25	L-6	W-28	L-11	3.0
23	Mike Conley	WV	1751	1751	W-42	L-8	W-35	W-33	L-7	L-12	3.0
24	Tom LaBue	WV	1548	1588	W-44	W-22	L-1	D-30	L-7	D-21	3.0
25	Michael Malutich	WV	1402	1443	L-34	W-47	L-22	W-40	L-15	W-35	3.0
26	John R. Malutich	WV	1323	1338	L-3	L-31	W-45	W-42	W-35	L-9	3.0
27	George Mullins	WV	1296	1290	L-33	W-45	W-41	L-17	L-20	W-38	3.0
28	Stephen Statkiewicz	WV	1244	1288	D-9	L-17	W-32	D-11	L-22	W-42	3.0
29	Stephen Malutich	WV	1212	1248	L-14	W-46	L-30	W-41	L-11	W-39	3.0
30	Allen Mullins	WV	1792	1730	W-31	L-7	W-29	D-24	L-10	L-19	2.5
31	Alan Smith	WV	1208	1225	L-30	W-26	L-14	W-44	L-12	D-32	2.5
32	Nathan Stark	WV	1026	1046	B-	L-9	L-28	W-46	L-18	D-31	2.5
33	John Roush	WV	2066	2013	W-27	L-4	W-43	L-23	U-	U-	2.0
34	Mike Taylor	OH	1858	1858	W-25	W-35	L-2	U-	U-	U-	2.0
35	James Fuller	WV	1674/03	1524/09	W-5	L-34	L-23	W-43	L-26	L-25	2.0
36	David Hundley	WV	1339	1288	L-1	L-40	L-42	B-	D-39	D-37	2.0
37	Galen Miller	WV	1293	1262	L-21	L-41	D-46	L-19	W-44	D-36	2.0
38	Jim Olson	WV	1245	1248	L-6	W-19	L-16	L-18	W-40	L-27	2.0
39	Mike Price	WV	1181	1169	D-17	L-11	L-20	W-45	D-36	L-29	2.0
40	Chad Mullins	WV	1169/05	1236/11	L-10	W-36	L-15	L-25	L-38	W-44	2.0
41	Glenn Haynes	WV	1047	1056	L-12	W-37	L-27	L-29	L-42	L-45	2.0
42	Jon Mullins	WV	Unrated	1219/06	L-23	L-43	W-36	L-26	W-41	L-28	2.0
43	Bob McLear	WV	1405	1381	L-8	W-42	L-33	L-35	L-19	U-	1.0
44	Bill Salmon	WV	1133	1088	L-24	L-18	B-	L-31	L-37	L-40	1.0
45	Brent Hardman	WV	Unrated	923/05	L-4	L-27	L-26	L-39	B-	L-41	1.0
46	Steve Sutherland	WV	1351/11	1285/15	L-7	L-29	D-37	L-32	U-	U-	0.5
47	Walter Rueckert	WV	1523	1501	L-2	L-25	U-	U-	U-	U-	0.0

1998 Parkersburg Club Championship, September-November, 1998, Parkersburg

	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
1	Joe Ancrile	*	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	8.0
2	Nathan Gundlach	L	*	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	7.0
3	David Earley	L	L	*	D	W	W	W	W	W	5.5
4	Mike Price	L	L	D	*	L	D	D	W	W	3.5
5	Ray Spring	L	L	L	W	*	L	L	W	W	3.0
6	Bob McLear	L	L	L	D	W	*	L	W	L	2.5
7	Alan Smith	L	L	L	D	W	W	*	L	L	2.5
8	Roger Jestel	L	L	L	L	L	L	W	*	W	2.0
9	Glenn Haynes	L	L	L	L	L	W	W	L	*	2.0

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT September 1, 1997 to August 31, 1998

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AVAILABLE September 1, 1997 \$2036.84

RECEIPTS

WVCA Dues	\$665.00	
USCF Affiliate Grant	160.20	
Interest	<u>34.34</u>	<u>859.54</u>

TOTAL PREVIOUS FUNDS AND RECEIPTS AVAILABLE \$2896.38

DISBURSEMENTS

WVCA Bulletin Expense	\$185.90	
Grand Prix Plaques	134.87	
Secretary-Treasurer Expense	107.39	
USCF Affiliate Fee	40.00	
WV License Tax	<u>10.00</u>	<u>478.16</u>

TOTAL PRESENT FUNDS AVAILABLE August 31, 1998 \$2418.22

RECONCILIATION

USCF Affiliate Funds Available	\$1055.44	
United National Bank Savings Account		
Life Memberships on Deposit	\$ 280.00	
Operating Cash on Deposit	<u>1082.78</u>	<u>1362.78</u>

Total Reconciliation \$2418.22

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENT

USCF Affiliate Funds	Increase \$160.20
Life Memberships	Decrease 140.00
Dan Lowder's Life Membership Fund	
Transferred to Operating Cash	
Operating Cash	Increase <u>361.18</u>
Total Increase in Available Funds	\$ 381.38

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas O Bergquist
Secretary-Treasurer

The Postcard by Tom LaBue

We are going to focus this month on former Charleston resident Carl Kiser, who is currently competing on the 1997-98 West Virginia Correspondence Championship. Carl is now 3-0 and still has a chance to claim first place. Scott Carmichael has already won the title of WV State Correspondence Champion as he is the highest scoring state resident.

Here are the three games that Carl has finished so far. He still has games remaining against Scott, CO's Guido Steuber and our Harvard man, Jason Rihel. Jason reports that Carl is up a pawn in their game.

Carl Kiser - John Roush
Colle System

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. e3 c5 4. c3 b6 5. Bd3 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. Nbd2 Ba6 8. Bxa6 Nxa6 9. Qe2 Qc8 10. c4 d6 11. b3 Qb7 12. Bb2 cxd4 13. exd4 Rfd8 14. Rfd1 d5 15. Ne5 Rac8 16. Rac1 Nb8 17. Nf1 Nc6 18. Ng3 dxc4 19. bxc4 Qa6 20. Nxc6 Rxc6 21. d5 Rcd6 22. Nf5 exf5 23. Qxe7 R6d7 24. Bxf6 Rxe7 25. Bxe7 Re8 26. d6 f6 27. c5 Kf7 28. c6 Black resigns

Carl Kiser - Markle Butcher
Torre Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 g6 3. Bg5 Bg7 4. Nbd2 d5 5. e3 Nbd7 6. c3 O-O 7. b4 b6 8. Be2 Bb7 9. O-O Qe8 10. a4 e5 11. a5 e4 12. Ne1 Qe6 13. Nc2 h6 14. Bf4 c6 15. a6 Bc8 16. b5 c5 17. c4 dxc4 18. Bxc4 Nd5 19. dxc5 bxc5 20. Nxe4 N7b6 21. Nxc5 Nxc4 22. Nxe6 Bxe6 23. Na3 Nxf4 24. exf4 Nxa3 25. Rxa3 Bc4 26. Re1 Bxb5 27. f5 g5 28. h4 Black resigns *Markle perhaps had some more play here, but Markle didn't have his heart into continuing this game.*

Tom LaBue - Carl Kiser
Queen's Indian Defense
Notes by Tom LaBue

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. a3 Bb7 5. Nc3 d5 6.

cxd5 Nxd5 7. e3 g6 8. Bb5+ c6 9. Ba4 Bg7 10. O-O O-O 11. e4 Nxc3 12. bxc3 c5 13. Bg5 Qc7 *I had recently played this same line against Postal Master Paul Hodges, also of Chess Superstore fame. The line he continued with was the book line 13...Qd6 14. e5 Qc7. With this move order Carl is up a tempo. Perhaps White's next is a mistake.* 14. e5 cxd4 15. cxd4 Bd5 16. Rc1 *This looks like a reasonable move, forcing the Queen to the b7 square. However, f3 must be defended or Black will wreck havoc on White's pawn structure.* 16...Qb7 17. Ne1 *There must be a better way to defend:* 17. Rc3 *maybe* 17...Nc6 18. f3 Rfc8 19. Bb5 a6 20. Bc4 Bxc4 21. Rxc4 Qd7 22. Nc2 h6 23. Be3? *This move allows the tactic on the move 24. Better was 23. Bf4. White's pieces are not very active and certainly not working together.* 23... b5 24. Rc3 Nxe5 25. Rxc8+ Rxc8 26. Nb4 *The endgame after 26. exd5 26... Qxd1 27. Rxd1 Rxc2 28. Rd8+ Kh7! Doesn't look very promising for White.* 26...Nc4 27. Bf2 Qd6 28. Qd3 a5 29. Nc2 b4 30. axb4 axb4 31. Rb1 Na3 32. Nxa3 32. Rb2 Nxc2 33. Rxc2 Rxc2 34. Qxc2 Bxd4 *is another lost try for White* 32...bxa3 33. g3 a2 34. Ra1 Qd5 35. Qe4? Qb3 36. Qe1 Rc2 37. White resigned

The next WV Postal tourney will begin sometime in the September-October timespan. If you have any ideas for the format. Please send them to me. If we have enough players, I might have preliminary rounds, so that everyone can play towards the Championship. Non WV-residents will be able to play, but cannot claim the title of WV Postal Champion.

If you have any postal games or news to share or any other tidbits for that matter, please send them along:
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